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WANTED, Foreign birds in exchange for stock pairs Norwich Canaries, stuffed British birds, silk worms.—Lowne, Naturalist. (See SoftBills).

WANTED, pair light boots, also trousers, exchange large buff Norwich cock, show cage, and jacket, vest.—Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED, from catchers, all kinds of British birds; any quantity taken; only reliable catchers must apply; state cash prices all kinds.—A. Morris, Park Aviaries, 2, Lucas-st., Brinksway, Stockport.

WANTED, on approval, 1906 yellow or variegated typical Norwich hen, in exchange for 6 vols. "The Age We Live in," a history of the nineteenth century, cost 68/-.—Smith, 4, Caroline-pl., Aberdeen.

WANTED, cash offer for 40 Canaries, Yorkshire and Norwich, giving up keeping, will sell separate from 2/- each.—Alty, 35, Parker-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and Mules, in full song, also British birds for cash; send lowest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, any quantity of Linnets, Goldfinches Bullfinches; catchers state prices from August 1st; rabbit net, 82 yards long, nearly new, 10/-.—Crossman, 53, Arundel st., Northampton.

WANTED, quotations from exporters on birds delivered alive and well in Montreal. Birds to be met at steamer and duty paid by purchaser.—Montreal Bird Co., 24a, Bleury st., Montreal, Canada.

ROLLERS wanted, few pairs Seifert Rollers, in breeding condition. John Smith's strain preferred. Price and particulars to H. Pickles, Liversedge Hall-lane, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

KENTISH TOWN.

There was a good muster at the Prince of Wales, Wellesley-road, Kentish Town, N.W., on July 7th, when four pairs of Linnets went up for the handicap, and in the evening some fine singing was heard with Chaffinches, as will be seen by the winners and runners up. Score, viz., Old Boot, 5 score 6, and Reed 5—1. On July 14th we have a Goldfinch match between Mr. Baker and Pony Westmore. Birds on the nail 1.15 p.m. sharp. On July 13th, second heat Chaffinch handicap, birds (first pair) on the nail 8.30. Free Linnet handicap to follow. Room under the management of Old Joe Giddings.

BLACKBURN.

A contest was held by the Blackburn F.C. at the Cross Guns Inn, Guide, on July 6th, when 17 birds competed for three prizes. 1, Shellfield, 9-51; 2, Hunt, 8-42; 3, Holden, 7-39. The final club contest of the season will take place at the club's headquarters, the Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, on Saturday next, when 21 prizes will be competed for, including a gold medal given by that great lover of song, Mr. D. Bentley, of Great Harwood, for the man that has made most time in the season's club singing.—Robt. Airey.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Open Linnet singing contest at the George Hotel, on Saturday, July 20th. First prize, copper kettle; on Saturday, July th. First prize, copper kettle; second prize, silver medal. First bird to be hung at 2.30 p.m. Entrance, 6d. each bird.—R. S. Black, Hon. Sec.—Advt.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest at the oldest bird house in Leeds, "King's Head," Shannon-street, on July 6th, when fourteen of the best sang for three good prizes, given by the landlord, Mr. J. Booth. Some good singing was heard, before a good house. 1st, Crowther; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd, shared by Galley and J. Nicholls. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Towers. On July 7th, sixteen of the best birds sang. 1st, T. Summers; 2, Nicholls; 3, W. Naylor. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Pearson.—T. Summers, Hon. Sec.

The members of the Prince Albert Linnet Association met on July 7th to compete for three good prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a good attendance of visitors to hear the birds sing; twelve previous winning birds competed. Judges, T. Hineson and H. Greenwood; timekeeper, B. Jackson. 1st, Smith; 2nd, Clarke; 3rd, Chippendale.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Unsual contest at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, in which 11 of the best birds sung for three prizes, given by the landlord, Mr. A. Fishwick. Some fairly good singing was heard, and everyone was satisfied with the result. Mr. J. Neat took 1st, Mr. Whitfield 2nd, and Mr. Brook 3rd. Judges, F. Raper and J. Grainger.—F. Raper, Sec.

MARYPORT.

The Senhouse Arms Hotel Linnet Club had a good turn up for its first meeting. We sang for three prizes. 1, 3, Pickeron; 2, Clague.—J. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet Singing Contest on July 7th, at Bird-in-Hand, Broughton Lane, Attercliffe. Thirty-one birds sang for three prizes, two minutes hanging. Soldier Jack, 69; Robinson, 63; Watson, 46. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Headford. Club meeting at night; new members made a total of 30.—F. Watson.

A Linnet Singing Contest took place at the Don Inn, Carbrook, on July 7th, when some good singing was heard for the three prizes offered. 1, 3, Foulstone; 2, Robinson; judges, Messrs. W. and J. Blackadder.

EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Meeting at 142 High Street, when a lecture was delivered by Mr. E. G. Wright on the Scotch Fancy and general management of Canaries, to about 30 members and friends who accorded Mr. Wright a hearty vote of thanks for his highly instructive lecture. W. Dunlop, Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (NOTTS.)

This society held its Show of Young Canarics, also British birds, any age, on July 6th. There was not a large number of entries, owing to the disastrous breeding season. During the afternoon and evening there was a good attendance of visitors. Amongst them were Mr. W. T. Pepper, of Hull, and friends, Mr. Garton, secretary for Hyson Green O.S., and others too numerous to mention. Mr. Robt. Rhodes judged, and gave the best of satisfaction. Mr. Wm. Healey carried out the secretarial duties in a courteous and able manner. Birds deserving of special comment were Mr. G. Hill's clear buff and buff ticked, two very typical Norwich birds. Unfortunately there was no competition in the Norwich classes for Mr. G. Hill's six exhibits. Mr. J. Goode stood first in yellow dark Crests with a green bird, rather open centre, too old to do proper justice. Mr. J. Bowers second, a rather poor quality of Crest, should prove better with a moult. Mr. J. Goode won in buff dark Crests, a good radiated Crest still full of quill. Mr. J. Bowers followed closely with another nice specimen, not quite the length of front as first bird. Mr. A. Onion, jun., was first in buff light Crests with a nice silky Crest. Mr. J. Bower's second has a better crest than first, and would have won, but, unfortunately, has had its tail plucked out. Mr. J. Goode won in yellow Crestbreds with a nice heavily variegated bird. Mr. A. Onion, sen., being second with a dark capped bird not quite so good in quality. Mr. J. Goode comes to the front again with a grand green buff Crestbred, every inch a Crestbred, Norwich type, small bill, broad round entrance, with density and length of head feather, best bird of the show. Second, Mr. A. Onion, sen., with another specimen, heavily variegated, runs close to winner, but sinks in the neck. In the British section Mr. T. Harrison exhibited two grand Linnets, rich in colour, and nicely pencilled, a nice Bramblefinch, teeming with colour and quality, also a Goldfinch. Their condition reflected great credit on the owner.

FANCIERS AT CRICKET.

Windhill C.B.S. v. Wibsey C.B.S.

This match was played at Wibsey on July 6th. Windhill took first knock, and scored as follows:—Baker 2, Leeming 4, F. Drake 0, H. Bailey 6, H. Hudson 8, E. Broadley 19, H. H. Towers 2, S. Hillas, 2, J. Cook 5, R. Garnett 7, Drake, junr., 1, Alderson 0, Verity 7 not out, M. Broadley 1, extras 5, total, 69 runs. Wibsey: E. W. Johnson 0, H. Norton 0, S. Wilkinson 0, W. Sykes 0, H. Taylor 2, W. Chapman 0, C. Bastow 0, O. Waddington 2, G. Ackroyd 0, A. Hunter 1, D. Thornton 23 not out, W. Woodrow 0, S. Wilkinson, junr., 0, J. Crowther 2, extras 2; total, 32 runs. H. Taylor took 6 wickets, W. Sykes 5, and E. W. Johnson 3, for Wibsey; and E. Broadley and Baker took 6 and 7 respectively for Windhill. The style of the various batsmen and the manner in which they were out created a great deal of chaff and laughter. Messrs. Hammond and Simonett acted as umpires, and did their work in a very business-like manner. After the match the players and friends sat down to a splendid knife-and-fork tea at the "Horse and Groom" Inn, and the manner in which the plates were cleared stands as good evidence of the form in which a cricket match puts the appetites of Yorkshire fanciers. After tea a programme was got together, and songs were rendered by Messrs. H. H. Towers, W. Chapman, F. Drake, H. Bairstow, C. W. Johnson, R. Sutcliffe and W. Rimmington. Mr. E. Broadley caused much amusement by the manner in which he recited and explained how the "Shut-up Bed Walked Back Home." During the evening Mr. Fred. Hammond was called upon to say a few words, during which he thanked both societies for the entertainment provided, and spoke of the good condition of the Yorkshire Union at the present time, having 1,000 members on its books. Mr. E. W. Johnson responded to the vote of thanks on behalf of the Wibsey Society, and Mr. R. Garnett on behalf of the Windhill Society, and it was the general wish of all present to see further entertainments of the kind got up between the various societies, so that all the members of the Union should get a chance to know each other. A very enjoyable time was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for the very capable manner in which they had catered for the "inner man."

ROCHDALE ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

One of the finest shows of young Canaries in Lancashire was held in the Club Rooms, on July 6th, when 66 grand birds of every variety were shown. There were 25 Lancashires staged, all of them good birds. The Judge, Mr. R. Apsley, had hard work to separate them. Mr. S. Entwistle won the special for best Lanes. shown by a novice, F. Turner the special for most points in show, also the challenge cup for team of four birds. LANCS., CL. BUFF COPPY: 1, J. Butterworth; 2, S. Entwistle; 3, R. Ratcliffe. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, 3, B. Lord; 2, W. Mills. BUFF: 1, Butterworth; 2, 4, F. Turner; 3, A. Whitworth; vhc, Whitehead; hc, J. T. Walton. TICK. YELL. COPPY: 1, Mills; 2, Lord; 3, 4, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, Whitworth; 2, Ratcliffe. YELL. PHD.: 1, Mills; 2, Walton; 3, Entwistle; 4, Turner. BUFF: 1, Entwistle; 2, Mills; 3, Turner. YORKS. CL YELL.: 1, 3, H. Lord; 2, E. Faulkner; 4, A. Hordern. BUFF: 1, Horden; 2, 3, H. Lord; 4, vhc, Hilton. TKD. YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, 4, Lord; 3, Hordern; vhc, E. Faulkner. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Hordern; 3, Faulkner. LIZARDS, CL. CAP GOLD: 1, Turner; 2, L. Butterworth. SILVER: 1, Butterworth; 2, Turner. BROKEN CAP GOLD: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Butterworth; 4, vhc, H. Lord. SILVER: 1, Lord; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Butterworth. CREST: 1, A. Whitworth (Crestbred). NORWICH YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Gaskill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Gaskill. A.O.V. OR MULE: 1, S. Entwistle (nice Linnet Mule).

HANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second annual Nest Feather Show of this progressive young society held July 6th, at Headquarters, the Albion Hotel, Hanley. We must congratulate the members on the grand quality of the exhibits. Given a good moult, several of the winners will be heard of again when the autumn show comes round. Norwich were a good lot, notably the winning yellows. The principal winners were Messrs. Clunn, Bickerton, Wild, Underwood, Peake, Williamson, and Scott. Yorkshires were the best lot, collectively, we remember seeing at any show in the Potteries, and were mostly shown by novices, which speaks well for them upholding the position vacated, we are sorry to say, by Mr. Bate and Mr. Ede. The principal winners in this section were Messrs. Pygott, Newman, Robinson, and Peake. The special for best bird was won by Mr. Bickerton, with a tick. yell. Norwich, after a close race with Mr. Robinson's tick. yell. Yorks., which won the special for best Yorks. Mr. S. Wootton was the judge, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Clonn; 2, Bickerton; 3, Wild. BUFF: 1, Clunn; 2, Peake; 3, Bickerton. MKD. YELL.: 1, Bickerton; 2, Underwood; 3, Williamson. BUFF: 1, Wild; 2, Underwood; 3, Scott. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Pygott; 2, Newman; 3, Peake. BUFF: 1, Pygott; 2, Peake; 3, Newman. MKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Newman. BUFF: 1, 3, Pygott; 2, Robinson.

CHESTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second annoal Nest Feather Show held July 3rd at the Boot Inn. There were some very smart youngsters staged. Mr. J. Burns made the awards. Special for most points in Norwich classes went to Mr. Lanceley; special for most points in Yorkshire class, Mr. Williams; special for best Norwich shown by a novice, Mr. Lanceley. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Lanceley; 2, T. Jones; 3, Red. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Lanceley; 3, West; vhc, Johnston; hc, T. Jones. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Johnston; 2, Lanceley. BUFF (4): 1, T. Jones; 2, 3, West; vhc, Red. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Williams; 2, Wright; 3, T. Jones; vhc, Red. BUFF (6): 1, Dutton; 2, Williams; 3, T. Jones; vhc, Ellis. TKD. YELL (4): 1, Williams; 2, Dutton; 3, T. Jones; vhc, Ellis. BUFF (4): 1, Red; 2, Williams; 3, Dutton; vhc, T. Jones. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 3, T. Jones; 2, Williams; vhc, Dutton. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, T. Jones; 1, 2, Stovin. HYBRID (3): 1, Darlington; 2, 3, Whitlow. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Stovin; 3, Darlington; vhc, Ellis. LINNET (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Stovin; 3, Woodcock; vhc, Ellis.

REDRUTH.

This show was held in the Recreation Ground, on July 3rd and 4th, in rather unpleasant weather, cold and heavy showers falling at intervals; but the exhibits were well looked after by a committee of true fanciers—Messrs. Rickard, Collins, and Ferrill, with Messrs. Climas and Opie as secretaries. The Norwich section was not over large, but the quality was there. The A.O.V. class was a good one, the winner being a good Cinnamon, in rare fettle and colour. The pairs bred 1907 were a grand lot, and took the Judge a little time to place. The winners were found in a neat pair of Scotch, closely pressed by a typical pair of Norwich, which will be heard of again. The Hybrid classes were excellent, Mr. F. Collins sending a fine team, and captured all the prizes, including the silver medal for best bird in the show, with a lovely six-pointed Goldfinch Mule, shown in grand style. The Goldies were a most level lot, and were not easily divided, the winner being conspicuous for its wing bars and buttons. In the Softbills, Mrs. Thompson's Cornish Chough came in for a good deal of scrutiny. The winner in the Hardbills was a good coloured, very steady Yellow Bunting. Nearly 200 exhibits faced the Judge, Mr. Dan. Browning, of Exeter, and gave him a full morning's work. His awards were well received, and he complimented the society on their splendid show. This was the secretaries' first experience of show management, and great credit is due to them for the most able manner in which everything was carried out. The special for most points was won by F. Collins, with 71 points. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Lawry, good head properties, nice clubby well carried wings and tail, good colour; 2, Davies, hardly the substance of winner, good colour and carriage; 3, Rickard, very fine feather and colour, little longer; res., Coad, good colour, well-carried wings, might be a trifle stouter; vhc, White, good size, type and quality, but tail broken, which told against him. BUFF (6): 1, spl, White, good type, rare quality of feather, lovely head and neck; 2, Trevena, well furnished body, correct type of head, good wings and tail; 3, hc, Ferrell, correctly built on the soundest of Norwich lines; res., Mrs. Sherman, typical one, of nice quality and type; vhc, Sherman, rather long, good colour and quality. YELL. TKD.: 1, spl, Trevena, ticked neck, full of quality, nice bird, real good shape; 2, Lawry, ticked wing and eye, full of colour and quality, very shapely; 3, Glanville, marked wing, fair type, nice colour, tail broken; res., Sherman, marked wing, good colour and type; vhc, White. BUFF TKD. (7): 1, spl, Carbis, ticked thigh, good feather, colour, and condition; 2, White, ticked wing, rich colour, fine quality, nice flights; 3, Trevena, ticked wing, another typical exhibit, grand wings; res., hc, Ferrell, two good birds, very chubby; vhc, Rickard, ticked eye, a gem lor shape, out of condition, which told against him. CREST AND C.B. (5): 1, spl, Davies, marked head and wing, good head and short beak, capital skull and lashing; 2, 3, hc, Collins, green C.B., fair skull and lash, good shape, third variegated Crest, neat feathery crest, well centred; res., Lee, yellow C.B., nice skull and feather, very young, will improve. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Oatey, ticked wing, full of colour and quality, good length, style and position; 2, Wills, clear, good wings and tail, on the stout side; 3, vhc, Angwin, clear, grand style and condition, wax-like plumage, vhc ticked head, very shapely and neat, two good birds for type; res., Thomas, neat bird, fine length, not quite the style of winners; hc, Pincombe, Cinnamon even-marked, good bird, out of condition. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Chirgwin, beautiful Yorkie, good style and quality, splendid length, in grand condition; 2, Oatey, ticked neck, fine length, well drawn, nicely moulded, full of quality; 3, Wills, good length, very taking style, starting to moult; res., hc, Thomas, very neat bird, neat head, wings, and tail, full of quality; vhc, Webb. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, White, rattling yell. Cinnamon, pure, bright colour, well burnished, good shape; 2, hc, Biddick, grand Scotch, tail well under, in rare form; 3, Wills, Gold Lizard, nice lacing, size and colour; res., vhc, Mewton, Cinnamon, rather slim, good colour, vhc Scotch, neat bird, good condition. PAIRS BRED 1907 (15): 1, spl, Toms, Scotch, marked wings and neck, yell. and clear buff, very neat and nice curve; 2, 3, Coad, two grand pairs of Norwich, very chubby, in very fine feather; res., Sherman, another good pair Norwich; vhc, Rowe and Hancock, Norwich; hc, Pincombe, Yorks; c, White, Norwich. LIGHT MULE (6): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, Collins, buff six-point, grand eye and wing markings, good blaze, second buff four-point, good markings, shade smaller, in good condition, third light Linnet, in rare fettle, wins special for best Mule other than Goldfinch; res., vhc, Gaved, six-point yellow, good colour and markings, rather small, vhc buff six-point; hc, Watson. DARK (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Collins, well-known Linnet-Bully, good size, colour, and markings, second Goldie-Bully, bright, rich and lustrous, must have pressed winner hard, third Goldie-Greenie, good size, lovely wing bars, well placed; res., Richards, good sized Siskin-Canary, nice head; vhc, Gaved, another Goldie-Greenie, not so large as third; hc, Davies, Linnet-Bully, grand colour and markings, smaller; c, Mewton. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (11): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, rare polish and finish, good blaze, very expansive and rich tanning, splendid bars and buttons; 2, White, neatly finished, nice blaze, sound colour and polish; 3, Collins, neat Finch, in rare feather, good blaze, bars and buttons; res., hc, Mewton, good size and blaze, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Tippett, good blaze, but not so lustrous; c, Thompson. SOFTBILL (9): 1, spl, 2, Thompson, noted Cornish Chough, in rare form, second Nightingale, in splendid condition and very steady; 3, res., Mewton, Nuthatch, very steady, reserve Bearded Tit, in rare fettle; vhc, Collins, Blackbird, good beak and eye cere, hard lines to meet such rare birds; hc, Mitchell, Starling, well spangled. HARDBILL (11): 1, spl, Arthur, good Yellow Bunting, good colour and markings, very steady; 2, Priscott, grand coloured Bullie, good cap; 3, res., hc, Collins, sweet coloured Siskin, good markings, reserve Bramble-finch, good size and colour, even in markings; vhc, Mewton; c, Rowe and Hancock. FOREIGN (8): 1, spl, Davies; 2, Cooper; 3, Clarke; res., Carbis. SELL., £1 (9): 1, spl, White; 2, Biddick; 3, Mewton; res., Thomas. 10s. (13): 1, spl, Sherman; 2, Rowe and Hancock; 3, Glanville; res., Ferrell.

CUMBERLAND YORKSHIRE C.C.

The second Monthly Show was held in the Foresters' Hall, Whitehaven, on July 3rd. There was a fairly good entry in the four classes provided. Competition was very keen, many youngsters of exceptional merit being staged. The leaders were excellent specimens, especially the clear buff of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Irwin's yellow. From what I could see of the stamp of birds staged there ought to be some grand Yorkshires and some keen competition in this district this coming show season. Mr. J. Ferguson made the awards. YELL.: 1, Irwin; 2, 3, Stewart; vhc, hc, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Stewart; vhc, Irwin; hc, Brown; c, Lewthwaite. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, c, Stewart; 2, Irwin; vhc, hc, Lewthwaite. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Stewart; 3, Brown; vhc, Irwin; c, Moore.

YORK C.B.S.

First Feather Show held July 8th, at All Saints' Church Rooms. Messrs. A. Richardson, T. Chittenden, H. White judged. NOR.: 1, 2, hc, Boyle; 3, vhc, Alderson. YORKS.: 1, 2, Alderson; 3, Warriner. BRIT.: Grand class; 1, Boyle; 2, 3, Hunter; vhc, Goodall; hc, c, Shorney.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Feather Show held June 25th. The entry was a very poor one, only 15 birds being staged. These were all put together in one class. Two of our members, Messrs. Jones and Bardon, well and ably judged the birds, and their decisions gave every satisfaction. Our worthy Chairman showed his mettle by getting into the prize list. 1, Burgon; 2, Scott; 3, S. Sheard; vhc, Midgeley; hc, Parker; c, Oldroyd.

LOWESTOFT C.B.A.

This society held a very successful First Feather Show at the Fox and Hounds on July 6th, which was well attended by members and friends. In spite of the bad breeding season most of the fanciers have had, over eighty birds were staged, and as this society was quite recently formed they are to be congratulated on their first attempt in the exhibiting world. Not only were the Norwich classes well filled with entries, but the quality, type, and condition of the birds left nothing to be desired; in fact, they were a hot lot. The well-known and popular judge, Mr. Jacob Mackley, pleased everybody with his awards, and after judging gave the members a few useful hints on flighting and colour feeding first feather birds, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Mackley said it gave him great pleasure in seeing such a good lot of birds, and which, with a good moult, will be heard of again. On looking through the winners it was encouraging to see the novices had given the champions a warm time of it, and very little separated them. Mr. Lowe secured the special prize for best bird in show with a good Crest. The clear yellow and buff, also the ticked buff classes were well filled with good specimens, and competition was very keen. The show was very satisfactorily carried out by the secretary and committee, who spared no trouble in seeing all the exhibits well cared for. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Hart; 3, vhc, Catchpole; hc, Parke; c, Frane's. BUFF (17): 1, Still; 2, Catchpole; 3, Hart; vhc, Parke; hc, Lang; c, Nichols. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Clarke; 2, Lay; 3, Blackburn; vhc, Francis; hc, Lang. BUFF (15): 1, hc, Kirk; 2, Nichols; 3, vhc, Lang; c, Catchpole. CINN. (10): 1, Hart; 2, 3, Howard; vhc, hc, Jacobs; c, Hart. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, Lowe; 3, Wigg. CRESTBRED (7): 1, Hart; 2, 3, bc, c, Lowe; vhc, Wigg.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

The First Nest Feather Show was held July 3rd. Entries came up very well, and the quality throughout was grand. Norwich and Yorkshires were a fine lot, the birds being in grand condition. They were staged very nicely, and a few really charming youngsters were on view, that, given a chance, should be heard of again. The hon. secretary, Mr. Munro, carried out his duties in a very able and business-like manner, being most ably assisted by several other well-known local officials. Judges, Mr. W. H. Manley and Mr. C. P. Telling. NOR. YELL.: 1, Follwell, capital quality, good deep chest, rare feather and carriage; 2, Tristam, we made little between; 3, Taylor, equally as good in every respect, only just a wee bit small. BUFF: 1, 3, Munro, an easy win, neat head, hack, and tail, bonny bird with good carriage, third very similar, a trifle smaller; 2, Follwell, nice quality, neat shape, feather, and carriage; hc, Taylor. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Follwell, very good cap marked, typical youngster, well shown; 2, Taylor, we liked very much, bonny shape and carriage, looking a bit thick, had cold. BUFF: 1, Tristam, ticked, regular model for shape, grand quality, nicely staged; 2, Munro, very little between, best condition bird leading; 3, Taylor, variegated, bonny shape and feather, nice carriage, hardly as big. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Andrews and Biss, long thin drawn, plenty of leg, neat style, three birds in this class, grand type and quality, left out as colour fed. BUFF: 1, Barry, good shape, feather, and style, stands like a guardsman; 2, Bull, long close feather, capital shape and style; 3, Andrews and Biss, long narrow back, capital feather and carriage; vhc, Burgess; hc, Parsons. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bull, nice cinnamon marked, long, fine drawn bird, A1 position and character; 2, Parsons, cinnamon ticked, full of style and quality; 3, Andrews and Biss, prettily marked bird, exquisite quality. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bull, a really smart team of cinnamon ticks, grand length, well up on leg, splendid feather and style; vhc, Andrews and Biss. MULE: 1, Andrews and Biss. NOVICE NOR.: 1, vhc, Wilton, nice shape, feather, and carriage; 2, 3, Fowler, variegated, bonny shape, feather, and carriage. YORKS.: 1, 3, Horler, not big, but full of style and quality, well up on leg; 2, Newman, good length and quality, nice wing and tail carriage; vhc, Barry.

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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

The members of the above society held their Annual First Feather Show on June 29th. Mr. R. Halliday placed the awards. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Wadsworth; 2, Battye; 3, 4, Waring. BUFF: 1, Quarnby; 2, Whitehead; 3, Moss and Son; 4, Bray and Charlesworth. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, spl, Cartwright; 2, Quarnby; 4, Battye. BUFF: 1, Wadsworth; 2, Bray and Charlesworth; 3, Gledhill; 4, Dobson. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Cliffe; 3, Bray and Charlesworth; 4, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Cartwright; 2, Miller; 3, Waring; 4, Lodge. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Bray and Charlesworth; 2, Moorhouse; 3, Battye. BUFF: 1, 2, Brook; 3, Miller. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Moorhouse; 2, Brook; 3, Battye; 4, Miller. BRIT.: 1, Clarkson; 2, Fountain Bros.; 3, Brook.

TWICKENHAM.

The usual summer fixture of the Richmond and Twickenham Fanciers' Society was held in the grounds attached to Radnor House, Twickenham, on July 3rd, but was quite spoilt by cold rain, which threw a dumper over the proceedings. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by Mr. Loveless, the secretary, and his committee. Although not over numerous, the exhibits were of splendid quality. Mr. Wheeler's young 'Yorkshire, which secured the special for best in the show, should make up into a very smart specimen. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, Wheeler, a remarkably fine team, first shapely, nice quality buff, in splendid feather, second rare shaped yellow of lovely colour, beaten in feather; hc, Couch. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, Wheeler, splendid team, the leaders excelling in style and fineness. BRED 1907 (6): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, Wheeler, another very useful little lot, capital shape, good colour, and rare quality of feather. YORKS. (9): 1, 3, vhc, hc, spl best bird in show, Wheeler, first very slim, finely moulded buff, splashed on chest, third very shapely clear, not so neat on chest; 2, res., hc, Adams, a very sweet yellow, fine head, nice hack and wiugs, hardly so tight in feather as winner. BRIT. A.V. (6): 1, res., vhc, Couch, very nicely marked, rich coloured, close feathered Linnet; 2, Miss Hodgkin, nice spangled Bramblefinch of good colour; 3, Mrs. Hodgson, a well marked Yellow Bunting. FOR. (6): 1, res., hc, Miss Little, the well-known pair of Swainston's Lorikeets, in capital colour and plumage, although they have nested this season; 2, Mrs. Hodgson, very prettily marked, nice coloured pair of Cordon Bleus; 3, Hunt, very handsome King Parrakeet, gorgeous colour, and nice feather; vhc, Mrs. Hodgkin.

DONCASTER.

This Show, held in connection with Doncaster Agricultural Show, was not very well supported, and had it not been for the splendid team exhibited by Mr. Axe, the entry would have been poor indeed. In most classes the quality was above the average for the time of year, and bad the entry only been a trifle larger, the show would have been a real good one. At intervals during the day the ground was visited by severe thunderstorms, and this fact undoubtedly militated largely against the attendance, which, under the circumstances, was good. Messrs. Axe and Barratt had charge of the arrangements, and the birds and flowers being in a tent by themselves formed an interesting feature of the show. Mr. C. A. House judged. NOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, Axe, first yellow, splendid type, colour, and quality, in fine form, second head and neck marked buff, larger, not the quality, third good shapely buff, bit rough. YORKS. (5): 1, Murrell, very neat yellow, nice shape and good style; 2, Spencer, head and cheek ticked yellow, fine racy bird, not so level in front; 3, Bayley, big bold bird of nice pattern and style, wing ticked yellow. BRED 1907 (13): 1, res., Axe, eye ticked yellow Norwich, lovely colour and quality, and very shapely; 2, Harrison, pied buff Scot, capital shape and length of side, handles well; 3, Clark, firm, stylisb yellow Yorkshire, good head and back; vhc, hc, Murrell. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Taylor, very rich coloured Goldfinch, sharp cut blaze, nice back and bars, in good fettle; 2, vhc, Axe, charming little Linnet, beautifully marked, nice colour; 3, Bescoby, good bodied Goldie, grand breast, not so bright in blaze; res., Popple; hc, Taylor. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Axe, Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting, and Siskin, a nice team which deserved more competition; res., Crundwell. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Axe, beautifully marked Thrush, grand colour and shape, in rare fettle; 2, 3, Milne, second very sweet Meadow Pipit, close and compact in feather, and grandly marked, third rich-coloured, well-marked Redstart, had soiled his plumage or would have won; res., Bescoby, very smart yellow Wagtail, but not steady enough; vbc (2), hc, Bishop; c, Gavin; a remarkably good class. LOCAL A.V. CAGE BIRD (9): 1, Duckitt, very high quality yellow Norwich, full of colour and as tight as wax; 2, c, Mullins, long, well-shaped buff Yorkshire, stands well; 3, Hall, very nicely marked, good coloured Linnet; res., Bescoby; vhc, Harrison; hc, Crundell. SELL., 15/- (8): 1, Bescoby, very smart Redwing; 2, 3, Axe, two useful looking Norwich; res., Spencer; vhc, Murrell; c, Popple.

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BATTERSEA.

The Battersea and District C.B.A. promoted an Open and Members' Young Bird Show on July 3rd inst. It was held in the club room at headquarters, the "Duchess of Devonshire," Clapham Junction, a nicely-lighted, comfortable place, yet hardly big enough for an event of this nature. It was very well patronised indeed by Metropolitan and neighbouring fanciers, there being quite a crowd present during the evening. The birds were staged to the best possible advantage, and well attended, and everything possible for the success of the show was done by Mr. F. Easterling, who proved his undoubted worth in the secretarial position, which was not by any means a light post. He had a good committee at the back of him in Messrs. T. Wade (chairman), J. Goymer (vice-chairman), B. A. Allen (treasurer), and Messrs. Maddison, F. C. Allen, Gooch, Baker, Honeysett, Luff, Goodridge, Goodey, Mabey, Potter, and Taw, all of them thorough fanciers. Unfortunately the executive were not favoured with the large entry their enterprise deserved. Still, the quality of the stock on view was of a high order, and well worth looking over, while one or two classes (notably the Yorkshire) mustered strongly. The Norwich Plainheads were a fine lot for quality, and were distinguished by the rather startling performance of a novice. This gentleman, Mr. S. Edwards, captured first, third and vhc awards in the open class, besides two firsts, a second, and vhc in the members Norwich, and first and third in Goldfinches. This was the first time he had ever shown a bird! He won the open Norwich special, Mr. Broome and Mr. Easterling the Yorkshire, Mr. Nancekivell the Crest, and Mr. V. Wynn the A.O.V. Other good Norwich in the open classes were shown by Dr. Sidgwick and Mr. E. C. Jordan, while some really splendid youngsters were put down by Messrs. Broome, H. Davis, Peck, Hall, and Easterling (Yorks.), Nancekivell, Hole, and Mrs. Campling (Crests and Crestbreds), Wynn (Cinns.), Honeysett (Borders), and Kempster (Lancs.). In the members' classes competition was unusually keen, and the birds therein were of excellent quality. The special for the best Norwich went to Dr. Sidgwick's winner, which was thought just about the best Norwich Plainhead in the show, a most typical youngster, just caught at its best. Mr. Whiteman (another novice, and his first time of exhibiting) took the special for the best Yorks., a grand yellow, which should do him good after a moult. The Mules and British were very good, and attracted considerable attention from the visitors. Mr. J. Robson judged.

OPEN CLASSES: NOR. CL., ETC. (14): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Edwards, leader ticked head, fine stamp of bird, good stout body, neat full head and neck, nicely carried wings and tail, very promising, latter also two good ones; 2, Dr. Sidgwick, clear, typical and neat all over, bold, well-rounded head, full chest, clean under, should moult a good one; 4, hc, Jordan, another splendid youngster, not in quite the same form as leaders, but well made and cut; c, Silk; abs., Cooper Bros. YORKS. CL., ETC. (17): 1, spl, vhc, Broome, long, racy bird, neat as possible, well drawn out, full of style, wins in a good class; 2, hc, H. Davis, very close up, but not so steady as winner, beauty for length and quality, neat, boxy feather, good wings and tail; 3, Easterling, sweet yellow, looks like a hen, and a good one, too, full of quality and style; 4, Peck, nice, lengthy buff, also looks like a hen, splendid feather properties; c, Hall. A.O.V. YORKS. (9): 1, spl, 3, Easterling, two stylish exhibits, have length, position and quality, just breaking into moult; 2, Hall, another good one, nice length, stands on good legs, neat wings and tail; vhc, Humphrey; hc, c, Davis; abs., Burton. CREST OR C.B. (10): 1, spl, vhc, Nancekivell; 2, Hole; 3, c, Mrs. Campling; hc, Slade. This class had some good exhibits in it, showing promise of making up into very decent specimens. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Wynn, leader wins easily, clinking buff cinn., fine substance and shape, rare good head, very sound colour all over; 2, hc, c, Honeysett, trio of natty little Borders, very nice type, excellent quality; 3, Kempster, very fair Lancs. MEMBERS' CLASSES: YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, hc, Easterling, buff tick leading, trio of typical specimens, winner lengthiest and neatest; 2, 3, Peverall, variegateds, two good stylish birds, length and quality A1; c, Best. NOR. (3): 1, spl, 2, Sidgwick, winner a real clinker. YORKS. CL., ETC. (18): 1, spl, Whiteman, rattling good yellow, staged very creditably for a novice, well deserves its position; 2, 3, Allen, two good, smart, typical Yorkies, not the finish of leader; vhc, Wall; hc, Daines; c, Found. A.O.V. YORKS. (7): 1, vhc, Slade, neat, shapely, cinn. mkd; 2, Allen, buff, mkd. head and saddle, good one, pressed leader very hard; 3, hc, Holloway, cinn. mkd., nice length and quality; c, Whiteman. NOR. CL., ETC. (8): 1, 2, Edwards, two splendid birds, good both in substance, shape, and feather; 3, hc, Luff, also well above the average for shape and quality; vhc, Daines; c, Palmer. A.O.V. NOR. (13): 1, vhc, Edwards, yet another promising youngster; 2, 3, Baker and Gooch, two smart birds, good size and shape, neat head, well carried flights and tail, close up; hc, Daines; c, Palmer. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl, 3, Edwards, leader has a grand blaze; 2, Slade, very close up; vhc, Palmer; hc, Goymer; c, Easterling. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Easterling, good Siberian. LINNET (3): 1, Honeysett, easy win, nice bird for shape and colour; 2, Easterling; 3, Palmer. REDPOLL, ETC. (2): 1, Easterling. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Easterling, nice Bramble and Greenfinch. MULE (4): 1, 2, Best, the well-known dark Goldies, in fine trim.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The members of this society held their young stock show of cage birds, etc., on July 4th at the Unicorn Hotel. It was well represented by members and visitors, including several from the Shoreham Fanciers' Society. Mr. M. Crust (Reigate) officiated as judge, and no fault could be found in his awards. Among the cage birds the arrangements were courteously carried out by Mr. F. Perrin, Hon. Sec., and his assistants. All monthly show meetings are free to visitors. NOR.: 1, 3, Frost, first a stout bodied buff, awarded special for the best feathered bird in show; 2, Mrs. Eyles, rough in feather. YORKS.: 1, Gibb, a superior yellow, this exhibitor's bird, No. 6, unnoticed, was a grand shaped bird, and its slim tail ought to have made it one of the winners; 2, Dandridge, quite a baby; 3, Frost, cinn. ticked. A.O.V.: 1, Gravett, even marked Crest; 2, Gibb, excellent yellow Border; 3, Cooper, Crested green. MULES: 1, Roast, very light and well marked Gold. and Canary; 2, Gibb, dark Greenfinch and Canary.

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

This society held their Nest Feather Show on July 6th. Owing to the poor season this show suffered, none of the marked classes being patronised. Mr. Ogden Hey, of Hey Bros., placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction. Some good birds were staged in the clear and ticked classes, which were well supported. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 4, Inghin; 2, Clayton; 3, Dobson. BUFF: 1, Clayton; 2, Tomsett; 3, 4, Drake.

WALLASEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

This Society held its Nest Feather Show in St. Mary's School, Liscard, on July 6th, under usual show regulations. The entry was a good one; just under 100 birds staged, and many of these very promising youngsters of much merit. A splendid list of valuable special prizes were on offer for competition, which undoubtedly attracted the good quantity and quality of birds on view. A challenge cup, champion bowl, gold medals, handsome cash, and other specials made up an excellent list, and must have greatly pleased the winners. Competition was keen in most classes, and the real good quality and type seen was most pleasing to set eyes upon. Several well-known breeders put down first-class teams, and did well. Mr. Mullinson, the hon. secretary, had all in apple-pie order, and left nothing to chance. His services should long be retained by our Wallasey friends. Mr. Chas. Houlton made the awards, and spoke highly of some of the leading birds. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Coffey, very nice, finely-drawn bird, neat head, sides, back, wings, and tail, good stand and leather; 2, Hollord, good stand and feather, beaten in general shape and breast. BUFF: 3, vhc, Coffey, first fine big stylish bird, grand feather, stand, and condition, just big enough, third rather flatter head and looser on breast, with tail feather growing; 2, Hollord, very like a hen, very neat, clean, and compact all over. TKD. YELL.: 1, Stewart, a var., dark cap, grand shape and quality, bit small, but very smart; 2, 3, Coffey, very neat head, good body, tick neck, rare style, runs very close up, third bit soft condition, all else good, tick neck; vhc, Hodgkins, bit frilly on breast. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Coffey, eye ticked, of very good size, grand shape and stand, in A1 form and feather; 2, Stewart, var., on the small side, grand quality and position, like a good hen; 3, Hollord, trifle soft in condition, marked tail nice feather and good shape when tightened up. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Carswell, heavily var., grand style and shape, lovely colour, quality, and condition, nice size; 2, Coffey, eyes and wing marked, lovely colour and quality, like a hen, on the small side, very neat. YORKS. YELL., GREEN: 1, Carlisle, long drawn, fine size, deep colour all through, rare quality and tight condition, good dark markings, beak, and legs, takes special for best Canary in show; 2, Hughes, very finely drawn out, A1 colour, shade smaller than first, nice deep beak and legs, neat leather; 3, Stewart, grand colour and shape, bit soft condition, which told against it; vhc, hc, c, Carswell. BUFF, GREEN: 1, Carswell, a slashing big youngster, good body colour and back markings, dark beak and legs, just long enough in feather, nice carriage and condition; 2, Hughes, very neat, smaller, excellent for quality and colour good; 3, vhc, c, Carswell, fine shape, good sound colour, well up in markings, beak and legs; hc, Holford. FOUL YELL., WING OR TAIL: 1, Holford, foul tail, splendid feather and condition, sound colour and markings, rare shape and nice size; 2, Carswell, foul tail, bit looser in breast feather, nice tone of colour and good in shape; 3, Hodgkins, foul left wing, well up in colour and shape; vhc, Carlisle; hc, Stewart. BUFFS: 1, 2, Hughes, very fine bird, A1 body shape, good colour, second grand colour, beaten in feather; 3, Stewart, pale in colour and smaller bird, grand shape and quality of feather. FOUL YELL.: 1, Carlisle, foul left side of breast, very good all round bird; 2, Holford, foul breast, smaller than first, very nice colour and shape; 3, Carswell, on the small side, but fine colour. FOUL BUFF: 1, Stewart, A1 type, colour, and quality, good size and condition; 2, 3, Carswell, nice even colour and condition, fair size, third pale in colour, heavy var. NOR. YELL. OR BUFF: 1, 3, Woodman, good pair of buffs, fine chubby shape, nice feather; 2, Hodgkins, very strong colour, a yell. in shape and colour all over, said to be bred off a pair of green heavily-variegated buffs. GREEN NOR. BUFF: 1, Hadwin, very cobby shape, nice delicate colour, and good condition and size; 2, Stewart, longer in body and tail, strong deep colour and leather. BORDER BUFF: 1, Hadwin, dark cap bird, as tight as wax, A1 shape and lovely quality of feather; 2, vhc, hc, Woodman, a clear, grand shape and feather, rather unsteady, which upset it somewhat; 3, Stewart, a clear with lovely feather, but spread itself too much to gain higher honours. HEAVY MKD.: 1, 3, Hadwin, yell. var., A1 shape and condition, third even mark, grand little bird, could have won if it had not lost some feather behind eyes; 2, Stewart, buff var., very nice type, quality and condition; vhc, hc, Woodman. A.O.V. BORDER: A good class of nine birds, all the six cards going to Metcalfe, with a very strong team of young Borders, which no doubt will be heard of again if they live and have luck to moult well. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hadwin, foul tail Cinn., Nor. type, A1 shape, colour, quality and condition; 2, Carlisle, Cinn., Yorks. type, big, good shape, grand feather and condition; 3, Carswell, same breed, smaller, A1 type; vhc, Holford. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, c, Carlisle, first buff Yorks. Green, fair size, grand colour and type, and a credit to a novice, second wing marked yell. Yorks., A1 feather and condition, third yell. foul Green, bit coarser in feather than others; vhc, hc, Hodd. SELLING, 12s. 6d.: 1, 2, Coffey; 3, Stewart; vhc, Holford; hc, Hadwin; c, Carswell. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Coffey; 2, Stewart. GREENFINCH: 1, Coffey; 2, Stewart. LINNET: 1, Coffey; 2, Stewart. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Coffey; 2, Stewart. This section had some gems in for this time of year.

WELLINGBOROUGH & DIS. C.B.S.

This Society held their Young Stock Show on July 6th. There were about 100 birds staged, and some promising youngsters among them. The old birds looked well after their breeding season, which has been very moderate through the changeable weather. There were several last season's winners brought to light, and they looked as though they will be heard of again. Mr. F. Hunt, of Kettering, was judge, and gave every satisfaction with his awards. NOR. YELL., BRED 1907: 1, Belcher; 2, res., W. H. Howe; 3, Martin; vhc, Garner; hc, Smith; c, Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, W. H. Howe; 3, res., Belcher; vhc, Morbey; hc, Martin; c, Charlesworth. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, W. H. Howe; 2, Charlesworth; res., Felee; vhc, Garner. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith; 2, hc, W. H. Howe; res., Belcher; vhc, Felee; c, Morbey. YORKS.: 1, 3, Freeman; 2, res., Martin. MULE: 1, 2, W. H. Howe. OLD BIRDS. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Martin; 3, Charlesworth; res., W. H. Howe; hc, c, W. Howe. A.O.V. COCK: 1, Belcher; 2, Martin. A.V. HEN.: 1, W. H. Howe; 2, res., Martin; 3, W. Howe; vhc, Belcher. MULE: 1, 2, 3, res., Cook. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, A. Howe; 2, 3, res., W. Howe. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, W. Howe; 2, Freeman; res., Summers. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, res., W. Howe; 3, A. Howe; vhc, E. Summers. FOR.: 1, 2, res., W. Howe. NOVICE CAN.: 1, 2, res., hc, Holmes; 3, vhc, Bonc. OPEN, A.V. BRIT.: 1, A. Howe; 2, 3, res., R. J. Howe. NOVICE, CAN., BRED 1907: 1, res., Burrows; 2, Richards; 3, Charlesworth. NOVICE, BRIT.: 1, res., E. F. Howe; 2, A. Howe, jun.; 3, Bone. SELL., 10s.: 1, hc, Garner; 2, Brown; 3, W. H. Howe; res., Charlesworth; vhc, Smith.

HEMSWORTH C.B.S.

The Hemsworth C.B.S. held their show at the Victoria Hotel on July 3rd. A large number of fanciers visited the show, which was a success. The Yorkshires were the feature of the event, there being some excellent quality in both classes, and it was a difficult matter for the Judge, Mr. J. P. Carter, to make his selections. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Davis, clinking pair of clears, which, with a good moult, will be heard of again; 3, Whitehall, with a cheek and wing marked bird, a real good reachy one, lacks in feather. BUFF: 1, Whitehall, a grand young clear that will take some stopping, as he is in good hands; 2, Akred, not far behind winner, seemed to be slightly in moult; 3, Taylor, very typical, but a bit on small side, otherwise a good one. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Millington, first Goldfinch, real good one, rich colour, good blaze and moonings, will take some stopping, second Bullfinch, a real topper, third another good Goldie. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Millington, Greenfinch, in extra good plumage, but rather on small side; 2, Whitehall, Siskin, a real nice bird, looked well.

GUISELEY C.B.S.

Guiseley, etc., C.B.S. held its Show at the Temperance Hall, Yeadon, on June 20th. A good collection of exhibits faced the Judge, Mr. R. Garnett, of Windhill, whose awards gave entire satisfaction. Mr. A. Frankland won special for most points in show. Mr. W. Hearpark second most points, Mr. C. Thornton third most points, Mrs. W. Gilroy special for novice most points; Mr. A. Wheatley also won novice special. YORKS. YELL: 1, Rudd; 2, Thompson; 3, Bearpark; vhc, Muschamp; hc, Frankland; c, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, 2, Frankland; 3, Bearforth; vhc, Sunderlands Bros.; hc, Gilroy; c, Long. TKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Frankland; 2, Hardaker; 3, Rudd; vhc, Sunderland Bros.; c, Thompson. TKD. BUFF: 1, 3, Frankland; 2, Gilroy; vhc, Long; hc, Kinder; c, Wheatley. UNEVEN.: 1, Bearpark; 2, Frankland; 3, Gilroy; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Sunderlands Bros.; c, Wheatley. CINN. MARK. YELL.: 1, c, Hardaker; 2, vhc, Bearpark; 3, Frankland; hc, Thornton. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Bearpark; 3, Muschamp; hc, Kinder; c, Hardaker. FOUL MARK: 1, 2, vhc, Thornton; 3, c, Bearpark; hc, Gilroy. A.O.V.: 1, Gilroy. SELLING: 1, Hardaker.

ATTERCLIFFE.

Nest Feather Show held July 6th, in the Vestry Hall. The entry was not large, about 100 birds being staged; but the quality was very good. Messrs. Champion, Taylor, and Bagnall judged the exhibits, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Walsh's Nightingale deserves special mention, and it got the special for the best bird in the show. Mr. Gregory, Mr. Greenfield, and Mr. Bettinson also put grand teams before the judges. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield; vhc, Perry; hc, Bettinson. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield; vhc, hc, c, Goodley. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregory; vhc, Harrison; hc, c, Perry. TKD.: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Gregory; 3, Harrison. NOR., A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregory; vhc, Harrison. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Greenfield; 2, Walsh; 4, vhc, hc, Justice. LINNET: 1, Walsh; 2, Reynolds; 3, c, Gregory; 4, vhc, Johnson. GREENFINCH: 1, vhc, Greenfield; 2, 3, Justice; 4, Johnson. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Reynolds; 2, hc, c, Gregory; 3, vhc, Johnson; 4, Brothwell. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Walsh. NOVICE, YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 4, Bettinson; 3, Empson. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Bettinson; 4, vhc, Empson. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, hc, Bettinson; 3, 4, Granger. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Bettinson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Granger. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Johnson. MULE: 1, Reynolds; 2, 4, Draycott; 3, vhc, Johnson.

BRAMLEY O.S.

The First Feather Show of this Society was held at Headquarters on July 6th. The entries were smaller than the previous year, but taking into consideration the bad season we have experienced, we did not do bad, having 70 birds staged. Messrs. Wilkinson, Dale, and Johnson are in the running for the society's medals, and Messrs. Whitley, Holdsworth, and Fletcher for the novice medals, and Mr. B. H. Wilson for British. Mr. A. Chew judged, and gave every satisfaction. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Dale; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Lambert; c, Wilson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Tate; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Craven. BUFF: 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Dale; hc, c, Lambert. TKD.: 1, Craven; 2, Dale; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Lambert; c, Wilson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Tate. TKD. YELL.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, 3, Johnson; 2, c, Tate; vhc, hc, Hargreaves. TKD.: 1, c, Wilkinson; 2, hc, Wilson; 3, vhc, Johnson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Hargreaves; 2, 3, vhc, Wilson; hc, Parker; c, Holdsworth. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Whitley; 3, Fletcher; vhc, Child. BUFF: 1, Whitley; 2, c, Holdsworth; 3, vhc, Fletcher; hc, Child. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Clapham; 2, Whitley. BUFF: 1, 3, Holdsworth; 2, Clapham. GREEN YORKS.: 1, Clapham; 2, Holdsworth. NOR.: 1, Benson; 2, Child.

BRADFORD (WEST) C.B.A.

Held First Feather Show on July 6th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, of Girlington, judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Pratt; 3, Crabtree; 4, Clark; vhc, Bennett; hc, c, Wood, Dobson. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, Pratt; 3, 4, Crabtree; vhc, Mail. TKD. YELL.: 1, Pratt; 2, Crabtree; 3, Clegg; 4, Dobson. BUFF: 1, Dobson; 2, Wallbank; 3, Mail; 4, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, Turner; hc, Bennett; c, Inman. UNEVEN.: 1, Cowgill; 2, 4, Bennett; 3, Murgatroyd and Son; vhc, Dobson; hc, Turner; c, Clark. CINN. MKD.: 1, Pratt; 2, Murgatroyd and Son. NOR.: 1, vhc, c, Cowgill; 2, 3, hc, Clark; 4, Dobson, BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Inman.

DEWSBURY AND DIS. C.B.S.

This Society held their First Feather Show at Royal Hotel, on July 6th, there being about 70 entries. The exhibits throughout were of excellent type and quality. Mr. W. Richmond, of Rodley, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Charlesworth; 2, Stafford; 3, Raynes; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hooley; c, Hird. BUFF: 1, 3, Raynes; 2, Fawcett; vhc, Senior; hc, Yelland; c, Wright. TKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Blackburn; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Hale; c, Dean. BUFF: 1, 2, Cook and Son; 3, vhc, Bedlorth; hc, Hall; c, Mitchell. FOUL MKD.: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Hird; 3, Cad. A.O.V.: 1, Hird; 2, 3, Pickering. SELL.: 1, Charlesworth; 2, Howarth; 3, vhc, Cook and Son.

STOCKTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

The members of the Stockton and District C.B.S. held their First Feather Show on July 4th at the Leeds Hotel, entries numbering forty in five classes, which was very good considering the very poor breeding season the members have had. The exhibits were nicely staged, in a good light. Mr. Hill, of Thornaby, made the awards. NOR. (13): 1, Wake; 2, Lowes; 3, vhc, Whitworth; 4, Burton; hc, Pace; c, Freeman. YORKS. (10): 1, 3, vhc, Johnson; 2, hc, Hansom; 4, Freeman; c, Cookman. A.O.V. (8): 1, c, Yeates; 2, 4, hc, Hansom; 3, vhc, Johnson. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, Marwood; 2, Cookman; 3, Wake; 4, hc, Burton; vhc, Pace; c, Lowes. SOFTBILL: 1, Marwood.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Young Bird Show held July 11th at headquarters, the "Herne," Peckham Rye, S.E. This go-ahead society broke all previous records so far as number of birds staged is concerned, and taking this fact in conjunction with the all round high quality of the exhibits, the venture must be classed as one of the very best and most successful held in the Metropolis to date. This is hardly to be wondered at, however, for the enthusiastic way in which the officials of the society set about their work is sufficient to ensure anything they undertake going off with a bang, so to speak. Mr. Woolhouse, the chairman, Mr. Goodwin, the treasurer, and Messrs. Rogers, Meredith, Tringham, Rees, Wall, and others worked like Trojans during the evening, while their excellent hon. secretary, Mr. W. Hodson, got through his task in a manner which enhanced, if that be possible, previous opinions as to his sterling worth. A catalogue with awards in the margin was actually on sale immediately the judge's slips were all in, credit for this feat (rare at a night show) belonging to Mr. Rogers. Mr. Brownlie brought a pleasant evening to a close by presenting the special prizes, of which the society had a goodly list, in a very happy manner. A rare crowd of bird-loving friends put in an appearance, the room, what with the birds and the fanciers, being almost too crowded to be comfortable. In the champion Norwich section, Mr. Woolhouse, the chairman, won with a clinking clear buff, of splendid body properties and A1 quality, this youngster also accounting for the silver-plated teapot (presented by Mr. Gladwin) for the best bird in the show. Dr. Sidgwick, with the winning marked buff, ran him a close race, this, too, being an exceptionally promising bird, typical all over. Messrs. Morris, Boydon, and Matthes also staged some nice specimens. In Yorkshires the principal honours fell to Messrs. Broome and Tringham, their representatives being lengthy, neat and typical. Messrs. Horton and Nancekivell showed us some good Crests and Crest-breds, one or two of them promising well for competition later on in the season. In Borders, that keen enthusiast, Mr. Brownlie, put down a clinking team, some of his cinnamons and cinnamon marks being especially pleasing. In the novice Norwich section Messrs. Welch, Richardson, Thomas, and Wilmot were to the front, Mr. Welch securing with his winning clear the silver-plated cruet (presented by Mr. Waterman) for best bird bred by a novice. This is an excellent specimen of the breed—indeed, the Plainheads were a good lot in both the classes. In the Yorkshires, Messrs. Waterman (although having three birds thrown out as "ticked"), Holloway, Putner, and Wall took the chief prizes with birds of considerable merit. Other winners in this section were Messrs. Johnson, Vernham, Kempster, and Cunningham (Crest and A.O.V.), while Dr. Sidgwick performed his usual feat of securing first in the selling class. Other special winners were Messrs. Tringham, Waterman (2), Bennett, Boydon, Matthes, Johnson, Morris, Thomas, and Dr. Sidgwick.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. (11): 1, Woolhouse; 2, vhc, Morris; 3, Boydon; 4, Matthes; hc, Sidgwick; c, Brownlie. MARK (7): 1, Dr. Sidgwick; 2, 4, Morris; 3, c, Boydon; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Brownlie. YORKS. CL. (5): 1, 4, Broome; 2, 3, Tringham. MARK (3): 1, 2, 3, Tringham. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Horton; 2, hc, Nancekivell. BORDER (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Brownlie. A.O.V. (1): 1, Tringham. NOVICE NOR. CL. (10): 1, 3, Welch; 2, Richardson; 4, vhc, Thomas; hc, Cole; c, Hodson. MARK (10): 1, Richardson; 2, 3, vhc, Wilmott; 4, Welch; hc, Thomas; c, Hodson. YORKS. CL. (17): 1, Waterman; 2, c, Holloway; 3, Putner; 4, Wall; vhc, Richardson; hc, Meredith. MARKS (12): 1, vhc, Wall; 2, 3, 4, c, Waterman; hc, Richardson. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Vernham; 4, Kempster. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, Johnson; 2, vhc, Cunningham; 3, Kempster. MULE (1): 1, Bennett. SELL., 25/- (8): 1, 4, Dr. Sidgwick; 2, 3, vhc, Cunningham; hc, Rees; c, Waterman.

CRESWELL C.B.S.

The Nest Feather Show in connection with the above society was held at the Rose and Crown on July 6th, and a very merry company of fanciers were present. Although entries were not as numerous as they might have been, the competition was very hot in some of the classes. Mr. W. Roslyn, Mansfield, judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, Leam and Stinson, bonny light variegated, of good type and level colour; 2, Doxey and Bownes, clear, just fails to winner in head and neck; 3, same firm, another of the right stamp. BUFF: 1, Till, bouncing clear, full of type and quality, and belonging to quite a young fancier; 2, Doxey and Bownes; 3, Wilson, a strong class. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Simpson, a nice trio. BUFF: 1, 2, Simpson, remarkably fine drawn, one cheek mark, grand position, lovely quality, not a feather awry, second another good one; 3, Knowles, fails to others in position. CREST: 1, 2, Simpson. CRESTBRED: 1, Doxey and Bownes. LIGHT MULE: 1, Pitt. A.O.V.: 1, Pitt, a bonny young Lancashire, the first we have seen in this district. May there be more of them; 2, Leam and Stinson, a cinnamon, another beautiful variety not half appreciated by the Notts and Derbyshire fanciers. DARK MULE: 1, Knowles, well-built Linnet-Canary; 2, Pitt, Siskin-Canary; 3, Knowles, Linnet-Canary. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Pitt, a gem of a Siskin, in faultless trim, full of level, rich colour; 2, Doxey and Bownes, Goldfinch, good size, fails a little in tail at present; 3, Pitt, good coloured Bullie, very tight in feather, but a wee bit slim. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Leam and Stinson, both Whitethroats. FOR.: 1, Pearson Bros., the locally well-known Zebra Finch, whose many honours do not appear to have weighed him down much, although getting into the sere and yellow leaf.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. & F.B.C.

First Feather Show held at 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, July 6th, and proved one of the best ever held by the club, there being about 130 exhibits forward, an average of 10 in the 13 classes provided. The members regretted to learn of the indisposition of their worthy Secretary, Mr. R. A. Brown, and trust he will make a speedy recovery. In his absence, the secretarial duties were undertaken by Mr. J. Brown, ably assisted by Mr. Eastman, president, and the committee, and everything passed off satisfactorily, the show being pronounced a decided success. Mr. M. Craig officiated as judge, his placing of the awards, which are as follows, giving entire satisfaction:—NOR. YELL: 1, Thomson; 2, McLay; 3, Tannock; 4, Gowans. BUFF: 1, Griffiths; 2, McLay; 3, Sloan; 4, Barrie. VARIEGATED: 1, Gowans; 2, 3, Paterson; 4, Henderson. YELL. HEN: 1, McLay; 2, Paterson; 3, Gowans; 4, Sloan. BUFF: 1, Paterson; 2, Hunter; 3, McLay; 4, C. Thomson. VARIEGATED: 1, 2, 3, Henderson; 4, Jno. Crawford. BORDER: 1, Henderson; 2, Chalmers; 3, 4, McLay. HEN: 1, Chalmers; 2, Brown; 3, McLay; 4, Henderson. LANCS. OR YORKS.: 1, Jas. Crawford. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Fyle; 3, Barrie; 4, Henderson. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Jno. Crawford; 4, Sloan. CREST: 1, 3, Griffiths; 2, Thomson; 4, Jas. Crawford. CRESTBRED: 1, Griffiths; 2, Thomson; 3, Tweedie; 4, Jas. Crawford.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

First Feather Show held July 6th at the Victoria Hotel, when about sixty birds were staged in eight classes. Mr P. Mason judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, J. Cooper; 2, J. Martin, 3, 4, spl, hc, W. Firth; vhc, T. Boocock; c, F. Brook. BUFF: 1, spl, J. Cooper; 2, L. Dykes; 3, T. Boocock; 4, J. Wilkinson; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Martin; 6, Brook. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, spl, and spl for best bird in show, Shepherd; 2, Boocock; 4, L. Dykes; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, c, Dykes. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Dykes; 2, J. Cooper, 4, Shepherd; hc, Martin; c, Firth. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Cooper; 2, Dykes; 3, Martin; 4, Boocock; vhc, Hutton. BUFF: 1, spl, Firth; 2, Dykes; 3, 4, Boocock. VARIEG.: 1, Hutton; 2, 3, spl, Shepherd; 4, Dykes. SELL., 12/6: 1, 2, spl, Dykes; 3, Skirron.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at the Royal Oak Hotel on July 3rd. It was the finest Young Bird Show ever held in the district, both in numbers and quality. The Norwich classes were well filled, and had some excellent birds amongst them. The Yorkshire section was not so well filled, the Yorkshiremen having had very bad luck with their breeding this year, several not having a young bird at all, and some, as yet, only in the nest. Mr. J. H. Bellamy won the special for the best bird in show with a very nice ticked yellow Norwich. There were about 80 birds staged.

NOR. CL.: 1, H. Godden; 2, J. H. Bellamy; 3, H. Pennells; 4, Upton and Button; vhc, H. Pennells; hc, Ransom. TKD.: 1, Bellamy; 2, H. Godden; 3, A. R. Mays; 4, Upton and Button; vhc, Harris Bros.; hc, Pennells. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Bellamy; 3, Mays; 4, A. E. Godden; vhc, Barham; hc, c, Douch. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, E. Dann; 3, A. W. Warr; vhc, hc, Morris and Son. TKD.: 1, 2, Warr; vhc, Barham. VARIEG.: 1, G. T. Coombs; 2, Morris and Son; 3, vhc, Warr; hc, Barham. CREST: 1, 2, Upton and Button; vhc, Barham. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Upton and Button; vhc, Barham. A.O.V.: 1, Barham; vhc, R. Gillmar.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

First Feather Show on June 29th, at the Conservative Club, Peel-street. There was a fairly good entry (50) taking into consideration the poor results some of the members have met with in breeding. The Lancashire classes, as usual, stood out best, and some very nice youngsters were staged. Mr. H. F. Howarth showing a capital team, he secured the club's special for best bird in show with his yellow coppy, a beautiful exhibit, full of quality, and one which, no doubt, will be heard of again if fortunate enough to live through the trouble of moulting. The same gentleman also won special for second best bird in show with his ticked buff Plainhead. There was some keen competition in this class, and no doubt the judge would have his work cut out in dividing first, second, and third, all three birds showing very good Lancashire properties. Mr. Frank Fish also put down a grand team of Lancashires, taking his usual share of the honours set apart for these classes, but we all considered him a little unfortunate with his buff Coppy; this bird, no doubt, would have been the selection for the best bird in show, but for its hanging its head continually, and never standing erect. The bird has got an exceptionally good coppy, such as is rarely seen amongst young birds, and if only this bird can be put in showing order there is no doubt it will be a prize-taker in the future. Next to Lancashires in merit came the British, some very nice birds being staged, Mr. Rigg taking the two specials with a Bullfinch of excellent marking, and as steady as a rock. Mr. John R. Crossley ran a good second with a Bramblefinch full of quality, and staged in splendid condition, but not so steady as winner. Third was taken by Mr. J. Hollows with a grand Goldfinch with rare blaze and markings, but upon the small side. The club's special for most points in show was taken by Messrs. Smith and Sellars with a total of 77, Mr. H. F. Howarth taking second with 37. Mr. R. Barrass judged, and gave every satisfaction.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY: 1, spl, Howarth; 2, Fish. BUFF: 1, spl, Howarth; 2, 3, Fish. YELL. PLHD.: 1, spl, Fish; 2, Howarth. TKD. BUFF PLHD.: 1, spl, Howarth; 2, Crossley; 3, Fish. GOLD LIZARDS: 1, spl, Mills; 2, Smith and Sellars. SILVER: 1, spl, Mills; 2, Crossley. BROKEN, SILVER: 1, spl, Mills; 2, Crossley; 3, Smith and Sellars. CREST: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars; 2, Howarth. CRESTBRED: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Brooks. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars. BUFF: 1, spl, Brooks. TKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars; 2, Myers. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars; 2, Myers; 3, Brooks. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Mills; 2, 3, Myers. SELL.: 1, spl, Smith and Sellars; 2, Fish. BRIT.: 1, Rigg; 2, Crossley; 3, Hollows.

EXETER C.B.S.

The second Young Bird Show in connection with this young and flourishing society was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on July 2nd. The chairman and committee must be congratulated on the success of their endeavours to raise a greater interest among the small bird lovers in the city and district, not forgetting the hard-working and pains-taking hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Folley), who has the interest of the society so much at heart. Awards:—NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Hutchings; 2, Denham; 3, Parker; 4, Moles. BUFF (9): 1, Sloman; 2, Marshall; 3, Denham; 4, Turner; 5, Hutchings. CREST (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Evins; vhc, Marshall; hc, Mrs. Pickard; vhc, Turner. CRESTBRED (10): 1, vhc, c, Evins; 2, 3, 4, Denham; vhc, Mrs. Pickard; hc, Miss French. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Stone; 2, Stiling; 3, Stone; 4, Sloman; vhc, hc, Churchward. BUFF (4): 1, Churchward; 2, Stone; 3, Stiling; 4, Stone. A.O.V. (5): 1, Evins; 2, 4, Stone; 3, Denham; vhc, Folley. MULES (3): 1, 2, 3, Stone. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Cummings; 2, Folley; 3, Stone; 4, Williams; vhc, Elston; hc, Denham. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Perkins; 3, Stone; 4, Denham. FOR. (9): 1, 2, 4, hc, Sloman; 3, vhc, Smith.

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The Bath F.A. Young Stock Show has been fixed for October 10th.

Ayr Ornithological Society's Show will be held on November 23rd, writes Mr. James W. Thomson, the Secretary.

We are asked to state that Mr. W. Roslyn, of Avidere, Mansfield, is our official literary representative for Mansfield and district.

Mrs. E. Burn (South Shields) tells us she has been fairly successful this year, and intends entering for our Canary breeding competition.

Will Master H. Cook, late of Byam Street, Fulham, send his new address to the Editor? One shilling from Uncle Peter has been returned by the postal authorities.

In renewing their subscription to CAGE BIRDS, Messrs. Roberts and Co., taxidermists, Calcutta, say:—We are miserable without it, and feel ourselves shut out of the world.

Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) informs us that he intends effecting considerable improvement in his Canary rings for 1908. He hopes to make them as good as anything on the market.

S. Shew (West Kilburn) writes:—All birdy men vote for your paper in preference to others, and I am sure it will always be so all the time you cater for the novice so splendidly.

The Annual Members' Show, writes Mr. A. Watson, Hon. Sec. Civil Service F.A., is fixed for November 19th, at "Ye Old Bell," 11, Noble Street, E.C. Mr. J. Robson will judge cage birds.

I think fanciers are greatly indebted to Mr. J. Burge, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield, for his great perseverance, by which means H. Tindall was brought to justice.—W. HUGHES (Oswestry).

I knew nothing whatever about feeding or rearing Canaries till I came across your paper. That made me a fancier, and the information you give I find very helpful.—S. PARK (Motherwell).

You credit Mr. Morris with winning 2nd and special in Champion Buffs at North London C.B.A. Show, whereas my bird won that honour, writes Mr. J. Hodder. I wish your interesting paper every success.

I have a hen Canary that has laid nine eggs in one nest and has hatched six young, which are a fortnight old, writes Mr. H. Astle (Derby). I have only two pairs and have 16 young ones, which I think not bad for a first attempt.

Metropolitan bird lovers should not overlook the lecture on "Variation in Birds," to be given by Mr. F. Finn, F.Z.S., before the L. and P.O.S., on Thursday, July 18th, at 8 p.m., at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C. Friends will be welcomed.

We hear there was a good muster of Leeds and Bradford fanciers on Saturday last to listen to Mr. J. W. Ramsden's lecture on the "Norwich Plainhead," given before the Leeds C.B.S. The point which caught on most seemed to be the question of breeding for colour and quality, much interest being evinced concerning this matter.

Please thank those who replied to my last week's advt. There are such a lot of them, it would take me a week to answer all. I may say, through the medium of your valuable paper, I could have sold all my birds many times over, having had applications from all over the country.—J. E. HOWARTH, Dewsbury.

The members of the Cardiff C.B.S. whom I have seen, writes Mr. T. H. Melhuish, report in some cases good results; in others—good breeders, too—very bad results. I have had more time myself this season, and put up eight pairs Yorks. and two pairs for Muling. Up to now I have 36 safe on the sticks and 13 in nests, doing well. One hen, five years old, has reared six. I am one of the fortunate ones, it seems.

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A Compstall (Cheshire) correspondent remarks upon the abundance of Blackcaps in that neighbourhood. He has a nest in his garden, and there is another in the woods just beyond his borders.

Having received such a large number of letters re exchange Norwich hens for Linnet, I find it impossible to reply to all. It speaks volumes for your valuable advertisement columns. Thus writes Mr. Curtis, of Cheltenham.

I have been elected Secretary of the Denholme and Thornton C.B.S., and all correspondence dealing with the society must be addressed to me at 5, Perseverance Road, Mountain, Queensbury, Bradford.—F. W. TOMSETT.

The City of Bradford Ornithological Society have arranged a number of members' shows during the season, the judges at which will be Messrs. C. Stebbings, H. S. Naylor, J. Wilcock and A. Spencer. The entrance fee is to be 6d. each cage, and prizes are to be on the sliding scale. Admission to the shows will be charged, and it is hoped by this to keep the members' enthusiasm alive and at the same time materially improve the financial position of the society. The secretaries are Messrs. Stansfield and Rhodes, 1, Lonsdale Street, Bradford.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. LAW, of Ashford.

Kentish fanciers will regret to hear of the sudden and untimely demise of the well-known fancier Mr. H. Law, of Ashford, at the early age of 53 years. He survived an operation for gall stones at the Ashford Hospital but three days, passing away on the evening of June 28th. Although his illness was a long and painful one, owing to his cheeriness of manner at all times only those most intimately acquainted with him knew the nature of his sufferings, which he so patiently bore. To the Ashford F. and F. Society, of which he was Vice-Chairman, his loss is irreparable, for where hard work or inconvenience to oneself was entailed, he was always the first to volunteer. His portly figure and cheery voice will be missed as doorkeeper at the Ashford Show, a post he had filled for many years. In like manner will his person be missed from the Rechabite and Good Templar Lodges, in which cause he was an ardent and broad-minded worker, and voluntary performing the duties of sick visitor year in and year out. A large number of mourners followed the bier, the F. and F. Society being represented by Messrs. L. G. Knowles (Chairman), Browne (Secretary), and the Rev. Greig; while all the local Rechabites and some Good Templars were in regalia. The wreaths were numerous, for as a citizen he was much esteemed. Our sympathy goes out to his widow in her sad bereavement.

G. S. MCCREATH.

At the meeting on July 3rd, Mr. J. Woodhouse (son of the last esteemed Hon. Sec.) was unanimously elected Hon. Sec. of the Portsmouth Fanciers' Association. That he is the right man in the right place everyone is agreed, as, having held the position of assistant sec. to his father for several years, he naturally has all the work of the society at his finger ends. Mr. J. Abraham, who has acted as Sec. pro tem., was also elected as Hon. Assist. Sec., and with these two at the head of affairs the Portsmouth Society should still continue to flourish.

The Committee of the Welsh C.B.C. are to be congratulated on the improved state of their finances. The club has finished the year with a balance of £1 0s. 8½d. in hand, whereas in past years a special appeal has had to be made to make both sides of the ledger balance. The outlook for next season is promising. There is a membership of 58, the largest in the club's existence. Mr. Leech, Vice-President, has given the club £3 3s. for specials, Mr. Sandiford has presented a £2 2s. cup, and Messrs. Hyde and Co. a teapot. Mr. Tedstone, 4, George Street, Brecon, is the Hon. Secretary, and he will be pleased to hear from any Welsh fancier wishful to become a member, or assist the club with specials.

Welsh C.B.C.

The following is the result of the voting for the annual election of officers, 1907 (20 voting papers received):—Chairman, T. L. Castree, 15 votes; Vice-Chair, T. H. Melhuish, 7; Treasurer, J. H. Jones, 19; Secretary, D. H. Tedstone, 4, George St., Brecon, 19; Auditors, E. A. Jones, 13, and D. A. S. Longden, 8. Committee—Bankes, 14; Dymond, 13; Eynon, 13; Harter, 13; Oriel, 13; Davies, 10; Pritchard, 8; Nicholas, 7; Melhuish, 10 votes, stands aside as Vice-Chair. Judges—Melhuish, 17; Castree, 16; Tedstone, 15; Eynon, 12; L. Hughes, 10; Pritchard and Longden tie with 7 each.—(Signed) F. CARL, Scrutineer.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P. J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

REVIEWS OF SCHEDULES.

Dawley.—August 7th. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Six classes—Nor., 1; Yorks., 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 3. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s.; entry fee 1s. first bird, 6d. each additional one. Entries close July 27th to Messrs. Lewis, Smith and Bowen, Chapel Street, Dawley.

Kidwelly.—August 6th. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Seven classes—Nor., Yorks., Mule, For., 1 each; Brit., 3. Prizes 7s. 6d., 4s., 2s.; entry fee 1s. Entries close July 27th to Mr. H. Wilkins, Kidwelly.

Cambridge.—August 5th. Judge, Mr. J. Mackley. 21 classes—Nor., 3; Crest., 1; Yorks., 3; A.O.V., 1; Sell., 1; Mules, 1; Brit., 6; For., 2; local, 3. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s.; entry fee 1s. 3d. Entries close July 27th to Messrs. Brown and Driver, 17, Sussex Street, Cambridge.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

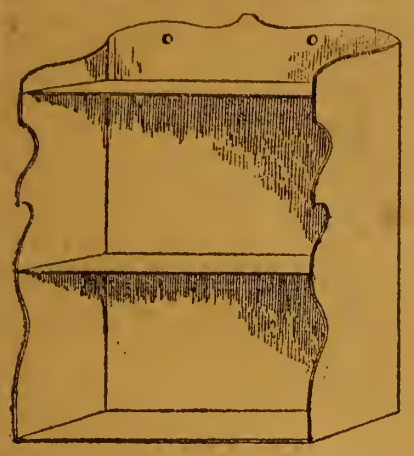
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 117.

A BRACKET CAGE-HOLDER.

Sent by H. Law, 13a Block, Quinnese Buildings, Lever Street, St. Luke's.

This is a sketch of a bracket I find very useful to hold cages. It is easily made of wood 9 in. by ⅜ in., and with a fret-saw can be made to look very neat. It can be painted, enamelled, or stained and varnished, and made to



A Cage Bracket.

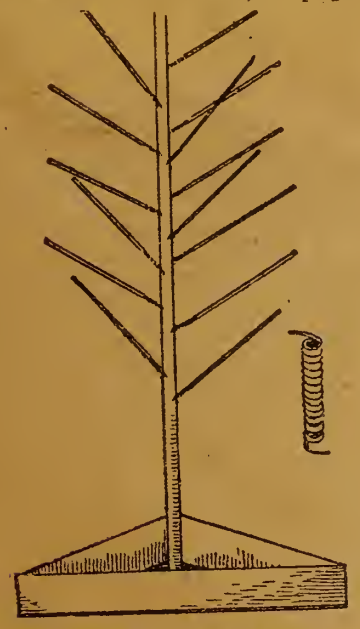
hold as many cages as the user requires. It prevents the seeds and husks going on the bird room floor, and keeps the birds from draughts during the moulting season. It can be made any size required, or to fit a corner in living room, etc. H. Law.

No. 118.

IMITATION "TREE" PERCH.

Sent by A. Smith, 10, Saxton Street, New Brompton, Kent.

I send you a rough drawing of a tree which I have had in my aviary for years, and think is good for Canaries or any birds to perch on. It acts like a real tree. It is made with springs (out of old air guns, or any old springs will do.) A piece of string about one and a half inches long, have both ends straightened out, so you can put one end into a perch about 9 in. long, and the other into the broom handle which forms the stem, or upright. It



Imitation "Tree" Perch.

is a cheap article, only costing a few coppers. Birds will not get "corns" on their feet with a tree perch like this, because when they fly on one of the perches it gives with their weight, as an ordinary live tree would. It has a great advantage over the fixed perch. The things wanted for making this natural tree perch are as follows:—An ordinary broom handle for the upright. Drill small holes in it here and there for putting the ends of the small pieces of spring in. A weighty piece of wood, one foot square, for screwing broom handle on to form the base. Four pieces of wood, about one foot long, for supports. Nail them on to the square piece of wood and on the broom handle, to hold the broom handle steady. Several small pieces of old spring, with both ends straightened out about ½ inch, leaving about 1 inch of spring showing. A supply of ordinary perches with a hole drilled in one end, so the end of spring can be put in (the other end, of course, going in the broom handle). A. Smith.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings or original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

Some of Uncle Peter's little nephews and nieces are very industrious in sending week by week pretty bits about birds that they have seen, or have read about in books. Many of the children, like the little Palfreymans, D. Bowers, and others, always send well-written pieces of real interest. Uncle Peter is always delighted to receive these contributions, and he would like to print them all, but, then, there would be no space for the others.

Thomas Shuttleworth, Owen Daly, and James Dytham write about the Canaries they hope to breed. When the young birds are actually hatched Uncle Peter hopes to hear more about them. J. P. Harvey and Eva Martin write about Tit Mice, but these children must please notice them a little more carefully, as the descriptions are not very accurate.

Ernest Oldham describes the Cuckoo, Frank New the Siskin, and Alfred New the Hedge Sparrow, but these particular pieces will not get inserted, because Uncle Peter had already received fuller bits about the same birds.

* * The Long-tailed Tit.

The Long-tailed Tit is a little bird with a very long tail—hence its name. I have heard of it being called the Bottle Tit, on account of the shape of its nest resembling a bottle. It is also called a Mumruffin. When out with my father once I saw five or six together, flying from tree to tree. They seemed to be eating buds or looking for little insects on the trees. They were very nimble, not stopping long in one place. The trees they were on were a kind of willow tree, and were growing beside a large pool of water. The nest of the Long-tailed Tit is oval shaped, with a little round hole in the side near the top. It is generally built in a briar or thorn bush. It is built with bits of fibre, wool and hair, interwoven, and all on the outside is the lichen off the bark of trees. It is lined with feathers, and the old mother bird lays as many as eight or nine eggs. It is, without a doubt, the prettiest nest of all British birds.—Sent by Harry Raby (age 10 years), 10, Chequers Grove, Bell Barn Road, Birmingham.

* The Siskins.

One day last winter, having risen from the breakfast table, I noticed two little birds, which I could not identify, climbing up and down some thugas, close to the window. They were extremely interesting as they ran up and down the branches with great rapidity. Then I noticed a cat crouched under a bush close by, but thinking them well out of her reach, and as I did not wish to frighten the birds, I left her alone. But as soon as I noticed her she made a huge leap into the air and caught one of the birds in her claws. I rushed out into the garden, but the cat had disappeared. On seaching about under the shrubs, however, I found the bird. I took it into the house, but it soon died of suffocation, caused by the bursting of a blood-vessel, as the blood flowed freely from its mouth. I took it to a naturalist in the town, and he said that it was a female Siskin, and rather rare. One had not been seen in Gloucestershire for five years.—Eric Barnard (age 14 years 3 months), Longmead, Tuffly, Gloucester.

* Birds in Winter.

You will be sorry to hear that the stormy weather last winter killed a lot of birds up here. They lay dead in large numbers, mostly Redwings. Father picked one for showing. It could not stand, but I gave it some mealworms, and it got all right again, and it is a good one now. The Redwing is like a Mavis, but it has red on its sides, and the spots are not so even; and it has a light-mark over the eyes. It comes from Norway, and spends the winter here. I feed mine on ground dog-biscuits, ants' eggs, meat meal and hard-boiled egg, and four mealworms each day. Father has a lot of birds—64 altogether (16 different kinds). My favourites are a grey Singing Finch and a white Hedge Sparrow, a long-tailed, glossy Starling, and the Redwing. I wonder why the Redwings do not fly to France, as teacher says the weather is warmer there? I help father all I can, and I am not afraid of the creepy-crawleys; but I don't like earwigs. —Bessie Steel (age 11 years), 23, Eskdaill Street, Dalkeith.

Mr. A. Ellis, of Newbiggin, Malton, has sent us a letter offering "to do a bit of exchange" with us. We are inclined to think this letter has been sent us in error, and was intended for some advertiser.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES, BIRD DEALERS, BREEDERS, AND OTHERS.

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F. CARL, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet St., London.

Mr. Thos. Bennett's recent lecture on "Colour Feeding," before Bramley O.S., seemed to be much appreciated.

A First Feather Show will be held at Heywood on July 20th. Mr. R. D. McMurdo, 27, Market Place, can give further particulars.

A silver-plated cup for competition amongst the novice Crest breeders has been presented by Mr. A. Lazarus to the City and Suburban A.C.B.

The many friends of that well-known Metropolitan fancier, Mr. A. W. Curtis, will regret to hear that he is laid up by an attack of sciatica, and will join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Battye's standard book on Yorkshire Canaries is now in the press. Breeders' cards are being accepted at 5s. each. Yorkshire breeders, send your instructions without delay.

Mr. T. Kinch, of High Street, Ramsey, Hunts., is in sore financial straits. Will friends who remember him in more prosperous days kindly communicate with him immediately, as his home is in danger of being lost to him?

The Original Crook C.B.S., writes Mr. Bowes, the Sec., have altered the date of their Annual Show to November 23rd, as they think that October 12th is much too early, on account of the bad breeding results up to the present.

In report of Bradford West C.B.A. Show, the 2nd, 3rd, vhc and hc, in the British class, should read Inman, not Mason. They were Goldfinch, Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting and Greenfinch, in the order named.—T. H. Inman.

We are requested to state that the Penzance and District Fanciers' Association have decided to hold their Annual Show on November 15th; also that the present Hon. Sec.'s name and address is J. Pearce Sampson, 4, Parade Street, Penzance.

At Shields C.B.S. First Feather Show, July 17th, at Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, at 6 p.m., Mr. John Gillespie, of Gateshead, will judge. Will members please let me have their entries at least a day before Show? Entries may be left at Mr. Turner's Bird Shop, Laygate Lane.—W. Duke, Hon. Sec.

Mr. W. Rudd's enterprise in taking a whole page of Cage Birds at this season of the year, in order to uphold the supremacy of the Norwich Canary industry, has been much and favourably commented on. Fanciers as a class are indebted to Mr. Rudd for the liberal way he supports the Fancy Press, which, without advertisements, could not exist.

An interesting interview with Mr. Frank Spencer, of Keighley, by Mr. J. S. Clinch, of Liverpool, appeared in the "Bird World" for May. Mr. Clinch will be well known to bird lovers all over the country, as his duties take him from John o' Groat's to Land's End. Mr. Spencer practices the simple method—sound stock, healthy environment, and common-sense treatment.

Miss Price, of Clifton (Bristol), inquires whether it is compulsory for her, as an outside member of the Fancy, unattached to any society, to join the Cage Bird Union in order to exhibit at the shows? It is the peculiar part of the C.B.U. rules, as at present constituted, that fanciers who don't belong to the Union may exhibit anywhere; whilst members of affiliated societies, or associates themselves, have not the same liberty of action. But a great agitation is in progress on this point, and Miss Price will hear more about it shortly.

We have received from Chicago copies of "The Bird and Nature Magazine." This is an excellently-produced and well-illustrated periodical, containing many coloured plates, all reproduced by colour photography from the original birds, etc. Consequently, they are more accurate and scientific than the best drawings artists have been able to make. Some of the pictures are extremely beautiful, and we should be pleased to procure copies of the plates for any of our subscribers at threepence each, or copies of the magazine at 1s. 6d. each post free.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.—July 13th, at 16, Old Road, 7.30. Table Show of Norwich; judge, Mr. F. Barraclough; also judging competition.—H. Foden, Sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 16th, at Temperance Hall, 97, Chester Street. 8 p.m. Lecture on "Moulting and Colour Feeding," by S. Hadwin; all fanciers invited.—J. T. Harding, Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 13th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Judge for winter shows.—E. Shepherd, Sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—July 13th, at Red Lion Hotel, 8.—T. Clegg, Sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—July 18th, at Maskell's, 8.—W. Sampson, Sec.

Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshire Club.—July 13th, at Market Tavern, 5 p.m. Important business.—R. Garnett, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 20th, at Market Tavern, 8. Proposed change of society headquarters.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

Civil Service F.A.—July 16th, at Ye Olde Bell, 11, Noble Street, one minute from General Post Office, E.C., 6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Young Bird Show; admission free.—A. Watson, Sec.

Crook Original C.B.S.—July 17th, at the Crown Hotel, 7 p.m. prompt.—A. Bowes, Sec.

Garston B.B.A.—July 17th, at Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Balance-sheet Nest Feather Show.—A. Wilkinson, Sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—July 15th, at Headquarters, 7.30. Balance-sheet for Young Bird Show and other business.—F. Sharples, Sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—July 13th, at Butcher's Arms, 8 p.m. Monthly Table Show; balance-sheet First Feather Show, etc.—S. Dean, Sec.

Halifax O.S.—Entries received at the Talbot Hotel on Friday, July 12th, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., for First Feather Show on July 13th.—J. F. Thackray,

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Loss of Head Feather.

A Constant Reader.—Give your Norwich, that you say are bare about the head and neck, 20 drops of the juice of a fresh lemon to 2 tablespoonfuls of water, and let them have this to drink for a fortnight. Procure some sulphur ointment and put some on the bare places with the tip of your finger. Do not put too much, or you will daub the feathers up, and this you want to avoid. Stop the rape seed and the millet, and give every day a little egg food, to which add a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, say 5 drops to each teaspoonful.

Growth on Feet.

A Novice.—I consider that what you think is a growth on each foot of your young bird is only a swelling. One can hardly think a bird ten weeks old would have a growth on each foot. I should recommend you to bathe it in tepid water twice a day. Then dry with a little cotton wool, and apply with the tip of your finger a little Lanoline.

Mal-formed Foot.

A.G.P.—Put 20 grains of boracic acid to two tablespoonfuls of warm water and bathe the bird's foot in this twice a day, afterwards drying with a piece of cotton wool. I take it from your letter that the hind claw has turned under the foot. If this is so, you will have to remedy it at once. Procure a piece of rubber tubing, such as is used on a baby's feeding bottle, and cut a piece about a quarter of an inch wide. Pass this over the bird's foot, and turn back the hind claw so that the rubber ring will hold it against the shank. Let this stop on for a fortnight, when the claw should then be all right.

Too Much Rape.

Nil Desperandum.—I have carefully gone through your letter, and the only conclusion I can come to is that you have been giving your young birds too freely of rape seed. Young Canaries cannot stand so much rape seed in its raw state, especially the black, or winter rape. A little best summer rape scalded and then well rinsed with cold water and allowed to dry, or partially so, when mixed with the usual egg food will not harm them. I should strongly advise you to discontinue using the raw rape with your youngsters in the future, and then I feel sure you will not have to complain of so many losses. When you commence giving your young birds water, boil it first, and continue giving it them in this state for a fortnight.

False Moult.

Showbird.—I strongly advise you not to attempt to colour feed your Norwich cock that you say started in a false moult six weeks ago, as you would only bring him out patchy in colour, and such a bird is no good on the show bench. I do not expect he will commence a fresh moult at the proper time. Should he run through and have a good moult, if you wish to exhibit him you will find some shows where they provide classes for natural colour exhibits.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Hens Turning Lazy.

Avalon.—Sorry to hear of you losing so many young birds from three to seven days old. Your feeding seems to be really first-class, and cannot well be improved upon. You say that perhaps your hens have sweated them. But if they did so you would be able to see it, as the hens would be wet, or, at any rate, damp underneath, when they came off the nest, and the young ones would seem moist as well, and would not have that fluffy appearance they have when the hen is not sweating them. As you say the hens never seem to leave the nests, but sit on them, and the cock birds carry all the food to them, your hens have very probably become lazy. I should strongly recommend you to take the cocks away, and let the hens have the feeding to do by themselves. I may say this is my own way, and I am very well satisfied with it. I have very little doubt but that you will do better than you have done if you will follow this plan. You can hardly do any worse, so it is worth trying. Hope you will succeed in rearing those that are about due to hatch.

Where Does the Fault Lie?

No Name.—(1) It is not an easy matter to say where the fault lies in your rearing only one nest of young ones. You do not say anything as to how you feed, or what is your system of general management, though you do say you have been at considerably more trouble with your birds than formerly. Failure has been the case with many experienced breeders during the present season, and much of the non-success is undoubtedly due to the very unseasonable weather we have been having. We have had practically no suitable breeding weather up to date. The only consolation is that many others have done as bad (and some even worse) than you have. (2) Forced moulting of birds is not beneficial, as a rule, but if you place the bird in a cage by himself and cover him up with a light thin cloth, reaching three parts down the cage front, the bird will probably start moulting earlier than if not covered, especially if kept warm. If you intend colour feeding him, start at once by giving him, along with the others, say, half a teaspoonful of colour food to half a pint of egg food, gradually increasing the quantity till you get it to two teaspoonfuls to half a pint of egg food. Give to each bird half a teaspoonful of this mixture twice a day, in addition to their ordinary seed. Some remove the seed for a few hours daily until the birds have partaken freely of the colour food.

Contracting a Cold.

Philsboro.—From what you write I am of opinion that when you moved your bird from one cage to another in a different position in your room, you must have placed him in a draught, and probably the bird (owing to this being the case) contracted a cold, which caused him to make the noise you mention. Put him back in his old place, and give him fresh daily for one week in his drinking water 10 drops of the following mixture: Equal parts tincture of lobelia, paregoric, and good Scotch whisky. If not cured by that time, continue for another week, but only give half quantity, viz., 5 drops instead of 10. Don't attempt to breed with him this season.

The Non-filling of Eggs.

J. Green.—From what you write your feeding has been all that could be desired, and the reason you have had clear eggs has not, in my opinion, been through any fault of yours. As you say you have good reasons to think the cock bird did his part all right, I am inclined to think that you have got hold of a hen that is a non-breeder (what we call a barren hen), or else one that has been too hard bred with the previous season, or she may be an old, used-up hen, but as you do not say you know what age she is, I am hardly in a position to give an opinion in regard to this point. I have this season run two hens with one cock, and one has had five young ones in a nest, and the other only one fertile egg in both first and second nests, and yet she is a strong healthy hen, and has just reared five young ones, one of her own and four belonging to another hen. The cock is a second season bird, and has always filled his eggs except with this hen. Perhaps you have a similar case. Both my hens were young ones last year, and have never been out of my room.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Young Crestbred Unwell.

Herefordshire.—Your bird is suffering from a sickness that is common with young birds just after leaving their parents. Your treatment was correct; nothing can be better than bread and milk, which still continue to give. Be careful that it is perfectly sweet; it will be just as well if it has nothing else to eat until quite well. You may add to its water 6 to 8 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food daily, or better still, give 1 drop direct into its beak morning and night for aweek, after which you can then add it to the water until the bird gets well and strong. My own treatment is to use chlorodyne. I take a fine knitting needle, dip this in the chlorodyne, and give 1 drop direct into the beak, but I do not recommend its use to anyone, as it requires one thoroughly accustomed to handling birds to administer this in a proper and safe manner, it must not be dropped down the throat, but on the tongue. Some youngsters are a bother to get on to seed. Lightly crush a few seeds and mix with a few grains of the whole seed, stand this in a shallow pan on the bottom of the cage. It will, no doubt, take to seed in due course. I have generally found it so.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Big Hatch.

Only a Mug.—It is not an uncommon thing for a hen to hatch out six youngsters in one brood, but it is certainly uncommon for a hen to have nine eggs in a clutch. I suppose the other three eggs were unfertile? You have had very good luck up to the present, and I hope you will add these six young to the number. A first attempt, it should encourage you to go on. Many fanciers do not like a hen to have more than three young to attend to, as they fancy the three then get better treatment than if there were more present. But such are mostly fanciers who go in for exhibition birds, such as Norwich and Crests.

Loss of Young.

T. H. Brooks.—I fancy your breeding in an outdoor room has had something to do with the loss of your young. The weather has been so bad as to make it a poor year for such rooms. The feeding seems to be all right. You certainly are not "killing them with kindness," as you suggest, but simply feeding them on the lines adopted by the majority of fanciers. I suppose you see that the nests are free from red mite? If in any doubt, it would be as well to give a fresh nest when young are seven or eight days old. Shape the material with a hot hard-boiled egg. You can let the hens have a bath, or give them a light spray, when young are a week old. This freshens and stimulates them; in fact, a light spray can be given earlier. I should stick to egg and bread if I once started with it; the egg cake will do for the young when commencing to feed themselves. See that it is made light and crumbly—not a sticky, pasty mass. Don't mix anything with it, such as maw seed, etc., though some hens like a pinch of soft sugar amongst it. Try them with some seeding green food every day, such as chickweed. You must, of course, keep your room as free from damp as possible—also draughts—and this will not be easy such weather as we are having. You may have much better luck next round if it alters for the better. Half ounce of baking powder in your cake is far too much, and may have affected the young. Don't use it at all.

Moulting and Mating.

Thomas King.—(1) The fact of the colour only showing here and there up to the present shows that your birds have only just started on the moult. It is too early yet for them to be due to finish—many have not begun, as a matter of fact. A normal moult takes at least six weeks to get over, but two months is the safest time to allow. Circumstances, however, may cause a bird to exceed this period, and each bird has to be judged by itself, and not by time, as to when it has finished its moult. (2) The lump at top of the tail (above the vent) is the oil-gland, and this must on no account be touched unless inflamed, and causing a bird pain, which can easily be seen by it pecking at it and interfering with it. Then it should be pricked with a needle, and very gently squeezed, and afterwards anointed with a little fresh butter. (3) It will be much the better for you to buy a big stock Norwich cock to get up size, for the feather and coarseness coming with a Crestbred would want a lot of breeding out. You will save two or three seasons' work by doing this. It is not advisable to breed half-brother to half-sister in the ordinary way, but only when necessary for some special object.

How are Rollers Bred?

J.C.N.—Most certainly Roller Canaries are bred in captivity—just the same as Norwich and Yorkshires, etc., are here in England. There is no wild Canary in the Hartz Mountains. Roughly speaking, the Hartz Canaries mean those which have been bred for singing purposes, but not highly trained, while the Roller Canary is understood to be one which has been properly trained and (if a sufficient price be paid for it) fit to compete at singing contests. How the notion has got about that the German singing Canaries are caught wild in the Hartz Mountains I can't say, unless some silly paragraph to that effect has appeared in the daily press, and been "swallowed."

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Birds Puffy.

A. Snow.—Young birds at the age you mention often sleep a great deal, and whilst they eat and drink well you need not trouble. It is quite usual for young birds to be very sleepy and mopy just before they commence to moult. Your feeding is all right, but don't give too much hemp.

Birds Plucked.

Colour.—The feathers will not moult again this year. If only a few have been plucked you could pull them again near the end of the moult, but if there are many it would be cruel to do so.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Is it, or is it not?

J. McN.—The sample submitted to me is undoubtedly shepherd's purse; it is an excellent sample, too. Thus you will see that your suspicion that you had been supplied with the wrong article is not well founded. What it is you look upon in your neighbourhood as "shepherd's purse," I can't, of course, say. If you like to send me a specimen, however, I will try to name it for you. There are one or two heads of seeding grass among the shepherd's purse you send, but it is difficult to gather it in quantity without including same; still, grass seed is excellent stuff for birds. Have watched many birds feeding on it in their wild state, and even captive Goldies are very partial to some kinds.

A Parcel of Weeds.

J. W. Powley.—Canary fanciers are very conservative, as a rule, over the green food they offer their birds, and rarely get beyond chickweed, with sometimes groundsel and shepherd's purse. None of the weeds you send is generally gathered and given to birds, but the seeds therefrom no doubt figure more or less in "wild seed mixtures" (that is, the screenings from farmers' threshing machines). No. 1 is the Bladder Campion, common in corn fields and pastures. No. 2 I cannot identify for certain (it is not in fit condition), but it looks like one of the Brassicas. No. 3 is the Common Wild Navew, often confused with Charlock—the latter, however, has rough leaves. No. 4 is Common Sorrel. No. 5 looks like a piece of Good King Harry—commonly known as "fat hen," and excellent for British birds when ripe.

Moulting and Colour-feeding.

Outdoor aviary containing eight Greenfinches, four Bullfinches, two Goldies, two Chaffinches, one Siskin, and one Lesser Redpoll. Extra good birds. I am going to show. (1) Is it time to commence colour feeding at once? (2) How to make the feed? (3) Is it necessary to take away the ordinary seeds? (4) When and how shall I give sulphate of iron? (5) Do you advise stopping the hemp during the moulting time? (6) Would you give them maw seed? They will have as much green food as they can eat. I shall also give them blackberries (and privet berries later on). Can you advise anything else in the way of fruit (or otherwise) that would improve the colour?—NOVICE EXHIBITOR.

Novice Exhibitor.—You ask too many questions (three is the editorial limit), besides which, several are of such a nature as would take two columns to answer fully, and this, of course, I cannot do. I have other querists awaiting replies. You can't very well colour-feed in an outdoor aviary. The birds would not look at the colour-feed, probably. British birds need "getting on to it," as a rule. Read the extended replies appearing in our issues for June 1st (A. Wilson) and June 29th (J. Mackie), which touch on this point and give much of the information you ask. (1) If your birds show any signs of moulting it is certainly time. In any case, towards the middle of July is quite late enough to begin to break birds in to eating colour-feed. (2) If you use the egg-cake, as per receipe given "Saddler" this week, a good average full-strength colour-food will be one tablespoonful of sweet pepper to four tablespoonfuls of finely-crumbled cake (this is pretty strong, mind you). Of course, you will not commence with anything like this strength, but gradually work up to it. Add no oil, or anything else, to it. (3) You may have to give the colour-food amongst crushed seed (note previous replies above referred to). But you will doubtless find it necessary to withhold seed for periods, in order to get the birds on to the soft food. A good teaspoonful of linseed must be given every day; say after the first feed of colour-food. (4) I never give nor recommend sulphate of iron. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of citrate of iron in a good pint of water, and give this the birds to drink every third day. (5) A little hemp now and again can do no harm. As it is asserted to darken the plumage it should be useful with Linnets, Redpolls, Twites, etc. (6) A feed of maw seed once a week or so is useful. The green food is all right (especially seeding kinds) so long as it does not keep the birds off the colour-food. Any fruits they will eat with colour in them (straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash berries, black cherries, etc.) are useful; also ripe plantain, shepherd's purse, and the like, but when depending on colour-food it is, of course, difficult to offer these freely—the birds must eat up the artificial colour-food.

A Mating Trouble.

E.B.—You cannot go far wrong with the method you have adopted, though it would have been better to have destroyed the nest when you separated the couple, letting the hen Canary build another nest when again mated to the Linnet. Seeing that one egg out of the first batch contained a bird (though dead) there is certainly hope of the next clutch she produces being fertile. You have just about sufficient time left to take another nest from the pair. Remove the Linnet, by all means, as he seems to interfere with the eggs. But you can leave him in sight of the sitting hen if you like, as he might help to feed the young, if turned in when they are two days old. But put him back, should you do so, when you can watch him from a distance for an hour or two, and then, if he evidences any desire to act towards his offspring as he ought not to do, you can remove him at once. Many Linnets make excellent parents, and are very helpful to the hen. You want to give them a little hemp seed daily, in addition to canary and summer rape, with a pinch of maw and inga now and again. Go out, also, and gather some seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse, and small, tender dandelion leaves; they are excellent for muling couples.

A Curious Wing.

A.A.N.—I must confess my inability to answer you helpfully. I can't quite grasp what the trouble is. I have never heard of a bird with an abnormal wing such as you describe—i.e., "the left wing so large that it hangs down arch-way like, touching the perch, seeming very large when compared with the right." I agree with you that the wing cannot be broken, or the bird could not fly with the same apparent ease as the rest of your birds, and appear in first-class condition. Couldn't you get an experienced fancier near you to call and look at this "eye sore," as you term the young Linnet Mule? Often a broken wing will set so that it presents an appearance very like that which you describe. To leave the nest when sixteen days old is about the average time for Mules. If you caught up the Mule and examined it, you could tell for certain whether the wing was in reality larger than the other. If really an abnormality, then you can do nothing to alter matters.

Linnets not Singing.

Two cock Linnets, had since last November, in a box cage, 2 ft. long, partition down centre, kept in living room. They have sung, but not for the last two months or more. I feed mainly on canary seed, occasionally a little mixed seed and green food, but not much. One is fairly lively, but the other sits rather thick, with feathers puffed out. They will both open their mouths, and sometimes jump at you when you speak to them. How can I get song from them again, and what is the cause of their not singing?—HOPEFUL.

Hopeful.—If your birds are kept in a warm living room, that fact might not conduce to their good health. If they are plagued with red-mite, that also would not be good for them. But your feeding is the most likely thing to have got you into the trouble. It is very poor—Linnets want a better diet than just canary seed. I should give the one that sits "puffed out" two doses of dandelion juice (see a reply to an enquirer on a Goldfinch this week). Go to a good seedsman and get the following stock mixture made up:—Canary seed two pints, teazle and summer rape seeds one pint each, charlock and linseed half a pint each, maw seed a quarter pint. Give this daily, with a feed of some good maker's Finch mixture once a week. You must also (especially during the summer), get and give them some seeding green foods out of the lanes and fields, or off garden land. Send me a stamped addressed envelope and I will forward you a sample of shepherd's purse, a free supply of which would no doubt prove very beneficial to your two birds. Your birds are evidently tame, but you cannot expect any Linnets to thrive and sing for any length of time on such treatment as that you outline in your letter. Improve it right away, or you may soon have no Linnets left.

Taming a Blackbird.

A.A.M.—You made a mistake in buying your bird at the season of the year you did. Birds caught during the breeding season, or at the approach of it, are invariably exceedingly intractable and difficult to steady—many, indeed, will not live. Your bird will probably not get at all tame until after the moult is over; the moult, during its progress, generally quietens them down. The best advice I can give you is to hang Mr. Blackie's cage in a quiet corner of some unheated room wherein people are frequently moving about. Choose a well-lighted spot, if possible from which he cannot see the sky. Cover the cage half way down the front with some light material for a time, if it seems necessary. Feed and clean him out in a quiet way, and talk to him quietly (and get other people to do so) whenever you go near him. Also offer him such dainties as fat mealworms direct from the fingers. With patience and coaxing you should be able to overcome his natural fear of you, and once his confidence is gained the rest is easy. It is a matter of time, however.

Skylarks Breeding in an Aviary.

A pair of Skylarks have been in a small aviary in my back garden, two yards long, one yard high, and one yard from front to back, about six weeks, and the hen has built a nest and is now sitting on three eggs since Tuesday, July 2nd. I do not know whether they are fertile or not. I feed as follows, as a stock food:—Egg cake (as recommended for rearing young Canaries) grated and mixed with ants' eggs and dried flies; also about a dozen mealworms per day. Should I be fortunate enough to get young, how should I feed the old ones so that they can rear the young? Can they only feed with something of a lumpy nature, such as mealworms, or other kinds of insect or grub?—BRITHDIR.

Brithdir.—It is very interesting to learn of your success in inducing the pair of Skylarks to breed, especially so seeing the somewhat circumscribed area of the place in which you have the birds. I trust you will let myself and other readers know

how the affair turns out in the end. I hope the eggs will prove fertile. Skylarks have previously been bred (and successfully) in aviaries. A case was recorded in CAGE BIRDS some six months or so ago. The then owner, I remember, went to considerable pains to collect his couple all the live insect food he could. I realise how difficult this is for anyone living in a town to do. Yet you certainly must try all you can to get live things suitable for offering to your pair. Don't hesitate to offer them any crawling things that seem at all likely subjects for the maws of the young ones—wood lice, earwigs, spiders, caterpillars, tiny garden worms, small grubs, etc., while mealworms should be offered as freely as you can afford. If you could get a regular supply of very small (young) cockroaches (black-beetles) you might find them a very useful and cheap food. Give the old birds a good insectivorous mixture, prepared with plenty of finely-minced green food (say young lettuce, chickweed, or clover grass). I don't think your egg cake recipe quite feeding enough. I would prefer some meat-meal, or dried and grated calves or bullock's liver mixed among it. You will find the old birds feed all right with such a menu, I feel confident (this will answer your last question).

Hawfinch in an Aviary.

W. Walsingham.—The Hawfinch is a well-behaved bird in an aviary, so far as my own experience goes, and I have never heard anyone else complain of him. He does not interfere with other birds, and other birds of interfering habits do not interfere with him—they keep one eye on his beak, and gracefully retire. If one hit on a vicious Hawfinch, however, I can imagine him doing some damage! This species, however, does not make at all a satisfactory inmate of an aviary—he is far too nervous and wild, and dashes about like a live thunderbolt if he chances to get scared or upset, frightening the other inmates of the place out of their wits. Any unprotected glass, unless pretty substantial, is in danger of breakage, too, if he get a fair tilt at it. A very tame Hawfinch—say a hand-reared bird—would be the best to turn out. I certainly don't think it impossible to breed from a Hawfinch. A friend of mine had a male this season which got amorous even towards your finger when you stuck same in its cage. He was in very "rank" condition, and deserved a trial as a Hybrid produeer.

Inmates of an Aviary.

Painter.—There are several pleasing Foreign Finches which can be kept with certain British birds in an aviary, and which combine to form a very nice collection. I shouldn't try to keep a Yellow-hammer with them personally. But with Linnets, and a Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite, you could hardly go wrong. Your aviary is quite large enough to allow of a few hens being put in, though it is true that attempts to breed usually land one in for a little trouble of one kind or another. You should use self-feeding seed-hoppers to put the principal seeds in (obtainable from most bird shops, or any advertisers of appliances in CAGE BIRDS) and put the "tit-hits" in earthenware "saucers"—say flower-pot saucers with hold rims. If the bath water is left in the place all day, the birds are sure to use it for drinking purposes. Water is generally best placed on the floor; it needs to be placed where it will not be easily fouled with droppings, husks, etc. Java Sparrows are reputed to be somewhat rough at times with weaker species, but I kept both Greys and Whites in my own aviary (a large outdoor one) among smaller birds, both British and Foreign, and never to my knowledge had ill result through it. Write our Mr. W. T. Page on this point.

Three Owners Wanted.

Interested.—I must congratulate you on the very clear descriptions of the nests and eggs you give, which enable me to identify them for you with certainty. No. 1, a domed nest, found at bottom of whin-bush, lined with feathers, and containing white eggs with pale brown speckles, mostly at the large end, belongs to the Willow Wren. Both Wood Warblers and Chiff Chaffs also build domed nests in similar situations; but the former does not line with feathers, and the latter's eggs are spotted with dark red. No. 2, built in a broom, near a railway bank, with dry grass, and lined with hair, a very lightly-made structure, containing five greenish eggs, marked with dark (almost black) spots, is that of the Greater White-throat. No. 3 built against a thorn hedge, with three bluish-white eggs, spotted with "almost red" marks at the large end, and the owner of which is a small, greyish, spotted bird, with a long, sharp bill, is the nest of the Spotted Flycatcher.

An Unsatisfactory Result.

Jumbo.—I do not know that there is any "cure" for your troublous affairs—you can only re-arrange matters in the hope of getting more satisfactory results in the future. Your hen may, of course, have been at fault (you can test this by running her for a nest with a cock Canary), but it is more likely to have been the Goldfinch. How old is she, by-the-bye?—not "worn out," I hope. Possibly, after having been with the Goldie, she would not "take to" the Linnet (some hens are funny in this way) and so be may not be to blame. All Goldfinches (and Linnets, too) cannot be depended on to fertilise eggs in captivity—this has been a bad year for them, though. Did you see the act of fertilisation take place at all? Many breeding birds lose a few feathers from the region of the head, but this does not affect results, providing they are otherwise healthy and in full song, as you describe yours as being. You do not say how you are feeding, but I presume on the lines I advise, and, if so, you cannot well do more. Should we get a spell of real hot summer weather shortly, it will send many captive Finches into rank breeding condition; but, of course, practically too late to be of use.

Insects Infesting Swifts.

Have sent some dead insects which I found on a Swift that fell down a bedroom chimney. There were about 50 of them on the bird, which seemed very weak. They ran all over the bird, and seemed to be able to go either backwards or sideways, just as easily as forward. What are they?—X.Y.Z.

X.Y.Z.—I inspected the horrible looking creatures you sent (as big as a pea) with interest. But I had often seen them before. I am afraid the tragedy you describe is a common one among Swifts and the Swallow tribe, for these birds have the misfortune to be preyed on by the particular insect you found on the poor victim which fell down your bedroom chimney. If you had had a copy of White's "Natural History of Selborne" on your bookshelf (and certainly no bird-lover ought to be without this old, but evergreen, work), you would have known what these "lice" were. The above species of birds are "often greatly molested with fleas." Our author tells us that the *Hirundines* alone seem to be annoyed with *dipterous* insects, so large in proportion to themselves as to be extremely irksome and injurious to them. They are hatched by the warmth of the bird's own body while incubation is proceeding, and crawl about under its feathers. A relative of this insect, is known to horsekeepers as the forest fly (or side fly, from its running sideways like a crab); it sucks the horse's blood, rendering it very restive and even half frantic. The kind which infests the Swallows, lives by sucking their blood, and when there are many on a bird they render it too weak to indulge in flying, and "quite stupid." Having seen the repulsive looking things, you will be quite able to appreciate this. It has ever been a mystery to me how such cruelty as is shown in the life history of this insect (and many others, too) could possibly come to pass under the rule of an "all-seeing and beneficent" Nature. Surely, if the insect he needed, it might come into existence without involving torture and death to other living creatures? Yet there are people who lift up their hands in horror at our own "cruelty" in merely caging a bird. Possibly these pests are what keep the Swallows from increasing amongst us; they are to be found in practically every nest.

Mainly about Moulting.

Could you oblige by informing me: (1) How to feed young Linnet-Canary and Siskin-Canary Mules; (2) how to colour feed same for exhibition; (3) if Linnets and Siskins are improved by colour feeding, and, if so, what colour pepper is best.—MOULT.

Moult.—(1) The feeding of young Mules was very fully gone into in the issue before the last (June 29th), reply to "Cuisine." What else is it you wish to know that does not appear therein? A good stock seed mixture when feeding themselves would be: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape two parts, hemp, linseed and charlock one part each, by measure. This would answer during the winter and the moult. Reduce the linseed to half a part, and stop the hemp during the hot summer weather, giving a little occasionally only. Green food (and other seeds as tit-bits) as previously recommended. (2) This question was also very fully answered in our issue of June 29th last. What other point do you want information on? I cannot possibly repeat the same things practically weekly. See reply to "J. Mackie"; note also other answers this week. (3) I think most Siskins are improved by colour feeding, but it wants to be very judiciously done, for I think an over-done, red-hot looking specimen is spoilt, and certainly not enhanced in beauty. You have to judge by the bird exactly how strong to give the feed, for a naturally rich Siskin needs less pepper than one which fails somewhat in natural colour. Many fanciers pepper feed their Linnets, I know, and some of the pale kind can do with it. But one has always to run the risk of possible loss of pencilling, which is rendered more obscure by the use of the pepper. A good sweet (tasteless) red pepper is the kind to use.

Gentles; and a Greenfinch.

Greenie.—Some fanciers, I have heard, hold that gentles have a scouring effect on birds if given to excess—but exactly what "excess" signifies I do not know. Personally, I have not noticed them have that effect, but I am always careful that I get them well scoured and clean, not the stinking, mightily offensive kind sometimes seen (or smelt). I don't know that you need be at all particular as to the quantity you give your Thrush daily; a dessert-spoonful won't hurt him, anyway. But let him have other live foods, in addition to the gentles. It is, of course, quite impossible for me to tell from a letter whether your Greenfinch is a likely breeder or not, and whether the next cluteh of eggs is likely to be fertilised. Do you see him paying the hen Canary any attention? Have you seen the act of fertilisation taking place? If the Greenie does not "fuss about" the hen, and feed her, I should say there is small chance of any eggs being fertile. Greenfinches are very "loving" birds once they get on good terms with a hen, and mean business. Your feeding is quite good enough, though you make no mention of green food. I presume you supply it, however.

My Recipe for Egg-Cake.

I should like to know (1) recipe for egg cake, (2) stock mixture for Goldfinch Mules on hard seed.—SADDLER.

Saddler.—(1) The best egg cake, in my opinion, for use with birds, either for colour feeding or giving to young birds just commencing to feed themselves, is one made as simply as possible, and without any admixture of baking powder, salt, butter, and the like. Here is my own recipe: Take five new-laid eggs and beat up yolks and whites separately, the latter into a stiff froth. Mix into the yolks, gradually, six ounces of castor sugar. Take half a pound of flour, and stir amongst it a heaped-up dessertspoonful of Plasmon powder (or any dried-milk powder). Then gradually mix in the eggs among the flour, thoroughly. The proper way is to pour over a little of the white, then of the yolk, gradually incorporating the whole quantity of both. If not sufficiently moist, sprinkle a little milk (or half milk, half water) over, and work it in. Bake in a shallow cake tin, covered with grease-proof paper, in a moderately quick oven, till just nicely browned. Time, about 20 minutes (it varies somewhat, of course, according to the oven). When this is "stale," crumble it up finely, and mix in the colour food in the quantity desired. Stored in tins, in a cool, dry place, it keeps a long time. If in a hurry to use the baked cake, it can be roughly broken up and dried in a slow oven, when it will readily crumble. I prefer to mix in the colour food while it is still slightly moist (i.e., not quite as dry as "sawdust," so to speak). I used to bake about every week or ten days, and mix sufficient colour food to last me till the next cake was prepared and ready for use. If you want two strengths of colour food (for birds at various stages of the moult) you have only to use two, or more tins. It is a very nourishing cake, and Mules, etc., will thrive splendidly on it, even if kept entirely without seed. (2) See another reply this week for stock seed mixture for Mules.

Wagtails and other Things.

G.O.S.—I should think the grey-looking Pied Wagtail is a hen, and the dense black one a cock. The latter is the better show bird, of course. Adult males are much purer in white and deeper in black than are the adult hens. Young Pied Wagtails resemble the adults in winter plumage—i.e., have the throat white, with a black patch on the fore-neck. As regards the show bench, Pied Wagtails stand but little chance in competition against Grey, Yellow and Blue-headed Wagtails. I don't wonder at your bird getting thin while you are giving Epsom salts, lemon juice, and chlorate of potash. What a horrible mixture!—and what on earth are you giving it for? It is better food the bird wants—plenty of ants' eggs in the stock food, with some dried silkworm pupæ as well (it is advertised in our columns). Also it must have a good feed of mealworms every day, in addition to all the other live food you can get. Hunt it out a few spiders. Get a bottle of tasteless cod-liver oil from a chemist, and well mix six or seven spots daily amongst its food, which should also have some finely-minced green food (say lettuce) mixed with it. Hardhead is another name for knapweed. A non-fed Chaffinch, if of good natural colour, can certainly win on the show bench. The head feathers of the bird will come all right again at the moult, I feel sure. If not, it will be useless for show purposes.

Nothing Wrong with Bullie.

C.C.N.—There is nothing whatever the matter with your Bullfinch. The plain fact is: he wants a sweetheart. You say that this last fortnight he has commenced to plaster lumps of chewed seeds and green food about his feet and perches, and then to proceed to eat it up again. This is not a sign of indigestion. If he had a mate, you would find that he would put all these dainty morsels of food into her little bill, and that, if she liked his looks, and were kind to him, all sorts of "billing and cooing" would follow, with the possibility of a nest and young ones. All male Finches regurgitate food in this manner, and feed their mates, when in "sweet-hearting" mood—such, in fact, is one of the best possible signs of a Finch being in breeding condition. I believe it is not unusual (judging by certain advertisements one sees about) for other male creatures to pop toffee and such-like dainties into the mouths of their fair ones, when in the said sweet-hearting mood. Don't give him too much stimulating seed, such as hemp, niger, maw, or sunflower, but let him have a liberal daily allowance of seeding wild foods.

Brieflets.

Gold of Pleasure (E.E.).—No, it is not gold of pleasure you send. The tiny yellow flowers (as with shepherd's purse) are carried at the head only.

More Weeds (G. Johnson).—The one with heart-shaped seed-pods is shepherd's purse. The other it not gold of pleasure (note reply to "E.E.") An easy way out of your difficulty will be to buy some gold of pleasure seed (get the genuine), and sow in the garden. It will soon grow, and then you can hardly fail to identify it when you meet it out in the fields.

What Bird? (M. Purdie).—I really cannot name the bird you describe. It might be a Redpoll or a Twite. The latter is a slim bird, and has a yellow beak. The former has a yellowish beak, tipped and streaked with black, and is a smaller, shorter, and more cobby-built bird. But neither is "dark yellow underside of body." This, if accurate, points to it being a Mule (Canary blood in it). Or it might be an escaped Foreign bird—as, by-the-by, may have been the bird I was questioned about the week before last by "A. L. Marchant." I should say it is a cock, as it shows sings of singing.

Are Skylarks "Game" Birds? (J. Sellers).—Skylarks are "game" birds so far as "scrapping" goes (in the breeding season). But they certainly are not Game birds—that is, classified as such by ornithologists. Skylarks are members of the great order *Passeres* (which includes practically all the birds of interest as possible cage pets), whereas the Game birds belong to the order *Gallinæ*—very far removed.

Goldfinch Ailing (No Name).—For two days mix half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice (from a chemist) in every two tablespoonfuls of the bird's drinking water, giving fresh each day. Afterwards give three more doses, but on alternate days, giving plain water in between. Give hemp every day; also a small teaspoonful of maw seed.

Bullfinch Ailing (C.J.B.).—I do not think your bird has asthma. More likely he is over fat, owing to the warm room and the stimulating food he has had. Warmed rooms are bad for Finches, and especially so in spring and summer. Treat your bird exactly as advised "No Name" this week on a Goldfinch. If no improvement at the end of ten or twelve days, write me again. Stop the egg food and the hemp seed; give seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed.

Shepherd's Purse (Miss Johnson).—No sample reached me with your letter, so I am afraid you must have forgotten to enclose it. It is not usual to allow Canaries to have four broods in a season (that is, to rear four broods), as most fanciers think this one too many, and probably rightly so, for the great strain must lower the vitality of the birds, and render them more liable to go wrong under the strain of the moult.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

My bird is a good talker, and has been in my possession two years; but it is always biting its wings and screaming. There is no sap on the ends of the quills, and it appears to be getting thin. It is fed on "Parrot mixture" and ripe fruit. What is the remedy?—THOMAS PICKEN.

Thomas Picken.—Feed the bird on a mixture of canary, oats, wheat, Indian corn, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, greenfood (lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season), cuttlefish, and water ad lib. Also supply it with a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) twice a week, and so long as the bowels do not become watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over the boiled maize. For the next month well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, only supplying clear water once a week. Keep it occupied as much as possible—cotton reels and a piece of wood to chew up, and if there are any wounds on the wings, lightly anoint such with Spermacetti ointment. Examine its plumage, and if there are any insects, spray with Quassia solution. If the habit has been going on for any lengthy period, it will take much time and patience to break the bird of same.

Insectivorous Songsters.

I have at present in cages various British Softbills from Thrush to Nightingale. What Foreign songsters can I keep with them (males only), and can they be left out all winter? Will they take any harm from eating the same food?—S. SHORE.

S. Shore.—As regards food, I should advise you to take a little of each of the foods you have been giving in several hoppers, and then note which the birds most favour when they are turned in altogether. You will have to note their several dispositions, and cage up such as will not settle down, but continuously threaten the lives of their fellow captives. A good mixture for Foreign Softbills is to use either Game, Partridge, or chicken meal, or ground puppy biscuit as a base, adding equal parts of best ants' eggs, dried flies, dried pupæ (fine ground), and crumbled sponge cake. For use scald a portion of the first named, and then knead in equal parts of the other ingredients, when it should be crumbly moist. Such a mixture would not harm any of your British Softbills. You must also supply ripe fruit and live insects, mealworms, beetles, spiders, etc. You would find most of the Foreign Thrushes good songsters, and handsome birds, full of character, and not likely to be unduly aggressive with the birds you already have, also the Pekin Robin, Persian Bulbul, and also the Indian Shamah; the latter would require to be watched till its demeanour was ascertained, but in such company I think it would be safe. It is not much use giving separate names for the Thrushes, as you will have to take such as happen to come to hand; they are not everyday things on the market. You will not find much, if any, more difficulty in keeping the Foreign Softbills than you have had with the British. Providing a good weather-proof and well-lighted shed is attached to your aviary they will successfully winter out of doors, that is, the Foreign. Mr. Weston will reply as to the others.

Budgerigars in Room.

I have five pairs in a room, and they keep stripping off the plaster. How can I stop this? I supply sand, egg shells, and mortar rubbish.—W.E.H.

W.E.H.—You have no remedy against the stripping off of the plaster, save by covering it with small (half-inch mesh) wire netting, fixing same, say, an inch from the walls. No matter how much mortar rubbish, crushed egg shells, and grit you supply on floor, this will not keep them from the walls, and your only remedy is covering them with netting or zinc.

Parrot and Parrakeet.

Herewith is a description of my bird. What kind is it? Will it talk?—DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES.

Doubts and Difficulties.—It is some species of Ring-necked Parrakeet, the females of which have no ring round the neck. And it is possible your bird is a female, or, possibly, an immature male. Most of these birds learn to talk fairly distinctly, though individuals vary much in this respect, and undoubtedly yours will ultimately pick up a few words. Note my reply to "Onward" in this issue, which covers the ground of your query.

Budgerigars and Cockateels.

In an outdoor aviary I have two pairs of Budgerigars and one pair of Cockateels. The Budgerigars have laid five eggs each time, of which only one has been fertile. The Cockateels have had three nests, two in first, eight in next, and now four. With the first two lots all were unfertile, of the last two were fertile, but young died in shell. Can you tell me the reason and remedy?—V.G.R.

V.G.R.—The cause is the same in both cases, probably mainly due to the quite unspeakable weather we have experienced so far this season, and your case is not an isolated one. At the same time, I should omit the hemp from their diet, and supply a small quantity of oats daily, also liberal supplies of grass in flower (grass in the ear), cuttle-fish, and lightly colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for a few weeks. Your later nests should then turn out better, unless you have worn-out males. You do not state size of your aviary, but if they are at all crowded this may be the cause, birds materially interfering with one another under such conditions.

What Bird?

It came from South Africa, is yellow and dappled green. Most of the feathers, however, appear blackish at base; this is only apparent when feathers are blown up. What is it, and will it breed with a Norwich hen?—J. WEIGHTMAN.

J. Weightman.—It is either the Wild Canary (*Serinus canarius*) or the Grey-necked Serin (*Serinus canicollis*), this last being also known as the Cape Canary. Undoubtedly he would mate with a Norwich hen, but, of course, as with all Hybrid breeding, results are uncertain, sometimes one or two season passing by before any success is attained; again, at others they will settle down and breed at once. There are other Serins which would fit your description, but I think it is *S. canicollis*, which is a handsome bird and a sweet singer. It is about the size of a Norwich Canary.

Grey Parrot Wheezing.

My bird had always been in the best of health, and is about 27 years old. It is often wheezing. What is the matter with it, and how must I treat?—EAGLETON.

Eagleton.—It would have been much easier to have given you a definite reply if you had supplied details of your methods of feeding and treatment. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have only this to drink for the day. Get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; for use, take half a teaspoonful of the mixture to two tablespoonfuls of water, and let the bird have this only for drinking purposes for the next seven to ten days. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, and feed as directed in this column almost weekly. If there is no improvement a week hence, you had better repeat query, giving full details as to the bird's diet, etc., and also as to any symptoms occurring during the interval.

Treating Rusty Parrot Cage.

I have a Parrot cage that has gone very rusty through not being in use. What paint or enamel can I use that will not injure the bird?—G.M.T.

G.M.T.—Thoroughly wash and scald out the cage to remove any vermin, etc., then give the wire work two coats of Brunswick black, which dries very quickly and is quite inoccuous. Paint the base a light blue-grey with Aspinall's enamel or some such preparation. Do not make any use of the cage till it is quite dry and hard.

Cause of Death among Lories.

(1) My birds are all in aviaries; said aviaries consist of well-built rooms, that can be warmed, and an outside flight. I have recently lost four birds that had stood the winter well. In each case P.M. showed inflammation of the lower bowel and cerebral hæmorrhage—illness and death came on very suddenly; weather conditions were hot sun and a very cold east wind. Am I right in supposing that these conditions would cause the symptoms named? (2) I have recently lost a pair of Varied Lorikeets that had been in my possession for about 18 months, from emaciation, with inflammation of the larger intestine and slight congestion of lungs, respectively. Illness sudden and short. All my birds are fed in the same manner, and the remainder, a very large series, are in good condition.—E.J.B.

E.J.B.—(1) You do not say what kind of birds these were, but I am assuming they are Parrakeets of some kind. Some species of these birds have an annoying habit of going off suddenly, when apparently in the best of health and condition, Lories being specially liable to so go off this way. A post-mortem reveals some trouble such as yours, and often of long standing. I never give bread and water sop to the general run of Parrakeets, neither do I permit these to have access to milk sop. Roughly, my birds get a mixture of canary, millet, hemp, oats, dari, wheat, and sunflower seeds, with green food, ripe fruit, and for such as will take it, a few pieces of plain biscuits (dry), with other essentials, cuttlefish, water, etc. This spring and early summer has been a record, and the weather simply unspeakable, and quite sufficient to account for their illness, which I should say arose from taking a sudden chill during the extremes we have been passing through. (2) My Varied Lorikeets, which have been out of doors since early May (at

the Zoo all the winter), are in splendid condition; they are very conservative in their diet, practically taking nothing save green sweet water grapes and milk sop. The milk sop I prepare so:- Crush two Osborne biscuits to powder, one teacupful of milk, and two spoonfuls of castor sugar; boil the whole up together; it will keep fresh 24 hours. Your Varied Lorikeets, I am afraid, had some septic trouble of longish standing, in spite of their apparent good health. At the same time, it is quite possible a sudden chill, as in first query, set up the trouble, and your losses are largely due to the extraordinary inclemency of the weather. Lories generally, I think, are fond of, and do better with, a little more variety than you are giving; where they have plenty of exercise you need not be afraid of sugar boiled rice—sweetened stewed apple of a syrupy consistency. I don't like flights which the wind can blow through (that is the fault I find with the Western Aviary at the Zoo), and I should advise you to put wood and glass outside the netting on the east side of your flight.

Blue Tanager with Inflammation.

Herewith are full particulars as to my treatment, but as it has not yielded to any extent, and the bird is a blue one and a great favourite, I shall be glad if you can help me with advice as to treatment.- R. MILLSUM.

R. Millsum.—Cage the bird up separately, keep it warm and quiet, and for the time being let its diet consist of ripe banana, sponge cage, slightly moistened with boiled milk, and a little milk sop; prepare the latter so: take one Osborne biscuit (crushed), half a teacupful of milk and two teaspoonsful of sugar, boil the whole up together, when it will keep fresh twenty-four hours; but with this bird, while it is ill, prepare fresh twice daily. Your treatment has certainly kept the inflammation in check. Give 3 drops of olive oil (pure) direct to the mouth, three or four doses, say twice daily, that is, unless the bird become unduly scoured, in which case I should only give it twice; also anoint the vent with the olive oil, which can be continued till the inflammation yields. As the bird recovers strength and its appetite revives, let it have mealworms and its ordinary diet, and also lightly colour its water for a few days with Parrish's Chemical Food. Yes, it is a beautiful species, and I don't wonder at it being a favourite with you. I have a pair (I presume you mean *Tanagra episcopus*, popular names are very misleading) flying loose in my garden aviary which are in very fine condition. Hope your bird will soon pick up strength and condition.

What Parrot?

(1) General colour, green; beak, red; breast, greyish green; patch of dull red on each shoulder; tail, greenish yellow; underside, yellow; length about 12 in. What kind is it? (2) What is its proper food? (3) Approximate value? (4) Can it be taught to talk?—ONWARD.

Onward.—(1) It is one of the varieties of the Ring-necked Parrakeets (*Palæornis*); very probably a female. (2) Canary, oats, Indian corn, hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; two parts of the first two and one part each of the others; well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food, nuts, cuttlefish, grit, and water (the latter ad lib). Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food. (3) As yours is a newly-imported bird and not yet talking, its probable value is about 10s. 6d. (4) Yes; most of the Ring-necks learn to talk fairly distinctly, and are also good mimics. Individuals vary much as to their teachableness. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation; also try the constant repetition of short phrases and words, and it should ultimately pick up many words and short sentences. Much patience is required with many individuals.

Waxbills, Budgerigars, etc.

(1) The cause of restlessness is timidity. How can I make them more friendly. (2) My Budgerigars have plenty of crushed eggshell and mortar rubbish, but do not appear to eat any. Has the cold weather anything to do with egg binding? (3) My Budgerigars like groundsel, I presume that does as well as lettuce? (4) Please tell me fair prices for Gouldian Finches. Should they be kept in pairs separate from other birds?—DORKING.

Dorking.—(1) You can do no more than being very quiet and still in your movements when attending to them or near their cage; study their fancies, and try to tempt them with some tit-bit, and they should gradually become accustomed to you and learn to look for your approach. (2) Yes, the present season has been a very bad and risky one for all breeding birds, and I fear there have been many losses from egg binding. At the same time, though you have not observed it, I am of the opinion that your birds do pick up some of the mortar and crushed egg shells, even though you have not seen them doing so. (3) Groundsel will do quite as well as lettuce, but the latter is an exceptionally good winter food (though not cheap at that season); at the present time as much grass in the ear should be given as they will eat (it is their natural food), nearly every garden produces this. (4) There are no Red-headed Gouldian Finches on the market at the present time. Black-headed Gouldian Finches are worth from 17/6 to 20/- a pair. If you wish to make any attempt at breeding they must be caged up in pairs, and under any circumstances they must have a roomy cage. Kept in confined quarters, Gouldian Finches soon "shuffle off." I know many instances in which, quite apart from breeding, two pairs in a cage has resulted in such continuous fighting that they have had to be separated.

Newly-imported Firefinches, etc.

(1) I have a pair each of Zebra Finches, Cordon Bleus, and Cutthroats in a perfect state of health and happiness. I have recently purchased some Fire Finches, but they all died within three days of arrival. Can you tell me what was wrong? How should I treat newly-arrived small birds? (2) The birds when at rest peck round one another's throats. Is this affection or insects? (3) My aviary is fitted up in conservatory; when this is fumigated with nicotine, will that kill any red mite in the aviary? Of course, removing the birds.—ZEBRA.

Zebra.—(1) You lost your Fire Finches from some form of septic disease, contracted during the voyage to this country, consequent upon insanitary conditions of importation, and I am of the opinion that no treatment could have saved these particular birds. Keep newly-imported Fire Finches (and also Cordon Bleus) in a moderate sized cage, in a warm room (not stuffy), give them canary, white, brown, and spray millet, a little slightly moistened sponge cake, and sprays of foliage (from rose and fruit trees or vegetable growths) that are covered with green or black fly. If you can procure them live ants' cocoons (so-called eggs) would also be helpful, and, as a rule, are greedily eaten; a small turf is also appreciated by the birds to pick over; grass in flower should be offered as green food, water supplied for drinking and bathing, and grit supplied, at first with caution, that is, only a little at a time. Till we can get the conditions of importation altered, I am afraid the same frightful mortality that exists among Fire Finches and Cordon Bleus must still go on in spite of all we can do for them. (2) Mostly affection, and assisting one another with their toilets, that is, preening the feathers. Though many small ornamental Finches form the annoying habit of plucking one another's heads and necks bare. (3) The nicotine would undoubtedly be fatal to the mites (but not to the nits or eggs), if dense enough and continued for fairly lengthy period, say, from six to eight or more hours.

Sexing Zebra Finches.

How can I tell the sexes of these birds?- MRS. SIDNEY.

Mrs. Sidney.—Adult male: Top of head, neck and upper back, pearly-grey; lower back and wings, brownish-grey; upper tail coverts, white, regularly barred with black; tail, black; the front of the cheek has a white patch edged with black; ear coverts, chestnut; throat and chest, silvery-grey, each feather barred with black, separated from the remainder of under surface by a black band; remainder of under parts, white, slightly washed with buff; sides, chestnut, thickly spotted with white; beak, bright red; legs and feet, reddish flesh colour. The female is an unpretending but pretty bird, clad in lighter and dark greys, and entirely lacks the chest barrings, black band, chestnut ear coverts and sides of the male. These are very hardy and pleasing little birds, perhaps the easiest of all Foreign birds both to keep in health and breed.

Grey Parrot in Rough Plumage.

How can I get my Grey into fine plumage? It is always very rough in feather; fed as you direct; lively; splendid talker.—J. P. LAKIN.

J. P. Lakin.—During the summer let it have a bath twice a week; if it will not bathe it should be sprayed, and, of course, kept out of draught till dry. Let it have a good supply of cuttlefish, and a little greenfood, lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season. Mix a little flowers of sulphur with its seeds, a little of which will adhere, or may be made to do so, by just putting a few spots of water over them, and then sprinkling with the sulphur. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage, and a good supply of ripe fruit, and well colour drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month or longer, giving clear water to drink every fourth day. I have a very rare Hawk-headed Parrot which would not preen or shake out its feathers after a bath, which we had to give, taking the bird in the hand and immersing it in the water, afterwards rubbing it dry with a towel; now it enjoys its bath, but looks for us to put it in, though it will splash itself over with water from the beak; it also preens and shakes out its feather now. Carefully avoid draught till the bird is dry; this applies to any season of the year.

Quails in Captivity.

Is it possible to keep a pair of Quails in captivity? What size cage would they require? What food? Will they live through the winter?—F.H.

F.H.—Yes; but they really require a similar erection to a small fowl-house and run. In fact, a cheap house or cage could be chosen for these birds from the catalogue of any builder of poultry houses, etc.; consult our advertisement columns. You must provide a dry bed of sand for them, and it is also advisable to keep one wing cut, as when alarmed these birds suddenly rise, and seriously damage their heads against the top of the aviary if the above precaution is not taken. Diet: Any kind of small chicken corn, with the addition of canary and millet seed, a little game meal, and a few of some kind of live insects, such as mealworms, beetles, spiders, caterpillars, live ants' eggs; in fact, almost any kind of insect that crawls or flies that you can capture for them. They would live through the winter, providing they were not kept in a damp situation; in fact, require little or no more protection than common fowls.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (E.W.).—Awaiting fee.

Bramblefinch (E. Tylor).—Chronic enlargement of liver, recent inflammation, extending to lungs. "Chill," terminating in apoplexy.

Young Canary (T.B.).—This bird appears to have died of "Canary Fever." A description of duration and symptoms of illness should always be sent with bodies.

Canary (W. G. Brooman).—An apoplectic seizure is accountable for this sudden death. It has been observed that unmated Canaries are very susceptible to such seizures.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cutting (C.C.).—Many thanks, the item is most interestiug.

Cutting (W.L.L.).—Accept our thanks for your courtesy in forwarding cutting.

Report (J.W.N.).—Thanks for kind remarks. Always pleased to do what we can to help.

Cutting (W.L.V.).—Many thanks for thinking of us. We appreciate these little kindnesses greatly.

Report (W.R.M.).—The show you mention was not advertised with us, and we have no note of it.

Photo (J.L.).—Thanks for interesting picture and good wishes. We congratulate you on your success.

Hybrids (E. Ray).—It is against our rule to give addresses. We should, however, be pleased to forward a letter if sent to us properly stamped.

Unfair Tactics (S. Shaw).—Bless you, we don't at all mind what you are objecting to on our behalf. We rather like it. Thanks for good wishes, which we reciprocate.

Report (R.H.F.).—Many thanks for report. We had already received one from another source which was in type, thus could not use yours, which we regret. Glad to know you are going strong.

Wigan Show (A Visitor).—Why have you not the courage to sign your name? We never take notice of anonymous letters. Enclose your name and address with any future letter to us, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Queries and Good Wishes (T. King).—Many thanks for the nice things you say, and for recommending our journal to your friends. The latter is just what we desire all readers to do. Your queries will be found answered by "Schoolmaster" this week.

First Feather Shows (Edgar Vincent).—We do not think it right to try to impart a fictitious importance to shows whenever one of our own staff officiates as a judge, and we will offer no similar encouragement to the appointment of the press representatives of any contemporary. First Feather Shows are frequently misleading indices to the subsequent positions secured by prize winners.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

First Feather Show held June 29th at Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton, when Mr. Wm. Richmond, of Rodley, officiated as judge. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, 4, Wharton; vhc, he, Oddy; c, Hirst and Cawthra. BUFF: 1, G. Grayshon; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Phillipson; 4, Cawthra and Son; vhc, Oddy; he, Fielding; c, Wharton. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wharton; 3, Fielding; 4, Wright and Son; vhc, S. Grayshon. BUFF: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, Wright and Son; 3, G. Grayshon; 4, Bennett; vhc, Greig and Pearson; he, Oddy. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, G. Grayshon; 2, Oddy; 3, Hirst and Cawthra; 4, S. Grayshon. BUFF: 1, G. Grayshon; 2, Lewis; 3, Phillipson; 4, S. Grayshon; vhc, c, Lilley and Rothery; he, Hirst and Cawthra. A.O.V.: 1, Oddy; 2, Greig and Pearson. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Smith; 2, Lewis; 3, Wharton; 4, Wright and Son. SOFTBILL: 1, flartley; 2, Greig and Pearson.

SUNDERLAND.

The show of young Canaries, Mules, and British Birds was held on July 6th, and turned out to be one of the best First Feather Shows held in the North of England. Sixteen classes were provided, and received an entry of close on 80, which, considering the poor breeding season, must be considered most satisfactory. The exhibits, taking them all round, were an exceptionally fine lot, the strongest competition being in the Norwich section, where a rare team was put down by Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, his winning buff being greatly admired by those present, and was christened "Pride of the Wear" by the Sunderland members. As is usual at Sunderland, Secretary Gordon had everything in grand order, and ably seconded by Messrs. Farrah, Riseborough, Swan, J. M. Walker, W. Reid, and Pemberton, everything was carried out in a masterly manner. Mr. J. T. Clarke had the placing of the prize cards, and his awards gave the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Brown; 2, vhc, he, c, Reid; c, Snowball. BUFF: 1, spl best bird in show, 2, Brown; 3, vhc, he, Reid; c, Morrison. CREST: 1, Walker; 2, Farrer. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Farrer; 3, Walker. CINN. YELL.: 1, Hall; 2, Riseborough. BUFF: 1, Hall. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, O'Neil. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, vhc, he, O'Neil. LIZARD, GOLD: 1, Riseborough. SILVER: 1, Riseborough. BORDER YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Copeland. BUFF: 1, Brown; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Copeland. MULE: 1, 2, O'Neil. LINNET, ETC.: 1, he, O'Neil; 2, Lee; 3, Maddison; c, Waters. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, Waters; 3, he, O'Neil; vhc, Riseborough. A.O.V.: 1, Curry; 2, Gordon.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Held July 6th. Although the weather has not been so favourable this year for the breeding and rearing of Canaries, nearly 60 birds were staged, and among them were several promising youngsters that are sure to make names for themselves later on. Year by year the quality of the birds has shown decided improvement, until now Cambridgeshire breeders are able to hold their own at the large shows throughout the country, as is evidenced by the fact that one of the members has had inquiries for stock from so far afield as the United States, and shipped a consignment there two weeks ago. On Saturday the silver medal for best bird was won by Mr. A. E. Brooks, with a Crested Norwich, showing good length of feather and droop. This gentleman was also successful for Norwich yellow, while in buffs Mr. C. Handley was prominent. The classes for Yorkshires were particularly well patronised, Mr. J. Gifford carrying off the first prize for yellows, and Mr. W. Casey supplying the first two birds in the buffs. This year a new feature was introduced, classes for British birds being added, and they proved very popular with the members, good entries being obtained. Mr. C. G. Williams' Goldfinch, which was first in its class, is an excellent specimen, with a deep and expansive blaze, but it was closely run by a smart one entered by Mr. C. Lambert. The staging arrangements were superintended by Mr. T. S. Moore, the secretary, and the judging was undertaken by Mr. J. Harrison, St. Ives, whose awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Brooks; 2, Ison; 3, vhc, Green and Doncaster; he, Handley. BUFFS: 1, Handley; 2, Brooks; 3, he, Green and Doncaster; vhc, Ison; c, Gifford. CRESTS: 1, 2, Brooks. YORKS. YELLS: 1, Gifford; 2, Green and Doncaster; 3, vhc, Linsey; he, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, c, spl, Casey; 3, he, Green and Doncaster; vhc, Bateman. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Williams; 2, Lambert; 3, King; vhc, he, Linsey; c, Cartwright. GREENFINCH: 1, Linsey; 2, Ridgewell; 3, Lambert. A.O.V. BRDS.: 1, 2, spl, Lambert (Bullfinch and Chaffinch; 3, Williams (Bullfinch); vhc, McQuarrie (Bramblefinch); he, c, Ridgewell (Bullfinch and Chaffinch).

PETERBOROUGH C.B.A.

The annual Spring Show was held at Mr. E. W. Beech's Aviaries, on June 27th, the birds being staged in the billiard-room, a grand place for a show, being well lighted and free from all draughts. It was about the best show the Society has held at this time of the year, and the thanks of the members are due to Mr. Beech, for his kindness in placing his grounds and aviaries at their disposal. The latter proved a great attraction to the visitors, including numerous large birds of prey, and had the evening been fine, no doubt a far greater number of townsfolk would have turned up. Turning to the birds, the backwardness of the season no doubt made a difference to the Canary exhibitors, while many of the British birds were breaking into moult, and, of course, were not in the best of condition, the Bullfinch and A.O.V. class being the greatest offenders in this respect; but many of the exhibits, if fortunate during the moult, will be nuts for others to crack. Points specials were won by Messrs. Sales, Popple, and Cocks. The Hon. Sec., Mr. H. C. Lilley had everything well in hand, and with our old friends, Messrs. Sales and Smith, as stewards, the birds were as comfortable as at home. Canaries and Mules were judged by Mr. J. Skinner, the British being taken by the President of the Society, Mr. S. H. Mays, who kindly came over for the purpose, and seemed to give satisfaction all round. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Webb; 2, 4, Popple; 3, Dawson; vhc, Gage. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Popple; 3, Dawson; 4, Watts. HEN (2): 1, Dawson; 2, Watts. YELL., 1907 (2): 1, Dawson; 2, Popple. BUFF (7): 1, he, Popple; 2, 4, vhc, Webb; 3, c, Dawson. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Cocks; 2, Watts. BUFF (2): 1, Sales; 2, Watts. YELL., 1907 (2): 1, 2, spl best young Yorks., Sales. BUFF, 1907 (3): 1, 3, Sales; 2, Cocks. AMATEURS. NOR. YELL., 1907 (1): spl best young Norwich, Barley. BUFF: 1, 2, Barley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Rowles; 2, 3, Popple; 4, Cocks; vhc, Barley. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 4, Gage; 2, Barley; 3, Cocks; vhc, Popple. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Cocks; he, Barley; c, Rowles. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, spl best British, Cocks; 3, Barley; 4, Rowles; vhc, Popple. CHAFF. OR BRAMBLE. (4): 1, 4, Cocks; 2, Rowles; 3, Popple. A.O.V. HARDBILL (4): 1, 3, Cocks; 2, 4, Rowles. FINCH, HEN (5): 1, 4, Cocks; 2, vhc, Rowles; 3, Barley. MULE: 1, Cocks; 2, Sales. BRED 1907: 1, Popple; 2, Rowles.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid success of their Young Bird Show, held Saturday last, July 6th, at Headquarters, the Church Institute, Marylebone, W. It was by general consent conceded to be the finest of its kind London has shown us up to the present this season. There was a grand total of 189 entries (some 40 more than last season), and it speaks well for the all round strength of the Association that no fewer than 77 of this number should be Hybrids, British and Foreign birds. In the British and Foreign sections, in fact, we had a display such as few open shows can rival in the height of the season, and that it proved a decided attraction to the visitors goes without saying. The birds were staged in attractive manner, and an impressive display of cups, trophies, plate and medals graced, as usual, the centre of the excellent room used by the society. Visitors turned up from far and near, and well filled the show during greater part of the day, there being almost a "crush" at night. They had some very good birds to look at, the quality in all the sections being well up to the mark, and in many showing a distinct advance on previous years. The champion Norwich Plainheads were a hot lot, the best bird in the show appearing therein, a new face, a clear buff, staged by Messrs. Cooper Bros., securing the silver cup. This was a grand youngster, very typical all over, and of lovely quality, and put down just at the right moment, which counts heavily in a young bird's favour, of course. Other very taking Norwich were staged by Messrs. Curtis and Rennie (champion), Burn and Hart (amateur), and Kelly and Wheller (novice). The champion Crest section was a failure, a disastrous breeding season being the reason, and in the amateurs Mr. Lazarus had things all to himself. In the novices, however, competition was surprisingly warm, the classes being large, and Messrs. Offord, Bryant, Ashby and Sanders staging some nice exhibits. The novices should be further stimulated next season by the cup generously presented on their behalf by Mr. Lazarus. The Yorks. classes felt the loss of Mr. Daintry's usual team, but mustered strongly and in good quality, the novice classes again being exceptionally big. Messrs. Rennie, Easterling, and Hawes (champion), Cox (amateur), and Pullinger, Morrison, Menhennett and Herring (novice) were the principal winners. Mr. Wynn had out nice teams of Cinns. and Lizards. Specially good birds in the British section were Mr. Vincent's Goldfinch and Hawfinch, Miss Brain's Bullfinch, Mr. Curry's Linnets, Greenfinch and Chaffinch, Mr. Rouse's Crossbill, Mr. Morrison's Blue Tit, and Mr. Wynn's Cirl Bunting, while Miss Shephard and Mr. Howard staged some beautiful foreigners, the lady also winning with a good Siskin. The "Grosvenor" points cup had another notch put in it by Mr. F. Curry, while the "Wynn" points cup stands at present in the name of Mr. E. C. Offord. Other special winners were the Misses Shephard and Brain, and Messrs. Cooper Bros., Burn, Wheller, Lazarus, Bryant, Rennie, Hawes, Cox, Pullinger, Menhennett, Wynn, Elgar, Wyse, Vincent, Curry, Rouse and Morrison. Of the management at the City and Suburban shows we have always to speak highly and it only remains to say that Mr. V. Wynn once again proved his excellence in the secretarial role, no detail escaping his vigilant eye. He had the assistance of the usual able band of stewards, including Messrs. A. W. Curtis, A. W. Hart, Shephard, A. C. Burn (the chairman) and others. Mr. C. Prior judged Hybrids, Brit. and For., Mr. J. Robson the remainder, and we heard not an adverse comment on their awards. CHAMPION NOR. CL., ETC. (12): 1, spl, 2, he, Cooper Bros.; 3, Curtis; vhc, c, Rennie. A.O.V. (7): 1 2, vhc, he, Curtis; 3, Cooper Bros.; c, Wynn. YORKS CL., ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, Rennie; 3, c, Easterling; vhc, he, Hawes. A.O.V. (7): 1, Easterling; 2, 3, Hawes. CINN. (2): 1, spl, 2, Wynn. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wynn. AMATEUR NOR. CL., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Burn; vhc, he, Hart. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Burn; vhc, c, Hart. CREST (2): 1, 2, Lazarus. C.B.: 1, spl, 2, Lazarus. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Cox. NOVICE NOR. CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Kelly; 2, vhc, Wheller; he, Elgar. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Wheeler. CREST (9): 1, vhc, he, Offord; 3, c, Ashby; 2, Bryant. C.B. (12): 1, spl, vhc, Bryant; 2, Sanders; 3, Ashby; he, c, Offord. YORKS. CL., ETC. (16): 1, spl, 2, Pullinger; 3, Morrison; vhc (2), he, Herring; c, Duncker. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Menhennett; 2, Morrison; he, Page; c, Knight. HYB. (1907) (1): 1, Elgar. HYB. (3): 1, Wyse; 2, Ducker; 3, Elgar. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, Vincent; 2, Rouse; 3, vhc, he, Curry; c, Wyse. BULLFINCH (5): 1 spl, Miss Brain; 2, Easterling; 3, Wyse; vhc, Rouse; he, Vale. LINNET (7): 1, Curry; 2, Kelly; 3, vhc, Wyse; he, Morrison; c, Rouse. GREENFINCH (8): 1, 3, Curry; 2, Morrison; vhc, Wyse; he, Rouse; c, Mrs. Maher. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, spl, 3, Miss Shephard (Siskin); 2, Rouse; vhc, Wyse; he, Elgar; c, Mrs. Maher. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, Rouse (Crossbill); 2, Vincent (Hawfinch); 3, Curry (Chaffinch); vhc, he, Miss Shephard. BUNTING (6): 1, 3, vhc, c, Wynn (Cirl, Corn and Yellow); 2, Rouse (Yellow); he, Mrs. Maher. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Curry (Linnet); 2, Morrison (Bullie); 3, Wynn (Snow Bunting); he, Miss Shephard; c, Rouse. INSECTIV. (2): 1, Morrison (Blue Tit); 2, Vincent (Nightingale). FOREIGN (6): 1, 2, Miss Shephard (Japanese Red-sided Tit and Superb Tanager); 3, vhc, he, c, Howard (Cordon Bleus, Zebras, Silverbills, and Mannikin).

GARSTON B.B.A.

Young Bird Show held in the Wellington Rooms, Duke Street, on July 6th. It was well supported by both members and visitors. The classification provided was for members, and drew an entry of 67, being an increase of 26 over last year's show. Mr. Harry Abbott (Farnworth) judged, and his awards were well received. The clear buff shown by novice Mr. G. Banks was a treat to see, and with a good moult will be hard to beat. The Linnet staged by Mr. Thompson was all there for size and markings, but could do with a little more colour. Mr. Lewis staged a very nice Bramblefinch (a recent purchase), one that has won at many shows. In fact, the quality of the birds was of the highest. Mr. Thompson worked like a Trojan, and is the right man in the right place, and much of the success of the show was due to his untiring energy. YORKS. CL., YELL. (6): 1, James; 2, Banks; 3, Slater. BUFF (11) 1, Banks; 2, 3, James. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Royden; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Lewis. BUFF (5): 1, James; 2, Christophery 3, Carson. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Ireland; 2, Thompson; 3, Christopher. BUFF (5): 1, Kelly; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Lewis. SELF YELL. GREEN (3): 1, 2, Chivers; 3, Kelly. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Lewis; 2, Christopher. NORWICH CL., ETC., BUFF (4): 1, Lewis; 2, Mercer; 3, Thompson. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Corn; 2, Royden. LINNET (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, Slater. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Jones; 2, Christopher. BULLFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Lewis; 2, Jones; 3, Farrar. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Jones; 2, Lewis. A.O.V. (2): 1, Jones; 2, Farrar.

BEGINNERS: READ THE ANNUAL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ALLEGED "BURKERS" IN THE BARROW AND DIS. C.B.A.

SIR,—I referred in my last letter to the members of the Barrow and District C.B.A., and up to the present they have had nothing to say, whatever, of which they can accuse me of in any way that was detrimental to the Association. I have shown that there are some who are members that are working detrimental to, or did do, to the Association at the time of my resigning. For proof of this my letter showed, which their worthy President was unable to contradict, or did not try. The Fancy now will be able to see by this that my character is as good as a fancier's ought to be, as it always was, and always will be. I shall join another club shortly which I know will do more good than ever Barrow has done for me, by saving me a trifle and getting satisfaction. By doing this I shall be able to retain my membership of the Cage Bird Union, which I want to see prosper. This is final as far as I am concerned. E. E. MILLER.

THE TYPE OF THE NORWICH.

SIR,—A meeting of the committee was held at Manchester on July 6th, Mr. Dent in the chair. After the minutes were read, a discussion arose on the scale of points, and, as no opposition had been received, they were passed. Several models were sent in for the committee's inspection, and three were selected as being the best. They were sent by Messrs. A. F. Lydou, H. Norman and A. Paddock, and the Secretary was instructed to get copies printed, with a view to sending them to all members of the club to get their opinion. It may take considerable time, but the committee felt they would not care to decide such an important affair as this without appealing to the members. The formation of new Norwich Plainhead clubs in Newcastle and other places came under notice. Some of the committee thought it strange that a new club should be formed in the very town where we are having a cup competition, as we give these cup competitions and specials in different districts with a view to getting as many members to join our club as possible, and, the more members we get, the more societies would get patronage from us. I beg to remind members that their subscription is due, and would be glad if they would forward same as early as possible, as only those who pay play. J. RAYNES.
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A PLEA FOR SPECIALIST REPORTERS.

SIR,—Of late there has been an improvement in the reporting of sections in the Fancy, but there is a big lot of room to improve. The defect is, men trying to deal with subjects they absolutely know nothing about. A Border fancier seldom has a practical knowledge of British birds, and a British bird fancier kens little of the points of a winning Norwich. The Norwich breeder is self-absorbed, and kens nothing about a Hybrid; and a foreigner cannot say a word on the humpy-backed Scotch Fancy. It may not be my business, but, to have a report worth reading, a man should be on his own section—i.e., a Scotch Fancy breeder on the Scotch Fancy Canary; a Norwich breeder on the Norwich Fancy, and so on. I was at a show and saw the reporter depending upon the judges—Tom, Dick and Harry—in other words, upon the men in the street. Reporters need a deal more than presumption and assurance; they require practical knowledge of the subjects they treat on, and without such their reports are a farce. I know how reports are got up—present company always excepted. You had some grand reports in the winter. My object in writing is to help the Fancy. Non-fanciers should not report; they do it sometimes, but it is for the pay.
A FANCIER.

ALLEGED WITH-HOLDING OF SPECIAL AT LLANDILO SHOW.

SIR,—As your columns are always open to ventilate the grievances of fanciers, I beg to call your attention to the following unjust treatment of a member of the British Roller Canary Club, who won the second prize and special at the Llandilo Show, held last January 17th. It was advertised on special bills that the second prize winner would be awarded a special presented by Mr. Edwards, "Railway Hotel," Llandilo. Up to the present time the winner has not received it. He has written the Secretary, Mr. Owen Jones, several times, who has not had the common courtesy to reply. The Secretary of the C.B.U. and myself have written, with the same result. The donor of the special also has been written to, and sent no reply—evidently bad manners are catching in that part of the country. Why the special is withheld we cannot understand. The Roller class was a big success, 23 entries (the largest class in the show), and was the means of providing a big attraction, which must have paid the society well. In bringing these facts before your notice, we are in hopes that some member of the Llandilo Society will see this letter and bring it before the members, as I cannot believe that the society would sanction such treatment if they were aware of the facts. Will some member kindly oblige? J. W. NORRIS,
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COAL TAR AS A REMEDY FOR ASTHMA IN CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. H. Rees, who asks me where I obtained the coal tar for my bird, first of all I tried Messrs. Boots, the Cash Chemists, asking for coal tar in a liquid form. They told me that what I wanted was "solution of tar," and that it was 1s. per bottle. As that was rather more than I wanted, I next tried an ordinary chemist's shop, and was supplied there with three pennyworth of solution of tar. I took it home and gave my bird about six drops in two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water, with the good results I have already mentioned. The tar is a brown liquid, and when added to the water will turn it the colour of milk. I am surprised that Mr. H. Rees should have experienced such difficulty in obtaining this remedy; but think if he takes a bottle and asks at any drug stores for "solution of tar," he will be supplied with the same. I hope his hens will improve under treatment the same as mine did, for I have yet to find a better remedy for birds suffering from asthma. If there is anything else your correspondent wishes to know, and he will kindly write again, he will be answered with pleasure by MISS BUSHNELL.

SIR,—A correspondent signing himself H. Rees is making enquiries about the coal tar remedy. I am sure if he will go to any chemist's shop and ask for one pennyworth of "solution of coal tar" or "essence of coal tar" (the former for preference), instead of the common coal tar, he will get what he wants. Add four or five drops (not more) to two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and he will see the milky-white tinge in the water he seems so much to desire, and it will not hurt the drinking vessel at all. I have used same, and find it a good remedy in cases of cold or slight asthma. J. A. L.

SIR,—I have been much surprised at the correspondence which has recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS re coal tar for asthma. To all qualified chemists this preparation is well known as "Solution of Coal Tar, B.P." It is very frequently prescribed by medical men, but is chiefly used externally—i.e., in ointments and lotions. Should any fancier desire to procure this article, he ought to have no difficulty if he applies to a good class chemist who dispenses the prescriptions of medical men.
R. SMALLEY.

SIR,—I have been following the correspondence with interest on the question of coal tar as a remedy for asthma in your widely-circulated paper. I myself last winter had a hen that was troubled with asthma, and was advised to destroy it; but I thought that I would like to try a remedy to cure the same. I tried several, but failed. Having a bottle of "Dutch Drops" in the house, I wondered whether that would have any effect on the bird. I placed four or five drops in the water daily, and stirred them up till they formed small globules on the surface, which the bird drank. This treatment I continued for over a fortnight. Now, I am pleased to say, I have had three nests from her, and a total of 11 young birds, all quite healthy. I am not quite certain, but "Dutch Drops," I have been told, is pure Stockholm tar, which can be bought at any chemist's shop at a very small cost—I think about 4d. or 5d. a bottle. With regard to Mr. H. Rees's letter, I fail to see how he can get that milky-white colour from mixing coal tar with water, according to Miss Bushnell's letter in CAGE BIRDS. I strongly advise others with birds that have the wheezing complaint to try the remedy which has proved successful in my case. Would any that try it kindly state the result in CAGE BIRDS for the benefit of its readers? S. H. GEORGE.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—Mr. Harrison's letter is not devoted to an expression of his opinion of Mr. Wright's model. He says not a word on the model, from which I infer that he is pleased with it as a model—a grand model! Who could say anything else? Yes, notwithstanding the opposition to the two stalwarts, we will see it adopted universally, and what will Messrs. Harrison and "Piebald" say then? If your readers had got the fun the Greenock fanciers had before the meeting, it was rare to look on, and see the frenzy, out, and in the shop, I do not know how many times a day. No wonder the second model was rolled up in paper and put away. I object to his mud-throwing at the Derby not a thousand miles from Greenock. If Mr. Harrison is a member, let him come to the meetings and have his say. He has always a funny way of doing things. I do not think it is honourable to take advantage of Mr. J. Hart's slip. If there was a point in the letter, your correspondent should come away and not beat about the bush. We in Scotland can hold our own. We will be pleased to see Mr. Harrison. Let him come from wherever he is, and have some fun again. It was all we got from his model of what I would scarcely call a Scotch Fancy. A bird in the flesh of the kind would be a queer member of the feathered tribe. We all know that Mr. H. has done very little in the breeding of the Scotch Fancy. The Norwich and Borders are nearer his line. How many has he bred this year, and where are they? Mr. Harrison's comrades would so much like to know where he is resident. Is he in London, Liverpool, or Manchester? We will be on our guard not to slip, and have the slip of the tongue published abroad. No more of that in Greenock!
ADVOCATE FOR MODEL.

THE DISQUALIFIED GREENS AT THE LATE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Now that the Cage Bird Union and the Palace Show officials have in settling (?) still further unsettled the above matter, it behoves the poor exhibitor to ask himself how he stands. The Palace Show was advertised as open to all, whether affiliated to the C.B.U. or not—and particularly so in respect to those not affiliated. When the C.B.U. rules were first formulated, Mr. Ramsden found that Rule 10 (now 17), in its entirety, would very seriously interfere with entries at the Palace Show, so he brought all his influence to bear on this point, and had the offending words struck out of the rules. By-the-bye, it would be interesting to know if the promise of a cup had any influence on the matter, and where, oh, where, the cup has gone to? There are several questions I should like to ask. I believe it is a fact that the C.B.U. solicitor had the rules submitted to him before they became law, and I should like to ask Mr. Tweed why he did not point out to the C.B.U. officials and the Palace people that non-affiliated exhibitors have not a right to appeal to the C.B.U. Council? Had he done so, a great deal of time and money would have been saved by both sides. Mr. Ramsden was the first to suggest my appealing to the C.B.U., and I have in my possession a copy of rules marked by Mr. R. under which rule to appeal. I see by this week's CAGE BIRDS (July 6th) that Mr. Ramsden has since been looking up the Arbitration Act, and carefully considering the same. On the strength of his studies and his consultations with various authorities (Mr. R. is great on authorities), he offers a great deal of advice to the C.B.U. Had Mr. R. consulted the Arbitration Act and his authorities a little earlier, this fiasco would not have occurred. Personally, I am not sorry that this "no right of appeal" was not found out before the meeting at Manchester. At that meeting the matter was fought out before a body of thoroughly practical and unbiassed men, who went into every detail. No sentiment was allowed; every little point had to be proved right up to the hilt, and I should imagine Mr. Hadwin had about the hardest afternoon's work he ever had in his life to prove to these hard-headed old fanciers that the feathers in dispute were naturally acquired. But that he and his witnesses, etc., did prove it, is evidenced by the fact that the appeal was carried unanimously. In the light of after events it would have been as well if Mr. Hadwin's request that the words "and prize-money be paid to Mr. Clayton" had been added to the resolution and adopted. But it was generally understood by the Executive that prize-money would follow automatically on the quashing of the disqualification. Mr. Bladon was asked this question at the meeting, and he answered in the affirmative. It seems strange to an ordinary mind that the conviction could be quashed and the penalty remain. Mr. Lambert Brown, in his letters to me, gives me to understand that he wrote Mr. Lythgoe asking if they were to pay my prize-money; but that Mr. Lythgoe had not given a definite reply. Perhaps Mr. Lythgoe will explain. In conclusion, I would advise the C.B.U. to have inserted in their show rules—"Entries from non-affiliated exhibitors gladly received, and we will do all in our power *not* to protect them."
P. CLAYTON.

P.S.—I beg to tender my sincerest thanks to Mr. Deacon and Mr. Helliwell, who have returned their prize-money as a protest; also to all who have been kind enough to try and find (and have found) same defect and published same; and last, but not least, to Mr. Hadwin, who has done his utmost to clear this matter up honourably.

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EGGS OF THE NIGHTJAR.

A Rare Clutch.

SIR, I was present with the Manningham Cage Bird Society last Saturday, when reference was made to the article on the Nightjar in your last issue, which said that it only lays two eggs at a time. I had with me at the time a photograph of a nest containing four eggs, which caused a great sensation and was very much doubted by the members present. To prove the truth of my statement I took two well-known fanciers of this city (Messrs. Sleaford and Grange) to see it. We stood within five yards of the nest for five minutes, and saw the hen sitting. It has been carefully watched, and there is only one pair of birds. I shall be pleased to send you an article on it, with photographs of the eggs and young, which are due to hatch this week. I think this will cause a very pleasant and interesting correspondence between lovers of British birds, as I am informed on good authority that such a thing has not been recorded before. J. R. ASKEW.

[We shall be very pleased to receive the promised photograph of and notes on this peculiar occurrence. At the time of writing we can discover no previously recorded case of four eggs being laid in a clutch and incubated by one hen Nightjar. It will be of great interest to know the number of young hatched and reared.—EDITOR.]

A GOOD LAYER.

SIR,—I have a pair of Norwich Canaries who have had three nests this year, with the following results:—First round, five eggs, three hatched, one unfertile, and one laid outside nest and got broken; second round, five eggs, four hatched, and one unfertile; third round, seven eggs, six hatched, and one dead in shell. As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should be very pleased to learn through your columns whether any of your readers have ever heard before of a hen laying seven eggs, one each morning, without a break, and all fertile; as all the articles I have read on Canary breeding state six eggs to be very exceptional. Am glad to say the nest of six are going on all right, three of them being a week old to-day.
J. S. CULPECK.

ALBINO ROBIN AT DOUGLAS.

SIR,—There has just been brought to me by a member of our society a young Robin (dead), pure white, with pink eyes, yellow legs and beak. It was caught in the country by a friend of his, who had no idea as to the young bird's parentage. Unfortunately, it was caught at a bad time, as by its appearance I should think it would be about three weeks old. Certainly the best was done for it to keep it alive, but, as it would not gape, there was no hope of rearing such a rarity. I think this is the first Albino Robin seen on the island. W. H. GILL.

PRESIDENTS AS JUDGES.

Is it a Questionable Practice?

SIR,—I should like to draw the attention of your readers who are exhibitors or members of clubs to the growing practice of committees to elect their own President as judge at all their shows. This practice is not only unwise in the interest of the Fancy generally, but placing, as it does, the judge in a privileged position, makes an impartiality of judgment difficult to conceive. With all due courtesy to those in that position, I venture to say their reputation must in general opinion be jeopardised. My advice to non-official exhibitors is—patronise no show, whether it be members' or open, that does not have an outside judge.
S. G. QUELCH.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND DEFAULT AT SHOWS.

"Doth the Giant Slumber?"

SIR,—I am instructed by the Committee of the British Roller C.C. to write you regarding the dilatory manner in which the Secretary of the C.B.U. has acted in connection with the special withheld from the Llandilo Show. The winner of the special, when he found he could get no reply from Mr. Owen Jones, the Secretary of the show, wrote to the Secretary of the C.B.U., who wrote back asking for full particulars, etc., which were sent him. After waiting nearly eight weeks, the winner wrote to the Secretary of the C.B.U. again, when the following letter was received:—

CAGE BIRD UNION,
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June 11th, '07.

LLANDILO SHOW.

Mr. H. Roebuck.

Dear Sir,—I reply to your P.C., I have written the Secretary of this show again, but have not had any reply. If you wish, I will get our solicitor to write and stir him up. I return you cards, etc.

Yours faithfully,
GEO F. LYTHGOE.

Fancy waiting nearly eight weeks and getting this kind of reply! I should say myself it is a pity that Mr. Lythgoe didn't stir himself, and not allow himself to be written to again after that length of time. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Lythgoe, not getting a reply from Mr. Owen Jones, did not think it worth while to trouble any more about the matter, which is certainly a very dilatory way of doing business, and will not do the C.B.U. any good. J. W. NORRIS,
Hon. Sec. B.R.C.C.

Several Letters crowded out.

The Border Fancy Canary.

By J. PATTERSON.

A Paper read before the Newcastle C.B.S. on July 4th.

First of all let me state some of the leading points so prominently shown in this variety. No other bird to my idea is so perfect in shape, style, symmetry, quality of feather, colour, etc., as the Border Fancy. His neck and shoulders are not out of joint like the Belgian and Scotch Fancy. He is not burdened with a crest the weight of an umbrella, like a Norwich crest, which makes some visitors to shows term them monstrosities. His legs are placed securely and more in conformity to the rest of his body than his cousin the Yorkshire, he has no frills, no long loose thigh feathers, and no artificial colouring of his Sunday best suit, which he wears when out at show, like the Norwich, etc. I must pull up, in case I get into hot water with some of you next time we meet, as many of your members are quite as enthusiastic of their own particular variety as I am of our wee gem.

A HEATED CONTROVERSY.

Some have but a very faint idea of the Border's early origin, and how he came to be called by that name. The present Border Fancy Club was formed in the year 1890, as a result of a controversy in the Press. It was opened up by the leading fanciers in Scotland as a protest against English fanciers styling them the Cumberland Fancy. They had for at least thirty years been bred and exhibited as Common Canaries in Langholm and the surrounding districts on the Scottish border, as well as a few on the English. No doubt the latter would think Common Canary a very unappropriate name for such a pleasing and perfect variety, and therefore they thought to name it Cumberland Fancy, maintaining at first that they had bred them longest in their district. The Scotchmen, always ready to stand up for their rights, held out against it, and proved that it had been bred and shown on the Scottish borders previously. Some very heated arguments were advanced from both sides, which were both instructive and amusing. The Scotchmen fell in with their English friends to the extent that it was desirable that the bird should bear an appropriate name, or one applicable to both sides, as they felt sure that some counties on the Scottish side held a prior claim as being the longest breeders, and we are indebted to the esteemed President of the B.F.C.C., Mr. Richardson, for suggesting the name of "Border Fancy," stating that such a name was applicable to the whole Border district and not merely a portion of it. To him also we owe to a great extent the formation of the B.F.C.C., its rules, etc. This controversy raged for nearly a year; finally the Scotchmen formed the "B.F.C." Club, and their opponents the Cumberland Fancy Club, but later they amalgamated, and since then the bird has been known as the Border Fancy Canary. You will see from this that this variety has, like all the others, had its ups and downs, also that this is no new variety. To my mind it is the nearest approach to the original wild Canary, from which all show varieties have sprung. I have therefore the fullest confidence in recommending it as one of the most perfect, jaunty, and charming of any of our Canaries.

NOW WIDELY SPREAD.

The Border Fancy may now be found in every county of Scotland, England, Wales, in Ireland, and some of our Colonies, and rightly so, as it is well adapted from its hardiness to withstand any climate. It is very hardy, easily bred, and its close fitting feather makes it a favourite wherever shown. The essential points are type and quality for first consideration, colour and markings take the second. All these points have to be carefully bred for, and are only reached through study, trials, and disappointments. Failure may meet your efforts, where you look for success, but you must not be disheartened with a little knock-back now and again. Canary breeding is made up with petty annoyances and difficulties, all sent to strengthen us, and teach us self-control, patience, and perseverance. Such trials lead us to know our hobby better, and show us wherein we have erred.

CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS.

The general appearance of a Border Fancy is that of a clean cut, lightly made, compact, sprightly, close-feathered, smallish Canary, showing no tendency to roughness, frilling, flatness, or dulness in feather or movements. It should give one the impression of fine quality and general symmetry. The head should be small, round, and neat; beak fine, eyes bold and bright; neck rather fine, and free, to be proportionate to head and body; back well filled, and nicely rounded, running in almost a straight line, from a gentle rise, over the shoulders to the front of tail; chest corresponding, neither heavy nor prominent; gradually tapering away towards vent; wings compact, carried close on the back, meeting all the way down and not overlapping at tips; legs of medium length, showing little or no thigh, fine and in harmony with other points; feet corresponding; size not to exceed 5½ in.; plumage close, firm, and fine in quality, presenting a smooth, glossy, silky appearance, entirely free from frill or roughness; tail compact and narrow, and nicely rounded and well filled in at vent; colour rich, soft, mellow, and pure, as level in tint as possible, showing neither hardness nor roughness. Colour fed birds are debarred by rules. Position—semi-erect, standing at a fine easy pose, at an angle of 45 degrees; carriage gay and jaunty, with a fine free movement of neck and pose of head. Health and condition have due weight when counting up points. From the foregoing you will be able to gather what constitutes a good Border Fancy, and once you breed one up to these points of excellence you have done a great deed, something to warm your heart and feel proud of.

NOT EASY TO BREED.

I have heard breeders of other varieties state that it is as easy to breed Borders as Sparrows. No doubt they are very prolific, but on the other hand, it is quite as difficult to breed a good one, as many have found to their vexation. Within recent years birds have become more uniform in size and symmetry. Sometimes we see a large one, but such seldom get into the prize list, which is quite correct, for a bird over standard length loses the general style and sprightliness. We have also occasionally one on the small side, but I rather prefer the latter, providing it has quality of feather, and properly laid on wings, a point where a large percentage of birds fail, and to my mind one of the worst faults. Many only meet at tip of wings and leave a gutter or openness between, others are loosely carried, some are too tight, and many cross badly. The different varieties exhibited are Clears, Yellow, and Buff, Fouls, Unevens, Evenly-marked, and Greens; the two latter are coming rapidly into prominence. Cinnamons are still scarce, but judging from the application for stock birds, they will soon be a force to reckon with, as to my mind a perfect Cinnamon, either self or marked, is a great attraction on the show bench, and is admired by most breeders. Having given a definition of the breed in general, I will now state how to pair them to produce as near as possible the coveted medal winner.

HOW TO BREED.

In the first place, never pair two birds together showing the same fault, or you are establishing a point which is not easily got rid of. The most rapid and sure way to succeed, is, at starting, to place yourself in the hands of some fancier who breeds his own show birds, and select from him as many pairs as may suit your requirements. Get him to write their full pedigree for future guidance, also ask him how he would pair them, if breeding them himself. You have then the benefit of his experience, you will then know what such pairs will throw, and may expect a few good ones. Whereas, in buying one bird here and another there, although to all appearance they look well matched, the blood does not blend, and it takes longer to breed a winner when buying from all and sundry. A good start spells success, and a lot of trouble can be avoided by a happy first selection. After you see how such birds throw their young, you will be more fitted to grapple with the difficulty yourself. If not, the breeder will again assist you with a few hints. Many birds produce young faulty in head, thick and heavy in neck, or flat on back, too thick in front, or on the other hand open and thin. I have already pointed out the faults in wing carriage. Some are too high in leg, some fail in carrying the tail straight from the body, having a tendency to drop or circle towards perch, or perhaps open at end, which is termed fish-tailed. Many you will find are away from type and carriage, and some weeds may be expected from nearly every pair, which should be sold as singers; they will never improve, as I find a young bird taking the perch is like boys—father of the man.

(To be continued.)

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THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

A Paper read by Mr. Barraclough before the Hyde and Dis. Ornithological Society.

To-night I have the pleasure to read a paper on the Norwich Plainhead, not with the direct intention of giving you an object lesson, but purely to give my own opinion, and to create a discussion between myself and fellow members. To commence with, I will deal with the preparation for breeding. I find, that by allowing Nature to take its own course to a great extent, so far as conditioning is concerned, is by far the most successful way. A bird that is forced into condition at short notice has not the stamina of one that gradually comes into condition. My contention is that a forced bird is all fits and starts, and very uncertain, but a bird that is brought on gradually, say, by giving a little mixed seed, and egg meat about once each week, commencing six or eight weeks before you pair up, gets that stamina which is so essential during the breeding season. A little green food, such as watercress, is very beneficial, and about this time of the year it is eaten with a relish, and also assists Nature during the process of changing the blood, through which every healthy bird has to go in spring time. By following this simple method of preparation you will find it of service during the breeding season.

THE MATING OF STOCK.

Now as to the pairing-up of the stock. I have no particular fancy for colour on the cock side, either yellow or buff. What I contend is this, that if you get substance and colour on the cock side, with type and quality on the hen side, you cannot get very far wrong, that is, if your birds are off good stock, but I do insist on having size on the cock side, for no doubt you are all aware that a large hen has a great tendency to be sluggish and lazy. Don't, however, have your hens too small, just a medium size and well developed.

IN-BREEDING AND DOUBLE BUFFING.

In-breeding I detest, as eventually it weakens the birds' intellect. It does not always do this in the first instance, but it is bound to come sooner or later, and the ruination of a good many fanciers is caused through adopting this course, and not understanding it. I know of a few instances where such a thing has occurred, and I put this down to bad judgment. Double buffing I don't believe in, for if size is wanted a change of blood is preferable. I also hold the same opinion about double-yellowing, for, in my opinion, neither is profitable and very poor progress, for usually it ends in utter failure. What is wanted is a bold-fronted cock, with plenty of depth, well moulded, and a sound colour, mated to a short, well-feathered, typical hen, and if your birds are off good stock, you can depend upon getting a few youngsters of the right sort.

THE GREEN BLOOD.

Of course, I may just mention that it is essential to have green blood in your room, but don't go to extremes with it, for I firmly believe that this, and double-buffing, is where the coarse feather comes from, but by using green blood judiciously, it becomes a very important factor in the building up of a strain. My method of using the green, when I require it, is to mate it up to clear-bred clears, as by doing this it has a tendency to counterbalance the density of blood in the green, which, of course, must be a cock, yellow-green preferred. Therefore, you don't get many dark-struck birds, and what clears and lightly marked birds you do get are extremely good in colour, especially the yellows, both cocks and hens. These birds are invaluable, for without them no fancier can expect to be successful on the show bench. Birds bred in this manner are very easily broken up, that is, their progeny soon revert back to the variegated and lightly ticked stage. These birds are good producers of colour, which is so essential in the Norwich Plainhead. Once you get it thoroughly installed in your strain the difficulty of getting colour is overgotten, for no amount of colour feed will fetch colour out if you have not got a fountain to work on; therefore, you must breed for colour, as well as feed for it.

CLEANLINESS NEEDED.

When nesting, see that all baskets, etc., are kept scrupulously clean, and free from red mite, or insect life of any kind, if you can avoid it, which is very difficult, I know, during the process of hatching and feeding. Give a good dose of Keating's insect powder in the basket, and also in the nest when you are giving the hen her eggs to sit, and don't be frightened to use plenty of it. A dust in the cage, so as to let it fall gently on the young ones, is also very good, for you all know prevention is better than cure, and that red mite is one of the greatest drawbacks we have to contend with in bringing up fine, healthy youngsters. As to the parting of young from their parents, I form my own opinion as when to remove them; some are much quicker than others at managing for themselves, but the longer you can let them stay with the hen the better they will be. Of course, I am assuming now that the parent birds are on their best manners, and not ill-using them.

WEANING AND MOULTING.

When the young are ready to be removed I believe in flying them in a large, roomy flight for about six weeks. This helps to develop their bodies, and get them strong and ready for the moult. After being in the flight six weeks I divide them out in twos, ready for moulting, commencing to give a little colour food, and working it up gradually to the desired strength, which I intend to be satisfactory for them. This I continue until the birds are well through the moult and ready for the show bench, then I gradually give them less of it, but the same strength as they were having during the height of their moult, and continue this throughout the show season, giving it to them twice a week. During this part of the year it is necessary that they should have the best of everything, and carefully watched, as you have nothing to lose, and a lot to gain.

After the paper had been read, numerous knotty questions were asked, and very satisfactorily answered. Mr. J. Matthews moved, and Mr. W. Shaw seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Barraclough, and this brought a very successful meeting to a close, all having enjoyed it immensely.

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STRAY NOTES ABOUT BIRDS.

By Claude St. John.

SEX OF MULE TO BREED WITH.

We have not yet quite done with the question concerning the fertility of Mules. So much the better. New interest in the matter cannot fail to arouse new questions, new investigations, new experiments, new fanciers, and, will it be, new *results*. Any way, the sum total will assuredly be new life and another fillip to the cage bird hobby, and the Mule Fancy in particular. The question has been raised as to which sex of Mule is the most likely to show proof of the fertility—or perhaps it would be better to say, to disprove the general belief in the utter sterility—of the race. Doubtless the next year or two will throw much light on this matter, and it would help greatly in this direction if every fancier who makes an experiment in breeding from Mules would make it a point to definitely and accurately mention the sexes of the birds mated together, as well as the result obtained. Hitherto experiments of this kind have been very much of a haphazard nature. The readiness with which hen Mules as a rule will brood young and feed them would appear to suggest that she was the sex to give the most satisfactory results, but only actual experiments with both sexes could really decide whether this is so or not.

A NOVEL MODE OF SEXING BIRDS.

There is quite a novel method of distinguishing the sex of birds which may form a fitting sequel to my last "Stray Note" upon the subject. It has this advantage, that it is said to be equally serviceable for every kind of bird or animal, irrespective of size or breed, or of the presence or otherwise of obvious external differences. Whether its success depends to any extent upon the nervous, or magnetic, temperament of the person trying it, I must leave each individual to discover for him or herself. I merely give the method for what it is worth, and on account of its novelty. The process was well-known many years ago as a phase of animal magnetism, and was referred to in a work on "Human Electricity," published about the middle of the last century. Briefly, the method is as follows: You take a piece of thread about half-a-yard long and thread it through a needle, then hold the two ends of the thread between the thumb and finger of one hand and hold the needle suspended over a silver coin—a florin for instance—keeping the point about an eighth of an inch above the surface of the coin, and hold the bird to be experimented upon in the other hand. If the bird is a male, the needle will swing diametrically across the coin; if a female it will swing in a circle round the coin. Now then, ye puzzled novices, these phenomena are distinct enough to be unmistakable. But pray do not anathematise your humble servant if it fails. It will, at any rate, be an interesting experiment.

BIRDS AND FRUIT.

Strange as it may seem, the usual connection between bird and fruit which we hear much about is that the safety of the latter, from a gardener's point of view, can only be assured by the destruction of the former, who are frequently accused of destroying crops wholesale. And yet comparatively few bird keepers appear to realise the fact that during the summer months they have abundance of delicacies at their command which would be vastly appreciated by the birds, and also aid in no small degree in bringing them through a healthy and good moult. In quite a number of cases the very best colour food British birds could have is a free and regular supply of the various small fruits which come into the market in succession all through the summer and autumn. The larger Thrushes and Starlings will consume quite a large amount of cherries and strawberries, and be all the better for the change, although the cages will require more careful attention, and a liberal supply of sawdust, which is much better than any sand at this season when giving fruit. The smaller Thrushes, Warblers, and most, if not all, the Hard-billed species are equally fond of the smaller berry-like fruits, such as currants, raspberries, bilberries, and the like, until such things as blackberries, elderberries, and privet berries are obtainable. Crush any of these fruits and notice the tenacious stain its juices leave behind. It is an object lesson in colour feeding, but as to whether it is morally wrong or right to utilise such stains to stain a bird's plumage from within must be left to the judgment of each individual. Do not be afraid if a bird appears relaxed when giving such fruits as those suggested. No harm will come of it. As a matter of fact, one will rarely, if ever, find a wild bird at this season that is not far more relaxed than any of our caged birds. Green peas are vastly appreciated by Hawfinches, Jays, and other birds of the Crow tribe, as well as a number of Parrots and Parrakeets.

THE HOUSING AND TREATMENT OF FOREIGN BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY.

By Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

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ARCHBISHOP TANAGER (*Tanagra ornata*).—Given space in which to exercise, all the *Tanagra* are alert and active birds, several of the species have the lightning-like movements of a Liothrix, and this species is certainly as active as any, and should be provided with a roomy cage in which to take exercise and display their beauties, half of which is lost if they have not space to take a short flight. Described from a living specimen at the London Zoo, which must be getting quite aged now, as it has been there many years, and is still vigorous. Adult male: Upper surface, olive green, darker on the upper back; lesser wing-coverts, bluish, edged with bright yellow, forming a broad bar of bright yellow when wing is closed (this is rather variable, being much mingled with olive green in some specimens); head, sides of face, throat, and breast, deep blue, merging into whitish on the abdomen; vent, yellowish; under tail-coverts, pale greenish-white; under wing-coverts, cream colour; bill, dark horn; legs and feet, deep brown, with a bluish sheen. Total length 7½in., tail 3in. Adult female: Similar as to plumage, but much duller, and with less blue on the throat and breast; her beak is shorter and also broader at the base than that of the male. Habitat: S.E. Brazil, where it frequents the woodland coastal districts, and, according to Burmeister, it lives near the settlements, not being at all shy, frequenting gardens and cultivated tracts as well as the wilder portions.

Tanagra abbas.—I do not remember to have seen a living specimen of this species, nor yet do I think it has so far been imported alive to this country. It is similar to *T. ornata*, but has a bright yellow band across each wing, and is brighter and more yellow on the under parts. Total length 6½in., tail 2⅞in. Female similar, but the hues of her plumage lack the brilliance of the male. Habitat: Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Tanagra cyanocephala.—A very handsome species, being principally dark olive above, washed with yellow; crown, blue; sides of head, blackish-brown; under surface, palish cinnamon-brown; flanks and ventral region, yellow, washed with olive; under wing-coverts, deep yellow; bill, dark horn; legs and feet, deep brown. Total length 6½in., tail 3in. Female similar, but less lustrous in plumage, and beak probably broader at the base and shorter. Habitat: According to the Brit. Museum Cat., Andes of Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela.

OLIVACEOUS TANAGER (*Tanagra olivicyanea*).—Similar to *T. cyanocephala*, but has the whole of the head and under-surface bright blue; bill, black; legs and feet, brown. Total length 7in., tail 2⅞in. According to the B.M.C., the female is similar, and its habitat is the Andes of Venezuela and Colombia.

THE STRIATED TANAGER (*Tanagra bonariensis*).—This is an exceedingly handsome species, of which a very fine specimen is on view in the small birds' house at the London Zoo, from which the description, as under, is taken. It is an alert and confiding bird, and rivals in the resplendency and variety of its hues the genus *Callistæ*. Adult male: Lores, eye region, and whole of the back, rich black; head, edges of wings, and tail, blue; rump, glowing orange; breast, deep orange mingling into yellow on the abdomen; upper mandible, horn colour; lower mandible, whitish-horn; legs and feet, deep brown. Total length 7in., tail 2⅜in. Adult female: According to the B.M. Cat., she is greyish-brown; beneath, paler, tinged with yellowish-olive on the rump and throat. The B.M.C. gives South Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentine Republic, and Bolivia as the habitat of this fine species.

DARWIN'S TANAGER (*Tanagra darwini*).—Somewhat similar to *T. bonariensis*, but may readily be distinguished by the olive back of the male. Adult male: Lores and eye mark, dull black; back, olive green; rump, saffron-yellow; head and neck, blue; wing and tail, blackish-olive, edged with blue; abdomen, yellow; upper mandible, horn; lower mandible, whitish horn colour; legs and feet, deep brown. Total length 6¾in., tail 2⅞in. The B.M. Cat. describes the female as brownish-olive on the upper surface; rump, greenish; below, paler; abdomen, tinged with yellow. Habitat: According to Museum Cat., Bolivia, Peru, and Western Ecuador.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SOME PROBLEMS OF COLOURATION IN BIRD PLUMAGE.

By the Rev. D. Percy Harrison.

Notes on a Lecture delivered before the Members of the Swindon C.B.S on April 17th, 1907.

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BLACK-HEADED, OR REED BUNTING?

There always seems to be some confusion of the Black-headed Bunting and the Reed Bunting by the novice, chiefly, no doubt, because the latter species, as well as the former, is possessed with a deep black head and face. But I was very greatly surprised to read in my daily paper one day last week in an article by a well-known writer and naturalist such words as these: "Wander along by the side of a stream and you will probably see a Black-headed Bunting. It is not a migrant—at any rate, not in England. . . . At this time of the year it forces itself upon your notice." The writer then goes on to describe how the bird feigns injury to draw the intruder away from a spot where his presence is deemed undesirable. All this obviously applies to the Reed Bunting, which is, undoubtedly, the bird the writer had in mind. The Reed Bunting is resident with us all the year round, but the Black-headed Bunting, which is quite a different species, is a rare visitor to the country. Save for the black head, which is common to both species, they are so distinct that even were both species common with us the veriest novice need not confuse them if he remembered the fact that the Reed Bunting in general plumage of body is at a glance not unlike a common House Sparrow, whereas the Black-headed Bunting is of a decidedly yellowish tint on the under surface, which at sight makes it appear more like a Yellowhammer.

NUPTIAL PLUMAGE IN BRITISH BIRDS.

One so rarely finds any mention made of this subject, that it may surprise many to know that there really is such a thing as a state of nuptial plumage in most—and probably in all—our British cage birds. Except in a few British birds which are not usually kept as cage birds, there is certainly none of the remarkable changes in form which are so characteristic of some of our foreign cage birds, which may account for the latter being generally noticed and the former almost entirely ignored. But a perceptible change, or, rather, increment, of colour takes place, and if this were closely observed it might help the fancier to tell more truly when his birds were in good condition for mating. Note the steely blue glimmer grow upon the Bullfinch's black wings and tail, and the warmth and tone come into the plumage of each variety generally, increasing the contrast between the different colours, and in most of the Finches there will be a perceptible change in the colour of the beak. The Goldie loses its black satin and is subtly suffused with a pinkish tinge; the Linnet puts on a somewhat leaden hue, the Chaffinch assumes a decidedly blue tint, etc., etc. None of these trivial points should be allowed to escape the notice of the fancier.

SEXES OF DIFFERENT BROODS.

As regards our wild birds, some of the earlier writers on ornithology held very definite opinions on this subject. At one time it appears to have been largely believed that the first brood of the season of each pair of birds consisted almost solely of male birds, and the later broods contained a majority of hens, the latest broods, except in rare cases, being solely composed of females. How far this may be correct I would not attempt to assert, but that there is some colour for the theory must be patent to everyone who has hand-reared birds to any extent. A greater proportion of males will invariably be found in broods at the beginning of the season, and the reverse at the latter end of the year. It would be interesting, however, for breeders to make a point of carefully noting this subject to ascertain how far the theory is endorsed by birds bred in captivity. A correct comparison may not be quite possible, as a fairly high proportion of the first clutches of Canaries' eggs are lost by a too early appearance, and a variety of other causes. Still, even with these set-offs, I fancy more cocks are produced in the early part of the season, and that clutches of eggs laid from the middle of June onwards show a very small proportion of the sterner sex.

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WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

Protecting Wild Birds.

In every county there is a list of wild birds protected by law, and although this has no doubt helped considerably to prevent wanton destruction, one is inclined to think that the growth of public opinion, and the spread of Nature study, has done more for the birds than protection by law.

The Singing of the Thrushes.

This spring and summer the Thrushes have sung much more than usual, and no doubt the inclement weather has had something to do with it. The bird that will sing in winter foretelling the snow storm that will cover the hills with a mantle of white cannot resist the pleasure of singing about "more wet, more wet" in the month of June. For once we should dearly like to be pining for the loud song of this prophet.

The Short-eared Owl.

It is erroneous to suppose that all Owls fly only by night, and live in barns and hollow trees. The Short-eared Owl is an exception to the general rule; it loves open heaths and moorlands, meadows and downs, and cultivated fields. It doubtless does a considerable amount of good, feeding chiefly upon mice, rats, reptiles and large insects. It hawks over the ground almost as much in broad daylight as it does at night.

The Jealous Wren.

The tiny cock-tailed Wren is just now fussy and jealous, for among the bundles of faggots at the back of the farm buildings she has a brood of tiny youngsters. They were hatched and reared in a beautiful nest, built in the ivy at the back of the wood house, and as soon as they could fly she took them over to the faggot stack, as possibly being more secure there than roaming about. If one approaches too near she commences to scold, her "tick, tack" sounding like an old-fashioned kitchen clock. There is no prettier sight in bird land than a brood of these tiny atoms returning to roost in the old house; one hasn't the heart to give them a fright by placing the hand over the entrance and capturing the whole family.

Increase of Woodpeckers.

I am inclined to think the Woodpeckers are slightly more numerous than formerly. A certain wood had contained several of them this last year or two; in bygone times they were rarely seen or heard there. One can generally depend upon getting a sight of the gorgeous Green Woodpecker upon a common not far away, and throughout the pine woods and tracts of common land in Surrey they are fairly plentiful. At one period all Woodpeckers had a rough time of it, as they were frequently shot at sight as being destructive to timber, but it is now a generally accepted fact that although a tree to all appearances may be perfectly sound, it is not so if the Woodpecker bores it for nesting purposes.

The Persistent Yellowhammer.

Repetition in most cases means monotony. The Yellow Bunting repeats his short song over and over again, note for note, trill for trill, and yet we linger under the hedgerow, with the sweet scent of the briar and the newly-mown hay filling the air, and listen to his song without one thought of displeasure. If we were in a room, we should possibly think otherwise; but out in the fields the wind modulates the sound, so that at times only part of the song reaches us in full. As a songster, the Yellowhammer sings almost as long as the Lark. We heard him in the early spring, we hear him now in the summer, and in the autumn, when the golden harvest is being gathered, he will sing to us from the topmost spray of some blackberry-laden bramble.

The Food of the Perigrine.

Along the southern coast line we have still a pair or two of Peregrine Falcons nesting in spite of having the almost annual visit from egg collectors. These beautiful Falcons are very conservative, and will nest yearly in the same spot even after being robbed time after time. They would undoubtedly soon increase if left to themselves. If this were so I am afraid Pigeon fanciers would soon have something to say upon the matter, for it is common knowledge that many a high-bred long-distance flier has furnished a meal for this magnificent bird. Many of the wild Doves which nest in the cliffs also sooner or later fall victims. Occasionally Partridges, Thrushes, Jackdaws and Gulls are taken, the two latter only in cases of necessity, for they are perfectly safe when Pigeons are to be had.

The Home of the Shrike.

The excitement of birds' nesting is almost over, and the foliage is now so thick that it is difficult to locate some of the smaller nests. This is fortunate for some of the birds, for the early structures are easily detected, and suffer in consequence. The Red-backed Shrike is a late builder; if it was not so, the species would hardly exist, for the nest is almost as large as a Blackbird's, and is seldom hidden very securely. There appears to be three distinct types of eggs, the ground colours of which are pale green, creamy white, and salmon colour. The pale green eggs are usually marked with olive-brown, and the others with reddish-brown. All varieties are exceedingly handsome, and are as pleasing to look upon as any of the eggs of our smaller birds. A clutch I found recently of the pale green type had a ring of marking round the larger end, and, so even were they, that they looked almost unnatural, and as though they had been put on by mechanical means.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, groceries, canary seed, walnut overmantel, boots, clothing, anything useful in house, will give good exchange in prize-bred Borders, or sell from 12/6 per pair.—Greenhorn, 101, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

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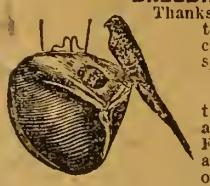
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Birds are such masters of the voice that it would seem as though they need no other means of expression; yet many of them make use of their wings for this purpose. When a Grouse bursts up from our feet, the noise so disconcerts its pursuer for an instant that the bird has time to get a good start. This does not compare in volume or interest, however, with the loud muffled drumming of the cock Grouse in the woods, which is a call to its mate and a challenge to rivals. Various other birds have the same habit. Turkeys scrape their wings along the ground, and in spring Night Hawks make a strange booming noise in the air with their wings. As the breeding season begins, the male Snipe commences calling for a mate. These calls are always uttered upon the wing, and consist of a piping and clicking note, often repeated, and accompanied at intervals by a humming or bleating, not unlike a goat. Hence the Irish provincial name "Heather Bleat" for this bird. Whenever this sound is emitted, the bird is diving from a great height with extreme velocity and giving a trembling motion to the wings, which are peculiarly formed, so as to produce a drumming noise.—Sent by HARRY MILLER (age 11), 35, Oxford Street, Warrington.

* A Tame Thrush.

A friend of mine was once sitting reading in a room. The hall door was open, the day being hot. His reading was interrupted by a sharp, plaintive chirp in the hall. On going there he found a young Thrush, which had probably fallen or been pulled out of the nest by its mother's claw. He took it in and gave it some soppy bread and one or two worms. He kept it in the kitchen, allowing it to do what it pleased. But, although the door and windows were constantly open, it never made an attempt to fly away. It used to come down from its favourite perch and hop about the table, waiting till it was fed, and then fly off again. One day it somehow managed to fly up the stairs into the bathroom. The bath was, unfortunately, full of water, and the young bird, while perching on the side, overbalanced and fell into the water. It drowned before it could be rescued.—H. V. HUMMEL (age 13), 152, Woodsley Road, Leeds.

* Bird Life in Douglas.

The east coast of the Isle of Man, sheltered from the prevailing winds, is much frequented by birds. The parish of Onchan, embracing Groudle Shore, and the delightful cove known as Onchan Harbour, is the best observatory in the island. It is better wooded than most parts, and is covered with wild shrubbery and verdure down to the water's edge. Here in May I met the Song and Missel Thrush, Blackbird, Starling, Rook, Jackdaw, Cuckoo, Chaffinch, Robin, etc., all whose names are familiar to every English-speaking person. The Missel Thrush—third of our trio of common breeding Thrushes—has now ceased singing, and the Cuckoo, although it calls when flying, is far more heard than seen; and I find as a rule that English birds are much shyer and more difficult to observe than ours, though I cannot account for this apparent difference. The Song Thrush and Robin are, however, exceptions. The Bullfinch and Goldfinch, due to the persistent trapping, are now getting scarce, which leaves the Chaffinch as the best dressed, most musical bird among the common members of this family. One cannot wander far without hearing the "Pink, pink" of this bird. It's song is a bright bit of bird music—a song of rather hurried notes, resembling a Wren-like thrill. Since May the season of song has been waning. Larks do not warble so often; the Brown Linnet, the Yellowhammer, the Tits and Wrens, would have their love notes worn by the cares of providing for young birds. Tree-creepers have arrived, and other specimens of rare visitors who may be future migrants.—Sent by F. GILL, 20, Drumgold Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

LEEDS.

The usual week-end contest again took place at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, in which thirteen good birds competed for three prizes. There was a fair attendance to hear the birds sing, and they sang well, all being satisfied with the result. 1, Brook; 2, Galley; 3, Ward.—F. RAPER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing at the Bird in Hand, Broughton-lane, Attercliffe, on July 14th. Twenty-two birds sang for three prizes, two minutes hanging. Soldier Jack 66, Watson 65, Booker 60. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Cocking. A meeting of the Club was held at night, when several rules were read over to members and intending members. Number of members up to date, 33.—F. WATSON, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

BARROW.

The Neal Feather Show of the Barrow C.B.A. was held in the Greengate Temperance Hall on July 13th. There were 107 entries, which, considering the bad season experienced by breeders in the district, was decidedly good. The quality also was well up to the average. Two silver cups were competed for, Mr. Galt winning that for the best Border Fancy with his winning buff, whilst that for the best bird in the show fell to Mr. Cherry's yellow Norwich. Mr. J. H. Wynn judged, and his awards gave the greatest satisfaction. The arrangements were ably carried out by the committee under the direction of Mr. Willison, the Hon. Sec.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Henderson; 2, Crossby; 3, Mossop; vhc, Plumb; hc, Anderson; c, Seward. BUFF (12): 1, Henderson; 2, Mossop; 3, Crossby; vhc, Plumb; hc, Anderson; c, Seward. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 2, cup best in show, Cherry; 3, Seward; vhc, Anderson; hc, Mossop. Four birds in this class were passed as buffs. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Cherry; 3, Anderson; vhc, Wma. BOR. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Galt; 2, Mossop; 3, Price; vhc, c, Morrell. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, cup best Border, Galt; 2, hc, Price; 3, Mossop. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, Wagstaff; 2, Plumb. BUFF (2): 1, Plumb; 2, Wagstaff. A.O.V. (2): 1, Plumb; 2, Jackson. BRIT. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (1): 1, Wagstaff; 2, Plumb; 3, Winn; vhc, Metcalfe. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Scott; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Fryer. A.O.V. (2): 1, Cherry. A.O.V. NOT HOUSE-MOULTED (2): 1, Cherry; 2, Wagstaff. NOVICE YORKS. (14): 1, spl, 2, Henderson; 3, vhc, hc c, Hayes. BOR. (8): 1, 3, Holroyd; 2, Danson. NOR. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Jackson; 2, Danson; 3, Fryer.

CUMBERLAND Y.C.C.

The members held their Young Bird Show in the Forester's Hall, Whitehaven, on July 12th. Entries were a falling off as compared with last year, but the general excellence of the birds staged showed a decided improvement on last year, which more than compensated for the short entry. Messrs. Irwin, Stewart, Douglas, and Tweedie put down some good teams, many of the specimens being a credit to the breeders. Unfortunately, owing to the bad season experienced in this district, several members were unable to exhibit, but I was pleased to hear of a decided change for the better in the second round. Mr. J. Nixon, of Maryport, judged, and gave every satisfaction in his awards, which were as follows:—

YELL.: 1, 2, spl for best bird, Irwin, leader a nice, slim, well-drawn, reachy youngster, good length and carriage; 2, rare shape and head, nicely filled neck and back, grand quality, might have gone up; 3, vhc, Douglas, another grand pair of slim well-drawn birds, somewhat spoiled by the moult; hc, c, Stewart. BUFF: 1, 3, Irwin, nice quality and shape, good position, grand head, neck, and wing carriage, third excellent carriage, but fails in head; 2, vhc, Tweedie, nice lengthy bird, grand shape and quality, but shade stout; hc, c, Stewart. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Stewart, leader a gem for shape, grand quality and colour, nicely cleaned away at waist, bonny head, neck, and wing carriage, must have pressed very hard for best bird in the Show, eye and wing marked, third fine lengthy bird, shade stout; 2, hc, Irwin, slim, grand quality and shape, fails in length to winner; c, Tweedie. BUFF: 1, 3, Stewart, clinking Yorkie, rare shape and length, excellent quality and style, A1 position, third very similar but not the length, a little soft; 2, Irwin, another good Yorkie, well moulded, good length, but not so compact; vhc, c, Douglas; hc, Joyce. CINN. MKD.: 1, Lewthwaite, nice leggy, stylish yellow hen, marked on breast, good shape, A1 position; 2, Tweedie, buff, marked both wings, good length and quality, nice shape but shade heavy; 3, vhc, Irwin, variegated buff, nice quality, not so well drawn as leaders; c, Douglas. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Stewart, real good team, first rattling Yellowhammer, grandly marked, excellent shape, A1 condition, second good Linnet, rare type, markings, and colour; 3, c, Pearson, well marked young Thrush, grand colour and carriage, moves nicely, good shape; hc, J. Harkness.

HARTLEPOOL.

On the 13th inst the Hartlepools' Cage Bird Society held their Nest Feather Show at the Cleveland Hall, Hartlepool. The exhibits were confined to the members of the society, and some excellent specimens of birds were shown. The exhibition was regarded as a great success, there being about 70 entries. Mr. A. Meynell, West Hartlepool, officiated as hon. secretary, and in the absence of Mr. Hill, Mr. Ben Evans, of West Hartlepool, adjudicated, his awards being well received. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2 Williams. BUFF: 1, Woodhead, 2, Ronald; 3 Ratel. TKD. YELL.: 1, Woodhead; 2, Williams; 3, Ronald. BUFF: 1, Ferguson; 2, 3, Ratel. YELLOW.: 1, 3, Chapman; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Meynell; 3, Ronald. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chapman; 2, 3, Pillar. BUFF: 1, 2, Pillar. A.V., ANY AGE: 1, Meynell; 2, Pillar; 3, Ratel. MULE (NOT FEATHER): 1, 2, Waid. MULE, ANY AGE: 1, Robinson; 2, Ronald. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Tait, Goldfinch; 2, Ratel, Bullfinch; 3, Hillier, Goldfinch. LINNET: 1, Tait; 2, Hillier; 3, Ronald. GREENFINCH: 1, Robinson; 2, Pillar; 3, Odair. A.V. SEED-EATERS: 1, Ronald; 2, Hillier; 3, Tait. FOR. BIRDS: 1, Mustard; 2, Mrs. Lewis; 3, Everton. CLASS FOR NON-MEMBERS: 1, Appleton. The special prize for the most entries was won by Mr. Ronald, and for the best bird in the Show, Mr. Chapman.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LOFTUS.

A Linnet Singing Contest by the Loftus, etc., L.S.S. took place at T. Wood's, Carlinhow, on July 6th, when some good scoring was recorded. 1, Womack; 2, Dobson; 3, Fox. On July 13th, in a field belonging to Mr. P. W. Dalling, White Horse Hotel, when the best singing of the season was done. 1, Havelock; 2, Welford; 3, Womack. T. Deadon judge, J. C. Havelock timekeeper.—M. DODSON, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet quality singing contests July 13th, at the King's Head, when nineteen birds sang for three prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth. 1st, 2nd, Fisher, 3 Clegg. July 14th, twenty-four of the best pieced birds sang for three prizes. 1st, Summers; 2nd Nicholls; 3rd, Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle, Clegg, Cooper, and Worth. As birds are falling off in moult, we have decided to give up Saturday matches until further notice.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL.

A grand Linnet contest will be held July 26th at the New Inn, St. Philip's. Five good prizes fifteen minutes hanging. Competition to draw on Friday night, 9.30.—W. SHEPPARD.—ADVT.

A Goldfinch match for £5 was sung between Aaron Moxham's "Rags" and Mr. Morgan's "Tenner." The match took place at Mr. Taylor Phipp's, Kingswood. Score:—"Tenner," 9 score 15; "Rags," 4 score, Morgan winning by 5 score 15.—W. SHEPPARD.

BLACKBURN.

The final contest of the Blackburn Lark F.A., held at the Good Samaritan Inn on July 13th, proved a big success, there being some splendid singing. Twenty-one prizes were competed for, the following being the order:—1, J. Sheffield, 9.44; 2, R. Sheffield, 9.35; 3, Walmsley, 9.16; 4, Fecitt, 9.15; 5, Airey, 8.15; 6, Mercer, 8.12; 7, Hayhurst, 7.59; 8, Pollard, 7.56; 9, Halliday, 7.20; 10, W. Markham, 7.15; 11, J. Holden, 6.58; 12, Linskey, 6.55; 13, Rothwell, 6.53; 14, Fletcher, 6.50; 15, Knowles, 6.49; 16, J. Jackson, 5.10; 17, Abbott, 5.8; 18, Holden, 5.5; 19, Pollard, 5.1; 20, P. Markham, 4.17. The gold medal presented by that good ornithologist, Mr. David Bentley, of Great Harwood, for the most time put in the season's club sings, was won by R. Sheffield, and the special, given by the editor of CAGE BIRDS to the best bird that has not previously won a prize, was secured by R. Airey. Timers, H. Ainsworth and J. Walmsley.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

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WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show July 13th, at the Vine Hotel, Prince's-square. The show room is an excellent one, and very suitable for the purpose. There was a very fair entry, considering that several prominent members have experienced a disastrous breeding season, and the quality throughout was good. Norwich contained several promising youngsters which should certainly be heard of again. Mr. Garfield staged a clinking head-marked yellow, on which many envious eyes were cast. It was very typical, well up in size, and of good quality, and scored a popular win. Mr. F. J. Weaver had but a very nice clear buff, not over large, but grand type and quality. Yorkshires came up well, the clear or ticked class being one of the best we have seen. Mr. I. Jones won nicely with real good yellow, which was also awarded special for best Canary in the Show. This was a very smart youngster, of rare length, grand position, nicely drawn, and lovely feather. Mr. F. Howes was very close up with a grand buff, which we liked very much. Third and fourth were also very creditable exhibits. In A.O.V. Mr. Weaver showed two nice Cinnamons, and Mr. Hughes a pair of typical Borders. In Mules Mr. Tonks put down a nice team, a Goldfinch-Bullfinch leading, of fair size and good colour, but rather rough on the back. Second, a very fine Siskin-Canary, good size and colour, well marked, and in fine condition, a bird that should do well later on, third a Greenie-Bullie, nice size and shape, very steady, but lacking colour. Old Mules were headed by Mr. Weaver's variegated yellow Goldie-Canary, which was in the pink of condition, and took special for best in Mule or British section. Mr. Tonks was close up with a nice Goldie-Greenie and buff variegated Goldie-Canary. British were not so numerous as expected, several of the members having their birds in moult; still, they were able to stage some very creditable exhibits, and in grand condition. The winning Goldie is of good size and shape, has an excellent blaze, and good tanning. There was a fair attendance of visitors, and the secretary informed us he had three applications for membership as a result of the Show. The awards were made by Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on Trent).

NOR. CL. OR TKD.: I, 2, 3, vhc, Weaver; hc, Garfield. MKD.: 1, 2, Garfield; 3, vhc, Weaver. VAR.: 1, vhc, Tonks; 2, 3, Weaver; hc, Willowbhy. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Jones; 2, hc, c, Howes. MKD.: 1, Howes; 2, Jones. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Weaver; 2, vhc, Hughes. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, 2, Millincamp. MULE, YOUNG: 1, 2, 3, Tonks; vhc, Weaver. MULE, OLD: 1, spl, Weaver; 2, 3, Tonks. BRIT. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Tonks; 2, Osborne; 3, vhc, hc, Weaver. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Weaver; 2, Willowbhy; 3, Osborne. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Tonks, nice Siskin and Yellowhammer; 3, Osborne, a Redpoll; vhc, Weaver, a Linnet. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, Steadman, nice young Nor., too late to compete in their own classes.

LUTON.

First Feather Show held July 10th, with an entry of 90 exhibits, some excellent young birds making their debut. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Cherry, and the prize money was paid to the winners during the show. Mr. J. Robson judged.

YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Ward, clear, rich colour, nice size and quality, second heavily marked, also good quality; 3, Webb, marked head, excellent type and colour; 4, Bennett, good size and colour, a shade too long; hc, Horwood; c, Pedder. BUFF: 1, Litchfield Bros., well made bird throughout, the correct type; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Ward, full of bloom, third we liked much; hc, Thring; c, Webb. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, hc, Sapwell, excellent stamp of birds; 2, Webb, wing marked, nice length, and correct type; 3, Reddall, clear, full of nerve, and straight as a rule, if well moulted should do some winning; vhc, Cherry; c, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, Webb, very nice ticked bird of correct length, stands well on perch; 2, 3, 4, Sapwell, cinnamon marked, of rich quality and correct type, third bit rough, commenced to moult; vhc, hc, Cherry; c, Bloomfield. CRESTED NOR.: 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Bennett, a fine team of youngsters, first marked on wing, with nicely formed crest, second green, has a rare crest for a baby, we shall be surprised if he does not beat the first bird next time they meet; 3, vhc, Litchfield Bros., clear, nicely formed dark crest. CRESTBRED: 1, Bennet, marked, good head and quality of feather; 2, Verran, good green; 3, Litchfield Bros., nice stamp of bird; 4, Rose; vhc, Smith and Aldridge. A.O.V.: 1, Cherry, very smart green Yorkshire, a future winner, we believe; 2, 3, Parkins, couple of lovely Seifert Rollers. MULE: 1, 4, Webb, two Greenfinch Mules, of nice quality; 2, Witmus, dark Goldfinch; 3, vhc, Smith, both similar to second. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Cooper, very nice Goldfinch, excellent blaze and body colour, clear win; 2, Titmus, another very nice Goldfinch; 3, Bloomfield, Bullfinch of rare size; 4, Bontwood, smart Goldfinch; vhc, Litchfield; hc, c, Webb. A.O.V. BRIT.; 1, Miss Parkin, very brilliant coloured Greenfinch, and very tame; 2, Horwood, another nice Greenfinch; 3, Ward, fair Waxwing; 4, Smith, Crossbill; vhc, Cooper; c, Litchfield. FOREIGN: 1, 4, Cooper, two very fine and rare Blue-bonnet Parrakeets, in rare fettle; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Warren Vernon, a lovely team of Foreigners, viz., Blue Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Superb Tanager, and Bronze-headed Troupial, all in excellent feather and well staged; c, Meadow. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Gregory, well made buff; 2, Dillingham, equally good; 3, Thring, very nice marked bird. YORKS.: 1, 2, Fountain, couple of good cinnamon marked buffs; 3, Stokes, good clear; 4, vhc, Heady; hc, Rhodes; c, Dunham.

CROOK.

The second open show of the Stanley, Crook, Peases West and District Fanciers' Society was held with great success on July 13th, in a field belonging to Mr. Proudfoot, at Bankfoot. The hon. secretary, Mr. John Homer, of Roddymoor, had the managerial reins well in hand, and a large body of committeemen worked to the best advantage. Mr. Jos. Templey judged, and we heard no dissatisfaction whatever at his awards.

NOR. (12): 1, r, H. Wilson, fine bouncing bird of good type and quality; 2, Aters, nice style and well up in colour; 3, Rutherford and Bright, slightly smaller but all there for quality; vhc, Siddle and Dawson; hc, Clough; c, Brown. YORKS (5): 1, 2, res, Rutherford and Bright, fine trio of nicely drawn, good feathered, stylish birds; 3, Siddle and Dawson, off colour a bit, when in condition all there; hc, Brown. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (17): 1, 2, 3, Rutherford and Bright; r, Clough; vhc, Dobinson; hc, Robinson and Dixon. BRIT.: 1, special for best bird in show, C. D. Cooper; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, c, Foster; vhc, r, Dobinson. A.O.V. (12): 1, Wilson; 2, Aters; 3, Robinson and Dixon; r, Siddle and Dawson; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Campbell. MEMBERS (9): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Clough; c, Campbell. BRIT. (7): 1, special, 2, 3, r, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, hc, Clough.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Nest Feather Show June 29th. This show was held in the Oldhmu Hall, Renshaw-st., Liverpool, Mr. A. G. Davis, of Manchester, placing the awards. YORKS YELL.: 1, McNulty; 2, Wright; 3, vhc, Hunt; hc, Handley; c, Waters. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, McNulty; 3, Handley, vhc, Wright. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Waters. YORKS. GREEN YELL.: 1, Davie; 2, hc, Handley; 3, c, Wilson; vhc, McNulty. BUFF: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, vhc, Davie. FOUL YELL.: 1, special best Green shown by novice, Wilson; 2, 3, Handley; 3, Thomas. BUFF: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Handley; vhc, c, Davie; hc, Wilson. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Thompson. TKD. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Walker. GREEN FOUL YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Bretherton. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Hadwin; 3, Bretherton. BOR. BUFF.: 1, Waters; 2, Hadwin; 3, Waters. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Metcalfe; vhc, Waters. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Waters; 2, Hadwin. SELLING: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Hadwin. Most points specials, champion: I, Thomas; 2, Waters; 3, Hadwin; 4, Metcalfe; 5, Hunt; 6, Davie; 7, Wright. Novice: 1, Handley; 2, Walker; 3, Wilson; 4, McNulty.—H. BARRATT, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Young Bird Show held July 13th in St. Luke's Schoolroom, Skinner-lane. Judge, Mr. Oates. There was a fairly good muster of birds, Yorkshire and Norwich classes filling well; out of 109 entries, made by 24 exhibitors, Yorkshires totalled 44 and Norwich 35. There was only a poor show of British—Goldfinches four, Linnet one, not a Bullfinch, and only three Greenfinches. The Leeds and President's Cup were competed for, and the points gained at this show are added to points gained at next members' show in December, the one gaining highest number of points holding the cup for one year. Four birds have to be nominated for the Leeds Cup and six for the President's. Mr. H. Woof comes out on top at this show, scoring 23 points for the Leeds Cup and 33 for the President's, Mr. C. Hunt coming second for the Leeds Cup with 20 and Mr. J. Wilson next with 19. Mr. J. Wilson is runner up for the President's Cup with 31 points, Messrs. Chew and Stokoe next with 24, Mr. Stead, the present holder of both cups, being out of the running. Mr. Oates placed the cards as follows:—

YELL. YORKS. (9): I, Hall; 2, 4, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Halett. TKD. (7): 1, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 2, Farrar; 3, Bracewell, 4, Hall. BUFF (9): I, Farrar; 2, Ramsden; 3, vhc, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, c, Bracewell. TKD. (12): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 4, c, Hall; vhc, Halett. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Woof; 4, Mennard. TKD. (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Woof; 3, Stead. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Woof; 3, hc, c, Johnson; vhc, Porter. TKD. (9): 1, 2, Woof; 3, 4, Wilson. A.O.V. (3): I, Ramsden; 2, 3, Johnson. MULE OR HYBRID (4): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, 4, Hallett. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 3, Stephenson; 2, Mennard; 4, Hornby. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Owen; 2, Hunt; 3, Stephenson. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Hunt; 4, Hornby. NOVICE YORK. (7): 1, Walker; 2, Smith; 3, Greaves; 4, vhc, Wormald. NOR (5): 1, Smith; 2, vhc, Tose; 3, Birkenshaw. GIFT (6): I, 2, 3, 4, Owen.

MACCLESFIELD.

The third annual First Feather Show promoted by the Macclesfield and District Cage Bird Society was held on July 13th. Mr. John Garner judged, and seemed to give very general satisfaction. Twenty-eight classes were provided, and, on the whole, entries were fairly good, although some classes were cancelled. Lancashires and Norwich Plainheads appear to be most popular in the district, judging from the numbers and quality of the birds staged. W. Lee staged a good team of Lancashires, and with a fair share of fortune's favours in moulting them off, should finish the season with a real good lot of young Lancashires. LANCASHIRES, YELL. COPPY (7): I, 2, Lee, the winner a shapely clear, second a strong-built ticked one, that should come on a lot; 3, Riseley, ticked, not as large; vhc, Risley; hc, Smith; c, Rushton. BUFF COPPY (6): 1, 2, 3, Lee, a good one, hard to beat, second and third both good type, but smaller; vhc, hc, Riseley; c, Smith. YELL. PLHD. (5): 1, 3, Lee, winner good shape, not very big, third a doubtful yellow; 2, Smith; vhc, Rushton. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Rushton, both good shape, winner a hen; 2, Smith, loses by condition; vhc, hc, c, Lee. LIZARDS:—CLEAR CAP: Both Gold and Silver cancelled. BROKEN CAP GOLD (1): 1, Holland, a nicely marked bird. SILVER (1): 1, Holland, not ready. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Lee, nice quality and type; 2, Cundiff, looks like making a fair bird; 3, Freeman, we thought could win for shape and quality; vhc, Bunting; hc, Broadhurst; c, Hall. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Lee, a nice pair; 3, vhc, hc, Cundiff, the former will be heard of later on when moulted off; c, Bunting. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Cundiff, tight feathered, shown at his best; 2, Lee, loses in quality; 3, Broadhurst, good shape; vhc, Hall; hc, Oliver; c, Hall. BUFF (12): 1, 2, 3, Freeman, a good and useful trio, good type and fit; vhc, Riselcy; hc, Oliver; c, Bunting. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Oliver, typical in shape and best in feather; 2, Bradley, loses in feather. BUFF (4): 1, Clark, wants more length, good feather; 2, Broadhead, shown very fit; 3, Bradley, should fine down into a good youngster. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Wright, the winner very smart, good shape and well put down, second not as well staged; 3, Broadhead, will improve with a moult; vhc, Bradley. BUFF (4): 1, Wright, the best Yorkshire in show; 2, Clarke, not far behind; 3, Broadhead, rather slack in feather just now; vhc, Bradley. CREST (2): 1, 2, Broadhead, both want more time. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Broadhead, not as stout as we should like, but well shown. GREENFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Oliver, tight, good coloured Goldfinch; 2, Tomlinson, Greenfinch, good condition, steady; 3, Cross, steady Bullfinch, good cap; vhc, Cross; hc, Snape. CHAFF OR BRAMBLEFINCH (6): I, Snape, Bramble, very distinct in markings, steady; 2, Roone, a young Bramhle, colour not up yet; 3, Cross, a fair Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Cross. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 1, Tomlinson, a nice Yellow Bunting. MULE OR A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Cross, a Linnet Mule. NOVICE SECTION:—LANCS COPPY (3): 1, Hall, ticked yellow, well shown; 2, Howarth, a likely bird for improving; 3, Cross, wants more substance. PLHD. (6): 1, Howarth, good type and quality; 2, Hall, smaller and not quite fit; 3, Howarth, beaten by size; vhc, Cross; hc, Hall. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Bracegirdle, nice type and size, and good quality; 2, Holland, not as well fined down in feather; 3, Howard, loses in shape; vhc, Whittaker. BUFF (13): 1, Whittaker, wins by condition; 2, 3, Barber, good shape, not as good in quality at present; vhc, Cross. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Bracegirdle, hard pressed by second, Cross, a nice quality bird; 3, Roone; vhc, Howard. BUFF: 1, medal for best novice bird, Barber, a stout-built one, and should make a good back-end bird; 2, Barber, not as good in shape; 3, Cross; vhc, Bracegirdle; hc, Roone; c, Howard.

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WALTHAMSTOW.

A new lease of life seems to have been taken by the cage bird section of the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association, and the display at its Young Stock Show, which was held in the Workmen's Hall on July 13th, was most distinctly creditable to the members, and far in advance of recent years. This is due, doubtless, in some measure to the fact that the cage bird section has now a secretary of its own, Mr. A. B. Forse, an official with unlimited enthusiasm, and who is not afraid of hard work. His efforts have been most ably seconded by the cage bird committee and by other officials, prominent amongst whom are Mr. J. S. Clarke, the chairman, and Messrs. E. J. Voss, B. Forse, F. R. E. Handscombe, J. A. Marley, R. Farmer, C. Carr, W. Coles, and the general secretary, Mr. C. W. Mead. With such good fanciers controlling things, it goes without saying that the arrangements were of the best. During the evening a goodly number of visitors put in an appearance, and all were loud in their praise of the quality and number of the exhibits. In Yorkshires Messrs. Forse, senr. and junr., had matters all to themselves with a capital lot of smart, slim, racy birds, and once again was exemplified the old adage of nothing beating the old 'uns, except the young 'uns. Thirty-four Norwich turned up in the three classes provided, and a real bonny lot they were too. In clears Mr. Mein won cleverly with a most typical little buff, one of the old-fashioned sort, all type and quality. Mr. Marley's second, a beautiful yellow, lost a bit in bloom. Age tells! One of the new hands, Mr. Watcham, was on top in the ticks with a neat wing marked yellow, but we very much liked Mr. Handscombe's eye ticked yellow, which came second. The variegateds made a strong class of sixteen. Messrs. Marley and Carr held the premier places, and, curiously enough, each with dark tailed yellows of grand colour and feather. In Crests Mr. Farmer led with a heavily feathered even-marked Crest, a most promising green Crest-bred of Mr. Johnson's coming second. In the two Hardbilled British classes Mr. Marley was well to the front with a charming Goldfinch, a shapely, well-marked Linnet, a bonny Siskin, and a smart Yellow Bunting. Mr. Baldry's well-known Redstart met with no competition in the Softbills. Mr. J. S. Clarke made the awards in a most masterly manner, and for once the grumblers seemed to have stayed at home.

YORKS. CL. (4): 1, 2, A. B. Forse; 3, 4, B. F. Forse. TKD. (4): 1, 4, A. B. Forse; 2, 3, B. F. Forse. MKD. (4): 1, 2, A. B. Forse; 3, 4, B. F. Forse. NOR. CLEAR (13): I, Mein; 2, 3, 4, Marley; vhc, Williamson; hc, c, Handscombe; c, Vincent. TKD. (5): 1, Watcham; 2, Handscombe; 3, Carr; 4, Marley; vhc, Mein. MKD. (16): 1, c, Marley; 2, Carr; 3, Vincent; 4, Griffin; vhc, hc, Williamson; hc, Handscombe. CRESTS (3): 1, 3, Farmer; 2, Johnson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, hc, Marley; 3, Baldry; 4, vhc, Johnson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (4): 1, 2, Marley; 3, 4, Baldry. SOFTBILLS (1): 1, Baldry.

ORMSKIRK AND DIS.

This flourishing young society held its First Young Bird Show at headquarters on July 13th. The entries were very good, considering the poor breeding season some of the members have experienced. The staging of the exhibits was all that could be desired. The special for most points (a handsome teapot) was won by Mr. T. Johnson (Southport), who put down a splendid team, and the special for best seed-eater was secured by Mr. T. H. Tiffen with a clinking Bullfinch. Mr. P. Waring judged, and appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Johnson; 2, Withington; 3, c, Walker; vhc, Tasker. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, Tasker; c, Withington. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Gardner; 2, Radcliffe; 3, vhc, Walker; hc, Eccles; c, Farrington. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Gardner; 3, Walker; vhc, Leatherbarrow; hc, Eccles. GREEN: 1, spl, Johnson; 2, 3, vhc, Leatherbarrow; hc, c, Farrington. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, Johnson; 2, Lewis; vhc, Farrington. SELL.: 1, spl, vhc, E. Walker; 2, 3, Tasker; hc, Johnson; c, Leatherbarrow. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Tiffen, Bullfinch; 2, 3, Johnson, Bramblefinch, third Greenfinch; vhc, Withington, Chaffinch; c, Gardner, Redpoll. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, spl, Johnson, Starling; 2, Tasker, Waxwing; 3, Hesketh, Starling. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Walker, Nightingale, Wagtail, and Red-backed Shrike. LINNET: 1, spl, Tiffen; 2, Johnson; 3, Lindsey; vhc, Westhead.

WEST LONDON F.A.

The West London F.A. held their annual Young Bird Show at Headquarters, the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., on July 13th. An excellent entry turned up, and there were some birds of exceptionally good quality on view. The exhibits were staged to the best possible advantage, and made a nice display, the room occupied by the society being a really first-class one for a cage bird show, spacious, and with a grand light. Mr. J. Dewhurst, the secretary, left nothing undone to ensure the success of the fixture, and he received able assistance from Mr. Dewhurst, jun., and some painstaking stewards in Messrs. Stevenson, Mugford and Turner. The principal prize-winners were: In Norwich—Messrs Cooper Bros. and Lethbridge (champion), Lack (amateur), Williams and Mugford (novice); in Yorks.—Messrs. Peverall and Crisp (champion), Robinson (amateur), Neal and Stone Bros. (novice); in Crests and C.B.—Messrs. Turner and Gibbons (champion), Mugford (novice). Mr. Dewhurst, as usual, staged some grand British and foreign birds, Mr. Lewis also showing some nice Britishers. There was a good special prize list. Mr. B. Stevenson's cup for most points by three starred birds at young and annual shows, novice section, stands as follows:—W. H. Mugford, 15; J. Williams, 14; Messrs. Stone Bros., 12; G. Neal, 11. Other special winners were: Most points throughout Canary section, tied for by Messrs. A. G. K. Robinson and A. J. Lack; best Crest or C.B. in show, Mr. W. J. Gibbons; best Norwich in show, Messrs. Cooper Bros.; best Yorkshire, Mr. H. Peveral; best bird in novice section, Mr. G. Neal; most points in champions, Messrs. Cooper Bros.; in amateurs, Mr. A. G. K. Robinson; in novices, Mr. J. Williams; two specials for most points classes 22 to 25 were won by Mr. J. Dewhurst. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMPION NOR. CL.: 1, 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, vhc, hc, c, Lethbridge. MKD.: 1, 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, vhc, Lethbridge; hc, Stevenson. YORKS. CL.: 1, Peverall; 2, 3, Crisp; vhc, hc, Dewhurst. MKD.: 1, 3, Crisp; 2, vhc, Peverall; hc, Stevenson; c, Dewhurst. CREST: 1, 2, vhc, Gibbons; 3, hc, Turner. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, Turner; 2, Gibbons. AMATEUR NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lack. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lack. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Robinson. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Robinson. NOVICE NOR. CL.: 1, 2, vhc, Williams; 3, Mugford. MKD.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Mugford. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, Neal; 3, vhc, hc, Stone Bros. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Stone Bros. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Mugford. YOUNG MULES: 1, 2, Dewhurst. OLD: 1, Dewhurst. BRITISH: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Dewhurst; 3, c, Lewis. FOREIGN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Dewhurst.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show at the Gun Hall, Bootle, on July 6th, there being an entry of about 125 birds. The cup given by the Secretary for the best bird in the show, bred by the exhibitor, went to Mr. McDermith, with a nice green-marked yellow. The classes were well filled, and some nice birds were staged. CHAMPION, YORK. YELL. (14): 1, hc, McNalty; 2, Hunt; 3, Tullock; vhc, Brown; c, Bloya. TKD. YELL. (17): 1, McDermith; 2, Burgess; 3, Brown; vhc, Tullock; hc, Lobb; c, Brocken. BUFF (19): 1, vhc, McDermith; 2, 3, hc, Brown; c, J. Rimmer. TKD. BUFF (21): 1, Burgess; 2, McLean; 3, c, Hunt; vhc, Nicken; hc, Horne. CINN., SELF OR MKD., YELL. (4): I, McNalty; 2, Horne; 3, McDermith; vhc, Williamson. BUFF (6): 1, Larkin; 2, Horne; 3, McDermith; vhc, McNalty; hc, Penwick; c, Bloya. SELF YELL., GREEN (13): 1, Algos; 2, Nickson; 3, Tullock; vhc, W. B. Rimmer; hc, Roscoe; c, Worrall. BUFF (8): 1, Larkin; 2, hc, W. B. Rimmer; 3, Roscoe; vhc, Worrall; c, Faweett. FOUL BUFF, GREEN (8): 1, vhc, c, Worrall; 2, Bloya; 3, W. B. Rimmer; hc, Brocken. NOVICE CLASSES:—YELL. (3): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Scrimshaw; 3, Grayson. BUFF (10): I, 2, 3, hc, Wilkinson; vhc, c, Scrimshaw. CINN. (2): 1, Grayson; 2, Wilkinson. YELL. GREEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Grayson; vhc, Broadbent. BUFF (2): 1, Grayson; 2, Broadbent. MULES, DARK (1): 1, Horne. A.V. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, hc, c, Scrimshaw; 2, vbc, Horne; 3, Wilkinson.

HULL C.B.S.

The City of Hull Cage Bird Society held their Annual Show of Canaries and British Birds on July 13th. This was about the largest show ever held by the society. In the Canary section 20 classes were provided, 10 for champions and 10 for novices. The Mule and British classes had six between them, open to all members. The competition among the Norwich in the champion classes was very keen, the judge having great difficulty in placing his awards. Crests and Yorkshires in the champion classes were conspicuous by their absence. The Yorkshire and Norwich novice classes made a grand show themselves, and if the birds staged are a specimen of what the novices can do, the champions will have to look to their laurels, as the placed birds were all worthy to be shown in open competition. Cinnamons only made a poor display; it seems a pity this beautiful breed should be so much neglected in this district. The British classes filled fairly well, some nice exhibits being staged. Mr. Clews judged the open Canary and British classes, Mr. Foster taking the remainder, their awards giving universal satisfaction. Among the visitors present were noticed Mr. Ferens, M.P. for Hull, and some Grimsby friends. NOR. YELL (OPEN): 1, Hope; 2, 3, Barwick; vhc, hc, Pepper. BUFF: 1, Hope; 2, Pepper. TKD.: I, Hope; 2, Barwick; 3, vhc, Pepper. YORKS.: 1, Barwick. A.V. CAN. MULE: 1, Barwick; 2, Lightfoot. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, Potter; 2, Parks; 3, McKay; vhc, Barwick; hc, Stanford. A.O.V. HARDBILL: I, Pepper; 2, Potter; 3, Prentice; vhc, Walker. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Hollins. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pepper. BUFF: 1, Pepper. CREST (NOVICE): 1, 2, 3, Banks. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Spruit. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, Oliff; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Spruit; c, Calvard. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Spruit; vhc, Oliff; hc, Jopling; c, Walker. TKD. (11): 1 vhc, Longhorn; 2, hc, Calvard; 3, Spruit; c, Walker. YORKSHIRE YELL. (12): 1, Prentice; 2, vhc, Lightfoot; 3, Potter; hc, Briggs; c, Kling. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Kling; 3, Banks; vhc, Lightfoot; hc, Parks; c, Girling. TICKED (20): I, 2, Precious; 3, Kling; vhc, Potter; hc, Stamford; c, Deighton. CINNAMON BUFF: 1, 2, 3, McKay.

GLOUCESTER.

The members of the Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual Nest Feather Show at Headquarters, the Ram Hotel, on July 13th. The quality in most of the classes was very good, the winning clear yellow being put down by a novice, Mr. Hiam, and capturing the special for best Norwich shown by a novice. The special for best Norwich in the show went to a grand buff tick, the property of Mr. H. Davis, an exceedingly smart youngster, and one that should do well at the winter shows. We were informed by the owner that this bird was bred double buff twice. It was greatly admired by all present. Mr. Birchley put down a nice team of Britishers. A novice, in Mr. Wilcox, won in the Hardbill class, with a very nice Goldfinch, shown in grand condition. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne and Mr. F. Mansfield (partners of 30 years ago). CREST, CL. BODY (1): 1, Treasure, should make a good one later on, but crest just now a bit ragged, nice quality and good shaped body. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Roylance, pied tail, well filled in crest, nice droop and radiation, bit short in frontal crest, but capital back; 2, Treasure, good frontal crest, well filled centre, nice droop. CL., ETC., C.B. (1): 1, Treasure, clear buff, nice quality of feather, fair skull. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Miles, vgtd. leading, rare cushion-shaped skull, wide entrance, good length and width of head feather, good shaped body and full neck, nice exhibit, second not so good in head (being longer), nice length and width of head feather on back skull, shorter over beak; 3, Roylance, nice shape of skull and substance, fair length of head feather. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl best novice, Hiam, grand colour, nice shape and quality, well packed flights and closely folded tail, neat head; 2, Davis, beautiful quality of feather, good shape, nice head and neck, short flights and tail; 3, Wasley, nice shaped body, drops tail a bit; 4, Herbert, nice colour, quality and shape of head; vhc, Merchant; hc, Barnes. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Stephenson, beautiful feather and quality, nice head and full short neck, good type, second better in colour, nice body, not quite so full in head and neck, still a good one; 3, Davis, grand shaped body, short neck, flights and tail, not quite so tight in feather; 4, vhc, Hiam, beaten in feather on chest, nice back and style; hc, Houghton; c (2), Merchant. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Wasley, tick. left eye, grand shape, nice colour and feather, short flights, full head and neck; 2, Stephenson, tkd. left eye, grand feather and quality, not quite so good in shape; 3, Jennings, mkd. left wing, nice shaped body; vhc, Merchant; hc, Townsend. BUFF (12): 1, spl best Norwich, Davis, grizzled on rump, most beautiful quality of feather, rare shape, wings well braced, grand back, gets well over perch, honny youngster; 2, Stephenson, mkd. wings, tail, and left eye, nice colour, good shaped body, bit wild; 3, Wasley, tkd. left eye, nice back, good quality, beaten underneath; 4, Davis, vgtd., nice shape and feather, good wings and tail, looks like a hen; vhc, c, Jennings; hc, Merchant. BRIT. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Birchley, good team, grand Hoopoe leading, second grand coloured and well spotted Thrush, third splendid feathered and very steady Shorelark, fourth sweet little Meadow Pipit, in good condition. HARDBILL (7): 1, vhc, c, Wilcox, Goldfinch, nice rich blaze, grand tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons, good style, in grand feather and very steady; 2, 3, 4, hc, Birchley, second Hawfinch, rare size, nice feather, very steady, third good feathered and well marked Snow Bunting, fourth very nice feathered and well marked Siskin, pale in colour.

BARNSLEY.

The First Feather Show of the Barnsley and District Society took place on July 13th. The exhibits were staged in a nice sized room at the Clarence Hotel. The Yorkshires on view were of a very neat order, being of nice feather and position, and in several cases of good length. The winning yellow, shown by Mr. C. Hoyes, found many admirers, and with a good moult should come out well. The buff owned by Mr. E. Carlisle, was of a taking order, showing true Yorkie characteristics, and is of silky feather. Mr. J. Barnes stood first in the hen class with a ticked-headed bird of fine quality, A1 position, and beautifully drawn. The Norwich were few in numbers, but one or two were birds possessing merit. Mr. J. E. Taylor won with a nice silky feathered bird of rich colour and of good shape. In the buff class Mr. E. Thorpe led with a bouncing clear, perhaps a little heavy behind, yet a grand one if only for stock purposes. Amongst the Mules and British one found many to please the eye. Mr. G. A. Pogmore staged a rather neat dark Goldie-Canary and a magnificent Goldfinch, the latter bring one of the best we have seen for many a day, the condition of same being unsurpassable. Mr. E. Fairhurst was represented by a rattling Linnet, grand in colour, rare size and shape, beautifully pencilled, clear and distinct, and as steady as a top; this exhibit gained special for best Britisher, he was a real gem. Mr. J. J. Senior placed on view a very handsome Reed Bunting, not a feather out of place, which fully deserved its win. Special for best Yorkie went to Mr. C. Hoyes; special for best Norwich, Mr. J. E. Taylor. The stewards were Messrs. A. Green and J. Whittaker both proving themselves most useful and capable officials. Mr. T. Coward, the worthy secretary, is the right man in the right place, and by what one heard, appears to be very popular amongst the members, he being very enthusiastic in the welfare of the society. Mr. J. C. Barnes placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, spl, Hoyes, clear, fine length, well up, good feather and colour; 2, Carlisle, full of type, A1 feather, wee bit short, yet nice; 3, F. Race, beautiful stand, capital back and wings; vhc, G. Race. BUFF (10): 1, Carliste, clear, very lengthy, silky feather, stylish, well shown; 2, Barnes, marked right wing, tight as wax, straight as a gun barrel, wee bit short; 3, vhc, Thorpe, clear, grand colour and feather, nice length, lacks position somewhat; hc, Walker; c, F. Race. HEN (11): 1, Barnes, yell., ticked head and rump, lovely feather, rare length, beautifully drawn, a good one; 2, Brunt, buff, marked head, smooth as glass, stylish, not over big, but very neat; 3, vhc, Thorpe, clear buff, neatly moulded, good feather, well on leg. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Taylor, a trio of bonny youngsters, winner ticked left eye, rare feather and colour, nice size and shape, second marked both wings and eyes, smooth as glass, shapely, not over large, third clear, well up in substance, nice shape and colour. BUFF (2): 1, Thorpe, clear, fine bouncing specimen, good shape and feather; 2, Taylor, clear, good type, close feather, shade small. MULE (3): 1, 3, Pogmore, with a couple of dark Goldie-Canaries, not much between them, winner bas it in size, nicely shown; 2, Walker, Linnet-Canary, good colour and shape, nice feather. GOLDIE (8): 1, 2, Pogmore, two bonny Finches, first large, good colour, fine blaze, neat bars and buttons, in rare trim, second good face, nice shape, not quite so large, yet not far behind; 3, Walker, another pretty exhibit, nice colour, good bars, well cut blaze; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Thorpe. LINNET (5): 1, Fairhurst, a gem, splendid colour, very shapely, beautifully pencilled, shows for all he is worth; 2, Rothwell, slashing colour, rare size and shape, beaten a shade in markings, not quite so distinct; 3, Race, fine size and shape, good colour, neatly marked, well put down; vbc, Pogmore; hc, Senior. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Senior, couple of rare specimens, staged in fine feather, Reed Bunting, winning well; 2, Fairhurst, Bullie, good size, fine shape, grand breast colour, neat cap, in capital order; vbc, Thorpe; hc, Barlow; c, Millington.

HALIFAX O.S.

First Feather Show, held at the Talbot Hotel Assembly Rooms on July 13th. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley, who awarded the cards with every satisfaction. Entries totalled 91. Mr. S. S. Rigg exhibited a remarkably good clear buff Yorkshire, which took the special for the best bird in the show, and also the special for the best bird exhibited by a novice. Other good birds were exhibited by Messrs. Sutcliffe, Walsh, Whitaker, Simpson and A. Tinkler in the Yorkshire section. In the Norwich some nice exhibits were shown by Messrs. Sutcliffe, Lloyd and Murgatroyd.

YELL. YORKS. (21): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Maude Bros.; 3, Rigg. BUFF (24): 1, best bird in show, Rigg; 2, Wilson; 3, Garside. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Walsh; 2, J. H. Tinkler; 3, Mann. BUFF (10): 1, Whitaker; 2, Haigh; 3, Walsh. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hunter. BUFF (5): 1, A. Tinkler; 2, Grunwell; 3, Jeffries. YELL. NOR.: 1, Sutcliffe. BUFF: 1, Lloyd; 2, Sutcliffe. TKD. YELL.: I, Murgatroyd; 2, Lloyd. BUFF: I, 2, 3, Murgatroyd. YORKS. GREEN (8): 1, Simpson; 2, Dunn; 3, Maude Bros. NOR. GREEN (3): 1, Lloyd; 2, Ball, 3, J. H. Tinkler. A.O.V.: 1, Simpson.

BOLTON O. & ROLLER CANARY SOCIETY.

Nest Feather Show, July 13th, at Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate. Entries totalled some 70 birds, a very fair number considering the poor breeding season which most fanciers experienced in this district. The spectators came up very well and amongst those present were fanciers from Preston, Leigh, Ratcliffe and Bury. They were very interested, and it was a pleasure to meet so many sympathising one with another over the poor season which they had experienced. There were some grand exhibits staged in the Yorkshire, Norwich, Crest, Crestbred and British classes. Mr. Jos. Ogden won the special for best bird in show with a grand bird, and with a good moult it should be seen on the show bench in the coming show season. Mr. J. Trengrove judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, S. Smith. BUFF: 1, Jas. Smith; 2, S. Smith; 3, vhc, Brooks. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Smith; 3, Brooks; vhc, S. Smith. TKD. BUFF: 1, J. Smith; 2, Brooks. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, Simms; 3, Parkinson; vhc, Longworth. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, J. Smith; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Longworth; c, Eccleston. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, J. Smith; vhc, Simms; hc, Eccleston; c, Parkinson. TKD. BUFF: 1, 3, Whitehead; 2, Parkinson; vhc, Jackson. CRESTS, CLEAR, ETC.: 1, Ogden; 2, 3, vhc, Proctor. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Stringer; 2, Simms. CRESTBRED, CLEAR, ETC.: 1, Stringer; 2, Ogden. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Ogden; 2, Stringer. BORDER: 1, 2, 3, Parkinson. MULES: 1, 2, Simms. SELL. £1: 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, S. Smith; vhc, Hollis. SELL. 12/6: 1, S. Smith; 2, Hollis; 3, J. and J. Hopkins. SELL. 7/6: 1, 3, Whitehead: 2, Hollis; vhc, Longworth; hc, S. Smith.

LONDON & COUNTIES A.C.B.

With an entry of 104, the Show of the L.C.A.C.B., held at the association's headquarters on July 13th, was a most interesting little exhibition, for the quality in many of the classes was of the highest character, and deserving of far more extended competition. In the Norwich class Mr. Hayden led with a sweet little yellow, a bird of quality and type. Mr. E. Pretty's team were good, but just a bit too far gone. Mr. Bell was well ahead in A.O.V. Norwich, staging a very handsome pair of wing and head marked birds, which were split by a choice heavily marked yellow of Mr. Hayden's, a rare bird for stock purposes. Amateur Norwich found their sole representative in Mr. Sparke, who staged a quartet of very smart birds, the leader being a lovely yellow, combining the three great essentials of type, quality, and colour. Mr. Stacey had matters all his own sweet way in the Novice Clears with a very pretty trio, whilst no one opposed Mr. Orme in the A.O.V., to which class the special fell, the winner being a neat cap and wing marked yellow. The veteran, Mr. E. Pretty, had the Crests and Crestbreds all to himself. There was a time when it was not so. What has happened to London Crest breeders? The sole representative of the Yorkshire champions was Mr. Tringham, who benched half a dozen slim, stylish beauties, the buff, to which fell the special, being a very smart racy bird. Amateur Yorkshire exhibitors were conspicuous by their absence. How cometh this, friend Robert? The Novices, however, toed the line strongly, making the two best classes in the Show. Mr. Morrison was on top in either class with a pair of grandly feathered, stylish birds. Messrs. Stacey and Simpson, however, pressed him hard. Mr. E. Pretty had a quartet of Cinnamons on view which for type and quality were splendid; they also had the colour, and given a bit more size would be hard to beat. The A.O.V. champions were represented by Mr. Pretty's Lancashires and Mr. Tringham's Yorkshire greens. The Britishers were indeed the section of the Show, and no section has advanced like unto this. Not only in this society, but in all the Metropolitan societies, one finds the Britishers not only select but numerous. Here the gems of the collection were the Goldics of Messrs. Adamthwaite and Hayden, which were grand coloured birds. A little gem of most exquisite colour and marking was Mr. Sparke's winning Linnet. The Redpolls of Messrs. Williams and Morrison were just "wee beauties." Mr. Wright's Siskin most deservedly held top place by reason of its depth of colour and clean cut markings. Chaffinches and Greenfinches were good, not much dividing the contestants. In the variety classes interesting exhibits were Mr. Hawes's Crossbill and Hawfinch, and Mr. R. J. Pretty's Buntings, Yellow and Reed, Redstart, Nightingale, and Blackcap. The birds were nicely staged, and well looked after by Mr. R. J. Pretty and his committee. A fair number of visitors put in an appearance, all of whom were pleased with the quality. Mr. W. Armstrong judged Canaries, Mr. H. Norman British birds.

NOR. CLEAR, ETC. (4): 1, Hayden; 2, 3, 4, E. Pretty. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Bell; 2, Hayden; 4, vhc, spl, Wright. AMATEUR (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Sparke. NOVICE CLEAR (3): 1, 2, 3, Stacey. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Orme. CRESTS (2): I, 2, E. Pretty. CRESTBREDS (2): 1, 2, E. Pretty. YORKS. CLEAR (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Tringham. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Tringham. NOVICE CLEAR (10): 1, vhc, Morrison; 2, 3, Stacey; 4, hc, c, Ransley. A.O.V. (6): 1, Morrison; 2, 3, vhc, Simpson; 4, hc, Ransley. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, E. Pretty. NOVICE (1): 1, Hammant. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, E. Pretty; 2, 4, Tringham. HYBRID (1): I, Wright. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): I, Adamthwaite; 2, Hayden; 3, Bell; 4, Heine; vhc, Harris. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Hawes. LINNET (6): 1, Sparkes; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Morrison; 4, R. J. Pretty; vhc, Hawes; hc, E. Pretty. REDPOLL, CAGE MOULTED (3): I, Williams; 2, 3, R. J. Pretty. REDPOLL, FIELD MOULTED (2): 1, Morrison. SISKIN (3): 1, Wright; 2, Hawes; 3, E. Pretty. CHAFFINCH (4): 1, Adamthwaite; 2, E. Pretty; 3, R. J. Pretty; 4, Morrison. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Morrison; 2, Hammant; 3, Heine; 4, Hawes; vhc, Ransley. A.O.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, 3, spl, Hawes; 2, vhc, R. J. Pretty; 4, Ogel. HENS (3): 1, 2, Morrison; 3, Hawes. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, R. J. Pretty. SELL., 10/-, (6): 1, 2, vbc, R. J. Pretty; 3, 4, Williams.

LEEK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Nest feather show held on July 13th at the Central Liberal Club. Entries came up well in the Norwich section, but the Crest and Yorkshires were only moderate. Some very fine Norwich were staged by Messrs. Bowyer, Hall, Green, Whetstone and Fowler, and some of them we think will be heard of again. The special for best in open section was won by Mr. Bowyer with a very fine, clear buff. In the novice section Mr. Green staged a lovely clear buff, just in full bloom, a bird we liked much. Others of great promise were Mr. Bowyer's marked buff, Mr. Hall's marked yellow and Mr. Whetstone's second prize clear yellow. This bird was rather too young for the show bench, but with a week or two more age should make into a very fine bird. The arrangements were of the best. Mr. Fowler and his committee had everything in good order. Mr. L. H. Roe judged.

NOVICE SECTION: MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (11): I, 2, 3, 4, Hall; vhc, Morris; hc, Whitier; c, Perkins. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Green; 2, Tatler; 3, Morris; 4, Williamson and Prince; c, Perkins. CRESTS: 1, 2, Naden; 3, Lockett. C.B.: 1, Williamson and Prince; 2, Lockett; 3, Poyser; 4, Naden; vbc, Pakeman OPEN SECTION: NOR. YELL. (6): I, Hall; 2, 4, Whetstone; 3, vhc, Bowyer; hc, Oliver. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Bowyer; 3, 4, Whetstone; vhc, c, Fowler; hc, Whetstone. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Bowyer; 2, Whetstone. BUFF: 1, Bowyer; 2, Fowler. UNEVEN YELL.: I, Hall; 2, Bowyer; 3, Fowler. BUFF: 1, Bowyer; 2, Hall; 3, vhc, Whetstone; hc, Oliver. CRESTS: 1, Heywood; 2, 3, Bowyer. YORKS.: 2, Mathews; 4, Edwards; vhc, Plant. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, Poyser; 4, Mosley; vhc, Morris; hc, c, Messham.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Monthly show held July 13th. Judge, Mr. J. Holroyd. Thirty-one birds staged. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Brayshaw; 4, Jowett; 3, Young; 4, Self. YORKS.: 1, Self; 2, Young; 3, Lister; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett. NOVICE: YELL. YORKS.: 1, Richardson; 2, 4, Gudgeon; 3, Oliver. BUFF YORKS.: 1, Gelder; 2, Dobson; 3, Oliver; 4, Gudgeon. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Myers; 2, Lister

MIDDLESBRO' C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show, held at the Crown Hotel on Saturday last. There was a good attendance of fanciers from the surrounding districts. The total number of exhibits was about 50, which I think was fair for the season some have had. Mr. A. Wake judged.

NOR. 1, 4, vhc, Greenfield; 2, 3, c, Carr; hc, Grey. YORKS. CLR.: 1, Foster; 2, vhc, Barnes; 3, hc, Hughes; 4, c, Brown. MRKD.: 1, Barnes; 2, hc, Hughes; 3, Foster; 4, vhc, Wheatley. A.O.V.: I, vhc, Wallace and Gardner; 2, 3, 4, Oliver. BRIT.: 1, 2, Salmon; 3, Butterfield; 4, vhc, hc, Carr; c, Wells. MULES: I, 2, 3, Butterfield; 4, vbc, Wells.

IPSWICH.

The Suffolk C.B.S. held their Young Bird Show on July 13th. Mr. Chas. Simpson officiated as judge. The entries were not quite so numerous as last year, but the birds staged were well up to the standard. Thirteen classes were provided, and about 60 birds staged. The special for best Norwich Pinkhead, also silver medal for best bird in show were won by Mr. W. Schofield, both with same bird, a typical buff Norwich, a real gem, six weeks old.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, hc, Schofield; 2, Baker; vhc, Bevan; hc, Fenn. BUFF: 1, vhc, Schofield; 2, Bevan; 3, Baker; vhc (2), Fenn; hc, Barham. TKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Clarke; 2, Barham; 3, Bevan; hc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Bevan; 3, Schofield; vhc, Fenn; hc, Mouser. CINN. YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, Mouser. BUFF: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Schofield. CRESTBRED: 1, Schofield. LIGHT MULES: 1, 2, Bevan. SEED EATING BRIT.: 1, Bevan; 2, 3, Fenn; vhc, hc (2), Cook.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

The M. and N.C.O.S. held their Nest Feather Show on July 6th at the Coal Exchange, Marketplace. It proved a thorough all-round success, being, in fact, the best Nest Feather fixture of the society for six or seven years past. Some splendid Norwich and Yorks. were staged. A hard fight throughout the Norwich section was waged between Messrs. Raynes, Hindley, Marlor, Royle, Kilvert, and Coulson, these exhibitors putting down some very promising youngsters. In the Yorks. section there was £1 cash special offered for the best clear yellow, and this was captured by Mr. Broughton, of Wilmslow, with a really grand bird. This exhibitor also carried off the gold medal for the best team of four birds. No fewer than 21 teams competed for this medal, including Nor., Yorks., Borders, Lizards, and Crests. Other capital Yorks. were staged by Messrs. Mitchell, Downing, Lindsay, Gray, Pease, Riley, Aspinall, and Waters. Mr. John Garner had out the winning Crests, Crestbreds, Lancs. and Lizard, very nice specimens, a credit to their breeder, Mr. Beard running him a good race among the "spangle backs." Cinnamons saw Mr. Bladon with a trio of good youngsters. In the Border section the members from the Altrincham district had a splendid lot of birds on view, and seem to be going very strong with the variety. Messrs. Wardleworth, Blackshaw, Waters, and Beaty's exhibits were much admired. The British section was disappointing so far as numbers went, seeing that a specialist judge had been engaged to officiate, and good specials provided, but the quality was good. The chief winners were Messrs. Whalley, Pollitt, Fryer, and Smith (Hybrids), Fryer, Hill, and Beaty (British). The Novice section was encouraging, the quality of the birds therein being excellent. Messrs. Dalzell, Bleasdale, Stocker, and McCann (Yorks.), and Boswell, Smith, Evans, and Whalley (Nor.) secured the chief awards. The management was carried out on the right lines, and the many visitors expressed themselves as well pleased with the show and the arrangements, for which Mr. Lythgoe, the secretary, and Mr. Jones, the assistant secretary, with Mr. Bladon, the chairman, and the rest of the officials deserve every praise. The attendance was very good, showing a substantial increase on late years' results. Messrs. F. W. Nelson (Canaries), and G. H. Massey (British), both of Stockport, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

LANCS. (2): 1, 2, Garner. LIZ. (6): I, hc, Garner; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Beard. YORKS., CL. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Broughton; 3, Mitchell; 4, Downing; vhc, Gray; hc, Aspinall; c, Jones; abs., Waters. BUFF (13): 1, 3, vhc, Lindsay; 2, c, Gray; 4, Broughton; hc, Riley. TICK., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Broughton; 2, Pease; 3, Riley; 4, Downing; vhc, Mitchell. BUFF (10): I, 2, Aspinall; 3, vhc, Broughton; 4, Waters; hc, Gray; c, Riley. NOR., CL. YELL. (9): 1, c, Hindley; 2, Marlor; 3, Royle; 4, Kilvert; vhc, Coulson; hc, Bleach. BUFF (9): 1, Hindley; 2, Coulson; 3, Royle; 4, Marlor; vhc, Kilvert; hc, Wilkinson; c, Raynes. TICK. YELL. (10): 1, Raynes; 2, Marlor; 3, Coulson; 4, Hindley; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, c, Royle. BUFF (8): 1, Marlor; 2, Coulson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Kilvert; c, Bleach. CREST (2): I, 2, Garner. CRESTBRED (2): 1, 2, Garner. CINN., BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Bladon. BORDER, YELL. (6): 1, hc, Wardleworth; 2, 3, hc, Blackshaw; 3, 4, Waters. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, 4, Beaty; vhc, hc, Waters; c, Blackshaw. GREEN OR CINN. (7): 1, hc, c, Beaty; 2, 3, vhc, Blackshaw. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Creasey; 2, Hill. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, Fryer. HYBRID, YOUNG: 1, Whalley; 2, Pollitt. ANY AGE (5): 1, 4, vhc, Pollitt; 2, Fryer; 3, Smith. BRIT. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH; 1, Fryer. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Fryer. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Beaty; 3, hc, Hill; 4, c, Fryer; vbc, Jones. SOFTBILL: 1, Hill. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, 4, Beaty; 2, 3, vhc, Creasey. NOVICE: YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Dalzell; 3, Bleasdale; 4, Stocker; vhc, McCann; hc, c, Miss Worrall. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dalzell; 3, hc, Bleasdale; 4, McCann; vhc, Miss Worrall. TKD. (10): 1, vhc, Dalzell; 2, 4, McCann; 3, c, Stocker; hc, Miss Worrall. NOR. CL. YELL.: I, Boswell. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Smith; 2, Evans; 3, Boswell. TKD. (6): 1, 4, Boswell; 2, vhc, Smith; 3, Whalley; hc, Evans.

OTLEY.

This society's First Feather Show was held in the Lecture Hall of the Conservative Club on July 6th. Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, judged. Mr. W. Dawson, the secretary, had the birds well staged, placed at an even distance apart, and a nice height, every bird could be seen without the trouble of handling them. A very smart and typical lot of young Yorkshire birds were staged, Mr. Crossley's winning yellow being well on leg and full of quality. Mr. Dawson's buff was a very typical specimen, full of quality, grand position, but a shade on the small side. Mr. Joe Robinson staged the best bird in the show, an unevenly marked yellow, well on leg, full of bloom, good wings and grand position; this bird, with care and attention, should moult out into a real good winter bird, we should be pleased to see Mr. Robinson blossom forth into one of our champion exhibitors. In the British class a nice Linnet, well pencilled, nut brown, and very steady was placed first, Mr. Thomas running a close race with a Yellow Bunting. Along with the Secretary, Messrs. Midgley and J. Dawson were the acting stewards.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, Crossley, well on leg, grand wings and tail, full of quality, very steady; 2, Gilroy, nice type, good wings and tail, well on leg; 3, Robinson, good flights, well on leg, rich colour; 4, Iveson, fine strong bird; vhc, Dawson; hc, Gilroy. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Dawson, first a slim, typical bird, full of quality, good tail, grand wing carriage, shade on the small side, fourth long, full of quality, grand wings and tail, a bit too old, just falling into moult, a good bird; 2, Gilroy, well on leg, good wings and tail; 3, Iveson, typical, well on leg, long flights and tail. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Robinson, first spl for best bird in show, eye and wing marked, well on leg, long flights, piped tail, good rich colour, full of bloom, wins, second thigh ticked, on the small side for a Yorkshire; 3, Todd, thigh ticked. BUFF (14): 1, Galling, ticked on shoulder blade, a very typical bird, grand wing carriage, well on leg, good head; 2, Robinson, thigh ticked, nice type, good wing and tail; 3, 4, vhc, Gilroy, a nice team, full of quality and in good bloom; hc, Galling; c, Crossley. CINN. MKD. (2): 1, Inman; 2, Thornton. FOUL OR HEAVILY VARIEG. (5): 1, Robinson, buff green variegated bird, full of quality, bit on the stout side, grand position; 2, 3, vhc, Thornton, cinn. variegated bird, full of quality, but on the small side; 4, Dawson. SELL., 10/6: 1, Robinson. A.O.V. (2): 1, Gilroy, a buff evenly marked Yorkshire, full of quality, well on leg, grand wings; 2, Galling, yellow Norwich. BRIT. (5): 1, Bonnar, Linnet, well spangled, rich nut brown, very steady; 2, Thomas, Yellow Bunting, rich yellow colour, but lacks in the brown, nice type, very steady, lame when we saw it; 3 Thomas, Chaffinch, bit wild; 4, Iveson, Linnet.

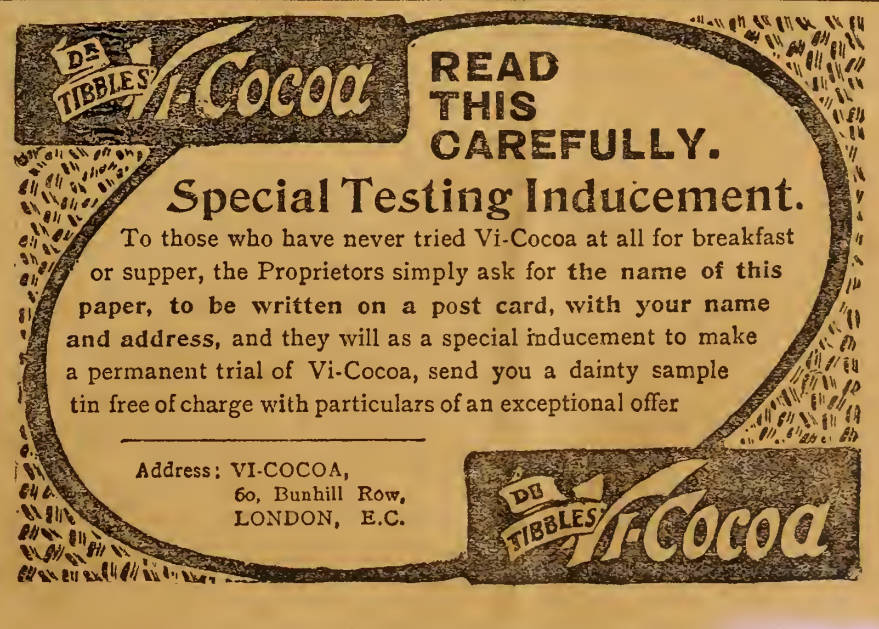
MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE.

The annual show of cage birds of the Mansfield Woodhouse H. and P. Society was held on July 16th. The committee are to be heartily congratulated that the weather was in their favour. This annual fixture being held at the village feast, it is the recognised rendezvous for many hundreds of people in the district, and, given a fine day, is probably the greatest day in the year, especially for the old inhabitants. In the cage bird section the classification is limited, but enthusiasm is always high, and the battle keenly contested. This year the committee wisely took out a license from the C.B.U., and a good steward was found in Mr. Hobbs, who looked well after the exhibits. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and we heard few complaints. Mr. W. Roslyn (Mansfield) represented the C.B.U.

PLAINHEAD: 1, W. Barwise, real good Norwich, grand chest and back, full of type and quality; 2, Swain, another of good stamp, but loses to winner in general massiveness; 3, vhc, C. L. Hare, good quality, shade slight in build for present day judges; vhc, J. Swan, J. Scrimshaw; hc, W. Hobbs; res., J. R. Booth. Many birds in this class emphasised the difficulty of keeping birds in show condition at this time of the year. CANARY, BRED 1907: 1, 2, C. L. Hare, well-built beavily varieg. buff Nor. in good trim, second nice neat Yorks.; 3, Hobbs, good quality buff Norwich, fails bead and neck; vhc, Barwise; res., J. Morris. BRITISH: 1, Sparkes, really grand Bramblefinch, well marked, feathers like satin, and as steady as a rock, deserved his place; 2, Clarke, a good Goldie; 3, Hare; res., Roslyn, Blackbird; vhc, Hobbs and Roslyn, still more Goldies. FOREIGN: 1, silver medal for best bird in show, Roslyn, Hill Mynah; 2, 3, Crimson Crested Cardinal and Zebra Finch respectively, belonging to the same exhibitor.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Members' show July 13th, at Fountain Inn. Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor. CLASS 1.: 1, J. Willcock; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Sam Wilcock; 4, Ashworth and Wilson; vhc, Dobson; hc, Clark. CLASS 2: 1, Clark; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Hargreaves; vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Smith. CLASS 3: 1, 3, Sparks; 2, S. Wilcock; 4, J. Wilcock; vhc, Smith; hc, Clark. CLASS 4: 1, J. Wilcock; 2, Clark; 3, Smith; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Dobson. CLASS 6: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Hargreaves. CLASS 8: I, 2, Clark. CLASS 9: 1, 2, Clark. CLASS 10: 1, vhc, Clark; 2, 4, S. Wilcock; 3, Ashworth and Wilson. G. Sutcliffe gained most points for open members' special, and W. Sparks for novice members' special.—W. ASHWORTH, Sec.



JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Wulkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

F. MARWOOD, 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on Tees, Mules, British and Foreign, a Speciality. 17 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

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Splendid Classification for all Cage Birds.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th, 1907.
ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th. Judge: J. N. Harrison. Schedules apply, H. Wilkins, Hon. Sec.

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HEADINGTON SHOW, **AUG. 5th (Bank Holiday),** Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds (Under C.B.U. Rules). Judge: A. H. Calcutt. **Schedules Ready.** W. Jacobs, Sec., 48, Highfield, New Headington, Oxford.

DOWNEND and Dis. Horticultural and Fanciers' Association,
24th Annual Show, AUGUST 6th, 1907.
P., P., R., C., C., M. & Cage Birds. Judge: W. G. Bull. Held under C.B.U. Rules. ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 30th. Schedules from Sec., Institute, Staple Hill, Bristol.

HORFIELD 18th Annual Show of POULTRY, PIGEONS Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7th, 1907,
Judges: Poultry, G. Bobbe; Show Homers, W. Anstin; Workers, H. J. Taylor; remainder, A. Leith; Fur, T. J. Ambrose; Cage Birds, C. P. Telling. Nearly 100 Specials and £10 10s. Challenge Cup for Show Homers.
ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th.
Schedules and Entry Forms from C. Shipp, Hon. Sec., 85, Berkeley Road, Bishopton, Bristol.

EPWORTH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY August Bank Holiday, Cage Birds (Open). ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th. No Amalgamation. Prize-money paid within a week. Schedules from G. A. Maw, Hon. Sec., Epworth, Doncaster.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Horfield (C.B.U. Rules).—August 7th. Judge, Mr. C. P. Telling; 13 classes—Crest, 1; Nor., 2; Yorks., 2; Brit., 3; For., 1; Sell., 1; Local, 3. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a card; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 27th to Mr. C. Shipp, 85, Berkeley Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

Downend (C.B.U. Rules).—August 7th. Judge, Mr. W. G. Bull; 12 classes—Nor., 1; Yorks., 1; A.O.V., 1; A.V. Bred 1907, 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 2; For., 2; Sell., 1; Members, 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d.; entry 1s. 6d. Entries close July 30th to Messrs. Pearse and Rathbone, Institute, Staple Hill, Bristol.

Pwllheli.—August 3rd. Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin; 14 classes—Nor., 2; Yorks., 2; Bor., 1; A.O.V., 1; A.V. Bred 1907, 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 3; For., 1; Local, 2. Prizes 6s., 3s., 2s.; entry fee, 1s. Entries close July 27th to Messrs. R. Lloyd-Ellis and J. J. Edwards, Gwalia Hotel, Pwllheli.

Green Canary Association.—July 27th. Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis; 37 classes—Yorks. Greens, 6; Nor. Greens, 6; Yorks., 6; Bor. 6; A.O.V., 1; Mule, 1; Sell., 1; Brit., 6. Entry fee 1s.; entries close July 24th to Mr. S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

Bathcaston.—August 15th. Judge, Mr. W. L. Langley. Four classes—Canary, British, Foreign and Local. Prizes 5s., 3s., 2s.; entry fee 1s. Entries close August 1st to Mr. F. Gerrish, Bathcaston, Bath.

Epworth.—August 5th. Judge, Mr. G. Heaton; three classes—Can., Brit., For. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s.; entry fee, 2s. Entries close July 27th to Mr. G. A. Maw, Beech House, Epworth, Doncaster.

Aekworth.—August 1st. Judge, Mr. W. H. Silvester; four classes—Canary, 2; Brit., 2. Prizes, 4s., 2s.; entry fee, 6d. Entries close July 27th to Mr. G. E. Guest, Ackworth, Moor Top, Yorks.

Heanor.—August 13th. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison; seven classes—Nor., 2; Crest, 2; A.O.V., 1; Brit., 1; Sell., 1. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close August 6th to Messrs. Holmes and Lovel, Heanor.

TWITTERINGS.

We understand that it is doubtful if any cage bird show will be held at Frome this year.

We hear that Mr. G. Mackley is still in the doctor's hands, but that he intends resuming business shortly.

After closing for press we hear from Mr. Ramsden as follows:—I will reply to Mr. Clayton next week.

It is proposed to start a new society for Woolwich and District. The project is mooted in our correspondence columns.

Mr. J. Raynes (Norwich Plainhead Club) writes: "The model submitted by Mr. Norman is certainly a credit to him, and it was very much admired at our late meeting."

The many friends and correspondents of Mr. John Dobbie (Leith) will regret to learn that his wife has just undergone a very serious operation. Best wishes for her speedy recovery will be tendered her by the Fancy.

In sending report of the Cambridge Nest Feather Show, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, the Hon. Sec., I regret I omitted to include the following:—Novice Norwich, 1st, G. Bainbridge; Novice Crest, 1st and 2nd, H. Cartwright.

C.B.U. delegates of District 12 are reminded that the two voting papers sent them on the 13th, should reach Mr. Geo. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, not later than to-day (Saturday, July 20th).

Having received so many replies re Green B.F. Cock wanted, we find it impossible to answer all. Would you allow us to thank all applicants through the medium of your valuable paper?—T. and W. NISBET, High Street, Musselburgh.

By an error, the article which appeared in our last issue on "Some Problems of Colourisation in Birds' Plumage" was credited to the Rev. D. Percy Harrison. The writer was our esteemed and valued contributor, Mr. Claude St. John.

In asking for the support of exhibitors for their forthcoming show, Mr. Bowen, Hon. Sec. of the Dawley Society, says:—We are only at the bottom yet. This is our third season. Each time we have given a special prize in every class, and shall do the same this year. We shall be glad of any assistance that can be given us.

Our Cardiff friends are hoping for a good show on July 24th, at Naish's Royal Stores. The schedule is an ambitious one, containing 29 classes, and the judges are the local celebrities Messrs. Walters (Norwich and Crests), T. H. Melhuish (Yorks., Scotch, Cinnamons, and A.O.V.), F. Jones (British and Foreign). The birds are to be staged at 7 o'clock.

Carlisle and Dis. C.B.A. have joined the Cage Bird Union. The annual show will be held on December 6th and 7th. Mr. J. Thompson, of Wigton, will judge Borders; Mr. Parker Robinson all others.

We have selected for our Annual Show, on December 6th and 7th, the following judges:—Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Bexson. We have also joined the Cage Bird Union.—J. C. HAYES, Sec. Rotherham C.B.S.

It came as an agreeable surprise, when I received my CAGE BIRDS on Friday morning, to see my young marked Yorkshire depicted on the front page, with that beautiful young Norwich of Messrs. Cooper Bros. Your artist deserves great credit for such a splendid drawing.—F. EASTERLING (Fulham).

Mr. Lythgoe, Secretary of the C.B. Union, writes:—Kindly announce that the following shows are held under C.B.U. Rules—viz., August 1st., Stonehouse; August 2nd and 3rd, Brislington; August 5th, Churchdown; August 6th, Downend; August 10th, Runcorn and Heanor. Union members may, therefore, enter at these shows.

I am hoping to visit Scotland, writes Mr. J. A. Tonks, of Alma House, Oxford-street, Wednesbury, at the end of the present month, and should much like to call on fanciers. The towns I am likely to visit are Dalry, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Coatbridge, Ayr, and others in Ayrshire. Any fanciers in the above towns who would not mind my visiting them, I shall be pleased to hear from.

The following well-known judges have been appointed to judge at Kilmarnock Show on December 7th:—Scotch, John Smith (Howwood), David Black (Govan); Crests, John Young (Rutherglen); Norwich, John Ferguson (Glasgow); Borders, Peter McKenzie (Kelso); British, D. J. Gardner (Bathgate); Foreign, J. B. King (Kilmarnock). Classification—Scotch, 12 classes; Crests, 13. Crest Club Show to be held in conjunction—Norwich, 13; Borders, 10; British and Foreign, 20. We have also decided to guarantee full prize money in every class.—WM. WATSON, Sec.

Yorkshire C.C.

The adjourned committee meeting, Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, July 20th, at 5 p.m.—JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

The Weather.

A sudden rise in the temperature has taken place at the time of writing. It will, consequently, be wise to see that one has the means for efficient and free ventilation to keep the room at a tolerable temperature. Do not wait until the birds are showing the effect of the heat before knowing whether you have the means to combat it.—CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bradford B.B. and Mule Club.

Meeting to be held Market Tavern, Bradford, July 20th, at 5 p.m. Business, framing rules, etc. At the above meeting the outside vice-presidents (two), and twelve committee, are to be elected, and we should like to see large numbers of fanciers from other places besides Bradford.—W. R. MYERS.

Another Canary-Bullie.

Mr. Walter G. Bull, of Redfield (the well-known cage bird enthusiast), informs us that a Hybrid has been bred by Mr. J. Maggs, of Hambrook, this year from a Canary cock and Bullie hen, and that it is a beautiful specimen, too. It was to have been on view at the Bristol C.B.S.'s Young Bird Show, held July 3rd last.

Breeders—What of the Season?

Taking them upon the whole the reports to hand of the breeding season, so far as it has gone, are distinctly encouraging. Here and there we hear of a disastrous experience, but north, south, east and west the average of healthy youngsters is considerably better than for some years past. The spread of knowledge about Canary breeding has had much to do with the situation.

Cinnamon Marked Yorks. C.C.

The last day for receiving applications for our patronage is July 27th. Meeting for considering applications will be held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on July 27th, at 5 p.m. There will be 13 prizes, besides the best 4th and most points for novices, at each competition show, particulars of which I will forward later. All fanciers are earnestly invited to join the club.—R. GARNETT, Hon. Sec., 17, Woodville Terrace, Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

I provided myself last week with evidence of the truth of the old adage, "The more haste the worse speed." In order to meet the suggestion that I should secure publication of the result of the voting for the Welsh Cage Bird Club in CAGE BIRDS last week, though voting papers only finished coming in the same week, I omitted to take into consideration 11 votes secured by Mr. Camden for the position of committeeman. Mr. Nicholas, therefore, will give place to Mr. Camden on the committee, and my apologies to both gentlemen for the oversight are hereby tendered.—F. CARL, Scrutineer.

An Unfortunate Finish.

I have been rather unfortunate in Hybrid breeding this season, writes Mr. R. J. Howe, the well-known Wellingborough fancier. I had 14 eggs from a hen Hawfinch and cock Greenfinch, and eight eggs from Song Thrush and Blackbird. I had also a cock Nightingale that used to sing to a hen Blackcap splendidly, but just as she was starting to build, the 'Gale fell in full moult. I might as well say that all the above eggs came to an unfortunate end through my aviary coming to grief from the falling in of the wall of a burnt-out factory. The aviary was 28 feet long, 8 feet high, and 5 feet deep, and was a splendid place for the purpose.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkealdy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.R., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Sunderland.** [J.S.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.,
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 31.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

"Quality is the true test of cheapness." This is a motto we see prominently figuring in Mr. Samuel Young's latest catalogue of appliances which has just reached us. Mr. Young has for many years been recognised as one of those sterling traders who do their utmost to give their customers satisfaction, and this compendious and clearly-printed compilation of his wares sets out in easily-understood fashion all that is necessary to know about them. Clap nets of every size, Lark netting, springs, call-cages, bird lime, one-hand hemp mills, spring brass bird poles, bird foods, cages, etc., in endless variety—these are only some of the things Mr. Young sets himself out for, and certainly all bird trappers should immediately communicate with Mr. Young, Misterton, Crewkerne, Somerset, mentioning CAGE BIRDS, when a copy of his price-list will be sent them

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, birdroom or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 119.

AN AID TO BUDGERIGAR BREEDING.

Sent by J. Thompson, The Common Road, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts.

Enclosed is a sketch of a method I find very useful to save young Budgerigars that have been thrown, or carried, out of the husk by the parent birds. It catches the young birds instead of allowing them to be dashed on to the hard floor of the aviary and killed. Get a piece of old canvas, or cloth, and cut it triangle shape, and eighteen inches along the three sides. Then fasten three pieces of



To Save Young Budgerigars.

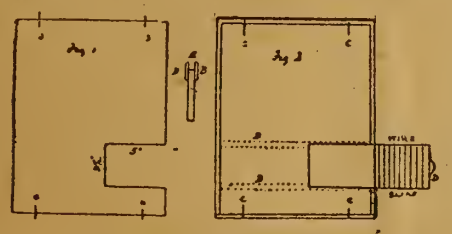
string, or tape, to the three corners and suspend the canvas underneath the husk, allowing it to be sufficiently slack to bag a little in the middle. When you have done so, if you take a look at the bag (or net) about twice a day, you may find there is a young bird in it. It may at first appear to be dead, but take it to the fire and breathe on it and warm it, and you will soon see signs of animation returning. Then return the bird to the husk and it will soon be all right again. —J. Thompson.

No. 120.

A REMOVABLE PARTITION.

Sent by S. Booth, 48, Edward Street, Grantham.

The accompanying is a sketch of a removable partition which I am using for converting a large flight cage into a double breeder. I have three in use, and find them very handy. They are easily fixed and easily removed at the end of the breeding season. Fig. 1 shows a piece of wood ¼-in. thick, height and width to be ¾-in. less than the inside measurement of cage. It has a piece cut out 5 in. by 3½ in. to take a wired slide (D) which is made of



A Removable Partition.

two pieces of punched bar 5 in. long and eight or nine bits of wire 3½ in. long, and one small piece bent and soldered on to form a handle, as shown at D, Fig 2. Four bits of wire marked C hold the partition in place, two driven fast in the bottom to stand out ¼ in. and two just slightly driven in the top, so as to be easily drawn out when you wish to remove the partition. The four strips of wood marked B on Fig. 1 may be thinned down to 3-16 or ⅛ in., which will make a neater job than if they are ¼ in. thick. Round off the edges a little, and fix as shown by dotted lines marked B on Fig. 2, and fasten with thin oval sprigs ½ in. long. The strips will form the grooves to carry the wire slide as shown by E. Give it a good coat of paint. This will be found a neat and clean partition, and will not afford a harbour for red mite, as there is a half-inch space between back of cage and partition, and ¾ in. at the top and ¼ in. at the front. This is for cages with a loose rail in front, which I much prefer to sand-trays, as with about ½ in. deep of sand on the cage bottom, I can keep my birds much cleaner than with a sand-tray. It may be used with sand-tray cages by shortening the partition, and fixing a false piece to clear the sand-tray and support the partition.—S. Booth.

IN THE COURTS.

SHOW CANARIES GOING ASTRAY.

A Railway Company's Liability.

A case of importance to exhibitors was heard at the Wigton (Cumberland) County Court on Monday last, July 15th, in which Joseph Thompson, a well-known Wigton Canary fancier, sued the Maryport and Carlisle Railway Company for the recovery of £3 1s. 5d. damages for breach of a special contract, dated January 6th, 1907, by which defendants undertook to carry from Wigton and deliver at Llanelly a case containing two Canaries in time for the opening of a cage bird show held on January 8th, 1907. The case, plaintiff alleged, was not carried to Llanelly, but was returned to him by the defendant company on January 8th. Particulars of plaintiff's claim were:—Loss of time and labour in preparing the birds for show (including 3s. entry fees paid), £3; carriage paid to defendants, 1s. 5d. The defendants had paid into court 4s. 5d. in full satisfaction of the claim, but at the same time denied liability. Mr. Hetherington was for plaintiff, and Mr. Rigg for defendants. The case was heard by his Honour Judge Steavenson, in a crowded court.

Mr. Hetherington, in opening, said that plaintiff was a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Border Fancy Canaries. On Jan. 6th he took to Wigton Station a box containing two Canaries he had entered for a show at Llanelly. The box had a reversible label, and when handed over the label read:—"Live stock.—Urgent. For Show. Deliver immediately." Then followed the address of the show secretary, and printed across the face of the label were the words, "To be delivered before 9.30, Tuesday morning, Jan. 8th, 1907." On the reverse side of the label (not then visible, of course) were the words, "Live Stock.—Urgent. Deliver immediate," followed by the plaintiff's name and address. This latter address could not be seen without undoing the string by which the label was attached to the box. At the railway station plaintiff saw the head clerk, Purdain, and called his attention to the fact that the birds were for the show at Llanelly, remarking he had brought them in good time, so that there would be no doubt about them getting there in time. The clerk agreed, and made out and signed a contract, plaintiff paying the carriage to Llanelly, 1s. 5d.—His Honour: Value declared?—Mr. Hetherington: No value declared.—Mr. Rigg said that under the bye-laws value should not exceed 5s. where no value was declared.—The plaintiff, however, was not suing for the value of the goods, Mr. Hetherington said, but suing for breach of contract. On the morning of the show a porter returned the box containing the Canaries to plaintiff, without any explanation. The label had been reversed, plaintiff's name and address appearing at the top. Upon inquiring at Wigton Station, plaintiff was told they did not even know where the case had come from; no way-bill came with it. It simply landed up in the train without being booked. A few days later the original way-bill was produced, marked "Case not seen," and plaintiff was told it had been through to Llanelly. But the birds had not. Plaintiff was claiming for loss of time and labour in preparing the birds for show, and also the 3s. entry fees paid and 1s. 5d. carriage. He (Mr. Hetherington) quite admitted that damages plaintiff could recover were not the value of the prizes for which he was competing, although it was a fact that plaintiff was a noted and successful exhibitor. As a matter of fact, he had not shown once this year without securing the first prize, and had won 20 first prizes with 23 birds. Plaintiff, the advocate further explained, was in the running for a cup to be awarded to the winner of most points at four shows held in different parts of the country. At two of these—Dulwich and Morecambe—it had already been won, and Llanelly Show was the third of the series. Up to that time plaintiff was leading all other competitors, so that it was very unfortunate for him, at all events, that the birds should have miscarried. He did not want to make too much of that, however, but submitted that plaintiff was entitled to damages for breach of contract.

Mr. Rigg said that defendants held that the case came within No. 3 of the special conditions printed on the back of the contract: "The company will not in any case be responsible for any loss of market or any other special damages whatever."—His Honour: Is that a "reasonable" condition?

Joseph Thompson, the plaintiff, gave evidence. Asked how long it took to prepare Canaries for show, he said that from July to October the birds took special attention, as it was the time they cast their feathers. If awarded the full amount claimed, he reckoned he would not be half paid for the loss sustained. The cup referred to was offered for competition at Dulwich, Morecambe, Llanelly and the Crystal Palace. He won at the two first-named, and was standing top for the cup. Llanelly was not as big a show as Dulwich.—His Honour: You did not show at the Crystal Palace?—Witness: No, my chance was gone.—Cross-examined: He had a large number of Canaries, and paid special attention to all of them. Dulwich Show was in October, and Morecambe Show in November, and the attendance he was now claiming for covered the period previous to Dulwich Show.—His Honour: How many birds do you keep, getting up for show?—Witness: Between 30 and 40, your Honour. I have nearly 100 in my room to-day.—His Honour: Have you each bird in a separate cage when you are getting it up for show?—Witness: Yes.

For the defence, Mr. Rigg submitted that the damages claimed were too remote. They were exceedingly sorry for Mr. Thompson. It was a great pity, but it was not the fault of the Maryport and Carlisle Railway Company. How it happened no one could tell. The birds were despatched from Wigton to Carlisle in time, and certainly reached Crewe. They had to change from the London and North Western Railway to the Great Western, and all that arrived concerning them was the waybill, the birds coming back to Wigton on the Tuesday morning by the first train. Then, as he had already indicated, there was the special condition, which his Honour could consider was reasonable or not; and he further submitted that the damages were too remote and excessive. It was not so much a question of money as principle. Supposing a man was sending a horse to London for the Derby by rail, and by some means the horse was not delivered in time at Epsom, his Honour could not say that the railway company were responsible for the training of the animal from the beginning until the race was won. Damages of that description were far too remote. This was a competition, and for anything Mr. Thompson or anyone else knew, there might have been a couple of Canaries at Llanelly Show which would have beaten his. His (the speaker's) experience of bird shows was not very great, but what he did know led him to know that judges' decisions were very variable. (Laughter.)

His Honour said the real thing the defence had to establish was whether their condition was reasonable. It was a sweeping condition. Unless they could show him some authority, he was of opinion that it was too sweeping, and not reasonable. Then it came to the simple proposition, "Are the damages that were incurred excessive or too remote?" Part of the damages claimed might be too remote, but the other part might be quite reasonable. He could not help thinking that although a man might not be entitled to all the damage of getting up his birds for the show, yet he would be entitled to something for his time and trouble. He thought, however, £3 would be excessive. The question was, whether a railway company—who know everything in some way or other—(laughter)—could reasonably contemplate that a bird would require special attention to be prepared for show.—Mr. Rigg pointed out that the plaintiff was claiming for something which happened before the contract was made. They could not say that the damages sustained by plaintiff were either the "necessary or lawful result of the defendants' conduct."—His Honour: If that was so, a person preparing boots and shoes could not recover the value of such goods not delivered—could not recover anything in preparing and making them ready.—Mr. Rigg: Making them!—His Honour: Well, preparing a bird for show is "making" it, in a way.

Certain cases bearing upon the point were referred to, and his Honour remarked: I am not allowed books. The Government, in its wisdom, does not allow County Court judges to carry books about. He is supposed to know everything—to carry everything in his head. I have not got everything in my head, I must confess. (Laughter.)—The Judge further stated that he would like time to consider his verdict, and he would give his decision at the next Court.

An International Barter.

The Town Council of Adelaide, N.S.W., is exchanging with Weymouth Corporation white for black Swans. Ten of the dozen sent from Australia have arrived at Weymouth, the other two having died on the way. In the same cages which brought the birds to England a dozen Weymouth Swans will be packed for the Adelaide Ornamental Waters.

Her Majesty as a Bird Keeper.

At Queen Alexandra's new Danish home at Hvidoere a small aviary has been erected, close to the kennels. We understand that the inmates are to be brought up on the no-egg plan. Whether this refers to a prohibition against them laying any eggs in the royal cages we confess ourselves unable to state. Anyway, Her Majesty has our best wishes, whatever her intentions.

Talking "Parrot" at Withington.

Some practical joke is evidently in progress at Withington, Manchester. According to one correspondent, a marvellous talking Grey Parrot, with very distinct articulation, travels every day by a train leaving Stockport and arriving at Withington at 8.27 a.m. Another correspondent volunteers the information that this marvellous "bird" usually takes a seat in a smoking compartment near the engine, makes a hideous bawl each morning, and is, in reality, a railway employee. Will some Withington man explain?

Profits in the Bird Fancy.

A most interesting item of information has reached us. It appears that a bird which was purchased at the last Crystal Palace Show for a figure approximating a "tenner"—and which, by the way, was purchased by its previous owner for the ridiculous figure of 18s.—has been successful in producing about £30 worth of young stock for its new owner this season. Had the original owner kept his bird, it might by some be assumed he would now be at least £37 10s. better off than he is through the transaction; but, then, at least £36 worth of knowledge and experience have been required to ascertain the correct value of the specimen in question. This seems to throw an interesting sidelight on the question of sight versus pedigree breeding.

The Colour Food Bill.

Ten tons of colour food! These words have many times caught my eye, writes "J.E.N.," in the "Norwich Evening News," and often have I wondered what number of our little songsters it would take to consume this great bulk of artificial colouring. Mr. J. Sandiford, of Preston, Lancashire, has this season manufactured this great weight of colour food. Taking 71,680 pairs of Norwich Canaries, each pair will also consume one score eggs in the ten weeks, thus totalling 1,433,600, valued at £5,973 6s. 8d. The amount of bread used during this period would be about 3½ lbs. per pair, and that will come close upon 17,920 stones, the price of which may be taken to be £1,306 14s. 8d. In addition to this, there is the sugar bill, which amounts to £298 13s. 4d.

Some Amazing Figures.

The ten tons of colour feed, of course, continues "J.E.N." must be taken as two-thirds of tasteless pepper, which may be valued at £984 17s. 10d., and one-third of hot Natal, £946 12s., making in all £1,731 9s. 10d. for a condiment so much valued by the true fancier of the Norwich Plainhead Canary. The whole cost to produce the 71,680 pairs of Canaries would be £9,310 6s., the major portion of which comes from the working men's pockets, who indulge in the fascinating hobby of breeding Canaries.

"Nearly off T'Perch."

Mr. J. Bailey, of Allerton, is a well-known figure not only in Yorkshire circles, but amongst London bird men. His visits to the Great Glass House are very regular, and his fame as a breeder and exhibitor of the "slim gentlemen" is world-wide. We were delighted, therefore, to run up against him in Bradford, looking the picture of health, and could hardly credit his statement that he had been nearly "a dead 'un" with pneumonia. Mr. Bailey confided to us that he had had a good season, and that he hoped to produce something to astonish the London chaps. Londoners, said James, have progressed marvellously in their breeding of late. He was in hopes of having a run round the Metropolis and then going over to Jersey to see his partner, Mr. Swanger.

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Crewe O.S.—July 24th, at Nag's Head. Acceptance of entries for Inter-club Show.—J. C. Heaton, Hon. Sec.

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Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.—July 27th, at Crown Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—July 25th, at the Napier, High Holborn, 8. Allotting of medals, and to consider the starting of a club journal.—Plumbridge and Carr, Secs.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 23rd, at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Classification of November Show.—John Davey, Sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Painting and Moving.

Markham.—(1) I should certainly advise you not to paint your bird house while the birds are in it, as you would be almost sure to have them go wrong. Why not use one of the many good washable distempers that are now on the market? You can get them in any colour, and they would be quite harmless, and would answer your purpose admirably. (2) You could move your young birds into the house whilst they are in the moult. The sooner you can shift them the better. Pleased to hear my previous advice has been of service to you.

The Clear-Egg Puzzle.

Anxious.—It is impossible for me to tell you the cause of your having four nests of clear eggs as, of course, the fact of your rearing two in another nest proves neither cock nor hen is barren, and the hen must certainly have been in good health and condition to have laid five clutches. I should have been under the impression the cock had fallen a bit sick, but, of course, such could not be the case if he has been in full song and very lively. Such cases do occur occasionally, and there is no accounting for them. The only advice I can give you is not to depend upon the hen for next season's breeding, as most likely the strain on the system produced by the laying of five nests of eggs, followed by moulting, will have an effect on her constitution.

Never Lays.

Herbell.—The best advice I can give you is to get rid of the hen, as she is either a barren one or an old one that has been used up, and her breeding days over. The fact of the man you purchased her from at a good price as a cock not now being in the Fancy is no excuse for him not recompensing you in some way. Had he been an honourable man he would either have returned your money or have found you another cock. His excuse is a lame one—about as bad a one as the bird he sold you. I have a friend a solicitor, and I will ask his advice as to what chance you would have in an action for recovery, and will let you know his opinion in next week's issue.

Dont Part Yet.

"Cage Birds" Reader.—Instead of parting with any of your young birds now, I should advise you to keep them, and when they are through the moult you will then be able to tell the cocks from the hens by their singing. Pair one of the young cocks back to its mother, and one of the hens to the father. If the father is a yellow, then you will want a buff hen for it (or vice versa), the same rule applying to the mother. When you have picked out your birds, you can then make exchanges with your friends. You are mistaken in supposing you will have to keep mixing the blood of other birds with your own in order to get good birds. To found a good strain you must practice a little judicious in-breeding, but take care only to use good sound healthy stock.

A Little "Run Down."

E.E.W. (Devonshire).—As you do not say anything about your bird making a noise in any way, I think the cause of his not singing is due to the fact that he is "run down" a bit. Let him have in his drinking water, fresh daily for a fortnight, 10 drops of tincture of quinine, and three times a week give a small teaspoonful of hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuit, well mixing with it 6 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Let him have three times a week a couple of young dandelion leaves or a spray of watercress. As you do not say how you are feeding, of course I cannot give you any advice on that point, but I should conclude you have not been far off the mark, as you say he has been a good songster for three years.

An Increase.

Perplexed.—The mixture you have been giving your bird is a very good one, and your treatment in all other respects quite correct. I think you had better continue the mixture for another week or two, when I feel sure you will find an improvement in him. If not, then write again, and I will advise you; but you may give double the quantity, as 12 drops is not sufficient.

Feeding Him Generously.

Llan.—Give your bird in his drinking water, fresh daily, for a fortnight or three weeks, 10 drops of tincture of quinine. Three times a week let him have a piece of sponge cake, about the size of a walnut, over which put a few drops of best sherry, or good old port. In addition to the plain canary, you may give him three times a week a half teaspoonful of the following mixture: Hemp, German rape, and niger seed, equal parts; also, occasionally, a pinch of maw seed. (2) Yes; Parrish's Chemical Food is practically the same as that you asked for, and would be just as beneficial.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Young Birds Swollen.

Whinple.—Give the young Yorkshires canary seed as their staple food, and in addition, for one week, give half a teaspoonful of fresh made egg food to each bird, sprinkling a little maw seed over the egg food, and to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water add 8 drops of good Scotch whisky. Stop the milk sop and crushed hemp seed. When you see this examine the birds again, and if they are still in the same state get a feather and dip the end in turpentine and lightly daub the birds' bellies with it. If you have another room at liberty, you may remove the ailing birds into it if you wish, but I don't think it is really necessary to do so.

Linseed or Linseed Meal?

Tren Crow.—Canaries do not, generally speaking, care much about eating linseed, and that being so it is in no way strange that your birds should waste a lot during their moult. I gather from what you write that this seed has been given in its whole state all through the moult in previous years, and you are intending to use linseed meal in place of the seed this season. This will answer your purpose all right, but any seed that is ground for birds' food should be newly ground, and much of the linseed meal sold is of inferior quality in the seed, and will in most cases have been ground a considerable time before it is sold, and, being of a greasy nature, it will, like hemp seed, lose much of its oil by not being fresh ground. There are machines that will crush seeds, and if you got one of these you could crush just as much as you required for present use, mixing, say, a teaspoonful to half a pint of mixed colour food. There is no necessity to give it until the birds are well advanced in the moult, say three-parts through, at which time a small piece of boiled carrot stuck in the wires of the cage twice or three times a week will greatly assist in tightening up the new feathers, but this should not be given until the bird has practically got rid of its old feathers. (2) A little moist sugar, say a teaspoonful to half a pint of mixed colour food, will both assist in depositing the colour where it should be, and at the same time prevent the constipation you say your birds have been subject to, but if your birds do show signs of constipation 6 drops of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of water is a suitable proportion to use. (3) Sulphate of iron is of service given at the proper time and in proper quantities. I prefer the citrate of iron, which you will be able to get at any chemist's, who will tell you which is the best to use, but neither should be given till the bird has nearly completed its moult. This is my opinion, some think differently, and give it all through the moult, which, I think, is calculated to do the birds harm, and over and above that is needless so far as tightening up the feathers is concerned, if you can get rid of the old feathers quickly you need not have much fear about the new ones coming all right.

Young Birds Puffy.

Mauvis Hasard.—(1) I think your birds are about to begin their moult, and they often seem sleepy and inclined to mope a bit at that time. I should advise you to give half a teaspoonful of maw seed to each bird daily, and to stop the rape seed. I don't think the chemical food will do any harm, but may be beneficial, so you may continue same for a week or two. (2) Probably the nest of four that have been out of sorts ever since leaving the nest have been over-eating themselves. Put 4 drops of syrup of buckthorn into their egg food for three days, and then for a week put 4 drops of chemical food in place of the buckthorn, well mixing with the egg food. (3) From the description of the pair you give, I should expect to breed mostly heavily marked or variegated birds, both green and Cinnamon marked. The food should be mixed with the colour food in the usual quantities, as if you were using ordinary egg food. About two tablespoousful to half a pint of the food when mixed.

Birds Slipping the Perch.

Mayo.—The cause of your young birds slipping the perch is probably weakness. Put in the birds' drinking water, fresh daily, six drops of tincture of steel and six drops of brandy. Give a little egg food three times a week, and half a teaspoonful of maw seed on the days you do not give the egg food. In place of the round perches give thin ones made like the letter V or triangle shape. This may greatly improve them, but birds troubled as yours are do not very often get perfect.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

In an Outside Building.

G.S.—A portable building in a sheltered position in your garden would be a suitable place for keeping your Crests in, provided the birds have been used to a cold room. If they have been used to warmth during the winter you might possibly be able to introduce a little heat during very severe weather, and, if so, it would then answer admirably. Carry out your intentions with regard to light, ventilation, and being raised from the ground; also covering with felt, especially the roof.

Boreham should note that there is no advantage to be gained by colour feeding Crests or Crestbreds. I advise you not to do it.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH

Abnormal Beaks.

F. Jarvis.—Apart from being able to examine your young birds, I should think their beaks would be all right if the old hen would not nibble them. The false growth seems to me to be the natural scab forming in the healing of the injuries she has inflicted. You cannot do much good; the only thing I can suggest is that you touch the sore places with boric ointment, lanoline, or extract of witch hazel.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

No Perfect Caps.

A. Wayne.—Being your first season it is rather disappointing that all the caps are imperfect. Never mind that. You may have a few gems of broken caps. Select those birds which are good to the eye lash; don't trouble yourself about the irregularity, because you say they don't run down the neck at all. Cage them separately and cover up with paper or curtains, and proceed with the colour feeding. The remainder you may turn into the aviary. I must give this encouragement that there is a great probability of your being satisfied after the moult, because many what you now call imperfections will have greatly improved; in fact, so much that you may be proud of your broken caps.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Green Food for Young Birds.

Is it safe to give green food to young Canaries after they are eight weeks old, and should they have the bath?—R. L.

R. L.—Yes, the young birds should still have green food. I believe in giving it to them right through the moult. It assists in the digestion of their other food, and keeps the liver working freely. During the warm weather you should give them a bath every other day. It will materially assist the moult. I don't think your birds have commenced moulting yet. The feathers you saw were probably plucked by the old birds.

Young Plucking each other.

Rose.—Give them green food two or three times a day; also some spray millet. They probably do it from a desire to employ themselves. You know the old story—Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. Let your birds have employment and they will doubtless leave off plucking each other, unless you have them overcrowded. Overcrowding is often the cause of feather plucking.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Linnets and a Greenhouse.

Would you recommend this mixture for Linnets throughout the year:—One part canary seed, half part German rape, half part teazle, quarter part linseed, with a sprinkling of hemp, maw, and cracked sunflower, and green stuff? Should I add any millet, niger, charlock, or any other seed, such as dandelion or gold of pleasure? Would an unused greenhouse, 9 ft. by 6 ft., free from draught and wet, facing west, do to keep the birds in (in cages) throughout the winter, if warmed by an oil stove? Have just reared nest of five Linnets. Is it rare for all five to turn out cocks, as these have?—GINT.

Gint.—The stock mixture you mention is a good one, and quite suitable for Linnets. But the "sprinkling" of other seeds does not want adding to it; the latter should be given separately, occasionally, as "tit-bits." A quarter part of charlock might be added to it with advantage. During the moult the linseed should be brought up to a half part, and a half part of hemp should also be added. All the other seeds (except millet) are good to give as occasional treats. You must give them plantain, ripe shepherd's purse and chickweed, and flowering groundsel when moulting. This greenhouse, seeing that it is used for no other purpose, might answer very well as a bird house. The variations of temperature experienced in such places, however, are generally detrimental to birds. You must arrange for efficient ventilation during very hot weather. Could you not manage to then replace some of the glass portion with wire netting? I think it would be better unheated, if free from damp. Oil lamps, anyhow, are far from ideal heaters. They require considerable attention to avoid smoke and smell. It certainly must be rare for all five young Linnets in a nest to turn out cocks. But are you really certain? Young Linnets are very difficult to sex except by experienced fanciers—and they are often puzzled. I remember a British-bird-loving friend and myself being told of a nest of five hand-reared Goldfinches which all turned out cocks. Yet the very one we were being shown was actually a hen, though the owner did not know it, as it sang, as many hens will.

Goldfinch-Lizard Canary Mules.

F.K.—Mules bred from a Goldfinch and hen Lizard Canary would be quite equal in value to ordinary dark Mules bred from any other variety of hen Canary. But ordinary dark Mules have no great value at any time; it is only good show specimens which fetch big prices. As songsters they may fetch from five to ten shillings each, according to customer; they might fetch the latter figure easily if colour fed and showing plenty of colour, as they are almost certain to do, seeing the mother they had. One way to enhance the value of otherwise ordinary dark Mules is to train them to sing under either a good Linnet or Goldfinch, so that they sing the pure song of one or other of these species. They must not hear a Canary, of course, or other singing bird.

Moulting a Pied Blackbird.

Black and White.—Pied Blackbirds are freaks (as, of course, you know), and these kind of freaks often moult in a freakish fashion. I have known many pied birds, of all species, moult out lighter at each successive season, and, on the contrary, I have known them moult out darker—that is, lose more or less of their white plumage. One friend of mine paid a stiffish price for a pied cock Linnet (very nearly all white), and this bird moulted out all brown at its very first moult indoors. So far as my own observations carry me, I am of the opinion that the only constant specimens are the true Albinos—i.e., those that are pink-eyed. All others seem more or less unstable, and liable either to revert towards the normal or to progress further in their particular form of freakishness. Thus your pied Blackbird may get lighter, or he may lose the few light feathers he at present possesses. I will say this, however, that the general tendency seems undoubtedly for a bird to moult lighter and lighter. As regards colour feeding your specimen, I cannot advise this. I have never yet seen a colour-fed pied Blackbird, but should imagine, as the beauty of such a specimen lies in the contrast 'twixt black and white, that the bird would be spoilt in the process. A pink (or red) and black Blackie would look distinctly funny, I should imagine. If you moult the bird another year, perhaps you will let me know whether the area of white plumage increases; I should be glad to hear, also to learn the experiences of other readers on this point. If you want a "tip" to get gloss on your bird's plumage, here it is: Grind a little linseed very finely, fresh every day, and add a teaspoonful to its allowance of stock food. Begin with less than this amount, and work up to full strength. Let the bird bathe freely, in cold water.

Should she Nest again?

Chadwell.—You will, in my opinion, make a grave mistake if you let the hen go to nest again. It is very near the moulting season now, and the extra strain a fourth nest would put upon her might so weaken her as to make her unable to withstand the strain of casting and reproducing her plumage, and so go wrong and die, or be spoilt for next year's breeding. She has served you very well indeed, and deserves consideration at your hands—many fanciers would give something to possess a few hens bringing off nine young in the first two nests and a "bumper lot" of seven in the third to finish up with, as it were. It is very seldom indeed a hen lays seven eggs, and probably much more seldom that she rears all seven young. Take away nest and nesting material, and let her have the run of a good sized cage, say not less than a 3 ft. flight or double breeder, when she will probably soon drop into moult. I should not put her with the young (or other birds, if I could help it) until after she has had a week or two by herself, for, with the "nesting fever" on her still, she would probably set to and pluck them. If you don't want to risk harm coming to her, however, do not let her nest again. If you do, she might quite likely drop into moult ere the young could fend for themselves, then desert them and let them die.

Stuffed, and in a Case.

Wants to Know.—You say the bird whose name you desire to know is about 12 ins. long, with green back and wings, and white spots on the edge of the flight feathers; throat, whitish; underparts, greenish-grey; top of head, grey, red at the "ends" (I presume you mean at the ends of the feathers); round the eye black, on the rump yellowish. Well, my friend, that is a pretty accurate description of the Green Woodpecker (*Gecinus viridus*). It is rather surprising, however, to find you make no mention of its peculiar tail, or of the fact that it has its toes disposed in pairs (two before, two behind) to assist it in climbing up tree trunks. If your specimen has no red in the moustachial streak (the black streak situate under the eye) it is a female. The Green Woodpecker is a favourite subject of the taxidermist, for it is a striking looking bird, and its habits permit of it being "set up" in a manner likely to attract customers.

What Bird is it?

Pryderns.—I have no hesitation in saying that your bird is a Twite (*Cannabina flavirostris*). If it has a distinct ruddy patch of colour on the rump, it is an undoubted cock, as hens never possess this—in a two-year old and over male this patch is quite a rosy-red. I should, judging by the colour of the beak, say your bird is a young male. In some districts the Twite is known variously as the Mountain, Stone, Rock, Grey, Heather, and Small Linnet, etc. The call note sounds something like "Twit" (long-drawn out) hence its name. The cock has a pleasant little song, not altogether like a Linnet's, but more like a combination of the notes of the Redpoll and Siskin. It is neither a pretentious nor very varied ditty. The cock Twite is not at all a difficult bird to breed Mules from when paired to a Canary.

Moulting a Lark.

R. Kelly.—I don't know that you need anticipate any particular trouble in moulting your Skylark. The moult is a natural proceeding, and a bird in good health at the start, and being well and properly fed, is likely to go through without any hitch whatever, though losses will occur, of course, in the best regulated establishments, and cannot be avoided. Some members of the Lark and Pipit family are difficult to get to break into moult, however, and will often go a year or more without, apparently, shedding any of their plumage. One of the most successful winning exhibition Skylarks out last season failed to moult at the previous moulting period, yet was not one jot the worse for it, so far as you could see. Whether he will moult this year remains to be seen. Many Lark fanciers endeavour to get their birds to break by gradually retiring their cages into a dark corner (or cupboard), or gradually sheeting down their cages with a dark cloth, so that they are, to all intents and purposes, living in the dark. These conditions usually cause a bird to drop into moult. You don't say how you are feeding the bird, but I presume in a proper manner. Let it have plenty of road-dust, containing some insect powder, to use as its bath, and let it have a tin of good grit to use if it so chooses. Also do not omit to mix some finely-chopped green stuff amongst its food daily, the best possible being young leaves of clover grass. You can ensure a supply of this by keeping a turf or two by you. A few mealworms every day, and a spider or two now and again, will also be of much help. If there are any particular points you want information on, state them briefly, and I will try to give you an answer. You certainly should read the article on the Skylark by Mr. Allaway, which appeared in No. 282, date June 8th, post free 2d.

Moulting a Linnet Mule and a Bullfinch.

Herbell.—I cannot understand why your 1906 Linnet Mule and your cock Bullfinch should be unsteady. They ought both to be steady enough cre this. What type of cage do you use? The box-pattern (wired at front only) is the correct one. You should house them both in a Finch stock cage, which any up-to-date cage maker will supply, and which was illustrated and described in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1906. Run them out occasionally into an all-wire "hop" cage, and spray them lightly with water; also let them spend an occasional day or two in a show cage. This will help to steady them. All dark Mules need to be colour-fed to stand any chance of success in keen competition. The pepper used is the tasteless, sweet pepper. It is given them in the same manner as it is given to Canaries. For full details of the process you should consult a good book on Canary keeping, and read the various articles which have recently appeared in our columns. An easy way would be to use the egg cake recommended "Saddler" last week. Mix in the colour food in very small quantity at first, to get the bird on to it, gradually working up to full strength, about one part of pepper to four of crumbled egg cake. He should eat about a teaspoonful daily. In the drinking water, three times a week, dissolve a tiny pinch of citrate of iron crystals. Give the usual seeds to both the

Mule (note reply to "Moult" last week) and the Bullfinch. The latter bird should have a free supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash, and other berries, black currants and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants I am so frequently recommending. That Bullie is a great bud and fruit-eating bird one look at his bill should convince anyone; try him with any fruit you think suitable. Let both birds bathe freely.

Linseed During the Moult.

A. Wilson.—I certainly think linseed of great value during the moult, for its liberal use puts a fine gloss on the new plumage. It is Canaries chiefly that do not seem to care to eat it in quantity, for all British seed-eaters are partial to it—as a matter of fact, most Canaries like it quite well, too. I give every bird of mine, whether Hybrid or British, some linseed every day, and I make sure they eat a fair quantity as the moult draws to a conclusion (at least a teaspoonful a day, somewhat according to size of bird). It can be given amongst the colour food, if necessary. For this purpose it must be ground to powder in a mill, fresh every day. Don't overdo it then, however, by giving it in the seed mixture as well. A little of this ground up linseed (about a teaspoonful, the precise quantity again according to the bird) is very useful to mix among the soft food of moulting Thrushes, Larks, Pipits, and other soft-food-eating species.

Young in an Aviary.

Stanley.—No particular preparation is necessary for feeding any young which may be hatched. I presume you supply the usual seeds, and give suitable green food (including seeding wild kinds, chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, grasses, etc.). If this is so, then all else needed is the provision of two dishes of soft food daily—one containing a first-class insectivorous mixture, and the other the usual egg and biscuit (or bread) adopted by fanciers. If you choose to do so you can omit the latter item—should you give it be certain it is always fresh and sweet, changing the supply twice or thrice a day during very hot weather, and keeping it in a well-shaded portion of the aviary. A feed of small mealworms daily would be appreciated and any other suitable insect food you can lay hands on, though the breeding birds, I am afraid, would get little of this with Chaffinches about. It certainly is not too late as yet for young to be successfully reared this season. By-the-bye, the egg cake recommended "Saddler" in last week's issue would answer admirably as a substitute for the egg and biscuit. It need not be moistened at all, providing it is not too stale and dry, but may simply be crumbled into a suitable dish and placed in the aviary. Don't add anything at all to it. But give the insectivorous food in addition.

Bleeding over the Beak.

C.W.T.—It is difficult to account for the recurrence of the bleeding except on the supposition that one or other of the birds the hen Goldfinch is with attacks her now and again and pecks her over the head at the base of the beak; or she may dash about the flight cage for some reason or other, and periodically knock the damaged part about. You certainly ought to have removed her before this to a small cage by herself. Dissolve as much boric acid as just covers a threepenny-bit, in a breakfast cupful of nicely warm water, and gently and thoroughly bathe the wound with this. Dry it as far as is possible, and paint over with a smear of friar's balsam. Don't let either of the above into the bird's eyes if you can help it. Keep her very quiet (covered over if necessary) for half an hour or so afterwards. Don't put her back among the other birds until after the moult, or towards its conclusion.

About a Skylark.

E.V.—It is difficult to gather from your very brief letter what, if anything, is wrong with your Skylark. Are you quite sure that it is really a cock bird? Or is it commencing to break into moult? So far as my own observations go this promises to be an early year for the moulting of British birds. I know many which have already started to drop feathers, and we seem likely to get them more forward in condition for the early shows than is usually the case. The safest thing I can advise you to do is to get a bottle of cod liver oil and hypophosphites from a chemist, and commence by mixing two or three spots amongst the Lark's daily food supply, gradually increasing the quantity to seven or eight spots. If the bird is in low condition this will help to pick him up, while it will also do him good if he is on the verge of the moult. I am presuming, of course, that you are feeding and managing the bird properly, for you tell me nothing on these points.

Aged and Ailing.

C.T.W.—Thirteen years constitute a fairly ripe old age for a Mule, and if your bird is "breaking up" as the effect of his weight of years, I am afraid you can do little to help him. By-the-way, I note you describe him as a "Mule-Canary." What do you mean by this? Is the bird really a Mule (a cross between some British bird and a Canary) or is it what so many people imagine to be a Mule, viz., a Canary with more or less dark plumage? If the bird is purely and simply a Canary, then its age is great indeed. The lump on the wing, if a hard growth, you should paint once daily with tincture of iodine, obtained from a chemist. This is a very powerful lotion, and must be used with discretion. Only a smear should be applied at a time, and it should not be allowed to go on surrounding parts. Feed the old chap generously. Maw seed is excellent for aged birds; give a small teaspoonful every day. A pinch of niger now and again would also be appreciated no doubt. But, best of all, allow him a small teaspoonful of egg cake daily, with which you have well mixed (or let it fall on a lump and soak in) four or five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. You cannot better the recipe (if you make your own cake) given "Saddler" last week. You can bake half, or a quarter, the quantity there provided for.

Outdoor Room for British Birds and Canaries.

Ellis Dean.—I should imagine you will find your place of a rather inconvenient size. A height of four feet will not allow you to move about in it in comfort—unless, of course, you yourself are less than four feet in stature—while the width, three feet six, is also cut rather fine, seeing you intend putting cages in the place. British birds will winter out of doors all right in such a room, providing it be damp and draught proof (I note you say it is well protected). Such a place should stand at least six inches off the floor (nine or twelve were better) to allow free passage of air underneath. A few blue bricks (at a pinch) answer admirably for it to stand on. The roof is best boarded before the tarred felt is put on, and the latter should be of the very best quality—it is false economy to use any other—and have a coat of tar and sand put on it at intervals, as necessary. As regards housing Canaries therein, if the said Canaries were hardy birds, and came from cold-room bred stock, they would take no harm. But I am with those who hold that exhibition Canaries are much the best kept in an indoor room, or, at any rate, in a substantial, brick built place.

Hand-rearing Bullfinches.

What is the best food to rear young Bullfinches on? I can find most things I want in CAGE BIRDS.—T. NOYCE.

T. Noyce.—If your last sentence means you cannot find information on hand-rearing Bullfinches I am afraid your search was but perfunctory, for I believe I gave it twice only last month. Here you are again, however, in brief: Neither Goldfinches nor Bullfinches are difficult to bring up by hand, providing the two principal rules connected with hand-rearing are duly observed, viz., to feed a little at a time only from dawn to dark, and to keep the nestlings scrupulously clean. I don't believe in taking them from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into the nestlings' mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked summer rape to the stock food, gradually increasing the quantity. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish; in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with. See another reply this week to "J. Huggard."

Hand-rearing Goldfinch-Canary Hybrids.

I would be very thankful to you for particulars on hand-rearing Goldfinch-Canary Hybrids.—J. HUGGARD.

J. Huggard.—I thought I had done with hand-feeding queries, as very many replies on the subject have been given by me during the last month or two. Follow the procedure advised "T. Noyce" this week. Use the soaked rape freely, and mix a pinch of powdered cuttlefish amongst the food every second day. Keep the nestlings scrupulously clean. When the birds begin to pick up for themselves give them water to drink which has been coloured a light red by the addition of a small quantity of Parrish's chemical food. I generally use Fellow's Syrup of Hypophosphates myself, but this is an expensive preparation, and not to be bought in small quantities. It is certainly, however, a fine strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves also offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel, and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

Feeding Bullfinches.

Have had some Bullfinches (feeding themselves) given me, and want to feed them properly. Will you give me advice?—W. BERRY.

W. Berry.—A good stock mixture for Bullfinches at present would be:—Canary and teazle three pints each, linseed and summer rape one pint each. In a finger drawer (or separate dish), however, the following would need to be given, in addition, to provide the necessary variety:—A small dessert-spoonful of sunflower seed every day, except when giving hemp, of which each bird may have a teaspoonful once a week, say for a Sunday treat. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice or thrice a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. Thus your bird can be provided with a "grateful and comforting" change in the menu almost daily. Hemp is a seed often unjustly abused. Still, it is quite true it should not be given too freely to Bullfinches. For green foods give any of the following, according to season:—Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries and fruit, for which please refer to another reply this week. Charlock, dock, thistles, hardheads, and many other wild seeding plants, these birds are also very fond of.

Soft for Three Weeks.

What is the best food to give a Goldfinch that has been soft for the last three weeks?—ARGYLL.

Argyll.—You never ought to have left the Goldie for three weeks (it will now be four) without treatment of any kind. You will be lucky to pull him through, especially so seeing the nearness of the moulting season. For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will just lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give him this to drink. Follow it with three or four mild doses of dandelion juice (taraxacum), obtained from a chemist. Mix half a teaspoonful in the above quantity of drinking water. But give it on alternate days only; plain water in between. Lightly crack the hemp seed you give the bird (do it fresh every day) and you can mix with it a little cracked sunflower seed. Let him have as much maw seed as he likes to eat, also teazle seed. If he is right "off his feed" a small teapoonful of niger every day might tempt him to eat, and help to pull him round. Try the bird also with a small mealworm pinned down to a perch. If he eats it let him have them freely. A dish of soaked ants' eggs might also be appreciated. A simple method of preparing them is to turn some ants' eggs into a saucer containing a little water, and press them gently down therein with the tips of your fingers. When soaked through, drain off the water, and turn the ants' eggs on to a sheet of clean blotting paper, to take off as much of the moisture as possible. They are then ready for the birds. If you are in a hurry, the last part of the operation can be dispensed with. If you can prepare them at least twice a day, the ants' eggs are much better soaked in new milk than water. Wash the dish after each supply. A few small dandelion leaves, groundsel tops and any thistles, hardheads, etc., that you can get, should also be offered. The main object is to try and tempt him to eat, when there is a great chance of the bird recovering. Otherwise he is a "goner," to use an expressive localism.

Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids Bred.

I have got three fine Canary Bullies hatched and doing well. Is it necessary to colour feed for showing? I do not use any egg food, but give dried flies, ants' eggs and biscuits freely, also mealworms, crushed hemp, Spanish canary, linseed, teazle, rape, wild seeds, dandelion, etc. The eldest C.-Bullie, five weeks old, has had some tail feathers plucked by the old birds, and the new ones are coming with light marks on. Will it spoil him for this season's shows? The tail is only plucked on one side.—LUCKY.

Lucky.—I am very pleased to hear of your good fortune when following the methods I advocate. As you say you have never shown any birds, I should advise you to visit an exhibition (even a First Feather Show will do), and make acquaintance with the methods followed by fanciers, before you venture to send out the Hybrids you have bred. I am afraid I can only answer that it is absolutely necessary to colour feed the Canary-Bullies if you desire to have them stand a chance in strong competition. It is a rather troublesome process, so far as the tax on one's time goes, but not at all difficult. In recent replies (this and the last two weeks) you will find much information on the subject. Use sweet pepper and egg cake. I shouldn't like to say that the feed would prove so effective if given with an ordinary insectivorous mixture. You could gradually get the birds on to the egg cake (see reply to "Saddler" last week), and then commence with the pepper. See that they eat a full portion every day. Sweet pepper is perfectly harmless. You should certainly commence at once, or you will have the birds (the eldest one, at least) striking into moult. The white tail feathers which you say are coming (a peculiar thing, this) will handicap the bird a little when competing against self-coloured Canary-Bullies, and may also render it necessary for you to show him in the variegated Mule class at certain shows (according to the wording of the schedule). Mr. John Williams has of recent seasons exhibited a Canary-Bullie with light tail feathers. I shall hope to see this bird at one or other of the shows.

Answers in Brief.

Whose Egg is It? (W.A.).—The egg you send is, I feel sure, that of the Spotted Flycatcher. The brief description of the owner that you give answers to this species. The Flycatcher has a habit of choosing some coign of vantage (such as a wood fence, or post, or gate, in a wooded lane, or on the outskirts of a spinney or garden), from which it springs to catch a passing insect, and returns after making a capture.

Skylarks (Red Flag).—In our issue No. 282, for June 8th last, appears an article on the Skylark for contest singing. I advise you to get this number (post free 1½d.). If you want any further information after reading that article, I shall be glad to try to supply it. It gives, of course, much fuller details than I myself possibly could in the short space allotted these answers to queries.

Seed Mill (Kelmore).—The wood mills with tin cylinders are useful in many ways, but the most durable and satisfactory are the iron ones, modelled on the lines of mince-meat machines. One of the latter you would find quite suitable for your purpose. They can be adjusted to crush to different degrees of fineness. Price about 7s. 6d.—higher, of course, than the first-named ones.

Peat Moss Litter (John B.).—No, it is not the "slabs" of peat moss you want to get for cage bottoms. It is too hard, and an awful job to break up, being suitable only for stables, etc., for which, indeed, it is really intended. The kind you need is that which I always call peat moss litter, though another name for it is granulated peat moss. This is in small pieces, and only needs a little teasing out to be ready for use. If you explain to the corn-chandler what you want it for, he will give you the right kind—if he stocks it, of course.

Concerning Shepherd's Purse (Bucks, A.S., J. G. Somerset).—The samples you send are shepherd's purse. (G.H.H., J.T., E.W., Malden, F.H.).—Samples of shepherd's purse have been duly forwarded on to you.

Charlock, Etc. (B.P.).—Have sent you a sample of shepherd's purse. Charlock is a very common plant, found in every cornfield. It flowers all the summer, carrying clusters of yellow blossoms (like four-petalled primroses, roughly speaking), and the seed (which has a very hot taste when chewed) in pods, very like miniature pea-pods.

What Bird is It? (A Bird Lover).—The specimen you have is not a British bird, but a Pileated Finch, a small foreign seed-eater.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Lovebirds in Poor Plumage.

Thanks to your reply, my Lovebirds are now quite recovered and in fine condition again. A friend has asked me about a Red-faced hen which is almost bare of feather. It will not eat fruit or green food, only the seed mixture. It appears in good health. What is the correct treatment?—M. GREEVEN.

M. Greeven.—If insects are the cause of the trouble, spraying the bird with quassia solution will get rid of them; but the cage must also be cleansed from these pests, by being first painted with neat paraffin, seeing that it is well rubbed into all joints and crevices. Let it stand a few hours, then thoroughly swill with boiling water, and finally with cold water, leaving it in the open air till thoroughly dry. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and try to get the birds to take a little ripe fruit, banana, etc.; but any kind they will eat will do. Also damp the seeds with a few drops of water from the fingers, and then dust them with sulphur (this is usually sold as flour or flowers of sulphur). You must continue this treatment for some time, as such cases take time to recover condition. If the bare parts of the skin are very dry, rub in a little clean vaseline—that is if the birds will let you handle them without scaring them too much. Keep the birds in some warm position, yet not in a stuffy atmosphere.

Diet for Young Mocking Bird.

What is the best food for young Mocking Bird just arrived from Texas?—ARGYLL.

Argyll.—Its principle diet must be some good soft food mixture—several are advertised in our columns—or the following is a good one for the purpose:—Either game meal or crushed puppy biscuit for half its bulk, the other half to consist of ants' eggs (best), dried flies, dried silkworm pupæ (fine ground), boiled potato and fine crissel; to be made crumbly moist for use. You must also supply such ripe fruit as is in season (letting the bird's taste be your guide as to kind), and such live insects as you can capture, beetles, cockroaches, grasshoppers, smooth caterpillars, etc.; or, failing these, about a dozen mealworms per day. A little green food (lettuce, etc.) finely minced and mixed with its soft food, is also advisable several times a week during the summer months. Also such table scraps as it will eat all help to make a change of diet. See that it gets some live insects; scarcely anything comes amiss in this respect. Also note its cage must be a roomy one, or it will soon get in a dirty and bedraggled condition, and also out of health.

Blossom-headed Parrakeets.

Last October I got a dealer's pair (that is, both one sex) of Blossom-heads; they both sing, but I believe they are hens. Do they acquire the plum-coloured cap at first moult? Both my birds have grey heads.—AVIARIST.

Aviarist.—The sexes of these birds can be readily told when adult, by the top of the head, which is rich reddish purple or plum colour in the male and lilac or brownish lavander in the female; she also lacks the black collar and red wing patch of the male. The young resemble the female till they are fully two years old, and till they assume adult plumage the sexes can only be told by the demeanour of the birds one to the other; two young males when they get over a year old, do not as a rule agree well together; if they don't fight, they keep out of one another's way, as a rule; when caged they usually keep at opposite ends of the perch. Your birds are quite as likely to turn out two males as females; from your remarks, the former more probably.

Breeding Yellow Budgerigars.

(1) When would be the best time to get a pair of yellow Budgerigars for next season's breeding? (2) Should I get young ones or adults? (3) Is it advisable to get them from different sources to avoid in-breeding?—YELLOW.

Yellow.—(1) Almost any time will do to purchase; adult birds procured at the present time would probably breed this year. Unless you purchase aviary-bred specimens, I should not advise their being purchased later than end of August (i.e., for keeping out of doors); a little earlier would be better. (2) Young ones—that is, those sufficiently old for sex to be distinguished; and if you procure some, and you have their quarters ready, you can not do better than purchase at once. (3) When buying more than one pair, it is best to procure each pair from a different source. There are several breeders advertising in our columns which would supply you with unrelated pairs. You could then pair up the young of the respective pairs without fear of deterioration of stock through in-breeding.

Do Waxbills, etc., require Fruit?

I have been told that small foreign Finches and Waxbills require fruit. Is this correct; if so, what kind?—NEW YEAR.

New Year.—Ripe fruit as in season will not harm any small Finch that will eat it. But the only essentials for keeping Waxbills and small foreign Finches in health is canary, white, French and spray millet, green food, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing. Some species of these birds are fond of a little crumbled sponge cake (slightly moistened), and a few ants' eggs scattered over their sand tray. Greens in flower, groundsel, and lettuce, also canary seed when about 3 in. high, are about the best green food, and with such you can keep up a supply all the year round.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

My aviary faces south, is 5 by 3½ by 7 ft. high. Which of the following would be most likely to do well in it?—(1) Pairs each of Madagascar and Red-faced Lovebirds, green and yellow Budgerigars and three or four cock Weavers; (2) Waxbills, Mannikins, Avadavats, Zebra, Nuns, and other small Finches. Would the cock Weavers fight?—A.E.G.

A.E.G.—It is rather difficult for me to answer satisfactorily your queries from the details you give. There ought to be some sort of a retiring place, or night shelter, for your birds; in fact, a small shed, 3 ft. square would do. It should be well lighted, and be close boarded all round, with one good-sized hole for entrance and one or two smaller ones with small platforms attached near the top. Selection (1): The Passerine and Red-faced Lovebirds are doubtful; during their first winter out they ought to be shut up in the shed portion of the aviary during exceptionally severe weather. The second winter they might be left to take care of themselves with the other birds named, all of which would winter safely out of doors. The cock Weavers would undoubtedly have a spar now and again, but I have never found them to maim or kill one another. It would be best not to have two of the same species. Selection (2): The general run of the freely-imported small Finches and Waxbills could be successfully wintered in your aviary, say, Zebra, Ribbon, Ruficauda, Saffron, and Green and Grey Singing Finches, any of the Mannikins and Waxbills. Nuns are Mannikins. As regards which is best, that is a matter of choice; there would be a lot of colour in selection (1); they are easy to cater for, and the Budgerigars would breed regularly once they made a start, and thus provide a little towards the upkeep of the aviary, besides the interest of seeing the youngsters reared.

Preserving Wire from Rust.

I have a large outdoor aviary, covered with ½-in. mesh wire netting. What can I paint it with so as to preserve it from rust, and yet not poison the birds?—J.M.

J.M.—A coat of Brunswick black in the fall of the year will keep rust at bay, and is quite innocuous to the birds. The only possible danger is, if you are forced to paint the wires with the birds inside, that some of the birds will cling to the netting before it is dry, and get their plumage soiled. Every other year would be sufficient, providing your locality is not a very damp one.

Breeding Passerine Parrakeets.

(1) Will the Passerine Parrakeet breed in an aviary? (2) How can I distinguish the sexes? (3) Are they known by any other name? (4) Which of the Lovebirds do you consider the freest breeders in an outdoor aviary?—COWAN HUD.

Cowan Hud.—(1) These birds are not free breeders in captivity, but complete success has been obtained in several instances, both in cage and aviary. (2) The hen is entirely green, and lacks the blue rump and wing feathers of the male. (3) Yes, they are most commonly sold as Blue-winged Lovebirds, but the name at head of query is the correct one; their scientific name is *Psittacula passerina*. (4) None of the Lovebirds are free breeders in captivity, unless you include the Budgerigars among them, and prolificness of these latter is proverbial. The Madagascar is only half hardy—that is, the hens, and ought not to be left out of doors during the winter, unless they have a roomy and well-lighted shed attached to their enclosure. Perhaps the most ready to breed of the true Lovebirds (*Agapornis*) is the Rosy or Plum-faced Lovebird, which is also one of the largest and most handsome of the family. It, however, should have a moderate-sized aviary to itself, furnished with suitable logs, and during the second year of their occupancy would most probably settle down to reproducing their kind. When they once begin to breed, usually two or three broods are produced each season. They are not often on the market, and are consequently rather expensive. If your need is not covered, repeat query.

Budgerigars not Breeding.

I have had a pair of these birds in a cage, 2½ by 1½ by 3½ ft. high, since the early part of April, but have made no attempt so far to breed. Is my diet and food correct? Can I do anything to forward matters?—A. SHARP.

A. Sharp.—Foreign birds, even the free breeding species, do not breed with the same freedom as Canaries—that is, pair them up, and you may look for eggs in a few weeks time. Foreign birds, and also wild-caught Britishers, take time to settle down, and in many instances do not attempt to breed their first season in captivity; some species not at all. To come back to the Budgerigars, these always breed with greater freedom in an outdoor aviary, where two or more pairs are usually kept together, and stimulate one another in setting up house-keeping. You have a true pair, and they appear in good health. You will have to exercise patience for a bit, and they will duly settle down. Raise your husks so that they are almost against top of cage. Your diet is all that is necessary, but now, while they are easily procurable, let them have as much grass in flower as they will eat. Budgerigars never bathe, but roll about in the wet grass. You can give them a bath by putting in their cage a small turf of longish grass that has been well watered; of course, letting most of the water drain from soil before giving it to the birds; and you will soon see by their doings how much they appreciate it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary Chick (E.W.).—Death was caused by "chill" and general bad "mothering."

Yellowhammer (M. Malet).—Enlargement of liver, with rupture of blood vessel, also recent inflammation of lungs. This bird was much too fat.

Weaver (Northern).—Inflammation of liver and lungs, ending with apoplexy. It was a cock bird, but a long way from breeding condition. Your feeding is correct.

Canary, Chick, and Cardinal (E.G.W.).—(1) Softening of liver and acute inflammation of lungs. This bird seems to have been too generously treated with glycerine lotion or ointment, which may have induced a "chill." (2) Starved to death. (3) This appears to have been an aged bird, and had chronic liver disease.

Canary Hen (W. H. Moore).—This hen, and possibly the other six, died of a fever peculiar to the sex, the egg-passage and adjacent parts showing distinct inflammation. The liver was also in a softened condition, and the lungs were inflamed. It would be prudent to turn your hens into a large cage and give them seed, milk sop, and salad, not forgetting a bath every alternate day.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Breeding Competition (Anxious).—The competition closes on August 17th, and on that day all results must be in our hands.

Egg Tester (Notting Hill).—We are obliged to you for favouring us with the idea, but as it is one in general use, and widely known, it is hardly suitable for the column you mention.

Opinion on Bird (W. James).—We have no objection to giving an opinion, for whatever it may be worth, on the age of the bird, providing it be distinctly understood that we take no responsibility for its safety or well-being.

Obtaining "Cage Birds" (J.P.).—Many thanks for your kindness in giving away your copy of CAGE BIRDS when you have finished with it. It is a good way to make new fanciers, and fresh readers for us. We wish you good luck with your birds.

Table Shows (J. E. Jeffreys).—We do not as a rule send our representatives to table shows. We publish free of cost all reports which are sent us by secretaries, and it is usual for secretaries to look after the interests of their societies by doing so.

A Lost Case (F.A.H.).—While we sympathise with you heartily (on the facts you state) in losing the case, we regret that we are unable to publish your letter. As no name is (or could be) mentioned, we feel sure you will, on reflection, see that it would do a general injustice to dealers using our advertisement columns. No doubt you ought to have returned the two Canaries immediately after receipt of them, when you found ground for complaint.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at Headquarters July 8th, Mr. A. C. Burn presiding. The election of three members and nomination of three took place. The payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes won at the recent Young Bird Show took place, the Chairman congratulating the members upon the success of the show. On the definition of a novice and proposed federation of London societies, Mr. Wheller wished to know who issued the scheme, and was informed that a meeting was called, inviting all London secretaries to attend, and who were asked to take a vote of their respective societies on the question. Mr. Wheller wanted to know, further, if the scheme was in opposition to the C.B.U., and was told that no hostile intentions were meant in the promotion of this Federation, but rather to assist and strengthen the C.B.U. Mr. Crisp understood that it was to be subordinate to the C.B.U., and he (Mr. Crisp) didn't see why delegates couldn't submit dates and appoint judges. The Chairman thought that a show of all the federated societies could be held without in any way impairing existing fixtures, while in the case of seed and pepper adulteration, being purely a local matter, it would be too big a job for the C.B.U. It was decided that the Council should consider the matter and draw up a report. Standing in the name of the Chairman was an amendment to rule 17 of the C.B.U., and this was referred to the Council to consider. A vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. C. Prior for his services in judging the British section of the Y.B.S., proposed by A. S. Wheeler, seconded by A. W. Hart, and supported by R. L. Crisp, who remarked that there was no more capable man in England. Specimen class numbers and stands exclusively designed and presented by Mr. J. E. Ashby, were on view for decision as to adoption for show purposes, and, after a lucid explanation of the same by Mr. A. W. Hart (who has been entrusted to execute them), No. 2, ivory white with black lettering, was adopted. Votes of thanks were accorded to Messrs. A. W. Curtis, A. W. Hart, and W. Shepherd for services rendered at the Y.B.S.; also to Mr. A. Lazarus, for his generous gift of a silver-plated cup for competition in the novice section of the Crest and Crested-bred breeders. The Chairman, with evident emotion, announced that the lecture and demonstration on "Cage Making" would have to be postponed until the next meeting, in consequence of the sudden illness of Mr. A. W. Curtis. There was no one who would regret it more than Mr. Curtis himself, and more especially if he could but see the company gathered to greet him. He was sure all would wish him a speedy return to health again. Upon the initiative of Mr. R. L. Crisp, a discussion took place upon the Norwich Plainhead, in which Messrs. P. G. Cooper, A. C. Burn, A. S. Wheller, F. Easterling, R. L. Crisp, and G. E. Weston took part. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR & DIS. C.B.B.A.

Meeting July 13th, Mr. T. Toy in the chair. Mr. H. Dobson was elected assistant secretary. The Secretary not being able to get regularly through, it was thought advisable to have an assistant. The next business was the alteration of rule 13. Up to now our members could only show birds at our own shows that had been bred by them. Now they can show any bird if it is their bona fide property and they have had it a certain period before showing. Next we had a discussion on the C.B.U., and after a good healthy debate on that old stumbling block, rule 17, it was decided to join at once.

J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec.

NATIONAL B.B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, 25, High Holborn, June 27th. Present: Mr. Trower (in the chair), Messrs. Dewhurst, Silver, Weston, Dobson, Cooper, Goodchild, Plumbridge, and Carr. A letter was read from the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club requesting this club to favour them with a rule book and the list of British birds, so that they could frame their rules after the parent organisation. It was proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Silver, that the request be granted, with best wishes for their future success. Letters were also read from Messrs. Hills, Hamblyn, Maxwell, Hunt, Sandy, Chick, Newbould, Cheney, and L.C.B.A., and the secretaries were instructed to deal with them. The birds recently added to the list were classified as follows:—To compete in the Hard-bill section: Turtle Dove, Ring Dove, Stock Dove, and Rock Dove. To compete in the Insectivorous section: Crested Tit, Woodchat, Shrike, Common Quail, Lapwing, Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Ringed Plover, Dotterel, Turnstone, Dunlin, Knot, Ruff and Reeve, Sanderling, Common Sandpiper, Greenshank, Redshank, Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, and Nutcracker. Mr. Weston placed before the committee an important matter, viz.: Would it not be advisable for this club to run a journal somewhat on the lines of one formerly run. This matter was discussed at some length, but being a late hour, was postponed until next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held July 3rd, when our Nest Feather Show was cancelled altogether for this year. A guarantee card was sent in from outside members as to how many exhibits they could send, and the members who attended the meeting made it known how they would figure. Total quantity thirty young birds, not half the quantity of previous years, the weather gets the blame for the deficiency. It was resolved that Rule 5 in our rule book be more strictly enforced, and subscriptions be paid when due in advance as stated, otherwise members would not be eligible to exhibit at our November Show. Two new members were made. Next meeting, August 3rd, 8 p.m. H. J. BROWN, Sec.

METROPOLITAN A.C.M.H.B.

Meeting held on Thursday last, when Mrs. C. Humphrey, Mrs. A. Sawyer and Mr. J. Williams were elected members. After the prize money and specials had been paid to successful competitors present, our worthy Chairman (Mr. F. J. Martin) kindly gave a few remarks on colour feeding, and by the long discussion which ensued the subject proved to be a very interesting one.—A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON AND DIS. O. & R.C.S.

The Bolton and District O. and R. Canary Society had a ramble on Sunday, July 7th, taking the train from Bolton at 10 a.m. to Adlington, from there walked round Anglezarke and Heapey, doing plenty of climbing on the way. We were rather unfortunate in not finding many nests with young in, having left it rather late in the season. We found any quantity of empty nests, and also found young in nests of the Robin, Thrush, Blackbird, Tree Pipit and Chaffinch. We also caught a couple of young Sandpipers running about. We also saw on the wing young and old of the Chaffinch, Whitethroat, Blackbird, Thrush, Redstart, Wren, Wagtail and a Hawk, whilst some of the party had some sprints after rabbits. Making our way to the Bay Horse Hotel, Anderton, by 5.30, tea was served, after which we walked from there to Horwich, where tram was taken back to Bolton. All were agreed upon having had a very enjoyable day in the country, with plenty of walking and climbing, doing very near twenty miles altogether. I dare say more would have made the journey had it been a nice morning. It looked rather gloomy to begin with, but turned out an ideal day for such an outing, and we all hope to live to partake in many similar outings.—JAS. STRINGER, Hon. Sec.

LONDON CAGE BIRD ASSN.

Messrs. R. Halliday will judge Yorkshires, T. J. King Crests, P. F. M Galloway British Insectivorous, and Mr. J. Robson variety not determined. Remainder will be appointed during this week. Notwithstanding the failure of the United Kingdom Cage Bird Championship Competition last year, the L.C.B.A. have determined to again hold this competition at the next Annual Show, and will guarantee the following prizes for not less than ten competing teams:—1st prize £5, and the Association's diploma; 2nd prize £3, and ditto; 3rd prize £2, and ditto; 4th prize, and ditto; entrance fee, 10/- per team. Any number of birds may be entered by any society or association, but only twelve of the highest birds in the cards will be taken, and these must consist of not less than four varieties. Suggestions from any interested society will receive due consideration from the Executive.

JOHN TYSON.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

The first annual outing in connection with the above society took place, amid splendid weather, on July 13th, at Aldermaston. A good company of members journeyed thither by train, and by very kind permission of one of the Vice-Presidents (C. E. Keyser, Esq.), very thoroughly enjoyed a ramble through the lovely grounds of his estate. After tea a visit was paid to the church. The beautiful windows and splendid paintings in the interior attracted much attention, and being greatly admired by the company. G. A. CHARLES, Sec.



Some Members and Friends at the Annual Ramble of the Bolton and District Ornithological and Roller Canary Society.

STIRLING AND DIS. C.S.

Monthly meeting held Wednesday, July 3rd, the President, Mr. Summers, in the chair. The judges are Mr. Campbell (Glasgow) and Mr. McWatt (Bonnybridge) for our show, to be held in the Lesser Public Hall, Albert Place, Stirling, on Saturday, November 16th next. Members' money is to be paid by August 3rd. Fanciers wishing to join can do so by writing JOHN MCLAREN, 69, Wallace Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE ABOUT FERTILE MULES.

SIR,—I was pleased to find that my note on this topic drew forth some criticism from at least one reader of "C. B." In writing my original note I was well aware of the fact that there are numerous instances of fertility among Mules on record already, and some of them, indeed, of quite a respectable age now. There have been many claimants for the honour of proving that Mules may be fertile among genuinely honest fanciers; but in every instance where the claim has been inquired into, and the birds examined by experienced fanciers, it has failed to be proved. In not a few cases the supposed Mule parent was a Canary pure and simple. On the other hand, it is significant that, although numerous fanciers of experience have essayed the task of breeding Mules from a Mule parent, all have signally failed. The late Dr. Greene, believing that the Greenfinch-Canary Mule was the most likely to prove fertile if any were, experimented with this cross, but with the usual result. Of course, I do not wish this to be a cold douche upon the subject. It is a fascinating subject, and one well worthy of much more extensive experimentation. I will, therefore, point out at once that in all cases where one seems to have come nearest to proving the fertility of Mules, it has been by mating the hen Mule back to the Finch parent, and not vice versa—not necessarily introducing a third cross, as mentioned by the correspondent in last issue. Still, assuming that there was no possible flaw in the case related, it may be well to bear in mind that it gives a certain amount of colour to the theory here suggested. It may be something more than a mere coincidence. By all means let breeders of these curiosities give a fair trial to the suggestion to introduce a third cross, or at least adhere to the second cross with the Finch until that line is exhausted. CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—It will doubtless be interesting to lovers of Hybrids to hear that I have a Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid, hatched June 25th last, and now doing well. By the same parents I had young dead in shell from last year, and the year before that. I have 16 Bullfinch hens for Hybrid breeding, six of which are paired to Redpolls. Three have laid, and others are busy building. I find this a very difficult cross to obtain. I am afraid that this will be a difficult year for testing the various eggs and rearing the young, as the moult may set in before the young Hybrids are able to do for themselves. I have also eggs from the Greenfinch-Hawfinch mating. Have lost many young Canaries. CHAS. J. WARD.

THE WITHINGTON PARROT.

"Owt Moving, Bob?"

SIR,—Just a line to ask your South Manchester readers if they have heard the wonderful Withington Station Parrot? I generally go to town by the 8.27 train, and invariably this remarkable bird—who resides, caged, in a garden near by—calls in very clear tones, "Owt moving, Bob?" This sentence while the train is at a standstill in the station. When the same moves out it lustily shouts, "We're moving *now*, Bob," with the emphasis on the right words in truly remarkable fashion. But the most extraordinary thing is that it seldom takes notice of any other train, though there are several about that time in the morning. I have spoken to several about it. Some have heard it, others have not—the latter mostly those who travel by other trains. Can any of your readers give some further information?

J. EGERTON.

ANOTHER NEW SOCIETY PROPOSED.

Woolwich and District on the move.

SIR,—Several fanciers having expressed a desire for a cage bird society for the above district, and as I believe there are a large number who would welcome such a society, I should like to hear the opinions of others interested in cage birds. Then, if sufficient support is forthcoming, to call a meeting to make further arrangements. Will all willing to give their support please send a post-card to either W. Pawley (13, Olven Road, Plumstead), or Mr. Meades (68, Griffin Road, Plumstead)?

(Signed) W. PAWLEY.

THE C.B. UNION AND LLANDILO SHOW.

SIR,—In reference to the Llandilo Show, mentioned in CAGE BIRDS last week, I am in the same predicament as your correspondents, in so far as I cannot get a reply from the Llandilo secretary. In addition to writing him over Mr. Roebuck's special, I have since had occasion to write for payment for show rules supplied for the show, but can get no acknowledgment. Anent the eight weeks' dilatoriness, the Llandilo secretary (Mr. Owen Jones) was asked to send the special due to Mr. Roebuck on to him, or let me know if there was any reason why it should not be sent. Not hearing from either Mr. Jones or Mr. Roebuck during this period, one naturally assumed the special had been forwarded.

GEO. W. F. LYTNGOE.

SIR,—I have just heard that the special has been sent to the winner. Thanking you for inserting the letter. J. W. NORRIS.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—I should be glad if you will kindly favour me with sufficient space to ask all societies desiring the Crested Canary Club's support (who have not already applied) to make application without further delay, so that a full and complete list may be submitted to the committee. The two 10-guinea bowls cannot be competed for this year at either Bristol, Nottingham or the L.C.B.A. Shows. In order to avoid unnecessary correspondence, I may say it is imperative that one of the following gentlemen be appointed to judge (except for the Roberts Cup competition)—viz., Messrs. Heath, Greeves, Robson, Barnett, Rhodes, Scothern, Tyson, Glasscock, Joyce, King, Thomas, and Tope. Affiliated and licensed shows will also receive preference.

JOHN TYSON.

169, Sloane Street, London.

NORWICH P.C. FOR WALES.

SIR,—I am glad to be able to give our fellow fanciers a hearty invitation to attend a meeting on July 24th for the purpose of forming this club. I thank those of my fellow Norwich fanciers in North Wales who have written me offering their support, and I shall be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join same. I trust that as many as can come will do so. Will those who cannot, send me any suggestions that they may have to make, so that it may help this branch of the Fancy? Meeting will take place at Naish's Royal Stores, the Hayes, Cardiff, at 7 p.m. J. W. DUMMETT.

17, Penarth Road, Cardiff.

A NOVICE'S EXPERIENCES AS A MULE BREEDER.

SIR,—I have taken CAGE BIRDS since last January, and find it very handy and full of informing matter for bird fanciers. I tried Mule breeding for the first time this year, with a two-year-old Linnet and Norwich hen. First nest, three eggs, hatched three young on April 10th; second nest, three eggs, again three young; now she has four young ones doing well. I have ten Mules in all; the last four are eight days old; out of four eggs, every egg good. Thanks to your paper for a lot of information on Mule breeding. The young birds left the nest at 15 or 16 days old. Both parents are good feeders; the Linnet has been with hen all the time, and is safe with eggs. WILLIAM HULL.

GATESHEAD C.B.S. & THE C.B.U.

Astonishing Allegations.

SIR,—Meeting held July 10th. Correspondence from Mr. Lythgoe (C.B.U.) having been read in reply to the Secretary's request for particulars of Messrs. Taylor and Sanderson's case, it was greatly deplored that Mr. Lythgoe had been unable to obtain the particulars from No. 1 Committee. Messrs. F. Sanderson and W. Taylor had been summoned specially to the meeting in regard of their membership and their suspension by No. 1 Committee. Mr. Sanderson attended to represent their joint membership, and explained that since he was summoned to attend No. 1 Committee (C.B.U.) meeting held in April, to give his explanation re disqualification, that he had never received the decision of that Committee up to the present, and knew nothing of their suspension more than what he had been told by outsiders. Mr. Lythgoe's reply that he had been unable to get a reply from No. 1. Committee as to the facts of the case, and that he knew nothing of the case, drew forth a good deal of comment and dissatisfaction from the members present. A resolution was passed that the Secretary write Mr. Lythgoe and demand an explanation. Also, as regards the society's vote on Rule 17, which had not been recorded by Mr. Lythgoe, which was sent on May 31st, along with the C.B.U. subscription, for which a receipt had been received, and the letter requesting particulars of above case, which was replied to, saying he was writing for particulars. The case was turned over to the Committee, as nothing further could be done till particulars were forthcoming, and Mr. Sanderson left the meeting in disgust. The classification for our forthcoming Show was next proceeded with. Several classes were added to previous classification, and others were left over for further discussion.

THOS. TAYLOR, Sec.

LUCKY LOWESTOFT MAN.

Wrong-Classed Bird Awarded a Special for Best Norwich in Show.

SIR,—Re the report in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, this week on the Lowestoft C.B.A. First Feather Show, I notice you credit Still with 1st Clear Buff. This should read "Steele." I also notice Mr. Low special for Best Young Bird. This was not so, and should read, "Mr. Low special for Best Crest." There is also omitted my winning special for Best Norwich Plainhead in Show. This bird was, unfortunately, wrong-classed by the judge, but at the same time he had no hesitation in awarding him the special for Best Norwich. I should like to mention this bird was bred from a ticked buff cock I bought of Mr. Eckersley last year and a young marked yellow hen bred by myself from a pair I bought of Mr. J. C. Barnes last season. No doubt these gentlemen will be glad to hear of the result I have attained from the stock they sent me. I wrote these gentlemen through their advertisements appearing in your valuable and most interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS. The hints and instructions it contains makes it a boon to the fanciers here in Lowestoft.

A. PARK.

THE C.C.C. AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—As "A Country Member" considers what I have written exceeds the bounds of fair comment, I shall be most happy to withdraw those portions of my letter to which he takes exception, provided he on his part is willing to satisfy (in confidence, of course) the auditors of the C.C.C. as to his bona-fide membership, and so substantiate his right to the attitude he has adopted in connection with the club joining the C.B.U. I ask this in fairness, as I have already had experience of persons under nom-de-plumes interfering with internal club matters which were entirely outside their province. If "A Country Member" still objects to grant the favour I suggest, the Fancy will be privileged to deduce what inference they please on the salient points raised in my former letter.

R. L. CRISP.

MR. R. J. PRETTY REPLIES TO MR. TYSON.

SIR,—I did not intend entering into any further correspondence on this subject, but I must ask your favour to allow me once more to contradict Mr. Tyson's wilful and malicious mis-statement. I emphatically deny agreeing to guarantee any class or classes for Scotch Fancies; neither has the club or myself ever done so for any show where its patronage has been given. Therefore I must let this "violent, effusive, mature-aged" gentleman (who deems it would be neither wise nor prudent to say all he knows—prodigious!)—and who has only just discovered what has been all along apparent to everyone, "that much of this correspondence is irrelevant"—to wear the mantle of the husband of Sapphira, and I trust in his "old" age he will know better. Mr. Tyson quotes my letters, but I find one in my copy letter book, which gives details he leaves out.

R. J. PRETTY.

[Unless anything of more serious interest arises out of the above correspondence, we think it may now very well close.—EDITOR.]

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

SIR,—The narrow spirit which pervades the officialism of the above society should be stamped out, and we look to the President to do that. The meeting was stormy, but the Norwich section managed to carry their point. Where were the Scotch Fancy men? It is, mid-Saturday does not suit them for a meeting. The McLean cup is to remain with the City.

A FANCIER.

IS IT CRUEL TO CAGE BIRDS?

SIR,—Notwithstanding the enlightening influence of CAGE BIRDS, and the suppression of the wave of sentimentalism that a few years ago threatened to drown this country in tears, I find the superstition that it is cruel to cage birds still prevalent even amongst educated men and women. Only the other day I noticed in our local paper an astonishing letter from a bigoted bird lover on the point. I take the liberty of making the following extract from it. Why cannot some of us form a Bird Lovers' League, with the idea of teaching the public that a bird, when caged and properly looked after, is much better off than when in a wild state? Take the opinion of such a distinguished naturalist as Mr. E. Kay Robinson, for instance. Mr. Robinson holds, and rightly too, that it is only cruel to cage birds and neglect them. It is in the same degree cruel to keep a dog chained in the back yard and deprive it of food. Some cage birds I know are far better treated than I am myself. That eminent cage bird keeper, Sir William Purdie Treloar, Bart., would make an admirable president for such a league.

EMILY BROADBENT.

THE CAGING OF SONG BIRDS A "BRUTAL ACT" INVOLVING "AWFUL CRUELTY."

SIR,—Mr. Ernest Baker most truthfully describes the caging of wild song-birds as a "brutal act" involving "awful cruelty." This vile practice ought to be stamped out, and the first step towards it might be to place a heavy tax on caged birds, to enforce all dealers in these poor little martyrs to purchase a costly licence, and to cause the filthy dens in which they confine their winged prisoners to be subjected to rigorous inspection, including surprise visits. It is amazing that while the necessaries of life and the harmless luxuries of the poor are severely taxed, this shocking barbarity should pass scot-free.

B. K. OAKES.

24, Bassett-road, North Kensington,
London, July 11th.

HYBRIDS BRED EASILY.

Are they the first in Essex?

SIR,—I am sending you on my experience of Hybrid breeding, thinking perhaps this might interest some of your many readers. I bought a Bullie hen for a friend and took her home. Not wanting to dirty a cage with her for the few days she was to stay, I put her in with my winning cock Goldie, and left her there ready for the man to take away; but he never came for her, so they were left together. I chanced to be in my bird room one morning early in June. Hearing a noise, and turning round, I saw Mr. Goldie mating with the hen Bullie. Thinking there was a chance for Hybrids, I put a nest pan in bottom of cage and a penny nest-bag in rack. By the next morning she had her nest built, and two days later she laid her first egg. She laid four good eggs out of five, but the hen Canary I gave them to set well for eight days, then broke two, and chilled the others. Having another hen sitting, I transferred them to her, but one was dead; the other died in hatching. The old Bullie went to nest again, and had four more good eggs out of five. I gave them to a Yorkshire hen to set and hatch. She hatched two on the 10th; the other two are dead in shell, I think. The two that hatched are nice strong birds, but the old hen will not feed them, so I am having to feed them myself. They are two days old now, so I may perhaps rear them. I hope I do. The Bullie is mad to go to nest again, but I have no Canaries ready to go to nest, so I am trying to keep her back for a week. I have some young Yorkshire Canaries three weeks old to-day. Their mother is a good feeder, so I hope to get her and the Bullie to go to nest at the same time; then I may rear my Hybrids. I think I am lucky, considering they had no trouble taken with them. I had very bad luck with my first round of Yorkshire Canaries, losing 32 out of 36 young ones; but I am having better luck with my second round. I have eleven feathered and just getting out of the nest on to sticks; and a lot more to hatch this week, so I hope to have better luck before the season closes. I am told by some of our fanciers that my Hybrids are the first bred in Essex.

M. Moss.

THE LUCK OF A NOVICE.

SIR,—I thought I would write and tell you my luck in breeding this season. I have had seven hens and five cocks. I have 70 nice strong young birds, all doing well, and two hens sitting again. During the breeding season I feed on canary, a bit of hemp, and soaked summer rape seed. I give the rape when the young are about three days old, also some green food. The green food I use is dandelion leaves, and nothing else. I gather them fresh every morning, and put them in water as soon as I gather them. For egg-food take one egg, boil it about half-an-hour, let it get cold, then I put two slices of home-made bread and two tablespoonfuls of maw seed, one tablespoonful of castor sugar, and mix them all together in one of Sandiford's egg mills. When my young are about four weeks old I take them away from their parents and put them in a big flight cage. I give them egg-food and soaked rape seed, then I crush my hemp and canary seed. Twice a week I give some milk sop, with a pinch of maw seed spread on the top, and the birds enjoy it very much. When they are about seven weeks old I put them in a larger flight and get them on hard seed as soon as possible. I have only bred Canaries two years, and I think this is very good. I get my advice from CAGE BIRDS, and I find it very useful to me.

W. H. BAKER.

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SEXING CANARIES.

Oranges Good for Birds.

SIR,—I read in your valuable paper, in "Stray Notes about Birds," the piece headed, "How to tell cocks from hens." If that is the way to tell cocks from hens I must say I am very lucky, for I have five young Norwich Canaries, and have noticed four of them resting on the right leg and the other one on the left. I am about sure there are three cocks amongst them. I read this piece on Sunday, so I thought I would take particular notice. My old cock birds all seem to rest on their right legs—so I really think there is a little truth in it. Now I am writing, I will relate another incident. Having lived near a public-house for six or seven years, I see women call and have a drop of gin, and when they drink it they fairly shudder at it, and pull some ugly faces, as if they did not like it. But when asked if they will have another they say "Yes, we will." My birds remind me of this. I was eating an orange about a fortnight ago in my bird room, and my birds were looking at me eating it. So I thought I would give them a piece. The result was they shook their heads and hopped away, then come again and again, till they had nicely tasted it. Now they will leave their seed and egg for it! I have three young Canaries going through the moult, and they have eaten half of a large orange to-day, and are in the best of condition. I think it a real good thing for them. I am sure it is excellent for clearing the throat.

R. E.

AN ALBINO YELLOWHAMMER.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS a brief narrative of the Albino Robin at Douglas, I thought I would write you of a rare specimen of the Yellowhammer. About a month ago I was walking in the lanes, and I happened to alight upon a nest. There I found this bird—only very young indeed. I brought it home and put it in amongst my Canaries, which have brought it up to be a very nice bird indeed. Its plumage is a very light yellow, and its bill is like that of a Yorkshire Canary. But the rarest and most striking feature of the bird is, it possesses pink eyes. It is open to be seen by anyone, and I have had innumerable bird fanciers from the surrounding districts to see it, and they think it a very rare specimen indeed.

RALPH KELL.

West Cornforth.

FEEDING GOLDFINCHES.

SIR,—I am sending you a few notes about how I feed and keep my Goldfinches. I have been keeping birds since I was able to feed and look after them, being then in the country, and always kept a lot of them. Goldfinches were my favourites then and are still. Last year being my first year of putting one on the show bench, which I did, and I got 2nd, and v.h.c. at another show with the same bird. Since then I have gathered a lot of good ones together, all from the same place, and hope I may get them through the moult well. The way I get them steady is as follows:—I carry them in my hand from the kitchen every night out to the yard, and hang them low, so that I can talk to them. I give them a dandelion head to pick, and then put them back again in their own place. They soon get to know you and watch for a bit from you. This is how I feed them. First thing, before I go to work, I go around every bird I have—I think 27 or so, and more hatching, being mostly Canaries. I get the drinkers, wash them out, and fill them with clean water; then fill the seed hoppers with seed, whatever the birds eat. If Goldfinches, hemp seed, and Canaries canary seed. Then I get my dandelion heads, of which I gather as many, when they are ready, as does me a good while, and give them a few each every morning and night. If I find my birds doing well on any seed, I always stick to it, no matter what anyone says. I would not change my way of feeding. I would go anywhere to see a good Goldfinch, although I have never shown a bird in my life till last year, and I was lucky to get 2nd in a class of over 28 birds. I am always willing to show my birds to any person who wishes to have a look at them when I am at home.

JOHN PATRICK.

THE CREST CULT IN WALES.

SIR,—I desire to call the attention of show committees in Wales to the fact that they have overlooked the Crest classes lately at their shows. The variety class includes the Crest; but, as fanciers in Wales have paid more attention to this class of birds lately, I consider it a great loss to exhibitors and societies by not having this special class for them.

J. F. B.

A PROLIFIC HEN.

SIR,—It is a rare occurrence, I believe, to have seven young Canaries in one nest. I have got seven. I mated a pair of variegated Norwich birds in March, and the hen made her nest and laid four eggs, and hatched out four young ones. As soon as they were out of the nest she built her second nest and laid six eggs, bringing off five birds, the other egg being clear. Out of those two nests of nine I reared four. Then she went to nest again for the third time, and laid each day for seven days straight off. She has hatched out seven birds, and they are all well and strong, being now three weeks old and out of the nest. These make in all 16 young out of three nests, and 11 alive and well. Now she wants to nest again! I have had several bird fanciers come to see this last nest of seven, as they could not believe it was true.

G. W. BROWN.

A TANTALISING HABIT.

SIR,—I have a stock of two moulted Goldfinches, six unmoulted ones, an unmoulted Linnet, and a Canary. These I had in single cages in three tiers. On going up into the bird room on Monday, July 1st, I noticed an untoward incident had occurred. Two Goldfinches and the Linnet had each lost the whole of their flights in the right wing, and two other birds two or three flights. These birds were in the two top tiers, but the whole of the other five in the bottom row were in perfect order. On the face of it, it appeared as though something had disturbed them during the night—perhaps a thunderstorm, as I never pull the window blind down. The strangest part, though, is that the same wing was affected in each case, which does not lend colour to the idea that the damage was done whilst dashing about the cage. Indeed, it looks more likely that the birds were seized with a sudden impulse to pull their flights out with their beaks, as birds have been seen to do. Perhaps the high condition of the birds may have had something to do with it, and the fact that they are not allowed to breed. For a bird to pluck a wing out in its wild state would, of course, be suicidal. A similar incident has occurred in previous years, but generally earlier. In fact, owing to it occurring so recently, it has compelled me to keep the three birds in cages until they regain their wings, whilst the other birds are enjoying the delights of an aviary to moult in.

F. G. JOHNSON.

A WANTON SLAYING OF SWALLOWS.

SIR,—In the "Bath Herald" for June 23rd, a Mr. John Higson had the following letter:—

"This Sunday morning, as I and friends were walking past the gardens by the river near Carr's Cloth Mills, we saw a painful and degrading sight. A young man, about 20 years old, stood in a gardeu with a heavy forked stick in his hands, the two branches of which were about one foot apart and three feet long, and as the Swallows swooped down in their flight, he struck at them with his weapon. He had killed nine or ten, or partially killed them, and they were lying in a heap close by, some dead, some lamed beyond recovery. There were a great many flying about, offering an easy mark. Watching him were about twenty young people from 12 years upwards, boys and girls, and they laughed when this young savage brought one down. There is something seriously wrong when a crowd of young people will stand by and enjoy the sight of these beautiful and harmless birds being brutally struck down. I wonder who is responsible for the fact that their human feelings are apparently quite dead?"

On the 25th of June, Mr. W. L. Langley, the well-known cage bird enthusiast, of Eastville, Bath, sent this communication to the same journal:—"Respecting your correspondent's letter on the killing of swallows at Twerton, surely this is a case which ought to be investigated by the police, and such wanton cruelty brought to justice. Cannot it be brought before the notice of our Wild Bird Protection Society, or perhaps our Bath Protection of Cruelty to Animals might intercede, and take some steps to protect our British birds, especially one of our most useful and pretty variety of the migrants?"

I am sure all bird lovers will be pleased to peruse the appended police court report, and to know that this wanton slaying of useful birds did not pass unpunished.

George Pease, of 3, Fernley-terrace, Twerton, was summoned for having in his possession certain wild birds, Swifts, which had been recently killed or taken.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—John Higson, of Kingsmead-square, stated that he saw the defendant armed with a thick stick knocking down Swallows at Twerton. Witness saw him kill one, and saw others on the ground. He had no wish to injure the man, but merely wished to prevent the cruelty. Ex-P.S. Holly also gave evidence, and the Bench decided to fine the defendant 10s. and costs.—The Chairman further stated that the Bench desired to express their thanks to Mr. Higson for the action he had taken in the matter.

BATH BUN.

The Song of the German Canary.

Translated from an article by Albert Flugel in "Kanaria" (Leipsig).

A comparison no longer exists between the song of the present-day Canary and that of its wild ancestor, although the latter formed the basis on which that variety, that desirable fulness, and that melting harmoniousness of sound have now been attained, so pleasantly and delightfully delivered by the modern Canary. As a matter of fact, the song of the wild Canary consists for the greater part of sharp and drawling tours and notes, intermingled with which more agreeable strophes (such as rolls, knorren, gurgling notes, hollow-pipes) were perceivable. The cogitative German was not very long in discovering these euphonious airs in the wild Canary's song; he recognised the dormant imitative talent, and, supported by the hereditary hypothesis, he endeavoured to progressively perfect the singing talents. That such efforts occasioned innumerable initial difficulties, and that the results achieved were frugal, is seen from the fact that the vocal organs could only be gradually improved by crossing, and that means which are now resorted to were then non-existent or only sparsely at disposal.

FUNDAMENTAL NOTES.

But, before arriving at the basis of the tours, an attempt was made to discover which fundamental notes were predominant in the song, and this led to the finding of the vowels *u, ü, o, ö, e, a, i,* and the consonants *r, d, l, t, n, h, s, w* and *z*. Having arrived thus far, it resulted that the vowels *u, ü, o,* and to some extent *i* also, formed the most valuable and richest tours of the song when connected with the consonants *r, d, l*. The combination of the vowel *i* with the consonant *l* can only be considered of value when the delivery is a pure metallic, and the consonant *l* rises in *d*, and finally quite disappears. The vowels *a, e,* and partly *i* also, in connection with the consonants *r, d, t* and *l*, invariably produce a flat sound, and the consonant *t* more or less harsh in all combinations. All vowels combined with the consonants *n, s* and *w* are quite valueless, as, moreover, the consonant *r* in connection with the vowels *e* and *æ*. The consonants *s, z* are lingual, *n* is the initial sound of nasal tours, and *w* will sound flat with all vowels, just as *r* in combination with *e* and *æ*. This now furnishes a true basis, which occurs in our tours and the hollow-roll, in which the most valuable vowels and consonants were detected, certainly occupies the foremost place as the highest esteemed tour. The hollow-roll is the chief tour of the Canary's song—its essence and pride; in order that it should be well cultivated, and to place it in the foreground, many a fine tour has, unfortunately, been abandoned.

THE HOLLOW-ROLL FORMATION.

The hollow-roll, of which the vowels *u, ü, o, a* form the key-notes, is a combination of the consonant *r* with the vowels just mentioned. As a rule the hollow-roll continuously retains the consonant *r*, but occasionally rises to *h*; it is probably of more value when the consonant *r* is heard throughout, nevertheless it should sound soft and by no means harsh, the vowels produced being distinct, full and hollow. If the hollow-roll is delivered in one and the same strain—i.e., *rurururu* or *rürürürü*—and thus continuously, such is described as a distinct hollow-roll; but should the little artist change the tune during the delivery—that is to say, intermingles the strophe with the consonant *r* in combination with the vowel *u*, and then changing to the connection of *r* with *ü*, and finally even with *o*—the hollow-roll, to some extent, forms curves. Such are called bent hollow-rolls, especially when the mode of delivery changes from *u* to *ü* and then to *o*, those rising being bent, and those returning from *o* to *u* downwards, bent or falling hollow-rolls. When sounding full and clear, in good combination, this is the most beautiful and wonderful tour of the Canary. Should, however, the rising or falling in the tour not roll continuously, but with intermissions, so that before passing to another note a short pause ensues—for instance, *rururururu-rürürü-rururu*—that is, when ascending, the rising hollow-roll, and vice-versa falling hollow-roll, which is pleasing to the ear when delivered by a bird with soft, melting sweetness, and a certain sad feeling is introduced into the whole delivery. If, now, the consonant *r*, the best of the hollow-roll (that is, of course, as already mentioned, should it be soft and not harsh), does not occur in the hollow-roll, we get a suppressed hollow-roll, which is less valuable. Hollow-rolls which combine the consonant *r* with the vowels *ö* and *a* are mostly formed with opened beak, and easily degenerate into nasal tours, becoming completely worthless.

THE HOLLOW-KLINGEL.

The hollow-klingel (hollow-bell) is very similar to the hollow-roll; the vowels are likewise *u* and *ü*, frequently intermingled with the consonant *r*, and then continued with *l* (for instance, *rüllüllüllüllül* or *lullullullul*. Should it be delivered in this manner in a somewhat slower measure, and in its deepest form, its whole perfection varies and is charming to the ear, but it is far less beautiful when delivered so tardily that the connecting consonant resounds somewhat inactively between, or the vowels are drawn tediously into one another; we then have a drawling hollow-bell. But when the vowels *u* and *ü* are delivered alternately — for instance, *rullullüllüllullul lüllüllullullül*—the hollow-bell impresses one as being bent; as, however, a bent hollow-bell does not exist, this is styled a rising, or vice-versa from *ü* to *u*, a falling hollow-bell. It is difficult to distinguish between the hollow-bell and the hollow-roll, and on this account they are very frequently confounded; but by lending a close ear, a rolling *r* is invariably heard with the hollow-roll, which is quite wanting in the hollow-bell (occurring only directly after the hollow-roll with *r*), and is replaced by an *l*, which is clearly heard as a lingual sound.

THE SCHOCKEL.

The Schockel (shaking) and Hollow-Schockel.—The former, which embraces a somewhat quick measure, is delivered in various falling and rising (in one unbroken strain), as also drawling notes and timbres, having as fundamental notes the vowels *u, ü, ö* and *o*, which are clearly audible without consonants. Such notes are not delivered in a flowing and rolling style, but are jerking—for instance, *u-u-u-u-ü-ü-ü*—which when produced in an unbroken strain resemble the ticking of the pendulum of a clock. Moreover, the Schockel is also subject to modulations, which arise when two different notes are combined. The hollow-schockel is most beautiful and valuable when it chimes in between the hollow-roll and hollow-bell crosses or falls into a deep strain (and possibly changes with *u, ü,* or *o*) to a full and clearly expressed *u*, in which a somewhat melancholy and sustained expression is introduced. With this mode of delivery the individual schockel vibrations are produced somewhat slower and more precise, resembling the regular swinging backwards and forwards of the clapper of a large bell, for immediately the clapper comes in contact with the bell a plain and full sound results, which gradually diminishes until another strike. The schockel is a hollow-tour in itself, but is never a song-tour (such as hollow-roll, hollow-bell) in roll form; for sometimes it rolls and sometimes shakes, so that it is nonsense to talk of hollow schockel-rolls, hollow schockel-bell, and such like.

THE KNORRE.

The knorre (bass-roll) is the bass of the song, and very valuable when delivered appropriately long, and in bends from *o* to *u*, or vice-versa, from the full chest and with closed beak. The fundamental note is the vowel *o* and partly *u* and *a* with the consonant *r*, which should sound soft, but yet to a certain extent as a double consonant (*rr*), and, like the *o* or *u*, must ring plain, full and hollow. If the knorre is produced with the consonants *rr* and the vowel *u*, it is a knurre, variously called hollow-knorre also; and why all these adjectives, now-a-days so numerous and misleading to the young fancier, seeing that every knorre must be hollow? Otherwise we should find it necessary to talk of hollow-hollow-roll and the like. Produced in *a*, it is less valuable, as this vowel usually sounds harsh and flat; this kind, as also that with *æ*, is invariably delivered with opened beak. The knorre is most difficult to cultivate, and, owing to every good bass Canary producing a more or less strong slip behind the knorre, the best bass birds are found among the bell Canaries.

THE KLINGEL-ROLL.

The klingel-roll (bell-roll) possesses the vowel *i* and the consonant *r*, and is to a certain extent a high hollow-roll, in which rolls and klingels occur simultaneously, which, consequently, are intercepted with a klingel, in which the vowel *i*, however, cannot be produced hollow; for this reason it takes the lowest place even in the hollow tours. It is broken with the consonant *r* in combination with the vowel *i*, the consonant *l* also joining at the end. The delivery is the most beautiful when the characteristic vowel *i*, in its deepest aspect, more inclines to *ü*—that is to say, where the highest *ü* becomes *i*. It readily degenerates, inasmuch as all connections in direct *i* become flat and particularly harsh.

THE KLINGEL.

The klingel (bell), which only possesses good qualities when the delivery is a clear metallic, combining a certain fullness of tone (not sharp, harsh or weak) in spite of its simple sound, is intoned with the consonant *l*, and is retained at the beginning of the tour in connection with the vowel *i*, which, however, gradually disappears, until finally the vowel *i* alone is heard. The measure requires to be quick and clear, not drawling and indistinct, or perhaps even connected with the consonants *s* and *z*, which is dangerous in the highest degree. Such delightfully soft klingels, with the triple sounding effects, formerly peculiar to the Trute's strain, is no longer to be met with.

THE PIPES.

The pipes.—The fundamental notes are the vowels *u, ü* and *i* and the consonants *d, t*. They are the most valuable when repeated at most four to five times in a deep tone, soft and, as it were, lamentingly in *du, du, dü, dü*, or *tu, tu, tü, tü*; with the vowel *i* they are less beautiful, seeing that they do not sound so soft as the former. But should the vowels *a, æ, e*, in connection with *s, z*, or *j*, be delivered, instead of the vowels *u, ü, i*, their value is completely lost, as by the combination of *s* and *z* with *i*, they become sharp pipes; those with *j* (*ji, ji*), drawn slowly, are Ziehpipes (drawing-pipes); but if the consonant *n* also becomes inserted, which is quite possible with *s, z* and *j*, we have nasal pipes, which depreciates the bird's song.

THE SCHWIRRE.

The schwirre, or schwirr-roll, which is counted among the lingual tours, intonates with the consonants *s, r*, which must be delivered soft and quickly after one another in combination with the vowel *i*—for instance, *sisisisisi* or *rirririririri*. The connection of *r* with *i*, which has added the qualities of a roll to the schwirre, is not to be compared with a high hollow-roll, because the hollow-roll, even at its highest, still possesses a certain fullness of sound which is wanting in the schwirre. It may become of value when produced at the commencement of the song in its sweetest and softest timbre, followed by a middle hollow-roll, from which the bird proceeds to a more deeper one; it is worthless when produced through the nose, further when the consonants *s, r*, sound sharp or flat, or when the *i* is more perceivable than *e* or *æ*.

THE KOLLER.

The koller is a combination of the consonant *l* with the vowels *o, ö, ü* or *u*, and as a rule is produced with closed beak and well-rounded crop, intoned with the compound consonants *bl*. This sonorous, deep breast-tour, which likewise is produced with closed beak and well-rounded crop, has unfortunately quite disappeared, probably owing to defective tours, as schnetter, spitz-pipes and the like, which no longer are in harmony with the clearness of song now sought after, chiefly combining themselves with this deep breast-tour, which evidently is difficult to cultivate. Bends from *ü* to *u*, and also *o*, occur in perfect timbres, which must be produced in full clearness; further, it is an exceedingly quick change of two or three sounds one after the other, forming a trill or rare fineness. *U* is the vowel most seldom occurring, and when heard makes a complete air. It is to be compared with the noise caused by water streaming forth under great pressure from a small opening.

THE GLUCKE.

The glucke and gluck-roll is a tour usually commencing with the consonants *gl*, the vowels being *u, ü*. This tour also, which issues from the lowest depths of the breast with closed beak, is easily subject to deterioration, in consequence of which much more attention requires to be paid in the culture of the young cocks as with other strains of Rollers. As a fundamental note a marked *u* must be heard in the glucke, and at the final a marked but not harsh *k*. In the gluck-roll the vowels *u* or *ü* are combined with the consonant *r*, and the water-roll, which is almost inseparable from every glucke, is somewhat more perceivable, resulting in the *k* being softer; should the glucke, however, possess as a fundamental note the *ü* intermingled with *e*, it is less valuable.

THE WATER-ROLL.

The water-roll.—Its fundamental notes are most pleasantly centred in *ü* or *u*, preceded by the consonants *bl* and continued at least from *l*—for instance, *blülülülü*—becoming all the more perfect the closer the *ü* approaches the *u*. If produced flat and with too prominent a rippling sound, it becomes completely worthless. It is not advisable to cultivate it, because the fancier will obtain no pleasure from the progeny, if birds with water-rolls be utilised for breeding or as masters; the result would be the flattest and, partially also, the most unpleasant strophes, which sound far too rippling.

THE LACH.

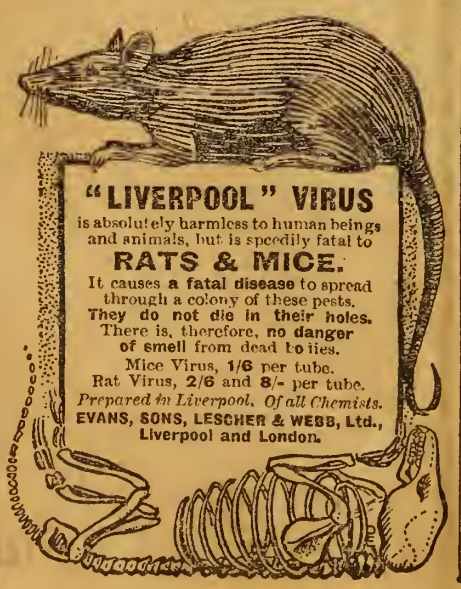
The lach (laughing) or hengst-roll has the fundamental note *a*, being less valuable, and intones with the consonant *l*.

THE SCHNETTER.

The schnetter or schnatter is the most dangerous and, at the same time, most unpleasant tour, being a connection of the vowel *i* with the consonants *sz*, in the most favourable case with *s*—for instance, *isziszisisz* or *isisisis*; it is easily hereditary, and for that reason is not to be tolerated under any circumstances.

THE AUFZUG.

The aufzug is a combination of the consonants *s* and *r* with the vowels *i, e, a*, even with *tsch*; the described connections are generally jerked out in snapping or rattling notes—for instance, *rie, sie, ritsch, retsch* or *rätsch, ratsch*. It does not contribute to beatify the song, especially when produced harsh or flat.



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The First Feather Show of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Canary, Mule, British, and Foreign Bird Club was held in the Good Templars' Hall, on July 6th. Considering the disastrous season that the members have experienced the entries were, indeed, very gratifying. The four classes for Norwich Plainheads contained 53 birds, and some very promising youngsters were shown by Messrs. Murray, Malcolmson, McFarlane, Edwards, McKenna, Herbert McInnes, A. Roulstone, J. Roulstone, Connelly, H. Henderson, and others. With a good moult many should be heard of at the winter shows. Mr. Murray (Glengarnock) won the case of pipes presented by Mr. H. Henderson for best bird in show, with a grand buff, possessing all the characteristics of a good Plainhead, type and quality being all there, combined with a nice sweet head. Mr. Jas. Laurie (Govan) made the awards in a very able and painstaking manner, and no remarks were heard.

NORWICH, CL. OR TKD. (14): 1, 2 spls, Murray; 2, Edwards; 3, spl, Murray; 4, Malcolmson; vhc, spl, F. M. McKenna; hc, J. Roulstone; c, spl, Herbert. HEN (17): 1, 4, Malcolmson; 2, Connelly; 3, McFarlane; vhc, c, Herbert; hc, McInnes. VARIEG. (9): 1, 4, vhc, McFarlane; 2, Edwards; 3, Connelly; hc, A. Roulstone; c, J. Roulstone. HEN (13): 1, spl, hc, A. Roulstone; 2, McFarlane; 3, spl, McInnes; 4, Herbert; vhc, Malcolmson; c, spl, Edwards. BORDER, CL. OR TKD., HEN: 1, J. Roulstone. VAR. COCK: 1, Dick. VAR. HEN: 1, Dick. GREEN OR CINN. BOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, spl, 4, Hamilton; vhc, hc, A. Park. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, Adam, Silver Lizard; 2, 4, vhc, spl, hc, Henderson, Yorkshire; 3, c, spl, A. Roulstone.

The Amateur's Aviary of Foreign Birds.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Now that foreign birds are so very familiar—in many cases more so than a good many British species—it is well to consider the ease with which these exotics can be kept, since many people are deterred from taking them up because they are to them unfamiliar. The present time of the year is a good one to get foreign birds, as they have a chance of getting acclimatised before winter sets in; but if they are wanted for an outdoor aviary it is necessary to get them during the next few weeks, for this very reason.

Many foreign birds—most, indeed, of those commonly seen—will bear our winters well out of doors, and will appear no more distressed by cold weather than our native species; but they must in such caso havo plenty of room for exercise, and must have adequate shelter from wind and wet. It is the damp and cold combined of our climate which make it trying.

The site selected for an outdoor aviary for foreigners should be one sheltered from cold winds, and such as to obtain plenty of sun—especially the winter sunshine, which is so scanty. It is best to have a lean-to structure against a wall, and if another wall can be utilised to form one side so much the better. The height should not be less than six feet, though I have known birds kept successfully in much lower places; but, of course, in a low aviary they are not easy to watch comfortably. A yard should be the minimum depth, and that is none too wide in the case of driving rain; indeed, an aviary less than six feet deep should be provided with glass shutters outside to close in wet weather.

Whether a netted flight is to be part of the aviary will depend on the space available; if there is not room for more than six feet frontage it is best to do without one, and roof over the whole of the top. A wired flight, be it remembered, is rather a luxury than a necessity, and though birds are more likely to breed among natural bushes growing in such a place, this is not much good if a heavy thunderstorm swamps the nest and drows the brood, as may always happen in our variable climate. Whether a flight is built on to the covered portion or not, it is as well to have the two separate, so that the covered house has a solid wall at each side, and is only open in front, thus securing protection from cold winds. A skylight in the roof of the covered portion will tend to make it more cheerful; but this should be wired over on the inside to prevent the birds dashing against the glass.

The flight should always be built lower than the indoor portion, so as to induce the birds to roost in the latter. However hardy birds may be, it is not desirable to have them sleeping out in all weathers, and subject to possible alarms from cats walking on the wirework. Wild birds can choose safe and sheltered roosting places, and even then many fall victims to vermin and bad weather. For facility in driving the birds out of the flight indoors if necessary, the opening by which they gain access to it should be at the top of the partition; it should, of course, have a hinged flap to close it, which can be made to serve as an alighting-board when open by means of a support underneath.

The greatest care should be taken to exclude rats. Unless the birds are as large as pigeons the netting should be half-inch mesh, and particular attention should be paid to the foundations. Either the floor should be bricked or cemented, or the netting carried down a foot underground and then turned outward for a foot, thus, the trench made to contain this downward prolongation of the netting being well filled in. If the whole aviary can be raised a couple of feet off the ground on a masonry foundation it will be all the better, of course, from the point of view of safety, freedom from damp, of facility for observing the inmates; but such construction will come expensive unless a man can be his own bricklayer.

Cats can be kept from climbing up on the aviary by wire netting projecting along the front; and a screen of coarse netting in advance of the real front will stop them grabbing at birds through it—not that I have ever personally lost birds in this way. But bad as grimalkin may be as an enemy to birds, the rat is worse; so look to your foundations and keep him out at any cost. In country districts tawny owls may be a source of disturbance to the birds at night if they are allowed to roost out in the flight; but this is not often a cause of complaint.

With regard to inside fittings, these should all be made moveable, so that the aviary can be thoroughly cleaned out every year. Long, straight perches should be avoided, natural branches being much better, as well as being a more picturesque appearance. They should be put up in such a way that the birds are not likely to foul each other or their food and water.

Nesting-boxes should be hung up securely, so as not to shake; the familiar cocoa-nut husks are good for birds that build in holes, while those which make nests in bushes appreciate the small Hartz-mountain cages in which German Canaries are imported. To prepare these for use the feeding-trough, drinking-pot, perches, and the moveable sticks serving as a door should all be removed. The husks or some covered boxes are needed for many birds to roost as well nest in.

The food vessels should be placed on a one-legged table to protect the supply from mice, which are found to get in occasionally, though the aviarist should see to it that they do not make a long stay. Water may go on the floor in a large flower-pan, with a rough tile placed in it, and leaning against the wall, to graduate the depth for tiny birds. Near this a branch set in a block of wood should be placed, for the birds to alight on when approaching and leaving the bath.

The flight, if you have one, will need to be grassed. You can, if you like, procure turf or grass-seed, as when making a lawn. But if you wish to save this expense go out with a roomy bag and secure large thriving tufts of wayside grass and set these closely in the flight, having previously dug up the surface. Of course, in any case the, the birds must not be let in till the grass is established. Shrubs may also be introduced, preferably in large pots, so that if they begin to look shabby they can be taken out and given a rest to be replaced by others.

(To be continued.)

PROGRESS OF SCOTTISH HYBRID BREEDERS.

By ST. MUNGO.

Among the young Hybrids one finds a summer's delight. But this season, up to the end of leafy June, the summer has been singular for the absence of sunshine, which affects the breeding of wild birds in confinement. The breeders, however, have persevered, and are still hopeful of doing great things. Exhibitors who go in for the best specimens are already inquiring for probable winners—there is nothing like being in time. Still an outsider can never taste the enjoyment which is to be found in Hybrid breeding. He may listen to what a breeder says, and take notes, and try to buy cheaply, but can never speak so definitely as the practical man, the breeder.

I have had another excursion among the Hybrids, and while I have not seen any young birds, I have examined fertile Greenie-Bullie eggs, and others. They have been nearly all clear, but there were some dark eggs, and the owners were patiently waiting the results of the hatching. They are under proved foster parents.

A pretty Redpoll and a smart average-sized Bullfinch hen are one ideal pair. The hen is building; she has a beautiful nest, and the couple seem thoroughly mated. It is very interesting to watch the lively Poll flying from end to end of the cage and from side to side, every now and then paying attentions to the hen. They are very devoted, and there is all appearance of everything coming right. The owner is a noted enthusiast in all he takes in hand.

The Redpoll seems in evidence everywhere. One fancier who knows his way about has four Redpolls mated to Bullfinch hens, and I shall be mistaken if he fails. Eggs are in process of hatching. The birds seem to be very healthy and strong, and full of vitality. There is a fine collection of the cross in the district—a plucky effort of this kind merits a rich reward.

Goldfinches and Bullfinches are mated in plenty, but there has been great mortality amongst Goldfinches, and so far as the writer has been able to ascertain almost no progress has been made. If the male has kept right, the female has broken down, destroying the budding hopes of the breeders. As there is room for new competitors, it will be a pity if fresh Hybrids of this class are not forthcoming.

Brown and Grey Linnet—Bullfinch couples are to be seen here and there, but of late years this cross has been so put aside on the show bench, that it is not in high favour. It is easily obtained, and a very engaging bird.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

HINTS ON THE CATCHING AND TREATMENT OF GOLDFINCHES.

A Lecture delivered at St. George's School, Hyde, by Mr. Matthewe, on March 22nd.

I have very great pleasure in giving you a little of my experience in the catching and treatment of one of our most popular British birds, the Goldfinch. I am, however, sorry to say I have not had time to go as deeply into it as I should have liked. I think he is one of the best favourites of our British birds. When I go to catch these birds I first find which is the best country where they are unprotected. Having done this, I start looking for what they feed on—not looking for birds, for you will never find birds where there is nothing to feed on. When I have found the food, such as hardheads, dog thistles, groundsel or hurdock, I begin to set my nets. Before I set my nets I find a suitable place in the middle of the feeding ground, then I always see that I have plenty of slack in my nets when setting them; for if you have them tight, like a drum, half of the birds will be nearly killed with being knocked to the ground.

SETTING THE NETS.

Now, with having sufficient slack in your nets, the birds will generally cling to the netting till the nets are over them. I also find that two or three decoy birds are very useful when the birds are flying over the nets, for they generally see the decoy birds moving, as they can be moved at any time by your line. In autumn and winter months we catch these birds in large quantities, and I consider it useless for anyone to catch these birds that does not understand the treatment of them. For without such knowledge far more die than live. They are very easy to catch—these so-called young Greypates; but what I find is wanted in these delicate hill birds is plenty of cage room and water. Far more birds die for want of water than want of food. Dealing with the old birds, I cannot speak too highly of them. Taking the Goldfinch all round, I think he is one of the noblest and most beautiful of our British birds, for he sings well and shows himself off to perfection.

TREATMENT WHEN CAUGHT.

When I have caught as many as I have sufficient room for in my cages I finish. Now, I want you to hear in mind my first care is to teach them how to find their water outside the cage, and I always learn them to do this in the fields before I start for home. The way I teach these birds to start drinking is to get a flat bottle, such as a whiskey bottle, and place it on the top of my cage, right over the water trough. I fill it with water and cut a nick the length of the cork, and this enables the water to be continually dripping into the water trough or on to the wires, just as you place the bottle on top of the cage. You will find that when they see it splashing on the wire out of your troughs they often make for it through the holes. The holes in my deckers are all down the fronts, say about eight holes to an 8 in. water tin. The simpler you can make it for them the better it is, and you find when one or two commence to drink, the others generally follow. In a general way I take with me one or two old birds that are used to it to teach the fresh-caught ones. Now I find this is very beneficial in keeping these birds alive.

FOOD FOR NEWLY-CAUGHT BIRDS.

I also put plenty of crushed seed in for them, such as crushed hemp, white sunflower and teazle. I find this is best for newly-caught birds. When they have fed, if I find any of them looking bad, I liberate them at once, for sometimes the journey home will finish them, as it often happens we have many miles to walk before we get to the station. When I get home I take all the birds out and place them in my long flight cages. If it is night I place them under a good light in a place where it is quiet, so that they may feed and drink after their long journey. Next morning I put a good pinch of Epsom salts in their water. This, I find, proves very beneficial to fresh-caught birds. My staple diet for these birds is as follows:—Two parts hemp, one part teazle, one part white Spanish, also a liberal supply of crushed white sunflower seed. If I find a few of them backward in feeding, I put a supply of thistle-heads in for them, and, generally speaking, I find they will come round when feeding on them. When I have got them well on hard seed I cage them off for a few days, then select those which are likely to make show specimens.

When writing to the judges selected for our Show, I could not find an address. Then I remembered the "Annual"—it gave me what I wanted. CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is a boon to the Fancy, a credit to its publisher, and no secretary should be without it.—J. S. NAPIER, Sec. Arhroath C.F.C.B.S.

A Promising Outlook.

The Hucknall Torkard fanciers have had a very fair breeding season, and look like turning some grand birds out. The most successful breeders are—Messrs. A. Brown (59, all doing for themselves), R. Winterhottom (50), C. and H. Twine (44), W. Twine (40), F. Jacklin (36), J. Jacklin (30), E. Severns (50), G. Severns (36), J. Faux (40), J. Pepper (30), Mason (25), A. Ashury (16), W. Salis (16), H. Marshall (26), F. Haywood (20), J. Gilbert (20), T. Oliver (6), whilst A. Brown has been very lucky in getting 59 off eight pairs. I think they have done extraordinarily well in a trying season.—A MEMBER OF THE HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

Local Names.

The beautiful little Spotted Flycatcher is known in some districts as the "Beam Bird," in others as the "Cobweb," and in Kent as the "Cherry-sucker." How did a bird that feeds exclusively upon insects get such peculiar names?

There's a Boy Wanted There.

The following announcement recently appeared on the notice board of the Menai Bridge Police Station:—A reward of one pound will be paid for information leading to the detection and punishment of the wicked boy who stole the eggs from the Thrush's nest in the garden of Fir Grove.

Strange Nesting Place.

I heard recently of a Pheasant's nest on an old hay stack, which certainly seemed a queer nesting place for this ground builder; but Yarrell, the great naturalist, mentions a case of a Partridge actually building in a tree, and succeeding in hatching her clutch of 16 eggs, and getting the brood of young ones safely to the ground.

A Bird that Bursts!

Some Waalia Pigeons have been added to the Zoo collection. This Pigeon inhabits the lower parts of Abyssinia, and is the fattest and best of all the Pigeon kind; but the Abyssinians will not taste the flesh, holding it in abhorrence. It is said that in the beginning of the rainy season it emigrates to the south, and is frequently so extremely fat as to burst in falling to the ground.

Bird Life at Kew.

Kew Gardens have always been noted for bird life, both wild and semi-domesticated. An interesting sight is the pair of Storks, which nested last year, and have done so again. One of the young ones of this year's family has been killed by a Goose—a rather unusual death, for one does not associate the unwieldy bird with murderous intentions towards the feathered tribe.

Fatal Bird-nesting Expedition.

A bird-nesting expedition at Fair Oak, near Eastleigh (Hampshire), has had a fatal result. A couple of boys went into a sand pit, and one of them, named Richard Mayo, poked a stick into a Sand Martin's nest, which caused a quantity of sand to fall upon him, covering him up to his head. His companion dragged him out, but the boy died next day at Southampton Hospital, having broken his leg and received internal injuries which set up peritonitis.

Food of Swallows and Swifts.

Swallows and Swifts must have remarkably good eyesight to discern and capture minute insects while travelling at the speed of an express train. Although many of these captures consist of moths and flies of a fair size, there are a quantity quite minute. If a Swallow is shot or captured, one can generally find a hunch of insects in the mouth of the bird, some of which are quite tiny. I have sometimes noticed the Swallows and Martins feeding close to the ground, and the Swift hawking at a great height, as though they each feed upon different food.

The Destructive Tits.

The beautiful little Tits have been accused of damaging fruit by pecking holes in apples and pears. It has been suggested that it would be a good plan to entice the birds away from the fruit by planting rows of sunflowers near the fruit plantations, and then, when the seed was ripe, they would be too busy with them to trouble about the apples and pears. The idea is rather novel, but I am afraid the Greenfinches would secure the bulk of the seed, for these birds quickly flock to country gardens where a few sunflowers are grown, and quickly devour them. The Tits are very fond of the poppy seed, and it appears to me that it would answer the purpose better to sow some of these flowers. When in bloom they would give a bright effect, and the dropped seed would come up annually, thus saving the trouble of sowing.

The House Sparrow Abroad.

The British House Sparrow has been imported into several countries, with more than ordinary success. This interference with Nature has not turned out quite what was expected, for in some countries the bird breeds practically all the year round, and, with his usual pushful methods, he has succeeded in driving away many more desirable species. In America he has become quite a pest, and it is reported that the United States Government is doing its best to keep the species within reasonable limits. For this purpose they are breeding the Acadian Owl, or Saw-whet (so called from its rasping note). This bird is exceedingly fond of Sparrows, and it is hoped he will help to reduce the number by natural means; but the question is, will he confine himself to Sparrows alone, or will he attack other small birds?

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Notice of Removal.—Samuel Capsey, Birdcatcher (late 1, Smithfields, Sheffield), has removed to 92, Scotland-street, Sheffield, a few doors from old address, where he has a large stock of British birds, and will be pleased to supply old and new friends with Linnets. Guaranteed cocks, 5/- dozen; a few grand big young Linnets, to moult winners, 1/-, 1/6 each; Starlings, for shooting, 2/6 dozen; well-spangled birds, for caging or exhibition, 6d., 1/- each; or will exchange any the above for young singing cock Canaries; rubbish sent or wanted; only straight dealing.

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A Boon to the Fancy. £28 Cash in Prizes.

TWO SECTIONS: (1) NOVICES, (2) OLD HANDS.

1. Only Novice Breeders are eligible for the Novice Competition, a "Novice" to mean anyone who has never bred Canaries before.
2. The Prizes will be: **A**, Cup, value £5 (or Cash), First Prize; **B**, Cash, £3, Second Prize; **C**, Cash, £2, Third Prize; and **D**, Five £1 Cash Prizes for the next best in succession.
3. Prizes to go to the "most successful" breeders, meaning those of the competitors who are most successful in satisfactorily rearing the best average of healthy young birds during 1907 Canary breeding season now in progress.
4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
7. From now till the date of the **COMPETITION CLOSING, AUG. 17th,** each issue of CAGE BIRDS will contain a Coupon, and when sending in the declaration competitors must enclose the whole series of coupons to show that they have been during the period regular readers of CAGE BIRDS.
8. The Editor's decision shall be final.

FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

NOTE.—All entries must be sent in by August 17th.

EXTRACTS FROM DECLARATION FORMS.
FOR COMPETITORS.

I, the undersigned, having entered for "CAGE BIRDS" 1907 BREEDING COMPETITION, hereby make declaration, according to the terms of the said Competition: (1) That this is the first season I have tried to breed Canaries; (2) That I have used this season .....*(state number)*..... Cocks and .....*(state number)*..... Hens, which were and are now *bona fide* my own property; (3) That I successfully reared* by August 13th, 1907, ...*(state number)*..... young Canaries entirely from the aforementioned .....*(state number)*..... stock birds, the said young Canaries being in good health on the said August 13th.

* By "successfully reared" is meant that the young birds are feeding themselves—that is, are requiring no assistance from their parents.

FOR WITNESSES.

We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of .....*(state name)*..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

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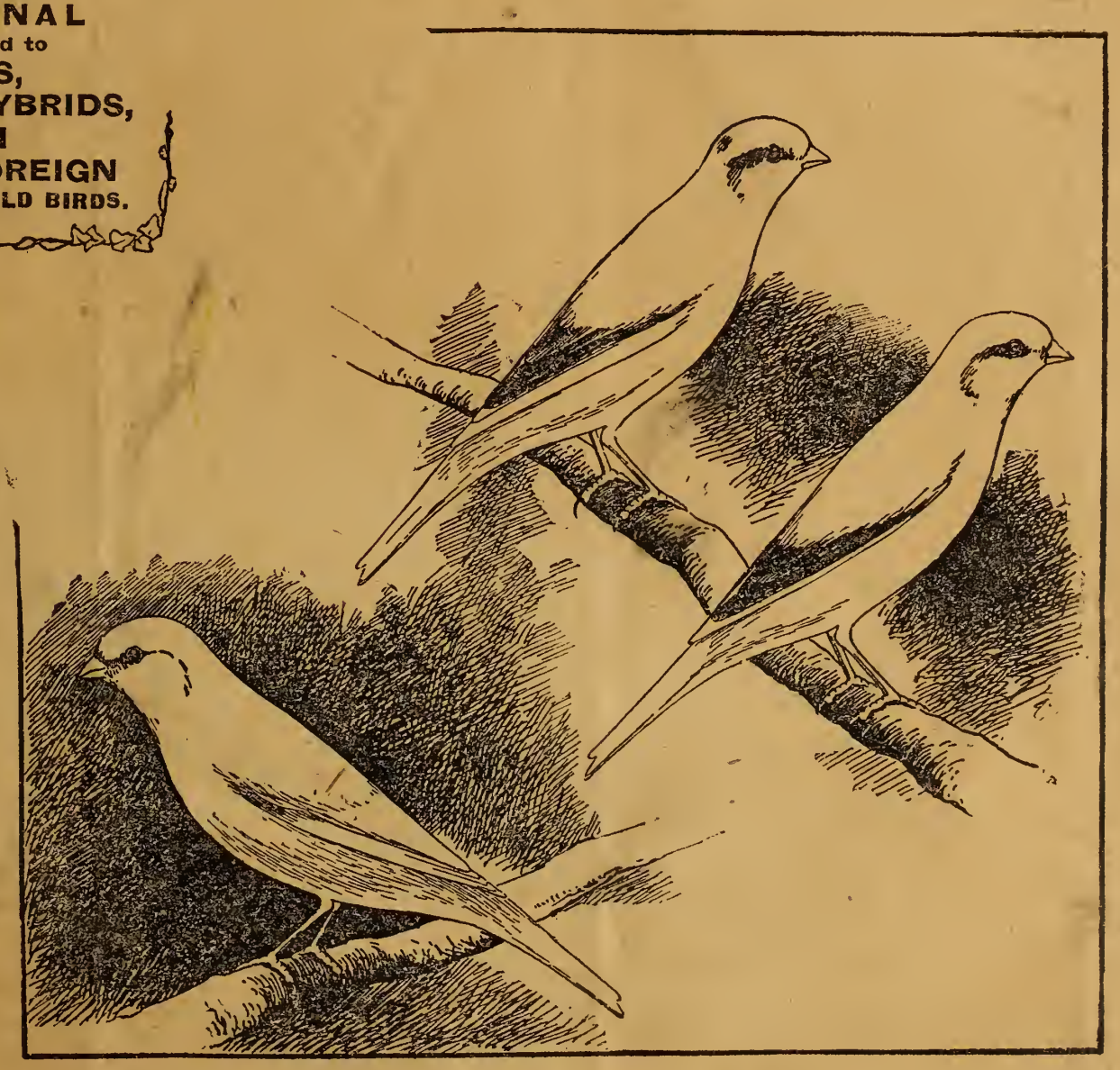
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COCK Runners, 3 for 1/6, 4/6 dozen.—Mrs. McCoo, 11, Long Stairs, close Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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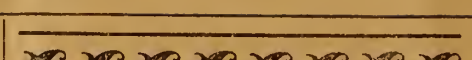
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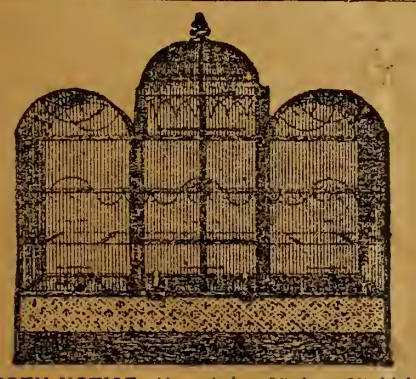
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KEIGHLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather Show at the King's Head Hotel, on July 20th. Mr. A. Ambler judged, and gave every satisfaction. The competition for the society's special was very keen, and resulted in a tie for points between Messrs. Morris and Shackleton and C. Spencer, the former winning with most prize money. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Heaton and Nicholson; 3, Proctor. BUFF (9): 1, Spencer; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Morris and Shackleton. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Morris and Shackleton; 3, Slater. TKD. BUFF (13): 1, Morris and Shackleton; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Smith and Sharp. U.M. BUFF (7): 1, Spencer; 2, Morris and Shackleton; 3, Smith and Sharp. F.M. YELL. OR BUFF (6): 1, Bancroft and Dean; 2, Wright; 3, Middleton Bros. A.O.V. (1): Bancroft and Dean. 12s. 6d. SELL. (8): 1, Spencer; 2, Ferguson; 3, Middleton Bros. NOVICE YELL. (3): 1, 2, Proctor; 3, Pickles. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Pickles.



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READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held July 3rd; good company present. Summer outing fixed for Saturday, July 13th, to Aldermaston, permission having been kindly granted to go over Mr. Keyser's estate thereat. Train leaves Reading Station at 2.58, and Reading West Station at 3.3, arriving Aldermaston 3.22 p.m. Members and all friends invited. There will be no meeting during August, the next being on September 4th. Mr. Maisey read a very interesting paper on "Feeding," for which he was thanked.
G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The Bradford (East) O.S. had another successful ramble on Saturday afternoon to Goitstock, about 30 members and friends taking the opportunity of spending a pleasant outing. The inclement weather was in no way allowed to damp the feelings of the party, and everyone enjoyed themselves, especially when the tea was served out. I don't know what Charles Hustwick thinks of the appetites of our members, but they certainly took a lot of satisfying on Saturday. Who was it said he could eat another plate of beef, after he had kept about six of us busy handing him things over? They are all beginning to like this part of the programme, the ladies as well, and it is already on the books that we shall give them another visit before long, when I hope the large number of members who are in business and tied on a Saturday will have the opportunity to go with us. There was a lot of things to interest us on Saturday, and it was quite evident that the breeding season has been a prolific one as far as the wild birds are concerned in this district. A lot of ideas were mooted while we were having a short chat with each other, which will help to uphold the future welfare of this progressive society, and I hope that all members and friends will make a special effort to attend the next meeting, in order that we might arrange these ideas to suit all, as far as possible.
H. HILL, Sec.

DIPTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held on July 8th. A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Anthony Brown, of Gateshead, on moulting and colour feeding. Many questions were put and answer by him to the satisfaction of all present. Mr. Brown thanked the members for the attention they had given him, and said he would always be pleased to give the best advice that lay in his power to help the Society. He congratulated us on the nice little show we held in January last, and he hoped that we should bench some good ones at the next show, as he had had the honour of being selected to judge it. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brown brought a pleasant evening to a close. Next meeting, August 5th, at 7.30 p.m., in Council Schools.
MATT. MASON, Sec.

BRADFORD AND C. B.B. AND M.C.

Meeting at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on July 20th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (President) in chair. The following were elected on the committee as outside members—Mr. J. W. Matthews (Castleford), Mr. Dawson (Otley), Mr. C. R. Stephenson (Leeds), Mr. J. S. Clarkson and Mr. Hellewell (Halifax), Mr. Duncan (Harrogate), Mr. C. Shirley (Keighley). It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to the National British Bird and Mule Club for the copy of their rules, and also for their good wishes for this club's welfare. The meeting was then adjourned until August 24th, at 7 p.m., as some of us were "going light" for want of "soft food."
H. R. MYERS, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE AND DIS.

Table Show of Norwich July 13th. Mr. Barraclough judged. 1, 2, Mellor; 3, Grime. Table Show of British Birds July 20th. Mr. W. Foxall judged. 1, 3, vhc, hc, Barron; 2, Foden; 4, Grayson.
H. FODEN Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA.

Held July 17th at Lockyer, Thomas and Co.'s Auction Rooms, a very suitable and well-lighted room. Upwards of 70 birds were staged, and the quality in most cases was far above the average. The judges were: Canaries, Mr. D. Jenkins. Mules, British, etc., Mr. T. Gamage; both gentlemen gave the highest possible satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, spl, Kirby, a couple of real nice quality youngsters, correct type, brimful of colour; 3, 4, Vyse, the former we liked, rare head properties. BUFF: 1, spl, Gooding, very typical, neat head, nicely feathered, splendid size; 2, Rees, nice short one, correct type; 3, 4, Kirby, two nice exhibits, nicely put down. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Taylor, neat and straight, good length, lovely feather; 2, Ford and Sons, also good position and carriage. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Taylor, a trio of capital youngsters, plenty of length, good wings and tails, leader excells in condition. BORDER YELL.: 1, spl, Stock, a rare little youngster, extra neat type, splendid carriage, good wings, nicely feathered; 2, 3, Evans, pretty close to leader, put down well; 4, O'Connell, rare stamp, lovely quality of feather. BUFF: 1, spl, Stock, we liked well, staged with good taste, wins well; 2, Hocking, bonny youngster in pink of condition, neatest of wings and tail; 3, Evans, well staged, close in all respects to former. GREEN, ETC.: 1, spl best Border, 3, Hocking, who put down a capital team of greens, will hold their own in any competition; 2, spl, Evans, also a green of exceptional merit, wins special for second best Border; 4, Stainn. A.V. OLD BIRD: 1, Rees, with a grand Norwich, in rare feather for the time of year, splendid type and colour; 2, Hockey, lovely yellow green Border, neat carriage and feathered like glass; 3, 4, Chealy. MULES: 1, Gooding, nice young Goldie Mule. BRIT. HYBRID: 1, 2, spl, Jenkins, pair of Linnet-Greenics, former rare size and colour, shows parents clearly. GOLDFINCH: 1, Nicholas, real good one, nice face, well tanned, good bars and buttons; 2, Hammacott, warm in colouring, neat face, nicely cut; 3, O'Connell, nice sized one, neat face, well buttoned; 3, 4, vhc, Bater, trio of toppers, well balanced throughout. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Jenkins, good colour and size, put down in best of trim; 2, 3, Taylor, promise to make good 'uns with a moult. LINNET: 1, Nicholas, good sound brown, distinct lacings, plenty of size; 2, spl, Roach, neatest of markings and colour; 3, 4, A. E. and W. R. Taylor, birds with good careers in front of them. REDPOLL: 1, Nicholas, rare colour and size, well known; 2, 3, Jenkins, former extra good, close race with winner. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, A. E. Taylor, nice colour and spangle. A.O.V.: 1, Nicholas, well-known Yellowhammer, looking his best; 2, Jenkins, also Yellowhammer, not quite so distinct in head markings.

GRIMSBY.

Held in the beautiful People's Park on July 18th. The day was a lovely one, and our feather favourites on show were viewed and admired by many hundreds of visitors. Mr. C. Bemrose was manager and Mr. Sam Lee Hon. Secretary, while the birds were chiefly under the care of our old friend Mr. H. E. Stubbs, whose geniality and enthusiasm are infectious. Notwithstanding the drawback to an entry of old birds consequent upon the season at which the show is held, there was a nice entry of 14 old Norwich in one class, and 11 young Norwich put in an appearance in the class given for them. The quality was good, and one or two of the youngsters very promising. British were fair, and Foreign made a capital show. Mr. George Gardner judged.

NOR. (14): 1, Stubbs, shapely, short, correct feathered yellow, shone like silk, in fine nick for time of year; 2, Robinson, nice short wings and tail, good level colour; 3, Harland, nice quality of feather, trifle long in flights; vhc, Harland; hc, Hope; c, Hull. NOR. (1907) (11): 1, 2, Harland, very sweet yellow, not too large but has substance and nice feather; second variegated buff, silky feather, nice type and size; 3, Metcalfe, good shape, scarcely so rich in colour; vhc, Harding; hc, c, Peploe. LINNET (4): 1, Crowder, rich, nutty colour, well shown; 2, Ellender, steady, but not so good in colour and gloss; 3, Drinkall, close to second in point of merit; vhc, Stubbs. BRIT. A.O.V. (8): 1, Cooper, Waxwing, in nice feather, well shown; 2, spl, Peploe, very pretty Siskin; 3, Drinkall, fair Goldfinch; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Harding; c, Miss Watts. FOR., LARGE (5): 1, Cooper, very nice exhibit, blue bonnet Parrakeet, well shown; 2, Mrs. Markham, rich coloured, fine plumaged Grey Parrot; 3, Mrs. Robinson, an Amazon, well shown; vhc, Wilson; hc, Metcalfe. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, Suggitt, lustrous, superb Tanager, won easily; 2, vhc, hc, Sutcliffe, the former a very nice Pintail Nonpareil; 3, Suggitt, Bulbul in nice feather.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK.

The first Open show of its kind in Scotland was held by the above Society in the Royal Hotel, Hamilton, on July 13th, and proved a great success. Over 100 birds in the six classes provided. There were some very promising youngsters, amongst them, a buff Norwich, shown by Mr. A. Malcomson, which was greatly admired, and some tempting offers were made for it but declined. Messrs. McFarlane, Roulstone, McKenna, and Trew also had grand specimens on view that should be heard of later on. Messrs. Somervill, McLean, Walker, Shearer, Lindsay and Hamilton put down some nice Borders. Norwich were judged by Mr. George Marlin and Borders by Mr. J. Young, and their awards seemed to please, as grumbling was at a minimum.

NOR. YELL.: 1, McFarlane, heavy variegated, built on stout lines, with neat head, in rattling good order; 2, Roulstone, yellow, in good condition; 3, spl, 4, Malcolmson, third should make a grand one after moult, was badly broke, fourth marked on one wing; 5, spl, Trew, showing good colour; 6, McKenna. BUFF: 1, spl, McFarlane, var., nice body, rather browed; 2, Malcolmson, a gem of the first water, clear, great substance, correct style, free from browing; 3, 5, Roulstone, third very nice var., slipped back claw which told against it; 4, 6, McFarlane. BOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Somervill and McLean, both A1 style, sweet head, very compact wings and tails, an easy win; 3, Shearer, grand head, good, jaunty style, a little out of condition, or might have gone up one; 4, 5, Lindsay, fourth far gone in moult, but should do well later; 6, Allan, quite a baby. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Somervill and McLean, first very promising youngster, feathered like wax, a credit to its owners, second not quite the stamp as winner but still a good one; 3, Walker, another gem, must have pressed winners; 4, 5, Shearer, good stamp, but not in the same condition; 5, spl, Lindsay. VAR., ETC., YELL.: 1, Walker, a gem of a var., slashing style, in rattling order, should take some stopping; 2, 3, spl, Hamilton, second grand Cinnamon, nicely drawn out, perfect carriage, looks like the Glasgow and Western Counties winner; 4, spl, Somervill and McLean; 5, 6, spl, Dick, two very nice ones. BUFF: 1, spl, Somervill and McLean, still another gem; 2, spl, 4, Hamilton, very neat head, splendid carriage, shown in Dannie's best style; 3, Walker, sweet little chap, in faultless condition; 5, Allen, a credit to its owner, should win later on; 6, Dick, still another good one. After the birds were packed a very successful smoking concert was held, with songs and recitations, which brought a very successful event to a close. All present promised to send bumper entries to the annual show.

MIDDLETON.

Young Birds Show of the Middleton O.S., held on July 13th, was a success financially, but the number of entries were not quite up to previous years. Mr. W. Bescoby obtained the most points for the silver challenge cup, and was followed close up by Mr. H. Thomas, the former getting 18 points and the latter 17.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Thomas; 2, 3, Bescoby; 4, vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Clegg. BUFF: 1, Bescoby; 2, 4, Clegg; 3, Wagstaff. TKD. YELL.: 1, Thomas; 2, Bescoby; 3, 4, Marsden; vhc, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaff; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Clegg; hc, Marsden. A.V. (NOVICE): 1, 4, Taylor; 2, vhc, Evans; 3, Ward. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Craighill. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Craighill. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Craighill. A.V.: 1, 2, Reynolds. BRIT.: 1, Williamson, Nightingale, in the pink of condition; 2, Thomas; 3, Craighill; 4, Clegg. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Ward; 2, vhc, hc, Beasley; 3, Collings; 4, Wagstaff.

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BIRKENHEAD.

The Birkenhead Canary F.A. First Feather Show was held at the Co-operative Hall, Catherine-street, on July 20th. Yorkshires and Norwich were given good classification, and especial mention must be made of the Yorkshire Greens, which were a superior lot. Some good young Crests and Crestbreds were shown, by, we understand, a lady novice, and the winning clear buff dark Crest is full of real Norwich type, with abundance of feather lifting very neat to the body, its crest is of very good size, well rounded, with good centre, and well filled in, and with age and luck will make a good one. Mule or Hybrid have not yet been bred here. Some nice Linnets and other Britishers made up a good and neat show, and 70 or 80 birds were staged. Some capital special prizes added interest to the competition, and the winners got grand value for their trouble of showing. Mr. Chas. Henlton judged. Mr. J. T. Harding, the secretary, had the birds well staged, and his supply of special wire carriers, which elevate prize cards above the cages, is worth general adoption.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Harding, nice size and length, good carriage and position, neat head, well up on legs; 2, Nash, smaller, and more breedy, just going into moult. BUFF: 1, 2, Harding, first very finely drawn, typical carriage and position, pale colour, but good quality, and of good size, second smaller, but a replica of first in all other points; 3, Morton, lovely quality of feather, good level colour, nicely rounded body, neat head, beak, and good legs and feet, minus most of tail feathers or might have been high for first honours; vhc, Nash. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hall, smart youngster, full of quality, capital size and position, neat wings and tail; 2, Harding, also grand quality, stands well. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hall, ticked on head, well up on legs, nicely rounded body, close fitting wings and tail, capital quality; 2, Harris, very long drawn out, ticked head, rare stand and style, just going for the moult; 3, Meadows, heavily variegated body, excellent shape and quality, hardly long enough yet, should develop with age; hc, Harding. CINN. TICK BUFF: 1, Morton, ticked eyes and left wing, grand quality and style, good sides and well up on legs; 2, Hughes, variegated body, fine feather and rare stand, well drawn out; 3, Hall, faint cinn. tick on wing, flowing with quality. YORKS. GREEN, YELL.: 1, Hughes, lovely deep level green throughout, dark beak and legs, good back markings, finely drawn, fair size, well finished; 2, Meadows, looser in feather, good deep colour and well marked back, nice beak and legs, long drawn type; 3, Corbett, grand colour and type, rather light in legs and beak; vhc, Hadwin; hc, c, Hurrell. BUFF: 1, vhc, Hughes, good level colour, excellent type and quality for a buff; 2, 3, c, Hurrell, second grand size and type, sound colour, coarser feather, third smaller, rare colour and type; hc, Meadows. FOUL YELL.: 1, vhc, Harding, foul wing, fine colour, quality and type, sound beak and legs, A1 condition; 2, Meadows, foul tail, nice deep colour, good shape, beaten in fulness and tightness of feather; 3, Corbett, foul tail, bit loose in breast feather, sound colour and deep back markings; hc, Johnstone. FOUL BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Hurrell, first foul tail, dark beak and legs, grand body colour, rare type, stands well, in fine condition, third variegated body, shape, colour, quality, and condition all there; 2, Hughes, rather heavier body, grand dark colour, foul tail, nice condition; hc, Johnstone. NOR. YELL.: 1, Burns, very fine thick set type, flowing with colour and quality; 2, Hall, smaller, grand type and feather; 3, Dalzell, very compact body, beaten in head and neck. BUFF: 1, Burns, immense size, grand bloom and condition, big enough now, a capital prospective stock bird; 2, Hall, smaller, very mealy, nice shape, good quality; 3, vhc, Dalzell, very pale, grand type, rare quality and condition, like a good hen. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Cory, very good trio, latter two mottled Crests, first capital clear body, dark, very cobby body, crest of good size and formation, well centred, and droops nicely, just a bit short in front, very good start for a lady; vhc, Barnes. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Mrs. Cory, very cobby type, first better browed, nicely raised dome skulls, short beaks, nest companions to first prize Crest, we should think; 3, vhc, Barnes, well beaten in type and skull, etc. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Hadwin, foul tail cinnamon, Norwich type, A1 shape and feather, third same breed, but smaller, grand condition; 2, Meadows, fine Cinnamon, Yorkshire type, in best of feather and condition; vhc, Barnes. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Whittington, grand shaped bird, rare markings and colour, fine silky feather, shows well; 2, Nicholls, very large, thick set, grand markings, rather pale colour, just finishing moult, and ought to come up in colour soon; 3, vhc, Richardson, capital colour, nice shape and markings, bit smaller than former, steady and singing grand; hc, Kendall. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 3, Harding, first very good Chaffinch, third rather dark spangled Bramble, in good feather; 2, Richardson, nice neat bird, fair size and nice feather. GREENFINCH: 1, Burns, grand colour, size, shape, and condition; 2, Richardson, large, rather duller in colour, nice feather and steady.

PAIGNTON.

The Torbay O.S. held its First Feather Show on July 17th, in the Lower Public Hall. The entries came up well, considering the poor breeding season some of the members have had. Yorkshires were the feature of the show, some very fine birds being staged by Messrs. Hodge, Mogford, Bastard and Parnell and Son. Grand Norwich were shown by Messrs. Veale, Jeffery, Daw and Bastard. Mr. Redwood judged, and gave great satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Hodge; 2, vhc, Parnell and Son; 3, Bastard; hc, Innis. BUFF: 1, 2, Parnell and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Parnell and Son; 2, Hodge; vhc, Innis; hc, Bastard. BUFF: 1, vhc, Parnell and Son; 2, 3, Mogford; hc, Bastard. CINN. MKD. YORKS.: 1, 2, Parnell; 3, vhc, Bastard. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Bastard; 2, Daw; vhc, Jeffery. BUFF: 1, Jeffery; 2, Daw; 3, Veale; vhc, Bastard; hc, Hodge. TKD. YELL.: 1, Veale; 2, Jeffery; 3, Daw. BUFF: 1, Daw; 2, Veale; 3, Jeffery. JUNIOR CLASSES, NOR.: 1, Jeffery. YORKS.: 1, Bastard. A.O.V.: 1, Bastard.

WIBSEY.

Second Show of birds in first feather. The entry was not so large as the previous show, owing to a lot of members having rather bad luck with their second round. Mr. J. Hartley judged, and his awards were accepted with general satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, vhc, Thornton; 2, Bastow. BUFF: 1, Ellerton; 2, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; 3, c, Bastow; 4, Shaw; hc, Acroyd. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bastow; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, vhc, Ellerton. BUFF: 1, Thornton; 2, Ellerton; 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, Tayler Bros.; vhc, c, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Pickles. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Bairstow and Chapman; 2, Tayler Bros.; 3, Pickles; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Shaw; c, Bastow.

DARLINGTON C.B.B.F.A.

An Open Linnet Singing Contest in connection the above was held at the George Hotel on Saturday afternoon, when 15 birds competed for a copper kettle and silver medal. 1, 2, Million. Judge, T. Simpson; timekeeper, J. Cuthbertson.

COCKERMOUTH.

Nest Feather Show held in the Bridge-street Rooms on July 20th. There were 63 birds staged, a very creditable number for a small society. Mr. Brunton, of Wythop, late of Keswick, was the judge, and Messrs. Ellwood and Deacon acted as stewards. The quality of birds shown was an all-round improvement on last year, the opinion of the judge and expert visitors of some of the exhibits being a high one.

NOR.: 1, 2, Ostle; 3, Little. YORKS.: 1, Oglethorpe; 2, 3, Thompson. YELL. BORDER: 1, 3, Deacon; 2, Ellwood. BUFF: 1, Ellwood; 2, Walker; 3, Deacon. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Ellwood; 3, Walker. OLD BIRD: 1, Ellwood; 2, Walker; 3, Ostle; vhc, Litt. HEN: 1, 2, Ostle; 3, Ellwood. MULE: 1, Ellwood; 2, Graham; 3, Wilson. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Ellwood; 3, Thompson. SEEDEATER, BRITISH: 1, 2, Oglethorp; 3, Ellwood. FOR.: 1, Sewell; 2, Oglethorpe; 3, Walker. SELL., 10/-: 1, Litt; 2, Walker; 3, Deacon. Specials for most points with four birds: 1, Ellwood; 2, Oglethorpe and Ostle, tied.

ALTRINCHAM.

Nest Feather Show, on July 13th, at the Central Cafe. The showroom is an excellent one and very suitable for the purpose. The entry numbered about 140, and considering the season (which has not been one of the best) was a source of satisfaction to the committee. The specimens staged had amongst them some very promising young birds, which will in all probability be heard of again later on in the year. The Norwich were far ahead of anything yet produced, as also were the Yorkshires. The Border classes appear to have got a strong hold in this Society, and some very nice birds were staged. The British and Foreign sections produced some very nice specimens, put down in faultless condition. The Secretary had things well in hand, in his usual style, prize money and prize cards being made and paid soon after judging was finished. Mr. A. Wellings was the adjudicator, and satisfaction appears to have been given all round.

YELL. NOR.: 1, vhc, Critchley; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Unwin; 4, Royle. BUFF: 1, 2, Unwin; 3, Critchley; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Royle. TKD. YELL.: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Unwin; 3, Royle. BUFF: 1, 3, Critchley; 2, vhc, Royle; 4, Wilkinson; hc, Harrison. YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Blackshaw. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Harrison; 4, Blackshaw. CINN.: 1, Royle; 2, 3, Harrison. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Brennan; 2, 4, vhc, Miss P. Worrall; 3, Bayley; hc, Broome. BUFF: 1, Brennan; 2, Critchley; 3, Miss P. Worrall; 4, H. Broome; vhc, Hickson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Brennan; 2, Bayley, 3, H. Broome; vhc, Critchley. BUFF: 1, Critchley; 2, Brennan; 3, 4, Hickson; vhc, H. Broome; hc, Miss P. Worrall; c, Vernon. YELL. GREEN: 1, 3, Vernon; 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Drinkwater; 2, 3, Vernon; 4, vhc, Harrison. CINN.: 1, Drinkwater. BOR. YELL.: 1, Bayley; 2, 3, Wardleworth; 4, Waters. BUFF: 1, Blackshaw; 2, Waters; 3, Wardleworth. TKD. YELL.: 1, hc, Waters; 2, 4, Blackshaw; 3, vhc, Wardleworth. TKD. BUFF: 1, 4, Blackshaw; 2, 3, hc, Waters; vhc, Bayley; c, Wardleworth. GREEN YELL.: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Waters; 3, Wilkinson; 4, vhc, Blackshaw. BUFF: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Blackshaw. MULES: 1, Blackshaw. GOLDFINCH: 1, Critchley. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Harrison. GREENFINCH: 1, Harrison; 2, Blackshaw; 3, Beaty. LINNET: 1, Hope. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Harrison. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Beaty; 2, Harrison. A.V. SOFTBILL: 1, Beaty. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Beaty; 4, Harrison. LOCAL CL. CAN.: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Potts. A.V.: 1, White; 2, 4, Schofield; 3, Gardener. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gardener. LINNET: 1, Potts; 2, Schofield. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Schofield; 2, Jackson. Ross Challenge Cup Competition—Team: 1, Brennan; 2, Unwin; 3, Blackshaw; 4, Critchley; vhc, Bayley; hc, Royle; c, Broome. Winners of special prizes: Messrs. T. Brennan, J. Critchley, F. Gardener, A. White.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

Young Stock Show July 11th, at the Two Brewers, Church-street, Greenwich. Considering the poor breeding season experienced this year, the entry, 110, was a good one. During the evening there was a good attendance of visitors, the room in which the exhibits were staged being tastefully decorated and well adapted to the purpose. Mr. J. Robson judged, and gave the best of satisfaction, afterwards complimenting the members on the advance the society had made, both in members and cultivation of their hobby. Mr. Hill carried out the secretarial duties, assisted by a very able committee. Birds deserving of special comment were Dr. Sidgwick's marked yellow and clear buff Norwich, two very typical ones. Mr. Edwards stood with two firsts in the champion Yorkshire sections, both in splendid condition. Mr. Fishwick's clear yellow was a little thick, or would probably have changed places with the winner in this class. The great feature of the show was the novice support, 32 entries in two Norwich classes and 21 in two Yorkshire classes, among them being some very promising youngsters. Crest and Crestbreds were weak, Mr. Johnson winning with a good Crestbred; we note this exhibitor also staged a trio of good Lizards. The British, 21 entries, were for the time of the year well staged, the winning Linnet being a good one, and in fine condition. This also applies to the first Goldie. Catalogues, with awards, were on sale a few minutes after the judge had placed his awards.

NOR. YELL. (CHAMPIONS): 1, Sidgwick; 2, 3, Rennie; vhc, Hill. BUFF: 1, Sidgwick; 2, vhc, Rennie; 3, Meades; c, Hill. YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Edwards; 2, hc, Rennie; 3, c, Fishwick. BUFF: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, Rennie; vhc, Fishwick. CREST, ETC.: 1, Johnson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Johnson. YELL. NOR., NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, c, Daniells; hc, Hack. BUFF NOR.: 1, vhc, hc, c, Gillard; 2, Richardson; 3, James. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Waterman; 3, Putner; hc, Done; c, Cobley. BUFF: 1, Cobley; 2, Done; 3, c, Putner; hc, Pagett; hc, Waterman. MULES: 1, Ovenden; 2, Meades. LINNET, ETC.: 1, hc, Johnson; 2, c, Ovenden; 3, vhc, Simants. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, Daniells; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Allison. GREENFINCH: 1, Simants; 2, Johnson; 3, Hill; vhc, Meades. INSECTIV., A.V.: 1, Hill. SELL.: 1, 2, Sidgwick; 3, Richardson.

WEST OF SCOTLAND NORWICH etc. B.C.

Meeting and First Feather Show held July 6th, Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow. Mr. A. Muir acted as Chairman. The date of the annual show has been altered to November 30th, and the judges are Messrs. John McLay and M. Craig. The First Feather Show was poor in numbers, but the quality was good. Messrs. Campbell, Henderson and Hunter judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL.: 1, 4, Campbell; 2, 3, Renwick; 4, 5, 6, McNicol. VAR.: 1, 4, Renwick; 2, 3, McNicol, CREST: 1, Campbell. BOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Brownlow. VAR.: 1, 3, Brownlow; 2, 4, Gibson. GREEN: 1, 2, Brownlow; 3, 4, Gibson.

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W.C.O.S.

Nest Feather Show held at Plymouth on July 17th. Eighty-two birds were on exhibition. This was the final show in which the six silver challenge cups were offered for competition, and both in numbers and quality of exhibits compared well with the two previous shows held in May and June. In the three shows a grand total of 320 birds have been obtained, which is a very great advance over any previous year of the society, and one that will rank quite in the first flight with any society in the country. The judges for this show were: Yorkshires, Mr. L. S. B. Clark; Norwich, Mr. J. Rowe; Crest and Crestbreds, Mr. C. Hoar; Mules, Mr. C. Harris; British and Foreign, Mr. J. Doyle. The winners of challenge cups who will hold same for this year (cups having to be won twice to become absolute property of winner) are as follows:—Yorkshire cup, W. A. Dyer, 48 points; Norwich, W. Speilman, 34; Crest and Crestbred, J. Ryder, 48; A.O.V. Canary, T. Pope, 33; Mule, A. Rapson, 25; British and Foreign, F. Snell, 82.

YORKS. YELL (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dyer, first eye-ticked, stylish bird, with correct position, a trifle larger in beak, with good wing carriage and tail, a thorough win, second almost as good as winner, but a trifle stouter, fails in neck, third good Yorkie, quite large enough, good in neck and wings, well-filled back, fourth neat bird, failing slightly in breast; vhc, c, Bassett; hc, Large. BUFF (10): A hot lot, likely to be heard of again; 1, Bassett, real clinking bird, nice head, splendid neck, good wings and tail, good position; 2, 3, 4, c, Dyer, second another good bird, slightly stouter, but little behind winner, third a good-headed bird, also close up, very little to choose between the first three, fourth heavily variegated, good length and nice head; vhc, Large, in poor feather, or might have been higher; No. 5, unnoticed (Large), too young yet, best head in class. NORWICH YELL. (7): A grand class; 1, Staples, marked both eyes and one wing, grand shape and colour, in fine bloom; 2, 4, Garland, second larger, a good one, only beaten in colour, fourth lovely type, shade small; 3, Baker, good, a very close run; vhc, Dectle; hc, Asher; c, Parrish. BUFF (9): This was the best class of buffs for the three shows; 1, Staples, clear, a gem, just what is wanted in a Plainhead, should with a good moult take a deal of beating; 2, c, Garland, varicgated, another gem, splendid substance, in fine condition, close run with winner; 3, vhc, hc, Baker, ticked neck, lovely quality, rather on small side; 4, Deetle, good bird, only a wee bit long; No. 4, unnoticed (Parrish), looks like a yellow, if so, should do Mr. P. some good. CREST (14): 1, 2, vhc, French, first variegated, a gem, large crest, lovely centre and feather, grand formation, well to tip of beak, a good moult should make this a stormer, second variegated, same stamp as winner, perfect model, not a feather out of place, fails to winner in length of front, a good second; 3, c, Hobbs, heavily-marked hen, nice round crest, lovely feather and droop, a little too far gone, three weeks previously would have won, fourth good all round Crest, longest front in class, a trifle weak at sides or would have been higher; hc, c, Barage. CRESTBRED (16): 1, Ryder, lightly-marked cock, a gem, shown to perfection, lovely cushion skull, extra good entrance, feather beyond tip of beak, well up in size, will take a lot of beating; 2, Ryder, another from same aviary, fails only to winner in feather and entrance, a good second; 3, Hobbs, a green, well up in size, good entrance and feather, fails to winners in shape of skull, well shown; 4, Haskell, extra good in feather, fair size, rather poor in head properties; vhc, Brenton; hc, c, Avent. These were the best classes of Crest and Crestbreds ever seen at W.C.O.S. shows, and speak well for the Crest Fancy in the West. A.O.V. (1) 1, Pope, about the best Cinnamon ever shown at these shows, we hear there is every probability of more fanciers taking up this variety in the near future. MULE (DARK) (4): 1, 2, 3, Rapson, dark Goldfinch-Canary, first excels in size; 4, Wills, also Gold.-Canary. GOLD. AND BULLFINCH (3): 1, Snell, cage moulted Bullfinch, wins for the third time, a grand exhibit; 2, Brenton, Goldfinch, very nice blaze, might be larger. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Pridhome, one of the best Linnets in the West of England; 2, Wills; 3, Large. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (5): 1, 2, Snell, former a really grand Chaffinch, in splendid bloom, second Yellow Bunting, remarkably steady; 3, Wills; 4, Pope, two large Greenfinches. SMALL FOR. (1): 1, Snell, pair Java Sparrows.

HEYWOOD.

The first Young Bird Show in connection with the Heywood C.B.S. was held at the Central Dining Rooms, on July 20th, and proved a great success, 70 birds being staged. The committee were congratulated by many leading fanciers from other districts who paid a visit during the afternoon, and, as showing the interest taken in the Fancy by the public of the town, over 300 paid for admission throughout the afternoon. Many splendid birds were shown. Mr. Richard Schofield secured the special for the best bird in the show, bred by the exhibitor with yellow Yorkshire—a splendid bird. Mr. R. Barrass judged, and gave entire satisfaction. LIZARDS: 1, Dewhurst; 2, Livsey. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Ogden. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, spl, Schofield; 2, hc, Pregnall; 3, Taylor; vhc, Livsey. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Schofield; 2, 4, Howorth; vhc, Pregnall; c, Mayes. TKD. YELL.: 1, Ridings; 2, Howorth. BUFF: 1, 2, Howorth; 3, Livscy; 4, Booth; vhc, Ridings. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Booth. BUFF: 1, spl, Livsey; 2, Pregnall; 3, Ridings; 4, Taylor. CINN. OR GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Ridings. NOR. YELL.: 1, Schofield; 2, Howorth. BUFF: 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Howorth. TKD.: 1, 2, Schofield. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Ogden; 2, Schofield; 4, Livsey. BRIT.: 1, 3, 4, spl, Perry; 2, vhc, hc, McMurdo, winner a lovely Linnet, a real beauty. SELL.: 1, Howorth; 2, Meadowcroft; 3, Mayes; 4, Schofield; vhc, Taylor.

CIVIL SERVICE F.A.

Young Bird Show at Ye Old Bell, Nohle-street, E.C., July 16th. The entries were not large, due, no doubt, to the bad breeding season. On the whole the quality of the exhibits was good. The members wish to tender their best thanks to Mr. J. S. Clarke, who kindly undertook the duties of judge, also to the host who placed the room at their disposal. Mr. Barton exhibited some grand Lizards, one of which claimed the special for best Canary in show. The awards were received with general satisfaction.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dobin, the winner a Crestbred. YORKS.: 1, hc, Russell, a marked buff of excellent shape and feather, nice size; 2, vhc, Smith, the former a wing marked buff of rich quality and close feather, not so large as winner; 3, c, Watson, bit rough, commenced to moult. A.O.V. CANARY: 1, spl for best Canary, 2, Barton, two promising Lizards; 3, vhc, Wheeler, also Lizards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl for best British, Voss; 2, Smith; 3, Slattery. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Slattery, former a Siskin, latter a Mealy Redpoll; 2, 3, Watson, Lesser Redpolls.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Members' Nest-Feather Show, held 17th July. Judge, Mr. G. E. Russell. The entries in the Norwich section were not numerous, many of the exhibits, however, being exceptionally good. Mr. Eckersley secured four firsts, also special for best yellow and special for best buff, with a very fine team. Birds of much merit were also shown by Messrs. Broadhurst and Silvers. The Crest class contained some very fine birds, particularly the winner shown by Mr. Harvey, one of the best youngsters seen in this district for some time, heavily marked, with a very large crest drooping from a small, well-placed centre. Mr. A. J. Smith was second with a broken Green possessing a neat, well-shaped crest; the third prize winner, belonging to Mr. Broadhurst, was a very taking evenly-marked bird, with a well-formed crest. Competition was keen in the Crestbred section, Mr. Ingram winning with a saddle-marked bird, very dense and long in head feather; Mr. A. J. Smith came second with a very fine Green; Mr. Harvey third with a bird possessing a large well-formed body, not quite so good, however, in head feather as the leaders. The Yorkshire classes were the best filled in the show, the quality all through being very even and competition very keen. Mr. J. H. Allen secured the special for best yellow with a bird ticked on head, very typical in shape, grand quality, best Yorkshire in the show, the same exhibitor winning in the class for clear yellows with a bird of high merit. Mr. Paddock took the special for best buff with a marked bird of very good position; he also secured first in the clear buff class with an exhibit of grand type and quality of feather. The exhibits of Messrs. Richardson, Sutton, Collier and Burke all deserve special mention, being birds showing good all-round Yorkshire properties. Only one entry was made in the Mule class, a fine dark jonque Goldfinch and Canary exhibited by Mr. Broadhurst. The Novice class mustered three exhibits, Mr. Flint winning with a yellow Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire.

FALMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

First Nest Feather Show, held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Falmouth, on July 19th. There was a capital entry, 11 classes with over 70 birds. Three medals were given for the three best birds. The first went to a clinking buff Norwich, the property of Mr. J. Johnson, and one that should be heard of again after the moult; the second went to a really good buff Cinnamon, bred by Mr. J. T. Trerise, which is a credit to its owner; the other to a beautifully spangled Starling, a well-known winner, the property of Mr. J. Mitchell. The Britishers were a fairly good lot, the winning Bullfinch being a little out of condition, going into moult. The Foreigners were an eye-opener—such a splendid assortment was never staged before in Cornwall. Mr. William Medlin, of Falmouth, judged with his usual ability.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, J. T. Trerise; 2, vhc, J. Johnson; vhc, T. Burton; c, Cowan. BUFF: 1, J. Johnson; 2, 3, Burton; vhc, hc, Trerise. VAR., ETC.: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Burton; vhc, Cowan. CINN. YELL.: 1, 3, Trerise; 2, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Trerise. YORKS.: 1, J. Tiddy; 2, 3, Miss Blackley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Miss Blackley. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hosking; 2, Cowan; 3, Cox; vhc, c, Trerise; hc, Gosling. LARGE BRIT.: 1, Mitchell. SMALL: 1, Burton; 2, Hosking; 3, Gosling. FOR.: 1, 2, bc, c, H. Cox; 3, vhc, Miss Blackley.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

First Feather Show, held at the Blue Bell Hotel, on July 13th. Mr. J. Wilman placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. H. H. Tower's winning yellow is a bird of grand length, well on leg, full of quality and no doubt it will be heard of again after the moult; it is a credit to its breeder. Mr. J. Chippendale's buff was a bird of good position and length—keep it up, Joe! The winning ticked yellow and ticked buff belonging to that old veteran, Mr. E. B. Denton, were staged to perfection, and both birds found many admirers. They possess grand length, are well up on leg and full of bloom. We always find this vetcran stage true Yorkies.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, H. H. Towers; 2, Ferguson and Son; 3, J. Chippendale; vhc, E. B. Denton; hc, J. Leeming; c, E. Armstead. BUFF: 1, vhc, Chippendale; 2, Leeming; 3, H. Hardaker; hc, G. H. Walton; c, Ferguson and Son. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Denton; 2, c, Hardaker; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, R. Garnett; hc, Towers. BUFF: 1, 2, Denton; 3, Leeming; vhc, Garnett; hc, Towers; c, C. H. Drake. FOUL MKD.: 1, Garnett. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, E. Armstead; 2, Hardaker. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Chippendale, 2, Denton; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, Garnett; hc, c, Smith.

PRAZE.

Second annual Show, held in a marquee in the Recreation Ground on July 17th. There was a very fair entry, considering that only three classes were provided. The Society would do well to put one or two more classes on next year. The special for best bird in the show fell to Mr. F. Collins' well-known six-pointed Mule, staged to perfection. The Hon. Sec., Mr. H. T. Edwards, had everything well in hand. Mr. W. C. Rodda was the judge, and his awards gave satisfaction.

CAN., A.V.: 1, res., Hosking, yellow Yorkshire, good colour, neat head, lengthy body, little too stout, res., buff Yorkshire, nice length and carriage, good condition; 2, 3, Collins, yellow Scotch, good style and carries tail well under perch, fair shoulders, third Crestbred, green, plenty of feather, good skull; vhc, Arthur, buff Norwich, good shape, moulting; hc, Edwards; c, Baragwaneth. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Hosken, good size, nice blaze and buttons, third nice tanning and shape, flights of one wing gone; 2, Collins, not so large, all there for colour and markings. A.O.V.: 1 spl, 2, Collins, six-point Goldie Mule, splendid markings, size and colour, and Goldie-Bullie, good blaze, rich and bright; 3, Miss Rowe, King Parrot, very bright, in good feather; res, Arthur, Yellow Bunting, good colour and markings.

BEDFORD.

The second Nest Feather Show was held on July 18th. There was not a large number of birds shown, but the quality was of a very high order, the winners especially being very typical and teeming with quality. Mr. J. C. Wilmot judged. YELL. NOR. 1, Keech, charming bird, short in flights and tail, excellent body properties and rich colour; 2, Osborn, nicely made, bit longer; 3, Gentle, another good one, similar to second. BUFF. NOR.: 1, c, Markham, really very fine bird throughout, head, wings, chest, neck and colour all there, only fault a bit wild; 2, Corrie, beaten only in substance of body; 3, Osborn, well made bird; vhc, hc, Keech. MARKED NOR.: 1, vhc, Keech, lovely ticked bird, just the stamp we like, not very big, but rare type and quality; 2, 3, Markham, both marked birds, not much between them, short, cobby, excellent colour and condition, hardly the quality of winner; hc, Osborn; c, Gentle. VARIETY (1): 1, Osborn, bonny buff Mule, if moulted right should be heard of again.

LEYTON.

Formed only some six months ago, the Leyton C.B.A. has jumped right into the front rank of Metropolitan societies, and its show on July 20th was the largest held in the London suburbs this season, whilst the attendance was splendid. Never before have we seen such a large proportion of ladies amongst the visitors to a Metropolitan cage bird show. The society now musters sixty-five members, and possesses an executive which seems keenly alive to the possibilities of a strong up-to-date society in North-East London, and is determined to push it for all it is worth. Mr. F. Williamson is the chairman, Mr. C. Carr the vice-chairman, and they are supported by a committee which include such ornithological enthusiasts as Messrs. A. J. Marley, C. H. Cooper, A. B. Forse, R. Mien, J. A. Bartlett, A. Morris, F. R. Handscombe, and E. Morris. The Treasurer is Mr. H. Ovenden, whilst Mr. B. F. Forse, with the assistance of Mr. H. W. Burbidge attends to the secretarial duties. The Leyton C.B.A. is indeed well manned and thoroughly equipped for a long and, we hope, most successful voyage. The first show was indeed an eye-opener to those who saw it. The entries numbered just over 150, the highest total attained by any suburban show this season, whilst the quality was well in keeping with the numbers. In the champion section Mr. C. Carr captured the special for the best Norwich with a grandly shaped, close feathered yellow, a bird that should come out well after the moult. Mr. Cooper also put down a grand team of Norwich, and his wiuning buff was a bird of nice character. In Yorksbires Mr. A. B. Forse repeated his Walthamstow successes, and with a nice racy lot of birds. Mr. Forse likes to see a bit of breed in his birds; he is no lover of the thick necked 'uns one so often sees down south. In the novices evidently lies the strength of the association at present, for both in numbers and merit was the novice section superior to the champion. In the four Norwich classes over sixty exhibits were staged, and amougst them many that would not disgrace any show. The most successful exhibitor was Mr. A. J. Marley, who strongly followed up his North London and Walthamstow successes with a team of most typical birds, all excelling in the three great essentials of a good Norwich—type, quality, and colour—whilst the manner in which every member of the team was staged reflects the highest credit upon their owner. In clear yellows Mr. Roberts came second and third to Mr. Marley with two big bouncing birds, but not quite so short behind as the leader. In buffs Mr. Marley was first and second, but we much fancied Mr. Mein's third, the Walthamstow winner of the previous week, a most charming exhibit all round, and with rather a better shaped skull than the leaders. Mr. Williamson's second variegated yellow is a very pretty bird. It carries nice wing marking, but is a bit blotchy on the eyes. Mr. Vincent's third was not quite so stout, but a grandly feathered bird. In variegated buffs Mr. Handscombe got home with a rather heavily marked bird possessing plenty of size and colour, but it was not quite so neat in shape as Mr. Marley's dark tailed bird, which was admired so much at Walthamstow the week previous. A bird we liked very much indeed was Mr. Griffin's third in this class. It was indeed a most bonny little fellow, so neat and smart. In the Yorkshires the Forses were a force, and although they did not capture all the spoil, and missed the chief award, they staged some very smart birds. Mr. F. A. Forse's yellow, which came second, and his eye and neck marked bird, which was third, are two of the best Yorkshires we have seen at a London show this season. They are Yorkshires in shape and feather, and possess plenty of style and swagger. The special for the best Yorkshire and best novice exhibit fell to a very long clear yellow of Mr. Burbidge's, but we are afraid it will not repeat its success, it being a bit too heavy in body. It should, however, for its length and style alone, make a most valuable stock bird. In the buffs Mr. Cobley won with a lovely feathered bird, of nice style and type, but had Mr. Smith's second been in little better fettle the awards might have been reversed. Mr. B. F. Forse made a clean sweep of the variegated class with a splendid team. Mr. Dickenson put down a very useful variegated Crestbred and a clear bodied dark Crest, whilst Mr. Marley wound up his successes in this section by going "nap" with three very smart Greenfinch-Canary Mules. Some very nice exhibits were staged in the British section, in which Mr. Marley followed up his recent successes with a team of capital birds, put down in rare fettle. Messrs. Cooper, Taylor, Carr, Ovenden, Vincent, Williamson, and Leclair also staged birds of much merit. The arrangements were splendid. Mr. Forse and his committee carried out their duties in first-class style. Mr. J. Robson judged, and his awards were generally well received.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, spl best Norwich, vhc, hc, c, Carr; 2, 3, res., Cooper. BUFF (7): 1, 2, res., Cooper; 3, Leclair; vhc, hc (2), Carr. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, A. B. Forse; res., Cooper. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Cooper. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (17): 1, vhc, Marley; 2, 3, hc, Roberts; res., Handscombe; c, Penfold. BUFF (22): 1, 2, Marley; 3, hc, Mein; res., c, Handscombe; vhc, spl, Vincent. VARIEG. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Marley; 2, Williamson; 3, Vincent; res., J. Williams. BUFF (16): 1, Williamson; 2, Marley; 3, Griffin; res., Mien; vbc, c, Marshall; hc, Handscombe. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, spl, spl best novice, Burbidge; 2, F. A. Forse; 3, res., B. F. Forse; vhc, hc, S. Williams. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Cobley; 2, Smith; 3, res., hc, B. F. Forse. VARIEG. (6): 1, B. F. Forse; 2, 3, vhc, F. A. Forse; hc, Cobley. CREST, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Dickenson. MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, Marley. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 2, Marley; 3, res., Cooper; vhc, Carr; hc, Handscombe; c, Ovenden. BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Marley; res., Carr; hc, Taylor; c, Handscombe. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Godfrey; 2, Marley; 3, Taylor. LINNET (6): 1, spl, spl best British, Marley; 2, Vincent; 3, Williamson; res., Burbidge; vhc, hc, Ovenden. INSECTIV. (2): 1, Leclair; 2, Hounslow. FOR. (1): 1, Ovenden. SELL. (3): 1, Bartlett; 2, 3, Burbidge.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

The above Society held its First Nest Feather Show and British birds on July 13th. There were 55 entries; considering that the Society has only been formed a little over a month, and the very bad breeding season we have experienced, this was considered very satisfactory. Mr. J. H. Drakeley, of Derby, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Smith; 2, Howkins; 3, Shaw; vhc, hc, Emery; c, Lee. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Bellamy; 3, Gopsill; vbc, hc, Hathaway; c, Emery. VAR., ETC., YELL.: 1, Emery; 2, 3, Howkins; vhc, Secret; hc, Denny. BUFF: 1, Gopsill; 2, 3, vhc, Emery; hc, Shaw; c, Smith. NOVICE: 1, spl, vhc, Cooke; 2, 3, hc, Hathaway; c, Pidoux. BRIT.: 1, Emery; 2, Smith; 3, Bellamy; vhc, Cameron; hc, c, Hadley. SELL.: 1, Hadley; 2, Hathaway; 3, Ford; vhc, Kirkland; hc, Halliday.

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OXFORD.

The First Summer Show was held on July 18th, when nearly 100 cage birds put in an appearance, consequently competition was very keen. Mr. Stephen Salter, F.R.I.B.A., judged.

NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Lewin, good all round buff leading, carries exquisite bloom, 2nd, close up; 3, Lees, ticked yellow, extra good colour, not enough substance. YORKS.: 1, Lewin, very rich coloured yellow, slim and upstanding, has tendeney to cross tips of wings at times; 2, Hawes, ticked buff, not quite as clean as he might have been, shade coarse, but good carriage; 3, Yeltow, not so good in feather or quality, fancy has Belgian blood in him. A.O.V. CAN. OR LIGHT MULE: A good class; 1, spl, 2, Lees, slightly marked head and wing Goldie Mules, very rich in colour, and good Goldfinch character, second fails in colour; 3, Levett, rich coloured youngster, head and one wing marked, should greatly improve. A.V. CAN. (1907): 1, 2, Benthin, large baby Norwich winning, will make a good bird, followed by a splendid quality wing marked bird, would have beeu first, but at time of judgiug was thick; 3, Lewin, good stamp, may make up later. DARK MULE: A strong class; 1, 2, spl, Levett, a very fine specimen of Linnet-Bullie, good enough to win anywhere, second good Goldie-Greenfinch, splendid colour and Goldfinch character; 3, White, another Greenie-Goldfinch, good condition, but insipid colour. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Levett, large bird, square blaze and plenty of it, going well back; 2, White, perfect quality, but smaller; 3, Levett, almost equally good. BULLFINCH: 1, White, in perfect condition, more shape, good colour, wins easily; 2, 3, Levett, in equal condition, but smaller. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Levett, Bramble in beautiful feather, a Palace winner I think, second good steady yellow Greenfinch, sleek and waxlike condition, third grand steady Chaffinch. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Levett, splendid Hawfinch, would have had special but tail not quite grown, second Yellowhammer, wonderfully tame, superb colour and plumage; 3, White, good Siskin. FOR. 1, Holliday, grand Blue-fronted Amazon, lovely condition; 2, Wilson, an exceptionally beautiful pair of Waxbills; 3, another Amazon Parrot, but, I fancy, a hen.

WALLSEND.

Nest Feather Show, held in the Station Hotel, July 20th. There were about 70 entries, which were nicely staged in a comfortable room, admirably suited for the purpose. Secretary Evans had all in order, and the awards were promptly put up. Mr. T. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, McGuin, good colour and shape, nice wing carriage; 2, Taylor, not so cobby, nice quality; 3, Ronald, good bird, close up. BUFF: 1, Ronald, good body, tight feather, nice size; 2, Taylor, very typical, smaller; 3, McGuin, larger bird, close up; vhc, No. 8, might have been higher, but was unsteady when judging. MKD.: 1, Ronald, large capped yellow, nice quality and colour; 2, Harking, buff marked nice short bird, loses head; 3, Hopkinson, capped yellow, good colour and condition, feather nips in back of skull. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Cockburn, nice length and quality, well braced wings, 2, Heddon, stylish exhibit, close up; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Crawhall, nice style, well braced wings; 2, Heddon, stylish exhibit, close up; good wings, pipe tail; 3, Taylor, larger, not so shapely. MKD.: 1, Heddon, nice slim bird, good wings and tail; 2, Cockburn, not so tight in feather; 3, Taylor, heavier build, rather loose in feather. BOR. YELL.: 1, Ronald, smart little bird, jaunty; 2, Johnson, larger, nice style, good wings and tail; 3, Simpson, good bird, plucked. BUFF: 1, 2, Ronald, both neat and stylish; 3, Hopkinson, larger bird, head a bit long. MKD.: 1, Simpson, even marked wings, very neat; 2, McGuin, better wing carriage, close up; 3, Johnson, not quite so smart. CREST: 1, Macdonald, very niee youngster. CREST-BRED: 1, 2, Crawhall, very promising. CINN.: 1, Crawhall, very large bird, rather loose in feather; 2, 3, Appleby, second nice yellow, rather small, but A1 quality, third nice buff. A.O.V.: 1, Heslop, very good Silver Lizard, nice cap and spangle. MULE: 1, Evans, yellow Greenfinch-Canary, grand rich colour, good size, will make a good one; 2, Craig, crested Goldie-Canary; 3, Taylor, large Linnet-Canary, very nice Mule, but wild at present. The cup was won by Mr. W. Ronald.

CHOPPINGTON.

First Nest Feather Show, held at Railway Hotel, Choppington, on July 20th, when some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. Thomas Dixon judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Woollett; 3, Baker. BUFF: 1, Woollett; 2, Baker; 3, Seely. BOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Smith and Beveridge. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, Peel. A.O.V.: 1, Woollett, nice Cinnamon; 2, Storey, good even marked Border; 3, Suty, Yorkshire.

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PAISLEY.

Paisley and District Norwich, Mule, British, and Foreign Bird Club held their First Feather Show on July 13th in Painters' Halls. There was a good turn out of birds. The judges were Mr. J. Sinclair for Norwich and Borders; Mr. T. McCulloch, Crests; Mr. P. Wylie, Mules.

CREST: 1, spl, Skonce, fine, big bird, plenty of head feather; 2, McLerie, not in quite such good order; 3, W. Elliott. CREST HEN: 1, Bonnar, grand bird, should be heard of soon; 2, Skonce; 3, W. Elliott. C.B. COCK: 1, Bonnar, good entrance; 2, Cowan; 3, Wylie. C.B. HEN: 1, spl best bird in hall, Skonce, grand bird, should take a lot of beating at open shows; 2, Bonnar; 3, Hutchison. NOR. BUFF: 1, Cowan, fine chubby bird; 2, O'Hare; 3, Skonce. HEN: 1, Potts, good substance, should do its owner some good later on; 2, O'Hare; 3, McLerie. YELL.: 1, Skonce; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Guthrie. YELL. HEN: 1, Potts; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Duff. BORDERS: 1, 2, Hutchinson; 3, McNair. MULES: 1, 3, A. Elliott, the first bird should moult a good one; 2, Tees, must have given the judge some trouble to find the first. D. O'Hare won the novice special.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. C.B.A.

The first annual Young Bird Show was held at headquarters, the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on July 17th, and proved a most gratifying success. The Association has a very comfortable and suitable room in which to hold its fixtures, and the exhibits were tastefully arranged therein, and greatly admired by the numerous gathering of members and bird-loving friends assembled to give this, the latest of London's societies, a rousing send-off for its shows. The great success of the affair reflects much credit on the hon. secretary, Mr. S. Baker, a courteous and able official, in whose possession the Association has cause for self-congratulation, it being evident that under his care the prosperity of the society, now rapidly growing, is assured. He is fortunate in being backed up by many enthusiastic fanciers, among those who rendered invaluable assistance on this occasion being that "old warhorse," Mr. W. H. Vale, and Messrs. Berkshire, Cutting, Honeysett, and Francis. We understand an autumn show is under contemplation, and the Clapham C.B.A. should succeed in making it a thorough success, in view of the go-ahead methods adopted by the executive. The quality in the Canary section was excellent, some clinking young Norwich Plainheads being staged by Messrs. Hathaway, Berkshire, and Vale (champions), Tutty, Willis Browne, Morris and Baker and Gooch (novice). The special for best Canary in the show fell to Mr. Hathaway's winning clear, a bonny bird, quickly claimed at catalogue price. Some very fair novice Yorks. were staged by Messrs. Lucas, Clark, and Cutting, a small, yet typical buff (which we took to be a hen), shown by the first-named exhibitor, capturing the section special. Mr. Honeysett had out a few pleasing Border Fancies. The great feature of the show, however, was the British and Foreign bird section, a fact which will be readily appreciated when we state that such noted names as Maxwell, Frostick, Vale, Francis, and Hathaway were to be found in the catalogue. A Linnet shown by Mr. Maxwell secured the rare distinction (for this species) of special for best Britisher, and we were not inclined to quarrel with the decision, it being a bird of remarkable colour and polish, with both size and wealth of pencilling, and lovely shape and style. The Finches throughout were a hot lot, in splendid form considering the season of the year. Mr. Cutting's winning Twite is a rare good one, albeit inclined to carry overmuch fat. Mr. Francis was very successful in the A.O.V. Finch class, taking the three leading cards. The insectivorous class was headed by a remarkably steady Nightingale, a good all-round specimen owned by Mr. Beard. In the Foreign class, Mr. Maxwell put down a trio of beautiful exhibits, pairs of Varied Tanagers, Blue-breasted Waxbills, and a Fire Finch. The judges were Messrs. F. Easterling (Canaries), and A. Silver (the remainder), and their awards seemed to give entire satisfaction. The special winners were Messrs. Browne, Hathaway, Lucas, Honeysett, Sexton, Maxwell (5), Beard (2), Cutting, Francis, and Berkshire.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. (6): 1, Hathaway; 2, vhc, hc, Berkshire; 3, Vale. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, hc, Berkshire; 3, vhc, Vale; c, Hathaway. NOVICE NOR. CL. (6): 1, 2, Willis Browne; 3, vhc, hc, c, Morris. A.O.V. (6): 1, Tutty; 2, 3, vhc, Baker and Gooch. YORKS. CL., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Lucas; 3, Cutting; vhc, Clark. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, c, Clark; 2, hc, Cutting; vhc, Lucas. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Honeysett. HYBRIDS (2): 1, Sexton; 2, Askew. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Maxwell; 2, Lucas; 3, Clark; vhc, Askew; hc, Hathaway; c, Frostick. LINNET (7): 1, Maxwell; 2, Honeysett; 3, c, Francis; vhc, Hose; hc, Sexton. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Cutting; 2, Hathaway; 3, vhc, Vale; hc, c, Francis; wc, Brighty. A.O.V. FINCH (11): 1, 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Vale; bc, Clark; c, Brighty. INSECTIV. (7): 1, Beard; 2, Francis; 3, Maxwell; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Frostick; c, Hose. LARGE (1): 1, Hathaway. FOREIGN (7): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell; vhc, Vale; hc, Hathaway; c (2), Tutty.

GWENNAP.

The Gwennap Horticultural Society held its Annual Show on July 18th in the beautiful grounds of "Trevince," a splendid place for a show, kindly lent by R. B. Beauchamp, Esq. An excellent entry turned up, and there were some good birds staged, considering the moulting season is so close at hand. The exhibits were staged to the best advantage, and made a grand display. The winning yellow Norwich, full of quality and type, found many admirers, and with a good moult should be heard of again. The group class, for birds bred 1907, contained some typical birds, the winners being a good lot of Crests and Crestbreds, closely followed by a splendid lot of Norwich of grand type and feather. The Yorks. were very neat, being of nice feather and position. The yellow taking the special for best Yorks. was in good trim, and had lovely quality of feather. The Mule classes were good, the same as we commented on at Redruth. The British were very good, some lovely Goldies being staged. The Foreign classes contained some fine specimens, a splendid white Cockatoo and a Gou'dian Finch, each first in its own class, being in rare fettle. The special for most points was won by Mr. F. Collins, with 85 points. Mr. R. T. Richards, the able and obliging secretary, did everything possible to ensure the success of the show, and he received splendid assistance from the excellent committee in Messrs. Bailey, Woolcock, Rickard, Jackson, Carbis, and Hooper. Mr. W. Medlyn, Falmouth, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Lawry, splendid type, colour and quality, in fine form; 2, Trevena, warm and level in colour, nicely polished, good type; 3, Rickard, good colour and feather, shade longer; vhc, Davies, good colour and carriage; hc, Collins. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Trevena, ticked neck, good shape, full of quality, nicely mealed; 2, Lawry, marked neck, wings and eye; good condition. BUFF (6): 1, Trevena, good type, lovely head and neck, good quality of feather; 2, Davies, good colour and quality, might be a little stouter; 3, hc, Sherman, good shape, patchy in colour; vhc, Ferrill, splendid type and quality, we made worth second. BUFF TICK (5): 1, 3, Ferrill, grizzled head, nice head and neck, good type, third marked head, good shape, badly in moult; 2, Rickard, marked eye and wings, good shape and quality, wants tightening up. CREST and C.B. (3): 1, spl, Davies, marked head and wings, good skull and lashing; 2, 3, Collins, dark crest, well centred, good droop, third green C.B., fair skull and lashing, in rare fettle. CINNAMON (3): 1, Trerise, good yell., pure colour, well burnished, good shape; 2, Burton, larger yell., but a bit rough; 3, Rickard, good buff, not so large, but good shape and quality. GROUP BRED 1907 (5): 1, Collins, Crests and Crestbreds, plenty of feather and size, with nice Crests and good skulls, will make good birds; 2, Rickard, Nor., good type and size, nice quality of feather, some good ones; 3, Sherman, Nor., fair type; vhc, Ferrill, very neat lot of Nor., with a good moult will be heard of again; hc, Carbis. YORK. YELL. TICK. (8): 1, spl, Webb, clear, in grand trim, good style and position, grand colour; 2, Boak, variegated, very nice, typical bird, stands well; 3, c, Wills, neat bird, fine length well drawn; vhc, Oatey, good wing carriage and condition; hc, Lobb, neat bird. BUFF TICK. (6): 1, Oatey, tkd. neck, nicely moulded, splendid wing carriage, good colour; 2, 3, Symons, two good birds, take a beautiful stand, neat round beads, well filled in backs; vhc, Webb, variegated, very shapely and neat; hc, Wills; c, Lobb. A.O.V. (3): 1, Davies, good Scotch, grand shoulders and style; 2, Wills, Gold Lizard, good colour and size, nicely laced; 3, Collins, Scotch, good style, hardly the shoulders of winner. MULE, LIGHT (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Collins, six-point, grand blaze, eye and wing markings, second lightly variegated Linnet, good size and colour, very young, will make a good one, third four-point, good markings and condition, shade smaller; vhc, Watson, buff six-point, good size, pale in colour. DARK (5): 1, 2, hc, Collins, Goldie-Greenie, good size, lovely wing bars, second Goldie-Bullie, bright rich blaze, good size and markings, hc Linnet-Bullie, good size, colour, and markings. 3, Rowe and Hancock, dark Goldie, good size and colour; vhc, Richards, Siskin Mule, nice colour and size. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, good buttons and bars, beautiful blaze; 2, Polkinghorne, good size, nicely polished face, good bars and buttons; 3, Ferrill, nice blaze and yellow bars, good body colour; vhc, Collins, smaller, but good blaze and buttons, nice body colour. SMALL BRIT. (4): 1, vhc, Collins, sweet Siskin, good colour and markings, vhc Mealy Redpoll, fine little chap; 2, Michael, Red Linnet, nice nutty brown, neatly marked; 3, Lawes, hen Hawfinch, good bib, but out of condition. LARGE (4): 1, Clift, good Thrush, well spotted, very steady; 2, Collins, Blackbird, large, dense colour, rich bill and ceres; 3, Veal, well spangled Starling, coat like satin. FOREIGN, SMALL (3): 1, 2, Woolcock, Gouldian Finch, rich coloured and in good condition, second very taking Lovebird; 3, Peters, Budgerigar, good colour, very neat. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Peters, lovely white Cockatoo, in rare form, wins well; 2, 3, Woolcock, Mealy Rosella, good colour and shape, little out of condition. GROUP FOR. (4): 1, Carbis; 2, James; 3, Peters. SELLING, 10s. (9): 1, Davies; 2, Rowe and Hancock; 3, Collins.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

First Feather Show on July 20th. The entries totalled about 90, and averaged slightly over eight per class, which was considered very favourable. The quality throughout was excellent. The clear buff and yellow ticked shown by Mr. A. Veitch were splendid youngsters, teeming with quality, the best of position, were a credit to their owner, and with a good moult should be heard of again. The yellow Cinnamon marked shown by Mr. W. E. Fergusson, marked head and both wings, was a bird full of merit, teeming with quality, well up on leg, showing the true character of a Yorkshire; it should moult out well. The British class had some very fine specimens in it. The winner was the noted Greenfinch, shown to perfection, closely followed by a fine Goldie. Mr. J. W. Barrett judged, and his awards were very well received. No grumbling was heard, which speaks well.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Duncan; 2, Carline; 3, Barfe; 4, Head; vhc, Gregg; hc, Gill; c, Duncan. BUFF (13): 1, spl, spl best buff bred by exhibitor, Veitch; 2, 4, Hewson; 3, Veitch; vhc, Barfe; hc, Duncan; c, Fergusson. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl, cup for best bird in show, Veitch; 2, Duncan; 3, c, Hewson; 4, Carline; vhc, Gregg; hc, Barfe. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Hollins and Son; 2, Barle; 3, Hewson; 4, Atkinson. UNEVEN MKD. or VAR. (10): 1, spl, Pullan; 2, c, Duncan; 3, Barfe; 4, Head; vhc, Gill; hc, Bennison. CINN. MKD.: 1, spl, Fergusson; 2, Pullan; 3, vhc, hc, Duncan; 4, Gregg; c, Bennison. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Gregg; vhc, hc, Carline; c, Hollins and Son. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Barnwell. SELL., 10s.: 1, spl, Veitch; 2, vhc, Gregg; 3, Barwell; 4, Atkinson; hc, Walker; c, Hollins and Son. 12s. 6d.: 1, spl, Walker; 2, Fergusson; 3, Barwell; 4, Scalman. BRIT.: 1, spl, 4, c, special most points in British, Duncan; 2, Hollins and Son; 3, Cryer; vhc, Gregg; hc, Sealman.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell-st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adult & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 83, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

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Show, August Bank Holiday.

SCHEDULES on application to

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NOW, FANCIERS, DON'T BE DOWNHEARTED !!! but buck up, and send us your entries. DO NOT AVERAGE ONE PER CLASS.

!!! REMEMBER !!! Under entirely New Management. **Bound to extend to Monday, July 29.**

J. H. DEMBRY, 89, Sandy Park Road, Brislington.

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Cage Birds (Open). ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th. No Amalgamation. Prize-money paid within a week. Schedules from G. A. Maw, Hon. Sec., Epworth, Doncaster.

CAMBRIDGE, BANK HOLIDAY, 1907.

FANCIERS !!! WHY STARVE US ?

Have we not done you well hitherto?

Must extend to first post Monday 29th.

Judging does not commence until 12 noon, thus giving you time to get your stock here. If not, send on Saturday, and we will treat them as well as our own. All exhibits returned same night or forwarded to other shows if desired. Class 77 (A.O.V. Foreign), means "single or pairs."

W. DRIVER, 17, Sussex Street.

DOWNEND and Dis. Horticultural and Fanciers' Association,

24th Annual Show, AUGUST 6th, 1907.

P., P., R., C., C., M. & Cage Birds. Judge: W. G. Bull. Held under C.B.U. Rules. ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 30th. Schedules from Sec., Institute, Staple Hill, Bristol.

DAWLEY Horticultural and Fur and Feather Show, **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7th.** Open Classes for Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, and Cage Birds. Specials in every Class. Judge: J. N. Harrison, Esq., Belper, Derbyshire. ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th, 1907. Schedules from DAVID BOWEN, Chapel Street, Dawley, Salop.

HORFIELD 18th Annual Show of **POULTRY, PIGEONS** Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7th, 1907,

Judges: Poultry, G. Doble; Show Homers, W. Austin; Workers, H. J. Taylor; remainder, A. Leith; Fur, T. J. Ambrose; Cage Birds, C. P. Telling. Nearly 100 Specials and £10 10s. Challenge Cup for Show Homers. ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 27th.

Schedules and Entry Forms from C. Shipp, Hon. Sec., 55, Berkeley Road, Bishopton, Bristol.



Entries for Brislington have been extended till Monday next, July 29th.

Carlisle C.B.A. and the Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A. have both decided to join the C.B.U.

In report of Mansfield Woodhouse you credit C. L. Hare with 1st and 2nd in Canary bred in 1907. I took 2nd and reserve.—J. MORRIS.

Thanks for Annual, Part II. It's what I expected from CAGE BIRDS—good.—J. M. NICHOLSON, Hon. Sec. Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A.

All prize money has now been paid in connection with the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. First Feather Show, which was a great success financially.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

Will you please state that all communications for the Baildon Original Cage Bird Fanciers' Association should be addressed to me?—S. HAITHWAITE, 2, Binswell Fold, Baildon, near Shipley.

The date of the Show of the Kent County Cage Bird Association (confined to the County of Kent) has been altered from October 2nd and 3rd to the 30th and 31st. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.—GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec.

It is now time to put birds on colour food, so that their blood may become fully charged with colour before they moult. To obtain the best results at a minimum cost use Ramsden's pure peppers—the best on the market; fully guaranteed when sold in Ramsden's canisters. —ADVT.

Churchdown Show is under C.B.U. rules, and our worthy friend Mr. J. H. Payne is the judge. This was omitted by the Secretary in the advertisement. There are six classes for Canaries and four for British birds. I am doing all I can to get a good show.—S. W. BIRCHLEY.

Congratulations to our energetic confrere, Mr. J. B. Waterman, of Dulwich, upon winning a first for Yorkshires at Dulwich and Deptford Young Bird Shows. How this gentleman finds time, as a member of the staff of the Press Association, to look after his birds is a mystery to us.

Fanciers should make a point of attending the next meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., on August 1st, when that successful breeder and exhibitor of Norwich, Mr. W. Morris, will lecture on "Colour Feeding." This ought to be specially interesting at this season of the year.

The Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. have engaged the Co-operative Hall for their open show on October 30th and 31st, writes Mr. F. Howes, the Hon. Sec., without a doubt the finest hall in the Midlands, being well lighted, free from draughts, and with a splendid system of heating if necessary. Visitors can be provided with teas, etc., on the premises.

The judges for the Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A. Show, on September 21st, are Messrs. Clark (Rutherglen), Hamilton (Caldercruix), Nisbet (Galston), and Paterson (Edinburgh). We are pleased to announce there is every prospect of an unprecedentedly successful show of young Scotch Canaries of the finest quality.—THOS. SMITH, Secretary.

We understand, in connection with Headington Show, that Mr. T. C. Levett (Oxford) went to a lot of trouble to get the prize money raised and to obtain the C.B.U. licence. "This Show comes on Bank Holiday, and," says Mr. Levett, "exhibitors need not be afraid to send, as, if they will drop me a post-card, I will meet birds at station with one of my vans and give them every attention Sunday, and see they are properly staged Monday. I make this offer as I should like to see a lot of cage birds turn up. Our prize money is 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. We have a class for Norwich Plainhead, A.O.V. Canary or Mule, British Goldfinch, Bullfinch, A.O.V. Hardbill. A.V. Softbill." Mr. T. C. Levett's address is No. 69, The Market, High Street End, Oxford.

Wrens Ousted by Mice.

Out for a walk on the outskirts of the town the other evening (writes a Blackburn correspondent), I saw a mouse in a bank, and on making close examination found it was peeping out of a Wren's nest. Inside were five young mice, and on the ground as many Wren's eggs. The mice had clearly taken possession of the nest and turned out the eggs. Is not this "out of the common"?

Colour Food.

Messrs. Wrigglesworth and Son, the well-known avicultural specialists of York, have sent us a sample of the colour feed which they are sending out this season. From a careful scrutiny of the same, we may say that it is a capital preparation, being very rich, bright, and deep in colour, sweet to the taste, free from injurious matters, and should give much satisfaction to Messrs. Wrigglesworth's customers. It is a matter of much importance to users that the colour food should be the selection of a firm well versed in the requirements of the Fancy, and this qualification Messrs. Wrigglesworth most certainly possess, and those who entrust their orders to the well-known Yorkshire firm will, we think, receive the greatest satisfaction.

The many friends of that well-known South London fancier, Mr. Cordery, will regret to hear that at the present moment he is an inmate of St. Thomas's Hospital, suffering from an affection of the throat. We wish him a speedy recovery.

I see in report of Macclesfield Show Ticked Norwich Yellow reads: 1st, Cundiff; which should be Freeman, as I am the breeder and exhibitor of the bird. I cannot make out how it is Mr. Cundiff keeps getting the honour of my birds.—H. FREEMAN.

IMPORTANT.—All known diseases are overcome and further trouble avoided by frequently washing cages and inmates with diluted "Sanatene," post free 1s. (making 40 gallons), of manufacturers—Marine and General Oil and Chemical Co., Newcastle.—ADVT.

The Cambridge Bank Holiday Show is shockingly short of entries. At this fixture the cage birds have a tent all to themselves, a special set of stewards, good prize money, birds have only to be at the Show a few hours, and Mr. Jacob Mackley is to judge, so nothing will be wanting in that direction. Entries will be accepted up to Monday next.

"Bird Notes" for July is an interesting issue and well maintains the high standard which has been attained. The coloured plate of the Green-hilled Toucan is in Mr. Goodchild's best style, and is one of his happiest efforts. Some capital photographs of a Chaffinch, Wild Duck, and Song Thrush are also given; whilst the articles will afford pleasure and instruction to all privileged to scan them.

Remarkable Offer to Canary Fanciers.—1,000 cwts. of Canary grit to be given away to every purchaser of 1 cwt. of canary seed during July and August. We will give 1 cwt. of our celebrated Health Grit, absolutely free. Giant Spanish canary, 24s. per cwt.; No. 2 ditto, 22s.; Turkish, 14s.; all treble screened and free from dust. Sample on application, carriage paid; cash with order.—JOHN DIBB, seed importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey Road, Bradford. Telephone, 247x.—ADVT.

The breeding season has been very good about Newcastle district, with a few exceptions, and great enthusiasm prevails. I expect the Newcastle Society will be one of the best in the North—if not this season, before long. So writes Mr. Thos. Robson, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. F. Gordon writes us that the Sunderland C.B.S. First Feather Show was a big success, and that the prize money paid out averaged 5s. per class. Messrs. G. C. Russell and A. G. Cameron have been elected to judge the Annual Show on November 22nd and 23rd.

Mr. E. Taylor, of Leeds and Bradford, the well-known northern bird specialist, has gone in extensively of late years for dog appliances, combs, collars, etc., and his goods seem to have found great favour in doggy circles. Mr. Taylor makes a practice of visiting all the important agricultural shows in his district, and has special tents erected, where he does a good trade. On a visit to Bradford the other day, we were shown by Mr. Taylor over his up-to-date, commodious shop and bird rooms, and found everything in spick and span order. Though the stock of birds was not, naturally, at this time of year a very large one, some good specimens were still awaiting purchasers.

Messrs. Cooper Bros. (London, W.) write:—Thank you for the honour done us by depicting our young Buff Norwich (winner of silver cup for Best Bird in the Show at the City and Suburban Young Bird Show), on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. We consider the drawing to be a splendid representation of the bird in question, and great credit is due to your artist in his sketching of same. The bird itself was one of a nest of three, all of which are show birds, one of them taking 3rd prize in the A.O.V. class at the same show; but both the others improved during the following week. They took 1st and 2nd at the West London Young Bird Show the following Saturday, the 13th inst. We regret to say that the cup winner went queer after the City and Suburban Show, and is still in a critical condition; but we hope we shall not be unlucky enough to lose him.

English and Welsh Border Fancy Canary Club.

Election of Officers.

President, Mr. Parker Robinson, 17; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. S. Hadwin, 23; auditors, Mr. J. S. Wilson, 17, Mr. W. J. Ferguson, 14. Committee—Liverpool District, Messrs. Clineh (5), Hadwin (1), Metcalfe (1), Jones (1). Messrs. Clinch and Hadwin, holding other offices, vacate Committee. Manchester—Drinkwater (3); Tweedmouth, Smart (1), Hay (1); Brecon, Morecambe, Carlisle and Gateshead, no vote; London, Brownlie (2); Sheffield, Robertson (1); Workington, Wilson (6), Lewthwaite (1), Pearson (1); Mr. Wilson, being auditor, vacates Committee. Barrow, Wagstaff (1); Swansea, D. Jenkins (2). Division—For, 16; against, 6. 24 papers received, one spoilt by votes being given for committee in each district.—F. CARL, Scrutineer.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
Dec. 21—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.**
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.—Feb. 1, 3 & 4. **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

Messrs. J. Alexander Dobbie and Co. are well known to our readers as caterers for cage bird fanciers' specialities, but we gather from a couple of catalogues which have reached us from the enterprising Leith firm, that they do an enormous trade in poultry requisites. A glance through these catalogues has convinced us that Messrs. Dobbie and Co. are able to fit up a complete poultry plant installation and at a most reasonable price. Those of our readers who are interested in poultry should certainly send to Messrs. Dobbie for copies of their catalogues, Nos. 1 and 2, dealing, the former with incubators, rearers, houses, feeding utensils, etc., and the latter with grits, foods, and medicines, etc. The articles described in each are of the highest quality, and the prices most moderate.

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Brockley, S.E.

See page 37.

C.B.U. Secretary Resigns.

We hear on good authority that Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe has resigned the secretaryship of the Cage Bird Union, but are unable to verify same before going to press.

Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids.

According to the "Cheltenham Echo" of June 29th date, a male Thrush has paired with a Blackbird in the village of Harwood, near Bolton, and their nest contains four eggs, which are of the Blackbird type, with the ground colour a little paler blue. The authorities of Chadwick's Museum are said to be taking precautions to have the nest protected. The male bird watches over the eggs in the day, and the female in the night.

Another New British Bird.

At the last meeting of the British Ornithologists' Club, Dr. C. B. Ticehurst exhibited a fine male specimen of the Sardinian Warbler (Sylvia melanocephala), which had been shot on June 3rd of this year in a country lane near Hastings. Though this is the first time this species—which is common along the Mediterranean—has been obtained in Great Britain, the present record causes no surprise among ornithologists, since it is a common species in the South of France and the Peninsula. So long ago as 1899, indeed, Mr. Howard Saunders, in the second edition of his "Manual of British Birds," remarked that there was "not the least improbability of this bird occurring in the British Isles."

A Hunter of Birds of Paradise.

Mr. Walter Goodfellow, the well-known ornithologist and zoological explorer, has recently returned to this country with a fine collection of birds from New Guinea. After his explorations in Central Formosa, Mr. Goodfellow proceeded to Humboldt's Bay, on the north coast of New Guinea, mainly with the object of obtaining living examples of Birds of Paradise. The natives, however, proved to be but poor bird-catchers, and were not very friendly. After leaving North-west New Guinea, he visited the Aru Islands, and remained there four months, during which time he procured many living pairs of the King Bird of Paradise, a species which is being rapidly exterminated.

A Tasty Beverage.

A sample packet of "Eiffel Tower Lemonade" has reached us from the proprietors, and been duly tested. We have no hesitation in describing it as a thoroughly suitable and delectable beverage, especially grateful as a thirst-quencher during the summer months. Considering that the purity of the ingredients is guaranteed by the manufacturers, it is remarkably cheap, a 4½d. packet making two gallons of delicious lemonade, this low figure being possible only as the result of the large sale its merits have brought it. Readers desiring an agreeable temperance drink should certainly give "Eiffel Tower Lemonade" a trial, and they will be well pleased. It is also sold in 1s. size (containing three times the quantity) and 2s. 6d. size (eight times the quantity), and may be had from all grocers, etc. Sample 1d. packets can also be obtained from all retailers.

An Alleged Infringement.

On page 587 of CAGE BIRDS, July 6th last, appeared an illustrated idea, No. 116. About this we hear as follows from Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich:—"If ever there was a piece of impertinent copying this is one. The door, you will see, is absolutely my patent. It is inconceivable that the sender of this idea, for which you have presumably paid 2s. 6d., has never seen the bold illustrations that have appeared in CAGE BIRDS of my patent breeding cage." We have written to the sender and asked him for an explanation, and will defer comment till we hear from him.

Since penning the above we have received Mr. Watson's reply, which is as follows:—In reply to yours of 15th, I have to state that I was quite unaware of how Rudd's cage worked, not having seen one. All I saw was a small illustration of a cage in a catalogue of Rudd's, but it showed nothing of the working arrangements; so that if my idea is similar to Rudd's it must be a mere coincidence.

FORTUNES IN BIRDS.

ENGLISHMEN WANTED.

Do the Germans hold the American Trade?

Fabulous Profits to be Made.

The other morning Mr. Hanslmair, of Chicago, gave CAGE BIRDS a call, and in the course of conversation with him we found that the bird Fancy, as we know it, has practically no existence in the United States. There are hundreds of thousands of bird lovers, said Mr. Hanslmair, but of fancying there is none. This, we gathered from our informant, is due, he thinks, not so much because our American cousins are not so fond of birds as Englishmen, but to the fact that, being a more hustling, bustling race, Americans know not the meaning of home and home pets as do Englishmen. Some readers of CAGE BIRDS will learn with surprise that in many of the States it is an offence to keep any wild bird, and that the birds which are kept are imported, and often their owners are called upon by the authorities to produce their receipts from the dealers to show that the birds they own are imported, and not home-bred, and even then sometimes the authorities open the cages and let them all fly.

The birds which are most largely imported are German Canaries, Pek'n Robins, Java Sparrows, English Goldfinches, Linnets and Siskins, which are imported in thousands, one consignment of 10,000 Goldfinches having only gone to New York a few days since. Bullfinches are not very popular, except trained birds, which cost about 25 dollars each; untrained ones cost about 12 dollars per dozen wholesale. The wholesale selling price of Goldfinches is five dollars each, Linnets three dollars, and Siskins the same.

So far as Canaries are concerned, the Germans hold the fort, and Rollers cost from five dollars up, ordinary Germans—known there as Hartz Mountain Canaries—are sold for three dollars upwards. Few English Canaries are imported, and only once in San Francisco has Mr. Hanslmair seen them; and there a pair of Lizards sold for 100 dollars (£20 16s. 8d.). Mr. Hanslmair is of opinion that, if some enterprising Englishman would enter into the trade, English Canaries could be made popular in America, although thus far it is for song and not appearances that Americans love Canaries. Those who keep them spend fabulous sums on cages for their pets. Our visitor told us that in England we had no conception of the elaborately beautiful and expensively palatial cages which are seen in the States.

Many people indulge in the hobby of bird-keeping in an extensive manner by keeping birds in large aviaries, especially in California, which State, in his opinion, contains a larger number of aviculturists than any other. In the other States bird-keeping is at a discount.

One gentleman, a doctor, known to Mr. Hanslmair, had imported £3,000 worth of English Goldfinches, Siskins and Linnets into Oregon, and when they arrived gave them their liberty, with the idea of increasing the bird life of the State.

America, according to Mr. Hanslmair, is not rich in bird life, except in the South and California, the principal birds being the Red Bird (known to us as the Virginian Nightingale), the Wild Canary (which is really more like our English Siskin), the Mocking Bird, and the Linnet.

One remark which fell from the lips of our visitor interested, astonished, and yet pleased us at one and the same time. In America, he told us, the trade in birds is confined almost exclusively to Germans. In New York there is only one Englishman engaged in the trade, and he is the only English bird dealer Mr. Hanslmair has met with in any of the States. But the fame of that Englishman is great, and he worthily upholds the British character for honest trading, for he is known to bird lovers throughout the States as "the Honest Bird Man," and so great is his reputation that people will take his word or recommendation without the slightest hesitation. If "the Honest Bird Man" has said so and so, that is good enough, and his word is never questioned.

Mr. Hanslmair gave it to us as his opinion that if an enterprising Englishman, with a practical knowledge of the trade and desire to please his patrons, opened up business in New York, he could make a fortune in a very little time. The Americans make their money easily and spend it freely. When an American is interested in any hobby, he does not stop to think of the cost, but gratifies and satisfies his desire at any price. As an instance, Mr. Hanslmair told us of 150 dollars (£31) being given for a Nightingale, which died soon after; and the owner immediately went and bought another at an increased price, simply because he would have a Nightingale better than anyone else.

One thing Mr. Hanslmair cannot understand, and that is why English people, who are so fond of birds, should also be so devoted to cats. Bird lovers in America hate the name of cat, and he has been greatly astonished to find cats and birds dwelling in the same house in England.

I have had 19 eggs out of three rounds with one pair of Norwich, and the hen has hatched 13 young; nine on the perches are doing well, and three are still in the nest.—J. W. POWLEY (Grangetown.)

Have more replies than I can answer from all parts whenever I advertise in CAGE BIRDS.—CHARLES MOORE (Norwich).

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

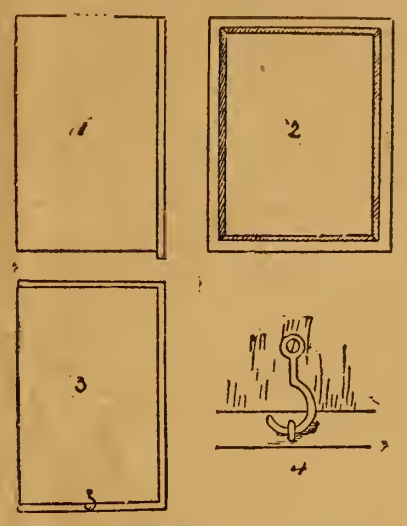
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 121.

REMOVABLE BOTTOMS FOR CAGES.

Sent by G. A. Semple, Millerfield Place, Hamilton.

I am sending a sketch of how I make removable bottoms for my cages. I find them very useful and handy, and very simple. When you are making your cages let the back of them be a little longer at the bottom (the thickness of the wood), as in Fig. 1. Fit in the bottom and put a small eye in the centre at each end, corresponding with a small hook at each end of the cage, as seen in Figs. 2 and 4. These small hooks and eyes do not cost much. When you have got the



1. End view of cage, without bottom.
2. End view of cage, with bottom.
3. Bottom of cage.
4. The hook fastener.

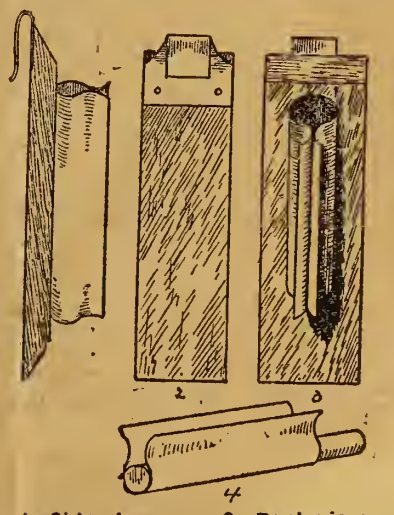
bottom clasped on get strips of wood about ¼ in square and fit them inside the cage, close up to the back, front and ends, nail them to the bottom, and it is finished; see Fig. 3. The sketches will explain what I mean I find them very useful at this time of the year, as you can clean the cages out without any disturbance at all, for the whole cage can be lifted right off the bottom. I hope this idea may be useful to some of the fanciers who read your valuable journal.—GEORGE A. SEMPLE.

No. 122.

A USEFUL CLIP.

Sent by E. J. Fogarty, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim.

I enclose sketches of a little article I have found useful in the bird-room. It is a small clip, made of strong tin, or, better still, spring steel. But tin, if of strong quality, will do well enough. It is made about 1¼ in. long, and has for a back a piece of board 2¼ in. by 1¼ in., with a flat hook at top (also of tin), the exact breadth of the cage wires, to make it sit steady The cost is trifling—twopence



1. Side view. 2. Back view.
3. Front view. 4. How to make the clip.

would buy tin to make nearly two dozen. Any handy fancier can make half-a-dozen of an evening. I have sketched mode of making clip, to make my description of it clearer, and hope this idea of mine may be accepted. It is very useful for holding cuttlefish bone, old lime, pieces of apple or sprigs of green food, and saves the wires being bent by bird-keepers sticking things between them, thereby straining the front wires and spoiling the cages.—E. J. FOGARTY.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** *they can do so by pre-payment at the rate of three words a penny.*

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 30th, at Central Cafe, 8. Lecture on "Cage Bird Ailments," by Tom Harrison, etc.—Tom Harrison, Sec.

Balldon Original C.B.F.A.—July 26th, at Bull's Head, 8. Arrange for show.—L. Haithwaite, Sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—July 27th. Members' Show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; birds to be staged 2 p.m.—A. Livesey, Sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.—August 3rd, at Co op. Hall, Blaydon, 7.30.—D. A. Ogilvie, Sec.

Bramley O.S.—July 26th, at Headquarters, 7.30 Open Show business.—J. Metcalfe, Sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 31st, at Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Mr. G. E. Russell; subject, "Breeding, etc., of Crest and Crestbred Canaries"; fanciers and friends invited.—H. C. Wilkins, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 27th, at Travellers' Rest. Members' Show; birds staged 2.15; judge, Mr. J. Clarkson.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

Civil Service F.A.—July 30th, at Ye Olde Bell, Noble Street, E.C., 8.15. Committee meeting; important.—A. Watson, Sec.

Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.—July 29th, at Alexandra Hotel, 8. Distribution of prize money.—S. H. W. Baker, Hon. Sec.

Coventry O.S.—July 31st, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 p.m. Balance-sheet Nest Feather Show, and other important business.—G. Turrell.

Crook and Dis. C.B.S.—July 27th, at Love's Hotel, 8. To arrange classes for Table Show and judge.—Wm. Rutherford, Sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—July 24th, at George Hotel, 7.30. Table Show of Young Birds and special business.—R. S. Black, Sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—August 1st, at Herne Tavern, 8. Lecture on colour feeding, by Mr. W. Morris; all fanciers welcome.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. C.B.A.—July 27th, at Barley Mow. Show; commence judging at 3.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Glasgow and W.C. Nor., etc., Club.—Members are reminded of club's ramble to Eglinton Castle, Kilwinning, on Saturday, July 27th, train leaving St. Enoch's Station at 2.15 p.m.; large attendance requested.—J. H. Adams, Sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—July 29th, at Headquarters, 7.30. Very important.—F. Sharples, Sec.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 27th, at Church School's. 8.—A. Holden, Sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 29th, at White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. Table Show and classes for Open Show.—S. Lodge, Sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 30th, at Royal Oak Hotel, 8. New rules, judges, classification, etc.—J. Pownall, Sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—August 3rd, at Miners' Hall, 6 p.m. Young Canary Table Show.—G. Kirk, Sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—July 30th, at Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Arrangements for bowling and supper.—A. Parker, Sec.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—July 27th, at Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon, Sec.

Loughborough and Dis. C.B.A.—July 31st, at Cross Keys, 7.45. Subscriptions due.—P. J. Simmons, Sec.

Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S.—August 1st, at Lockhart's, 7.30. Rules for schedule, etc.—Curry and Hutchinson, Sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—August 6th, at Granby Hotel, 8. Classes for Open Show; Members' Show, July 27th; judge, Mr. T. Bennett.—S. Jagger, Sec.

Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.—August 1st, at Windsor Castle Hotel, 8 p.m. Discussion on definition of novice and amateur.—J. C. Birch, Sec.

Rochdale O.C.—July 27th, at Club Rooms, 7.30 Town Hall Show business.—J. Butterworth, Sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 27th, at College Inn, 8. Balance-sheet Nest Feather Show and prize money.—J. C. Hayes, Sec.

Sale Open O.S.—July 20th, at Sale Hotel, 8 p.m. Result of show and other important business; good attendance requested.—G. F. Hardcastle, Sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—July 27th, at Station Hotel, 7. To select delegate to C.B.U and receive final subscriptions for 1907.—J. M. Nicholson, Sec.

Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.—August 1st, at Wentworth Cafe, 8. Balance-sheet of Nest Feather Show; rules and conditions for new cups.—Bishop and Pilley, Sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 29th, at Northgate Hotel, 8. Re second First Feather Show.—A. Whitehead, Sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.—August 1st, at Leeds Hotel, 8. Important business.—J. W. Lowes.

Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.—August 1st, at St. Mary's Schools, 8. Discussion on moulting and colour feeding.—Wm. Mallinson, Sec.

Wandsworth and Dis.—July 31st, at Headquarters, 8.—W. Summers, Sec.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—July 31st, at Green's, Bull Street, 8. Discussion, new meeting room, etc.—T. Duffield, Sec.

West London F.A.—August 1st, at Bush Hotel, 8 o'clock. Mr. W. J. Gibbons will lecture on Crest and Cresthred Canaries.—J. Dewhurst, Sec.

West of Scotland.—August 3rd, at Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 4. First Feather Show of Mules or Hybrids.—G. Smart, Sec.

Willington Quay and Dis. F.S.—August 1st, at Turk's Head Hotel, 7.30. Owing to increase of members, we deem it necessary to make our headquarters at above address and give all a hearty welcome to join the society.—W. T. Winter, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

July 21st, at the Bird-in-Hand, Broughton-lane, Attercliffe. Fifteen birds sang for three prizes. Robinson, 81; Watson, 68; Robinson, 62. Three minutes' hanging. Judges, Messrs. Bollington and Callaghan. Club meeting at night, total of members, 34.—FREDK. WATSON.

LEEDS.

The members of the Prince Albert Linnet Association met July 21st, to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a crowded house of Linnet fanciers from all parts to hear the birds sing. Twelve previous winning birds competed. Judges, H. Allen and B. Jackson; timekeeper, S. Green. Result.—1, 3, Wood; 2, Wallace.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet Contest held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, on July 21st, when 12 birds sang for three prizes. There was a good house, but owing to the approach of the moulting season, the singing was not so good as usual. 1, Pearson; 2, 3, shared by Johnson, Clegg, and a stranger. Judges, T Summers and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, HON. SEC.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions or advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be pasted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**"Old Judge."** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards—**Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**"Schoolmaster,"** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Flighted and Unflighted.

D.C.H.—A "flighted" bird means one that has had its flights drawn out when a young bird, so that when colour fed they might match the body (as young Canaries only throw their body feathers in the first moult). Or the term may mean a bird that has had its second moult and has got its second flights. An "unflighted" bird means, of course, one that has not had its flights drawn, or had its second moult. You would enter your birds that would, as you say, be "colour fed all over except the tail and flights" in the unflighted classes.

A Matter of Law.

Herbell.—I have had the opinion of my friend, who says as far as he can see by the facts which I gave him your chance of getting a verdict is about equal to your losing. His advice is that you had better make the best of a bad bargain, and not throw good money after bad, as the man you purchased the bird from is probably only a man of straw. I certainly think myself he has about hit the mark.

On Colour-Feeding.

Mid Bucks.—In the first place I may tell you that the sample of colour food you sent is not strong enough in colouring matter to successfully moult Norwich on for the show bench. I should recommend you to procure at once some of the tasteless or sweet pepper advertised in this paper, and use it according to the directions given by the seller. I do not think you will have any difficulty in getting them to eat this, but should they not eat it freely then take the seed away from them at night time and do not return it until middle day. Keep them covered over, as strong light will kill the colour.

"Gone to Pieces."

New Reader.—Give your hen in the drinking water, fresh daily, ten drops each of syrup of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, and continue for a fortnight or three weeks. You may also put a piece of fresh mutton suet between the bars of the cage for her to peck at. No, a little egg food twice or three times a week will not do any harm during the moult—quite the reverse.

An Outdoor Room.

F. G.—I should advise you to build a house at least 8 feet long and 6 feet wide. But if you can manage another foot or two in length and another one in width so much the better, as you will want cage room and a flight for your young birds, and the probability is that your eight pairs may increase another year, especially if you get a good first season. Let the height be 8 feet at the back and slope to 6 feet at the front, and have a good overlap to the roof, so that the rain will not run down the sides and front. I should advise you to case it in with match boards, say three or four inches from the outer boards, and fill in with fine sawdust. This will make it much warmer in the winter. Have the floor six or eight inches from the ground; this will not only keep it dry but will leave plenty of room for a cat to run under and thus keep away any mice. I think you will find one window enough if you have a good sized one. Make it to open so that in the heat of the summer you can admit plenty of air. You will want a wooden frame made to fit the window opening, over which tack some half-inch mesh wire. Cover the roof with felt, which should be tarred. In the heat of the summer if you whitewash the top of the roof this will make several degrees difference to the temperature inside the room. When mixing your whitewash put in some sifted sawdust. I should advise you to have one of the many excellent revolving ventilators now on the market and fix in the roof. To make a good job of it I should make a lobby where you will enter at the end of the house, so that should any kind be out it will not escape when you open the inner door. Of course, you must not forget to close the outer door as soon as you have entered. You would find this lobby very handy for storing your show cages, seed, sand, etc., in. Be sure that the timber you use is thoroughly well seasoned.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

To Nest, or Not.

No Name.—It would be very unwise to again pair up your hen this season. A hen that hatched five young ones on March 14th, has had three nests since, and laid altogether 21 eggs, has done more than any hen ought to do in one season, especially is she is to be of any use next year. Many hens that should last three or four years are used up the first year by being overworked. Three nests are as many as I care to take from one hen. Your best plan would be to place her in a good big flight, and let her get moulted as soon as possible. This will give her a chance to be some use either to you or some one else next year.

Moulting and Egg Food.

T. C.—Your bird will probably come round and get into full song again when he has got through the moult. Having already begun, you must keep him free from all draughts, and in as even a temperature as you can give him. A little egg food two or three times a week, and on the days you do not give the egg food give him half a teaspoonful of maw seed. Give fresh water to drink every day. Read the notes on moulting in this week's CAGE BIRDS. (2) A little egg food is beneficial for young birds right through the moult, though not absolutely necessary.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Colour Feeding.

Red.—No, it is not necessary to colour feed either Crests or Crestbreds, neither is there any advantage to be gained by doing it. When your young Norwich are six weeks old you may commence to give colour food, a small quantity at first, gradually increasing it as the birds get used to the food. What is necessary to obtain a deep colour is to get the colouring matter well into the bird's system before it commences to moult. The tasteless pepper you mention is very good, and in past years many winners have been fed on it; still, equally good are many other colouring agents advertised in this paper.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Feathers Coming Off.

Anxious.—There is nothing to be anxious over, so far as I can see. The bird is no doubt just starting to moult, like many other Canaries. Many Rollers go bare at the back of the neck and about the head during the breeding season, but this is nothing to worry over, providing the bird shows no signs of real illness. As your own bird has just finished off rearing five young, and eats well and seems spirited, there can't be much the matter with him. His plumage is sure to come right with the moult. The breeding season is a bad time for the plumage of both cocks and hens. I should keep the bird in a cosy place, out of draughts, and feed him on good canary and summer rape seed. Every other day give him a small teaspoonful of egg bread (or a good maker's canary food). On the days you are not giving the egg bread let him have a small teaspoonful of maw seed. Give a pinch of linseed twice a week, and in his drinking water twice a week stir about half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food.

"Nostrils Seem to be Full."

W. Williams.—The fault lays in you not continuing the treatment long enough. It is not sufficient to give just one dose of coal tar (or any other remedy) and then expect a bird to be cured. I can't understand what you wanted to have this hen for; birds suffering from asthma are dear at any price as a rule, for they are seldom any good to breed from. It has probably come through (or been made worse by) her moulting out of season with the party who had her before you. I advise you to continue with the coal tar for a week to twelve days, and see whether it brings about any improvement, and, if so, to continue with it until the hen is cured. If she seems no better then try the glycerine, paregoric and ipecacuanha mixture. Keep her in a warm, cosy room, and throw a light cover over her cage at night. Give her every day a small teaspoonful of egg bread (or some good maker's canary cake), and when you stop giving the other medicine mix among it four to six drops of Parrish's chemical food for a fortnight. This treatment should set her up again if anything will.

Teaching the Young.

J. Walker.—I have heard many men who have been proficient on the ordinary cheap bird flute, and could produce very nice and pleasing rolls and tours from it. But for the ordinary Roller breeder a mechanical bird organ, such as the one you mention (Queck's) is undoubtedly the best, as it can be wound up and left for half an hour or so, producing all the time good rolls and tours, which instruct young birds and help the old birds after the moult is over. I agree with you that it is not always possible to keep an old cock bird on one side as a schoolmaster for the young cocks, yet the education of the latter must commence when they are ready to feed themselves, and this is where a good automatic song machine comes in useful. The young, however, must always have the chance of hearing a good singing old bird as often as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Soft Moult.

For three months my Canary has lost feathers; at present he seems better, but he has a difficulty in singing; he does try, but he has no voice. Will you kindly tell me what to give him?—E. J. GOOVER.

E. J. Goover.—Let your bird have as its staple food the best German summer rape seed. Every morning give it a little egg food, with a pinch of maw seed sprinkled on the top of it. In the way of green food, give it flowering groundsel, chickweed, dandelion flowers, or thistle heads. Put a piece of raw fat bacon between the wires of the cage twice or thrice a week, and in its drinking water mix 10 drops each of whisky and glycerine, fresh each morning. Try this treatment for a month, and then write again if there is no improvement.

Birds Gaping, etc.

F. Nash.—(1) It is really impossible to answer this question satisfactorily. You give me no idea as to how the birds are kept, neither do you say if they are old or young birds, nor if they make any noise when gaping. (2) This also is obscure. I cannot understand what you mean by down on the wing. All young birds have a quantity of down on their bodies, the more down there is the stronger the bird as a rule. (3) If your birds are simply singing birds the mixture you mention should answer all right, but I prefer to give birds canary seed as their regular diet in the seed hopper, and two or three times a week give them some other seed in a separate tin by way of a change, one day German summer rape, another maw, another niga, or hemp, and so on. If you will write again, giving me more particulars, I shall be delighted to answer you more fully.

Young Birds Puffy.

Tim.—You say that since the youngsters left their parents you have not given them any green food. In my opinion this is the cause of the trouble. You have been feeding on a highly stimulating diet, and their livers have become congested. The value of green food is that it keeps the liver working freely, and thus digestive troubles are avoided. Now that they are wrong I should advise you to stop the egg food and crushed hemp. In place thereof give them arrowroot biscuits soaked in boiled milk, fresh twice daily, also some soaked seed also twice daily. This is prepared by mixing in equal quantities, canary, summer rape, and hemp seed, soaking it in cold water for 24 hours, stirring and rinsing well in fresh water, and straining off at least twice during the day; when giving the seed rinse it well in fresh water, strain off and give to the birds. The drinking water should be coloured a rich rosy pink by the addition of Parrish's chemical food twice daily. Don't give any green food now; wait until the birds are better. Continue the treatment given for a week, then resume the egg food, but not the crushed hemp.

Selling Age.

Plumtree.—(1) Your question is rather vague, but I take it you wish to know at what age you may safely sell young Canaries without risk of their dying. If I have grasped your meaning correctly I should say any time after they are well on seed—say six or seven weeks. (2) It is not usual for breeders to sell cages with birds, but if your birds are song birds, and you wish to supply birds and cages to your customers, the best cage is that known as "the waggon cage," which is about 14 inches long by 10 wide, with an oval top like an ordinary waggon cover.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON

An Indoor Aviary.

Ravenscraig.—As I pointed out the week before last, in reply to "Gwendolyn," although all-wire aviaries are the nicest looking, and probably the most convenient to have in the average drawing or living room, they have their drawbacks. One of these is the lack of protection they afford from any draughts there may be in the room at any time. Neither Foreign nor British birds will thrive for long, and especially at the moulting season, if they are subjected to draughts. If the aviary is placed in a window, as is usually the case, then it is difficult to avoid a draught. But if you can fix it up in a nicely-lighted corner of the room (or in a fire-side recess) then this objection is largely overcome, and it is like to be cosy enough. The latter situation also does away to a great extent with its unsuitableness for British birds. The latter are very unsteady—unless well-domesticated specimens are obtained—in all-wire cages and aviaries, and won't stand to be looked at and admired, which is generally what their owner and friends desire them to do. All things considered, I should advise you to let your collection comprise mainly Waxbills and other small Foreign seed-eaters, providing the aviary is made of half-inch mesh wire. It would hold 12 to 18 of them comfortably. If you put in the former number, a Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Siskin might be included, and would no doubt agree well with them. If you desire details of their feeding, address a query to our Mr. Page. With plenty of white and spray millet in addition, they would thrive on the seeds given the British birds.

Enamelling and Quarrelling.

Nancy.—The quarrelling of the birds is one of the worst troubles the aviarist who goes in for Britishers has to endure. When the males are well fed and attended to they will persist in squabbling and fighting, especially during the breeding season, and one can do nothing to stop them, particularly so when, as in your case, they have only the space afforded by a Crystal Palace aviary to manœuvre in and avoid one another. Even in the largest outdoor aviary one bird may "get a down on" another (as the Yankees say), and when this comes about the stronger will pursue the weaker with a blood-thirsty persistency worthy of a Corsican engaged in a vendetta. The only remedy is to remove one or other of the troublesome individuals—until the moult breaks out at any rate, for then birdy passions seem to subside, till the following spring wakes them again. Two cock Goldies kept together in a small aviary are practically always certain to fight during the summer months. The only way to minimise the risk of squabbling is to keep only one cock of each species in the same compartment. As you do not tell me the size of your aviary I can't possibly tell you how many birds it will accommodate. You can safely enamel the outside woodwork of the aviary, and the inside also providing you allow it four or five days to get thoroughly hard before returning the birds to it. Don't on any account enamel the perches; keep them well scrubbed and they'll look nice enough.

Concerning an Outdoor Aviary.

Bombados.—Of what species are the birds which failed to rear their young? If Canary hens, and you gave them a supply of egg food, the proper seeds, and some suitable green food, their failure is hard to understand. It is usual to blame the weather this year (and it unquestionably has been shocking) but that seems scarcely sufficient explanation of wholesale failure such as yours. Did you interfere with the birds over much? It is a fatal error beginners often fall into. As regards your aviary. The size, 8ft. long, 4ft. wide, 6ft. high at back and 5ft. at front, is a very nice one, but it is far from large enough to turn a mixed lot of birds in with the expectation of satisfactory breeding results. In fact I cannot in any case recommend this method of breeding to anyone anxious to produce young birds; cages offer by far the best and surest means of accomplishing the latter end. In an aviary one has not the birds properly under control, and one has to contend against all sorts of untoward possibilities, such as the cocks fighting for the same mates, and sometimes the hens too, though usually the latter confine their squabbling to disagreements over nesting sites. Then many birds are mischievous, and maul the nests, etc., of other couples about. A pretty safe collection to make a commencement with would be a pair each of Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets and Redpolls, with five or six hen Canaries and three cocks. The latter would be sure to breed, while some (possibly all) of the former might do so.

Concerning Several Hybrids.

(1) I have two Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids. Kindly say whether they must be colour fed. (2) Will they stand any chance of a prize when shown in Hybrid classes against Bullfinch Hybrids? (3) Is a Redpoll-Linnet of any value? (4) Does Redpoll-Canary require colour food?—A.J.

A.J.—As I have mentioned in another reply, I hesitate to say that Hybrids "must" be colour fed. I am naturally of a most inoffensive disposition, and as we have those amongst us who are "again colour food," I will merely state that I think most of the owners of exhibition Hybrids endeavour to get their birds to eat pepper, and that practically all the winning specimens are colour fed. At that I leave you to steer your own course. You should be able to make up your own mind as to whether non-fed Hybrids are likely to be handicapped in the race for prizes when competing against colour-fed specimens. (2) This is very difficult to answer, so much depending on the number of different Bullfinch crosses in the class, and their quality, and on the quality of your Goldie-Linnets. Generally speaking, however, a really good cock bird of the latter cross is certain of recognition in any Hybrid class; it would need very hot competition to knock him right out of it. (3) A Redpoll-Linnet is not of much value, though a good example of the cross is worth its place in any team of Hybrids one is exhibiting, as it is always likely to score a point or two in the cards. It is a sombre-coloured and unattractive Hybrid compared with Goldie-Linnet or Goldie-Siskin—so far as looks go, that is. (4) You must read my reply to this in the answer given you to question No. I.

Rearing Linnet Mules.

Jack.—Most Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. Therefore you gave your own birds the correct treatment—or correct enough, at any rate, as is proved by your rearing them successfully. Now they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel, and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep the summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. All crushed seed must be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk; or a little stale sponge cake, or crusbed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne) also moistened with milk. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. The best cages for general use are the box pattern ones known as Finch stock cages (any of the large cage makers advertising in our columns will supply them). They are about 16 by 10 by 8 inches, wired in front only, doors at front and side, seed box inside, running from front to back, two perches about on a level with top of seed trough, water vessel outside. In CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1906 this style of cage is depicted and described. You could moult the Mules, of course, in small flight cages, about 3 feet or 4 feet long—say double breeders with centre partition removed. See they are perfectly clean and free from red mite.

Treatment of Greypates.

Willie.—If you take my advice you won't invest your money in Greypates yet awhile. Wait until the end of September—give them a chance to grow and get strong in a state of nature ere you try to break them in to caged life. Any practical fancier will tell you that the close season for Goldfinches might well be extended until October 1st, at the earliest. When you get them, you cannot improve on the feeding and management advised "A New Reader" in this week's issue. The kind of cage most suited for putting newly-caught Greypates in is that therein advised—a long, low one, wired in front only, and with the top made of strong canvas, if possible—very like, in fact, a catcher's store cage. Both seed and water should be placed inside the cage, and on a level with the perches—right under their noses, so to speak. If you have a steady old hen Canary you can pop in amongst them, so much the better; she will show them the ins and outs of things. A steady hen Goldfinch will often answer the same purpose well, but many of them I found inclined to "chivy" the young Goldies about. Put the seeds in hoppers running from front to back of cage (inside), at each end. You can hang a water tin outside after a time, when the birds have settled down, and they will readily follow the lead of the old bird and drink out of it. If Greypates will eat a little of a high-grade insectivorous mixture, or even ants' eggs alone, or ants' eggs and crumbled egg-cake, I am strongly in favour of giving it them during the moult—old Goldfinches, too.

Management of Fresh-caught Goldfinches and Linnets.

Kindly tell me the best way to bring fresh-caught Goldfinches on to hard seed, and Linnets the same. They generally turn puffy in a few days and die. Can you tell me the reason for this? I feed Goldies on crushed hemp, German rape and canary seed, and Linnets on boiled rape and canary.—A NEW READER.

A New Reader.—Of course, a percentage of losses cannot be avoided where newly-caught birds are concerned. But given intelligent treatment, it ought always to be small with Linnets and Goldfinches. Fresh-caught specimens should always be kept in cages with inside seed troughs and water vessels, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. It is well to have the water inside, but if this cannot be managed, then be absolutely certain they get at it. I prefer to give them a week or so in a cage resembling a catcher's store cage, with canvas top; such is very useful to get them well on to seed, and over the first stages of captivity. The great mistake most fanciers make when buying fresh-caught Finches is to condemn them at once to a diet of dry, hard seed. In the wild state from which they have just been taken, their food is, broadly put, of a more or less soft nature, and the sudden and complete change on to

dry seed is unquestionably responsible for much, if not all, of the "indigestion" or "stomach trouble" which carries so many fresh caught Finches to that land whence none return. And, of course, if the birds have been any length of time in a shop awaiting sale, the "upsetting" may have commenced before you yourself lay hands on them. I think mixed seed very wasteful for these birds; most of them shaw a preference for one kind, perhaps two, and the others get knocked about the cage floor as a result of their searching for the favoured seed or seeds. For fresh caught Goldfinches, I should put in a pot each of cracked hemp (not crushed), teazle, and niga seeds, and a pot of mixed maw, linseed, and canary; some advocate coarse oatmeal as well. In addition, of course, I would offer ample sunflower and summer rape, which had been soaked in cold water until it burst, or had just commenced to sprout, dabbing it as dry as possible with a cloth before offering it. Then there are the wild seeding weeds and grasses, thistles, hardheads, plantains, and the like, not forgetting flowering groundsel tops (not the coarse leaves). With the help of these latter foods (of which the Goldfinch fancier should always have a little store), the change on to the ordinary dry seeds can be made gradually, and without harm accruing. Should they seem to go a little "soft," the drinking water should at once have some sulphate of soda dissolved in it (as much as will just lie on a shilling to every two tablespoonfuls). A gentle dose of saline, if given in time, is, in my experience, the best medicine; in fact, I never found anything else of much use. Linnets will thrive on the same treatment, but must have charlock and summer rape in addition; also seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed in plenty. They must be gradually weaned off the niger (and it need not be given so freely as with Goldies), and hemp. Let them have linseed freely. Your own food bill reads wretchedly; rape is useless for Goldfinches. How much of it do you find them eat?

A Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid.

Bristolian.—Am glad to note you say "if" I had a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid. It shows you are prepared to concede there is some doubt about the youngster being rightly entitled to that name. Still, I shall be considerably more glad should the nestling turn out to be a genuine example of the above mating. I hope it will, and that it may show the cross (as it should) in unmistakable manner. To come to the point, however: "If" I had a young Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid in a nest with two young Canaries, and being reared by the hen Canary on egg food, hemp, scalded rape, maw and shepherd's purse ad. lib., I should not worry any further over its diet. If the hen Canary is going to rear it at all she can do so quite easily on the foods in this list. Personally, I should add some best quality ants' eggs to the soft food. But they are not strictly necessary, and some hen Canaries look upon them with suspicion, unless accustomed to eating them. I don't use scalded rape personally (for various reasons which need not be gone into here), preferring to soak it in several changes of cold water until it begins to germinate (burst), then to dab it dry in a cloth, and give it to the birds. The hen might eat a few small mealworms; try her and see. Or you could cut up one or two and lay them just on top of the egg food.

Outdoor Flight and House.

G. L.—If your sole desire is to breed young birds, I cannot recommend turning out a large number of pairs into an outdoor aviary in order to accomplish it. This method reads (and no doubt seems) like the simple and short cut to success, but I can assure you it doesn't pan out so. If you will look up the last few issues of this paper you will find the reasons this is so set out at some length. Your aviary should be a capital place, though, to house birds in, and certainly a fair sprinkling of young birds ought to put in an appearance, providing you avoid overcrowding, and rely mainly on Canary hens. Hen British birds can never be depended on to rear their young successfully in captivity, though, at the same time, many do so. I should not use the house solely for the Canaries; they will not hurt out in the open all the year round if of a hardy variety, for they will have the house to retire into, and the British birds certainly need this latter privilege as well. You could turn in a pair or two each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Siskins and Redpolls, and a score or more Canary hens, with, say, ten or twelve cocks. Your place will very comfortably hold fifty birds for breeding purposes.

Half-a-dozen Weeds.

E. Baker.—I am afraid you have mistaken the mission of this column, which is to afford assistance, wherever possible, to keepers of British birds. The identification of wild plants is a matter for a gardening paper. I make no pretence, personally, to other than the scantiest knowledge of plant life. To be worried with shepherd's purse is bad enough—but save me from having the whole British flora fired at me! No. 1 looks like just common meadow grass; No. 2 is the grass with which I while away dull hours when "bird-stalking," playing the game known to me as "soldier, sailor, tinker, tailor, rich man, poor-man, beggar-man, thief." It is a beautiful pastime; the consistent way in which it forecasts my future as a "rich man" never fails to cheer me up, notwithstanding the chronic emptiness of my right-hand trouser pocket. I believe rye-grass is the correct name. No. 3 I know as "barley grass," but whether this is strictly correct I cannot say. No. 4 looks and smells like common chamomile; No. 5 is shepherd's purse; No. 6 is one of the small thistles, probably the very common creeping plume-thistle—specimen sent is too dried up to render exact identification easy. It is good for birds.

Queer in the Moult.

W.C.P.—I do not see that you can well do anything more for the Linnet. The moult is always a trying time, and one is very apt to lose birds then. Don't hang him in too warm a place, and let it be a well-ventilated, though not draughty, one. Give him plenty of maw seed to eat. Add a part of teazle and a little charlock to the stock mixture. Give only ripe plantain, shepherd's purse and chickweed as green food. If the tail has not yet moulted, pulling out two or three of the feathers might help. Add a little saffron to the drinking water—enough to just distinctly colour it.

An "Almost Broken" Wing.

A. Yeomans.—I am unable to gather what you mean when you say your Skylark's wing is "almost broken." I can't conceive any half-way house, so to speak, between a sound and a broken wing. Couldn't you manage to give me a little more explicit account of whatever may be the matter with the bird's wing, and explain why you think (or use the expression) that it is only "almost broken"? If the bird has bruised its wing in knocking about, and thus carries it hanging down at its side, the carriage will probably come all right again as the place heals. A supporting bandage is often useful, though in the case of a broken wing it needs putting on immediately after the fracture occurs. I have myself used with success a piece of tape of suitable width (about half-inch), passed between, say, the third and fourth flight feathers of each wing, and carried round the body. When the two wings have been placed in position, join the ends of the tape over the bird's back by a few stitches from a needle and thread, leaving it just sufficiently tight to "brace" the wings in their proper place. You need the help of a friend of course, to carry this through properly, but to one used to handling birds it is not a difficult operation, with ordinary care, and especially when the patient is of a biggish species.

Some Obstruction.

W. Handy.—It is difficult to see what else you can do. Some affection (or obstruction) of the passage may have developed which is beyond the power of medicine to deal with. I should prefer giving an occasional dose of dandelion juice, rather than to keep on with the salts. Plenty of shepherd's purse, plantain, groundsel tops and chickweed should also be offered. Let the Linnet have, too, a goodly proportion of linseed in its stock mixture, and a feed of maw seed daily. I don't know whether you are familiar with birds and bird-keeping or not, so it may be well to state that the vent of a cock bird, when he is in high condition, is much more prominent than at other period of the year. You don't want to make any mistake, and imagine the vent (and near) to be swollen, when the appearances are simply natural. If the bird is suffering from inflammation of any kind, he will soon evidence the fact by puffing out his feathers, squatting on the perch, with stomach pressed close to it, and by looking "sleepy" about the eyes. I take it your bird does none of these things, or you would have mentioned the fact.

A Weed; and Aviary-Hatched Bramblefinches.

Novice.—The weed you send is penny-cress—a near relation to shepherd's purse, but very much less common. It is quite suitable to give to British birds, when in a ripe state. Why didn't you give me a little more information about the "young Bramblefinches hatched in an aviary"—how old are they, for instance, and which is feeding them, a Canary hen or a hen Bramble? I can't very well answer questions if those who ask them do not trouble to give all possible helpful details. If a hen Canary is fostering the young Bramblefinches, then she will rear them, if she is going to do so at all, on the same food she would rear young Canaries on. You could try to get her to eat a sprinkling of finest quality ants' eggs, stirred amongst the egg food, and among the latter you could squeeze out some mealworms, or chop them up, and mix with it. Start with small quantities, and she will soon get to relish them, I feel sure. The hen Bramble (if she is mothering them) should be given a first-class insectivorous mixture, with plenty of cut-up mealworms amongst it; or if there are no other likely mealworm-eaters in the aviary, the latter can be given in a glazed dish (alive, of course). Unless this be the case, whatever live food you try to supply to her is sure to get more or less looted. Give the ordinary seeds in addition, and a plentiful supply of freshly-gathered grass and weed seeds, as so often recommended in this column.

Can it be a Joke?

A. Hudson.—Frankly, I cannot make head nor tail of your communication. Are you endeavouring to drive me mad by trying to work off some stupid joke? If so, may every hair on your head wither. Your opening smacks of the humorous, where you say the "about fourteen-day old" nestling "carries heavy feathers on the head, inclining towards the back, also feathers under the chin, forming a sort of beard." Evidently a precocious sort of freak. Then you drop into quasi-scientific jargon, and tell me "the toes, four in number, are opposed, two by two, the anterior toes united at their base by a small membrane, the hinder two completely separated." Now, such a formation of foot could only belong to the Wryneck or a Woodpecker—as it seems to me you must have known, or you would hardly be likely to describe it in the words you do. After this you proceed to say you found the youngster in a nest situate in a hedge, the said nest being a "little larger than a Greenie's, and composed of dried grass and moss." This, of course, is funny, seeing that the Wryneck and the Woodpeckers breed in holes in trees, and practically use no nesting materials. I don't want to do you an injustice, but it seems to me that you are either trying to "pull my leg," or someone has been violently pulling your own.

A Varied Lot.

Avis.—(1) The only bird that occurs to me as answering your description is the Starling. I don't see what else it could be, for apparently you know a Blackbird when you see one. (2) For food of Bullfinch, kindly refer to answers given "W. Berry" and "Herbell" in last week's issue, which fully answer this question. (3) Probably your Blackbird will not sing again until after he has moulted. As a tonic, and one of service during the moult, I can recommend you nothing better than Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates. Mix a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily for three days, then on alternate days only (plain water in between), over a period of three weeks—or until the moult is well over, if it seems advisable.

A Trio.

W.L.M.—(1) Any light feathers among the plumage of a Thrush are a bar to the bird's success on the show bench. No judge who knew his business would be likely to award a prize to a specimen so marked. Possibly the light wing feather may moult out normal in colour; there is always that chance, though a slight one. Of course, these remarks are not intended to apply to pied birds shown in the albino (or rare-feathered) class—their proper place. (2) I think I had better not answer your question as to whether it is "advisable" to colour feed a Thrush for exhibition purposes. I shall only get my nose pulled by some anti-colourfoodite or other if I say "yes." So I will merely state that I feel convinced most of the winning Song Thrushes find sweet tasteless pepper an ingredient of their food during the moulting period. Red feed, not yellow, is the best. (3) The time when the full moult of practically all birds that are kept as cage pets takes place is somewhere from the middle of July to the middle of September—there is no definite time, however, for either the beginning or the finish, that depending somewhat on the species and on the individual bird, too. I have, for instance, seen caught Goldfinches still in their nestling plumage when the year has been much nearer Christmas than September.

Concerning Weeds and Thistles.

Chorister.—No. 1 is shepherd's purse and No. 3 is groundsel; but specimen No. 2 did not reach me, so I cannot say what it was. It could not be chickweed, however, if bearing, as you say, a yellow flower. Chickweed carries a tiny white flower—like a tiny white star. All three can be safely given birds at any stage of growth, though they may be said to be at their best when arrived at the seeding stage. What fanciers need to avoid is the giving of old, coarse growths—big, stringy leaves should always be stripped off. Thistles should be gathered only when quite ripe (the heads, that is). It is only the ripe seed they contain that attracts Finches. But I must not forget the "maggots" which many heads (and especially rotten, or decayed, heads) contain, for these are very valuable indeed, and greedily devoured by all Finches. I know of no more valuable help in moulting a Goldfinch than a free supply of them. Many thistles, too, swarm with plant lice of various kinds, and these should always be cut down and given the birds to pick over.

Brieflets.

Shepherd's Purse (J.L., Wallace, P.O., X.).—Sample sprays of shepherd's purse have been forwarded you.

Good King Henry (J.W.P.).—By all means send a sample when seeds are ripe (leaf as well), when I will try to name it. Send a sample of Good King Henry as well; I suppose you grow it for table purposes, as spinach?

Mouse Ear and Shepherd's Purse (J.McN.).—I do not know whether you intend me to understand that mouse ear is taken for shepherd's purse in your district. I presume so, however, as the specimen you now label shepherd's purse is the same that you previously said was not shepherd's purse. Mouse ear is a name applied to the genus *myosotis*, the plants comprising which are all popularly known as forget-me-nots. Your mouse ear is in reality the field scorpion grass, a common plant. The seeds of all the genus are favoured by the wild birds.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Bird?

(1) They are of small size, greyish underneath and on their heads, brown backs, bright red beaks and orange cheeks. Can you tell me their name? (2) One is bald and not very lively. Is it moulting? (3) Can you tell me how to tame and feed them?—M.E.M.V.

M.E.M.V.—(1) It is the Orange-cheeked Waxbill (*Sporœginthus melpodus*), a freely imported West African species. (2) These, and many other species, when kept in at all confined quarters, frequently occupy up their time in picking one another's heads bare; the question is, is this the cause, or is it debility? You can ascertain this by observation. If you observe the other birds pecking their bald companion, you must cage it up separately (not in a little prison) in a cage with plenty of perches; let it have a daily bath and also a little slightly moistened sponge cake and ants' eggs, which have been lightly dusted with flour or flowers of sulphur; also lightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The staple diet for these birds is canary, white, French and spray millet, with green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. If these birds are kept in an all-wire cage in a window, which is often opened for airing the room, they will soon "shuffle off." No birds ought to be kept in such a position that the wind (even a slight breeze) can blow through the cage. The most hardy of birds cannot endure draught, hence box-type cages are generally recommended as giving the best protection against draught. If the bare skin is very hard and dry, lightly rub in a little clean vaseline.

Foreign Birds for Profit.

I am building an aviary with inner and outer portions, each 10 by 6 by 7½ ft. high. What mesh wire netting must I use? What birds can I have that would breed and make me some return for outlay?—KELMORE.

Kelmore.—To cover annual expenses or more it is necessary to confine yourself to one or two species, and secure at the commencement only the best procurable of the species you elect to keep. Personally, I never made anything out of my birds; on the contrary, the upkeep of the aviary costs me a good annual sum, apart from new purchases. But others have made it pay by confining themselves to one or two species. Get three pairs of yellow Budgerigars, unrelated pairs, and each pair from a different source. These should commence breeding as soon as they get accustomed to their quarters. Pairs each of Cockateels, Red Rosellas, and Blossom-headed Parrakeets. If you procure adult pairs, all these should breed next year if paired now. But excepting the Budgerigars, but few species of Parrakeets breed during the first year of their occupancy of the aviary. I should most certainly use ½-in. mesh netting; it will be safer against cats, etc. I know of several fanciers who have made their aviaries more than pay their way with the above birds after they (the birds) were once established in their quarters. Your shed, or inner portion, certainly ought to have a window; all such shelters should be well-lighted or the birds will use them but little.

Dieting Blue-fronted Amazon.

I have a bird, it has been fed on Parrot Mixture and bread and butter. I have only had the bird a week, and am feeding on mixture advised in "C.B.," with sand, cuttlefish, and water twice daily. It eats well, but has periods of moping, gaping, and sitting with ruffled feathers. These do not last long, and then it is quite lively. How must I treat?—NOVICE.

Novice.—I do not think the change of diet is responsible for the bird's indisposition, but that its former diet and the after effects of the voyage to this country are the cause. Continue the seed mixture, and give twice a week a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day), and so long as the bird's bowels do not become watery loose put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over same. It would also be advisable to well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month or longer. Also give ripe fruit, green food, cuttlefish, plain biscuit (dry), and a little boiled potato, not altogether, but so as to vary the diet. Do not give slops, sops, or any kind of animal food. I do not think there is much the matter, and am of the opinion that the bird will gradually recover tone.

Foreign Birds for Indoor Aviary.

The aviary is 9 by 6 by 8 ft. high, and contains sixteen British Finches. What Foreign Finches would agree with them? What diet and treatment would they require? Would the same diet answer for both Britishers and Foreigners?—PAINTER.

Painter.—You could keep with the Britishers, Mannikins in variety, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario, Zebra, Ribbon, Saffron, and Diamond Rufus-tailed and Gouldian Finches, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey, St. Helena, Zebra and Orange-cheek Waxbills, and almost any Foreign Finches not larger than the Goldfinches. As to diet and treatment this is very simple. Keep clean, and supply in addition to the menu of the Britishers, canary, white, French, and spray millet; you can supply the first three mixed, the latter, of course, you will hang up. I am assuming you are supplying for the other birds green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water *ad lib* for drinking and bathing; if not, you must do so. A few ants' eggs scattered on the ground are appreciated by many of the species. They will take no harm if they eat of one another's diet.

Keeping Parrot with Jays, etc.

My aviary is 5 by 5 by 6 ft. high, and contains Jackdaws and Jays. Would a Parrot live and agree with them during the summer months?—NEW SUBSCRIBER.

New Subscriber.—I am of the opinion that both the Parrot, Jays, etc., would be able to look after themselves; in fact, in a large aviary it has been successfully done, but the experiment is a doubtful one in an aviary of the size of yours. Another thing is the animal food you give the Jackdaws, etc., would certainly be bad for the Parrot, and altogether I cannot advise you to make the experiment. There are many species of Parrots and Parrakeets that can be kept out of doors all the year round. If you decide on making the experiment, try a pair of Rosellas or an Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, but remember all your interior woodwork must be protected with either netting or zinc or they will soon cut their way out. The wire netting, if you try a Ring-neck, should be of thicker gauge wire than that ordinarily sold by ironmongers and stores.

How to Treat Aurora Finches.

Please tell me how to feed and treat these birds. Will they breed, and what is their value?—POPE DAY.

Pope Day.—They must have a roomy cage, and when they have got accustomed to their quarters and owners, they will probably settle down to reproduce their kind. These are delightful birds, both as to appearance and demeanour; they love the sun, and to see them disporting themselves in same is a sight to be remembered. Diet: Canary, white, French, and spray millet, some good soft food mixture, an occasional mealworm or other insect, green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. If you send to the editor for CAGE BIRDS Annual, Part I., for this year, you will find on page 31 of same a full description, with fuller notes on demeanour and treatment than can be given in this reply. Note, the cage should be so placed that at some time during the day it is half in full sunlight and half in the shade; while they love the sun, it must not be allowed to shine full upon them without a shady corner for retirement.

Young Amazon Parrot.

I have just purchased the bird; it had been fed on sop and boiled maize, but I have stopped this, and am giving the seed mixture advised in "C.B.," which it eats, but does so with some difficulty. How must I feed and treat the bird?—BABY AMAZON.

Baby Amazon.—Do not give the sop, but for a time you must give boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) daily, as well as the seed diet you are giving. When you find it eating the seed mixture freely and without difficulty, then only give the boiled maize twice a week. Twice a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize, so long as its bowels do not become watery loose; also put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in its drinking water for a time; that is, till you find it getting stronger. You must also supply ripe fruit, etc., as advised at end of reply to "Novice" in this issue. Yours is a newly-imported bird, and it is impossible to say whether it is merely a passing indisposition or some serious complaint contracted during importation. But from your details I think the bird will gradually improve and gain strength and condition. It must, of course, be kept quite free from draught; at the same time, it ought to have plenty of fresh air.

Budgerigar Killing Young.

One of my Budgerigars hatched out three young, and all went well till they were about a month old, when she entered the nest and killed one. I removed the others to save their lives. What is the cause of this? How can it be prevented? Was it desire to lay again that prompted her action? Will the young be able to feed themselves, they have bread crumbs, sop, and seed?—DISMAYED.

Dismayed.—I am afraid I can give you but little help. From your details I cannot even give the reason. With all the Budgerigars I have reared I have never had such a case, though several similar cases have come to my notice this year. Unnatural parents occur in the avian world as well as among *genus homo*—try her with another brood, and if such unnatural conduct is repeated, give her liberty, and let her take her chance among our native Sparrows, etc.; this is far better than inflicting her on anyone else. I am afraid this reply will reach you too late to save the young; if they still live they should be all right, but if they have become weak put the male in with them, and he should bring them up, but watch him at first as he has been separated from them for some days. I have never had a case in my aviary of the desire to nest again cause them to throw out young. I have had eggs laid among the young and wasted, but nothing further. I presume sexes are equal among your birds, if not, remedy this at once.

Feeding Singing Finches.

What is the proper diet for Grey and Green Singing Finches, so as to keep them in song and health? How can I tell their sex? Which is the best songster among Foreign Finches?—A NEW READER.

A New Reader.—In both these birds the sexes are almost identical as to plumage, but in comparing adult birds I have always found the plumage of the female to lack the fine lustre which is characteristic of this sex in practically all species of Finches. The male Grey Singing Finch may be distinguished by a small patch of white on the throat; this is not visible when the bird is at rest, but when singing, or the neck is stretched upwards, or if it is taken in the hand, the feathers blown apart, it can then be plainly seen. The female Green Singing Finch is slightly smaller than the male, her plumage is browner on the upper surface, and the throat is slightly washed with whitish. However, it must be noted that such distinctions only hold good with mature birds. I certainly have possessed undoubted females whose plumage was but little, if any, less bright than that of the male. Song is the main test as to sex in these birds. Diet: Canary, white, French, and spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water *ad lib* for drinking and bathing. A few good ants' eggs are also greedily eaten, as are also any small insects you can capture for them. I should not care to attempt to say which is the best seed-eating songster. What some would prefer, very probably I might term a noisy shrieking thing, and others *vice versa*. But, providing you get a good one, the Grey Singing Finch

is hard to beat. The following are all good:—Yellow-rumped Serin, Grey-necked Serin, Cape Canary, St. Helena Seed Eater, and Alario Finches.

What Parrot?

I am giving you a description of my Parrot, and shall be glad if you can tell its name. I am told it is rare. What part does it come from? What is the approximate value?—F. GEORGE.

F. George.—It is very difficult to name any species from a written description, and yours is somewhat incomplete; but I am of the opinion that your bird is a Yellow-fronted Amazon; if so, it is not rare, and its value, as an untrained, yet partially acclimatised specimen, about 30s. All the Amazons make fair talkers and good mimics, but take a lot of teaching as a rule. Occasionally an unteachable individual turns up, but they are rather uncommon. Most of them will pick up words and short phrases if kept in the ordinary living room, where they will hear plenty of conversation.

LEGAL.

Answered by a BARRISTER.

Crathorne.—Three cottages were left to A (a boy) and B and C (girls). A married and died intestate, leaving his widow D and four sons. Can the eldest of the four sons claim two-thirds of the property?—No. When a man dies intestate, leaving a widow with children, the widow takes one-third and the remaining two-thirds are divided equally among the children. The eldest son, who is about 21, has no more rights than the youngest. D's claim to the property, as well as that of her sons, are subject to the joint interests of B and C in the property.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (J. Style).—Inflammation of lungs, liver, and spleen, ending up with apoplexy, all indicative of "Bird Fever."

German Canary (H. H. Shaw)—This young bird, and possibly your others, died of Canary Fever. Run your other birds into clean cages, and disinfect everything possible with burning sulphur.

Foreign Birds (W. T. Henning).—Death was caused by acute pneumonia, and the liver was in an inflamed condition. One would think they had too much food and insufficient exercise. Do you confine them in a cage?

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cutting (J.M.N.).—Thanks for sending the cutting for which we hope to find a corner.

Question of a Medal (T.F.R.).—It is one of our rules that such statements as you take exception to in this advertisement must be replied to (or traversed) in an advertisement from the party desiring to take the latter course.

DERWENT VALLEY.

Show of Young Birds held in Co-operative Hall, Chopwell, on July 20th. Judge, Mr. G. Allan. Eighty-six birds were on view. NOR. CL. (9): 1, 2, Barkass; 3, Brown and Johnson. TKD. (4): 1, R Marsh; 2, 3, Barkass. VARIEGATED (6): 1, 2, R. Marsh; 3, Brown and Johnson; vhc, Jackson. CRESTBRED (6): 1, 2, 3, Rickaby; vhc, Routledge. YORKS. CL. (9): 1, 2, Cowman; 3, vhc, hc, Tomlinson. TKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, R. Marsh. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, W. Marsh; 2, Richardson. SELL., 10s. 6d. (4): 1, Routledge; 2, Marsh; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Brown and Johnson. 5s.: 1, Richardson; 2, Brown and Johnson. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Brown and Johnson; 2, Jackson; 3, Curry. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Curry; 3, Marsh. FINCH, A.O.V. (4): 1, Routledge; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Curry. BRITISH, A.V., OPEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Bitten; vhc, Marsh; hc, Bell; c, Brown and Johnson. CANARY (9): 1, Jackson; 2, Dixon; 3, Brown and Johnson; vhc, hc, Sharp; c, Oxley.

PORTH AND CYMMER.

The First Feather Show of the above society was held at Danix Rooms on July 13th. Considering it is a young society, a very fair number was staged, Yorks and British being strong classes. The Secretary, Mr. J. Challenger, had details well in hand. Mr. T. H. Melhuish judged. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, Llewellyn, first yellow, cobby, good head, nice chest and back, very level feather, strong bird, second paler, not so close feathered and soiled, younger bird, third smaller, nice shape; 4, vhc, hc, Williams. YORKS. (13): 1, spl best bird, 3, vhc, hc, Wilkins, leader yellow, nice quality, stands like a Guardsman, sweetly drawn, promising youngster, third buff, again true Yorkie, nice level jacket, slightly thicker in chest and waist and showing moult; 2, 4, Nash, second yellow, nice feather, full of quality and sheen, grand length, loses in position, fourth marked buff, nice shape; hc, Challenger, nice quality and shape, much younger. MULES (5): 1, 2, 3, Metcalf, all dark medium Mules; 4, Arnold. BRIT. (11): Real good class; 1, 3, 4, Norton, a grand Bullie leading, in lovely show condition, third again a Bullie, equally as good in all but cap feathers missing; 2, Gilbert, Linnet, very taking bird, steady, and shows for all he is worth, little light in pencilling; c, Thomas.

PRESTON.

The First Feather Show promoted by the Preston Ornithological Society was held in the Temperance Hall, Preston, on July 20th. There was an excellent classification, and the entries numbered over 100. The judge was Mr. J. Hopkins. The arrangements were excellent, and reflected great credit on the committee and Mr. Cleminson, the hon. secretary.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Cooper; 2, Cleminsou; 3, Curwen. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Curwen; 3, Hopkins. MKD. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, Coventry. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Cleminson; 3, Coventry. LIZARD (GOLD): 1, Coventry; 2, Lewis. SILVER: 1, Lewis. BORDER YELL.: 1, Lewis; 2, Cleminson and Curwen; 3, Hopkins. BUFF: 1, Lewis; 2, Hopkins; 3, Parkinson. MULE: 1, Senior; 2, Issott; 3, Hopkins. GOLDFINCH: 1, Senior. LINNET: 1, Leeming Bros.; 2, 3, Heaps. GREENFINCH: 1, Gregson; 2, Middleton; 3, Haworth. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, W Parkinson; 2, H. Parkinson. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Senior; 2, Curwen. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Pyke. SELL., 12/6: 1, H. Parkinson; 2, Gregson; 3, Haworth. NOVICE, YELL. NOR.: 1, Leeming Bros.; 2, Dunn; 3, Issott. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Issott; 3, Wearden. MKD. YELL.: 1, Wallace; 2, 3, Knowles. BUFF: 1, Dunn; 2, Issott; 3, Wearden. YELL. YORKS.: 1, W. Parkinson; 2, 3, Livesey. BUFF YORKS.: 1, Livesey. MKD. YELL.: 1, Livesey. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Parkinson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Salisbury. OSBALDESTON CUP: T. Issott; res., T. H. Cooper.

SHIELDS.

Held at Mr. Gregg's Cafe, Laygate-lane. Mr. John Gilhespy placed the cards, and his decisions gave general satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, bc, Richardson; 2, 3, 4, c, Alty; vhc, Ridley. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Richardson; 2, Newton; vhc, Alty; hc, c, Turner. CREST: 1, 2, Newton. CRESTBRED: 1, Newton. YORKS. YELL.: 1, W. Duke; 2, Thompson. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Thompson; 3, vhc, Duke. MULES: 1, hc, Morell; 2, Lawson; 3, vhc, c, Duke; 4, Watson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY AT WOOLWICH.

SIR,—Although it was only in last week's issue that the idea of starting the society was brought forward, it has already received sufficient support to warrant a meeting being called. I have, therefore, arranged for one on Thursday next, August 1st, at 8 p.m., at the Queen's Arms, Burrage Road. This room is only two minutes' walk from Woolwich Arsenal Station, and, being central, I hope to see a large muster. All lovers of cage birds are heartily welcome. I might say that the society is not being started in opposition to other societies, but simply to encourage and help the Fancy in every possible way. Any suggestions thankfully received.

W. PAWLEY.

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IS IT CRUEL TO CAGE BIRDS?

SIR,—While admitting that wild birds, properly treated, are, taking the year all round, better off in cages than they would be if they were in their wild state, I can quite understand some people thinking otherwise. I don't think I am wrong in saying that a good percentage of wild birds are not properly treated. Thousands are placed by their respective owners to eke out a miserable existence in small box cages, with hardly room enough for them to turn round, and I am afraid that these little creatures require a bath never enters the heads of many of these so-called bird lovers. I have a friend who has a Canary and a Linnet; the Canary he keeps in a roomy cage in the window, and the Linnet in a box cage in a corner of the room. It is for such things as these that a great many people call the caging of wild birds brutal. There is plenty of room for a Bird Lovers' League. I remember reading in CAGE BIRDS some time ago that, of the Goldfinches caught in August, 90 per cent.—I believe that was the number the writer gave—in his opinion, died before the next August. If that is so, I think bird lovers might try to stop this slaughter by getting the close season extended until the breeding operations of these birds are completed. The above figures I am taking from memory. J. CAMBURN.

SIZE IN SCOTCH FANCIES.

A Protest against "Faked Monsters."

SIR,—I would like to combat an old theory which has been revived, that it is no use breeding Scotch Fancy Canaries unless they are big. Men of experience know that is pure nonsense. There is no logic like the logic of facts, and I will give your readers a few out of many. 1907.—A fancier who is great on size mated a giant pair; they have been fruitful, but the young are of little value, being a complete failure in size and quality. So much for a big, big pair, at a fabulous cost. Another fancier, imbued with same notion, has also got a downcome. Take the other side: A pair of Scotch Fancy Canaries, if anything under the ordinary size, have produced handsome young birds; they are right for size, being large, and full of quality. Your readers have but to recall winners to prove that it is not necessary to rush upon big birds to be successful. The largest buff cock that ever stood upon perch had ordinary-sized parents; the second largest buff cock, a notable winner, was the product of tiny yellow cock bred by the renowned Mr. Hart, of Paisley, and an ordinary-sized hen; they were a cheap pair to the purchaser, and afforded a splendid profit. The biggest Green cock that ever won a cup had an ordinary mother and a diminutive father. I can mention others, but these will suffice in the meantime to prove the folly of pinning faith in big Canaries. The Scotch Fancy Canary is a bird of position, and intending purchasers ought to keep that in mind in buying. Size is good in a way, but a big bird can seldom grip the perch in the way a medium or small bird of quality can. An exhibition bird must take a firm grip of the perch, and show off everything it possesses. A very popular judge, who would never be at home on a Saturday were he accepting all the demands upon his services, once, in my hearing, listened to a company of fanciers great on size. Knowing the judge well, I could see he was disgusted. After they all had their say, he told them they were entirely wrong, and rushed fact upon fact upon them, and ended by telling them that the big birds were coarse and could not be kept clean. I entirely agreed with him. The Scotch Fancy Canary is a difficult exhibit to keep in show condition—in fact, none more so. A big feathery bird, if it is to win, has to be dressed and faked, and that has to be kept up. I would like a nice big bird, but I think far too much is made of size, and that it sickens fanciers, who might succeed were they to ignore the silly twaddle that is uttered without knowledge or regard to fact. A stand will have to be made against the monster, that has to be faked every other week; and the Scotch Fancy Canary which can be produced in its natural condition, put in its proper position—namely, 1st, cup, and special. In other words—"Honour to whom honour is due."

A FANCIER.

PARTNERSHIPS AND EXHIBITING

SIR,—How should two partners' points count in case of showing? Should they be divided, and, if so, how should they be split? Should one have half the points, and the other have half; or should one count nothing? I should like to know, as there is a dispute about this matter, and if there is anyone among your readers who can throw some light on the matter, I should be much indebted to him.

J. W.

[Some societies have a rule dealing specially with this matter. We believe that, generally speaking, the points of a firm count the same as those of an individual exhibitor. On the other hand, some societies say in their rules, "Points won by a partnership will be divided according to the number of members in such partnership." We do not know that there is any settled ruling on this question.—EDITOR.]

THE BREEDING COMPETITION.

SIR,—I may say this is the first year I have tried to breed birds, and all I have is two pairs of birds; but from them, up to date, I have had 13 birds out of 15 eggs. Nine of the birds are feeding themselves, and four are in the nest with the mother. I think this a very good start for my first time of trying. With only having four stock birds I did not think I should stand a chance in the competition, as some will be in with about a dozen pairs. Shall I stand a chance with those? Next year I hope to be able to breed with a larger number. Will I be barred from the competition if I join a bird club before the competition closes, as I am going to join one next month?—J. A. URSELL.

[You have indeed done well. The number of pairs you keep will not hinder your chance of a prize, because the results will be judged according to number of pairs kept. I am pleased to know you intend joining a society next month. The fact that you are not now a member will not affect your chance in the competition. By joining a society you will much improve your knowledge of Canary matters, and it should help you greatly.—ED.]

WILD HYBRIDS.

Mating of Thrush and a Blackbird.

SIR,—A month ago I knew that a hen Blackbird and cock Thrush had mated and gone to nest at Harwood, but I was beaten to-night when I read the enclosed cutting in the "Bolton Evening News":—

"The pair of birds, Blackbird and Thrush, recorded as nesting together at Harwood, have brought out their young brood of four quite safely. They are now fully feathered and flying about. I examined them last week and found that one bird is a Thrush, one a Blackbird, and two nondescripts, or Hybrids pure and simple. These latter have black backs and partly speckled breasts, the speckles or spots not being clearly formed, but a sort of mingling of black and brown together into a sort of smudge, without any clear characteristic about it. While investigating this matter I find that another pair of Blackbird and Thrush have this last three seasons nested together at Elton, so it begins to look as if this was not an uncommon occurrence in our district."

What say ye, Hybrid breeders, to one Thrush, one Blackbird, and two nondescripts, or Hybrids, all in one nest, and all from the eggs of the hen Blackbird? Is this not extra?

W. WHITTAKER.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A. AND THE McLEAN CUP.

SIR,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS a letter bearing the signature of "A Fancier," wherein it says: "The narrow spirit which pervades the officialism of the above society should be stamped out, and we look to the President to do that," and goes on to say: "The meeting was stormy, but the Norwich section managed to carry their point, and that the McLean Cup is to remain with the City." "A Fancier" ought to have finished his story and explained the cause of the storm; but, seeing he has omitted this, for reasons best known to himself, I will enlighten the public on this matter. Prior to 1897 a certain club ran an open show and offered for competition a cup known as the "McLean Challenge Cup," for best bird in hall, to be won twice in succession, or three times not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of any one exhibitor. Several fanciers managed to have one win on this cup, but misfortune befel this club and swamped their funds, causing the club to give up the thought of ever running another open show, and leaving them dead to the world. The members of that club, seeing their cup lay dormant, arranged to hand it over to the City of Glasgow Show for competition on the original conditions, and all previous wins to stand good. Fanciers well know this cup has been competed for at the City for the past five or six years, and has caused several exciting contests. But the latest is: A few members of a certain club have arranged to hold an open show, have taken a liking to the McLean Cup, and asked that it be handed over to them to be competed for at their show. They turned up in strong force at the City of Glasgow meeting for the object of taking the cup away with them, but were severely sat upon. Hence the cause of the storm. As to their threats as to what they will and will not do to the City Show remains to be seen, and I hope will be taken note of by fanciers at large. The City Show has stood good for over 50 years; it is likely to remain a show in spite of all threats. I consider "A Fancior's" remarks re City officialism quite out of place. FAIRPLAY.

HEN NOT SITTING.

SIR,—I have not had very good results from breeding Canaries, having only reared two from five nests, and nothing but clear eggs from Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll and Canary hen crosses. A friend of mine is doing well with Goldfinch Mules, having 11 young on the perches and a few more in nests. It is a strange thing to me that the hen he has paired with the Finch will lay all these eggs, but she won't sit. WILLIAM HINCHCLIFFE.

Correspondence Davis

THE CREST CULT IN WALES.

SIR,—I was pleased to see the letter from J. F. R. in CAGE BIRDS, and hope it will awaken the interest of Crest fanciers in Wales. I should like to see a Welsh committee formed with the object of obtaining a better classification and larger entry in all the Welsh shows. I should like to hear from all the Crest fanciers in Wales who would like to make a move, as numbers mean strength.

F. P. DYMOND.

BRISTOL BREEDERS BUSY.

SIR,—From what I can gather, Bristol fanciers' breeding results are not very rosy. Our members are having varied luck. Some are doing very well, especially the novices; others are faring very bad indeed. Two of our novice members, from three pairs of birds each, have over 20 youngsters each. Personally, I am doing very well. From 11 pairs of Norwich I have 59 youngsters (50 on the sticks and nine in the nest), and six more hens on eggs.

C. E. BROWN.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

SIR,—"Advocate of Model," by his closing remarks, fully confirms my statement regarding the letter objecting to the supposed model. He admits this slip of the tongue was correct. I don't suppose I shall hear many more slips in Greenock. I don't carry two faces under one hat, and am never afraid of speaking my opinion. Regarding my not having bred S.F., let me inform "Advocate of Model" I have already won a good ticket in a large open class with S.F. bred by myself in 1907. I admit I have bred many varieties, which has given me knowledge, which I require for breeding S.F. For the want of such, few birds appear to be bred in your town, "Advocate of Model." You are evidently a busybody, minding other people's business. I have written privately to all my friends in Greenock when I am coming your way. You object to me beating about the bush as to a certain Derby, do you? Well, if you are fit to advocate a model, I have said enough about the matter personally, and through the press, for any ordinary person to find out my meaning in the town where it occurred. In Scotland, last year, two fanciers were brought before meeting after meeting till it was a crying shame, and now another case of the same kind has occurred. Mark, I do not name the town, or Derby, and I will give you no further information until you have the courage to sign your name, and then will only give such information on condition, with the Editor's consent, it is duly published in CAGE BIRDS. Now, "Advocate of Model," you appear to be very funny in your opening remarks. Don't be like "'Umpty Dumpty"—have a great fall. I can assure you that a fall is certain, only time wanted. J. HARRISON.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS for July 13th I notice a reply from "Advocate for Model," wherein he indulges in writing a lot of irrelevant matter, having no direct bearing on the subject whatever at issue. My aim and object on this question of a Scotch Fancy model has all along been perfectly plain, and I do not intend going back over ground I have already passed. As a member of the committee on the Scotch Fancy model, the thanks of those interested in the subject are due to Mr. Harrison, as the only one of that famous committee who has had the courage to defend his position as a member of that committee, and in doing so has given us some idea of the mode of procedure adopted in arriving at a standard to suit themselves. I need hardly say that much more was expected, and much disappointment has been experienced by those who have given their time and artistic knowledge with a view of assisting and bringing the question of a model to a satisfactory conclusion. The question will have to be re-opened again, and gentlemen appointed who will have no other aim or object but the good of the Scotch Fancy. As matters stand at present, there is no standard for Scotch Fancies. Each judge holds his own opinion and acts accordingly. It is well known how unsatisfactory such judging is. In a lecture delivered recently by that well-known fancier Mr. E. G. Wright, of Edinburgh, he says: "I am strongly of opinion if a standard is to be set up, that an effort should be made to convene a meeting, and that meeting must be representative of all our societies and clubs in Scotland. We will not, and rightly so, be dominated by any particular club, no matter by what name. We must have representation." Now, I can only endorse what Mr. Wright here suggests, and on no other lines can any satisfactory results be obtained. "Advocate for Model" would do well to give this subject some little study. By so doing, the results may not only be a revelation to himself, but, what is more important, he might be able to give some reasonable counsel or advice on the subject to further the object in view. The position the Scotch Fancy stands in at present as to a standard is nil. Do Scotch Fancy breeders in general favour the tight-feather model, or do they favour the loose-feather variety? I would be glad to hear from your many readers, through CAGE BIRDS, which is correct?

PIEBALD.

THE DISQUALIFIED GREENS AT THE LATE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—In your issue of July 13th Mr. Clayton boldly states that his appeal to the C.B.U. was carried unanimously, and that it was generally understood by the Executive that prize money would follow automatically on the quashing of the disqualification. I regret to have to differ with Mr. Clayton. If his statement is correct, why on earth did not the Council show their courage by boldly stating that the appeal was allowed, and the disqualification quashed? Then both Mr. Clayton and myself would have known where we were. Mr. Lythgoe, in sending me the result of the meeting and a copy of the resolution passed (writing to me as Show Manager), remarks—on April 28th and 29th:—"This (the resolution) took a lot of drafting and settling, so as to let the judge down gently. . . . The general opinion seemed to be that, if the feathers were cut, they had not been done with the cognizance of the exhibitors. . . . The resolution is very vague and non-committal." Now, Sir, as I could not understand this very vague and non-committal resolution, I immediately applied to Mr. Tweed, Hon. Solicitor to the C.B.U., for his advice, and Mr. Tweed replied that in his view "the resolution passed by the ex-Council of the C.B.U. merely exonerates the exhibitors from any imputation of fraud, but does not over-rule the disqualification of the birds." My committee took the same view as Mr. Tweed, and, after further legal advice, decided not to pay Mr. Clayton, but to promote the birds standing under him and pay prize money accordingly. That the decision of the C.B.U. was an unsatisfactory one I freely admit, and on this point Mr. Clayton has my sympathy. I have a mass of correspondence relative to this case, which, if published, would astonish your readers; but as most of it was received by me in my capacity of a councillor of the C.B.U., I doubt if I should be justified in publishing it. Mr. Hadwin, on being written to re judges at the next Palace Show, replies:—"I am sorry to inform you that Messrs. Mundell and Heath are not eligible to judge the Greens this year." I should like to know why these gentlemen are not eligible. For the honour of the G.C.A. I hope it is not because they did their duty and disqualified birds they honestly believed to have been trimmed.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

THE C.B.U. AND LLANDILO SHOW.

SIR,—Through your columns I should like to thank the chairman of the Llandilo Society for the very prompt manner in which he acted as regards the special, which was sent off the same day as my letter appeared, thus proving once more the value of the Press.

With regard to Mr. Lythgoe's letter anent the eight weeks' "dilatoriness," I still maintain it, and he gives a poor excuse. One would have thought that he would have written to Mr. Roehuck saying that he had written to the Llandilo Secretary, and, in the event of Mr. Roebuck not getting the special, he was to write and let him know. As Mr. Lythgoe did not write to Mr. Roebuck, I fail to see how he could naturally assume that the special had been forwarded. If he did not think so, why did he not return the prize cards, etc.? Also in his letter Mr. Lythgoe gives us further proof of his dilatoriness—"six months" this time—for we find that he has not received the money for the show rules he supplied last January. One would naturally think that Mr. Lythgoe, being a business man, that he would have received the money first before he sent the rules out, and I would suggest to him that in future he does so, which would save his valuable time and the C.B.U. postage. Without casting any reflection on anyone, I should like to ask the following question:—How is it that the C.B.U. have no treasurer?

J. W. NORRIS.

SIR,—The special at Llandilo Show which Mr. Lythgoe, of the C.B.U., and Mr. Norris, of the Roller Club, have been writing about is the fault of the Secretary, Mr. D. O. Jones, and the Chairman, Mr. Hopkins. All letters that the Secretary has received since the last show have not been shown to any of the committee. The special that was won by Mr. Roehuck was given by Mr. Edwards, Railway Tavern Hotel, who took the special to the Chairman a few days after the show, as the Chairman had undertaken to send all specials away, and he is the only one to blame for not sending same away. Re Mr. Lythgoe's letter in CAGE BIRDS of July 20th, that he has not yet received payment for C.B.U. Rules, I may say that the matter will be looked into at once, as we intend calling a meeting on Monday, July 22nd, to see if we can work the show better another year. Up to now we have not seen the balance-sheet. Hoping Mr. Lythgoe will look over the delay, as there is no fault on the committee.

H. GRIFFITHS.
(Committeeman Llandilo C.B.S.)

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

District No. 12.

SIR,—The result of the voting for election of a representative to the Executive Council for this district, rendered vacant by Messrs. Crabb and Hodson not accepting office, is as follows:—Mr. Vale, two votes; Messrs. Colman, Hazell, Martin, Maddison, and Warr, one each. For Chairman and Secretary for No. 12 District Committee Mr. Vale is elected with three votes; Mr. Maddison received two, and Messrs. Hodson and Spowage one each. Mr. Martin is re-elected Secretary unanimously. Seven voting papers were returned in each case.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Scrutineer.

COAL TAR AS A CURE FOR ASTHMA IN CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last three years, and it is amusing to read some of the correspondence at times. As regards the coal tar question, I can say that coal tar is a sure cure. I had a bird come out of the moult last September with asthma, and I tried all the tips that were published until the coal tar was first mentioned, but with no good result. I got some oil of coal tar from a chemist, thinking it would be what was meant in the first letter; but it did no good. I read Miss Bushnell's first letter, and I went in a hurry to the chemist's with CAGE BIRDS in my hand to let him see what was wanted. He reached a bottle off a shelf and put a few drops in some water. There was no mistake about the milky-white colour. I got three pennyworth, and treated the bird for a fortnight with it—five drops a day in two tablespoonfuls of water—and he is singing good now. If S. H. George will get the coal tar and try it in water, he will see where the milky-white colour comes in.

W. CARRINGTON.

SIR,—Seeing several enquiries lately in CAGE BIRDS re tar for asthma in cage birds, I thought a few notes might be of use to your correspondents. The coal tar which turns milky on adding to water is solution of coal tar, and is used mostly in skin diseases, eczema, etc. The ordinary tar of commerce is prepared by destructive distillation of different species of pine woods, and is called Stockholm tar. What I generally use myself is syrup of tar, 20 drops, and one drop of the solution of tar; mix and add to the drinking water. Shall be very pleased to give any further information to any of your contributors.

S. CROOK.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. George re Dutch Drops, I may say I have used them for years, with most satisfactory results. They are not only good for asthma, but several other complaints, such as liver trouble, inflammation, chills, etc. We have imported them from Rotterdam for the last ten years, and when I say we run through something like 500 dozen per annum, you can form an idea how extensively they are used; in fact, they will cure anything but a broken leg. I am herewith sending you, Mr. Editor, a sample of this world-renowned remedy.

THOS. BURTON.

SIR,—I have read with interest the various letters re solution of coal tar (Liq. Reci Carbona B.P., 1898) in your columns. I know from experience a lot of chemists don't keep same, especially in country places. I may say the wholesale price of solution of coal tar is 4s. per lb., and any of your readers should be able to buy same at 4d. an ounce from any chemist who keeps it.

A. ROTHWELL.

SIR,—I think asthma, and in fact all kindred ailments, is a question of germs and air. Birds, like everything else, must have pure air and clean bodies, and I shall be glad to forward address of a firm who have a preparation of a tarry nature which, for washing out the cages and their inmates, has no superior. A shilling bottle of their preparation makes about 50 gallons, and, being absolutely non-poisonous and good, it should be tried. I don't want to be an advertising medium, but your readers can have it by sending ½d. stamp.

A. TELFER.

61, Coniston Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GETTING BRITISH BIRDS ON TO SEED.

SIR,—Now that the catching season will soon be upon us again, a few hints on how to get British birds on to seed may be useful to your readers. When first caged, get a piece of their favourite food, such as groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc. Now dip this in water, and then amongst your canary, teasel and other seeds, and put it into the cage; also be sure they are getting at the drinking water. Even though one puts the drinking vessel inside the cage, many of the birds don't know how to get at it. If after a time they look a bit dumpy, catch them gently and dip their bills into the drinking dish, when you will be surprised how greedily most of them will take it.

JAMES CLARKE.

BORDER COUNTIES NORWICH AND CINNAMON CLUB.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of 5s. from our President, Mr. Macdonald, Wallsend. Will Show Secretaries see to their judge being a member at once? A full list of shows receiving our patronage appeared in CAGE BIRDS, April 13th, yet some Secretaries have not found time to make arrangements with me re conditions. Any show not having complied with rules by end of August, patronage will not be given, but will be given to shows willing to comply with rules. Anyone wishing to join must do so at once; fee, 2s. 6d. The novice gold medal is to be valued at over one guinea. Dr. O. Neill (Sunderland) and Mr. R. F. Rennison (Alnwick) have been elected auditors for ensuing year, in place of Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) and myself.

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MOULTING BRITISH BIRDS IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—This question will soon be a momentous one. How to preserve the full beauty of the colour is the point which interests everyone, whether the birds are merely kept for one's own pleasure, or to enter the lists and strive for laurels in the world of exhibition. Provided only that the birds were fed and kept as near as possible to natural conditions, there should be no reason whatever why the birds should not retain their colour to the fullest degree. That it is possible has been proved over and over again by the exhibits of a select few clever and skilful bird-keepers. Good food, pure water, fresh air, plenty of light—i.e., diffused light, and not direct sun rays—is the best possible colour food for British birds. If the birds cannot be turned into an outdoor aviary to moult, they may at this time of the year have their cages hung out in the open air, out of the direct rays of the sun, for the greater part of the day, and will gain much in tone and vigour thereby. Kept under such conditions, I never found such a vast loss of colour in caged British birds as is often said to be the case, though it is easy to understand how such loss would occur in birds kept in small miserable cages, and with the blood impoverished by improper feeding. There are plenty of advocates in favour of the practice of colour-feeding British birds intended for show. The opponents of the practice are likewise a goodly host. Where the camp is so divided, the exhibiting fancier who hopes to make the most of his opportunities can only do so by a careful study of birds, awards and judges, so that he may gather some reliable knowledge as to which type of bird individual judges seem to favour. Then, when he wishes to exhibit at a show, he will be able to know which type of bird is most likely to score a win under the judge who is advertised to officiate. Personally, I do not approve of the practice at all, and consider it a pity that one should attempt to improve or alter the natural tones of British birds at all. A pity, because in the great majority of cases the effect is anything but an improvement. It is, indeed, in but very few cases that any improvement is effected, and in others the result is little less than a caricature of the real natural tone of colour. Still, when one will, one will, I suppose; therefore let them use a moderate amount of pure red feed only to carry out their purpose.

BRITISHER.

A PROLIFIC LAYER.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. G. S. Culpeck, re a good layer, I have a small Norwich Crested hen and a medium size Plainhead cock, both about four years old, paired this year, with the following results:—First round, five eggs; five hatched. Second round, seven eggs; five hatched and two dead in shells. Third round, six eggs; six hatched. Fourth round, six eggs; six hatched, now a few days old. This same hen and cock last year:—First round, five eggs; five hatched. Second round, four eggs; four hatched. Third round, seven eggs; six hatched (one egg got broken). Fourth round, four eggs; four hatched. This same hen, before she came into my possession, was the mother of about 12. Sorry to say seven of last year's birds died when about five weeks old, through my own fault, not knowing then there was such a valuable weekly in existence as CAGE BIRDS, that would have taught me better. It speaks wonders. It has been the means of saving old and young this year. I have recommended "C. B." to my friends with good results. My birds are practically cold-room bred, and old and young, when season finished, are transferred to an aviary in a cold conservatory, where they remain all through the winter.

W. A. CLARK.

CRAMP IN YOUNG SKYLARKS.

SIR,—The fancier of British birds who makes a point of rearing and training his own stock of Skylarks invariably finds this the greatest trouble he has to combat. His young birds may grow, thrive and fledge with the utmost satisfaction, but one day, sooner or later—and generally it is very soon—after they begin to run about and leave the nest, they will be found squatting on the floor, with leaden, helpless and stiffened legs and claws—pathetic and helpless objects, yet withal, apparently, as healthy and bright as ever. Freshly-caught old Skylarks are also more or less liable to be attacked until they get accustomed to cage life. Many theories have been promulgated to account for this cramping. A popular theory regarding young birds is that it is caused by giving too much water or food too moist whilst in the nest—a theory which would appear to be negatived by the freshly-caught old birds being similarly affected. Then it is said to be due to the absence of a turf or bed of earth to sit upon, as in a state of nature; but here, again, the trouble will be found to occur among birds with all these privileges. That which would seem most feasible is that lack of space in which to exercise and develop the leg power is mainly responsible for the trouble, which may doubtless be aggravated by resting continually on bare boards or sand. Acting on these theories, the remedy is fairly obvious. When the young are ready to leave the nest place them in a good large runner cage, wherein they may make good use of their legs, and cover a third part of the floor with turf, another third with soil, and leave the remainder bare. In this way the birds will gradually become accustomed to the usual condition of cage life by the time they are ready to be caged off singly.

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CONCERNING CANARY-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS.

SIR,—I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS a correspondent states that he has three fine Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids doing well, and asks your Mr. Weston if it is necessary to colour-feed them for show. The answer given by Mr. Weston makes one smile. Fancy seeing strong competition in a Canary-Bullfinch class! I have attended a good few shows in my time, and have seen one or two of these so-called Hybrids (?); but the Canary part of them certainly wants some finding. My advice to the breeder of those three birds is, put them on the bench as Nature has made them, and, if genuine Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids, they will get in the money without colour feeding.

W. DUGMORE.

[Our correspondent apparently overlooks the fact that there was a strong Canary-Bullfinch class at the last Crystal Palace Show. The reply Mr. Weston gave did not touch this point, however; it said "strong competition," meaning against Hybrids of all varieties. The question of colour feeding and the genuineness of these Hybrids are matters of personal opinion, and, of course, our correspondent is quite entitled to express his views.—EDITOR.]

Many Letters held over

A Few Hints on the Moulting Season.

By H. W. BATTYE.

As the moulting season is now just commencing, perhaps a few hints may be of service to those who have only recently joined the Fancy. Most of the old hands have some way of managing of their own, and these will not need advice from me. We will deal with the old birds first. Those that have any pretensions to show form should now be placed in single cages—especially the cocks, as they will be liable to start dropping feathers almost any day; and those who intend to be in the running next show season in the various competitions throughout the country cannot afford to give anything away owing to neglect or carelessness. It is far better to begin giving colour food a few weeks too early than to be even one week too late.

ONE BIRD, ONE CAGE.

Start off each old bird in a perfectly clean cage. Where the cages are on shelves or in a rack, buy some cheap muslin, get the wife or some lady friend to sew sufficient of the widths together to reach from end to end of the cages, then turn about one inch down at the top and hem it, so that it will leave room enough to run a length of strong twine through. Fasten the ends of this twine to each side of your room, and allow the curtain to hang about a foot or so from the cage fronts. Let it remain right through the moult, except when you are feeding and watering the birds, when you can draw the curtain till finished, disturbing the birds as little as possible. I don't care to clean out my cages till the birds have got rid of most of their old feathers. If the birds are accustomed to run into a show cage this should be done, and the bird be put into a quiet corner till you have cleaned out the cage. A better plan still is to have a duplicate cage cleaned ready, and run the bird straight into it. Never alter the position of any of your birds during the moult. Whatever position in your room you start a bird in the moult, let it finish there, if at all possible. Many a good bird has gone amiss owing to being removed from its usual place, especially if removed into another room, or even to the opposite side of the same room. Keep your room at as even a temperature as you can—say from 60 to 70 degrees. Be sure and avoid all draughts getting on to the birds. Give them regular attention in regard to food and water.

WHEN TO USE THE BATH.

Do not give the bath until you see new feathers showing down each side of the breast, when you need not fear to let them bathe freely. On nice, bright, sunny days put the bath on for half-an-hour, and if the bird has not had a dip by then, take it away till the next day, and the bird will quickly learn to take its dip as soon as you hang on the bath. If any particular bird does not take to the ordinary bath, put a shallow pot—such as an empty shrimp pot—inside the bath, fill it with water, and drop a small piece of green food into the water. This will often tempt a shy bird to go into the water, and when once a bird begins there is seldom much trouble about it bathing afterwards. The above remarks refer to birds that are expected to moult out show birds. The general stock may be moulted in twos or threes in good sized cages, or in batches in large flights; but birds moulted in this manner are apt to get damaged through some of the other birds being of a mischievous or quarrelsome disposition; some of them never seeming content unless plucking the feathers out of their cage mates. Further, when birds are moulted in batches, you cannot always be sure whether one bird is getting a double share of colour food and another none at all. Birds that have given fair promise of being above the ordinary I much prefer moulting singly, as far as it is possible to do so; but when cage room is limited this cannot be done. When a bird has a cage to itself there is a far better chance to get it steady during the latter part of the moult, so that when finished it is at once ready for the show bench. Young birds I like to keep in batches of from three to six, until they are from eight to twelve weeks old, getting them well on to colour food before breaking them for moulting. When about the latter age I select those that seem likely to make show birds and put them in couples if they agree, and if not I let them have a cage to themselves, leaving those that are not so promising to moult in batches. In this way there is far less trouble to those who have to attend to their wants. Keep a sharp eye on them, and should there happen to be one of the mischievous or quarrelsome sort among them, this must be caged by itself.

HOW TO TREAT QUARRELSOME BIRDS.

If there are a couple of this sort, it sometimes answers well to put them together, when they are nothing above the ordinary. When it is necessary to mix two or more nests of young ones together, a good plan is to use rings, or to clip a notch out of the inside of some of the flight feathers, making a note of the fact at the time for future reference, in case you may forget which is which. See that the birds have a good supply of clean, sharp, gritty sand given fresh two or three times a week. As to food and drink during moult, many men have many minds, and some are, or pretend to be, very secretive, and seem to think there is only one way to do the trick, and that their own. There are many ways that lead to the same, or nearly the same, end, which is to moult out birds smooth and tight in feather, and as even and rich in colour as possible. I will first deal with the drinking water. Some attach far more importance to this than there is any necessity for doing, as, owing to the very small quantity of liquid a healthy bird drinks during a period of 24 hours, whatever is put into the water can have very little influence on the bird from a colouring point of view. I don't care to, nor do I think it necessary to, use anything besides clean water, when a bird is in good health, for drinking purposes, unless I happen to have a bird that develops a big thirst, and begins to drink far more than is good for him. When I have one of this kind, I find a few drops of brandy, whisky or rum, say eight or ten drops in two tablespoonfuls of water, is often the means of checking this bad habit of drinking too much water. At the same time, the spirit has a stimulating effect on the bird. This also answers well with young birds of from six to ten weeks old that contract this habit, as many of them do at this age. As to the food during moult, in the first place let them be well supplied with good clean, sound canary seed as their staple food. At the time when they should be falling into the moult let them have a liberal supply of maw seed as well, given separately—say half a teaspoonful per bird every other day, in addition to their colour food, until they have begun to cast their feathers.

WHAT PEPPER?

There are several good brands of well-tried hot and cold peppers on the market. Some say you can get as good, or even better colour, by using the cold pepper without the addition of any hot; but I have found that by adding one part of hot to four parts cold the colour is far more lasting, and of a brighter and more finished appearance. I have tried both ways to test the point. One season I fed all my birds on cold (or tasteless) pepper, and got some very hot-coloured birds, but they gradually faded in their colour until they were ordinary colour. Certain oils are used by many in addition to the hot pepper, along with the tasteless or cold pepper. Some say one kind is best, and others swear by another. The safest and one of the best is sublime or pure olive oil, blended as follows:—4 lbs. tasteless pepper, 1 lb. hot Natal pepper, and 6 oz. of olive oil. When mixing your egg-food add to it one teaspoonful of sugar and two teaspoonfuls of colour food to half-a-pint of egg-food, well mixing together, and allowing one teaspoonful to each bird fresh once a day, or half a teaspoonful twice a day. I have not much fear of you being satisfied with the results when your birds are through the moult—that is, providing you give them regular attention, and do not think you are at liberty to let them be without colour food one day, and fancy it will not matter if you give them a double dose the next. When the birds are approaching the end of the moult, mix a little fresh-ground linseed with the colour food—not a lot, say about one teaspoonful to half-a-pint of egg-food. Twice or thrice a week place a slice of boiled carrot between the wires of the cage. These two things will greatly assist in putting a gloss on, and in tightening up the feathers. If the novices, for whom these few notes are written, will follow the directions laid down, they need not trouble about the supposed secrets said to be held so tight by the old hands, as I think I can promise them as good a colour as the average, at any rate.

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Birds I have Kept.

By J. JONES (Dudley).

A Lecture delivered before the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

It has given me great pleasure to come before you to-night and try to explain in as simple a manner as possible how I feed and manage my different kinds of British Birds. As many of you are well aware, it has only been the last few years that I have taken up seriously the keeping of British birds, and during that time I have taken leading honours at all the principal shows in the country, and this last show season I have been just as successful, as the following winnings will show to you:—First and special, Dawley; 1st and special, Cannock; 1, 2, 3, Kidderminster; 1st, special, 3rd, Netherton; 1, 2, 3, Bromsgrove; 1st and special, Dulwich and Peckham; 2, 3, Bristol; 1, 2, 3, and special, Lye; two 1sts, 2, 3, Stourbridge; 1, 3, and special, Madeley; 2, 3, Dudley; 1st and special, Birmingham "members," 1, Nottingham; 3, Cardiff; 1, special, 3, Weston-super-Mare; two firsts, two seconds, 3rd and special, Cheadle; 3rd, Worcester; etc.

Before I took such a keen interest in British, I was for a great number of years a very keen and successful fancier in the Canary and Mule sections, my fancy at that time being the Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Crest, Norwich, Linnet-Bully, Goldy-Bully, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, and every variety of light Goldfinch and Linnet Mule, of which I have bred a great many the last few years, but I am running away from the subject for which your worthy secretary invited me here, and I will at once return to "Birds I Have Kept." I may as well tell you at the commencement of this short article, I do not profess to know any more than you have already seen written so many times in the papers devoted to our great hobby. First of all, I shall deal with one of my favourite birds, and one I have been very successful with on the show bench, viz.,

THE NIGHTINGALE.

The Nightingale, as most of you well know, is not a very taking bird to look at, in its somewhat sombre brown coat, but still, at the same time, one in good condition and plumage is well worth all the attention that has to be bestowed on it. For we know they are not so easy to keep as some of the common seed eaters are. We cannot give them a good feed one day, and then miss the next, for if we do they soon begin to puff up and look very thick. The "'Gale," as a general rule, takes very easily to cage life, and also is very easily tamed. I know of no bird that takes such a liking to those who feed and look after it than does "the king of all the songsters." The Nightingales always expect some little "bit-bit" when you enter their room, in the shape of a good fat spider, a nice clean gentle, or a fat mealworm. All seem to come alike to them. With regard to their feeding, I do not put much faith in any of the so-called prepared foods we see advertised so much. I like to make my food myself fresh every day. The way I prepare it is as follows:—Hard boiled egg, dried flies, ant's eggs, made crumbly moist with a grated carrot, or a mashed potato, and for a change, in place of the carrot, an apple minced up very fine is good. Once a week, when grinding the egg, add a small piece of cuttle fish bone, and grind up very fine with it.

NEVER OMIT THE EGG.

Now, take my advice, and whatever you decide to omit from their daily fare, do not omit the egg. If you do you will soon be in want of another "'Gale." I have tried my very best to keep them without it, but find I cannot do so. Now, with regard to live foods. The mealworm is the most generally used by fanciers, as you can get them very cheap, and they are very easy to breed. After that comes gentles, wasp grub, live ants, and their eggs. Always make a practice of keeping a good stock of live ants by you, and then if your Nightingale goes off his feed you can get nothing finer than these to pull him round. Some fanciers' advice, as soon as he goes off his feed, is to give him as many mealworms as he will eat. This is why we lose nearly all our "'Gales." As most of you are aware, they will eat mealworms till you cannot get them to eat anything else, and then they get fat and puffed up, which, no doubt, tends to throw them into fits and causes them to pine slowly away. If you have a good supply of live ants by you, as I advise, two or three spoonsful a day will soon pull them round again, and at the same time, will not purge them like the mealworms do, for we know mealworms are purging.

COLLECT THE WASPS' NESTS.

Always make a point of getting as many wasps' nests as you can when they are in season, and then, with a good supply of gentles, you will be able to put the mealworms away till the winter comes round, when there is not so much live food to be had. I will tell you the way I keep my ants. I keep them in tin cans, and once a week I sprinkle a little sugar over them, and anything green they seem to thrive well on. You will find a spoonful of these every day will work wonders with your bird.

With regards to green foods. I find the best to be lettuce, chopped up very fine, and mixed with the other food. A small spray of watercress, hung in the wires they relish very much indeed. I have tried them with groundsel, but they do not seem to care very much for it. I think you all know how very good the common spider is as a live food for them. Always try to give them one every day. I think that is all I need tell you how to feed.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

One note of warning before I tell you how to cage them. Always be very careful with whom you deal when buying such birds as Nightingales, Blackcaps, Wrynecks, etc., and make a strong point of asking them how they are feeding them. I know full well, and to my great cost, that some men never meat any of their birds off while they are in their possession, but feed them on nothing else but wasp grub and live gentles as long as they are in their possession, and then never give them any water at all. Now as soon as we buy them we give them water the first thing, and if they do not drink to our liking we try our best to make them, and as they have not been used to it, it does more harm than good. They tell you to feed on plenty of wasp grub and gentles. You try and put them on prepared food. They throw it all over the cage bottom, then you think they have eaten it all up, and very often fanciers do not notice this at the time, but as soon as you stop giving them the wasp grub and gentles, they begin to get thin, fall away, and we soon lose them; for having not been properly meated off, they do not know anything of the so-called prepared foods, and they die through nothing else but starvation, although being fed on nothing else but wasp grub. I may say they will live and get very fat on this, for a very long time, for they never seem to tire of eating it. Young fanciers never find this out till they have lost all their birds. Another note of warning, never keep "'Gales" in a very warm place, for they will do very well in a cold room all the year round. I never have any fire in my rooms at all, and my birds are as hard and healthy as any you ever see on the show bench. The one I have here to-night has won upwards of fifty prizes this last five years, and whilst in the possession of Mr. Hingley, of Quarry Bank, it stood outside all the winter, exposed to all sorts of weather, and many a time was snowed up, but still be survived it all, and, as you all can now see, he is looking as well as ever he did, and is now clean moulted thus early in the season.

MOULTING THE "'GALES."

I always try, and I generally succeed, to moult all my "'Gales" as soon as the show season is over, and that is about the last week in January. For this purpose only I bring them out of the cold room into my bar, where there is a fire and gas always burning, and I find in the course of a very few days they start to cast their feathers, and by the second week in April I have them clean moulted and in full song again. The one I have brought here to-night has sung all through his moult, but this is the exception and not the rule. Give as much live food as you can while moulting. I think I have told you all I know with regards to feeding and moulting.

CAGES FOR "'GALES."

I will now describe their cages. Always have them as large as you can. Mine are as follows:—Length, 30 in.; height, 18 in.; depth, 11 in.; canvas tops, loose fronts, sand tray to draw out at front of cage 1½ in. deep, food and water tins inside of cage, doors at each end, and one door at front of cage large enough for a bath to hang on. I always keep the bath on cage, winter and summer, as all "'Gales" are very fond of bathing. Take my advice, and never hand wash a "'Gale," if you can avoid it, as their feathers are so very tender and easily get broken. Another thing, never attempt to pull a "'Gale's" tail feathers out whilst the show season is on, as it will take quite four months to grow them again. I have known fanciers do this when the tails have been broken, and then have not been able to show them all the season, through this one fault. For the cage bottom I use sawdust as a rule, changing same twice a week. You can in place of the sawdust use garden soil every now and then with very good results.

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Unionism in Yorkshire.

An Interview with Mr. Fred. Hammond, Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

Many is the kingdom which has been strengthened and firmly established by a revolution, and what applies to institutions of great moment applies with equal force to smaller ones. It is only a few years since the cage bird Fancy was riven by a revolt which caused much heart-burning and the breaking of many friendly ties which had bound together fanciers of the county of broad acres. When the trouble first began it was like the cloud in the sky—only a little thing; but from small causes do great issues spring. So it was in the revolt which occurred in the Yorkshire Union. Insignificant and of little moment, it nevertheless grew until it had lashed the Fancy into a ferment and strained the ties of fellowship not only to breaking point, but something beyond. Yet out of the evil hath good come, and to-day the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies is a sounder, stronger, firmer organisation than either of the two bodies which immediately preceded it. I am not going into the causes of the revolt. To do so would be to stir up matter which is better left to the oblivion to which it has been condemned. It belongs to the past—to a past which had best be forgotten. No good can come from the recalling of those incidents which caused the snapping of old ties and old associations, but it is rather with things of a more pleasurable character that I would deal—harmony and unity, as opposed to discord and warfare. The revolt divided Yorkshiremen into two sections, and each with that pertinacity and doggedness which is so characteristic of our northern brethren considered themselves in the right; and for a time, whilst hot-headed passion held them, neither could do right in the sight of the other. But passion quickly cooled, as it was bound to do amongst the sons of such a sporting county as Yorkshire. In a little while passion began to slumber, and then to sleep; whilst there arose a feeling in the breasts of many that the good old days, after all, contained much that they fain would have and which they most greatly missed. If there is one thing above all others for which Yorkshiremen are famed, it is their comradeship and sporting spirit. This spirit it was which caused many of them to regret the events which had riven asunder old friendships, and with that regret came a feeling that it would be good could they once more show to the world the united front which had existed for so many years. Friendship asserted itself. The heart spoke louder than the head, and stronger and stronger grew the desire to rest in the same camp. With Yorkshiremen to think is to act, and in a little while reunion was brought about, and that without the loss of self-respect or the breaking down of principles dear to either party.

A STRONG MAN.

I did not, however, take up my pen to voice my own opinion about the men of Yorkshire, but to place before the readers of Cage Birds a few interesting facts culled in an interview with Mr. Fred. Hammond, the man who had much to do with the bringing together of the divided legions of Yorkshire. Mr. Hammond has been spending a short holiday in London town. It was my good pleasure to meet him and have a chat on the doings of the Fancy in the land of the white rose. It is needless for me to say anything about Mr. Hammond's popularity in Yorkshire. The man who, whilst a leader of one party, was selected by the other to lead the van in the cause of re-union must be a strong man—strong in his own individuality, strong to labour in a good cause, and strong in the respect of his fellow men. It would be impossible to find any man more fitted to give one a true insight into the Yorkshire Fancy than he who, by the unanimous vote of 1,100 Yorkshiremen, has been elected to the proud position of Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Union. His election to such a post is a most fitting tribute, not only to his capacity for work, but also to the high esteem in which his abilities are held by his fellow-fanciers in the county from which he hails.

When I asked Mr. Hammond if he would kindly allow me the privilege of putting before the readers of Cage Birds some of the interesting and instructive remarks which I gathered in my conversation with him, he most cordially consented. With his full approval do I now set them forth, in the hope that not only will they benefit the Fancy generally, but that they may also tend to remove many misconceptions which have arisen, and thereby increase the popularity of the Yorkshire Union, and the respect in which it is held, not only by fanciers within the county, but by those outside as well.

SPORT LEADS TO UNITY.

My first question to Mr. Hammond, concerning that body with which he holds such high official connection, was—What brought about the re-union in Yorkshire? The answer came swiftly: the desire amongst many of the fanciers to meet together once more on common ground—the desire for the old fellowship. Whilst the two bodies—the Yorkshire Union and the Amalgamated O.S.—existed, there was a feeling of unrest, which was not conducive to that good understanding which should exist between the fanciers of a district, and many felt that the feeling of mistrust and suspicion would eventually work much harm both to the present and future generations. Wishing to resume the old amicable relations which existed between the older societies, they did their best to smooth down the sharp points which divided the Fancy, and to promote a resumption of the old friendly intercourse. Epoch making, however, was a cricket match played between the Windhill and Bradford West societies. That match not only led to the question being discussed, but it also paved the way to a settlement of the friction and the joining together again of all the societies.

Sport ever has played a big part in the lives of Yorkshiremen, and it was only fitting that sport should be the means of healing the feud, I remarked. Mr. Hammond, proceeding, agreed, and said that the chat at the match led to the desire to avoid the clashing of dates, and from that went on to the calling of a meeting to further discuss the question of re-union. At the express desire of the Windhill Society, I was elected to preside over that meeting. That meeting led to others of the delegates of both bodies, with Mr. R. Halliday as chairman, and the appointment of a joint committee of six delegates from each body, under the presidency of Mr. Halliday, to draw up the rules, and thus clinch the matter. This committee worked in the most unselfish manner, and conducted its proceedings on most business-like lines.

DEMOCRACY v. AUTOCRACY.

Your present rules are not much different to those of the old union, are they?—No, not greatly. The main differences are those relating to the election of officers, the novice competition, and the alteration of the rules—all of which have strengthened our organisation and made the present Union a much more stable body than the old Yorkshire Union. We have done away with the autocratic power which the old Council possessed in the election of its officers, the election now being decided by the vote of all the members, the voting being by ballot. In the past the Union was ruled in great measure by those members who, having what is known as "the gift of the gab," were able by their persuasive, argumentary powers to sway the delegates in council assembled, and not only did this apply in the election of officers, but also in the alteration of existing rules, or the framing of new ones.

In the old days, I believe, there used to be considerable trouble over the novice medal question?—Yes, and it bid fair to wreck the Union. In fact, it would soon have made it bankrupt financially, even whilst it gave rise to much squabbling and disappointment. We have done away with the old order of giving a medal to the winners of three first prizes in novice classes, and have substituted a scheme whereby we give twelve medals this season, and these medals being for points scored the whole season through, will keep the interest alive, and give us big entries in the novice classes right through the season. Next season the winners of these twelve medals—that is, the twelve most successful novices—will have to leave the novice classes and take their chance in the sea of open competition.

A GLORIOUS FUTURE.

What do you think of the prospects for the future?—Splendid! We are bound to go ahead. We shall make greater strides than ever. We have real Home Rule in Yorkshire now, and the fanciers are banded together with an enthusiasm that has never been known before. There is no fear for the future. We have done away with the old autocratic spirit. We are a democratic body, moving on up-to-date lines, with our motto, "Government of the Fancy by the Fancy, and for the Fancy."

There is a big increase in the number of societies compared with the old Union?—Yes, we have about half as many again. We now muster twenty-four societies, but only eighteen are holding open shows this season. They are—Oct. 4th and 5th, Halifax; judge, Mr. A. Hirst. Oct. 11th and 12th, Windhill; judge, Mr. W. Mundell. Oct. 19th, Skelmanthorpe; judge, Mr. J. Robson. Oct. 26th, Gt. Horton Good Intent; judge, Mr. R. Halliday. Nov. 2nd, Sandy Lane; judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe. Nov. 9th, Queensbury; judge, Mr. A. Ambler. Nov. 16th, Denholme and Thornton; judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. Nov. 23rd, City of Bradford; judge, Mr. John Greaves. Nov. 30th, Shipley; judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Dec. 7th, Dewshury; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Dec. 14th, Laisterdyke; judge, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Dec. 21st, Bradford (West); judge, Mr. M. Broadley. Dec. 27th and 28th, Huddersfield; judge, Mr. John Dawson. 1908—Jan. 4th, Manningham; judge, Mr. C. A. House. Jan. 10th and 11th, Eccleshill; judge, Mr. R. Carr. Jan. 17th and 18th, Brighouse; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Jan. 24th and 25th, Gt. Horton; judge, Mr. John Broadley. Feb. 3rd, Keighley; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. Those not holding open shows are Guiseley and Yeadon. Bolton Woods. Spen Valley, Pudsey and Stanningley, Bingley, and Wibsey.

There is also a big increase in the membership of the Union, is there not?—Yes, we have now some 1,100 members. The split, although much regretted at the time, has increased the Fancy greatly. It caused new societies to spring up and aroused great local interest in Fancy matters. For instance, at Queensbury and Wibsey the founding of new societies created a large number of new fanciers. Previously there was only about half-a-dozen fanciers in each of these villages; now they each have societies with about thirty members. In this connection I would like to say that my own efforts would have proved unavailing had it not been for the unfailing courtesy and assistance rendered by the officials of the affiliated societies.

MODERN IDEAS EXTENDING.

I notice by the reports in Cage Birds that you are coming more into line with other parts of the country—that you are not so conservative as you used to be. You are going in more for members' shows, rambles, lectures, etc.?—Yes, that is so. You are right about the conservative spirit—it did exist, and even now some of our most prominent men look with disfavour on the more modern methods, especially members' shows.

They will alter their views in time. Members' shows have made the Fancy outside Yorkshire, and they will give increased power to the Yorkshire Societies?—Yes, I believe they will, for in some of the societies they have created tremendous interest and enthusiasm. At Great Horton they have largely made the society what it is to-day. We are about the strongest society in the Union now, and I think I may fairly say it is members' shows, and the untiring efforts of our Secretary, Mr. Dean, that have made us so. We hold one every month, and the benefits are great in every way. Not only do they encourage the young hands to show, but they teach them how to show their birds, afford them the opportunity of comparing birds and notes with fellow-members, and increase in a wonderful degree the social side of the Fancy.

I notice that your shows this year run over a long period, and that one comes actually after the Palace. Don't you think some of the later ones will suffer by this?—That point was raised, and it is one which we are somewhat anxious about; but I think things will work out all right. We have so many valuable prizes to compete for now, and our huge membership will, in my opinion, prevent the back-end shows from suffering, because the competitions extend right through the season.

THE GROWTH OF THE FANCY.

Don't you think it would be advisable, now you have so many societies and such a multitude of members, to run two shows in some of the early weeks, and thus prevent the chance of failure at the back-end? For instance, such shows as Skelmanthorpe and Keighley, which are wide apart geographically, might be held on the same date without materially interfering with the entry?—We have considered that, but the great difficulty is the points trophies. That difficulty we could see no way of overcoming. I must admit, however, that, as the Union grows, something will have to be done in that direction. If our growth, numerically and geographically, goes on in the future as it has in the past, we shall be compelled to alter the present system, as we shall have too many shows for the number of weeks there are in the season. Still, at present, I think we are fairly safe to bring the later shows successfully through, and we can deal with the matter further when we get more societies wanting dates.

With the increased number of fanciers and societies, the quality of the birds has also increased?—Yes, there is no doubt about that.

WINNERS BRED, NOT MADE.

Do you think birds are more honestly shown now than they used to be?—There is no doubt whatever about that. There is very little dressing done nowadays. There is not the necessity. Winners are bred now, not made. That this is so is proved by the grand displays we see in the novice sections of our shows, many of the winners in which are equal to those shown in the open classes, and in a few cases superior.

How has this season gone in Yorkshire? Has it been a good one?—Well, it has, and it has not. I don't think, taking the average, that fanciers have bred so many birds as usual, but there have been some beauties seen out at the First Feather Shows, and amongst the older and larger fanciers who do not bother about First Feather Shows there seems a most optimistic feeling prevailing. On all sides one hears of champions, and that from men who know what they are talking about, and are not given to boasting. Many say they have bred the best they ever had, and some even the best they have ever seen.

With the improvement in quality, the price has also increased of late years?—Yes; the big trophies we have in competition, and the consequent endeavours of certain exhibitors to win them, has caused a big increase in the market value of winning birds.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. MUNDELL.

Then the spread of the Fancy outside of Yorkshire will have increased the demand for good stock birds, and these will have advanced in price?—That is so. The establishment of the Southern, Nortbern, Cumberland and Irish Yorkshire Canary Clubs, whilst it has done much to weaken the old parent club, the Yorkshire C.C., has largely increased the demand for stock, caused a rise in the price, and popularised the breed outside of the county. Here I would like to pay a well-deserved tribute to one who has practically made it his life mission—Mr. Mundell. For nine years has he given all his thoughts, energy and time to promoting and extending the popularity of the breed outside of Yorkshire, and no man ever deserved better of his fellows than Mr. Mundell. No one will ever be able to gauge the value of his work. It has been stupendous.

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WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Nesting of the Tawny Owl.

Where old trees are scarce, and consequently holes to nest in are difficult to find, the Tawny Owl will not hesitate to scrape a hollow place at the foot of a tree and deposit her eggs therein. This bird is fierce, and loves not to be disturbed. In her rage she sees no fear, and will stoop at a human being as readily as she will at a dog or other animal.

Bird Sanctuaries.

Undoubtedly the best bird sanctuaries are the tracts of woods and plantations devoted to the raising of game birds. Although Hawks, Magpies and Jays are destroyed, many species of smaller birds nest along the edges of the woods in perfect security. One has only to take a ramble near these preserves to note the extraordinary number of young birds about. Even the Hawks and other large birds often manage to rear a brood in the depths of the big woods, for it is the busy time with the keeper, and, after he has secured enough game eggs for his purpose, he has quite enough to do to attend to his charges, so does not trouble to hunt down the larger birds, providing they do not interfere with his young Partridges and Pheasants.

Ostrich Hunt at Buxton.

Residents in the neighbourhood of Corbar, Buxton, on June 19th, were treated to the unusual spectacle of an Ostrich hunt. Mr. Statter, son of Mr. Thomas Statter, late agent for the Earl of Derby, who has recently returned from South Africa, brought with him several animals and birds, amongst the latter being three young Ostriches. When being taken to their future home at Brown Edge Lodge, Buxton, one of the Ostriches made its escape, and got into the open country up Corbar side. Mr. Statter and a number of friends quickly mounted and started in pursuit, the bird leading them a merry dance across fields and hedges. On one occasion they got it (as they thought) cornered in a field, but when they approached, it eluded them, and the chase began afresh. Up to the close of the day it was still at liberty.

The Whitethroat's Nest.

The scolding note of the Whitethroat can be heard along every hedgerow. The Whitethroat is an excitable, suspicious bird, and plainly tells us she disapproves of our presence anywhere near her somewhat flimsy nest. It is a rather deep structure, composed chiefly of dry grass stems, with just a whisp of horsehair for lining. Of natural warmth such a nest can have very little; the contents, either eggs or young, must soon get cold, and in stormy weather run great risk of destruction. Why some birds should build such delicate, open nests, and others take apparently every care to ensure warmth and comfort—even going to the length of building a roof over the structure—is one of those puzzles of Nature for which we can find no satisfactory answer. The hardy House Sparrow will often build a domed nest, and the delicate Chiffchaff do the same.

A Note on the Cuckoos.

We have heard the last of the Cuckoos, and many have probably left us for their winter homes. The Cuckoos are not confined to Europe and the Old World, but are met with in parts of the New World. The species are almost as interesting as our common bird; one, a black bird, inhabiting the Antilles, is looked upon as a bird of ill-omen, and is persecuted whenever found. This bird's nesting habit is quite the opposite to that of the common Cuckoo, for several hens will deposit their eggs in the same nest and apparently live amicably together. Another black bird inhabiting parts of India is similar in appearance to the King Crow, whose nest it uses as a nursery, deceiving the Crow by its extraordinary likeness; for so pugnacious is he during the breeding season that birds of other species are not allowed to approach the nest.

A Joyous Songster.

In a meadow adjoining my garden a pair of Skylarks are passing the summer months. Daily the cock bird flutters into the air, soaring high above the tall elms and lusty oaks. He is still in full song, his rich, silvery notes sounding as clearly now as they did in the early spring. It will not be long before we shall notice a change; his soarings will not be so frequent, nor will he remain upon the wing so long at a stretch, as he does now. Although this beautiful songster sings the greater part of the year, we are not quite satisfied with him; we wish he sang the whole twelve months. Like other pleasures of the open fields, the song of the Skylark will bear repetition; he soars and sings, and sings again, and we wait impatiently for his next appearance. When he ceases entirely we shall only then realise how much we are indebted to him for our enjoyment of summer; while we listen to his joyous carolling we note the sky, the trees, the waving grass, and all that helps to make Nature beautiful.

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4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
6. Competitors must have the results of their breeding operations attested to by two responsible officials of any recognised Cage Bird Society; or may swear a declaration attested to by two responsible witnesses. Declaration Forms (see extracts printed below) are now ready, and will be sent any competitor post free on application; a postcard will do.
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We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of .....*(state name)*..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

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LONDON AND COUNTIES ASSOC. OF C.B.

A well-attended meeting was held on July 25th at headquarters, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland-st., W. The President, Mr. F. W. Thorpe, occupied the chair. Prize money and specials won at the Young Bird Show were paid. The Treasurer presented his balance sheet for the half year, showing a balance in hand of over £5. Mr. Wright kindly offered a case of birds for the most points gained in British Birds at the Autumn Show. Two new members were proposed, and votes of thanks to both the Judges at the Young Bird Show, Messrs. Armstrong and H. Norman, were unanimously accorded. A judging competition in Yorkshires was then held, in which several members took part, after which Mr. Tringham placed the cards. Three prizes being offered it was found that the latest novice, Mr. H. J. Orme, had taken the first prize, Mr. Thorpe being second and Mr. H. J. Hawes third. The Secretary (Mr. R. J. Pretty) having reported on his visit to Henley with a view of arranging for the outing on Bank Holiday, it was agreed to meet at Paddington Station at 9.45 a.m., and proceed by the ten o'clock express. Fourteen names were given in, and final arrangements were left to the Secretary. An object of great interest at the meeting was the exhibition of two Kingfishers by Mr. H. J. Hawes, both of which were in lovely plumage and seemed very well disposed towards cage life.

CLUB REPORTS.

GUILDFORD FANCIERS' ASSOC.

The annual meeting of the Guildford and District Fanciers' Association was held on Friday evening. The President, Mr. H. Pike-Pease, M.P., presided, and there were also present Mr. Arthur Allen (Chairman of the Committee) and about 30 members. The Committee, in their annual report, stated that an increased interest had been shown by the public in the objects of the Association, and the open show in December, 1906, was a great success. The industrial exhibition held in connection with the show enlisted the sympathy of a large number of the younger members of the community and their parents but was not a success. The committee looked forward with confidence to the future, and trusted that members and friends who had given such valuable help in the past would do their utmost in wiping out the small deficit shown in the balance sheet. The statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £226 11s. 2d., including balance brought forward £11 13s. 7d., entrance fees £93 13s. 9d., gate money £41 15s. 9d., sale of tickets £12 2s. 10d., and subscriptions £10 5s. 6d. There was a deficit of £21 4s. 7d. The prize money amounted to £104 1s. The report and balance sheet were adopted on the motion of the Chairman. The President, Mr. Pike Pease, M.P., was re-elected, and all the other officers were again asked to act, with the exception of Mr. F. S. Folker, the hon. auctioneer, who resigned, and whose place was taken by Mr. George Drewitt. Mr. A. C. Yorke and Mr. C. Turner were re-appointed Hon. Secretaries. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. A. Allen (Chairman), Towers, R. Hansell, J. Jones, G. Tunnell, S. Stevens, W. Cooper, A. Williams, R. Philpot, W. J. Lympuss, Blake, and W. Edwards.—The guarantee of classes for the year was discussed, and the following members promised to guarantee classes: The President, Messrs. Blake, Jones, C. Pope, W. Edwards, A. Allen, C Turner and Avis. At the conclusion of the business the Chairman presented Mr. A. Yorke with a marble clock, subscribed for by the members in recognition of his services. The Chairman spoke highly of Mr. Yorke's efforts for the Association, especially during the show. The hon. assistant secretary, Mr. C. Turner, was presented with a barometer, and Mr. C. J. Parker (hallkeeper) was given a silver cigarette case and cheque for the valuable services rendered by him during the show.

ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER FANCY C.C.

In placing before you the balance-sheet and report for year ending April 30th, 1907, we would ask you to carefully study the various items put before you for the welfare of our club, and we ask all members to cordially co-operate with the officials in doing all they can to improve the society both in numbers and usefulness. The classes at the various shows have been well filled—in many cases creating a record. Especially are we pleased to see "Gallant Little Wales" coming to the front. Last year we had occasion to regret the apathy shown by our Welsh members, but this year they have shown not only enthusiasm but ability to hold their own with the best. We very much regret the poor display made by our members in the International Contest, no doubt due in a great measure to the bad weather at the time, and we hope that our Scottish brethren will be able to fix on a suitable show and on a date when the climatic and other conditions are more likely to be better than they were at Edinburgh. At the same time we wish to tender our sincere thanks to the Scottish National officials for the very generous manner in which they catered for us both as regards classification and specials. The committee have decided to hold the International Contest at Gateshead this year. Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington) is the judge, and the date December 13-14. No doubt our Gateshead members and friends will see that the birds are well looked after, and there is no question of the ability of the judge to handle our "wee pets." The classification will be as last year, and both societies will give £2 each as specials independently of anything that may be provided by the Gateshead Society. The general meeting at Manchester could hardly be called a success, very few members turning up, and the business put before the meeting was of a very routine character. Whether we are to take this as a compliment that things are going on all right, or to put it down to apathy, we leave the members to decide. We have received a good many intimations from different parts of the country that it would be advisable to divide the competition into two divisions, viz., North and South. By this means two shows—a Northern show and a Southern show—could be patronised in the same week and a very large amount of railway charges be avoided. The society will be able to give cash specials to each division, and it is hoped the members of each division will subscribe to a suitable trophy for competition. Members would, of course, be allowed to show at any show, but the points gained would only count to the members in their respective divisions. The members will be asked to vote for and against this motion for division. The cash balance of £1 17s. 7d. is not quite so good as last year, but when it is taken into consideration that the cash specials were taken out of the funds it is decidedly satisfactory. The membership continues to increase, but not in such numbers as we could wish, considering the large number of fanciers taking up this variety. When will the members understand that it is to their interest—and it also ought to be their pleasure—to get as many new members as possible? No society can afford to stand still. The fight for the £2 2s. cup was of a very keen character, resulting in a close win for Mr. D. Jenkins. The novice medals took some winning at some of the shows, the "young 'uns" showing plenty of pluck. We were pleased to see the competition for cash specials was of a more open character than last year, and we think it would be advisable in the coming year if winners were given the option of a medal or some trophy of a permanent character instead of cash; this, of course, to be entirely at winners' option. In conclusion, we desire to place on record our sincere thanks to the donors of cup and novice medals for their generosity, and we hope some other members or body of members will do something of the kind this year. We also should like to congratulate the Novices on not only the improved numbers but the very much improved quality of their exhibits. We anticipate the novices of last year will during the coming show season give the old hands a rare old dust up. We leave it to the Novices to see that this anticipation is turned into reality. Rules and standards and all other information may be had from the Secretary, S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

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THE BENGALESE.

One day, on Peter's return from school, his little sister, Kitty, ran to meet him in an unusually excited manner, "Oh, Peter," she exclaimed, "a lady has called to see mamma, and she brought a little cage with something in it—white mice, I think, for I just caught a glimpse of something very small and white moving about, and I heard a little squeak."

"Hurray," said Peter, who was always ready to welcome anything in the shape of a pet animal, "I wonder if they are for us. Let's go and see the mice, Kitty."

"Yes," replied Kitty, "mamma said I might go to the drawing-room as soon as you came in, Peter."

The children ran off together, and found their mother and their sister, May, and a lady they had never seen before, taking tea, and looking at something in a small box cage which stood on the table.

As soon as the children had said "How do you do?" to their mother's friend, they peeped into the cage and saw, not white mice, but two tiny birds. One was pure white all over, with pinkish bill and feet; the other was variegated with white and fawn colour, and the latter bird was just then performing in the funniest way, stretching up his head and pretending to sing while he danced round his little companion, spreading his wings and tail, and showing off as proudly as if he had been a miniature peacock.

"What dear little birds!" exclaimed Peter and Kitty in a breath. "Whatever are they, and where do they come from?" For the children recognised at once that they were no ordinary birds of the country-side.

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"Indeed, we should love them; thank you so very much. We may accept them, may we not, mamma?" added Peter anxiously, for there was a strict rule against asking for presents.

"Yes, Peter, you may have them. But let Kitty choose first the one she prefers, because the Bullfinch is yours, you know."

(To be continued.)

* A True Parrot Story.

My father and I went to see the great bird show at Norwich. The boys were shouting "Catalogues," and it seemed like a voice of a boy behind me crying "logs, logs," for some time. Then I saw some people laughing at a Parrot, and I wondered at what they were amused, until I heard the Parrot shout, "log, alog," then I laughed at her; it sounded very funny. A lady said, "He will get the 'cat' on all right before the show is over, and say 'catalogues.'" Then one man said he once heard a Canary talk, and he grew very angry when all the visitors laughed at him. He said the Canary lived in a room with a Parrot, and the Parrot was taught to say, "Poor Willie is dead," and the Canary learned it from him. My father said this story may have been true, as the man who told it would not say so if it was wrong.—May Eagleton (age 8), 39, Leicester Street, Norwich.

* Poor Twites.

One day last spring my father had to cut down two old gooseberry bushes, in one of which there was a nest of four young birds, which I thought were Brown Linnets. I had a hen Canary at home which had been sitting on four eggs, but these did not hatch, as the Canary had no mate. I took the nest and young birds home and put them in the cage with my Canary, who made a great fuss of them. She reared the two strongest, and my friends told me they were Twites. They were fine little birds, but one cold morning I went to feed my pets and found them lying on their backs dead.—Annie Roberts (age 13), 30, Rother Street, Stratford-on-Avon.

* A Country Visit.

A fortnight ago, when on a visit to my grandfather, who lives in the country, I saw many of our wild birds amongst the trees and hedgerows. In the garden were a number of Chaffinches, busy looking for food. I also saw four very beautiful Yellowhammers, and many Thrushes and Blackbirds; but the boldest of all is the Robin Red Breast. One came into the house one day, and as it was trying to get out through the window I managed to catch it. It had a bright, bold eye and a slender beak, and, as I was taking it to show my grandfather, it wriggled out of my hand and flew away with a chirp. My sister also caught one in the same way only a fortnight before. My auntie says that very often one comes into the house.—Sent by Albert P. Morris (aged 8 years), 48, Breeze Hill, Walton, Liverpool.

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THE SHOWS.

EAST BOWLING.

The above association held their Members' Show on July 27th, for Canaries in their first feather, at the Barley Mow, East Bowling. The entry was a very good one, and some very promising young birds were staged. Mr. J. Greaves officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. The points gained count for gold medals and silver medals, and other prizes which are to be given in the competition for the year. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Crowther; 2, Firth; 3, Atkinson; 4, Casey. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, Firth; 3, Casey; 4, Warburton. TICKED OR UNEVEN MARKED: 1, 3, Casey; 2, Atkinson; 4, Bottomley. MARKED BUFF: 1, 2, Casey; 3, vhc, Crowther; 4, Varley. CINN. TICKED: 1, Warburton. FOUL MARKED CINNAMON OR GREEN: 1, Atkinson; 2, 3, Sowden and Son. SELLING: 1, Casey; 2, hc., Bleazard; 3, Firth; 4, Thompson.

FALKIRK.

First Feather Show, held at the Oddfellows Hall, on July 20th. There was a large attendance, and the number of entries was 85, which is a record. Mr. J. Jeans judged, and gave good satisfaction. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Hamilton; 2, 3, Smart; 4, T. Sharp. BUFF: 1, spl, Bishop; 2, Smart; 3, Mitchell; 4, T. Sharp. CRESTS: 1, spl, 3, Duchart; 2, Russell; 4, T. Sharp. CRESTBRED: 1, spl, 2, McFarlane; 3, Russell; 4, Grant. YELL. BORDER: 1, spl, 3, Wilson; 2, Wallace; 4, W. Sharp. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Wilson; 3, McIntyre; 4, Mitchell. HYBRIDS: 1, spl, W. Sharp; 2, 4, Hendry; 3, Aitken. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Morchand. H.B. BRIT.: 1, spl, Brisbane; 2, W. Sharp; 3, 4, Rennie. S.B. BRITISH: 1, spl, Hendry; 2, Miller and Eadie. FOR.: 1, spl, 3, Dewar; 2, Miller and Eadie. Special for most points, Wilson.

LLANBERIS.

This North Wales Show was held on July 25th, some splendid birds being staged. Norwich came up grand. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. E. J. Jones with a splendid Crest. Goldfinches came up well, Mr. J. L. Ford winning with a well-known winner. Mr. J. Bowker judged, and the awards gave every satisfaction. NORWICH YELLOW (12): 1, hc, Hunter, clear yellow, very nice bird, rounded head, carried wings rather badly; 2, E. D. Owen, good stamp of a bird, grand colour, feathered like wax, a close race; 3, Winniard, very nice clear yellow, good colour and shape, carries wings well; vhc, Rowlands. BUFF (8): 1, 3, E. D. Owen, large, cobby, saddle-marked, nice quality and colour, third clear, nice short bird, loses in head; 2, Rowlands, clear, good body, light in feather, and fair size; vhc, Jones; hc, Williams. CANARY, A.O.V. (14): 1, 2 spls, E. J. Jones, clear body, dark Crest, wins easy; 2, W. H. Jones, variegated Crest, very good bird, but loses in condition; 3, Rowlands, clear yellow Yorkshire, nice length and quality; vhc, Winniard, Gold, clear-capped Lizard; hc, Hunter. CANARY, FIRST FEATHER, A.O.V. (10): 1, Rowlands, nice variegated Crest; 2, Griffiths, yellow Yorkshire, will make a good one; 3, Winniard, bonny Norwich, should make a grand one when coloured; vhc, Evans; hc, E. D. Owen. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Ford, grand condition, good buttons and bars, good size, beautiful blaze, wins easy; 2, 3, Owen Bros., two good birds, rather out of condition; vhc, Tolcman; hc, Norris last year's winner, out of condition to-day. BRITISH, A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Forbes, the leader a very good Bullfinch, wins easy; 3, Linnet, bit loose in feather; 2, Owen Bros., Greenfinch, grand bird.

STOKE NEWINGTON.

The Young Stock Show of the Stoke Newington Fanciers' Association was held in the Devonshire Square Church Schoolroom, on July 23rd, but owing to the disastrous breeding season and other causes the entry was not quite up to the average. We are pleased, however, to say that there was no decrease in the quality of the exhibits, which were, if anything, better than usual, especially the Yorkshires, both champions and novices. The special for the best bird in the show fell to a very finely-drawn yellow Yorkshire belonging to Mr. Preston, a bird which should moult out into a good back-end winner; the same gentleman's buff was also a sweet bird. This exhibitor's birds possess what many Yorkshires lack—good heads. That good old fancier, Mr. Sweetman, staged a team of nice, stylish birds of good length and well up on leg, but they were just past their best. A good typical buff won for Mr. Morris in the Norwich, and Mr. Penton once again staged a nice team of Yorkshires. Don't you think, though, W. P., that it's time you showed the champions how to do the trick? You have the birds. Try your luck, man! The pick of the Britishers were Mr. Pike's Linnet and Goldfinch, and Mr. Dowden's Chaffinch. The birds were nicely staged, and all the arrangements well carried out by the committee, under the direction of Mr. W. Morris, the new chairman, and amongst those working we noticed Messrs. Bagley, Soames Bros., Niblett, Spence, Preston and Sweetman. Mr. Dowden, the able secretary, was, as usual, the essence of courtesy and energy. Mr. C. A. House judged. YORKS. YELL (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Preston; 2, res., Sweetman. BUFF (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Preston; 3, res., Sweetman. NOVICE, NOR. (6): 1, vhc, Morris; 2, res., Williams; 3, vhc, Sadler. YORKS. (4): 1, 3, res., vhc, Penton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 2, Pike; 3, Sadler; res., Hudson. A.O.V. FINCH (5): 1, Dowden; 2, res., hc, Hudson. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Pike; 3, res., vhc, Hudson; hc, Dowden.

KNOWLE (BRISTOL).

This annual five-miles' radius show was held on July 26th and 27th in the usual fields, and was once again favoured with capital weather. Our section made a nice display. The entries were not quite so numerous as last year, but the quality throughout was exceptionally good. Mr. F. Buckland, that well-known and practical bird exhibitor, again filled the post of hon. secretary, carrying out his duties in a most able manner, and fanciers can rest assured that their little pets received every attention in the hands of such a practical and respected fancier. Mr. G. H. Billet judged.

NORWICH YELL.: 1, spl, Tritem, good size, neat head, nicely feathered, brimful of colour, and well put down; 2, 3, vhc, Brown, extra neat type, splendid carriage, good heads, beautifully feathered; hc, Clarke, Kirby. BUFF: 1, spl, Tristem, good type and colour, in splendid feather for time of year; 2, Munro, a bonny bird, capital head, neatest of wings and tail; 3, Brown, a cap and wing marked, very good quality, put down in best of trim; vhc, Clarke. YRKS. YELL.: 1, spl, Haynes, neat and straight, good length, lovely feather; 2, Roberts, a smart little yellow, nice length, good position, well put down; 3, Newman, again good type, nice carriage, well up on leg, neatly folded tail; vhc, Bussy, Cook; hc, Hurst. BUFF: 1, spl, Haynes, nice bird of good position, grand head and carriage, little rough in feather; 2, Barry, another not far behind, could be better shown; 3, Lovell, a smart little buff, hardly ready; vhc, Roberts. CREST OR CRESTBRED: 2, spl, Roberts, nice Crestbred, well put down; 3, Tristem, dark Crest cock, colour fed; vhc, Ford. SELL.: 1, spl, 2, Buckland; 3, Quarman; vhc, Colling; hc, Cooke. MULE, A.V.: 1, spl, Caines; 2, Locke; 3, Havell; vhc, Taylor. CAGE OF FOUR: 1, spl, Tristem; 2, Quarman; 3, Mastin. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Bull, winner real good Goldie, nice face and collar, well tanned, in grand form, second very close up, and rightly placed; 3, Buckland, not ready yet, nice face and tanning, good bars and buttons; vhc, Locke; hc, Fellows, Clarke. BULLFINCH, CHAFFINCH, OR GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Lovell, grand Bullie, the Palace winner, beautiful colour, good size, very steady, in grand trim; 2, Bull, an exceptionally good Greenfinch, wonderful colour, well shown; 3, Lovell, another smart Greenie. LINNET, SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE: 1, spl, 2, Lovell, a couple of rare good Linnets, both have good sound brown, distinct pencilling, grand size, and in excellent fettle; 3, Bird, very fair specimen, others equally as good in the class; vhc, Pool; hc, McCarthy, Silcox. THRUSH, BLACKBIRD, OR STARLING: 1, spl, Bull, a Starling, an easy win; 2, 3, Murrin, Missel Thrush and Blackbird respectively; hc, Williams, Greenland. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl, Bond Bros., a Cornish Chough, well-known winner, in fine form; 2, Manley, an exceptionally good Waxwing, should ho heard of again, grand bib and colour, wonderfully steady; 3, Chapman, Waxwing, fails in bib and colour; vhc, Lovell.

SHIPLEY.

The Shipley Ornithological Society held a very successful Members' Show at their headquarters on July 20th. The entry was not a large one, but some beautiful birds were staged, the quality being of a very high order. The clear buffs and ticked yellows were each good classes for merit, and the winners birds that should do their owners much good later on. Mr. Matt. Broadley judged, and his awards met with a good reception.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Crossland; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Cordingley; vhc, Clegg. BUFF (8): 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Hudson; 3, Leeming; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, c, Towers. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Long; 3, Grange; vhc, Armstead; hc, Fieldhouse; c, Towers. BUFF (8): 1, Leeming; 2, c, Long; 3, Crossland; vhc, Grange; hc, Towers. UNEVEN. MKD. (3): 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Towers. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Towers; vhc, Tillotson; hc, Armstead. CINN. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Grange; 2, Fieldhouse; vhc, Armstead. BUFF (3): 1, Hudson; 2, Towers; 3, Dobson.

SALE.

This society held its Nest Feather Show on July 20th at the Sale Hotel, and it was a great success; 260 birds were staged, and competition was very keen. There was a grand special prize list, which included a number of useful, valuable and ornamental articles, many of which were on view in the show. The committee are all good fanciers and workers, an dare fortunate in the society having such a practical secretary as Mr. Hardcastle, who was untiring in his efforts for the success of the show. Messrs. Irlam, Lee and Drinkwater worked like Trojans, and special mention should be made of two ladies, Mesdames Hardcastle and Irlam, who were untiring in their labours, which included the charge of that important department, the commissariat. The principal special prizewinners were Messrs. Hardcastle, Wardleworth, Smith and Irlam. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Bleasdale; 2, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Bleasdale; 4, Barratt. TICKED, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hardcastle; 2, Bleasdale; 3, Barratt. BUFF: 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Bleasdale; 4, Barratt. GREEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, 2, Drinkwater; 3, 4, Harrison. NOR. YELL.: 1, Fildes; 2, vhc, Irlam; 3, hc, R. Smith; 4, Harrison; c, C. H. Smith. BUFF: 1, 3, c, Kilvert; 2, hc, Hardcastle; 4, Fields; vhc, R. Smith; c, Fildes. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, R. Smith; 2, Fildes; 3, Kilvert; vhc, hc, Irlam. BUFF: 1, vhc, Fildes; 2, Fields; 3, 4, Harrison; hc, R. Smith; c, Irlam. GREEN, YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Irlam; 3, Hurst. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, Irlam. BORDER YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wardleworth. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wardleworth. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Drinkwater; 2, 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, Irlam; hc, c, Hurst. GIFT: 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Harrison; 4, Plant; vhc, Irlam. MULE, BRED '07: 1, 2, Shawcross. ANY AGE: 1, 2, 3, Hurst. SELL., 20s.: 1, vhc, Irlam; 2, C. H. Smith; 3, Harrison; hc, Hurst; 4, c, Hardcastle. 15s.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, 4, Hardcastle; vhc, Irlam; c, R. Smith. 10s.: 1, 2, Irlam; 3, Harrison; 4, vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Whitney and Son; c, Hardcastle. BRITISH, GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Hurst; 2, Allcock; 4, Whitney and Son; vhc, hc, Shawcross. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Hurst. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Whitney and Son; 2, vhc, W. Smith; 3, hc, Irlam; 4, Harrison. CHAFFINCH: 1, spl best British in show, Irlam. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, Harrison; 2, 3, Hurst; vhc, W. Smith; c, Irlam. LINNET: 1, Whitney and Son; 2, 4, Hurst; 3, Allcock; vhc, hc, Grey. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Hurst; 2, 4, Irlam; 3, Harrison; vhc, Whitney and Son; hc, Fields. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Harrison; 2, 4, W. Smith; 3, Whitney and Son. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Harrison. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Sweetenham. FOREIGN: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, Whitney and Son; 4, Smith.



BINGLEY.

The members of the Bingley Ornithological Society held a very nice little First Feather Show at their headquarters on July 27th, each of the classes being well supported, except that for ticked yellows. The quality was splendid, some rare good birds being staged. Mr. A. Livesey, the hon. secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand, and the fixture was most successful. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Walton; 2, Wilkinson; 3, c, Denby; 4, Webb; vhc, hc, Smith and Son. BUFF (9): 1, Smith and Son; 2, Livesey; 3, Webb; 4, Walton; vhc, c, Wilkinson; hc, Barker. TKD. OR U.M. YELL. (3): 1, Livesey; 2, Longbottom; 3, Walton. TKD. OR U.M. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Dean; 2, hc, Smith and Son; 3, Longbottom; 4, Livesey; c, Wilkinson.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

This society held another Members' Show for Canaries in their First Feather at Park Chapel Schools, on July 27th, when some keen competition was witnessed in the race for points, which count towards the gold medals and money specials that have been put up for competition this year. Mr. S. Dean, of Gt. Horton, officiated as judge, and found rather a stiff task in placing the winners in their respective order. The quality of the exhibits was exceptionally good, many of the birds showing great merit and prospects of better things during the winter shows. There were no less than 64 entries in the six classes provided, the class for clear yellows having 18 exhibits, which were hard to separate. Clear buffs totalled 14, another good class, and ticked yellows 15, the 1st and 2nd prizes in this class falling to two novice members, a very creditable performance. Ticked buffs provided another surprise, as a novice carried off 1st and 3rd in this class. The winners of most points were Mr. W. Cruise 1st, Mr. W. Stables 2nd, Mr. C. Cowgill 3rd most points. The following is a full list of awards:—YELLOW YORKS.: 1, 2, Cruise; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Hill; hc, Peacock. BUFF: 1, Farrar; 2, Stables; 3, vhc, Cruise; hc, c, Greenwood. TICKED OR UNEVENLY MARKED YELLOW: 1, Wilkinson Bros.; 2, Peacock; 3, Cowgill; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Farrar; c, Northrop. TICKED OR UNEVENLY MARKED BUFF: 1, 3, Stables; 2, Farrar; vhc, Hill; hc, Cowgill; c, Rushworth. CINNAMON TICKED YELLOW OR BUFF: 1, Cowgill; 2, vhc, Northrop; 3, Riley; hc, c, Chapman and Bateman. HEAVILY VARIEGATED GREEN OR CINNAMON: 1, 3, Laycock; 2, Cowgill.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Members' Summer Nest Feather Show, held in the Half Moon, Northgate, on July 27th, when there was a good entry. Considering the majority are dropping into moult there were some very promising youngsters in the Yorkshire and Norwich. We had a few visitors from surrounding districts, but would have liked to see more. The room is well lighted, and the birds were staged to perfection. Mr. W. Grainger acted as steward, and Mr. T. Wright, of York, kindly consented to judge.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, H. C. Carter, good quality, well upon leg, not large, but neat throughout; 2, Stephenson, plenty of size, nice quality, rather loose in feather, but close up; 3, Grainger, nice quality; 4, P. M. Carter, not large, but neat. BUFF: 1, Grainger, good quality, nice carriage, rather short of leg if anything; 2, Wilson, fails to former only in wing carriage; 3, P. M. Carter, good size, nice quality, but rather bad in feather or may have gone up. TKD.: 1, H. C. Carter, buff, A1 quality, neat throughout, pick of section; 2, Stephenson, yell., plenty of size, not quite up in feather; 3, P. M. Carter, good quality, nice size. NOR. YELL.: 1, Allen, good quality, nice size and shape; 2, Crosling, monster, good type and quality, nothing to chose from first; 3, Todd and Son, nice quality, very neat, but rather on small side. TKD.: 1, Allen, tick buff, nice quality and shape, good all round; 2, H. C. Carter, variegated, bold bird, good size and quality; 3, Allen, lovely quality and shape, not so large as former, but our choice; 4, Stephenson, full young yet. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Todd and Son, trio of nice birds. LINNET: 1, Todd and Son, lovely bird, good sound colour throughout, well pencilled, not over large; 2, 3, Moss, nice one for shape, colour and markings; 4, Hildon, big bold bird, nice shape. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, C. D. Cooper, lovely Waxwing, grand trim, looking well. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, H. C. Carter, looking in the pink. GOLD. AND BULLFINCH: 1, Holland, Goldfinch, very fair specimen. MULES: 1, Heseltine, Goldie Mule, good colour and markings, likely to make a good one; 2, Lumley, Linnet Mule, good size and markings; 3, 4, Holland, former Linnet Mule, good size, latter Greenie Mule, make a good oue with a good moult.

CRICCIETH SHOW.

This Show was held July 27th, under the C.B. Union rules, when a very nice collection was brought together. Taking into consideration the bad season in breeding which we have experienced, we must say the officers of this show did not do badly when they staged about 70 birds. The Norwich were a fine section, also the First Feather, and the British, especially the Goldfinches. Mr. Thos. Burnell, the secretary, carried out his duties with marked ability, and was most ably assisted by Messrs. D. C. Ellis, Evan H. Jonathan, W. M. Jones, and the representative from the C.B. Union, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. Some very promising youngsters were exhibited by Messrs. Sheldon, Dorkins, Roberts, Cowell and Forbes, and with a good moult no doubt they will be heard of again at the winter shows. Mr. P. Proud, the well-known poultry expert, judged, and if the North Wales societies want to get rid of the several grumblers, they should provide the cage birds section with a judge of experience, the same as the other sections in the show. NORWICH (13): 1, 2 spls, E. R. Roberts, inclined to be beetle-browed, fair size, good colour; 2, hc, J. Hunter, a bouncer for size, trifle coarse in feather when judged, looked better at noon, a good one all over; 3, W. H. Jones, another yellow in his natural colour, well worthy of its place; res., R. Evans; vhc, Wm. Winnard, showing a slight frill on back, or would have gone up a bit; hc, G. D. Owen. YORKSHIRE (12): 1, spl, Geo. Evans, a very finely-drawn yellow, good length, stylish, good rich colour; 2, E. J. Jones, natural colour, rather soft, wonderful for length, rare back and flights, well on legs; 3, R. W. Roberts, buff, good colour, perfect back, lovely carriage of flights and tail, straight as a gun-barrel; vhc, R. M. Jones, good Cinnamon-marked, but in moult; hc, E. Jones. A.O.V.: 1, spl, W. H. Jones, wing-marked, dark Crested hen, excellent body properties, a clinking Crest for size, drooped down to perfection, in fact a real beauty, quickly claimed; 2, E. J. Jones, the Llanberis cup winner, another one of same markings, of better size, well rounded Crest, perhaps not so thickly built as the first-mentioned one, a very little indeed to choose between them, these birds were a credit to their owners; 3, Winnard, Lizard, clear cap, well spangled bird, good underneath, well worthy of its place; res., Jones, clear Crestbred, a slasher for size, not over well-browed, but will improve; vhc, Roberts. CANARY, FIRST FEATHER (16): 1, 2, H. W. Sheldon, two grand Norwich, not much to choose between them, both of beautiful colour, shape, and quality of feather, well packed wings, gets well over the perch, grand size and shape; 3, G. T. Dorkins, yellow Yorkshire, plenty of style, well up on leg, wings and tail well carried, will be hard to beat if moulted well, a gem all over; res., Roberts; vhc, Cowell, Forbes, Roberts; hc, Winnard, a grand lot, well worthy of higher honours in their own classes, moult them out well, lads, and with care and attention they will repay the trouble bestowed on them by winning for their owners at the forthcoming shows. MULE OR HYBRID (5): 1, G. T. Dorkins, dark Mule, clinking good Mule, waxlike in plumage, and in good colour; 2, Wm. Owen, variegated, full of quality and bloom, showing parentage distinctly; 3, E. J. Jones, another good one, rather wild when we saw him; res., G. D. Owen; vhc, W. Winnard, Canary-Bullie; hc, R. R. Williams, Greenfinch-Canary, both in nest feather. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (13): 1, G. H. Pritchard, very steady, rather dull in plumage; 2, Wm. Owen, this bird was badly staged, he deserved a better cage, he is a clinking good Goldie, possesses a fine blaze, grand chestnut, fine wings, and is grandly marked all over; 3, Owens and Bros., close on the heels of the former; res., vhc, R. Jackson, tho vhc will be heard of again, not quite steady yet, Mr. Jackson knows how to manage these beauties, and is hard to beat on the show bench; vhc, R. Lloyd, G. H. Pritchard. ANY OTHER VARIETY: 1, spl, R. C. Forbes, Bullie, a charming bird, grand cap, deep, rich, lustrous colour throughout; 2, Owens and Bros., Greenfinch, an old winner, and will win again in good company, especially in his own class; 3, E. Jones, Thrush, well spotted, fine colour and polish, will improve later on; res., Forbes, Linnet, fine nutty colour throughout, grand pencilling from head to tail, only fault to day he is ragged in the tail, which tells much against him; hc, R. A. Owen, Owens and Bros

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The second inter-club Nest Feather Show of the above societies was held on July 27th in the Co-operative Hall, Crewe. At the first show held at Stoke on June 29th, the Pottery men won by a margin of 47 points. At the second attempt, however, the men of the railway town reversed this order, winning by 103 points against the Pottery Club's 79. Such inter-club exhibitions are very interesting, stimulating friendly rivalry between the contestants, and considerably augmenting the "gate" of each society. We think if other Cage Bird Societies would adopt this method they would greatly benefit thereby. Some really smart birds were staged, especially in the Norwich classes, which, with a good moult, will be hard nuts to crack in keen competition. In the clear yell. Nor. class Mr. Roberts won easily with a very typical specimen of good size and quality; in Clear Buffs the same exhibitor was first and second, standing well out; in Ticked, etc., Buffs Mr. Rathbone came out first and second, the winner being a real beauty, good size, with a rare head and chest and nice quality. Clear yellow Yorkshires saw Mr. Crimes to the front with a bird of nice type and well drawn. Clear buffs was won by Mr. Goodall with a nice lengthy one of good quality, the same exhibitor winning in ticked, etc., yellow with a bird of nice length, beautiful type, colour, and quality. In the Border classes Mr. Hancocks ran clean away, winning first and second in each of the four classes with birds of sweet type and feather. The British classes contained some splendid exhibits, shown in rare condition. The winning Goldfinch of Mr. Heaton's, though a bit small, has a nice blaze, good colour on back and chest, and was closely pressed by Mr. Morgan's exhibit. In brown Linnets Mr. Crimes won easily with a bird of good size, very rich colour, grandly pencilled, and carrying a nice bloom. Bullfinch or Greenfinch was won by Mr. Potts with a fair Greenie, trifle small, the same exhibitor accounting for first and second in the Bramble, etc., class with a lovely Bramble of good size, colour, and markings. A nice Song Thrush of Mr. Hardern's was awarded first in the large British. Mr. Bowker's Siskin in the A.O.V. Hardbill was a bird of nice size, beautifully laced, grand colour and feather. The awards were made by Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood, and the grumblers appeared to be all taking a holiday. Judging was over, cards up, and catalogues with awards on sale shortly after twelve, which speaks well for the methodical way the joint Hon. Secs. Messrs. Wilkinson and Heaton, went about their work.

NORWICH YELL. (5): 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Crimes; vhc, Birks; hc, Pitchford. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Roberts; 3, Pitchford; vhc, hc, Crimes. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Birks; 2, Pitchford; 3, vhc, Roberts. TKD., ETC., BUFF (9): 1, 2, Rathbone; 3, Roberts; vhc, Pitchford; hc, c, Heaton. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Crimes; 2, Potts; 3, vhc, Simcock BUFF (3): 1, Goodall; 2, Hawley; 3, Elks. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Goodall; 2, Crimes; 3, Hawley; hc, Fleet; wrong class, Simcock. BUFF (3): 1, Crimes; 2, Fleet; 3, Hawley. Cinnamons, both classes cancelled. BORDERS, YELLOW (4): 1, 2, Hancocks; 3, Hardern; vhc, Evanson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hancocks; 3, hc, Hardern; vhc, Evanson; c, Heaton; abs., Wilkinson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hancocks. TKD. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hancocks; 3, Evanson. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Hancocks. MULES (2): 1, 2, Potts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Heaton; 2, vhc, Morgan; 3, Crimes; wrong class, Rathbone. LINNET (4): 1, vhc, Crimes; 2, Bettelcy; 3, Pitchford. BULLFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, Potts; 2, Hancocks. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Potts. Softbill, small, cancelled. A.O.V. SOFTBILL (1): Hardern. A.O.V. HARDBILL (1): 1, Bowker.

BAILDON.

The Baildon Original Cage Bird Fanciers' Association held their First Feather Show on July 27th. There were 40 birds staged. Mr. A. Ambler judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Greaves; 2, W. Tyler; 3, T. Tyler; vhc, Ackinson; hc, Halliday. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Rhodes; vhc, Haithwaite; hc, Holmes; c, Tyler. YELL. TICK.: 1, Haithwaite; 2, 3, Taylor; vhc, Wilson. BUFF TICK: 1, Rhodes; 2, Halliday; 3, Dawson; vhc, hc, Tyler; c, Wilson. UNEVENLY MKD. OR FOUL MKD.: 1, Tyler; 2, 3, Tidgwell; vhc, Dawson; hc, Tidgwell; c, Jennings. SELL., 12/6: 1, Haithwaite; 2, Halliday; 3, Tyler; vhc, Tidgwell.

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CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The second of this season's Members' Shows was held July 27th at the Travellers' Rest. Mr. J. S. Clarkson, Halifax, had 61 Canaries to judge in eight classes, his awards meeting with approval. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Stansfield; 2, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton Bros. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Ludbrook; 3, 4, Stansfield; vhc, c, Lingley; hc, Wharton Bros. MARKED: 1, Hartley; 2, Lingley; 3, Ludbrook. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Hartley. NOVICE CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Fortnam; 2, Pollitt; 4, Plowright; vhc, Horsfield; hc, c, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, vhc, Horsfield; 2, hc, Brown; 3, Plowright; 4, Fortnam; c, Pollitt. MARKED: 1, Horsfield; 2, vhc, Fortnam; 3, Pollitt; 4, Bateman; hc, Walton; c, Roberts. NORWICH: 1, Plowright; 2, 3, Fortnam.

GOOLE.

Held in the Victoria Pleasure Grounds, Goole, on July 18th, the cage birds being housed in a large tent away from poultry, rabbits, etc. While the classes were not quite filled, as the secretaries wished, yet we had some splendid specimens on the benches. The Yorkshire class was cancelled, to the great regret of lovers of this particular Fancy, but the Norwich were all there. Mr. Ambrose placed the cards in his usual able manner.

NORWICH CL.: 1, Whitehead, all right for shape and feather, not so hot in colour as 2, Axe, a beauty for feather and colour, well staged; 3, Duckitt, jun., a nice taking exhibit; res., Peck and Fawcett. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, 2, Axe, an easy win, hot colour and in splendid condition; 3, Waterland, not far out of the hunt, yet not in quite the same condition as the leaders. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Peck and Fawcett, two very nice Scotch Fancies, well staged, very fair drive and nerve; 3, Robertson, Border, in splendid condition, as lively as could be and tight as a drum, hard lines to meet the winners. BRIT.: 1, 3, Axe, the well-known Thrush leading, must have proved a gold mine for its owner, wins almost every time out; 2, res., Milne. FOR., A.V.: 1, Pigott; 2, Lambert; 3, Miss Sutcliffe; res., Jackson. SELL., 10/-: 1, Whitehead, Yorkie, cheap at the price; 2, res., Axe, Norwich; 3, Peck and Fawcett, Yorkshire, another cheap lot.

INVERNESS.

On Wednesday of last week the Inverness Ornithological Association held an exhibition of this year's progeny in the club house, Washington-court. The Young Stock Show was resuscitated last year with a view to bringing the local fanciers who were not already connected with the Association in touch with the committee, who are anxious to assist the less experienced fanciers in the cultivation of such an interesting hobby. Mr. Alex. Sanderson, president, explained the idea of holding such an exhibition. In the course of his remarks, he expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young people present, and exhorted those who were already budding fanciers to persevere, so as to reach the top of the tree. Mr. George Mackenzie, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Sanderson, referred to the great interest displayed to Mr. Sanderson in the exhibition. Mr. Robert Gibb judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. Mr. Alex. Urquhart carried out the secretarial duties in his usual efficient manner. There was a fair array of Pigeons and Canaries. The birds were all more or less deep in the moult, but the quality was excellent. Mr. Stanford was first in the Norwich class with a cinnamon, which is very promising. A buff, belonging to Mr. Alex. Urquhart, followed closely. It is a bird of the correct type, and should develop into a winner. Mr. Stanford also had third prize with a somewhat similar bird to his winner. Mr. Meiklejohn came fourth and fifth with two very typical birds. In the Crest or Crestbred class Mr. Stanford had premier honours, the leader being a first-class specimen of the variety, and well deserved its place. In addition, it secured the honour of the best cage bird exhibit in the hall.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held July 27th, in the Oldham Hall, Renshaw-st., Liverpool. Mr. A. G. Davies judged. There was a record entry of nearly 17, and quality was well to the front. Amongst the Yorkshire Greens some real beauties were staged, whilst the Norwich Greens, though small in number, had some very desirable birds amongst them. The feature of the show was undoubtedly the grand display of Borders. The President (G. R. Johnson, Esq.) had given a very handsome silver cup for most points in clear and ticked Borders, and this no doubt brought them out in such numbers. Mr. J. Waters, Altrincham, took the cup with a team of 24. Mr. J. Bretherton won the handsome cigar holder for most points in Greens. Novices, as usual, had a good time of it, the old hands, in most cases, having to take what was left.

YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL. (14): 1, Hughes; 2, Meadows; 3, Vernon; vhc, hc, Davie; c, Handley. BUFF (17): 1, Drinkwater; 2, Ryno; 3, c, Hughes; vhc, hc, Atherton. FOUL YELL. WING OR TAIL (4): 1, Harding; 2, Bell; 3, White; vhc, Worrall. BUFF (9): 1, Eales; 2, Yates; 3, vhc, Meadows; hc, Ryno; c, Bell. FOUL YELL. G. TO P. (2): 1, Handley 2, Meadows. BUFF (11): 1, Kelly; 2, Handley; 3, Gore; vhc, Bell; hc, Yates; c, Worrall. NORWICH GREEN SELF YELL. (2): 1, Bretherton; 2, Hadwin. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Bretherton; 2, Bratherton; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Walker; c, Hadwin. FOUL BUFF (3): 1, Jenkins; 2, Bratherton; 3, Hadwin. BUFF G. TO P. (4): 1, Bretherton; 2, Parry; 3, Brotherton; vhc, Hadwin. YORKS. C. YELL. (3): 1, Slater; 2, Horne; 3, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Gore; 2, Kelly; vhc, Horne; hc, Handley; c, Harding. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, White; 2, Handley; 3, Johnson. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Meadows; vhc, Horne. CINN. TKD. BUFF (3): 1, Horne; 2, Hughes; 3, Handley. NOR. C. YELL. (2): 1, Critchley; 2, H. T. Hawkes. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Walker; 3, Parry. TKD. BUFF (2): 1, Critchley; 2, Jenkins. BORDERS C. YELL. (11): 1, Clinch; 2, c, Bayley; 3, vhc, hc, Waters. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, c, Waters; 2, Clinch; 3, Johnson. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Waters; hc, Hadwin. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, Waters; vhc, Clinch; hc, c, Hadwin. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (7): 1, Drinkwater; 2, Hadwin; 3, vhc, Metcalfe; c, Johnson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Metcalfe; c, Johnson; c, Hadwin. HYBRID (2): 1, Ellis; w.c., Slater. SELLING: 1, Horne 2, 3, Handley; vhc, Atherton. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Nichols; 2, Harding. LINNET: 1, Nichols; 2, Slater. Most points throughout show, CHAMPION: 1, Waters; 2, Handley; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Hadwin; 5, Johnson; 6, Jenkins; 7, Bretherton; 8, Hughes. NOVICE: 1, Horne; 2, Meadows; 3, Gore; 4, Walker; 5, Drinkwater; 6, Harding; 7 and 8, Critchley and Nichols tie.

The Rare Merlin's Nest.

Mr. T. Robinson, of Citheroe, has taken a photo of a Merlin's nest, on the Fells above Waddington. The birds that occupy this nest are the only pair on the moor. The nest was found in a clump of heather, and consists of but a few twigs of heather. The eggs are reddish in ground colour, and covered with dark, brick-red spots. The natural size of the eggs is 1.5 in. by 1.2 in.



The York C.B.S. Committee.
Top Row—Messrs. Campling, Shorney, Hunter, Wright, and Chittenden, Senr. Bottom Row—Messrs. White, Boyle (Secretary), Richardson (Chairman), Waud (Asst. Secretary), Chittenden, Junr., and Cardwell (Treasurer).

FANCIERS' RAMBLES.

YORK C.B.S.

The members and friends of the above society held their annual country ramble on Sunday, July 14th. The party, numbering twenty-two, journeyed by the 9.55 train to Castle Howard, the beautiful Yorkshire seat of the Earl and Countess of Carlisle. On arrival, we were conducted by Mr. Chas. Young, who took us by way of Cramlibick over the beautiful meadows to the village of Welburn, where lunch was served. Soon after we set out for the famous old castle, the home of the Howards, dating back a number of years. Here we were shown over the library, picture galleries, and the world-famous entrance hall with its splendid paintings by such artists as Van Dyck, etc. After, by the kind permission of Mr. Harrison, we were taken to the aviaries to see the collection of birds stocked there, then by the way of New River Bridge, through Oakwood Woods back to Welburn, where tea was served by Mr. Thompson at the Temperance Hotel. After the cloth was moved an informal meeting was held. Mr. A. Richardson took the chair, and it was proposed by Mr. Gledden, seconded by A. Simeson, that the secretary, Mr. T. Boyle, see the L. and N.-W. Railway Company, and try to arrange an excursion up to the Palace Show next year, also to take weekly subscriptions from those who thought of making the journey. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Young for his kindness in acting as guide. Mr. D. Hunt seconded, and Mr. Young suitably replied. He said he could not say much about birds to us, but he would give the society a special prize for our Open Show, which was received with thanks. After tea we set off by the village church to Whitwell, listening to the bells chiming, "Abide with me," and then we strolled to the station, catching the 7.45 train. Amongst the fifteen members present, we have bred 338 young birds, not so bad for York. On reaching home, about 9 p.m., everybody voted it the best outing ever arranged by the York C.B.S.

T. BOYLE, Hon. Sec.

AN AUSTRALIAN EVENT.

The North Suburban C.I. Society.

The twelfth annual show of the North Suburban Canary Improvement Society was opened by the President (Mr. A. J. Walmsley) in the Brunswick Town Hall, Melbourne, on June 13th, and remained open till the 15th. It was not only a record in numbers, but also in quality, the cage birds making a very attractive display, and the largest ever staged. Many well-known winners put in an appearance. Mr. C. F. C. Rose, the hon. secretary, is a most painstaking official, and, backed up by a capable and energetic committee, carried out his duties in a manner which secured, as it deserved, much praise. The society's Crest Challenge Cup was won by Mr. W. Stevens (also G. Whaley's 5-guinea trophy) with a very nice bird, in lovely feather, and of good type. The Norwich Plainhead Challenge Cup was won by that well-known breeder, Mr. G. Whaley, Messrs. Warner and Rose gaining second place. The Cinnamon Challenge Cup was secured by Mr. W. L. Thompson, and the Yorkshire Cup by Mr. W. J. Myring (also several other prizes). In Lizards, Mr. P. Verey won all the prizes, his exhibits being most creditable. Mr. A. G. Boardman won in most of the Finch classes, and took a special.

CRESTED NORWICH: 1, J. Ness; 2, G. Whaley; 3, A. Mason. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, Whaley; 2, W. Gordon. CRESTED NORWICH (Colonial bred, cayenne fed), CLEAR OR GREY: 1, Whaley. DARK: 1, spl, Mason. MKD. COCK: 1, Whaley. HEN: 1, W. Stevens. YOUNG: 1, 2, Whaley; 3, Stevens. CREST (Colonial bred, natural colour), CLEAR: 1, Stevens. DARK: 1, H. Hagg; 2, Stevens. MKD. COCK: 1, S. Chambers; 2, Whaley; 3, R. Thompson. HEN: 1, spl, Whaley; 2, Mason; 3, Thompson. YOUNG: 1, Stevens; 2, Mason; 3, Thompson. PAIR: 1, Whaley; 2, Chambers; 3, Stevens. NOVICE, CREST: 1, spl, F. Anderson; 2, W. Smith; 3, W. Ponsford. CRESTBRED (Colonial bred, cayenne fed): 1, cup, S. Chambers. BUFF COCK: 1, spl, Stevens; 2, Whaley; 3, Chambers. HEN: 1, 2, Whaley. YOUNG: 1, Stevens; 2, Chambers; 3, Whaley. NOVICES: 1, spl, A. Palmer; 2, W. Smith. CRESTBRED (Natural colour, Colonial bred), BUFF COCK: 1, Chambers; 2, J. Wales; 3, vhc, R. Douglass. HEN: 1, Whaley; 2, G. Brew; 3, Thompson. YOUNG: 1, spl, S. Chambers; 2, Brew. NORWICH (cayenne fed), CL. YELL. COCK: 1, T. Cole; 2, S. Drayton; 3, W. Alder. HEN: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, P. Verey. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Warner and Rose; 2, Whaley. BUFF COCK: 1, A. Helton; 2, W. Myring; 3, A. Walmsley. YOUNG: 1, R. Mathieson; 2, Walmsley; 3, vhc, Warner and Rose. PAIRS, CLEARS: 1, Warner and Rose; 2, J. Holbery; 3, Myring. TKD., ETC., YELL. COCK: 1, Alder; 2, T. Cole; 3, Whaley. HEN: 1, Walmsley. BUFF COCK: 1, spl, H. Kilner; 2, Cole; 3, vhc, Warner and Rose. HEN: 1, Whaley; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Walmsley. YOUNG: 1, Myring; 2, Whaley; 3, Mathieson; vhc, Warner and Rose. PAIR (YELL. AND BUFF): 1, Walmsley; 2, Holbery; 3, Cole. NORWICH (Natural colour) YELL. COCK: 1, spl, vhc, F. White; 2, Alder; 3, Myring. HEN: 1, A. Gardner; 2, White; 3, Myring. BUFF COCK: 1, A. Hilton; 2, A. Hyndhan; 3, Warner and Rose; vhc, Walmsley. HEN: 1, Cole; 2, Hilton; 3, Alder; vhc, White. YOUNG: 1, Mathieson; 2, W. Elliott; 3, Warner and Rose; vhc, F. White. PAIRS, CLEARS: 1, Elliott; 2, Hilton; 3, Myring; vhc, White. TKD., ETC., YELL. COCK: 1, Myring; 2, Wright; 3, Gardner. HEN: 1, 3, Warner and Rose; 2, Elliott. BUFF COCK: 1, Wright; 2, Mathieson; 3, Hilton; vhc, Cole. HEN: 1, White; 2, Alder; 3, Walmsley; vhc, Cole. YOUNG: 1, spl, Warner and Rose; 2, Whaley; 3, Wright. PAIRS, VARIEG.: 1, White; 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Myring; vhc, Cole. GREEN: 1, White; 2, Elliott; 3, Gardner. NOV., CLEAR: 1, W. Alder; 2, E. Bailey; 3, G. Smith; vhc, J. Ness. VARIEG.: 1, spl, Whaley; 2, Verey; 3, J. Ness. CINNAMONS (cayenne fed): 1, W. Thompson; 2, H. Hagg; 3, H. Kilner. BUFF: 1, Thompson. VARIEG.: 1, A. Windsor; 2, Thompson; 3, Hagg. NAT. COL. YELL.; 1, W. London; 2, Hagg; 3, Myring. BUFF: 1, spl, Windsor; 2, Thompson; 3, Kilner. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Kilner; 2, Gardner. YORKS. (cayenne fed): 1, 2, 3, Myring. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, Myring; 3, Boston. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Myring; 2, O. Gillespie. VARIEG.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Mrying. CINN. MKD.: 1, Gillespie. YOUNG: 1, 2, Myring; 3, Boston. NOVICE: 1, W. Linton. LIZARD: 1, 2, 3, Verey. COCK, BROKEN CAP: 1, Verey. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Mrs. Teasdale, with a good light Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Greenwood; 3, Boardman, with a rare bird, should have been first (Spicebird—Bengalese). Mrs. A. Edwards won in the dark class; Cayenne fed class, A. Walmsley. SELL.: 1, 2, Warner and Rose; 3, Walmsley. SELL., CRES.: 1, Ness; 2, Myring; 3, Gordon. EUROPEAN BIRDS, BULLFINCH: 1, Boardman, lovely colour. GOLDFINCH, CAGE MOULTED: 1, A. Windsor, very rich blaze, nice cheeks and breast, rather small; 2, Greenwood, large bird, not so bright as winner, unsteady; 3, Boardman, bright blaze, nice back and buttons, shade small. GOLDFINCH: 1, P. Alfred, large bird, clean cut blaze, well shaped, nice back and buttons; 2, W. Speekman, bright coloured, but rather wild. GREENFINCH: 1, Boardman. A.O.V.: 1, Boardman, lovely Chaffinch, in good colour, very steady. A.V. AUSTRALIAN, PAIRS: 1, T. Hepburn, pair of Gouldians; 2, Symonds, pair of Pectorals; 3, Boardman, Yellow-rumps, should have been first, in good plumage, very steady. The winning pair were off colour, hen bare on neck, must have missed judge's eye. FOR., PAIRS: 1, spl, Boardman, with a very rare pair of Rufus-backed Mannikins. COLLECTION OF SIX FINCHES: 1, S. Drayton; 2, 3, Boardman, with a rare collection. GOULDIANS: 1, McKenzie, good pair of Black-heads; 2, Drayton, Red-heads, should have been first, in perfect condition and plumage; 3, Lambert. DIAMONDS: 1, Greenwood, two cocks, should have been disqualified; 2, Barker; 3, Drayton. STAR: 1, E. Hulme; 2, Boardman; 3, Drayton. CARDINALS: 1, 2, Drayton. WEAVER: 1, Drayton, Long-tailed Whydah, in good plumage. A.O.V.: 1, Hulme, very steady Saffron Finch, nice plumage; 2, Symonds, Red-headed Finch. A.O.V.: 1, Boardman, Red-whiskered Bulbul; 2, Edwards, Crested Pigeon. COCKATOO: 1, G. Dyer. A.O.V. PARROT: 1, J. Rose, Galah, lovely bright colour; 2, Master Neale. ROSELLA: 1, spl, Mrs. Brigg; 2, Weldon; 3, Willis. PORT LINCOLN: 1, W. Hughes. SHELL PARROTS: 1, Hulme; 2, Boardman. A.O.V.: 1, G. Walton, a lovely Ring-neck Parrakeet; 2, Hulme, a Brown's Parrakeet, should have won.

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Breeding results in and around Bolton are bad on the whole, but a few have done well. I consider that most of the failures might be prevented if breeders would only begin to prepare their hens early, and get them into their cages about January, instead of trying to do it all in a few weeks. I have 112 on the sticks from 20 hens and eight cocks. Last year I had 123 from 18 hens and nine cocks, while in 1905 I had 116 from 16 hens. Any fancier is welcome to call and see my stock, and take my methods of treatment with pleasure.

W. WHITTAKER.

Crewe O.S.

After a late start, owing to conditions of weather, the breeding commenced rather late, but fanciers have picked up a lot of ground lately, although quite a number have done very badly. Amongst those who have done excellent are Mr. T. Hancocks (Borders), who has over 50 on the sticks. Next comes Mr. T. Cremes (Norwich), with a like number, and who has been successful with a Goldfinch Bullfinch Hybrid the first time of asking. It is now over a week old and doing well. We all join in wishing him success. Mr. S. Fleet (Yorkshires), H. Latham, J. Heaton, S. Potts, and W. Bowker have also done fairly well, but taking the season on the whole, the verdict is only moderate.

J. C. HEATON, Hon. Sec.

Bedford.

The members of the Bedford Cage Bird Society have been fairly successful this season. Mr. Wiggins, the hon. secretary of the society, commenced breeding very early, using artificial heat, and has over 50 Norwich doing well, many of them half through the moult. Mr. Arthur Keech has over 60 Norwich, including some very choice typical youngsters. Mr. H. Gentle has not had a good season, but has succeeded in getting 40 nice youngsters from 20 hens. Mr. H. Markham, although not very successful, has also a few good ones, including the best young buff he has ever bred. Mr. G. Osborn, one of our youngest members, has over 50, including a good Goldfinch Mule. Mr. T. Smith has been breeding chiefly with double Crests, and has quite a number of youngsters, which look like making up well. Mr. T. Millard, another veteran, has a few of the right stamp. Mr. H. Gould and Mr. J. Corrie, and several other members, have from 20 to 40 each, chiefly Norwich, so that we may expect to have a record entry at our Annual Show in the autumn. Mrs. Gray, of Rothsay Road, Bedford, has a pair of Bullfinches flying in her aviary, which have reared one nest, and the hen is sitting again. Her Pekin Nightingales have also nested in their aviary. J. C. WILMOT.

Newcastle C.B.S.

Amongst the Mule breeders, Mr. J. Maddison has 14 young, one a clear Siskin Mule. This is the fourth year in succession that he has reared a clear Mule—Linnet in 1904, Goldfinches in 1905 and 1906, and now a Siskin. I don't know whether James goes in for sight influence or not, for amongst others he has an almost clear Linnet Mule, a four-pointed Goldfinch Mule, and several variegated. I would like to know through CAGE BIRDS if there is another fancier who has bred and reared a clear Mule for four years running, or even two or three. What have the gentlemen to say who go in for this sight influence? How many light ones have they bred, not counting the clear ones? Mr. MacPartling has a few young ones, amongst them four Twite-Canary Mules, all variegated—in fact, one of them has one light wing and seven light feathers in the other, besides being splashed on the body. Amongst the Canary breeders, Messrs. Currah and Son (Gosforth) have between 60 and 70 young ones, and some fine birds amongst them. They have the finest fitted up bird-room that it has been my lot to see. It is 18 ft. by 17 ft. Mr. Thos. Robson has got a few young ones, Crests and Norwich. Two Crests are very nice, and as neat as any that I have seen; also two or three real good Norwich, which he thinks a lot about. Mr. T. C. Crawhall has over 100 young ones, and I have heard that he has bred a good Crest or two, so we should see some keen competition amongst the Crest fanciers at our northern shows this coming season. Mr. Taylor (Melbourne House) has a few young ones, but this fancier has not had the best of luck this season. I learn he has bred a good Yorkshire or two. Mr. M. C. Potts has only six young ones so far, some of his hens refusing to feed after hatching. Better luck another season. Mr. Macdonald (Wallsend) has about 40 young ones, and he tells me he has bred a good Border Fancy or two. Mr. McCoull (Wallsend) has bred a few Crests and Crestbreds. Mr. J. Bertram has about 30 young ones. Mr. A. Storey has only four. Better luck another year, Andrew. Mr. Allison has only a few young ones. Mr. L. Stone has about 30. Mr. J. Hubbuck has had bad luck, only about six young ones. Messrs. Dobson and Son only a few. Mr. Leech has had a bad season. At one time he had between 90 and 100 full eggs, but very few batched out. I wonder what was the reason of so few hatching? Mr. Robinson has hardly a young one. Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth) has bred a few, and I learn that he has bred three real good ones. Another Queenie or two will do Mr. Grey; what say you? Mr. Harvey (Byker) has a few young ones, and a friend informs me that he has bred a real topper of a Scotch Fancy. Mr. Little is only having poor luck this season. Mr. Coutts has only 12 young ones. Mr. J. G. Hutchinson about 30 now, after starting very badly. Mr. Hindmarsh has had poor luck, having only 12 young ones. Mr. Young has between 40 and 50. Mr. Craig has got a few Borders and Scotch Fancies. Mr. Mackenzie (Low Fell), foreign bird fancier, has two young ones from a pair of Cockateels, seven weeks old, going on well. They have been bred in an indoor aviary. He has also had eggs from a pair of Red-rumped Parrakeets. I, myself, have 28 young ones, all doing well.

W. CURRY.

A Word for the Jay.

Waterton, the well-known naturalist, fostered a great affection for the Jay, and declined to recognise it as a destructive bird. He loved to see it in the woods and hear its harsh, cackling note. Its beautiful plumage—notably its azure wing bars—has caused it to be regarded as a fit object for the taxidermist's art. At one time scarcely a country cottage but what possessed its wicker cage for the chattering Jay. Of late years it appears to have lost its place as a favourite cage bird, and yet few birds are more interesting, its curious antics and knowing ways affording considerable amusement to strangers.

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Mr. G. Gwilliam has removed to Annandale Villa, Seymour Road, Gloucester.

Our coming Show has been fixed for Tuesday, November 26th.—R. L. ARMES (Sudbury).

Mr. A. Wellings will, we hear, judge Egremont (Cumberland) Show on November 29th.

If you don't know what to put in your cage bottoms, see Foreign column—Pearson.—ADVT.

I am very pleased with Part II. of the ANNUAL. It is very valuable, and I think must have taken a lot of compiling.—C. BARWELL (Northampton).

Battersea Show will be held on October 24th and 25th in the Town Hall. The judges-elect are Messrs. W. Mundell (Yorkshires), J. Robson (the remainder).

I had many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Kindly thank them in the next issue, as I could not reply to them all.—M. HODGSON (Loughbrough).

We regret to learn that the popular Secretary of Jarrow and District C.B.S., Mr. J. T. Carrick, recently had the misfortune to break his wrist, and join with his many friends in wishing him speedy recovery from the trouble.

Hatched in the spring of 1892, a Brown Linnet, which Mr. W. J. Saunders, 47, Catherine Street, Salisbury, has had in his possession for fourteen and a half years, died a few days since.

The half-yearly balance-sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B., which reaches us from the Hon. Sec., Mr. V. Wynn, endorsed by the Association's auditors, shows the highly satisfactory sum of £25 8s. 10d. cash balance.

Mr. J. F. Dewar has again been invited to judge the show of the Antwerp Society on August 11th. When will Britons return this compliment by inviting a gentleman from Belgium to officiate at one of our shows?

I have been elected Hon. Sec. to the Brighouse and District Cage Bird Society, in place of Mr. A. Morton, resigned. All correspondence dealing with the above society must be addressed to me.—F. MITCHELL, 9, Marion Street, Brighouse.

A gratifying feature of the London Young Bird Shows to date has been the excellence and number of the exhibits staged by the novices, their birds being in most instances the equal of those in the "higher circles," and in some cases even better.

The following gentlemen have consented to judge at our First Annual Show, to be held on October 12th:—Scotch Fancy, A. Paterson, Esq., Edinburgh; Borders, John Watson, Esq., Selkirk; Norwich, Mules and British, W. R. Dunn, Esq., Portobello.—WALTER B. SMART, Sec. (Loanhead).

I have received two entries without name or address, postmark "Llanelly." They are dark Mule Goldfinch cock and cock Bullfinch; both are classified right. If exhibitors will only write before, or day of show, the birds will be put in their proper places.—H. WILKINS, Secretary Kidwelly Show.

We are having a lecture on August 7th by Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, on "The Norwich Plainhead," writes Mr. S. M. Clayton, Hon. Sec. Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. I should feel glad if you would kindly notify this (see Club Notices column), as we are doing our utmost to make our society one of the most progressive in this part of Lancashire.

A One-bird Island.

The Island of St. Helena possesses no indigenous land bird, but has a small water bird all to itself; it is a Ringed Plover, and is called the Wire-bird.

Jackdaw's Mal-formed Bill.

A Jackdaw was shot in the neighbourhood of Nottingham the other day with the upper mandible projecting over the lower about three-quarters of an inch.

Found Out!

The other week a Galashiels nurseryman is said to have found a young Starling in his nursery, and as the bird could not fly he took it to his home, nearly half-a-mile away, and put it in a cage, which he hung up in the lobby of the house. Next day he was surprised to see the mother bird fly into the house and commence feeding the young bird in the cage. This operation has been continued since, and the bird appears to be in no way frightened at the strange surroundings.

Serious Accident to Mrs. Skey.

We regret to announce that, whilst on her way, with her husband, to the meeting of the W.C.O.S., last week, that enthusiastic bird-lover and successful breeder of Hybrids, Mrs. Skey, was knocked down and her leg broken by a cab, the horse of which had bolted in fright from a tram-car. Mrs. Skey's injuries have proved more serious than was at first thought, and she has naturally suffered great pain; but, although she is going on as well as can be expected, it will be some time before she will be able to turn her attention to Fancy matters. Many will join us in the hope that Mrs. Skey will have a speedy return to convalescence.

Australian fanciers can obtain Ramsden's pure pepper from Elliott Bros., Sydney, and Felton, Grimwade and Co., of Melbourne. They will save trouble and expense by placing their orders with these firms.—ADVT.

Report of Nest Feather Show of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., in Buff Yorkshire class, credits Mr. Heddon with being 2nd, which position I got. It should, therefore, have read, "2, Cockburn, stylish exhibit, close up, good wings, pipo tail."—WM. COCKBURN (Wallsend).

From Mr. Bowes, the Hon. Secretary of the Crook Original C.B.S., we hear that his society is making great headway, and that at the last meeting no less than 11 new members were elected. This is good business, and we wish our Crook friends a continuance of the same.

Morriston and Dis. C.B.S. Show will be held under C.B.U. rules on November 21st. A very spacious hall is being secured to hold same, with plenty of light overhead; and exhibitors may rest assured that when the time comes all exhibits will be carefully attended to. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. Mr. D. Jenkins, the Border fancier, was elected a member of our society on July 27th.—D. JEREMY, Sec.

Reference has before now been made in these columns to the wonderful singing Linnet which is owned by Mr. H. Allen, of Leeds. At one of the last week-end contests in Leeds Mr. Saynor offered Mr. Allen £15 for this wonderful little songster, which is said by all who have had the pleasure of hearing him to be a veritable champion. £15 refused for a singing Linnet! Has anyone ever known such an offer to be made for an exhibition bird?

A sample of silkworm pupæ, both whole and ground, reaches us from Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., who have been largely instrumental in placing this valuable ingredient in the food of all insectivorous birds within the reach of bird-keepers generally. The finely-ground quality is especially useful, only requiring mixing into the soft food in suitable proportion, and being greatly relished by the birds. In nutritive value it stands high, while it keeps indefinitely, has no objectionable smell, and is reasonably priced.

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Readers should note that "Cage Birds'" offices will be closed Saturday to Monday, August 3rd to 5th, inclusive.

Advertisers will oblige by sending next week's announcements to reach us by an early post on Tuesday, August 6th. Editorial communications should also reach us then.

Feathers Across the Sea.

Judging by the report of the North Suburban C.I.S. Show, sent by our Australian correspondent this week, our friends "down under" still keep their fancy for colour-fed Crests and Crestbreds, these breeds having both cayenne-fed and natural-colour classes provided for them. A Spice bird-Bengalee Hybrid is reported to have been on view, while there seems to have been a fine display of Goldfinches, both cage-moulted and otherwise.

Did the Smell Annoy Him?

While a motor-car was proceeding from Elgin to Lhanbryde, a Crow, after circling in front of the car, is reported to have suddenly wheeled directly towards the vehicle, striking the front passenger with some violence on the shoulder. As the partition screen was not attached, the Crow fell against a lady behind, its beak piercing her eyelid. The Crow, stunned, as it were, by the blow, fell at first on the road, but almost immediately recovered, and was to all appearance unhurt.

An L. and C.A.C.B. Outing.

The members of the London and Counties A.C.B. have, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, received a very cordial invitation to Henley-on-Thames on Bank Holiday Monday from an enthusiastic fancier of that town. It has been suggested that a cricket match should be played, or some other means of spending a pleasant day will be devised. The train leaves Paddington at 10 a.m., and any fancier or friend wishing to partake in this outing is requested to be on the departure platform (No. 1), under the clock, by 9.45.

Nottingham in Luck.

A curious bequest has just reached the Nottingham Corporation, by the will of Miss M. A. Mason, a member of an old Leicestershire family. It is made in these terms:—"I also give to the said Corporation of Nottingham for the said Art Museum the last Mule Canary that travelled from Nottingham to the Cross Keys, Wood Street, Cheapside, on the (almost) last 'old times coach,' driven by 'Old Joe Pearson' (as the next visit I made to Loughborough, Leicester, was by railway). Also the two gadflies, which are also in the same glass case as the Canaries, and were caught at Prince Albert's Exhibition in 1851 at Hyde Park."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at cast 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.)
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.**
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R., J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
Dec. 21—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show**

(Secretaries desiring the Initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

Shared the Home.

In a bird's nest, on the estate of Mr. G. S. Streeter, at Thornley-place, Bishops Stortford, were found eight Partridge eggs and six wild Duck's eggs. The birds had taken alternate possession of the nest.

My Little Wooden Hut.

In a small improvised wooden hutch, at the Clock and Watchmakers' Almsheuses, at New Southgate, there is a sleek-looking Thrush. It was found in the garden unable to fly, and one of the old ladies took it in and tended it. For some days after that another bird—probably a parent—brought it worms to eat. But when the patient had recovered its normal condition, the other bird ceased its visits, and the Thrush now chirps, "I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you."

OUR SPORTING OFFER.

In accordance with our Sporting Offer to return the cash to every tenth sender for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Part 1., the following have had their money returned to them this week:—

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Astley, near Manchester.

A Bound Volume of the "Bird World Magazine" has been sent to—

See announcement at foot of this page.

Useful Guests.

A couple of Swallows have, it is reported, grown so accustomed to entering a house in Nottingham by the open window after flies as to become quite tame. They refuse to be fed, however, and confine themselves to darting about the rooms after the flies.

A Last Move.

I have had a curious instance brought to my notice, says a writer in a contemporary, of wild birds laying their eggs in other's nests. A pair of Blackbirds that set up housekeeping in an exposed position were robbed of two clutches of eggs in succession. They built again for the third time, but the wretched boys tore out the nest when three eggs were laid. Then the hen Blackbird adopted the Cuckoo tactics and deposited two eggs in a Thrushes' nest close by. Mrs. Thrush has taken to them quite contentedly, and we are awaiting developments.

Wanted: A Talker.

Many offers have been made by persons anxious to possess the smart Parrot whose excessive loquaciousness led to its appearance in a London Police Court recently. One applicant wrote from Wales as follows:—i see you have been fined for keeping a noisey Parrot now if you ar going to get rid of him as i have got a Butey full African gray with red tail and very quiet and tame and well climatised and splendid wistler and come out of Cage just begone to say a few word i should like one that is tolking, so if you ar going to get rid of yours please say how much money you want for a exchang if you will exchang i will garantee this a good Bird, and will soon come to talk we ar living in the country. We don't care what noise he make, or if you don't Care to exchange you mite recemend some one else that would like to exchange as i do realy want one that is talking now, as not much time to learn it.

Where's the Dove?

In order that the revival spirit might be quickened, it was arranged in a negro church near Savannah that the preacher should give a signal when he thought the excitement was highest, and from the attic, through a hole in the ceiling over the pulpit, the sexton was to throw down a pure white dove, whose flight around the church and over the heads of the audience was expected to cap the climax. All went well at the start; the church was packed. The preacher's text was, "In the form of a dove," and as he piled up his periods the excitement was intense. Then the opportune moment arrived—the signal was given—and the packed audience was scared out of its wits on looking up to the ceiling and beholding a cat, with a clothes-line round its middle, yowling and spitting, being slowly lowered over the preacher's head. The preacher called out to the sexton in the attic, "Whar's de Dove?" And the sexton's voice came down through the opening, so you could hear it far away, "Inside the cat!"

An Alleged Infringement.

Concerning the matter referred to on page 41 last week, of alleged infringement of Mr. W. Rudd's patented device on a breeding cage, we have received the following from that well-known Norwich bird specialist:—"Mr. Watson's reply confirms my statement that his sketch was a copy of mine. He adds insult to injury by absolute untruths. He states he only saw one small sketch in my catalogue, and that it did not show the working. How could he see one small sketch without seeing *four more* of them, which show the working to a far greater degree than his, as I show the door in three positions, and the nest-pan on? He owns to having seen so much—we now know he must have seen all. Where does the 'mere coincidence' come in? He cribbed from my catalogue, and wants to take credit that in no way belongs to him. He would have shown himself to have been more of a man had he apologised and said he did not think he was doing any wrong."

[Mr. Rudd's catalogue (page of which he encloses) shows five sketches of a revolving door, and naturally we regret we should have been led into publishing a sketch in any way approximating to his patented idea.—EDITOR, "C. B."]

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

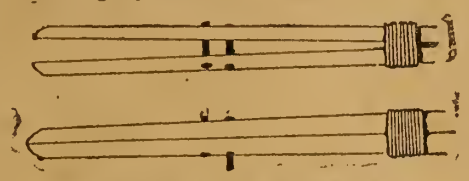
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, birdroom or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 123.

QUICK-MADE FORCEPS FOR HAND FEEDING.

Sent by E. Eatock, 295, Lever Street, Bolton.

When young birds in the nest have to be hand-fed, a very convenient pair of forceps is easily made in the following manner:—Two suitable and similar pieces of wood (a little larger and broader than match stalks) are bound tightly at one end, and then pins are



A Hand-Feeding Appliance.
Top figure—Closed. Lower figure—Open.

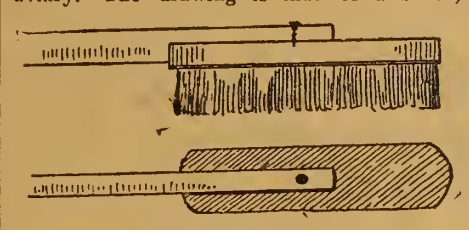
forced through in reverse ways and slipped, as shown. The head of each pin will hold, if pressed into the wood, but it must work loosely in the corresponding hole in the opposite piece of wood. Pressure on the pins will open the ends (which may be tapered) to take up the small quantity of milk-sop, etc., which can then be placed neatly and clearly in the gullet of the young bird.

No. 124.

CLEANING BRUSH FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY.

Sent by C. & H. Palmer, 57, Ashbourne Grove, East Dulwich, London, S.E.

My brother and I have a few birds in an outdoor aviary, which we keep up ourselves with our own pocket money. We thought of the enclosed idea whilst cleaning out our aviary. The drawing is that of a brush,



A Brush for Corners.
Side view, showing screw, and brush let into the handle; also view from above, showing screw-head.

which cleans the aviary out quietly and thoroughly. It is easily made. The handle is that of a broom; the end is a new blacking brush. A piece is cut out of the handle, as shown in Fig. 1. A screw is driven through the handle and just into the back of the brush. Now, it is easy to get into any and every corner of the aviary by simply turning the brush round, more or less, according to the angle of the corner. It can be used as an ordinary brush if put at right angles with the handle.

IN THE COURTS.

A Fanciers' Society and its late Secretary.

On July 24th, at the West Bromwich County Court, before his Houour Judge Smith, an action was brought by Mr. Beale and others, on behalf of the West Bromwich and District P.P. Society, against George Hitchman, formerly secretary, for the return of certain books and papers, and also for an order for the presentation of an account of the moneys received and expended, and tho handing over of any moneys belonging to tho society.—William Mole, the present Secretary, said the defendant was appointed secretary on January 16th, 1896, and he held the position up to May 29th last. The defendant had in his possession a number of books, papers and documents belonging to the society. They wished defendant to hand over the whole of the receipt books, cash books, vouchers, and correspondence.—Mr. J. Clark, who represented tho society, explained that since the action was commenced on Juue 13th last defendant had handed over a bank pass book, a minute book, two cheque books and a cash receipt book. There were other books which the society had demanded, and which the defendant had promised to hand over. He explained that the defendant had been receiving moneys on behalf of the society. What the society wanted was an account of all moneys received and paid by the defendant since the last balance-sheet in 1905.—His Honour made an order for defendant to deliver the books and papers up to the society in fourteen days, and to furnish an account and hand over any moneys in his hands within a month, and to pay the costs.—"Birmingham Daily Mail."

CLUB NOTICES.

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Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.—August 8th, at Horse and Jockey, 8. Prize money; lecture by Mr. J. Browning, "The Yorkshire Canary."—W. Richinson, Sec.

Baildon Original C.B.A.—August 3rd, at Bull's Head. Show report.—L. Haithwaite, Sec.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.—August 3rd, at Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—T. Coward, Sec.

Battersea and Dis. C.B.A.—August 7th, at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, 8.15 prompt. Schedule for Annual Show and other important business.—F. Easterling, Sec.

Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S.—August 6th, at Joiners' Arms, 8. Important business.—J. Stringer, Sec.

Bolton and Dis. P.C.B.S.—August 6th, at Olinda Cafe, 8. Half-yearly balance-sheet; date Old Bird Show.—J. W. Bancroft, Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—August 3rd, at Victoria Hotel. First Feather Show; all birds to be staged not later than 2.30; judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford).—E. Shepherd, Hon. Sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—August 6th, at Park Chapel Schools, 8 o'clock. Mr. G. R. Rushworth will open a debate on moulting and colour feeding; other important business.—H. Hill, Sec.

Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.—August 6th, at Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

Broughty Ferry O.S.—August 7th, at King Street Hall, 8. Classification Open Show.—C. Muir, Sec.

Chester and Dis. C.B.S.—August 6th, at Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8 o'clock. Arrangements for Old Bird Show; distribution prize money Nest Feather Show.—J. Red, Sec.

City and County of Perth O.A.—August 5th, at City Cafe, South Methven Street. Monthly meeting; full attendance requested.—J. R. Thompson, Sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—August 3rd, at Travellers' Rest, 8. Final meeting at this house; to thank friend Horsman for past favours; cricket match, August 10 v. Manningham C.B.S., at Wellington Hotel, Undercliffe Ground.—P. Stansfield, Sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—August 8th, at Oddfel'ows' Hall, 8. Paper on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. D. Hope.—F. F. Potter, Sec.

Crewe O.S.—August 6th, at Nag's Head, 7.30. Important business.—J. C. Heaton, Hon. Sec.

Crook Original C.B. and R.S.—August 7th, Crown Hotel, 7. Arranging specials Annual Show; also bird washiug exhibition by Mr. G. Sweet.—A. Bowes, Sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—August 6th, at Bull's Head Inn, 8.—F. W. Tomsett, Sec.

Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.—August 3rd, at Royal Hotel. First Feather Show; birds staged at 3.—B. Cook, Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—August 10th, at Barley Mow, 8. To arrange supper; alterations of rules; discussion on novice competition.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—August 2nd, at Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for First Feather Show; judge, Mr. Haigh.—W. Ashworth, Sec.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—August 7th, at Victoria Hall, 8. Special; every member requested to attend.—W. H. Stodter, Sec.

Guisborough F.S.—August 3rd, at Headquarters, 7. Very important.—W. T. Simpson, Hon. Sec.

Halifax O.S.—August 3rd, at Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule Winter Show.—J. F. Thackray, Sec.

Hamilton, Cadzow Oak O.S.—August 3rd, at Royal Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—R. Gadsden, Sec.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—Owing to holiday week, no meeting until first week in September.—E. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

Jarrow and Dis. C.B.F.S.—August 7th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Important business concerning forthcoming show.—J. T. Carrick, Sec.

Lancashire C.A.—August 10th, Rochdale O.C., 7. Standard cage, etc.—J. Law, Sec.

Leith O.S.—August 10th, at Labour Hall, Smith Place, 7. Important.—G. Brown, Sec.

L. and L.F.A.—August 3rd, at Boar's Head Hotel, Stockport, 6. Show patronage etc.—H. Oliver, Sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—August 9th, at Oldham Hall, 8. Discussion on "Moulting," opened by Mr. S. Hadwin.—H. Barratt, Sec.

Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.—August 12th, at Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Annual Show; prize money First Feather Show.—G. Francis, Sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—August 3rd, at Mowbray Arms, 8. To arrange cricket match with Bradford City, etc.—E. Kemp, Sec.

Merthyr, Dowlais and Dis. F.A.—August 2nd, at Ship and Bell, 7.30. Schedule of show, Nov. 14th; all who wish to become members should do so that night.—J. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

Metropolitan A.C.M.H.B.—August 8th, at Crown Hotel, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. F. J. Martin, "Preparation for the Breeding Season."—A. J. Head, Hon. Sec.

Middleton O.S.—August 5th next show.—R. Cowherd, Hon. Sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—August 7th There will be no meeting this month unless specially called.—G. E. Wilkinson, Sec.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Exhibits at First Feather Show need not be staged until 1 o'clock, instead of 12, as advertised, on date of show, August 3rd.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec.

Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.—August 6th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Payment prize money won at recent show, etc.—T. H. Tiffen, Sec.

Preston O.S.—August 6th, at Empress Cafe, 8. Balance-sheet F.F. Show, etc., and smoking concert.—J. W. Cleminson, Sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—August 7th, at Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, on the Norwich Plainhead; all friends welcome.—S. M. Clayton, Sec.

Shipley O.S.—August 6th, at Victoria Hotel, 8. Open and Members' Shows, etc.—H. Dobson, Sec.

S.W. London C.B.S.—August 8th, at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Mr. C. A. Rouse will lecture on "Moulting."—W. Lilley, Sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—August 3rd, at Horse and Groom, 8. Specials, etc., for shows, etc.—E. W. Johnson, Sec.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Owing to the holiday season there will be no general meetings during the months of August and September.—W. H. Colman, Hon. Sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S.—August 3rd, at Blue Bell, 8. Winter Show.—E. Broadley, Sec.

Wombwell and Dis. C.B.A.—August 3rd, at Alma Inn, Alma Street, 7.30. Date of Annual Show and judge for same, and contributions.—C. Gleadhall, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Penketh and Sankey.—August 17th. Judge, Mr. J. Williams. 16 classes—Yorks., 2; Nor., 3; Crest, 1; A.O.V., 1; Novice, 3 (all these to be in nest feather); Canary, A.V., old, 1; Brit., 2; For., 1; Sell., 1. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s.; entrance fee, 1s. non-members; 9d. members. Entries close August 15th to Mr. J. Hampson, Victoria Road, Penketh.

Cannock.—August 19th. Judge, Mr. Sowter. Three classes—Canary, British, Mule. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close August 19th to Mr. J. Bird, Market Square, Cannock.

Troon.—August 31st. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar. 22 classes—Scots, Bor., Nor., Brit., 4 each; For., 3; Mule, 2; Gift, 1. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s., and a card; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close August 28th to Mr. J. Ferguson, Titchfield Cottage, Troon.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Noise with Beak.

Novice (Nottingham).—Your hen is out of sorts, hence her continually sitting on the nest and not laying. Take her away at once from the cock, as the breeding season is now over, and she will be in moult in a very short time. For the noise you say she makes, give ten drops of syrup of squills, ten drops of glycerine, and ten drops of best whisky in the drinking water, fresh daily, and continue for a fortnight or three weeks. Also put a piece of mutton suet between the bars of the cage for her to peck at.

Beaks Mutilated.

Broken Beak.—The mutilation of the beaks of your young birds was no doubt done by the cock when they were a few days old. From what you tell me I think you will find they will come right in time. Let them have a little egg food two or three times a week. I should advise you next year, should you use the cock again, to take him away from the hen and let her rear the young herself.

Not Fertile.

Novice.—I am inclined to think the cause of your having clear eggs is due either to the cock not being in good breeding condition, or else he is a non-breeder, but I cannot tell you for certain, as you do not give me any particulars. Is the cock in full song and active and lively; if so, then I think you may conclude he is not a breeder, but if he has been off his song and appears listless, and continually sits in one place, you may conclude he has been out of sorts. Part them at once, as the breeding season is now over.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Weaning Young Birds.

Manxman.—Your young ones that are 26 days old will do well on egg food, but will soon start eating the crushed seed as well, and by the time they are six weeks old will be able to crack seed, when you may stop the egg food. (2) The one she plucked a little at thighs would have been better left with the hen another day or two, but it will have got over it by the time you see this, either one way or the other.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Cinnamon Blood, etc.

Mug.—If you had told me full particulars of your stock birds, I should have had more to guide me If you have no Cinnamon blood in any of your stock you must procure a Cinnamon, either a cock or a hen. I may say that Cinnamon cocks are still very rare in this variety, and seldom for sale. Should you get one you will breed from say a pair of self Cinnamon cock and clear hen, marked young. They will be dark marked, both cocks and hens, but any showing pink eyes and Cinnamon markings would be hens. From a clear cock and Cinnamon hen you would not breed a Cinnamon chick, but by keeping a cock bird bred from this pair you might expect to breed a few Cinnamon marked and pink eyed hens. By pairing him back to his mother you are intensifying the Cinnamon blood. You might breed a Cinnamon cock, but may expect most of them showing pink eyes to be hens. Take a cock of this cross, pair to his mother again, and you will get an equal percentage of both cocks and hen Cinnamon marked. You will now have your birds pretty sib-bred, and must introduce a Cinnamon hen from another strain with a son from the last named pair. You will now have established a Cinnamon strain, and your care must be to keep the blood pure on the cock's side. I presume you have made up your mind to breed Cinnamon marks or self Cinnamons, if not so, and you only wish a little Cinnamon blood you need not go any further than the first cross. You will find a few showing back long afterwards. (2) You may consider yourself fortunate to breed so many good yellows. I cannot understand how you cannot get forward with your bulls. If bred from the same pairs they ought not to be so long and heavy. You must pay particular attention to the size of both stock birds, and pair them rather on the small side, and see how they improve. (3) I should not advise you to use any of your present stock for double bulling. You would be increasing the evil rather than diminishing it. Get a highly coloured, small buff cock, teemlag with quality, and pair him to a small buff hen, bred from double yellows if possible, and you will be more successful.

Eye Markings.

Black.—Yes, the eye markings should be as large as possible. They should break away from the beak with a sharp point, extend more fully above and below the eye, and finish off about the same distance behind the eye, with a slightly more rounded peak, giving one the impression that they were pear shaped. I am afraid the birds you have bred are only lightly marked, and, therefore, will not stand a chance against a perfectly marked bird, but the latter are seldom seen. (2) Yes, the eye markings are more difficult to keep perfect. The wing markings are not so hard to establish. You are quite right to pay attention to the eye markings of your stock birds, and what is more you must consider the points which their fore-parents had. (3) Yes, they are undoubtedly the most interesting to breed for, and I trust you may be repaid for your enthusiasm some day.

Faulty Wings.

Faulty Wings (R. Wallace).—This is decidedly the worst fault a bird can have. Let him go for a songster to someone. There is no way to improve a faulty wing carriage, either by pulling the wing feathers or otherwise, that I know of, and they are utterly useless as stock birds, as this fault is very difficult to breed out. The quickest and cheapest way is to clear out all this strain, and procure another good pair perfect in wing carriage. (2) All the washerwomen in the Kingdom could not make a frayed feather lie straight by washing it. You must pull such out, when they will come all right in about six weeks time.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Cold and Colour-feeding.

Novice in Doubt.—Continue to give canary seed to your hen; also scald a small quantity of rape seed daily. This may be done by putting a small quantity of rape seed in an egg-cup, over which pour a little boiling water. Let this stand until cold, then take the seed and put it in a piece of muslin and well rinse in cold water. When so done, take all the moisture from the seed with a cloth, when it is ready to give the bird; add a small sprinkling of groats. Also give bread and milk, over which put a few drops of syrup of tolu, and add to the drinking water six drops of whisky. Continue this until the bird gets quite well. It is very pleasing to the eye to have your birds a deep, rich colour, but in the Crested variety this is of little value. Given two birds with equal crests (the most important point in this variety), colour would be an advantage, but it would be useless showing your young Crest cock unless the crest is large and a good shape.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Lump under the Eye.

J. Welch.—It is a cyst of matter, which has probably been caused by one of the parent birds pecking at the youngster in the nest, evidently desiring to force it out, so as to prepare for nesting again. Take the bird in your hand, and insert a needle right through the place, but keeping well away from the cheek. To allow the matter to discharge, use a little gentle pressure. Then sponge with a little warm water. Keep it open for a day or two, using the sponge each time. Yes, it will get quite well again, and the feathers will come all right in the moult.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Sex of Rollers.

No Name.—You can't sex young Rollers with safety by their looks, unless you are a very experienced "old band." The best way is to keep them until after the moult, and sort the cocks out as they begin to sing. There is one easy way to sex youngsters before they begin to moult, however, and that is by watching the young birds and noting those that are trying over their song. It is a great help to have a peep-hole in one's bird room door, through which the birds can be watched without them seeing you. Or there should be some place in the room where one can hide, or something one can get behind. When the young cocks are in the flight cage, or flight, they soon begin to warble a few notes of their song, and the young cocks can be seen sitting about with their heads up and throats working away as the notes come out. These should be caught and run into a flight, etc., kept for young cocks alone. You won't make many mistakes in the sex if you follow out this plan. It is best, though, not to part until after the moult with those put aside as hens, for it is quite likely one or other may turn out the other way about, especially if rather backward youngsters. As genuine Roller Canaries are not bred for colour, the latter is not a good guide with old birds, though cocks are generally a bit warmer on the wing butts, and on the throat and checks. The cocks are much more "cheeky" in looks and manner, however, and have a shriller call than the hens.

German Summer Rape-seed.

J.T.P.S.—No. 1, which you call "black rape," is not the seed usually called by that name, the latter being English rape, a large seed. Your sample is what is called French rape. No. 2 looks a very nice sample, but does not taste so sweet and nutty as it should. Both these rapes could be given with safety, especially to Linnets and other British birds, but I should not give either to my Rollers while I could get genuine German summer rape. The latter is a very small seed (like No. 2) but darker in colour, more of a dark bluish-red, and tastes very nutty and sweet when chewed in the mouth. I like a matured rape seed, but not one that is too old. I don't believe that seed which is lifeless (that is, will not germinate) can be any good to birds. To test it for this, soak a little in cold water for a day, or a day and a half, and then turn it moist on to a saucer and stand it in the open air. If good seed, it will soon begin to grow. The older the seed the longer it takes to germinate, and if some grains germinate and others do not, it is partly good and partly bad, or too old to grow, and the longer the seed takes to burst, the older it is. A rape seed which tastes well and sprouts quickly is right for all birds.

A Swelling, with Matter.

C.R.—The swelling on the foot the size of a pea, and containing matter, should be opened with the sharp point of a penknife. Squeeze out the pus, gently, and then well wash the place with warm water, afterwards anointing it with a little boric ointment, which any chemist will supply you with. It should soon heal as the result of this treatment. I do not know of any "bird doctor" near you, but any veterinary surgeon would, I think, be glad to advise one concerning a bird, or you could ask your family doctor.

In an Outdoor Room.

A. Goodman.—It has been a bad year, taken on the whole, for fanciers with outdoor bird-rooms. I don't know how long you have had your Rollers outside, but these birds are generally bred indoors, or, at least, in a snug, heated place. All high-quality German birds are used to warmed rooms. Of course, Rollers can be bred in cold rooms all right, but what I want to point out is that if your birds had previously been used to warmed quarters, the wretched spring would be sure to upset them. And it looks as though they were upset, seeing many eggs have been only partly hatched and some young neglected in the feeding. The sight of one lot of young birds would never upset the old ones feeding the next lot. I never heard of it. Is your system of ventilation all right? Any cold draughts, which make birds feel miserable will cause them to give over sitting and feeding. A door, with window facing south-east, would be likely to let in nasty draughts unless very well fitting. You want to be quite sure, however, your birds are used to outdoor cold-room treatment.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Birds Gaping.

F. Nash.—(1) If the birds make no sound when gaping it is most likely a trick, and you need not worry about it. (2) The birds, being twelve months old, should not have any down on the wing, and I cannot but think that what you call down is not down at all. (3) The best time to buy hens is in October, as soon as they are through the moult; they then get used to the room before the breeding season comes round. Don't buy old hens. Have young birds. Before investing in birds for breeding, it would be advisable to study a good book on Canaries, such as House's "Canary Manual." You will save its cost over and over again.

Best Bird for A.O.V.

Mug.—It is really impossible to say what bird would be most likely to win in an A.O.V. class. If the three birds, Yorkshire, Cinnamon, and Lizard were equal in quality, then the individual taste of the judge would decide it. If he were a lover of birds of position, the Yorkshire would most likely stand the best chance. On the other hand, if he does not favour birds of style and carriage, then the Cinnamon might appeal to him. It is one of the uncertainties of life about which there is nothing certain except the uncertainty. (2) It often happens that egg-eating hens may be cured by blowing an egg, filling the shell with mustard from the household mustard pot, and returning it to the nest. The best cure and the most effective is to end the career of such unnatural monsters, for you can never trust them.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sex of Song Thrushes.

I have had a Thrush sent to me, but don't know the sex. I should be pleased if you could give me a guide to know if it is a cock.—OLD SALT.

Old Salt.—I can give you a guide certainly; but it is not one likely to be of much use, and, no doubt, you know it already. In short, the only safe guide to the sex of Song Thrushes is the song. Both cock and hen are alike in plumage, and sometimes the hen is the bigger, better-looking bird of the two, as witness the fact that many of the noted winners on the show bench have been hens. Therefore, before you can be certain your own bird is a cock, you want to hear it warble. The males are generally longer and flatter-looking on the head when viewed sideways, and some say they are invariably a little deeper in brown in the upper back and wing coverts, and more clearly edged with light brown across the wing coverts. Be these things as they may, they are hardly likely to help a novice to differentiate the sexes, are they? The one safe guide is song. To go for a "long, lean-headed one" is a general "tip."

Moulting and Management of Yellow-hammer.

Have a Yellowhammer, caged about two months. Steadying down very nicely. How should I feed to keep in condition from now onwards until through the moult?—YELLOWHAMMER.

Yellowhammer.—A yellow Bunting is not much trouble to moult, providing he is a free bather (and most of the species are), and that he breaks into moult early in the season. He should be kept in a cage large enough to contain a good-sized bathing dish—many Finches (the Yellowhammer is a Finch, strictly speaking) are shy at entering the baths hung outside their cages, but will readily "tub" themselves given "indoor" baths. The only alternative will be for you to turn a spray lightly on to him every suitable day. The method adopted to break a bird into moult is to gradually cover the cage front with some warm material, until it is practically in the dark, and to keep it in a fairly warm spot. This, generally, soon causes the feathers to begin to drop. A bird so started must be kept cosy till the moult is through. Catchers and others adopt various modifications of this plan, but such do not commend themselves to me. Linnets, etc., are gradually shut up in a cupboard at the side of a fire-place, or in a warmed room), treatment which cause them to drop into moult quickly. I don't advise you to take any steps of this nature, however, unless your Hammer goes to a late date without sign of casting its plumage. Coming to the feeding, the Yellowhammer only shows any particular liking for canary seed when in captivity; consequently that must form the staple diet of the bird you have. Try him also with small wheat and oats (crushed if you like), groats, coarse oatmeal, cracked hemp, shelled and crushed sunflower seed, maw seed, wild seed mixture, etc.; he may be tempted to take a little of one or the other, and the change will do him good. Rape and sunflower seeds, soaked in cold water until just bursting, likewise tempt many birds. Your bird should also have a little good insectivorous food every day or so, and a few mealworms daily, with other live insect food (flies, etc.) in season. Live ants' eggs are a great treat. It is, in fact, the soft and the live foods on which you should mainly rely to bring through your birds in first-class condition. A feed of best quality ants' eggs damped with new milk (or even plain water) is much esteemed, and a grand thing for them. If you use milk, give them fresh often; never let this go sour. See reply to "Sticker In."

In the Nature of Experiment.

Have just bought a Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid and a Goldfinch. They are twelve months old and very good soagsters. I keep them out of doors (day and night) in box-shaped cages, with wire fronts. Will they whistle (except when moulting) through the winter?—ANXIOUS.

Anxious.—I am not sure that you will be altogether well advised to keep your birds out-of-doors the winter through in small cages—I don't know how big yours are. It will be in the nature of an experiment—and a risky one, too, I fancy. Personally, I certainly should not think of trying it unless my birds had plenty of wing room and were exceedingly well-protected from stress of weather. You must decide for yourself, of course. If, as I surmise, your cages are but small, the two birds will be miserable during spells of cold, damp weather, and the water supply will give you trouble during severe frost—the latter will also most likely give your birds trouble. If you decide to take them indoors, then you want to be careful over hanging them out in the winter. Changes of temperature and conditions throw birds into moult. Thus, if you take your birds out of a cosy (though unheated) room, and hang them outside on a tempting-looking sunny, frosty day, the result for them may be a cross moult. Both Mules and Goldfinches will whistle right through the winter if properly kept and fed—they cease singing, in fact, only during the moult and while recovering from its effects. Goldfinch Mules are very hardy birds; much more so than Goldies. I have one now rising sixteen years old, and he has never had a day's illness, to my knowledge, and sings "like one o'clock."

Opinion on Seeds.

Saddler.—These seem to be four samples of good canary-seed. I like them in the order in which they are numbered, viz., 1, 2, 3, 4. No. 1 is an excellent, clean, well-ripened seed, which tastes well and contains no damaged grains. No. 2 and 3 seem but little inferior, except that No. 3 contains a percentage of damaged grains and No. 2 is not so well ripened. No. 4 is good seed, but seems rather dusty, and is a shade lean.

A Mysterious Bird.

A. Hudson.—On reading my reply to you over when in "cold type," it dawned upon me that I had overlooked one possible species your "little stranger" might belong to, and that the Cuckoo. I expect, however, this would have occurred to you yourself. A young Cuckoo, further, would be quite a big, bulky bird, and fill the small nest (assuming the latter to be a Hedge Sparrows) it was in; now it would be about as big as a Missel Thrush. Cuckoos have two toes in front and two behind, the outer hind-toe being partly reversible. If a young Cuckoo your bird would have a slightly curved bill, and yellowish mouth, irides and legs. Its plumage would be, broadly speaking, ashy-brown, mottled and barred with reddish-brown and greyish-white. As I have often stated, I don't think much of Cuckoos as pets; they are unsatisfactory, being dirty, difficult to keep for any length of time, and apt to break and soil their plumage. The correct food is a good insectivorous mixture, prepared, as is usual, with vegetable ingredients, such as cold boiled potatoe, finely-minced lettuce, etc.; soft, ripe fruit is also relished, and plenty of insect food (live) must be supplied. I doubt whether any particular value attaches to a Cuckoo; get as much as you can for it. Not many people care to keep one; and those who have once done so, don't as a rule, hanker after repeating the experiment. I had some fun out of mine, through its laughable actions in squawking to be fed—but that was about all, and my people got tired of feeding the lazy beggar.

Mule and Canary Ailing.

J. Price.—I cannot understand why you (and so many other fanciers) should leave writing for advice, or trying some treatment, until the birds are three-parts dead, when nothing can be expected to pull them round. Ailing birds want most prompt treatment to stand a fair chance of recovery. I can only recommend you to treat both Mule and Yorkshire Canary as follows:—For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will just lie on a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give to drink. Follow it with three or four mild doses of dandelion juice (taraxacum), obtained from a chemist. Mix half a teaspoonful in the above quantity of drinking water. But give it on alternate days only; plain water in between. Lightly crack their seeds (not crush them) while they remain weak—canary, summer rape, hemp and teazle. Also give them as much maw seed as they will eat. But above all, give them milk-sop made fresh two or three times a day. Get some maizena wafers, or osborne biscuits, from a good grocer, and steep the required quantity in new milk, afterwards mashing it with a fork, when it is ready for the birds. This is a simple and good way to make it. Wash out the dish with every fresh supply. If the birds show a distaste for seed, mix about a tablespoonful of best quality ants' eggs with the milk-sop; on this they may quite likely pull round. Then, half-a-teaspoonful of Parish's Chemical Food should be put to their drinking water for a fortnight or so.

Taming and Feeding a Chaffinch.

(1) Will you tell me a way of taming a Chaffinch, a cock, caged fully 16 months? Every time I go near the cage it flies about and knocks itself against the wires and is spoiling its plumage. (2) What is the best food to feed it on?—LEWIS.

Lewis.—Am afraid you have set yourself a very thankless task. A "mad" cock Chaffinch is one of the very worst birds to steady. Seeing the time yours has been in captivity, I doubt if he is worth bothering with—if mine, I should feel inclined to open the cage door and let him clear away, and then try another bird. What sort of cage are you keeping him in, however? The only suitable one for a bird like this is a cage wired in front only, about 14 by 10 by 8, with inside food trough and two perches about on a level with top of the latter. In short, the Finch stock-cage sold by most of the cage-makers advertising in these columns. The cage should be hung in some suitable light spot,

away from a window, and be partly sheeted down with a light cover. Feed and clean him out in a very quiet way, and try to get him to take a mealworm from your fingers. When moulted under the above conditions, he may come out quite steady. As regards the feeding: As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each, maw a quarter part. In addition, give a good feed of white sunflower seed daily. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. Keep the proportion of linseed down during the hot weather, but give it more freely during and towards the end of the moult. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting.

The Sex of Skylarks.

Please can you tell me how to tell the sex of Skylarks?—NO NAME.

No Name.—To try to sex Skylarks is not a very satisfactory job for anyone to undertake who is not well acquainted with the species. Both cock and hen are alike in plumage. When a lot of Larks are together, however, the cocks can generally be easily picked out by their larger size and greater length of wing—of course, I refer to fresh-caught Larks who have not previously been sorted over. If, however, you at any time get a very big Lark, you can be pretty certain it is a cock. As the cock has a longer wing than the hen, the tips of his wings (when folded) reach appreciably further down the tail than in the case of his mate. The males, too, strut about their cage in a bold, "cocky" fashion, whereas the females are meek-looking and retiring—the difference is quite plain. The hen is generally more thickly spotted (blotchy) on the breast and back than the male. But size and length of wing are practically unfailing guides. Any dealer worthy of his salt will pick you a certain cock if you leave yourself in his hands and pay a fair price for the bird. Colour is no guide at all. Many of the cock Larks we get in England in the winter (having migrated here from the Continent) are very grey in colour—almost ashy-grey—whereas our English-bred Larks are always more or less rufous in their coloration, so far as my own observations go, that is.

In an Aviary.

Kindly let me know whether Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets and Canaries will all agree in the same aviary; also is the food for the first three the same as for Canaries?—F. Parry.

F. Parry.—Like two out of every three persons who ask me questions about aviaries, you omit giving the most important detail of all, viz., the size of the said aviary. Whether different species will agree together depends, in many cases, solely on the size of the home, and on the number of its inmates. It is so in your case. Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets and Canaries will agree together amicably enough providing they have plenty of space to manœuvre in. The above four species I have not found liable to attack other birds, but they will attack others of their own kind, more especially during the spring and summer months; and there are exceptions to the first-mentioned rule, for I have known even the docile, gentle Lintie, turn out a regular tartar on occasion, chasing and mauling other birds unmercifully. Vicious individuals of any species must, of course, be removed—at least for a time. Given a very small aviary (such as an indoor drawing-room one) it is best to keep cock birds only therein; and in a medium-sized aviary of any description, one pair of each kind only should be permitted. Odd, unmated birds are to be avoided always. Sometimes (in a good big outdoor or indoor place) extra hen Bullfinches and hen Canaries can be turned therein with advantage; then, I like all cock Bullies out of the way. With regard to the feeding, you should give in three dishes, canary, summer rape and teazle seeds, and in another a mixture of sunflower and safflower seeds. These will answer admirably as a regular thing. A feed of the other seeds—hemp, maw, niger, linseed, thistle, dandelion, wild-seed mixture, etc.—or of mixed packet-seed, say, a good maker's Finch mixture, can be given occasionally, according to season, and to lend variety to the menu. This is by far the most economical and satisfactory line of catering you can adopt. I may say, though, that if the Goldies have been used previously to having a lot of hemp, this must not be given too sparingly. Seeding green-foods and weeds as per advice given weekly.

A Goldfinch-Siskin Hybrid.

Have been fortunate in securing a nice Hybrid Goldfinch-Siskin. Are they usually colour-fed, and would you give it same as to young Canaries? What would value be, supposing it turned out well? It is very well marked and a nice size. Are they worth showing? How would it stand in a class with Goldie-Bullies? What colour of cage and what size would you recommend?—A.B.C.

A.B.C.—Your query would seem to have been mislaid somewhere—it has only just passed into my possession. Doubtless, however, you will have read the many recent replies I have given on colour-feeding Mules, and have carried out the instructions therein. Get a good tasteless pepper, and mix it with the egg-cake recommended "Saddler" in issue for July 13th. If the vendor advises adding oil to the feed, you must suit yourself on the point. Personally, I do not do so (or, at most, a few spots of finest almond oil, or "olive oil, B.P."), preferring to give a feed of linseed every day, which gives sufficient oil. Of sugar, there is ample in the cake. Add only a pinch of colour-feed at the start, and gradually work up to full strength—say, one in four. Give a little canary with the linseed, providing the Mule eats up its daily allowance of colour-food, one teaspoonful. A good Goldfinch Siskin Hybrid is always well worth showing; a fine specimen stands a great chance in any Hybrid class, though most judges would, I am afraid, show a partiality towards an equally fine Bullfinch Hybrid. A specimen got second in the A.O.V. Hybrid class at the last Crystal Palace Show. It is quite impossible to place a true value on your bird without seeing it—it may be better than anything of its kind yet seen, or it may only be moderate. I will only say that a good specimen should fetch three or four pounds, in show form; yours might not be worth this, or it might be worth more. The best cage to show it in is one of the Norwich Club type, only slightly smaller in length and height, enamelled outside black, and inside and wires either very dark green, or very light green or blue. I like the former shade very much, but between the three it is merely a matter of personal choice. I hope you have luck with the bird.

Color-feeding Young Yellowhammer.

I have a young Yellowhammer, 3 weeks old. When will it moult? How shall I colour-feed it? How much colour-feed shall I give at first, and how long shall I continue it? Are they any good on the show bench? It is very tame.—STICKER-IN.

Sticker-In.—I should say that your young Yellow hammer will, roughly speaking, commence to moult about the second week in August. If you intend to colour-feed it, I should begin right away. Young Yellowhammers (and many other young British birds, too) are not of much use as show-birds—they are beaten for colour by fully adult (two or three-year-old) specimens. Young Hammers have never the expanse of yellow, nor the richness of yellow and chestnut, of old birds. I have often seen old hens a better colour than young cocks. Still, don't let this fact discourage you, for if the bird is of large size, and well-marked, he should turn out good enough for any local or members' shows this coming season, especially if well moulted. For advice on general feeding and management, see reply to "Yellowhammer" this week. The colour-feeding should be easily accomplished. The bird will, I take it, be used to eating a little soft-food (which should be a high-class insectivorous mixture). Simply mix the colour-food with this, one teaspoonful in about six or seven; commence with a pinch only, and gradually work up to this strength. Use tasteless sweet pepper, without added oil (which I have often fancied to turn Britishers against it), adding a little finely-ground linseed to it, say, half-a-teaspoonful, made fresh every day. You can mix enough of the stock food (insectivorous food and pepper) to last a week, letting it stand a week before using, as then the colour-food gets well absorbed by the other ingredients. Damp it for use with a spot or two of water; don't make it "pasty," only crumbly moist. A little whole canary-seed can be mixed in, if you like; but see the bird does not waste the food searching for it. A Yellowhammer will thrive well on this diet through the moult, with a fair supply of live insect food in addition. Continue the colour-food for at least a week after the moult is over, which will be when feathers cease to be dropped, and when you can discern no quill feathers remaining about the head. Give a feed twice a week through the show-season. A really good Yellowhammer is an excellent exhibition bird.

Briefiets.

Shepherd's Purse (J. C. Smith, Wattie, P. G.).—A sample of shepherd's purse has been duly forwarded on to you.

Another Weed (T. Walsh).—Sorry, but was quite unable to identify the weed you sent. It was dried up when it reached me. Send a fresh piece with a flowering head, packed between damp leaves. It may be sufficient for you to know, however, that I did not recognise it as anything usually given to birds.

Dock (No Name).—The fragment you send looks like common sorrel. If you will let me have a fair sample, with a leaf or two, I will endeavour to accurately name it.

Knapweed (G. Little)—When you want anything identified you must send a fair sample—leaves and flowers or seed. The "hard head" (Knapweed) is a near relation of the thistle, and looks like a diminutive member of the latter family. It is a common wayside and meadow plant, very tough (hence its popular name), bearing small purplish flowering heads of "thistlish" character, though not thorny, and growing about one to two feet high.

Weed (J. W. Powley).—I do not know the correct name of the weed you send. Will see if I can ascertain it.

Wild Seed (John Brown).—I make you no promise, but will see what I can do when I go on my holiday—if the fish won't bite, I may find time. I cannot undertake tasks of this nature however.

Young Cuckoo (A. Hudson).—You will see that I had replied to you further before your letter reached me. These answers of mine have to be got out at such a rate (often only possible by burning of "midnight oil") that of time for reflection I have none. You should have mentioned the size of the youngster.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Parrot?

(1) Can you tell me what kind of Parrot it is from description herewith? (2) What is its diet? (3) What it its value? (4) Is it a talking kind? It can say "Polly."—A.A.H.

A.A.H.—It is the Slender-billed Cockatoo (*Licmetis nasicus*). (2) A mixture of two parts each canary and oats, and one part each hemp, Indian corn, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. Give in addition, so as to vary the diet: plain biscuit (dry), dry crust household bread, boiled potato, ripe fruit, greenfood, and nuts, with regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water. Do not give slops or animal food. (3) Ten to fifteen shillings. (4) The majority of these birds seldom talk; they are not a talented species. Some individuals learn to repeat single words; as your bird already does this, if you persevere with it, it may add other words to its vocabulary. Kep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, as well as repeating words to it.

Pulling out its Feathers.

Small Indian Green Parrot had for 2 years, pulls its feathers as they are renewed. It is almost bare and does nothing but flap its wings all day. Fed on tea sop, monkey nuts and chillies. What is the remedy?—N. J. W.

N.J.W.—It is the diet that is wrong with your bird, and it will take it some time to recover condition, if it does ever give up entirely the habit of feather-pulling. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops o rany kind of animal food whatever. If it cries for sop for a time you had better give it boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) as well as its seed mixture. This latter should consist of canary, oats, dari, wheat, Indian corn, hemp and sun-flower seeds. Well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Supply so as to vary the diet: greenfood, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, dry crust household bread, nuts, raw carrot, with regular supplies of cuttlefish, grit and water. Keep it well supplied with cotton reels and rotten wood to play with and chew up. Also well spray it with Quassia Solution daily or every other day at least while the warm weather lasts, well wetting the parts the bird is in the habit of pulling. If there are any sores these should be annointed with Spermaceti Ointment. If the bird will let you handle it, well soak the bare parts with the Quassia Solution from a sponge, this will make its skin better and possibly deter it from pulling out its plumage. It must be kept out of draught till dry. Also for a time well colour its drinking water with Parish's Chemical Food. If there is any constipation making its drinking water saline with Epsom Salts for a day will give relief.

Young Parrot with Diarrhœa.

Bird is very bad and will not eat at all. It has been fed on maw and Parrot Food, crust of bread and banana. What can I do for it?—Novis.

No·1s.—As the case was so urgent I sent you a card, but I fear even that would be too late. If the bird continues to refuse to take food, of couse, it will be dead before you see this reply. Give 6 drops of either pure salad or olive oil direct to the beak. Withhold its drinking water, and in two hours offer it the following, let it take what it will at hourly intervals: About a wineglass-full of water, as much prepared chalk as will thinly cover a florin, and three drops of laudanum. Well stir together and it must be well stirred each time it is offered. The bird must be kept warm and quiet, and after the above treatment, put on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port with same, and continue giving it for a month at least. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage, also crush some to about size of peas and mingle some with it's seed mixture and also scatter some over sand tray. You will find the correct diet in reply to F.T. in this issue, with the exception, that if yours has been on a seed diet it will not require boiled maize.

Breeding Zebra Finches.

Birds in cage out of doors, with cover at night. There are now 4 eggs in nest, the last just laid. They are not yet sitting on them. Is this usual or neglect? The cock bird is ailing and sits ruffled up, with his head under his wing a great deal. How can I treat?

C.T.—I think it is quite possible they are neglecting the eggs, though they are not by any means hopeless yet. The condition of the male is quite enough to account for this. Make their drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts for one day. Also supply green food liberally, such as grass flowers, chickweed, and a leaf of fresh lettuce. Crush some cuttlefish, and mingle this with their sand. Supply canary, white, French, and spray millet, and, if they will take it, a few ants' eggs and a little crumbled sponge cake. If any young are hatched out you will have to supply the sponge cake and ants' eggs, mixed together, and made crumbly moist, while they are feeding young. If these eggs are lost, there is still time for you to get another brood, but treat as above, and leave the birds to themselves. Do not disturb them by too much prying into the nest.

Bare Green Singing Finch.

Bird bare on head and shoulders when bought; said to have been plucked while in the stock cage. It is a good singer. What can I do to improve its plumage?—A NEW READER.

A New Reader.—Give the bird a liberal diet—greenfood, say a small leaf of tender lettuce daily; canary, white and spray millet, a few ants' eggs, and also a little crumbled sponge cake if it will take it. Give it a mealworm three times a day. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage; also crush some and mingle same with its sand. See that it gets the opportunity to take a daily bath. The bath is best given outside of cage, that is one of those (procurable from any cage maker or dealer), which bang over the open door of cage. For the next month slightly colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, and if the skin on the bird's head is white, dry, and hard, lightly rub in a little clean vaseline. Unless the scalp has been damaged there should soon be an improvement in the plumage of the bird.

Breeding Budgerigars.

(1) What size cage do these birds require? (2) What is the value of a decent pair? (3) Am I too late to breed this year? (4) Would an aviary, 4 by 3 by 2 ft., fitted outside a window answer?—C. E. B. ALLEN.

C. E. B. Allen.—(1) A cage of the same width and height of yours ought to be 6 ft. long for two pairs for breeding purposes. (2) The average price for decent birds is 6/- per pair for Greens, and 10/- to 15/- per pair for yellows. The very cheap birds are either newly imported birds or young ones not yet fully mature. (3) If you get at once one or two good, sound pairs of aviary bred birds, you would most probably succeed in pulling off a late nest. (4) The window aviary you suggest would answer fairly well. There would only he proper accommodation for two breeding pairs with their broods. It would do to keep them in during the winter with the protection you name, providing you can exclude draught. Note there must be two husks for each pair of birds, and there should be 18 inches at least between each; this will give you an idea of space required. Of course, while the birds continued breeding the young would have to be removed from them as they were able to fend for themselves.

Budgerigar with Diseased Leg.

T.J.—It was beyond me to say what had been the matter with Budgerigars' legs, but they certainly had been badly swollen and diseased. One sent was too much dried up and crushed in the post to be of much use for examination. You certainly adopted the humane course in putting it out of its misery, and so far as I can judge from the crushed and mummified remains no treatment would have been of any avail at the time you took that course. I regret I can tell you nothing more definite than this, but I should certainly advise you to thoroughly sterilise the cage, scald it out, and re-distemper it before using again, for I am strongly of the opinion that the trouble was of a septic character.

Blind in One Eye.

H. Lowe.—I regret, from the data you supply, it is impossible for me to help you. Possibly I might do so, if you could give me the history of the case. However, in such cases I always consider it best to consult a vet., who if remedy be possible at all, can give speedy relief.

Erecting Outdoor Aviary.

H.V.J.—Your arrangements appear to be well planned, and I cannot suggest any improvement thereon. However, I should strongly advise you to extend the fight at right angles. This part can never be made too large, and I should certainly extend it to include the ivy covered wall shown in plan. If you desire to keep birds of the Finch and Bunting class, I should advise you to plant the flight with non-poisonous trees and shrubs (such as fir, box, elder, honeysuckle, wild clematis, rose, briars, etc.), and sow oats, grass, and set nettles and other weeds round about—make it a jungle. Furnish the shed portion with plenty of branches (pea sticks answer well), and nest receptacles of all kinds; hang them up all over the place, and also in sheltered corners of the flight. The wire netting of flight should go 18 inches below the ground, and ought to then turn outward, so L, for 8 or 10 inches. For your food vessels fix pieces of gas pipe in the ground, standing above same 18 inches. Make some wire platforms to push in those which will grip glazed plant saucers. This contrivance will keep seed from mice. If you repeat query later, giving an idea as to class of birds you require, shall be pleased to advise you.

The Pekin Nightingale.

I have what I believe to be a Pekin Nightingale, a small cobby bird with long red bill. How must I feed and treat it?—KYO LAWS.

Kyo Laws.—I am of the opinion your bird is a Pekin Robin, known also as the Pekin Nightingale and Yellow-bellied Liothrix. It ought to have a roomy cage, so that it can get a good amount of exercise, a daily bath, and some garden weeds to pick over, also a little fresh lettuce. It must have some soft ripe fruit as in season, soft food, and a few live insects, such as beetles, spiders, flies, etc., or say half a dozen mealworms supplied at intervals during the day. Soft food: Crushed Osborne biscuits, crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. The above is thoroughly wholesome, keeps fresh (it must be given fresh daily), and is easily prepared. The ants' eggs and dried flies can be procured through those advertising in our columns; purchase the best. A teaspoonful of white millet scattered among the sand twice a week, appears to be appreciated by these birds, and certainly does them no harm.

Grey Parrot weak on Legs.

Young Grey very weak on its legs, and always lying at the bottom of cage. It whistles well. Fed on boiled corn and packet food. How must I treat?—F.T.

F.T.—Continue to give the boiled corn (this only keeps fresh one day), and supply the following mixture: Two parts each canary, oats, and rice in the husk, and one part each hemp, dari, wheat and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and always keep a supply in the cage. You can also give so as to vary the diet: Plain biscuit, nuts, greenfood, ripe fruit, raw carrot and regular supplies of cuttlefish. Water to satisfy its thirst several times daily. Well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for the next month or six week, and do not give any other drugs, etc.; but if the bird should become constipated, stop the chemical food for one day, and make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts. You do not give me any details to go upon. You cannot, however, do better than treat as above. But no treatment will avail if the trouble is congenital. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Mandarin Ducks.

Have recently purchased a pair which look alike; how can I sex them? They seem wild, and I have only seen them eat grass. I am giving this, as well as corn and meal. Is this the correct diet?—H. LEWIS.

H. Lewis.—(1) Mandarin Drakes are always "out of colour" at this time of year—as, indeed, are common wild Drakes and most waterfowl in which the male has a distinctive plumage. They come into colour in September. (2) When out of colour the Drake is distinguishable by his orange feet (those of the Duck being olive); his bill often shows more or less pink, and he tends to have less of the white round the eye. The twittering note is also a masculine peculiarity. (3) They are naturally nervous birds, but get tame when kept where they see people. (4) Your feeding is right, but you need not give meal as well as corn and grass. Give some dried flies and finely-broken dog biscuit.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Linnet Mule (J.W.E)—This bird, and possibly your other eight, died of "bird-fever."

Canary (Anselmo).—Your bird died of septic inflammation of the lungs, liver and spleen, ending with apoplexy, all the symptons of bird-fever.

Redpoll (J. A. Bell).—Bird-fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Coleman (Palace Awards).—So far as we can ascertain, the gentleman mentioned has not won a first prize at the Crystal Palace during the time specified.

Illustrated Ideas (W. C. H. Wythe).—We are quite unable to decipher your two communications. Please write in ink, and not on pieces of cardboard, when we shall be pleased to give your ideas consideration. We are busy men, and life is short.

Canary Breeding Competition (E.B.).—Yes; anyone sending in the full number of coupons is entitled to compete, providing, of course, the remainder of the conditions are not violated.

Address Wanted. &c. (C. Shirley).—Thanks for your letter. The matter it concerns had, we understand, already been dealt with. It is against the rules to give correspondents' addresses, but we are always willing to forward on any letter sent us in a stamped envelope.

An Action (A. E. Trueman).—If you send us a newspaper cutting giving a report of the county court action you are bringing, we will publish it. We cannot print any comments on a matter which is *sub judice*.

A Book (Nobbler).—Bechstein's book on birds is one esteemed by most people interested in the subject. It was, of course, written many years ago, and on its practical side is now very much out-of-date—we have made strides in the hobby since the day of its talented author. Whether worth the contemplated exchange or not is a question we must leave the parties concerned to decide.

Canary Breeding Competition (F. Smith).—A full set of coupons (i.e., one from each week's issue) must be sent in by every competitor, vide Rule 7. No exception can possibly be made.

Slaying of Swallows (Bristolian).—The gentleman you mention cannot be held responsible for the words used by "Bath Bun," therefore it would obviously be an injustice were we to publish your letter concerning him. You seem to have overlooked the fact that those particular words were words written by "Bath Bun."

BEGINNERS: You MUST read the ANNUAL.

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By Claude St. John.

A WEATHER NOTE.

At last, after an unusually long spell of cool, wet weather, there is at this late hour just a little prospect of a warmer and more summery interval. It has doubtless come too late for a generally bad season to be turned into a good one, but there may be numbers of cases where a nest may be snatched, as it were, from a pair of birds before the moult sets in. In all these cases the bird should be perfectly healthy and vigorous, and ready to set down to nesting, if not at once, at least at a very early date. The birds that are best fitted for this task are those which have failed more or less with one or both of their earlier broods. It will be still more important, should this warm interval really occur, to pay the closest attention to the ventilation of the room, and especially during the first few days, if the change is at all sudden, in order to prevent the indoor temperature taking too sudden a leap upward. Otherwise one may find that a goodly proportion of the birds have been thrown into moult.

BEFORE THE MOULT.

It is quite time now to be on the look-out for signs of approaching moult, and all the birds that are not actually feeding young, breeding, or young that are not yet fully on a diet of hard seed, should be limited to a plain and wholesome diet of canary seed. A pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water—enough to make it taste faintly saline—or 12 to 15 drops of syrup of buckthorn in each ounce of drinking water, is also an excellent preparation for the moult. It cools and regulates the body, and helps to eliminate the ill effects of a rich and generous diet of egg food during the summer months. It may be given with advantage twice a week until the moult commences.

A QUESTION OF MEASURE.

In mentioning an ounce of drinking water just now as the most common standard of computation, it occurred to me that the uninitiated often have very crude notions of these measures. Yet they are very simple. It may not be generally known that the ordinary old-fashioned glass bottle, or hat-shaped drinkers, and china and zinc drinkers, such as usually seen on small cages, and bought with cheap breeding cages, hold something like one ounce of fluid when filled moderately full and not to overflowing. This is not exactly correct, but it is near enough to be taken as a guide for all practical purposes. With larger drinkers and self-supplying fountains, one need only commit to memory the fact that one pint fluid measures contain 20 ounces, half-pint 10 ounces, and a quarter-pint 5 ounces, in order to dispense anything for the birds which is prescribed as so much to the ounce of drinking water.

SINGING CONTESTS.

MARYPORT.

Linnet contest held July 20th. There were eleven entries for three prizes. 1st, 3rd, Picheran; 2nd, Dixon. Judges, W. Irvin and Dave Burney.— J. H. Bell, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

At the Bird-in-Hand, Broughton-lane, Attercliffe, July 27th, a contest took place for the benefit of "Ted" Robinson. Members did not turn up in force as was expected, there being only 18 entries. Mr. Robinson thanks the friends who sent prizes. Result of contest: Biggins 68, Watson 62, Beckingham 57, Scotney 56. Judges, Bollington and Watson. Owing to the birds going into moult there was a poor entry for the final contest of the season at this house on July 28th, only nine birds competing for three prizes. Result: Watson 74, Watson 64, Smedley 27. Judges, Callaghan and Hempshall.— Frederick Watson.

LEEDS.

Our weekly contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, when fourteen birds competed for three prizes for quality singing. 1st, Nicholls; 2nd, Clegg; 3rd, Thompson. Judges, T. Summers and Cooper.—T. Summers, Hon. Sec.

The Prince Albert Linnet Association met July 14th to compete for three prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a crowded house to hear the birds sing, but owing to a lot of Linnets going into moult only nine previous winners turned up. Judges, Messrs. Allen and S. Green; timekeeper, Mr. H. Greenwood; 1st, Smith; 2nd, Chippendale; 3rd, Wood.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

The members and friends of the Prince Albert Linnet Association met on July 28th to compete for three good prizes, given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. Twelve previous winning birds competed. Judges: Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Result: 1st, Allen; 2nd, Chippendale; 3rd, Wood. The bird room was literally packed with members and visitors, from near and far, and everyone was delighted to hear Mr. Allen's champion once more in a contest. The bird repeated his usual performance by simply running away with the contest. Our worthy host, Mr. J. R. Saynor, offered the magnificent sum of £15 for Mr. Allen's champion, which he refused, thanking Mr. Saynor for the kind offer.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

KENTISH TOWN.

There was a fine muster at the Prince of Wales, Wellesley-road, N.W., on July 27th, to witness the final heat of the free handicap, the result being as follows:—Tom Goldsmith, 5 add 19, first prize, musical box; Old Mouse, 5 add 16, second prize, handsome pair vases; Old Boots, 5 add 11, third prize, pair celery glasses. Prizes to be distributed on Thursday, August 1st, 1907, at 8.30 p.m., when we expect some big scores in the handicap on that night.—Joe Giddings, Timekeeper.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

A LINNET FOND OF COMPANY.

Sir,—I am pleased to state that the Linnet, "Tiger," which I advertised in your paper last week, was sold (after winning his race on Saturday)—price, £5 10s. Kindly thank all who wrote me. Some asked such funny questions about "Tiger," such as if he sang night and day. The most funny thing about him was that he hardly ever sang at home, but always wanted plenty of company. Of Larks, Chaffinches, etc., he would never take any notice; but, if I wanted him to sing, all I had to do was to take him into a room with another Linnet. Then he would sing—no waiting for the other bird to start. T. Russell.

CAGING FRESH-CAUGHT BRITISH FINCHES.

Sir,—It has often occurred to me that if fresh-caught Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., as soon as received were put into the small wooden cages that German Canaries arrive in, and provided with the food and water inside, and placed side-by-side together in some quiet, light place, that they would soon become accustomed to their food and loss of liberty. The wooden bars would prevent them injuring themselves. As they tamed down and got used to their food, they could be put into more commodious cages. I think that two birds might be put into each single cage.

J. H. Verrall.

THE LITTLE OWL.

Sir,—A few lines on this bird may please your readers who are interested in the Owl family. During the past fortnight, to my knowledge, about 40 young ones have been taken and collected by a well-known fancier, who has them in a large loft over some stables. This year they have been very plentiful in this district. Last year the same fancier had over 30 at one time. How many nests were taken to supply these I have not as yet heard, but they have built in all directions in the district, and as a rule the nests have always been easy to get. They are very easy to locate when there are young by the droppings outside the trees. I expect they are also very plentiful in North Northam, where, I believe, they were first liberated. Being very small birds, they could easily be kept in cages, and would cause a sensation if exhibited. They soon get tame, and are most amusing pets—more so than the large Owls. Whether a pair of these would breed in an aviary I could not say, but I see no reason why they should not if suitable accommodation were provided for them. At night time, in whatever direction you go, you can hear their well-known cry. The locals have named them the "Cat Owl"—why I could not say. I should certainly recommend anyone with an aviary to have a pair or two of these interesting birds. I have not as yet heard of any young ones dying when taken. They seem to be easily catered for, and will eat nearly everything given them. I have now heard of about eight or nine nests, and, strange to say, taken from the same holes. How many nests they have a year I could not say. Perhaps some one who has studied their ways could enlighten us. I have not the slightest doubt that they are a great benefit to agriculturists, and do no end of good. T. H. Kinch.

A PLEA FOR THE SCOTCH FANCY.

Is Sib-breeding at Fault?

Sir,—An indisputable fact is that the Scotch Fancy Canary fails to occupy the position it did. Were figures available, as they are not, it would be a surprise to your readers to know its real position. I believe the wild birds top the list for numbers, and that the Scotch Fancy Canary, if not at the bottom, is very near the foot of the ladder. It is rare to find more than half-a-dozen of pairs of Scotch Fancy in a house; the cause is the price. Another reason is sib-breeding, that has been carried on to an alarming extent, and that is the sequel to birds which have been run upon for stock, not breeding with the new owners. Many breeders lost heavily in the opening of the breeding season, and I think that was the reason for the dropping away. A limited sib-breeding may help quality, but weakens the stability of the constitution, and that to ultimate extinction; so that the dearly-bought quality is lost, and where is the gain? On two occasions I purchased a certain strain, but never got a young bird. In the days of real Belgian Canaries I purchased a Belgian hen from a dealer and a Scotch Fancy cock from Mr. H. MacDougall, of Edinburgh, who has bred many a good bird. No sib-breeding could be possible. That was the best purchase I ever made. The progeny were healthy and founded a winning strain that did well on the show bench. The Belgian gone, sib-breeding is common, sib-breeding being in existence unknown to the owner, and the result is failure—failure in the worst possible form. Extinction of the species is the greatest calamity that can befall a nation or a community. The season just ended has, with the Scotch Fancy Canary, been the most backward on record, and when the season's history of facts is recorded it will give material for reflection to those who thought they could do anything with the Scotch Fancy Canary. Breeders rise to prosperous heights for a short while and then fall, never to regain lost ground. Happy is the man who sells out when he sees his stock is on the wane. A Scotch Fancy Canary Breeder.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY MODEL.

Sir,—Your correspondents, Mr. Harrison and Mr. "Piebald," have a mighty good conceit of themselves, and do not leave others the freedom of opinion of their own. I did not say anything about the letter; that can be admitted or denied in the proper Council. For the purpose of this paper discussion I took Mr. Harrison's own statement on which to denounce his unfriendly action to one of his best friends in Greenock. If Greenock fanciers had been similarly disposed towards Mr. Harrison, and had shown up all the slips he made with his tongue when he was pushing his model, I wonder how he would have liked it! Mr. Harrison, do to others what you would like others to do unto you. Mr. H. should have accepted defeat and supported the model by which the Scotch Fancy Canary is judged in Scotland. I do not know what is done about Doncaster. Mr. Harrison has bred many varieties, but he will have to breed a lot more before he can tell cocks from hens by his method. If he has ought to disclose about the Greenock Derby, let him come away with it, and not beat around the bush. Mr. "Piebald" is Mr. Harrison's henchman, but he puts up a poor show. He tries to advertise a man who advertises himself in another paper; but to what effect? I, for one, do not attach weight to what a man says who was for a very limited period a breeder, and by no means a successful exhibitor of various varieties bred by himself, and who has sold out and, so far as I know, possesses not a single bird. What interest can such a man have in the Fancy (unless it is purely monetary), and what weight can his ideas have?—I say none. According to my light, only two objected to the adopted model—a competitor, and another who objects to everything that does not emanate from himself. He is so selfish that he will not permit another to have latitude; but the Fancy is much too wide to be controlled by him. Mr. Wright's model is a long way ahead of the others put before the Fancy, and is in demand everywhere—unless in Doncaster, and a wee club not a hundred miles from Arthur's Seat. Fanciers who have Scotch Fancy Canaries, and take a practical interest in them, have accepted the model, and are not the least annoyed at the noise of outsiders. I strongly advocate the maintenance of the correct model.

Advocate for Model.

P.S.—Surely a Doncaster post-mark is not necessary for a letter written from a Greenock address?

Sir,—"Piebald" asked in your issue of June 22nd for a full report of the committee meeting held on the model question. I have waited a month, hoping some other on the committee would give the desired information. But, no. Firstly, Mr. T. Smith had all the models which appeared in the Fancy Press and several others, but on production of the two announced in report of meeting, no others were discussed, these being considered far in advance. Now that this model has been exposed, I ask that they be put under seal and retained by the Secretary till the next committee meeting. The matter was decided against me, Mr. R. Wright giving his word he would not alter. I ask those who received a copy of his first one—this was submitted to the meeting—to compare it with the one submitted to the general meeting. Secondly, no other names were given out as having sent. After considerable chaffing, in which one gentleman lost his temper, the meeting broke up friendly. Thirdly, I have proved that there was a letter sent objecting to this photo, and I am further told who it was from. That being so, who suppressed this letter, and what means were employed in so doing? Why did not the Secretary produce the same before the committee meeting? I was pleased to read "Piebald's" views on this question, and any man elected on the proposed committee to reopen this question, who has any other purpose than the interest of the Scotch Fancy Canary, is unworthy to be on. All models submitted should be entirely freehand, of whatever kind; and all sent under a number, and only the one person who receives them to hold the key to them. All models to be kept under seal till the meeting. Canvassing to be debarred; anyone found so doing to be disqualified. No alteration, unless instructed from the committee appointed, and then only the final one selected. If done on such lines, I believe we should get a model and standard formed which would be the means of keeping the bird of the circle at the head of the Fancy. J. Harrison.

A GARDEN TRAGEDY.

Sir,—I think the following brief account of a small tragedy occurring in a garden this summer may interest your readers. It was told me by a friend of mine, who heard of it a few days since. A pair of Chaffinches had built their beautiful little lichen-covered nest on the top of the pergola, overhung by branches of the climbing carmine pillar rose. All went well with the small family of four until they were within a week or rather less of leaving the nest. Going to look at them one morning, I was surprised to see one of the youngsters with its head stretched right up to its fullest extent, quite motionless. It was dead, and the death had been occasioned, doubtless, by the bird stretching up, with widely-opened mouth, to receive some choice morsel which its parents were bringing and closing its beak across a slender twig of rose in such a way that one of the long thorns had run right through the tender skin between the fork of the lower mandible, and so held it semi-suspended until it had died, either from the pain and discomfort of the position or from its inability to take any food. The incident is so singular and probably so unusual (it is, at least, the only case which has come under my notice during many years of close observation of nesting birds, and I have never read of a similar one), that it might be worth noting on that account only; but what makes it more interesting is the subsequent behaviour of the parent birds. Whether on first finding it in this terrible position they made any effort to release it I cannot, of course, say; though all that I have seen of the behaviour of parent birds to their young when the latter happened to fall into any difficulty outside the ordinary course of the experience of the species to which the birds belonged, would dispose me to think it probable that they made no such effort at all. Subsequently they went on feeding the three other nestlings without taking the slightest notice of this poor corpse suspended in their midst. As soon as I had satisfied myself that the bird was dead I left it there purposely, in order to observe this point, and it appeared that they made no effort to remove it, though probably they could easily have done so, and it must have incommoded the rest of the family more than a little. It was not till I feared that commencing decomposition might make its presence insanitary for the other nestlings that I removed it, and up to that time I can be pretty sure that the parents had made no attempt to do so for themselves. It is but another instance of the inability of the lower animals to adapt even the simplest means to the simplest ends, unless such adaptation is suggested to them by the inherited instinct of the race. Where that instinct prevails the accuracy of the adaptation is, of course, marvellous, and often quite transcends any possible suggestions of reason. R. Jones.

THE BREEDING OF HYBRIDS.

Sir,—A friend has had eggs from the Bramble-Bullie which had some last year, and were placed under wild birds this year. All her eggs, so far, she has broken with the exception of two only, which are now placed under a hen Canary. These birds have been seen to pair on several occasions, but the result will have to be noticed in a future paper. I doubt this cross very much, but we never know what will happen in cage bird life. There is one thing about it, the Bramblefinch does not feed her, neither can he sing. I have noticed that he is one of the first up in the morning before the day fairly breaks, and he does gorge the green food, which he prefers before any seeds. Nothing comes amiss to him—lettuce, dandelion, chickweed, or groundsel. What he has for green food in his summer quarters I cannot say. He evidently is quite contented here during the summer, for I have now kept several each year; but I have not as yet heard of one which has paired with any bird, only the Chaffinch. My Bramble has not this season had any kind of insect food—in fact, I have been unable so far to get out. I do know of a pair up, consisting of the hen Bramble and cock Chaffinch, the latter being hand-reared and quite steady; but the hen was caught in November. Whether they will do any good later on remains to be seen. They have given us hopes that something may happen. Let us hope we shall get something for our patience after trying for so long over this cross. Now for the Canary-Bullie cross, which have been together for over 20 months. The first round was most disheartening. In the middle of June I had my hopes raised to a high pitch, as I thought they had paired on several occasions. After waiting several days the Bullie took to a wild bird's nest which I had put in her box; she made no attempt to build one. I waited in the room for over two hours to get the egg. I had to leave the room for a few minutes, and when I came back the egg had been laid and thrown out of the nest—broken, of course. Next day the same result happened—egg again thrown out of nest. The three days I waited until I did get the egg, which I at once placed under a Canary which was sitting. This egg disappeared from the Canary's nest, leaving no trace behind it. The fourth egg I also lost, but the fifth I have saved and placed under a Canary. The Bullie hen, since laying the eggs, has made no attempt to sit, although she did do so last year. I am patiently waiting to see whether she will again go to nest. I quite expect she will. With the other pair of Canary and Bullie I am afraid it will be no go, for since the start, when I expected something from them, the cock Canary had one of his feet badly injured, probably by the beak of the Bullie. It has now turned quite black and seems to be withering away. The Bullie takes to the nest which I have provided, but whether the eggs will be any good now the cock is so injured, I have my doubts. T. H. Kinch.

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THE DISQUALIFIED GREENS AT THE LATE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—It would be interesting to know in what manner, other than the way in which they have, could the Green Canary Association have shown their want of confidence in the judges elected to adjudicate on the Green Canary classes at the next Palace Show. Mr. Ramsden is surely the most innocent individual—a veritable innocent abroad—if he thinks the G.C.A. is prepared to submit to a further process of having it "rubbed in." If the Palace authorities are desirous of securing the G.C.A.'s patronage for their coming show, the matter is quite simple—let them submit a further list of judges' names to our Secretary. There are plenty of gentlemen qualified to judge the Green classes other than those or some of them which he has named. The G.C.A. is in no way vindictive, and its members are disposed to regard the disqualifications which have caused so much honest indignation more in pity than in anger; but its members are only human, and the gratuitous manner in which objectionable names have been put forward could only result in one way. If some one has to be sacrificed, it is not in the nature of things that a powerful society, whose patronage is sought all over the country, is going to stultify itself by acknowledging prima facie the righteousness of the disqualifications. The members of the Association, in their charity, are disposed to make every allowance for the judges, and do not in the slightest impugn their sense of duty or honour; it is a question of fitness entirely. No one knows better than Mr. Ramsden the feeling of indignity engendered by the deplorable handling of the whole question. It has been marked by neither fairness nor business tact, and how he can look for a self-respecting body of fanciers to risk a repetition of our experience at the late Palace Show is one of the questions which is agitating local birdy circles. J. S. CLINCH.

SIR,—As a member of the C.B.U. I should like to ask Mr. Bladon and the other gentlemen who formed the Executive Council at Manchester, during the appeal of above disqualification, whether it is true that Mr. Bladon said that prize money would follow automatically on the quashing of the disqualification, and, if so, will they kindly give their opinion on how the resolution has been carried out? I think it only fair that members of the C.B.U. should know this as their turn may come during the coming show season. Re Mr. Ramsden's remarks about the judges at the Palace Show next year, I really think a specialist club should have a little bit to do in choosing judges to show under. J. W. METCALFE.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden, in a sort of postscript attached to his reply (?) to Mr. Clayton, says: Mr. Hadwin was written to re judges at the next Palace Show, etc." This is not true. The Secretary of the G.C.A. was written to by the L. and P.O.S. Secretary, and the Secretary of the G.C.A. (as Secretary) replied. This is quite different to the way you put it, Mr. Ramsden, and I should like to know by what right you published the matter? Every specialist club has a right to select its judges, and exercises that right. I do not know anyone outside its own membership who has the right to ask for an explanation as to why one man is selected and another left out. In an earlier part of Mr. Ramsden's letter he says that he has received a mass of correspondence relating to the disqualification, but on account of it being held by him as Councillor of the C.B.U., he does not feel at liberty to publish it. This mass of correspondence, he assures your readers, would surprise them. I take it that I, as a Councillor, will have received the same correspondence from the C.B.U., and I can only say there is nothing in the nature of a surprise packet about what I have received. If Mr. Ramsden, or any other Councillor, has received something different to what I have received, then I shall want to know the reason for such preferential treatment. The honour of the G.C.A. is, fortunately, not in your hands, Mr. Ramsden. The reasoning that makes one breach of faith right, and a possible other wrong, is too Jesuitical for me. I think if you had written, "I will publish what suits my purpose," it would have fitted the case. S. HADWIN.

SIR,—I notice in this week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. Ramsden's reply (?) to my letter of July 13th, but a more evasive letter it would be impossible to imagine. Mr. R. has gone one, or perhaps two, better than the alleged "vague and non-committal" expression used to describe the resolution of the C.B.U. I presume Mr. Lythgoe used this expression, or he would have contradicted it by now. Mr. R. regrets that he has to differ from my statement that the C.B.U. Executive understood that prize money would automatically follow the quashing of the disqualification. I was present at the meeting when Mr. Hadwin asked to have the words, "and prize money he paid to Mr. Clayton," added to the resolution. The majority of the Council said it was not necessary, as the disqualification being quashed, prize money would follow. The word "automatically" was undoubtedly used. Mr. R. was not present, so I will leave your readers to judge who is right on this point. Mr. R. asks why the Council did not boldly say the appeal was allowed and the disqualification quashed? I contend the Council did say so in something more tangible than words. It returned the deposit and the birds, and you know, Mr. R., if you care to look at this thing without prejudice, that the mere returning of the deposit was sufficient to show that the appeal was allowed. The C.B.U. rules on this point are explicit. They say clearly that any deposit is forfeited if appeal is not allowed. Mr. R., you will have to find something more substantial than a pious expression of regret to support you in the action you have taken in this matter at Liverpool. You expressed yourself as open to conviction, and you gave us clearly to understand that you would do your best to settle this matter with justice to both parties. But at Manchester your tone was of altogether a different character. The spleen and bitterness of your remarks at that meeting showed clearly that you did not want the case settled except in one way, and you were not over particular as to the way. Now, Mr. R., what right had you to promote other birds? Even if the C.B.U. had decided against me, you could not take away the fact that my birds won, and I would be perfectly justified in advertising these birds as "My Palace Winners." You can take away my prize money on the technical ground that I was not a member of the C.B.U. I therefore have no right of appeal to the Committee. But you can't take away the fact that my birds won in other classes than the one in which the disqualified one appeared. Don't make any error on this point, Mr. R. You can take from me the prize money, but you can't take away the fact of my winning; consequently, you can't promote any other birds—you can give, not pay, my prize money to someone else, who will receive it or not as his conscience allows. But you can't take my first prize honours from me. The G.C.A. decided this matter some time ago, and the points I gained in these classes were counted in my favour; so that you see, so far as the G.C.A. is concerned, you can't do any "promoting." Mr. Ramsden sympathises with me in the unsatisfactory decision of the C.B.U. I can't appreciate your sympathy, Mr. R.; you have put too much spleen into this matter to make your expression of sympathy of any value. I would rather believe that you were more than glad that the unsatisfactory wording of the resolution gave you a chance of wriggling out of what you know to be the actual decision arrived at. With the exception of Messrs. Ramsden and Lythgoe, every member of the Council present at Manchester were practical exhibiting fanciers, and were not at all likely to be afraid of expressing their opinions. The mistake they made was in not recognising the De Wet-like slipperiness of Mr. R. They naturally thought, being open themselves, that Mr. R. would accept without quibble a perfectly obvious decision. The principal points raised by my previous letter Mr. R. has thought fit to evade, but I will ask him to again read my letter and answer the questions he will find therein. In conclusion, I must ask each and every member of the C.B.U. Council who were present at Manchester to say clearly what, in their opinion, was their unanimous decision in this case. I hardly think any of them will lack courage to do so, in spite of Mr. Ramsden's suggestions to the contrary. P. CLAYTON.

THE CINNAMON-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Our Committee granted the patronage of the club to the following societies at their meeting on Saturday last, July 27th:—Halifax, Accrington, Manchester, Sandy Lane, Queensbury, Denholme, Bradford City, Shipley, Dewsbury, Laisterdyke, Bradford West, Huddersfield, Brighouse, Gt. Horton, and the Palace. The competition is this year extended to 15 shows, and we hope to have a corresponding increase in membership. R. GARNET, Sec.

SCALY LEGS.

SIR,—The term "scaly legs" is often used in a descriptive way, merely to indicate the presence of large, coarse scales on the feet and legs, and not as it is usually applied to poultry, when it is generally interpreted as meaning the presence of a well-known and understood condition of the legs, caused by a microscopic mite which lives and breeds underneath the scales of the legs and feet. There seems no reason why cage birds should be altogether exempt from the attacks of the parasite which is the cause of the real "scaly leg" among fowls, and if any poultry were about suffering from this complaint there are lots of ways in which the contagion might be introduced to the birds. It would be as well, considering these points, to enquire in such cases whether any poultry affected with the complaint were about the premises. The way to treat—this is supposing the trouble is simply enlarged scales, which, as often as not, are just the natural consequence of old age: During the progress of the moult—or sometimes at its commencement—the birds themselves will get rid of any scales that require removing; but if it appears necessary to interfere with the course of nature, bathing in a fairly warm solution of permanganate of potash—a deep-red solution—for a few minutes each day, and gently anointing them afterwards with some simple ointment, such as zinc ointment, boracic acid, or even pure vaseline, is generally all that need be done. Of late it has become popular to advise a proprietary article, and, whilst I do not consider that one such article should be given precedence over another, when more than one are of equal service, I must admit that when they are kept at hand for other purposes these commercial preparations are often the handiest and readiest to use. For that reason one may have recourse to either Zamhuk or Homocea ointments. Both are useful, and probably one as good as the other for simple things, for which, doubtless, a little vaseline or lanoline would do as well in the vast majority of cases. R. THOMAS.

THE CITY OF GLASGOW O.A. AND THE MACLEAN CUP.

SIR,—I am pleased to have been able to draw out "Fair Play," but he has not helped the MacLean Cup. The original owners have a right to recall the cup in view of the way it was foisted upon the City. The original documents should be in the possession of the Scotch Fancy secretary, present or past, and they ought to be tabled. The existence of the City never will depend upon the destiny of the MacLean Cup. The rightful owners were not "severely sat upon." The spirit that pervaded the conduct of the meeting was not what members have been accustomed to, and Norwich fanciers have reason to be aggrieved. The City officials should keep in mind that there is a new show in Glasgow, and that it will be the Show of Glasgow. My remarks were quite in keeping with the wild proceedings of the meeting. A FANCIER.

SIR,—I would like to know what "Fairplay" means by saying a few members of a certain club were going to hold an open show, and turned up in strong force at the City meeting, meaning to take the Cup away with them, but were severely sat on? I don't know who "A Fancier" is, but "Fairplay" has no right to say what is not true. It is the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club that is running the open show, not a few members; and there was only eight or nine of our club at the City meeting, and six of them were on the City Committee, which is strong force, indeed, for a club of 70 members. I hope the fanciers at large will not trouble about "Fairplay's" words of wisdom, as it has been very hot here, and that might be the trouble. ONE WHO KNOWS.

SOME DOVES FOR AVIARISTS.

SIR,—Perhaps a review of a few of the Doves and Pigeons which the amateur may often find an opportunity to secure may be of some help to those who are in doubt as to what species are suitable for aviary life and which are not. Of course, one and all will understand that, when going into this branch of the Fancy, the first thing to be done is to see that good, large aviaries are available. Very few, indeed, of the Dove or Pigeon race can truly be called small birds, and at least an equal number are more than usually large and hulky, so that a single specimen of such species as the Nicobar, Bronze-wing, or Bleeding-heart, will out-balance quite a number of individuals of Cape, or Diamond, Doves. The small and the large Doves are not the ideal companions in an enclosed space, not so much on account of the risk of their quarrelling—which is really very small—as from the fact that the commotion caused by these great birds flying around for exercise is apt to set up a panic of terror among their smaller companions. Where Doves only are kept in the aviary quarrels will rarely occur, as the Doves and Pigeons, whether large or small, generally agree among themselves. To other classes of birds they may, indeed, be overbearing and quarrelsome. It is a pity that, in reviewing species that are readily obtainable, nearly the whole of the lovely Fruit Pigeons must be disposed of summarily. Although among the most charming of their tribe, they are in many cases but very rarely obtainable, such birds as the Jamboo, the Superb, the Double-crested, and the Bronze Fruit Pigeons being met with but rarely. The Nutmeg, Purple-shouldered, and Double-banded Fruit Pigeons are, perhaps, a little more common; but, as with all these rarely imported species, the price suffers on account of their rarity whenever they do come into the market. Then such enormous birds as the Crowned Pigeons are, as a rule, only to be thought of by those who have almost unlimited space at their disposal. Still, out of the hundred and more species of Doves and Pigeons that have at one time or other appeared in our market, one may make a selection to stock a noble aviary above and below—that is, in both perching species and those that are more purely ground-loving birds. Of the latter class one might specially mention the Tambourine Dove, which is so easily obtainable sometimes, and as scarce at other times as it was erstwhile abundant. Among the larger kinds, which would well repay the trouble of breeding them, might be instanced the Necklaced Dove, of the Malay Peninsula; the Bronze-necked Dove, of South America; the Nicobar Pigeon, from the islands of the same name; the Bleeding-heart Pigeon, of the Philippines; the Australian crested Pigeon; the Triangular-spotted Pigeon, of West Africa; the Spot-winged Pigeon, of Argentina; the White-crowned Pigeon, of the West Indies; and the striking Wonga-wonga Pigeon of Australia. The Green-wings of India and Australia, and the Vinaceous Pigeon of Brazil might also be mentioned, though Russ describes the latter as being delicate in captivity. Some of these species are already known as free breeders; others are sufficiently rare to be a valuable property. Of the small Doves and ground-loving birds I may just name the handsome Australian Bar-shouldered, the Diamond, and the Peaceful Doves, from the same continent; the Zebra Dove, from the Malay Peninsula; the Steel-barred and Geoffroy's Doves, from Southern Brazil; and the Emerald and Cape Doves of Africa—the last-named one of the, if not quite the, smallest Doves that come into the English market. From such an array as this, one need go no further to stock an aviary with birds possessing the three great virtues of beauty, rarity and hardihood. ÆNA.

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A CURIOUS COMBAT.

SIR,—Perhaps it may interest some of your readers to know of a most unusual incident which two ladies witnessed last week in the vicinity of Guildford. They were walking down the Box Grove Road at about 6.30 p.m., when they suddenly noticed a juvenile, but thoroughly feathered, Greenfinch fluttering about in some grass close to a hawthorn hedge. On stooping down to see what ailed it, they found to their intense astonishment that it was making frantic efforts to free itself from a male stag beetle, who had his mandibles firmly imbedded on either side of the bird's throat. In fact, so tightly had the brutal insect gripped his prey, that to pull the two apart threatened to dislocate the victim's neck, and one of the ladies was forced to abandon the attempt and to content herself with pinching the stag beetle violently in the waist. When the pressure became intolerable he promptly relinquished his murderous attack on the bird, and clung to the lady's fingers. However, she shook him off without any difficulty, and the Greenfinch, recovering his breath and pluck simultaneously, hastily pecked her hand and flew away. He was absolutely unhurt, save for the two small holes caused by the insertion of the beetle's mandibles, and these, luckily, were not deep enough to cause any permanent mischief. T. BROWN.

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Moulting and Colour Feeding.

By S. HADWIN (Liverpool).

A Lecture delivered before the members of the Birkenhead Society on July 16th.

Amongst the good muster present we noticed most of the prominent fanciers in the district. Mr. J. Burns occupied the chair, and, in introducing the lecturer, said that most of the members present knew the position Mr. Hadwin held in the Fancy, and he had no doubt he would be able to treat the matter before them in an able manner. He hoped the members would give Mr. Hadwin every attention, and after the lecturer had finished he was sure Mr. Hadwin would be only too pleased to answer any questions put to him. Mr. Burns then called upon Mr. Hadwin for his address.

Mr. Hadwin, on rising, said: Gentlemen, the questions we have to discuss to-night are moulting and colour feeding. Now, as these two questions run together, and as colour feeding can only be done during moult, it would be of no value to discuss them separately. There is very little difference in moulting non-colour specimens and colour-fed ones, with the exception, of course, that colour feed is used in one case and not in the other. This being so, we will take colour feeding first, and afterwards, if any questions arise on moulting non-colour-fed specimens, they can be dealt with then. The art of colour feeding, or, in other words, the feeding of birds to improve their natural colour, has become such a general practice of late years that it would only be a waste of time to go into its origin.

A FALSE PROPHECY.

It is not so very long ago that anti-colour feedists prophesied that colour feeding had had its day, and that it would die a natural death before long. Now, it is never safe to prophecy until you know, and I venture to say that colour feeding is more popular to-day than in any other period of the Fancy's existence. Take the four varieties—Yorkshires, Norwich, Lizards, and Cinnamons—and you will hardly find a non-fed specimen on the show bench. A lingering desire to prevent a too rapid death of the non-feds kept a class or two on the schedules of various shows, but these are gradually becoming extinct for want of support, and I am afraid something more than a "screech through the Fancy Press" will have to be done before natural colour classes will be revived in any quantity. The specialist clubs are the ruling powers in a matter of this kind, so I would advise anti-feedists to capture the voting power on these clubs, and then they would not be long in settling the question from their point of view.

BORDER MEN AGAINST FEEDING.

The old Border Fancy Club took this matter in hand, and by a large majority decided that colour feeding should cease so far as this variety was concerned. This action was backed up by the English and Welsh Clubs, and now there is not a fed Border Fancy to be seen, and the variety is becoming as popular, if not more so, than in the old colour-feeding days. This increasing popularity is no doubt due to the fact that it is easier to moult without colour feeding than with it. There are some who object to colour feeding on the ground that it injures the bird's health. This, in my opinion, is a great mistake. Birds can be moulted on colour feed quite as healthily as without it; in fact, it is more than probable that the extra care required when colour feeding tends to make the moulting process healthier than would be the case with non-fed birds.

THE ESSENTIALS OF MOULTING.

A healthy moult depends not on colour feeding or the absence of it, but on the conditions under which the birds are moulted. The practice which obtains amongst some fanciers (I am glad to think that the number gets fewer every year) of moulting birds practically in the dark cannot be too strongly condemned. It is both inhuman and unnecessary, as is also the practice of taking away the seed box when colour feeding. It is advisable to break the light so as not to have the full glare on the birds at this time; but there is a vast difference between shading the light and having birds practically in the dark. In the one case the birds will exercise themselves freely, whilst in the other they are practically still all the time; and there is no doubt that a bird getting natural exercise will moult out more healthily than one not getting this exercise. Then you must not lose sight of the fact that a healthy moult is a good moult—good for colour and good for stamina. You want both colour and stamina in the keen competition of the present day.

HOW TO MOULT HEALTHILY.

Now I will try and give you my ideas as to how this healthy moult can be obtained. I take it what is wanted is a quick, clean moult, with plenty of colour, and the sort of colour required a rich, deep, soft orange red. In the old days, when birds were cayenne-fed, the style of colour was a hard brick-red kind; but the advent of the cold pepper has made it possible to have a very much deeper and softer tone than formerly prevailed. Now, first of all, we will take the cages. These should be thoroughly cleaned before putting the birds in, especial care being taken that there are no red mites about. I like to use the ordinary breeding cages for moulting the show birds in, and to moult two in a cage.

I find that two, provided they agree, do better together than if moulted separately. They encourage each other to take exercise and baths. There are some birds that will not agree with others, so, of course, these have to be moulted separately. The stock birds could be thrown into the flights, so as to leave plenty of room in the breeding cages for the show birds. In front of the cages, about six inches away from the wires, there should be hung a thin gauze curtain, just sufficient to break the light without interfering with the free exercise of the birds, and a covering of brown paper or calico should be placed over the tops of the cages and project over the curtain a few inches, so as to keep the dust from falling on the birds. If the curtain is hung with hooks, it can be run from side to side without any trouble for cleaning or feeding purposes.

THE FIRST MOULT.

Now, as to the birds themselves, we will take the young ones first. I think it is advisable to keep them in cages about the breeding cage size until they are well on seed—say about six weeks old—and then let them have a fortnight or three weeks in the flights; after this, those that are intended to be moulted carefully should be taken out and put into the moulting cages. The first nest of young will commence to moult at from 10 to 12 weeks of age, and the second and third nests about a fortnight earlier in each case. The young birds having been got on to hard seed before putting into the flights, they can be left on seed for a week or two, and then the soft food should be gradually introduced again, with a little colour food added to it. The amount of colour feed should be very small at first, and gradually increased until the full strength is used. I cannot urge too strongly this gradual change from soft to hard food, and from hard food to soft, sudden change being very detrimental to the birds' health, as they are very liable to upset the birds' stomachs.

MOULTING A NATURAL SICKNESS.

It must not be forgotten that moulting is a sickness—a natural sickness, certainly—but still a sickness, and, therefore, anything liable to upset the birds should be strictly avoided. Now we come to the old birds. Those that have not been used for breeding will no doubt have been in the flight cages during the summer, and these should be put into the moulting cages about the end of July. Those that have been breeding should be given a week or two in the flight cages before being put into the moulting cages. It very frequently happens that some of the breeding stock show signs of breaking into moult before they have quite finished the last nest; therefore a small quantity of colour feed should be given them at this time, so as to make sure of getting them level in colour. These birds that show signs of breaking up into moult whilst feeding young should still be given a week or two in the flight to get them into good condition for moulting. It must not be forgotten that it is as much necessary to get birds into moulting condition as it is to get them into breeding or show condition.

HASTENING THE MOULT.

Now, having got the birds put up for moulting, the best thing is to get the feathers off as soon as possible, and so make way for the new ones. Where the birds do not show signs of breaking up naturally it is advisable to give them a little assistance, and for this purpose I do not know of anything better than rum, gentian and saffron, in the proportions of one quart rum, 2 ozs. gentian, ¼ oz. saffron. I prefer mixing this with the soft food in proportion of one teaspoonful of mixture to 20 teaspoonfuls of soft food, and given to the birds every other day until they are thoroughly broken up into moult. This mixture should be mixed a few days before using, so as to get the saffron thoroughly dissolved. Of course, the colour feeding has been going on all the time the birds are being broken up. And now we come to what is probably the most important part of colour feeding—viz., the feed itself.

HOW TO OBTAIN GOOD RESULTS.

In the first place, I consider that hot and cold peppers supply all the colouring matter necessary, but to bring out the best results a little oil and sugar should be added, and the whole mixed together a few weeks before required for use. By this means you get the peppers thoroughly incorporated and blended together and the colour extracted, so that it is not necessary to give the birds nearly so much as if given to them in a more or less dry state. Cold pepper contains the most colouring matter, but it does not last; it fades very quickly, especially if exposed to a strong light. It is also very relaxing and disagreeable to the taste. To correct this laxativeness, this disagreeableness to the palate, and this disposition to fade, a little hot pepper has to be used with the cold. I find pure ground cayenne the best form of hot pepper. There is a strong objection to cayenne, and yet I believe it is more healthy than cold pepper. Of course, it is like everything else—it has to be used in moderation. I do not know of a finer pick-me-up than this same cayenne if a bird is run down, or after coming back from a show.

To be continued.

I think CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Part II., is a grand directory for any secretary to have in his possession.—J. Wilson, Sec. Kirkaldy C.B.S.

Birds I have Kept.

By J. JONES (Dudley).

A Lecture delivered before the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

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EXHIBITION NIGHTINGALES.

In choosing a bird for exhibition I always like one as large as I can get—one after the style of a Norwich Plainhead Canary, not long and thin looking, as some 'Gales are. See that it is nice and compact in feather, wing carried down after the stylo of the Robin, and one not too hollow in back, as many are. You will often see this failing, more so in the hens than in the cocks. Select a bird with a nice, clear, bold eye. In position he should stand well up on perch, and not be crouching down, as the majority of 'Gales do. With such a bird you will have an ideal specimen, fit for anyone to look at. You must train your birds to travel well from perch to perch, as nothing looks so bad in a show cage as to see a 'Gale dull and sluggish looking and cowering in a corner of his cage, trying his very best to hide himself from visitors. A Nightingale well put down is nearly always in the prize list. A Nightingale is a great attraction to visitors. They all wish to get a good look at one.

THE SONG OF THE 'GALE.

With regard to their song, don't run away with the idea that all 'Gales will sing in a cage, for if you do you will make a big mistake. You will not get one out of every dozen to sing well in a cage; but if you happen to have the good luck to get a wild caught one to sing, its song will well repay you for all the trouble you have taken with it in its cage life. Some people run away with the idea that they only sing at night, which is a great mistake, for we know very well all the best caged birds sing at daylight, and very rarely by gaslight. The one I have here to-night sings just as well by gas as by daylight, but still, as he has been cage-moulted five or six times, it makes all the difference to its singing. I think that is all I know about 'Gales. Now the food I have advised you to feed the 'Gales on will also do very well for the Wryneck, Redstart, Wagtail, etc., and by adding a few grocer's currants and sultanas, cut up fine, with a slice of orange and a piece of banana, you will have a grand food for the Blackcap.

A HANDSOME FELLOW.

We next touch on another of my favourite birds—viz., the Waxwing—and one that I have shown very successfully. I find they are very easy to cater for. They seem to thrive and get very fat on any good insectivorous food, but they require great attention, and must have their sand tray cleaned out very often, or else they soon get offensive. You should put fresh sawdust in the cage bottom at the very least three times a week. A good staple food for them I find is as follows:—Hard-boiled egg, ants' eggs, dried flies, with a good supply of grocer's currants. This is as good as any food you can make. Don't miss giving them currants, as they are very fond of them. Three or four mealworms a day will keep them nice and sleek in plumage. If you find them going slack in feather and falling away in flesh, and not looking so well as you would like, give them a good supply of live clean "gentles," as there is nothing that will pull a Waxwing round better than these. If you should have a few elderberries by you, soak them in warm water for a few minutes; they will work wonders with your bird. I think the Waxwing is one of the most taking exhibits on the show bench. When in good plumage and condition, its feathers fit it like a skin, and with care and attention they will live a very, very long time.

A STURDY CUSTOMER.

I don't know any bird that will stand the amount of knocking about the Waxwing will. Try and keep them in a very cold room, as they cannot stand any heat at all, but soon go loose in feather through it. All the Waxwings are inclined to get very fat in the cage. For that reason give them as much room as you can, so they can have plenty of exercise. At the same time, do not neglect to give them a bath in the cage. Some of them will not bathe at all, and when you find one that will not sprinkle him over every day, and he will soon take to his bath.

MOULTING A TIME OF TRIAL.

Now, it is at the time of moulting that we loose nearly all our Waxwings. For out of all the imported ones we get every year, not one out of every fifty survives the moult. I had only two moult out out of my last batch of seven, but I firmly believe if we give them a good supply of gentles, elderberries, and a few live ants' eggs, we shall be more successful in moulting them in the future than we have been in the past. Some of you will perhaps ask me about colour-feeding them. Well, I don't think it improves them to any great extent. The only difference I see it improves the yellow tips of the tail feathers; but, still, I think they are a lot better without it. Before concluding this short account of the Waxwing I may say they are very fond of the following berries when in season:—Hawthorn, mountain ash, and juniper.

THE CHIFFCHAFF.

The Chiffchaff is another bird I am very fond of, but I don't think any of us will be able to keep one for any length of time; but, still, the Chiffchaffs are always very interesting birds to have in one's collection. I have exhibited them myself several times very successfully, but they cannot stand a lot of travelling about from one show to another, as they must be fed very early in the morning and very late at night, or else we soon lose them. I had a very nice one this last show season, and at the same time very rare. It was a pure Albino, with pink eyes, and was pronounced one of the rarest birds seen on the show bench for many years. I much regret to say it has now gone over to the great majority, even though I tried all I knew to keep it alive. They seem to die without any apparent cause whatever. The way I fed mine was as follows:—Hard-boiled egg and bread ground up fine, with live ants and their eggs, gentles, and wasp grubs, and they seemed to do very well on this food; in fact, any live small insects seem to suit them very well. Should you try to put them on any of the so-called prepared foods which you see advertised, you will soon be in want of another Chiffchaff; for I don't think it is possible to keep them unless we supply them with some kind of live food. I have never kept one above twelve months.

THE WAGTAILS.

The Wagtails are a very interesting class of birds to have in one's aviary, and at the same time very easily catered for, as they seem to thrive very well on the food I advised to feed the Chiffchaff on. Keep them supplied with plenty of live food, and they will cause you very little trouble, for they always seem to keep in good condition. You must keep them well supplied with water to bathe in, as they are very fond of it. I find they are very easy to rear from the nest. Take them when they are about ten days old, feed on yolk of egg and some good ants' eggs, with a few mealworms chopped up very fine. You will rear them on this and nothing else. When they commence to feed themselves you will find them very fond of the wasp grub and live gentles. You can also feed them on hard-boiled egg, ants' eggs and dried flies, with grated carrot.

CAGES FOR WAGTAILS.

As regards their cages, I find one after the style of that for the Nightingale suits them very well, the only difference being the perches. These I place three or four inches apart, so they can step from one to the other quite easily, for they always seem to be on the run. Never have anything to do with an old wild caught bird, for, do what you will, they never seem to get tame; and, as you can get the young so very easy, it is far better to hand-rear them, so that you can get them nice and steady for the show bench.

THE GREY THE FAVOURITE.

The Grey Wagtail in spring plumage is one of the very best for exhibition purposes, bar the Blue-headed one, which is no doubt an exile from another country. The breast of the Grey Wagtail, when in spring plumage, is a very deep yellow, back a nice silvery grey; the flights are a very dark brown (some say nearly black), with the inner margin nearly white. At the latter end of August, when they begin to moult, the throat looks nearly white, the breast a very pale buff; the underparts are a very nice yellow, the rump nearly of the same colour; the back has a very nice tinge of green. I may say the young do not get the full colour till they are twelve months old, or in the second moult, to be more precise. If you require them for exhibition, you will have to colour-feed them, as this adds very much to the colour of their plumage. For a show cage get one about 14 ins. long, 9 ins. deep, 8 ins. high, with four perches or steps, which you prefer, and enamel same a nice dark holly green, for it to show the yellow off to perfection.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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The Amateur's Aviary of Foreign Birds.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

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Of course, it may happen that a suitable wall for building one's aviary against is not available, in which case one has to fall back on a separate building; but in constructing this the same principle must be borne in mind—to have an inner house thoroughly protected from wind, and met by close sides, with an open wire flight if space is sufficient for this.

It is quite possible to keep foreign birds even without the convenience of a garden or yard; I know of some which were successfully kept in an area with the grating—an ordinary one flush with the pavement—covered with wire-netting, and the inmates of this original aviary always seemed lively and happy. Many areas are much more well adapted for keeping birds than this one, and I rather wonder that the idea of thus utilising these spaces has not been more taken up by town avieulturists.

Another good place for an aviary is the end of a balcony or verandah—and an empty room is perhaps the best of all, if the lighting be good. To make a room into an aviary the window should, of course, be fitted with a wire frame (half inch mesh), and it should generally be left open. Care should be taken to arrange the netting so that birds cannot get jammed between it and the sashes, if these are allowed to remain, which will be as well, so as to be able to close them and keep the place warmer in cold weather. Some ventilation, however, must at all times be allowed.

Such a room should, of course, like an aviary, be fitted wth perches in the form of natural boughs, and have nesting-boxes hung in suitable corners. The arrangements for food and water should also be the same as mentioned for an outdoor aviary, and to prevent the water being splashed about it is well to place the pan on a wide tray and surround it with turf, which will be kept fresh for some time by the splashing of the birds.

KEEPING A CLEAR FLOOR.

A room devoted to birds should have the floor covered with oilcloth; this may either be sanded or left bare and wiped over at frequent intervals, in which case sand must be supplied separately in a box. The same choice of methods of dealing with the flooring applies also, of course, to an outdoor aviary, but as the objection to sand there, which might be made in a house, does not apply, it is best to use it.

In the bird-room it is possible to obviate walking on a sanded floor and carrying the sand about on one's boots by laying planks from the door to the food and water vessels, which will be all that need constant attention. Once a week is often enough to clean an aviary out, and if breeding is going on it is better to leave the birds undisturbed, and throw down some more sand or earth if deemed necessary.

Besides rooms, recesses indoors, if well-lighted, may be converted into aviaries for birds, but I do not recommend these, as they do not give the birds enough fresh air, unless quite close to a window. If a recess is available it would be better to have a big cage made to fit it, and move this out bodily at frequent intervals to give the birds an airing.

This brings me to what is, after all, the most easy method of keeping forcign birds—their location in large indoor cages, such as the well-known Crystal Palace aviaries. These cages, as usually made, have several obvious advantages; the fact that they can be divided into three compartments by slides is one, and another is that the dome in the centre makes a good roosting and retiring place, which can be made as shady and snug as you like by means of a cloth cover, while the rest of the cage is left light and airy. They are particularly suitable as homes for collections of tiny Finches, such as Waxbills, and if only tenanted by these can be made very pretty.

GREEN SURROUNDINGS.

The floor in such a case should be covered with turfs, which can be put outside to freshen and revive when the grass is flagging, and twiggy plants in pots can be made to serve as perches to some extent, these being often removed and replaced by others; it is easy to have a number of pot-plants available. Plants infested with aphides will, of course, benefit by the attentions of the birds, for which these little insects are the best of food, so that the whole idea can be worked on the "mutual aid" principle.

Tiny Finches should always be provided with roosting-places, in the form of cocoanut shells and the little rounded wicker and rush baskets sold for the purpose—not open cup-shaped ones, but barrel-shaped, with the entrance at one end. These should be taken out now and again and scalded to free them from possible parasites; of course, they must be thoroughly dried before being put back.

The same idea should be carried out with regard to the perches, which should be often taken out and wiped down with a wet cloth. If they can be arranged so as not to cross the cleaning will naturally not require to be done so often. Natural twigs, by the way, are the best perches for aviary-cages as well as aviaries; they should not be all of one thickness, and it will be found that birds often prefer a thin to a thick perch, in spite of what one reads about their supposed discomfort if they have to grip their support with their toes nearly meeting.

This may be so in the case of Canaries and fowls, whose power of grasp may have degenerated owing to long domestication, but it does not apply to wild birds. Only think, for instance, on what thin twigs such big birds as Rooks habitually perch, building, as they do, on the tops of trees.

Perches which swing, or which twirl round, are better removed, as these are neither natural nor necessary. Those which are made to fix on to the wires are, however, very convenient, being easily removed and just about big enough for a pair of birds to sit on; it will be noticed that, in any case, birds like to sit near the wires, so that it is no disadvantage that such perches do not reach across the cage.

PROTECTION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.

In aviary-cages care and thought are, of course, necessary to prevent the birds fouling their food and water supply. Both food and water are best put inside, so as to facilitate the ready access of the birds to them, but they must not go under a perch. If this is unavoidable a small table must be arranged to stand over the food and water pans, or those large glass baths with arched top, sold to hang on outside thrush cages, will be found useful. For seed, hoppers are easily obtained, but, whatever vessels are used, unless the food is placed well away from the sides of the cage, a great many husks will find their way into the room.

It is, of course, a good plan to supply water in those glass fountains with a spout at the bottom, and only offer the bath once or twice a day; but everyone has not the time for this. It is as well to have such a fountain in one's possession, however, in case circumstances should render it inexpedient to leave a bath constantly with the birds.

The usual place in which an aviary-cage is stood is on a table in front of the window; but this location is very undesirable if there is any draught, and, in any case, when the window is opened for airing the room in cold weather, a cover should be thrown over the side of the aviary nearest the window, so as not to give the birds a chill.

As most "Crystal Palace" aviaries are apparently made on the assumption that Canaries will be kept in them, the food and water receptacles will be found placed outside, with corresponding head-holes for the birds. This is all very well if you are keeping birds as big as Canaries, but if the inmates are the tiny Finches above-mentioned the boxes will have to be removed and the holes stopped up, or the little things will easily escape through them In buying an aviary for tiny Finches it is well to see that the wires are close, for if they are at all wide such tiny birds as Grey and Orange-breasted Waxbills may get out between them.

In the long winter nights it will be as well to stand a lamp near a foreign-bird aviary tenanted by Waxbills for an hour or so before you go to bed, to give the little things a chance of taking supper if they desire it.

AVOID OVER-POPULATION.

With regard to the stocking of aviaries and indoor aviary-cages, the well-known rule of allowing one bird of the size of a Sparrow to a square foot of floor space should be borne in mind; so many people err by overcrowding their birds. Height does not count, as what one has to consider is the amount of fouling of the floor, though, of course, the higher the aviary the more exercise the birds can get in it, and hence the better is their condition likely to be.

In making the estimate of what an outside aviary can contain one must leave the flight out of consideration, and treat it as an extra, for against the greater amount of fresh air available in an outdoor aviary one must reckon the fact that it is not likely to be so often cleaned out as an indoor abode for cage-birds.

In stocking an indoor cage or recess it is better to confine one's self to male birds only, or to be content with one or two pairs if the birds are wanted for breeding, since for breeding birds a certain amount of space is imperative to enable them to get out of each others' way, while a set of bachelors with nothing but the club dinner to quarrel about will be able to rub along all right in confined quarters. *(To be continued.)*

UNIONISM IN YORKSHIRE.

An Interview with Mr. Fred. Hammond, Hon. Sec. of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

(Continued from page 47.)

BY THEIR WORK ARE KNOWN.

Are the shows and judges in the Union arranged on the same lines as of old?—Practically they are, but actually not. The Council selected thirty-two judges' names and sent them out to the societies to be voted upon by ballot, and the eighteen receiving the highest number of votes were then balloted for by the Council for the different shows, in the same manner as in the old Union. The result of the voting showed that there was a wonderful unanimity prevailing throughout the county as to who were the best judges, for when the votes of the societies were counted, there were not three dividing the first twelve judges. The others were more straggling. In cases where any of the judges selected could not officiate, we called on the reserves, taking first the judge who came nineteenth on the list. Mr. Battye, our President, was one of the original eighteen, and so was Mr. Wilman; but, as neither of them could accept, we had to take Messrs. Harrison and Dawson, who were the first two reserves.

Do the shows still run in automatic rotation—the first two one year becoming the last two the next, and so on?—Yes; we cannot improve upon the old system in that direction. It is fair to all, and it suits all, because everyone knows that by taking turn and turn about, the good years cover the bad ones; whilst the enormous uumber of members now in the Union prevents any show, early or late, from being a failure.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION AND THE C.B.U.

Now, Mr. Hammond, I come to a ticklish subject—one which has caused a lot of controversy—the C.B.U. Why is it that the Yorkshire Union has not joined the Cage Bird Union, are the members against it? I would like you to give me your own personal opinion. I, of course, cannot ask you to speak officially for the Yorkshire Union, neither do I wish to do so; but I believe the positiou of the Yorkshire Union in relation to the Cage Bird Union is somewhat misunderstood?—I agree with you. I think our position in Yorkshire is not clearly understood, but I can assure you we are not against the Cage Bird Union. In Yorkshire our societies are together. We have our own Union, with its own rules both for governing the working of the Union and the shows. We have Home Rule, of which we are proud. We understand our own affairs, our own wishes and necessities, and we cannot see how any big National Union can do better for us than our own organisation. It could not possibly understand our affairs as we understand them ourselves.

The members of the Yorkshire Union could not very well object to the Cage Bird Union, seeing that the rules of each have much in common?—That is so. There is much that covers the same ground in both sets of rules, and it is here we clash with the C.B.U. Our rules provide that in case of any dispute, the rules of the Yorkshire Union shall prevail over all other rules. This being so, we could not let the C.B.U. rules prevail over ours; it would mean taking the government of the Yorkshire Union out of the hands of its members. Then, again, there is the question of contributions. We should be paying something like £10 per year and getting no benefit, because our own Union gives us all we want. Yorkshiremen don't like to part with money without getting something for it.

I agree with you, Mr. Hammond. "Brass is noau so easily haddled," I interjected.

YORKSHIREMEN LOVE FREEDOM.

Then they do object, and seriously too, to Rule 17 of the C.B.U. Yorkshiremen will not be bound. They will not be told they must only show here or there. They are not bound in any way to their own shows. They can show at home, and they can show away. The Yorkshire Uniou imposes no bonds in that respect. It gives its members perfect liberty and freedom to show where they like, and it also extends that freedom to outside fanciers who may wish to show at Yorkshire Union shows. They give a free hand to all, and keep none out.

In a word, then, the Yorkshire Unionists are Home Rulers and Free Traders? Laughingly, Mr. Hammond replied: You have hit the situation exactly.

Thus ended my interview with one who possesses all the typical shrewdness of his county and also its good old sporting spirit. In Mr. Hammond the Yorkshire Union have an official who I am confident will uphold all that is best in the Yorkshire Fancy, and in whose hands its past traditions aud future welfare are in safe keeping.

Light and Life.

Mr. J. J. Robson writes:—My attention was called to strange sounds emanating from the interior of an iron lamp post on the platform of Wetheral Station. Owing to the cautiousness of the "old 'uns," some time elapsed before I had the satisfaction of seeing a Great Tit with food enter a small hole, some 14 ins. from the ground, to quieten for the time being the family so safely encased in this strange nesting place.

WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

Scarcity of Birds Abroad.

Travellers upon the Continent cannot but notice the scarcity of birds in many parts. This is partly accounted for by the great demand of all species for food; none are too large, none too small. Italy is almost denuded of feathered life, and during the spring and autumn migrations every inhabitant does his best to thin out the tired birds as they pass through the country. It is a wonder that insects of all kinds do not increase to such an extent as to become a plague, but we are told that the country is infested with lizards; these live chiefly upon flies, etc., and thus keep the insect life somewhat in check.

Woodpigeons in the City.

True countrymen cannot understand how it is such shy birds as Pigeons can possibly be found anywhere within the London area. There is no doubt but that the Dove family can be brought to a certain degree of tameness as easily as other species. Around this district Wood Pigeons and Stock Doves are exceedingly plentiful. These are seldom molested, consequently we can easily get within 20 yards or so of them. In another part, where they are frequently shot for food, they are extremely shy and wary, and it is only by chance or accident that one is able to get near enough to distinguish the species. Undoubtedly the wild Pigeons frequenting the parks and streets of London have acquired their tameness through not being molested. Birds are quick to recognise their friends.

The Song of the Wood Warbler.

The rambler through the woods has occasionally found a little yellowish bird, with a voice shrill and powerful for his size. When two of them sing in rivalry in the early summer months they make quite a din. The song is decidedly unmusical, and yet, if we can only manage to observe the musician, it is quite enjoyable. The actions of the little bird emphasizes the song; the play of the wings is charming—they make full amends for the indifferent melody. He commences with a single note, which loudens and quickens into a shivering passage, accompanied by fluttering and trembling, giving one the impression that the whole soul of the bird is in his song, that the singer enjoys the performance as much or more than the listener. Truly the little Wood Warbler is as charming as any of our Lesser Warblers.

Why Birds Moult.

Birds and animals undergo an annual shedding of covering, either feathers or fur. After being in constant use for many months, it must be evident that this covering must require renewing. If one is able to get possession of a two or three year old bird of any species, and will carefully examine the feathers, they will be astonished to see what a quantity of them are frayed aud worn at the edges; therefore, unless these were renewed at stated intervals, they would in time become useless. In some of the larger species the primary wing feathers are as much worn as they would be if the bird had been caged. The new plumage always appears clean and bright, showing clearly how dirty and faded the old one must be.

Ravens on Rimside Moor.

Mr. D. D. Dixon, the historian of Whittingham Vale and of Upper Coquetdale, says that a pair of Ravens have, this season, nested on the cliffs of Coe Crag, a lonely rocky hill on the northern confines of Rimside Moor; also that their young have been safely fledged. The Raven was once common enough in the wilds of Northumberland, and, according to Mr. Dixon's "Upper Coquetdale," "a pair of Ravens bring forth their brood each year in Raven's Crag, near Milkhope." How long might it be since there were Ravens nesting at Little Whickhope, North Tyue; at Cattlehope Spout, on the Reedwater; and at Raven's Cleugh, near Alwinton?

The Hawk and the Skylark.

A gentleman, it is said, was driving along a road the other day when, to his great surprise, a Skylark flew into his gig and took refuge under the seat. He looked around and observed, hovering overhead, a Hawk ready to pounce upon his prey. Determined to defend the poor bird that had sought his protection, he drove away at full speed. But the Hawk was by no means disposed to be baffled, and on he flew, equalling the horse in speed, and keeping his keen eyes fixed on the Lark's hiding-place. He continued the chase for upwards of two miles, circling, hovering and swooping past the driver with great determination. The poor Lark still clung to its new ally, showing all the while signs of the most abject terror. At last the Hawk gave up the chase, and flew back in the direction whence he had come. All danger over, the gentleman took the Skylark and, when it had somewhat recovered from fright, let it go, and it flew joyfully away across the neighbouring heath, and was speedily lost to view.

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Mainly Canaries
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"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT
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4. The young Canaries must be bred by the competitors on or before July 15th, 1907, next. None bred after that date will be eligible. (Note definition of "successfully reared" given on Declaration Form.)
5. All stock birds used must be the *bona fide* property of the Competitor.
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FIVE POUNDS Cash, or Cup to full value, at winner's option, is offered for the most successful Canary breeder of any experience. All breeders of one season's experience and upwards eligible. Same conditions as for Novices. The Editor's decision to be final.

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FOR COMPETITORS.

I, the undersigned, having entered for "CAGE BIRDS" 1907 BREEDING COMPETITION, hereby make declaration, according to the terms of the said Competition: (1) That this is the first season I have tried to breed Canaries; (2) That I have used this season .....*(state number)*..... Cocks and .....*(state number)*..... Hens, which were and are now *bona fide* my own property; (3) That I successfully reared* by August 13th, 1907, ...*(state number)*..... young Canaries entirely from the aforementioned .....*(state number)*..... stock birds, the said young Canaries being in good health on the said August 13th.

* By "successfully reared" is meant that the young birds are feeding themselves—that is, are requiring no assistance from their parents.

FOR WITNESSES.

We, the undersigned, having read the Declaration of.....*(state name)*..... of .....*(give full address)*..... hereby declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the said Declaration is true in substance and in fact, we having seen the above birds and checked the stated particulars concerning them.

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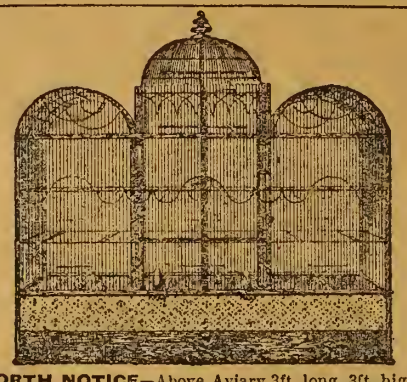
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LONDON WILD BIRDS.

Some to be Protected all the Year Round.

A List of Fifty Four.

A curious rural charm—suggestive of a London embossomed in trees and musical with Thrush and Linnet instead of with the hoot of motors—breathes through no less prosaic a document than a London County Council "legal notice" published this week. It is, briefly, an announcement that from henceforward the "close time" for all wild birds throughout the county of London will be extended as from January 31st to September 1st; and that certain birds and their eggs shall be protected all the year, with a fine of £5 per bird and £1 per egg taken or destroyed.

There follows a list of 54 "smaller fowls," the very existence (says the "Daily Chronicle") of some of which in London at all might well come as a surprise to the average Cockney. Many, for instance, whose London birdlore extends little farther than to recognise the Blackbird, the Thrush, the Starling, the Robin, the Lark and the Swallow, may be interested to find the "Buzzard and Honey Buzzard" officially recognised by the County Council as quite possible London visitors.

Then there is our smallest Hawk—known as the "Hobby"—the Kingfisher, the Woodpecker, the Merlin, the Osprey, the Owl, the Shrike, the "Bearded Tit, or Reed-Pheasant," the "Landrail or Cornerake," the Night-jar, the "Wryneck or Cookoo's Mate, or Snake-bird," and so on and so on.

This is not all. So that there shall be no mistake about the scope of the edict, certain parishes are enumerated where the taking of wild birds in general is prohibited on Sundays, but permitted during the week. The names of some of these are occasionally pretty enough, but the reality sometimes bears a strange relation to the possibility of present-day bird-catching.

NO SUNDAY BIRD-CATCHING.

Thus the dweller in St. Botolph's, Aldgate, is somewhat tantalisingly informed that he may catch there as many Yellowhammers or Whip-poor-wills as he can during the six days, but on the Sabbath he must forbear! So, too, with the "Hamlet of Mile End Old Town," Saffron Hill, the "Hamlet of Ratcliff," St. Saviour, "including the Liberty of the Clink," and certain other quarters, where one fancies the gaol-bird would be, nowadays, the most characteristic, if not the only, ornithological treasure.

With this, as a representative learnt in a talk with Mr. Alfred Webb, Hon. Sec. of the Selborne Society, nothing could be more necessary from one point of view, and hopeful from another, than this latest charter of the London birds.

"Naturally the list would surprise the man in the street," said Mr. Webb, "but I assure you there are very few birds on the Council's list that are not comparatively common visitors to London. Certainly none of them are impossible. The rarest, perhaps, is the Buzzard which is seldom seen in England at all. But still, it may always turn up somewhere, and if it did so in London it would probably be shot immediately, without such protection.

"As for the rest, you would be amazed how many of them are to be seen constantly by anyone who takes the trouble to watch. As you know, the Nightingale sings still within the four-mile radius at Hampstead; Sedge-warblers are heard again and again in the London parks, as also Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Tits, Flycatchers, Whitethroats, Stonechats, Redstarts, Wrens, and many another of the Council's protegees.

"The Wood-pigeons, by the way—which I notice are not protected—are, if anything, increasing in numbers, in places like Kensington Gardens; and only the other day I saw a wild Dabchick in St. James's Park.

A FEATHERED SANCTUARY.

"So far as concerns the whole of London, the Council list could be easily increased. As you may know, the Selborne Society has a 'bird sanctuary' near Hanwell, which is at any rate in the London postal district. There we have already noticed no fewer than 67 different kinds of wild birds—including Kingfishers, Lapwings, Jays, Jackdaws, Tree-pipits, Fieldfares, Snipe, Turtle-doves, and many not mentioned by the Council. This very year I have been able to photograph there a Cuckoo in a Whitethroat's nest.

"On the other hand," Mr. Webb continued, "though it may seem strange in some of the central parishes, there has been a genuine, crying need for this protection all over London. You must remember that there is no necessity for the bird-catchers to go away into the woods to do their work. Wherever there is a bit of waste ground—a railway embankment, or anything like that—they will take their 'call-bird' and some lime and food, and lure any number of little songsters.

"You would be astonished to find what an all-prevalent affair this business of bird-catching is. I have known of cases in the Council parks where special men have had to be told off to watch even a Blackbird's or a Thrush's nest. These town poachers nearly always go out on Sunday—hence the Council's provision.

"Another very shrewd and necessary thing about the Council's list is the including of different names for the same bird. These bird-catching fellows are extremely cute in pleading ignorance. For example, if you charge them with catching a 'Wryneck,' they will swear that they did not know that name, and were always brought up to call it a 'Cuckoo's-mate' or 'Snake-bird.' I am afraid they are 'Snake-birds' themselves often enough!"

CANARY BREEDING.

By Miss Shephard.

One of the Prize-winning Essays in the recent Competition promoted by the City and Suburban A.C.B.

The breeding of birds is a hobby which should be encouraged in young people as well as older ones. It makes them much kinder in their nature to all things living, whether great or small.

SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT.

Now, to begin to breed, one must find a suitable place. If one cannot get a room to themselves, a corner in the living room or sitting room will answer the same purpose. Having selected the place, next see about your cages, which would be those known as single—24 in. long, 10½ in. wide, and 18 in. high—or double breeders, 3 ft. long, with the other measurements the same as the single ones; but you must be guided by your own judgment and the amount of room you have at your disposal. Your cages should have drinkers and seed glasses or troughs (whichever you prefer), and little egg drawers for the egg food, as then you do not have to disturb the birds by putting your hand inside the cage whilst they are sitting. Plenty of nice shell gravel should always be on the bottom of the cage, not forgetting a piece of cuttle-fish, which fix to the side of the cage for the birds to peck at. This is most essential, as it is to them like salt to our food.

COMMON BIRDS AT FIRST.

Now, the next thing to do is to see about our birds. We will suppose this is our first attempt at breeding, and I do not think it would be wise to pay a heavy price to start with, as you cannot always expect to be successful at first; but after one nest you can generally see where the mistakes are, then you can do better with the next.

Having paired up your birds, and finding they agree well together, place a nest pan in the cage. The best ones, I think, are those like little basins, and it is as well to line them with something soft; for sometimes the hen will not make a very nice nest herself, and often the eggs get broken, so it's as well to be on the safe side; then put them some nesting material, which should consist of moss and soft hair, which one can buy very cheap ready prepared.

REMOVAL OF THE EGGS.

When the hen begins to lay, each morning the egg must be taken away until she has laid the third, then, on the evening of the third, put them all back. By this means all the birds will be hatched the same day. If left to take their chance, the birds would hatch out one day after the other; thus the first birds could get all the food, as they would be three days older than the others, and the later hatched ones would die. Give the birds plenty of canary seed, and, a day or so before the young are due to hatch, some egg food, which must consist of hard-boiled egg and biscuit. Osborne biscuits are considered the best, but are somewhat expensive. Give them this until the young ones are able to eat seed. They must also have a supply of rape and hemp seed. A good many people differ on this subject, so it is always best to be guided by what your birds prefer.

THE SECOND NEST.

After the young ones are about three weeks old the hen generally wants to nest again, and, as her babies are not quite old enough to perch, they must be placed in the bottom of the cage, and a fresh nest pan put for the mother to make another nest in, or else she will turn them out. You must give her plenty of the nesting material, or else she will begin to pluck all the young ones' feathers out.

When the little ones begin to perch they are likely to disturb the hen, who should now be commencing to sit again. To avoid this, they should be put into nursery cages—that is, if you are using single breeders. Hang the nursery cages on the front of the breeding cage, and the cock bird will feed the youngsters until they are able to feed themselves, which is about four weeks from the time they hatch out.

By this time you will be able to see the little mistakes made, also the temper of the birds, for they are like human beings, and have their little whims and fancies.

CLEANLINESS A VIRTUE.

Always be scrupulously clean with your cages. Give your birds fresh water daily, not forgetting the bath, as there is nothing they like so much. A little watercress or sweet apple is a great treat to them, but they must be perfectly fresh.

In the breeding of birds one has to use his own judgment a good deal, as what is good for one is not for another; and many a bitter disappointment is often the result of hard work and precious time wasted; but to a true fancier these little set-backs act as a spur to the attainment of something better.

"I am only a beginner," says Mr. Charles Bogg (Horncastle), "and only saw your excellent paper a few weeks ago, when a friend lent me one or two copies. I obtained your paper this week and am charmed with it, and shall now become a regular subscriber. The coloured plates are very pretty, and are now ornamenting my kitchen.

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A BUTTER-MAKING CANARY.

A TALL YARN NOT MADE IN AMERICA.

By A. C. Self.

I am going to tell you about my Canary. If you expect to hear the ordinary hum-drum yarn about the points of any one particular breed of bird, you will be disappointed. If you are a George Washington, don't go any further, but stop right here. At the same time, if you are under the impression that this is a throw-out essay from a lying competition, there, again, you are wrong. I have found it necessary to commence with this warning, for on every occasion on which I have spoken about my Canary it has always been followed by a funeral or a protracted sojourn in hospital for some doubting Thomas. What was it that the great Shakespeare said when he had finished writing "Love's Labour Lost"? (The Editor says I must not tell you; so, rather than this sad disappointment should weigh too heavily on you, I will go right ahead with the true story of my Canary). But, before I proceed any further, I may as well say, "Although you believe me, there are thousands who would not." Furthermore, if there should be one among the many thousands who devour these lines and doubts the veracity of any statement herein contained, let him answer to me. There is a lovely spot within easy reach of here, if he would like to see it. Tombstones for ornaments, with epitaphs which speak more eloquently than any words of mine of my straight-shooting ability. (The Editor has promised me, on the quiet, that he will absolutely refuse to give anyone my address).

But now for my yarn. I am sure by this time you are dying for this true and unvarnished anecdote. You will excuse me again reminding you that this yarn is true, won't you? You see, I am trying to believe it myself. But, there, why should a man who has swallowed a camel strain at a Canary?

Well, this Canary that there is so much fuss about came into my possession in quite an unusual manner. Through the great distress which was prevalent recently, a worthy son of toil was compelled to leave this "free country" and take up his abode in one of our Colonies. He could not take his pet with him, so what better could he do than turn it into money? If he sold it, it would not add much to his scanty store of filthy lucre, so the idea struck him that he would raffle it. In one of London's great business houses, where the apple of his eye—in the shape of a son—was employed, this coup was brought off. The eventful day arrived, and the lucky person who won the prize had no use for it (as is generally the case in these matters), and forthwith offered to sell it at a price—but what a price! Finding that no one was particularly anxious to ruin themselves for the sake of improving his financial status, he decided to take the bird home, thinking that in a day or so they would come to his price. But, sad to relate, long before he arrived home that bird and he parted company. Whether the bird was pleased at the change I cannot say; but, strange as it may seem, from that very moment the Canary seemed to alter in value. No one had ever heard anyone say anything about this bird's qualities before, and no one has ever heard or seen the like of him now. But I do not want to get beyond myself, as it were. I would rather break it to you gradually.

As I have already said, our friend did not reach home in company with his newly-acquired pet. Like many another, under similar circumstances, who imagine they have got something for nothing, he forthwith hied him to the nearest hostelry, and with several friends commenced what one of our great specialists—Bass, I think it was—called "irrigating his tonsils." And with such good effect that, before the "shades of night were falling fast," he was in such a condition that he found himself incapable of truthfully affirming whether it was the shades of night falling, or a basket of crockery. Anyhow, eventually he did arrive home, but not before he had had another and a more serious attack—this time the attack was one which will not be found in the British Pharmacopæia, but possibly on the records of "Fagin's Kitchen." He had, according to his statement subsequently, given half-a-sovereign for a sixpence! Altogether, that raffle had cost him almost as much, according to his account, as the Canary Islands are worth, and he did not have even that single Canary to show for all this prodigality. It was early on in his career of "budget balancing"—he called it "temperance" (putting down the drink)—that he lost and I found this Canary. It happened this way: He had placed the bird in the fireplace, nice and comfortable like, while he was practicing one of Sandow's famous exercises—bending the arm at the elbow and raising the hand to the mouth. This sounds easy enough, and so it is; but you try to do it about twenty times in an hour, and see how difficult it becomes. Of course, you must have a glass with something fresh in it each time, and it is all the more difficult if some one other than yourself is paying for the re-fills. As I have already said, the bird was left in the fireplace whilst this exercise was going on, but long before the "last act" it was transferred to more congenial quarters—and there it remains to this day. Now, don't begin to say hard things; it was not stolen—only borrowed—and our friend has been more than repaid for any temporary discomfiture he may have suffered.

In its newly-acquired home this bird took upon itself a complete metamorphosis—this is not a "terminological inexactitude," but a bald fact. Whether it was possessed of more intelligence, or whatever goes for intelligence in Canaries, I do not profess to know; but certain it is a change seemed to come over that bird. It did not sing so wonderfully, but it seemed to know how it came into my possession, and every time I looked at him or essayed to speak to him he cast reproachful glances at me. Have you ever seen a Canary wear a reproachful look? No! well—don't wish to. It is awful. That look haunts me even as I write. This is the sort of thing I am continually hearing: "Do you mean to say you cannot hear our new Canary sing?" Sing! Shades of Great Cæsar! If the gurgling sound of a torrent passing through a giant's gullet is singing, I have no ear for music. The wife says it's a roller—I suppose that is the effect of intemperance. To me it is a mocking bird. Not satisfied with occupying my waking hours, it takes upon itself all sorts of hideous and grotesque forms during my slumbers.

The other night I thought I had him. There was a large pan of milk on the table. At the other end of the same table I was busy fitting a new feeding pan in its cage, when it gave me one of its most reproachful looks. Before I knew what I was doing I seized that bird and hurled it with all the force at my command into that pan of milk! "Die, you brute!" I exclaimed; but I had reckoned without my Canary. Do you think he would die? No; he popped up to the surface looking like a drowned rat, his feathers all clinging to him—clinging closer than a brother—and, with a violent shaking, began to make frantic endeavours to fly. The more he tried, the more difficult it seemed to become. Now, some birds would have given it up and succumbed to what seemed the inevitable, but not this bird; he is of a different stamp. When he found he could not fly he tried drinking the milk. This, he soon found, was too great a task, although he had seen what could be accomplished in the way of drinking. His next move was to swim round and round that pan, as though pursued by a whole shoal of sharks. Slow at first, when he became more accustomed to his surroundings, he got up a speed which to me seemed almost incredible. Said I to myself, this can't go on for long, and, as I could not watch the poor fellow in his last gasps, I left the room. I returned about half-an-hour afterwards, the interval having been spent in preparing a nice little hole in the aforesaid burying ground for his interment. [No flowers, by request.] Almost before I had opened the door I heard a faint "sweet." That can't possibly be that confounded bird! Surely he is dead! In less time than it takes me to write this I was disillusioned, for on looking into the pan where I had left him battling for life I discovered that his frantic efforts for freedom had churned up the milk, and there was my Canary standing on a large pat of butter, not a whit the worse for his experience.

Needless to say, he is still alive; but one thing I am thankful for I drowned that reproachful look.

Colour in the Plumage of Birds.

Although our wild birds are not noted for beauty of plumage, in the sense that some of the tropical birds are, yet we possess some of unusually rich colouring, if not wholly so, at least in part. The rich blaze of the gold finch, the crimson on the head and breast of the breeding linnet and redpoll, is a bright as anything one could see in foreign birds. Where could one find a richer yellow than is to be seen in the wing of the goldfinch, and upon the head and throat of the yellow bunting? Our Bullfinch is a model of colouring; his rich red breast contrasting so vividly with the jet black poll, and blue grey back; but the Kingfisher is undoubtedly the most gorgeous of our birds. See him darting down some rural stream, his lovely plumage flashing in the sunlight, no bird of the tropics could create the admiration that one feels for him.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Our weekly contest for quality Linnet singing, was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, when 16 of the best birds in Leeds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. J. Booth: 1, Wigfield; 2, Johnson; 3, Nicholls. Judges, Summers and Cooper. Mr. C. Biss bought a very nice bird off Mr. S. Nevins, for 30/-. This bird did not sing in the match, or he would have walked in for the first prize.—T. Summers, hon. sec.

WARRINGTON.

The members of the Warrington Linnet Singing Association held their club contest at the Alexandra Vaults, Scotland Road, on July 6th. There was a crowded house to hear some good keen singing. A grand Silver Cup was given last year by Mr. Thompson to be won twice in succession, or three times in all; last years' winner being D. Clare, who was a hard trier this time. The principal winners were: 1, Houghton; 2, Leah; 3, Clare; 4, Armitage; 5, Mather; 6, Tryner. Judges, J. W. Bowers and J. Lawton. Timekeeper, W. Mather.—Walter Mather, hon. sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

WOODHOUSE, August 21st. Judge Mr. W. H. Silvester. 2 classes Yorkshire, and A. O. V. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close August 15th, to Mr. I. Crowther, the Knoll, Woodhouse, Sheffield.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE SHOWS.

HOYLAND.

The above society held its Annual Nest Feather Show on Saturday, July 13th, at the Ball Inn. Mr. T. W. Whitingham judged, and gave every satisfaction. YELL. YORKS: 1, hc, A. Taylor; 2, T. Taylor; 3, Hutson; vhc., Kenny, c Oakley. BUFF YORKS.: 1, A. Taylor; 2, T. Taylor; 3, Kenny; vhc, Oakley; hc and c, Dewhurst and Thompson. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Evans; vhc, Crosswaite. BUFF NOR.: 1, 3, and Cup for best young bird in show, Waters; 3, Oakley; vhc and c, Robinson; c, Crosswaite. Linnets: 1, 2, Robinson; vhc and hc, Watkin and Vaines. A.O.V. BRITISH HARDBILL: 1, Watkin and Vaines; 2, Evans; 3, Waters; vhc, Dewhirst and Thompson. YORKSHIRE OLD BIRDS: 1, 3, and vhc, Dewhurst and Thompson; 2, Kenny; hc and c, Hutson. NOR. OLD BIRDS: 1, 2, and 3, Guest.

DEWSBURY.

This society held another Members' First Feather Show at their headquarters, Royal Hotel, on Saturday, August 3rd. There was a large attendance of visitors, and the entries numbered about sixty. Mr. T. Bentley, of Cleckheaton, judged, and gave satisfaction.

YORKS, CLEAR OR TICK YELLOW: 1, Bedforth; 2, Rayner; 3, hc, Stalford; vhc, Cook and Son, C. Roberts. CLEAR OR TICK BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Hall; 3, vhc, Fawcett; vhc, Bedforth. UNEVENLY MKD. YELLOW: 1, spl, vhc, Taylor; 2, Rayner; 3, Bedforth; hc, Stalford, C. Charlesworth. UNEVENLY MKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Senior; 2, Cook and Son; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, Yelland; hc, Clennett. FOUL MARKED: 1, spl, Senior; 2, Cook and Son; 3, ner; vhc, Dean; hc, Charlesworth, C. Wright. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Pickering. SELL 10/6: 1, Rayner; 2, Bedforth; 3, Charlesworth; vhc, C. Taylor; hc, Howarth.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Held a successful Members' First Feather Show at Victoria Hotel, on Saturday, August 3rd. Mr. C. Whiting judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. W. Firth won the special for best bird in show. Mr. J. Cooper, special for best 4th bird in show, Mr. E. Shephe d, special for best vhc in show. Mr. E. Shepherd also won Mr. Rogersons' Novice Medal given for most points gained by a novice in the three first feather shows.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, spl, and spl best in show, Firth. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, spl, Dykes; 3, Menzies; 4, J. Cooper; vhc, Shepherd. TICKED OR EVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Dykes; 4, Firth; vhc, Menzies. TKD. OR UNEVEN MKD. BUFF: 1, Hnton; 2, 4, spl, Cooper; 3, c, Dykes; vhc, hc, Shepherd. CINN. TKD. OR UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Whitaker; 2, Shepherd. CINN. TKD. OR UNEVEN MKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Whittaker; 2, Firth; 3, Shepherd. HEAVILY VARIEGATED: 1, 3, 4, spl, Shepherd; 2, Hutton. SELL.: 12/6: 1, 2, spl, Dykes.

PWLLHELI.

Held August 3rd. Many visitors and fanciers were present, and the arrangements very everything that could be desired, and reflected the greatest credit on Messrs. R. Lloyd-Ellis and J. J. Edwards, the secretaries. They were ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee of true fanciers. Considering the time of the seasons, and that the most of our birds are in moult, a fine collection was brought together, reaching a total of 180, which is a record in North Wales. Some very promising youngsters were shown by Messrs. R. E. Griffiths (Carnarvon), E. R. Roberts (Penygrors), and J. H. Rowlands (Rhosgadfan). The special for best bird in the show was won by Mr. George Evans (Llandudno) with a clinking good Buff Yorkshire. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged, and his awards were well received. The officials are to be heartily congratulated on their first venture, and we hope the gate would prove a good one, as the Pwllheli fanciers had done their utmost to make things a great success. The prize money was promptly paid.

NORWICH BUFF (8): 1, c, J. H. Rowlands, very taking exhibit, fine round head, bold eye, short neck, faultlessly staged, wins well; 2, E. R. Roberts, good substance, grandly fronted, very compact in wing carriage; 3, E. D. Aiden, an old winner, grand head one of the biggest ever bred in North Wales, bold front, deep colour, nicely mealed, rather slack today, which no doubt tells against him; res, Evans, another good one; vhc, Parry; hc, Forbes. YELLOW: 1, Owen, nice size and shape, wonderful colour and quality, wins; 2, Evans, not the size of the winner, smart, typical, clear, in want of a good wash to show to the best advantage; 3, Rowlands, another good one, no doubt he will improve, grand size and very chubby; res. Cowell, in the moult. YORKSHIRE BUFF: 1, Spl Best Bird, George Evans, nice, long, upstanding, clear, very racy bird, nice piped tail, full of style; 2, Forbes, nice head and back, good shape and size, very stylish, worthy of its place; 3, Wm. Williams, we missed through changing the classes; res, Miles; vhc, T. Jones, Miss Hughes. YELLOW: 1, E. J. Jones, looks much better to-day than at Criccieth, stands on a grand pair of legs, showing a lot of breed, well-kuown winner; 2, Griffiths, unflighted, of nice length, good back and flights, well on legs, showing nice thighs, straight as a gun barrel; 3, E. F. Jones, another gem, finely drawn, in good condition, slim and of grand position; res, Evans; vhc, Hughes; hc, Lewis Green, a true Yorkie, deserved higher honours only for slight slackness about the vent; hc, T. E. Jones. BORDER (10): 1, 2, vhc, Llynfwy Hughes; 3, vhc, hc, E. R. Poberts, four pointed yellow hen, staged with a master hand, a pretty model. CREST: 1, L. Hughes, quickly claimed; 2, Lewis; 3, E. J. Jones. BRED 1907 (20): 1, R. E. Griffith, already described in the open class; 2, E. R. Roberts, ycl Nor., correct type, beautiful, silky feather, staged in faultless condition; 3, Rowlands, Nor. Buff, not quite over moult, nice substance; res, Dorkins; vhc, Owen, Hughes, Jones; hc, Meirion, Jones; Forbes, a grand class. HYBRID: 1, E. J. Jones, dark mule, fair size, unsteady, grand depth of colour, lovely face; 2, W. Owen, variety, happy blending of both pareuts; 3, Thomas, another dark, very steady, but not the size; res, Dorkins; vhc, Evans, Lee. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Wm. Owen, shewn in a new cage to-day, and well worthy of the prize and the cage, wins easy; 2, 3, Pritchard, both staged in rare trim, nice blazes, good tans and bars; res, Miss Thomas; vhc, Forbes; hc, Ford. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Forbes, Bullfinch, the Criccieth winner; 2, Owen Bros., greenfinch, same position at Criccieth, three were missed; res, Lloyd; vhc, Griffith. SOFT BILL (10): Brotherhood, Waxwing; 2, 3, we could not see cards up; res, Hughes; vhc, Jones. FOREIGN (6): 1, G. O. Jones; 2, Capt. Evans; 3, Williams; res, Forbes; vhc, hc, Williams. LOCAL GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Miss Thomas; 2, Owen; 3, Lloyd; res, Hughes; vhc, Jones, Miss Morgan. CANARY (25): 1, spl, vhc, Lewis; 2, Hydes; spl, Jones; 3, Cowell; res, Forbes; vhc, Harris.

WATH.

Wath and District C.B. Society's Nest Feather annual show was held at the Cross Keys Hotel on July 29th, There was a good entry, and the quality was splendid. The awards were as follows:

CLEAR YORKS: 1, 3, spl, Humphrey; 2, Walker. MARKED: 1, Scrivener; 2, Hollingworth and Smith; 3, Humphrey. CINNAMON, TICKED: spl and 1, Scrivener; 2, Stubblns; 3, Askem. CLEAR, NORWICH: 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Hollingworth and Smith. MARKED: 1, 2, 3, Jackson. MULE (NEST FEATHER): 1, Walker; 2, Cumberbatch; 3, Eades. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, Eades, 3, Cumberbatch. LINNET: 1, Humphrey; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Senior. A.O. BRITISH HARD BILL: 1, Rudge; 2, Humphrey; 3, Stubblns. SOFT BILL: 1, spl, Humphrey. YORKS, OLD BIRDS: 1, 3, Humphrey; 2, Senior. MARKED: 1, Senior; 2, Walker. CLEAR, NORWICH: 1, spl, Bramham. MARKED: 1, Toes; 2, Bramham; 3, Watson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Bramham.

BRISLINGTON.

The fourth annual open show was held on August 2nd and 3rd. Entries in cage birds were not numerous, but the quality on the whole, for a summer show, was very good. Some of the classes were very small, consequently many prizes were withheld. The birds were admirably staged and received every attention from a staff of hard-working stewards. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Dembrey, had everything well in hand, and cards were quickly up. We trust the show will prove a financial success. Mr. T. R. Ind judged.

CREST OR CRESTBRED (3): 3, Richards, handsome buff crested, good domed skull, nice body substance, plenty of feather; vhc, Tristam, dark crest colour, red, neat shape, fair crest; hc, Roberts. BRED 1907: 2, 3, vhc, Roberts, former a prettily marked dark crest, excellent head and feather properties. NORWICH CLEAR (3): 3, spl, Clark, good-shaped body, short, nice head and neck; vhc, Tristam, we liked very much, close and tight in feathers, beautifully fed, well staged; hc, Tuckwell. NOR. A.O.V.: 3, vhc, Tristam, magnificent shape and quality, well carried flights, close, short tail; hc, Clark, good shape, colour, and quality. NATURAL COLOUR (6): 1, Pool; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Quarman, two former birds, yellows, fair type, short wings and tail, little to choose between. YORKS. CLEAR: 3, spl, Barry, a buff of good length and stand, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Roberts. BRED 1907 (any variety) (14): 1, Newman, a promising buff, very solid in feather, finely drawn, good length; 2, Haynes, again good quality, neat wing marked buff, good length and stand; 3, Barry, buff, good feather and condition, very snaky, neat head and carriage; 4, Haynes; c, Beal; nest of four (3); 3, Tristam, four exceptionally good Norwich; 4, Baker; vhc, Neuman, we made little between. FOR ANY VARIETY (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Hodgkin, winner Paradise, Whydah, in lovely trim, a good team of finches follow; vhc, Dembrey. BULLFINCHES (3): 3, Lovell, looks like the Palace winner, stands well away; 4, Chivers; vhc, Richards. ANY VARIETY BRITISH (3): 3, 4, Lovell, 3rd, a bramblefinch, graud colour and quality, 4, linnet, beautiful colour and pencilling. NOVICE CLASS (7): 1, Rowe, useful, clear body, dark crest, in nice feather; 2, Brown, a good Yorkshire, well staged; 3, Fowler, eye marked Norwich; 4; vhc, Fowler. 10/6 SELL. (6): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Quarman; 4, Collings; vhc, Richings.

CAMBRIDGE.

This event was held in connection with the Mammoth Show at Cambridge on August 5th. Considering the time of year the exhibits were fairly good, both in the numbers and quality. They were nicely staged in a small tent, and well looked after by a good staff of stewards, under the active superintendance of that good fancier, Mr. Brooks, who, with Mr. Driver, acted as general secretary of the live-stock section, and it is needless to say everything was carried out in the best manner possible. The show was visited by an immense concourse of people, and not the least interesting of the many sights were the Cage Birds, the tent being packed, and locomotion most difficult nearly the whole day. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged in his usual careful and painstaking manner, and little fault could be found with his awards.

NOR. CLEAR (12): 1, c, Brooks, a bonny buff hen, a clipper, such shape and quality, and well shown; 2, Mitchell, high quality yellow, good colour, not so chubby; 3, Francis, nice-shaped Buff, not so tight in feather; vhc, Handley; hc, Bateman. A.O.C. (10): 1, vhc, three spl, and cup best bird in the show, Brooks, beautiful wing-marked Buff, such a chest and back, capital head, rare colour and quality, a regular topper; 2, Mitchell, capital shaped, rich-coloured yellow, wing and neck marked, nice shape, hardly so chubby or tight in feather; 3, Francis, very high quality, thigh ticked yellow, capital colour, a trio of smart birds; hc, c, Handley. BRED 1907 (7): 1, spl, Handley, a yellow, not one of the largest, but grand type and quality, very neat and smart throughout; 2, Linsey, charming little buff, very nice shape and feather, good head; 3, Handley, another good yellow, but not quite the stamp of his winner; vhc, Brooks; hc, Smith. CRESTS (7): 1, spl, Handley, large, well-drooped crest, neatly centred and nicely finished and variegated; 2, c, Brooks, saddle and tail marked, nice centre, good droop, not quite so massive; 3, Cooper, nice quality green, shapely, but smaller; vhc, hc, Mayhew. YORKS CLEAR (6): 1, spl, Murrell, very slim, stylish yellow, nice quality, stands well; 2, Handley, another very pretty and typical yellow, hardly so slim; 3, vhc, Brooks, nicely-feathered, good positioned buff; hc, Green and Doncaster. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Linsey, a very nice team, of good shape and style, and showing quality of feather. 1st, a cinnamon-marked yellow; 3rd, a wing-marked buff, all put down in nice form; 2, Murrell, a variegated yellow of nice type and style; hc, Green and Doncaster; c, Brooks. BRED 1907 (10): 1, 2, and two spls, Linsey, good stylish pair, well drawn, nice length of leg, and good quality of feather; 3, vhc, Murrell, capital bodied yellow, stylish and nice feather, not so good in head; hc, Green and Doncaster; c, Watts. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Brooks, nice shaped green C.B., capital quality, and plenty of feather, good front and nice beak; 3, a Dutch Frill, and a good one, too, very nicely shown; 2, Mitchell, almost a clear-bodied dark crest, capital shape and droop, nice quality; hc, Francis. SELL 15/- (5): 1, spl, Brooks; 2, hc, Linsey; 3, Green and Doncaster; vhc, White. MULE (6): 1, spl, Williams, very large variegated Greenfinch and Canary, grand shape, and capital feather; 2, Brooks, neat, five pointd buff Goldie, nice shape and size, good face and wings; 3, Cocks, neat bodied Linnet Bullie, a good bird, but showing the time of year; vhc, Rowles; hc,. Popple; c, MacQuarrie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, and two spls, Rowles, very bright-coloured, well-cut bird, neat shape, very trim and steady; 2, spl, Brooks, another real good one, but not quite so tight in feather; 3, Smithson, capital colour, good shape and face, not so steady; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Popple. BULLFINCH (7): 1, White, capital shape and size, nice glossy cap and good breast; 2, Nutter, fine shape and size, grand cap, not quite so rich in breast colour; 3, Lambert, rich cap, nice shape, darker in breast; vhc, Howe; hc, Wilmot; c, Williams. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Howe, two beauties, but the winner excels in colour and size; 2, Fairhurst, grand shape and marking, hardly so rich in colour; vhc, Casey; hc, Barley; c, Cocks. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: Cancelled. A.O.V. SMALL (9): 1, 2, spl, R. J. Howe, most beautiful Nightingale, in excellent feather, and a shapely, well-marked Wryneck, two grand birds; 3, W. Howe, very neatly-marked Bearded Tit, in nice feather, a trifle wild; vhc, Gladwin; hc, c, Lyes. LARGE: Cancelled. FOR. PARROTS (8): 1, spl, Dew, very large, and brilliantly-coloured blue and bull Macaw, in grand feather; 2, Timacus, most charming pair of yellow Budgerigars, in perfect feather and lovely colour; 3, Mrs. David, another splendid blue and bull Macaw, not quite so rich in plumage; vhc, Cooper; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Punch. A.O.V. (6): 1, R. J. Howe, very handsome Honeysucker, splendid colour and condition, well marked; 2, 3, Timaens, grandly marked, full feathered, black headed Gouldian, and a most charming long-tailed Grassfinch, rare bib; vhc, Cooper; c, Row; LOCAL NOR.: Cancelled. YORKS: cancelled. FINCH (7): 1, spl, Cousins, rich coloured Goldfinch, good face and bars, shown in ordinary singing cage, properly moulted and well staged, would make a good one; 2, hc, Nutter, nice shaped well-marked Bullfinch, nice colour; 3, Williams, another good Goldie, not quite so steady as winner; vhc, Gawthorpe; c, Chapman.

ROYSTON.

Royston Cage Bird Fanciers held their annual show in conjunction with the Horticultural Society, on August Bank Holiday, open to a 25 mile radius. Seven classes were provided, but the Yorkshire class had to be cancelled on account of no entry, though full prize-money was guaranteed in each class. What were the fanciers of the long slim ones thinking about? The quality in the Norwich class was very good, and the winner was hard to find. The Cottagers' class, any variety, brought together an entry of 16, competition being very keen. Mr. J. Moss, Hitchin, judged, and the grumblers were absent. We think with a little advertising, this show would hold its own with any in the district. NORWICH (11): 1, spl, Ison, a yellow of good size and quality, nicely packed wings and tail, gets well across perch; 2, Atlee, a big raking buff, not so good in feather or carriage of tail; 3, Pluck, variegated buff, fails in head; reserve, Williamson, a fair buff; vhc, hc, Larman, two non-fed birds, but rather too small; c, Day. YORKSHIRE, cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Munsey, a dark Jonque Goldie, lovely blaze for a mule; 2, Ainger, a fair variegated Linnet mule; vhc, r, Wilkin. GOLDFINCH only (3): 1, spl, Ainger, a monster for size, but has a small break in blaze which spoils a champion: 2, Munsey, a good finch, but wild. BRITISH A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Ebbutt, a good Greenfinch, catalogued at 5/-, and quickly claimed; 2, 3, Stanford, a real good Bramblefinch; 3, a fair Greenfinch. FOREIGN (3): 1, spl, Falaher, African grey; 2, Turner, Alexandria Parakeet; 3, Cooper, Blue Bonnet Parakeet, but would not show on perches, otherwise should have won. COTTAGER'S CLASS (16) and a hot lot: 1, spl, Challenge Cup; 2, extra 2, Atlee; three, grand Norwich, the winner a fine yellow; 2nd, yellow; extra 2nd, variegated buff; these stood clear away, a clean win and a credit to their owner; 3, Walford, a fine Goldie, extra good blaze, nicely buttoned and good wing bars, hard luck to meet such winners as those placed before him; r, hc, Munsey; vhc, W. Smith, R. Smith, Dellar.

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NEW ABBEY.

This new feature in connection wth the Show of the new Abbey Horticultural Society, was held on August 2nd, in the Oddfellows' Hall. The weather in the morning was wet, but cleared up during the forenoon, when there was a large turn-out of visitors. The Secretary, Mr. Wm. McDonald, was the right man in the right place, and did all in his power for exhibitors, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Mr. J. Hannay, Maxwelltown, was to judge the Cage Bird Section, but he was unavoidably absent, and his place was supplied by Mr. Wm. McMillan, Dumfries, whose awards were well received.

SCOTCH (3): all absent at time of judging. BORDER: No entries. Surely there is something wrong with the Border Fancymen in this district, where over 1,000 of these beautiful little gems are kept. NOR. (2): 1 and 2, Rome, 1st Yellow a real good one, nice shape, neat wings and tail; 2nd, Buff, but nothing like the quality of the first. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, Rome; 2 and 3, Crosbie—three goods birds, beginning to break in moult. DARK (8): 1 and hc, Rome; 2, McNeillie; 3 and c, Crosbie. The best class in the show, containing Goldfinch-Canary, Siskin-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, McNeillie, a nice foreigner, with rich bold blaze and good body colour; 2, Rome, a gem of a Britisher, hard lines! BRIT. A.O.V. (2): 1 and 2, Rome, 1st good Yellowhammer, in the pink of condition; 2nd, Bramblefinch of fair quality. SELL. (1): Crosbie.

WATERHOUSES.

In connection with this big agricultural gathering on Aug. 3rd, eage birds had a few classes, which were well supported. The arangements were capital and capable enthusiasts looked well after the exhibits entrusted to their care. Mr. T. J. Ambrose, who was judging the first section, was asked to take the classes, and readily consented.

NOR. (11): 1, Stanger, nicely moulded, good head and chest, nice feathers; 2, Carr, bouncing first feathers bird, good shape, promising; 3, Wilson, Buff, good colour and meal, nice feathers; Res. Clough, vhc and hc, March; vhc, Watson; hc, Oyston. YORKS. (5): 1, Wilcock, Yellow, well drawn, nice feathers and position; 2 and res., Rutherford and Bright, Yellow leading, rare length, stouter than leader and not as stylish; 3, Richardson, loses in length and feather. A.O.V. (4): 2, Wilson, nice Yellow Cinnamon, in rattling feathers, 3, Oyston, Green Crest, only moderate headpiece; res., Stanger; vhc, Carr. SELL. 7s. 6d. (7): 1, Clough; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Wilson; res., Heslop. LINNET (10): 1 and vhc, Davidson and Bond, winner a gem for colour and pencilling, very steady and nicely burnished; 2, Wilcock, nicely marked, lacks the colour and bloom of leader; 3, Wilson, quite equal to second in colour and pencilling, but not as steady; res., Stobbard, a gem for size and colour, not steady enough, badly shown in a most unsuitable cage; vhc and hc, Heslop; hc, Musgrave. A.O.V. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, and 3, Bright, leader a grand Greenfinch in faultless condition; 2nd, a Goldfinch; 3rd, a Bully, both nice ones in good feather; res., Brown; vhc, Davidson and Bond and Stanger. FOR. (6): 1 and vhc, Richardson, pair of Budgerigars in grand feather; 2, Davidson and Bond, splendid Goldie; 3, res., and vhc, Mrs. Heslop, nice team in good feather.

CHURCHDOWN.

The Committee of the Churchdown Horticultural Society are certainly to be congratulated upon the success of their show on August 5th. The Cage Bird Section was really good for the time of year, and a source of great attraction to the many visitors who thronged the tents. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by the stewards, who did all in their power for the comfort of exhibits and exhibitors. The Committee are fortunate in having fanciers in their midst ready to work hard to get up a show of this description, which we are quite positive must have augmented the gate receipts to no inconsiderable amount. Mr. J. H. Payne judged. Mr. E. J. Treseder made a very capable secretary.

GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Wilcox, the Stonehouse winning Goldie looking well; 2, Wasley, good blaze, well tanned chest, fails in shape and smartness; 3, Miss Davell, nice blaze, grand bars and buttons, a bit unsteady, will improve; vhc, Smith; hc, Birchley; c, Hobbs. A.O.V. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Birchley, grand Snow Bunting leading, in splendid feather and very steady; 2nd, Hawfinch, good size and feather, fails a bit in bib; 3, Leavers, grand Greenfinch, splendid feather, good colour, nice wings, well shown; c, Wilcox. A.O.V. SMALL (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Birchley, grand team, well known Shore Lark leading, very steady and in good trim; 2nd, nice young Grey Wagtail, very steady, should make a good one later on; 3rd, nice Swallow, in beautiful feather and colour. LARGE (3): 1, 2, 3, Birchley, Hoopoe, great Grey Shrike, and Blackbird, all in nice form for the time of year. NOR. YELL. (2): First withheld, 2, Houghton, marked right wing, splendid colour, nice shape and feather, good wings and tail; 4th, Stephenson, grand shape, nice head and back. BUFF (10): A grand class for quality, first five birds in wonderful trim..1, 2, 3, vhc, Gwilliam 1st, ticked wing and shoulder, splendid colour, shape and quality, wings well carried, and neat tail; 2nd, clear, magnificent feather, nice shape, hardly the substance; 3rd, clear, rattling shape and quality, close up; vhc, Houghton; hc, Barnes, c, Stephenson. A.O.V. CANARY: 2, Bishop, Yellow Yorkshire, nice colour, feather, and position. YELL. NOR. BRED 1907 (11): 1, 2, Hiam, nice shaped body, good colour and quality, neat head, trifle long in tail; 2nd, nice shape and colour, neat head, wings well braced; 3, Walley, ticked over eye, nice colour, good full neck, not quite so neat in tail; vhc, hc, Davis; c, Evans. BUFF (9): 1 and 3, Davis, the Gloucester and Stonehouse winner leading, looking well; 3rd, lovely quality, nice shape; 2, vhc, Gwilliam, variegated, clean cut, nice feather and neat head, not quite so high in colour; hc, Barnes; c, Hadley.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Members' First Feather show, held at Fountain Inn, August 3rd. Judge, J. Haigh, Esq. CLASS I: 1, W. Lee; 2, H. Hargreaves; 3, J. Clark; 4, C. Mortimore; vhc, J. Wilcock; hc, S. Wilcock. CLASS II.: 1, vhc, Mortimer; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Clark; hc, Lee; c, Hardcastle. CLASS III.: 1, Mortimore; 2, J. Smith; 3, J. Wilcock; 4, Sparks. CLASS IV.: 1, Clark; 2, c, Smith; 3, Lee; 4, J. Wilcock; vhc, Sparks; hc, Hardcastle. CLASS VI.: 1, Ashworth and Wilson; 2, 4, Hardcastle; 3, Clark. CLASS VII.: 1, 2, Ashworth and Wilson; 3, H. Hargreaves; 4, vhc, hc, Clark. CLASS VIII.: 1, Clark. CLASS IX.: 1, Clark. CLASS X.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, S. Wilcock; 4, Ashworth and Wilson; vhc, Wilcock. C. Mortimer gained most points in Open Classes, and H. Hargreaves most points in Novice Classes.—W. Ashworth, sec.

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A table show of any variety young Canaries was held on August 3rd. Mr. William Shearer, of Hamilton, judge in Miner's Hall; 12 birds staged: 1, Rundell; 2, Duncan; 3 and 5, McGhie; 4, Graham; 6, Alexander. G. Kirk, sec.

DONCASTER.

The Doncaster Ornithological Society held its show on August 5th. Mr. S. Clarke judged. The Yorkshire and Norwich Classes were poorly supported, but the winners in each were nice birds. The A.O.V. class was headed by a good Jonque Goldfinch mule, a Scotch Fancy hen of rare style being second, followed by a light Goldfinch mule. The British came up well. In Hufdbills a nice Crossbill won. Softbill was a rare class, and won by a Yellow Wagtail. The exhibits in these classes reflected great credit upon the respective owners, the birds being in rare feather and condition for the season of the year. YORKS: 1, Miss Dalton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Green and Son. LINNET, ETC: 1, 2, Green and Son; 3, Lewis. SOFTBILL: 1, 3, Bescoby; 2, Green and Son. HARDBILL: 1, Green and Son; 2, 3, Bescoby. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Green and Son. SELL 10/-: 1, 3, Green and Son; 2, Bescoby.

STONEHOUSE.

This fixture was held on August 1st, in connection with the Horticultural Show, and was far and away the best yet held. The quality for the time of year was very good, and in several of the classes competition was keen. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after. Mr. Rees makes a most admirable Secretary, being most courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne judged.

NORWICH BRED 1907 (8): 1, vhc, Davis, buff-grizzled on rump, nice shape, splendid colour and quality; 2, 3, Gwilliam, variegated buff, nice close feather, well cut away, beaten in colour and chubbiness; 3rd, clear buff, grand shape, wings, and tail, bit pale in colour; hc, Taylor; c, Partridge. A.O.V. (13): 1, Bishop, smart Yell. Yorks, good colour and position, fair length; 2, Chew, dark buff Goldfinch mule, nice blaze, feather, size, and quality; 3, Perry, crest, nice frontal and droop, falls little right side, takes spl best Local Canary; vhc, hc, Miss Darrell; c, Partridge. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Wilcock, smart Goldie, grand tanning on chest, good blaze and cheeks, in grand condition; 2, Poole, good square cut blaze, beaten in feather and tanning; 3, Smith, nice feather and blaze, very steady; vhc, Darrell; hc, Birchley; c, Wasley. A.O.V. HARD BILLED (10): 1, 2, 3, c, Birchley, Snow Bunting, in fine order and very steady; 2, Hawfinch, good size and fair feather, falls in cut of hib; 3, Siskin, good feather and well marked, falls in colour; vhc, Wasley; hc, Poole; hc, Wilcox. SOFT BILLED (8): 1, spl best in show, 2, 3, hc, c, Birchley, Hoopoe, Shore Lark, and Swallow, all in grand form, and much admired; vhc, Poole; hc, Tate. SELL. 15/- (4): First withheld; 2, Davis; 3, Partridge; vhc, Mallett.

EPWORTH.

This Agricultural Show was held on August 5th, Cage Birds being an additional feature. The Society are to be congratulated upon the good entry secured, and no doubt will be disposed to increase the classification another year, which, considering the very good prize-money (offering 21s. per class), should make this fixture very popular. Entries totalled 23 in the 3 classes provided, the winners in each class being birds of high merit, and staged to perfection. Indeed, the first three Norwich were in wonderful condition, looking more like birds having just finished their moult instead of just commencing. The British Birds were good, Mr. Axe securing the special for best bird in the Show, with his well-known Yellow Bunting, closely pressed by his equally well-known Song Thrush. Mr. G. Heaton judged, and gave every satisfaction. The Stewards were most obliging to all, working hard and giving the exhibits every care and attention.

CANARY: 1st and 2nd, Axe, former ticked Yellow, fine size, colour, and condition, sweet head, latter marked buff, brimful of quality, must have pressed winner, looks like the Thorne and Goole winner; 3rd, T. Duckitt, junr., clear Yellow, sweet shape, perfect wing carriage, neat in head, with just a little more size would be a topper, shown in beautiful condition: the Goole 3rd we fancy, but much improved with a wash, should do some winning (the winners were all Norwich); vhc, Peek and Fawcett; hc, Newbitt. BRITISH: 1st and 2nd, Axe, Yellow Bunting, in spotless condition, not a feather out of place, and very steady, well marked, fine size; 2nd, Song Thrush, just beaten to-day by his stable companion on condition, showing signs of moult; 3rd, Miller, Bullfinch, well up in size, nice cap, and condition, hard lines to meet winners; vhc, Gravil; hc, Lambert. FOR.: 1, 3, Lambert, Green Amazon, very fine bird, in lovely condition, easy win; 3, very pretty Silver Bill in fine order. We hope to see this class better supported another year, as the Committee were, in our opinion, very generous in allowing it to stand with only two entries.

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IN THE COURTS.

SHOW CANARIES GOING ASTRAY.

Judgment for the Railway Company.

The sympathy of exhibitors will go out to Mr. Jos. Thompson, the well-known Wigton (Cumbs.) breed of Border Fancy canaries, who has been unsuccessful in the action he brought at the Wigton County Court, against the Maryport and Carlisle Railway Company, to recover damages for breach of contract through the non-delivery of two prize canaries at Llanelly Show, which prevented him from competing for the Border Fancy Club's trophy, of which he had previously recorded two wins. The case, as previously reported at length in CAGE BIRDS, for July 20th, last, was heard at the Ju'y Court, and His Hon. Judge Steavenson deferred judgment. The latter, as follows, was given on August 1st.

His Hon. said the plaintiff sent two Canaries to be exhibited, and there certainly was a very valuable prize that he thought he would have secured had they arrived at their destination in proper time. Apparently they did not arrive in proper time, and were returned. Under these circumstances the plaintiff claimed "loss of time and labour in preparing the said birds for show (including 3s. entrance fees paid, and 1s. 5d. carriage paid), £3 1s. 5d. Of this claim the Railway Company had paid into Court 4s. 5d., which he presumed was the entrance fees and carriage paid, and the Railway Company said, with regard to the other damages, that they were too remote. He had looked into cases bearing on the subject, but it was beyond his power to give judgment in a case of damages so remote as these were, unless there was some precedent for it; and he could find no such precedent. In his opinion the damages claimed in this case were too remote. The breach of contract seemed to be admitted, and no doubt heavy damages might have resulted. The conditions in the Railway Company's time bill he was satisfied (as he intimated at the hearing), or any rate one of them was two sweeping and he should have no hesitation in disregarding it, but that did not arise. The only question he had had to consider was whether the damages claimed were too remote. In his opinion they were too remote, and as 4s. 5d. had been paid into Court, there must he judgment for the defendant.

ARE BIRD-LIMERS THIEVES?

Curious Scottish Slander Action.

At the Scottish Court of Sessions, on June 22nd last, before Lords Stormonth Darling, Low and Ardwall, an action was heard in which the defendants appealed against Lord Mackenzie's judgment allowing an issue for trial by jury of the actions by George Campbell, coal porter, 6, Church Street, Edinburgh, and Robert Hay, coal porter, 13, St. Stephen Place, Edinburgh, against J. Ritchie and Co., proprietors of the "Edinburgh Evening Dispatch," for £100 each damages for alleged slander. The pursuers were convicted in the Edinburgh Sheriff Court in Decemher last of having, at a farm at Cramond, taken three Greenfinches and one Linnet, contrary to the W.B.P.A. In the paragraph in the "Dispatch" reporting the case, bird-limers generally were described as thieves, and the pursuers averred that the epithet applied to them, and that they were charged in the paragraph with being thieves. This was denied by the defenders, who stated that there was no slander in reporting the facts of the case, and in describing bird-limers as thieves, and they also contended that the word thieves in the paragraph did not specifically apply to the pursuers.

Their Lordships recalled the judgment of the Lord-Ordinary, and dismissed the action. On the matter of expenses, Lord Stormonth Darling said that to a large extent the actions were provoked by the exaggerated use of the word "thieves"; and. therefore, there should he no expenses in either case to either party. He further said that the paragraph complained of, which the pursuers called a report, was partly report and partly comment, and so far as it was a report the pursuers found no fault with it. But in connection with the practice of hird-lining the writer of the paragraph made a foolish and inappropriate use of the word thieves, and the innuendo the pursuers proposed was whether the paragraph represented that they had heen guilty of theft. The question was whether the words used would hear that innuendo. His Lordship supposed that the Lord-Ordinary was of opinion —although they did not know what precisely his reasons were—that there was a certain doubt about the paragraph that required that the case should he laid heforc a jury. In that his Lordship was sorry that he could not agree with the Lord-Ordinary. Reading the paragraph as a whole, he did not think that any reader of the newspaper could, on reasonable grounds, reach the conclusion that it charged the pursuers with having been guilty of theft. Consequently, he did not think that any jury could, on reasonahle grounds, return a verdict for the pursuers. The actual offence with which the pursuers were charged, the pleas which they tendered, the penalty which was inflicted upon them, were all correctly set forth. Even the modus operandi of the class of hird-limers was not said to he misrepresented. The only thing complained of was a word used in connection with the class of hird-limers which was manifestly exaggerated and inappropriate. How that could reasonably imply that the pursuers had heen guilty of theft his Lordship was at a loss to see.

Lord Low said it was plain that the paragraph did not directly charge the pursuers with theft. The writer of the article, who evidently was a gentleman with very strong views of the practice of capturing wild birds by means of bird-lime, described persons who made a practice of doing so as thieves. The case for the pursuers was this. They said: "The article accuses all persons who use bird-lime for the purpose of catching birds as thieves; we are persons who have captured birds with bird-lime; therefore, we are thieves." Of course, the logical proposition was unimpeachable. But the question was whether the writer of the article did say that persons who used bird-lime to capture birds were guilty of theft in the strict meaning of the word. His Lordship thought it was perfectly plain that it did not do so; but that it used the word "thief" in the sense in which it was very often, although perhaps not very correctly, used, as indicating a person who obtained some advantage of some kind which he was not morally entitled to, although in obtaining it he might be within the strict letter of the law. His Lordship did not think that any man of average intelligence reading the report would ever for a moment believe that more than that was meant.

Lord Ardwell, who also concurred, said the word "thief" of itself no doubt primarily meant a person who stole the property of others, but it also was used as an abusive epithet.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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THE BENGALESE—*(continued)*

Kitty was a long time in making up her mind whether she preferred the milk-white bird or the one who sang and danced so comically. Peter waited impatiently, and at last she chose the white one, saying she would name it Snow-white, after the girl in the fairy tale.

"But they are Japanese birds," said Peter, "so I shall call mine Bumbuku-Chagama, after the wonderful Japanese tea-kettle, which danced and sang, and always brought good luck and fortune to anyone who treated it kindly. It was a fairy, too, and Snow-white married a fairy prince, so that makes the story right. And my little bird really does sing something like a kettle boiling over.."

The children soon transferred their new pets to a more roomy cage, which they had fitted up with natural twigs of differing thickness for perches, and an empty cigar-box with a round hole in two of its adjacent sides for a nesting-place. Fine grass dried in the sun, and soft feathers abstracted through a hole surreptitiously made in a pillow-tick, were placed in a little netted bag and hung in the cage, so that the tiny inmates might find material handy for nest-building. White and spray millet and flowering roadside grass was given as their staple food; but they were also supplied with canary and maw seed on occasion.

It was not long before the little pair began their housekeeping, using enough hay and feathers for at least a dozen nests. Kitty was delighted beyond words when the first little white egg was laid in the large untidy nest in the cigar-box, and when five had made their appearance Snow-white began to sit. The weeks seemed endless while the children waited for the baby Bengalese to hatch; but at last, after a fortnight's patient watching, little squeaky noises were heard proceeding from the nest, and both the parent birds flew in and out busily with their beaks full of grass seed for their infants. Ants' eggs, soaked in cold water and dried on a duster, and hard-boiled yolk of egg mixed with crumbled biscuit, was added to their fare, and in three weeks' time the young ones, as big almost as their parents, left the nest.

(To be continued.)

* Now Quite Happy.

One day in the latter part of last summer my grandma was standing at the front door when a poor little bird flew against the telegraph wires, and it fell to the ground; so my grandma went and picked it up, and it was a young Skylark. It seemed about dead, but she stroked it in her hands until it had quite recovered. Now it seems quite happy in its new home, because it sings from morning until night.—SELWYN RALPH DARRINGTON (age 8 years), New Birchwood, Nr. Alfreton, Derbyshire.

Robins in a Drawer.

In the corner of our garden at Manor Street we have a small shed, in which there is a seed chest. Not long ago I went in and, to my surprise, I saw a Robin which had a piece of straw in its mouth. I went there the next day and found a heap of leaves in one of the drawers. On April 21st I went there and found five eggs, and afterwards five young Robins all safely hatched. As I entered they all put their heads out and opened their mouths, expecting to have some more fat worms.—ROY THOMSON (aged 12 years), 26, Manor Street, Cathays, Cardiff.

* The Blue Tit.

The Blue Tit is commonly known as the Tom Tit. It is one of our winter pets. He is a trim little blue-green bird, not so big as a Sparrow; his head is dark blue, encircled in white; his back is olive green, and his breast is yellow, shading blue. You cannot mistake him; he is so clever in hanging on by his feet, and performing all sorts of antics. He lives on insects, and is a most useful little gardener, for he will clear rose trees and gooseberry bushes of blight, and though some people say he destroys buds, others who know best say he only destroys the blighted buds in order to get at the insects already inside them. —L. PERKIN (age 11), Bridge End, Great Bardfield, Essex.

The Bullfinch.

From the extreme richness of colour displayed throughout its plumage, this handsome bird has long possessed a prominent position as a cage bird, not alone because of its rich red breast, delicately shaded grey back and deep purple-black head, tails and wings, the latter crossed in a beautiful manner with white. The Bullfinch possesses the power of imitation in a very high degree, and if taken from the nest and reared by hand may be taught to pipe a tune more readily than any other bird. Though possessing such handsome plumage the Bullfinch is somewhat heavily built, the shape of the head and thickness of the throat having undouhtedly earned its name.—From J. SIMON (aged 13), 21, Falmouth-st., South Accommodation-rd., Leeds.

** The Handsome Pheasant.

The Pheasant is a very handsome bird. There is, of course, the common Pheasant, with which every one is familiar. The Silver Pheasant, found in N. China, is the largest of the tribe. It is a bold and pugnacious bird, not caring for its British brother. The crest on its head is of a deep purple-black colour, the prevailing colour of the upper part of the body and tail is white on the male bird, and the naked skin round its eyes is of a dark scarlet colour. There is the Golden Pheasant, also found in China. It is distinguished for its finely-developed crest of rich golden-yellow colour, and also by a large ruff of orange and black feathers, capable of being erected at pleasure. The tail of the Golden Pheasant is very long. Its crest and ruff are greatly valued hy anglers for making artificial flies. The flesh of the Pheasant is very good to eat.—JOHN GEORGE BENSON (aged 15), 6, Castle Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ire-

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I showed your "Breeding Register" to our members, and they agree that it is a splendid work. With best wishes for success.—T. COWARD, Sec. Barnsley C.B.S.

I am delighted with the excellent drawing of my winning Yorshires in last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman (Dulwich), and tender my heartiest thanks for same.

The Burton-on-Trent Fanciers Society have fixed November 22nd as their show date. The judges will be elected at the next meeting, and the Society will be affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. Thus writes Mr. F. Cameron.

The following judges have been appointed for Arbroath Scotch Fancy Cage Bird Society's show, which is to be held in the Whyte Hart Hall, on the 26th of October, viz., Scotch Fancy, Mr. Charles Berwick, St. Andrews; Norwich, Mr. Alex. Wilson, Montrose; British and Foreign, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, Glasgow, writes Mr. J. S. Napier, Sec.

I have great pleasure in informing you that our first young stock show, held July 20th, was a financial success, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, hon. sec., Leyton and District C.B.A. I have no doubt that the success of our Association is not only due to the splendid committee of workers, but to the great help we have derived from your valuable paper in the form of announcing the meetings, etc., since the formation of the Association. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success in the future.

The Hyson Green and District (Nottingham) C.B.S. is going very strong now, writes Mr. A. E. Garton, the secretary. This year we are increasing our membership, and the members are getting more interested in the meetings at every one there being a large attendance. We have arranged for our second show to be held October 26th, and the third on December 7th. We are also trying to help fanciers by arranging lectures and washing exhibitions, and a concert during this coming winter.

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The Tameness of Blue Tits.

Some Blue Tits built their nest in a stone vase hanging in my garden, writes a correspondent to a contemporary. The vase is not at all large, and has a narrow neck. I watched the birds going in and out as the nest progressed; then could see the tiny eggs, and eventually the young birds. Then I moved the vase on to a window-ledge of the house where, with the window open, I could see the parents feeding the young birds. After a day or so I brought the vase into the room and put it on a table covered with photographs in frames and vases full of flowers. The birds continued flying in and out of the room while I was sitting in it. They seemed quite at their ease, and rested on the photographs and looked about, once flying across the passage into another room. I shall be quite sorry when they all fly off, which, no doubt, will be soon, as they have grown very quickly, and their voices are getting daily stronger.

The judges for our show in December are Messrs. W. Thornton (Belgians and Scotch Fancy) A. Wellings (Norwich, etc.), writes Mr. R. Trimble, sec., Ulster C.A.

Mr. Smith, of Chapel Street, W., is evidently an enterprising young man, and if his 20,000 smokes are at all equal to the humour on the cards offering them to fanciers, they are quite unique.

Hawfinches, for the first time on record for Cumberland, have this year built in an orchard at Netherby. Last year there was a nest near Langholm (Dumfriesshire), just across the border from Netherby. We hope to soon have the Hawfinch established in the farthest point of North-west England. J. J. ROBSON (Carlisle).

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OBITUARY.

Mr. A. Watt (Banff).

We regret to learn of the death on the 16th ult., at the age of 65, of Mr. A. Watt, father of that well-known British Bird fancier (especially of Bullfinches). Mr. F. A. Watt, of Banff, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Scottish National C.B.S. The deceased took a great interest in his son's birds, and to this was due in great measure the success of the latter on the show bench.

Mr. Craig, Junr., (Edinburgh).

Mr. R. Craig, the late Secretary of the Edinburgh Norwich Canary and Mule Breeders' Society, and a prominent member of committee of the Scottish National C.B.S., has sustained a great loss by the death of his eldest son, a boy of 10 years. This sad event occurred at the City Hospital on July 31st. The sympathies of all fanciers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Craig in this, their sad bereavement.—J. WINTER.

The Language of Gulls.

A remarkable announcement is made by Professor Watson, of Chicago University, who has just returned to New York from a stay in the Dry Tortugas Islands, where he has been for some time past making a study of bird life. According to the Central News, the Professor says he is convinced not only that Seagulls converse intelligently with one another in a distinct language of their own, but also they have to a large extent both reasoning and perceptive powers. In fact, says Professor Watson, there can be no doubt that Seagulls "think."

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION

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York Fanciers' River Trip.

The next monthly meeting, on Monday, Aug. 12th, of the York C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Boyle, the Hon. Secretary, will be held on the "S.S. River King," instead of the School Room, All Saints, the boat leaving King's Staith at 7 o'clock for a river trip. Members, friends, and their families are cordially invited.

Do Parrots Understand?

We have had a plain substantial Grey Parrot for the last ten years, writes Albert Popinjay to "Mr. Punch." During that time it has perfectly mastered two phrases, "Pretty Polly" and "Good-bye." A tedious lady visitor was worrying my wife, when our bird, who was observing matters, said "Good-bye" in the most pointed manner. The effect was instantaneous, and, as my wife said, "No one *could* take offence at a hint from a bird, and such a dear bird, too." Another instance of sagacity. My wife had just engaged a maid of singularly prepossessing appearance. The first time the Parrot saw the new servant it unhesitatingly exclaimed, "*Pretty* Polly!" Of course the name was not strictly accurate, but how was the bird to know that the girl was "Susan," and not "Polly"? I need say no more.

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*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
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*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
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Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.**
Oct. 23.—**Oxford.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
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*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R. W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
Nov. 7. **North Berks (Abingdon.)**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Walsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 15.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.S., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H.; R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.—Feb. 1, 3 & 4.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

Watch the Hedgerows.

The fulness of the country is evident now upon every hand. The trees are crowded with foliage and a small colony of rooks may rest quietly among the branches of the elm tree, without one suspecting their presence. The hedgerows are now in full beauty, thick and high, laden with berries of privet, thorn, and bramble, full of rich sweet scented flowers; crowded with young bird life in all stages of development. One can ramble, or rest for hours beside one, and never be dull for a moment; he who loves flowers will find them, he who admires insects will see the pretty butterflies constantly fluttering by, the bird lover will find ample amusement, the rustle of wings is on every side.

OUR SPORTING OFFER.

In accordance with our Sporting Offer to return the cash to every tenth sender for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Part I., the following have had their money returned to them this week :—

W. DAISH,
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Ryde, Isle of Wight.

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D, MCKENNA,
82, Levenhaugh Street,
Dumbarton.

The winner of the Bound Volume of the "Bird World Magazine" last week was Mr. J. A. Taylor (Astley.)

See announcement at foot of this page.

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

BY CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

STOP BREEDING.

In a general way it will be good advice now to begin to break up breeding pairs, especially those which are just now engaged in rearing successfully a second brood. Of course, this does not mean that the birds should be separated at once before the young are out of the nest, but when they leave the nest—perhaps a week or fortnight hence—it will be as well to remove the hen to a large flight cage, and leave the cock to finish off the young. This, as intimated, is for general application. Such cases as may be deemed to require special treatment, or where the owner is bent on snatching another nest, have been dealt with last week.

WHEN BIRDS DROP INTO MOULT.

There appeared recently what seemed at first sight to be a most simple plan for the would-be colour feeder to know when to begin using the colour food, in order to have the colour in the blood before any feathers were shed. As I read it the gist of it was, if my memory serves me right, that after the first moult the subsequent moulting season set in at a time corresponding somewhat to the time when the bird was bred. But a very little thought will suffice to discount the theory considerably, for if it were really so we should have the novel experience of seeing the breeding season and the moult running concurrently. No; it will be far better to trust to the most prominent of the symptoms of approaching moult as detailed in a recent batch of notes. A little observation will soon enable one to judge to a nicety when it is time to begin to feed, and as a further guide it will be fairly safe to begin to feed the young from the late nest at six weeks old, whilst the young from the early nest may be ten or twelve weeks old before feeding is necessary. In any case it is safe to commence giving a little feed all the way round by August.

MOULTING IN COUPLES.

Although it is not absolutely essential to moult birds in the orthodox moulting cages, they certainly have their advantages, and even the amateur on a very small scale would be well-advised to keep a few of these cages handy. These should be reserved for the cream of the season's breeding, and such of the stock birds as have proved themselves valuable show birds. Do not, however, be in too great a hurry to place the birds in them. They will be all the better for staying in the flight until they are beginning to shed their feathers. Then cage them up in twos or threes to finish their moult. If the cages are on the small side couples are to be preferred, except in the case of Lizards, which exhibit a tendency towards feather-plucking—to instance the London fancy seems perfectly futile — moulting the birds singly is not to be recommended, as they will invariably take the feed more freely when kept in company with one or two comrades. Each bird then seems to be seized with a spirit of emulation, or greed, and endeavours to get outside a full share of the food provided, and a little bit over. Do not cover the cages over yet; there is no necessity whatever for this until the new plumage begins to show on the surface.

TRAINING THE YOUNG FOR SHOW.

Whilst the birds are gradually preparing for the moult one should not fail to utilise as much spare time as possible in training the young birds to pose nicely and freely in a show cage. Good training is one of the most essential features towards success on the show bench, a well- trained bird always showing to better advantage than a small bird of equal merits which is unsteady, nervous, and refuses to pose. The birds will also learn what is required of them much more quickly now, and grow far more steady than if they were neglected until after the moult. Therefore, every hour devoted to drilling the bird now is time well spent, and far more valuable than the same amount of time spent two months hence.

HANWELL.

Meeting held on July 25th ,at the Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, when the following were awarded prizes:—Norwich, Mr. Thursby, 1st and 2nd; and also 1st in British Birds. Mr. Robinson judged. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22nd, when Mr. Bert Kirkman will give an address on "Breeding for Colour."

W. BIRD, Hon. Secretary.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

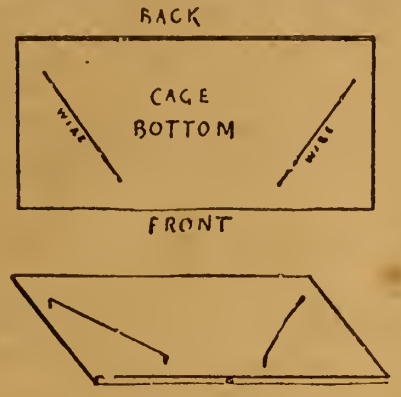
Under this heading we shall Illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 125.

TO ENSURE EASY-RUNNING SAND-TRAYS.

Sent by E. Marchal, 15, The Terrace, Dinnington, Near Rotherham, Yorks:

It is often found very awkward when the sand-tray gets jammed, owing to sand, seed-husks, etc., getting down the sides. This can be remedied by the simple idea I illustrate, which will do away with all difficulty.



An Easy-Running Sand-Tray.

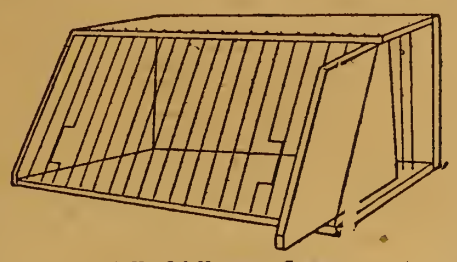
Take two pieces of ordinary cage-wire, and bend over each end about a quarter of an inch, these ends being then driven into the wood, so as to fasten wires to the cage bottom. These then act as slides for the sand-tray to run on, and it will be found to push in and pull out without difficulty when they are in use.—E. MARSHALL.

No. 126.

A USEFUL NURSERY CAGE.

Sent by G. Peters, Sandgate, Coundon Road, Coventry.

I enclose sketch of a very useful nursery cage. Its advantages are that it is put inside the breeding cage, practically taking up no room, and not being in the way as when hung on the front of the breeding cage; also,



A Useful Nursery Cage.

the front of this cage being slanting, the old birds can feed through the wires more easily, and the young learn to feed themselves sooner, as the egg food is placed within their reach close to the bent wires. This cage is also useful to put hen Britishers in when pairing The size is 10in. long, 4in. high, 4in. bottom width, and 3¼in. top width. The door at the end slides between the front wires and two wires at the back. In the sketch the door is shown half open.—G. PETERS.

OUR CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

Our correspondent Markham may rely upon it that CAGE BIRDS will do its best to ensure that the prizes are honestly won. What method we shall adopt is, of course, secret; but we can assure Markham that the proofs required before we pay over the prizes will have to be most satisfactory.

SIR,—Delaration form in Canary Breeding Competition duly received. Will you kindly inform me the name and address of a member of any local C.B.S. to whom I could apply for a witness; or, if not, would two independent witnesses and a local fancier be sufficient? I take in your paper regularly; have one cock and two hen Canaries, from which I have now eleven young on the wing and a number in nest. This is the first year I have had a Canary or attempted anything in the way of bird breeding, and I have followed the instructions in CAGE BIRDS, to which I attribute my success. —A. E. GEORGE, Bradley, Bilston.

[We believe the nearest society to you is the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S., of which the Secretary is Mr. F. Howes, 25, Leslie Road, Park Village, Wolverhampton, who, we feel sure, would be pleased to be of any assistance he could. Two independent witnesses and a local fancier of standing would fulfil our conditions.—EDITOR.]

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by pre-payment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 15th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Business very important.—D. Harwood, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 10th, at Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m.—E. Shepherd, hon. sec.

British Roller C.C.—Aug. 13th, at King's Arms Tavern, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C.—J. W. Norris, hon. sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 12th, at 60 Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Demonstration on "Cage Making" (postponed from last meeting), by Mr. A. W. Curtis. Visitors interested heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn, sec.

Crook and Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 10th, at Love's Hotel, 7.30. Business of importance; members please attend.—Wm.—Rutherford, sec.

Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 10th, at the Oddfellows Hall, 4. Third Nest Feather Show. The Committee ask the hearty co operation of members and friends in making this a great success.—R. H. Foley, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 12th, at Headquarters, 7.30.—F. Sharples, sec.

Great Horton O.S.—Aug. 10th, at Butcher's Arms, 8. Monthly Show.—Sam Dean, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—August 17th, 6 p.m. Table Show. E. Kirk, sec.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 13th, at Railway Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Supper and Bowling. —A. Parks, sec.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 17th, at Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Election of judges.—J. Simon, sec.

Manchester and N.C. O.S.—Aug. 12th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business and discussion.—E. Jones, assist. sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—Aug. 10th. Cricket Match and Dinner with Bradford City O.S Meet at Wellington Hotel, Undercliffe, 2.30.—E. Kemp, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug 13th, at Christ Church Schools, 8. J. Davey, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Aug. 12th, at Chapel Street Mission Hall (opposite Salford Station),8 p.m. Classification for Open Show.—W. Jackson, hon. sec.

Plumstead, Woolwich and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 15th, Trinity Schools, 8 p.m. sharp. Adoption of rules. Description of various points of members' birds by Mr. Hazell. All Fanciers welcome.—W. Pawley, hon. sec.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 17th, at Red Lion, Stoke, 8 p.m. Finish classification for Open Show, and other very important business.—J. Simcock, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 12th, at Sale Hotel, 8. Committee Meeting, to form a syllabus, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Shields C.B.S.—Aug. 14th, at Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Members' Classes for Show, etc.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.—Aug. 10th, at Station Hotel, 7. Subscriptions due.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

South London C. and F.A.—Aug. 14th, at the Royal George, 8.30. Definition of a Novice.—G. A. Jeffreys, sec.

Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 10th, Bull's Head Hotel, 8. Arrangement of Monthly Shows for President's Prize and Specials.—A. E. Morton, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Aug. 10th, at Northgate Hotel, 3. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilman. Entries taken up to first post Aug. 10th.—A Whitchead, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 19th, Boar's Head, 8. Date for Back End Show.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Aug. 13th, at Headquarters, 8. Prize-money, Y. S. Show.—G. Dowden, sec.

Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 8th, at Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Prize-money, First Feather Show, etc.—Alf. Hutchings, sec.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Aug. 12th, at Elephant and Castle, 8. J. Netherwood, sec.

Wandsworth and Dis.—Aug. 15th, 8, at Ye Old Swan. Arrangements for Young Stock Show, to be held on Aug. 22nd.—W. Summers, sec.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 14th, at Mr. Green's, Bull Street, 8. To decide new meeting-room.—T. Duffield, sec.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 12th, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge, sec.

Willington Quay and Dis. F.S.—Aug. 15th, at Turk's Head, 7.30 p.m. Appointment of judge for Open Show.—W. T. Winter, sec.

Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 13th, at Vine Hotel, 8. Classification for Show. F. Howes, sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

BAILDON C.B.F.A.

At a meeting held August 1st, a paper was read by Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley. Subject:—"Colour Feeding." The subject was very appropriate for this season of the year, and was very ably dealt with, a good discussion following. We had also with us Mr. J. Wilman, late of Bradford, who has now come to dwell amongst us, and he also gave us some very useful advice. Altogether, we spent a very enjoyable evening, the time passing all too quickly.—F. Ellis, hon. sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On Thursday night, August 1st, at headquarters, members and friends met to hear Mr. Morris give his promised lecture on "Colour Feeding." Mr. Morris, who is a past master in the art of colour feeding, treated those present to some very useful hints, that were highly appreciated, and no doubt much valued by many who listened to him, it being their first season at colour feeding. Fanciers generally are much indebted to gentlemen like Mr. Morris, who come amongst us and give us the benefit of their practical experience. After the lecture, many questions were asked which Mr. Morris very kindly answered to every one's satisfaction. Mr. G. J. Woolhouse was in the chair and made everyone feel at home by the very able manner in which he conducted the meeting, bringing it to a close by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Morris.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting held July 29th, when Secretary presented balance-sheet of First Feather Show, which showed a profit of about £1, great satisfaction being expressed that the first venture was such a success. A vote of thanks was accorded the judge, Mr. A. G. Davis, of Manchester, for the special pains he took, and the great satisfaction he gave. Thanks were also given to Mr. J. Fletcher, for the use of the room, and to the special prize subscribers, Messrs. Buckley, Taylor, Brooks, Javens, Whitaker, Ball, Wovenden, Fletcher, Swettenham, and Falder. The secretaries and stewards were highly complimented for the fine show they got together, and for the way things worked generally, most of them being men who are old fanciers, and who know the ropes. The committee were empowered to select a lecturer for meeting night, August 26th, '07. The Secretary stated that the membership numbered 44, and the balance in bank, about £7 10/-.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, secretary.

CLAPHAM AND DIST. OPEN C.B.A.

Well attended meeting at head quarters, July 29th. First Feather Show balance sheet showed a nett profit of 14/10. This was considered very good for an association still in its infancy, and for the first show it has held. The Secretary offered a prize, value 10/6 to the member introducing the most new members interested in Canaries from the date of the show to May 8th next, the first anniversary of the formation of the Association. Mr. Maxwell did not see any reason why British bird fanciers should be left out in the cold, so he offered a prize of the same value, for the member introducing the most British bird fanciers. We had much pleasure in electing Messrs. G. Harrison, J. Robson and G. E. Weston as vice-presidents, and we have elected six new members at each of our last three meetings. It was decided to hold a Members' Autumn Show the first week in November. Up to date there are five medals for competition, and we hope to organise a smoking concert in October with the object of forming a Cup Fund. At conclusion of the distribution of prizes, cigars were handed round by the successful winners of the specials, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.—S. H. W. Baker, hon. sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Chronic Weakness.

C. Smith.—I do not think I should be doing you any good (on the contrary, I feel I should be only causing you a lot of trouble), if I attempted to give you advice for the cure of your hen. I feel sure she is a thoroughly badly constituted one, and will never be any good, and as she will be four years old next season, I should strongly advise you to discard her. She would, I am sure, only cause you more disappointment and trouble.

Seeds, Weeds and Luck.

K. D. F.—The sample you send is not Chickweed. The samples of hemp, canary and rape are all good, being well-cleaned and good in every respect. (2) You cannot get another nest from your pair of birds, as the season is now over, and they will soon be in moult. Part them at once. You have had very poor luck this season, but you may comfort yourself with the reflection that many besides yourself have had a disastrous season, the result no doubt, of the wretched weather experienced this summer. I sincerely hope you will have better luck next time, which will most likely be your portion.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Not Quite Himself.

W. H. P.—Let your bird's staple food be plain white canary seed, and give no mixed seed of any kind at present. If you are intending to colour feed your bird, give a little tasteless pepper, without the addition of any hot pepper. Give the tasteless along with half-a-teaspoonful of egg food on alternate days, and on the other day you do not give that, give half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed separately in addition to the white seed in the seed hopper. Do not use the paraffin oil again, but wait and see what the bird is like when he has finished his moult, which he should be about commencing by this time. Mix with two tablespoonsful of water as much magnesia as will cover a threepenny piece, and give this for the bird's drinking water for one week. Then give same on alternate days for another week, and on the other days give clean water only. See that there is no red mite about the bird or cage, when you may hope to see your bird all right after the moult.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crestbred with Growth on Beak.

M. M. Powell.—The only thing I can advise you to do is to paint the growth on the beak with tincture of iodine, which in course of time will reduce it. Unless the bird suffers inconvenience from the growth, I should be inclined to let it alone, provided also that it gets no larger.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Selection for Line Breeding.

C. Sellar.—It is rather early to make a selection for next year's breeding from your young stock. I am pleased you have got a few nice birds to select from; later in the year you may select the best young Gold hen to pair to the old cock; then the best young Silver cock to mate with the old hen, the result from these will be 4 blood of the original in each case. The following season, ½ and ¾ stock of the original may be obtained. If you desire other variations, with an increase of stock birds, you may again write to CAGE BIRDS.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Summer Rape Seed.

J.T.P.S.—The sample of rape seed you send is that usually sold by seedsmen as "sweet summer rape," and is quite good enough for all ordinary purposes. You should test it on the lines recommended in my reply to you last week; had no time to do so myself, or could not be replied to in this issue. Some seed specialists keep a finer German rape than this sample—smaller and sweeter.

Moulting a Songster.

M.R.B.—A little more generous diet, and keeping in an even temperature will be all your Roller will require to ensure a good moult. Never let him be exposed to draughts. If in an open wire cage, cover it completely at night, with a light cover, and if bird hangs in a window, cover it half-over (window side) during the day—light muslin will answer. Give Canary and summer rape in the food vessel—two parts of the former to one of the latter. Give a small teaspoonful of maw seed one day, and the same of linseed the next day (alternate days), except on Sunday, when give this quantity of some good maker's packet mixed seed. These latter dainties should be given in a separate vessel. He can also have a small teaspoonful of egg-bread, or a good maker's patent Canary bread or food three times a week. Keep some good grit on the cage floor, and give a slice of sweet apple between the cage wires, or a sprig of watercress or lettuce several times a week (vary it). Pleased to know my former advice turned out satisfactorily.

An Elderly Songster.

F.P.—Seven or eight years is a tidy age for a singing Canary, but not out of the way old, as many far more venerable birds have been recorded from time to time. As your bird is singing, there can't be anything serious the matter with him. Possibly the feather picking may be due to him being about to break into moult—just about the time the feathers begin to fall, birds often pick about more among their plumage. Of course, red-mite could also be the cause, but you say you can find no trace of such. You should add a little summer rape seed to the Canary, to make the bird's stock mixture, and give the green food much more frequently, also give a slice of sweet apple now and again. I suppose he has a bath frequently? He should do. For ten days put six to eight drops of lemon-juice (fresh lemon) in his drinking water, and, when moulting, stir half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into the water every day. If he does not improve then, write me again. But be sure he has the bathes; also that no red-mites infest his cage.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Sea-Sand and Sawdust.

Hopeville.—Sea-sand, if clean and dry, is infinitely better than anything else for cage bottoms. I used it myself for many years and I know several very successful fanciers in our coast towns who use nothing else. Sawdust I have never used, and never recommend, except when a hen is suffering from nesting diarrhœa. Ordinary deal sawdust is the best.

Young Birds Dying.

Ignorance.—In a case such as you describe, it is absolutely impossible to say why birds die. Young Canaries although given the best of food, and every care and attention that thought and experience can devise, die, and no man can tell why. Every year our most experienced breeders lose young birds in the nest. The food you mention is a good food, and many birds are reared upon it year after year. The stomachs of young birds at the age you mention have a bloated appearance, there is nothing unnatural in it.

Owing to the holidays, many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until next week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Treatment of Turtle Dove.

White Owl.—I am at a loss to know where you read (or heard?) that Turtle Doves would not do well in captivity. They are, on the contrary, quite simple things to keep. Warmth is not necessary in the winter, though if kept out of doors a sheltered and snug aviary must be provided, for the species is a summer migrant to this country, and does not stand rigorous weather well (though this depends much on the part of the country in which you live) unless afforded protection. I want to convey, however, that a warmed room is quite unnecessary. If the feathers have been simply shot out of the wing, or were lost under the circumstances incidental to the capture of the bird, they will grow again all right. You will find it keeps tame, I feel sure. The feeding is quite a simple matter. Packets of "Dove Mixture" (Composed of small grains, such as wheat, barley, buckwheat, dari, tares, canary, hemp, millet seeds, etc.), can be obtained from any good seedsman, and on this your bird will thrive admirably. It will also relish dry crumbled biscuit (or moistened with milk), bread and milk, ants eggs, coarse insectivorous mixture, peas, clover shoots, almost any shoots of growing grain, etc. It must have coarse grit and old lime (say, crushed mortar). Give a big dish of water.

What Bird is it?

D.D.C.—I really cannot answer your question. In the first place, I cannot call to mind any British species, the hen of which is "all yellow on the breast and very light brown on the back," and the cock "dirty white on the breast." And in the second place you do not give me details on which I can form an opinion. You say the nest was "in a railway banking." Was it on (or in) the ground, how large was it, and of what and how was it made? Several of the warblers may build in (or at foot of) a bush on a railway bank. Your own bird might be the Greater White-throat, assuming you have confused the cock with the hen, and rosy-flush on the breast of the cock for "yellowish." But, of course, it is impossible to say from the meagre and unsatisfactory details you give.

Her "Heart Thumps."

A. M. Mence.—I am afraid you will have to decide for yourself whether or not to let the hen Canary go on sitting. I can't come to any conclusion from your letter. You say her "heart thumps and shakes her with every beat, and beats very rapidly." That sounds serious. But in the next sentence you say she "seems to be sitting well, and also eats well." I don't think she would do either of the two latter things if she was feeling very "queer." Anyway, if she looks bold and bright about the eyes, and does not "sit thick" on the perch when off the nest to feed, I am sure you can safely ignore the symptoms you mention, and let the incubation proceed. The explanation may possibly be that you have a nervous hen, who does not like you "messing about" her home, and whose heart thumps against her ribs through fear of the evil designs she imagines you have upon it. If so, the remedy is obvious—go away and mind your own business. Of course, if she is genuinely "queer" it is no use letting her sit longer. I should not take the Linnet away (assuming things go on as they ought) unless he misbehaves, for many Linnets are good feeders and parents.

Colour-feeding Young Bullfinches.

Heather Bell.—It is a matter of opinion whether shaw Bullfinches should be colour-fed or not. Given one with the right sort of breast colour (rich, fiery-red, on a clean ground) I am quite sure colour-feeding is unnecessary, providing it gets suitable natural colouring agents. I would undertake to moult such a specimen as good as any colour-fed one. Bullies should have a free supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash, and other berries, black currants and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's purse, etc. That Bullie is a great bud and fruit-eating bird one look at his bill should convince anyone; try him with any fruit you think suitable. Let both your birds bathe freely. Don't give hemp, but substitute linseed and sunflower seed. Of course, you can give them colour-food if you like. Being young birds, they will take to it readily. My friend, Mr. Sandy, was telling me only the other day of a young Bullie he had which preferred colour-food to anything else he could put before it! I have given many answers concerning colour-feeding in recent issues, as doubtless you have seen.

Cage of Chaffinch.

Lewis.—I expected you were keeping the Chaffinch in an unsuitable cage. You say it has "three sides" wired, by which I presume you mean two sides and the front, as I never heard of a three-sided cage before. You could certainly board up the sides, which would greatly improve it, and render it more suitable for the bird. Still, it would not make it equal to the Finch stock-cage, even though you removed one of the three perches as well. Doing the latter would, I expect, necessitate the bird going on to the cage bottom to feed, with consequent risk of soiling feet and plumage, whereas in the proper Finch cage the seed (inside) and the water (outside) are practically on a level with the two perches, thus permitting the bird to easily reach either, and tending to keep it off the floor of the cage. Pieces of cardboard, fitted into place by means of small pins, would answer your purpose (if you stick to the old cage) quite as well as pieces of wood. You could probably fit it better—certainly more easily.

A Weed and a Blackbird.

Novice.—The weed you sent is plantain—also known as rats-tails. I am continually recommending it, when ripe and nearly ripe, for seed-eating Britishers, and especially for Linnets. If your Blackbird seems otherwise healthy, there is nothing to be alarmed at in the fact of its going to sleep occasionally in the middle of the day, especially seeing it is moulting, for many birds then indulge in that luxury—or habit, call it what you will. I should only hang him outside on suitable days; never on the cold, damp ones inflicted so frequently on us this "summer." If really hot and fine, he will not hurt out of doors day and night. But I shouldn't take any risks. For a week mix a small teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; continue this medicine for ten or twelve days afterwards, but give it then on alternate days only. Get the bird all the live insects you can lay hands on—flies, grubs, smooth caterpillars, scoured gentles, wash-grub, blackbeetles, etc. (anything which seems likely), not forgetting mealworms and a fat spider or two daily. With plenty of these latter items, such-like insectivorous birds have little difficulty, generally speaking, in moulting well and easily.

In an Aviary.

New Reader.—I have never had an aviary built with brass wire (either not lacquered, like yours, or lacquered), so am quite unable to recommend you anything to keep same from tarnishing, and which shall be harmless to birds. Brass wire is not good for either cages or aviaries—it is very apt to get coated in places with verdigris, a virulent poison, dangerous to any birds which may chance to peck it. Tinned wire is best, and looks, to my mind, equally as well as brass. The usual rule is to allow one foot of floor-space to each inmate (the size of a Canary), and this forms a fairly useful basis on which to calculate the holding capacity of an aviary. Yours, 3 ft. by 1½ ft. (height does not count) will, therefore, hold four and a-half birds—or, say, six at the outside to be really comfortable. You could not possibly get into it such a list as you mention. One cannot say definitely whether any species will agree or will not agree. Individual birds (like human beings) differ. Some are peaceable, others are not. Thus we may have a gentle, kind Yellowhammer, and a most vicious one. All one can do is to eject offenders against the common peace and welfare. Bramblefinches are often brutes; likewise Yellowhammers and Greenfinches. Titmice of many species are very dangerous in confined spaces, braining other birds without compunction. Lovebirds (if you mean Budgerigars) are also dangerous. A collection of small Foreign seed-eaters might suit you best.

A Young Albino.

W. Winnard.—The beautiful young Albino you sent me was a Spotted Flycatcher. What a pity it died—I never saw a lovelier specimen. If you got it out of the nest, you ought, with care and suitable food, to have been able to hand-rear it. I note you say another one was found in the same place some two months back, however, so presume both were snared after leaving the nest. It is an interesting circumstance. If you get any more, send one along to me, and let me try my hand at bringing it up. Glad to get anything rare, or freakish, of this nature.

Trees and a Goldfinch.

M. M. Powell.—Your Crest query is answered among the Canary queries, by Mr. Greeves. Don't mix questions for different specialists (read rules), or you run the risk of receiving no reply. Privet, box, holly, and "Christmas trees" are among the best shrubs for aviaries, though if the latter are small, plants are apt to soon get soiled—the fate, of course, of any living greenery. Bundles of heather and gorse also make cover, but are apt to attract mice, which will build their nests therein, if they can get to it. There is no reason why a cock Goldfinch should not winter with a number of Canarics. Both species are generally favourably disposed towards one another.

Mainly about Swallows.

D. O. Mayer.—A field-moulted Goldfinch is one moulted out in the fields—that is, in a state of nature, in contra-distinction to one moulted in captivity. I do not advise you, as a young fancier (apparently of little experience) to trouble your head about the keeping of Swallows. You can find many more suitable and attractive species to commence upon. Swallows are not good cage-pets at any time, and are difficult to properly cater for in the food line, and to keep in health, especially to moult. Leave them to old, experienced keepers of insectivorous species. The best diet for young Swallows would be house-flies (caught in a "balloon" trap) live ants' eggs and tiny mealworms; also any other likely live insects you could lay hands on. You will have to wean them on to a first-class insectivorous mixture (it is against the rules to recommend any particular make; consult our advertisement columns) prepared with a little vegetable ingredient and varied as much as possible, on the lines recommended at length to "Flycatcher," in No. 284. A fair supply of live food is at all times necessary.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Amazon Moulting Slowly.

My Amazon is passing through the moult, which appears to be very protracted, and the cases of the pen feathers do not come off freely. Is there anything I can do to assist it?—J. W. NICKLIN.

J. W. Nicklin.—I should give this bird a liberal diet, as follows: Seed mixture: canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, Indian corn, and sunflower seeds. Boiled maize every other day (this only keeps fresh one day), which should be well dusted with flour, or flowers of sulphur; also well colour its drinking water with Parish's chemical food, and keep a continuous supply of cuttlefish bone. Supply, not all at once, but so as to vary the diet: ripe fruit, greenfood, plain biscuits, boiled potato (dry), nuts, and stale crust of household bread (dry). Let the bird have a bath every other day, or daily, if it will take it, while the present genial weather lasts, but in all weathers you must guard against draught, and particularly so while their plumage is damp. Do not give slops, sops, or any kind of animal food. If you had given particulars of your diet, it might have given me a clue to the cause of your bird's condition; but, if you treat as above, it should come out all right a little later. If yours is a fairly recent importation, that may explain the matter, the first moult in this country of many species being very protracted.

Sexes of Paradise Whydahs and Green Avadavats.

(1) What is the difference between the sexes of Paradise Whydahs and Green Avadavats. (2) A Scarlet Weaver which is flying loose in my conservatory among 26 others, which appear very terrified at it. What are the sexual distinctions, and will procuring a mate make it less aggressive?—T. J. L.

T. J. L.—(1) When in breeding plumage, the fine long caudal plumes of the male are all-sufficient to distinguish him, he also dons as the remainder of his nuptial garment a rich plumage of velvety black, with the back, sides of neck and breast, rich ruddy-chestnut, and rump white. The female never wears the long tail plumes of the male, and she is more or less plainly clad in brown on the upper surface, streaked with blackish; the under surface is huffish white; there are two blackish stripes on each side of the face, the space between being white. When out of colour, the male resembles the female, but is larger and richer in colour. The female Green Avadavat is a little paler and duller than her mate, the yellow of her under parts being decidedly whitish compared with that of the male, that is, of course, providing adult specimens are compared. (2) I presume your Scarlet Weaver is the Madagascar, if so, there should be no danger to your other birds, I have these and several other species of Weavers (these birds are very boisterous and wild while wearing the nuptial dress) among Waxbills and small finches, and they do no harm, neither are the small birds scared; at the same time, I have heard of malicious individuals; watch yours, and if it chases and worries the others, you must cage it up; if it is only its wild movements that causes the scare, they will soon become accustomed to this. The female is a plain brown bird with blackish striations, much lighter and with smaller number of ill-defined striations on the under surface. In my aviary the males have never noticed the females, and I do not think procuring a hen will help you much, if at all.

What Birds?

(1) Can you name two foreign birds A and B, which I have? A, size about that of Chaffinch, but more slender; head and body, light red; beak, bright red; cheeks, black; back, brown, streaked with black. B, size of sparrow; head and back, dark brown; breast, speckled black and white; beak, grey and short. (2) I have a Bengalee, cross Spice bird, hybrid. Is this rare?—NAMES.

Names?—(1) A. The description reads very much like that of the Red-billed Weaver (*Quelea quelea*), but if you are acquainted with this bird, and know your bird is not of this species, please repeat query, and state length of tail, and also quote any other distinctive marking there may be in its plumage. Has it a semi-crest when excited, etc? B. This description, except for size, reads very like a Spice Finch, but you are acquainted with this species, I take it, therefore your bird is apparently one of the so-called Song Sparrows, which species, I cannot say at time of going to Press, but will give this in a later issue. (2) These are certainly not rare, as I know an aviculturist who reared a brood last year, and has done so again this. I also know of, at least three other cases during the past few years in which this hybrid has been successfully bred. A pair in aviary, the gift of the breeder, are very handsome birds indeed, much more so, than either of their parents.

Australian Lorikeet.

(1) From description herewith, can you name my Australian Lorikeet? (2) What other birds can I keep with it, and my Budgerigars, that will be happy and nest in the aviary?—R.E.C.

R.E.C.—(1) It is rather difficult to form a definite conclusion as to the species of your bird, but I have little doubt but that it is Forsten's Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus forsteni*). (2) I am not clear as to

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what you require here. Lories, as a rule, do not agree well together (that is, more than one pair together) or with other Parrikeets. In your aviaries any of the following would agree together, and if not overcrowded should ultimately breed. Red Rosellas, Mealy Rosellas, King Parrakeets, Crimson-wings, Blood-rumps, Many-colours, Port Lincolns, Cockatcels, Yellow-rumps, Varied Lorikeets, White-eared Conures, with Budgerigars and Lovebirds in variety. You could break these up into groups to suit your various aviaries. The chief point to guard against is to see that they have sufficient nesting accommodation without encroaching too close on each other's quarters. I am of the opinion, from the details you give, that the Forsten's would agree with either of the groups you may make up. If it is troublesome in one enclosure, try it in another. Why not procure it a mate? They are worth breeding, and one aviculturist in this country has been successful in rearing young.

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Canary (Puzzled).—Bird-fever.

Canary (H.C.).—Diseased liver, and inflammation.

Budgerigars (Mrs. Grote-Joyce).—Acute pneumonia and inflammation of liver, commonly called "a chill."

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Canary Breeding Competition (J. L. Fontyne).—We cannot possibly make any departure from the published conditions governing the Canary Breeding Competition. If you comply with the rules you are certainly eligible to compete in it.

An Embellished Postcard (H. W. Sheldon).—Thanks for permitting us a look at the card. The appropriate embellishments made us smile. We will hand it on to the gentleman mentioned.

Address Wanted (J. Kay).—The address of the gentleman you mention is unknown; we should much like to know it ourselves.

Show Report (W. Rutherford). — Accept our thanks for kindness in sending Show Report, which however, had already reached us from another source.

A Swing Door (F. J. Rook).—We have to thank you for your communication on this subject, contents of which have been duly noted.

Scotch Fancy Matters (J. H.).—We regret that we are unable to go into the matters contained in your letter; they are quite outside the subject under discussion.

PERFORMING BIRDS.

By D. STEWARD.

It is remarkable what training, combined with infinite patience, can do towards developing the restless, irresponsible little brain of a bird to such an extent as to make it intelligently subservient and reliably obedient to the will of man; so that it will go through performances with an ease and sang-froid that many a human actor might envy, and withal an air of really enjoying and understanding its compulsory play. Of course, it performs its tricks more or less mechanically, but if the bird is well taught it will not convey that impression, but rather that it is taking an intelligent interest in what it is doing.

A Curiosity in Training.

It is curious that the trainer of such birds—in fact, of practically every feathered and furred thing, even to the flea, that performs—is invariably a foreigner.

He seems to enjoy a peculiar monopoly of aptitude for bringing out and making the utmost of the intelligence of every living thing; this is all the more remarkable when his short and often violent temper, and impatience displayed in dealing with his fellow men, are taken into account.

In the training of animals cruelty may be—though I do not think, on the whole, is very often—resorted to; but this, in the case of birds, would be to crown the result with hopeless failure. Their organisms are of too delicate construction to admit of cruelty succeeding where kindness and patience fail. Even with an animal—you can invariably tell by its nervous halting movements, its strained eyes, and the furtive manner in which it watches its trainer, that cruelty has made up the major portion of its hapless career; and there is little pleasure to be derived from witnessing its performance, however well done. But I am digressing.

A Little Army.

Some years ago a fairly familiar sight on the sea-shore of several popular resorts was that of a man with a few bird-cages, a long board, and a couple of trestles.

The latter he fixed up to form a table, and the cages, containing an assortment of Finches—Goldies, Bullies, also Linnets and Canaries, were placed at one end; the birds were then let out and each was given, and went through, its appointed task. Two of them were harnessed to a little carriage, and another mounted the box as coachman, and gravely took the cotton reins in his beak, while yet another, dressed as a lady in a mantle tied with a bit of cotton in front to keep it on, and on her head a little cap with a feather, out of her own body, stuck jauntily in it, hopped inside. Then the coachman pulled the reins and the carriage started, and thus they patiently paraded up and down in slow and solemn state.

Decorated with their own Plumes.

I believe most of the birds wore little caps decorated with their own moulted feathers, and situated at various angles on their heads—sometimes over one eye, which gave them a strangely rakish appearance, due to their efforts to peck them off. Meanwhile a Bullie or Goldie would be told off to manipulate a tiny cannon, and a comrade, who was also an enemy, took his stand on a little sheet, which was spread on the ground directly in front of the cannon, a short distance away. Then bing-bong!—went the cannon, and instantly down fell the enemy and lay for dead, save that his little right eye showed the liveliest animation.

Immediately four other birds hurried forward and each seized a corner of the sheet, lifted it up with the fallen one upon it, and carried him away to come to life again. This performance was admirably carried out by all the feathered actors who took part in it.

Who Killed Cock Robin?

There were other incidents in the tragedy of Cock Robin that they acted, but I cannot recall what they were. Once during one of these exhibitions a Goldie took it into his naughty head that he would like to give a little unrehearsed performance on his own account, and so, while the man's attention was otherwise engaged, he flew away. The man, in great concern, left all the other birds just as they were on the table, and rushed after the truant, who led him a nice dance over the sands before finally allowing himself to be captured; the crowd meanwhile looking on in amused and selfish idleness, and shouting all sorts of impractical directions as to the best method of catching the bird. The man at last came back in triumph with the rascal and was, I daresay, much relieved to find that the rest of his "company" had not decamped, but were patiently awaiting his return. Strangely enough—or perhaps I should say, owing to their excellent training, although the birds had ample opportunities to fly away, they never seemed to have the slightest inclination to do so, save in this one instance.

The Birds Enjoy their Work.

Some months ago at a music-hall I witnessed a very pleasurable and entertaining "turn," which consisted of a number of performing Cockatoos. These birds, which were, if I remember rightly, of the Lemon-crested variety, were under splendid control, and went through their performance without any apparent effort, as if they were really enjoying themselves, which I have no doubt was the case. One rode a bicycle run on a wire stretched across from one end of the stage to the other, and his little legs went twinkle, twinkle, as he worked the pedals round and round at a rapid pace.

Others turned somersaults in all directions, and it was most amusing to watch the slow, deliberate manner in which they fixed themselves in the proper position for turning over—and they were not to be hurried either. A wooden block of steps was placed for one bird, and at command he gravely and very slowly turned head over heels all the way down to the bottom, and having arrived there he tucked his head between his feet and stood upon it.

But I daresay many young readers have seen these same birds perform, for themselves, as they have appeared, and probably will appear again, in several towns; those who have not seen them should not fail to do so when opportunity offers, as they are well worth a visit.

ELOQUENT PARROTS.

Dealer's Methods of Teaching Birds to Chatter.

In an obscure shop in Great Andrew Street, Bloomsbury, there is a dealer in Parrots of every known species. He is a German, and speaks four or five other languages. Interviewed by an "Evening News" representative, he explained that by judicious education a Parrot of almost any kind, from the tiny Budgerigar to the gigantic Macaw, might be converted into a talker. He had made a methodical study of "Parrotry," and in his opinion the best linguist was the Grey Parrot from the west coast of Africa and Prince's Island. "My methods? Well, they are simple enough. I allow my Parrots some proportion of their native food—bananas, palm nuts, and the like. I begin by instructing them to pronounce one word, allowing them two days to master it, and gradually increasing their vocabulary to three or four words. I then make sentences of words that are easily joined together. It takes a male bird at most two weeks to master half a dozen short sentences in one language. The females are not quite so quick. In teaching a Parrot, an important secret is to demonstrate the meaning of the word or sentence if possible, so that it will seem to speak intelligently. For instance, pulling a newspaper from my pocket, I will say, 'What's the time?' The Parrot will soon learn to suit the word to the action. In teaching the bird to greet a visitor with 'How d'you do?' I repeat the words on entering its presence. To make him say 'Must you go?' 'Good-bye,' I rise from a chair, pick up my hat, and while leaving the room repeat the words.

PARROTS AND THE CLASSICS.

"There are birds that can quote from the classics or from the works of some of our best-known authors. These command exceedingly high prices. One that I taught to speak several phrases from Shakespeare and Dickens, I sold to a literary man for £20. The bird was of the common Black Cockatoo species. Parrots are admirable imitators of actors. One intelligent bird I had could give an exact imitation of Dan Leno's voice, and crack several of his short jokes. A clever amateur actor who is a pretty good mimic taught the Parrot. It took him about four months, but his patience was well rewarded. A well-known actor heard of the bird from a member of his company, and bought it for £30. Most actors have a liking for Parrots, particularly for the good mimics. Large retail business houses and manufacturing firms are also good customers. I sell them what I call my advertising Parrots. I have sold to several independent cigar stores Parrots that I have taught to say, 'Sit down for a smoke,' 'Try So-and-So cigar,' and the like. Others I have taught to puff certain well-known foodstuffs for some of the food-manufacturing concerns, who lend the Parrots out to the shops that sell their speciality.

CLEVER AND BUSINESSLIKE.

"Some of the birds are diabolically clever. I owned one which effectively woke up the only slow-paying customer I ever had. His bill for bird seed had run for seven months, and whenever I said to him, 'Won't you let me receipt your bill to-day?' he put me off with the same excuse. He was well-to-do, and I knew his credit was good; but the delay was annoying. The Parrot was a marvel at picking up stray bits of conversation, and it had an all-round vocabulary. One afternoon, when my slow-paying customer came in to get some seed for his birds, I asked him if he would take a seat. As soon as I mentioned the word 'seat,' the Parrot recognised the man, and called out, 'Receipt, receipt!' That was too much for my customer. He settled then and there. This Parrot here (pointing to the corner) is a master of repartee. When I asked it the other day where it was born, it replied, 'In free England.' 'Then why are you in that cage?' But here I was forestalled, for the retort came in a shrill voice, 'Because a big Dutchman put me in. Got Polly on the brain.' I once had another Parrot," he added, "a Goffins, which I sold for £40. As the purchaser was leaving the shop he turned and said to it: 'Now, Polly, I'm your master; what shall I do with you—eat you up?' Quick as a flash the Parrot replied: 'Yes, Polly's got brains.'"

CANARY BREEDING IN THE HARTZ MOUNTAINS.

The training of the young birds to sing correctly is one of the most important and laborious features of the breeder's activity. The young birds, learning by imitation for the most part, acquire bad singing as well as good, and, while it is the plan of the breeders that the birds should only hear the good singing of the "Vorsaenger," yet some of them naturally chirp and whistle in an unpleasant manner, and care must be taken that these birds are removed before the other birds have acquired the same bad habits and are rendered unsaleable. The art of the breeder lies in his being able to discover the slumbering talent in the bird at an early age, developing the same to its highest point of perfection in its particular line. Some birds show an especial talent for trilling, while others are remarkable for the beauty and variety of their song. The birds are divided into classes and kept in separate rooms, those having harsh and sharp voices being often placed in covered cages, where, instead of singing themselves, they are forced to listen to other good singers, through which their faults are often overcome. The better singers, after passing a certain stage where their habits are established and they do not require the close daily watching of the breeder, are taken into a room reserved for the best singers. The elementary training for the singer is generally finished by the end of November, and the singing is at its best at the beginning of January.

The Canary is in every way a house bird, and some people, with good intentions of giving the bird a little fresh air, make a serious mistake by hanging the bird out of the window on the first warm spring day. The bird is not used to the outside air, as he and his ancestors have been raised for centuries in the house, and the only result of this well-intended kindness is a cold which results in partial, if not entire, loss of the voice. From an American source; sent by J. G. MURRAY (Brixton).



FOUR LIGHT MULES IN ONE NEST.

Sir,—I would like to know if any of your readers ever saw four light mules in one nest? I don't mean birds with a light feather or two. I was calling on a well-known Norwich breeder in the Crosmyloof District of Glasgow, and he had four even-marked mules on the perch—two yellows and two buffs—all four pointed. One of the yellows is of a good size, as good in colour as a canary, and simply perfection in markings, slightly marked on both eyes, with three or four of the inner flights dark on both wings. A.M.

BIRD KEEPING AS AN AMUSEMENT FOR INVALIDS.

Sir,—Those who are constantly confined to their room, owing to inability to walk out of doors, as well as those having the care of such, well know how difficult it is to find some amusement which will prove of lasting interest to the invalid, cost little to get, keep up, or even the source from which a small profit can be derived to pay for the same. To such persons a pair of canaries might prove of great value in leading the mind from the monotony of their constant confinement. They give the sufferer something to cheer, as well as to occupy, his time, and thus make it far more endurable than when left to drag so slowly that very often a day appears as if it would never reach evening. But the birdies change all this, as there is always something about them to attract the attention, and it is wonderful to see how very tame and knowing the little creatures become in the keeping of such a person, who not only finds amusement in them, but will soon see that the little pets begin to take note of every movement of their owner, so that a mutual understanding is soon established. The experiment is well worth a trial by any poor souls who have to pass their whole time within doors. The cost is small, the pleasure great ALICE BLAIR.

THE BLACKCAP AS A CAGE PET.

Sir,—As I am a great admirer of Nature, and have had every opportunity to study it. I have taken many a note in my log of birds, their nests, eggs, habits, the arrivals and departures of our spring visitors, also our autumn friends. This year by chance I was able to get out in my garden on the 21st of April, and was pleased to see my old friend, a Black Cap, had arrived, and was quite at home in a bush close by my garden seat. This simple fact caused quite a flutter in my mind and made me quite happy for some time. How it did recall the times of years gone by, when I had its name-sake, and what a pet it was with me for over five years. This, I think, will take some beating for one of these birds in confinement. I have had a Nightingale longer, but never a black cap. In my humble opinion black caps are more delicate than the Nightingale, and do not survive the indoor treatment. This bird was caught in the autumn of 1887, before the spring migrants departed to more congenial climes, and at once made itself at home. It took the food I gave it and settled down at once. It did not show any of the migratory fever, but merely said that it had come to stay, and stay it did, for five years, not only as a pet, but as a songster, for it did sing, to the envy of many a one. Many a time have I been asked to put a price on it. But, no, my pets were my pets. Nothing parted us until death. Had I been willing to sell them it might have been many a pound in my pocket. It seems rather singular, but it was on the 21st September that I saw the last one, and as nearly as possible in the same place. Now could this be the same bird come to remind us of its visit? If so, where were its young, or its female mate, for a male it was. I am under the impression that there are not nearly so many Blackcaps kept now as in years gone by. They are quite easy to keep when once got on the feed, but I do know they lack the stamina of the Nightingale, and will not last so long under the same treatment. At the time I had this bird I also had a Nightingale, which was caught by accident in April, a few days after its arrival, and soon took to the cage. This bird I had for 7 years; it did sing, but not like the Blackcap, neither was it so great a pet. This bird would take a mealworm, or any other bit-bit from your fingers, and would give your fingers a peck if you deceived it in any way. The food I gave it when fresh caught was some red currants, which had been matted up to preserve them until the late autumn, wasp grub, which is a food relished by most insectivorous birds, and which is not so much collected as it might be. In nest-taking the process is very simple indeed. I have, in years gone by, taken some hundreds of wasp nests. If the red currants, or white ones, for all that, are not obtainable, then you can go to the currants of the shops, these I have given the Blackcaps ad lib. Some were given quite dry as bought, and others I have soaked in cold water before giving them. Both ways they have been greatly relished by the Blackcaps. Another favourite food of mine, and which I gave freely, was spiders caught in the autumn from the garden. The way I caught them was to get a small vessel with hot water in it, and then go round the bushes and plants and shake the spiders into the hot water, and then dry them in the sun or oven, for future use. This food has proved to me on many occasions a very valuable one, as it frequently brought round an ailing bird. This wrinkle was given to me by a very old fancier, as a curative for many ailments in cage birds, and which I have found to be correct. Having a large garden to run to, I could always get plenty of insect food, which, in the summer, I gave quite freely, and preserved some for winter's use. I always managed to get in a good stock of ants' eggs, which I mixed freely with the prepared foods. My birds' long life and continual good health I attribute to its being out of doors all the summer in a large cage, but, of course, protected from the hot sun and rains. I gave, also, besides the drinking water a large bath daily, which it was very fond of, and would come out of it drenched. This had the effect of keeping the bird in good plumage, and made it a picture to look at. I have hand-reared a nest of Blackcaps most years, until 5 years ago, when I failed to get away. Although I was always very successful in hand raising Blackcaps and all other kinds of insectivorous birds, I always found them more difficult to keep in health for any length of time than the wild-caught ones, and never could I get one to live 4 years, they lacking the stamina of a wild? caught one. I certainly prefer a wild-caught bird, its natural food, when young, gives it a more robust constitution, which enables it to last longer in confinement. How is it that there are not now so many Blackcaps shown as there used to be? In years gone by there were always plenty to be seen at the Palace, and other large shows, but now they are few and far between. I am afraid it is their delicate constitutions which have caused them to be neglected. As pets they are delightful, and so soon get used to cage life. I hope this short letter may be the means of reviving interest in this most beautiful songster. T. H. KINCH

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

Sir,—The support of the above club has been given to the following Societies: Champion Section, Plymouth, Battersea, Hastings, Cardiff, L.C.B.A., and National (Crystal Palace); Novice Section to Southend, Bournemouth, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Llanelly (pending) and National (Crystal Palace). Arrangements have been made for the despatch of exhibits from Plymouth, October 22 and 23, to Battersea, Oct. 24 and 25. J. W. RENNIE (Hon. Sec)

YOUNG BIRDS DYING BEFORE THE MOULT.

Sir,—This is a trouble that causes much loss and disappointment to the novice, who, very often, has been most successful in the initial stages of breeding, and got a good proportion of young safely hatched and brought up, which go straight ahead until when six or eight weeks old. Then commences a decline which usually ends in providing a subject for a funeral. How to prevent this is, in my opinion, a fairly simple matter after all. In nearly or quite all cases where it occurs, it will be found that the young at this age are still being fed on the same lines as when they were first placed entirely on their own resources. This is where one first goes wrong. As soon as the young are able to care for themselves they should be gradually weaned on to a staple diet of plain canary seed, and after this, until it becomes necessary to begin colour-feeding, the simpler the diet the better it will be for the birds. When kept on these lines the trouble of young dying off just before the moult should commence will not be a very serious one, I think, even if it occurs at all. W. SMITH.

A BIRDS' PARADISE AT GLASGOW.

Sir,—Situated at the east end of the city, Tollcross Park, if not the finest, is one of the most natural parks in Glasgow. The Corporation purchased it from the trustees of the late Mr. Dunlop, a well-known ironmaster, converting it into a public park a few years ago. It is an ideal spot for the lover of wild birds, and many an hour has the writer spent studying the birds that abound in the Glen. The rook is there in all his glory, and his "caw, caw," may be heard all the year round. Then the thrush can be seen in great numbers; for the second year a nest has been reared in the public conservatory, the old birds entering by way of the ventilator. The starling and blackbird are for ever searching the lawns for worms and insects, and judging by their excursions to and fro, they are not disappointed. Other birds that are very plentiful are, chaffinch, greenfinch, yellowhammer, brown linnet, and grey wagtail. Here and there a pair of bullfinches may be seen; also our sweet little songster, the robin. Several other of the smaller British birds also delight the visitor and the naturalist. A few hours spent in the Glen will well repay the visitor, who, without doubt, will acknowledge that it is a paradise to the Glasgow bird lover.

FRED BOWMAN.

A CURIOUS COMBAT.

Sir,—Last week I sent you a cutting from the "Morning Post," "Bird versus Beetle," but see in the current number of CAGE BIRDS the same sent you by a T. Browne. I now enclose a further cutting from the "Morning Post," of 3rd inst., which may prove interesting reading to some of the many who take your very interesting and instructive paper.

With reference to the stag-beetle (described in the "Morning Post" of July 27), which was found apparently attacking a greenfinch, may I say that the beetle was probably defending itself from the bird? Sparrows are very fond of eating stag-beetles, and I have often seen them pulling them to pieces or tearing off their wing cases. The beetles are generally too slow and stupid to defend themselves, but if this greenfinch carelessly began at the business end of the beetle its mandibles would soon embrace the bird, as described by your correspondent, Hilda A. Dolphin. I feel sure that the "murderous attack" was made by the bird, not the beetle." R. T. GODFREY.

ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT AT LLANDILO SHOW.

Sir,—I have been much interested in reading in your valuable paper for July 27th the remarks of Mr. H. Griffiths, a committee man of the Llandilo Society, concerning the alleged bad management of that Society's show. He states that all letters received by me have not been shown to any committee man since the last show. How does he know that? It is not likely that I would run about looking for this important committee man to show him my correspondence. *Re* the special that was won by Mr. Roebach. He states that Mr. Edwards took his special a few days after the show to the chairman, Mr. Hopkin. If Mr. H. Griffiths was more careful he would ask Mr. Edwards, and he would find that I, myself, collected this special, and this two months after the show. And how can he say that the chairman had undertaken to send all specials away? This, again is not correct, as can be very easily proved by the railway receipt book and the gentlemen that I have collected the specials from. This committe man writes very much like Mr. H. S. Davies in a contemporary. He proceeds by writing: "I may say that the matter will be looked into at once as we (meaning Mr. Davies and himself), intend calling a meeting on Monday, July 22nd." He, like Mr. Davies, means next year, as no meeting was held on this date this year. This will at once prove that these two committee men are in tow with each other, and would, no doubt, like to manage all the affairs of the Society. If these two committee men were so anxious to foster the fancy in this district, they would do a little more for the Society and not try to find fault with men working the show for the pure love of the fancy. D. OWEN JONES (Hon. Sec.).

NOVICES AND THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Sir,—Please allow me space in CAGE BIRDS to write a few lines on the novice question based on Mr. Hammond's remarks. With all due respect to our worthy secretary, I must say that I fail to see where the novices would have wrecked the Union, seeing that the season before the split the novice classes averaged over 27 per class right through the season (it takes 15 to pay prize money). Further there was every appearance of them being bigger had the split not come. Even if it had cost the societies a little more per member to the Union, they were getting it back from the novice classes. Of course some will say the novice classes robbed the other classes of entries; but I think not of so many as they make out. How often do we see an open class with 30 entries or a few more? Not as often as I should like by a long way. As to the way the medals are to be given this time, I am afraid before half the show season is over the novice entries will be falling off, for so far as I can see, it will want a novice with a lot of good birds, or a big pocket, to have anything like a fair chance of ever leaving the novice classes by winning a medal. Fancy, too, giving 12 a move up out of, I think I can safely say, 550 novices! Seeing that the novice is the backbone of the Union (I might say that most of them are working-men fanciers), it is not giving them much chance of ever getting out of the novice section by winning a medal. I am afraid some, like myself, will be saying (if not this season, the season after), if you have a bird worth showing, put it in the open classes and let it take its chance. A workingman, and more especially if he has a home to look to, cannot afford to show his birds many times without he gets in the money a few times, as it takes about 5s. to send two birds to a show a few miles on the railway—and a bit more if he has a mind to make it. That amount from a man's wage counts week by week. I think it would have been better to have gone back to the old 7s. 6d. medals, or to have lowered the value of the medals, and still kept it three firsts and gone on as before. As regards binding each club to make six novice classes, I think it a great mistake. Where is the show that the Norwich novice classes will pay at? And at some shows it will not be advisable to make four Yorkshire novice classes—such as a show at either side of Christmas, for we all know it is then a busy time on the line, and old hands do not care to trust birds on the railway, much less the novice, who perhaps has only two birds good enough to show. Of course, in Bradford, where they can take their birds, and there are enough of them to make a good show without outsiders, it is all right—one cannot call that having a free hand in the Union. G. A. WHITEHEAD.

ROBINS IN SUMMER.

Sir,— I should like some of your readers with ornithological knowledge to give me a little enlightenment as to the habits of the Robin. We have always been accustomed to associate little redbreast with winter's snows; but I have noticed several in my garden during the whole of this summer. They are quite tame, and hop about the gardener while he is at his work, and pick up any food in the shape of worms he may happen to turn up. I have also noticed others in my neighbours' gardens. What I should like to know is whether this is unusual. I have not observed the birds so late in previous years. R. N. BONE.

THE DISQUALIFIED GREENS AT THE LATE PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—Mr. Clayton accuses me of spleen, bitterness, etc. If your readers will refer to your issues of April 13 and May 4, they will be able to read full reports of the meetings of the C.B.U. and will be in a position to judge whether Mr. Clayton is justified in making such an accusation. With reference to his prize-money: his remarks concern me in a degree only. The Palace Show was held under C.B.U. Rules, and the Committee of the L. and P.O.S. in deciding the question of prize money acted in accordance with the C.B.U. Rules and the legal advice given them by the solicitor to the Cage Bird Union.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

Sir,—I am rather surprised to see all the correspondence concerning the disqualified green canaries at the last Palace Show. I thought this had been honourably settled by the C.B.U. I was an independent witness at the Manchester Council meeting, and with others was fully satisfied that the appeal was allowed, and the disqualifications quashed, both from the declaration of the Chairman, and the conversations with councillors afterwards. I am not an exhibitor, although an aviarist and lover of birds, and after this experience I am less inclined than ever to become one. I am convinced that the less one has to do with show committees and judges the better it will be for himself and his birds. The way this resolution has been twisted (apparently to suit interested parties) may be legal, but it certainly cannot claim to be justice, and if I was one of the accused in this case I would not allow the matter to rest here, but continue the fight till justice was triumphed. J. W. CUTMORE.

THE SCOTCH FANCY MODEL.

Sir,—"Advocate for Model" still has not the courage to come from behind that non-de-plume. He has from the commencement introduced private personal matters into this correspondence. To use a common phrase: He is "playing to the gallery." He states I have denounced my best friend in Greenock. I know not who he alludes to.

"Advocate for Model" asks for information re a certain Derby. Yes, when you have the courage to come boldly out and sign your name and comply with my terms stated in previous letter, and not till.

"Advocate of Model" further asks why do I not take my beating and join in. I never was beaten; no, sir, never. Not that I have the least wish to enter the model competition again. But for principle sake I will never give my vote to an improvement—the work of at least three men (this was clearly admitted to me). No; give honour to whom honour is due. Did you blush when you wrote that word "conceit"?

Look round at home. I further claim that the objectors have the majority in the fancy Press, and were I in Scotland I could find dozens who have equally as much objection as either the unknown gent (to me) "Piebald," or myself. Anyway, "Advocate of Model," let me clearly state that until you have such courage to sign your name, I shall not notice your correspondence again. J. HARRISON.

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THE BREEDING SEASON AT COLDSTREAM.

Sir,—Owing to the cold, damp weather breeders experienced at the beginning of the season, breeding has been carried on a little later than usual, but I am pleased to say in the majority of cases with good average results. Messrs. Duncan and Logan have finished up with about 60 young Borders, among them, I believe, some good specimens. They are closely followed by Mr. Gilchrist, who has succeeded in rising 50, among them two or three very promising birds, likely to uphold his reputation this year again; all Borders. Mr. Lindsay, unfortunately, has only succeeded in rearing one youngster. His bad luck is owing to removal. However, Joe is never downhearted, and is as cheerful as if he had reared 100. Mr. Dickson, an ardent admirer of Norwich, has seven on the sticks, among them a good yellow cock and yellow hen; grand size and rare colour. He had very bad luck in the middle of the season. Mr. Matthew, who gives his time solely to Mule and Hybrid breeding, has also experienced reverses. He lost his breeding Bullie hen early in the season, but has reared one Greenie Mule, and has in the nest three darks and a good variegated Greenie mule. These are from the Greenie hen and cock canary, and with luck should be some size. The Greenie has proved a grand feeder. I have succeeded in rearing 54, all Borders, and expect to have a good one or so when moulted. I have had no trouble whatever this season, hens would feed anything, and on anything but I did not pair until the middle of April, and have only had one nest from some hens, as my time is rather limited during the breeding season. I may say two good even-marks have been bred, one by Messrs. Duncan and Logan, and one by Mr. Gilchrist. I have also got a fair good one, but on the light side. I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. McKenzie, of Kelso, the well-known Border breeder, who, after a poor commencement, has about 70, and with a quiet smile said he thought he had a few fit for show among them. He had also bred a good mark. The season on the whole has been fairly good.

J. W. Bruce.

TAKING FOREIGN BIRDS INDOORS DURING WINTER.

Sir,—The question of taking foreign birds indoors during the winter months after they have spent more or less of the past summer in an open-air aviary is just now an interesting one, so that a few words on the subject may not be considered out of place. Of late years the great spread of aviculture has naturally given rise to some experimentation, and the latter just as naturally to a variety of opinions. Thus we now find one species of bird which one aviarist considers quite capable of going through an ordinary English winter in an unheated aviary out of doors, regarded by another with at least an equal amount of experience as unsafe to be left out after the end of October—or, as one cannot judge weather in our climate by any fixed calendar, I may better say after the characteristic chills of autumn begin to be felt in the air. The fact is that all these experiments can only be regarded as so many atoms, the bulk of which must go to make up the general body of knowledge of aviculture. All the varying opinions may be, and probably are, perfectly correct as regards the aviary in which they were learned by hard practical experience; and, on the other hand, it is just as likely that each and everyone may be found wanting when tried by someone else, or even by the same person in a different locality. But why is this? Surely, the reason is not far to seek. A very little reflection will soon force one to the knowledge that extremely great differences are to be found in different aviaries—variations occasioned not only by geographical position, latitude, altitude above sea level, but in still greater degree by locality and aspect. When one considers the variation that will accrue from the two last-mentioned causes alone, it must become at once apparent that the greatest marvel would be to find two aviaries in which all the circumstances and conditions of life were exactly similar. We have them in proximity to the sea-shore and in seclusion far inland; the aviary built in a bleak stretch of flat country and another in a part sheltered by belts of woodlands, or distant mountain ranges, or, again, the one in a large open space and another in a snug suburban garden; to say nothing of the well-planned erection facing south or south-east, and there having the fullest benefit of the sunshine. Others, though equally well constructed, through stress of circumstances, are made to face a less favourable aspect, and the more ill-favoured structure is open on two or three sides, and thus much more exposed to the wind and weather. Taking all these things into consideration, one can readily understand how opinions respecting the hardihood of the inmates must of necessity show a great amount of variation, and how each observer may be perfectly right in his own deductions even when they go, or seem to go, in direct opposition to those of a fellow observer. In all probability the chances are that if any two observers possessing widely different views were to change places and recommence the work of observation, and experiment, their views would undergo a similar transition and each would find himself gradually swing round to the opinions he had erstwhile rejected. Following this line of thought one will readily see that the only really invaluable knowledge is one's own original observations made on the spot. Of course I do not wish to imply that all other accummulated knowledge should be rejected on sight. Far from this being the case, I consider all such knowledge to have a distinct and particular value, and if one is careful to select only such knowledge as seems to have been gained under conditions similar to his own, and then to utilise it as a suggestive and guiding factor in arriving at conclusions for himself, it will prove of the greatest value to him in enabling him to arrive at those first-hand and original facts with the least amount of loss and disappointment. How, then, is one to acquire this first-hand knowledge without serious loss? From the birds themselves, aided by the best recorded knowledge of other observers, acquired under circumstances similar to those governing one's own hobby. It will be gathered from all this I would counsel none to adhere slavishly to a hard and fast rule of action, but rather to rely upon observation, and use discretion in forming a definite judgment. No creatures show more quickly than birds the effects of discomfort and physical distress, and they may safely be relied upon to show when the time has arrived for placing them indoors or under permanent shelter. Let, therefore, the diet be free and generous, and so long as the birds go about in their usual manner, blithe, merry, and active, chirping or singing—if singing their notes can be called—eating and bathing, and generally showing themselves well pleased with life in their little world, one may rest assured that no harm will result from leaving them out—even though the sands of the year were fast running out. But so soon as they begin to go about with puffed feathers and a miserable, dejected appearance, avoiding the bath, and seeming to seek shelter, and prefer sitting about the perches to a healthy activity, they should be removed to the indoor quarters, which should always be in readiness to receive them should the need arise.

Avis.



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REMINISCENCES OF BIRD CATCHING IN BOYHOOD'S DAYS.

Sir,—As a schoolboy I was fond of birds, and searching for their nests and eggs. My father and all my brothers were keen nest-hunters, but I was the only one of the family who made bird-keeping a hobby. My first recollections of bird-catching are of watching an old man with a small pair of nets catching Goldfinches. He was one of a very past generation, as he always wore a chimney-pot hat and a short round smock. In his hat he carried his red pocket-handkerchief and what full-coloured cock Goldfinches he caught; hens he put in his store cage, for chance buyers to pick a cock where they liked. This same catcher, many years ago, used hen Goldfinches and other birds—even Skylarks—for use at Sparrow-shooting matches. He often used the single net for Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Sparrows, and from him I obtained my first single net and tried to catch Greenfinches. At the time I knew this old catcher his decoy birds were always fresh-caught birds, but he would sell a genuine cock Goldfinch for 3d., fresh caught, or one caged a month for 1s.; but this was a long time ago. I have sold many Greypate cocks at 6d. each; hens I turned loose when I got home, as they are a nuisance to the catcher if turned loose as soon as caught. The passing of the Wild Birds Protection Act had much to do with the destruction of thousands of Greypates. Before this period catchers did not go out for Goldfinches before the middle of September, but after the Act was passed no birds were permitted to be caught or destroyed between March 1st and the last day of July. Therefore, on August 1st, catchers and gunners all went out for any birds that they could obtain, and bird dealers offered 8s. a dozen for cock Greypates. I have often, when passing a catcher on the road, heard the baby Greypates "sipping, sipping," behind his back to be fed by the parents. These men used to catch Greypates early in the morning, and they would be in the dealer's shop before the same night. In Sussex, since 1900, the County Councils have protected Goldfinches and many other birds throughout the year, and no catching is permitted on Sundays. They neither, increase or decrease, as during the migratory season they fly through other counties that are not protected, and the birds not being net-shy are soon caught. The Goldfinch is one of the easiest birds to catch when on migration. The wild birds appear so pleased to see one of their own species in another county that they all drop together to the delusive decoy bird. Many years ago, on the South Coast, several dozens were caught at one pull over of the nets. The birds do not feed near the sea coast, but generally fly along either to the East or West according to the direction of the wind. I have often caught Martins and Swallows just to kill time, not the birds, and Kingfishers during the migratory season are easily caught as they fly near the ground and over the nets. Titlarks, and Wagtails of all varieties will lower their flight to any brace-bird, and many other birds will drop between the nets during migration. Redstarts are often caught. Of rare feathered birds I once caught a nearly white cock Linnet with red breast. I have also taken a perfectly black House-sparrow, black by nature and not from coal smoke. I have had many Sparrows with white feathers in wings and tail. For over eight years I had alive in my outdoor aviary an all white cock Sparrow which paired up with a white-tailed hen, and built numbers of nests, and eggs were laid, but no young were hatched. I have had Greenfinches with a few all yellow feathers in their wings, and have caught a few Cinnamons of a greenish shade of colour that had pink eyes, and orange-breasted Greenfinches. I have also caught a few cheveral, pea-throated, and yellow-breasted Goldfinches, and once I caught a hen cheveral with a yellow breast. Up to that time I had always thought that yellow on the breast was the mark of a cock. Hawks are the worst enemies the bird-catcher has to do with, they commonly dart down on the brace-bird from behind the catcher's back, and the brace-bird is killed very often from shock, no wound being found on the bird. Once I had a Redpoll brace-bird that had one eye knocked out by a Hawk, and lived a long time after. If the catcher is desirous of securing the Hawk alive, he must be careful not to let the Hawk get his talons fixed on to any part of his flesh, or he will know it, his scratch is far more painful than his bite. Kestrels are the most often caught, and unless there was a demand for live Hawks I always killed them for the bird stuffer. I once kept a live Kestrel in a Parrot's cage for a friend. I kept it in my living room, but it was such a nuisance, and so offensive that I said I would kill every Hawk afterwards, which unfortunately I did. The next that I caught was a Merlin worth ten shillings alive, but only sixpence dead, I also caught the only Rock Pipit that I have seen alive on the same day. I seldom caught the Sparrow Hawk, they commonly flew at the brace-bird from the side and either I pulled the nets too soon, or too late. The last bird I ever caught was an old hen Sparrow Hawk which killed my brace-bird, a Goldfinch. I picked all the feathers off the Finch but could not find a wound on it.

J. H. Verrall.

NEW SOCIETY FOR PLUMSTEAD, WOOLWICH AND DISTRICT.

Sir,—A successful meeting was held August 1st, at the Queen's Arms, in response to an appeal sent out to form a society for the district. Mr. Hazell was voted to the chair. After the chairman had pointed out the need for a cage bird society, it was decided to form one, to be known as the Plumstead, Woolwich and District C.B.S. A very pleasant discussion then took place regarding the rules and working of the Society, followed by the election of officers for this year. It was decided that the subscription should be 3s. per annum, and that the club year should end December 31st. Membership to be open to all. All those present joined and paid the half year's subscription. No entrance fee will be charged till after the September meeting, so that all wishing to join should communicate with the Secretary before then. Meetings to be held in Trinity Schools, Beresford Square. Officers: Chairman, Mr. Hazell; vice-chairman, Mr. Best; assistant-secretary, Mr. Newnham; treasurer, Mr. Meades; committee, Messrs. Borlase, Palmer, C. T. Wood, Allison, Scorer, and Hawkes; auditors, Messrs. Jones and Whittaker. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought an enjoyable evening to a close. At the next meeting Mr. Hazell will discuss the various points of birds brought by members. We are starting with between 20 and 30 members. W. Pawley (Hon. Sec.), 13, Olven-road, Plumstead.

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BEGINNERS: READ THE ANNUAL

MOULTING AND COLOUR FEEDING.

By S. Hadwin (Liverpool).

Lecture delivered before the Birkenhead Society on July 16th.

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MIXING THE FEED.

I like the feed mixed in the following proportions:—1 lb. hot pepper, 4 lbs. cold pepper, 1 lb. soft sugar, 1 lb. sublime olive oil, and, as I said before, the best results are obtained by mixing these ingredients a few weeks before requiring the feed for use. When the birds are on full strength of feed the proportions should be one of feed to six of soft food, the feed to be gradually worked up to this strength and towards the end of moult just as gradually worked down again. When the birds have only the head to finish moulting, only a very little feed should be given, otherwise the head will show a deeper colour than the rest of the body, and levelness is a great thing to consider.

THE COLOUR FOOD MEDIUM.

There is only one means of transmitting colour to the birds, and that is through the medium of the soft or egg food. I would advise that this soft food be not too rich. With the ordinary egg food I would give an equal quantity of crushed hemp, on alternate days, with soaked rape seed—the seeds, of course, mixed with the egg and colour foods. It is this having to feed so largely on soft food that, in my opinion, constitutes the great drawback to colour feeding. During colour feeding I like the seed boxes to be filled with a mixture of one part linseed to three parts canary seed. A little green food can be given in the early stages of moult, but I do not recommend it after September sets in. The soaked rape seed will be found to be a capital substitute for green food. Should the birds be found too relaxed, a little rice flour will be found of great advantage if mixed with the soft food.

NEARING THE END.

Towards the end of the moult, and to wean the birds from off the soft food, a little specially mixed seed should be given in the egg drawers. The first week the mixed seed should be given on alternate days, with egg food. The second week two days seed and one egg food, and so on until the egg food is gradually done away with, except in the case of the show birds, to whom it is advisable to give a little colour feed once a week right through the show season, not only to keep the birds in bloom, but in case of the loss of occasional feathers. This specially mixed seed I like to consist of groats, linseed, hemp, rape, teazle, millet, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure in equal parts. This specially mixed seed will be found excellent for getting the birds into both show and breeding condition, and can be used occasionally when the hens are feeding young. Towards the end of the moult it will be found necessary to use iron in some form or other for the purpose of binding both the colour and feather. Now, I know of nothing better than 2 oz am. cit. of iron, 1 lb. honey, and a sufficient quantity of rum to dissolve the iron. This mixture will not only bind, but will add a beautiful bloom to the feather as well. It should be used in the soft food, in the proportion of one teaspoonful to 20 teaspoonfuls of soft food, two teaspoonfuls of cayenne, and 2 oz. glycerine added to this mixture will form a grand cough mixture.

VALUE OF BATHS.

During the whole of the moult, and especially towards the end, baths should be used frequently whenever the weather is bright. They are a fine conditioner, and not only assist the birds to throw off the old feathers, but they also help to bind the new. In conclusion, I would urge all the keepers of birds, and especially those that are being colour fed, to pay special attention to cleanliness during the moult. If this is not done, it is very easy for the birds to pick up stale egg food, and so upset themselves. In many cases the feed would be blamed, whereas the fault would be with the fancier for not removing the stale food. I have not touched on the subject of feeding from the nest, because I do not think there is any practical good in doing so. At the nest feather shows colour, except that produced by breeding for colour, is not looked for; but at the old shows colour in certain varieties is a necessity, and it is no use saying it should not be so. Judges would not be human if they were not attracted by it, so whilst this system of colour feeding survives I advise you to get a good colour, and above all get it healthily.

POINTS DISCUSSED.

After Mr. Hadwin had sat down, several members expressed the opinion that there was sufficient natural oil in the colour food without adding more, but with this view Mr. Hadwin could not agree, and strongly urged his view that peppers oiled and blended together some time before use gave the best results. The colouring matter of the peppers being extracted before being given to the birds, a greater amount of colour was absorbed, and he had no hesitation in saying that one pound of feed prepared as he had described would go further and give better results than three pounds of feed in its unblended state. Several questions were asked Mr. Hadwin as to the relative values of ordinary egg food and Spratt's prepared food for colour-feeding purposes. Mr. Hadwin stated that he was very much in favour of Spratt's plain Canary food. It was less rich, and therefore more suitable for the purpose, seeing the length of time birds had to be practically fed on it. At the same time, he could not speak too strongly against any food being used for colour-feeding purposes that contained cod liver oil in any shape or form. Cod liver oil spelt absolute ruin to colour feeding. Mr. Hadwin was not able to give any scientific reason why cod liver oil should have this effect, but he had bought his knowledge by a very nasty experience, and he did not intend anyone else having the same experience if a word from him would be a deterrent. Mr. Hadwin was then asked the difference betwixt moulting colour-fed birds and non-fed ones, and said that the same conditions prevailed in each case, except that in the case of non-feds soft food was not required to any extent. He liked to feed his birds as dry and hard as possible. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin brought a very interesting meeting to a close.

OUR POPULAR CANARIES.

By George Gardner.

A Lecture delivered before the Hanwell, Ealing and District Fanciers' Society.

(*Continued from No.* 276).

Crestbred Plainheads should be a facsimile of the crested bird, save for the absence of crest, and the presence of a big head. I like to see a Crestbred that appears to be suffering from swelled head.

OTHER BRANCHES OF THE FANCY.

Do you breed Cinnamons? Then look well after purity of colour, beware of light throats and vents. Take care of the bold heads, and have their bodies as near the Norwich in type and as silky in feather as possible. If you breed Border Fancies, don't run away with the idea that they are Norwich, only smaller. Leave that to some of the "new men," who seem to think that a Norwich is a Crestbred, only less in size. Get a happy, beautiful feathered, sprightly, sweet and graceful, medium between a small Norwich and a small Yorkshire. Try and imagine the carriage of such a little go-between, as it goes from perch to perch, with its feathers fitting it like wax, and you have a Border Fancy. Can I tell you how to breed good Scots Fancies? Well, buy some good ones—if you can get them to part with any in Scotland. I have no time left to allude at length to these. But I will tell you that a good many Scots Fancy breeders have visited Belgian territory, and a good many Belgian breeders—(they are not legion)—show signs of a recent visit to Scotland. I may remind you that a Belgian does not need to rest its tail under the perch, nor a Scots Fancy to keep its tail straight and stiff.

DISCUSSION.

Questions were invited, and Mr. Robinson asked why Mr. Gardner had not recommended the introduction of Green blood into the Yorkshires as well as the Norwich? Mr. Gardner replied that he had so much to cram into one address that he was bound to let some points go. What applied to Norwich also applied to Yorkhires in respect to Green blood. It was as useful in the one as the other. Mr. Robinson wished to know whether Cinnamon blood did not produce better quality. Mr. Gardner replied that it depended upon the kind of Cinnamon used. There were regularly and carefully-bred strains of Cinnamon ticks, etc., bred in Yorkshire, and these, in the Buffs, were birds of beautiful bloomy feathers. In the Norwich, great care must be shown in the selection of Cinnamons to be used for the purpose. Mr. Smith asked which kinds of green food the lecturer recommended, and Mr. Gardner said he generally used watercress. Mr. Robinson said he used dandelion, and other members continued the discussion.

Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Gardner had alluded to a Yorkshire and the Belgian, and asked if the Belgian cross did not help the Yorkshire? Mr. Gardner replied that the Belgian cross, was all very well where a man had had experience and possessed the stock to experiment with. But with all repect to Mr. Robinson, he should not advise a small breeder, or a beginner, to dabble with the Belgian cross, when he could get the real article so easily.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Gardner, on the motion of Mr. Peet, seconded by Mr. Evans.

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THE BORDER FANCY CANARY.

By J. Patterson.

A Paper read before the Newcastle C.B.S on July 4th

(*Continued from page* 14).

Where birds have been perched, a little discretion and allowance should be made. If bred from good parents, they may be kept a little longer, as if they are not up to show standard, they are useful as stock birds. When pairing up birds one cannot be too careful on such an important point as the selection of the breeding pairs. I find it advisable to run them both together in a show cage just previous to making a final selection. You can pick out their faults better and see if they are counterbalancing any bad effect showing in either of them. For example, we will take say a clear yellow cock, with a nice small round head, fine neck, well filled back, wings laid on to perfection, light, compact tail, graceful type, and jaunty carriage, full breast, showing no frill, close fitting feathers on thighs and vent, and legs of nice length. We have here a bird which looks nearly perfect; but he may be a little washed-out in colour, his feather a little open and not fitting close enough, or he may carry his tail a little low and not in a straight line from rise on shoulder. Now we see wherein he fails, and look out for a partner, say a buff hen, which must be close, smooth, and of good quality of feather, with her tail carried straight out from her body, or if a little inclined to hold it up, so much the better to make up the deficiency of the cock. I believe in having the hen as perfect as possible. You get type, style, and general appearance from her more so than from the cock. Colour, size, and condition come from the cock bird.

STUDY THE STANDARD.

Always see that the blood of each pair blends, that your birds are breeding true to type, and up to the standard of the B.F.C.C., which is a rare guide, and if any of you should wish for a copy, just apply to our esteemed secretary, Mr. M. Jameson, of Hawick. You must also have a stud book, to mark in all faults and blemishes, the good points will speak for themselves, as they are firmly engraved on your memory. Have all your cages numbered correspondingly. A good egg holder is a "Bovril" box. In it you will find twelve divisions; number each same as stud book and breeding cages; fill up nearly to the top with bran. When your hen has laid her first egg take it away, substitute a dummy, and put the good egg in the compartment, same as your cage number, and so on with each egg, till she has laid her third, then set her. You cannot by this method mix your eggs or strain, if you work systematically. In case you have to shift your young ones, make a note in your stud book until such time as you can either number or take markings of the young. I believe in the system of only one hen for each cock, and where they agree, I never shift them until I take the young away, after having set the hen her second round, then I let the cock feed the brood, till they are a month old, when they should be able to do for themselves, if in proper health. I run the cock back beside his mate three days before the eggs are due to hatch. Should you see a pair of birds unfriendly towards each other, separate them after the hen has laid her third egg, and let her fetch up the brood herself. When the young are about thirty days old, I take the young away and introduce him again, as I find the Border Fancy is of a very determined nature, strong and active, and at the same time extremely spiteful. I have known cases where a season has been spoiled from a pitched battle between a pair of birds.

FOOD WHEN FEEDING.

Regarding feeding at this season. The best food is undoubtedly plain Canary seed of the finest quality, and a third of German rape added every alternate day. Give plenty of good shell, both from the sea shore, and from your kitchen, whilst a piece of cuttle-fish bone should be hung on the wires of cage. Some may need a little building up just previous to putting together. The best pick-up is either four or five drops of chemical food or two drops of Fellows' Compound Syrup. When paired up give each pair one teaspoonful of egg food, made with one egg to three Osborne biscuits, and to it add a teaspoonful of maw seed. After the hen has laid, a teaspoonful should be given once a week. Give one teaspoonful the night before they are due to hatch, after which it should be given fresh three times a day, increasing the quantity according to the number and size of brood. They should also have as much crushed hemp seed daily as they will eat. Green food twice daily; I prefer dandelion for the first round, lettuce for the second, and seeded weeds such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc., for my third round. Three rounds are plenty to take from a pair in a season if you want to show the old birds, and have a successful moult. I will conclude by stating how to avoid some of the ills, such as weakly youngsters, and sweating hens, and how to distinguish between them. Many hens are dubbed sweaters when in reality their young ones' bowels are out of order, and their excreta passed up among the hen's feathers. In cases of this kind a little arrowroot mixed with food and a few drops of Fellows' Syrup works wonders; on the other hand, where a hen becomes sickly, and sits too close, one teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the drinking water often relieves her and saves the brood.

THE PROGRESS OF THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

By Argyle.

The last clutch has been pretty successful, and now, with the glorious summer weather, the young are thriving, so that the outlook is very hopeful. Those who had only six and nine have reached 12, 20 and 30 young birds, and the quality is highly spoken of. Several unknown fanciers, if rumour is correct, are likely to be famous on the show bench. A decrease in quantity seems to have led to an improvement in the quality. Certainly the first meeting of young birds moulted, moulting, and first feathered will be of extraordinary interest. It will afford an opportunity to compare young champions in a way with which it is quite impossible to make a comparison by moving from house to house. In the latter case a vague and fanciful idea, as often as not erroneous, is carried away, and an unfair estimate formed.

QUALITY IN THE WEST.

In the West of Scotland fanciers have devoted themselves with great assiduity to the cultivation of quality, and they appear to have succeeded in a marvellous degree. Style and symmetery predominates, and with a healthy moult there should be a lot of very superior exhibits. Those that have passed into the moult are showing feathers right and left, and causing the owners of bird rooms to be active.

NOT AN EASY TASK.

It is no easy matter preparing a Scotch Fancy Don for the show bench. Being a bird of position, naturally a very little spoils him for exhibition purposes. A fright by a wild bird flying past the window, or a mouse scudding along the floor, may damage it for ever. Too fluffy feathers on the best-conditioned bird may end its whole chance of winning. True, these may be artificially assisted; but the moment a smart judge comes across it, relegated to the top shelf it will be, and we all know what that means to a champion's career—spotted for life. Coming back to the progess aspect.

A QUESTION OF LUCK.

The wheel of fortune moves round mysteriously. A couple of years ago a suburban fancier had over 40 young Scotch Fancy Canaries, and this year he commenced with brighter prospects than he did in 1905; but in 1907 he has finished up with a solitary young bird. He attributes his non-success to the weather, and just as the weather came round the turn his stock rushed into the moult. Hard lines! But he has the consolation of being possessed of meritorious pairs. Another who usually has 40 to 50 young birds in a season has got the length of 17. He can teach all his fellow fanciers. He seldom loses a bird, but in the early part of this season he lost a number of hens; one after the other dropped off, practically disabling him. But, not to be defeated, he has struggled on, and is likely to have over a score. A fancier who is highly respected has had family affliction, which was much against a full interest being taken in the stock; but he has done fairly well, having about 25. He has a good stock, of fine quality. A number have over 30, but, so far as I have been able to ascertain, no Scotch fancier has managed the 40. However, if a breeder can rear a score in a season, he may be considered successful in the common acceptance of the word success.

STRANGE HAPPENINGS.

Strange things happen in the breeding of Canaries. A fancier who had lost young through bad feeding had two pairs which had been previously tested; one fed surpassingly, and the other allowed the young to die. Both pairs started to nest, and were set within two days of each other. The bad feeder hatched one young, and gave every attention; the proved foster parents, a couple of days later, had the joy of hatching three young birds, and did splendid for eight days, when they ceased feeding. What was to be done had to be accomplished speedily, as the young were far spent. Two alternatives were in view—hand-feeding, or a transference to the bad feeders. The latter was adopted. Their own was a clear, and the others were dark. For a day their lives hung in the balance; one died, but the other two have done splendidly.

HOLIDAY TIME.

Fanciers have a deep-rooted conviction that birds with young must be supplied with fresh egg mixture three times daily. A fancier who has a well-regulated household, and where the better half looks after the welfare of the inmates, rationally insists upon the whole household having a change for a month. "Fatal to the birds," might be said; but no, the male members tour daily, and look in once a day; give a good supply of egg mixture and green food in the morning or forenoon, and they are left till next day about the same hour. With attention once a day the birds thrive better than when the family are at home, for they then often get more attention than is good for their well-being.

The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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TANAGRIDÆ (*Spindalis*).—Of this genus I only know of one species having been imported alive to this country, and that only of fairly recent date; I think the winter of 1905 saw it for the first time on the show bench. It is local to the Antilees, and while the peculiar and sharply-defined markings of black and white on an orange ground impart to it a unique appearance for a Tanager, yet its form and structure are such that anyone acquainted with the genus Tanagra would at once recognise it as of very near affinity. It consists of six species: nigricephala, portoricensis, multicolor, pretrii, benedicti, and zena, only two of which are here fully described, the type nigricephala and zena being the only (I think) imported species.

Spindalis nigricephala Male. — The ground colour of its plumage is olive, deeply washed with yellow; head, wings, tail, throat, bill and feet, black; wing coverts mostly edged with white; large chinpatch, broad moustachal bands, white; under-surface, yellow deeply suffused with orange, washed with greenish on the lower abdomen and flanks; vential region, white. Total length 7 inches, of which the tail measures 3.

Female.—Is altogether more olive on the upper surface, with rump more yellow than the male; tail, blackish, lightly edged with olive-brown; throat, grey; middle of abdomen, white; parts undescribed similar to male, but less intense in colour. Habitat Jamaica.

S. portoricensis.—Smaller than nigricephala, being only 6 inches in length, of which the tail measures 2¼ inches. It may be distinguished from the preceding by an orange yellow nape, bright chestnut patches on band of wings, lower abdomen and ventral region white. The female may be distinguished by its greyish white under-surface, varied with blackish brown shaft streaks on breast and abdomen. Habitat, according to B.M.C., Porto Rica.

S. multicolor—The principal markings, which distinguish this species from its congeners, are, yellow nape, chestnut rump, and wing spot and yellow abdomen. Total length 6 inches, tail 2⅞ inches. The female lacks the above markings, the plumage above is olive, with under-surface of greyish-white; both above and below the plumage is more or less streaked with blackish-brown shaft streaks. Habitat, San Domingo (B.M.C.).

S. pretrii.— This, one of the finest of the genus, may be distinguished from its allies by its orange nape and rump, chestnut spot on bend of wing, broad white margins to wing coverts, and patch of same colour on primaries, and ruddy orange under surface; bill, horn colour; legs and feet, blackish brown. Total length, 5½ inches, tail 2⅝ inches. The female is dusky olive above, and white on the under-surface, suffused with olive on the breast and grey on the flanks. Habitat, Cuba (B.M.C.).

S. benedicti.— This specimen may be distinguished by its dark olive upper-surface and deep chestnut nape and rump, the chestnut spot on the bend of the wing is of a deeper hue, and chestnut breast. Total length, 6 inches, tail 2⅝ inches. Female: greyish olive, paler on the under-surface. Habitat, Cozumel Island, coast of Yucatan

S. Zena, Male.—Upper surface, mostly black; band on the nape and rump, rich chestnut; margins of wing coverts, secondaries and primaries, white; tail, black, tipped with white; chin and broad moustachal stripe, white; the centre of throat is yellow with broad black patches on either side; breast and abdomen yellow, merging into white on the lower abdomen and vential region, the upper breast is deeply suffused with rich chestnut; bill, horn colour; legs and feet, blackish-brown. Total length, 5⅞ inches, tail 2⅜ inches. Described from notes taken at Crystal Palace Show (Feb., 1907).

Female.—According to the Brit. Mus. Cat. she is olivaceous grey, wing and tail blackish-brown, with white edgings; under-surface paler, lower abdomen and under wing coverts, white. Habitat, Bahama Islands.

RHAMPHOCŒLUS.—This genus consists of 12 species, viz.: *brasilius, dorsalis, nigrisgularis, dimidiatus, luciani, uropygialis, jacapa, atrosericeus, passerinii, flammigerus, chrysonotus,* and *icterenotus.* The first-named (the type) being the well-known and beautiful Scarlet Tanager, which adorns the bird rooms and aviaries of so many bird lovers, and which has been bred on the Continent, while young have been hatched in the aviaries of Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Anningson in this country, in the latter case they lived to be a month old. This chapter on Tanagers is growing to such an inordinate length that I must perforce only describe one of each genus, and but faintly indicate the others. At least three of this genus has been imported alive to this country, one of which, *jacapa* has so far only been in the possession of the London Zoo. The following table should enable aviculturists to recognise the species.

Brasilius, dorsalis, and *nigrigolaris* have the whole of the head, neck, back, and under-surface, glossy scarlet; wings, tail, and thighs, black; *dorsalis* has the nape and upper back, purplish; *nigrigolaris* has the throat and middle of abdomen black.

Dimidiatus, luciana, and *uropygalis* have the head, neck, lower back, rump, upper tail coverts, and abdomen, glowing crimson, suffused with scarlet; middle of abdomen and thighs, black. Distinguishing features; *Dimidiatus,* back, dark crimson; *luciana,* back, black; *uropygalis,* back, brownish-black; rump and upper tail coverts intenso crimson.

Jacapa and *atrosericeus* have the upper surface glossy black; head, neck, breast, and upper abdomen, crimson-maroon; lower abdomen and vential region, black; the former may be distinguished by the crimson sheen on the black upper surface; the latter has the whole of the abdomen black, and is altogether a darker bird than the former.

Passerinii, flammigerus, chrysonotus-icteronotus, may be described as velvety black as to plumage; the first two have the lower back and upper tail coverts crimson; *flammigerus* being nearly an inch shorter than *passerinii*; *chrysonotus* has the lower back and upper tail coverts ruddy orange; *icteronotus* has the same parts canary yellow.

This fine genus cannot be left without an account of its type, the beautiful and gorgeous Scarlet Tanager.

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Adult male.—Its principal colour is rich glistening scarlet; wings, tail, and thighs, black; bill, black, with a silvery patch at base of lower mandible; legs and feet, blackish brown. Total length, 7½ inches, tail 3⅜ inches.

Adult female.—General body colour, ruddy-brown, strongly washed with rose-colour on the rump and abdomen. It is a native of South-East Brazil.

THE MAROON TANAGER (*R. jacapa*)—A very fine species which up to the present (June, 1907), has only been seen alive at the Zoo, but is now being offered for sale, but, owing to its rarity is commanding a high price. This species was first imported alive to this country by my esteemed friend and fellow aviculturist, Mr. E. W. Harper, in 1905, the first specimens being presented to the London Zoo.

Adult male.—Above, glistening velvety black, with a crimson sheen; head, neck, and breast, dark crimson-maroon; abdomen, black; bill, black, base of lower mandible silvery grey; legs and feet, blackish. Total length, 6½ inches, tail 2⅞ inches.

Adult Female—Uniform, blackish-brown, strongly marked with rose colour on sides of face and lower surface; bill, legs, and feet, deep brown. Habitat, Guiana, Venezuela, Trinidad, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Upper and Lower Amazonia, and Brazil. (B.M.C., Vol. XI.)

The Masked Tanager (R. nigrigulavis).—This species is very similar to R. brasilius, from which it may be readily distinguished by its black front, sides of head, and throat, and its slightly smaller size. Total length, 7 inches, tail 3½ inches. It is a native of Amazonia and Ecuador.

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A CHAT ABOUT BIRDS.

Some Simple Facts for Students

Lecture by the Rev. K. A. Deakin, at the Redditch Institute, on February 11th, 1907.

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FALSE IDEAS OF HARM.

And that brought him to another point; he meant the destruction, and—if some could have their way—the extermination of certain birds under a false idea of the harm they did.

With many men the very name of "Hawk" was enough to pronounce sentence of death upon the bird that bore it, but there was at least one Hawk that suffered undeservedly from the evil reputation that had been cast upon its family. He meant the Kestrel, whose prey consisted chiefly of mice; indeed, Montague said that he had never found any feathers in the stomach of this species. There was no doubt, however, that it did occasionally kill and devour small birds, and the young of larger species.

Possibly it might be a surprise to some to learn that this bird was very fond of beetles and their larvæ, and Selby recorded, on the authority of an eye-witness, the fact of a Kestrel hawking cockchafers late in the evening. The observer watched the bird through a glass, and (to use his own words) "Saw him dart through a swarm of the insects, seize one in each claw, and eat them while flying. He returned to the charge again and again. I ascertained it beyond a doubt, as I afterwards shot him."

One of the larger Hawks had obtained its name of "Honey Buzzard" from the fact of its being so fond of the larvæ of wasps and bees, whose nests it dug out for the sake of the immature young.

But even where harm may be done to the game preserver, it was not unmixed harm. The Merlin once so common there, was now, he believed, a rarity on the Yorkshire moors. It stood to sense that the first victims would be the weakly birds of a brood, and the result of upsetting what is called "the balance of Nature" by the destruction of Merlins and other so-called "vermin," had been the overstocking of some of the moors with Grouse, and the consequent introduction of disease, which in some seasons had done so much to spoil sport.

He said that the very name of "Hawk" was sometimes enough to condemn the bird bearing it; in some districts that very harmless, he would go farther, and say, that most useful, bird—the Goatsucker, went under the name of "Night Hawk" with the result he had seen the dead bodies of many of these birds adorning the "keeper's tree." He would plead, therefore, against the wholesale destruction of Hawks, but he would do so even more strongly against the destruction at all of Owls. Would that every game preserver would forbid his keepers to destroy them.

A VINDICATION OF THE OWL.

It was a very great pleasure to him to be able to say that he knew keepers of sufficient enlightenment to know that Owls did them no harm, and who did not kill them down; but there was still a great amount of unreasonable prejudice against these most useful and interesting birds. Yet the proof of their usefulness was based on uncontrovertible evidence.

At the beginning of that paper he had spoken of the pellets cast up by the birds of prey, consisting of the fur, feathers, bones, and indigestible parts of their victims. During the meeting of the German Ornithologists' Society in 1862, the following results of an investigation of the food of three of our commonest Owls were communicated by Dr. Altum: In the case of the Tawny Owl he examined 210 pellets, and found them to contain the remains of six rats, 42 mice, 296 field mice, 33 shrews, 48 moles, 18 birds (one Tree-Creeper, one Yellow Bunting, one Wagtail, 15 small species undetermined), and 48 beetles, besides a countless number of cockchafers. In 25 pellets of the Long-Eared Owl he found the remains of six mice, 35 field mice, and two birds (both being species of Titmice). In the case of the Barn Owl he examined 706 pellets and found the remains of 16 bats, three rats, 237 mice, 693 field mice, 1,590 shrews, 22 birds (19 Sparrows, one Greenfinch, two Swifts). He (Mr. Deakin) need say no more to prove, not the harmlessness, but the usefulness of Owls, and the worse than folly of those who would try to exterminate them.

THE CASE OF THE HERON.

Now he came to a bird which, possibly, might not be in very good odour with many Redditch people. He had a sort of idea that if Redditch men were not actually born with a fishing-rod in their hand, they yet came into the world with an instinct that enabled them to use to good purpose. Now the unfortunate thing that when a man was very fond of any particular sport he was very apt to look upon anything which at all interfered with it as being an unmitigated evil, without stopping to think that it might be a source of pleasure to others. So it came about some fishermen would willingly see the last Heron destroyed. Of course they all knew that a Heron did consume a considerable amount of fish, but it was a great mistake to suppose that it fed on fish only, for frogs, rats, fresh water mussels, and even water beetles and worms, were freely taken by it.

THE ETHICS OF "SPORT."

The damage that a Heron did fish was small compared with that which a fox did among Pheasants, but the one was to be preserved, the other destroyed, because the pursuit and killing of one afforded sport; the other, nowadays did not. He could not say that the doctrine that God's creatures exist only that the killing of them may afford us amusement commended itself to him. He did not want to run down sport. If he could afford it, and had the opportunity he should still enjoy a day in the stubbles, or the coverts, or a good day's fishing as much as anybody. He was always glad when he could get a look at hounds, and a bit of a run with them—even though it were but on foot—but he should be truly sorry if his sport were to be purchased at the expense of the pleasure of others, who derived their pleasure from seeing God's creatures in the full enjoyment of their life and liberty, instead of in the glass cases of museums.

They could not all afford the pleasures of shooting or fishing, and he felt very strongly that those who could should not try to do so at the expense of their less fortunate brethren. When he lived in a neighbourhood where Herons were uncommon, he had often walked several miles on the chance of seeing one, and even now, when he could see them any day he chose, the sight of them gave him keen pleasure. He knew from the remarks of many of his friends, when he took them for a walk round the reservoirs, that he was only one of a great many who feel such pleasure. Perhaps he ought almost to apologise for having said so much about Herons, but it had been to him a source of very great pain and regret to hear fishermen speak almost as if these beautiful birds had no right to the life which God had given them, because they sustain that life by taking a few fish which might otherwise have fallen victims to their skill.

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WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Flight of the Starling.

The common starling is remarkably strong upon the wing, his flight is direct and rapid, his boat-shaped body appearing the ideal shape for cleaving the air. He is much more swift than one would imagine. The best time to note this is when a pair of old birds have to forage some distance from the nest, the flight is then perfectly straight and arrow-like, and is performed as rapidly as possible. In one of Jefferies' books he says, "A black line has rushed up from the espalier apple yonder to the housetop thirty times at least. The starlings fly so swiftly and so straight that they seem to leave a black line along the air. They have a nest in the roof, they are to and from it and the meadow the entire day, from dawn till eve."

A Four-Storeyed Nest.

An extraordinary nest, built in "four storeys," was recently placed in the Chicago Field Museum. It represents the efforts of the American Yellow Warbler to evade hatching eggs of the Cow-bird, the Cuckoo of America. It is suggested that each successive storey of the nest represents the efforts of the Warbler not to sit on the eggs of the Cow-bird. The lowest stage is lined with wool, and contains three Warblers' and one Cow-bird's eggs. Unwilling to accept the strange egg, the Warbler roofed over the first nest with twigs, but before it could line this second nest another Cow-bird's egg was laid in it. Again the Warbler made a roof of twigs, and again the Cow-bird intruded. Four times in all the move and counter-move were made, and at last the Warbler seems to have abandoned the duel.

The Swallows, Martins and Swift.

The Summer has been cold, and one wonders if the swallows and swifts have found any shortage(in insect life. Many insects are undoubtedly tender, and exist only for a brief period. Has this brief period been curtailed in consequence of unfavourable climatic conditions? If so, have the birds of flight suffered in consequence? Few of us are able to realize the usefulness of these birds, they feed exclusively upon winged life, destroying daily thousands of insects that would injure our fruits, and vegetables, and annoy us every hour of the day. These beautiful birds need nothing from man, excepting the protection we are so slow to give them, they destroy nothing that is of any value to us. Beyond the good they do, no birds afford us greater pleasure; to watch their aerial evolutions is recreation and rest, for they are not difficult to find, their cheerful twitter can be heard daily around the house.

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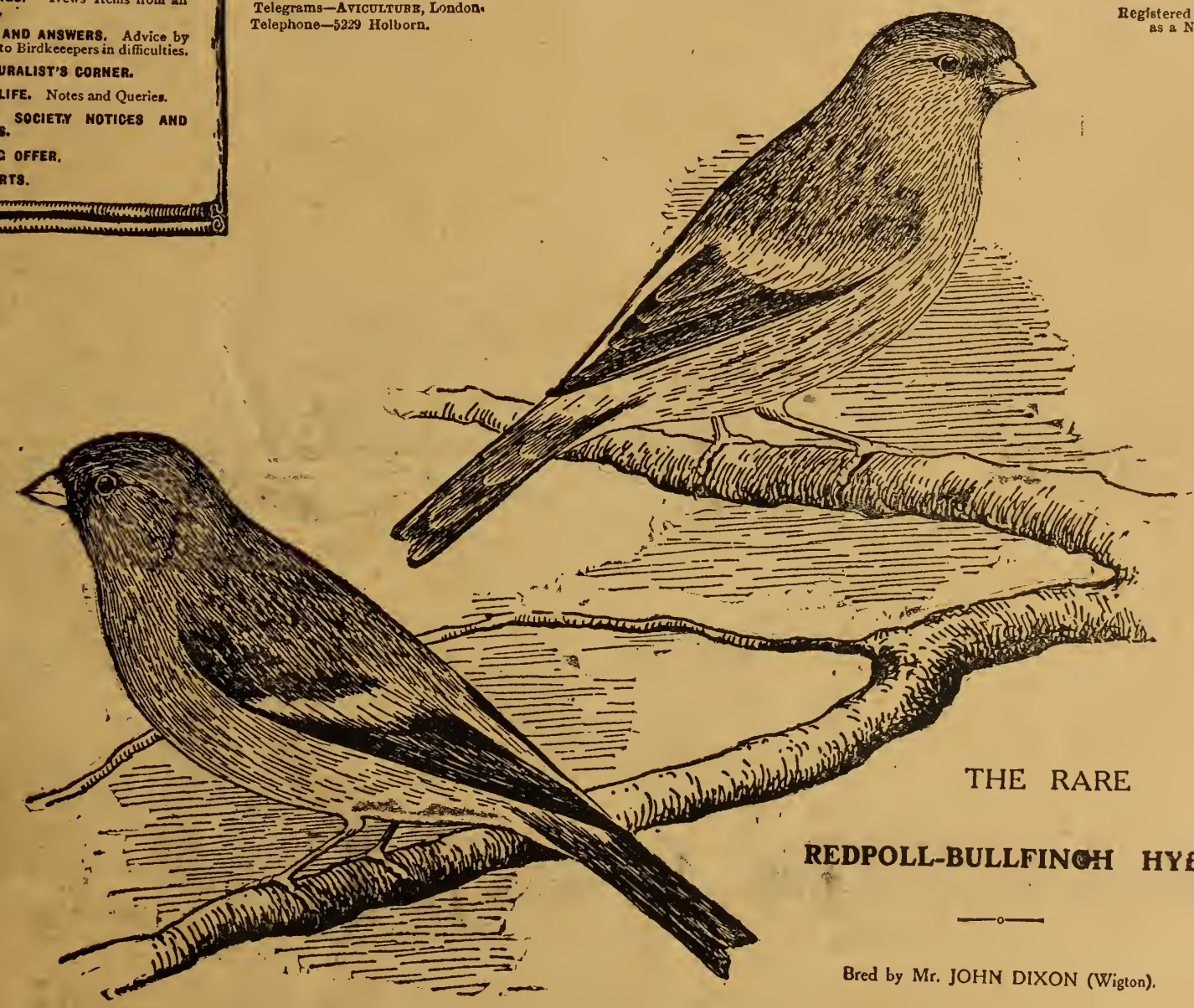
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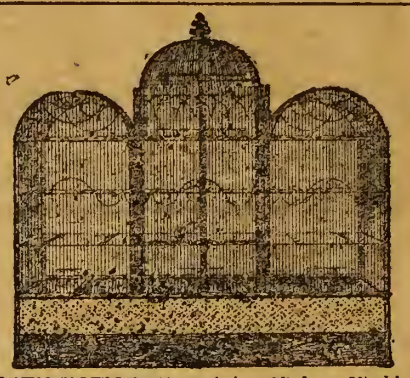
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CLUB REPORTS.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

A large number of members were present at Rochdale O.C. on August 10th, when Mr. Nadin presided. Several applications for patronage were gone into, and the list of supported shows are as follows: — Manchester, Rochdale Town Hall, Oldham, Rochdale Good Intent, Littleboro', Middleton, Crystal Palace. Several classes are also guaranteed at some of the above shows. The standard show cage was next on agenda, and the decision of the majority of the members was to abandon the idea until next year. It was resolved that we accept Messrs. Entwistle, Walton, and Whitehead members of this assoc. Any other fancier wishing to join, kindly write to Secretary, who will give all particulars.—JAS. LAW, hon. sec., Merefield, Rochdale.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Mr. G. R. Rushworth gave an interesting paper which took the form of a debate at the meeting on August 6th. He dwelt on that all-absorbing topic, "Moulting and Colour Feeding of Canaries," one of the greatest obstacles in the whole art of Canary breeding. Dealing with it in a masterly manner throughout, it was only natural that the discussion should fall a bit flat, as he left very little ground uncovered. Nevertheless, many wrinkles were learnt from the questions that were asked, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was thus spent. It was decided by the members to have a trip to Crystal Palace at the next show, and about 14 names were given in, a kind of money club being formed, so that each member can put in what he chooses every week or month.—H. HILL, hon. sec.

ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

One of the most harmonious meetings held in connection with the above society took place at headquarters on Aug. 6th. The secretary presented balance-sheet up to July 31st, which showed a balance to the credit of the society of nearly £3, much satisfaction was expressed at same. The payment of prize-money won at recent Young Bird Show was made, the chairman congratulating the members on their first venture, and an honorarium was granted to the secretary for his services in connection with the show. A suggestion of holding an open show was deferred till next meeting. One new member was proposed and accepted, and our host (Mr. Stockley) promised another substantial special for next show. No doubt the preponderance of "small lemons" contributed largely to the conviviality of the meeting. T. H. TIFFIN, hon. sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

On August 8th at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe, Mr. Browning, of Rotherham gave his promised lecture on colour feeding and preparing for exhibition. Mr. Browning, who is a past-master at lecturing, gave all members present a lot of useful hints on the art of colour feeding, which were highly appreciated by all who heard the lecture. Afterwards a lot of questions were asked, and Mr. Browning answered them all to the best of his ability. Mr. Browning also promised us a lecture on breeding, early next year. The Chairman ended the meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Browning, bringing a very enjoyable night to a close, the time passing all too quickly.—W. RICHINSON, secretary.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, "The Napier," High Holborn, July 25th. Present: Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. Maxwell, Weston, Dewhurst, Silver, Goodchild, Cooper, Trower, Barker, Hathaway, Plumbridge, and Carr. Letters were read from Mrs. Soames, Miss Reeves, Messrs. Francis, Dale, Payne, Alloway, Walsh, and Bradford, B. B. and M. C. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, that the kind invitation from Miss Reeves to visit Wateringbury Hall to inspect her aviaries be accepted, and that Thursday, Aug. 1st, be the date for the visit. A number of applications for the club's patronage were read, and the following shows were granted support:—Dulwich and Peckham, Newcastle, Western Counties, Manchester, Wellingborough, Blackburn, Welsh National, Leeds, Cambridgeshire, Nottingham, Derby, Carlisle, Gateshead, Great National (Crystal Palace). The allotment of medals for the Scottish National, and the Club Show to be held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. Show, was postponed until next meeting. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hathaway, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, and carried, that the suggestion of running a club journal be abandoned, as the finance of the club would not stand the outlay. It was decided not to hold a meeting in August on account of the holidays. PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, hon. secs.

CITY OF HULL C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 8th, when there was a very poor attendance to hear a lecture on the Norwich Canary by the Chairman (Mr. D. Hope), but owing to the smallness of the meeting (only eight present), the lecture was not given. It is a great pity more members were not there, as most of them are continually pleading for more lectures and discussions. Various instructive subjects were discussed—one, namely, "Champion and Novice." Messrs. Hope and Pepper pleaded for more of our members to go into the open classes, and not remain in the novice classes. They expressed in very forcible terms that members had birds which would bring them some small amount of fame if they would only enter in open classes at the various shows. They also gave some very instructive ideas about purchasing and selling stock birds. These matters were very ably discussed by the members present, and no doubt much good will accrue from the remarks. The chairman was asked his opinion of iron for fixing colour when colour feeding. He said he was in favour of burnt water, which contained a large amount of iron, and which he always gave to all his birds when feeding, when colour feeding, and at other times, as he did not believe in pure water from the tap, as it was too hard. No doubt other members will be trying burnt water after this. Mr. Oliver then introduced the proposed visit to Manchester show, as it seems to have nearly dropped through, but the majority present hoped it would still go on, and be a success. It was proposed that all members going should arrange in good time, and also arrange to have breakfast together on arrival at Manchester. It is hoped we shall have sufficient members to engage a saloon. A letter was read from T. R. Ferens, Esq., M.P., signifying that he would be pleased to open our annual show on Nov. 22nd. We hope to have a few more of Hull's popular citizens present, to show their appreciation and sympathy with the efforts of working men who are interested and engaged in the study of bird life.

GEO. W. OLIVER,

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting, August 8th. Mr. House gave a lecture, the subject of which was a very appropriate one at the present time of the year, viz., "The Preparing for Moult in Birds," and all present must have been repaid for their attendance, as not only was the subject dealt with in exceedingly interesting one, but it was intelligibly expounded by the lecturer. A volley of questions were asked, but all were readily answered, and much valuable information obtained. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. House for his kindness, with the hope that he would at some future time again honour the society.—W. LILLEY, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at Dublin, 8th inst., when nearly all the Dublin members attended. Mr. Devitt in the chair. It was unanimously agreed to give the patronage of the club to the Ulster Ornithological Association Show, to be held on 6th and 7th Dec. next. Mr. A. Wellings, judge. It was agreed that the club take the Antiquarian Hall to hold open show on 28th and 29th Nov. next. It was proposed and passed in order that the members might know at the beginning of the show season to what shows they would have to send their birds competing for cups, that all societies wishing for the club's patronage should make application for same before 1st Oct. next. The patronage has already been given to Lurgan and Belfast. The following gentlemen were admitted as members, Messrs. McArdle, McKeown, Dullaghan, McKittrick, Duffy and Coyne, all of Dundalk, Co. Louth, and Messrs. Grey and Meehan, of Drogheda, Co. Louth, Messrs. Farrell, Fry, and Huggard were nominated to look for a suitable room, for committee, and to report at next meeting. The following resolution from the Y.C.C. of England was before the meeting, and same was adopted unanimously. The members were of opinion that some such thing would be of great service to the several clubs. Resolution: "That we, the members of the Y.C.C., herewith ask the Y.C.C. of I., in conjunction with ourselves to confirm, endorse, and report to each other all or any fraudulent action or malpractice exercised by any member or members of the above Y.C. Clubs, as fanciers on the show bench. Any such exhibitor being found guilty shall not be allowed until such time as the sentence has been removed, and that each Y.C.C. as aforesaid do respect and confirm the sentence passed upon any such guilty exhibitor." W. C. SHOLEDICE, hon. sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting, Monday, August 12th, but again members were denied the pleasure of witnessing the "Cage Making Demonstration," by Mr. A. W. Curtis, by reason of his continued illness, this being now his sixth week of confinement to bed. Sympathy with him was expressed on all sides. Messrs. W. H. Mugford, H. Hawes, and J. Murray, were elected, and Messrs. R. S. Hamlin and F. Moore, were nominated for membership. Mr. L. Daintry tendered his resignation, which drew forth from the Chairman, a tribute of the high esteem in which he was held, and of the many unostentatious services he had rendered to the Association. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Prance for painting done. The quarterly statement of accounts showing a cash balance of £25 8s. 10d., was confirmed as read. Three cups and the remainder of the medals won at the recent Y.B.S. were presented by the chairman, and the magnificent solid silver "Mayfair Challenge Cup," weighing 24½ ozs., just presented by Mr. F. Curry for the British seed-eating section, was handed round for general inspection. With the addition of three classes, last year's schedule was adopted for this year's annual show. Messrs. J. Mackley and J. Robson (Canaries), and Messrs. C. Prior and G. E. Weston (British), were elected to be submitted to a final vote. Report of council meeting, re proposed Federation of London Societies, was read, and the chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn), moved a resolution, viz., "That the C. and S. are in favour of establishing a Federation of Societies in London and District, and joining the same," which was carried. The chairman further moved that 2/6 be granted from the funds for the preliminary expenses, which was also carried. Messrs. Crisp and A. C. Burn, as delegates, were unanimously elected. V. WYNN, hon. sec.

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THE SHOWS.

LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. held their annual First Feather Show at the Hare and Pheasant, High Street, Mr. E. Fox (Long Eaton) officiating. Entries were down, owing, no doubt, to the lateness of breeding season. Some very promising young Norwich were shown. Specials were won by Messrs. Walton and Noakes, Needham, Smith, Kilsby and Boulter.

CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Dickens; 2, Sanders; 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Allen. BUFF: 1, 3, Walton and Noakes; 2, vhc, Needham. VAR.: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Needham; vhc, Sanders; hc, Dickens. CLEAR. OR TKD. YELL. NOR. NOV.: 1, Smith; 2, Kilsby; 3, Hunt. BUFF: 1, 3, Hunt; 2, Boulter. VAR. YELL. NOVICE: 1, Boulter. BUFF: 1, Kilsby; 2, 3, Smith. 9, A.V.B.: 1, 2, Gander; 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Kilsby; hc, Gibbons.—C. Draper, sec.

BUDE.

A nice little show of cage birds was held at Bude on Bank Holiday. There was a magnificent attendance, the gate totalling over £160. The entry was not fairly large, and some most excellent birds were staged. Messrs. Fairchild and Petherick made a most admirable pair of secretaries, and they, with Mr. Bridgman, treasurer, form a trio of officials which it would be bad to beat. They were assisted by a splendid staff of stewards, and everything went as merrily as wedding bells. Mr. J. Rushmore judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. (5): 1, Collins, very shapely, nice quality buff; 2, Davey, capital yellow, nice colour and type; 3, Heard. CREST, 1, 2, Davies, just a nice pair. YORKS. (14): 1, sp., Webb, very shapely with good style, and nice quality; 2, 3, vhc, Thomas, nice Cinnamon-marked, capital shape and carriage; 3rd good, clear buff, nice racy birds; res., vhc, Willis; vhc, hc, Gloyn; c, Rodd. MULES (6): 1, Stapleton; 2, Venner; 3, res., French. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): a good class; 1, vhc, Fairchild, very rich blaze, nice checks, good bars and button; 2, French rare colour, nice breast and back, very neat; 3, Webb, nice colour and shapely, not quite so tight; res., vhc, Hambley; vhc, Stapleton, Wills. SELL. 7s. 6d.: 1, res., Wills; 2 Davies; 3, Hicks; vhc, c, Gloyn. LOCAL BRIT. (8): 1, Gloyn; 2, Truscott; 3, Blatchford; vhc, Stapleton; hc, Fairchild.

DOWNEND.

This fixture was held Aug. 6th, and there was a large turn out of visitors. A fine collection of birds were on view, amongst them being some very promising youngsters. The quality all round was exceedingly good, and in several classes the competition was very keen. The officials are to be heartily congratulated, and we hope the gate proved a good one, as the Downend fanciers did their utmost to make the fixture a great success. Messrs. Pearse and Rathbone made a good pair of secretaries. Mr. W. G. Bull judged. NOR. (11): 1, 2, 3, Brown, former capital shape, good fronted buff, capital chest and back, small head; 2nd, 3rd, nice quality, good size, and shape, not so chubby or tight in feather, very neat and smart throughout; 4, Tristern, charming yellow, pretty head, good chest and back for a yellow, grand carriage; vhc, Taylor, hc, Houghton. YORKS.: 1, 2, Andrews and Biss, good buff leading, nice feather and stand, neat head, wings and tail, yellow; 2nd of equal merit, nice style and finish; 3, 4, Morgan, a couple of good quality buffs, grand colour, very stylish, worthy of their place; hc, Roberts, Garland; c, Barry. A.O.V. (2): 2, Hinds, Crestbred, evenly-marked eyes and wings, good feather, fair skull, and in nice form; 3, Tristern, colour fed, dark crest, neatly shaped, not very massive in body; vhc, Roberts. ANY VARIETY CANARY BRED '07 (14): 1, spl., 3, Hugan, clear buff leading, 3rd, cinnamon marked of nice type and style, both grand length, neat shape, very trim and steady; 2, Roberts, a baby Crest, nice head, carrying a well-shaped crest, not over large, will improve; 4, Fowler, very smart Norwich, prettily marked; hc, Garland, Horler, Haynes. MULES: 1, spl., 4, Maggs; 3, Caines; hc, Bond Bros.. BRIT. SMALL: 1 Lovell; 3, Winstone; a couple of Bullfinches, winner stands well out for size and colour; very smartly staged; vhc, Williams, Bryant; c, Hinds, all Goldfinches. LARGE: 2, spl., Bond Bros., Cornish Chough, good bloom of feather; 4, Manley, good headed Waxwing; vhc, Thomas. FOR. SMALL: 2, vhc, Leavers. LARGE: 2, Bulteel; 3, Jacobs; 4, Bulteel; vhc, Sage, Hendry. MEMBERS' CANARIES: 1, Sangley; 2, Norris; 3, Garland. BRITISH: 2, 3, vhc, hc, Maggs.

PETERHEAD C.B.S.

This enterprising society's annual show of Canaries in the Town Hall, August 9th and 10th, proved to be the best yet held. It was encouraging to note the advancement made by the fanciers in this district since last year, both in numbers and quality, and also the way they turned the exhibits out. They were staged to perfection. Mr. Jack, who was in charge of the Cage Bird Department had everything in tip-top order, Mr. Clark Martin carried out the secretarial duties in a very able manner. Hyde's special was gained by Mr. James Morrice, with a lovely exhibit of good type and quality. Mr. Cameron gained the special for most points, and specials were also secured by Messrs. Clark and Fraser. Mr. John Lyon (Aberdeen) made the awards.

YELL.: 1, Clark, grand bird of type and quality, and good size; 2, Morrice, another good one, marked wing and eyes; 3, Wilson, A.1 quality and grand type, wants a feather or two in tail which told against it. BUFF: 1, Morrice, a bird of grand substance and quality wins; 2, Connon, also good type, but just a wee bit on the small side; 3, Thomson, tip-top quality and lovely staged, broken in tail, HENS YELL.: 1, Colin Cameron, a clinking good hen, smooth as wax. NAT. BUFF COCK: 1, Fraser, gem of the first water; 2, J. Morrice presses winner, a bird of grand type and teeming in quality; 3, Jack, good quality and type, but started to moult. BUFF HEN: 1, Cameron, very sweet and staged to perfection. YELL. COCK NAT.: 1, Cameron, not a bad one, just a little on the long side; 2, Jack, will make a good one, but moulting; 3, Adams Maud, good quality of feather. BUFF HENS NAT.: 1, Cameron, a clear of grand quality and fine texture of feather; 2, Clark, run the winner hard; 3, Wilson, marked wings and eyes, nicely put down. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Sim, good team. GREEN CANARY: 1, Connon. CLASS 314: 1, Clark, nice yellow, good type and grand quality of feather; 2, 3, A. Clark, both buff. GREENFINCH: 1, Cameron. 1907 YELL.: 1, 2, Cameron, nice style and both good quality; 3, Morrice, cap and wing marked, good head and neck, and nice carried wings. HENS: 1, Cameron, as tight as wax; 2, Morrice, staged in the pink of condition; 3, Sim. BUFF: 1, Fraser, a gem, grand head and neck, fine rounded body and A. 1 quality; 2, Wilson, not so good in quality as winner; 3, Cameron. HENS: 1, Clark, a beauty, just wants a little more time, should be heard of again; 2, Morrice; 3, Cameron.

EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The final of the series of First Feather shows was held at the Oddfellows' Hall. The exhibits staged very favourably impressed the members, who were elated at the quality of the birds. Mr. J. Lashbrook (Sidmouth) judged in a highly satisfactory manner, his experience and abilities as a Canary breeder serving him in good stead. Mr. H. Denham was successful in winning the Cup, brass inkstand, and hall brush and glass, and Messrs. Evins Bros., a copper vase, the Cup winner scoring 116 points, and show points 31, 37, 45. NOR. YELL.: 1, Hutchings. CREST A.V.: 1, 2, Evins Bros., two gems, leader, clear body, dark crest, nice centre and droop, will make a clinker with a good moult; 2, variegated, larger body, plenty of feather, nice crest; 3, H. Denham, fair size, neat crest; 4, Miss French, small crest, neat. BUFF: 1, Hutchings, clear, nice shaped, short Bullfinch type, well carried wings and tail; 2, Sloman, marked on back, a good second; 3, Sloman, again marked, nice head and back; 4, Denham. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 4, Evins Bros; first, variegated, large, well-made body, plenty of feather, nicely browed; second, clear, again a bouncing bird, not so large, but a lovely head, well feathered; 3, Denham, again heavy variegated, nice body, feathers; 4, fair bird, nice class. YORKS. YELL.: grand class; 1, Churchward, smart upstanding, clear, well on leg, nice clean feathers, well braced wings, in grand condition; 2, Sercombe, smart bird, nicely drawn, stands like a soldier, with a good moult will take some stopping; 3, Williams, nice and racy, well braced, nice condition; 4, James Stone. BUFF: 1, Stiling, clear, nice stand, smart, clean chest, grand head and back, a bonny bird; 2, Williams, marked on back, slim, well drawn wings and tail well braced; 3, Sloman, again a marked bird, a long raking upstanding fellow; 4, Williams, another smart bird, nice class. A.O.V.: 1, Denham, Lizard, well-pencilled all through, nice exhibit; 2, Sloman, Cinnamon, nice even colour; 3, Joe Stone, Scotch, nice reach; 4, Denham, nice Lizard, very nice class. MULES (All Goldfinch and Canary): 1, James Stone, good dark, fair size, nice even colour all through, will make a nice bird; 2, Joe Stone, a variegated light, fair exhibit; 3, Denham, decent colour; 4, Chudley and Son, fair colour. GOLDFINCHES: 1, Commins, nice blaze, good chestnut and wings; 2, Denham, fair bird. A.V. BRIT.: 1, Smith, good Crossbill in pink of condition; 2, R. Chudley, Bramble-finch, nice colour chest and head; 3, Denham, Bullfinch, very steady; 4, Williams, Chaffinch, good bird, nicely marked.—R. H. Folley, hon. sec.

DAWLEY.

The above fixture, held in connection with the Horticultural Show, took place on Aug. 7th. Cage birds totalled 88 in the 10 classes provided, which, considering the time of year, must be counted a success. The four open classes, while not being over strong numerically, were certainly not lacking in quality, especially the British class. The locals turned up in strong force, and some very useful birds were among them which would have held their own in the open classes. The hon. secs., Messrs. Bowen and Smith, were most obliging, and are to be congratulated upon the success which met their untiring efforts. Mr. J. N. Harrison placed the cards. NORWICH (5): 1 and spl., 2, Brotherhood, leader a ticked Yell., an old winner, good type colour and quality, not quite ready; 2nd a very fine clear yellow youngster, in neat feather, big bold bird, grand type and substance, very promising; 3, Moss, nice quality clear buff hen, good shape, trifle browed; vhc and hc, Potter and Bracey. YORKS. (5): 1, spl. and 2, Horne, young Yellow, nice length and quality, bit soft; 2nd better shape and feather, we preferred to 1st; 3rd, vhc, hc, Johnson, rather stoutly built buff, moulty. MULE OR HYBRID (5): 1, spl., and 2, Moss, variegated buff Gold-Canary, rare size, nice flush and lovely quality, in good trim, 2nd of the same persuasion, loses a little in size and quality, still a good one; 3, hc, Pierce, buff Gold-Canary, ticked on neck and wing, very taking exhibit, just a bit small, moulty, will improve; vhc, Horne, dark Linet-Mule, good size, rough in feather. BRIT. (7): 1, spl. and 2, Brotherhood, leader a charming Waxwing, well marked, in lovely condition, much admired; 2nd very fine Nightingale, good size and colour, steady, in perfect feather; 3, vhc, Potter and Bracey, very nice Greenfinch, good size, colour and condition; vhc, Tate, nice young trecereeper; vhc (2), Jones and Bradley, well-known Gale, and a good Blackcap in nice feather, a really grand class for quality. If the committee another year could see their way to divide this class into Hard-bill and Soft-bill, it would be much appreciated, as it is rather rough on such birds as Treecreepers, Nightingales, and Blackcaps, to be placed behind a Greenfinch, however good it may be, at the same time it is equally hard on really good Hardbills to have but a small chance of getting to the front, when pitted against these delicate Soft-bills. LOCAL NOR. (15): 1 and spl., Miss Thompson, really good ticked Buff, nice type, colour and quality; 2nd, hc, Callear, Variegated Yellow, good shape and colour, nice quality and condition, loses wing carriage; 3, Brewster, clear Yellow, good size, bit long; vhc (2), Bailey. YORKS. (13): 1, spl., hc, Brewster, ticked Yellow, nice type and position, well drawn, good quality, bit patchy; 2, Clayton, variegated Buff, nice length, bit open on breast; 3, Willians, decent Yellow, loose in feather; vhc, Thompson, grand quality Buff, nice type and style, bit moulty in neck, might have gone up; hc, Cosfield. GOLDFINCH (12): 1 and spl., Westbrook, fair Finch, good size and wing bars, blaze bit pale; 2, Bailey, smaller, better blaze, moulty; 3, Clarke, nice Finch, good square blaze, wings bit frayed, rather unsteady; vhc, Hyde, Williams, Callear, Griffiths. BULLFINCH (8): 1 and spl., Callear, fair size, good back colour and cap, bit pale on breast, nice condition; 2, Jones, trifle larger than 1st, open in feather; 3, Buttery, fair shape, dull in colour; vhc, Barker; hc, Edwards. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, spl., 3, Mrs. Green, both Song Thrushes, good size, nicely marked, steady and in nice order, little to choose between them; 2, hc, Butler, fair Bramble, decent size, nicely broken, pale in colour; vhc, Thompson, Edwards; hc, Edwards, Harris Buttery. MULE (6): 1, spl., Butler, Buff Gold-Canary, hen, clear, except for tick over eye, small, in poor feather; 2, Callear, another Buff Gold-Canary, marked eyes and wings, larger and feather, must have pressed hard; 3, Davies, good dark Gold-Canary nice flush, vhc, Edwards; hc, Jones.

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MELBOURNE.

The Melbourne (Derby) fanciers held a nice little table show of Yorkshire Canaries, etc., on the lawn of Mr. W. Singleton (son of the Rev. Canon Singleton, vicar of Melbourne), on Aug. 10th. The weather was simply A1, and there was a fair attendance of fanciers present. There were some good specimens of the Yorkshire variety shown by Messrs. E. Spencer, G. York, H. Wall, J. Pass ,and Andrews, but owing to the advanced state of the moulting season some of the best birds were somewhat ragged in plumage, and consequently cardless. A silver medal given by Mr. Singleton for the best yellow Yorkshire was won by Mr. E. Spencer, an electro-plated butter knife for the best buff falling to Mr. Geo. York. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Singleton for their kindness, and Mr. Singleton, in reply, hoped all had enjoyed the afternoon, and trusted that it would not be the last, for he and his good lady would be ever ready to advance interest in the fancy, and good feeling amongst the fanciers of Melbourne.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The First Feather Show in connection with the above club was held in the cloak room adjoining the large hall in the Co-operative Buildings, Newgate Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on August 3rd. It was voted by all a decided success, for in spite of the lateness of the season, and the poor results some of the members have had, we had an entry of forty-seven birds in five classes. Not only were the numbers good, but the quality was quite an eye opener to many who were present. The Yorkshire Canary has now become an established variety in the North-Eastern corner of England, and it is becoming so without doing it at the expense of the other varieties, for most of the members are new hands at Canary breeding; indeed, if the Northern shows were only to cater for the novice a bit more, all but six of the members would be able to compete in the Novice Section. But the Northerner takes a lot to move him out of his old grooves, and rather than induce new beginners to take an interest in showing their birds in a section, in which they can compete with some fairness to themselves, compels them to show against all the champions of years and years standing. The principal objection I find uttered, is that Novice classes open out the road for fraud. But if the Cage Bird Union fulfils its duties, this objection should then be swept away. The champions will have to drop their dog in the manger style, and give the novice a fair chance to show in his own proper place. The hall was a very suitable one, its only drawback was that it was rather difficult to find. Once in the room, however, all was comfortable, well-lighted, and warm. The birds were well looked after by members of the Committee, including Messrs. J. Slack (Chairman), Robson, Carr, Shepherd, Davison, as well as some outside help from those two stalwart Norwich fanciers, Messrs. McGuiness and Scott. Most of the prominent local fanciers were present at one time or another, and all seemed more than pleased with the show and the exhibits. The Committee were very fortunate to secure the services of Mr. Fred Armstrong, of Halifax (until lately secretary of the Yorkshire Union) as judge. A more pleasing gentleman, and more conscientious in placing the awards, it would be difficult to imagine, and I predict that if his duties will allow of it, it will not be long ere we see his name amongst the more prominent Yorkshire judges. No one could have taken more pains or given greater all round satisfaction than he.

CLEAR YELLOW (9): An exceptionally good class. 1st, Ellwood, a good type of Yorkshire, wins easily, nice shooting bird, capital position, good pipe tail and splendid feather; 2nd, O'Neal, nice typical Yorkshire, good feather, rather smaller than first; 3rd, "Keppie" Robson, runs second very close, and might have passed, but was breaking into moult, might have been a bit better in position; 4th, Slack, a nice typical bird, looks like a hen, a bit "slack" in neck; vhc, Crawhall, nice bird, lacks training; hc, c, Taylor, a pair not to be despised, should moult out well, get them used to the show cage, Mr. T. BUFF (17): This class was an eye opener, and two sets of winners could easily have been chosen; 1, O'Neal, nice typical Yorksbire, good feather, wins on condition; 2, Kent, real good bird, runs first very closely, slightly broken in moult; 3, Ellwood, nice shape and feather, loses only to others in size; 4, O'Neal, nice shape, lacks position and training; vhc, Crawhall, the best feathered bird in class, unfortunately very unsteady whilst judging, wants some training, then should render an account of itself; hc, O'Neal, another good bird; c, Carr, another fine bird, just a bit young, but should improve greatly. TKD. ETC., YELL. (8): 1, O'Neal, a splendid bird, should be heard of again, nice typical shape, good feather and tail; 2, Slack, a good bird, only wants a moult to make it one of the best; 3, Davison, another fine young bird, showing real Yorkie properties, Mr. Davison is to be congratulated upon the excellence of his birds generally; 4, vhc, hc, Crawhall, a big bird, rather too big and heavy for show, but will make an excellent stock bird; vhc, a nice tidy yellow hen, requires some training; hc, rather young, a bit slack in feather. BUFF (9): This class contained some really fine birds which will no doubt render an account of themselves in the Autumn shows; 1, Davison wins, a typical buff, good feather, wings, and tail, splendid position and in tip-top condition; 2, Harrison, a good Yorkie, only beaten for size, nice position, style and feather; 3, O'Neal, a nice uneven marked Buff, good style and feather, shade small; 4, Steele, a nice typed bird, presses to third very closely; vhc, Steele, another nice bird; hc, O'Neal, like the doctor's usual, a real nice bird; c, Slack, some thought this bird should have been a bit higher, and friend Slack predicts great things for it in the future. A.O.V.: This class contained four nice Cinnamon ticked birds; 1, 3, 4, Steele, first a nice bird, wins on substance, third, looses a bit in style, fourth close up; 2, Ellwood, stylish wing ticked, a trifle thin in neck. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. J. Davison with his buff bird, a bird which is just slightly ticked above the beak, and which came in for a lot of praise from the judge. It wins on condition, and was so closely pressed by Mr. Ellwood's Clear Yellow that the judge at once gave a special for second best bird; had this bird not been breaking into moult, it would undoubtedly have been first. These two Blaydon fanciers, who have taken so much interest in the club since its formation, are certainly to be congratulated upon breeding two such birds, and it is to be hoped they will have a tight tussel for the Cup, when competed for at the Autumn show. During the evening the judge gave a little criticism of the birds, there would be some thirty or forty fanciers present, and all seemed to be very interested in his remarks. He said he was very pleased to see so many fanciers present, and to observe the friendly spirit evinced by one and all. He was also very pleased to see such a fine collection of Yorkshires before him, considering this was the first year of the club, and seeing they had practically virgin soil on which to work, they had done excellently. The great fault seemed to be lack of size. When compared with the two chief winners many of the others failed in size. These two birds, the Clear Yellow and the Ticked Buff were real typical birds, and nearest to the size for which they should aim, of course, we cannot all breed good ones, some are fortunate to get a good strain and start well from the first. If we take the two first birds, they are the most typical birds in the show, and some might differ with him in the manner of placing them. The Yellow bird was rather longer and slimmer, and probably the more typical of the two, but being an older bird it was not in the condition that the Buff was, and condition is a great thing. Taking two other birds, Mr. Armstrong showed where they failed to these two. One Mr. Crawhall's Clear Buff, vhc, was a bird which Mr. A. liked very much, but it was of a nervous disposition and would not stand, consequently had to take a back seat. Another bird, Mr. Slack's Buff hen was a real nice hen, but being shown against cocks had not the same chance, and was a trifle thin in neck, but may moult out fuller. Other birds were discussed, and then questions were asked. The first question was in answer to Mr. Crawhall, who enquired if the judge thought that the Yellow bird would tighten up under the tail where it showed great slackness? Mr. Armstrong thought it would. The bird was dropping into moult, and did not show to its full advantage. The next question asked was how many points were lost by a bird which crossed its wings? Mr. Armstrong said five points on wings, but a bird which crossed its wings lost on body and quality too, so that you could not guage on wings alone. Next question by "Kepple." Do you believe in a training cage? Mr. A.—Yes, I do. I generally make my own. They are a little wider and higher than an ordinary Yorkshire show cage, wooden sides and back, wire front, and made in pairs, with perches the same way on as a show cage, the bird is then always facing you at a nice height above the top perch, so that it can nicely draw itself up. I have a little peep hole, with a piece of glass in, then the birds in the opposite compartments draw themselves up to say "how do you do." but the glass prevents their fighting and plucking each others heads. Mr. Robson said he had one of Mr. Jonas Knight's training cages, which were on the same principle as Mr. Armstrong's, but without the glass, and he found it very useful in pulling the birds into position. Other questions were asked and ably answered by the judge, and everyone went home very pleased with the show and themselves. A very pleasing feature was the presence of the Gateshead, Newcastle, and Jarrow Secretaries, by whom we were congratulated upon the excellence of the show. Mr. Carrick from Jarrow, who is just recovering from a broken wrist, in course of conversation, told me that out of their newly-formed society with some forty members, that fully three parts of them bred Yorkies. Now Jarrow, buck up and join the N.Y.C.C., which will help you all it can to bring the Yorkshire to the forefront, and to give you some excellent helps to breed and show some winners.—T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec.

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RUNCORN.

This annual young Open Show was held in conjunction with the Poultry and Horticultural Show in spacious canvas tents on the Plantation Pleasure Grounds, Higher Runcorn, on August 10th. The Show was in every way a success, and all round an increased entry was secured. The quality in the Cage Bird Section was of very high all round merit, and very close competition resulted. A splendid silver challenge cup for best members' young bird was captured by a very smart stylish var. yellow Yorkshire belonging to Mr. F. Ditchfield. It well deserved the honour, being a most typical specimen, in lovely feather, and showing for all it was worth. The management here is of the best and exhibits and exhibitors receive the best of treatment and careful attention. The birds are well looked after, and fanciers may with confidence send again to this show. The stewards and treasurer and secretaries are prompt in action and get through their work with quick despatch. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged and the awards gave general satisfaction. Held under C.B.U. rules. YORKS. YELL.: 1 and Challenge Cup for best members' young bird; vhc, Ditchfield, var., a grand medium sized all round typical Yorks., good style and position, well up, neat wings and tail, wins well; vhc, ticked neck, a big bird, coarser on sides; 2, Hall, cinn. marked, ticked head, AI drawn out, lovely quality of feather and grand condition; 3, Rowe, clear, not so well drawn out, but very fine quality and finish; hc, Marsh; c, Boote. BUFF: 1, c, Ditchfield, very fine upstanding bird, lovely back and quality of feather, just big enough, and full enough round thighs, a promising stock bird; 2, vhc, Hall, slimmer, and higher on legs, grand style and feather, a little more finish might have done the trick; 3, Boote, ticked neck and wiug, grand feather, well filled up, wee bit short of condition to get higher; vhc, a pale bird, but lovely feather; hc, Rowe. NOR. YELL.: 1, Jacks, grand head, buck and chest, a clear, nice size, rare colour and quality of feather; 2, hc, Guy, very chubby var. bird, profuse feather, big bird, in nice condition; 3, c, Barker, a var., very fine bird, lovely quality of feather, colour and condition; vhc, Boote, clear, rather smaller than first, but good in all other points; a stiff class. BUFF: 1, Boote, ticked eye, compact shape, good size, rare feather and condition; 2, Jacks, tick on head, fine head, neat body, nice bloom and quality, fair size; 3, hc, Guy, grand body, very young, a very likely winner, when old enough; vhc, Hall, grand quality of feather, medium size, too young to be at its best yet; c, Andrews. NOR. GREEN, BUFF: 1, Barker, very chubby body, foul green, great size, nice soft tone of colour, and well huffed; 2, Andrews, bit smaller, but all other points very good; 3, Jacks, a bit behind in feather and finish; No. 4 was made out a yellow by the judge, also by most fanciers present. The Yellow class was cancelled, and maybe the owner thought it might be allowed to go in with the buffs; it is a very good medium size Yellow. HYBRID: 1, Bowyer, a Yellow Var. Gold-Canary, old bird, grand size, colour and quality; 2, same owner, entered as a young clear Canary hybrid., was passed as a small Yorks. Canary, and we could not make it out to be any other. SELLING 10/6: 1, Boote, very cheap Yell. Yorks.; 2, Jacks, good Norwich; 3, Rowe, a Yorks.; vhc, Marsh; hc, Tyron. BRITISH GOLDFINCH: 1, Bowyer, a well-known winner in grand order to-day, get him into moult at once, Mr. B., if you want to be ready for winter shows; 3, Walker, well-heaten in size, still a good young Finch, and time will greatly improve him; LINNET: 2, Murray, gone a bit into moult, good size colour, shape and markings; 3, Walker, nice size and markings, paler a little in colour. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Murray, a very nice medium sized, good shaped Bullfinch, a cage moulted bird in full colour and condition; 2, 3, Hampson, grand Siskin, and very nice coloured Chaffinch in good form. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Cooke, 1st a grand pair of Budgerigars, 2nd a good pair of blackheaded Nuns, very rich colour; 3rd, a very pretty Zosterops, a bit off in left wing or might have won. NOVICE YORKS: A fine class of good Novice birds; 1, Little, very fine clear Yell., grand length, well up on legs, clean through and straight as a pencil, rare size for a Yellow; 2, hc, Ditchfield, a var. Yell., grand quality and good shape, size, etc., but just beaten in condition; 3rd, c, Rowe, fine drawn ,a clear, well up on legs, in tight condition, bit flatter on head than 2nd; vhc, Hall, good typical bird, and runs well up to former. NOR.: 1, Hall, a clear, capital size and shape, young enough, will soon with luck develop into a very smart bird, wins well; 2, hc, Green, ticked on eye, smaller, but nice Nor. type, quality and condition; 3, Lea, a useful young clear, grand quality and of medium size; vhc, Rowe, rather longer in type, nice quality. HYDES' CLASS (6): Winner, Boote, with a useful Norwich. Cup winner, F. Ditchfield.

WATFORD.

The First Feather Show of the Watford C.B.S. was held on July 27th. Taking the show right through, the entry came up to the average in this season of poor entries. Watford breeders, like others, have not had too many of fortune's favours this season, so far as numbers are concerned, but the quality in some of the rooms is pretty good, and this was to be seen in the exhibits staged in many of the classes. Yorkshires were a warm lot, and a few good back-end winners should be found amongst the youngsters who toed the mark on this occasion. Norwich, also, were of nice quality, but the great interest of the show lay in the British section; here the competition was most keen, and it must have been a matter of some difficulty for the judge to separate some of the contestants. The birds were nicely staged, and their comfort well looked after by the committee. Messrs. Watts and Quintrell, the hon. secs., attended well to their duties, and everything pased off smoothly and pleasantly. Mr. J. Robson judged in his usual painstaking manner. NOR. CHAMPION ,1, 2, 3, Pigg; vhc, Withers Bros. NOVICE: 1, 2, vhc, spl., Shirley; 3, Wright; hc, Heath; c, Tucker. YORKS. CHAMPION: 1, 2, Pigg. AMATEUR: 1, 2, Adams. NOVICE: This was the class of the show, two dozen grand young tykes facing the judge, and some extra prizes were generously given by the committee. 1, 2, Adams; ex., 2, ex., 3, vhc, Buckingham; 3, vhc, hc, Perkins; hc, c, Sears. CREST NOVICE: 1, spl., Tucker; 2, Heath. A.O.V.: 1, Pigg. MULE: 1, spl., Fern; 2, Buckingham; 3, Collins. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, Goodall; vhc, Sears. LINNET: 1, Collins; 2, Hedgeman; 3, Shirley; vhc, c, Goodall; hc, Sears. SISKIN, etc.; 1, Buckingham; 2, Withers Bros.; 3, vhc, c, Goodall; hc, Watts. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Withers Bros.; 2, 3, Goodall. SOFT BILL: 1, 2, c, spl., Withers Bros.; 3, vhc, Goodall; hc, Shirley. FOR.: 1, hc, spl., Withers Bros.; 2, spl., Goodall; 3, vhc, Watts; c, Frost. FOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Watts; vhc, Goodall. SELL. 20/-: 1, Withers Bros.; 2, Buckingham; 3, Watts; vhc, hc, c, Frost.

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HORFIELD.

This show was held on August 7th, and proved very successful. Taking the entries throughout, they constituted a record. In our section the classification was considerably cut down to the year previous, the Committee knowing full well the difficulty experienced in getting entries for a summer show. The exhibits throughout were full of quality, amongst them being one or two Palace winners, which were looking a trifle overshown. The birds were nicely staged in a separate tent away from all other live stock exhibits. Mr. J. Carnew had charge of the section, and the birds received every attention. There was a record attendance. Mr. C. P. Telling judged.

CREST, ETC. (9): 1, Richards, clear Buff, massive skull, rare quality of feathers, nice size, very badly shown; 2, Ind, not quite so broad in skull, well-shaped, nicely feathered very close up; 3, Tristem, colour-fed dark crest, well built and neat; 4, Gough, good broad-skulled green, well-shaped and clothed; vhc, Hinds, rather narrow in entrance, not far behind in quality; hc, Roberts, wins special for best young crest, neat crest, nice centre, fair size. NOR. TKD. ETC.: 1, spl, Tristem, a yellow grand colour and quality, beautifully fed, nice head, good carriage, showing just a wee bit more thigh than we like; 2, Brown, looks like the novice, Palace winner, not at his best to-day, good shape, nice head and neck; 3, Taylor, a very nice yellow, good type, neat head and quality, fair carriage, in good trim; 4, vhc, Brown, we liked much for its body shape, wants another head and neck to make it typical, nevertheless a smart exhibit; hc, c, Fowler. YORKS. CLEAR: 1, 2, also special for best Canary in show, Andrews and Biss, both very typical well-drawn birds, leader, a buff, has the pull in length, just a bit rough in flights, should improve, stands on good legs and teeming with quality; 3, Barry, looked a bit rough in feather, but very good stamp, nice length, we heard had already won several prizes; 4, Newman, good length and style for a baby; vhc, Bishop, little to choose for third honours; hc, Roberts; c, Newman. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (8): 1, Lovell, splendid-bodied Bullfinch, good colour and lustre, grand cap, very taking exhibit; 2, Bull, lovely clear coloured Goldfinch, grand face, good size, nice tanning; 3, Baker a Goldfinch beautiful wing markings, perhaps hardly so deep in tanning, chubby and shapely; 4, Rowe and Hancock; hc, Richards; c, Hinds. SELL. 10/-(8) :1, 2, Gough; 3, vhc, hc, Carnew; 4, Lovell. LOCAL except Yorks; 1, spl, Carnew; 2, Chesterman; absent binding. YORKS.: 1, spl, Carnew; 2, 3, Barry; 4, Richings. BRIT.: 1, 2, Pyatt; 3, spl, Smith.



WEST OF SCOTLAND B.A.

The usual monthly meeting and First Feather show of Mules and Hybrids was held on August 3rd, in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. A. Buchanan, vice-president in the chair. Mr. H. Liddle, a new member was proposed and accepted. It was agreed to revise the schedule at next meeting. The show of young mules and hybrids was then proceeded with, and the birds were judged by Mr. A. Muir.

DARK MULES: 1, 2, 3, 4, A. Buchanan; 5, 6, Hunter. LIGHT MULES: 1, Hunter. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, Buchanan. Mr. J. Brownter won the medal for most points, Mr. A. Buchanan, special 2nd, Mr. J. Renwick special 3rd, Mr. C. Campbell and Mr. J. McNicol tied for the 4th special.—Geo. Smart, secretary.

LARGS.

The 28th Annual Exhibition of the Largs Ornithological Society was held on August 10th, in the Artillery Hall. There was a fair entry, and a good number visited the Show in the afternoon. Mr. Jos. Higgins judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. YELL.: 1, no name. BUFF: 1, Reid; 2, Currie, 3, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, Baird. BUFF: 1, Price; 2, Currie; 3, Spence. BUFF PIED: 1, no name; 2, Reid; 3, Spence. YELL. PIED HENS: 1, Price; 2, no name; 3, Pearson. BUFF PIED: 1, Currie. FOUL OR GREEN: 1, Price; 2, Smith. HEN: 1, Baird; 2, Spence; 3, Pearson. SELL.: 1, Laidler; 2, Reid; 3, McMillan; NOR.: 1, 2, Johnston; 3, no name. HEN: 1, Calderwood; 2, Hutchinson; 3, no name. BORDER: 1, Clark; 2, McGhee; 3, Morrie. HEN: 1, and 3, McGhee; 2, Clark. MULE: 1, 2, and 3, Cunningham. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Johnston; 2, Brown; 3, Sanderson. LINNET: 1, Tait; 2, Forrester and McGuire; 3, Cunningham. HOME OR FOR.: 1, McNair; 2, Miss Kirkwood; 3, McGavin.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Second First Feather Show held at the Northgate Hotel, on August 10th, when Mr. J. Wilman, of Baildon placed the cards.

CLEAR YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Wright and Son; 4, Cawthra and Son; vhc, Greig and Pearson; hc, Phillipson; c, Lewis. CLEAR BUFF: 1, G. Grayshon; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, S. Grayshon; 4, Peel; vhc, Oddy; hc, Wood; c, Wright and Son. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Wharton; 2, Firth and Booth; 3, 4, Oddy; vhc, Cawthra and Son; hc, Peel; c, Ogley. BUFF: 1, Wharton; 2, S. Grayshon; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Jessop; vhc, Oddy; hc, Wood. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, Wright and Son; 3, G. Grayshon. BUFF: 1, Wharton; 2, 3, Lewis. A.O.V. CINN. OR MULE: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Lewis; 2, Smith; 3, Wharton. SOFTBILL: 1, Hartley.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

The Rare Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid.

With reference to the cock and hen Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids depicted on our front page this week, Mr. Dixon, the well-known Wigton Hybrid breeder, favour us with the appended account for their hatching and rearing. The female, we may say, was drawn from life by our Mr. Norman, and the male from the skin, it unfortunately having died, yet surviving long enough to show that it was a grand example of the cross. We are indebted to Mr. Dixon for his courtesy in this matter.

"The two Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids were bred by me in a small flight cage. I put round the nest a little heather and a few privet twigs. The hen soon started to build, and laid five eggs, which I let her sit herself. She brought out two young ones on the 22nd of May. As soon as they hatched, I gave them to a Norwich hen which was due to hatch at the same time, but had all her eggs clear. She came in very handy, and started to feed one of the Hybrids almost immediately. But strange to say she would not feed the other, so I just had to tuck in and rear it myself, which I did until it was a fortnight old. The Greenfinch which was paired to the Norwich hen then took it off my hands and fed it splendidly. While the foster parents were rearing the young Hybrids, I gave them plenty of green food. I always keep a good stock of wild seeds by me for the winter, especially Dandelion, and what we call 'Horse-hops.' These two I consider the best of all wild seeds."

JOHN DIXON.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

Proof of Publication not Essential to Prosecution.

In Duncan v. Knill and Another (Divisional Court, April 22nd), respondents were charged with having in their possession certain Goldfinches which had been taken contrary to the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880-1902. The prosecution was taken under an Order of the Secretary of State, which prohibited the taking of certain wild birds, including Goldfinches, during the period of the year to which the Act of 1880 did not apply. Section 4 of the Act of 1894 provides that any Order under the Acts shall be properly published by the County Council, and in this case it was contended that in the absence of proof of publication there was no power to convict. The Justices dismissed the case, but the Divisional Court sent it back, holding that there was nothing in Section 4 to justify the contention that absence of proof of publication of an Order was any bar to prosecution.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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Peter felt very proud that day, and Kitty jumped for joy, although she was just a trifle disappointed that not one of the four young birds was pure white like their mother. Indeed, they were all much darker even than Bumbuku-Chagama, being chocolate-coloured where he was fawn. At first the parents continued to feed the young ones at intervals, although they could feed themselves quite well. But very soon the old birds wanted to nest again, and as the young ones got in the way, and broke the eggs by sitting on them all together, Peter and Kitty agreed that it would be better to give them away. Their friend Charlie had one pair, and the other they presented to the daughter of their drawing-mistress, who had a sunny room devoted entirely to Canaries and other birds. Snow-white and Bumbuku attained to the age of at least nine years, though they led busy lives, making so many nests and laying such quantities of eggs that at last Peter quite lost count of the number of children they reared.

*Magpie and Washerwoman.

Some time ago a neighbour of our's had a tame Magpie, which was a terror to all the washerwomen for some distance round its home, for as sure as the clothes were hung up on the line, Meg would he waiting somewhere near in a tree, and as soon as the woman had gone away, Mag would fly down on to the line and try to pull out the pegs and peck holes in the clothes and paddle all over them with its dirty feet. My mother has had to wash her clothes several times; Meg would watch for the woman coming and then fly away chattering and grumbling when they drove her off, but as soon as the woman was gone away she would be doing the same trick again. She must have been killed, as we have not seen her for several weeks.—Sent by Ruby Keeling (aged 8), Matlock Cliff, Near Matlock, Derbyshire.

*A Frozen Siskin.

Last winter a Siskin had been sitting overnight on a large iron window rod, which by arrangement serves as a perch in the aviary. It was a very severe frost, and the Siskin was nearly dead. Several of its back feathers were frozen to the iron bar above (white with rind), as when the bird got off the feathers were left. Father took it and held it in his warm hands, and then put it into a cozy cage and covered it over. It was not brought down to the fire, but left in the cold room. Next day it was quite well again, as if nothing had happened. This shows what a hardy bird the Siskin must be. This bird has been with us five years. It feeds from father's hands.—Sent by Alexander Newbigin (age 13), 69, Percy Road, Whitley Bay.

*Love for "Little Mary."

This year my mother reared five young Pullfinches and she fed them on hard-boiled eggs and hemp-seed, chopped up together. One day, when they could peck, my mother was putting some food into the cage, and two of them got out and flew out of the window. They flew about for some time while mother tried several ways to get them back into the house. Mother then took the board and knife outside and began to chop as if chopping their food up. They flew down and settled on the board and mother carried them into the house and put them safely back into the cage.—A. E. King (age 10 years), Church Street, Wilbarston, near Market Harborough.

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The Zoo's Fishing Cormorants.

After delighting visitors to Earl's Court by their nightly display of agile skill, the fishing Cormorants have arrived at the Zoo, says the "Evening News," but the custodians of the Regent's Park menagerie are already asking themselves the pertinent question: What is to be done with them? The only reason for the existence of a fishing Cormorant is fishing, and where, in all the broad acres of the gardens can these Cormorants fish? They will not eat nuts like the monkeys. They will not eat buns like the bears. They will not munch sweets like the elephants. But every child who goes through the turnstiles will want them to do something. Children, it must also be remembered, are the mainstay of the public patronage at the Zoo during this period of the year. And children, seeing the fishing Cormorants, will want to see them fish. That is where the authorities realise the pinch. To put them in with the sea lions is possible, but their fishing instincts might seriously interfere with the sea lions at meal times. The polar bear might welcome them as a variation to his diet, but they would scarcely be at home with him. The Zoo must build a new tank—it will add to the charm of the gardens.



Mr. J. J. Mullett, the Secretary of the Dudley and District C.B.S. has removed to 5, New Rowley-road, Dudley.

A new secretary has been elected for Otley and District O.S., Mr. W. Dawson, 36, Albion Street, Leeds Road, Otley.

I won the challenge cup for best British Goldfinch at Cambridge Mammoth Show writes Mr. ALF. ROWLES (Peterborough).

The open show of the Castle Douglas Fanciers Associations is fixed for November 30, writes Mr. John C. Burnie, the secretary.

Otley and District O.S. Annual Show will be held on Oct. 19th, in the Recreation Hall, Otley. The judge is Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford).

Your reporter, writes Mr. A. A. Pool, junr., only credits me with first in natural colour Norwich, whereas I won first and second at Brislington, with two clear yellows.

Our Hon. President, Grant Barclay, Esq., has very generously presented a cup to be competed for in the Border Fancy Section in our open show on October 12th, writes Mr. C. Muir, the Secretary of Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

Mr. J. T. Carrick, Hon. Secretary of Jarrow-on-Tyne C.B.S, who had an accident to his wrist, is getting on nicely now and he will soon be able to attend to business again. He thanks all kind friends for enquiries and sympathies.

I beg to thank you for the pleasant surprise last week in seeing my young bird so cleverly depicted in CAGE BIRDS. I nearly lost him after the show, but he is now all right and getting well away with the moult. G. F. WOOLHOUSE (Dulwich).

This year we held our show on Wednesday, August 7. We had more entries than ever, thanks to the circulation of CAGE BIRDS. We had a class for local Goldfinches and Bullfinches, and they were well filled, in addition to the other classes. U. CALLEAR (Dawley).

All members and friends of the Shipley O.S. are invited to meet at Shipley Station on Sunday, August 18, at 10.15 a.m., writes Mr. H. Dobson, the Sec. Book for Ben Rhydding for a ramble round Denton Park and Asquith. Dinner at Black Horse, Asquith.

The judges for the cagebird section of the Kilsyth Fanciers Association show on 14th December are, we hear, Messrs. E. Campbell (Glasgey), Norwich and Mules; and Mr. G. Hyslop (Stirling), Border Fancies. The Border Fancy Club has accorded Kilsyth its patronage and a Club special.

I am sure CAGE BIRDS is a very valuable paper, and I have always recommended it to all my friends. This is my first year of breeding, but thanks to your valuable paper I have had some very good luck—13 young out of 17 eggs is not so bad. I wish "C.B." every success.—J. E. MOUSLEY (Dordon).

A Scottish reader sends a few words in praise of our valuable paper. Through CAGE BIRDS, says he, I have saved many a valuable bird by reading the query columns. It is not many months since I started taking CAGE BIRDS, but since then seven of my fellow-workmen get it as well. R. GRIFFITHS (Bannockburn).

On August 7th Mr. J. Beswick, of Stockport, lectured to our members on the Norwich Plainhead, writes Mr. S. M.Clayton, hon. sec. Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., and dealt at length with matching, breeding, rearing, and moulting, advocating the use of the green blood, and recommending in-breeding to establish certain points. A good discussion followed, questions being asked by several members, Mr. Beswick suitably replying. A vote of thanks to Mr. Beswick ended one of the most pleasant evenings we have had.

The list of judges for the City of Glasgow O.S. show to be held 18 and 19 October next is now complete, writes Messrs. McDonald and Muir, the secs., and is as follows: Scotch Fancy, the secs., and as follow: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. John Smith (Hawood), A. Nisbet Thompson (Glasgow), John Park (Govan), and George Fulton (Partick); Belgians, Mr. John Kean (Edinburgh); Norwich Plainhead, Mr. Alex. M. Farlane (Glasgow); Crests, Mr. John Donald (Aberdeen); Borders, Messrs. D. Hamilton (Hamilton), and McCreadie (Dumfries); British and Foreign, Messrs. A. R. Langlands (Montrose), and Taylor (Greenock).

A Chance to Secure Five Shillings.

We have during the past few weeks had the pleasure of returning to numbers of readers the money they sent us for copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, in accordance with our sporting offer. It has now occurred to us that in place of a bound volume of the "Bird World Magazine" the few fanciers who have not availed themselves of the ANNUAL might like the chances of securing the accumulated discount attaching to the receipt by us of fifty orders for the ANNUAL. To the sender of every fiftieth order in future from this date till further notice we will give five shillings cash. But the coupon and remittance and full address must be enclosed. See coupon on foot of page 89.

An Opportunity for Exhibitors.

Entries, we understand, are deplorably short for Kingswood show on August 21st. And no wonder for the show up to the present has not been advertised in CAGE BIRDS, a contemporary getting all the spoil (25s.) owing to ignorance of cage bird matters on the part of the executive. The Secretary now at the last moment makes a frantic appeal to our readers to help him out of his difficulty. The show is under Union rules, the judge is Mr. W. H. Manley, and the secretary Mr. S. Hill, 2, Downend-road, Kingswood, Bristol, who will accept entries if sent to-day (Saturday). There are 11 classes: Nor., York, A.O.V. and For., 1 each; Members, 3; Brit., 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s. Fee, 1s. 6d., members 1s. Our friends will oblige us by showing Mr. Hill where to advertise in future. Late entries coming through our paper will be entitled to compete for a very handsome framed plate; other exhibitors ineligible.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. MALCOLM.

Fanciers throughout the country will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. William Malcolm, late of Leven, which took place at Stirling on July 20th last. He was well-known to all of us as a real honest and upright fancier and exhibitor. As a judge he had few equals, and while acting as such he had favours to bestow on no one; every exhibit had to win on its own merits. He was a man whom it was a pleasure to meet and discuss the Scots Fancy. The writer had the pleasure of knowing him well for nearly twenty years, and during that time had many a pleasant chat with him. But now, alas, he has gone from amongst us, and our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing widow and family in their sore bereavement.

CHAS. BERWICK.

MR. JOHN McCLURE.

Mr. Thomas Smith, of Glasgow, writes:—It is with the profoundest regret I have to announce to your wide circle of friends the falling asleep of Mr. John McClure, son of Mr. Mr. McClure, 105, Somerville-drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow. Mr. McClure was by trade an engineer and, shortly after completing his apprenticeship, on the advice of his medical adviser, he abandoned work for a time and went to the famous health resort, Carmumock, and latterly to Englesham, which seemed to have the desired effect, but on the 11th instant he had an attack of hemorrhage, which was repeated on the Tuesday, and he passed peacefully away at 2 p.m. on the 9th August. In the morning of life his evening came and removed from fond parents a devoted and dutiful son. Mr. and Mrs. McClure did everything within their power to prolong his stay, but God, in His infinite providence, decreed it otherwise, and now they are called upon to say, "Thy Will be Done." They retain many pleasant memories of his sojourn with them, and they have the sincere sympathies of a very large circle of friends—weekly readers of your extensively circulated publication.

Our Fanciers' Map

We are now busy preparing our Map of Shows for the season 1907-8, and consequently we advise all those committees who have not fixed their date to do so at once, guarantee to spend at least 25s, with us in advertising the event, when we shall have much pleasure in including their event on our map, which shows at a glance the days when shows are held, and the exact locality. This map goes to every exhibitor of cage birds in the country, free of cost, and is consequently a magnificent advertisement for all shows appearing on it. Over 115 of the leading shows appear at present. Early application is necessary.

A London Novice.

After careful deliberation by the City and Suburban A.C.B. Council, writes Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. sec., No. 15, definition of a London Novice, in an amended form, was at the last meeting recommended to the members, who were so unanimously agreed in adopting it, that a motion by myself to submit it to a vote of the whole of the members was defeated. The full text of the amended definition was as follows:—(A) A novice is one who has not won a first prize at three different shows in Novice Members Classes. (B) An amateur is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in Novice Members' Classes, and ceases to be such when he has won a first prize at three separate shows in Amateur Members' Classes. (C) A champion is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in Amateur Members' Classes, or three first prizes in Open Novice Classes, or one first prize in open Competition. Limit classes of over £3 shall be considered Open classes."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at cast 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.**
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.P.H., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.**
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.,
Oct. 18 and 19.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., J. N., J.H., T.T., J.P., G.F., J.K., A.McF., J.D., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
Oct. 23.—**Oxford.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct, 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
*Oct. 30.—**Morecambe F.A.**
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh Nation'l** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.).
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R. W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
Nov. 7.—**North Derks (Abingdon.)**
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.**
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland**
Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
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Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.S., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
*Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
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*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
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Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
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*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan O.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H.; R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
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Dec. 14.—**Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.H.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
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Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show.**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Woodstock.—September 10th. Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. Six classes. Nor., 1; A.O.V. Can., 1; Brit., 2; For., 1; Sell., 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close August 31st. to Mr. T. D. Hughes, Woodstock, Oxon.

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See announcement at foot of this page.

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The well-known fancier, Mr. E. E. Smith, is down to judge British and Foreign Birds at Sheffield show.

We understand that Miss Darrel, daughter of Sir Lioncl Darrel, Bart., is one of the latest recruits to the bird-keeping hobby.

"I grow all kinds of berries," says a correspondent, "and I never saw a Robin attacking them; he is too fond of worms and snails, and many a time I have seen him with a good-sized caterpillar in his bill."

The City and Suburban A.C.B. has had another silver cup presented to it (making a total of thirteen) for competition among the members. The donor is Mr. W. Shepherd, who has left the section the trophy shall go to, to the discretion of the Council.

We regret to hear of the continued indisposition of Mr. A. W. Curtis, his trouble having assumed a serious form, giving grave anxiety to his family. The many metropolitan friends of this good fancier will join with us in the hope that better news may soon be forthcoming.

Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of the Little Zoo, Bath, writes us that they have secured at specially advantageous rates a large consignment of flint grit. This they are offering in our advertisement columns at a very low price, which should meet the requirements of fanciers of all classes.

A splendid opportunity is afforded exhibitors, tradesmen, and others, for advertising in the schedule and catalogue of the Dulwich and Peckham great show; 5s. per page is the price, and breeder's cards are inserted for the small sum of one shilling.—Apply early to to Show Manager, 22, St. 'Aidan's-road, East Dulwich. (ADVT.)

Fanciers desirous of colour feeding their birds fit for the show bench, must use Ramsden's pure peppers; they are pure, and impart a marvellous colour and sheen to the birds. Australian fanciers can obtain Ramsden's Pure Peppers from Messrs. Elliott Bros, of Sydney, and Messrs. Felton Grimwade, of Melbourne.—(ADVT.)

It seems to me, writes Harry Allen (Leeds), that your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, has found its way into every town and country, no matter how large or small. I have had orders from America through it, and last week I had an order from New Zealand for one of my Linnets. The bird is being taken by a London gentleman who is making a trip to New Zealand. I must say CAGE BIRDS is a valuable advertising paper, as I get handfulls of letters every day in reply to my advertisement, and advertise in no other.

The Proposed London Federation

If all one hears be true, the proposed federation of London Societies would seem to be a distinctly ambitious scheme having many points in common with the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. The suggested subscription, we understand is eightpence per head for every member of a federated society. The scheme includes the holding of a show every week-end at the headquarters of one or other of the federated societies (this not to interfere with the said society's other fixtures), the judges for the same being different every time, and balloted for. The judge's fees are to be paid by the Federation, which also provides gold and silver medals for competition. In addition the Federation proposes promoting one gigantic show annually, open to "all the world," each affiliated society, we presume, participating in any profit, and sharing any loss. Many minor matters are included in the "prospectus," so to speak. The promoters are actively pushing the scheme, and it will be interesting to see what reception the proposed combine meets with at the hands of societies concerned—i.e., those in the Metropolitan police area.

A PRIZE COMPETITION FOR KEEPERS OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

Turn Spare Moments to Account.

In our position as Editor of this Journal, it has been borne in on us that keepers of Foreign birds are either singularly modest, or singularly reticent. Not a line does one receive from the great majority of them concerning their experiences in their own particular branch of our hobby. This is not as it should be. It affords no encouragement to others to take up the keeping of the beautiful and interesting species which reach our shores from other climes. Those on the threshold of our hobby, so to speak, must have their footsteps guided by bird-lovers who have already trodden the first paths, and can thus advise the beginner how to avoid the pit-falls besetting them, and render his path as smooth and easy to travel over as is possible. To compass this is a duty every bird-keeper owes to the birds which go to make up his pet branch of our hobby. And keepers of Foreign birds ought not to shirk their responsibilities in this direction.

There must be thousands among the readers of CAGE BIRDS, who have kept Foreign birds of various species, and have much knowledge respecting their keeping, feeding and management stored away in their heads. Put those facts on paper for the benefit of fellow lovers of Foreign birds.

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RULES.

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, September 23rd next. Write "Essay Competition" on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST.

Scottish v. English N.P.C.

Satisfactory arrangements have again been made for another contest between the Scottish and English Norwich Plainhead Clubs. Great hopes were entertained that the Southern N.P.C. would join in, but up to now they have not seen their way to agree to the conditions come to between the S.P.C. and E.P.C., who up to this year have had four successful contests. The contest takes place in Scotland this year, under slightly altered conditions. In former years each club selected their team birds, which caused a little friction. This year all the members of either club can enter as many birds as they choose, as there is no selecting of team birds, the three highest birds belonging to members of the clubs taking part to count for points over a given number of classes. I sincerely hope that every member of the Scottish Plainhead Club who has a bird to show will support the committee, and I wish to point out that even a commended ticket is a point gained for the cups offered by the club, although it may not count for contest. The result of the vote, taken as to place is in favour of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, on November 15 and 16. All Societies desiring the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club must enclose classification offered, and name of judge selected, and have the same sent to me at once. Will those who have not yet paid their annual subscription kindly do so at once. Any person who wishes to become a member should forward name with 2s. 6d. fee to D. SMITH, Sec. 142, High-street, Edinburgh.

Mr. T. Vincent has removed to 107, Borough High-street, London, S.E.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by pre-payment at the rate of three words a penny.

Barnsley C.B.S.—August 17th, at Clarence Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Open Show arrangements. — T. Coward, sec.

Bath and Dist. F.A.—August 22nd.—Table Show of Cage Birds. Any member may bring one of each variety they keep to compete. Committee at 7. Business, Young Stock Show. H. Turtle, hon. sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—August 20th, at Temperance Hall, 8. Lecture, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. All fanciers invited.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—August 20th, at Round House Inn, 8 o'clock.—F. Mitchell, sec.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—August 27th, at Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30 p.m. Special meeting. Important business in connection with Autumn Show. Every member requested to attend.—F. E. Holden, asst. sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—August 17th, at Flying Dutchman, 8 p.m. Opening night at new headquarters. Fanciers and friends welcome.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Coventry O.S.—August 21st, at Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30 p.m. Balance sheet, Nest Feather Show, and other important business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—August 20th, at "Masonic," 7.30. Arrangements for Nov. show. Classification selection of judge and presentation of medals.—J. C. Heaton, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—August 21st, at "Half-Moon," 8 p.m. Questions and Answers, by Mr. R. Todd, Chairman.—E. Brunkskill, sec.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—August 21st, at Headquarters, 8.30. Show business and annual meeting. J. J. Mullett, sec.

Ealing and Dist. F.S.—August 22nd, Mission Hall, Hanwell, 8. Lecture by Mr. B. Kirkman "Breeding for Colour."—W. Bird, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—August 21st, at Wellington Rooms, 7.30. Discussion on Moulting and Colour Feeding to be opened by Mr. Thompson, of Liverpool. Members do please rally up and oblige A. Wilkinson, sec.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S. — August 21st, at Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30.—Thos. Taylor, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club. — August 17th, at 122, Ingram Street, 8 p.m. Committee Meeting. Ramble proposed; First Feather Show of Mules and Hybrids. J. H. Adam sec.

Green Canary Assoc.—August 22nd, at Oldham Hall, Rensha Street, Liverpool, 8 o'clock. Discussion on Moulting. All fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Halifax O.S.—August 17th, at Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock. Show business. J. F. Thackray, sec.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—August 21st, at Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30 prompt. Special meeting, urgent business, South Shields; members please note.—J. T. Carrick, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—August 17th, at Lockhart's Brigate, 7.30. "Bird room Requisites," Mr. Ireland. Prize money Young Bird Show will be paid.—Stephenson and Hornby, secs.

Leeds C.B.S. will hold another outing on Aug. 24th, to Monk Fryston. The Rev. Hemsworth has kindly granted us permission to view the aviaries and grounds. Several new attractions have been added to the aviaries since our last visit. Tea will be taken in the concert room in the park. Tickets, including tea, 2/3. Train leaves N.E.R. Station 1.55. Fanciers will receive a hearty welcome if any would like to join us. Names should be sent in before Aug. 20th.—C. R. Stephenson, and W. Hornby, 19, Hartley Grove, Woodhouse, Leeds.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—August 20th, at White Swan Hotel, 8 p.m. Schedule for open show.—C. Draper, sec.

L. and L. F. Assoc.—August 18th, at White Lion Hotel, Manchester, 6 p.m. Patronages; members kindly attend, most important.—H. Oliver, sec.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—August 19th, at Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business, specials, etc.—E. Jones, asst. sec.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—August 20th, 8. 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle. Payment of prize-money, consider communication from Y.C.C., and arrange patronage.—T. C. Crawhall, hon. sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—On account of the holidays no meeting this month.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—August 17th, at Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. Important.—J. Challenger, sec.

St. Helen's O.S.—August 19th, at George Inn, Water Street, 8 o'clock.—T. Vose, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—August 19th, at Northgate Hotel, 8 o'clock.—A. Whitehead, sec.

Wandsworth and Dist.—August 22nd, Young Stock Show. Open at 2 p.m., "Red Lion" Rooms, York Road, Wandsworth, few doors from High Street. All fanciers invited.—W. Summers, sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—August 17th, at Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'clock. Winter Show. — E. Broadley, sec.

Nightingales in Scotland.

Lady Margaret Cameron, who rarely leaves her Highland home, has lately, it is reported, made a discovery of much interest to Scottish ornithologists, that the Nightingale sometimes finds his way to the glens of the west of Scotland, and has been heard in the neighbourhood of Achnacarry

How to Tame a Bird.

If anybody knows how to tame birds, says the "Sunday Circle," it ought to be Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller; and these are her rules, which are simple enough for anyone to understand and practise: No creature is more jealous or sensitive than a bird. It is easy however, to win the heart of almost any bird, and without starving him or making him think he has mastered you. Simply talk to him a good deal. Place his cage near you on your desk or work-table, and retain his choicest dainty to give to him with your own fingers. Let him know that he can never have that particular thing unless he takes it from you, and he will soon learn, if you are patient, and do not disconcert him by fixing your eyes upon him. After this he will more readily take it from your lips; and then when you let him out of his cage, after the first excitement is over, he will come to you, especially if you have a call you have accustomed him to, and accept the dainty from you while free. As soon as he becomes really convinced that you will not hurt him, or try to catch him, or interfere in any way with his liberty, he will give way to his boundless curiosity about you; he will pull your hair, pick at your face, and give you as much of his company as you desire.

The Bird and Its Wage.

Few birds do more to keep down the aphides and caterpillars than the White-throat, says a writer in a contemporary, and the outcry that is raised when he takes a few green peas or raspberries does not do credit to our generosity or even to our sense of justice. By a curious chance the two items of the account are roughly cast up in the current number of the "Field." The good that White-throats do is stated in the gardening column, and the harm is cast up though purely from the gardener's point of view in the space devoted to natural history. One account is of the clearing of a heavy blight of black fly from a crop of Windsor beans, a job most cleanly performed at the expenditure of a good deal of energy; the other states that a row of young peas has been thoroughly devasted either by White-throats or their near relatives, the Willow Wrens, which most unlearned people confidently call White-throats. The gardener is perfectly grateful for the removal of his black fly; to do him justice, the correspondent whose letter is put under natural history does not grumble about his peas. But the usual tendency is to deem that a little slip in this direction more than wipes out all the bird's many and undoubted services. The Swallows, the Wagtails, and the Fly-catchers are all very well. They never attack our fruit, and they are catching insects all day long. None of these, however, are aphide-catchers or devourers of caterpillars. These are laborious occupations, and those who undertake them do well to insist on a fair standard wage. The toll they take of our fruit is but slight by comparison with the work done in the months of bud, blossom, and growth. The White-throat, at any rate, deserves far better than to be shot for a few green peas.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Turned Claw.

T.C.—Many young Canaries have the hind claw turned underneath as yours, but if taken in time they can generally be got in their proper position. Procure a piece of rubber tubing, such as is used on a baby's feeding bottle, cut a piece about a quarter of an inch wide. Pass this over the bird's foot and turn back the hind claw, then pass the rubber ring over it so that it will hold it against the shank. Let this stop on for a fortnight, when the claw should be in its normal position.

Soft Moult.

J.N.—If you are keeping your bird in the window, or in any place where there is any draught, remove it at once to a warm spot, hang below the level of the gas, and at night time cover over the cage with a warm cloth. Continue the medicinal treatment for another fortnight, or three weeks, and in addition let him have three times a week a piece of sponge cake, over which put a few drops of best sherry. In addition to the Canary seed give him two or three times a week a thimbleful of German rape seed. A young lettuce leaf twice a week should do him good, and occasionally a piece of boiled carrot.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Limited Room for the Moult.

First Season.—I prefer moulting the cocks I have used for breeding separately when possible, but if the birds agree you may put yours together—at any rate, if you intend to breed with them again, and not to exhibit them. But should they disagree and pluck each other, and you contemplate exhibiting any of them you must separate them when about halfway through the moult. 2: No; from yellow hen and buff cock you may expect to get about an equal number of both yellows and buffs, the same as you would with a yellow cock and buff hen.

A Cinnamon Marked Hen.

Mrs. F.A.K.—Your hen is what is known as a Variegated Cinnamon of the Yorkshire type, and may very possibly be a well-bred bird, when, had its markings been on eyes or wings and the bird been clear on other parts of its body, you would not have been able to buy it at anything like the price you paid. I should hardly expect to get a clear or decently marked yellow Yorkshire hen at the price you name, though breeders of the Cinnamon marked Yorkshire do not set the same value on the heavily variegated birds that they do on the well marked ticked or clear ones. But when some of these heavy marked birds are paired with a clear-bred bird, they will, and do often, throw birds good both in markings, type, feather, and colour. Probably your hen had been bred from a bird that had been crossed with another bird which had some Belgian blood in its veins, which causes it to be so upstanding and to show a little stiltyness on legs. This will improve in the young from her. Owing to your young birds being bred from variegated parents, they will no doubt excel in colour, and I would advise you keeping one or two of the lightly marked ones, and pairing them next season with clear or lightly marked birds from some unrelated strain, when you may probably breed a few good enough for exhibition. But they will require colour feeding or they will be heavily handicapped by having to compete with the colour-fed birds on the show bench. On the whole I think you should be fairly well satisfied with your bargain.

An Early Enquiry.

New Reader and Beginner.—Do not pair your birds until the last week in March or the first week in April, and read the hints given from time to time in CAGE BIRDS on management etc. The best seeds to feed on are good sound clean white Canary seed, as the staple food given in the seed hopper, with a teaspoonful per bird three time a week of the following mixture: Summer rape three parts, maw seed one part. Give a little apple between the wires once or twice a week; clean water daily, and a good supply of sand.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Toe Nails Destroyed.

Novice in Doubt.—If the parents of your young bird destroyed all its toe nails, the youngster would not be a perfect specimen, and for that reason it would not be suitable for the show bench. If it moults out with an exceptionally large crest, and has lost only one or two of its nails, you might venture to show it. No; the nails will not grow again.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Is it a Cinnamon?

Novice.—I very much fear that I, being unable to view the bird about which you are uncertain as to its designation of colour, am not in anything like as good a position as yourself for deciding this question. There is nothing more difficult than to give the correct name of any colour that is only described verbally. Mention of size of body does not in any way assist in an explanation, but if the coloured portions of plumage are really brown or cinnamon colour, and not green, or striped with black, I think we may conclude it is a cinnamon, but as it is evidently variegated or pied it is not very likely to make a show bird, and lastly it is almost sure to be a hen—that is, if it is cinnamon-coloured.

BORDER FANCIES.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Cinnamon Blood.

Mug.—There is no need for you to get a self-cinnamon to raise the quality in your clears. You can get a pink-eyed or lightly marked cinnamon hen, yellow preferred, which would do your turn. Run her with a clear yellow cock for first nest, or all the season, just as they may throw. Keep all the buff hens bred from this pair and pair them again to yellow cocks, and if you want to improve your strain of buffs run one of them with a smart buff as advised before. If you get a buff cock pair him to his mother, and then you will have as much cinnamon blood as you need. (2).—Yes, the cinnamon has more influence than green blood. I don't care for green blood in my clear stock at all. I don't think you have your stock quite under your command, or you would not have so much variation in type, and the only way you can remedy this evil is by paying very particular attention to your stock birds. Select your cock birds perfect in colour and quality, and a little on the small side. Your hen will give you type and position. (3) I don't care for breeding from a hen with the fault you mention, as it is very difficult to breed out. There are many birds spoilt by it, and you had much better select one without; you are quite right to guard against it.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Young Gone "Puffy."

E.R.—It is a mistake to give too much green food to young birds just beginning to feed themselves; they want to have very little, unless it is a seeding kind, like shepherd's purse or chickweed. Your youngsters should certainly have Canary-seed as well as summer-rape seed; also plenty of maw seed daily. Stop the egg-food, and rely on the bread and milk—or sweet biscuit and milk. For one day give them drinking water in every two tablespoonfuls of which has been dissolved as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling. Afterwards, until well, well mix as much Dover's Powder (from chemist) as will lie on a threepenny piece with each teaspoonful of the milk-sop you give to them. Also add six drops of tincture of gentian to each tablespoonful of drinking water. It is a serious condition, and recovery is doubtful.

A Long Moult.

H. E. Buth, Chard.—You cannot do much, beyond feeding it generously, for the Canary which has been in "soft moult" all summer. It is a good sign that the feathers should now be falling so freely, for when the new coat puts in an appearance the troubles of your bird in this direction should be over—for twelve months, at any rate, unless you get him into another soft moult. It certainly is wonderful that he should, in spite of all, sometimes sing a little. You must feed and treat him exactly as advised "M.K.R." this week. Give the packet seed once a week only; say, on Sunday, for a treat. Let him have a tonic, by all means.

Pet Canary Moulting.

M.K.R.—There is nothing whatever to be anxious over. Your bird is simply moulting. It is the habit of many birds to take up the cast feathers and twist and turn them about in their beaks—it is sheer playfulness. The majority of birds seem moulting early this year, which is a good thing—the earlier they start (after about the middle of July) the better it is for them. It is a good sign, too, when they drop the old plumage quickly, as your bird is doing. Feed him on a staple mixture of three parts best Spanish Canary seed and one part of summer rape seed. Give a small teaspoonful of maw seed one day, and a teaspoonful of the mountain bread (or any good maker's patent Canary food), the next day. Let him have a feed of a good packet mixture once a week, say, on Sunday; or twice a week give a teaspoonful of mixed hemp and linseed, in equal parts. Every second day (on the days you give the soft-food) stir half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food in the bird's drinking water. Let him have plenty of good grit, a piece of cuttlefish, and a slice of ripe apple or pear now and again, with a sprig of greenfood. This treatment should ensure a good, quick moult.

Young with Swollen Joint.

J.F.K.—I should think the young bird must have caught its foot somewhere, and wrenched it severely, causing an inflamed state of the joint. Bathe it (or steep it) twice daily in nicely hot water for a minute or two, and afterwards anoint the place gently with Zambuk ointment, using the tips of the fingers to do it with. If no improvement in three days, get a small quantity of tincture of iodine from a chemist and paint the swollen part with this once a day. Use it very sparingly, as iodine is a most powerful lotion; a small feather is a good thing to apply it with. Don't let it go anywhere else on the bird.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Young Birds Minus Claws.

Anxious.—(1) It is quite impossible for me to say why your birds are deformed, if it is a natural deformity, but if, as is very probable, one of the parents possesses a cannibalistic tendency, then I should say those toes which are missing have been bitten off whilst the young were in the nest. It would be advisable to kill these birds, as they can never be of any use, and their life will only be a misery to them. (2) You most certainly should not let the old birds go to nest again. All nesting operations should finish absolutely at the end of July. Your birds should be moulting now.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Some "Large" Questions.

P. Paver.—Your questions have a very wide scope, and to answer them at length would occupy a couple of columns. Here are some brief hints, however. Moult your Goldfinch as much on thistle heads, hard-heads, teazle heads, sow thistle with "blight" (green-fly) on, maggots out of thistle heads (especially decayed ones), flowering and seeding groundsel tops, and the like, as you can possibly lay hands on. Give, in addition, teazle, linseed, maw, sunflower (cracked, if necessary), and canary seeds, with a feed of hemp and niger occasionally. But do not overdo the two latter. Gather your Linnet all the ripe shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and charlock that you can procure, and especially any covered with blight. He will also relish the wild seeds recommended for the Goldfinch, while the Goldie may also nibble those recommended for the Lintie. Let him also have canary, teazle, linseed, maw, summer rape and hemp seeds. Fed on these lines, you should have no difficulty in moulting out your two birds well. Let them have plenty of pure cold water for bathing purposes. If they won't bathe, you will have to spray them lightly on suitable days—don't half-drown them. Another indispensable item is a supply of good grit, while a piece of old mortar, or cuttle-fish should always be between the bars of the cage, or within easy access. The Greenfinch Mule will moult out well on the dietary laid down for the Linnet, but must have sunflower seed daily. As a matter of fact, you can give this bird anything that is recommended for the other two—thistles he will rejoice in—the only reservation being that the hemp and niger should not be given over freely to him. A box cage is the best for a Mule (the pattern known as the Finch stock cage), but he will thrive in a waggon-shaped, all-wire window-cage, being very hardy, as a rule, given proper food and freedom from damp and draughts. Repeat your other questions a little later on—when the Muling season gets a little nearer.

Sex of Young Birds.

Two Weeks' Reader.—I welcome you to the large and ever-increasing circle of CAGE BIRDITES. I have often stated in the past that it is practically impossible to sex any nestling British bird. Where there is any distinctive sex plumage, this is only assumed at the moult. Most young birds are garbed very like their mothers, the Bullfinch and Chaffinch affording typical examples. Some, on the contrary, exhibit points of difference with both parents, the Goldfinch and Greater Spotted Woodpecker here affording us examples. It is true that with some species old fanciers can guess at the sexes of the young with some accuracy. But it is not by means of any signs that can be written down to guide others to the same end; it is a "knack" born of long experience among birds generally, and probably the species concerned in particular. Among your young Blackbirds, those which took the densest black on the wing flights are the most likely to prove cocks. After the moult the cocks will be black all over, and the hens, broadly speaking, a dirty brown, more or less faintly barred and streaked on the breast. Caged Starlings often provide a sex puzzle until fully adult—that is, two years old. The adult male is a glossy blue-black, with a lovely metallic lustre shading into various other tints, including purplish-black. His spangling is smaller and finer than that seen on the female. With her it is large and bold, and dominates the plumage, as it were. Her ladyship, too, is brownish-black in ground colour, and altogether dingier-looking than her mate, with but a shadow of his resplendent polish. I speak now of the spring, or breeding plumage, for Starlings have a winter garb. The male, further, has a conspicuous yellow bill when in breeding condition.

Linnet Mule Ailing.

T.N.H.—It may be that your young Linnet Mule is suffering from inflammation, as you suspect. But from the deaths of the other birds it looks almost as though you had, by some unfortunate means or other, introduced an unhealthy bird, or birds, amongst your stock, and thus got them down with disease. Greenfood of the seeding kind will not hurt birds. I do not recommend its too liberal use, however, with young birds feeding themselves, as it is apt to keep them off the other kinds of seeds. Young birds, too, want weaning off egg-food on to milk-sop (bread or sweet biscuit) as soon as possible. Mixed seed containing niger is no good for regular use, while linseed and hemp do not want to be overdone. As regards treatment of your bird, for one day stir a small teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum) among two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; afterwards give three or four more doses, on alternate days, but of half-a-teaspoonful only. Into each teaspoonful of sweetened milk-sop, well stir as much Gregory's powder (from any chemist) as will lie on a threepennypiece, and keep this up until improvement is shown. If a tonic is needed afterwards, you might try tincture of gentian—ten drops in two tablespoonfuls of water.

Young Bullfinches Dying.

First Attempt.—It is pure assumption that the young birds died of diarrhœa, and assumption is a more or less dangerous thing to indulge in. For instance, the diarrhœa may well have been a condition attendant on (that is, arising out of) some other diseased condition of the body, when, of course, had the latter never manifested itself, no diarrhœa could have supervened. However, speculation is useless now. It will be more to the point if I say that I do not entirely approve of your dietary—it is not one I should adopt myself. The egg and biscuit should have a liberal dash of ants' eggs (finest quality only) added to it. It is also a good plan to frequently mix in some finely-chopped-up mealworms (if the hen Canary doesn't care about eating them whole); or cut them in halves and squeeze them out amongst the soft-food. In addition to unlimited canary seed, a restricted quantity of hemp, maw and summer rape seed should be given daily; also soaked and sprouting summer rape seed. Lettuce should not constitute the sole greenfood, though a little is all right; the seeding kinds, chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel, for instance, should be liberally supplied. Soaked and just sprouting summer rape seed is an excellent thing for young Finches of all species—many a nest of Bullies has been successfully hand-fed on that and egg-bread (sometimes bread without the egg), moistened with new milk. Better luck next time.

Mainly About Colour Feeding.

Josh-o'-Brum.—(1) The four weeds may be what you say, but I can't pass any opinion. I want a fair specimen to enable me to name it, not a quarter-inch snipping. Plantain, shepherd's purse, and sow thistles are all good for British birds, as I should have thought all the world would have known by this time. (2) You can colour-feed your Song Thrushes very simply by adding one teaspoonful of tasteless pepper (best quality) to each four teaspoonfuls of its soft-food, and well mixing it in. Begin with a very little only, gradually working up to the strength specified. Dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, twice a week, as much citrate of iron as covers a threepennypiece. Add a small teaspoonful of fresh, finely-ground linseed to the soft-food about three times a week. For other hints see many recent replies on colour-feeding. These said recent replies also cover your question No. 3, referring to the colour-feeding of Lesser Redpoll, Bramblefinch and Linnet. It is quite unnecessary to colour-feed either of these three species provided they are, as they ought to be, of a good natural colour. And, curious though it sounds, Finches of bad natural colour are hardly ever improved by colour-feeding—the colour "doesn't take," as fanciers put it. Further, it is usually a very difficult matter to get Finches to eat colour food made in the usual way—viz., with egg-bread. Most have to be "judiciously starved" on to it. There is a risk, of course, of them being upset and succumbing during the process. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the end of July, they commence adding a little colour-feed, working up the strength by degrees. One or two large firms in the seed line sell seeds with the shells removed (some, I fancy, terming these "cooked seeds"), which, of course, can readily be treated with colour food. Both crushed and shelled seeds absorb the colouring agent quite well. A certain successful fancier of my acquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. You must experiment and find out which way, or ways, best meet your own case—there is no "royal road" as with Canaries, unless it be with hand-reared British birds. The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich Jonque would naturally need less than a dingier-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven might suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, overfed Britishers are spoiled.

Aviary Construction.

H.S.G.—I regret to say that I do not know of any work which deals exhaustively with the building of aviaries, and gives plans, etc. Perhaps, however, I ought to say that I do not know of one at present on the market, for I happen to be in a position to tell you that CAGE BIRDS, within the next few weeks, will have on sale just the very work you seem to be wanting. So possess your soul in patience for a short time, and purchase the new volume, which will enable you to turn your slight knowledge of wood-working tools to advantage in the erection of either a good aviary or bird-room. The plan you submit isn't bad, but a height 6½ feet at the back (as it seems to be from the sketch) is not sufficient. Unless you are a particularly modest individual in the matter of height, you will be uncomfortable in a building of only this height. Another foot, at least, is essential, and two feet will be a vast improvement, allowing of much more efficient ventilation. Five feet make not too good a width, either; I should make it six feet if I possibly could. Your other details—the slightly-inclined cement floor, weather board, double door (wire inside, wood outside) and windows—are quite all right. If you don't intend to keep any birds in cages in this place, then the height you have specified will not be by any means so much of a drawback. You do not make yourself clear on the point. In any case I should increase the width (depth from front to back) if I could manage it.

About both Hybrids and British.

Nemo.—Personally I certainly should not trouble to get different sized show-cages for the birds you mention; it is unnecessary. A show-cage of the accepted "Norwich Plainhead Club" design, but one inch less in height, and about half-an-inch less in length, will answer admirably for either Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Linnet, or Linnet-Bullie, Goldie-Redpoll, and Greenfinch-Canary Hybrids. Some exhibitors of the present day are guilty of showing Siskins, Redpolls, Goldfinches, Linnets, etc (including some Hybrids), in a very abbreviated type of cage, affording the poor inmate hardly room to turn round, and causing it, generally, to make its surroundings filthy dirty in next to no time. These exhibitors seem to think this ridiculously small cage enhances the size of the bird within. Do they, I wonder, think also that the judge has no eyes? Don't be persuaded into following their lead. For the Larger Finches and Buntings (Bramblefinch, Snow Bunting, etc.), an extra depth from back to front, say another inch and a half, should be allowed. For the best all-round colour for the insides and wires is a very dark (holly) green. You could have two or three a very pale blue, and try the Greenfinch and Linnet, etc., therein, and thus suit your own personal choice with regard to those species. To get the best possible effect, I always gave my own showcages an extra coat of enamel after receiving them from the cage-maker. I prefer a properly constructed and fitted wicker travelling hamper to all others. If there were no mention of Hybrid in the schedule you would be perfectly justified in showing any Hybrids (that is, not containing any Canary blood), which possessed no light feathers, in the class headed "Dark Mule."

A Weed: and Elderberries.

A.C., Lewes.—You are right; the plant sent bears a family resemblance to shepherd's purse, and belongs, in fact, to the Cruciferous tribe, almost every member of which provides "wild seed" for the birds. It is the Hairy Pepperwort. I can quite believe your birds are fond of it, and you can safely use it. No member of the *Cruciferæ* is poisonous to birds, though caution is needed with some of the bitter seeds (English rape, for instance, and other *Brassicas*), which may upset birds if given in quantity to those previously unused to them.

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bringing on diarrhœa. I do not know the process by which berries (such as elder and black) are preserved in syrup—my "good lady" attends to such details for me. I believe it is very simple, the fruit being dropped into boiling syrup, then bottled and sealed up. Possibly some kind reader who has tried bottling elderberries may favour you with his method next week. Preserved berries and other fruit are certainly good for caged birds—I cannot remember ever having one (of a fruit-eating species) which refused such. Some, however, "turn up their noses" at fruit which is sticky and wet. Mind that it is always good when given.

The Usual Crop.

J.T., P.R., X.—Have duly posted you a specimen sprig of shepherd's purse.

W.R., Walkden.—The specimen sent is shepherd's purse. You can get it much higger than this, however—taller in growth, fuller of seed, and riper (browner) in condition.

Two in a Cage.

Bedford Square.—It would not hurt to moult two exhibition cock Linnets in the same cage, providing the said cage was of a sufficiently large size. Your own cage, however, 18 hy 16 by 12 ins. is barely large enough as a moulting cage for a single Linnet, much more two. Two cock Linnets kept together in such a cage in the ordinary way would be practically certain to squabble and fight, to the detriment of their plumage, especially so when in "show form," using the term to convey "high condition." If the two were put together when about to break into moult, they probably would not fight, or they would soon settle down. As soon as they came into condition again, however, fighting would commence. I should never try to keep two exhibition Linnets together during greater part of the year, except in a really large flight—even then it might prove a disastrous experiment. The attitude of most cock Finches when in high condition, reminds one of the proverbial Irishman when in "high spirits"—they seem spoiling for a fight.

Two Shrikes Together.

R.T.G.—Delighted to know my previous advice proved so eminently satisfactory. The fact will help me to cheer up and face with equanimity the eternal rain which threatens to swamp my poor little annual holiday! I wish I hadn't saved up for it—rainy holidays are so trying (to one's remarks). But to come back to your Shrikes. I do not advise you to try and keep two Red-backed Shrikes in the same cage, 3-foot long. The weaker one of the two might find himself in the predicament of certain of the ancients—"butchered to make a Roman holiday." Put the clerk of the weather in the arena, if you like—Ed cheerfully see him butchered. The male Red-backed Shrike certainly has a very passable song, and is a really excellent mimic of the songs of other birds. Dr. Gunther, who has bred these birds in an outdoor aviary (two or three seasons, I believe), will tell you so. I am glad to know that you have got your own specimens so delightfully tame as to eat from your fingers, also that you think them very engaging pets. It is not difficult to keep Red-backed Shrikes through the winter, and a warmed room is not essential to their well-being, providing they are not troubled by damp or draughts. It is a fact, though, that birds will stand greater cold when flying loose in a sheltered outdoor aviary than in a cage in an indoor room. The moult is a trying time for all birds. You must supply as much suitable live food as you possibly can during its continuance. It is not improbable that your birds may go without moulting until next year. You need not worry over this providing they show no signs of sickening.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Pulling Feathers.

My Grey for the past few days seems to have become mad. It has pulled out its feathers, and is almost bare. I can find no trace of vermin. Have given magnesia. It is fed on boiled maize and hemp. What is the remedy?—E. ELLIOTT.

E. Elliott.—Your bird's blood has got into a very heated condition, and I should continue to give the magnesia at intervals of three days, say four or five doses, so long as the bowels do not become watery loose. Spray the bare parts every other day with quassia solution and persevere with this, as a cure is not very speedy in such cases. Your diet is very unwholesome, but at the same time you must not make a sudden change. Diet as follows: Continue to give the boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day), also supply the following mixture; 2 parts each canary and white oats, and 1 part each wheat, hemp, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also supply, not all at once, but so as to make a varied diet: Ripe fruit, greenfood (fresh tender lettuce is as good as any), plain biscuits (dry), nuts, and keep up a continuous supply of cuttlefish and grit. Do not leave the water in the cage, but let the bird satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. When you discontinue the magnesia, put the bird on a course of Parrish's chemical food; well colour its drinking water with same. If the heated condition does not yield in a fortnight's time, repeat query, with full particulars.

Wintering Waxbills and Finches.

Birds, mostly this year's purchases, are kept in drawing-room aviary. (1) Will they live without a fire during the winter? (2) How much, and how often would you give Parrish's chemical food?—"NEW YEAR."

New Year.—(1) It is more difficult to keep birds indoors without heat, than it is to keep them out of doors all the year round; in fact, many species which will suffer no inconvenience out of doors from the vagaries of our worst weather, need some warmth when kept in cages indoors. It is probable, providing they are kept in some light position, free from draught, they would keep in health and condition, but they would be better and far more comfortable in a room in which a fire was kept burning during the day. All the birds you name, I have kept out of doors all the year round, and they have been long-lived under such conditions. (2) Never give drugs or tonics to healthy birds, let well alone. During the moulting season just colouring their drinking water with the chemical food is a decided help. It should be given daily all through the period, and gradually discontinued once they are in full plumage again. In the same manner it may be given to a weakly bird till it is in condition again. In this latter case it is better to make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, before giving the chemical food.

Birds for C.P. Aviary.

How many birds can I keep in a C. P. Aviary, 3ft. long by 3ft. high? At present it contains five small finches; what other kinds can I keep with them?—A. M. MENCE.

A. M. Mence.—If you confine your birds to small Waxbills, you could keep 12 in your aviary cage, providing it is frequently cleaned. Chose from the following: Green Avadavats, Grey, Orange-cheek and Orange-breasted Waxbills. If you procure a pair of each, that would about fill your accommodation, and give you a very nice selection of small brightly-coloured, vivacious and entertaining birds. As alternative, I would advise males only of Gouldian, Alario Green and Grey Singing Finches, and a St. Helena Waxbill. All are fairly easy to keep in good condition, providing their cage is not stood in such a position that the wind can blow through it. In fact, no birds, however robust they be, can stand draught; guard against this, and once they have recovered from the effects of importation, they should do well. Diet: canary, white, French and spray millet, cuttlefish, greenfood, grit, and water, ad lib, for drinking and bathing. A few ants' eggs for such of them as will eat them, form a wholesome change. Grain in the ear, and fresh tender lettuce are about the best greenfoods for Foreign Finches. Canary and millet sown in shallow pans, and given when about two inches high, is also very wholesome, and readily eaten.

What Others with Blossom-head Parrakeets?

What brilliantly-plumaged Parrakeets could I keep with a pair of Blossom-heads in an aviary, 3½ by 1½ by 3ft. high? They can be let out for exercise. Would Canary-wings, Blue-wings, or Paradise Parrakeets do?—D.B.V.

D.B.V.—In a cage of this size, I cannot advise you to include another pair with your Blossom-heads. These birds are very uncertain in their temper with other species, and are best kept separately, quite apart from the question of space, which in your case is fully occupied. Either of the birds you name make handsome cage or aviary pets. The Paradise is very beautiful and very rare. Write those advertising Australian birds in our columns, you might hear of a pair that way. Unless in a fairly large aviary, it is best not to mix the different species of Parrakeets, but to keep each bird in a separate cage, either singly or in pairs.

Sexing Red-faced Lovebirds.

(1) What is the difference of plumage of the sexes of African Red-faced Lovebirds? (2) Is the Red Comoro Finch, the Madagascar Fowdry Red Bird? What is the price of the Finch, does it keep in colour all the year round, and how must I feed it?—SAMMY.

Sammy.—(1) Outwardly the plumage of the sexes is similar, though that of the female is not quite so lustrous in most specimens I have examined. However, there is one unmistakable sign, the underside of the wings is black. (2) I do not know of a Comoro Finch apart from the Weaver (*Nesacanthis eminentissima*). It only retains the brilliant nuptial plumage during the breeding season. They leak through occasionally, but such are frequently sold as Madagascars, which it strongly resembles, but from which it may be readily distinguished by its olivaceous back and pale-brownish white abdomen and ventral region; all these parts in the Madagascar being scarlet. This species is mostly pugnacious in a mixed series. Its value is from 7/6 to 10/6.

Exhibition Birds for A.O.V.

A King Parrot always carries off 1st prize. What kind of bird can I purchase which would be most likely to beat it? Would the varied Lorikeet be a likely one?—"POLLY PURKISS."

Polly Purkiss.—This is a difficult question, so much depends on the leaning of the judge, brilliant plumage and fine condition with some judges counting far more than rarity; in point of fact, many of them, who judge all classes of birds in the smaller shows make their awards solely on the ground of brilliancy and fine condition, not being acquainted with what is rare. Among seed eaters, Crimson-wings, Many Colours, Stanley, and Yellow Collar Parrakeets should all stand a good chance. Lories and Lorrikeets mostly have to be fed on milk sop and ripe fruit, some species having a liking for seed as well. Varied, Crimson, Ceram, Forsten's, and Blue Mountain Lories should all stand a good chance. But they must be in fine condition, as a King for brilliancy, etc. When in condition takes some beating for striking appearance. Among the smaller birds, some species of Tanager or Sugar Bird would be the most likely to succeed; here are a few probable winners: Blue, and Yellow-wing Sugar Birds, Tri-colour, Maroon, Blue, Superb, and Scarlet Tanager. These all require soft food, ripe fruit and insects.

Wintering Foreign Birds.

I enclose sketch and particulars of my aviary. It contains 32 birds; is this too many? Will the following winter in it out of doors? Cockatiels, Nuns, Madagascars, Lovebirds, Weavers, Budgerigars, Javas, Quails, Zebra Finches and a few British Finches?—"NEWPORT."

Newport.—You have ample accommodation for 60 or 70 birds in your well-arranged aviary. There is, however, one fault with it, I note you say ends are wire netting, both these would be better boarded in, but it is essential that this be done with the one adjoining glass front portion, and it would be better if the front half of interior, and of glazed portion was also boarded in, thus making quite a snug shelter. With these slight alterations, and plenty of perches fixed in the most sheltered positions, all the birds you name would safely winter out of doors. There is little doubt they would do so with only the ends of the aviary enclosed, but the alterations as indicated above, would make them more comfortable. Put some nest boxes and logs in the centre gable of roof, many of the birds will shelter there. If you have the birds in true pairs, you should have good breeding results next year, but I must warn you that Budgerigars are dangerous company for Finches, and sooner or later you will find this out. The beautiful Gouldian Finch, if acclimatised, pairs are procured, or not turned out till next May, would safely winter in your really well-constructed aviary.

Sexing Saffron Finches, etc.

(1) I have got a pair of Saffrons, which I was assured were a true pair. The supposed female is smaller, with brown upper surface, under parts lighter; throat, creamy; abdomen, white. Is this a female Saffron? (2) Spice Birds, my supposed pair both sing or gurgle. Are they two cocks? (3) Waxbills: Red bill and eye streak; brown above, and fawn below, with rosy tinge. Are these Common or Grey Waxbills? What are St. Helenas like? (4) Hen Zebra Finch, has overgrown lower mandible, it has been cut, but is as bad as ever again. What can be done with it?—"IRISH TYRO."

Irish Tyro (1) The adult female Saffron Finch is similar to the male, but her hues are not so rich, and the saffron yellow patch on the forehead is smaller in area, and not so rich in colour. The description you give is very near that of the nestling, but even with these, their plumage is washed in parts with olive and yellowish greens. If it is not an immature Saffron, which I strongly expect it to be, it is some totally distinct species; possibly a female White-throated Finch. (2) If both your birds swell their throats as they gurgle, they are both males. They very seldom attempt to breed even when in true pairs, yet the past two years they have inter-bred with the Bengalese on several occasions, producing very handsome hybrids. (3) Yes, it is a Common or Grey Waxbill. The St. Helena is very similar in colour to the Grey, but is a longer bird, with quite a long tail in comparison to the above; the grey of its plumage is more earthy in colours, and the narrow undulating lines of same more sharply defined; the rosy line on its underparts is also more intense in colour. (4) Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and possibly after a time the bird may take to grind its beak away on this, but in a natural branch as well as the ordinary straight ones, and possibly the bird may exercise its bill on these; small lumps of old mortar rubbish would also be probably used for the same purpose. Other than this you can only have it trimmed as required, but the above treatment should ultimately effect a cure.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

M. W. Cott.—S. sells a pair of birds to C for £2, on credit till July and on approval for three days. The day following this arrival C writes to S saying the birds are not so good as they ought to be. S. replies that they were bred from some of the finest stock in the fancy. C. waits for some weeks before he returns them. S. then sends them back again to C. and threatens to sue C. for the money. At the time of the sale C. was under 21. C. wants to know if he has any defence? Yes; he has two defences.—(1) C. being under 21 the sale is one that cannot be enforced, on the ground of infancy; (2) C. on the facts, cannot repudiate the contract, as he ought to have returned the birds within three days. But if S. represented the birds as being of certain quality, and in fact they were not of that quality, C. can get the contract cancelled on the ground of S.'s misrepresentation. In any event S. cannot recover, since C. was an infant.

Anxious.—A. and B. show certain birds in partnership under their combined names. The points awarded to their birds are counted as though the birds are entered in one name, and A. and B. thus get the prize. C., the runner-up, protests against the award, and the Committee of the Show split the points given to the birds of A. and B. into individual parts, and in this way the runner-up gets the prize. A. and B. want to know if the committee can do this? It depends upon the conditions and regulations of the show. Unless the conditions empower the committee to do this, A. and B. can sue them for the prize.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (R. Dashach).—This bird, and possibly your other six, died of "Bird Fever." Instructions for disinfection of surroundings and isolation of any healthy-looking stock have frequently been given.

Canary (Mr. D. Lockwood).—Death was caused by anæmic condition of liver, lungs, and body generally. I think you must be mistaken in saying this was singing lustily yesterday." Only 1/- worth of stamps came to hand. Kindly remit balance (6d.).

"Little Blue Foreign Bird" (M.E.L.).—Chronic enlargement and softening of liver, then acute inflammation of that organ, extending to lungs. It is thought that the amount of exercise was not in balance with the food eaten, perhaps the cages were too small. Their names are "Cordon-bleus."

Linnet Mule (Cantab.).—Although only a young bird the liver was much diseased, resembling putty in colour and substance. It is suggested that the food has been unsuitable; perhaps a daily supply of green food would mend matters.

Canary (Mrs. A. S. Williams).—Enlargement and fatty degeneration of liver, possibly through eating the rich food prepared for insectivorous foreign birds. It would seem better to keep Canaries apart in cages.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Particulars Wanted (T.A.S.B.).—We know nothing for or against the man named.

Date Fixed (J. T. CARRICK).—The star was omitted by our printers after we had passed the page for press. However, it will be all right this week, I think. Glad to hear you are getting on so nicely and trust you will continue to do so.

Indian Parrot (Anxious).—This is not a matter on which we can very well advise you. No one, of course, can say whether or not a Parrot is going to talk on some date in the future. You must exercise your own judgment.

Query (A Reader of C.B.).—See Rule 8 under "Questions and Answers."

A Suggestion (T. Bishop).—Your suggestion is a good one, but we have not the space at our disposal to carry it out, unfortunately. It would be a very simple matter, we fancy, for members of specialist clubs to ascertain what shows these specials are offered at. If secretaries of specialist clubs only send us a complete list of fixtures patronised by them, we are always pleased to publish same free of cost



THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. AND ITS PATRONAGE.

SIR,—I think some better arrangement than allotting two shows for one week could have been come to. Fancy having to send our birds to Plymouth on the 21st at the show on the 22nd and 23rd of October, back to London, and be on the benches at Battersea on the 24th and 25th. I, for one, would sooner keep my birds at home. One show a week is all right, but after a long journey two, Oh no! What do other Yorkshire exhibitors say?

YORKIE STOCKWELL.

A STRANGE VISITANT.

SIR,—I had notice of a strange bird being seen near here, Dalkeith, but I have failed to get a sight of it. Unfortunately my informants have little knowledge of birds, but they drew a very accurate word picture of a Rose Pastor. Would the three Edinburgh gentlemen who studied it so well near Millerhill, on the 6th inst., say if they recognised the species, or has anyone lost one from their aviary. I can hardly think it is on a pilgrimage, but I have no doubt there will be stranger species on the British bench this coming season. Hoopoes and Orioles will be booming.

J. STEEL.

TEACHING BULLFINCHES TO PIPE.

SIR,—The so-called Piping Bullfinch is not, as some of the uninitiated appear to think, simply a bird that freely whistles his natural and curious chuckling song, but a bird that has been educated by artificial means to perform a given arrangement of musical notes. As a rule the performance consists of a few bars of some popular song or ballad, or a dance tune. Now I have so often heard folk express their intention of teaching, or having taught an old bird, that it is obvious much ignorance yet prevails about the matter. To attempt to teach a bird over a year old is almost waste of time, although I would not say one would never succeed under such circumstances, yet the proportion of successes would be so very insignificant as scarcely to count as such. One must have young birds to work upon; if not from the nest direct, they should at least be well under tuition before their first moult, and during the moult. And at each subsequent moult after their lessons are complete, the tuition should be repeated at intervals whilst they are off song, otherwise the probability is that they will commence singing again in their natural notes, and forget all about their acquired melody, or so jumble and mix it up as to make it worse than if they dropped it entirely. Next to a man or boy possessed with a sharp piercing whistle, a flute is about the best instrument to teach them with. But the greatest requirement of all is a real bull-dog tenacity to the purpose in hand, and—Patience! Patience!! Patience!!!

R. BROWN.

THE VALUE OF THE BANANA AND THE PLANTAIN.

A Recommendation of Fruit.

SIR,—As a food for the general stock of small birds the now common banana is not nearly sufficiently appreciated. I say food advisedly because it can be utilised as such, and many small seed-eating birds, and softbills, too, when out of condition or off feed, will practically live upon banana when nothing else will tempt them to eat. As a fruit to be given as a tit-bit it has long been recognised, but it might with advantage be used far more freely and liberally. It is so generally appreciated that almost any bird that will eat fruit of any kind, or green stuff, seems to prefer it to anything else. Yet some Parrots will not touch it, although we often see it advised for these birds in preference to other fruit. But of course, that may be a matter of individual taste. Anyway, let those who are moulting groups of British birds in flight cages try the effect of a daily supply all through the moult and note the effect. Cut one down the centre lengthwise and fix the halves in such a position that the birds cannot turn them over in clearing out the pulp. The association of ideas naturally brings to mind the plantain in writing of the banana. But it is not the plantain fruit I write about here, though it serves to remind me of the humble and common weed whose seed stalks are popularly known as "rats'-tails." These can now be gathered in prime condition for using the half-ripe state in place of green food by selecting the most forward of the spikes. Many of them are still nothing but spikes of blossom, and of no value for the bird's consumption, but it is quite easy to select only those in which the seed is fully formed by noticing how these spikes have solid-looking ovules in place of the comparatively fluffy and powdery look of those which are still in bloom. If there is any doubt about their condition pinch off a few ovules and burst them between the thumb and finger. The plump green seeds will be unmistakable when the stalks are fit for use.

BLUE TIT.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—The committee have granted the Club's support to the following societies: £21 Challenge Cup Competition—Manchester, Windhill, Sheffield, Derby, L.C.B.A. Bradford (West), Huddersfield, Scottish National, Brighouse, and Crystal Palace. Ramsden Cup and Money Specials—Halifax, Great Harwood, Southend-on-Sea, Newcastle, Sandy Lane (Yorks.), Shipley, Dewsbury, Laisterdyke, Great Horton, and Crystal Palace. Competition for members outside Yorkshire, hitherto known as Taylor's Cup—Accrington, Preston, West Hartlepool, Rochdale. Good Intent, Gateshead, Glasgow, Winnhledon, Bristol (Cage Birds), Crook, and Crystal Palace. Any member having changed his address please notify the Secretary for correction in Handbook.

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WATER AND BATHING.

SIR,—Although we have had no really hot weather worth speaking of yet, it is best to see that the drinking vessels are kept as scrupulously clean as though the weather was quite sultry. Appearances are often deceptive, and though we are not overpowered with heat, it is often close and muggy, so that the water standing in small vessels is just as apt to become foul and noisome as it would under more sultry conditions. Bathing also should be frequently allowed, except in such cases as very hare and apparently delicate specimens, who always seem to be troubled with cold after a good plunge. Such birds should always be given bathing water which has been allowed to stand in the sun a short time until it is brought to something like the temperature of the room. There is no reason to doubt that a cold douche may effect individual birds as differently as it does the individual human.

AQUA PURA.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE KINGFISHER.

SIR—Recently there has been some considerable correspondence in the "Scotsman" on the Kingfisher, and one of the letters was most interesting in it. The writer said "the whole subject of the migration of birds is beset with difficulties, though much has recently been discovered by observations carried on systematically at lighthouses. As far as I am aware, however, no Kingfishers have been observed by lighthouse keepers, and I scarcely think these birds migrate, though they undoubtedly shift their quarters to more congenial resorts for breeding purposes or in quest of food. Having lived for over thirty years on the banks of the Braid Burn, where I have carefully studied the habits of the Kingfisher, my observations may not be uninteresting to your readers. During the long period mentioned, I have never known Kingfishers stay with us during summer till the present year, when I have frequently seen them during the last few weeks in the policies of The Inch. I used to attribute their departure on the approach of the nesting season to their shyness to breed in such a comparatively thickly-populated district, though I have always been aware of their rearing their young within half-a-dozen miles. Why they should have remained this year is one of those mysteries in nature upon which we can only speculate. Whether or not they migrate in severe weather I am not prepared to state. This, however, I do know that after hard winters with long-continued frost, such as in 1880 and 1895, they were not seen for several seasons thereafter, and I am inclined to think they succumbed in large numbers to the severity of the weather. I have been strengthened in this conclusion by a record in your columns that in the winter of 1895 a Kingfisher was found frozen to the ice in a brook. About the same time I had ocular demonstration practically corroborating this. Walking up the side of the Braid Burn near Peffermill, I noticed the brilliant hues of a Kingfisher as it flew out of the bank. It laboured in its flight, and only went a short distance, when it again settled in the bank. Keeping back from the brook, I proceeded to the place where it had alighted and looked over, when it took wing a second time. Being close to it, I observed that its feet were encased in balls of ice about the size of walnuts. As it was only able to fly a short distance, I went up to it, when it fluttered into the stream, and I there secured it. From having to enter the water for their prey, in winter their dripping feet quickly become encased in ice. As in hard weather it is only possible for them to alight either on snow, on ice, or in water, it is easy to see how the ice around their feet would quickly accumulate and bring about a lingering death.

R. BROWN.

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ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT OF LLANDILO SHOW.

SIR—I am very pleased to see a letter from Mr. Owen Jones at last, and now that we know that he is alive, I should like to ask him the reason why, after collecting the bottle of whiskey (which was the special withheld), he did not send it on? Did he think it would mature by keeping it, or did it evaporate through the cork being drawn? At the same time he might tell us how long it takes a bottle of whiskey to mature properly?

J. W. NORRIS.

REMINISCENCES OF BIRD-CATCHING IN BOYHOOD DAYS.

SIR,—I may add to my letter of last week that whenever I went out I always carried what caged songsters I could find room for, as some birds will not sing unless they have been used to being carried on a person's back in a pack bag, and are used to seeing grass on the ground. As soon as I had any young cock Mules, eight weeks old, I took one or more out to early learn them the wild finch song. My Mules had some of the Brown Linnet's song, but this I considered an improvement. When in the house they were kept only in the company of British birds, my Canaries having a room to themselves.

J. H. VERRALL.

NOTES ON A SHY BIRD.

SIR,—The Flycatcher is generally considered a very shy bird, but yet it is not when it is in a place where it knows its visitors. The other day I had the opportunity of watching the movements of a pair of Flycatchers. The birds are practically the last of the migrants, and their appearance this season was unusually late, owing to the unusual weather. The Flycatcher does not look a fragile bird, but if he exposes himself to the cold rains or frosts he takes a complaint that is as rapid in its deadly development as pneumonia. Watch him on a piece of wood that is supporting a flower, or a tree, and you will see him under favourable conditions—that is when the sun is shining, for the brighter the sun the more numerous the flies. Much living food comes his way; and his appetite is not measured by an army of flies. But, however occupied he is, he darts away at any sharp sound or the approach of footsteps. It is under the weight of domestic responsibility that he loses his shyness and becomes bold. His wife's disposition changes too. Near my home a pair of Flycatchers had built their nest—not by any means an elegant structure—in the firing-hole of a greenhouse. Here they found much comfort, if little food, during the heavy rains. Four eggs were laid, but an observer of bird life considerately removed two, because in other years he had found that the parent birds seldom sustained four offspring. The eggs were hatched, and soon two lusty youngsters with open mouths showed that they were hungry. Unconcerned at the presence of the gardener in the house, the parents brought them food. This was rather remarkable, as the gardener had only to put out his hand to catch them when the door was closed. The youngsters thrived rapidly, and with their progress the timidity of the parents returned. The picture of the babies was worth preserving, and I determined to turn the camera on the nest. The marked attention paid them was disconcerting to the parents, and I had not an opportunity of carrying out my design for the youngsters were strong enough to take wing. The parents flew up to the glass several times, and it must have occurred to the nestlings to try their strength. They did so and reached the bottom of the garden without any mishap.

J. B. DEAN.

A LONDONER'S VISIT TO THE FENS.

SIR,—During the Whitsun holidays a London naturalist visited some friends in this district; his object was egg-collecting. He was brought to me by his friend, an editor of the local paper, and the name he was introduced to me by fairly astonished me. The joke was kept up for some time, until he saw my wild birds, and by a slight slip I nailed him, and found out he was not the great naturalist, or his brother, both of whom have done so much for Nature's Notes, and published several most useful works. After a long chat he stated his object. He wanted to get together a good collection of wild bird's eggs, and he wanted not only the eggs, but to study the birds' nests and habits. I soon thought over a few plans and got the necessary permit to explore some noted woods, and got two youthful guides; both of these boys were expert climbers, for I much doubted my friend's agility in that direction. The first day, with his friend, and without any guides, he explored a real good wood, without finding a single nest, or obtaining an egg of any description. On the next day they explored another wood, much noted as good fox cover; eggs of the larger birds were found in plenty, besides young. How many were taken and how many were left, I shall leave, as the Acts might come in, for the birds were scheduled. In this wood fifteen Jay's eggs were found, besides several nests with young. Most of these eggs had been hard sat upon. This I must say is a record for Jays in one small wood in this part. Two nests of Sparrow Hawks, I believe, were found, but no eggs. The birds were seen at each nest. The eggs may have been taken, or it might have been a few days too soon. Eighteen eggs of the Kestrel Hawk were obtained, but not all taken, besides several other nests, three, I think, with young in them. These were left. Two Carrion Crows' nests were found with young in them, and five Magpies' nests with eggs and young. Most of the eggs were hard sat upon, and proved useless for blowing. Three nests of the Little Owl were found with eggs in, these were also too far gone. Three nests of the Long-Eared Owl with young were discovered. This is rather a large order for one wood. As a rule these birds nest early. I have known of several young ones full grown at Whitsuntide, and fine birds they were. Several nests of the Green Woodpecker were found but the eggs, if any, could not be "got at," the holes being too small, and a chopper did not improve matters. After much labour two nests of the Jackdaw were found, and these eggs were far advanced. No Thrush's or Blackbird's eggs or young were discovered. These birds built early, and the first broods were all out. The Nightingale was both seen and heard, but no nests were found, although most careful search was made for them. Only one Cock Blackcap was seen. A Longtailed Tit's nest was found; it was made most beautifully but there were no eggs in it. The nest had most probably been forsaken, for on the outskirts of the wood two more nests were found, one with two eggs and the other with three. One of the nests had a plank leading to it, as if the nest had been previously visited, and the eggs taken. What a very handsome egg these birds lay? He did not get many "Coots" near the town. I believe there were several pairs breeding a few miles out in the Fens, from the description given me of them, but still they are all known as "Moor Hens." This was not a bad day's work for Whit Monday, considering how wet it was part of the day. Another day three nests of the Little Owl were located, but as the nests were too low down in the trees the results could not be recorded. But judging from the mess outside the trees, I have no doubt there were young. Then, a few days later two youthful friends tried these nests again with a piece of string and a stocking, but the Owls would not take hold, neither young or old. On the Wednesday two fine eggs of the Red-Backed Shrike were found in a field near the town. These eggs were found by a small boy and brought to me to identify, which I could not at first, as I had my doubts of the Butcher Bird being so close to the town. The boys were quite positive they were Shrikes' eggs, as they had seen the old birds. I found out soon after the boys were right, which shows how smart they are in this district. Several Wagtails' nests were found, but none with young in them. During all the week's ramble, the London naturalist could not get a Hedge Sparrow's egg. These birds, I know, built very early. Several nests of the Yellowhammer were got, also the Reed Bunting's. No doubt choicer eggs might have been obtained if the wet had not put him off going into the old Turf Fen, which is quite a wilderness for both birds and moths. So pleased and delighted was he with his first visit to these Fens, that he intends to have another holiday here. Several Chat's nests with eggs were found, but no Wren's, Swallow's, Martin's, or Swift's eggs, which he was most anxious to obtain. Not a Cuckoo's egg was found. I have been asked by him to get him a pair. This paper may be interesting to those who collect eggs, or wants a good country holiday during the spring months.

T. H. KINCH.

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STANDARD SHOW-CAGE FOR GREEN CANARIES.

SIR,—At the Green Canary Association's meeting held July 25th, Mr. Metcalfe in the chair, the question of standard show cages came up and it was decided that the Yorkshire show cage be the usual pattern, with straight bars only, no bars at end like this A allowed. The Norwich show cage is to be size 12 by 11½ by 5 (¼in. expansion allowed); perches, ¾in. square with the edges taken off. Distance between perches 3 inches back and front. Pattern, straight and flat. Colour: The paint for inside cages to be purchased through the club and supplied by Mr. A. Thompson (Liverpool). The uniform show cages are to come into force at the commencement of Show Season 1907.

S. HARWIN (Sec.).

HEATING APPARATUS REQUIRED.

SIR,—Could any of the numerous readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, give me an idea as to what would be the best means, and what apparatus I should require to heat a birdroom 15ft. x 8 x 10. There is a gas jet, but no fire place in the room, and it faces direct North, the scullery immediately underneath, has no fireplace, so that I can't depend on any warmth whatever from below. If any reader could give me particulars of any means, either used or devised by themselves, which has proved successful (without giving any trouble re fumes) I should feel very grateful to them!

CLAUDE COWPER.

WHOLESALE DEATHS THROUGH DRINKING WATER.

Sad Loss of 110 Canaries.

SIR,—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS for years, could any fancier tell me the cause of my birds drinking a lot of water, and then dying off within twenty-four hours. The water passes through the bowels as fast as they drink it, making the bottom of the cages very wet. This is my second attempt to keep Canaries, and I have lost them all both times, losing seventy Canaries the first time, and now forty again. I cleared all cages out the first time, and had a new lot for the second lot, and now all dead again; thinking of giving up the fancy unless I can find out the cause of it. I feed on rape and Canary seed, and keep them in one room by themselves, facing south-west. Should be much obliged if any reader of "C.B." could tell me the cause of the disasters.

T. BOOKER.

THE COMING OF THE CROSSBILLS.

SIR,—The following account of the coming of the Crossbills is quoted in "Woodlanders and Field Folk," by John Watson, a book just published by T. Fisher Unwin. Mr. Watson does not say where he gets it from, but if true it is very interesting. "The yeere 1593 was a greate and exceeding yeere of apples; and there was greate plenty of strange birds, that shewed themselves at the time the apples were full rype, who fedde uppon the kernells onely of those apples, and havinge a bill with one beake wrythinge over the other, which would presently bore a great hole in one of the apples and make way to the kernells. They were of the bignesse of a Bullfinch; the benne right like the henne of the Bullfinch in colour; the cocke a very glorious bird, in a manner all redde or yellowe on the brest, backe, and head. The oldest man living never heard or readc of any such like bird; and the thing most to bee noted was that it seemed they came out of some country not inhabited, for that they at the first would abide shooting at them either with pellet, bowe, or other engine, and not remove till they were stricken down; moreover they would abide the throwing at them with apples. They came when the apples were full rype, and went away when the apples were clean fallen. They were good meat."

DYDDGU HAMILTON.

WHITE SWALLOWS REPORTED BREEDING NEAR GLOUCESTER.

SIR,—The West of England seems favoured with rare birds this season. Two white Swallows are now reported, curiously enough in a letter to the "Scotsman," which reads as follows:—"I have a letter dated August 2 giving authentic information of two white Swallows which are at present building in a shed at Brentlands, Brookthorpe, Gloucester. The writer mentions that this is causing quite an excitement in the village. Will some of your ornithological readers say if they know of other cases of white Swallows, or if this is unique in their experience? G.M." This letter was replied in the following terms by R.M.: In a room I know there hangs a very good specimen of a pure white Swallow. Hatched in a stable now a good many years since, at the 'fit o' the toon,' this one of the brood was wholly white, while its congeners were only slightly tending that way. The writer remembers the awful pucker all the Swallows in the place were in when it first took flight. Certes, so 'ken speckle' was it that, whether doomed by gun or hawk, it never would have reached sunny lands. It seemed quite bewildered by the rapturous attention paid to it, and alighting exhausted on a post-head, a small 'sparrow hail' pellet ended its seemingly like to be chequered life." If the above account has any foundation in fact, I shall hope to see the result of the mating of the two white Swallows recorded in the Press. BATH BUN.

IS THE HOOPOE A BRITISH BIRD?

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS that a "Hoopoe" was awarded special prize for best bird in a recent exhibition, also that it was shown in A.O.V. British Soft Billed class and awarded first prize. Now is the "Hoopoe" a British bird, or is it on the list of the British Bird and Mule Club? I am under the impression it is a foreign bird. I should be pleased if any of your readers could inform me of same.

R. BOND.

BURTON-ON-TRENT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—Referring to the announcement in your "Twitterings" column last week, in which it was stated that the Burton-on-Trent Fanciers Society intend to hold their annual open show on November 23rd, next, I shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly make it known through your valuable paper that the Burton-on-Trent Cage Bird Society is a distinct Society, and in no way connected with the Burton-on-Trent Fanciers Society.

W. A. COOKE (Hon. Sec.).

A COCKNEY HOLIDAY IN CUMBERLAND.

SIR,—It has again been my pleasure to spend my holidays on the west coast of Cumberland (Workington), and a splendid change it has been from London. You can look away westward to a vast expanse of sea, and if the sky is clear, you can at points see the mountain-sides, with their little white-washed cottages, over the Solway Firth in Bonnie Scotland. Away to the south-west you can see the Isle of Man from end to end, and may perhaps get a glimpse of Ireland, while looking east, you can see the Cumberland mountains, or fells. A friend with me pointed out Skiddaw, Thirlmere, and Helvellyn. Now this year it was my intention to alter my programme slightly, so before leaving London I took down from my bookcase CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and turning through its pages I found the addresses of half-a-dozen canary fanciers who reside in the Wokington district, and subsequently called upon them. I found them all true fanciers and ever ready to shake a brother fancier by the hand. Some of them had a very poor season in breeding, but quality was very good. One of the pleasures of my trip was to visit Mr. Robertson, of Belgian fame, at Harrington. The distance I had got to travel was about three miles, and I have not forgotten that journey yet. Some of the hills were so steep it made one wonder if we should succeed in reaching our goal, but at last we arrived there and found friend Robertson at home. As soon as I told him I was a fancier I was welcome, and I was asked into his bird room. I wish the readers of "C.B." could see that room; I have been in many rooms, but never in one like that, everything spick and span. On the mantel-shelf, under a glass case, were cups and medals, by the side of this was a shelf full of books, all touching on birdy matters, also a couch, which denoted to me that it was a pleasure for him to sit and watch the birds in the cages round the room. He had not bred a large quantity of young ones, but I am sure we shall hear of them before the season is out, for he had some good ones there. He ran several into show-cages for me to look at, pointing out the various points, good and bad, of a Belgian. I was also shown the cock bird which was depicted on the front page of CAGE BIRDS a short time ago, a noted winner. On looking at my watch I was surprised how quickly the time had flown away, so I shook hands with Mr. Robertson, each wishing the other a successful show season. I also visited Mr. Wilson, and found him amongst his birds; and oh, what a grand sight it was to see them—quite a show in themselves. Mr. Wilson has Norwich and Borders. I was shown many gems of the first water, which no doubt we shall hear of on the bench, especially a grand buff cock, which I liked much. I also visited Mr. Poole, and we were soon amongst his birds, which consist of Borders and Scotch Fancies; a very nice lot. Mr. Lewthwaite was also at home, and on looking through his stock you could pick out some grand ones. A nice Mule was also to be seen in his room. Mr. Furniss and partner have a nice lot of birds in their room consisting of Norwich, Cinnamons, Mules, and British, and no doubt some of them will be on the benches ere long. Linnets and Goldies are well known to them; they pointed out to me the various haunts of these birds on our ramble over the country roads. I also went in Mr. Charnock's room; he has some good Norwich and Borders. In the Norwich we could pick out several useful stock birds. I noticed this fancier believed in green blood in the breeding-room. I'm sure the memory of my visits will long remain with me, and that we may have the pleasure of meeting again is my wish. I also in my daily rambles saw many wild birds. The various Sea-gulls on the shore and in the fields, and I wondered how many different kinds there are. I also saw the Stonechat, and the lovely Kingfisher perched on a branch over the silvery river, no doubt waiting for some small fry to come along. Then, too, I found the wild seeds, such as shepherd's purse, rat's tails, etc., were plentiful, and I secured two large bundles to bring home with me. Now, sir, I am afraid I've allowed my mind and pen to run away with me, but I thought a few lines on my journeyings might refresh some poor town or city fanciers' memory of the time when he also rambled the country lanes.—W. REYNOLDS.

Several Letters Held Over.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

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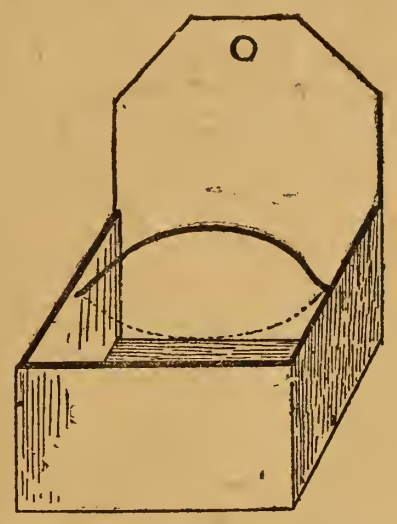
Any of the following recently received may be used at some future time. Ideas sent by T. Oates (Oldham), J. P. Reed (St. Blazey), J. Vaughan (Kington), H. W. Warren (Grantham), J. Cooke (Worldham), Jas. V. Sullivan (Stockport), H. D. Potter (Norwich), V. Freeman (Northampton), Wm. Hartsee (Dumbarton), P. H. Harris (London), Miss K. Fitzmaurice (New Ross), W. H. C. Wythe (Manor Park, etc., etc.

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TO CIRCUMVENT SWEATING HENS.

Sent by G. Foreman, 5, Limes Terrace, High Street, Crayford, Kent.

Enclosed is a sketch of an arrangment I have successfully used this season in dealing with sweating hens. It is simply a piece of bird-cage wire lightly curved and fixed in the top of the nest box, the curved



To Circumvent Sweating Hens.

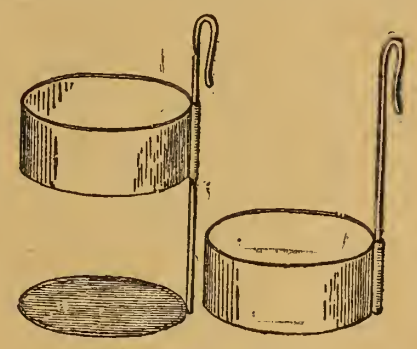
part being turned upwards during the day, and down at night, as shewn by dotted lines in the sketch. The wire keeps the hen up and enables the young to get their heads up round the hen, when she will feed them while sitting on them. The cock can also feed them while the hen is on. I have saved two nests this season in this way from a bad sweater. G. FOREMAN.

No. 128.

NOVEL EGG-FOOD, ETC., HOLDER.

Sent by F. Carver, 1, Bloomfield Place, Holborn Street, Woodhouse Street, Leeds.

The enclosed sketch represents an egg-food holder which can be easily cleaned, owing to the top part sliding up, leaving



A Novel Egg Trough.

everywhere easily got at, and no corners for the food to lodge in and go sour. I use mine to hang on the wires inside the cage. They can be made any size to suit requirements by any fancier handy with the soldering iron; or any tinman will turn them out for a few coppers each.

F. CARVER.

Wearing the Trousers?

A Wren built her nest in a box on a New Jersey farm, and the occupants of the farmhouse saw, according to a daily contemporary, the mother teaching her young to sing. She sat in front of them and sang her whole song very distinctly. One of the young attempted to imitate her. After proceeding through a few notes its voice broke, and it lost the tune. The mother recommenced where the young one had failed, and went very distinctly through with the remainder. The young bird made a second attempt, commencing where it had ceased before, and continuing the song as long as it was able, and when the notes were again lost the mother began again where she had stopped and completed it.

SOME SOUTH AFRICAN EXHIBITION BIRDS.

By A. K. HAAGNER, F.Z.S., ETC.

[Reprinted from the *South African Poultry Journal and Kennel Gazette.*]

It is my privilege to contribute a short sketch on those South African Cage Birds which might aptly be termed "Show Birds," i.e., birds kept merely for the sake of their showy appearance and bright colours. Of these latter South Africa possesses a large and varied assortment, some of which are, however, scarcely adapted to a life of confinement.

The Weaver Birds.

I will take the Weaver birds (family *Ploceidæ*) as our first group. Amongst the Weavers proper (*Ploceidæ*), we have those superbly plumaged birds known as "Bishops." The Orange or Red Bishop (*Pyromelana oryx*) is too well known in its gaudy garb of vivid orange, scarlet, and black, to need any further description. The females of all the species are dull-coloured, brownish birds. The Red Bishop nests in colonies amongst the reed beds, attaching its neatly-woven structure of reed-strips to two or three reeds and lays three or four beautiful blue-green eggs. A colony of these Weavers, with some 40—100 males in full dress affords a lovely sight as the latter flit about in the sunshine with their feathers puffed out, giving to the scarlet a magnificent intensity of tone. These birds range from Northern Cape Colony northwards, being very common in parts of the Orange River Colony and Transvaal.

The Yellow or Cape (*Pyromelana capensis*) and the Taha or Golden (*Pyromelana taha*) are not so common and are much more "locally" distributed over the country. In the central Transvaal, the Golden Bishop is fairly common and nests among rank weeds, laying five or six white eggs speckled by blackish-brown dots. It is an exceedingly brightly-plumaged bird, in its fiery golden-yellow and pitch-black. All these birds change their gaudy attire in the winter to a sombre drabbish-brown—more in keeping with the changed landscape of our winter season. They live fairly well in an aviary, but are exceedingly pugnacious and quarrelsome birds.

The Popular Whydahs.

The next sub-family—the *Viduinæ*—also contains many universal favourites. First, of course, comes the well-known "Sakabula" or Kaffir King, is perhaps better known to a section of the populace as the "Long-tailed Fink" (*Coliopasser procne*). The male, in its showy attire of glossy black, orange epaulettes, and long, heavy tail of black feathers, is also too well-known to need any reference to it at length. There is another and rarer species, the smaller red-collared Whydah (*Coliopasser ardens*).

The next species often seen in captivity is the little Pin-tailed Whydah (*Vidua principalis*)—the Koningrooibekje of the Boers. In its dress of black and white, long slender tail, and pink bill, it is a common enough sight during our summer, as it jerkily flits over some bed of rushes or grassy hollow.

Two other rarer species are the Paradise Whydah (*Vidua paradisea*), and the Shaft-tailed Whydah (*Vidua regia*) both of which are seldom seen in captivity in South Africa.

The Beautiful Waxbills.

The third and last sub-family of the *Ploceidæ*—the *Estrildina* or Waxbills—is a large one and contains many species well known to aviculturists the world over. Perhaps the loveliest bird in South Africa—at least so far as delicate colouring is concerned—is a member of this group—I refer to the exquisitely tinted Violet-eared Waxbill (*Estrilda granatina*), so much sought after by aviculturists in Great Britain. It is chestnut brown above, with the forehead, eyebrow and rump bright blue, throat black, sides of the face, ear-coverts and cheeks lilac. Besides its exquisite coloration to recommend it, both male and female possess quite a sweet, pleasant little song.

The Blue-breasted Waxbill (*Estrildina angolensis*), the Yellow-breasted (*E. clarkei*), Siree (*E. dufresnii*) and the Black-faced (*E. erythronota*) all make charming cage birds and brighten up an aviary considerably. They build domed nests, usually of grass, placed on the ground or in a low bush, and lay four or five white eggs.

The little bar-breasted Weaver Finch (*Ortygospiza polyzona*)—the "Tink-Tinkie" of the Boers—those little birds that spring up from all around you as you walk through an old land, and remind one so very forcibly of tiny Quails, is also getting into favour as a cage bird. They are not brightly plumaged birds but are prettily marked with alternate bars of blackish, russet-brown and white on the breast.

A prettily tinted species is the red-faced Weaver Finch (*Pytolia melba*), but it is not a common bird in South Africa. Next comes the Ruddy Waxbills, or Fire Finches as they are called, from the red colour predominating in their plumage. Birds of small size and sprightly ways, with a peculiar little tinkling song all their own, they are a very favourite cage bird. But my own experience of them in an aviary was not a happy one—they seemed very fragile, and refused to become hardened to captivity like most other Waxbills do. Yet I have heard of many cases amongst friends who have very successfully kept them.

(To be continued.)

My Experiences with the Yorkshire Canary.

By R. P. BROOME.

A Lecture delivered before the members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

The above was the title of a lecture given by Mr. R. P. Broome, late hon. soc. of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, before a goodly muster of friends and members of the above-named C.B.S. The lecturer dwelt at some length on different theories he had practised and seen practised by older fanciers than himself. The debate which followed was mostly confined between Mr. Crisp and the lecturer, and a few knotty problems were discussed to the great advantage of the members present.

In opening, Mr Broome said: It is with somewhat mingled feelings that I appear before you this evening to give you a few remarks on my experiences with Yorkshire Canaries. I have only been breeding Yorkshire's this last three years, therefore my experiences are for the most part akin to any other fancier as regards the actual breeding and rearing of the birds. What I propose this evening is to advance before you a few theories appertaining to the Yorkshire Fancy, theories that have been proved by myself, and also in a good many cases by older fanciers than myself. The old style fancier is fast dying out and there are to-day, taking his place, a class of enthusiasts, who I may say without in the slightest degree wishing to be disrespectful, is of a more intelligent stamp.

BREEDING FOR EXHIBITION.

My remarks will to-night lean towards the fancier who breeds for exhibition purposes, and as no doubt there are here present this evening other than Yorkshire fanciers, I have tried to make my remarks as broad as possible. The breeding of the exhibition Yorkshire is one continual struggle between the breeder and Nature, or in other words—evolution versus reversion, and like all varieties descending from a common ancestor, reversion plays the strongest part. To be a successful breeder one must use their intelligence to the utmost degree, and I would advise any novice going in for showing to specialise on one variety, only he will find as he goes on that he has all he can do in these days of keen competition to keep pace with his fellow competitors, and the more varieties he keeps the greater becomes his task and the greater outlay is required in purchasing fresh stock from time to time. The Yorkshire, as most of you are aware, is a descendant of the common wild Canary, and is to my mind one of the finest pieces of man's handiwork. It has passed through the various shapes of evolution until to-day it stands as one of the, if not the, most popular varieties of Canary. The two cardinal points in breeding show Yorkshires are opportunity and ability. With these, of course, goes perseverance and application. To the fancier who in the first instance has the opportunity of purchasing first-class stock that has passed through the elementary stages of evolution, half the battle is won. Some fanciers are lucky in having the material placed in their hands already paired, and which with one or two seasons breeding will take them right up top. This has been proved in London this last season and in more than one instance.

LUCK PLAYS ITS PART.

Another fancier perhaps paying the same or more money than the lucky one, does not achieve the same success. Why? Simply because his birds are perhaps a step or so behind in the process of evolution. Probably the same care has not been exercised in pairing them up, but still he may have the right stamp of bird, and by persevering, in a year or so longer may be on terms with his more successful competitor. In a good many cases the fault lies with the novice himself; he will persist in exercising his own judgment when not qualified to do so, he buys birds from here, there, and everywhere, he mixes them up, and like everything that is mixed up it takes time to disentangle and straighten out. The result of all this is that he often unknowingly puts two birds together that have been bred in opposite ways. Some of these novices won't be told. They know all about it. They practice their own theories often with ill success, and when they see fanciers of no longer standing than themselves, and with no better opportunities, getting on and reaping honours on the show bench, they become dissatisfied and often throw the fancy up in disgust. There is certainly one thing one must have to be successful, and this the right stamp of bird. No man has a room full of ideal birds; all birds have faults, and here is another trap the novice often falls into. He has good birds, but perhaps a few may have what I term technical faults, and most fanciers have their failing in this direction; to the novice the fault is often a horror, a bird is a little bit flat on the head, open in chest, a bit hookey.

KEENESS DESIRABLE.

Every time he sees the bird he takes a bigger dislike to it and finally sells it at a reduced figure than what he paid for it; sells it to a fancier who pairs it to just the right sort of mate, and who breeds a good young one or two off it. The seller, in his heart, was glad in the first place to foist it off on to the first comer, but now would like it back again at double the price realised, and this not only causes dissatisfaction, but often leads to a misunderstanding between the fanciers.

Fanciers to be successful should display the same keenness in their hobby as they do in their work, without of course allowing the one to interfere with the other. It is of no use thinking that in a year or so one will breed with a profit. Every good bird should be reserved and kept. Novices do not, as a rule, breed a superabundance of good birds the first few years.

THE REAL THING.

I come now to the most important part of my paper, and that is the birds themselves. I recommend every fancier to get the best he can procure or that his means will allow. By the best I mean the most typical, and by that of course what is usually termed show birds. Can anyone tell me the difference between stock and show birds? In my mind there is very little, if any. Is it feasible, is it likely, that a fancier having a good bird he has won with, allowing that bird to run over a breeding season without trying to get a decent youngster or two off it? If he only takes one nest off it, it becomes a stock bird at once, it has been used for the production of young. We are told by certain glib writers in the Press that stock birds are not show birds. That like does not produce like. Of course there are some birds that are no use for the bench but which are excellent stud birds; they may be a little heavy in build, or carry a slight excess of feather, but as a rule, and a general rule, a good show bird makes a good stock bird; of course, like any other bird, care must be taken to select a suitable partner for it. They say like does not produce like. All I ask is, what does it produce? One may match up a pair of barn door fowls in that case with the expectation of producing exhibition Yorkshires. It is all a question of degree. You would not expect all prize winners from prize winners. As I have mentioned previously, where evolution is taking place reversion is also, and nearly always in a greater degree, which accounts for the number of wasters bred, and which, I think, bears out my statement, the more perfect the parents the better the young ones from them, and the lesser proportion of wasters. It is also a question of average. Anyone can put up thirty or forty pairs of birds and may breed twenty good ones. To which is the greater credit due, to the man who puts up half the number of pairs and breeds as many good ones, or a man who puts up double the number with no better result? The question answers itself.

EVILS OF OVERLOADING.

One has by careful selection, studying the theory of evolution and the recurrence of eventualities which arise from time to time in different studs, found it unnecessary to put up a large number of birds to get a certain average, whereas another fancier has to keep putting up more pairs each year to keep pace with his fellow competitors. In time his birds become a burden to him and he throws up the fancy in disgust. There is too much sugar-coat pill business in the fancy to-day. The young novice when he sends away for a pair of birds, often shows his ignorance at once in writing his request, and this is often taken advantage of to the detriment of the fancy at large.

STRONG WORDS AND HARD KNOCKS.

Some there are who stand up and fire off a lecture which is printed in the Press. They say that an ideal stock bird is an ideal show bird. A little later they say, go to an experienced breeder, a man who breeds his winners, and send for a pair of stock birds. Don't ask for show birds, have stock birds. They so word their lecture that one reading between the lines can see the speaker is referring to himself. A little later on he brings in the like not producing the like bogey. Often he has an advertisement running concurrently in another part of the paper. The novice living apart from his fellow fanciers swallows the bait, having no one to advise him otherwise, and sends for a pair of birds price, perhaps, 50s., which, being a working man, he has had to scrape together in the best way he can. They come with a mile of pedigree on paper, he parts with his money, and is often landed with a pair of birds no more capable of breeding a winner than the fowls I previously mentioned. There are fanciers, genuine fanciers, who deal fair. I have been dealt fair with, and have been had. I should not say had, the better term to use would be valuation. It is simply the seller's valuation against the buyer's. The seller values them at so much, and the buyer so much. This is where ability steps in. Buy on sight. Never mind the pedigree. Educate yourself. Get to learn the right sort of bird as quickly as possible and so try to avoid these booby traps. It has cost me more, or as much, to get about at different shows, lectures, etc., as my birds and appliances, and I consider the money well spent. If I had my time over again I should adopt the same proceedure.

(To be continued.)

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SPORTING OFFER AT ONCE; SEE PAGE 89.

Familiar Foreign Cage Birds for Beginners.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

(Continued from page 63.)

Since I began to write this series of articles, I find there is already a work in existence, entitled "Foreign Birds for Amateur Aviaries" by Dr. W. T. Greene. It was published a good many years ago, and I have not seen it; but this is why I have this week changed the title of the present series. Of course, I did not know the first one had been thus utilised, or I should not have used it.

Most foreign birds which come over here are, on the whole, easy to feed; only one "soft-bill"—the Pekin Robin—is really abundant in the trade, and of the Finches the majority are more or less grass birds, finding their sustenance among the flourishing grasses of the Tropics. Hence the millet and canary seed with which they are supplied in captivity are really natural foods, which may explain to some extent why foreign Finches do so well in captivity. The very tiny birds mostly prefer millet, and, above all, they like to have it in the ear, the pleasure of picking it out being a great attraction.

Care should therefore be taken to supply as much of this natural food as possible; to keep it clean it is best to hang a bunch of it up, if in an indoor cage as much in the centre as possible to avoid scattering of husks and consequent domestic disturbance.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GREEN FOOD.

At the same time the birds do not live in the Tropics any more than here on dry seed alone, or even get much of it, for that matter; green grass seed and shoots must form their usual food, with the addition of insects.

Now, it so happens that green grass seed is very easy to supply; the small wayside grass which springs up and multiplies wherever it is not sedulously weeded out, especially by pathways, being the very thing. It should be pulled up, if possible, and given to the birds roots and all; if infested with aphides it is, of course, all the better. In some cases it may be some time before the birds take to it—having lived so long on seed they have lost the taste for their more natural diet, but, nevertheless, one should persevere in offering it until it is accepted It has the great advantage over most green food in that it does not go bad, but simply dries up, and then is handy for nesting material. In addition, the other green foods usually supplied to Canaries should be offered—lettuce, dandelion, chickweed, plantain, etc. For Parrakeets I should advise hawthorn buds and flowers, which are devoured with much relish by our Woodpigeons, as anyone may see in the London parks.

It is also well to sow oats and wheat, and when these are in the green ear, to offer them to the birds.

Besides canary and millet, paddy rice is an important food for foreign cage-birds, and it will be eaten even by species as small as Mannikins; white oats form a good substitute for it. Hemp and niga may be eaten by some foreigners, but, on the whole, they are remarkably constant to their preference for the seeds of the grasses, whether wild or cultivated.

This grass-haunting habit, by the way, should be borne in mind in selecting pot-plants for aviary flights; pampas grass or the dwarf bamboos will be found excellent for the latter, or, indeed, any plant with upright stems, as well as those which provide an abundance of laterally-projecting shoots.

To return to the subject of food previously dealt with, a good many hardy birds, such as Budgerigars, Javas, Mannikins, etc., will do well constantly on the seeds and green-foods indicated; but even these often need some assistance if they try to breed, and for many birds a certain amount of soft food is highly beneficial, if they can be got to eat it.

SUITABLE SOFT FOOD.

It may be taken for granted, that hardly any of the birds we get are purely vegetarian—not even Pigeons and Parrakeets—so that a little animalized soft food ought not to hurt anything. With seed-eaters, however, the difficulty is often to get them to eat soft food at all; a good plan to introduce it to their notice, is to mix their seed, or some chopped seeding grass with it, in the hopes that this will cultivate their taste.

Egg-food seems to suit foreign birds well, but it must be properly made; the hard-boiled egg should be passed through a fine sieve, or a piece of perforated zinc, and then well mixed up with crumbled biscuit. If dried flies and ants' eggs are available (they are not always easy to get in local shops) they should be added. People who are afraid of egg should use partridge meal, but I have found the old-fashioned food so satisfactory, that I prefer to stick to it. As a change from egg, bread-and-milk, made from stale bread and boiled milk, and not too sloppy, may be given.

Soft food is almost a necessity with Pekin Robins, but only a little need be given to the hard-billed birds, and this especially when newly-imported, breeding, or moulting, and in winter in outdoor aviaries.

THE SUPPLY OF LIVE FOOD.

No opportunity of supplying birds with insects should be lost; fresh ants' eggs are splendid for them, so are small well-scoured gentles and small meal worms. I am speaking especially of the Finches. A plan often recommended for providing insects for animals which eat of them, is that of making sweepings with a butterfly net among rough herbage, and turning loose the captures in the abode of their destined consumers. Spiders are likely to prove special favourites.

To get Finches on to food they are not used to, it is a good plan to keep a Pekin Robin, a Canary, or some such small harmless bird used to soft food along with them, so as to give them an example to follow. If the tutor is inclined to be too greedy, it may be shut off by a slide, and only given a jar of the tit-bits offered to the others in bulk.

I don't want to give beginners the idea that all foreigners must always have something besides seed—the Pekin being the only abundantly imported foreign softbill—but they are all the better for extras, just as Mr. Weston is often telling us about British Finches.

DRY FOOD FOR PEKINS.

As a matter of fact, Pekins themselves can be kept some time on dry food, though I do not advise this, especially for newly-imported specimens. I have known an unfortunate example kept for six months on ordinary packet seed, with a bit of egg and fruit about once a week, but I was not surprised to hear of its death. But plenty of Pekin Robins are brought to Calcutta from China on shelled millet and dried flies only, this being the usual food for softbills in that direction apparently.

The few Himalayan consignments that came down in my time were also, like most other Himalayan softbills, fed on the journey on raw rice—not paddy, but ordinary cooking rice. This I find is taken readily, and digested satisfactorily by Pekins over here, so that, what with this and dried flies, no one need be deterred from keeping Pekins if he is not able to give soft food every day, though as implied above, I don't recommend dispensing with it altogether, or even for long together.

FRUIT FOR FOREIGNERS.

Pekins will eat almost any soft fruit, and should have it regularly, and all foreigners should be encouraged to eat this wholesome article of food if they will do so. Of course, most Parrakeets will "make no bones" about it, but grass-feeding Parrakeets and Finches of similar tastes are not very likely to take to it. However, it is not so very long since a lady reader told us in CAGE BIRDS, how she had succeeded with the undoubtedly delicate Pintailed Nonpareils by giving them fruit, which they took well, so the experiment is always worth making.

In trying it, do not confine yourself to foreign fruit, such as orange and banana, which foreign birds don't necessarily see every day, but experiment with our English fruit, and especially with such berries as blackberry, privet, elder, and hawthorn, which our wild birds eat; these are quite as likely to win approval.

GRIT, CUTTLEFISH-BONE, ETC.

Cuttlefish bone is a most useful article for foreign birds; hardbills at any rate gnaw it with great satisfaction, procuring lime and keeping their bills in order at the same time. It should be securely fastened up, and put where it cannot be soiled by droppings.

Grit should not be forgotten; if the floor be sanded as usual the matter is simple, but if turf, or sawdust, be put down, a pinch or two must of course be given as an extra. There is sometimes danger in giving grit in unlimited quantities to birds which have been long without it, so that if they are observed to eat it very greedily, they should be got on to it by degrees. It is a curious fact, that, unnatural as the practice of withholding it is, birds will live long and look well without it; in the East it is never given except incidentally with sand to Larks and Partridges.

Rock salt is eaten by some foreign birds. It is possible, too, that earth may be beneficial to some species; I have heard of the Blue-winged Siva eating it in captivity, and have seen a Bulbul do it in India, while Bechstein says our Yellowhammer does so.

(To be continued.)

Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

It is a generally known fact amongst bird-lovers that many wild flowers of our country have seeds which form a large part of the food of our native birds. But although the seeds are easy to obtain when the birds have their liberty, this, of course, is not the case when they are kept in cages. The object of the following series of articles is, therefore, to describe the plants which have seeds (and in some cases leaves, etc., also) which are suitable for the diet of our feathered pets. It is hoped that after reading this series many bird-keepers will be enabled to take a "ramble" through fields and lanes and obtain some "dainty morsels" for their caged friends at home; it is certain they will be appreciated as a pleasant change from a monotonous diet of canary or similar dry seed. Further, many of our wild plants possess very valuable medicinal properties, and are, as is well known, largely used in compounding many of our most beneficial medicines.



Two Sprays of Chickweed.
Printed direct from nature, and showing flower-heads, shape of leaves, and seeds falling from bursting pods.

Without wasting more of the reader's time with introductory remarks, I will proceed to give descriptions of a few of our commonest suitable wild plants. When these descriptions have been carefully studied, it is the confident hope of the writer that little difficulty will be experienced by the bird-keeper in recognising the common and useful plants of our hedgerows and waysides.

Common Chickweed *(Stellaria media)*

Chickweed is an exceedingly common weed, and may be found in bloom almost the whole year round. It grows generally in waste places, in fields, and as a weed in gardens. There are several other common plants known to country-folk as "chickweed," but the following description will enable the species named above to be identified.

The common chickweed has egg-shaped leaves, which are destitute of hairs. The stems, however, which are weak and brittle, have alternate lines of hairs between each pair of leaves. This is one of the most useful points to note when trying to identify this species. The flowers are very small, white in colour, and are made up of five petals (flower leaves), which are so deeply cut up as to lend the appearance of there being ten.

As this plant is generally in bloom in nearly every month of the year, it follows naturally that its seed is nearly always obtainable, as are also its leaves and its tender young shoots. These are all valuable food for various cage-birds. The seeds will be eaten with great relish and



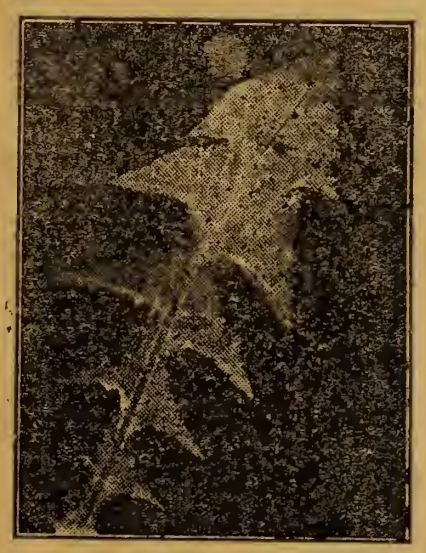
Dandelion.

enjoyment by such seed-eating and part seed-eating birds as Siskins, Bullfinches, Linnets, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Skylarks, and Wood-Larks, and, of course, a large number of others.

The young leaves and shoots form a very pleasant occasional change from such dry foods as seeds; moreover, they contain useful medicinal properties, and were at one time used both externally and internally for inflamation, etc.

Chickweed is recognised as one of the very best and safest of green foods by practically all keepers of birds, whether Canary, British, or Foreign. In its seeding stage it is particularly valuable. Almost all hens will feed their young freely upon it. Care should be taken never to gather it from the sides of dusty lanes, etc (i.e., covered with road dust). This caution, indeed, applies to all the wild weeds.

G.E.W.



Leaf of Dandelion.

Common Dandelion *(Taraxacum officinale.)*

Dandelion is another very plentiful wild plant, being almost, if not quite, as abundant as the common chickweed just described. There are large numbers of plants with yellow flowers somewhat similar to those of the dandelion, and which are commonly called by the latter name by those who are ignorant of Botany. The plant in question, however, is not at all difficult to identify. Dandelion has no leaves on its stems (as have several similar species), but they all grow from the very base of the plant—quite flat on the ground in many cases.



(1) Single floret from head of Dandelion, showing fruit (or seed) at base.
(2) Developed seed.
(3) Single floret from head of Thistle, showing fruit (or seed) at base.
(4) Developed seed.

The flower-stalks are hollow, and when they are broken a milky juice, or sap, flows out freely. The flower-heads are placed one only on each stalk—this is another feature which will help to identify this particular plant. The leaves and stalks are practically free from hairs, the latter (stalks) being quite smooth and glossy.



Sow (or Milk) Thistle.
NOTE.—This is not the true Milk Thistle, which is not an indigenous species.

The heads, when the seed is ripe, become globular masses of silky hairs, which children love to call "One o'clocks" or "What's o'clocks." At the base of these hairs the seeds will be found, and they may be easily gathered for our cage-birds' diet. Most seed-eating birds will always be delighted with a meal of dandelion-seed.

The leaves and tender shoots of this plant also are valuable "green-food." There is a long, thick blackish root. Various parts of the Dandelion have for many years been used remedially for diseases of the liver and kidneys.

Dandelion is best known as a "conditioner" of birds for breeding purposes. Nothing is more valuable for bringing one's breeding stock up to the necessary high pitch of condition. It is relished by nearly all the seed-eaters, and especially by Goldfinches and other Muling Finches. It appears to exercise a clearing and toning effect on the system. Dandelion juice (taraxacum), as sold by chemists, is an invaluable medicine in cases of illness due to overfeeding on too-stimulating seeds or food, and in liver, kidney, and other attendant disorders.—G.E.W.



Spear Plume-Thistle.

THE THISTLES.

The thistles are probably as much utilised and as well-known by the bird-keeper as is dandelion. Most seed-eaters keenly appreciate a head full of ripe seed—Goldfinches and Siskins especially so. Heads containing maggots should never be overlooked—personally I consider them, during the moult, the most valuable of all. Rotting, decayed heads should never be passed by without examination; generally they are full of fat, juicy grubs, grand things for birds. Sow thistle has a particular value of its own, inasmuch as it is commonly to be found simply smothered with "blight" (or green fly), and over a supply of it in this condition, one's birds simply go "mad with delight." A supply of newly-gathered thistle seed or thistle heads should be laid in every autumn.—G.E.W.

The Sow Thistle *(Sonchus oleraceus.)*

Thistle-seeds form a large part of the diet of many of our wild birds, and are well worth the small amount of trouble needed to gather them.

Perhaps one of the best-known species is the Common Sow Thistle, which is a favourite food for rabbits. It grows in waste places, and as a weed in many gardens, and is sometimes called the Milk Thistle, as it has a milky juice.

It grows to a height of about 2ft. to 3ft., and has a hollow stem, prickly leaves and yellow flowers. The leaves, however, are soft, and can be easily handled without pricking the fingers, which is not usually the case with the other thistles. The whole plant is generally free from hairs.

When the seeds are ripe, roundish silky masses of hairs appear, and these somewhat resemble those of the dandelion, but are usually smaller. These seeds are favourites with a great number of birds, which devour them eagerly.

The Spear Plume-Thistle *(Cnicus lanceolatus).*

Another valuable and also very common species of thistle is the Spear Plume-Thistle. This is abundant in most hedges and waste places, and may be found in bloom from July to October. It grows to a height of from 2ft. to 5ft., and its stem is what is called by botanists, "winged;" that is, it is covered with little leafy prickles, instead of being smooth, as in many cases. The leaves have several lance-shaped segments, the end one being the largest, and ending in a long, stiff, spine—whence the name Spear Thistle, which name is sometimes given to it.

The flower-heads are placed generally one, but sometimes two or three together, at the end of the flower-stalks. They are somewhat egg-shaped, dull purple in colour, and usually measure about one inch across.

As the Spear Plume-Thistle produces large numbers of flowers, and is itself very plentiful, no one who is the proud possessor of some Finches should neglect to gather a supply of the seeds of this plant, which will be eaten with great relish.

(To be continued.)

WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

A Note on the Knot.

One sometimes wonders how birds first acquired their names. Some of them which are really descriptive of the birds, we can, of course, easily understand, but a name like the Knot is quite a different matter, for there is nothing in the appearance of this wader to account for it. An old book which I happened to peep into the other day, says the bird was a favourite dish of Canute, King of England, and that the name is derived from the monarch, Knute or Knout, as he was called, which, in process of time, has been changed to Knot. These birds were formerly very plentiful in the fens, and were taken in nets upon the decoys; they were fattened in the same way as the Ruffs, some fenmen having a great reputation as fatteners.—EDMUND WINTER (Weaste).

A Flaw in the Law.

With the month of August Wildfowl shooting commences. For some unknown reason, the law fails to protect the birds of the seashore and marshes when most needed. Many of the Wildfowl killed at this period are nothing more than half-grown birds. These should at least have another month in which to mature. This early killing of the birds is sport in which many keen sportsmen omit to take a part. They are fonder of the early morning ramble along the foreshore, or across the breezy marshes later on. Gun on arm, they enjoy the freshness of the air. The stillness and solitude appeal more to them, than the slaughter of many birds. There is a charm about these early rambles that one never forgets. The weird cry of the curlew and wail of the Plover are sounds peculiar to such places, and in fancy one often hears them; memory conjuring up some pleasing episode of past experiences.

Birds Among the Corn.

The country side is beautiful just now with the fields of waving corn. These will soon be taken in hand by the reapers and reaping machines and the aspect will be entirely changed.

Flocks of Sparrows and Finches infest the standing corn clinging to the stalks, and playing havoc with the golden grain. If one watches them through a good glass, one can see how destructive they are. To secure a single grain they knock out many others. They never descend to feed on the ground, but scramble from plant to plant; for taking wing alight on another part of the field. When some score or so of these birds descend in a body, they break down the ears, these are caught irregularly by the reaper, and scattered or broken off. The quantity of grain wasted in a field in this manner, and during the harvesting operations, must be considerable. All during the winter, flocks of wild birds are able to feed upon the stubble, so that although the corn is not actually wasted, it is loss to the farmer. He could very well spare a few of our smaller wild birds.

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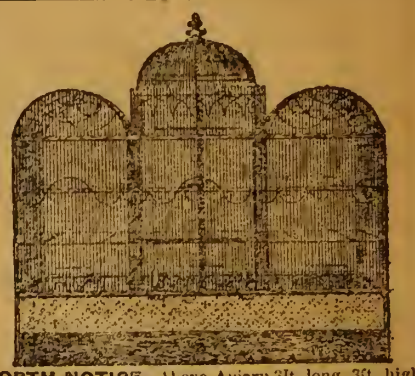
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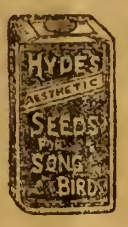
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THE SHOWS.

HEANOR.

This society held their show on August 12th, and the birds were staged in the tent, with the Poultry and Pigeons, but entries did not come up so well as expected. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. NOR.: 1, Hunt; 3, Brentnall, clear yellow, good size and quality. NOR., unlighted (4): 1, Hunt and Brentnall, clear buff, good shape and quality, wins easily; 2, 3, R. Pender, 2nd yellow marked wing; 3rd clear yellow, two nice quality birds. CREST: 1, Colledge, clear body dark Crest, looks like making a good one. CREST-BRED (3): 1, 2, 3, Colledge, 1st clear buff, well lashed and good body, 2nd, buff, marked on head and neck, 3rd, marked head and wing, each nice, shapely birds, and well feathered. A.O.V. CANARY or MULE: 1, Hunt and Brentnall, dark Goldfinch, Mule, good blaze, nice colour. BRITISH (4): 1, Poole, with a nice Redstart, steady, good colour and marking; 2, 3, Bostock, 2nd Goldfinch, 3rd Greenfinch; 4, Hunt and Brentnall, Goldfinch. SELL 10/-: 1, Hunt and Brentnall, yellow Norwich.

HOLMFIRTH.

A couple of classes were provided for cage birds in connection with the Holmfirth Agricultural and Horticultural Show, on August 17th Mr. C. R. Hampshire judged. CANARY A.V.: 1 and 3, Holmes, smart upstanding yellow Yorkie, and buff Yorkshire, rather stout; 2, Bray, colour-fed yellow Norwich, trifle long; vhc and he, Smith; c, Charlesworth. BRITISH A.V.: 1 and 3, Roberts.

PARTICK.

The Partick and District Cage Bird Club held their show of young Canaries in the Joiner's Hall, Partick, on Aug. 10th. A fair turn out of birds was seen and the quality was very good although a few were broken in the moult; 60 birds were staged. Mr. G. Smart, of the West of Scotland Club, judged, and his awards were well received. CRESTS, 1 and spl., Henry. PLAINHEADS CLEAR YELL.: 1, Graham; 2, Gow; 3, Miller; 4, and 7, Kidd; 5, McRobbie; 6, Sanderson. CLEAR BUFF: 1 and 3, spl., Sanderson; 2, 4, and 7, and spl. Henry; 5, and spl., Graham; 6 and spl., Miller. VARIEGATED YELLOW: 1, Miller; 2, Lafferty; 3, Kidd; 4, Graham. VARIEGATED BUFF: 1 and 3, Simpson; 2, Kidd; 4 and spl., Miller; 5, Graham; 6, Wilson; 7, Sanderson. BORDERS: CLEAR YELLOW: 1, 2, and spl., Walker; 3, and spl., Miller; 5, 6 and spl., Hamilton. VARIEGATED YELLOW: 1, Henderson; 2, Miller; 3, Walker; 4, Hamilton. VARIEGATED BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Miller; 4, Henderson; 5, Hamilton. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, 2, Brown. YORKSHIRES: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, and spl., McRobbie. A. O. VARIETY: 1 and spl., 2, 3, Hamilton.

BATHEASTON.

The above fixture was held in connection with the Horticultural Show on August 15th. The cage birds were capitally well staged in the Poultry Tent, and made a very pretty attractive show, the birds being much admired by the visitors to this charming place of lovely scenery, which is situated at the far end of Bath, but happily the electric tram takes one to the gates, where the show is held, for the modest sum of threepence. Mr. W. L. Langley judged, and his awards were well endorsed. CANARY AV.: 1, Crane, very typical, nice quality of feather, buff Norwich hen, true Bullfinch type, good chest and head, short in flights and tail, well staged, wins easy; 2, Follwell, capital buff Yorkie, nice length and well drawn good bead and wings, nice quality of feather; 3, Follwell, yellow Norwich, good colour and size, bit long in tail and flights; res., Follwell; hc, Crane. BRITISH A.V.: 1, Mead, topping good Goldfinch, very rich in tannings, capital buttons, good ruby blaze, trifle on the small side, still wins; 2, Jones, another Goldie, better type of body but not so rich in blaze or tannings; no 3rd awarded; res., Fellows, another Finch, paler in colour, but good in blaze. FOREIGN A.V.: 1, Miss Williams, good Amazon, in rare bloom and feather; 2, Miss Fishlock, nice Malabar, nice blood, wing markings, good neck ring; res., Lavington, fair Amazon. LOCAL CANARY A.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Follwell, all Norwich, winner buff, marked head and wings, good size, bit loose in feather behind; 2, nice clear buff, good stamp.

SHILDON.

This show was held in connection with the Industrial exhibition on August 17th, but the entry was not at all good. NORWICH PLAINHEAD (5): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, 3, A. Stanger; c, Aters. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Miss Stanger; 2, Taylor and Smart; 3, vhc, Aters. CREST (1): 2, Webb and Horton. YORKSHIRE (9): 1, 2, Carter; 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Stickland; c, Pigg. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Todd and Son; 3, Davidson and Boyd; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Miss Stanger. PAIRS OF CANARIES FOR BREEDING (4): 1, A. Stanger; 2, Taylor and Smart; 3, Wilson; vhc, Cooper. BRIT. A.V. (11): 1, Cooper; 2, hc, Davidson and Boyd; 3, Miss Stanger; vhc, c, Rutherford and Bright. SELL. 10s. (7): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Webb and Horton; vhc, A. Stanger. SELL. 7/6 (6): 1, Davidson and Boyd; 2, Miss Stanger; 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Livesay and Ainsworth; c, Wilson. Mr. Gray judged, and his awards were well received by the fanciers present.

CLUB REPORTS.

THE ORIGINAL CROOK C.B. & R.S.

At the monthly meeting of the above society on August 7th, Mr. George Sweet, of Willington, gave a very instructive and entertaining exhibition in the art of bird washing. There was a capital attendance of members, and the exhibition was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Six birds were washed, five by Mr. Sweet, and one by Mr. Messenger. Mr. Sweet went into every detail so clearly that one of the biggest novices present was able to wash a bird before leaving the meeting. All present joined in passing Mr. G. Sweet a vote of thanks for the able manner he had instructed them. It was decided to give two valuable Cups for members' classes at our Open Show.

A. Bowes, Sec.

GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES N.C.M.B.F.B.C.

Committee meeting held on Saturday last. Mr. Peter Pettigrew presided over a good turn-out. It was decided to alter date of next meeting to Saturday, 14th September, at 6 p.m., the original date being Glasgow Trades Holiday. It was also decided to hold a first feather show for young mules and hybrids on same date, viz., 16th September, when the following classes were decided upon. 1, Light Mule or Hybrid; 2, Dark Linnet or Dark Goldfinch Mules; 3, any other variety Dark Mules. Ramble off, owing to the members taking advantage of the various cheap trips on Trades Holiday. Members will do the Committee a good turn by bringing as many birds as they can to first feather Mule Show.

J. H. Adam, Sec.

HAMILTON CADZOW OAK O.S.

A meeting was held on August 3rd, the President, Mr. William Shearer, in the chair. The secretary read the acceptance of the following gentlemen who will judge at our Open Show, December 14th, and their respective sections: Norwich Plainheads 9 classes, Crest 2, judge Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen; Border Fancies, 14 classes, judges, Messrs. J. Smillie, Kilmarnock, and William Haddon, Hamilton; Mules, British and Foreign 21 classes, judge Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, and Mr. R. Farmer, hon. sec. of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, Edinburgh.

R. Gadsden, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, gave a lecture to the members of the above society on Monday, August 12th, at the headquarters, the White Hart Hotel. Subject: Moulting and colour feeding of Canaries. The lecture was very instructive and highly appreciated by all present. A lively discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

S. Lodge, hon. sec.

THE POTTERIES & DISTRICT C.B.A

An important meeting of the Potteries and District C.B.A. was held on Saturday, August 17th when it was decided to enlarge the Yorkshire classification for the Open Show, and to engage an extra judge. Mr. F. Bate, the well-known Yorkshire exhibitor, has been asked, and has agreed to accept the position. Mr. Bate will judge the Yorkshires only, Mr. W. Vardy taking all others.

J. Sincock, secretary.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

A Committee Meeting, held 7th inst., to definitely settle the classification for our forthcoming show. There is to be 73 classes for open competition, 32 for members, including 10 for novice members, for which our esteemed president A. J. Haggie, Esq., is giving a £2 2s. special. W. J. Taylor, Esq., of Millburn House, sent a valuable tea and coffee service per Mr. Jas. Thompson, to be held by the Newcastle Society's' secretaries, until the end of the show season. It is to be presented to the exhibitor who wins the most points either in open or members' classes at all the following societies' shows, viz.:—Newcastle, Blaydon, So. Shields, Wallsend, Sunderland, and Gateshead; there is also a pair of bronze figures for the runner-up, and 10/- for the one who gets third. We are sure that the secretaries of the societies mentioned will join us in publicly thanking Mr. Taylor for what he is doing for the Fancy; would that there were some more like him. We may further state that we have got the patronage of eight specialist clubs; so for a young society we are looking all right. There are some good specials promised, as last year, so hurry up you fanciers, and get your birds through the moult for the coming Show.

Curry & Hutchinson, Secs.

IN THE COURTS.

PLYMOUTH GENTLEMAN'S UNJUSTIFIABLE ACT.

At the Camelford County Court on August 15th, Benjamin Beasley, a coastguard pensioner of Boscastle, claimed £1 from Mr. R. W. Fox-Male, 1, Carlisle-terrace, The Hoe, Plymouth, the value of a skylark, alleged to have been liberated by the defendant.

The plaintiff stated that he added to his pension by bird fancying. In fine weather he kept a lark (which he had in his possession three years) in the porch of his house. Returning from church on Sunday, June 9th, he found the bird missing, and thinking it had been stolen, acquainted P.C. Andrew. When they passed plaintiff's house in the afternoon the defendant and another person laughed and pointed to the empty cage. Later defendant admitted that he liberated the bird, and said it was not the first time he had liberated a bird.

The defendant, in court, said his reason was obvious, and one which would be appreciated by all those who were fond of birds and animals. He had always considered it a brutal thing to keep a wild bird in a cage. For trespassing on this man's preserves he offered 10s., which he considered quite sufficient. When Mr. Beasley refused to take anything less than 20s., he thought it advisable to allow his Honour to settle the matter.

Judge Granger said what the defendant had done was perfectly unjustifiable, however much he might object to seeing wild birds caged. It was an illegal act, which he hoped the defendant would not do again. Judgment for plaintiff for the full amount claimed.

A BLIND BENGALEE.

Visitors to the small bird house at the Zoo often pass by a cage containing a pair of white Bengalees without knowing what a curiosity one of them is. The fact is, that the poor little thing—which may be distinguished from its mate by lacking a tail—is blind, and yet finds its way about, to feed, drink, and roost, and has done for some time. What makes this more wonderful is that the bird previously inhabited another cage with the perches placed quite differently, and has had to learn its way about this one.

The Robin.

Whilst staying at my grandmother's at Whitby I was greatly surprised when a Robin came into the house, staying for some weeks. He would fly from picture to picture, and pecking at every eatable on the table, sometimes alighting on a jam tart. He is quite happy in his new home; when the warm weather comes he will probably go back to the woods.—Sent by Florrie Hill (age 9), 18, Rugburn Street, West Hartlepool.

SEE PAGE 105.

My Experiences with the Yorkshire Canary.

By R. P. BROOME.

A Lecture delivered before the members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

(Continued from page 94.)

NATURAL ABILITY SCORES.

Strange though it may seem, some men make better fanciers than others. They have the natural ability. A man, however keen he may be, however persevering, without he has the natural ability his efforts are often in vain. How often do we find these differences in the staging of the birds. To one fancier washing becomes very easy, and in a very short time. he can stage his birds with the best Another man can try time after time and get no better result. The same with pairing, training, etc. To some fanciers it all comes naturally, and that is the reason why we see what I may term the lightning success of certain breeders. I would not advise the novice to experiment without he has a specific object in view. If you buy off fanciers who have the present day winning type in their studs, you will not find any need to double buff, double yellow, etc. I would also advise novices to buy off fanciers close to their home. That is to say if there are any good studs close at home. In fact five shillings in railway fare is often well spent by going to a breeder's room of some standing. You can, in such instances, trace the ancestry of your birds back some six or seven generations with ease. I will give an instance. At the lecture recently given by Mr. Crisp before the members of the L.C.B.A., a member present asked a question respecting a bird he had off Mr. Crisp. Mr. Crisp at once replied, and traced the bird back two or three generations, the value of which for future pairing must be apparent to anyone. So you see, although you may be only established a breeder two or three years, you are in the happy position of being able to trace your birds back for twice that time providing you know where they come from. In such cases you can, by getting a little fresh blood each year from the same source, keep the good points in your stud, and by the time you think an outcross advantageous, you have educated yourself sufficiently to buy on sight. This is where I maintain the novice has the advantage by confiding himself at the commencement to one or two studs. This is where the Yorkshire fanciers in Yorkshire have the pull over us Southerners. They are all confined in a small radius, they can pop into one another's rooms, the birds are known to them, and they can get birds at any time in any number possessing any specific object required.

Some short time back I had a discussion in one of the fancy papers about the influence exercised from the maternal and paternal sides. This was brought about by my close observations during the late show season. I found on the show bench in the hen classes small puny hens ranging from 5¾ inches to 6 inches, all told, admitted they were full of type and quality, and by the side of these I found a few topping hens as well up in length as the cocks, and carrying the same length of flight as the latter. On turning to the catalogue I invariably found these were put down by the Yorkshire men or the older champion Southern exhibitors. I said nothing to anyone, but I reasoned with myself, and I came to the conclusion that we were losing size through the hen. It stands to reason the smaller you have the hen, the larger you must have the cock. Where are our novices in London who have 7 to 7¼ inch cocks in their rooms, birds of type and quality? I venture to say that the novices in London alone who possess 7¼ inch show birds can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and why should not the hen have the same, or nearly the same, influence in maintaining size as the cock.

THE QUESTION OF SIZE

If the hen is capable of exercising influence in fixing other properties, why should she lack this one specific object of influencing size in the progeny? I have seen standard length birds bred from a small cock and large hen, and I have seen small birds bred from a 7 inch cock and a small hen. I say, if you get a medium sized pair of birds, say 6½ inch, or if you can get them 6¾ inch, you stand a much better chance of getting young of even size, quality, and type. Mr. Broadley, in his work, strongly advocates this, and so do other authorities on the variety. Some say you may get larger young ones from small parents. This again, to a great extent, is said with an ulterior motive. If you haven't size in front of you to breed from, it is a certainty you will not get it from inheritance. You may in isolated cases breed birds larger than their parents, but these are purely exceptions. It must be exceptional, because here again it is only reversion struggling against evolution. The common ancestor being the small Serin Finch, a bird the size of a sparrow. The same thing applies vice versa. What is the greatest struggle breeders of Pomeramians and other toy breeds of dogs have to contend against? Getting them too large? Why is this? Why have they that innate tendency to become heavier and larger? Because their ancestors were large dogs. Take our own case. We average, as a rule, between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 10 inches adult males, and there is our struggle to keep this average. Take the Hottentot, the Eskimo, and other races of small stature. They have no struggle in keeping their standard size; it is natural to them. With breeders of fancy stock it is otherwise. This question of size being such an important part in the Yorkshire, I have dwelt on it at some length, and I advise all you novices to keep up your size. At the same time do not lose your type and quality. You can lose size quicker than the other two features, type and quality, and once lost, it takes years to recover.

SIZE A DETERMINING FACTOR.

Still size is not everything, but it is often the determining factor between winning and losing. A bird which has the extra bit of length just does the trick, and rightly so. Some judges do not take size into consideration at all, because when breeding themselves they could not get size and length, they think it is not a necessary adjunct. It becomes necessary, when showing, to study your judges, and this is also where it is advantageous to visit various shows, where different judges are adjudicating on the birds. It is no use reading what they say; go and see what they do, and in a fair good stud of birds there are sure to be one or two to suit the different opinions. When you find a judge who likes your stamp of bird, and you win under him in good company, stick to him like glue, follow him round the shows, never mind the counter attraction of other shows, follow the judge who serves you best.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

I will just summarise a few of the points I have raised, and then bring my paper to a close. I spoke just now of the Yorkshiremen outclassing us down here. Perhaps some of you are wondering where? I consider the Yorkshiremen beat us in three things, and they are breed, staging, and high condition. The Yorkshiremen have brought the breeding of their best birds to a science. Take a first class bird bred in Yorkshire. He possesses breed so intermingled that it does not interfere with his symmetrical proportion in the slightest degree. Often in the South breedy birds are bred, but their shoulders are too pronounced, or they are inclined to hook a little, and this, of course, spoils the outline of the bird. What proportion of Belgian blood their birds possess, and how it is used, is a question that will take some answering. It is a secret well kept, and I do not blame them for keeping it. As regards staging, here again they beat us. I am told in and around Yorkshire the water is very soft indeed, and this no doubt plays a most important part in the staging of the birds. The third item, high condition, is a thing that a lot of our Southern fanciers can improve upon. I often marvel to hear of some of the Northern birds being shown perhaps 12 to 15 times in all parts of the country, then finishing up at the Palace often with a win, in the best of condition, and as fresh as paint. We are told not to overshow our birds. I have difficulty enough in keeping mine in show form all through the winter. The fancier who keeps his show birds proud during the show season stands a much better chance. They come through the wash better, and stand the railway journeys a lot better. Good nourishing food should be given them, and tonics should also be provided from time to time in the drinking water. Great care should be taken that only birds thoroughly fit should be sent out, as if a bird is a little queer at home, it is a certainty a long journey by rail and a draughty hall will not improve him.

(To be continued.)

Three perfectly pure white Blackbirds have been hatched in our garden hedge this year, writes "S.C.E." (Melrose, Scotland), to a daily contemporary, one in May and two in July, in the same nest, and from the same parent birds. The remaining chicks were like the parents, the ordinary pure Blackbird. I am glad to say they have, so far, been left untouched by gun or boy.

(Many letters unavoidably held over.)

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CORRESPONDENCE (continued from p. 109.)

A MULE BREEDING THEORY TESTED.

Why and Where Did We Fail?

SIR,—I was much interested in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS, to read that four light Mules had been produced in one nest. Whilst congratulating the breeder on such a fortunate occurrence, I could not help thinking that, interesting as are these bare recording of facts from time to time in our paper CAGE BIRDS, how much more interesting would they be if the writers opened out a little, as it were, and say in a case of the breeding of a light Mule, let readers know to what extent they (the breeders) are willing to credit themselves for such, beyond the mere fact of pairing up the parents, and the successful rearing of the Mule. It would be interesting to learn, say that such and such a Mule came about in quite a commonplace manner, an ordinary Goldfinch was paired to quite an ordinary Canary, and lo, a beautiful light Mule. Or, again, we read, that Mr. So-and-So attributes his success to the fact, that he has inbred his Canaries for twenty years. Then, again, the announcement of another light Mule is followed by the breeder assuring us that his success was only brought about by allowing the hen to become infested with red-mite, which are then devoured by the Goldfinch, who, in time, becomes so charged with Canary blood, that "Hey! Presto!" nothing more simple, readers. Again the sight influence theory might account for another grand Mule, or the using of a Pea-throat Goldfinch, or a Cheveral, or, perhaps, an Albino. Then our eyes open a little wider as we read that Mr. So-and-So has accomplished wonders in the land of light Mules, because he has the common sense to use only one Goldfinch; running him with hen after hen, till his vigour has been so worn down, that the Canary nature at last triumphs over that of the Goldfinch, and again, in the words of the conjurer, "Nothing more simple, gentlemen!" My partner, a Mule breeder of several years' experience, has learned this last two or three years to the last-mentioned theory, viz., that of only using one Goldfinch (personally, I blame Mr. Weston for it), and the results up to date, may, perhaps, be of interest. During the season of 1905, an unflighted hen was tried with the Goldfinch, and out of a total number of seven Mules bred from this hen, five were marked, varying from a white patch the size of a shilling on one, to the quite half and half stage on others. This was considered good enough for another trial in 1907, and this season saw this hen, which we will term No. 1, accompanied with her own nest sister, No. 2, and a large clear Yellow hen, the daughter of No. 2, which is No. 3. The Goldfinch which had been used during 1906 was sold to a fellow-fancier, and was paired by him this season to a common-looking hen of a decided German cast. However, another likely breeder was selected from the stock of Finches, and the three hens were soon sitting on their first round of eggs, all of which, however, proved clear. For the second round a large, vigorons, field-moulted Goldfinch was tried, one that was feeling his feet, and answering the hens with that swagger that pleases the Mule breeder. No. 1 hen was first to nest, then No. 2, and lastly No. 3. In the meanwhile we had paid a visit to our fellow-breeder, and found his first round of Mules had resulted in two, and both were varicgated. At this point the theory which was going to be tried for all it was worth, received somewhat of a check. Under the system of wearing the Goldfinch down, you could hardly expect the best results in the early rounds, yet here was our friend with a couple of tidy Mules in his first round, which looked, to say the least, as if the Finch had something strong to say in the matter, in a way other than that of wearing him down, especially when we reflected on the many marked Mules he had served when in our possession. However, to get back to our second round, No. 1 hatched three, No. 2 hatched two, and No. 3 hatched four. These were all duly reared, resulting in not one of them being a true dark Mule. Those bred from Nos. 1 and 2, were of the common garden variety, marked here and there, just enough, as I tell my partner, to spoil 'em. The four Mules bred from No. 3 exceeded all expectations. To call any one of them variegated would hardly convey a true meaning—lightly marked is, perhaps, a better term. Here, again, our theory seemed to get a shaking. A field moulted Finch, and had sired a nest like this, at only the third time of asking! What was our chance worth by the time the Finch came to No. 3 hen again? I must confess that at this stage I showed more interest in Mule breeding than was usually my wont, even my partner seemed to show a sort of treatment to No. 3 hen which said quite plainly that nothing was too much trouble if he could do anything to please her, even after I pointed out that it was hardly fair, as it was due as much to the Finch having become worn down a little, and to support my argument, I could point with triumph that the best results had not happened in the first nest, but in the third nest, which was quite in agreement with the theory. Meanwhile, the season was fast advancing, No. 3 hen had hatched her wonderful nest on July 1st, and we noticed Mr. Weston had dropped a hint to an enquirer after the truth, that British were likely to moult early this year, which caused my partner many an anxious look. However, No. 1 hen was now sitting again on five eggs, and as the Goldfinch seemed to be losing a little of his swagger, neither was he singing quite so free, and a feather or two was knocking about, it was decided to miss No. 2 hen, reserving him for a grand final. Never did a nest of Mules seem so long in catering for themselves; long even before they could, the hen was calling to the Finch, in such vigorous breeding condition was she. What better prospects could a follower of this theory have? The Goldfinch, at his fifth round, and rapidly on the wane, did not the results from No. 3's previous nest prove that, and had he not been with No. 1 hen since then, and is not No. 3 hen now in more vigorous condition than ever she was? However, No. 3 hen commenced to sit on four eggs, and although No. 1 hen hatched her five eggs, and time had proved the young Mules to be marked just enough to spoil 'em, yet the value I set on those eggs was hardly equalled by that when gazing upon three Great Auk's eggs, in the possession of the landlord of the "Edinburgh Castle," out Kentish Town way. Three of the eggs proved fertile, and were duly hatched, are alive and doing well, and are a fortnight old, and we have succeeded in breeding, at least, what we have not bred this season, *a nest of dark Mules, without any spoil on 'em.*

ERNEST ALLSOPP
(Hopkins and Allsopp).

WHITE SWALLOWS BREEDING.

SIR,—In reply to G. M.'s letter concerning two white Swallows breeding at Brookthorpe, I hope to find out during next week if the Swallows are adult birds or birds of this season. Since being in business in this city, about five years now, I have had three pure white Swallows in for preservation, but they have all been young birds (and apparently bred from normal coloured parents). Last year I had a very pretty marked adult Swallow to preserve, being well mottled and the tail being almost all white. This bird was picked up in the centre of the city, almost apparently starved to death and the feathers much worn, as if it had been harrassed by other birds, which is very often the case with "varieties." I have had through my hands three pure white Starlings, two Cinnamon, one white Redwing, one Pied, one Pied Swift, several Pied Blackbirds, one Misselthrush, one white Hedge Sparrow, one Cinnamon Sand Martin, one Pied Corn Bunting. During my 18 years' experience as a taxidermist I have set up some dozens of varieties. I think Ireland produces the rarest.

ALFRED THOMAS.

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THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. AND ITS PATRONAGE.

SIR,—When I received an intimation from Mr. J. W. Rennie, the genial and popular hon. secretary of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., informing me that Plymouth and Battersea were amongst the clubs that had been accorded the support of that Society, I certainly felt very much surprised, as these two clubs, which are separated by such a great distance, are holding their shows in the same week. What fancier, I would ask, with a spark of humanity, would subject his feathered and treasured pets to such a gruelling ordeal as this must perforce entail, namely, a railway journey into far-away Devonshire on the night of the 21st of October, the birds to be on the benches on the two following days, then another dash back South, and the exhibits to be in the hall at Battersea on the 24th and 25th! This is really expecting too much of birds, as the excitement of two shows in one week is quite enough for their frail constitutions, without a railway journey of something like 460 miles thrown in. I notice Mr. Rennie says in his circular, "In the interests of the club, may I appeal to you to give these shows your utmost support by way of entries." As a member of the S.Y.C.C., I should have been only too delighted to have acceded to his wishes had a week, or even a few days, intervened between the shows. Such an arrangement could, I understand, very easily have been carried out, as other clubs than Battersea in South London applied for the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., and had their application been entertained, the strain that might, under the existing arrangement, be placed upon the birds' constitution, would have been entirely obviated. I hope it will be understood, sir, that I have no axe to grind, and that I speak entirely in the interest of the bird, whose well-being should, to my way of thiuking, be safeguarded, as far as possible, by such specialist societies as the S.Y.C.C.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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*He Sings! I Play.

Every evening after tea, when I go and practice on the piano, we bring our pet canary into the room, and he sings whilst I play, and when I stop he stops also. The other day, however, when he had had his little song we let our little kitten into the room, and directly she saw him she sat up and begged, and then got close up to the cage, so we put her outside.—From MURIEL BUCK, aged 13, Homedale, Baldock.

A Knowing Creature.

Some three or four months ago I bought an interesting little cinnamon Canary. When I open its cage door it flies out and generally goes to the front of the mirror and looks at its reflection. After standing there some few moments it starts twittering to what it thinks is another bird. It has a mate, a little Goldfinch, with whom it is very friendly. Both of them fly about happy together. Where the Canary goes, the Goldfinch follows. They fly on the floor near the dog, and also on the Parrot's cage. If I put a little hemp seed on my finger and place it in the bars of the Canary's cage it will take it off my finger and thank me in its own little way by singing. When it is time to breed, we are going to get a cock Canary to match with this hen. [No name or address.]

*Big Flocks of Starlings.

I am going to tell our readers of CAGE BIRDS about the Starlings which visit us in the winter. It is a sight to see so many big flocks fly over the town and drop into the fir plantation where they roost quite close together, filling every branch on the trees. Having gone over to see them go to roost, they drop into the fields and the whistling which they make can be heard for a very long distance. As soon as dawn breaks in the morning they fly to their feeding grounds in all directions.—CHARLES KNOWLES, aged 11 years, Helston-road, Penryn, Cornwall.

**Longtails and Littlebeaks.

Last April I went for a walk in the country with my father, and as there seemed a lot of birds about I thought I should like to try and find a bird's nest. So in the hedges I began to look, when I soon found one. It was a beautiful nest, too, built in a briar bush about a yard-and-a-half from the ground. It was oval shaped, being made of wool, moss, and bits of dead grass interwoven together, and all on the outside was a grey mossy stuff which the old birds had got off the bark of trees. There was a little round hole at the side near the top, and through this the old birds went in and out. The nest inside was lined with nice soft feathers and there were seven or eight small eggs. The old birds with their long tails and little beaks now came back, so I went away. I hope they reared the young ones all right.—HARRY RABY, 10, Chequersgrove, Bell Barn-road, Birmingham, aged 10 years.

The Kingfisher.

No doubt the Kingfisher is the most beautiful of British birds. From the crown of the head down to the neck, and the whole of the upper part of the body, are of a brilliant green, and a shading of emerald and blue. From the base of the beak, across the eye, is a patch of rufus, which comes white below the ear. The chin and the throat are yellowish white, and the feet are pink and small. The tail is short and the beak long and straight. Its favourite nesting place is in the hole of a bank. Its nest is made mostly of dried bones. The eggs are five to six in number, being of pure white. Its food consists of small fish, minnows, sticklebacks, water-beetles and leeches. Please note.—Kingfishers may be kept in an aviary provided that proper food is given. When first caught they may be fed on small fish, and gradually small chopped beef and hard-boiled egg.—Sent by HAROLD PRUIT (age 12), 2, Walgrave Street, Newland, Hull.

A Hard Tail to Swallow.

Some Swallows who had a nest which opened in front were persistently annoyed by attacks from Sparrows. Instead of closing up their front door and making a side entrance, they resorted to strategy. Whenever the Sparrows thought to take them unawares, they always found one of the parents keeping guard—at least so it seemed, for come whenever they might the Sparrows found one of the Swallow's tails sticking out of the hole. When the Swallows migrated the mystery was solved. The tail was really nothing but three feathers, so ingeniously placed that they quite deceived not only Sparrows, but human beings as well.—FRANK OSWALD FEW, aged ten years, "Clarsville," Buckley-street, Wigan.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet Contest held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, on August 11th, when 12 birds sang for three good prizes, given by Mr. J. Booth; 1, Stead; 2, Nicholls; 3, shared by Stead and Johnson. Judges, Summers and Cooper. Also August 18th, when 16 birds sang for three prizes; 1, Stead; 2 and 3, shared by Summers, Stead, and Johnson. Judges, T. Crane and E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS, Hon.

An open to all England Linnet singing contest took place at the Prince Albert Inn on August 18th, when ten birds entered for three prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. There was a large company of members and friends present to hear some real good Linnet singing. The birds being in the pink of condition gave a good account of themselves. Judges: E. Wood and B. Jackson. 1, Clegg; 2, Clarke; 3, Chippendale.—E. WOOD, hon. sec.

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Hanley Show is fixed for November 21st writes Mr. C. J. ROBINSON, the Hon. Sec.

In the report of Pwllheli Show your reporter spelt my name as "Aiden," whereas it should have been :—E. D. OWEN.

Bathgate and District Cage Bird Society will hold their Annual Open Show on the 11th January, 1908, writes Mr. ROBERT BALD, Sec.

In reference to your report of Runcorn Show I beg to inform you that my name is Bower, not Bowyer. Hoping you will correct mistake. J. W. BOWER (Warrington).

Mr. J. H. Scothern will judge our next open show, which is fixed for Saturday, October 5th:—WM. HEALEY, Sec., Admiral Duncan, Nottingham O.S.

Your report of Downend Show gave Hugan the credit of winning first, special, and third in A.V. Bird in 1907, whereas I had that honour :—T. KEEGAN, Barton Hill, Bristol.

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The Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. have obtained the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club, at their open show on October 30th and 31st, and have engaged Mr. W. Whittaker, of Bolton, as judge of the Roller Canary section :—F. HOWES, Hon. Sec.

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At a meeting held on Friday last, the Newmilns Ornithological Association fixed up the judges for their show on 21st September, and they consider themselves lucky in securing the services of the following gentlemen: Mr. Jas. Smillie (Kilmarnock), Border, Norwich, and British; Mr. Jas. Watson (Glasgow) and Mr. Wm. Summers (Strathaven), Scotch Fancy. With a hard-working committee I anticipate a record entry :—ROBERT MCDOWALL, Sec.

As, owing to change of employment, our secretary, Mr. Thompson, has had to resign his post, I have been appointed in his stead. Our society parts with Mr. Thompson with regret, wishes him success in his new sphere, and desires to thank him for his courtesy on every occasion we met him. All communications with regard to the society should be addressed to me in future :—J. KERR, Secretary, City and County of Perth O.S. 6, St. Catherine's-road, Perth.

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I like CAGE BIRDS very much indeed, and always enjoy reading it.—M. E. Rhodes (Bradford).

We have altered the date of our annual show from November 26th and 27th to November 19th and 30th :—A. C. YORKE, Sec., Guildford Show.

All communications in connection with the Leeds Cage Bird Society should be sent to me at 18, Nostor-street, Beeston, Leeds, as I have now taken over the work :—WM. HORNBY, Hon. Sec.

Mr. F. T. Pritchard, of 36, Portland-street, Leamington, writes us that he has been appointed secretary of the Royal Leamington Spa Fanciers' Association, and that all communications regarding the same should be sent to him at that address. The annual show of the Association is to be held in the Winter Hall, on November 7th.

Will you kindly oblige by informing Leeds fanciers threugh your paper that the train for the second outing on Saturday, the 24th, starts from Leeds New Station, 1.55 p.m. Any fanciers wishing to have a good day's outing should join us. All are welcome. Tickets including tea, 2s. 3d. each. We are again visiting the celebrated Monk Fryston aviaries :—WM. HORNBY, Hon. Sec., Leeds C.B.S.

I find I have made a mistake in the final two Canary judges that are to be sent out for the whole of the members to vote upon, they are Messrs. C. A. House and J. Robson, instead of Messrs. J. Mackley and J. Robson. Would you mind obliging me by giving this publicity as it was carelessness on my part. I am extremely obliged for putting our definition so prominently, and commenting upon the proposed Federation, which I think needs a deal of discussion before any practical steps are taken :—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec., City and Sub. A.C.B.

CONCERNING WOODPECKERS.

At a recent meeting of the Bristol Cage Bird Society, that able and experienced keeper of the rarer British birds, and observer of their ways when in a state of nature, Mr. T. H. Cullen, of Clevedon, gave a lecture embodying some of his experiences with the Woodpeckers. Our appended account is culled from a local paper.

For those of us city people whose actual experience of ornithology is limited to nesting expeditions of the school-day period, it will perhaps seem strange that in our midst there are many who derive no inconsiderable amount of pleasure from making the life history of our British birds a special study. Year in year out there are those who find the subject an absorbing one, bringing with it health to the body and an elevating influence to the mind. One can well conceive how delightful must be the excursions to the woodland where bird life in all its busy, bustling, everchanging aspect meets one at every turn, and one can realise how inspiring is the study of Nature's secrets thus revealed.

And many will learn, perhaps with some surprise, that in our own district, not far removed from this centre of commercial industry, with its vast population, the Woodpecker still pursues its wonderful work. How wonderful it is was demonstrated in a peculiarly interesting manner by Mr. T. H. Cullen before the Bristol Cage Bird Society.

THE CARPENTER-BIRD'S SKILL.

Mr. Cullen came to the meeting-place ready to impart some knowledge a life-long study of the Woodpecker had given him, and rarely has an enthusiast on any subject spoken to a more appreciative audience. Himself an artisan, Mr. Cullen has a profound admiration for the skill of this feathered worker, and his sympathy and love for the object of his study was evidenced when he produced a preserved specimen, and told how some heartless individual had taken it from the nest and ruthlessly killed it in order to have it stuffed. It was, he said, a specimen of the Green, the largest of English Woodpeckers, and by far the commonest species. It was found in almost every county in England, but more particularly in those that were freely wooded, and the power of the bird's bill in constructing its dwelling-place, and its cleverness, were truly marvellous. It generally worked out its abode in the trunk of a tree, but sometimes a large branch was selected.

Mr. Cullen was able to give his audience an example of a Woodpecker's workmanship. He had brought with him a section of a tree, and by an ingenious contrivance he was able to show the interior of the habitation. This particular example, he explained, was taken from the branch of a tree which had in the winter storms become detached, and it was whilst tramping through the woodland that his keen eye detected the Woodpecker's work. A seven-mile walk on another day was necessary in order to secure the treasure, and the help of a friend had to be requisitioned to carry it home.

He pointed to the small hole in the outer bark through which the bird had bored, and then, opening the block, which had been divided and placed on hinges, he revealed to the company the excavation of the industrious bird. To a depth of 16 inches or so, the branch had been hollowed out, the circumference being equal to the top of a breakfast cup, and the smoothness and evenness of the walls of the dwelling were a source of wonder to those present. No tool fashioned by man, Mr. Cullen explained, could make the abode of this remarkable bird.

THE WOODPECKER'S GREATEST ENEMY.

The greatest enemy of the Woodpecker was the Starling, which would patiently await the completion of the Carpenter-bird's task, and then turn the rightful owner out and use the hole for its own slovenly nest of moss, grass, sticks, straw, or even string, paper, or rags.

One morning, Mr. Cullen proceeded, he stood watching a Woodpecker, which was at work completing its nest on a tree, thickly branched and heavily leaved, when a squirrel appeared on the scene. The bird evidently resented the intrusion of its neighbour, for one of the fiercest and at the same time most interesting of combats ensued. With a cry of "chink, chink," the Woodpecker darted at the squirrel, and up and down they went, fighting and fighting, until it seemed as if one or the other must receive mortal injury.

The squirrel at length thought it best to retreat, and taking a mighty spring across the roadway that passed through the coppice, he found shelter in a neighbouring tree, and was soon lost to sight. This leap, added Mr. Cullen, was fully 35 feet. Mrs. Woodpecker returned to her work, and soon the chips were flying out of the hole again.

The tenacity of the Woodpecker in clinging to a certain tree for nesting was, the speaker went on, remarkable. During a storm a branch which a bird had hollowed was broken off, but the remainder of the limb was again utilised, and the bottom of the old nest was undermined. Mr. Cullen exhibited specimens of the egg of the Green Woodpecker, and he explained that the male bird had red moustachial streaks, whilst those on the female were black, or very deep brown.

THE GREATER AND LESSER SPOTTED.

Mr. Cullen then proceeded to speak of the Greater Spotted Woodpecker, a specimen of which he was able to show. This variety, he said, had a very wide geographical range, although it was really a native of the British Isles. Its characteristics were similar to those of the Green Woodpecker, and it was also very tenacious with regard to its breeding-place. Its egg, it was explained, was very much smaller than the other species to which he had referred.

Of the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Mr. Cullen also had information to impart, and by means of well-drawn sketches, he indicated the spots chosen by the birds for hollowing out their nests. Another sketch represented an ordinary wooden fencing post, which had an interesting history. This post, Mr. Cullen stated, he had himself put into the ground, and one day he noticed that a Woodpecker had commenced work on it. This provided him with a grand opportunity of studying the work of the bird. The hole was begun on the 8th of May, 1901, by the 17th the excavation was sunk, the nest made, and five eggs laid; and on the 30th the young ones were hatched.

Replying to questions, Mr. Cullen said the average depth of the Woodpecker's boring was 16 inches, although he had known them go down to three feet—that was when the boring had been continued from year to year. The Woodpecker made a delightful pet, and when properly looked after, it became very tame and docile. It was, he added, most painful to see the Woodpecker on the show bench—cooped up in a cage 18 inches wide, perched upon a little bit of Virginian cork.

Of the qualities of the Woodpecker as a show bird, Mr. Cullen had something to say. Hitherto, he remarked, the bird had received but scant courtesy from judges. Few birds were more difficult to obtain, more difficult to rear, or more expensive to keep. Yet on the show bench they were not regarded so seriously as they deserved to be.

In connection with showing, Mr. Cullen had a curious coincidence to relate. Some of them, he said, would remember Mr. C. T. Maxwell's Lesser Spotted Woodpecker dropping dead at one of the Crystal Palace shows just when it was about to be judged. Well, that identical bird was hatched in the nest which he had brought as a specimen to show them that evening.

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*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show.**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

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A large number of entries has been made in this competition. All of them will be carefully gone through, and the result announced as soon as possible.

TO OUR READERS.

We regret to have to announce that owing to a serious break down on the part of our printers last week, some fourteen thousand copies of "Cage Birds" were greatly delayed in publication, in many cases not reaching the public until too late to be of any service to them. We have taken such steps as will guard against the remotest possibility of such a highly regrettable event being repeated, and we earnestly ask our readers' assistance to notify all friends who may have been unable to obtain C.B. last week, of the reason for their disappointment. Copies will be sent free on receipt of a postcard.

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SOME SOUTH AFRICAN EXHIBITION BIRDS.

By A. K. HAAGNER, F.Z.S., ETC.

[Reprinted from the *South African Poultry Journal and Kennel Gazette.*]

(*Continued from page* 93.)

Two other birds of quite a different aspect are the Pied and Hooded Weaver Finches (*Spermestes fringilloides* and *S. scutatus*); they are more or less of a glossy black, brown and white plumage. The first named is frequently kept in captivity in Europe, where it is known by the name of Magpie Mannikin. My friend, Mr. Robert Toy, of Grahamstown, informs me they make very good cage birds.

Sunbirds or Sugarbirds.

The next group of "Show" birds I propose to deal with are exceedingly showy birds, but are somewhat difficult to keep in confinement for any length of time. I refer to the Sunbirds, or "Sugarbirds" as the Colonial dubs them (*Nectarinuda*). They are for the most part of brilliant metallic coloration, and are being a little better understood in confinement now.

One of the commonest species is the grass-green Malachite Sunbird (*Nectarinia famosa*), the males of which possess lengthened tail feathers and a brilliant metallic sheen. They have a softly modulated song—a true herald of spring out here. The next two are the Bifasciated Sunbird (*Cinnyris mariquensis*) and the black Sunbird (*C. amethystinus*), the latter of a soft velvety black with the crown bright metallic green, the cheeks, throat and part of the wings metallic violet-purple. Sunbirds feed almost exclusively on nectar, pollen and insects, and as they consume a goodly number of the latter they are exceedingly useful birds.

I think we may justly include the Louries (*Musophagidæ*) amongst our show birds. The commonest is the Knysna Lourie (*Turacus corythaix*), a large bird, with grass-green plumage, white tipped crest, and dark-red flight feathers; it is said that this red will wash out with soap and water, but I have never tried it. A more brilliantly plumaged species is the Purple-crested Lourie (*Gallirex porphyreolophus*), which has a green back and wings, and tail of a lilac-blue. This latter bird is fairly common in the North Eastern Transvaal.

The last group we will refer to in the present paper is the Parrots and Lovebirds whereof South Africa possesses a few, none, however, very gaudily attired. Perhaps the brightest plumaged bird is the Rosy-faced Lovebird (*Agapornis roscicollis*), which is green and has the throat and face of a rosy-red.

CLUB NOTICES.

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Admiral Duncan O.S. (Notts.).—August 24th, Admiral Duncan, 8.—W. Healey, Hon. Sec.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Aug. 27th, Central Cafe, 8. Important business and a lecture by Tom Harrison. Members and friends invited. Please make a special effort to attend.—Tom Harrison, Hon. Sec.

Bradford and County B.B. and Mule Club.—Meeting, Market Tavern, Sat., Aug. 24th. Business, arrange for coming show season. All fanciers invited.—W. R. Myers, Hon. Sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—The members will meet at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 24th, to have a ramble to Causeway Foot. Any friends who wish to go will be heartily welcome.—T. Clegg, Sec.

Burnley and Dis. C.B.C.—Aug. 27th, Committee, the Club.—J. Bee, Sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Aug. 28th, George Hotel, 8. Special to consider making our Association open instead of being confined to the borough.—R. S. Black, Sec.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 21st, Grapes Hotel, 8. Discussion on Open Show.—A. Wheatley, Sec.

East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.—Aug. 24th, Barley Mow. First Feather Show. Judging to commence at 3 p.m.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

Goldthorpe Thurnscoe and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 25th, Horse and Groom Hotel. General business.—W. Jackson, Sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 26th, Headquarters, 7.30. Discussion on C.B.U., re Accrington Soc., also Old Bird Show classes.—H. Sharples, Sec.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Aug. 31st, Church Schools, 8. Elect judges for Members' Show, and business relating to Open Show.—Albert Holden, Sec.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Aug. 31, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Ramble and show matter.—R. Gadsden, Sec.

Hebden Bridge and Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 27th, Howarth's Dining Rooms, 7.30. Arrangements for the Winter Show.—A. Pickles, Sec.

Huddersfield C.S.—Aug. 26th, White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly Table Show, and Classification for Open Winter Show.—S. Lodge, Sec.

Inverness O.A.—Wed., 28th, Crown Mission Hall, Washington Court, 8.15. Revision of schedule for show to be held 20th November. Full attendance requested.—Alex. Urquhart, Sec.

Keighley and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 27th., King's Head Hotel, 8. Members' Shows.—Wm. Wright, Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—Aug. 28th, Headquarters, 8. Presentation of medals to Messrs. West and Hunt.—J. Heighton, Sec.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 31st, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon, Sec.

Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 26th, Oddfellow's Hall, 8.—W. Jenkins, Sec.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 27th, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Important.—J. Davey, Sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Aug. 26th, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Open Show discussion.—W. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

Porth and D.C.B. F.S.—Sat., Aug. 31st, Danix Temperance Bar, 7.30. Committee earnestly requested to attend. Re Schedule for Open Show, etc.—John Challenger, Sec.

Rochdale O.S.—Aug. 26th, Club Rooms, 8. Committee.—J. Butterworth, Sec.

Sale Open O.S.—Aug. 26th, Sale Hotel, 8. Lecture, Moulting and Colour Feeding Canaries and British Birds, by Mr. G. H. Massey. All fanciers invited.—G. F. Hardcastle, Sec.

Scottish British Bird and Mule Club.—Sept. 7th, 125, High Street, Kirkcaldy, 3. Allocation of medals; proposed trophy for forthcoming season; new members invited.—R. Farmer, Sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—Aug. 27th, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Election of judge for Annual Show.—W. Stafford, Sec.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Sept. 12th. Lecture by Mr. Robson, Workman's Hall, Romford Road. Fanciers cordially invited.—S. L. Sheldrick, Hon. Sec.

Warrington and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 29th, Blue Bell, 7.45. Drawing.—Jas. Emmett, Sec.

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Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**"Old Judge."** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards—**Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. E. Cobb.** Rollers—**"Schoolmaster."** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Parkand Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Deformed Claw.

Herbert.—You need not despair about your young bird, for if you adopt the following advice, you should succeed in getting it all right. Get a piece of rubber tubing, such as used on a baby's feeding bottle, and cut a piece about a quarter of an inch in width. Pass this over the bird's foot, turn back the hind claw against the leg, and then pass the ring over it so that it will keep it in this position. Let it stop on for a fortnight, when the claw should then be in its proper position, and in a few days should grip the perch quite well.

Size Needed.

Bird Lover.—No, there is nothing special to give Canaries to increase their size. As your young birds are on colour food they are naturally being generously fed as they will be having egg-food, and I presume you are giving them as much seed as they care to eat. You will see a good deal of difference in their size when they have finished moulting. To obtain size, it must be bred for, and no feeding will produce size, unless the birds come from stock possessing this point.

Outdoor Aviary.

Sambo.—The shed you describe, I should imagine is a warm one for this kind of structure, and I think you would do best to keep your birds in the cages. You can then in the cold winter nights cover them over with an old blanket or rug. Of course, if you wish to minimise your trouble, then let them fly about in the room. I am, of course, presuming you are not thinking of exhibiting them.

Birds Squeaking.

E. Horne.—Give your birds fresh daily in the drinking water ten drops of paregoric, ten drops of glycerine, and ten drops of ipecacuanha wine. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, and then dissolve a little best honey in warm water, about a good-sized teaspoonful to half-a-pint of water, and let them have this to drink for a few days, when they should then be all right again.

Sexing Birds.

Like to know.—It is impossible to tell you how to tell the sex of your young Canaries from eight to twelve weeks old; old hands cannot tell for certain. If you know of an old breeder, you should get him to have a look at them, and he would tell you much nearer than I could on paper. As a general rule, the cocks run larger, are more lively, and carry more colour than the hens, and if closely watched, many can be caught twittering. The latter is not always an infallible sign, as many young hens will do this, but if you see your largest and best coloured birds doing this, in all probability they will turn out cocks.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Injured Leg.

W. C. Marr.—I am inclined to think from what you write that your bird has either broken, or severely sprained its leg. The best advice I can give is to let it have as much rest and quiet as you can. Take away all the perches, and spread on the cage bottom a soft woollen cloth, say, a piece of old blanket or shawl. Put its seed and water in separate vessels on the cage bottom, a couple of heavy salt-cellars would do for this, and would not be as liable to get upset as a lighter vessel might. Disturb as little as possible. Follow this course for a week, or ten days, when I think your bird may be all right, but if not, it may be on the improve, and if so continue the same treatment another week or so. I have known many birds get all right again that have injured themselves in a similar way to the one you describe. I am pleased to know the bird you wrote about some time ago got all right again.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crest Plucked.

C.B.—If your bird had its crest plucked out by another, it will grow again during the moult. The head is, or should be the last place to moult. When this happens, I have always found the crest grow better. This being the case, you may still have hopes of the crest growing, although your bird has been in moult for the past month.—If the head is clean and healthy, there is nothing I can recommend you to make the feathers grow. The only thing I could suggest, would be to moisten the top of the head with warm water, using a small piece of sponge for the purpose. Heat and moisture are the great factors in the production of feather.

Losing Your Crestbreds.

H.C.—Young Canaries require more than plain canary seed after leaving their parents. At first, egg-food may be given twice a week, afterwards once a week; on other days, sound summer German rape, a few groats, and a few hemps; if they become puffy, give bread and milk, which is the best possible food they can have at an early age. Liver disease is generally caused through improper feeding on highly stimulating food, but this does not appear to be so in your case. Do you give particular care and attention to the drinking water, as more often than not the cause of many disorders is bad and stagnant water; this, I could quite understand would be the case, if the water was allowed to remain in the drinkers more than six hours with the air permeated with paraffin. If you are compelled to clean your lamps in the room in which your birds are kept, I should advise you to stand a pan or two about with diluted Condy's fluid, exchanging it the instant that it is exhausted. I should also wash out the drinkers in water charged with Condy's Fluid.

Hen with Bare Patch.

Crest Lover.—Many Crested Canaries have a bare spot at the back of the crest, this is noticeable when the birds are only a few days old, showing a light spot, feathers never grow on these places, and can only be bred out by mating with Crestbreds, which are bred from crests with perfect backs. Continue to feed as you are now doing, which is correct, I prefer not to use any kind of greenfood during the moult.

Loss of Voice.

W.F.B.—You were quite right in giving your bird glycerine and whiskey, but as this does not appear to have made the desired improvement, give it bread and milk every day, over which put four drops of syrup of tolu. The better plan, if you manage it properly, is to give two drops of the syrup of tolu direct into its beak every morning, adding six drops of whiskey to the drinking water, all the same give the bread and milk, but without the tolu, if given direct into the beak.

Growth Over Beak.

E.A.—The growth, if only the size of a hemp seed, is too small to determine its nature; as it develops, and you find that it can be moved about, it may be cut out. Take a very sharp knife, and just cut through the skin, when you will find that the entire substance can be turned out. If the substance is very hard and you are not able to move it, paint with iodine, which will in time waste it away, but this is a slow process, and will take a long time, continue to paint it from time to time.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Bad Habit.

W.T.L.—It is certainly annoying to have seed shelled and not eaten—i.e., simply wasted. As you say, it is the best quality canary and rape you can buy, and that 20 other birds are eating them all right, it clearly cannot be the fault of the seed. On the other hand, the bird cannot be unwell, or of course, he would not be singing so stoutly. I should reduce his allowance of seed to a quantity just sufficient to last him the day through. Put a piece of cuttlefish or old mortar between the bars of the cage for him to peck at. In his drinking-water mix a little tincture of gentian—eight to ten drops in each two tablespoonfuls. I should think if you could manage to let him fly in an aviary, or large flight, for a time, this would cure him of the habit, which may have been induced by want of occupation, or amusement.

What has gone wrong.

Scottie.—I certainly think you are yourself to blame for part, at least, of the trouble of your "schoolmaster." You certainly ought not to have pricked the "sore" filled with matter at the root of the tail, for in all probability this was not a "sore" at all, but simply the oil-gland, a provision of Nature for the bird's comfort, and a very necessary one, from which it dresses its plumage with what is a sort of oily preservative. This oil-gland is often mistaken for a "sore" by bird-keepers, which is a pity, especially if they prick or otherwise meddle with it. The latter should never be done, unless the bird is obviously in pain there, and the gland looks really inflamed. You can only keep your bird quiet, and feed him well, and trust to time to bring about a recovery. Give him some egg-bread (say, a good patent food) every day, and a course of tonic medicine. The best you can get, I believe, is Allen and Hanbury's Byno-phosphates, of which one teaspoonful should be well stirred in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (or halve these quantities).

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Is it Insects?

Canaries have lost some feathers and the butts of wings are becoming raw. I have just got my first nest off successfully. I give them a bath, but only the cock enters it. I have examined, but could not see any insect. I might say that the place where I keep them is very warm and hardly fit.—W.S.R.

W.S.R.—You certainly ought not to be breeding now, and yet you say you have only just got your first nest off. At this time of the year birds should be moulting freely, and as yours are kept in a warm place I am inclined to think, especially as you can find no insects, that your birds are moulting. If so, there is no need for anxiety. You can easily find out if insects are the trouble by placing a white cover over the cage at night, and then taking a light and searching for the insects. Should you discover insects, dust the birds with Keating's, and paint all cracks and crevices of the cage with carbolic acid, also dip the perch ends in the same. Separate the cock and hen, and take away all the breeding utensils.

Young Birds Dying.

My birds taken from the breeding cage when they are five or six weeks old do very well until they begin to moult. They are fed on plain canary seed and water. I shall be glad if you can tell me how to feed them Would colour-feeding improve matters?—F.E.W.

F.E.W.—It certainly is most strange that your birds should do well until they commence to moult, and then die. In one direction only can I find any reason for the trouble, and that is in your leaving the birds in the breeding-cage until they are five or six weeks old, then taking them out and putting them on to plain seed and water at once. The sudden change from the soft egg food to hard seed may derange the digestive organs, and then when the birds commence to moult, their systems are not strong enough to stand the double strain of keeping up the ordinary functions of life, and at the same time growing a new coat of feathers. To put the birds which you have left on colour food would not assist matters at all. I should advise you to give them egg food twice daily, with just a sprinkling of the ordinary cayenne pepper, not with any idea of colour feeding them, but as a stimulant. You might also give them each day a little Parrish's Chemical Food, just enough to colour the drinking water a nice rosy pink. Green food should be given daily, and in the wires of the cages, place a piece of fat raw bacon, which should be renewed every other day.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Cutting Tongues, etc.

D.D.C.—I am still unable to identify the birds with certainty—for the simple reason that I cannot quite reconcile the description you gave in your previous letter with any species known to me. As the nest was in a hole in the bank, I think with some confidence they were Whinchats. Your description corresponds roughly with the appearance of male and female of this species. Whinchats are not seed-eaters, but insectivorous birds, more or less delicate, and difficult to keep in captivity, according to the experience as a bird-keeper of the person who essays the task. If you are not well up in all that appertains to the keeping of insect-feeding birds, and in a position to supply them with suitable food (a not inexpensive item) I strongly advise you to let these birds alone—if, that is, this reply is read in time. A good cock Whinchat just "meated-off" (got well on to food) is worth 10/- upwards; one moulted out into show condition somewhere roundabout 30/- to 40/-, according to its particular excellence, and the buyer. They will not breed in captivity, unless it be in a very large, suitably-fitted outdoor aviary. The weed enclosed is shepherd's purse.

What Constitutes a Finch Class?

Bully.—Some internal trouble has upset your birds, but its exact nature could not be told without a post-mortem examination. I advise you to give an entire change of diet. As the young Bullies are fond of "sop," let them have sweet biscuit (maizena wafers, or Osborne soaked in milk, with a dessertspoonful of clean, best-quality ants' eggs mixed amongst it). See that it is never allowed sour in the cage. In addition, let them have mawseed liberally every day. Also gather as many seeding thistle tops as you can find, and any blackberries, while a little of any ripe fruit would doubtless be welcomed by them. Don't gather them any wild seeds, etc., which are soaked with water—go out for such on a dry day (if you can find one). A little soaked summer-rape (in cold water until just sprouting) can also be given the birds daily. Dab some dry in a cloth before offering it. The stock mixture you mention, of canary, teazle, summer-rape, and a little sunflower, you can continue with. Don't give salad oil, but for a few days well stir a half teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum), bought from a chemist, into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Further, over the same period, well stir amongst each tablespoonful of the "soft-food" as much Dover's Powder (also from the chemist) as will lie on a shilling. Don't worry at present over the Bullies not eating seed; they will go back to it when they recover. I should like to know how you go on.

Thistle Seed; Young Greenfinches.

Novice.—The thistle-seed you send is badly-grown, that is, is not plump and full, as it should be. If you consult the articles on "Wild Plants" now running in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, you cannot well go wrong over the gathering of thistles and other suitable wild seeds for your birds. Greenfinches when in nestling plumage resemble their mothers (like most other young Finches), sexual differences in the plumage only becoming manifest after the moult. Note reply to "Two Weeks' Reader," in our last issue. Should any of the young Greenies seem bigger and bolder than the rest, and look to have more green and traces of yellow in their coats, you can with some certainty write these down as probable males.

Young Bullfinches Ailing.

Show Secretary.—You misunderstood the point of the reply given by me a while back under the above heading. The querist asked me then whether any bird with a name not ending in "finch" could rightly compete in a class headed "A.V. (British) Finch." The answer, of course, was in the affirmative. The Sparrows, the Redpolls, the Linnet, the Siskin, the Crossbill—to give a few instances—are one and all Finches. But I further pointed out that the heading was a somewhat loose one, inasmuch as the great Finch Family embraced three sub-families, viz., the Grosbeaks, the Finches, and the Buntings. If only the true Finches (those comprised in the second-mentioned sub-family, *Fringillinæ*) were allowed in it, then the Greenfinch and the Hawfinch would have to be excluded, for they are Grosbeaks. If we admit the Grosbeaks, then it is only logical that we should admit the Buntings. Yet very few exhibitors, I fancy, would think of entering a Yellowhammer or a Snow Bunting, for example, in an "A.O.V. Finch" class. Strictly speaking, however, they certainly should do so. Trouble arose at the last Watford show over this point, the judge "wrong classing" all the Buntings which had been entered in the "A.O.V. British Bird" class. The peculiarity of the situation lay in the fact that ninety-nine out of every hundred judges (probably) would have accepted them as correctly entered—in fact, many would no doubt have fired them out of the Finch class had they found them entered therein. Coming to your own case, if the Hawfinch is accepted as a Finch, then it certainly ought to have gone in class 25- of your schedule; consequently your action was frowned-on any case, giving just my own personal opinion, it was unwise of you to make the change as only by "hair-splitting" could it be held as eligible to compete in class 36. Had I been the judge, I should not have accepted it therein.

Particulars About Strangers.

E.M.—I have frequently stated that the cutting of birds' tongues with a view to aiding them to talk is a barbarous and unnecessary cruelty. Anyone who perpetrates the deed ought to be prosecuted, and given a few days "without the option." Birds do not use their tongues to talk with, consequently neither the "loosening" nor any other mutilation of the unfortunate members can affect their ability to articulate. I know several splendid talking Jays (one a wonder), and Magpies, and also a Jackdaw, and none of these has been touched—probably would not be alive now had they been hacked about. The staple diet of Jays and Magpies should comprise best quality dog biscuits, soaked and mixed up with table scraps of meat, gravy, vegetables and the like. Bread-crumbs and crushed hempseed make a very poor fare for them, and they will thrive but a short time unless you change it. Grated liver, and most kinds of cooked flesh, are good for them, nuts, sunflower seed, dead young Sparrows (or other young birds), cockroaches (black beetles) and many other creeping things, trapped mice, etc. Fruit and greenfood of various kinds should likewise be offered them. Some are very fond of groundsel.

Mainly About Mules.

Woster.—You say you have bred the Mules from a "buff yellow" Canary hen. But what this means I cannot fathom—she may be a buff, or she may be a yellow, but she certainly can't be both. Glad to know you have had good luck. 1: They seem to me to be just ordinary Goldie-Mules, good for pets or songsters, and if so, worth from 5/- to 7/6 each (the cocks), when moulted and on song. If they sang the pure Goldfinch notes (they would require a good singing Goldie for a tutor, and to hear no other bird), their value would be more than doubled. Light feathers in the tail spoil any Mule for "Dark Mule" classes. 2: The safest way to sex them is to wait until they are over the moult, when the cocks will soon commence to sing. Most early hatched young cock Mules sing before they drop into moult. Have you not heard yours? 3: Get a good tutor, by all means. He will also improve the notes of your adult hand-reared Gold finch. Hand-reared birds seldom make good songsters, unless trained under a good singer of their own species. 4: The period is indefinite (depending on many things), but September should see your birds over the moult. 5: Buy a clear or ticked pink-eyed hen of Yorkshire type, bred from a clear strain. Go to a reliable fancier for her. It is not necessary to buy right away, but don't leave the purchase too late—about October would do, when well over the moult. 6: The Mules would not be worth the trouble of color-feeding, I fancy. Use the sweet (tasteless) pepper, advertised in these columns. All vendors send instructions for its use; many articles and answers on this point have also appeared in our columns during the past few weeks.

Linnet Queer.

Anxious.—You really ought not to have left the bird so long before trying some remedial treatment or other. Try the following: For one day dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling; then, for ten days, or a fortnight (as seems necessary) give on alternate days (plain water in between) a mild dose of dandelion juice (taraxacum), half a teaspoonful in the above-mentioned quantity of water. Keep him in a box-cage (that is, wired in front only) hung in a snug corner of a warmed room, and covered over with something suitable at night. Give him a change of diet, as far as is possible. Let him have maw seed in plenty, with a little lightly cracked (fresh daily) hemp. Also gather and give any ripe plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, thistles, etc., that you can find—only the seeding parts are necessary. These things may tempt him to eat, and then you stand a chance of pulling him round. After he brightens up, then stop the taraxacum and give the chemical food—the latter will be useless until this takes place.

Briefiets.

Weeds (W.A.).—The weed with heart-shaped pods is shepherd's purse. The other is one of the dock family.

Is it a Goldfinch? (Beer).—Yes; the bird you have bought is a Goldfinch right enough. It is a young bird—i.e., a "Greypate"—in nestling plumage. The red blaze on face will come with the moult. It should, of course, make a good songster, if it turns out a male.

Caging a Chaffinch (Lover of Birds).—If the Chaffinch which has been caged for the past sixteen months has settled down quietly to captive life, there is certainly no cruelty attached to the fact of your keeping it in a cage, under good conditions, and with good food and attention. Don't let other people's drivel affect you.

Linnets and Colour Feeding (E. Kingdon).—Your feeding is about right. Give a little hemp while moulting; also you should gather ripe plantain and shepherd's purse, while chickweed, thistles and wild seed mixture (this latter advertised in our columns) will also be relished. See reply to "Josh-O-Brum" last week concerning colour-feeding.

A White Meadow Pipit (E.T.).—I cannot call to mind hearing or reading before of an Albino Meadow Pipit with pink eyes. Certainly I cannot remember ever having seen one. Yours must be a beautiful bird, and I shall hope to meet it later on at one or other of the shows. Possibly if any reader has seen or heard of a pure white, pink-eyed Meadow Pipit before, he may kindly let us know.

Stuck in Moult (Phyllis Yaldwyn).—I quite agree that you made a mistake in putting Bullie out of doors while in the moult—a dangerous move. Put him in a cage by himself, and bring him indoors again, hanging him in a warm corner, and covering his cage three parts down the front with a warm cover. This treatment may start him moulting again. If not, write me in a week or two's time.

Bare of Feathers (Anxious).—I am of opinion that the bare places will be re-covered with feathers during the moult, now in progress.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Wintering Budgerigars.

Will Budgerigars winter in a hay-loft, the only heat being from a fire in the saddle-room below; their cage is 3ft. by 2ft. by 1ft. If I move them into a cage 5ft. by 3ft. by 1½ft., can I keep a pair of either of the following with them- Madagascar Lovebirds, Cockateels or another pair of Budgerigars. Which would be the better?—"NOVICE."

Novice.—Budgerigars will winter in any unheated room, they are very hardy birds; at the same time they must be protected against draught. In the larger cage, you could put in either of the birds you name, but I should give the preference to either Budgerigars or Cockateels, the latter would make an agreeable contrast, or if you already have Green, get a pair of Yellow Budgerigars or vice versa. All would thrive on the same food, and are sufficiently hardy to be kept in the loft. Diet: canary, white and spray millet, and a few white oats twice a week, give the latter daily when they have young to feed. They also require continuous supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water, and a little greenfood daily.

Grey Parrot Plucking Itself.

A young Grey, which reached me from Las Palmas on July 22, picks the feathers off one leg, so much so, that a fluid is coming from it; the bird is very mopy; it is fed on boiled maize, no water to drink. What is the remedy?—G. RORSON.

G. Rorson.—I really consider it would be better to let a vet. prescribe for your bird. it is a pity to lose a bird that you have privately brought over. However, if you object to this, bathe the leg with lukewarm water, dry, and then lightly annoint with spermaceti ointment. Give the bird two or three doses (half teaspoonful in two tablespoonsful of water) of Dinneford's magnesia, and let the bird have nothing else to drink for that day, the doses to be given with a three day's interval between each; on the days you are not giving the magnesia, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, continue the chemical food for a month at least. Do not leave water in the cage, but let it satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each canary and white oats, and one part each dari, hemp, wheat and sunflower seed, well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Continue to give the boiled maize till you find the bird eating freely of the dry mixture, then gradually discontinue the maize, finally leaving it off altogether. Also give at intervals to vary the diet, ripe fruit (as in season), plain biscuit, nuts, greenfood (a leaf of fresh lettuce is as good as any), with grit and cuttlefish regularly, and water several times a day as directed above. If the leg does not heal, you had better repeat query with full details. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatsoever.

Breeding Foreign Finches.

In my inside aviary, 7ft. by 4ft. by 5ft. high, I have pairs of Zebra Finches, Zebra Waxbills, Tricolour Nuns, Green Singing Finches, Spice birds, Silverbills, and Fire Finches. Will any or all of these breed in confinement?—"ENQUIRER."

Enquirer.—The Zebra Finches and Silverbills should be certain breeders, the others probable ones, all have bred in confinement, but with the exception of Zebra Finches, Budgerigars, and some species of Parrakeets. Foreign birds do not breed in confinement with the same precision as Canaries, but many species of Foreign Finches will bring up a brood fairly regularly; sometimes these having the reputation of doubtful breeders will nest freely with some one aviculturist, where in many other aviaries they have never even built. Gouldian, Ruficanda, Pectoral, Chestnut, Diamond, Ribbon, and Grey Singing Finches are all probable breeders; but I should only keep six pairs in the aviary at most, as you wish for breeding results, though you have accommodation for about twenty-five birds the size of a Norwich Canary. The arrangements of your aviary appear to be excellent, and you should have good results.

Budgerigars and Cockateels.

In my aviary, 5ft. by 3ft. by 4ft. high, there are three pairs Green and one pair Yellow Budgerigars. Please give treatment, and how can I sex them? If I remove one pair of the Budgerigars, can I put in a pair of Cockateels?—"BUDGERIGAR."

Budgerigar.—Your accommodation is already occupied, my advice is to get a pair of Cockateels, and to reduce the Budgerigars to one pair each of Green and Yellow, and then to dispose of young, as they are able to feed for themselves. The same diet and treatment will suffice for all; of course, a log nest of some kind of suitable size will be required for the Cockateels. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, and a few white oats, two or three times a week, the oats will be required daily when they have young to feed. In addition, you must give regularly, greenfood (grass in the ear and fresh lettuce are best), cuttlefish, grit, and water ad lib. Crush the egg shells left from your table and scatter them over sand. As your space will be well occupied, you must pay strict attention to cleanliness. Those with the blue ceres at base of upper mandible are males, those you describe as having white ceres are probably immature birds, and sex would as yet be unknown. The cere of the female is dark brown when in breeding condition, during the mount and off season it frequently becomes bluish, but seldom as bright in colour as that of the male.

Java Sparrows.

(1) Should these birds be kept indoors or out? (2) How can I tell the sex? (3) Do they breed in captivity?—"ANXIOUS."

Anxious.—(1) These birds are very hardy, and do well in any outdoor aviary supplying space for exercise and a night shelter, under such conditions they can be left out of doors all the year round. The White variety do, perhaps, equally well in a cage indoors, the cage should be a roomy one; any ordinary living or unheated room will suffice. (2) There is no difference in plumage in the sexes, and but little in size, but after a little practise sexes can be picked out by the shape of the beak, that is, in adult birds, that of the male is stouter at the base and also a little shorter than that of the female, which is narrower and more pointed. This distinction is only of use by comparison, it being very difficult to state the sex of a solitary bird. The male has a pleasing warble which he is very fond of uttering, the female being comparatively silent. (3) The White variety is a free breeder in either cage or aviary; the Grey variety is very erratic in this respect. A good plan is to get a White female and Grey male; their progeny will mostly come true Grey (but such pied specimens as are produced are usually very handsome), and form a free breeding strain.

Sexing Blue-winged Lovebirds.

(1) What is the difference in plumage of the sexes? (2) What is their diet? (3) Do they require greenfood?—"BLUEBIRD."

Bluebird.—(1) The male has his lower back, rump, and flights, bright blue, the remainder of his plumage being green. The female is plain green, of a slightly lighter shade than the male, and has no blue in her plumage. (2-3) These birds do well on canary, white and spray millet, with greenfood, cuttlefish, such ripe fruit as they will eat, and a continuous supply of water. Grass in the ear or fresh lettuce are the best greenfoods. Some give a little milk sop, but I have never found this essential; if given, care must be taken that it does not remain in the cage long enough to become sour. These beautiful and interesting birds (their proper name is Passerine Parrakeets) have bred both in cage and aviary on one or two occasions, with English aviculturists.

Breeding Zebra Finches.

(1) Should I remove the eggs from Zebra Finches just commencing to lay? (2) How many eggs form the clutch? (3) Do they lay daily, or miss a day between each egg?—"DUD."

Dud.—(1) It is seldom that I interfere with my birds sufficiently to know when the respective eggs are laid; save with such pairs as I put up specially for observation and gathering data, taking my chance as to whether they desert their eggs in consequence of my interference. Nothing whatever is to be gained by removing the eggs, leave them to themselves. (2) Usually 5, but varies from 4 to 7. (3) It is seldom the whole clutch is laid on successive days, but there are certainly two days dropped during the laying of a clutch of five, the period at which this occurs being erratic. In your case it will probably be one egg, one day missed, two eggs on successive days, another day missed, and then the other two laid out without further pause. Sometimes the first two eggs are laid on successive days, and so it varies one way and another, though the first-named order is that most often occurring.

Young Virginian Cardinals Dying.

My Virginian Cardinals, apparently healthy birds, have young ones, who die from evidently congenital enlarged gizzards. Last nest, three birds. I sent one last year for post-mortem, which reported "liver enlarged, though congenital." Can anything be done to prevent this?—E.M.F.

E.M.F.—Before I attempt any definite answer, kindly supply me with the conditions under which they are kept, with full details as to diet, and age to which they lived. If you have young at the present time, supply all the insect food you can, mealworms, gentles, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, let it be varied and as much as you can supply—this treatment will give them the best chance. Supply also as stock food, a soft food mixture of sponge cake (crumbled), ants' eggs (best), dried flies, fine ground pupæ, and game meal in equal parts; for use, take one part game meals, pour over it as much boiling water as it will absorb, and then knead equal parts of the other ingredients, when the mixture should be crumbly-moist; let them have a varied supply of ripe fruit, as much as they will eat. You are not alone in your disappointing experience; most species of Cardinals fail to rear their young, and with such as are reared most fail to live any lengthy period. In my own aviary Green Cardinals hatched out five broods last year, and did not fully rear a single youngster, and again this year, three broods, none reared, and from several correspondents I learn the same result as to Grey Cardinals.

What Parrot?

It is about the size of a Turtle Dove, but with a much longer tail; it is of a grass-green colour, with head and neck grey, and flights blue. What is its name? What is its food and treatment?—"NEW BEGINNER."

New Beginner.—This bird has quite a number of vulgar names: Monk, Quaker, Monte Video, and Grey-breasted Parrakeet, but it is most commonly known and sold as the Quaker Parrakeet. It is a bird of fine appearance, and while I believe almost every species of Parrot and Parrakeet can be taught to say at any rate a word or so, I never came across a talking Quaker yet. Get a quart each of canary, millet, hemp, dari, white oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix and let this be your staple diet. Let it have a little of such ripe fruit as it will eat, a little greenfood (they are very fond of lettuce), a little plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread; with continuous supplies of cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing ad lib. I have found this species as "hard as nails." It is a native of South America.

Grey Parrot Moulting.

My bird, a new acquisition, said to be through the moult, is rather bare all up its legs, and especially so under the wings. It does not improve, and seems to be continuously fidgetting with its plumage. I cannot trace any insects. How must I treat? It is fed on boiled maize and packet food. —Miss M. B.

Miss M. B.—With many individuals the first moult in this country is quite a protracted one, and particularly so with a young bird. Give the bird one tablespoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, and let it have only this to drink for one day, repeat the dose in a week's time. On other days (continue same for a month at least) well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Keep a close watch on the bird if you detect it pulling its feathers; well spray its plumage with quassia solution every other day. Whatever the weather, you must keep it out of draught till dry. Details as to diet are fully given in this and last issues, to which I must refer you. Do not give milk, tea, or coffee sops, or any kind of animal food whatsoever. You must persevere with the quassia solution treatment, if the bird proves a feather picker, till it is broken of the habit, which is not very readily given up once it is acquired, but in your case success should be attained within a reasonable period, as it appears to have been taken in time.

Amazon with Cold.

My bird has been troubled with sneezing and running at the nose. It is kept in a warm corner, and has been given tincture of aconite, but it does not improve; it is, however, hearty, and eats well. I have just lost a Grey with a similar complaint. What can I do for it —J. C. D.

J. C. D.—I fear there was more than a cold the matter with the Grey you have just lost, and fear the Amazon has been contaminated. Thoroughly scald out your cages with boiling water, carefully seeing that every crevice is thoroughly searched therewith—they would be safer if they were well painted over with neat paraffin. Well search the crevices before they are scalded, finally giving them a thorough swilling with cold water, and when dry they should be quite safe to use. As regards the bird spray for mite with a camel hair brush) its nostrils with diluted glycothermoline, it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Also get the following from your chemist—equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine; put half a teaspoonful of this mixture into the egg cupful of water and let the bird have this daily till relief is given. You make no mention of diet. You should give boiled maize twice a week, the maize only keeps fresh one day, while its staple food should be equal parts of canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, Indian corn, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep supply continuously in its cage; it must have regular supplies of cuttlefish, grit, greenfood, and water *ad.lib*, while as extras may be given, nuts, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and boiled potato (dry). Put, for one day only, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize, and repeat the doze after a week's interval. When the cold has yielded, put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for two or three weeks—see other replies.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

German Canary (G.W.).—Septic inflammation of liver, lungs and bowels. It would be advisable to run the birds into clean cages and thoroughly disinfect their present quarters.

Unflighted Norwich (Geo. H. D.).—This bird, and probably your other three, died of "Bird Fever," which must have been brought into your room, either with an infected bird or cage.

Two Canaries (Mrs. Williams).—Both these died of inflammation of the liver and lungs, but the entire absence of fat, and the general emaciation of body are sufficient to show that the birds were diseased before those from the aviary were brought into the same room. In any such cases the cages, floors especially, should be disinfected with boric acid solution; one teaspoonful to a pint of hot water.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cutting (C. H.) Many thanks for cutting, which I had already seen, but, thank you none the less for sending. I also thank you for the note about the annual, and much regret that the mistake has occurred.

Cutting (R. E. P.) Many thanks for cutting. We have made the correction mentioned.

Cuttings (A. W. C.) Many thanks for cuttings. Hope you are making good progress towards recovery.

A Balance (Fair Play).—Legally you ought to pay the 3/6, but I would suggest that you endeavour to come to some mutual arrangement with the seller. He may possibly be disposed to meet you under the circumstances.

Address Wanted (W. P.) The following firms who are light box makers will doubtless manufacture what you require:—Arundel and Marshall, 27, Penn-street, Hoxton, N.; Clements, Newling, and Co., 95, Wood-street, E.C.; Johns, Son, and Watts, Ltd., 40, City-road, E.C.; J. Whitehead and Co., Bath Works, Baldwin-street, City-road, E.C.

Suggestions (Thompson, Greenwich).—Thanks, we need little spurs like your postcard occasionally. They are instructive.

Congratulations (Suggestion).—Pleased to know that you think that this series will prove both interesting and profitable. Your suggestion is a good one, and so far as we possibly can we will hear the point in mind in the future. It would not do, however, for advertisement pages to be alternated with literary pages. Such an arrangement was tried in the now defunct "Stockkeeper" with disastrous results.

EVEN MARKED CANARIES.

By T. H. KINCH.

On looking through the reports last show season I could not find a class for even Marked Canaries, either Norwich or Yorkshire. Why show committees won't give a class I cannot understand? Surely there are enough even-marked birds left yet to fill a class at our large shows, even if the class included the Borders, of which some grand birds are now bred. What is more beautiful than a good even-marked bird of either variety? If well fed, and with well balanced markings, it would cause man a one's "mouth to water" to own such a specimen.

As an old breeder of this variety in the eighties, I have had many a grand one for years; I have kept this strain pure for over twenty years. The first pair of birds I had was from the late Mr. Blakston, both buff Norwich young ones from his best birds. I could not get from him only two buffs. The yellows he could not spare at that time. The markings of them were: Cock, eight dark feathers in each wing, but he had no eye markings. The hen had good eye markings, not heavy, rather lightly marked, but even, and one of her wings only was marked.

THE FIRST YEAR.

These birds bred me seven young ones in two nests the first year, which I thought was a good start. Three of these were quite clear, one had beautifully even marked eyes and wings, the others were unevenly marked ones. All these were buffs. I thought they might turn out so, breeding from two buffs. Now I had to look about me and get a yellow or two. I was not so particular about being evenly marked if I knew that they came from an evenly marked strain. I got from a breeder a large yellow cock, evenly, but very heavily marked. I paired him with the largest clear hen I had, and bred two good evenly marked young, both being hens, but yellow, which were what I wanted most, for I am a great believer in a good hen.

These two I kept to lay the foundation, as I have found out that the young cocks always take more after the hen than the cock and the young hens more after the father, perhaps not always in colour, but in size, shape and build. They were not nearly as stout as the present day Norwich are, but still fair birds of the Norwich variety in the eighties. The unevenly marked ones of the first year, I paired brother and sister together to set the strain, and get the blood pure.

I was told by the "knowall's," that I should have the young ones come poor, sickly, and sparely feathered, but results proved quite different. They were strong healthy birds, but not a good four-pointed one was there amongst them. Some had good eye markings, and some good even wing marks. From these young birds, and the young from the yellow cock I had, that year, two grand even-marked cocks whose markings were beautifully balanced. These I sold as show birds, before the moult, as at that time I was quite unable to moult them myself. The years that I bred from this strain.

A FRESH COCK EVERY SEASON.

I always got a fresh cock in each year, and many a difficulty have I had to get it from a pure strain. Several years I bought the perfect article and crossed with a clear hen. This perfect article took some time to get its like again. I nearly always bought the yellow cock as my strain was mostly buffs. I found that I got better results from a yellow cock and buff hen than the reverse way. I have tried both ways, and only twice did I get an exhibition bird from the buff cock and yellow hen. Now in breeding Norwich I have had just the opposite from the sexes, but still their blood was not so pure, nor set like the evenly marked.

Some of my best results have been from two clear birds, which I tried as an experiment, and bred from them for five years, generally a good one was produced each year, besides others fairly marked which came in well for re-crossing and Mule breeding. When one of these birds, which was a beauty, was about ten weeks old, a gentleman came and offered me £5 for it. I refused it, much to my regret, for it died before the day was out, and from what cause I could not state, or find out, but have since thought it was from the rape seed. I used in those days to give the ordinary black and white seed, so called, i.e., canary and rape, winter or cole.

TESTING RAPE SEED.

As I lost other birds in later years I tested the cole seed, by boiling for twenty minutes, and found the water was very rank and strong, which fully convinced me as to what was the cause. Several other fanciers' birds, which had died, somewhat similarly, were brought to me, and their symptoms were the same as mine, so we quite concluded the rape was the cause.

After I had boiled the seed I used to well dry it in the sun. I found that they would eat it just as readily as before, and no further harm came to them. After breeding with this strain for some ten years, they being continually in-bred, began to run too small for me, and were getting about the size of the Borders of to-day.

EVEN MARKS NOT TO BE FOUND.

I could not get a bird large enough for me with either good markings or from an even marked strain. I introduced the largest clear yellow Norwich hen I could get from a clear strain, so it was guaranteed me. The young from this pair I started to inbreed again to set this blood, but the tails were always too long for me, and took me years to reduce, which was only done by careful selection and mating. Although I inbred freely I always did it in a judicious manner by selecting the largest and strongest.

I think out of all my good birds I bred only one which had pea-eye markings in the Norwich birds, and very seldom did the unevenly-marked ones have the pea-eye This kind of eye marking I never did like—I always preferred the spectacle markings, and sold the pea-eyed ones, for which I had always a ready sale, for Mule breeding. I can say that some I continually inbred for muling purposes only, but can never remember any of them to have had pink eyes, and only once in twenty years did I get a six-pointed bird good enough for show purposes.

Several times I have had five-pointed ones, eyes and wings, with dark tail. One of these I kept for years and bred from to see if it would produce the dark tail, but the young never took after this parent, neither would it produce a six-pointed bird which was my object in trying it.

From one pair in 1887 I bred three good show specimens. This was the most I ever got from one pair in a season. I only put up four pairs of these Norwich, and I considered that I had done well if I bred two good birds from them each year.

THE YORKSHIRE VARIETY.

Even-marked Yorkshires I have also been a breeder and lover of, but always gave the Norwich bird the preference. My Yorkshires came from a good breeder of this class of birds; in 1884, the cock was marked on eyes and wings. The eye markings were of a pea shape, the hen had only slight eye markings. The first year there were no good birds at all. They were either too heavy in eye or wings, but mostly variegated. These I had in-bred for years before I got anything suitable to my mind. Then I had to increase their length, and after a time I managed to breed several good high-class birds. All my birds were easily sold at that time. I never kept any to moult as I had not the room, neither was I able then to give them the attention. From this Yorkshire strain I have bred some grand Mules.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE STRONGER SEX PREDOMINATES.

SIR,—As a reader of your paper, it has occurred to me that the following may be of interest to the readers of your columns, if you care to publish it. As far as I can find out, it is a very unusual occurrence. A short time ago I acquired a pair of Yorkshire Canaries for breeding purposes. In due course, the hen laid four eggs, which, on hatching, proved to be all male birds. They are now six weeks old, and all doing well. Is this so uncommon as I suppose?

W. KIRSEL.

CRESTED TIT IN IRELAND.

SIR,—About eight o'clock last Friday I was watching a pair of gold crowned Wrens in an ornoca, which is a favourite haunt of these birds. As my house is in front of a large fir wood, the Tits and Golderests are common in the garden. I heard an unfamiliar note like a sharp si si si, followed by a low pur rirurir, and upon looking closely to see what bird uttered it, I saw a small Tit-like bird flying among the branches. At times it raised a pointed crest like that of the Skylark, which was black with white streaks. As I know something of birds, I at once recognised it as that very rare bird, the Crested Tit. After a while it came nearer, so that I could see its colours. It had sides of face white, rest of head black, upper parts reddish brown, under pinkish white. It was a little longer than a Cole Tit. I have noticed a few rare birds about here, Crossbills, Hobby Falcons, Merlins, Hawfinches, and Wood Warblers. I would like Mr. G. E. Weston to give his opinion on it. I wish to remain unknown, because several of my neighbours read CAGE BIRDS, and I do not wish it to be shot.

BIRD LOVER.

THE BREEDING SEASON.

Another look around Newcastle.

SIR,—Now that the breeding season is drawing to a close, perhaps a few brief notes about the success of the various breeders will be of interest to some of your readers. Mr. "Jimmie" Little, of Scotch Fancy fame, has finished with close upon forty. I think that, with a successful moult, some of his young birds will do well, for he has some seven or eight exceptionally good ones, and in such experienced hands are sure to come out right. Mr. MacPartling has had what he calls a fair season. He has bred some nice Twite Mules, both marked and dark ones. He has also a nice-looking Greenfinch Canary Mule. I am sure "Mac" deserves good luck, for he keeps the birds for the love of them. "Bob" Young has had a good season, over fifty young ones, Borders and Norwich and some very promising birds amongst them, especially the Borders. Ned Robson, Jack Coutts, and H. Cummins have only done moderately; but they only smile, and wish for another season to again try their luck. Bill Scott has done exceedingly well, over 30 young Norwich, but mostly buffs; he has also a decent Mule or two. Mr. Harvey has, so I have been told, bred some very good Scotch Fancies, and hopes to win Mr. Haggie's special. Mr. Chapman has done very well with his Border Fancies but he deserved better luck with his Scotch-men. Mr. "Joe" Harrison has bred some 20 nice Yorkies, and he succeeded in getting a card or two at the First Feather Show. Mr. Robson has some very decent Norwich, and he will hold his own in the Crested line. Mr. Robson is a fancier of the right stamp who does all that lies in his power to encourage young fanciers, there's nothing seems a trouble to him. By the way, I was sorry to hear of his good yellow-crested bird dying, but hope that he will soon have another to put in its place. Our secretaries, Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, have done well, having both got a decent Crest or two; in fact, Mr. Curry thinks he has "a walk over" for Mr. Haggie's special, but don't forget there's many a slip, etc. Mr. Currah has got, to use his own words, a house full. He has some exceptionally good Crests and Crest-breds, he also has some nicely-marked Borders. Mr. Maddison will astonish a few this year, having got an almost clear Linnet Canary Mule, also an almost clear siskin Canary Mule, and is for clear Goldfinch Canaries, they are a common occurrence in his room. He has also a good Goldie-Bullie that will be heard tell of. I think the fancy will be surprised to hear that Mr. Luke Stone has disposed of all his stock. Mr. Taylor, of Milburn House, being the lucky purchaser. I know that Mr. Stone had some really good birds; birds that will be heard tell of again. I believe that Mr. Bertram has got a few good young 'uns, but up to the present I have not seen them. Mr. Shepherd has had a disastrous breeding season, the last time I saw him, he had only got one young one, but was, like the little boy, "hoping for more."

NOVOCASTRIAN.

LIABILITY OF YEARLY MEMBERS OF CLUBS.

SIR,—Members of ornithological associations have been much exercised by a test case on the question of the liability involved in becoming members of such associations. I enclosed the Sheriff's finding for publication, as it appears in the "Kilmarnock Standard," of 17th August. If fanciers are to be secured as members, it is absolutely necessary that the rules should be revised: "In the Sheriff Small Debt Court on Wednesday, Sheriff Mackenzie heard agents and gave judgment in an action of considerable interest to the members of the Kilmarnock Ornithological Association. John Blane, the secretary, on behalf of the Association, sued William Reid, shoemaker, 21, West Shaw Street, for payment of 7s. 6d. in respect that he was a member of the Association and that a levy of that amount was imposed on each member at an adjourned annual meeting held on 11th May last. The defender refused to pay on the ground that he was a member of the cage-bird section, which had been dissolved at the annual meeting. He maintained that he and the other members of the cage bird section had been practically put out of the Association, and that he was not therefore liable for any assessment which they might make. He further contended that the assessment was too large, and that the assets of the cage-bird section, including prize cups, etc., should have been realised and placed to the credit of the Association's account. The Sheriff held that the Association had not been dissolved, and that the defender had not taken the step of resigning his membership which was provided for by the rules. Even if he had done so, the Sheriff was not prepared to hold that that would free him from liability previously incurred, and it appeared that the levy had been made to cover past deficiency. With regard to the amount levied, the Sheriff held that the Association, being constituted for a lawful purpose, was entitled to make such reasonable assessment as it found necessary to meet its liabilities, and that it was not for him to examine the accounts. He therefore gave decree for the sum sued for, with expenses. Agents:—For the pursuer, Mr. J. M. Inglis; and for the defender, Mr. John Bain (of Messrs. Mackintosh and Bain)."

THOMAS SMITH.

INTERESTING FERTILISATION.

Some Muling Experiences.

SIR,—A singular case of fertilising of eggs has recently come under my notice, which I thought would be interesting to readers of C.B. I have a hen Canary which had brought up a nest of Mules. As the season was getting late, about August 1st, I did not think she would nest again. She had no cock with her since she last laid. One morning I found an egg in the nest, which I took away, and I parted off the young Mules, and turned in a cock Goldfinch; he was very rank and fast. She laid an egg on the two following days, which I let her sit on. Last Friday she hatched one young Mule out of the two eggs; this proves that eggs can be fertilised in a remarkably short time before being laid, less than 24 hours. I thought this worth recording. I have a Hybrid now well on seed, that was hatched from an egg laid by a hen Goldfinch in an aviary in which the only cock birds were a Linnet and Redpoll, so I am not certain which is the father. I hope to see more signs of the parentage when it moults. I think it is a cock. The hen Goldfinch laid two eggs in the seed-box, which I set under a Canary, both were hatched, one young bird died when about three weeks old. My particular fancies are Goldfinches and Mules. I have had a very poor season, got very few young, but this may be accounted for by the dreadful weather. I keep my birds in a building at the bottom of my garden. I have been years trying to get Canaries that would throw light Mules, and last year I bought two hens, and both have had light marked Mules in every nest, so I think I am lucky in getting such a strain. I believe the previous owner had not tried for Mules. They are very nice sized birds. I have only got one young Canary from each of them this year, but with these I shall hope to keep the strain. On some future occasion I may try and write you some particulars of the birds that have passed through my hands during the past fifty years. They range from the Golden Eagle to the Robin. Anything with feathers always fascinates me, and I think the fever is as strong now as it was forty years ago.

C. J. D. ADAMS.

SCOTTISH-BRITISH B. AND M. C.

SIR,—Applications for our patronage are now pouring in daily. Societies desirous of same might please forward classification, Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes specially defined, British fanciers wishing to compete for our medals at Scottish shows, will please communicate with me. Members please oblige with annual subscription.

R. FARMER, sec.

IS THE HOOPOE A BRITISH BIRD?

SIR,—In reply to Mr. R. Bond's query in last week's C.B., asking if the Hoopoe is a British bird, I would refer him to Vol. 1, No. 4, of the "Bird World," the front page of which gives an excellent illustration of the Hoopoe. The "Bird World" says the Hoopoe is a great traveller, being a summer migrant here, and often occurring in out-of-the-way places. It visits us regularly, and has bred where unmolested. I think it is only this year that the Hoopoe was added to the list of B.B. and M.C. The coming show season is likely to see a good many Hoopoes competing in the British bird class.

GEORGE RAESIDE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. R. Bond's enquiry "Is the Hoopoe a British Bird?" there is no doubt at all about one or two being seen in this country annually, though I cannot say if any authentic record is known as to its having bred here. Last year I had one, found dead eight miles from here, a female bird, which certainly would have shortly laid eggs, but seemed to have flown against telegraph wires, as its head was almost off. Have seen two recorded in "The Field" this year.

A. T.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent R. Bond, the Hoopoe is a migrating bird, but not a regular one. It is stated to be only occasional in the British Isles. Therefore, had I been judging, I should have put it out of the British bird class. They say the Nile in Egypt swarms with these birds, as they feed upon the worms and grub they find there. They also frequent pasture and ploughed lands like the crow. It is more abundant on the Continent of Europe than in Britain, and its sojourn in temperate climates is but short, its arrival being late in the year, and its departure early. This migration is not universal, and it is well known they breed in and round about Egypt. Therefore, I don't think it is fair to call the Hoopoe a British bird, but the B.B. and M.C. may include them in their list.

C. E. SILK.

SIR,—We beg to state that the Hoopoe has long been recognised as a British bird by all writers on ornithology. Year by year specimens are recorded in different parts of England, and we believe there are authentic records of its breeding in this country, birds in mature plumage having been shot. Only a month or so ago one was seen in a park near Penge. With these authentic records in view, the N.B.B. and M.C. added the bird (with twenty-six other species) to their list about three months ago, and duly published in this journal. We shall be pleased to forward your correspondent same on receipt of stamp. The N.B.B. and M.C. have no jurisdiction over a judge awarding a prize to any bird not in the club's list. Take, for instance, the Meadow Bunting. Such a bird, if exhibited by a member and awarded a prize, would not be recognised to count for the club's cup and medals. Whether the bird your correspondent cites was a genuine caught British specimen, or not, it is not for us to say. Such a matter is left for the judge to form his own opinion.

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CANARY-BULLY AT CAMBRIDGE.

SIR,—On looking over the report of our show, held on August 5th, I see I am credited with first special in the Mule Class with a Greenfinch and Canary Mule. This is an error, as the bird in question is a genuine cross between the Canary and Bullfinch.

C. G. WILLIAMS.

SPLIT IN THE TIDESWELL POULTRY & CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—The cage bird section of the above society will in future hold their annual show for cage birds only (poultry excluded), and hope to have the support and patronage of their friends and exhibitors as in the past. The show is to be held under the rules of the C.B.U. Show date and particulars will be announced later.

BAGSHAWE AND SWARBRICK, Hon. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM PERMANENT O.S.

SIR,—May I inform your readers in this district, that the above society has opened its membership to a radius of ten miles outside the borough. Any fancier wishing to become a member will be made welcome. We hold our next meeting at the "Shoulder of Mutton," Market Place, on Saturday, August 31st, at 8 o'clock, and our next show on October 19th. Mr. J. Richards, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, will judge.

GEORGE CLOY, Sec.
21, Briar Street, Nottingham.

WHITE SWALLOWS AT EAST LEARMOUTH.

SIR,—On August 14th I saw at East Learmouth, near Cornhill-on-Tweed, a pure white Swallow. It was a young bird, and had seemingly newly left the nest, as it was flying low, and was scarcely full up in feather yet. There was not a single dark feather to be seen.

J. W. BRUCE.

NEW SOCIETY IN DUNDALK.

SIR,—It is with much pleasure that I have learned that at last Dundalk, the capital of Co. Louth, is organising a Cage Bird Society. There are many fanciers residing in this large town, with its population of over 14,000, and I am sure they will welcome and support such a society. I am glad to say that we have amongst our many fanciers two of our Irish champion exhibitors, and those gentlemen are, I believe, about to start this society. I refer to Mr. Rowe, V.P.Y.C.C., Ireland, of 2, McDermott's-terrace, and Mr. Coynee, D.I.N.T., 50, Castle-road, Dundalk, and I trust every fancier will do his utmost to support and assist these gentlemen in the task they have set before them. All intending members should send their names to either of these gentlemen at an early date.

J. CUNNINGHAM.

COAL-TAR AS A REMEDY FOR ASTHMA.

SIR,—I was rather astonished at being asked on Saturday by a customer for Liquor Resi Carbona, B.P. 1898. Let him, and good knowledge of the B.P., but could not call to mind any such preparation in it. On inquiring its purpose, I was shown a letter by Mr. A. Rothwell, in your valuable paper as a cure for asthma in cage birds. There is no such preparation in the B.P., and I am not at all surprised to see that Mr. Rothwell failed to obtain same, if he asked for Liq. Resi Carbona, B.P. 1898. Let him, and others, ask for Wright's solution of Coal Tar and I do not think many chemists, even those of country places, will be unable to supply him. I should be obliged if you will print my letter for the guidance for other fanciers.

ERNEST C. HARDEN, M.P.S.

HEATING APPARATUS REQUIRED.

SIR,—I think it will be of interest to your correspondent, Mr. Claude Cowper, to know that I have used, both in my bird room and also dog kennel, for small pet dogs, a single gas boiler that costs very little to maintain, and the temperature is very easily regulated. Moreover, it does not take up much room, and is easily fixed. It is made by Mr. J. Dewhurst, 52, North End-road, West Kensington, who, being an eminent bird fancier, would only be glad to supply Mr. Claude Cowper with particulars.

H.G.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUBS.

International Triangular Contest.

SIR,— Noticing that Mr. D. Smith states that we could not come into line with a contest with the two clubs, I might mention that the reason was, that our committee could not see its way clear to ask our members to send their birds to Scotland two years running and only once either at home or on the map district of the Norwich Plainhead Club. Our members would have been put to great expense, and then beaten by numbers. No, when our friends of the Scottish Club give or take fair, then it will be possible to make arrangements, but not take all and give none, while I am the humble servant of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.

F. S. MATTHIAS.

WINTERING FOREIGN BIRDS.

SIR,—The time is not now far distant when most keepers of foreign birds in outdoor aviaries begin to think about taking their stock indoors. This, however, may be done too soon, particularly with birds that have already spent a summer out of doors, and are fairly well acclimatised. There is no doubt that this class of bird will, in very many cases, prove hardier and thrive better in the open during the colder months than they would do indoors without the aid of artificial heat. There is, in fact, comparatively little analogy between the conditions indoors and in the open air, even when, to all appearances, they are very similar, and a bird's capacity to resist cold in a good large space for exercise in the open simply bears no comparison whatever with the resistance indoors. Damp and wet are far greater enemies to birds than cold, for which reason the two first essentials to be provided in any aviary should be a well-drained floor and a covered roof, to keep out the rain. Given such conditions, none but the most delicate species and recently-imported birds need be taken in yet awhile. Indeed, it is more than likely that specimens imported this year and placed out during the summer are already sufficiently inured to the vagaries of our climate to remain out altogether, unless there should be quite an exceptionally severe winter in store for us, the cool, inclement season being quite sufficient to accomplish a fair amount of acclimatisation—certainly enough for the hardier species. A few notes on the subject of feather plucking in Parrots may not be without interest, although we have already heard so many causes, and cures, and suggestions about this disfiguring habit that it is difficult to suggest anything new. But this is no suggestion for cure. In the first case, a Parrakeet, belonging to an amateur aviarist, well versed in knowledge of the proper management of Parrots, was rescued from a fire which broke out in the bird-room. The bird had never plucked a feather before, but from that time it became a feather plucker, in spite of all efforts to restrain it, but with this difference (the term feather plucker is used here simply as a convenient term), that instead of plucking out the feathers it contented itself with first nibbling off the ends of the feathers and trimming off the webs, so that it never became really bare. In another case, a Cockatoo belonging to a friend was allowed complete liberty out of doors to roam about a park, lawn, and garden, which it did quite freely, and returned to the house at will. Yet this bird became a confirmed feather plucker, notwithstanding that it had practically as much liberty of action, and almost as much occupation, as a purely wild bird. Now, in these cases the cause could not have been associated with errors of diet, nor lack of occupation, as a both cases the habit was equally ineradicable. What, then, is it? Is it merely an individual habit of nervous origin somewhat analogous to the embarrassment of the self-conscious boy or girl who bite their finger nails, or the contemplative man who unconsciously chews the ends of his "face furniture"? One point that may now begin to be controlled by the aviarist is the breeding arrangements of the small and delicate Finches and Waxbills. Little good can now be expected to come of their efforts in this direction, and the chilly nights and temporary day chills that may now be expected are apt to work much mischief among the smaller birds. Still, where young are in the nest, or soon expected to be there, they have a decidedly better chance of being reared than at almost any other time in the year, as the seedy grasses and weeds which may now be gathered in abundance are no small aid in rearing this class of bird.

EXOTIC.

LINNET MULES FOSTERED BY A CARDINAL.

SIR,—It may be of interest to your numerous readers to know that in my outdoor aviary I have a cock red-crested Cardinal which has taken upon himself the duties of foster-father to a nest of Linnet Canary Mules. He has fed them most assiduously since they were about three days old, and will not allow the mother to go near them. He feeds them on egg food, but also gives them meal worms and any insects he catches. They have now left the nest, and will, I hope, continue to do well. A. W. SHAW.

THE TAKING OF WASPS' NESTS.

SIR,—In a very interesting and instructive article by Mr. T. H. Kinch on "The Blackcap," in your issue of August 10th, he recommends wasp grubs, and says, "In nest taking the process is very simple indeed." Would he be kind enough to tell us his way of taking them, for wasp nests are all too plentiful just now, and I think many fanciers, beside myself, would be glad to take out the nests if if they knew some way of doing so without spoiling the comb or being unduly punished by the inmates. COLONIST.

MR. HADWIN ON COLOUR FEEDING.

SIR,—I was very much interested in Mr. Hadwin's lecture on colour feeding, and would like to ask him to put me right on the following questions. He mentions two ounces of citrate of iron and one pound of honey. Will he tell me how much rum it will take to dissolve the iron, and whether the honey or rum, or both, will affect the colour of the birds, or make it hotter and better? I also noticed that he spoke very strongly in favour of adding olive oil to the colour food, and I would like him to explain the following for me. I never used olive oil before this season, and when I used to mix the colour food with my egg food, also the castor sugar, I used to find my hands very much stained with the colouring matter Now, this season I have added one ounce of olive oil to one pound of colour food and half a pound of sugar, and when I mixed the colour food I was surprised to find that my hands were not so much stained as when I used no olive oil. Will he explain this to me, for I was thinking that if the colour food with the oil added had no more effect on the birds' blood than it had on my hands, it would be a bad job. I had expected the oil to extract the colour from the colour food, so that my hands would have been redder than before. I would be much obliged for his advice on this. Will he also tell me if it is possible to use too much olive oil, and what effects it would have? I would like to add that I am using Mr. Sandiford's Royal Red and Mr. Ramsden's best hot Natal. Would Mr. Hadwin advise me to add two ounces of olive oil to each pound of colour food, in face of Sandiford's instruction that no oil is needed, as he does not believe in it, because it keeps the birds too relaxed to gain colour. I mean would my birds be hotter in colour if I added olive oil? And will he tell me if one egg with the necessary biscuits and colour food is sufficient for 50 birds to colour feed them properly for show, or should one egg only do for about 30 birds? Another thing I would like to know correctly, Mr. Hadwin. When the bird is moulted up to the head and neck, and you reduce the strength of the feed, how much do you reduce it; is one half too big a reduction? J. TAYLOR.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

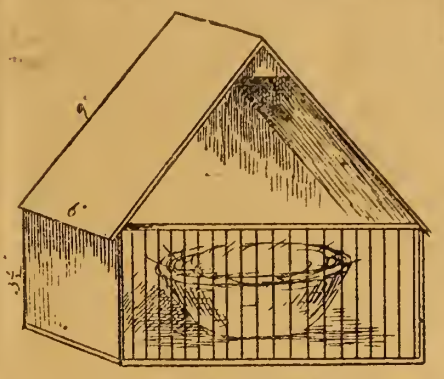
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 129.

A SAFETY NEST GUARD.

Sent by P. Stubbs, 23b, Well Street, Winsford, Cheshire.

Enclosed is a sketch of a safety nest guard. You can put any kind of nest box in it, and there is no fear that the young will fall on the floor of the aviary. I have used this box for eight years, and find it answers well.



Safety Nest Guard.

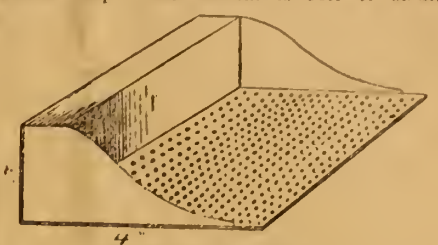
It is 9 inches across the front, 6 inches deep, 3½ inches high to the roof, and the roof is 9 inches each side. It is all wood except the wire bars in front, and these enable you to see the young in the nest without disturbing them.

No. 130.

A NOVEL CAGE CLEANER.

Sent by S. Reed, Ivesley Cottages, Waterhouses, Durham.

The enclosed sketch is that of an article which I use for cleaning out my breeding cages, which have no sand tray or turn rail. It is 4 inches long, 3 inches wide, and 2 inches deep. The bottom is full of small



Novel Cage Cleaner.

holes to allow the sand to run through. It is easily made with a piece of wood and tin, and can be sized according to the width of the cage doors. By its use a cage may be cleaned in a very short time, and it is also a great saver of sand.

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(*Continued from page 79*).

Of the numerous other genus I can only take the following species in passing.

ORANGE-RUMPED GREEN TANAGER (Chlorochrysa calliparia).—This is an exceptionally fine species, mostly clad in shining grass green and a spot on the crown, golden orange; throat, black; patch on either side of neck, chestnut; middle of abdomen, bluish; under-side of tail, black, which is also the colour of bill, legs, and feet. Total length, 4¾ inches, tail 1⅞ inches. Indigenous to Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru.

WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER (Stephanophorus leucocephalus).—At the Crystal Palace Show of 1903, Mr. J. A. Swan exhibited a fine specimen of this species, from which the following notes were taken:—General body colourfi, black with a tsrong bluish sheen, which is brightest on the rump and sides of the head; back of head, silky white, with a small crimson crest in front of same; bill, blackish-brown, lower mandible paler; legs and feet, lark brown. Total length, 7 inches, tail 3⅜ inches. A handsome, striking, and desirable species, and much to be regretted that it is not oftener on the market. It is a native of Argentina.

CROWNED TANAGER (Tachyphonus coronatus).—A desirable, if not showy, species, which soon adapts itself to cage life, and is of a confiding and vivacous demeanour. General plumage, shining black; a small crimson crest runs longitudinally across the centre of head, which is not visivle when the bird is at rest, but at other times a lovely streak of carmine crimson imparts quite a distinguished appearance to the bird; lesser wing coverts, white; bill, blackish horn; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length, 6¾ inches, tail, 3 inches. Described from a living specimen at the Zoo. The female is of a rusty-brown colour, lighter on the lower surface, and slightly flecked with cinerous. It is a native of South-Eastern Brazil.

THE VIOLET TANAGER (Euphonia violacea).—This pretty and well-known species inhabits Guiana, Trinidad, Lower Amazonia, and S.E. Brazil. Though not georgously apparalled, both sexes have beautiful plumage, and must, when in condition, be numbered among the more handsome members of the Tanagridae.

The adult male is dark shining violet blue on the upper surface, with lighter margins to most of the feathers; front of the head, orange-yellow; under-surface, orange yellow, vential region much paler; bill, bluish black; legs and feet, blackish. Total length, 3⅞ inches, tail, 1⅜ inches.

The adult female is olive-green, strongly washed with yellow; the edges of the coverts and flights are more or less narrowly edged with yellowish-olive. This species mostly comes to hand in a somewhat poor condition, and is rathe rdifficult to acclimatise; but with a roomy cage, fresh air, but freedom from draught, an unlimited supply of soft, ripe fruit, a good soft food mixture containing a good proportion of crumbed sponge cake, mealworms if it will eat them, and its cage kept strictly clean, will bring most of these beautiful and interesting birds safely through the critical period immediately succeeding importation.

Euphonia minuta.—A small and beautiful species, being but little larger than a Flower Picker; active, alert, and fairly confiding, it certainly ought not to be confined in a small cage; one large enough to take in two growing plants (which should be in flower) in pots, and with these frequently changed, a time. With the birds flitting to and fro series of four or five plants would last some among these, the effect is very fine, and the birds most interesting. Note: I mean on open-fronted box cage, not a miniature greenhouse.

Adult male.—The upper surface is shining greenish-black; upper back and neck, purplish-black; front of head, yellow; under-surface, bright yellow, merging into white on the lower abdomen and vential region; the throat is purplish-black; bill, blackish; legs and feet, black, slightly bluish. Total length, 3⅜ inches, tail, 1⅛ inches.

Adult female.—Olive green above, and yellowish olive below; throat and centre of abdomen whitish. Described from life. Habitat, according to Museum Cat.: Guiana, Lower Amazonia, Colombia, Panama, and Central America up to Guatemala.

With this species I must bring to a close what has been a very pleasant task, viz.: the describing of some of the gorgeous and regal members of the family Tanagridae. While not as comprehensive as it should be, yet I think it may be fairly claimed that it is more so than in any work that has yet been published of this character.

In conclusion, I would repeat that the great majority may be kept in outdoor aviaries all the year round, providing there is a roomy and well-lighted shed as a night shelter, and also during severe weather. During the past winter many have been so kept, and the losses with those out of doors has been less than with those kept indoors.

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Moulting, and what it means.

By C. A. HOUSE.

Extracts from a Lecture given before the Members of the South-West London C.B.S. on August 8th.

In his opening remarks Mr. House referred to the fact that the moulting season is generally spoken of as the moulting sickness, which he thought was somewhat of a misnomer as what is a regular annual natural process can hardly be called a sickness. On the other hand the moult is ordained by nature to prevent sickness and ill-health, and enable birds to fulfil the ordinary functions of life. One thing is certain, that unless a bird moults properly, be it old or young, it will be quite unable to properly play its part in the breeding arrangements of the succeeding year.

AN ANXIOUS TIME.

The moulting season is an anxious one with most fanciers; anxiety is caused during its progress in many ways. It is during the moult that many a promising youngster is made or marred. The moult it is which finds out the weak spots in a bird's constitution, and the moult it is which causes to develop faults and failings not seen in the first feather. On the other hand, it must also be said that many a bird little thought of before the moult blossoms out into a winner of firsts, specials, and cups owing to the care bestowed upon it, and by the manner in which it comes through the moult. The moulting, or the changing of the plumage in birds, is like unto the shedding of their foliage by the trees. The process is somewhat similar, and yet it is altogether different. Similar in so far as the shedding of the plumage is concerned, but totally different inasmuch as a bird, in addition to shedding its old coat, has to grow a new one at the same time, a process which the tree delays till the springtime. The leaves on a tree grow and grow till such time as their veins are filled with the matter from which they obtain life. There is then a suspension of the growing process, the leaves hold on for a time, but owing to the fact that in leaves, as in other things, there can be no life without circulation, so after a time the leaves begin to wither and then drop off. In somewhat the same manner does a feather grow, then gradually loses its strength, and drops away. To thoroughly understand the moulting of a bird, one needs to have some knowledge of the structure of feathers. If we take a feather and carefully examine it, we find that it is, roughly speaking, composed of three parts—the quill, the shaft, the vein. By the former is the feather held to the skin of the bird, the shaft grows out of the quill, running up the centre of the feather, and to the shaft is the vein attached. The feather grows and is nourished directly from the blood through a small opening at the bottom through which the sustenance for the feather is drawn during the whole time it is growing. This, like the veins of the leaves of a tree, in time becomes choked by the accumulation of the secretions of chemical matter, and the feather, like the leaf, falls away from its support, because it is no longer nourished and strengthened.

A WONDERFUL MYSTERY.

The moulting process is marvellous when one comes to think of it. At this time the canary, in common with other birds, from the elements contained in its own body, produces the forces which cause its old coat to be cast off and a new one to grow in all its living, glowing pristine beauty. We are so used to this wonderful process that we never stay to think of its miraculousness. Did we first see a bird moult without knowing anything about it we should be awestruck by the wonderfulness of the mystery, but because we grow up with it, and our eye is trained to it, we fail to stop and think of all that the process is and means. In the moulting of a canary the old is replaced by the new, as in many other things. Life produces life, and from the decay of life fresh life springs. The moult commences by the desiccation of the old feathers; the quills become dry and lifeless, all the sap is dried out of them, they lose their strength and firmness, the web loses its lustre and depth of colour, the quills shrink within their sockets, the surrounding skin becomes shrivelled, and like the leaves on the trees they drop off. Immediately the old feather has dropped out the new begins to fill its place, even if it, like the second tooth of a child, has not already had something to do with the ousting of its forerunner. It is obvious to all, even the merest tyro in natural history, or ornithology, that the time of the moult must of necessity be a time of severe strain on the birds. Not only have they to keep up the natural forces of their body, but they have also to supply from the source of these forces the material, or food, to grow another crop of feathers. This must naturally have a most exhausting and enervating effect on the internal economy of birds undergoing the process. This being so, it becomes our duty to see what we can do to assist our pets to go through the moult with the least amount of discomfort possible.

NEEDFUL AND DESIRABLE FACTORS.

First and foremost we know that warmth is a most desirable and necessary factor in the accomplishment of a quick, healthy, and successful moult. A quick moult is, usually, a healthy moult, and an healthy moult is, generally speaking, a successful one. Nature herself has chosen the most fitting time—the end of summer, when the earth is full of heat from the rays of the sun which have been pouring down upon it for some weeks, and which keeps the nights almost as warm as the days, as at night, when the sun is not shining, the earth gives off its stored heat, thus equalising the temperature of day and night. To secure the full benefit of this provision of Nature want to see to it that the moult in our stock is not delayed. An early moult is a quick one. A late moult is a slow one, caused by the fact that the atmospherical surroundings are not so favourable, and that as a consequence the moult is retarded, and very often unforeseen and undesirable complications ensue.

WHEN TO STOP BREEDING.

With the end of June fanciers should begin to think of putting away all the appurtenances of the breeding season. The sooner breeding is finished the sooner will the old birds drop into moult—that is, the body moult; the big quill feathers are already on the move. In this connection it should be noted that the older a Canary becomes the longer it takes to moult. Thus very old and choice favourites of the stud should not have more than two nests of youngsters taken from them, so as to ensure their getting well through the moult. Only the other night, at a meeting of the London and Provincial Ornithological Society, a young fancier, a first season man, came to me in great distress. He has four pairs of birds up, and he has not bred a youngster. "What shall I do to get my hens to lay? They go to nest, and sit! sit!! sit!!! But they will not lay." I discovered in the course of conversation that his stock was pretty old ere it came into his hands, and that the hens were bred with late last summer. Their late owner did badly last year, and bred late on in the season in his endeavour to repay himself for the early misfortunes. As a consequence, the hens were so pumped out that this year they have not laid an egg—not one of the four! Their present owner wanted to know what he could do with them. My advice was, "Stop breeding at once, get them moulted through early, give them plenty of flying room, and then next season you might be able to get something from them." One old friend of mine goes even further than I do. He will not allow anything to hatch in his aviary after the end of June. I think eggs laid in June may be hatched, but certainly it is not wise to hatch those laid in July, if you want the birds, either old or young, to have a successful moult. Late breeding means late moulting.

WARMTH THE FIRST FACTOR.

Warmth being an essential factor in a successful moult, fanciers should see to it that their birds are enabled to get the full benefit of all the warmth which the sun gives, and that they are protected from draughts. Draughts are fatal to Canaries under any circumstances, more especially during the moulting season. So serious are the effects of a chill caught by exposure to draught during the moult that they often stop the moult altogther, causing the birds unnecesary pain, checking the moult with consequent illness, and sometimes death, and even if death does not supervene the birds are reduced to a poor state of health, and never recover sufficiently from the effects of the bad moult to be ready to take their places in the breeding cages later on. During the moult birds are more or less without their full complement of clothes, and thus are very liable to attacks of cold or chill. Therefore, it is the more necessary at this time to exercise the greater care in their management. Warmth is better supplied inwardly than outwardly. Good nourishing flesh-forming food should be given. A bird to moult well wants to be a little bit above itself, so to speak. A plump, fleshy bird would moult better than a thin one, because it has more reserve of force to withstand the strain of performing the double function of keeping life going, and growing a new coat.

IN DAYS OF OLD.

Mr. House went on to give some interesting facts relating to the early days of colour feeding, and mentioned many things which had been tried to influence the colour of Canaries ere fanciers stumbled on to the present tasteless pepper. He also gave some amusing incidents relating to the K.N. and non-K.N.-fed days in the time of Blakston, Bemrose, Thackrey; and other great fanciers. These were followed by general practical remarks dealing with the giving of colour food, in which the lecturer strongly urged his readers to buy the pure, natural, unadulterated article, be it hot or tasteless, and do the mixing themselves. One thing to be remembered was that the pepper which looked the deepest in colour was not always the best. Brightness and cleanliness were more important than mere depth, which was often artificially produced by the mixing of oil, sugar, and other ingredients. A clammy, sticky appearance about a sample of pepper generally denoted the presence of foreign substances. Many men thought that if a sample of tasteless pepper stained everything it came near, and made it as deep a colour as itself, it was all right. That was a mistake. It generally meant that the sample had been doctored. A little oil well mixed with tasteless pepper would set the colouring matter free.

NEED OF GREEN FOOD AND IRON.

Touching upon green food, Mr. House said that he believed in the giving of green food right through the moult. Not a lot, but just a small sprig day by day. The reason why, was that the giving of colour food was apt to clog the liver, and if this happened the birds came out patchy. To obtain the best results from colour-feeding, the liver must be kept working, or else half the value of the colour food the end of the moult, but to enrich the blood, but passed away into the excreta. Iron, also, in some form or other, was of great benefit during the moult. Its chief purpose was not as many thought, to tighten the feathers at the end of the moult, but to enrich the blood, tone the system, thus aid in the deposition of colour in the plumage, and also to correct the tendency to laxitiveness in the bowels which was often present during the time of colour feeding A little citrate of iron, or sulphate of iron, given in the drinking water three times a week was most beneficial. In cases of slow moulting, a pinch of flowers of sulphur mixed with the food once a day often acted in a manner most advantageous.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Birds I have Kept.

By J. JONES (Dudley).

A Lecture delivered before the City of Birmingham C.B.S.

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THE RING OUSEL.

This bird is very seldom seen on the show bench now. I used to be very fond of keeping a Ring Ousel. It is much after the style and shape of the Blackbird. It is not so dense in colour as the Blackbird, but seems to be pencilled from the beak to end of its tail. You will also find the same pencilling on its white crescent-shaped throat marking, which seems to give it a dirty white looking appearance. The bill, legs, and feet, differ from the Blackbirds in being of a dusky grey brown colour. I would not recommend any one to keep a Ring Ousel in a small cage. Do what you will, you cannot keep it as clean as you would wish, but if you have an outside aviary the Ring Ousel will prove a very interesting pet. It has no song to speak of, only a kind of very shrill whistle, which it seems to utter in quick succession, something like we hear the Blackbird do when it commences to sing its song. It is easily kept in good condition on any food with which you feed your Thrushes or Blackbirds, but it does not seem to care very much for fruit, I could never get any of mine to touch it. The Ring Ousel soon settles down to cage life, becomes very tame, and as it always seems in good condition and plumage, it makes a good exhibition bird. Further it will stand any amount of knocking about, and this enhances its value, but as you generally have to show it in the variety class it does not always get what it deserves, as some judges think it only worth one of the "codding cards," when very often it should have stood high up in the prize list.

THE STONE CHAT.

This is a bird seldom seen on the show bench now, although Stone Chats are very nice and attractive-looking. It has a very striking appearance and is interesting to all visitors at shows, for they all seem to want to know what bird it is. The cock in his spring plumage has a very nice black head and throat, good deep reddish-brown breast, the flights and tail are nearly all black, the under parts and tail coverts are light brown, the rump is pure white, the legs and bill jet black. Then its pure white collar sets the other colours off to perfection. The Stone Chats will live very well on hard-boiled eggs, ant eggs, and dried flies, made crumbly moist, with a grated carrot, or a boiled potato; they seem very fond of live gentles, and the bluebottle fly. When Stone-Chats are fresh caught, place them in a dark cage with a canvas top and side, and wired only in the front. The reason why is because when fresh caught they are very wild and soon damage their flight feathers. I never put any perches in the cage till they have been caught about four or five days, but put a good layer of garden soil at the bottom of their cage, plenty of live ants and their eggs, and a good supply of gentles. Some prefer to feed them all on meal worms the first few days, but I don't think they take to the other food so well when fed on these to any great extent. Give them a good mixture of eggs and live ants and they will very soon tame down. If you intend them for show, get a cage about fourteen inches long and ten inches high with a canvas top, and about seven inches deep. I like a nice green enamelled cage with food and water vessels to fit inside of cage. When sending them to a show put a good supply of wasp grub in the cage so that they may have something to eat if the stewards do not know how to feed them, for I have found when mine have arrived home from a show the cage bottom has been nearly covered over with nothing but canary seed.

MULES.

In breeding Mules much loss of time and many disappointments are caused very often by too early pairing. Now in the first place it must not be forgotten that young birds require a great amount of warmth, not all artificial heat, but the warm rays of the sun. As a rule, birds which are bred in cold and frosty weather seldom reach the age of maturity, as they do not seem to have the strength to get over the trying period of the moult. I will try and explain to you how it is the majority of young fanciers fail in Mule and Hybrid breeding, and I think I have not far to seek. In the first place they never think of getting their birds till it is time to commence breeding operations, and then think all they have to do is to put them together like canaries, and if they do not breed as free as they wish they throw up the hobby with disgust. Now if they had bought, say half-a-dozen Greypates in September, then turned them into a good flight and moulted them off with some canaries, they would have had some of them breed without a doubt. I find the Goldfinch-Canary is one of the easiest Mules to breed. You should make a point of leaving your Finches with hens till the end of March, and then cage them off separately. It is then time to begin to change their food, for in addition to their ordinary seed I give the Finches a good supply of thistle heads every day to pick at, and three times a week a little egg food with just a pinch of maw seed added. If my brother fanciers will follow the above I think they will be more successful in the future than they have been in the past.

HINTS ON BREEDING.

In breeding Mules I always advise new fanciers to use a double compartment cage, one with a sliding partition in the centre; then put the hen one side and the Goldfinch the other. As soon as you see them feeding through the wire division, it will show that they are getting paired. You can then remove the slide and let the Goldfinch in with the hen, having previously put in the nest pan some moss, hair, etc., for them to build with. They will require a little attention, for you will often find the Finch will pull the nesting material out as fast as the hen carries it in. For this reason I always advise everyone to use a felt or a swansdown lining for the nest pan, and if the Finch does pull the nest about you still have the felt lining which answers just as well. When the hen has built her nest you will have to keep a sharp look-out for the first egg, and this is where the sliding division comes in useful, for at night you can part the Finch from the hen, and when you take the egg away next morning let the Goldfinch into the hen again. I find it is not necessary to keep the Finch with the hen after she has laid her second egg, for she does not require him during the time of incubation.

TESTING THE EGGS.

After the hen has been sitting five or six days it is as well to have a look to see if the eggs are fertile or not. If unfertile, throw them away, as it is no use the hen wasting more time than is necessary to see if they are good. During the time of incubation I never give the hens anything only plain canary seed, till a day or two before they are due to hatch, and then I give a little egg food with a pinch of maw seed added to it. When the young are about three days old I commence to use bread with the egg, and also give them a good supply of green stuff such as lettuce, watercress, chickweed, etc. When they are ten days old I give the hen a good supply of scalded rape in a separate vessel. I keep them on this food till they are ready to leave the nest, and then I give a good supply of crushed hemp with the canary seed. I make a rule of caging them off when they are 21 days old, for then they can eat and look after themselves. Young Mules leave the nest quite a week earlier than canaries, but I still keep them on the food I advised above till they are six weeks old. When the young are about 18 days old the hen will be thinking of going to nest again, therefore, keep her well supplied with nesting materials, as else some day when you go into the room you will find some of the young badly plucked.

HOW TO OBTAIN LIGHT MULES.

I expect some of you will be expecting a word or two from me with regard to light muling. I may say this is where the art of muling comes in. You will also want to know where to get a good reliable muling strain of hens from. You will find plenty of them advertised in the Fancy papers at about three or four shillings each, but take my advice and have nothing to do with them, for if you do it will only end in failure. Light muling hens are in very few hands, and those who have them seem very loth to part with them unless you are prepared to pay a good price, and I think it is only fair, after all the trouble one has to take to get them to throw the light Mules we all like so very much, but very seldom can obtain. Anyone going in for light Mules cannot do better than get the largest yellow Norwich hen they can find, pair her to a good Lancashire Plainhead, and then another season pair the young of these together—that is, brother and sister. Then in about a couple of years time you will perhaps succeed in breeding a good strain of muling birds, more commonly called "Sibs." In conclusion, allow me to thank you, one and all, for your very kind attention.

A Chat about Birds.

Some Simple Facts for Students.

Lecture by the Rev. K. A. DEAKIN, at the Redditch Institute, on February 11th, 1907.

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CERTAIN SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

He had tried to be as moderate in his remarks as he could, but it was a subject on which he felt strongly. He would not care to say that all birds should be protected and preserved, but there was a vast difference between preservation and extermination. There were, indeed, birds of which it is easily possible to have too many. No one would, he supposed, grieve much over the extermination of that New Zealand Parrot which had developed such a horrible liking for feeding on the kidneys of living sheep. Nor had he much to say in favour of our own Carrion Crow. The Sparrow Hawk he would relegate to those large woodland districts where game-preserving was not much thought of. The Jay and the Magpie might also be kept in their due limits.

As to the smaller birds, it was impossible to help feeling, when, long before the grain was ripe, they saw numberless ears of corn quite threshed out, that there were too many Sparrows in the world. The Bullfinch, too, was responsible for a great deal of damage among the fruit-buds, but the bird-catchers looked after them too well for them to be ever very numerous. The large flocks of Wood Pigeons which they saw in the autumn and winter months no doubt did very serious injury to the farmer, but, with these few exceptions, they might fairly say that the good the birds did far outweighed the harm, and if they were to be killed down too mercilessly they might easily have—on a smaller scale, of course—a repetition of that disaster which the poet Longfellow had so forcibly described in one of his "Tales of a Wayside Inn"—"The Birds of Killingworth."

There was another, and a very wanton, case of bird-destruction, which must fill every right-thinking man with indignation. After the close season was over, tourists to the Yorkshire coast about Flamborough Head (and on other coasts, too), were in the habit of going out in boats from which they shoot at the sea fowl as they fly round, and that this was done for a more love of slaughter was amply evidenced by the fact that in very many cases they did not even trouble to pick up the bodies of their victims. And this they call "sport!" It was a crying evil, and one which, as he thought, the law should take steps to punish. This was not a very pleasant subject to dwell upon, and he was glad to leave it, but he found it quite impossible to pass it by unnoticed.

THE SEARCH FOR FOOD.

A great many of our birds were migratory, *i.e.*, they did not pass the whole of the year in this country. Those birds were divided into summer and winter migrants, according to the season of the year that they spent with us. Occasionally they found a winter migrant staying throughout the summer, but he had never yet heard of a summer migrant spending the winter here. The cause of migration was, without doubt, the search for their proper food, which (especially in the case of insectivorous birds) was intimately connected with temperature. Some migrants appeared annually on almost the same date, but others were more influenced by the character of the season, whether it were mild or severe, and from the early or late appearance of some birds—Wild Geese for instance—a severe or mild winter was often procrastinated.

When they saw some of their little summer migrants, such as the Chiff-Chaff, or the Willow-Wren, or the Redstart, flitting about their hedges, it seemed almost impossible that they should have sufficient powers of flight to carry them over the sea, but when they came to remember that the flight of a bird varied from 50 to 150 miles an hour, they saw that it was possible, though even then they could not but feel wonder that creatures so small and frail should be endowed with strength sufficient for flight so rapid.

It was believed that birds of passage (as they were often called), regularly returned to the same localities which they had frequented in former years; indeed, in the case of Swallows, this had been proved to be the case. In connection with this, he was once a little puzzled. In 1905 a Red-backed Shrike built and reared its brood in a hedge just outside his garden. This bird lays two distinct types of eggs—the one pinkish with salmon-coloured spots, the other with greenish-grey spots on a greyish ground. The eggs of his bird were of the first type, so, when last year a nest was built within a few yards of the one of the year before, he naturally concluded that the eggs would be the same colour, but they were of the grey type. This nest was, unfortunately, destroyed, but the birds built again (also laying grey eggs) in his garden, where they reared their brood.

He might add that in each year—to his great disappointment—he was unable to find their "shambles," though he did find one bumble-bee on a thorn near the nest in his garden. Perhaps he ought to explain that the Shrike had a habit of hanging up for a time such food (mice, young birds, bees, beetles, etc.), as it did not require for immediate consumption, which habit had given it its name of "Butcher-bird." What he should like to know was—supposing the original birds to have revisited their former haunts—why didn't they keep to one type of egg?—(laughter.)

A SUBJECT OF INTEREST.

Even in the case of birds which did not leave this country, there was often a partial migration southwards in the winter, and especially so with those which joined together in flocks during the winter months. While speaking of these flocks, it was worth mentioning that the males and females of the Chaffinch formed distinct flocks, from which this bird derived its specific name of cælebs (a bachelor).

The whole subject of the migration of birds was full of interest, particularly with reference to the instinct by which they were guided, an instinct which, in the case of caged birds, showed itself by a great restlessness when the season for migration came on. There was a special charm connected with some of those migrants, and the first sound of the Cuckoo's note, or the first sight of the Swallow speeding like an arrow through the air, were eagerly looked for, and gladly welcomed as sure signs of the approach of summer; while the October moon is associated by sportsmen with the arrival of that much sought after bird, the Woodcock.

SONG IS THE TRUMP CARD

Our native birds—with the exception of the Kingfisher—were not, as a rule, remarkable for any great brilliancy of colouring, but many of them made ample amends for their soberness of hue by the sweetness of their song, which was so conspicuously absent in the gorgeous birds of foreign lands. There must be but few, if any, who would exchange the melody of the little brown Nightingale for the most splendidly plumaged bird which dazzled the eye in tropical countries.

And sober in tone as they might seem to the casual observer, yet when they came to be closely examined, the various tints blended with each other, and made a most harmonious whole. He (the speaker) had often been amazed at the surprise expressed at the beauty of the common little Cock Sparrow. When viewed closely, and indeed, when in its spring dress, it was really a very handsome bird; while the little Jenny Wren, which, as it hopped about, seemed to be of one uniform brown, but was really most delicately pencilled in shades of brown and grey.

UNSUSPECTED BEAUTIES.

But perhaps the most lovely blending of sober colours was to be found in the owls, and even more so in the goat-sucker, the exquisite beauty of whose colouring had to be seen to be believed. Even the Rook and Crow, which in the distance appeared to be of a solemn black, had their feathers shot with blue and purple; while the seemingly black tail of that handsome fellow, the Magpie, shone with all the colours of the rainbow. Indeed, take what they might, they would find a beauty of colouring such as many did not even dream of.

In many instances the soberness of colouring was a great source of protection. Unless they had proved it for themselves they would hardly believe how difficult it was to detect a hen Pheasant, a Partridge, or a Wild Duck, when on the nest. And the same held good with regard to most of the birds which made their nest on the ground, as well as to the eggs themselves. The beautifully marked eggs of the Goat-sucker (which were, to his mind, the most beautiful of all our British eggs) harmonized so admirably with the stony ground on which they were laid that it required a very keen eye to detect them; while the difficulty, to an inexperienced eye of finding Plovers' eggs had become almost proverbial, so much do their olive-brown eggs, mottled with black, resemble their surroundings.

CURIOUS CONTRADICTIONS.

It was just the same with the eggs of the Skylark, while it was even more difficult to detect the eggs of the little Ringed Plover, which were generally laid on a shingly beach above high-water mark; or those of the Thick-knee, or Stone Curlew, which breeds in stony fields in the eastern counties.

In those cases the birds trusted only to the colour of the eggs for protection, but often birds were at wonderful pains to hide their nests. He had known a Whinchat's nest which almost defied detection, even by practised eyes; but of all nests the most cunningly hidden was that of the Grasshopper Warbler, whose name was derived from its curious note, so very unbirdlike.

On the other hand, some birds seemed to take no trouble to conceal their nests at all, and almost to thrust it under notice. The Rook and the Magpie trusted for safety, no doubt, to the loftiness of the trees in which they build when they make their conspicuous nests, but there are many small birds whose nests, though within easy reach of the ground, are almost equally conspicuous.

ARRIVE WEATHER PROPHETS.

He had mentioned the early or late appearance of Wild Geese as being an indication of the severity, or otherwise, of the coming winter, but there were many other birds from whose habits they might get some idea as to what the weather was about to be. The low or lofty flight of the Swallow was so well known as an indication of coming rain or fine weather that he need scarcely mention it, but the Golden Plover was an equally reliable guide, being very restless and noisy before a coming storm.

It was well known to those who dwell by the sea that the wailing and screaming of the Seagull was a sure precursor of bad weather. When they saw the Rooks busy on the grass fields they might feel sure that rain was not long distant, and the Missel Thrush was in some districts called the "Storm-cock" from its habit of pouring out its song from some tall tree before bad weather. Before a thunderstorm they might often see Ducks chasing each other along the water, and making a prodigious splashing.

ELOQUENT PREACHERS.

These were but a few of the signs which birds gave as to the weather, but they were enough to prove that they were very sure and useful weather guides to those who had eyes to note their habits. But it was not only lessons of weather lore that they taught us: they preached to us most eloquently, as they toiled in nest building, of perseverance; they taught us lessons of maternal love in the care of their young, and in the readiness with which many of them would put themselves in danger on their account; they showed us the beauty of quiet, unobtrusive lives, spent in doing that which they were made for; but, above all, and beyond all, they were reminders to us of Him without whose knowledge not a Sparrow falls to the ground — of Him who made and sustains both them and us.

In appreciative terms the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. K. A. Deakin for his interesting lecture. This was seconded by Mr. J. Gross, and supported by Messrs. F. H. Joscelyne and H. Guise, and unanimously passed.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

When Wild Birds are Plentiful.

If an observant bird lover had taken a country ramble in the month of April and had again travelled over the same route in the present month, he would be astonished at the increase in the number of birds. In the former month the winter flocks had broken up, the birds had paired off and were to be seen scattered along the hedgerows and other favourable spots for nesting; some had already commenced domestic affairs, and were consequently unseen, or were possibly unnoticed; although in the spring wild creatures are so full of life and vigour, flitting and fussing about the hedgerows, that one always fancies he sees more individual birds than is actually the case. The early summer months have been cold and cheerless, but it is doubtful if such weather has had much effect upon wild birds. It may possibly have retarded the pairing of some individual couples, but Nature would assert itself, and these would in time carry out their duties, and it is very doubtful if more than the usual number of young birds would lead a bachelor existence during the summer. In every spring, no matter what climatic conditions exist, many breeding hens die from egg binding, and in such a season as this it is, of course, probable that the number has been considerably increased. As regards the young ones I am inclined to think the cold does not make much difference to them, exceping that they do not grow quite so fast nor feather so quickly, for they are very much like young plants, and thrive best in warm, showery weather. On cold spring days, when the east wind is blowing, and there is more than a touch of winter in the air, one may note with pleasure the doings of the old birds engaged in the duties of rearing a nest full of youngsters. The hen bird at such times is much more frequently at the nest, she is apparently engaged best part of the day in brooding the chicks, leaving the task of carrying food to her partner, who, in consequence, works harder than usual. I have seen a hen Blackbird brood a family of almost fully fledged young ones during the major part of a cold day. It is, therefore, doubtful if there has been any diminishing in the number of wild birds reared to a state of maturity, in spite of the bad weather. Now is the time for one to note these things, the early broods have been launched into the world, the migrants are still with us, the flood of bird life is at the full. A road leading to the downs, with hedgerows on either side, is crowded with young Sparrows and Finches, and dozens of fluttering Linnets scramble among the furze upon the common, while here and there a pair of Stonechats try hard to entice one away from the helpless youngsters; the mournful pleading of the Pipit and scolding of the Whitethroats speak plainly of young ones hidden among the thick underwood. The flocks of Rooks have increased enormously, and the huge gatherings of Starlings make one pause and wonder if, in wholesale protection, we are not making a rod for our own back. When in flight one cannot distinguish any difference in these immature birds. They are apparently as large and as fully fledged as the old ones, but when handled one is not enchanted with the youngsters. They have dirty, smoky-looking plumage, entirely lacking in beauty; no spangles, no gloss, no markings; the wing alone show any signs of the feathered glory that is to come.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Down of the Eider Duck.

Wild Ducks and Geese line their nests with down plucked from the breast of the sitting birds. This down is a very valuable product, and in many parts the collectors make quite a business of gathering it. In Iceland the down of the famous Eider Duck is taken annually, and it is said that about one-sixth of a pound can be taken from a nest; this is worth about twelve shillings per pound. As everyone knows feathers are very light, and the quantity required for an ordinary coverlet would not be more than a couple of pounds.

Protection of Gulls.

Bird protection has done much for the birds of Great Britain, and many species have increased considerably during the last few years. In addition to our inland birds, many birds of the coast have profited by protection—unfortunately some of these live chiefly upon fish, consequently the fishermen upon the coast look with disfavour upon the protection of some species. Lately there has been a good deal of complaint against the Gulls. These birds will eat almost anything, and naturally do not refuse to have a meal of good fresh fish when procurable. Some of the County Councils contemplate having the protection removed for a period of years, not so much to destroy the adult birds, as to prevent their increase by allowing the eggs to be taken during the breeding season. This appears to be a more humane way of dealing with the subject, than shooting the old birds.

Do Gulls Think?

With reference to Professor Watson's remarks which appeared on this page last week, on the powers of language and thought of Seagulls, Mr. John Laing, of Edinburgh, says they bring to his mind a very interesting sight observed while residing for some time in Yell, Shetland. The gulls there had a very 'cute way of finding their food from the sea. It was an every day occurrence to see them picking up stones in their beaks, and rising about 30 feet or so into the air, let the stone drop, and then dive into the water after it. There was a deal of tangle on the near shore, and fish took shelter beneath this. The Gulls knew this, and disturbed them by letting the stones drop, and when the fish appeared the gulls went for them. This act points to a deal of "knowing" in the Gulls, and reasoning as well as thinking powers. Whether they communicate the fact to others, or only let others copy their actions, I am not prepared to say; but Professor Watson's remarks are suggestive of "thinking" in gulls.

Two Eggs a Day.

It is generally believed it is not possible for a hen to lay more than one egg in a day, but a few observations made with great care by the Professor of Zoology in the University of Maine show that this is not always true. They relate to poultry, but may interest readers. One hen, a white Wyandotte, which especially was suspected of transgressing the trade-union rate of output, twice in two months laid two eggs on one day. It would seem that there is no known biological reason why the maximum daily rate should be one each day, and the ultimate limit of possibility would seem to depend on the ability of the individual hen to assimilate and transform the materials taken as food into the materials of the eggs. There may be difficulties, however, not yet understood that would make it impossible to develop a race of hens which would habitually lay more than one egg a day.

Raven with a "Sweet Tooth."

Speaking of a friend's birds, a writer in a contemporary tells of a pair of Ravens. Their five years of captivity has made no difference to them. Their feathers, if anything, were more intensely blue-black. Though their diet was chiefly raw flesh, an ox head, or a lump of liver, one of them at least did not despise something sweeter at odd times. They were quite different in disposition, those two birds. Of the approach of a stranger the one invariably retired to the highest and most inaccessible corner of the cage, where it roosted, keeping always a jealous eye on the movements of the intruder. The other was more a "man of the world." It danced along a lower perch, and poked its bill through the wire netting which surrounded its cage, as though making friendly advances. When I tried to speak "raven"—and that is a hoarse guttural sound something like "keronk, keronk"—it was graciously pleased to respond deep down in its throat. This more genial raven I discovered had a sweet tooth; it might be more correct to call it a sweet bill. To my surprise one day on my offering it a piece of chocolate it quickly took it into its bill, and pretended to have swallowed it whole. This was only preteuce. In a little while it produced the lump of chocolate, and tapped at it gently with its formidable beak. Finding that it slid away from its approaches, the bird raised the sweetmeat up in its bill, put it under one of its claws, and then dabbed at it contentedly, evidently enjoying the taste of a new form of food.

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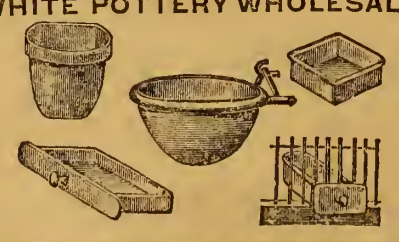
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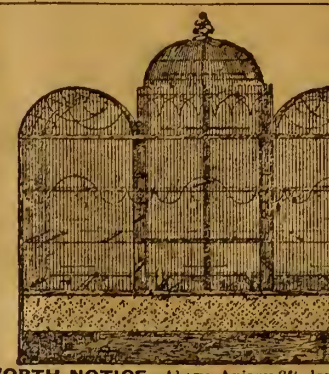
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AUGUST, 1907.

The few following extracts, taken from many others received this month during my absence from England, again proving that this season's birds are giving the same universal satisfaction as in the past thirty years. The reason is: I can supply what I offer, and I do not indulge in claims that cannot possibly be upheld:—

6, Chapel-st., Bollington. August 21st, 1907.—The birds arrived safe, and I am very well pleased with them.—W. Wright to W. Rudd.

4, Barkston-gardens, Earl's Court, London. Aug. 20th, 1907.—Bird arrived safely. It is a beauty. My friend is very pleased with it.—I shall recommend you whenever I get a chance.—H. Roberts to W. Rudd.

4, Dalmeny-terrace, Coatdyke, Airdrie. August 21st, 1907.—Birds arrived safe and in good condition, and am well satisfied.—W. Gilchrist to W. Rudd.

Pyemont, Kew-rd., Richmond. August 12, 1907.—The Canary arrived quite safely.—I am very pleased with it.—O. Javis to W. Rudd.

The Grange Lodge, Pinner. August 16, 1907.—Canary arrived quite safe. I am very pleased with it.—T. Boggis to W. Rudd.

5, Derwent-terrace, Moorville, Carlisle. August 9th, 1907.—The birds, etc., arrived quite safe today. I am very pleased with them.—W. Lees to W. Rudd.

Fulton-place, Sheddens Bushy, near Glasgow.—August 9th, 1907.—Birds arrived safe and in good condition, and give every satisfaction.—J. Powell to W. Rudd.

Upton Castor, near Peterborough. August 1st, 1907.—Birds arrived safe in good condition, and delighted with them.—J. F. Sutton to W. Rudd.

13, Waterside South, Lincoln. August 1st, 1907.—Bird to hand quite safe. I am highly pleased with him. F. Blow to W. Rudd.

58, Colington-road, Edinburgh. August 12th, 1907.—Birds appear to be all right, and I am highly pleased wtih them. They are very cheap.

132, Springburn-rd., Glasgow. August 7th, 1907.—The buff Norwich cock arrived safe and is above my expectation. I am very pleased to have found a gentleman I can place every confidence in. You will hear from me again soon.—R. Rodman to W. Rudd.

3, Horseshoe-cottage, London-st., Andover. Aug. 1st. 1907.—Birds arrived safe. I am more than satisfied with them. They are splendid.—J. Waite.

3, Caithness-rd., Brook Green, London. — Your three beautiful birds have just arrived. I am delighted with them.—C. Durant to W. Rudd.

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ALL aviary bred, pair beautiful Yellow Budgerigars, 7/6; Zebra Finches, 4/- pair; wanted, aviary bred White Javas, cheap.—Mr. Bason, Oswestry.

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In sending us the report of the business done at the last meeting of the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. MYERS, the hon. sec., writes:—I will thank you if you can devote space for report in extenso, as several of your readers in all parts of the county have asked for copy of rules, and I think your paper is the secretary's best medium for reaching fanciers. Will you also put in a small paragraph inviting all secretaries in Yorkshire to apply for patronage, such applications must reach me not later than September 6th, at 23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

Our Fanciers' Map

We are now busy preparing our Map of Shows for the season 1907-8, and consequently we advise all those committees who have not fixed their date to do so at once, guarantee to spend at least 25s. with us in advertising the event, when we shall have much pleasure in including their event on our map, which shows at a glance the days when shows are held, and the exact locality. This map goes to every exhibitor of cage birds in the country, free of cost, and is consequently a magnificent advertisement for all shows appearing on it. Over 115 of the leading shows appear at present. Early application is necessary.

THE SHOWS.

ANTWERP.

The 61st annual show was held at Antwerp, Belgium, on August 11th. Entries were confined to young Belgian birds, and the show was patronised by the President of Honour, Mr. James Dewar, from Edinburgh. August is always a difficult moment for these young birds in a show, they are not moulted at all, and only the first nests could be considered to be able to risk a defeat, nevertheless Captain Philp brought his six birds over from Edinburgh to Antwerp very healthy. Thirty-five entries were numbered, which was considered very satisfactory in this bad breeding year. The judges were Messrs. Stynen, De Dekker, and Reinrich.

The President, Mr. Jos. Coenen, opened the show, and regretted the President of Honour could not be present personally, but he was present with them in spirit. The prize of honour went to Mr. Smets, from Ghent, with a Yellow hen, a very good bird in head shape, shoulders and action.

YELLOW COCKS: 1, Jos. Coenen, Antwerp, a very fine bird, with small head, long neck, good colour and square, round on the top of shoulders; 2, Van Der Anwera, Ghent; 3, 4, Smets, Ghent; 5, Captain Philp, Edinburgh. YELLOW HENS: 1, Smets, Ghent; 2, Chs. Janssens, Ghent; 3, Jos. Coenen, Antwerp; 4, Captain Philp, Edinburgh; 5, BUFF COCKS: 1, Jos. Coenen, Antwerp; 2, Smets, Ghent; 3, Captain Philp, Edinburgh; 4, Chs. Janssens, Ghent; 5, Van Der Anwera, Ghent. BUFF HENS: 1, Smets, Ghent; 2, Jos. Coenen, Antwerp; 3, Jos. Coenen, Antwerp; 4, Chs. Janssens, Ghent; 5, Van Der Anwera, Ghent.—B. PELEMAN (hon. sec.).

RADSTOCK.

The Radstock and District Horticultural and Fanciers' Association's twelfth annual show was held on Wednesday, August 21st, and was favoured with splendid weather. Unfortunately most of the open classes in cage birds were cancelled through want of entries, through no doubt not advertising the show in CAGE BIRDS, and not getting a licence from the C.B.U. The exhibits were staged in a part of the tent by themselves, and made a very attractive display. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Clark, was most obliging, and, with his hard-working Committee, is to be congratulated upon the success which met the untiring efforts put forth. Mr. W. G. Bull judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKSHIRE: No first award; 2, Lane, Yellow ticked right thigh, long and racy, good head, nice thigh and leg; 3, Pitman, clear Buff, good length and wings, beaten in quality; 4, Lane, hardly so long, good quality, rather thin in neck; vhc, Martin; hc, Tavinor; c, Lane. MULE OR HYBRID: 2, Cains, the Knowle, etc. winner, Yellow variegated Goldfinch mule, grand condition for time of year, wins; 3, Duckett, dark buff Goldfinch mule, nice condition, needs a bit more size and colour; 4, Cray, another variegated Goldfinch mule, out of condition; vhc, Beal, quite a baby. MEMBERS' YORKS, YELL.: 1, Horler, grand quality, nice length, good wings and tail; 2, Woodland, hardly so slim, or such good condition, nice wings and tail; 3, Wareham, long raking bird, nice feather, crosses wings a trifle; 4, Beal, good position, looses head and neck; vhc, Wareham; he, Duckett. YORKS. BUFF: 1, Woodland, nice quality, rare head and neck, good stand; 2, Horler, just loses on condition, bare wing butts; 3, Woodland, another long racy bird, well up on leg; 4, Wareham, fails condition to-day; vhc, Beal; hc, Martin; c, Horler. YORKS. BRED, 1907: 1, Horler, thigh-ticked Buff, grand quality, shows plenty of leg and thigh, a topper, should be heard of again; 2, Woodland, saddle-marked Yellow, nice length and feather, hardly so smart as first; 3, Horler, another good quality Buff, grand wing carriage, as straight as a dart, close up; 4, Horler, Buff, extra long, rather stout, shorter on leg; vhc, J. Horler; hc, Beal; c, Wareham. A grand class. A.O.V. BRED, 1907: 2, Wareham, good Buff Norwich Plainhead, well over perch, nice head and neck; 3, Chivers, grizzle crest, good centre and droop; 4, Chivers, dark crest, not so large; vhc, Chivers; hc, Wareham. A.O.V., ANY AGE: 1, Chivers, beautiful Yellow crestbred, wonderful length of feather; 2, Wareham, buff Norwich, on the small side, but grand type and quality, short in wings and tail; 3, Wareham, longer, and not so good in type; 4, Chivers, Crestbred, good skull, fails in condition owing to being bad in moult; vhc, Wareham; hc, Chalker; c, Worgir. BRITISH A.V.: 2, Chalker, Greenfinch, nice colour, good size and condition, well staged, a Buff; 3, Ashman, a really good Goldfinch, only in the moult, nice shaped blaze; 4, Gulliford, a nice coloured Linnet, good condition; vhc, Chivers; hc, Chalker.

BRAMPTON (Cumberland).

On the 22nd of August, the Brampton and District Floral and Horticultural Society held their annual show in the Temperance Hall, which, being large and comfortable, is well adapted for an exhibition. This year the management included in their catalogue seven classes for cage birds. The bird section was a wonderful little show, considering the season. The entries were not so large in some of the classes as might have been, still, the competition was keen. The show was well patronised, and much interest was taken in the bird section, which gives encouragement to the management to include more classes next year. The obliging secretary, Mr. C. T. Mitchelson, was ably assisted by a committee who worked for all they were wirth to make the show a success. The Carlisle veteran, Mr. Hugh Connerton, placed the cards.

BORDER FANCY, LOCAL, YELLOW OR BUFF COCK: 1 and spl, Laidler; 2, Warwick; 3, Thompson. YELLOW OR BUFF HEN: 1 and spl, Laidler; 2, Little, Cowran Bridge; 3, Warwick; 4, Pattinson. GREEN OR VARIEGATED COCK OR HEN: 1 and spl, Laidler; 2, Lancaster; 3, Stephenson; 4, Dufton. BRITISH HARDBILL, OPEN: 1, 2, and spl, Robson; 3, Blake. NORWICH, YELLOW OR BUFF, OPEN: 1, 2, and spl, Bunting, Carlisle; 3, Blake. BORDER FANCY, YELLOW OR BUFF HEN, OPEN: 1 and spl, Bunting; 2, 3, Blake. YELLOW OR BUFF COCK: 1 and spl, Robson; 2, Bunting; 3, Ellwood. SPECIAL given by the Society for best bird in show, J. J. Robson.

EAST BOWLING.

This Society held their third first feather show for Canaries at the Barley Mow Hotel, East Bowling on August 24th. The entry was very good, and some excellent young birds were staged. Mr. T. Bennett, of Great Horton, officiated as judge, and his awards were as follows:—YORKS. CLEAR YELLOW: 1, Bottomley; 2, Thompson; 3, Varley; 4, Palframan; vhc, Hudson; he, Varley; c, Firth. CLEAR BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, and 3, Bywater; 4, Thompson; vhc, Varley; hc, Firth; c, Bottomley. TICKED YELLOW: 1, Clark; 2, Thompson; 3 and 4, W. Bleazard; vhc, Bottomley. TICKED BUFF: 1 and 4, Hudson; 2, Bottomley; 3, Clark; vhc, W. Bleazard; hc, Clark; c, Casey. SELLING: 1, Clark; 2, Casey; 3, W. Bleazard; 4, Firth; vhc, Hudson.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

The annual show of the Kingswood and St. George's Fanciers' Association, which was held on August 21st, proved very successful. Entries were well up to the average, but had it not been for the much-to-be-regretted breakdown at the printers of CAGE BIRDS, they would in all probability have far exceeded past years. As it was, the fanciers in the South, South-West, and West, did not receive their copies in time to avail themselves of the generous offer of the Editor to enter for the special which he offered under unique conditions. The quality right through was very good, and several promising youngsters were on view. Mr. S. Hill proved himself a very able and obliging secretary, and was well supported by a good committee. The attendance was splendid, and the show was in every respect a most marked success. Mr. W. H. Manley judged. NORWICH (7): 1, 2, Taylor, winner beautiful quality ticked yellow, nice head, good-shaped body, clean cut, 2nd nice colour, good size and shape, capital wings, rare head and neck, but a little out of form to-day; 3, Stone, prettily-marked buff, nice shape, good head, neck, and chest, nice condition; vhc, Tristem; hc, c, Stone. YORKSHIRE (7): 1, 3, Andrews and Biss, good, lengthy buff, full of quality and style, splendid shape, capital colour, very fine in feather; 2, Lovell, plenty of style, body nicely tapered away, little frilly-chested, but a good Yorkie all round, 3rd, a rattling good bird, very shapely, nice feather, but not shown at his best; vhc, Barry, another very stylish specimen; also hc, and c, Barry. A.O.V. (2): 3, Tristem, dark crest, of nice size, but a trifle split in crest, very neat feathers of nice texture; hc, Winstone. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (3): 2, Lovell, a good coloured Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, good size and shape; 3, Bull, a first-class Goldfinch, good, square-cut blaze, nice collar, capital wings, in good condition. LINNET, SISKIN, OR REDPOLL (6): 1, Howe, good, nutty-brown Linnet, nice head, good size and markings, wins; 2, 3, Bull, a Redpoll and Linnet, little to choose between them for 2nd place, the Redpoll about the best we have seen out for some time, and Linnet runs winner very close indeed; vhc, Pool. BRITISH BIRD, LARGE (3): 2, Howe, Hoopoe, very smart exhibit, well-staged; 3, Bond Bros., a Cornish Chough, in good feather, staged in a very smart cage, cage alone deserved the card; vhc, Chapman. BRITISH SMALL (4): 1, Howe, a Nightingale, the best 'gale seen out for some considerable time; 2, Bull, a Tree Pipit, lovely colour, good breast and very tame; 3, Rowens, Crossbill, fair colour and bill. FOREIGN: 1, Howe; 3, Davies; vhc, Leavers; hc, Hale; c, Jay. MEMBERS, YORKSHIRE: 2, 3, Morgan, buff and yellow, a couple of smart birds; hc, Winstone, equally as good, though not so well staged. A.O.V. (6): 2, Taylor, good Bullfinch type Norwich, hardly ready; 3: Stone, Norwich Dartshead and neck to winner. BRITISH BIRD, only one exhibitor, 3, Stone, with a fair Bullfinch.

LARKHALL (Bath).

Under the auspices of the Larkhall Men and Women's Adult School, a very successful Flower, etc., Show was held at the Victoria Hall, Aug. 22nd. The show was opened at 3 o'clock by the Rev. J. de Guerin, M.A., who was highly pleased with the exhibits, and congratulated the members and the exhibitors on such an excellent array of exhibits. He hoped the same would be successful and become an annual event. In the evening several very kind friends contributed to a very excellent concert, which was appreciated. The rooms were completely packed, and this should prove a financial success, and encourage breeders of cage birds. A few classes were provided and brought together a very nice collection of about 30 birds. These were judged by Mr. T. F. Andrews, who made a successful début; we were sorry to find that only 1st and 2nd cards were given, as there were several birds worthy of high honours. The committee are new to this kind of thing, so another year we hope to see more honours given. The arrangements were capitally carried out and reflected credit upon the committee, while the hon. sec., Mr. A. Sealy, was most obliging and courteous. CANARY OR MULE: 1, Taylor, buff Norwich, a very fair bird; 2, Swift, ticked head Norwich, fair type and head. We much preferred No. 22a, same owner, a good shaped buff Norwich hen, nicely done, good chest, short and cobby in flights and tail. BRIT.: 1, Russell, Goldfinch, fair blaze and tannings; 2, F. L. Langley, very nice Siskin; we noticed a nice Bullie in this class, good colour, nice cap and bib, in moult. FOREIGN BIRDS, an interesting class, one Parrot being very much admired for its good talking; 1, Mrs. Rhynies, blue-fronted Amazon in good trim; 2, A. G. Hobbs, capital marked Malabar, beautiful neck ring, a grand talker. We heard this bird was reared from the nest in India and brought to England by its owner.

GAERWEN (Anglesey).

The Gaerwen Society held a successful Fur and Feather Show on August 17th; thirty-six birds were staged, which is very good, considering the time of the year, and great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. John Thomas, and the committee for the success which they achieved. Mr. E. D. Owen judged.

YORKSHIRE (12): 1, spl., c, W. H. Williams, 1st fine upstanding yellow, good quality, nice stand, fine wings and tail; 2, res., Evans, 2nd yellow, good colour, grand slim bird, fails slightly in quality; res., grand slim buff, but rather feathery on thighs; 3, E. F. Jones, buff larger, not so good in position, but nice quality; vhc and he, R. E. Griffith, vhc, nice slim bird, but in moult. NORWICH (4): 1, spl., 2, E. J. Jones; 1st even-marked dark crest, well radiated and veiny, nice size and quality, well shown; 2nd big romping buff Norwich, grand type, colour, and quality; 3, res., Gwilym-Jones, 3rd variegated dark crest of good size, and plenty of body feather, res., yellow Norwich in moult. MULES (6): 1, and two spls., O. Brothers, large dark buff Goldfinch-Canary, nice shapely bird, in lovely condition; 2, Thomas, variegated buff, good size and shape, fails condition. 3. E. J. Jones, dark yellow, rich blaze, good colour, but lost in condition; res. T. Williams, vhc, W. H. Williams, he, W. Williams. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl., 2, O. Brothers, both rich square blazes, nice bars and buttons, the 2nd hardly so good in wings as winner; 3, Ford, another good Finch, with nice rich body colour, bit down in condition; res., G. Jones. BRITISH A.V.: (5): 1. O. Brothers, Greenfinch, nice size and shape, full of colour; a good one; 2, Miss E. V. Jones, Bullfinch, nice size and shape, beautiful cap, nice even colour; 3, E. F. Jones, Missel-thrush in good order; res., Forbes, Bullfinch, nice size, shape and colour, but starting to moult; vhc, Roberts, Greenfinch.

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A large number of entries has been made in this competition. All of them will be carefully gone through, and the result announced as soon as possible.

DURBAN (South Africa).

This show was held in connection with the show of the Durban and Coast Poultry Club, on July 18th, and 19th. Hitherto the cage birds at Durban have been part of the Poultry Club's Show, but on this occasion, although shown in the same building, they were a distinct show in themselves, the venture being the first show of the Durban and Coast Cage Bird Club. They were a most attractive collection, and although the entry, 87, was not so good as had been expected, it was nevertheless considered satisfactory, and although numbers were not great, the quality was splendid. The chief feature of the show was undoubtedly the Yorkshire section. A finer lot of Yorkshires has never been seen in South Africa. Mr. Duke's team were specially good, and Mr. Parker also benched some most typical specimens. Norwich were not over good. It is really very surprising that these handsome birds do not catch on in the Colony. Crests and Crest-breds were hardly up to those seen at 'Maritzburg. Mules and British were only moderate, but Natal and Cape birds came up fairly well in numbers, and contained some very nice specimens. Parrots were a capital lot, and were greatly admired. Mr. F. Field had a very easy task in securing the Norwich Plainhead Cup.

NORWICH IMPORTED or COLONIAL-BRED, YELLOW: 6, 1, hc., Field; 2, Dinkelman; 3, vhc, Sullivan. BUFF: 3, 1, vhc, Field; hc, Elliott. COLONIAL BRED BUFF: (4): 1, 2, 3, Field. TICKED, ETC., IMPORTED, or COLONIAL BRED (4): 1, 2, Duke; vhc, Field; c, Dawson. TICKED, ETC., COLONIAL-BRED (3): 1, 2, 3, Field. CREST, IMPORTED or COLONIAL-BRED (7): 1, 3, spl and spl for best Colonial-bred Crest, Field; 2, Wilson; vhc, hc, Sullivan. CRESTBRED, IMPORTED or COLONIAL-BRED (4): 1, 2, Field; vhc, Dawson. YORKS, YELLOW, IMPORTED or COLONIAL-BRED (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Duke; hc, Dinkelman. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Duke; 3, Parker. Buff, COLONIAL-BRED (3): 1, 3, spl best Yorkshire, and spl for best bird in the show, Duke; 2, Parker. TICKED, ETC., YELLOW, IMPORTED or COLONIAL (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Duke; vhc, Field. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Duke; vhc, Sullivan. BUFF, COLONIAL-BRED (4): 1, 2, Duke; vhc, Parker. LANCASHIRE, IMPORTED or COLONIAL-BRED (3): 2, Marschs. BREEDING PAIRS (4): 1, 2, spl, Parker; 3, Duke. BRITISH (3): 1, spl, Elliott; 2, Parker. NATAL NATIVE BIRDS (8): 1, 2, 3, Kettle. These were Blue Finches, Rice Bird, and Red-Headed Finches in the order given. A.O.V. CANARY (4): 1, 2, 3, Duke, these were Cinnamon, which in England would have had to compete as Yorkshires. PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Chapman; 3, Royston.

Notes on Hybrid Breeding.

Its Possibilities and Opportunities.

By ARGYLE.

Authenticated information is of necessity circumscribed, and as this article treats only of what I can vouch for, my remarks will only cover a limited area. So far as my knowledge goes, the yield of Hybrids has been unusually small. Goldic-Bullfinch Hybrids have done best; three are reported to have been bred in Edinburgh and two in Stirling. One is half-brother to Mr. Williams' (Liverpool) famous exhibit, and is spoken of as a specimen of rare merit, being large and handsome, but it is not possible to determine the sex. The mother is a fresh Bullfinch and is a beauty.

ONLY TWO GREENIES.

I have only heard of two Greenfinch Hybrids, and do not know of a single Redpoll-Bullfinch. Fr. Whiteford, of Hamilton, who is never defeated in obtaining some kind of Hybrid, has three fine Hybrids from a Siberian Goldfinch cock, and a big Greenfinch hen; this cross is a very attractive bird. The weather has had a great deal to do with the failure of the season's breeding in this department of Hybrids, but that is not entirely responsible, and it may be helpful for the future to put on record practical impressions.

FOR AND AGAINST.

Selection of stock has more to do with success or non-success than is generally admitted. In choosing wild birds, the purchaser has to take what he can get. Bullfinch hens could scarcely be got in the spring for any money, and the old-fashioned idea that fresh hens do best seemed to prevail. The great majority of the hens I came across were young and did not nest. My own experience is that Bullfinch hens do far better the second year; they nest earlier, and being sturdier, fertile eggs are obtained. Fanciers who have not been successful with young hens should not lose heart, but should moult the hens carefully and see what next year will do. There are great possibilities in Hybrid breeding, and it is but in its infancy. The breeding throughout the various sections has been backward, and the most difficult crosses are bound to have suffered corresponding with the difficulties attending the crossing of wild birds.

A HARDY LOT.

Greenfinches are a hardy lot, and there is no difficulty in keeping them in excellent condition, and they are free breeders. In my opinion the Greenfinch can be utilised to a greater extent than he is, both as a breeder and foster parent. Greenfinches are capital feeders. Goldfinches are not so hardy, and the mortality among Goldfinches was phenomenal, and consequently this most useful of all wild birds has not been quite a success this year. Goldfinches had not the ordinary vitality, and the crop of Goldfinch Hybrids and Mules will be somewhat short. Siberians have the preference, chiefly on account of size, but it is questionable whether there would not be about equal outcome with a British Goldfinch. The principal quality derived in crossing with the Goldfinch is colour, and that can be obtained from either. The Goldfinch can be mated with the Bullfinch, Greenfinch Redpoll, and Siskin, all of which crosses will produce lovely Hybrids. He has been fairly successful in the capacity of a Hybrid breeder in 1907, but greater success was expected.

A FREE MATER.

The Redpoll mates most freely with the Bullfinch hen, and raises the hopes of the owner, but the general outcome is clear eggs. The lesser Redpoll is preferred, but I am inclined to think that the greater Redpoll would be more likely. The common experience is that it is well-nigh impossible to get a Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid, but rarity and the fact that the cross has been produced is a strong incentive to persevere with the effort to secure a Hybrid. For a Redpoll a small Bullfinch hen is preferable.

A ONE TIME FAVOURITE.

The Linnet Hybrid in its various forms is very common, and quite a number appeared in former years, but the Greenfinch and Goldfinch Hybrids get the preference on the show bench, and breeders of Linnet Hybrids have become discouraged. The Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid now, however, should have his opportunity. He is a good all-round Hybrid, and this year's experience may lead to attention being given to him. I have never come across a Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid, but it has occurred to me that it would be worth trying; it would be out of the ordinary run, and form an attractive addition to the show bench.

A POPULAR BEAUTY.

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid is a beauty, and would be very popular were show-committees providing a class for this cross. At the present time he has to compete with other Hybrids, which puts his chance of winning first prize very remote. A Gold-finch-Redpoll is a most charming Hybrid; indeed, it is open to question if in all the range of cage birds anything can equal a Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid for a drawing-room pet. He is so tiny and dainty that he is easily kept in the pink of condition, the parentage of both birds comes out very strongly, and the Hybrid has all the attractiveness of the lively engaging Redpoll.

AN ENDLESS RANGE.

The possibilities for Hybrid breeding are endless, and could be extended if those who have wealth would encourage breeders by giving fair prices for rare specimens. Hybrids are engaging companions and only require to be known to be appreciated. Very little is known by the ordinary member of the community of the ornithological world, he or she goes to a bird dealer and purchases an ordinary bird, which in many cases does not give satisfaction; it is preferable to deal with a bona-fide breeder; I do not mean the man who breeds a few birds and at the same time buys and sells as he has opportunity.

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CORRESPONDENCE (continued from p. 109.)

EMIGRATION OF SWIFTS.

SIR,—The night of Thursday, August 23rd, may be noted as the time of emigration of the Swifts from these parts. On that day the sky was fairly sprinkled with them in every direction, but on the following day not one was to be seen. Chimney Swallows, House Martins, and Sand Martins have not yet finished rearing their broods.

J. NORTH.

COAL TAR AS A CURE FOR ASTHMA IN CAGE BIRDS.

SIR,—As there seems some misconception over the coal tar remedy for asthma, I could inform your readers there is nothing novel in this. It has long been in use by the old Yorkshire fanciers, and was given me some two years ago, and since then I have had occasion to purchase different quantities from time to time, and have always been able to procure it. The name is "Alcoholic Solution of Coal Tar"; dose, four drops, at first, to six in drinker. Care should be taken in measuring it out, as it is a very powerful poison. It is a very good cure for all kinds of colds in cage birds. I simply give this information, as your readers seem on the wrong tack, and I do not think Wright's Coal Tar would be much use for the purpose.

R. P. BROOME.

BRAMBLE-CHAFFINCH HYBRID.

A Killwinning Breeder's Success.

SIR,—Having heard that Mr. Sam Faddies, of Kilwinning, had been successful in rearing a splendid specimen of the Bramblefinch Chaffinch Hybrid, I took a walk over there on Sunday last to judge for myself, and I was amply rewarded for my walk by the splendid bird I saw. I have no doubt of the parentage, as traces of both birds are distinctly seen in the Hybrid. It is a cock bird, showing the Bramblefinch wing to perfection, while the head and breast showed unmistakable signs of the Chaffinch. Mr. Faddies had some Canaries, and pairs for muling, all caged off inside his house, but he gave the Bramble and his hen the whole outside aviary to themselves, with the use of the inside house too. The Chaffinch built a fine nest up in the corner of the inside house, and laid four eggs, all of which fertilised, but he only managed to rear one. The Chaffinch reared the youngster herself. Mr. Faddies, whom I found an ardent reader of CAGE BIRDS, and a genuine fancier, will only be too pleased to show the bird to any fancier desirous of passing his opinion on it. His address is Garden-square, Main-street, Kilwinning, Ayrshire. Trusting the above may be of some interest to your numerous readers.

GEORGE RAESIDE.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUBS.

International Triangular Contest.

SIR,—I wish to protest against Mr. Matthes' misleading statement re contest. Half a truth is sometimes worse than a lie. He says the Scottish Club wished the contest two years running in Scotland. No, sir, we wanted no such things. To put the matter plain, we wanted the contest to be as formerly, one year in Scotland and the following year in England. The Southern Club wished the contest two years in England to one in Scotland; to this our committee could not agree. As an international contest between England and Scotland, it must be he'd every alternate year in Scotland and England. The mere fact of the Southern Club wishing to come into the contest made no difference, except that it would have made the contest more interesting. Our committee left the two English clubs to choose their ground when the contest was due in England. What does Mr. Matthes want? We don't wish their club to send two years running to Scotland, nor do we wish to send two years running to England. It does seem like as he wished to kill the contest. That is what it means if we are to send two years running to England, as the second year would be a failure. He seems to think the Southern Club would be the only one which would be put to expense. I would just remind him that they have much better travelling facilities in England than we have in Scotland, and he may be surprised to learn that we have great difficulties in getting birds even to Edinburgh during the show season from some of our members, owing to want of connections and long distances from stations. Our committee desire nothing but harmony with the English Plainhead Clubs, and we are prepared to come to reasonable arrangements with our friends in all matters which go for the improvement of the Norwich Canary, but we are not going to sit down, fold our arms, and let even Mr. Matthes make any statement he chooses against the Scottish Club.

D. SMITH, Secretary.

Many letters unavoidably held over.

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ALBINO MEADOW PIPIT.

SIR,—I notice, in reply to a correspondent ("E.T."), Mr. Weston asks if anyone had seen a white Meadow Pipit before. I had one some years since, a pure Albino, with pink eyes, which was reared from the nest in Cambridgeshire, and which I bought in nestling plumage and moulted. I showed it at Bedford Show, where it took a special. I sent it to Norwich Show, where it died during the show. S. H. MAYS.

CLUB NOTICES continued from page 121:

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—Sept. 7th, Ship Inn, 7. Selection of medals and Prize Cards. This notice to be held as a summons in lieu of p.c.'s.—Thos. Briggs, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Sept. 3rd, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Classes for Winter Show and other important business.—F. W. Tomsett, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—August 31st, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Show business. It is hoped that all members will attend.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. — Sept. 5th, The Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8. Lecture by Mr. Allen Silver.—W. Hodson, hon. sec.

Eastern Dist. O.S.—Sept. 2nd, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbey Mount, Edinburgh, 8. Arrangements for coming show.—A. Robinson, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich and M.B.S.—Sept. 5th, 142, High Street, 8. Important business; a large attendance of members requested.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Edinburgh Western.—September 5th, Reigo Street Hall, 8. Important business. Arrangements for coming show; a large turnout of members requested.—John Thomson, sec.

Gloster and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 15th, Ram Hotel, 8. Important business.—J. Houghton, sec.

Guisbrough F.S.—Aug. 31st, at headquarters, 7. Coming show. Members are requested to read Rule No. 4.—W. T. Simpson, hon. sec.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Sept. 4th, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30. Business important; all members must clear up all moneys on this date to be eligible to compete for members' classes.—J. T. Carrick, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. — Sept. 3rd. Members please attend.—J. Pownall, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Sept. 7th, Miner's Hall, 6. Table Show. Judge, D. Hamilton, of Hamilton.—George Kirk, sec.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Sept. 3rd, White Swan, 8.—C. Draper, sec.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 3rd, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date open show, C.B.U., etc.—A. Parks, sec

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 2nd, Headquarters, distribution of prize-money and specials won at the Young Stock Show will take place; also lecture; all fanciers invited.—B. F. Forse, hon. sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 31st, Headquarters, Lockhart's 7.30. Special general meeting; in connection with resignation of secretary; all members are specially requested to attend.—Wm. Hornby, sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Sept. 7th, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—Arthur Wake, sec.

Morpeth and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 7th, King's Head Inn, 7.30. To take into consideration the acceptance of medals, etc., from the B.C.N. and C.C. All members try to attend.—A. Dippie, sec.

Newcastle and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5th, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Elect Cage Bird Union delegate, and allot the classes the judges have to take at Open Show.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Sept. 4th, Cobden Hall, 8.30. Very important business in connection with our coming show.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 2nd, Headquarters, 8. Open show and usual monthly business.—T. H. Tiffen, sec.

Otley and Dist. O.S. — Sept. 3rd, The Queen's Head Hotel, 8. Arrangements for the open show. Full attendance requested.—W. Dawson, sec.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 7th, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Business important.—J. Simcock, sec.

Preston O.S.—Sept. 3rd, Empress Cafe, Church Street, 8. Classification Open Show, and other important business.—J. W. Cleminson, hon. sec.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Sept. 5th, Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, 8. Important business.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S. — Aug. 31st, College Inn, 8. J. Hayes, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—Sept. 2nd, Sale Hotel, 8. Shall we have an open show, or a members' show, and other business.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

St. Helen's O.S.—Sept. 2nd, George Inn, Water Street,, 8. All members are most earnestly invited to attend.—Thomas Vose, sec.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5th, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8. Committee's Report. Arrangements and classification of Open Show. Bishop and Pilley, secs.

Shipley O.S.—Sept. 3rd, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important business.—H. Dobson, sec.

South Metropolitan F.A.—Sept. 5th, 8. Special show business. Members please attend. — G. W. Milledge, sec.

Stirling and Dist. C. and C.B.C.—Sept. 4th, 7.30, New County Hotel, Stirling. A full meeting is requested. Fanciers wishing to join should apply to the secretary. Please note new address. — John McLaren, 69, Wallace-st., Stirling.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S. — Sept. 5th, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open show arrangements.—J. W. Lowes, sec.

Sunderland C.B.A. — Aug. 31st, Faweett Street Cafe, 7.30 Open classes and addition of classes for novices, also members' classes, and prize money.—Fred. W. Gordon, sec.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—Sept. 5th, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Fixing schedule for old show, and elect delegates for amalgamated show.—Wm. Mallinson, sec.

Walthamstow F.A. — September 5th, Working Men's Hall, High Street, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, on In-Breeding; all fanciers cordially invited.—C. W. Mead, sec.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A. — Sept. 1st, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Committee and arrangements for lecture.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

West Hartlepool C.B.S.—Sept. 4th, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitley Street, 8. Classification for Open Show, etc.—E. Woodhead, sec.

West London F.A.—Sept. 5th, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush.—J. Dewhurst, hon. sec.

West of Scotland Assoc. — Sept. 7th, Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, 7. Lecture on Diseases of Young Birds, by J. J. Mansom, Esq., L.D.S.; also revising of schedule for Annual Show.—Geo. Smart, sec.

Weston-super-Mare F.A.—Sept. 3rd, Star Coffee House, 8. Final arrangements for show, etc.—Geo. W. Read, sec.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Sept. 5th, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for Old Bird Show, electing judge, etc.—S. Andrews, sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Meeting held August 20th. It was decided to adopt the resolution of the Y.C.C., which has reference to each Yorkshire specialist club recognising the others suspensions. The cup competition for best young bird bred by a member was decided to be held at Wallsend, where Mr. Mundell judges. The points special and medals were allotted to Newcastle, South Shields, Blaydon, and Gateshead. Prize money of first-feather show was paid to those members attending, with others please apply to me for theirs. T. C. CRAWDALL, hon. sec.

BRADFORD COUNTY B.B.M.C.

Meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on August 24th. The President (Mr. W. A. Cowgill) in the chair. The following were elected members: Mr. F. Gelder (Little Norton), Mr. Muckwell (Keighley), Mr. E. Mason (Windhill), Mr. J. Thomas (Otley). The meeting also elected Mr. Thomas (Otley), on the Committee in place of Mr. Dawson (Otley), who wrote stating his inability to accept office. It was passed that the sum of five pounds (£5) be given for specials, half to the champion and half to the novice section. A few gentlemen present contributed liberally to this "special" fund, and we already have in hand or promised a quarter of the sum without encroaching on members' subscriptions. We had also several promises of special prizes in kind. Will secretaries note that the committee will sit on Saturday, September 7th at 8 p.m. to allocate the shows at which the specials are to be competed for. Any show in Yorkshire is qualified which is prepared to make at least the following classes for the club's patronage, viz., one for Hardbills, one for Insectivorous, and one for Mule or Hybrid. Kindly send in your applications. The business then was the making of rules to govern the club, and the following were adopted:

1. That this club be called the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club, its objects being to promote the proper keeping, breeding, and rearing of British birds, Mules and Hybrids.

2. The headquarters of the society shall be the Market Tavern Hotel, Godwin Street, Bradford, Yorkshire; quarterly general meetings to be held when necessary, and due notice to be given in CAGE BIRDS by the secretary.

3. The officers of the society shall consist of a President, two vice-presidents, elected from members inside the Bradford district, and two vice-presidents elected from members residing outside the Bradford district, eighteen members of the committee, six residing in the Bradford district and twelve outside.

4. The definition of Bradford district to be six miles' radius from Bradford Town Hall.

5. The committee for the time being shall have power to fill up from time to time during any current year vacancies occurring in their number.

6. Members of this club shall agree to give all protection possible to the various wild birds, compatibly, of course, with their position of fanciers of the respective varieties of British Birds proper.

7. The annual general meeting to be held on the last Saturday in February, when the secretary shall present the balance sheet for the current year, and rules shall be revised, if necessary, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

8. Special prizes shall be offered from time to time at various shows, and such prizes shall be allotted at a general meeting convened for that purpose.

9. Shows, to obtain the club's patronage, must have not less than three classes devoted exclusively to British Birds, Mules, or Hybrids, viz., one class for Hardbills, any variety, one class for Insectivorous, and one class for Mules or Hybrids. Birds of prey to be excepted.

10. That the club's specials to be offered for competition only at open shows, and no members shall be eligible to compete for same who has not previously paid his or her annual subscription of 1/- to the secretary for the current year.

11. That the club's specials be not offered at any shows unless the word British be inserted in schedule thus: Bullfinch (British), Goldfinch (British).

12. Points to count for all club's specials, as number in class, seven the highest number. Should a tie take place the number taking most prize money to win the special. Points issued in other societies' schedules or catalogues not recognised by this club.

13. Secretaries of shows obtaining the club's patronage to forward a marked catalogue containing the awards directly such awards are given.

14. When two or more members join or amalgamate interests for the purpose of exhibiting, such amalgamation shall be termed a partnership. Where such partnership exists, the same must be recognised as such with the secretary of the B.C.B.B. and M. Club, who must be satisfied that such partnership is bona fide, and registered before September 1st in each year.

15. Most points at allotted shows to count for specials, and no member to take a prize unless he has shown at two or more under the club's patronage.

16. That the club recognises as a novice one who has not won a first prize in open competition with British Birds, Mules, or Hybrids. He or she to continue their novice status until the close of the current show season.

17. That no member be allowed to compete as a novice who resides under the same roof as a champion.

18. Any member who is proved to the satisfaction of the Committee of the B. and C.B.B. Mule Club to have been guilty of fraudulent, discreditable, or disorderly conduct in regard to a bird, or at any bird show, shall in addition to any pecuniary penalty to which he may be liable, be suspended from judging, competing, winning a prize or special or taking any part at a show held under the auspices of, or where the B. and C.B.B. and M. Club lends its patronage, for such a time as the committee may determine.

19. Any matter arising not herein provided for shall be dealt with by the committee, or by a special general meeting, convened by requisition, signed by at least seven members of the society.

20. That no resolution passed by a general meeting be rescinded unless one month's notice of proposition to rescind same has been given, and such notice has been published in the Fancy Press.

W. R. MYERS,
23, Ingleby Place, Bradford. Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD, WOOLWICH, AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first monthly meeting was held at the headquarters, Trinity Schools, on August 15th, when a number of rules put forward by the secretaries were reviewed, amended, and passed. It was decided to hold an annual show, and if possible to secure Mr. Robson to judge the same, the date to be decided later. Mr. Roberts was elected an honorary member, and Mr. G. W. Shuants a member. A discussion of the birds brought by members was opened by Mr. Hazell, and taken up by one or two other members. A very pleasant evening came to an end, all too soon.—W. PAWLEY, hon. sec., 13, Olven Road, Plumstead.

HASTINGS & ST. LEONARD'S C.B.S.

A meeting of the Hastings and St. Leonards Cage Bird Society was held at the Royal Oak Hotel on Thursday evening, August 15th. Mr. H. Godden presided over a small attendance. Mr. J. Stevens, who is an expert in bird breeding, and who has lectured before the Society on various occasions, read an interesting paper dealing with birds and the wild seeds to feed them on. Birds kept in confinement should have very large cages and plenty of food and water, so that they could keep themselves clean. Freshly-caught birds which turned sulky and did not eat should be liberated. Preparations for feeding birds were detailed by Mr. Stevens. The birds dealt with were the Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Hawfinch, Reed Bunting, Snow Bunting, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Missel Thrush or Storm Cock, Field Fare or Felt, Redwing, Starling, Skylark, Shore Lark, Wheatear, Pied, Grey and Yellow Wagtail, Nightingale, Black Cap, Redstart, Whinchat, Stonechat, Twite, Siskin, Redpoll and Yellowhammer. He pointed out how these birds could be told by their plumage, showing some beautiful illustrations painted by himself, how they built their nests, number of eggs laid, and how to feed. He then dealt with the wild plants from which the seeds could be obtained for feeding birds, which proved to be interesting. The places where the seeds grew, the colour of the flowers and use of the berries and seeds were also mentioned. Seeds taken from plants saved the corn bill and a breeder of a number of birds found it added to his profits. Several plants were shown by Mr. Stevens. A vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**The Golden-Crested Regulus.

This is not merely the smallest, but one of the most beautiful of British birds, and yet, though abounding in most places, its active and restless habits and the silence of its movements lead to its being but little noticed. The oak, the yew, and the various species of the fir and pine are the usual haunts of this bird. In these tall trees it builds its nest, not only neatly but elegantly, the shape varying according to the situation in which it is placed. It is generally like that of the Chaffinch, open on the top, but sometimes the nests are opened on one side. The eggs, small, round, and cream-coloured, are nine or ten in number. The golden-crested Wren is not a shy bird, and often visits gardens and even suburbs of large towns, and often builds close to a house. It will visit the plants trained round windows. This bird remains with us all the year round, and is often seen in winter among grass or dead leaves searching for insects. The plumage is a beautiful mixture of green and yellow, with white bars on its wings; and on its head is the golden crest, bordered with black, from which it takes its name. Its breeding quarters are generally in the Orkney and Shetland Isles, and other parts.—W. PERRIN, 14 Charles-street, Barnstaple (aged 10 years).

*A Strange Death.

While walking up the River Amber, in Derbyshire, I saw a Kingfisher sitting on the branch of a tree intently watching something in the water. Presently it dived into the water and returned to the perch with something in its beak, and I saw it had caught a large "Bullhead" (fish), which it was vainly trying to swallow. It tried to fly away, but fell into the river. I ran and got it out of the water, but it was too late; the Bullhead was halfway down its throat and it could neither swallow it or disgorge it, and it accordingly died. I had it stuffed with the fish in its mouth, and have it in my collection. Sent by F. C. NODDER (aged 13½), Ribs Castle, Matlock.

*A Bold Starling.

One morning I heard a vase crashing to the floor in our drawing-room. At first I was startled, but after a time I went to the door and listened, and heard another noise. Then I cautiously opened the door, and at first I could see nothing except a smashed vase, then, to my surprise, I saw a starling perched on the gas bracket. Then our dog came rushing in, having heard the noise, and he seemed as surprised as I was, until he caught sight of the bird. After a time I managed to catch it, and I kept it, and it is now enjoying itself in a fine large cage.—Sent by W. GURNEY (aged 13), 224, Plumstead Common-road, Plumstead, Kent.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, on August 25th, when 14 picked birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. J. Booth, and some good singing was heard. Result: 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and T. Crane.—T. SUMMERS, (hon. sec.).

Kircudbright, October 17th, Judge, Mr. H. Bennet. 21 classes: Scots., 2; Bor., 4; Crest, 1; Nor., 2; Yorks., 2; A.O.V. Can., 1; Mules, 2; Goldfinch, 2; Bullfinch, 1; A.O.V. Brit., 1; For., 1; Sell., 2; prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 10th, to Mr. J. Kelly, 40, St. Mary-street, Kirkcudbright.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. A. LOVELL, 19, Islington Road, Southville, Bristol. Judge of Cage Birds (all varieties). Life experience.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoo Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

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Judges: Poultry, Mr. Proud; Pigeons, Mr. T. Stretch; Cage Birds, Mr. Bennet.

106 Classes all over. Schedules now ready.

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Specially Interesting and Beautifully Produced.



Norwich Record Bird Breeding Association will hold their next annual show on October 14th.

I am glad to say I sold all Mules I advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week :—W. EVANS (Reading).

S. OUSLEY writes :—I had fourteen replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of four-pointed Mules.

Your last Special Number is a treat; it is a pleasure to read it through.—J. J. PENALUNA (Blackwood).

Mr. T. J. Ambrose will judge cage birds at the North Berks. F.C. Show, to be held at Abingdon on November 7th.

Mr. A. Lupton, the hon. sec. of the Bermondsey and District Fanciers Society, has removed to 76, Camborne-road, Southfields, S.W.

I have removed from 213, Heavy Gate-road to 41, Rochley-road, Hillsborough, Sheffield.—JOHN MILNE.

Will the fancier who borrowed a double-carrying box from Mr. J. Brycebank (Greenock) last February, kindly return it to him at once?

The judges for the show of the Watford C.B.S. on November 8th and 9th, are Messrs. J. H. Roe and J. Frostick, writes Mr. A. J. WATTS, the hon sec.

Great interest is being shown in the question, "Who will judge the Greens at the Crystal Palace Show this year?" Up to the present echo answers "Who?"

Mr. John S. Crawford (Glasgow), well known amongst local naturalists, expects to be away from home for some considerable time. His address will be uncertain.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden has cleared out all his high-class stock of Cinnamon Norwich to Mr. J. Dobson, of Cinnamon fame. A high figure was asked and readily given.

Owing to clashing with another fixture, the Morecambe Cage Bird Show date has been altered from October 30th to November 6th, so writes Mr. J. H. IRELAND, the secretary.

Mr. Jas. Ramsay, bird specialist, late of Kinnairds, Arbreath, has removed to 71, Dover-street, Anderston, Glasgow, to which address all future communications should be sent.

A. S. TREASURE (Cheltenham) writes:—Some of the specialist clubs are very slow in allotting their patronage. I am glad to say we have the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club.

Mr. GORDON (Sunderland Show) writes:—I believe we are going to have a heavy show on November 22nd and 23rd, as the Northern Crest Club and the Cinnamon and Norwich Club contests will be hold here.

We have decided to hold our open show on Wednesday, December 4th, writes Mr. H. C. WILKINS, the hon. sec. of the City of Birmingham C.B.S. Mr. H. W. Battye will judge, and the show will be under C.B.U. Rules.

I have had very good luck with my birds. This is the first year I have bred Canaries, and all through reading CAGE BIRDS, which I have done now for two years, and find very interesting reading in it:—L. HUMPHREY (Great Yarmouth).

I have had a splendid season, having bred a hundred Yorkshires, Crests, and Mules, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, which I have read for three years. I never bred a bird until I read CAGE BIRDS:—M. BROWN (Lordship-lane, Wood Green).

It it not generally known that the Broad Walk in Hyde Park is infested this year with Owls, and a close observer will catch sight of them perched on the highest of the trees just after sunset, ever acute for a stray mouse or other dainty morsel.

Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) is a most popular man, not only in this country, but also in Belgium. He has just returned from Antwerp where he, as usual, received a great ovation in connection with the large annual Canary festival, which takes place in that city.

Thanks for splendid plate of Canaries; it is a masterpiece. What should we fanciers do without CAGE BIRDS? I opened the paper in front of one of my cock Canaries; he started calling directly he saw it, and then burst into song.—HY. PETTIT (Horley).

Mr. D. HARWOOD, the Accrington C.B.S. secretary, writes us that Accrington Show will be held on September 27th and 28th, and not on October 18th and 19th, as originally fixed. This will be an unusually early flutter for our Northern friends, and we trust it may be successful.

Mr. G. J. WARLEY (Tulse Hill) writes:—I have been on a visit to Yorkshire and called on a local fancier at Duffield. He was not at home, but his wife, Mrs. Watt, kindly showed me into their bird room. I consider he has had a very good breeding season, he has a grand lot of youngsters—64 this season, and a good sample—many choice birds amongst them, and taking colour food grandly. I was struck with two of his old show birds, Yellow Tick first Hull, and first Selby and other honours, and was particularly taken by a young cap-marked Buff, which ought to be heard of later on the show bench. He has also bred four Goldfinch Mules.

Mr. J. J. Robson, of Great Corby, writes:—"You might mention in Twitterings that Mr. Robert Hogg, cage manufacturer and naturalist, has left Carlisle for Middlesborough, where he has taken commodious premises at 17, Bridge-street West. I feel sure all Carlisle fanciers wish him success."

We are glad to hear that after being laid on one side for eight weeks, as the result of the accident to his wrist, Mr. J. T. Carrick, the hon. sec. of the Jarrow C.B.S., has this week been able to resume work. He desires to thank the many readers of CAGE BIRDS for their kind sympathy expressed towards him.

The paint to be used for the inside of Norwich Green Show Cages can now be had from Mr. A. Thompson, 205, Smithdown-lane, Liverpool, who has been appointed by the club to supply same price 6d. per lb., post extra :—S. HADWIN, sec.

We have engaged Mr. A. Wellings to judge our members' show on November 2nd.:—J. W. BANCROFT, hon. sec., Bolton and Dist. Progressive C.B.S.

Any fancier desirous of joining the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. should do so at once, as it is necessary to be elected one month prior to annual show to be eligible to compete for members' cup, bowl, medals, and numerous other specials. All names should be sent to the hon. sec., W. HODSON, 209, Crystal Palace-road, S.E., before September 12th next. Any further particulars will be gladly given. [Advt.

A lecture which should be most interesting and instructive is announced by the West of Scotland Association for its next meeting at Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on September 7th, the subject being "The Diseases of Young Birds," and the lecturer, J. J. Manson, Esq., L.D.S. All who can should hear this lecture. Mr. Smart and his committee will be pleased to welcome any fancier or members of other societies.

Mr. C. W. Mead, secretary of the Walthamstow F.A., writes: All fanciers who are interested in the breeding of live stock should not fail to bear Mr. C. A. House lecture on In-breeding at the Workingmen's Hall, High-street, Walthamstow, on September 5th, at 7.45 p.m. Will members and friends who would like to favour me with a special for our members' show on October 31st kindly let me know as early as possible, as the schedule is ready for the printer?

Remarkable Offer to Canary Fanciers.—1,000 cwts. of Canary grit to be given away. During September and October we will give 1 cwt. of our Celebrated Health Grit absolutely free, to every purchaser of 1 cwt. of Canary seed. Giant Spanish, 24s. cwt.; finest Turkish, 15s. cwt. Samples on application. Carriage paid to nearest station. Cash with order.—John Dibb, seed importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey-road, Bradford. Tel. 247x. [Advt.

Those of our Scottish readers who are interested in British Bird and Mules should not overlook the fact that an important meeting of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club is to be held at Kirkealdy on September 7th. Amongst the business to be dealt with on that occasion is the allocation of club medals, and the proposed trophy. The club is making good headway, but Mr. Farmer would like to receive the name as a member of the club, of every lover of our native songsters in Scotland. His address is 11, South Elgin-street, Edinburgh.

A Magpie and a carrion Crow have been observed in Hyde Park. The former looked very black, no doubt owing to the London smoke; in fact, the pied plumage by which the Magpie is so widely known was almost completely hidden. The carrion Crow looked equally dirty and unkempt. A park-keeper said that this solitary Magpie has probably entered the Park to make it a sort of hermitage, to which most birds and animals like to immigrate when they have the foreboding of approaching death. The Magpie has, indeed, made few friends with the park birds, seeming most happy in the occasional company of the disreputable looking crow.

Time Brings Its Revenges.

An amusing incident was related to us the other day by a well-known trader in colour food. A little over twelve months ago the colour food man in question received an order for a shilling packet of his preparation. No cash enclosed. But the name of a well-known fancier was mentioned as recommending the purchase. After waiting a fortnight a statement was sent. No response. All subsequent applications for the money completely ignored. Exactly twelve months afterwards another similar order from the same man turned up, enclosing this time a postal order for a shilling. The colour food man has a good memory. He promptly confiscated the shilling and politely informed the sender that he was greatly obliged for the remittance twelve months overdue. Any further orders would receive his earnest and prompt attention provided cash came with them. Both letters were dated the same day exactly, the only difference being in the year.

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In accordance with our Sporting Offer to return the cash to every tenth sender for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Part I., the following have had their money returned to them this week:—

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Teignmouth,
S. Devon.

The winner of the 5s. offered last week was;—
J. MASON,
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Ambleside.

See announcement at foot of opposite page.

A PRIZE COMPETITION FOR KEEPERS OF FOREIGN BIRDS.

Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

Turn Spare Moments to Account.

In our position as Editor of this Journal, it has been borne in on us that keepers of Foreign birds are either singularly modest, or singularly reticent. Not a line does one receive from the great majority of them concerning their experiences in their own particular branch of our hobby. This is not as it should be. It affords no encouragement to others to take up the keeping of the beautiful and interesting species which reach our shores from other climes. Those on the threshold of our hobby, so to speak, must have their footsteps guided by bird-lovers who have already trodden the first paths, and can thus advise the beginner how to avoid the pit-falls besetting them, and render his path as smooth and easy to travel over as is possible. To compass this is a duty every bird-keeper owes to the birds which go to make up his pet branch of our hobby. And keepers of Foreign birds ought not to shirk their responsibilities in this direction.

There must be thousands among the readers of CAGE BIRDS, who have kept Foreign birds of various species, and have much knowledge respecting their keeping, feeding and management stored away in their heads. Put those facts on paper for the benefit of fellow lovers of Foreign birds.

To bring about this desirable end, we offer a

CASH PRIZE OF ONE GUINEA

for the best original article on

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which reaches our offices on or before

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th NEXT.

The said article may concern the making and fitting of an aviary, the stocking and management of an aviary (either indoor or outdoor), the keeping of one particular bird only, or the keeping of a group of birds. In short,

No subject whatever which deals with Foreign Birds is barred.

RULES.

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, September 23rd next. Write "Essay Competition" on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

Wolsingham, September 11th. Judge, Mr. G. Sweet. 5 classes:—Nor., 1; Yorks., 1; A.O.V. Canary, 1; Brit., 1; Sell., 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close August 31st, to Mr. T. C. Hume, Wolsingham.

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT PRIZE COMPETITION.

£200 IN HARD CASH

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ALL SECTIONS INCLUDED.

To encourage the exhibition of prize Cage Birds, and centre public attention upon Shows advertising in "**Cage Birds,**" we have evolved the following Great Prize Competition for Exhibitors of Cage Birds who are readers of "**Cage Birds.**" The Show season will be starting in a few weeks, and between September and February next we propose offering Special Cash Prizes TO TOTAL A SUM OF PROBABLY **not less than £200.**

This amount will be distributed equally amongst the shows appearing in "**Cage Birds**" "Dates Fixed" Column, under the following conditions:—

CONDITIONS.

Exhibitors participating in the Competition will be required to mark each entry they make in the competition with the letters "**C.B.**" and to fasten on the front of the entry form an adhesive Special Coupon, to be obtained only from the MANAGER, "**Cage Birds,**" 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Entry Forms and Coupons must in every case, without exception, be sent to the Secretary of the Show and not to "**Cage Birds.**"

There will be a fresh set of numbered Coupons for each Show where the Competition is in progress. The Coupons issued for the past Shows will not be available for any subsequent event.

REMEMBER—ONE BIRD, ONE SHOW, ONE COUPON.

When entering Birds for "**Cage Birds**" Prize Competition and sending their entries to the Show Secretary, exhibitors must mark each entry competing in our Competition with the letters, "**C.B.**"

PRIZES OFFERED.

The prizes offered by "Cage Birds" at each Show taking part will be

10/-, 6/-, AND 4/- IN CASH

to be allotted respectively to

The Best FIRST PRIZE Bird,
The Best SECOND PRIZE Bird,
The Best THIRD PRIZE Bird,

to be judged irrespective of sex, variety of breed, selected from birds entered for "C.B." Competition prizes.

IMPORTANT.

The winning birds at each Show will be debarred from winning another "C.B." prize at any subsequent event.

COST OF COUPONS TO COMPETITORS.

The cost to competitors of each coupon will be Sixpence, and coupons must be purchased from "**Cage Birds**" for each Show at least four days before date of advertised closing of entries.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS.

Whatever profit (if any) accrues from this scheme will (after 25 % has been deducted to cover postage and working expenses) be distributed among the societies participating in it in the proportion that entries are received from each show. If the scheme results on the whole in a loss, the loss will be borne entirely by "**Cage Birds.**"

THE GRAND FINAL.

By special arrangement with the Crystal Palace show authorities, at the Great National Show on January 31st, 1908, the winners of all "C.B." coupon prizes during the season up to date may compete, and the sum of

£10 IN CASH PRIZES

will be divided as follows:—

£5 for the best First Prize bird,
£2 10s. for the best Second Prize bird,
£1 10s. for the best Third Prize bird,
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*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

A Wheezy Noise.

Avalon. — For the birds that make the noise you mention, give in the drinking water fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu and six drops of Paregoric, fresh daily; continue this for three weeks. Give the hen you say drinks so much water, two grains of Bromide of Ammonia in two tablespoonsful of water, which has been previously boiled and allowed to cool. Let her have this fresh daily for a week, and then on alternate days for another week. You may also give her a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week, to which add as much Aromatic Confection as will stand on a threepenny piece.

A Convalescent.

No Name. — As you say your hen is improving under the treatment I advised, you cannot do better than continue it until she has finished the moult, when I think you will find she will then be all right again. You may put a piece of mutton suet between the bars of the cage for her to peck at. Keep her covered over at night with a warm cloth. No, it is not infectious, and you need have no fear of your other birds catching it. Of course, you are keeping this bird by itself whilst under treatment.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Mice or Hen—Which?

Avalon.—Sorry to hear of your young bird that you found with its inside torn to pieces. Mice are not certain to have been the guilty parties, but disturbing the hen may have been the indirect cause. I am inclined to think you have got hold of a cannibal hen. I don't think anyone will be very successful with breeding who is overrun with mice, and from what you write in respect to your bird-room, I don't think you will be able to get rid of the mice only by removing. I was, some years' ago, plagued with the same thing, and managed to arrange my room so that they could not get in, but would prefer removing to doing the same again.

Size of Cage, and Plucking.

Rose Campbell.—Fifteen young Canaries is far to many to keep in one cage of the size you name. Watch them and try to find out whether it is one or two, or all the lot are alike guilty of plucking. If there are one or two that don't seem as badly plucked as the rest, those are very likely the worst offenders. Six or eight birds are as many as I should care to keep in a cage like yours. Get another cage or two, or better still, cage them singly, until they have grown their feathers, as having contracted the habit of plucking, they will be some time before they break it off again and the best and the safest way would be to cage them singly. If you cannot do so, tie several lengths of soft string to the cage wires; these will engage their attention, and help to keep them from plucking. Feeding will do very well, and separating is the only safe way to break them off the habit.

Sneezing and Gaping.

T. B. Blackburn.—I expect your bird has been played with when kept in hanging-cage, before you purchased it. For the next three weeks, let its staple food be white canary seed, giving every other day a little egg-food, to which add four drops of Parrish's chemical food and a pinch of sugar, well mixing the lot, and then sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it. For two weeks, try in its drinking water to each two tablespoonsful of water ten drops each of Paregoric, Tincture of Lobelia, and whiskey. Stop the hemp, niger, and black rape, and give very little green food; the suet or bacon will do no harm.

Squeaking and Moulting.

A Reader.—Your bird evidently caught a cold some time ago, perhaps from being in a draught, and this may have been the cause of its dropping into the moult earlier than it otherwise would have done. Most birds are, or ought to be, in the moult by this. You say the bird squeaks when it tries to call, for this you might try ten drops each of Tincture of Lobelia and Paregoric in the bird's drinking water, fresh daily for two weeks, and in addition to its ordinary seed, give on alternate days, a little egg-food, well mixing with six drops of Syrup of Buckthorn. Continue this for one week, and then substitute six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in place of the Buckthorn, for another week. The loss of his two toe nails will not be a serious detriment to his breeding. To cut the toe nails, use a pair of very sharp scissors, holding the foot before the window or some other strong light, when you will be able to see a thin red streak running down the claw; be very careful not to cut into this red line, or you will cause it to bleed. The ruffled feathers on one side will probably come out all right when the bird finishes his moult.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Mixed Trio.

Young Rollers.—(1) It is against the rules to recommend any particular advertiser, but if you write to any of the large bird specialists advertising in CAGE BIRDS, they will be able to supply you with a good bird organ for teaching young Rollers. These organs, in fact, were being advertised in our columns only a few weeks ago. The best class of bird-organ, with mechanical action, costs about £3 or £3 10s. (2) There is no definite period for Rollers to moult, so much depending on circumstances. The worst of the moult ought to be over in about a period of eight weeks—in fact, eight to ten weeks should cover the time the moult lasts. Early-hatched young birds invariably commence moulting before late-hatched ones. (3) You ought to have stated at what age the hen plucked the young. Many hens will pull out feathers when anxious to build again, but, as the young are then generally out of the nest, one can easily meet this case by transferring the youngsters to a nursery cage. The hen which plucks her babies while they are still in the nest is a great nuisance, and deserves (and no doubt often gets), a sudden death. Such a hen should never have the cock bird left with her while sitting, and feeding the young. You don't want to discard your hen, if possible, to obviate it, seeing she is so good a feeder.

BELGIANS.

Answered by W. B. COBB.

Young Belgian Dying Swollen.

Meesie.—There are so many causes to account for young Belgians dying, that numerous precautions might be suggested; but from what you describe, I conclude the deaths to be due to inflammation, probably brought on by the cold changes we have experienced in the weather this season, or by the feeding. You do not say what you fed the parents with. If the remaining youngsters are doing for themselves, and show signs of swelling, I should advise you to give milk sop, sprinkling on a little maw seed, giving plain canary seed in hopper; discontinue hemp seed, and add say, six drops of whiskey in their drinking water.

Swelling near Vent.

M. Henby.—From your description, the swelling is not caused from inflammation; had it been, it would have killed the bird ere now. I would recommend you to bathe the part with lukewarm water, and then anoint with a little Hamamelis Cerate (procurable from any chemist) for a few days, when probably the lump will disappear; meanwhile keep the bird on a diet of plain canary seed and milk sop.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Capless Lizard.

Glendene.—The young Lizard without trace of a cap is not an unusual occurrence at all. It will not have any cap after the moult, but it will be an entirely different bird to what it appears now. I am very fond of a non-cap bird, and no doubt you will be the same, that is, if the bird develops anything like an average quality of spangle and colour. Your young Lizards are all right. Don't get disappointed, the lines or rowing which you have illustrated to me, are the indications of the future spangling. It will be a most interesting time for you just now to watch the changing of the plumage; you will soon see the moons appearing, and I hope in profusion to answer your desires in the same perfection as you have seen at the shows. I presume you are colour feeding. It is most essential that you do so, if you wish to exhibit them. Young Lizards should be kept in separate cages and covered up; they must be kept quiet to prevent the plumage from getting damaged. Write again to CAGE BIRDS when in doubt.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various.

Redrol. — Single out all birds fit for show, and keep by themselves. See that their tails and flight feathers are all straight. If any are frayed pull out. Cover bird over with some thin cotton. Do this gradually by putting it at back of cages, and bringing it forward a little every day, so that your birds may get used to finding their way about. Let their staple food be good sound Spanish canary seed, and every other day add half a teaspoonful of the following mixture: One part German rape, and half maw seed, go'd of pleasure Linseed and hemp. Should your birds not take to the linseed, use a pinch twice a week in egg food. Crushed egg food on the alternate days, and once a week add a teaspoonful of Chemical Food to one egg and three Osborne biscuits. Mix well with the hands and allow half a teaspoonful per bird. You need not be so lavish with the seeds and egg food, for your stock birds. Allow the bath once a week early in the morning on sunny days. (2) Unless you have quality and colour bred into your birds, you will not be able to bring it out. Keep scrupulously clean, and protect from sun's rays, and when half way through give a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea in water once a fortnight; also add to their diet a small piece of boiled carrot twice a week. (3) A little of each is all right as a change once a week, but they should not have it oftener, as their bowels at this stage are easily relaxed, and a lot of birds die from this cause every year.

Sore Feet.

Ned. — Catch the bird daily, and bathe the foot in water, blood-warm, to which add a little Jeyes' Fluid until it is the colour of port wine. Let the foot remain in the water a few minutes; take it out and rub your fingers down towards the toes, repeat same two or three times, until you see him standing firmly on it. (2) No, the spur will not grow again. (3) Yes, it would be a slight drawback on the show-bench in keen competition; it is always an eyesore, and, therefore, a few points against him, but don't be afraid to send him out if otherwise perfect. It is seldom we find a bird perfect in every point.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Is Colour-food Injurious?

J.L.—If given according to the directions supplied with it, the particular colour food you mention will not injure birds. Saffron is used by many of our leading breeders, and is generally considered beneficial during the moult, not only for its colouring properties, but because of the medicinal effect which it exercises. Speaking generally, colour feeding is not injurious if practised with discretion, but if it is used injudiciously and foolishly, harm is certain to result.

Are Greens Colour-fed?

Duffer.—No, Greens are not colour-fed, but the natural colour can be very much improved by careful feeding. Read reply to X.Y.Z., in CAGE BIRDS, July 26th, 1906, the whole subject of moulting Greens is there gone into. The scale of points differs from the Yorkshire and Norwich standard, for instance, 35 points are given for colour, which is very much in excess of the standards of the Clear varieties. The standards of points for both the Norwich and Yorkshire types of Greens will be found in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

Unfertile Eggs.

Inexperienced.—The breeding season is now over, and you can do nothing this year. Although you do not say so, I gather you have tried your hen with the two cock birds you mention, and yet all seventeen eggs have been unfertile. You speak of the hen laying when she has been by herself. This leads me to think you have not been acting fairly towards your hen, and the reason the eggs have been unfertile is because she has not been properly mated. As I say, nothing more can be done this season, and before next season comes round, I should advise you to secure some practical manual dealing with Canaries, and act according to its instructions. You should have paired your hen, and let the cock remain with her right through the season.

Pink-eyed or Black.

Lucky.—The mere fact that a bird has pink eyes does not make it more valuable than a dark-eyed one, except for Mule breeding, and even in this direction many people question the old-fashioned idea of a pink-eyed hen being the best for Muling. If a Mule breeder had the opportunity of choosing between two really good birds, one pink-eyed and the other not, he would doubtless select the former, but if the pink-eyed bird was inferior to the dark-eyed one, his preference would be for the latter. I am glad to know you have had such good luck with your birds this season. Mr. A. C. Yorke, Secretary Fanciers' Society, Stoke-road, Guildford, is the address you require. Mr. H. E. Parratt, Grove Place, Weyhridge, will give you any information you may require about Weybridge Show, which is to be held on December 4th. The value of the bird you mention would depend entirely upon its ability to win prizes. It might be worth £10, or, not as many shillings.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Moulting Bullfinch.

D.C.B.—Have answered this question at length some time within the last three weeks; look it up. Let the bird have a fair supply of linseed in its stock mixture, but no hemp whatever. A little maw and sunflower daily should be allowed—or safflower seed, which looks like a kind of miniature sunflower seed. The chief point is to offer all the natural colouring agents, in the shape of fruits and berries and weeds, you can lay hands on. You can get dewherries now, and plenty of blackberries in a short time; then plenty of Privet berries. Other suitable things are ripe black berries, cherries, raspberries (Bullies are great fruit eaters, remember), dock, plantain, thistles, shepherd's purse, chickweed. See "Wild Plant" article now running in the columns of "C.B." A most important point in the production of gloss in the plumage is a free use of the bath. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water—the difference is plainly to be seen. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird.

Crossbill: British or not?

Cymro.— Your description is a very good one of a male Crossbill in wild plumage. When house-moulted the red in the plumage will not be reproduced. Most of the exhibition specimens seen are as ruddy in the coat as a huntsman; still, a good house-moulted specimen, though it may not be so gorgeous to look upon, stands quite as good a chance on the show-bench under any judge who knows his business. Your specimen may be either a Foreigner (imported), or a British caught one. No one could tell, except the person who imported it, or he who caught it. Crossbills come over to England in hundreds during the season, from the Continent. So do Siskins, etc. No one worries over the question of nationality, because no one can say, by looking at the birds, whether they are British or Foreign. So you will gather that you can safely exhibit your Crossbill under any judge, as a "British bird." Give it plenty of sunflower seed, also fruit pips (cores of apples, etc.), and don't forget a few mealworms daily, and any other suitable grubs and insects you can hunt out for him.

Moulting Bullie and Canary.

O.H.B.—I have lately frequently explained how to prepare colour food. Pity you did not refer to recent back numbers. The usual way with Canary fanciers is mix the colouring agent with egg and bread (or biscuit). The egg bread is prepared in the evening, and pepper mixed with it in about the proportion of one to four. In the morning it is fed to the birds—a good teaspoonful to each. Briefly, that is the method, for detailed particulars consult a good book on Canaries, or the several lectures on this subject in recent numbers of "C.B." It is too lengthy to give here *in extenso*. Commence with a small quantity of pepper only, and gradually work up to the strength mentioned above. If your young Bullie is fond of soft food, he will be able to use the same mixture as the hen Canary you mention. A cage 1ft. by 1ft. 6in. is, however, certainly not large enough for the two birds—is not big enough for even one. Three foot by sixteen inches from back to front would be about right. I think it would be an excellent plan to moult the couple together. Most colour-food vendors send out with their goods instructions for their use. Note another reply this week on the moulting of Bullfinches.

A Love Affair.

Sarah M.—I don't know that you did any particular harm through not mating up the two Goldfinches. You certainly lost an excellent opportunity of trying an interesting experiment in breeding, however. Most fanciers, I think, having a hen Goldie which laid in her cage "six virgin eggs" as you put it, would be only too anxious to try her either with the cock Goldie, or with a cock Siskin, Linnet, or Redpoll, with the view of producing Hybrids. It is not often that hen Goldies show themselves so ready to breed in captivity. To sum up: I certainly think it would have been best had you mated up this hen—to the cock Goldie, if you so pleased. With regard to the watery excreta, try the treatment recommended "No name" in this issue.

Name Bird and Treatment.

A. J. P.—The bird you describe, and which builds in the hedge bottom, laying lovely blue eggs, is the Hedge Sparrow. Hedge Accentor is the correct name, the bird not being even remotely related to Philip Sparrow, Esq., of House-top, Everywhere. The Hedge Sparrow, in fact, is an insectivorous bird, and so must be fed on insectivorous, or "soft" food when in captivity. It does not usually make a good cage pet, unless taken young, adult caught birds being, as a rule, wild and intractable. A little Canary seed is eaten with relish, as a change, the bird feeding on small seeds and berries during winter. It has a song more remarkable for its sprightly, cheerful character than beauty of tone or variety. It is a most common sound of the countryside, and I should have thought it would have been well known to all bird-lovers. The Hedge Sparrow makes a good aviary bird, though of a retiring nature, and sings.

Talking Birds.

Novice.—There is a little choice between Magpie and Jay for talking purposes, but the Jackdaw comes a long way behind either. If I were compelled to plump for one or other of the former birds, I should vote for the Jay—possibly, however. I am prejudiced by the fact that I have heard more talking Jays than I have Magpies, and some wonderfully good ones, too. A fresh-caught bird is not the one to tackle with a view to producing a first-class talker and mimic. A young hand-reared specimen is what you ought to get. If well treated and petted and fussed, it is surprising how soon most of them begin to learn whistles and words and little tricks. All three species mentioned are about equally suited to captive life. There is, practically speaking, no limit to the size of the cage—it should be as large as can be conveniently compassed. One of the best places I have ever seen for a Jay was made out of a packing case which had originally contained a pianoforte. A very nice outside place would be one 5ft. long, 3ft. high, and 2ft. from front to back, with a lean-to (sloping) roof. This must be made absolutely water-proof, and have a "weather-board"—that is, a strip of suitable width to fit along the front, at the bottom, to prevent rain, etc., beating in.

Fresh Caught Linnets Dying.

Humane.—There is, as I suppose no one needs telling, a percentage of deaths among all species of fresh-caught birds, and this is not entirely avoidable, for all birds (even of the species) are not the same either in disposition or constitution, and do not possess the same "resistive power" to meet and successfully cope with their changed food and circumstances. The same thing is seen among animals of all kinds, and among human beings, too, whom circumstance takes into foreign climes. All one can do is to try, by offering food as near Nature's food as possible, to bring the percentage of loss down to the minimum—down to 0 where possible. Certainly, you ought not to have such losses amongst your newly-caught Linnets. Possibly, however, your birds had been in the catcher's or dealer's hands some little time before they reached you, or had undergone a railway journey. These things, I am compelled to say, would be all against their chances of survival. Newly caught Linnets must have some "soft seeds" to feed upon. These are conveniently found in seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, charlock, groundsel, thistles, and the like; also soaked summer rape and charlock, given when just commencing to germinate or sprout, must be supplied. They should be offered maw seed, linseed, Canary, teazle, and lightly cracked hemp (fresh made every day). For half-a day on every second day, let them have water made slightly saline with sulphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a pint of water.

Bullfinch Ailing.

H.B.B.—I am afraid this answer will be too late to effect any good. Judging by the symptoms you detail, the Bullie must be very queer indeed. I should clear out his bowels by one dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will cover a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. The main thing to do, however, is to provide a complete change of diet. Any ripe, wild seeding plants (dock, shepherd's purse, chickweed, thistles, groundsel, plantain, etc.), would be helpful, especially any such as sow thistles, covered with "smother-fly." Also offer a few tiny mealworms frequently. Bullies are largely fruit-eaters, remember, and should be regularly offered any kinds that seem at all suitable—of dew, black and privet berries, they are passionately fond. Let him have plenty of mawseed, while a teaspoonful of good ant's eggs, which have been soaked in milk, would no doubt be greatly relished. The latter should never be allowed to turn sour; prepare them afresh frequently. He might not object to a little high-grade insectivorous food being mixed with the ants' eggs. Anything that tempts him to feed is likely to be the chief factor in the bird's recovery—if he is to be pulled round.

Young Bullfinches—and Old.

Foster Mother.—I certainly think the head-feathers on the young Bullie will come all right with the moult. If the place seems irritable at all, you can try anointing it gently twice daily with Zambuk, if you like; or no doubt hazeline cream (or ointment) would be equally efficacious for the purpose. If the bird will not bathe, by all means lightly sponge him on suitable days; don't drench him at any time, however. With regard to the old Bullfinches, the difficulty of getting them to feed and rear their young in a cage or aviary (you don't

make it clear, by the-bye, whether yours is an indoor or outdoor place), is one which is usually experienced, and which is hard to overcome. Most fanciers prefer to entrust the eggs to foster-mothers, generally hen Canaries. Not, however, that many succeed in getting a pair of Bullfinches to build, and hatch out young, in captivity. Still, hen Bullies used for Hybrid breeding are usually found most unreliable. Some won't sit out their time; others will hatch, but then won't feed; few successfully launch their young into the world. Why, is too lengthy a matter to discuss here. Instead of egg-bread, try feeding them with a high-grade insectivorous food, containing plenty of good ants' eggs. Also offer freely tiny mealworms, any sow-thistles (or other harmless foliage) smothered with blight (smother-ily), live ants' eggs, if procurable, and give liberally the seeding wild foods I am so frequently recommending.

Watery Excreta.

No Name.—I agree that it is a very unpleasant state of things when a bird makes the draw-board in such an offensive condition. It is not difficult to remedy, though. Let your Linnet have plenty of mawseed to eat, and a liberal supply of ripe plantain-stalks, seeding shepherd's purse, and thistle-tops (opening them, if necessary). You should certainly not let the bird have the run of unlimited hemp, niger and linseed. Feed it on this stock mixture: canary two pints, teazle one pint, summer rape and charlock half-pint each. Give a pinch of the other seeds occasionally. A little linseed may be regularly allowed once the bowels regain their normal condition. For four days dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much citrate of iron as will lie on a threepennypiece. Afterwards, mix into the same quantity of water ten drops of tincture of gentian, continuing it over such a period as seems necessary. Scrub the cage bottom regularly with hot soda and water—a little disinfectant would make an improvement. The above medicines can be obtained of any chemist for a few pence.

Briefiets.

A Weed (H. Amos).—The specimen you enclose is shepherd's purse.

Shepherd's Purse (J. A. P.).—A sample sprig of shepherd's purse has been duly posted you.

Another Weed (G. D.).—The weed you enclose is a trefoil. Have never, to my knowledge, offered it to birds. I know of no reason why the seed it contains should be harmful, and don't think you would find it in anyway so. Shepherd's purse has heart shaped, flattened seed-pods, which run up the stem.

A Disinfectant (New Hobby).—There must be something wrong for an indoor aviary to need "perfume." What a strange idea this). Regularly cleaned out and well sanded, no smell should be observed. There are many good disinfectants you may use—try Sanitas, or Jeyes', according to directions on bottle.

Back to Captivitv (H. Hay).—Your account of the Linnet which returned to its cage is very interesting, and no doubt the Editor will find space for it in another column. The singing of Linnet No. 2 no doubt helped to keep him round the house, acting the part of the song of a "call-bird." But no doubt hunger played the chief part in his return—he recollected (or Little Mary reminded him of) a certain spot where food was always plentiful, and this brought him into his cage again.

A Weed (D. W. Burkinshaw).—I could find no weed accompanying your letter. Are you certain you enclosed same? You had better post on another specimen.

Food Recipes (W. Bullough).—I do not know of any book which gives all the food recipes you mention. You would have to purchase various works (Canaries, British, Foreign Birds) to get them. Even then you would not get every one, for most fanciers have some pet recipe or other of their own.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Green Parrot Ill.

My bird has been ill for several weeks, seems to have severe pains and straining, clenches its foot and appears as if it would fall from perch. How can I treat it?—E. WRIGHT.

E. Wright.—It would have been better if you had applied at once; delays are not good in such cases. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls), and let it have only this to drink for the day; the next two days put two drops of laudanum in the same quantity of drinking water. You can repeat the magnesia as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. Diet: As it is a young bird, give for a time about a tablespoonful of boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day) daily. Its staple diet should consist of two parts canary and white oats, and one part each wheat, dari, Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds. As extras and to vary the diet, give rape fruit, plain biscuits (dry), nuts, greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, and water *ad lib.* Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. If relief is not given in ten or twelve days' time, repeat query with full details.

What Bird?

Kindly give name and correct food for bird as per description enclosed?—D.B.V.

D.B.V.—It is a Swainson's, or Blue Mountain, or Blue-bellied Lorikeet (Trichoglossus novæ-hollandiæ), a native of Eastern Australia. I am a firm believer in giving the Loriidæ milk sop, and also sweetened boiled rice, and I have yet to come across the species that is not the better for it. It is a dangerous food in some hands I am aware, but this is only the result of gross carelessness; if prepared as follows, it will keep 24 hours in the hottest weather we ever get. The method is very simple: Crush the required amount of biscuit (Osborne or plain Arrowroot), well sweeten with Demarara sugar (say, two teaspoonsful to a teacupful of milk), add the required quantity of milk to leave it sloppy, boil the whole up together and give to the birds when cool. In addition to this you must keep the food vessels strictly clean, and place them in such a position that the bird cannot foul them. In addition you would of course give as much *ripe* fruit as they will eat, with greenfood, cuttlefish and water *ad. lib.* Keep a tin of the following mixture in their cage: Canary, millet, oats and hemp, equal parts of the first three, and a quarter part only of the hemp. They are a hardy and enduring species, if not kept in too small a cage, at the same time they must be protected against draught.

Bauer's Parrakeets.

Please give me details as to food and general treatment?—J. G. M.

J. G. M.—Bauer's Parrakeet (Platycercus zonarius) is a native of Australia and decidedly uncommon on the English market. It thrives on the treatment generally given to the Platycerci. which you are giving. I have mostly kept my Platycerci with a mixed series in an outdoor aviary, where they have had access to a varied diet, and they certainly helped themselves to a little of each, including soft food and mealworms, with no ill effects. It must be borne in mind that they had plenty of space for exercise; if confined in a cage I should advise merely the seed mixture, *ripe* fruit, greenfood, grit and cuttlefish, being given with, of course, water *ad. lib.* All this family are very fond of grass in the ear, and it is one of the most wholesome greenfoods for them, and they cannot have too much of it, so that it is neither sodden with wet nor frosted, and if it has insect life on it, so much the better. I am of the opinion that during the moult several live insects daily are a help, at least I have found it so and give them; I must however, qualify this by saying that I am referring only to the Platycerci in this instance, and *this must not be applied* to Parrakeets and Parrots in general.

Amazon in Moult.

My Amazon is in the moult; it is fed as you advise in "C.B." and it appears in good health, though a little mopish. Does it require any special treatment at this time?—F. P.

F. P.—The most important thing is to keep a watch on the general health of the bird during the moulting period; if this appears good, let well alone. If there is any sign of constipation a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, half a teaspoonful over its boiled maize, should remedy this; the bowels should move freely, but not be watery loose. In case of any signs of weakness, etc., a course of Parrish's Chemical Food is as good as anything; well colour its drinking water with same, this can be continued till the bird is in condition again. Encourage the bird as much as possible to take exercise, and to eat plenty of ripe fruit, greenfood and cuttlefish. If there appears any difficulty in reproducing its feathers lightly dust its boiled maize with flour or flowers of sulphur for a short period in conjunction with the chemical food. The bird should have its bath regularly, and if it will not bathe, should be sprayed with clear water just chilled; it must be kept out of draughts till dry at the same time it should get plenty of fresh air.

Young Parrot Indisposed.

I have a Parrot 9 months old; every time it eats anything a scum seems to come on each side of its mouth. Can you give me a cure for it?—"OAKPOLLY."

"Oakpolly."—If "Oakpolly" will send me kind of Parrot and full details as to how it is being fed and treated, I may be in a position to help; at present I can but suggest a palliative. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, and let it have only this to drink for that day; this can be repeated at intervals of three days, providing its bowels are not watery loose. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, dissolve 20 grains of chlorate of potassium in one ounce of water and let the bird have only this to drink for a few days; and in addition if it will let you handle it, wipe out its mouth (using a small camel's hair brush), with a small portion of the following mixture: 20 grains chlorate of potassium dissolved in two drachms of glycerine. Feed as advised regularly in this paper, see replies to other correspondents in this and past issues. Repeat query with details as above and I will try and give you more definite help.

Grey Parrot with Worms.

How can I get rid of worms in a grey Parrot? It's dict is that recommended in C.B.—"E.B."

E.B.—Take as much powdered areca nut as will lie on sixpence, and dust it over a piece of moistened (with water) biscuit, try several doses in all, on alternate days. If this fails, try a slightly smaller quantity of jalap, not more than two doses. By all means let it have a piece of raw carrot daily, this will take the place of greenfood. In a week's time put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, for directions see replies to other querists in this issue. You had better report progress in ten days' time. You say nothing as to the birds general condition, give this when next writing.

Treatment of Tovi Parrakeets.

I followed your advice, and purchased a Tovi last autumn, but unfortunately it died during the winter. Can you suggest any improvement in the diet, or can you suggest another species equally tame and more hardy?—"DONALD."

Donald.—I think you were unfortunate in your specimen, and consider it very probable that the disease was already there when the bird came into your possession; however, I should say here, that even hardy species succumb to the effects of sudden chills, such would account for the malady which took off your bird, but, of course, not for the mites, which you could have got rid of by spraying with quassia solution. I should advise you to get another Tovi and let its staple diet be canary and white millet, with as much *ripe* fruit as it will eat from its staple diet; white oats and a *little* hemp can be given occasionally as a change, a tender leaf of fresh lettuce, could also be given daily. In other respects, treat as you did your previous specimen. With many species of Parrakeets it is the hardships and unsanitary conditions of importation, and some dealers' shops, which are responsible for the many and discouraging losses with new purchases, which apparently do well for a short time, then suddenly become ill and "shuffle off" in spite of every care. As a precaution, I should well scald out and cleanse the cage before using again for another bird, which I hope you will have better luck with. Such misfortunes as yours are the lot of most aviculturists (however experienced), more or less with new purchases.

Young Grey Cardinals Dying.

E.M.F.—Your disappointing experience with the nestling Cardinals is a very common one; I have just returned from my holidays, and found under the nest three large, well-formed callow green Cardinals, the same thing has occurred four times this season; in my case, owing to the mixture I keep together, I cannot keep up a supply of live insects, as well as not being on the spot to offer it every hour or so. If you get another brood this season, supply the soft food as recommended in my previous reply; and keep them going with live insects. These birds practically rear their young on nothing else, and give them variety, too, such as mealworms, cockroaches, spiders, living ants' cocoons, gentles; in fact, anything almost that flys and crawls that you can capture for them, and if possible, they should be supplied to them, say, every hour, or, at any rate, as often as possible during daylight, and some beetles could be left in a demon trap over night. If the platform of trap was removed, the birds would help themselves as soon as it was light. Supply also continuous supplies of such *ripe* fruit and greenfood as they favour. It is a lot of trouble, but it is only so that many species of insectivorous birds can be reared, for many of them that will readily feed on soft food mixture themselves, will only rear their progeny on live stuff. If you have the leisure to do this, you should succeed with the next brood.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (B. Zelzer).—This bird, and probably the other live, died of bird fever. Instructions as to isolation and disinfection have often been given.

Orange-cheek Waxbill (E.H.S.).—Enlargement and inflammation of liver, involving the lungs, and ending with rupture of blood vessels. These are the incidents of acclimatisation, and while some birds struggle through, many succumb. The excess of food and want of efficient exercise is the root of the mischief.

Canary (W. Gout).—Septic inflammation of liver, lungs and bowels, ending with apoplexy. All your cages and appliances should be disinfected with boric acid solution, one teaspoonful to a pint of boiling water.

GENERAL.

Answered by the EDITOR.

Cuttings (A. W. Curtis).—We are greatly indebted to you for the interesting cuttings you have so courteously sent us.

Illustrated Ideas (R. H. Fell).—Your remarks noted. The idea you mention will be dealt with when opportunity occurs.

Who are the Real Owners? (Fairfield.)—Why do you not sign your name and address? Are you afraid you won't have a "fair field." This seems to us a matter for your club to ventilate. If the same birds are really exhibited alternately by two different exhibitors, the matter, as you say, is most unsatisfactory, but you must bring good evidence to substantiate such a charge before we can deal with it.

Reliable Dealer Wanted (D.B.)—We cannot oblige you by undertaking such a commission. We did so once before to oblige a reader, but never again! You want a young Grey male Parrot. Well, either advertise your requirements, or use your own judgment in answering advertisements, and deposit money before you purchase the bird. Sorry we can't help you further.

Anecdote (Old Fancier of 30 years).—Your story might give offence to our more sensitive readers, and some ladies might put a very sinister construction upon it, otherwise we would print it, as it is certainly very funny.

Box Makers (J.W.P.).—Your query signed "W.P." was received by us. You asked for the addresses of light box-makers, and we gave you a list of such in CAGE BIRDS of last week. You now ask for "the addresses of makers of light boxes, suitable for sending birds away." We don't think any of the firms, whose addresses we gave make bird boxes, neither do we know of a firm which does. A local carpenter would be the best man to supply what you want in this direction.

A Hoax (E.B.).—You will see that the story of the Parrots and the Palm Nuts was quoted by us from the paper you mention. Had it been an original article we could have given you the name and address asked for. You should write to the paper from whose columns we quoted the article.

Puppy Sold (A. Sinclair).—We do not undertake to settle disputes concerning carriage, or would gladly try to assist you.

A Little Corner Wanted (B. Peleman).—Certainly; always delighted to oblige our Belgian friends.

Complaint Cancelled (M. E. Berry).—Glad to hear you are now satisfied with our advertiser.

Coloured Plates (T. Heasman). — Since the beginning of the year we have issued three coloured plates. The production of a coloured plate involves a big expense and is not to be entered on lightly. We do not, as a rule, give any coloured plates in the off season. The season will soon start and then you can expect to see some very fine ones, as usual.

Volumes (A. Doyle).—Sorry, no use. Our requirements are now filled.

Novice Competition (J. A. Wilkinson).—Sorry your p.c. was not received in time.

The Challenge Trophy, a silver shield value £7 7s., presented by the *News of the World* to the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. for the best bird on show (open classes), is now on view at the headquarters of the society, "The Herne," Peckham Rye, S.E., and is a splendid work of art. Two Lancashire classes are being guaranteed by Messrs. Goodwin and Rogers, who each offer a special, likewise Mr. F. J. Green. Mr. Lovesy has presented the complete work, "Japan's Fight for Freedom," handsomely bound, for the best bird shown by a novice member, and the society are offering a gold medal, value £1 1s., for most entries. Altogether things look very rosy. Mr. R. S. Crisp, the popular president of the S.Y.C.C., is one of the latest recruits to join the ranks of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.:—Thus writes Mr. G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

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CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MOULTING MEMORANDA.

As previously intimated in these notes, the moulting season will be an early one, and is already well in progress. Breeding should, therefore, be quite a thing of the past, even the late breeding pairs, from which it was hoped to snatch a catch brood, should be broken up with as little delay as possible in every case where this has not been already done, and every bird that it is intended to colour feed should be well on the feed by now. No matter whether they have commenced to drop feathers or not, or even if they show no signs of dropping into moult — feed them on the feed. Any procrastination now in doing this will be practically certain to result in more or less patchiness in colour at the end of the moult.

NON-COLOUR FEEDING AIDS.

Where colour-feeding in the usual straight-forward acceptance of the term is objected to, there is still the ancient and out-of-date method of adding tone to the colour by providing a free and regular supply of the rich-coloured blossoms of marigolds and nasturtiums, which many birds will devour with the greatest relish, and which are probably just as harmless, and not more so, as the orthodox pepper-feeding. Properly used, they will give a delicate soft and bloomy tone of colour just sufficient to give the birds a decided advantage over a bird that has not been assisted in this way, and yet not enough to enable them to compete with a chance of success against pepper-fed birds—that is, of course, meaning the pimento which is now, unfortunately, universally known as cold pepper. Years ago before pepper feeding was discovered, this method of feeding on these blossoms was a recognised form of legitimate colour-feeding, now-a-days it is disregarded as such, but serves all too often the ignoble purpose of improving the colour of so-called non-fed birds, and thus giving them an unfair advantage over specimens genuinely shown as unfed. By knowing the methods employed, the newest beginner may be on equal terms with the older hands.

COVERING THE CAGES.

To obtain the best results in colour, whether in colour-fed or natural colour birds, it is essential to tone down the light whilst the new plumage is growing, as the yellow of the canary's plumage, like practically all other yellow tints, is very susceptible to the bleaching effects of sunlight. Many novices, however, carry this point to excess, by darkening the cages until the bird can barely see to get about. This is neither necessary nor advisable. By keeping the cages in semi-darkness, one is apt to be unconsciously fostering insect pests, as well as dirt and general stuffiness, which means paving the way for the outbreak of disease.

CREAM OR BUFF BLINDS.

If the birds are in a room by themselves every good and useful end will be gained by simply keeping cream or buff blinds down before the windows, with, perhaps, in well-lighted rooms, curtains of the finest material over a small part of those cages that are nearest the windows. In all other positions, that is, where the cages are scattered about in a variety of rooms used as living rooms, a curtain of very thin muslin, cream or buff, covering about two-thirds of the front of the cage wires, will serve all practical purposes, without cutting off the light sufficient to hamper the bird's movements, or deter them from moving about just as much as they feel inclined to do.

WHEN TO COVER.

Do not cover over the cages or draw the blinds immediately the birds are put up for moulting. There is no real necessity to obstruct any light until the new plumage begins to show through on the surface. Of course, all the birds will not reach this stage just at the same time, and if only a few are much in advance of the bulk of the stock, their cages may be covered a little more closely than usual, in order to allow the rest the benefit of full light until a fair proportion of the stock reach the stage, when it is necessary to tone down the light generally.

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ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

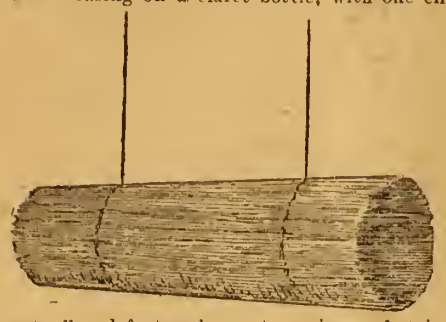
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

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AN EASY SLEEPING PLACE.

Sent by T. Thomson Swancoat, Holywood Co. Down, Ireland.

This is a sketch of a very cosy sleeping or nesting place for small birds. It is the straw casing off a claret bottle, with one end



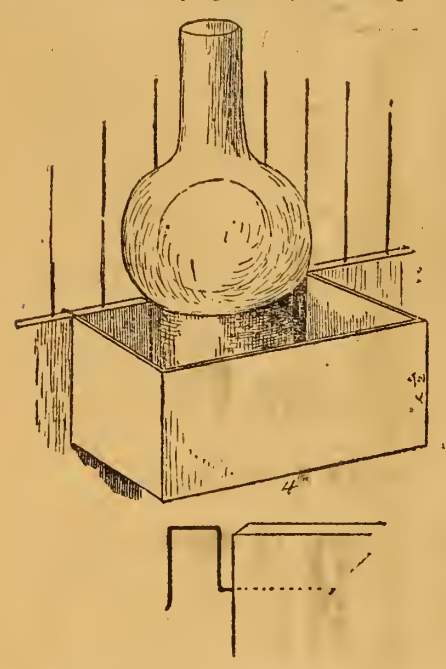
cut off and fastened up; two pieces of string are attached. If it becomes infested with insects another can be procured, as they are very cheap, or a little powder put at the far end.

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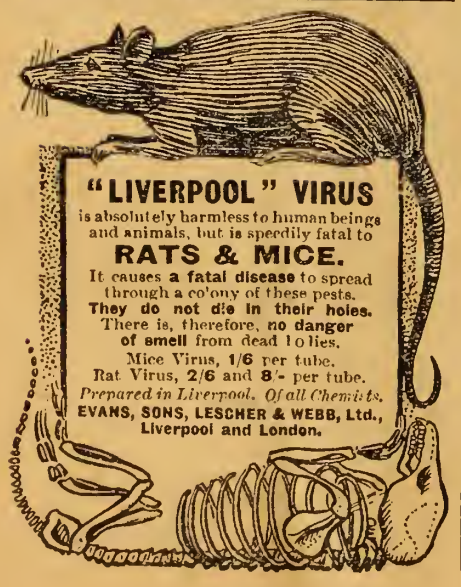
A SEED SAVER.

Sent by B. O. Brett, May Villa, 62, Cantwell road, Plumstead.

I have noticed that my Canaries throw most of their seed outside their cages, and it is often wasted. I have at last developed an idea for saving the seed. I got two pieces of wood, 2½ inches by 2½ inches, and two pieces



4 inches by 2½ inches, and then nailed them together. Having done this, I secured two pieces of stout wire, bent them, and fastened them in the wood, as illustration. The size of this box is only fit for the kind of seed bottle shown in illustration, for other bottles the size varies. I have found that it saves a great deal of seed in one week.



CORRESPONDENCE.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Kindly announce that the competition for members of the Y.C.C. outside Yorkshire will be held at Dulwich and Peckham on October 16th and 17th, in place of Accrington, on account of change of dates. Any fancier wishing to join the Y.C.C. should send name and address at once for inclusion in the year book. JOHN GREAVES, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Enamel for Show Cages.

SIR,—I can now supply the correct tint of enamel for inside of Lizard show cages in 6d. and 1s. tins. Azure blue for Gold Lizards and Moss Green for Silver Lizards. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly do so, so that specials for the coming show season can be purchased. Novices will again be specially catered for, so fanciers kindly rally round this Society, the old and original one, and help to make the shows a bigger success. We shall be pleased to furnish you with book of rules and standards on hearing from you. So get enrolled at once. HECTOR OLIVER, Sec.

35, Hadfield-street, Glossop.

MORE BIRDY NOTES FROM CANADA.

SIR,—I am herewith forwarding you two photo cards, one of Sea Gulls and one of Herons. If you can reproduce them in CAGE BIRDS I am certain they will be very interesting to a large number of your readers. I might just say that these photos will only give your readers a very meagre idea of the quantity of both Gulls and Herons that abound here, as they only display one group of each, while at the time they were taken you could have taken a hundred different groups similar to those enclosed in less than two miles along this bay. In short, I may say you have to see them before you can half realise the quantities there are of them. [We regret to say that it is impossible to give a reproduction of the photos Mr. Nicholson has so kindly sent us, as they are not sharp enough in detail to come out well.—ED.] Since sending you my former notes I have made a few more observations on bird life on this island (Vancouver). When I wrote my last notes I only mentioned one variety of Swallow; since then I have noticed two other kinds, viz., the small brown-backed Sand Martin; they look a little less than the Old Country Sand Martin, and a little lighter in colour. There is another Swallow nearly as large as a Starling. The cock bird is a rich glossy black all over; the hen has brown back, wings, and tail, and light grey underneath. There is no fear of Mr. Sparrow banishing this bird from his breeding quarters. They build their nests in holes in buildings, the same as Sparrows, and as they did not arrive here until May the Sparrows were in full breeding operation, and had all the holes taken up with their nests; but Mr. Swallow was not long in banishing Mr. Sparrow, and taking possession of his breeding quarters. It was an amusing sight to see them fighting for supremacy, but in two days they cleared about a dozen pairs of Sparrows from one large hotel building, and took possession of their quarters, so this would mean a large death-rate in the Sparrows' homes. There is also a Swift, which arrived here in May. It appears to be the same as the English Swift, but as I have only seen this bird on the wing I cannot say for certain if there is any difference in them. There are also several kinds of small insectivorous birds which have arrived since I sent you my last note. They are mostly of the Fly-catcher tribe, and vary in size from the size of a Nightingale down to the Gold-crested Wren, or even less. Some of them are very beautiful-coloured birds. I have also noticed two different kinds of Wrens. One of them is identical with the Old Country Wren, both in colour and size; the other is nearly as large as a Robin; its colour and habits are identical with the last-named bird. I have also seen a few flocks—about thirty in each flock—of Cedar Waxwings, which were feeding on ripe cherries. I shot one to make sure they were Waxwings, and I wanted to be certain if there was any difference in them and the Bohemian Waxwings, as I once shot one of these at Keswick, in Cumberland, England. The bird I shot here was a cock bird, and to my eye is a good deal smaller than the Bohemian Waxwing, but the same colour, and it had splendid wax tips on the wings. J. NICHOLSON.

It may interest some of your readers to know that on passing down Albert-road yesterday afternoon I noticed, says an Oban correspondent, a Sparrow with a considerable dash of white plumage. Among a group of other Sparrows, it had a decidedly odd appearance. I saw it on the wall between St. John's House and Craig House.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C. PATRONAGE.

SIR,—In reply to "Yorkie" and Mr. Waterman, I appreciate their points to an extent, but the committee had to consider the recommendation from the annual general meeting that a judge should only judge one show in each section if possible, and also to judiciously spread the patronage over the country; and further, to extend the shows over the season. Last season three shows were supported in October, and one judge was down to judge three shows. The birds will certainly be away for four days, but I believe some fanciers favour two shows in one week, and in this instance most of the birds will be in their owners' hands on the second evening of Battersea Show. I should like to mention that my birds have been away for three days for one show, as I have not received them until very late the night following the closing of the show. They have been handed by the Railway Company to a Parcels Delivery Company for delivery, and how long they are in the draughts in their vans we cannot say, and I consider this more harmful to the birds than four show days. With these remarks I trust "Yorkie" and Mr. Waterman will conclude that the committee have done their best in alloting the patronage.

J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I would crave a few lines in which to answer your correspondent, John B. Waterman, on the above subject. I would point out that I am in no way antagonistic to Mr. Waterman, knowing him to be an ardent lover of the variety, but as a rule there are always two sides to a question. In the first place, the question does not affect him individually in the slightest degree, seeing that the two shows in question are giving a champion classification, and he is only a novice, and, therefore, would not compete in these classes; and, furthermore, Mr. Waterman has, up to the present, only patronised the club's shows twice, first at the Southern Yorkshire C.C. first feather show, June 30th, 1906, when his exhibit was commended in the first year novice section, and the second time at the L.C.B.A., Westminster, where he was second in the novice classes. Despite Mr. Waterman's assurances he has no axe to grind, there is a veiled innuendo that partiality has been shown, and I would point out what I believe are the true facts. When the voting papers went out for the election of officers, there appeared on the paper several notices of motion, and one stood in the late hon. secretary's name, "That no judge should adjudicate at more than one show where the club's patronage was given." This was, by consent of the members present, withdrawn by Mr. Broome, with a recommendation by Mr. Ramsden that when the allotting of patronage was before the committee, due effect should be given, as far as possible, to Mr. Broome's motion. This was carried unanimously. Seeing that Mr. Mundell is judging at Battersea, it is only feasible the members would, if possible, like the chance of this expert's opinion on their birds. As regards the other South London clubs, I would inform Mr. Waterman that I am of the opinion if one of them had engaged a specialist Yorkshire judge, instead of a Norwich judge, they would have had the patronage also, seeing that at the show in question last year the open Yorkshire classes were the best filled in the show. It does not necessarily follow that the same birds will be shown at Plymouth and Battersea, seeing that Mr. House and Mr. Mundell do not always see eye to eye.

FROST AND SNOW.

THE SCOURGE OF THE BIRD ROOM.

Where do the Red Mite hail from?

SIR,—I have much pleasure in informing you I have found how we obtain most of that great scourge, Red Mite. On calling and pointing it out to Mr. Lewis, secretary of the Llanelly and District C.B.S., and other fanciers, they were surprised, as they have never known such a thing before. I have forwarded two packets of seed for your inspection, which were opened in the presence of Mr. Lewis and friends, and which were purchased fresh for the occasion. If you will kindly inspect the seed in the shade of a bright light at night you will find it all infested with a little white pest. I shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly make it known to your experts, and through your valuable CAGE BIRDS, so that if any other fanciers know of such a thing they will kindly inform us of their opinions. Mr. Lewis has obliged me by saying he will make a special note of this at their next meeting, which I hope to attend to point it out further. I think it will interest many CAGE BIRDS readers to know of this, and it will be a help if they could find out the cause of losing their birds, which I think is fairly due to seed such as this. J. PORTSMOUTH, JUN.

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SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—Arrangements are now complete for Llanelly to have the novice patronage at their show on January 14, 1908. Mr. J. H. Payne is their judge. In last season's points competition for ladies Mrs. Smith (Acton) is first and Mrs. Vipond Crocker (Penzance) second.

J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Sec.

SUCCESS IN MULE BREEDING.

SIR,—I may say that I have had a fairly good season of Mule breeding, having got 20 Goldfinch Mules and two Linnet Mules from two Finches. I have a dozen of them through the moult, all in outdoor aviary, and doing well, but I have failed to get a light one; there are some with light feathers on their wings. I hope to give you some more particulars on Mule breeding later on.

W. METRICK.

ADVICE NEEDED.

A Plague of Mice.

SIR,—Will any kind reader of CAGE BIRDS give me an idea how to fasten cages up to a plastered wall? I have this season put two 3 x 1½in. boards across and nailed them to the wall and hung cages on them. Now, through the holes where the nails were driven mice come through in hundreds at night. They come from a bakehouse next door. They swarm into the cages and eat all the seed. You cannot get at them, as they are behind the cages in a second when you go in. Would it stop them to cement the walls? Then I want an idea how to fasten the cages to the wall, not for them to come through. Any suggestion to help me out of this difficulty will be very acceptable, as this season I have lost dozens of young through the mice.

AVALON.

MR. HADWIN ON COLOUR FEEDING.

SIR,—In your issue of August 24th, under above heading, Mr. J. Taylor asks a series of questions which I will try to answer. I am very pleased to note that Mr. Taylor thought my lecture interesting. Re Citrate of Iron and Honey.—Half pint of rum will be sufficient to dissolve the two ounces of iron. Neither the rum or honey in themselves promote colour. The rum is a dissolvent and preservative This particular form of iron in solution quickly turns bad if a preservative is not used. It also acts as a stimulant, and assists the birds through the moult. The honey has a tendency to bloom the feathers, and as birds are very liable to colds when moulting, the rum and honey in conjunction helps them to throw off these colds. These ingredients, by attending to the general health of the birds, assist colour; an unhealthy moult is a bad moult, and especially is it bad from a colour point of view. Re the use of olive oil.—The dry colour food would show a deeper colour if rubbed on the hands, but it would only be a surface colour, easily rubbed off; but if oil is added the colour would be more tenacious, and take a great deal more getting rid of. The principal use of oil is to dissolve the colouring matter of the peppers before being fed to the birds. The colouring matter being dissolved beforehand, allows it to pass more readily into the blood of the birds. It is through the blood that the feathers are fed. I have found that dry peppers given to the birds create a good deal of waste; there does not seem to be sufficient moisture in the birds' stomachs to extract the whole of the colouring matter, hence the waste. It will be easily understood that the less pepper used the better both for the birds and the owner. If the idea is to increase the sale of colour feed, then use it dry, and so use more by at least one-half than if the feed is oiled and the colour dissolved before being fed to the birds. Try this test: Take six teaspoonsful of soft food, add one teaspoonful of dry colour food. Mix well together. Then take six teaspoonsful of soft food, add one teaspoonful of oiled colour food, and mix well together. Both lots of soft food to be of the same making. Then let the mixings speak for themselves. The oil is also useful for putting a gloss on the feathers. Re using too much oil.—It would certainly be easily possible to use too much oil, the proportions given in the report of my lecture will be found sufficient. Oil in large quantities would be too relaxing, but the quantity given will not hurt. I hope Mr. Taylor does not expect me to enter into a controversy with his colour food merchant in respect to this oil question? I am simply stating what, from a long practical experience I have found to be the best method of colour feeding.—Proportions of colour food to egg food: It is always best to measure both the soft food and the colour food. Forty-two teaspoonful of soft food and eight teaspoonsful of colour food would be ample for fifty birds' daily supply. This would be one teaspoonful for each bird daily When the head and neck only is to finish, reduce to half teaspoonful per bird per day, for the first week; quarter teasponful for the second week. By this time the birds should be about finished. If not, continue until finished, and give a teaspoonful once a week all through the show season, so as to keep the birds in bloom.

S. HADWIN.

PROPER TREATMENT OF CHAFFINCHES.

SIR,—Anyone at all conversant with the country will not need to ask what is the meaning or what the application of the term "Pink Pink" is. It is the beautiful Chaffinch. Go where you will throughout the kingdom, to any secluded, cheerless spot you may decide upon, and it is ten to one you will find the Chaffinch. He is met with near every farmstead; he hovers about the gardens of houses in the towns; you hear his "Pink-Pink" if you pass along a lonely country lane; aye, anywhere and everywhere, almost, you come across the Chaffinch—wild, free, and happy. But you meet with the bird also in out-of-the-way places, not free, but in captivity; not happy, but intensely miserable; not joyous, for how can it be so? I wish, with the editor's permission, to refer to this charming bird under both sets of conditions, and to say a word on its behalf in order, if possible, to secure for it happier conditions and more natural food and surroundings, for I know the pages of CAGE BIRDS are read by those who never used to see the fanciers' journals. The scientific name of the Chaffinch most people know, is Fringilla Cœlebs, but that will hardly interest the bulk of those readers I am desirous of influencing. To remember that in its native haunts it feeds so differently to what it is fed by the majority who keep it in captivity will give some idea of the unhappy state in which the bird often exists. It is all very well to say that the Chaffinch becomes accustomed to the different conditions, but that is no adequate reply to the point raised. A man may become accustomed to life in prison, but what is he like when he is worthy to be out? In its wild state the Chaffinch may be found, where opportunity affords, searching, as a well-known and tender-hearted lover of British birds remarks, "all the corners and crevices, looking for and devouring insects of all sorts and sizes, and taking an occasional 'alterative' in the shape of some newly-ripened grain or seeds, of which there are, at different seasons, so many to select from." You see him having a sand bath or a water bath in hot weather. He is not at all shy, and in winter time he comes, with the other birds, to the rear of country and country town dwellings, to partake of the bounties of those who are kind. So much for the bird in its wild state, with the fields for its cage, and the hedgerow, rick, or barn for its shelter. What of the "Pink-Pink" in captivity? In 19 cases out of every 20 does it ever see, or is thought ever taken to procure and supply it, with insect food? Does it ever get—does it enter into the mind of its keepers to seek for ripe seeds and grain food from the hedgerows and the fields? Nay, it gets canary and hemp, hemp and rape, rape and canary, and unsuitable mixture to boot, week in week out. Many do not even give it a supply of what is called "Finch Mixture," put together in packets by those who do know something of the bird's food requirements. Does it ever get, in the homes of the Sunday singing match men, aye, or in the homes of the more refined, any flies, spiders, moths, moth-worms, smooth caterpillars, wasps, wasp-grubs, gentles (or fly maggots); does it ever get even a share of a penny box of ants' eggs? Does it ever get any green food with the blight insect, or little green insect often seen in myriads on a rose bud or other bud? No, it is seed, seed, seed, for ever and ever, and ever. Some days it gets fresh water, some days it does not. To speak of a bath is but to mock at the little prisoner. That it has to take out of its water-tin, through the water hole, and then to drink the water after its difficult ablutions therein, by way of a thirst quencher. It is hardly to be conjectured, allied to the faintest thought of kindliness and regard for decency and humanity, but it is true. And what of the bird's cage? Nine out of ten Chaffinches in captivity are kept in what is called a "back cage," and ignorance, to add to the bird's comfort (sic), often provides a polished one. As if the nature of the wood make the cage space? A "back cage"—yes, about four inches one way by three inches the other—perhaps six inches and four inches—never more. No upper perch, no plentitude of room—like the wild lanes and fields allow—to flap its wings and fly. The kind of "cage" mentioned more often than not the home of the Chaffinch, for ignorance, in its lordly sway, holds that a "back cage" is a "proper" one for a Chaffinch. And ignorance is very bigoted; it is a disease hard to kill. But there is often kindness, of a sort, at the tail of it. Many of the misguided would stand up stout and strong against what they conceived to be illusage to their bird. And what of its surroundings, i.e., the atmosphere in which the bird is often kept. Sometimes, aye, and perhaps very often, it is kept by night and by day in a "back cage," covered right up with a handkerchief in a hot and stuffy room, or a smoky tap-room, above the gas level, to be hung out at the window on a bleak day, if the sun happens to be shining! But—and here is a great "but"—even from its circumscribed prison it cannot see the beautiful sunlight or look up into that blue sky beneath the canopy of which it used, in other days, to fly at will! And yet ignorance is kind, after a fashion, and loves its birds, after a fashion, too. Ignorance is proof against common-sense, for that latter commodity never enters the door where ignorance dwells. It seems to me that the same ruling power that has passed a Wild Birds' Protection Act should take steps to pass a Captive Birds' Protection Act also. No bird, of any kind, should be kept in captivity unless it was provided with reasonable cage room, and steps were taken to supply it with its natural food. How would I accomplish this? I would fine anyone who sold or offered for sale a cage of less than a given measurement, and I would mete out the same punishment to anyone found keeping a bird therein, giving to any inhabitant—just as with cruelty to animals—the power to lay an information against offenders. Just a word in description of a Chaffinch as required by the exhibiting fancier. He seeks for a bird with a broad head, thick body at shoulder and chest, and bold neck. The body must taper off well towards the tail, plumage tight, sleek, and glossy; wings well and levelly carried, tail nicely folded and clean at rump and roots, i.e., free from slackness at thighs and root of tail, clean and distinct in colours, abundance of sheen to add beauty to the grand metallic shades of the bird's plumage, the white bars on the wings, and any other white parts to be pure in colour, the bird to be very active and very glossy in feather. I like, also, to see the bird set up his head feathers, crest-like, for it adds to his vivacity and is pleasing to note. Some men colour feed, or, to be more explicit, give colour-enhancing food (as they think) during moult to exhibition specimens. But the natural colours of the bird are beautiful enough to need no artificial enhancemnt. "Beauty unadorned is adorned the most." For the sake of the beautiful "Pink-Pink," and perhaps as a final plea to the many (I am convinced kind-hearted but mistaken) people who keep it in captivity, I will describe a suitable cage in which to keep the Chaffinch. You want one at least 15 inches long by 12 inches high, and 8 inches from back to front. If you can afford room for one longer, so much the better. Let the door be such as to allow you to insert a bath, which should be removed as soon as the bird has used it, and plenty of dry sand placed in the sand drawer. Clean the perches weekly, and give the bird fresh water and food daily, taking care to remove all stale bits and blow the dust and seed husks from the seed vessels. Study the insect and fruit foods mentioned in a previous part of these notes, and endeavour to obtain some. If you cannot get all these, you can obtain ants' eggs, and you can also obtain a sweet apple or a ripe banana, or even a dried currant (shop), and give "Pink-Pink" a meal and a treat. If you love your bird, study these points, for pity's sake. Remember what you have deprived it of for your own pleasure. If you do not love it, you are not a manly man to keep it. Take it into the fields at once, if it be summer time, open the cage door, and let it fly. If you keep it, be a man or a woman, and nurture it. It will sing to you its glad thanks.

"ON THE WATCH TOWER."

TONYPANDY AWAKE!

An Appeal to Fanciers of the District.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make an appeal, through the agency of your columns, on behalf of the Tonypandy and District Cage Bird Society? Knowing that there are a considerable number of fanciers in and around the district, I venture to ask, would it not be possible to restart the Society again? It has suspended its meetings only a matter of a few months. I would be pleased to hear from any fancier in Mid-Rhondda regarding it. H. JELLEY.

37, Penmaesglas, Penygraig.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—Would the secretary of the Cage Bird Union kindly inform me if a member of the above Society is eligible to compete for prizes at a non-union show, in next week's CAGE BIRDS. At Weston, near Bath, a show was held on August 1st, when three members of the Cage Bird Union were exhibiting, viz., Mr. T. Taylor and Messrs. Andrews and Biss, of Bath. The first-named exhibited three, winning first; Messrs. Andrews and Biss exhibited two, winning second; and myself winning third with one exhibit. The above show was not under the Cage Bird Union rules. I am given to understand that the Cage Bird Union has a rule as follows: that a member of the above is not eligible to compete at a non-union show. I wrote to the Bristol Cage Bird Society secretary, and informed him of the above affair, and I am depending on him to bring the matter forward to his members at their next general meeting. I should be pleased with the opinions of other members of the Cage Bird Union. C. CRANE.

A COLOUR FEEDING TIP.

How to be Happy at the Seaside.

SIR,—Fanciers are only human. Many, I have little doubt, like to get away for a holiday, and now that August is well in, and colour feeding is general, it is rather an inconvenient time to leave our feathered friends even if only for a week-end, as colour food given in the ordinary way with boiled egg will not keep for any length of time, the egg invariably turning sour. I have used the following means for the past two years, and intend doing so again this year, as the colour comes out in every detail just as good as with the usual method. I make a loaf from the following:—1lb. flour, ½oz. baking powder, ½oz. ground linseed, 6ozs. castor sugar, 10 eggs, 4ozs. mutton suet. Mix well the flour, baking powder, and linseed, beat up the eggs and sugar very well, and mix with the flour, etc.; render the suet very slowly and add to the others. Mix all together thoroughly, and be able to rub all lumps out before putting into a greased loaf tin. Bake in a slow oven. I generally let the cake stand for about four days until stale, and then grate it very fine. If stored in air-tight tins it will keep good for a long time, I myself having kept it for two months. The colour food can be mixed in the usual manner that is adopted when mixing the egg and biscuit, but much larger quantities can be mixed at a time; I generally mix enough to last a fortnight or three weeks. When mixing do not add sugar, as there is sufficient in the cake. Any fancier using this method, if he mixes sufficient to last until he returns, need not feel anxious whilst inhaling the briny breezes. There will be no chance that the person he has left at home to care for his birds will mix the colour food in a different manner, say stronger or weaker than he has been accustomed to do, thus being the means of putting the birds off eating it, and thereby undoing what has been accomplished by all the time, study, and patience which one has given them previously. It is most essential to start with the above cake a week at the very least before leaving them in the care of another person, so that you can get the birds properly on to it, a very easy matter, as they relish it just as much as the boiled egg and bread crumb or biscuit. If not for colour feeding this cake is an excellent substitute for egg food.

CLAUDE COWPER.

WHOLESALE DEATHS.

The Value of Disinfection.

SIR,—Allow me through your columns to express sympathy for the Reader of CAGE BIRDS who has been so very unfortunate as to lose 110 birds, which we are informed were his whole stock. Surely there is some mistake about the cause of their death, except we assume that the water supplied was contaminated? Some time ago, in a contemporary, I noticed a correspondent attributing the large death rate among freshly-caught birds to excessive drinking of water, so that the idea, though certainly erroneous, seems not to be uncommon. A little reflection ought to convince intelligent readers that a bird in good health, and with fair accommodation, could have no motive for drinking more water than was beneficial, and even if it did take more than was necessary to its well-being, it would succeed in killing itself in 24 hours. The increased drinking, instead of being the cause of death, is an attempt to compensate for the excessive loss of fluid from the bowel, and is beneficial, inasmuch as it assists in the elimination of the poison from the body of the sufferer. The scourge which is responsible for the death of so many birds is an infectious disease which, having broken out in a bird-room, is apt to spread from one bird to another until the whole stock is affected and perishes. Your correspondent's second stock was in all likelihood attacked, because disinfection of his room and cages had been imperfectly performed, or the disease may have been re-introduced with the second lot of birds. If he has not utterly lost heart, and I trust he hasn't, he ought to seek the advice and, if possible, the co-operation of someone who is thoroughly conversant with the details of disinfection, i.e., the local sanitary inspector; and having rigidly followed his instructions, cautiously re-stock his room, beginning with one or two birds at a time. After enough time has elapsed to convince him that the disease is eradicated, he can gradually increase his stock, isolating newly-acquired specimens if he has any doubt as to the purity of the source from which they are obtained. Attention to minute disinfection and the placing of doubtful birds in quarantine is perhaps a little wearisome, but it carries its own reward, and will ensure the success which sympathetic readers of CAGE BIRDS trust may crown his efforts. LINNET FANCIER.

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THE PROPOSED LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

SIR,—In your issue of the 17th, you have a paragraph re the proposed London Federation. The scheme outlined therein is, in my opinion, too ambitious for a start. True, enquiries have been made, but there the matter ends for the present. Any scheme, in my judgment, ought to come through the Federated Societies, and, when agreed upon by the representative meeting, must be submitted to all societies for amendment and final adoption. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the interest taken in this question. A. C. BURN.

MR. MADDISON'S LIGHT MULES.

How Does he Breed Them?

SIR,—Having read with much interest some of the letters appearing in the columns of your valuable paper anent the breeding of light Mules, I wonder if it would be asking too much of Mr. Maddison, of Newcastle, to let me know, through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, what sort of Goldfinches he breed his light Mules off, and if he has a special breed of Canaries for breeding same? I am one many of your readers are, like myself, anxious to know, as light Mules are few and far between. JNO. KILPATRICK.

BORDER BREEDING RESULTS.

SIR,—I hear that Messrs. Arnot and Jamieson, of Hawick, after a disastrous commencement, have bred over 100, among them an eye-opener in the shape of a Cinnamon evenmark, also some grand greens. Mr. J. H. Bennett, the well-known Kelso breeder of this variety, has also over 100 doing well, being exceptionally strong in yellow cocks. Mr. Brockie, of Earlston, from eight pairs has bred 80, some grand ones among them, principally clears and fouls. He has a good yellow cock, a charming yellow hen, a good buff hen, and a champion yellow foul. He says his last year's champion will just need to remain on the shelf this season, as he has a grand team. J. W. BRUCE.

THE WHITE SWALLOW AT LEARMOUTH.

SIR,—I may say the Albino Swallow I mentioned in last week's CAGE BIRDS has fallen a victim to the gun, but I have been fortunate in securing it. There is not a dark feather on it, and it is a youngster, the tail being scarcely full grown. It is in grand order, and I am having it preserved. It was shot about two miles from where I noticed it.

J. W. BRUCE.

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Habits, Structure, and Colouration of Birds.

By J. W. CUTMORE (Taxidermist to the Liverpool Museum).

A Lecture delivered before the Manchester and Northern Counties Ornithological Society.

Why are not all societies for the study of birds given the title of Ornithological? There are certainly degrees in the study, but the difference, I think, does not lie in the direction considered by some people that is, that a man who studies living birds is a bird fancier, while he who studies dead skins is an ornithologist. There is plenty of scope for the student of living birds, even in captivity. As an example, cage a Nightjar, watch his habits and try to discover what use he makes of the comb at the end of his middle toes; there is not an ornithologist at the present time who can give you this information with any degree of certainty. My own opinion is that the bird uses these two little combs to scrape and polish those long stiff bristles on each side of its gape, when soiled, but there is no evidence to support this theory.

CLASSIFICATION OF BIRDS.

Birds are classed according to their structure and mode of life, into orders, sub-orders, families, sub-families, genera, species and sometimes into sub-species; as an example the Song Thrush is a member of the order.

Passeriformes .....Perching Birds
Section A—Acromyodi .....Singing Birds
Sub-order—Turdiformes .....Thrush-like
Group 2—Cichlomorphæ— — —
Thrush-like Passeres
Family—Turdidæ .....True Thrushes
Sub-family—Turdinæ .....Thrushes
Genera—Turdus
Species—Musicus

This may not appear encouraging for a beginner, but it is really very simple when one becomes accustomed to the use of technical terms.

One of the first questions that suggests itself to us concerning a bird, is, what is the cause of its wonderful vitality? How it is that such a tiny thing as a Goldcrest can cross an ocean, flying thousands of miles in one journey? To begin with, a bird has a good appetite, to speak of an animal as an engine, the supply must be large and constant if much work is to be done. Little appetite, little energy, is a rule that holds throughout nature. The large appetite of a bird is to be looked upon as a proof of strength and energy. Of course, the appetite alone without proportionate digestive power, would be worse than useless. The apparatus of digestion must be first-rate.

THE CROP DESCRIBED.

In all birds the gullet (œsophagus) is large, in many, especially seed-eaters, it opens out into a great expansion with thickened walls, called the crop, which reaches a high development in the pigeon. The crop secrets no special digestive fluid, it is mainly a store-house in which food is kept till the stomach is ready to deal with it, still it must not be supposed that the food which passes from the crop is in the same condition as that which enters it. During its stay there it is acted on by the saliva (which is small in a bird in comparison with man), also by water taken, and by the watery fluid (secretion) of the mucous membrane, and the warmth of the body. The crop is not nearly so much developed in birds of prey, yet in some of them it has been found equal to hard work. In owls, for instance, the construction of the walls strips the fur, etc., off their prey, after the skin has been weakened by the secretions as is shown by the well-known pellets of fur, feathers and bones thrown up after a meal. In some birds the crop is altogether wanting. From the crop the food passes on to the second compartment, the stomach.

HOW THE STOMACH ASSIMILATES FOOD.

The stomach of a bird has two compartments very different in structure and function. There is the fore part (proventriculus) which is highly glandular, and the hinder part, which have no glands, and to which when it is very muscular, as in the bird before us, the name gizzard is given. The proventriculus secretes strong acid juices from its glands, and some kinds of food such as meat may probably be partly absorbed here, the peptone, as it is called, that is formed from them passing into the blood vessels, that are separated only by a very thin membrane from the cavity of the stomach. When the food has penetrated into the blood vessels, it is no longer a foreign substance, but having been thoroughly assimilated, has become part of the bird itself. As a rule, however, the process of assimilation is not completed in the first part (proventriculus), the food passes on to the second compartment of the stomach, the walls of which, in seed-eaters, are very thick and strong; stones are swallowed to aid in the process of grinding up the food. In soft billed birds the walls of the stomach are weak, it is not a gizzard in the fullest sense, and no stones are swallowed. The food passes from the gizzard to the smaller intestine, where the process of digestion is completed. The duodenum is the first part of the smaller intestines, a U shaped loop, and in it lies a whitish gland (the pancreas). The liver is another gland of larger size, these pour upon the food in the duodenum the juices of digestion. The pancreatic juices converting the starch into sugar, and the bile emulsifying the fats. When the bile and pancreatic juices have together done their work, the process of digestion is complete.

THE BLOOD AND ITS WORK.

Only through the agency of the blood can food and air make up for the wear and tear of the body. The heart is the force pump that drives the blood to all parts of the body, and when it returns impure and loaded with used up material, sends it to the lungs to be purified. On the voyage much of the blood passes through the kidneys, which assists the lungs to expel the waste. In man, three organs divide between them this work: the skin, lungs, and kidneys; but in birds the skin is not an excretory organ. The kidneys are very active in excreting urea and uric acid. In birds, it is in a nearly solid form, as is noticed by its whiteness in the bird's droppings. The lungs alone have the duty of getting rid of superfluous water, this suggests how necessary it is that birds should have plenty of fresh air.

THE BREATHING APPARATUS.

In birds the lungs are small and less elastic than in man, but are aided by a series of air sacs (easily seen in a dead bird carefully dissected; by blowing down the windpipe they become inflated). By the help of these a bird can get through more work in proportion to its size than a man. For the many lung troubles in cage birds there seems to be no permanent cure, and to prevent them we must have pure air in our bird rooms, and the birds must have plenty of flight room for exercise.



Mr. F. COLLINS, of Camborne, a well-known face at Cornish Shows.

Placing growing plants in the room has two good qualities to recommend it, firstly, to enliven and freshen the general appearance; secondly, to give that exchange of gases, absorbing the carbonic acid gas given off by the birds, and giving off the oxygen necessary for the birds — a very beneficial exchange. Few people recognise the value of pure air, most are afraid of it, as if it were a poisonous gas. Pure air is our best friend, be it warm or cold; we cannot have too much of it. The animal system constantly demands it for the maintenance of heat, for the oxidation or burning up of waste and for general use all over the body. It is proved that pure air is even more necessary for young life than for adult; many young birds and fresh-caught wild birds die from the lack of fresh air and flight room.

ILL-EFFECTS OF CONFINEMENT.

Just think for a moment what it must be for a bird of the air to be shut up in a badly ventilated room. It is bad enough for a man of the field, but for a bird that is accustomed to dart across oceans and continents, to be cooped, cribbed and confined in a box twelve inches square in a stuffy room is diabolical cruelty, and most of our bird rooms are stuffy; this is my experience. Some men give up the use of flight cages, because they believe that the wind from the birds' wings in flying about give each other colds. A few summers ago I visited with a friend the great sanatorium city of Davos, in the Swiss Alps. There I found they treated consumptives entirely with pure air night and day. No medicines of any kind; good, plain, nourishing food, plenty of sleep, and no closed windows. When visiting the Island of Sokotra in the Indian ocean, we took with us several servants and an escort, among them an Indian Sowar, who kept me awake at night with his consumptive-like coughing which he had contracted in barracks; but after a short stay under canvas on the open plains of Hadibu, he entirely recovered, although the place was a hot-bed of malaria. I have had much better luck with British birds outside than indoors. A Yorkshire canary hen had suffered for over a year from lung trouble, but recovered in six weeks by the outdoor treatment. We must pass on now to the colour of birds.

COLOURATION AND ITS USES.

Mr. Alfred Russel Wallace was the first to suggest that the white underside of the rabbit's tail acted as a signal or warning in case of danger, etc. Amongst birds we find they all have a recognition note or call-note. Notice a flock of small birds; they are continually on the chatter. The twitterings keep the scattered birds in touch with their companions. Colour markings also serve a similar purpose during flight, when the wings are expanded, and their distinct colours displayed, a most casual glance will leave no doubt as to their identity; for instance, the greenfinch with his bright yellow wing-bands; the chaffinch with its black and white effect; the goldfinch with its mixture of black, white and gold; the green woodpecker, its golden yellow rump patch; the redstart with its chestnut tail; the wheatear with its white rump patch; and the bullfinch also, are good typical examples. These patches are scarcely discernible, and in some species completely covered when the bird is feeding or at rest, but disclosed at once when disturbed. Notice the white rumps of most wading and water birds, particularly the petrels. There can be no doubt that these white patches on dark birds displayed behind are of the greatest service in revealing the bird's whereabouts to its companions, amidst the waste of waters and the nightly gloom.

(To be continued.)

How I Bred my Winning Canaries.

Some Reminiscences of an Old-time Fancier.

By JOHN B. WATERMAN.

A Few Hints to Beginners.

Kindly permit me to tender you my very best thanks for publishing on the front page of CAGE BIRDS a drawing of two of my Yorkshire Canaries, winners of first and second prizes at the recent Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Young Bird Show. The sketch so very pleasingly depicted is a life-like picture of the birds, and the work reflects the greatest credit upon your clever artist-in-chief, Mr. Henry Norman, whose name is a household word in the bird world.

A WINNING QUARTETTE.

The birds represented are out of a nest of four, the other two winning me first and second prizes at the Deptford C.B.S. Nest Feather Show. The sire of the quartette is a slightly-ticked yellow, who last autumn won me the L. and P.O.S. Novice Championship Diploma and Medal and other good prizes. The mother is a wing-ticked buff, which I bought from one of the best breeders in Yorkshire. She comes of distinguished parentage, her father having won first at the Crystal Palace in 1906, and special for best bird in the show at Hartlepool and Morecambe. Her mother similarly distinguished herself, so that this combination should, although like does not always produce like, especially with birds, produce something good. If it would not occupy too much of your valuable space, Mr. Editor, I will endeavour to explain for the information of the beginner (the old 'uns know quite enough) exactly how I bred my birds, and how the small measure of success which has so far attended my efforts was achieved, in the hope that the few hints may possibly prove of some practical use to them, and furthermore, that the information may act as an incentive to those young bird lovers who are always standing just on the brink of the fancy to come right into the fold.

THE AMATEUR STATUS.

While on the subject of the beginner, I should like to say there is one thing I think should be done, and that is, the Novice Status very considerably broadened. There should, I think, be one novice rule throughout the fancy, and in my opinion, a man should retain his novitiate for at least two years after winning his initial first prize. He should then go up one step higher to the Amateur Section, and should remain therein one year from winning his first "first," and then he should become a full blown champion. I feel certain that some such arrangement as this would very materially strengthen the fancy, inasmuch as it would possibly induce a great number of those who take up the hobby of bird breeding and exhibiting, to stick to it longer than they do under the existing arrangement. Some novices are fortunate enough to win two or three first prizes in one season, and then they are straightaway pitchforked into the Champion Section before they have had time to feel their feet, so to speak, with the result that they cannot possibly compete successfully with their more experienced fellows, and the inevitable sequel is they in a great number of cases leave the fancy in disgust. Take the great National Show at the Crystal Palace, for instance, I would ask, what earthly chance has the one-season man alluded to above got against such giant exhibitors as Bailey and Swanger, Amblers, Shackleton, Mackley Bros. and others I could mention? Why, the very idea is preposterous. Whereas, if there were a middle or amateur class, the small man would be given a chance, and the authorities would no doubt secure a largely augmented entry.

THE JOY OF WINNING.

But this is a digression, and as a breezy turfite once said, "Cut your cackle and come to the 'osses." Well, I would recall that last year you did me the honour to print in CAGE BIRDS a short article on the subject of my experiences as a fancier, wherein I endeavoured to trace my connection with our feathered pets from that time, alas! now more years ago than I care to remember, when my sole birdy possession consisted of a merry little linnet, which cost me the huge sum of sixpence in "The Row," down to last October, when I was fortunate enough to capture the diploma and medal mentioned above. It would be impossible for

me to describe the feeling of joy which possessed me on that memorable night at Camberwell and I am quite sure my delight must have been tantamount to that felt by the sportsman upon seeing his steed gallop first past the winning post for the Derby. It was indeed a "Blue Riband" honour to me, especially in view of the fact that the victorious bird had a few weeks prior to the show been much below par, and that I had carefully nursed it back to health and vigour. That success encouraged me to take up exhibiting upon a much larger scale than heretofore, as I felt certain that with dogged perseverance and patience, the highest honours of the show bench were within the reach of all who cared to put forth the necessary effort.

A NOTE FOR THE OLD HANDS.

Young fanciers, nowadays, with such an excellent paper as CAGE BIRDS at their command, have every facility afforded them of proving successful in the hobby, but many would like to see more of the old and seasoned hands a little more communicative than they sometimes are, as I feel sure if they would only give the novices a helping hand in the shape of an occasional article in these columns, a large number of budding young enthusiasts would be induced to take up the delightful and ennobling hobby of bird-keeping and breeding, and thus the fancy would be very appreciably strengthened. This could but operate for the benefit of everybody, as it might not only lead to bigger entries at our shows, and hence better prize money, but there would naturally be a healthier market created for the disposal of surplus stock. Now you old 'uns come on and let us know publicly something about those "wrinkles" you are all supposed to be the proud possessors of.

PALACE WINNERS AND THEIR VALUE.

Beginners, however, must at once be told not to expect to 'secure "Palace winners" at the small prices one often sees quoted. In this respect, I may say, I have received numerous applications for birds, many of the would-be purchasers living in very remote parts, and some of the epistles really make one smile. One genius wrote, "Can you sell me a nice Yorkshire bird, one that can win. I don't mind paying a fair price for a really good specimen, say 5s. 6d. or 6s. 6d.—I have seen such birds quoted at much less than this. You would, of course, let me have the bird on approval." This is a fair sample of the other letters. Of course, the writers are not always to blame, the fault rests mainly with those persons who quote what are termed winners at such ridiculously low figures. Novices should be warned not to take the bait, which is laid only to trap the inexperienced and unwary, but to write to, or see a reputable breeder of the particular variety they wish to take up, telling him exactly what they want, and how much money they are prepared to pay. The names and addresses of most of the leading fanciers will be found in that excellent work, "Cage Birds Annual," which no lover of birds should be without.

A STATE OF INDECISION.

When first I made up my mind to take up exhibition stock, I was a long time before I could decide which variety to go in for, for there are so many and they are all very beautiful. Some three decades ago the most popular varieties of the canary were:—The London Fancy, the Norwich, the Belgian, the Lizard, the Yorkshire, the Green, the Cinnamon, the Manchester Coppy, the Turnerest, the Quaker, the German, the Glasgow Don, the Jonque, and Mealy. Many of these have now become practically extinct, while such as the Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests, and Green, are nowadays far more elegant birds than those of the time of which I speak. One of the most remarkable varieties ever known was a pink bird, which is said to have been held in great esteem by the beautiful Marie Antoinette, and it would be interesting to see one of these birds on the show bench nowadays.

(To be continued).

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

(Continued from page 95.)

The Marsh Plume-Thistle *(Cnicus palustris).*

The Marsh Plume-Thistle is a near relative of the species last described, and is almost equally abundant. It delights, as its name indicates, to grow about damp, boggy, meadows and hedgerows, and such like places. It is amongst the tallest of our native thistles, sometimes reaching a height of 9ft. or even 10ft. The stem, which is only branched near the summit, is stout and hollow, and "winged" from bottom to top in a similar manner to the Spear Plume-Thistle.

The flower-heads are small, placed in leafy clusters at the ends of the flower-



Marsh Plume-Thistle.

stalks, and are egg-shaped. They are of a deep crimson colour, and may sometimes be found white. The flowering season lasts from July to September. The whole plant has a somewhat brownish appearance, and may readily be distinguished from other species of Thistles by the description given above.

The seeds of the Marsh Plume-Thistle are also very valuable as a food for cage-birds, and may easily be gathered in abundance in most marsh spots during late autumn.

PLAINTAIN.

The seeds of the plantain seem to be very generally liked by seed-eating birds, and I have never heard of any ill-effect being attributed to the using of them. Many fanciers hold they are of particular value to moulting birds; certainly they then afford an agreeable variation in the diet, when such is of more than ordinary value. Many knowing Linnet fanciers are sweet on plantain as a moulting food for their birds, holding that the seeds bring out the plumage to perfection. They say it has a slightly constipating effect, and is thus excellent to use when giving linseed freely—linseed being an indispensable item with Linnets. Plantain seed has the merit of being exceedingly easy to obtain and store for use. The greater plantain, I may add, is also commonly known as "Rat's-tails."—G.E.W.

There are in this country five common species of plantain, and, of these, two species are very useful to those who keep caged birds. I shall accordingly give descriptions and illustrations of these two plantains, which are both exceedingly plentiful in almost all parts of the country.

Greater Plantain *(Plantago Major).*

The larger of the two is that which is commonly known as Way-bread, or Greater Plantain. The leaves of this plant all grow from the base of the stem, and the leaf-stalks have a deep groove or channel along their upper side. On the under side of each leaf will be found from three to seven very prominent ribs, and when the leaf is picked there will probably be four or five long fibres hanging from the broken end of the leaf-stalk.

The flowers are produced in a very long tapering spike, on a comparatively short stalk, the former often being considerably longer than the latter, which is cylindrical in shape. This plant is very abundant by most waysides, and on the borders of fields, and its flowering season lasts from May till September.



Leaf of Greater Plantain.
(Plantago Major) reduced.

Ribwort Plantain *(Plantago Lanceolata).*

The other useful species of plantain (which is equally common, but grows chiefly in meadows), is the Ribwort Plantain. The leaves of this variety are of quite a different shape, as will be seen from the illustrations. The flower heads likewise differ very much from those of the Greater Plantain, being quite short



Ribwort Plantain.
(Plantago Lanceolata.)

and almost egg-shaped in some cases.

The flower-stalks also differ, for instead of being short and cylindrical, as in the other species described, they are long and angular. It may be found in bloom from May till October, and its seeds may be gathered in abundance during late summer and early autumn.

(To be continued).

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Birds Among the Corn.

It does not need the chill air of the early morning to remind us that the season is rapidly changing. We have only to glance across the landscape and note the havoc the farmers' men are making with the standing corn. The view is rapidly changing. Each bared field reminds us of coming winter, and although the hedgerows are still beautiful with flowers and berries; we look upon the latter as so much store for the feathered race in time of stress. It is with mixed feelings wild birds must view the cutting of the corn. Many coveys of partridges have literally been driven from house and home; they were hatched and reared in the field now denuded of cover, and the whole family wander aimlessly about the lanes and cart tracks, finally settling among the turnips or the fields of potatoes, from whence, within a few days, they will run the gauntlet, which is the lot of all game birds. Up to the present time the Wood Pigeons have not done much harm to the grain; they have been content to forage among the stalks for the food scattered by the hordes of Sparrows, or to feed off the ears broken down by these little marauders; but now it is different—they descend in huge flocks, settling upon the shocks, and feast as only a pigeon can; they will eat two or three hundred grains at a meal, and come again for another during the day. A bushel or two of good wheat is soon devoured by a big flock of these birds. They have increased amazingly, and a flock of fifty to a hundred is a common sight in some of the wooded districts in the South.

A sign of the season is the collecting of the pretty Turtle Doves, birds of rapid flight, with tails tipped with white, which are plainly seen as they settle, for they spread them to their fullest extent. From now until some time next month these birds will live in the harvest fields. During the summer they have been one of the best friends of the farmer, for they have lived chiefly upon a weed with a pinkish flower, called by the country people "beauty-wash." In some places this grows abundantly, and is one of the most difficult weeds to deal with. Now they have changed their diet, and will feed with the Wood Pigeons until the time comes for them to make the southern journey to Northern Africa. To anyone accustomed to the open fields, and watching these birds fly about either singly or in pairs during the summer, it is a grand sight to see them now in huge flocks, and these increasing in size rapidly. If one should happen to be in a favoured locality, one can watch them daily, for they roam the same fields day after day, when suddenly some morning they will be missed, and only a stray bird or two left of the big gathering.

Another sign of the coming movement is the massing of the Swallows and Martins. In the evening is the time to see them, for they are then all activity and life, rushing about hither and thither, occasionally roaming far from the village across the meadows and corn fields, for here food is abundant, insects in hundreds lurk among the golden shocks, and the dusky Swifts will be there busy gliding among them, long after the farmers' men have quitted the field, so late do they remain out upon the wing that one sometimes wonders if they ever rest.

Along the hedgerows the warblers may be seen in numbers, staying for a few hours during their journey to the South. Some of these we do not recognise, for they are the immature birds of the year, and can only be identified by handling. A brownish bird flies down the lane before us; as he turns we get a glint of bright red at the tail, and know the Redstart is about. Whitethroats and yellowish-green Willow Warblers creep in and out the hedge, only staying long enough in sight to be identified. Soon the hedgerows will be tenanted by the Sparrows and Finches only.

The Shoveller Duck.

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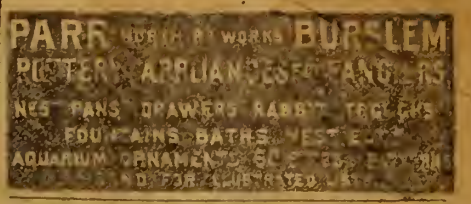
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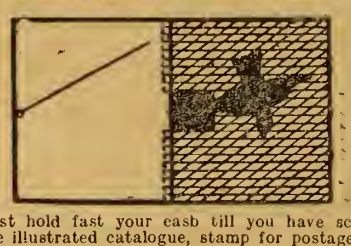
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ACCLIMATISED cock Lavender Finch, show condition, 6/6.—Page, 38, Hartland-rd., West Ham, London.

GRAND pair acclimatised Zebra Finches, nesting, 5/-; ditto Cutthroats, 4/6.—Gribbin, 48, George-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

PARROTS, young Amazons, 20/- each; cage 4/-; cock Budgerigars, 3/-.—John Garland, 64, Bordesley Palace Aviaries, Birmingham.

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PARROTS, hardy young African greys, promising birds, 23/6; talkers, 35/-, 45/-, £3 10s., Amazon, good talker, 35/-.—Banes, 36, Fernhill-st., Princes Park, Liverpool.

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IN THE COURTS.

GOLDFINCHES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

At the recent Newmarket (Cambs.) Petty Sessions, Thos. Fenn, bird catcher, Isleham, was charged at the instance of Inspector Chas. Oakley, R.S.P.C.A., with unlawfully having in his possession, at Isleham, six goldfinches, recently taken. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Evidence was given that Inspector Oakley, with Police Constable Rowlinson, of the Cambs. Police, visited Isleham Railway Station on the evening of July 7th, and saw in the booking hall there a wooden box containing several Goldfinches and a number of Linnets. The birds could be distinctly seen through an opening in the box, but could not be counted. Inspector Oakley and Police Constable Rowlinson saw the defendant, who admitted that he sent some Goldfinches and Linnets, and said he caught them the same day on Mr. W. Rumbelow's land at Freckenham.—Fenn denied that he admitted the box contained Goldfinches and Linnets. He said "Finches and Linnets," and subsequently explained that by "Finches" he meant Chaffinches. He produced an invoice which he received, with a remittance in payment for the consignment. The invoice comprised: 12 Linnets 3s., and six Chaffinches 2s. If the Finches had been Goldfinches they would have made 1s. each.—After further evidence the justices decided to convict, and inflicted a fine of 15s., with 14s. 6d. costs.

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Halifax O.S. — September 7th, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business, very important; members please attend.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—September 7th, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Brownlie, all fanciers invited.—Richard Gadsden, sec.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Monday, September 9th, St. George's School, 8. Selection of date for annual show, etc.—T. Allsop, sec.

Leek and Dist. C.B.S.—September 19th, Headquarters, 8.15. Open show, schedules and specials, very important.—J. Fowler, sec.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—September 10th, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Cage Bird Union, Open Show, and judge for same.—A. Park, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—September 11th, Headquarters, 8. Programme for the Winter Session, etc. — J. Heighton, sec.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—September 13th, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon, sec.

Leeds Roller C.C.—September 7th, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Arrangements for forthcoming contest. Will all members please attend; Roller fanciers heartily invited.—C. Towes, hon. sec.

Loughboro' and Dist. C.B.A.—October 8th, Cross Keys, 7.45. A treat in store for you.—P. J. Simmons, sec.

[Possibly September is meant, but "October" is stated.—ED.]

Leith O.S.—September 14th, Labour Hall, Smith Place, 7. Important. George Brown, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—September 12th, The Ray Mallon, Gt. Portland Street, W., 8.30. Definition of a novice, etc., and a debate on "Staging." R. J. Pretty, sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—September 12th, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Schedule for old show, and election of delegate for amalgamated show. — H. Barratt, sec.

L. and L.F.A.—September 15th, Spinner's Arms, Oldham, 6. Patronages and judges.—Hector Oliver, sec.

Lancashire C.A.—September 14th, Littleboro' Coffee House, 7. Important business.—J. Law, sec.

Leeds C.B.S. — September 7th, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Paper on "Preparing for Exhibition," by W. B. Cobb, Esq.; also table show; all fanciers cordially invited.—Wilkins and Hornby, secs.

L.C.B.A.—September 11th, The Napier, High Holborn, 8.30. To discuss the proposed federation, and if time permits to draw for the questions left unanswered at the last meeting on the Yorkshire Canary.—T. A. Wade, hon. sec.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S. — September 14th, 7, Volunteer Hall. Prize cards, bills and staging; full attendance requested.—Walter B. Smart, sec.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—September 7th, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business of importance. D. Jeremy, sec.

Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H.B. — September 12th Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important business.—A. J. Head, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—September 7th, Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Important business; a good attendance requested.—E. Kemp, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S. — September 10th Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—John Davey, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — September 9th, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Open show business.—W. Jackson, sec.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—September 14th, Danix Temperance Bar, Honah Street. Important CAGE BIRDS Prize Scheme to be discussed.—J. Challenger, sec.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—September 12th, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Important business for open show.—Alf. Hutchings, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—September 10th, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General show business. — W. Stafford, sec.

South Shields C.B.S.—September 11th, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. To consider CAGE BIRDS' special offer to shows, etc.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Stratford and East London F.S.—September 12th, 8. Workman's Hall, Romford Road, Stratford. Agenda; Lecture on Cage Birds by Mr. Robson; all fanciers cordially invited.—S. L. Sheldrick, hon. sec.

Sale Open O.S.—September 9th, Sale Hotel, 8. Date of annual dinner, members' show, etc.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—September 10th, at Headquarters, 8 p.m. Annual show business, local fanciers wishing to compete at our annual show should join at once.—G. Bowden, sec.

South West London C.B.S.—September 12th, 8.30. Arrange classes for the autumn show, and any other business.—W. Lilley, hon. sec.

South London C. and F.A. — September 11th, Royal George, 8.30.—G. A. Jeffreys, sec.

West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.—September 10th, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Discussion of date, etc., for holding members' show.—D. Duffield, hon. sec.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—September 19th, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge, sec.

Wombwell C.B.S. — September 7th, Horse Shoe Hotel, 7.—J. Hill, sec.

Witney and Dist. C.B.S.—September 6th, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Important business; will all members please attend.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Wandsworth F.S. — September 12th, 8, "Ye Old Swan."—W. Summers, sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—September 7th, 8. Winter show.—E. Broadley, sec.

Wellington Quay and Dist. F. and F.S.—September 12th, Turks Head, 7.30. At our last meeting it was agreed that A. Halliway, Esq., will judge our annual open show; all members are requested to attend next meeting.—W. F. Winter, hon. sec.

Wolverhampton and Dis. C.B.S.—September 11th, Vine Hotel 8. Preparation of stock for the show bench.—F. Howes, sec.

York C.B.S.—Monday, September 11th, All Saints' School Room, North Street. All members please attend this meeting. Business, drawing up schedule for open show, etc.—T. Boyle, sec.

[September 11th is Wednesday, but as Mr. Boyle says Monday, we give day and date both.—ED.]

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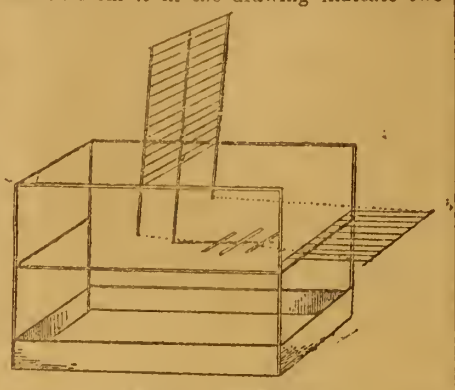
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No. 133.

NOVEL TRAP CAGE.

Sent by M. Hayes, 64, Liverpool-road, Watford.

I enclose herewith a sketch of a novel trap cage, which I worked with very good results last year. The front top half of cage is worked on two pieces of wire, and the dots marked from it in the drawing indicate two



A NOVEL TRAP-CAGE.

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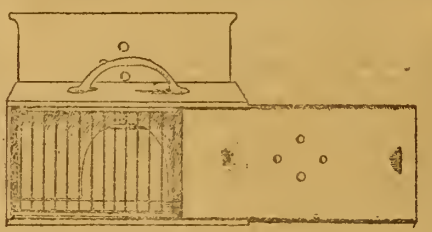
fine pieces of string fastened to the outer sides, so that when the top falls down it draws the front up with it. Then, if one bird is sitting on the front, and another should jump off the side into the cage, the trap catches both birds.

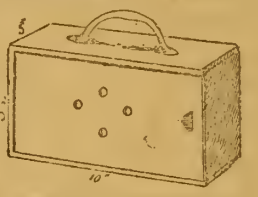
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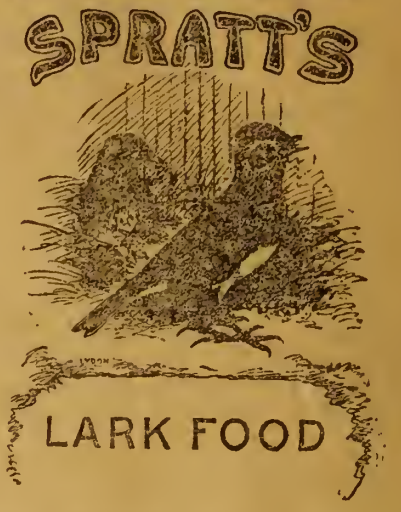
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CLUB REPORTS.

BURY C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Textile Hall, on Tuesday night, Mr. Wolstenholm presiding. The main business was the making of arrangements for the annual show, which will be held in November. It was decided to promote another drawing competition for school children; to increase the number of classes from four to six, and to extend the age limit to fifteen years. There will be classes for boys and girls in both black and white and coloured drawings; and the subjects have to be birds that can be kept in a cage. The classes for the show were also arranged. The open show of Rollers is to be held in January, and the secretary was instructed to make certain arrangements. The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Cook accepting, with pleasure, the invitation of the society to open the annual show and distribute the prizes. The remainder of the business was of a routine character.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Committee meeting on Thursday last carried through a lot of business connected with the show, which takes place in October. The printing and prize cards were fully discussed and settled, and other matters which came under review were passed on for further consideration. The only matter of anxiety to the committee is the dearth of specials, and a special appeal is made to all absent members of committee as well as to fanciers and all well-wishers of this old society, to relieve them of this anxiety, by coming forward and giving a special. With a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Young, the proceedings terminated.

A. MCDONALD, sec.

DARLINGTON CANARY & B.B.F.A

At a special meeting of the above association, held at the George Hotel, on August 28th, it was decided to make our association open to any person wishing to become a member, subject to being proposed and seconded by two members, instead of being confined to the borough. Any person wishing to become a member may do so on the payment of 3/-, on or before our monthly meeting previous to the Open Show, which amount pays any member up to the end of the year, and entitles said member to show in members' classes at Open Show. It was decided that the silver bowl presented by our president (Mr. H. Pike Pease, M.P.), be competed for at our Open Shows for the best bird shown in the members' classes, to be won three times by any member before becoming his absolute property, but not necessarily in succession. Our Open Show, to be held on November 2nd, will be held under Cage Bird Union Rules. There are several new members to propose at our next meeting, to be held on September 25th, and any person wishing to become a member should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, who will be pleased to give any further information. R. S. BLACK, hon. sec., 42, Brook-terrace, Darlington.

We have made an alteration of the date fixed for our show to November 30th. Our reason for so doing is that Edinburgh will be holding an open show on the same date that we had fixed for our show here, also Hamilton. If we had not made a change of date we could have looked for nothing but a failure, and this does not pay:—THOS. DUNCAN, Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued from p. 141.)

THE PROPER TREATMENT OF CHAFFINCHES.

SIR,—I read with much interest the article written by "On the Watch Tower" on "Proper Treatment of Chaffinches," in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and should be pleased if you could get him to answer the following questions either through your columns or by sending me his address, so as I could write to him direct. The cage I keep my Chaffinch in has a roof sloping to the back, and the measurements are back to front about 15 inches width, across about 16 18 inches, height in front about 18 inches, height at back about 15 inches. It has four perches in it, one beside each of the food glasses, one midway, and one at the top of the cage. Is this cage suitable to keep it in? I feed it on Finches' Food and ants eggs and a mealworm or two as a treat. I give it a bath every morning, though it does not always seem inclined to take it. It is hung out all day, and as I am in the country it gets plenty of light and sunshine. It sings from first thing in the morning till dusk, and seems quite happy. I have had it in a cage for about 18 months. Please say if this is cruel, as, if so, I would at once let it go, as I have no wish to keep it in captivity if it is not happy, though I should be sorry to let it go. If you could get "On the Watch Tower" to answer these questions I should feel much obliged. MISGUIDED.

SIR,—I was very pleased with the letter signed "Misguided," which the Edltor has forwarded to me for reply. It breathes a spirit which I would were more common amongst those who keep the beautiful Chaffinch in captivity. "Misguided" will see, if he refers to my letter, that the measurements of the cage in which he keeps his Chaffinch exceed those I gave, and that is well. I have no doubt he has done what he could to ensure the comfort and happiness of his bird in captivity. My primary object was to reach those who, unlike "Misguided," never give a thought to the comfort and happiness of the birds they keep in a captive state, but feed them improperly, cruelly confine them in dark cages and the like, and condemn them to a life of semi-darkness in order—what? That they may sing better, forsooth! If "Misguided"—not so very much so, after all—will go on doing as he is doing, no one will have just cause to accuse him of cruelty. If, however, he could spare even a larger cage still, he would add to the happiness of his favourite. ON THE WATCH TOWER.

"THOSE PRINTERS" AND COAL TAR FOR "CANARY ASTHMA."

SIR,—Friday, August 16th, was a blank day for CAGE BIRDS, because of "those printers" again. The irritability of my feeble brain cells set up by the absence of the punctual weekly appearance of CAGE BIRDS increased hourly, until I could not eat my bread and cheese, and "going supperless to bed." I had ample time during the feverish and sleepless night of just fixing to a nicety the eternal blessedness of each individual operative printer. I did not get really well until I read in CAGE BIRDS of the 24th the publisher's notice that "We (CAGE BIRDS) have taken such steps as will guard against the remotest possibility of such a highly regrettable event being repeated." It is not for me to question what those steps might be, but, so far as I can understand the position of affairs, an Editor may have all the possible natural talents qualifying him for his position, and may lose no opportunity for their cultivation; the sub-editor and all the staff may be full of industry and enthusiasm, but "those printers" must get the sorting and placing of the type. One supposes there should exist a "printer's reader," but his holidays seem protracted, or his fits of abstention too frequent. One can fancy him "just going round the corner" every now and then, or ticking off—not the work, but the time every few minutes. But the remedy, what is the remedy? I have admitted I don't know; I cannot even imagine the counterplot against another breakdown, but I may perhaps be allowed to make a suggestion. I know a very large printing works from which bushels of old type are thrown out with other refuse. Now, if these separate grains of type, stimulated by the rotting paper trimmings and chemical solutions with which type has been cleaned could be made to sprout and, by process of evolution and selection, grow into prime heads, like spring cabbage, leaf upon leaf, duly printed, cut, and fastened together, we might then know the seasonable time that we might get our copies. The influence of CAGE BIRDS is so great that even I did not fail to get my share of applications for the solution of tar. A copy of CAGE BIRDS was brought to me, and I read "Liquor Resi Carbonia. P.B.," as a printer's variant of "Liquor Picis Carbonis, British Pharmacopœia," i.e., "standard solution of coal tar." So I did not offer a packed article of Mr. Wright's or Mr. Wrong's, for my knowledge of Canary fanciers' requirement does not prompt me to offer them a quart of German Mineral Water at 1s 6d, when a "ha'porth of salts" would suit better, nor a half-crown bottle of Bino-Phosphates because dickey was a trifle below par.

J. NORTH, M.P.S.

Several Letters held over.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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The Java Sparrow.

"No penny; no ha'penny. No penny; no ha'penny." These words, repeated in a low, monotonous voice, came over the privet hedge of the square garden where Peter was playing, but he could not see the speaker, because of the close green leaves. So he ran to the iron gate, and, looking through its bars, he saw a man with the yellow face, slanting eyes, long, black pigtail, and blue cotton clothes of a son of the Celestial Empire. This Chinaman had a kind of bamboo tray slung round his neck, and on the tray stood a little bamboo cage, in which hopped up and down a sleek, grey bird. He was a very beautiful bird, his general body colour being of the same blue-grey shade as the back of Peter's Bullfinch, while his head was black, his cheeks snow white, and his large bill of the brightest rose pink.

*The Macaw.

The Macaw is a very pretty bird of all colours. It has a long tail; sometimes about two feet long, and very pretty eyes. Some Macaw's beaks are black, and some white. They have very pretty wings, and their feathers are soft and silky. Some Macaws make very good talkers. They come from America and the West Indies. They are very destructive.—Sent by CICELY GILBERT (aged 11 years), Burnett House, High-street, Ashford, Kent.

*A Nest in a Motor Car.

One November Sunday when father and I were walking in the stable where we now keep the motor cars, he was looking for one of his tools in his motor car, when he discovered a little Bantam of his which had made a nest on his seat, and it had a sweet little egg in it. Our man has found an egg three times this week. The little Bantam is very tame, and always come running after me when it hears me open the door where I keep the corn; it will eat out of my hand, and will let you stroke it.—Miss ZOE COOPER (age 11), Killerby Hall, near Scarborough.

** The Owl.

Once as my brother and I were walking in a wood we saw a very large hole in an oak tree, and my brother climbed up the tree. An Owl flew out of the hole, and there were four eggs in the nest. The eggs were nearly white, and as she was sitting we left the eggs alone. Beside the eggs were laid six mice. About a week after we went to the nest again, and there were three young Owls this time. We left them for five days. Then my brother climbed the tree the third time, and putting a piece of rag in one hole, caught the mother Owl. I carried the three young ones in my arms, and we put all four of them in a cage. The father Owl came each night and brought with him birds and mice. There was one funny thing about all the birds and mice he brought—they all had their heads off! We kept them for some time, then the youngest choked himself. One night when my brother fed them he forgot to shut the door of the cage, and when the father Owl came the hen came out of the cage and killed one of the young ones and flew away. We kept the other little Owl for one month and five days and it died, so we lost all four of our pets.—ALFRED STEPHENS (age 11 years), Beaulieu Schools.

(Full address wanted.— ED.).

THE SHOWS.

CANONBIE.

This annual turnout was held in connection with the flower show, etc., in the Canonbie school, and adjoining grounds, and proved a great success. The weather was all that could be desired for the outing, and there were a large number of visitors to see the exhibition. Mr. John Bannay, Dumfries, again judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

BORDER FANCY: 1, W. Jardine, clear yellow cock, an easy win, fine and typical; 2, T. Greve. FANCY CANARY, EVEN OR UNEVEN MED.: 1, 2, T. E. McVittie, two yellows, both even marks, first winning the special as best in the section, fair bird in all points. GREEN OR FOIL MED.: 1, W. A. Lockhart, good yellow piebald, nice head and wings, deficient in tail; 2, J. Elliot, buff marked, might have changed places with first, a good type of Border, as tight as wax. A.V. CANARY: 1, 2, C. Vere, a good buff crest, with splendid head and body of the Bullfinch type, 2nd, a fine crestbred, will be heard of again. MULE: 1, McVittie, a dark yellow Goldfinch and Canary, an easy winner; 2, Lockhart, a yellow variegated of medium quality. BRITISH BIRD: 1, Lockhart, a good Bully in fine condition, wins easy, colour faultless; 2, Laidlaw, a Hawfinch, bad in moult. FOREIGN: 1, Laidlaw, a green Parrot in fine plumage; 2, Hudson.

TROON.

The Annual Show of the Troon Cage Bird Society was held on August 31st, in the Unionist Hall. The executive were, as last year, headed by the well-known judge and fancier, Mr. Tom Fullerton, who looks, if that were possible, more enthusiastic in his hobby every time we meet him; he was ably seconded by Mr. Jno. Ferguson, as secretary, and nothing seemed to be wanting on their part to do all that lay in their power for the exhibits or the visitors. They were well backed up by an able and willing committee. The hall is an ideal birdroom well lighted and free from draughts, and nicely shelved round at a nice height for viewing exhibits. A very pleasing sight was the number of surrounding gentry, who patronised the show, and who seemed to take a great interest in the feathered tribe. Mr. James F. Dewar judged. The following are the awards:—

Scotch Fancies, as usual, leading. YELLOW COCKS: Only one, and that a buff, no award in consequence. YELLOW HENS: 1, Baird, very good type, good top, and nice back, takes a rattling good position, pushed the buff cock very hard for special, and only lost on the tape; 2 and 3, Jas. Price, two very good birds, but do not show so well as winner; 4, Cameron, much smaller. BUFF COCKS: 1 and spl, Price, grand size, great depth of rib, fine square shoulders, and very determined drive, wins well; 2, Laidler, fails in size and stop, but a good fair bird. BUFF HENS: 1 2, Price, two really fine birds, former a grand yellow buff, takes a fine position; 2, grand old bird, but too thick in the neck to-day. NORWICH COCK: 1, A. Malcolmson, clean buff, grand size, fine feather and shape; 2, Hunter, scarcely so good in feather, or near so good in shape as winner; 3, H. Henry, rather rough in feather, needs fining down; 4, Forrester, too finely drawn. NORWICH HEN: 1 and spl., Geo. A. Thomson, grand type, rare quality of feather, fine shaped head, very typical; 2, Forrester, big bodied bird, very fine feather, but head too small for body, still a grand stock bird; 3, Calderwood, buff, fails in type and feather to winner; 4, A. Malcolmson, nice young Yellow; 5, Hunter. BORDER FANCY, YELLOW, OR BUFF COCK: 1, T. Findlay, neat yellow, good type, and nice close feathered, well-shaped wings and tail; 2, Guthrie, fails in type and closeness of feather to winner, but a good one; 3, McGhee, nice stamp of buff, rather inclined to spread its tail; 4, McNicol, good buff, tail inclined to spread; 5, Hogg; 6, Henderson. YELLOW OR BUFF HENS: 1, and spl, and 2, Wm. Mossic, two right good ones, former lovely yellow, in rare bloom for the season, very typical and all over neat and natty; 2, buff, young bird drawn on same lines, both nicely staged; 3, Hogg, nice buff, fails in feather and type to winners; 4, Montgomery; 5, McGhee; 6, Henderson. B.F. ANY OTHER COLOUR COCK: 1, Findlay, very nice variegated yellow, rather wild, but wins; 2, Duncan, nice feathered buff, fails in closeness of tail; 3, McGhee, variegated yellow, good stamp; 4, Montgomery. ANY OTHER COLOUR HEN: 1, McGhee, buff var.; 2, Duncan, buff variegated. GOLDFINCH BRITISH: 1 and spl, John Cram, a very nice Finch, in good condition for season; 2, Piper, fails a trifle in blaze and not in such good feather; 3, Taylor, looks a good bird, but very soft; 4, Tait; 5, Johnston. GOLDFINCH, FOREIGN: 1, R. Young, good size and feather, very pale in blaze; 2, Wilson, very ragged in moult. LINNET: 1 and spl, McQuiston, grand size and rare feather, very steady, rather deficient in markings for our fancy, but wins easy; 2, Scoular, another good one, but half-way through moult; looks as if it will be a right good one when finished; 3, Rae, good colour, but fails in pencil-

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Dog, 4, McCulloch, 5, Piper; 6, Adams. DAI... 1 and spl, boolan, a rattling good Linne... Canary, good size and colour, what there was of... for it was half moulted, 2 and 6, Adams, lon... a good high coloured Greenie Canary, 3, Piper, m... dark Gold Canary, fair size and nice colour; ... Wilson, nice high coloured Siskin; 5, Wilso... LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID: 1 and 3, Taddo... former nice Bramble Chaffinch, parentage very d... finct, fair size, could do with more colour, as ... struck us as being rather pale; 2, fair Green... Goldie; 3, Piper, very nice pied Linnet Canary, go... size and nicely broken up. SISKIN REDPOLL: ... TWITE: 1 and spl, Taylor, a very nice, goo... coloured Siskin in marvellous condition for th... season, rare cap, and nicely marked on back; ... Murray, very neat lesser Redpoll, nicely marke... on rolls, very clear and distinct; 3, Wilson, fa... good Twite; 4, Connelly, another good Siskin, fal... in keenness of colour to winner; 5, Henderson; ... Cowan. BRITISH A.O.V.: A really grand class... and spl, McQuiston, with his Chough, in super... condition; 2, Stone, Bullfinch, perfect show cond... tion, not a feather wrong, and as steady as on... could wish; 3, Montague, a crested Sib., rare exh... bit, not in the best of feather, else it might ha... scored; 4 and 5, Cowan, former a Dipper or Wat... Crow, shown in nice order, but not so steady as ... might be; 5, nice Thrush; 6, Henderson, ni... Bullfinch. FOREIGN BIRDS NOT LARGER THA... CARDINALS: 1 and spl, and 4 and 5, Alston, ... former very fine pair of Parrot Finches, nice... staged, good colour and feather, and very steady; ... 4, good Red headed Gouldian, in fine order; 5, pa... double-barded Finches; 3, Cowan, very sweet Co... don Bleu; 2, Irvine, fine high coloured Green Ca... dinal, very tame and taking exhibit; 6, Crams, ni... plumaged "Orange Bishop." FOREIGN, LARGE... 1, Cumming, rattling good King Parrot, in ra... form, nicely staged; 2, and 5, Alston, former ni... pair many coloured Parrakeets, in good plumag... and well staged; 5, good specimen of Blue Bonn... Parrakeet, always insisted on staying in the bo... tom of its cage; 3, Mrs. Tait, grand Rock Parr... in rare bloom; 4, Murray, fine grey, good com... colour; 6, Piper, nice Red-fronted Amazon. GIF... CLASS: 1, Tait, good Border Fancy; 2 and ... Cowan, Striated Finch and Mannikin; 3, Adams.

SHOREHAM.

In connection with the first annual show of th... Shoreham and District Fanciers' Association, he... on August 28th, a few classes were given for can... birds. The time of year was most inopportune, ho... ever, for a show of this description, as very fe... birds are in a fit state to exhibit, owing to th... exigencies of the moult. Consequently the entri... were sparse, but several nice specimens were e... tered. Our old and esteemed friend, Mr. Walt... Swaysland, sent a team up from Brighton, and m... terially added to the attractions of the section; n... only so, but he was present himself to infuse th... spirit of jollity into the affair which anyone wh... knows "Walter," knows is certain to be the effe... of his presence anywhere in the realms of bir... dom. The hon. secretaries of the society a... Messrs. O. Ball and F. W. T. Foster, and the ho... show secretary, Mr. J. W. Brooker, who did h... utmost, aided by competent stewards, to make th... show a success. Mr. George Gardner judged.

NORWICH (9): 1, spl, 2, res., vhc, hc, Gale, ve... nice team, the winner and 2nd being two wel... known Crests, winners at many shows, the former ... wing-marked dark Crest, and the 2nd a Grizzle; ... Mrs. Partridge. BRITISH (8): Here Miss Hopwoo... won 1st, with a lovely little Whitethroat, staged ... very nice feather for time of year; 3, res., vhc, h... Swaysland, with a capital team. FOREIGN (11)... Here Mr. Swaysland carried all before him, with ... very nice collection; hc, c, Mrs. Partridge.

TROEDYRHIW.

The above show was held on Aug 26th, and th... Cage Bird Section, which was held under C.B.U... Rules, proved to be of unusual attraction, especiall... the Foreign Class. Unfortunately there are n... Cage Bird Fanciers at Troedyrhiw, but Mr. J. H... Jones, Merthyr, and Mr. B. Davis, Abercanni... looked after the interest of absent fanciers, an... booked their birds away on night of show. Mr. H... Gibbs judged.

CANARY A.V. COCK (3): 1, and 2, withheld; ... Ball, Yell Yorkshire, good colour, rather stout fo... an exhibition bird, but should make a good stoc... bird; 4, B. Davies, Belgian, not looking his bes... to-day. A.V. HEN (2): 1 and 2 withheld; 3, J. H... Jones, Scotch Fancy, a promising youngster; 4, B... Davies, Scotch Fancy, showing good top. A.V... CANARY, Bred 1907 (4): 1, withheld; 2, J. H. Jones... Scotch Fancy; 3rd, B. Davies, Scotch Fancy, shoul... make a good one; 4, Rolls. MULE OR HYBRI... (3): 1, J. H. Jones, Variegated Goldie Canary, i... good feather; 2 and 3, H. Davis, dark Goldie Canary... and Goldie-Bullie hen, respectively, both in moult... BRITISH A.V. (3): 1, J. H. Jones, good Goldfinch... nice square blaze, with a good moult, will be hear... of again; 2, Carter, nicely-marked Thrush; 3, Rolls... Greypate. FOREIGN (4): 1, H. S. Davies, with hi... now noted King Parrot—Don't overdo him, Mr... Davies; 2 and 3, J. H. Jones, 2nd Red-headed Gou... dian, looking perfection, tight as wax and gran... colour; 3, Grassfinch, in good order; 4, Castree, pa... of Cordon blues, looking well.

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I shall find Part 2 of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL invaluable when the time comes for sending out our Schedules, writes Mr. G. F. WOOLHOUSE, the manager of Dulwich and Peckham Show.

After a fruitlesss attempt to breed Blackbirds and Thrushes, which had been imported from England, in the Botanical Gardens at Darjeeling, Mr. W. Earle, I.C.S., when Deputy-Commissioner, set the birds free, since when the Blackbirds have multiplied, but the Thrushes have disappeared entirely.

I hope Border fanciers will not overlook the fact that we have made four classes for Borders at our forthcoming show, which are to be confined to Amateur and Novice members:—W. STAFFORD, sec., Stockport Bird Fanciers' Association.

There appears to be mistake in the date of Birmingham Show in your fixtures; the date should be December 4th, and not 4th and 5th, as stated:—H. C. WILKINS, hon. sec.

Mr. JOHN H. IRELAND, Cage Bird Secretary of the Morecambe F.A., writes:—Our judges are now fixed up as follows: Messrs. H. W. Battye, W. J. Ferguson, and C. Houlton.

On taking my copy of CAGE BIRDS to spend a happy hour, I was delighted with the sketch of Bullfinch on front page. I consider him a splendid model, and had he been in coloured form would he something to be proud of for all lovers of birds:—G. GALT (Liverpool).

The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. has engaged a quintet of quite veteran judges for the open show, in Messrs. Bexson, House, Payne, Houlton, and Roe, and the committee, we hear, is now in the thick of preparing the classification. The patronage of most of the Specialist Clubs has been secured, and an order has been placed for special staging for the show so that more birds may be staged and yet allow considerably more room for visitors to inspect same.

I see I am made to appear and disappear at will at Antwerp Show, writes Mr. J. F. DEWAR, the well-known Scottish fancier and judge. I did not go as I had a little baby daughter born just a week or so before. But I patronised it as usual by giving my annual donation towards the prizes, hence in the beginning of the report it says "was patronised by Mr. Dewar, all the way from Edinburgh." The president in his opening speech said "I was absent in flesh though present in spirit."

As Mr. Burns, the chairman, and myself are away on our holidays, writes Mr. V. WYNN, as well as several prominent members of the City and Surburban A.C.B., we have decided to abandon the meeting which should have taken place on Monday, the 9th inst.

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The C.B. Union Secretaryship.

Referring to the rumour of my resignation as secretary of the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. G. W. F. LYTHGOE, which you published some time ago, a change in my business necessitated this, but arrangements having been made to afford me some clerical assistance (kindly undertaken by Mr. J. Raynes), I have decided to continue in office until the end of the present year.

A Book on Yorkshires.

From CAGE BIRDS office has been issued this week a book bearing the title "Yorkshire Canaries, How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit." The author is that popular judge and expert, Mr. H. W. Battye, the president of the Yorkshire Union. There is little need for us to speak of the ability of Mr. Battye to write such a work, his long standing in the Fancy and his great experience as a breeder, exhibitor, judge, and writer, are as well known to readers of CAGE BIRDS as unto ourselves. From cover to cover the book is full of interesting and instructive matter, and will, we feel convinced, do much to make the bird of grace and style even more popular than it already is. It has been illustrated by Messrs. Norman and Simpson, whose work has long received the approbation of the Fancy, and it is one of the most complete, as it is one of the cheapest handbooks ever placed before the Cage Bird Fancy. All interested in Yorkshires should not fail to procure a copy from the manager of CAGE BIRDS. The price is 1s. 2d., post free.

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I received over 60 orders from all parts last week, thanks to your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. CAPEY (Sheffield).

Mr. J. Raynes will act as show manager for the forthcoming Manchester Show on October 25th and 26th. Owing to business changes, writes Mr. LYTHGOE, I am unable to undertake the work this year. I am, however, continuing the secretaryship of the M. and N.C.O.S., and still carry on my printing business, but all communications should in future be sent to my private address, 25, Stamford-street, Old Trafford, Manchester, and not to my office.

The Lowestoft C.B.S. have decided to hold a show on November 21st and 22nd. open to the County of Suffolk only. Mr. J. Mackley is to judge, and it will be under C.B.U. Rules. Mr. Francis hopes that Suffolk men will rise to the occasion and give the Lowestoft Society a good send off.

It may interest your readers in Kent to know that the chairman of the Dover Fur and Feather Society—Mr. Edwin Birch—has presented us with four challenge bowls—one each for the Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. These trophies are open to Kent competition, and become the property of the exhibitor who wins them on three occasions:—A. S. HORREX, secretary.

Writing from Montreal, Canada, Mr. D. BRUCE says:—I may state that the Scotch Fancy breeders here have had a record year for numbers, whilst the quality of the birds has improved wonderfully The Norwich and Yorkshire breeders have not done quite so well. We are looking forward to having a grand turn out, and a good time at our annual show in October.

Mr. LOUIS J. ARRIGHI writes from Louella, Cramond, Midlothian:—My business is growing rapidly and it takes all my time to cope with it, so much so that I have now to keep a man to look after my birds, and then they are not done to as I would wish. Any spare time I can snatch I am either gathering wild seeds for the birds or taking exercise. I have fitted up a very nice outside aviary at my house here in the country, mainly for moulting purposes, while I am the six months from town, but I could also breed in it and may do so next year if spared. Had a very poor breeding season, got but a lot of "squibs," I blame the cold weather and no heat in my bird room at Harrison View, my town house. If I breed there next year I will have heat on. I have got hot water pipes put through my bird room that I can turn on and off at will.

The Yorkshire Union.

From Mr. Hammond we have received the Year Book of the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, and it is indeed quite a bulky volume, bearing abundant testimony to the power possessed by unity. It contains the new rules, a full list of the affiliated societies and their members, the officers, the delegates with their addresses, and the names of the societies they represent. The rules, which now number forty-four, are given in extenso, as are the dates of the Union shows, with the names of the judges. With this season the Union starts on what is practically a new life, and we wish it all the success that enthusiasm and hard work should produce.

The Cinematograph in Birdland.

The habits of different species of even the "wildest" birds will soon be familiar to any one who cares to visit the theatre. The management of the Palace Theatre, Shafteshury Avenue, London, have added a series of living pictures, illustrating the life of birds, to their programme which begins on Monday next. "Birdland" to the majority of people, means some out-of-the-way place only visited rarely by the naturalist. The pictures show why this is so. They have been obtained from some of the less accessible haunts of birds by Mr. Oliver G. Pike, F.R.G.S., and Mr. H. Armytage Sanders, who made a special journey to islands in the north. Armed with a specially constructed silent camera, they spent a considerable time on the sea coast, and in spite of difficulties that seemed almost insuperable, they have brought back a graphic series of pictures.

Another splendid series of pictures illustrating the habits of inland birds was shown for the first time by the Urban Company at the Alhambra Theatre last Monday night, September 1st, and enthusiastically received. The scenes included some interesting living pictures of the Sedge Warbler's attention to its young. The mother is seen bringing home the food for its newly-hatched chicks, and feeding each inmate of the nest in turn. The presence of the photographers—Messrs. Richard and Cherry Kearton—was obviously suspected by the birds, and their careful look round for the intruder from time to time is plainly shown on the film, giving a quaint touch of reality to the pictures.

CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

A large number of entries has been made in this competition. All of them will be carefully gone through, and the result announced as soon as possible.

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*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.** (J.R., R.J.H.)
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.H.P., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J H.P.
*Oct. 16.—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.B.)
*Oct. 15 and 16.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., J. N., J.H., T.T., J.P., G.F., J.K., A.McF., J.D., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
Oct. 23.—**Oxford.**
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis.C.B.A.** (W.V., F.B.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M , F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R., W.W.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Claydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R. W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6.—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
Nov. 7.—**North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R. J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H , A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.S., J.B., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.S., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley.**
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (F.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D.,) J.K.
Nov. 30—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H.; R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.S. J.S., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21,—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Swollen Face.

A.G.B.—The cause of the swelling on your birds' face was no doubt caused in some way. Dissolve as much Boric Acid as will stand on a two shilling piece in warm water, and when tepid, bathe the part gently with a soft piece of sponge. Do this once a day for a week, when I think you will find it will have quite disappeared. Should you find in a day or two that the swelling appears full of matter, you may let it out again with a clean needle.

Slow Moult.

Grocer.—I am pleased to hear that under the treatment advised, your hen recovered sufficiently to rear you two nests of young. The slowness of the moult is no doubt attributable to the cold weather we have been experiencing. I have heard of many who say they never knew of such a slow moulting season. I should not recommend you to rush the moult by any artificial means as such only weakens the birds' constitution, and as you say you can see the effects of the colour food coming through on breast and wings, she will, no doubt, go through all right. You may put a few shreds of saffron in the water and cover over the cage at night-time with a warm cloth.

Looseness of Excreta.

J.H.B.—Give your bird a small teaspoonful of egg-food for three following days, to which add as much Aromatic Confection as will stand on a threepenny piece. Then let him have ten drops of Tincture of Quinine in the water, fresh daily, for a week. Do not give him any greenfood until he has finished moulting. You should have told me mode of feeding, perhaps that is at fault.

How to Feed.

F. H.—(1) You may give the young birds a little crushed hemp in addition to the egg food and soaked seed for two or three weeks. (2) Yes, you may give sand then. (3) Give them the colour food when they are six weeks old, and you must continue with this until they are right through the moult. (4) Yes, the buff hen you mention would be improved by colour feeding, and she would certainly appeal to your taste much more, especially as you say you do not care for pale coloured birds. I think your hen is a buff, the pronounced colour you speak of is no doubt round the cheeks and forehead, on the wing butts and root of tail. (5) Yes, there are always birds for sale at shows, but in most instances the prices put upon them are quite prohibitive, as the owners do not wish to part with them. Sometimes you may pick up a cheap bird out of a selling class. That is a class where they must not exceed a certain price limit, but before claiming any out of the classes, you should have advice. As you are anxious to learn more of the points of Canaries, you cannot do better than do as you suggest, visit a few shows, where probably you may meet some fancier who would be only too pleased to help you. An obliging and courteous secretary would no doubt introduce you to one. Am pleased to have been of service to you in the past.

Cause of Death.

Puzzled.—I take it from your letter that you put your young birds, after they leave the parents, on plain canary seed in addition to a little egg food, and I think this has been the cause of the mischief. Young birds, after leaving the parents, should have crushed hemp for two or three weeks; in fact, until they can crack and digest the canary. Give those which you still have a small teaspoonful each of egg food each day, to which add five drops of Parrish's chemical food, and for a fortnight let them have some crushed hemp seed. You need not limit them, and twice a week let them have a sprig of watercress each. Boil their drinking water previous to using, and in a week's time you may put ten drops of tincture of quinine in the water, on alternate days, for a fortnight.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

A Question of Markings.

Lamplighter.—No. 1, marked both wings and on thigh would in the general run of shows have to be exhibited in the Evenly Marked Class, but if there was no Evenly Marked Class provided, then you would have to show it in the A.O.V. Class. Should the schedule read Clear Marked or Variegated Yorkshire, then this bird would be eligible to compete in this Class. Should schedule read Ticked or Unevenly Marked Yorkshire, then this bird would probably be thrown out as being evenly marked, but different localities have different rules governing their classification. For instance, at shows held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, this bird would be all right in the class for Ticked or Unevenly Marked, as two-pointed evenly marked birds are under their rules allowed to compete among the unevenly marked birds. When making entries, care should at all times be taken to read the various conditions and regulations under which the show is being held. Nos. 2 and 3 are both unevenly marked birds, and would have to be entered as such, where a class was provided for such birds, but at a show where no Cinnamon Marked Classes are provided in schedule, they would be eligible to compete in the ordinary Yorkshire Classes amongst the Dark-eyed or Green Marked Yorkshires. You do not say whether your birds are Yellows or Buffs, of course, where a class is provided for yellows and another class for buffs, you would have to enter them accordingly.

Off Song.

W.H.—Your bird has evidently been in what is generally termed the loose moult, usually brought on by being kept in some place where the temperature is very variable, where a goodly amount of gas is burnt, or been exposed to draught. Now is just the time to get the bird properly moulted. If you have been keeping it in a warm place, remove it into a room where there is no fire, and this may be the means of forcing it into a proper moult. Put it in a box-cage, and feed on white canary seed, giving in addition a little egg-food, sprinkling a little maw seed over it, and prepare it fresh daily. In the course of ten or twelve weeks your bird will be through the moult, and probably will resume his song again.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH

Work on Cinnamons.

Londoner.—Cassell's "Canaries and Cage Birds" contains an exhaustive chapter on this variety, but great improvements have been made by breeders since that work was published, thirty years' ago. The birds that win nowadays, are much larger and stouter than those depicted in its pages and described in the text. Any efforts to found a strain would land one a long way backwards, unless some stock birds were obtained of the modern type, as the latter are good examples of what every Canary fancier wants, possessing as they do, plenty of size, quality and colour. A second-hand copy of Cassell's book could very likely be got for a guinea through advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and there is House's "Canary Manual" to be had from this office for 1/2 post free, with a chapter on the breed. The 1906 birthday number of CAGE BIRDS contains a splendid coloured plate of Cinnamons, and a pithy article by this present writer.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Won't eat Colour Food.

W.R.A.—You must make your egg food palatable by adding a little crushed hempseed. It is advisable to procure a pestle and mortar, then you would be able to thoroughly incorporate the colour food. Make the following mixture and bottle. It will do for moistening your egg food, and may be given with advantage throughout the moult:—Take 2d. saffron, 2d. cochineal, one teaspoonful Natal pepper, put into a pan with a quart of water, bring to the boil, and let simmer for 15 minutes, strain into a dish or other vessel, then add two teaspoonfuls of demerara sugar and ¼ lb. honey; stir well together whilst hot; when cold, add half a gill of Jamaica rum, and bottle for use. Put one or two teaspoonfuls of this mixture to your food, according to the quantity you make. Regulate to a nice, crumbly moist consistency by the addition of fine oatmeal, or ground rice. You will find by making your food agreeable, and appetising, that the birds will prefer it to the seed. Feed with canary seed only, in seed boxes, which you must allow daily.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Feeding Greens, etc.

Novice.—Feed and treat the same as advised to "Redrob" in last issue. They need the same treatment as other varieties, and you should never listen to the long-winded stories uttered by some would-be experts. Carefully study their characteristics each year, and you will be more able to rely on your own opinion. It is seldom we get a Green free from bronze on wing in the first year, and most of the winners are one-year bred, or older. The bronze leaves them after their second moult. (2) No; I don't recommend much greenfood during the moult. A little seeded mousear, or one head of Plantain, once a week to birds in full health. If you have any "soft," withhold all kinds. Give a little boiled carrot just when nearly finishing, twice a week. Gradually withdraw the mixed seeds and egg-food. (3) Yes; it is very objectionable. If given as you say no good would follow, and especially with Greens, for it would make them still more patchy. It is a splendid tonic for any ailing bird, but should only be used for such.

A Matter of Markings.

A. Purves).—As far as I can gather from your query, your bird is undoubtedly a three-pointed bird, being marked on both eyes and vent. It must he shown amongst the unevens. I expect it will also be marked on thighs, so there is no fear of any judge passing it as a Foul. (2) Yes; a Foul should only have either one or two visable marks, and they may be placed anywhere over the body. However, Foul-thighed birds are now admitted into Clear Classes.

Bird Sickly.

Yellow.—I think the cause of birds' illness was a slight chill caught just prior to breaking into moult. Remove it into your kitchen or other warm place until you see it casting its feathers. Then take it back to your room and cover over with a cloth of some kind. Let him have ten drops of chemical food in drinking water, fresh daily, for one week, and half-a-teaspoonful of egg-food daily, with a pinch of maw seed added to it; also place, every night in wires of cage a small piece of sponge cake with four drops sherry wine added. You might also try him by pulling a few feathers out of his tail, which might start him away into the moult. Withhold the bath and all greenfood.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Question of Grit.

Smithfield.—The friend who told you that many leading fanciers of Roller Canarics use no cuttlefish, or mortar, etc., was quite right. Many of those who go in for contest singing (both here and in Germany) believe it is not in the best interests of the bird's voice to let him have such. I can't say that I altogether believe this; I can't quite see where it comes in that pecking and swallowing cuttlefish should injure a Roller's singing. However, the notion that it does so is certainly about. Some Roller men, further, will tell you to give grit only sparingly, say, once a week or so. But I always think the birds eat as much in the one go you let them have at it, as they would if they had the run of it all the week. I will say this, that you certainly should let your Rollers have plenty of good suitable grit in their cages right through the moult, and also let them have some cuttlefish to peck at, and old mortar as well. There is no doubt that these things, by means of the lime, etc., they contain, help largely the growth of the feathers—grit is not used solely to "grind up" food with, as has been so long thought. If it is right that some breeders withhold grit and such-like materials from their birds, then I think that explains the bad plumage, and losing of feathers (bare places) these birds so often suffer with.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Loss of Sight.

I have a bird which has lost its sight. There is a thin, watery discharge from the eye. Its general health is good, and it sings well. —ANXIOUS ONE.

Anxious One.—The symptoms you describe all point to the fact that the bird has been exposed either to damp or cold, and had the matter been taken in hand at once it is quite possible a cure would have been effected. Now that the matter has been neglected for so long, I am somewhat doubtful. You might try the effect of the following treatment for a fortnight. Place just sufficient Epsom Salts in the drinking water each morning to make it slightly saline, not much, only just enough to make it taste. Bathe the eyes every three hours with a solution prepared as follows:—1 grain of sulphate of zinc, six grains of alum, and one ounce of rose-water. Use a very small soft piece of sponge for the purpose, and after each bathing rinse the sponge in water in which a few drops of Sanitas have been mixed. The last thing at night just touch the lids of the eyes with a little Cuticura Ointment or Zinc Ointment. After the second day stop the Epsom Salts, and medicate the water with ten drops of homœopathic tincture of aconite, and tincture of belladonna. Keep the bird in a warm atmosphere, partially cover the cage during the day, and completely at night.

Outdoor Aviary.

I have some Norwich, and Germans, which have been bred in a large indoor aviary, the windows of which have been open night and day. Would they do well if turned into an outdoor aviary, which has nice, snug sleeping places?—R. GERARD.

R. Gerard.—If your aviary is warm and comfortable, and the birds are of good constitution, I see no reason why they should not do well. You ought, however, to turn them out at once. If you wait a week or two the nights will begin to get chilly, and the birds would feel the change too much. The aspect and construction of the aviary are important to know. If your aviary is constructed of corrugated iron, it is bad for Canaries, and if you contemplate letting them fly loose in it, you could not reasonably expect them to be cultured singers. The low temperature will not prejudicially affect them if they are young and healthy, but you could not, at this time of the year, safely introduce them into the aviary, unless it were constructed of double-walled timber, or brick, and roofed with timber and felt, or tiled. If it is light, bright, dry and snug, you might keep any healthy young birds in it. Much, very much, depends on the aspect, the roof and walls.

Cause of Death.

R. Robbins.—Unfortunately, like many others, you did nothing until too late. From what you say I think your bird has been partially blind for some time, and very probably was not noticed, because, being accustomed to its cage and surroundings, it would not seem to ail anything, being able to find its seed and water. Then it must, I should imagine, have got suddenly worse, when, having failed to find its food it would soon die. Perhaps it would have been best if you had sent it to Mr. North for examination immediately after death.

Struggling and Gasping.

J. Harding.—Your bird evidently is suffering from a paralytic seizure, from which I am afraid he will not recover. The only thing you can do is to keep him as quiet as possible; do not handle him, or excite in any way. Continue feeding as you are now doing. To his drinking water add six drops of nux vomica, fresh daily, for three days; if no better at the end of the fifth day, continue the nux vomica for another three days. Your feeding has been perfectly correct and cannot be improved on. The cause of seizure is as inexplicable in a bird as in ourselves; certainly there is no fault in your management.

Young Birds Dying.

I have a nest of four which are very bad. I have lost two previous nests. They get puffy, put their heads under their wings, and die. From the time of weaning, I feed on canary seed and green food.—R.G.N.

R.G.N.—The cause of your trouble is taking the young birds off the soft food, and putting them on hard seed only, straight away. The change was too sudden, and has upset their digestive organs. Young Canaries require more than plain canary seed after leaving their parents. At first, egg-food may be given twice a week, afterwards once a week; on other days, sound summer German rape, a few groats, and a few hemps; if they become puffy, give bread and milk, which is the best possible food they can have at an early age. Liver disease is generally caused through improper feeding on highly stimulating food, but this does not appear to be so in your case. Do you give particular care and attention to the drinking water, as more often than not the cause of many disorders is bad and stagnant water. The drinking glasses should be thoroughly rinsed and wiped every day. Do you think any smell arises from the shop below. If so, stand a bucket of water in the room, and renew it every morning. If you mix a little Condy's fluid or Sanitas in the water, it will do good.

Treatment During Moult.

I have been told to give my birds a lot of linseed during the moult, but I find it makes them loose in their bowels. Should I give green food during the moult?—The Tracker.

The Tracker.—Whoever advised you to give your birds a lot of linseed was unwise, as it is not advisable to give young birds that are just moulting a lot of linseed, either in the whole state or in a meal, as it will only make them too relaxed. Your best plan is to give them a little best English linseed when they are nearly through moult, say every other day, it will then do them good, and put a nice bloom and gloss on their plumage. You may give the iron right through the moult. Gentian and saffron would not tend to neutralise the colouring properties of the red feed. I should give dandelion, shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain stalks, chickweed, or any other sound green food that is obtainable during the time they are moulting. Let them have nothing but best Spanish canary until they are nearing the finish, when you may give them the linseed. If you give them too many different kinds of seeds they will eat these and will not partake so much of the colour food as they would do if kept only on the plain canary.

Young Birds Moulting.

Down in the Mouth.—There is really no need for you to be so disheartened. You are doing no worse than many others in this abnormal manner. Don't worry more than you can help. Your birds will probably come through better than you expect, to ensure a successful moult, a bird must be strong and healthy, and when it starts moulting must continue throughout from start to finish without a check, commencing down each side of the breast and finishing with the head. After the young birds are taken from their parents I prefer to put them in a light cage, which, I consider, strengthens them. When commencing to moult, cage the best birds off separately, and cover the cage front over at night to keep the birds warm and free from draught. Warmth is the great essential when moulting, and this is also assisted by a moist atmosphere. Give a small quantity of egg food twice a week, to which add a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, or add just a pinch of sulphate of iron to the drinking water twice a week. But if a bird is strong and healthy, you need give nothing beyound good sound seed, a few groats occasionally, and egg food twice a week. If you were colour feeding it would be different, but as you object to colour feeding, you save yourself a lot of trouble.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Goldfinch Ailing.

F. F. P.—I doubt whether I can advise you anything likely to save your Goldie. If is a serious case when a bird, though well fed and tended, gets thinner and thinner, goes off its food, and gradually wastes away. You cannot do more in the seed line than provide plenty of lightly cracked hemp, maw, niger, teazle, dandelion, etc., with freshly-gathered thistle-heads and groundsel. You should try to get him to eat ants' eggs, damped with new milk, made afresh frequently; likewise, mealworms. The latter (tiny ones), may be pinned down to a perch, or, better still, concealed in a thistle head. Once he gets the "taste" for them, he will eat them freely, when let him have as many as he chooses to consume. The "maggots" found in thistle-heads (especially decayed, or rotten heads), and the blight off sow thistle, would likewise doubtless be helpful. I have known a change on to live food work apparent miracles. I should not give salts; try half a teaspoonful of dandelion juice (from a chemist) in two tablespoonfuls of water, for two days, then a few more doses on alternate days. This treatment may tone him up, bring back the lost appetite, and so pull him round. But the case is a ticklish one. You did quite right to transfer him to a warmed cosy room; but he should not be kept under too hot and close conditions.

Concerning a Hawfinch.

Perplexed.—You could hardly expect to find any red-mite on the white cloth if you covered same with insect powder—the red-mite would be only too anxious to shun it. A plain white cloth should be used. However, it need not necessarily be red-mite, for Hawfinches are notoriously bad subjects to moult in a cage. A good friend of mine, of extensive experience with these bulky Finches, avers it is only the hand-reared ones (or those taken as nestlings) that can be counted as at all certain to moult as they ought to, so to speak. My own experience tells me that Hawfinches are very erratic customers in the matter of moulting. Judging from your letter, you can't very well improve on the way you feed your bird, or on the conditions under which you keep him. I should shift him into a warm room, to a cosy corner, and gradually "sheet down" his cage with a light warm covering, arranging that he may have the bath, or be occasionally lightly sprayed. If you adopt the latter plan, just tinge the water with a few spots of Scrubbs' cloudy ammonia. One Hawfinch I myself had "stuck in the moult." I tried with a "vapour bath." Briefly, I half-filled a bucket with hot water, laid a piece of board (not too wide) across the top, and put the Hawfinch, run into a wire nursery-cage for the purpose, on the latter, throwing a light covering over the whole, and leaving the bird in this position for several minutes. It is a desperate sort of remedy, but it acted in my case, as the old fancier who "put me up to it" predicted it would. One needs, of course, to be very careful the bird does not afterwards take cold; also that he is not overdone with too much and too scalding steam.

Mule or Hybrid?

Novice.—As I have often had occasion to explain in this column, the term "Mule" is really not a correct one to apply to any bird, that being a name claimed by the progeny produced by mating horse with ass. Hybrid is the correct term to apply to all birds produced by the mating of two birds of different species. But "Mule" is a very old name for such birds, and now sanctioned (I had almost written sanctified) by virtue of long usage. The word "Mule," however, is generally accepted as indicating a bird with Canary blood in its veins—thus, a Goldfinch-Canary Mule—while "Hybrid" is accepted as indicating a bird bred from two British birds (or birds other than a Canary)—thus, a Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. But many fanciers of the old school, old in the keeping of these "freaks and variations," use the two terms indiscriminately, or else call one and all "Mules." There is, you will gather from this, no settled or "correct" way of using one, or both, terms.

Tanning and Sheen on an Exhibition Goldfinch.

Amateur.—I am not certain on the point, but it seems to me you are labouring under a delusion. Tanning, or depth of brown on the chest (also back) and sheen on a Goldfinch, are not produced by any feeding or other methods. In other words, if the Goldie is not naturally good in tanning and sheen, no treatment of its keeper can make it so. Whoever told you the contrary (if someone has done so) told you a lot of pure humbug. But if a Goldie is naturally rich in tan and polished in plumage, then certainly the skilful fancier can bring out those points in the moult to a degree of perfection never (or exceptionally rarely) seen in the wild bird. Birds that are pale in chestnut, and dull in coat, are generally buffs, and these are not the birds to select to moult for exhibition purposes, though it is true that we occasionally see a buff get high up in the prize list in keen competition, but such has to be a remarkably good specimen in other exhibition points. It is the jonquils, the yellows, birds naturally teeming with colour, that are the ideal specimens to moult, if only one can put on them good enough in the other necessary points. If your birds are bulls, as I suspect,

from your letter, you will see that you have not the right stuff to get tan and sheen on to perfection. Colour-feeding avails a Goldfinch nothing at all, as, curiously enough, it spoils the blaze colour; a bird that needs pepper feeding is not worth its salt. Regular use of the bath, or regular gentle spraying, is one great thing to perfect the sheen on a bird. Correct feeding, of course, is essential to both plenty of ripe teazle, maw, linseed and canary, with now and again a feed of hemp and niger, and lightly cracked sunflower, also, most important of all, ripe thistle-heads and hard-heads in abundance, with seeding groundsel, and any other wild seeds they show a partiality for. Grubs from thistle-tops, blight from sow thistle, tiny mealworms, and ants' eggs dumped with new milk, are also invaluable items (some birds will eat a little prepared high grade insectivorous food). This will answer all your queries, and should enable you to stage your Goldies in trim good enough for any competition, provided only that the birds are good enough in themselves. Ignore the nonsense you have been told respecting linseed. Give a good supply right through the moult, and especially so towards its close, when also give niger a little more freely. Don't offer much hemp.

Nuthatch and Juniper Berries.

Anxious.—I have known considerable controversy arise over the correct class in which to enter a Nuthatch. It is a "mixed feeder," turning to nuts, etc., when insect life is out of the menu, necessarily, owing to the rigour of winter. However, no bird can logically compete as both granivorous and insectivorous, and you should certainly enter your specimen in the insectivorous classes—its generally accepted place. Few judges would hesitate to "wrong class" a Nuthatch if it appeared in front of them in a class for seed-eating birds. I know very little, from personal experience with them about preserving juniper berries. They could, of course, be preserved in the manner adopted with most bottled, etc., fruits, that is, in syrup. They would also, I feel sure, keep for a long time, if packed amongst sawdust (like imported grapes), and stored in a cool place; or they could be buried in sand. Most berries will keep for a long period if gathered on the branch, the stem of the latter being immersed in a bottle of water, I have personally used all the three last-mentioned methods with success, with privet-berries, blackberries, etc. I generally tinted the water with a few drops of Condy's fluid, this undoubtedly helping to keep them fresh for a longer period than when same is not used. I stored them in a cool, dry cellar, changing the water (when I used it) as necessary.

Bowel Trouble: Wild Seed Mixture.

Thankful.—(1) I could not pretend to guess at the cause of the inflammation from which you say you lost your two birds. Sometimes it is quite impossible to correctly determine, as when, for instance, a bird suddenly goes wrong, and succumbs to what seems like inflammation of the bowels, though being fed precisely as he had been fed the previous two or three years. Death comes to all our pets sooner or later, and we can only bear up as cheerfully as may be. (2) I have seen one or two samples of "wild-seed mixture," the vendors of which have added to the farmer's screenings (composing the bulk) a dash of thistle, dandelion, lettuce, maw, gold of pleasure, etc., seeds. Such mixtures, needless to add, are far superior to those composed solely of the residue from threshing machines—a good deal of which is sometimes simply chaff, and useless rubbish. A mixture of the above-named seeds alone would make a nice 'relish" for Finches. You could add mustard and cress seeds, if you choose. Other seeds of familiar garden-plants very much relished by Finches, are cornflower, golden-rod, and wall-flower. In about equal parts would be the way I should mix the above seeds. (3) Wild seeds in a mixture, *i.e.*, the dry seeds, are in no sense a substitute for greenfood, or even the freshly-gathered seeding-heads of the different plants. Get the latter wherever possible; the wild seed mixture is acceptable when the latter can no longer be obtained.

Young Linnets and Canaries.

Linnet.—Your young Linnets ought to thrive on the following stock mixture: Canary two pints, teazle one pint, summer rape, charlock and linseed a half-pint each, mawseed a quarter-pint. Give also a little lightly-cracked hemp-seed, made fresh daily. Further, offer such ripe wild seeds as plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel and thistles liberally—you ought to have no difficulty in gathering any or all of them. I should say your Canaries have gone off song preparatory to moulting; probably you will have found feathers about ere reading this answer of mine. Don't try any "remedies," if this is so; the voice will return naturally when the moult is over. A little Parrish's chemical food (obtainable from any chemist) is quite one of the best things to give moulting birds. A half-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water should be ample, and given every second day (plain water in between). A young hen Canary (*i.e.*, one bred this year), ought not to have very scaly legs and long claws—such things are usually indicative of old age. Still, scales show far more quickly on the legs of some birds than they do on others (of the same kind). Your bird may possess noticeably scaly legs, and yet not be very old—I wouldn't like to pass an opinion without seeing her. You don't say precisely how young she is supposed (or stated) to be. The seller may be someone who does not believe in the "too old at forty" cry. If the hen seems a very staid and quiet lady, you can bet on her being an old bird. Any experienced Canary fancier will tell you whether she is a 1907 bird or not, almost as soon as he looks at her.

Brieflets.

Goldfinches in Somerset (Dido).—I really cannot say whether you can legally catch Goldfinches in Somerset. The regulations are frequently altered to suit different districts (or local hobbies), and the only way for one to be absolutely on the safe side is to enquire at the local police station (or send a stamped addressed envelope there), which will at once secure you the desired information.

What Bird Is It? (Nib).—I don't think the bird you describe is British. A small bird with a shortish tail, bluish-grey beak and legs, nut-brown body (darker underneath), and greyish head, and which has a low "chirpy" note, seems to me likely to be a White-headed Nun. The value is only a couple of shillings or so. It is a very common Foreign bird.

Linnet Loose in Bowels (Min).—This state of things was dealt with at length in last week's issue. Note reply to "No Name," and follow advice given therein.

A Weed (A.C.)—I do not recognise the portion of plant you send, therefore cannot recommend it for Linnets and Goldfinches. If you want it identified, you must forward a fairer sample, with leaves, etc.

Identity of Bird (Sirrom).—The bird you describe is the Spotted Flycatcher—somewhat Robin-like in style and shape (though not so chubby), general colour grey, lighter underneath than on back, with rather distinct wing markings, streaked with black markings on head, neck and breast; beak and legs leaden colour, the latter fairly short. You are right—it is a softbill, and delicate, too, not easy to cater for in captivity. If it commences to droop, I would restore it the liberty it lost in so curious a fashion. I think you are correct in assuming it a young bird.

Lark Not Moulting Well (Tolleross).—You must see that your bird has the opportunity for a dust-bath whenever inclined to take it, and mix some Keating's powder amongst it. Into the soft-food for twelve or fourteen days mix daily as much flowers of sulphur (from a chemist) as will lie on a sixpence. Also do not omit to incorporate some chopped green-stuff with the food—tender clover-grass for choice. Afterwards, until the end of the moult, it might be well to add a little Parrish's Chemical Food to the drinking water daily—say, half a-teaspoonful.

Jay Ailing (F.S.S.).—Instead of so much wheat and sharps in the menu, I would substitute a proportion of soaked dog biscuit. I should think the trouble is due to the moult. Get a bottle of cod-liver oil and hypophosphites from a chemist, and at first mix a few spots amongst its soft-food, gradually increasing the quantity to a teaspoonful. If no apparent improvement in its condition, write me again in a fortnight, detailing principal points of the case.

Spray, not Sponge (Foster-Mother). — In my answer to you last week the printer made me advise you to "lightly sponge" the bird. This, of course, should be "lightly spray."

"On Hard Seed."

Bombadoss.—I don't suppose for a minute the birds were "on hard seed," as you and I interpret that term. The dealers would mean that they were "eating hard seed." A bird needs to have been in captivity several weeks before it can be said to be safely on to hard seed, *i.e.*, the seeds used by bird-keepers. Dealers don't want to keep Goldfinches even several hours if they can help it—they are too apt to die. You couldn't reasonably, at the price you paid, expect cock birds which had been caged several weeks. I sympathise with you to the full. Still, you will, I am sure, wish me to tell you the truth, however hard. I can assure you that genuine cock Goldfinches, either Greypates or in full colour, cannot be bought in London shops at the price you name—and fresh-caught ones, mind you, at that. However, your birds may have been genuine cocks right enough—we needn't discuss that point—but you must remember that a percentage of deaths is inevitable amongst newly-captured birds. Goldfinches, of all species, are certainly not exempt. Note also reply to "Humane," last week.

Concerning a Skylark.

J.C.—If the Skylark has not commenced to shed the tail feathers by the time you read this reply, I should catch him and extract the broken ones. Give a short, sharp pull (holding the bird gently, but firmly), and they will come out easily enough. Mind you do not at the same time lay hold of any of the feathers in the region of the vent—only the actual broken tail feathers. A good dog biscuit makes, when crushed, an excellent basis for a food, but I cannot unreservedly recommend it without the addition of some other ingredients. Thus one breakfasteupful would be immensely improved by the addition of a small tablespoonful each of dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ (both advertised cheaply in our columns). This would help greatly in getting the bird on song. I don't believe in mixing a lot of seeds amongst the soft food—a little mawseed is all I should allow. A heaping teaspoonful of canary seed can be offered every day in a separate vessel; or varied with groats, coarse oatmeal or crushed hemp. The latter should always be freshly prepared every day, no matter to what bird it is offered. The bird should have four or five mealworms daily, and any other suitable live insects you can lay hands on. Further, vegetable food—such as mashed cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, watercress, chickweed, clover-grass, etc.—is a necessity, mixed amongst its soft-food. If your dietary is restricted to just the things mentioned in your letter, little wonder you cannot get the bird to sing.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Tall Order.

(1) Can a Nuthatch be shown in the hardbill class at shows? (2) Will either of the following, in good condition, stand a chance on the show-bench, viz., Pope, Grey, Green, Black-throated Cardinals? (3) My cock Gouldian, in lovely condition, has lost a claw. Is it any further use for showing? (4) How can juniper berries be preserved for winter use? (5) Why are foreign birds at many shows only allowed one class, as what chance does an Avadavat stand against parrots, etc.?—"ANXIOUS."

Anxious.—(1) A British bird query, and has been referred to Mr. Weston. (2) I hope the day is not far distant when we shall get classes for the more frequently-kept species, such as a class for Cardinals, a class for Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, etc.; but all this will take time to bring about. To come back to the Cardinals, it all depends on the company they are in, if in good condition they should have a good chance to catch the judge's eye, if they do not take the premier position. (3) If the judge noticed the deficiency, the missing claw would certainly prejudice its chances, *i.e.*, a bird in not so fine condition, but otherwise perfect, would go above it. (4) I have never preserved these, possibly Mr. Weston, or some of our British bird readers will enlighten you and myself. (5) Mostly lack of support for more classes, and in the majority of such cases gorgeous plumage and fine condition, or, in other words, birds that make a show display carry off most of the prizes. Again, usually one judge makes all the awards, and very frequently he does not know much about foreigners, but he can tell fine condition, etc., and he certainly is quite right to make his awards accordingly.

What Bird?

Can you kindly name the following for me? Beak, pale flesh colour; head, neck and wings, black, with greenish sheen; back and under surface, light salmon; long feathers at back of head. Said to come from Russia. Rough sketch enclosed.—"LOVE."

Love.—It is the rose-coloured Starling (*Pastor roseus*), it is more frequently described in this country as the Rosy Pastor. This handsome species is a visitor to the British Isles, though not in number, but still fairly regularly. Treatment: A roomy cage, some good, soft food mixture, live insects, fruit berries, and such coarse seeds as it will eat. It is a hardy species, and only needs protection from draught. Its cage must be kept strictly clean. A good, soft food mixture consists of game meal, ants' eggs, fine ground pupæ, and dried flies, in equal parts; make crumbly moist for use. All the above ingredients can be procured through our advertisement columns.

Budgerigars for Profit.

I have a small aviary, and want to breed foreign birds (Budgerigars, etc.), with a view to increase my income. Will you please advise me how to purchase, points of birds, etc., for this object?—"BUDG."

Budg.—I cannot answer for increasing your income, most certainly not with such a small aviary as yours. I do not know if any foreign birds can be bred with the same precision as Canaries, but with only moderate success, Budgerigars should pay their way, even if you get rid of your young birds through the dealers. And to have much prospect of success they must not be crowded. You ought to be able to put up cheaply an aviary after the character of a fowl-run and shed, it must be covered with ½-in. mesh wire netting, and the shed must be well lighted. A good size is 12 by 6 by 7 ft. high, of which the shed portion should be 4 ft., and of the other 8 ft., half should be boarded over the roof and the other half open netting, the whole of the front, except shed portion, to be open wire netting. You could start with, say, three pairs yellow Budgerigars (these command a higher price than the green variety); study our advertisement columns, and get the best you can, *each pair from a different breeder*. Also a pair of Rosellas Parrakeets, these usually breed freely once they make a start, but only purchase those that are warranted adult, and a true pair, that is, male and female. You may not pay your way the first year, as foreign birds take a little time to settle down, and do not often pair up and start nesting straight away as Canaries do. Once breeding commences with you, they should do more than pay their way, if they do not materially increase your income. Such an aviary as that named above I could erect for about an expenditure of £2 in material, doing the labour part myself. You should also have fair success with pure white Bengalese and Java Sparrows, you could breed these in box cages, minimum 2½ by 1½ by 1½ ft. high. You must not add a number of varieties; if you get a mixed medley, you will find it all going out and little coming in.

Acclimatising Waxbills.

I wish to acclimatise some Waxbills prior to turning them out into my aviary in the spring. How should I feed and treat newly-imported birds? My aviary is 21½ by 8 ft, due south. What will it accommodate? Can I keep one dozen Cordon Bleus in a cage 4 by 2 by 2 ft. during the winter? —H.V.J.

H.V.J.—I cannot recommend newly-imported Cordon Bleus to be kept in a cage in an unheated room during the cold weather. Keep them in a room in which a fire is burning during the day; their cage should be of the box type, but if it is all wire, put a cloth round it at night, but a circular opening, say, 3 in. in diameter, must be cut out of cover at top. It would be better to treat them all so, save the Zebra and Saffron Finches, and Java Sparrows, which would do well enough in the cold room, the two latter would be better caged separately in pairs. Of all the others you could keep a dozen in a cage of the size you name, providing they are kept strictly clean. The aviary would actually accommodate double the number of birds you name, but I find with most of these birds, successful breeding is more probable if one pair only is kept in each enclosure, and I advise the purchasing of two pair each only of the Waxbills, you should certainly save one pair each, from these at any rate, and you could make up the number with pairs of Blue-breasted, St. Helena, and Grey Waxbills; Gouldian, Ruficauda and Long-tailed Grassfinches. In your cages for wintering these birds indoors, supply them with cocoanut shell nest, push a little moss into same, and the birds will use these as night shelters. Diet: Canary, white, spray and French millet, greenfood (fresh lettuce in winter), a little slightly moistened sponge cake, and a few ants' cocoons (best), with clean water for drinking and bathing, and a piece of cuttlefish. Ailing birds should be separated from the healthy and lively ones, and the sickly ones kept warm, with for one day, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to one ounce of water, to be repeated in a week's time if necessary. A rose spray covered with aphides is very helpful in such cases, as are also one or two small spiders.

Garden Aviary.

(1) In my garden aviary, 20 by 6 by 6 ft., I have had, since June, Whydahs, Weavers, white Javas, various Grassfinches, etc.; which of these, if any, should come in for the winter? (2) Have just procured a female (?) white Java, it is chirruping away lustily; do the hens sing? (3) Please describe the Giant Whydah in colour? I bought one out of colour, there is no change yet; will it come in colour this year? (4) What is the best size and shape of show cages for Tanagers?—H.

H.—(1) All the birds you name should stand the winter in your aviary, *i.e.*, as far as I can definitely say, as I am in ignorance of your locality. As it is their first winter in this country, I should bring in the Bicheno and Lavender Finches. (2) I should say your bird is a male, the female is comparatively silent compared with her mate. Compare their beaks in profile, that of the female is narrower at the base and more tapering than that of the male. (3) In breeding and plumage the Giant Whydah is rich gloss black in plumage, with fine long tail plumes from 15 to 18 inches in length, the wings have a red patch, and the coverts flights, etc., have light edgings. Your bird will not come into colour till next spring. (4) Your best method is to write to the various makers for their lists, size would be ruled by the species, as they vary much in size; the shape I prefer is of the box type, with the wire front bent so), and a good average size is 15 to 18 in. long by 12 in. deep and high. *Re* my book on Foreign Birds, I have the last chapter yet to write, and for which the publishers are waiting. I hope to complete it shortly.

Grey Parrot.

"**Oak Polly.**—No wonder the poor bird is ill. Stop these tea and other sops, and diet the bird as under: Boiled corn (this only keeps fresh one day), as soon as it is eating freely of the dry seed mixture, gradually discontinue the boiled corn. Seed mixture, which should form the staple food, two parts canary and white oats, and one part each rice in the husk, hemp, wheat, dari, and white sunflower seed. Give also as extras, and to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuits (dry), nuts, green food, cuttlefish, grit and water three times a day. Discontinue the chlorate of potassium after you see this reply, but continue the magnesia and chemical food in accordance with previous reply, till the bird is in condition again. I expect it will take some time to undo the mischief of your diet, and I can hardly understand you giving such if you read Cage Birds regularly, for almost weekly the warning is given, "Dou't give tea, coffee, or milk sops, etc."

Grey Parrot Moulting.

"**New Reader** (Surrey)." You cannot do better than continue the treatment already advised, with the exception that instead of the 1 c.c. in 8 oz., you give it dosed at the rate of one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. I should let it go dry at night on each occasion, give only the prescribed water in drinking every third day, and on the other days well clean it, and bring water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Let it be as tepid as the bird will take it, it helps to check looseness of the bowels, and is specially useful during the moult. Otherwise diet as already advised. Am glad to note it is much better, and should say it has got the turn now; let it go out of doors on all genial days, but avoid all draughts; lightly spray it with just chilled water about twice a week, carefully guarding against draught till dry. As regards talking, stop the repetition for a time and keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, it will ultimately talk, but individuals are very variable as to length of time or age at which they begin (see other replies). It is difficult to tell the given age of a bird. When young the iris of the eye is light grey (silvery), in adult birds this is pale yellow. Hope the bird will continue to improve.

Amazon out of Condition.

Bluebeard.—You did quite right to stop the milk sop—this is at the root of all the trouble. Continue the boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day), also keep a supply of the following mixture in its cage: Two parts canary seed and white oats, and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, Indian corn and sunflower seeds; also give, to vary the diet and in extras, nuts (shelled walnuts), greenfood, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato (dry). Leave the cuttlefish in its cage, and when that is eaten, supply a fresh piece. By all means put it on the Chemical Food, and otherwise continue your present treatment. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Encourage it to take a bath; if it will not do so, lightly spray it, keeping it free from draught till dry. Exercise will be very beneficial for it, and it would be well to have it out of its cage as often as convenient. Some of the feathers have been probably pulled out, consequent upon skin irritation from improper diet; watch the bird closely, and if you find this to be so, spray the parts affected with quassia solution two or three times a week and persevere with this.

Young Amazon Parrot.

Baby Amazon.—Glad to note the treatment has been so effectual, and I am of the opinion the sickness you complain of is merely the lingerings of the old trouble, which will gradually yield to the treatment. In case of any recurrence of running at the nostril, lightly spray the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. Leave off the Parrish's Chemical Food for a fortnight at any rate, and see how matters progress. It would be well at this stage to scald out its cage; this would cleanse away impurities and possible germs, if there has been infection during importation. I should not, like to say a bird was safe till it had been three months in this country, but of course every week lessens the risk of loss; however, I am of the opinion your bird will continue to improve, or it would not have gained in flesh as it has done. In case of any infectious complaint, most certainly there would be risk to other birds in the same room; that is the reason why all new purchases are advised to be kept in quarantine till all signs of indisposition have passed away and then their cages should be thoroughly cleansed before they are admitted to the bird room. I do not remember whether I gave you full details as to diet in my last reply, but you will find them in reply to another correspondent in this issue.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Lizard (Anxious).—This bird died of enlargement of the liver and inflammation of that organ, and also of the lungs and spleen, ending with apoplexy. These are all symptoms of "Bird Fever," and the cage occupied by it should be thoroughly disinfected or boiled, (or burnt). It was a cock bird.

Canary (Meadowcroft).—This bird undoubtedly died of Canary Fever, and the probability is that the other sixteen deaths occurred from the same cause.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

London's Sunday Bird Market (W. H. T., Sleaford).—London's Sunday bird market (of many other things besides birds, however) is held in Sclater Street, Shoreditch. Any Shoreditch 'bus (motor or horse) running from the West End, along Holborn, or the Strand, will set you down at the corner of Bethnal Green Road, along which Sclater Street is some hundred yards or so. The best time to go is about 11 o'clock, or mid-day. It is certainly a strange sight; and if you decide to see it, and adventure among the motley crowd down "Club Row," well, don't wear any diamond scarf-pins, or the like. Have no record of any singing contest; enquiry of one or other of the dealers down there might put you on the track of one. It is hardly the season for them yet.

Dead Budgerigars (E. W.).—If you will kindly refer to Post-mortem Rules, you will see that dead bodies should be sent direct to Mr. J. North, of Reading, with the necessary fee. We do not give opinions at this office as to causes of death.

Canary Breeding Competition (B. Wharton).—Having had your results duly authenticated, you are certainly at liberty to sell any of the young birds you bred last season. Thanks for offer re cards.

Small Classification (Sleaford). — If you desire to just double the number of classes given last year, then you will find it difficult to beat the following:—Class 1, Norwich Plainhead, A.V., Yellow; 2, ditto, buff; 3, Yorkshire A.V.; 4, A.O.V. Canary; 5, Mule or Hybrid; 6, British Goldfinch, Bullfinch or Linnet; 7, A.O.S. British; 8, Foreign A.V.

Advice Needed (F. J. R.).—Thanks very much; could not lay hands on correspondent's address, but reproduce your sketches, etc., this week.

Three Photographs (W. Farquhar).—Accept our thanks for the three photographs, which we shall hope to use in the near future.

Subscription (D. B. Montreal, Canada).—The date you ask for is September 14th.



THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Show Dates and Subscriptions Wanted.

SIR,—I shall be pleased to receive the subscriptions now due from all Societies affiliating to the Cage Bird Union, with a list of their members, and also the date of their show, in order to avoid clashing, as numerous applications for licences are now being made.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Secretary.
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THE CLEAR AND TICKED QUESTION.

SIR,—As the show season is fast approaching, it has struck me whether it would not be a good plan if exhibitors were to state in their entry form where a "tick" is located when there appears likely to be any doubt. In short, when a judge came to a bird that aroused his suspicion, the steward could then ask the secretary to refer to the entry form, which would save all the punishment the bird might be subjected to in the search for his tick, which frequently results in the loss of flight or tail feathers, thus upsetting his career for the season. W. SPILLMAN.

GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS BRED AT BLACKBURN.

SIR,—I am very pleased to inform you that I have been successful in obtaining the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross by mating a Greenfinch cock to a Bullfinch hen. I have got three young, one four weeks old, hatched and brought up by a Canary hen, and two one week old at the time of writing. These two are being brought up by their own parents. I might add that there are thousands of passers-by within a few yards of the old birds. I hope this will interest your readers, and anyone it will be convenient to may call and see them with pleasure.

CHARLES SMITH.
Provision Merchant, Market House,
Blackburn.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

The Season's Patronage.

SIR,—All societies requiring the club's patronage are requested to apply for same at once, as the committee will be meeting in a few days to decide what shows they will support. Applicants must give date of show, also name of judge or judges. The club has three cups and a £1 1s. teapot, besides specially designed medals, offered for competition amongst its members. Will the members who have not paid their subscriptions for this year kindly do so at once. Any fancier wishing to join the club must send on his name and address, together with the annual subscription, 2s. 6d., as early as possible, to enable me to place his name before the committee. The committee would like to see more fanciers joining from the North, also applications for the club's patronage.

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4, George-street, Brecon.

YOUNG BIRDS DYING AND THE CAUSE.

SIR,—I think a good many of your readers lose young birds from the time they are six weeks old to October 1st, dying in very much the same way, viz., first day puffy, second day like a ball, remaining days with head tucked in as if sleeping, and found, lastly, on the cage bottom dead. On examination the breast bone is sharp and the abdomen looks swollen and disordered. I think this trouble is brought on by improper feeding. During the time mentioned above I give neither green food nor egg food, and feed on canary and rape seeds, the bulk being canary, with every other day a teaspoonful of condition seed. If condition seed is a conditioner of Canaries, why should it not strengthen and invigorate the young, and pull them through the moult, keeping them tight and glossy in feather? If they don't live on this, which is their natural seed, they certainly won't live on egg, bread, and greens. Of course, in October you can come back to the usual tit-bits, sweet apple, watercress, egg food, and condition seed, using them sparingly, so as not to bring the birds too forward in condition. When feeding young I use watercress (when that gets a bit scarce I use lettuce), egg food, and crushed hemp (plenty of it). My birds are only songsters, being Germans, German-Norwich, German-Yorkshire crosses. Being a novice, if my feeding is wrong, I should be pleased to hear of it. I have only lost two birds this season off the sticks out of 25. I have only the German cock left for training purposes. Was sold out months back; have only to hang the birds outside and they sell themselves by their song.

H. HAY.

LATE NESTING OF LINNETS.

SIR,—I was taking a walk round the garden this morning, August 30th, where I am employed, and on looking at a rustic arch, which is covered by climbing roses, I discovered a Linnet's nest, and I found the old bird sitting very close on four eggs. Is this not very late? I shall watch it carefully, and see what comes of it. I thought this would be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS.

W. C. HAYWARD.

INFORMATION ON CATCHING WANTED.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for the last five years, and have been much interested in several articles on catching birds which have appeared from time to time, but most of these, with the exception of one on the Spanish method of catching Goldfinches, have explained how to catch birds with nets only. As nets are more useful to those who catch large numbers of birds rather than for those who want a few Finches for singing or breeding purposes, could some reader give a few hints on how to catch Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnets with bird lime? Some people use comparatively thick twigs for the lime, while others use very thin ones, lightly fixed on to stouter ones by means of a slit in the end. Is either of these the best way of setting them? Also can Goldfinches and Linnets be caught in a trap cage, and, if so, what is the best bait for them? Any information would be much appreciated.

COLONIST.

DEATH AMONG FOREIGN BIRDS.

SIR,—The cause of early death among newly-imported foreign birds has always been more or less a matter of controversy. The tameness of small foreign birds often offered for sale by foreigners has been asserted to be due in some cases to cramming the birds, in a sense, with grit loaded with very fine shot, so that the apparent tameness of the little sufferer was nothing less than the agonies of acute indigestion (or something worse), and merely a prelude to an exit to another sphere. Another very old chestnut which has been revived is that the cause of death among grey Parrots is the result of their captor feeding them on pounded glass prior to their despatch for this country. Of course, such a cause might easily have been discovered long ago by a systematic method of post-morten on the birds that died soon after leaving the native lands, or immediately after their arrival in this country. It is too much to hope that English dealers and importers will take the trouble to ascertain whether this is the cause of many deaths of birds in their hands? There is certainly some serious flaws in the so-called evidence. One would naturally expect the vast majority of birds to die en route, and then the symptoms of the birds' illness after arrival are scarcely what one would expect from such a cause. AVIC.

IN-BREEDING.

Has it Injured the Scotch Fancy?

SIR,—On looking through my CAGE BIRDS, dated August 3rd, I see one signing himself "A Scotch Fancy Canary Breeder" gives a few very uncomplimentary remarks about our bird, the Scotch Fancy. He complains about them being bad breeders and feeders, and the reason he gives for it is sib-breeding. Now, let me tell him that in-breeding, if done in a systematical way, will not injure their breeding nor feeding qualities. If he is careful in selecting the healthiest and strongest specimens he breeds, he will both improve the quality and maintain the size, a point most essential in a Scotch bird. I maintain that all varieties of exhibition birds are sib-bred more or less. Another thing he complains about is the high price that is asked for a good bird. He can't breed one, yet he goes to a fancier and expects to get the pick of his stock at a low price, and because he can't buy a good bird cheap to improve his stock, he sells out. These are his words: "Happy is the man who sells out when he sees his stock is on the wane." That is a poor spirit; in fact, his letter all through is damaging to the interests of the Scotch birds. I have just finished the season with 40 strong, big, and healthy young Scotch Fancies from four cocks and five hens.

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WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Permanent Meeting House.

SIR,—Our Society having decided to remove to more suitable rooms, a few of the members visited several rooms in the district, and at the last meeting each room was described and terms discussed; and as a result the Dartmouth Hotel was selected for our permanent meeting room in future. Our room is away from the public part of the house, and is approached by a private entrance in Spon-lane, and this is a great consideration. On the other hand, had we had to go through the public part, it no doubt would have made against our Society. The room is large and very comfortable, is lighted well with electric light, and is suitable for a large show. There is a screen across the room, so that it can be converted into an any-sized room that is wanted, which is also very handy. We feel greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Green for their kindness in lending us their room absolutely free of cost to form the Society and hold our meetings there.

T. DUFFIELD, Hon. Sec.

SKYLARKS BREEDING IN AN AVIARY.

SIR,—As requested by your Mr. Weston, who, when answering my query with reference to Skylarks breeding in aviary, told me to let you know the result, I will now inform your readers how it turned out. As I stated in the query, the aviary is only a small structure, made of match-boarding, like a large box cage. It has a double front of ½in. mesh wire netting, to keep away cats, etc. It is 6ft. long, 3ft. from front to back, 3ft. high in front, and 2ft. 6in. high in back. As I stated, the hen laid three eggs. I may say she sat splendidly the whole time of incubation, two of the eggs proving fertile and one clear; but owing to some mishap on their part, one of the fertile eggs got out of the nest a few days before they were due to hatch, so that the young one was dead in shell, but the other one hatched out all right, a fine strong bird. As instructed, I put a large supply of live insect food for them, but for some reason that I cannot account for, the hen would not feed, with the result that the young one died the next day, and that has concluded their breeding for this year, for the hen dropped into moult shortly afterwards. So you will see I have not a very glowing account to give from a professional point of view, but as it was the first attempt by a novice at the game, I think I got on very well. I mean to try again next season, if I myself and the birds shall be alive and well when the proper time arrives.

THOMAS HORTON (Brithdir).

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB'S PATRONAGE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in which to thank Mr. Rennie very much for his courteous letter on the subject of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. patronage. I still hold, however, to my previously expressed opinion that a better arrangement could have been made, and that a railway journey of 460 miles and the excitement of two shows in four consecutive days is too much of a strain upon the constitution of any bird. I would add that I am in perfect agreement with Mr. Rennie that shows should be "extended over the season." Hence I think the support of the S.Y.C.C. should have been given to a club the date of whose show was not so close to that of Plymouth, so as to have given the birds a chance to recuperate after the fatigues of one show before being despatched to the other. With reference to the letter signed "Frost and Snow," I sincerely wish the writer had appended his name: then we should know where we are. Why the reason for anonymity in a matter of this sort I cannot comprehend. However, I fail to see, because I am compelled by the rules governing the Fancy, to exhibit as a novice that has anything at all to do with the question at issue. "Frost and Snow" would do well to remember that every breeder of birds is not necessarily an exhibitor, any more than every exhibitor is perforce a breeder. A man with a lifelong experience with birds would still be termed a novice when first placing his stock on the show bench, whereas a fancier with a comparatively short connection with the hobby would be styled a champion providing, of course, he were lucky enough to win the necessary "Firsts" to qualify him for inclusion in that section. I have known the power of the money bag to do this latter. Therefore, I think it will be seen that some so-called novices might possess quite as ripe a judgment in birdy matters as many so-styled champions, and there can be nothing to be ashamed of in being "only a novice" as "Frost and Snow" terms it. It is very kind of "Frost and Snow to state my winnings in the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club competitions last season, but anyone interested in these could find them, together with my other honours, in CAGE BIRDS' Annual (Part II). Why should he presume to know, may I ask, that I did not contemplate showing my birds in the champion section this season? Certain eventualities might possibly necessitate my doing so. Hence the matter does very much concern me individually. Apart from this, however, I would inform "Frost and Snow" that I claim the right to criticise the action of any club to which I have the honour to belong, on the broad principle that healthy, honest criticism works for the common good. How does he think the work in our great administrative departments would be conducted if it were not that they were kept up to the mark by the public Press? Why, we should soon have a veritable Tammany created in our midst. I totally deny his assertion that there is any veiled innuendo in my letter that partiality has been shown. As I said before, I had no intention to take up the cause of any particular club, but spoke entirely in the interests of the bird. There is another point. If the South London club "Frost and Snow" refers to is one and the same that I hinted at, then I may tell him it is begging the question for him to say that the club would, in his opinion, have had the S.Y.C.C. patronage "if they had engaged a specialist Yorkshire judge, instead of a Norwich judge." The judge engaged for Yorkshires by the Society in question is an honoured member of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., whose opinion should certainly be worth having, even by our friend "Frost and Snow." At any rate, the judge is considered good enough for that eminent Society, the Yorkshire Canary Club, and that is sufficient for

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

SIR,—I have been greatly interested in the correspondence re the patronage of the S.Y.C.C., and must, in common with others, think Mr. Rennie's reply a very fair one. As much cannot be said of "Frost and Snow." To commence his tirade with a sarcastic reference to a novice's performances does not say much for that gentleman's calibre, and to say that it does not concern Mr. Waterman individually, seeing he is a respected member of the S.Y.C.C., is, to say the least, very bad grace. It is very plain to a casual observer that Mr. Waterman's sole object was thought and love for the bird he so greatly admires. To say that there was a veiled innuendo is mere presumption on his part. Mr. Waterman is a member of several societies in London, and if he refers to any particular Society (which I don't think he does), he has perhaps good grounds for his insinuation, for clique-ism is well known to exist in the S.Y.C.C., and kissing goes by favour. PAT.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—In answer to the letter of C. Crane, members of the Union exhibiting at a non-union show are liable to be suspended from exhibiting at any C.B.U. shows. It thus behoves all exhibitors to see that the shows they wish to exhibit at are held under the Union's rules. Such shows will be duly advertised, and the schedules must contain the show rules. Fanciers are warned against assuming that a show is held under C.B.U. rules unless these appear in the schedules, and we ask our members to co-operate in furthering the Union by urging all shows not already affiliated to become so, or obtain a licence for the show, and thus command the entries of all Union members, which otherwise they would be deprived of.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Secretary.

MICE IN THE CAGES.

SIR,—Could any of your numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS inform me how to prevent mice from getting in cages. I have a rack holding 12 breeding cages, three tiers high, four in a row, and the bottom row is 12 inches from the floor. I have the six supports of the rack one foot from the floor, wrapped with tin; then I have got six pieces of tin 10 inches square, and cut a square hole in the centre and fastened them to act as a flange one foot from the floor, but still the mice get up into the cages. I have also tried them with the rack fully one foot from the walls, and yet they still get up into the cages. I should be also obliged if any reader could tell me the best and quickest way to get rid of them, as when I look in at night I generally find a few running about. I have made up their holes with tin, but they come out in other places. I should be exceedingly glad for any advice how to get rid of them.

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SWEATING HENS.

Mr. Crisp Raises a Novel Point.

SIR,—I have read Mr. Cutmore's interesting lecture with much pleasure. To me, as a fancier, he raises an extremely important point when he states "that in birds the skin is not an excretory organ." I do not in the least doubt such an excellent authority, but I should be deeply grateful if he would give us his views on what are known in the fancy as "sweating hens." I crave this information in the hope that it may be helpful to many who breed Canaries. R. L. CRISP.

PORTH'S ALIVE!

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to try and help a brother fancier of Pandy out of his trouble. I do feel for the Pandy Society that the members are leaving it to go to a standstill. But there are hopes yet for brother fanciers. If they do not start again at Tonypandy, I give them one and all a hearty invitation to join the Porth and District C.B.F. Society, which is only two miles from Pandy. I would be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join our ranks at Porth.

JOHN CHALLENGER, Sec.
37, High-street, Cymmer, Porth.

THE LITTLE OWL.

SIR,—Since my last letter appeared in CAGE BIRDS I have had several letters from fanciers respecting them. My letter not appearing in print until nearly two months after I wrote it, several thought that the owls were still in my friend's possession. It is very singular, but they were all cleared out in less than a fortnight, most of them going through a dealer to large gentlemen's estates. Twelve of them went to Cornwall to be turned out in a park. At the time I received the letters I was not able to get any more, as they are early and prolific breeders. If any of your readers would like some another season I must know early. Since my illness I have had little sleep at nights, and I can hear them by their calls in all directions, which shows that they are very plentiful in this district.

T. H. KINCH.

THE ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER FANCY CLUBS.

SIR,—Patronage has been given to the following shows:—Northern Division: October 18-19, Newcastle; October 25-26, Manchester; November 6-7, Morecambe; November 15-16, Whitehaven; December 6-7, Carlisle; 13-14, International Contest at Gateshead; January 10-11, 1908, St. Helens. Southern Division: October 17-18, Dulwich; October 30-31, Welsh National; Novemher 6-7, Swansea; November 20-21, Bristol; December 6-7, L.C.B.A.; December 13-14, International Contest, Gateshead; January 14, 1908, Llanelly; January 31 to February 4, Palace. There is room for a few more shows in each division so long as they do not occur in the same week as those scheduled above. The secretary will be glad to hear from any member who wishes to subscribe to the cups or international specials. A cup will be provided for competition in each division (as well as the cash specials), and donations can be paid to the district committeeman, or sent direct to the secretary.

S. HADWIN.
28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

A LINNET WHICH RETURNED TO ITS CAGE.

A Day Out.

SIR,—I have a house-moulted Linnet which I have had about 18 months. My hird-room is over the scullery, where I kept this Linnet in a box cage. I very often let him fly about the room, and put a perch between the wires so that he can go in and out, which he does himself. However, I thought I would give him his liberty to-day, and, placing my hand over the door, I carried the cage and put it on the back-room window-sill. As soon as I withdrew my hand the bird bolted, alighting on the top of the row of houses opposite, and thence flying on to the chimney, where I lost sight of him. A thought struck me to hang my other Linnet out of the window, which I did, and he and the one let free were soon calling and singing to each other. The latter then made another fly. I thought he was off over our houses, but he must have let on them, for he was back in three hours, and on the window-sill, then on the cage door. But he did not go in—he flew away again, returning once more in two hours to his cage. I stood in the backyard for some time, and when I saw him go in his cage I went upstairs and placed my hand over the cage door, and took him hack to the bird-room. This Linnet has not been hung outside this summer, and the other Linnet I keep in a different part of the house. The bird in question was in good feather, and well able to reach the fields. He was let go at 1 p.m. and caged again at 6.30 p.m. I have read in CAGE BIRDS hefore of wild birds returning to their cage after being released. I think this time it was the other Linnet singing that fetched him back. I would like to thank you for the valuable information I have received from your paper. H. HAY.

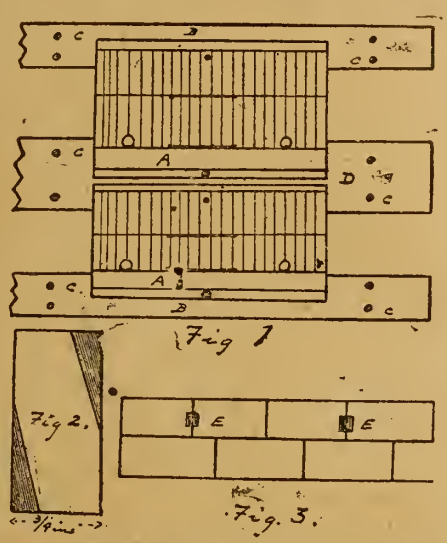
ADVICE NEEDED.

A Plague of Mice.

SIR,—In reply to the query from "Avalon" re plague of mice, I would say that if the mice come through the wall only where the cages hang, the best way to obviate that nuisance would be to zinc sheet that wall, and if the floor is concreted also there would be an end of the trouble, I am sure. I used to be troubled by rats and mice also. I had the walls of my room lined with corrugated zinc, drilling a hole where a nail was required. The floor was also concreted, and the enemies disappeared and sought their food elsewhere. Many thanks for valuable help through CAGE BIRDS. GRATTAN BRAY.

SIR,—If "Avalon" will try a tube of Virus, advertised in CAGE BIRDS, I can, without doubt, say that it will clear his room entirely of mice. A friend of mine has used it with very good results. Why not plaster all holes up, and build a stack of shelves to rest the cages on? R. E. SIMPSON.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Avalon," judging from his letter in last week's issue, is not to be envied. He wants some advice on fixing his cages to a brick wall, so as to leave no holes in the latter through which the mice can enter from the bakehouse next door to him. I hope this letter may be of help to him, and save him some young birds. The enclosed sketches will aid in explaining to "Avalon" how I should do the job. The top board should be made of about 3½in. x ⅞-in. floor-board, which would answer capitally. If the wall is in good condition, find joints in the brickwork by driving in a bradawl, and then cut out holes with a plugging chisel. If



Hanging Cages on a Brick Wall.

Fig. 1.—A. Cages hung in position. B. Narrow board, for top and bottom. C. Screws, in wood plugs holding boards on wall. D. wide, seven-inch board, for centres.
Fig. 2.—Wood plug; shaded section shows part to be cut off, for about 2¼ ins. along.
Fig. 3.—Brick wall, showing wood plugs (E) driven between joints.

you haven't one of these, any bricklayer will lend you one for a trifle. Now, make some wood plugs. Take off the opposite corners, as shown in sketch, as this makes them bite into the wall much better. You will want to plug wall at about every three feet. Drive in the plugs, and then cut them off level with the plaster. Make a pencil mark to show where your plugs are (as the board should cover them). You can now either screw the boards to the plugs or nail them. Boards ⅞ths of an inch thick are plenty strong enough. I cannot quite see how the mice can get through when you have nailed the boards to the wall, but if you cement all the holes up, it then becomes impossible. You could put some screws into the boards to hang the cages on. When you cement up the holes, damp them well first, or the cement won't hold. If your correspondent wants any further advice, and cares to drop a line to CAGE BIRDS, I will do my best to help.

F. J. ROOK.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space to reply to "Avalon" re mice pest. I am a baker, and have my bird-room attached to the flour-room, so you may guess I had plenty of mice. I tried everything possible to get rid of them, but of no use; so, having a good cat, I thought I would try and train her to the bird-room. I put a Canary in a cage on the floor, and then put the cat in. Of course, I was watching her movements. She went straight for the bird, and I went for her, and rubbed her nose against the bars of the cage. That was quite enough for her; she will now sit in the bird-room any length of time and not touch the birds, and woebetide Mr. Mouse if he appears in sight. If "Avalon" will do this he will soon get rid of the mice pest. CENARTH.

DON'T OVERLOOK PAGE 137.

BREEDING BULLFINCHES IN A CAGE.

SIR,—I wrote you on the 10th of June to ask if Bullfinches had been bred in the house, and your Mr. Weston told me but seldom. I told you I had some young ones, but I did not know how many. They were hatched on the 4th of June, but died on the 14th two young from four eggs. However, the hen began to nest again. I had on the 5th of July three young from four eggs. Of this, the second nest, one died on the 20th of July, one happened on an accident, and one is now living. From the third nest I had hatched on the 8th or 9th of August, five birds out of five eggs, and all are living yet, and on the sticks. All the above mentioned young Bullfinches were bred in the same room with Canaries. JOSHUA TAYLOR.

MOON-STRUCK BIRDS.

A Novel Experience.

SIR,—On the morning of the 27th of August I was startled from my sleep at 1.35 a.m. by a great commotion amongst by birds, which are in the room next to my bedroom; the whole of them were in a state of great agitation. On getting out of bed, and going to the room, I found something unusual had happened. I thought a cat had by some means got into the room, as the window was wide open, but could not find any signs of a cat. I found, however, that the moon had just got in the window in full blaze. This was the cause of the commotion. I covered up the light and left them. I did not examine any of the cages, as it was too dark; but the next morning, on visiting them before six a.m., I was not only surprised, but astonished, to find four of them dead, lying at the bottom of the cages, with their wings wide open. They had probably died from fright. No doubt one or two birds started the commotion, which upset the rest, and had I not arrived when I did, and darkened the window, I should probably have lost more. Never in all my experience of over 30 years had I had such an occurrence. The window in the room faces due south. The next day the birds were all as wild as could be, and nothing would seem to settle them until I kept the windows covered up for a few days. I thought this note might interest some of your readers, and they might profit by it. In the room there were British birds of all kinds, and Canaries. The British Birds no doubt started the commotion, as they are the most restless at nights. One of the four which died was a Roller Canary, another a two years' old Greenfinch, another a cock Linnet, and the fourth a cock Goldfinch; all the British birds had been in cages over 12 months. MOON-STRUCK.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY MODEL.

Loose or Tight Feathered, which?

SIR,—I have just returned from holidaying, and have not had an opportunity of seeing my copies of CAGE BIRDS for August 3rd and 10th till now. "Advocate's" letters on the Model question are, as usual, very far from the point at issue, and are bristling with matters of a personal nature, and veiled insult. As for his nom de plume, he certainly deserves credit for its selection, he has proved himself worthy of it, and I have no doubt has earned Mr. Wright's appreciation of his efforts on behalf of this particular Model. Does "Advocate" really mean all he writes? I venture to say No. If I am wrong, then he has much to answer for, and much to regret. "Advocate" says only two objected to the adoption of the Model. May I ask how many were there at the moment, either to object or sanction, and who were the two gentlemen who objected? No doubt they felt disappointed at the manner in which the whole business was being conducted. It would be interesting matter to read if these same two gentlemen would favour those interested with their experience of how this Model was adopted. "Advocate" says Mr. Wright's model is in demand everywhere. What does he mean? There is some mistake here. I can assure "Advocate" that outside "the circle" the Model has many objectors. "Advocate" would have done much for Mr. Wright's Model if he had let it alone, for by his misleading and inaccurate statements in connection with it, he has brought out details which would have been much better left alone. I am more than surprised that, with one exception, no member of the committee on the Model question has had the courage to answer the few vital questions which, through CAGE BIRDS, have been put to them, or in any way enlightened those who voted them to their position on that committee. Breeders of intellect and common sense, have drawn their own inferences from their studied silence on the subject. Mr. Harrison, of whom I have a very slight acquaintance, having only met the gentleman once to speak to and that many months ago, deserves credit, and has my warmest thanks for his candid and explicit details of his conduct as a member of this now famous committee. He has given those who had, and still have, a special interest on the subject of a Standard Model most earnestly at heart, a most interesting history of this mode of working of the committee of which he himself was a member, and which has been the means of raising the ire or displeasure of "Advocate" and his few friends, who have made a very feeble attempt to champion their cause. I hope, should the latter gentleman write any more on the subject, that he will leave his sarcastic ability on one side, and give us some practical information. Let it be original and serviceable. The question of a standard model for Scotch Fancy will again be brought to the front, and let us hope with better results than has attended the efforts put forth on this occasion. There is not the shadow of a doubt but that a standard is required, and a model adopting as a guide to breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary in either Scotland, Ireland, or England, wherever it is bred. How some judges come to recognise some of the specimens placed on the show bench, and classed as Scotch Fancies, is a puzzle to "Piebald," and many others. Certainly, they were Fancies, truly so, but not Scotch Fancies. Nothing but a mass of loose feathers, nicely groomed, covering a skeleton frame. Perhaps an impossible exhibit for any judge to give an award on proper grounds, or according to the relative points of what, in the minds of many breeders, goes to constitute an almost perfect specimen of an ideal "Scotch Fancy." Many birds have been placed in the same classes to compete with what I have just described, and to their owners' chagrin have been relegated out of the awards. For what reason has never been properly explained. Personally, the only reason I could adduce for it was, pandering to the taste of a limited circle, but a strong one. To wit. On the one hand, here is a bird staged, competing and classed as a Scotch Fancy, but in such a condition of loose feathers that it is a sheer impossibility to know what is underneath the mass of loose feather, or to know, or judge it properly against its neighbour, which has been placed in the prize list, second, or, perhaps, third, and had everything to commend it as a truer type of Scotch Fancy than the other. Being tight in feather, the different points of merit in handling were easily judged, but it lacked looseness of feather which, in the eyes of some judges, was fatal to its success. Why? I ask. There is no comparison between the two birds, and the loose-feathered birds should have a class for themselves, and if judges (there are exceptions) would take courage, and judge according to standard, such specimens would be placed outside the prize list entirely. They certainly have no claim to be called in any sense Scotch Fancies, but lay strong claim to be called Dutch Fancies, of which their composition appears to be made up to a very fair extent. As the show season is fast approaching, speculation is rife in many quarters as to what will be the class of bird to lead the race this season. Loose or tight feathered. Which? Many breeders of standing in the Scotch Fancy world will watch the judges' awards with a critical eye, more so than on any former occasion. Now Mr. Editor, I shall not trouble you again for some time to come, as my business will not permit, but I take this opportunity of thanking you for permitting me to address those interested on the subject of a Scotch Fancy Model through the medium of your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, which has now established itself in the minds of your friends in Scotland as indispensable in the homes of the breeders of the Scotch Fancy. "PIEBALD."

Correspondence continued on page 135.

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Random Notes on Hybrids and Mules.

Some Interesting Experiences Detailed.

By T. H. KINCH.

I am glad to say that there are plenty of Goldfinch Canary Mules about. One man has bred seven or eight in two nests, but they are only small birds, and none would be good enough for the Show Bench. They are, however, thought something of by the breeder and his friends. This is, no doubt, most encouraging to breeders who are only just commencing, as this breeder has only tried his cross for the first time this year; it will, no doubt, lead to others trying next year, and it is quite possible they may succeed, if us old hands fail. The breeder in question put together a pair in a small cage at first, as he had no other, and after he told me what they were doing, I advised him to get a box and some wire netting, and make a larger cage. The results have turned out trumps. The reason I have mentioned this is, that it might encourage the young fanciers to start, and have a try without any expense at all. I can assure you, my young friend is quite proud of his success at the first time of trying. A friend of mine had a Bullio hen, which has laid over 40 eggs in two years, and although some were good, the greater proportion were not fertilized. She was up with a Canary. They paired last year, and again this, but I am sorry to record all have been lost; every care was taken of the eggs. They were placed under Canaries, but strange to say the Canaries rejected them, and they would not have them at any price, and smashed the lot. Why? They could not tell the difference because the eggs were so near alike. This smashing, I cannot account for. The eggs were of the same date, and helped to fill up the nest. Under another Canary hen, I placed two Greenfinches' eggs. These were left and brought up. Another Canary hen has hatched and brought up two Linnets with her own young. The reason why these eggs were refused and rejected I will leave to others to solve. I suppose it was because we had such great hopes, and were certain that one or two would come out trumps.

CHAFFINCH AND BULLFINCH CROSS.

Another cross which we have tried is the Chaffinch and Bullfinch. I say we, because I am in touch with several friends who I have started, who come to me for advice, and who give me full details of their experiences. I do not approve of the cross, or I might say the selection of the birds; but as so many hen Bullies were caught here last winter, I advised them all to try. A boy caught two hen Bullies in a hedge during one of the sharp hoar frosts, and brought them to me, but they only lived two or three days. We tried this cross with a cock Chaffinch caught in November, and the hen Bullie. This cross, I might say, is nearly impossible, but there is nothing like having a try. You never know what birds will do in confinement; at any rate, the Bullie has laid two eggs; the results desired may come later on. It is rather singular that the hen Bullie has been run on so much this last year or two, particularly about this district. It may have been the Canary Bullie Hybrids which have started it. A few years ago no one would have a hen Bullie at any price, but now they are all the craze, and you cannot get them so cheap as the cocks about here. Rather strange to say, no nests of the Bullies have been recorded near this town, Ramsey, and very few Goldfinches. Last year they were fairly numerous. It is just possible that they build further away in the fields and plantations, which are now more preserved than previously.

HAWFINCH AND BULLFINCH.

I have now to mention a cross between the Hawfinch and Bullfinch. This is, I think, the only one about this district, and strange to say, a novice has them. The Hawfinch was purchased, and is a good specimen of its kind, the Bullie hen was caught about here in October last. They have been in a large flight outside. The Bullie has laid three or four eggs, but only two have been saved, which have been placed under a wild bird in a garden, I believe a Greenfinch, but I am not quite sure at present. These eggs were marked, and two of the Bullies' own taken out; they are due to hatch in about eight days' time. This is a great risk to run, to place valuable eggs out in a garden but we never know what may happen. This was the only chance, for they were placed there before he told me, and I strongly advised him to let them stay; although, what with vermin and boys, they may never have a chance. I am assuming that the eggs are good, which may not be the case. How many eggs are good from Hybrids? We never know, that's where the excitement comes in when we get one, and try to do our best to get it raised. If you can depend upon the eggs being left alone, nature will and can do a lot, if you can find suitable nests, and they are safe from vermin and boys, the young would, no doubt, be stronger and larger grown.

THE NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH.

For instance, I know of a nest of young Goldfinches, which have been hand-reared from about 14 days, they are the smallest and most miserable lot I have yet seen. Another nest of young Goldies which have been caged out in the open for the parents to feed, are nearly as large again. Still, I must say that the Goldfinches we have about here, and they are not many, are very small. Would this be from their continual in-breeding in the wild state, which, of course, must take place, as they generally return each year, either old or young, to the same garden, but don't always select the same trees for the breeding season. At the present time, there are now several nests, which have escaped both egg collectors and fanciers, flying about with their parents. I dare say they will yet have another nest; they were very late in this district this year, before they started to build. Two years ago, I heard speak of a pair of Goldfinches having three nests in the year. I think this is the only case I have ever heard of. With this exception, I have never known of more than two nests. The first nest was found in May with eggs, which is very early for these birds. All three nests were taken, and raised. The last nest only had three eggs in, and only two hatched. This is not Hybrid breeding, but it is how the material comes for Hybrid breeding. A note yesterday, tells me that a friend had got a wild-caught Hybrid, a large bird, nearly the size of a Greenfinch, with the Goldfinch yellow in its wings. I have not as yet seen the bird, but I am quite anxious to see it. I cannot as yet, think that birds at large go contrary to nature, and breed with other species. What they do in cages under unnatural treatment is quite different. If there is this one, where are the others? No others have been seen, although the place has been watched for days and days. I expect it will prove a Greenfinch, which has "sported."

BRAMBLEFINCH-CHAFFINCH EGGS.

I have just heard of some eggs of this Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, four, I believe. These have been placed out of doors in a hedgerow, under a Chaffinch; they are due to hatch at any time, that is, if they are good, but my friend would not disturb them, and has only watched them from a distance. I have just had four young Goldfinch-Canary Mules brought in for me to see, they would be about eight weeks old; they had left the parents and were doing nicely for themselves. The last three or four days they began to show signs of illness, and died, wasted away, nothing but one mass of bone. I had no chance to try to save them, for I did not know until they were nearly dead. Lots of instances have there been this year, about here, of both British birds and Canaries going light. They appear to feed well, and are always hungry, but yet they are starving. I am beginning to think it is the Bird Plague again, or if not, some new disease. I noticed in CAGE BIRDS of July 13th, that well-known Fancier of Liverpool, Mr. Williams suggesting the giving a drop of brandy in the beak. Well, I did not use brandy, but I did give a drop of whiskey. I wanted my friend to send them up for a postmortem to find out the cause of death.

(To be continued.)

Delicate Birds and their Keeping.

Some Puzzles and their Possible Solution.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., Etc.

One of the greatest puzzles—I may add one of the greatest annoyances—of the aviculturist who likes to keep a variety of birds lies in the delicacy of some species. There are some birds which, if you put them on an ordinary seed mixture suiting their type of feathered creature, or on one of the "good stock mixtures" for soft bills, if they happen to be of that persuasion, will thrive apace, while others will incontinently die off with greater or less expedition.

Pioneer Aviculture.

Now, it has long been my conviction that if you really want to keep a given bird you can, and so, whenever I have heard that "one couldn't keep so-and-so," I have always yearned to go and do it. And I had some good opportunities in India.

The Indian fancier swears by "satoo," which is pea-meal (really meal, not the very fine flour we use here for thickening soups). This he makes up into a paste with water for coarse-feeding birds, and ghee (clarified butter) for more delicate ones. Anyhow, "satoo" is the usual thing out there for everything that eats soft food.

A Barbet Problem.

The Indian Barbets are birds which, as a rule, do well in captivity. They are fruit-eaters, and take kindly to the satoo substitute. But the commonest of these Barbets, and about the prettiest, the little "Coppersmith," or crimson-breasted species, was, I was told, impossible to keep. After a few days it got "thick," and soon died, if one tried to keep it. So convinced of the hopelessness of keeping the Coppersmith were the bazaar dealers that I often get them to give me a bird, they admitting that they knew it would die on their hands.

Considering that Barbets never see satoo in the wild state, it struck me that a return to nature might be advisable, so I procured newly-caught Coppersmiths and fed them on banana. On this I found they lived and continued to do well, and I reared the young on this diet. Specimens so reared I gave to my chief, who kept a few birds, which had bread and milk as a standing dish of artificial food, not satoo.

The Coppersmith partook of this—they had fruit as well, of course—and did well upon it also. It was then obvious that there is something in satoo which does not suit the constitution of this particular species. Yet, be it observed, it is good for most soft food eaters, so that one should not really condemn an article of food because some delicate species cannot do with it.

Why Some Birds are Delicate.

It will be observed that the commonness of a bird is no criterion of the ease of keeping it. A similar case is that of our Blue Tit, which is not by any means "a good liver" in captivity, although so widely distributed and common when wild. Similarly, in India, I found that the Black-headed Oriole, although the commonest species of Oriole, in Bengal at any rate, seemed a very hard bird to keep. Fledglings were often brought in and old ones caught, but seldom indeed did one find an established captive. A friend of mine in Calcutta had one, and some time back one was actually brought over here, and lived for some time at the Zoo. Here, again, I suspect the satoo diet does not suit the individual species.

My theory is that some species can do without their natural articles of diet better than others, but one cannot tell this without experiment. Generally speaking, large birds will assimilate strange foods better than small ones, and omnivorous feeders better than those of more limited diet. This is natural, because the food of the larger species is of a grosser nature, and the stomachs of omnivorous species naturally adaptable to varied foods.

The Difficult Dipper.

Yet one must remember that the omnivorous Tits are not the easiest of subjects, and that the Dipper, a good-sized bird, is so difficult a one that no one has as yet kept a specimen a twelvemonth. I have seen old-caught Dippers "meated off" at the Zoo, and it is a great puzzle why they "pop off" so.

But, when one comes to think of it, no diving bird is an easy subject for captivity, except the Comorants and Penguins, both of which naturally spend much time in reposing ashore. With the Grebes, Auks, and Divers there always seems to be some difficulty in keeping them alive, and this, I think, applies to the Dipper also.

I believe the reason is simply that they miss the violent exertion involved in forcing themselves below and through the water, and so get generally out of condition.

The Importance of Exercise.

The vast importance of exercise was shown me in the case of the Bhimraj, or Rocket-tailed Drongo, in India. Few of these birds, many of which were brought to Calcutta every season, newly hand-reared, survived a year in the hands of the natives, yet this Drongo is a big, stout-looking bird, and easily fed.

The reason why it did not live better was simply that people would keep it in cages about eighteen inches across, in which it could not possibly get proper exercise. In a flight I found it was quite an easy bird to keep. It is not much of a hopper, but wants room to fly about.

Two Mynahs.

The Hill or Talking Mynah was reputed more delicate than the House Mynah. The reason was simple. The House Mynah is an active, omnivorous bird, like our Starling, the Hill Mynah a heavy, awkward one, feeding on fruit mostly. Fruit-eating birds have ravenous appetites, and, given a heavy bird in a small cage glutting itself on more nourishing food than fruit, the obvious result is plethora and fits. The Pied Mynah, on the other hand, did not do so well on satoo for the opposite reason, being specially insectivorous, so needed something extra.

The Way Out of the Difficulty.

It is, of course, impossible to entirely overcome the difficulties of keeping some species, which seem more highly strung interiorly—if I may so express it—than others; but my experience leads me to this belief—that what birds want more than anything is plenty of space and natural food. Given these, I don't think any species is beyond the power of aviculturists to manage.

In the matter of space, one ought to cut one's coat according to one's cloth—keep small birds if one only has a little room, and so on. Seed and fruit-eating birds are easily catered for, but the lover of insect-eaters should be constantly on the qui vive to find new substitutes for the insect life his pets would naturally consume.

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Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

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If the above descriptions are carefully studied, and the illustrations compared, there should be no difficulty in identifying these two common plants. Then, for the sake of your feathered pets, you may go for a good long country ramble and hunt up these (also the other plants described) and take home with you a luxurious feed for them. Most of the Finches, it will be well for you to remember, are especially fond of the seeds of the two species of Plantain described above.

It may be interesting to note here that plantains possess valuable medicinal properties, and have for many years been used, both in England and in Germany, as a remedy for various diseases of the kidneys and bladder. The leaves are boiled in water, and the decoction thus made is ready for use as a drink when cool.

Elder *(Sambucus nigra).*

This shrub, or small tree, is well known to almost everyone. It has a corky bark, and its leaves have a rather strong, unpleasant odour when bruised. Its flowers appear in June. They are of a creamy-white colour, and have a sickly, well-known scent.

The fruit of this tree, known as elderberries, make valuable food for birds, and is much sought after by our many berry-eating species, such as the Blackcap, the Robin, the Starling, the Thrushes, etc. The berries should be gathered as soon as they are ripe, when they are generally of a purplish-black colour, but, rarely, may be found white, or green.



Leaf of Common Elder.
(Sambucus nigra.)

The late Rev. C. A. Johns, B.A., F.L.S., wrote:—"Evelyn, speaking in its (i.e., the elder's) praise, says:—'If the medicinal properties of the leaves, bark, berries, etc., were thoroughly known, I cannot tell what our countrymen would ail for which he would not find a remedy from every edge, either for sickness or wound.'" It will be seen from this quotation that the fruit of the elder, besides being a food, has in addition valuable medicinal properties.

Elderberries are useful "natural colouring agents," in addition to being acceptable items of diet for most frugivorous (and partly so) species. Several of the Finches I have known show more or less partiality for them, including Bullies, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches, though individual birds vary greatly in their "tastes." I have mixed dried elderberries, first soaking them in hot sweetened water, in the food of Blackcaps, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Nightingales, etc., and they have been devoured with relish. It is not at all a bad plan to keep by one a few bunches of the dried berries.—G.E.W.

Dewberries *(Rubus Gaesii).*

The common Dewberry is a well-known edible fruit of the country-side, and is greatly appreciated by berry-eating birds. The fruits ripen much earlier than blackberries, and are now to be found at their best almost everywhere.

The separate fruits which make the cluster (commonly called a "berry") are generally much larger than the corresponding parts of a blackberry and are usually covered with a greyish bloom, giving the fruit the appearance of being coated with dew—hence the name.

Dewberries have long been valued as possessing valuable astringent properties, and are therefore very useful in cases of diarrhœa.

Dewberries should be sought by everyone, desirous of promoting in a natural way the colour of berry-eating birds. They are valuable, too, inasmuch as they precede the equally useful blackberry which, in its turn, ushers in, so to speak, the privet berry. These, and similar berries, will keep fresh for a considerable time if cut in the branch, the stem of the latter being immersed in water (or they may be buried in sand, etc.). One may safely offer any bird dewberries when fully ripe.—G.E.W.

Charlock *(Brassica sinapistrum).*

Common Charlock, or Wild Mustard is very well-known as a common weed in corn fields, where it usually blooms from May till August. In many parts of Kent this abundant weed rejoices in the appellation of "Kilk." The seed-pods soon elongate after the flowers have fallen off, and may reach a length of two inches, or even more. The shape of the leaf, seed-pod and flower are shown in the illustration.



Charlock.
(Brassica sinapistrum).

A. Flower (typical of cruciform plants). B. Seed-pod cut open). C. A leaf.

The bright yellow flowers are "cruciform," (i.e. the petals are placed cross-wise) which is one of the distinguishing features of the "Cabbage Family" (*Cruciferæ*,, to which natural order the Charlock belongs. This order contains considerably above a thousand species, and every one has cruciform flowers. A point worthy of note is that the whole family does not contain even one poisonous species. Many, indeed, have valuable stimulant properties, and are useful as antiscorbutics, that is, in bad conditions of blood.

The seeds of the Charlock may be gathered in abundance during the late summer months. There are one or two species allied to Charlock which are also useful to bird-owners. The White Mustard (*Brassica alba*) is one of these, and is well-known in its young state, when it is eaten with cress (*Lepidium sativum*) as a spring salad. Another kind is the Black Mustard (*Brassica sinapioides*), the seeds of which yield the yellow powder commonly used as a condiment. Both of these species may be found wild in waste places, but are not nearly so abundant as Charlock.

Charlock is one of the most common and easily obtainable of the cruciform family of plants, the members of which figure so largely in the food bill of our birds in the fields. It is essentially a good seed for Linnets, Redpolls, Twites, and Greenfinches, though doubtless Chaffinches and other Finches, and some of the Buntings, too, also devour it in a wild state. After the corn is cut large flocks of the first-mentioned species frequent the stubble, and the seed they find most common there is that of charlock and its near relatives, of which they unquestionably consume enormous quantities, to the benefit of the farmer, who detests these weeds as harmful to his crops. With fresh-caught birds a few pods of charlock are especially good. It is called "ketlock" or "kedlock" in some districts. It is to be bought in most seed-shops, and is often found as an adulterant of sweet (or German summer) rape-seed, being a small reddish seed, very like the latter in appearance. It has a hot taste when chewed. —G.E.W.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. harmless to everything else.

Shepherd's Purse *(Capsella bursa pastoris).*

This common weed probably received its name from the shape of its fruits and the seeds they contain. It grows in almost every part of the world, and is to be found in bloom nearly the whole year through. In size it varies greatly; it may be no more than two or three inches in height in dry situations, but often reaches considerably above a foot, and may even be two feet high under certain conditions.



Shepherd's Purse.
(Capsella bursa pastoris).

A. Seeding head. B. An upper leaf. C. A lower leaf. The shape and size of the leaves vary greatly.

The "radical" leaves (i.e. those growing from the base of the plant), are somewhat cut-up, as is shown in the illustration; while the "cauline" ones (i.e. those growing on the stem), are not cut-up, but have their base partly wrapped round the stem from which they grow.

The flowers are of a white colour, but are very small and inconspicuous. They soon fall off, however, and are quickly succeeded by comparatively large pods, which are inversely heart-shaped.

Shepherd's Purse is very abundant as a weed in gardens and most fields and waste places. It belongs to the very large "Cabbage Family" (Cruciferæ), a few notes about which have been given above. The seeds form a valuable food for all seed-eating cage-birds. The whole plant was at one time used as medicine by man.

Shepherds purse I need say little about—seeing I have already said so much in the past. It is my "pet" green food, as readers of CAGE BIRDS no doubt well know. I have used it very extensively (it is so common, easily gathered, and at hand the greater part of the year) both with young birds and old birds, and of practically all species, whether Canary, British or Foreign. Many hen British Finches (also hen Canaries) will practically rear their young upon it, and there is nothing young birds just out of the nest like better to nibble at. No matter under what circumstances used, I have never found any harm result from shepherds purse, and no matter how freely used. The seeding stage (whether green pods, or golden-brown fully ripe ones) is the most useful of all. Make a point never to gather it covered with road dust, etc., and when given to young birds, or to birds in cages, strip off all the large coarse leaves. This weed in the summer is commonly found smothered with blight (green fly), and nothing more valuable for moulting birds than a free supply of this can be offered; it is the "crowning excellence," so to speak, of an altogether excellent green, or "soft-seed," food. G.E.W.

Curled Dock *(Rumex crispus).*

Docks are well-known wild plants and very common almost everywhere. The commonest of all the species, however, is that generally known as the Curled Dock. It is about two to three feet high, but on dry or poor ground may sometimes not grow more than one foot in height. The stem is branched, and the lance-shaped (lanceolate) leaves are rather sharp-pointed and wavy. The flowers are in crowded clusters, which are leafy below, and are often to be found tinged with a bright red

This dock is much too abundant at least, so far as farmers are concerned and thus very large quantities of seed can easily be gathered for the many cage-birds which like it. Indeed, large heaps may very frequently be found on the borders of fields, the owners of the latter having had the docks pulled and spread out in the sun to be killed. If you happen to find a few such heaps, which you probably will if you ramble far into the country, you can gather a pint or two of seed in a very short time. The Curled Dock blooms from June to October.

(To be continued.)

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Harvest Notes. — Doings of the Kestrel.

The weather of the past week has been delightful, and the sunny side of harvest has been evident upon all sides. Master and man have both gone cheerfully to work, consequently much has been cut and gathered, so that many fields, which we have seen pass through all stages, from sowing to reaping, are now bare acres of stubble. We used to watch the birds among the growing corn, the flocks of Sparrows, Finches, and Buntings, the graceful Whitethroat, collecting insects for his tiny family, sitting patiently upon the bramble in the hedgerow, the Swallows skimming over the tops of the waving mass; but now all this is changed, the corn has gone, and with it some of the birds. Those that remain have so altered their daily actions that we look upon them as almost new arrivals. Just now we have frequent opportunities to watch the doings of the Hawks, for the young birds are now feeding for themselves. This is an easy matter, as the hedgerows and corn fields are alive with small birds and mammals. These are quickly captured, so that the young Hawks are most fascinating birds to watch, not only on account of their strong wing power and graceful flight, but the sporting spirit within us hopes to see something of pursuit and capture, a sight common enough in days gone by, before the gamekeeper watched them so closely. During harvest a heavy toll is taken of these new-fledged birds; the boldness which is bred in them is their undoing, and many a strong bird, daily doing good by following his natural instincts, and thinning the flocks of surplus Sparrows, is struck down by the fatal gun, in order to protect next season's brood of pheasants. In the destruction that is carried on at this time of the year, both Sparrow Hawk and Kestrel suffer, though the latter is one of those useful birds which, during most of the year, hunts and kills mice and large insects; in fact, his presence in the corn field now is for that very purpose. The mice have lost the shelter of the standing corn, and become an easy prey to the quick-eyed Hawk. It is not often one gets the opportunity to watch a large bird flying upon a level with one's self. The other day a Kestrel flew out of some trees at the top of Box-hill. When a little way out, and on a level with us, he commenced to hover. With depressed tail and rapid wing beats, he remained quite stationary, and then, with closed wings, he dropped like a stone, flung out from the hill. We expected to see him drop to earth, but when within ten or twelve feet of it, he regained his balance, hovered for a few seconds, and then went down. This hovering of the Kestrel is a wonderful performance, for he can do it in all weathers—in a gale of wind, in a light breeze, or dead calm—it apparently makes no difference, although possibly under some conditions he is obliged to use more muscular force to achieve his object than under others, but what these conditions are it is impossible to say. He is always head to wing, and his wing beats are similar to those which carry him forward, but the depressed tail acts as a brake, so that it is just as probable the Kestrel can hover as easily in a gale of wind as he can in a calm. One of the benefits we derive from the clearing of the harvest is the easy access we obtain to the hedgerows. The standing corn has guarded these during the spring and summer months. Everything has grown at its own sweet will, we see now a real English hedgerow in all its luxuriance and tangled beauty, the downy blossoms of the wild clematis form a foil to the red berries of the thorn and the fruiting bramble. Among these, at almost every step, we have evidence of the doings of birds. Here are the discarded houses of Blackbirds and Thrush, Finch and Warbler, and just under the overhanging woodbine a lusty nest full of young Greenbirds shows us the season is not quite over, and although this is possibly the third or fourth brood, the old bird is just as anxious for their welfare as he would be in the early spring days. It is the cock bird that calls in such plaintive tones; he makes all the fuss, and watches with something like anxiety our near approach. Does he care for the offspring more than the hen bird, or is it done to give her time to slip quietly away?

Protecting the Partridges.

Game birds hardly need the protection from poachers they did in our youth, but even now the game-keeper leaves nothing to chance. As soon as the corn is carried the stubble is protected by bushes put into the ground at regular intervals. This is done to prevent the poachers netting the field, which is managed by dragging a net across it after dark, thus catching the sleeping covey. The bushes tear the net and thus foil their plans. It is always an interesting sight to watch a covey of Partridges retiring for the night, the old bird calls the young ones together when they all pack in a circle, each bird facing outwards, so that they all act as sentinels, and very wary ones they make. The stealer of Partridges, whether biped or quadruped, must go quietly to work.

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CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meeting but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Birkenhead C.F.A. — September 17, Temperance Hall, 8. Schedule for old show, and election of delegates to Amalgamated Show. — J. C. Harding, sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—September 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. Business important.—E. Shepherd, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A. — Cricket match with Windhill C.B.S., Saturday, Sept. 14; meet at Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, 3 p.m. Tea and Social after match; tea at 6.30 p.m.—T. Clegg, sec.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S. — September 17, Round House Inn, 8. Important business. — F. Mitchell, sec.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—September 17, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Classification and election of judge; intending members cordially invited. — A. Emery, sec.

Cardiff C.B.S—September 19, Maskell's, Queen Street, 8. Classification for annual show, and other important business.—W. Sampson, sec.

City of Bradford O.S. — September 14, Flying Dutchman, 8. Classification and arrangements for open show, etc.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—September 18, Nag's Head, 7.30. Mr. J. J. Smith has kindly consented to give an exhibition on "Washing and Staging for Exhibition." All members should make a special effort to be present.—J. C. Heaton, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—September 18, "Half Moon," 8. Table Show, Yorks any age, do. 1907, Norwich any age, do. 1907, A.O.V. and Mule, any variety.—A. Wake, judge.—E. Brunskill, sec.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A. — September 14, Barley Mow, 8. Important business to receive and discuss sub-committee minutes on Novice Section. All contributions now due.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Eeeles and Dist. C.B.S. — September 18, Grapes Hotel, Peel Green, 8.30.—A. Wheatley, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—September 18, Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Arranging schedule for old show; all members are earnestly requested to make a special effort to attend.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Glasgow and W.C. Norwich Club.—September 14, 122, Ingram Street, 6. Show of Young Mules and Hybrids; 3 classes; 1st, Light Mule or Hybrid, 2nd Dark Goldie and Linnet Mules, 3rd A.O.V. Dark Mules.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Gloster and Dist. C.B.S. — September 19, Ram Hotel, 8. Mr. J. H. Payne has kindly offered to give a lecture on Canaries; all fanciers invited.—J. Houghton, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.—September 16, Headquarters, 7.30. Very important, re show; all members please make an effort to attend.—F. Sharples, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—September 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Monthly show, distribution of Union Year Books, etc.—S. Dean, sec.

Halifax O.S.—September 14, Griffin Hotel, 8. Very important business; all members requested to attend.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—September 21, Miners' Hall, 7. Business important. Geo. Kirk, sec.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—September 17, 8. "Preparing Birds for Show Bench." Debate opened by Mr. E. Nonkes. Chas. Draper, sec.

L.P.O.S.—September 19, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8. Lecture by Norman Gilroy, Esq. All fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown, sec.

M. and N.C.O.S.—September 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. A very important meeting re show; if members will attend they will be surprised.—E. Jones, assist. sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—September 21, 1907, Crown Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Open Show, business very important.—A. Wake, sec.

Newcastle and Dist. C.B.S.—September 19, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. To receive specials, and other important business; members, please attend. —Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Original Crook C.B.R.S.—September 18, 7. All members kindly attend; business important. — A. Bowes, sec.

Otley and Dist. O.S.—September 17, Queen's Head, Otley, 8. Show business; will members please attend.—Wm. Dawson, sec.

Plumstead, Woolwich and Dist. C.B.S.—September 19, Trinity Schools, 8. Last election of members, with free entrance, and Paper on Norwich Plainhead. All welcome.—W. Pawley, sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—September 17, Granby Hotel, 8. Business important.—S. Jagger, sec.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. — September 19, "Windsor Castle Hotel," Harrow Road, W., 8. Agenda, Table Show of Canaries, and judging competition; visitors cordially invited. — J. C. Birch, sec.

St. Andrew's O.S.—September 18, Town Hall, 8.30. To make full and final arangements for show to be held on Saturday, October 5.—T. Auchterlonie, sec.

St. Helens and Dist. O.S.—September 16, George Inn, Water Street, 8. To arrange for Members' Show. All members are most earnestly requested to attend.—F. Vose, sec.

Southport and Dist. C.B.S. — September 19, Thorpe's Rooms, Neville Street, 7.30. Business: Appointment new treasurer, and rules for monthly table shows.—Edmund Riley, sec.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—September 14, Bull's Head, 8. Important.—A. E. Morton, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S. — September 16, Northgate Hotel, 8.—Arthur Whitehead, sec.

Walthamstow F.A.—Thursday, 19, Headquarters, 7.45. Members Show, October 31.—C. W. Mead, sec.

Warrington and Dist.—September 19, Blue Bell, 7.45. Drawing.—Jas. Emmett, sec.

WOODSTOCK SHOW.

This show was held in connection with the Agricultural Show in the beautiful park attached to Blenheim Palace, on September 10th. The entry was hardly so numerous as on some previous occasions, but the quality was the best we have seen at Woodstock, and the awards were well made. Mr. Hughes, the new secretary, proved a worthy successor to Mr. Castle, who has held the reins for so long, and everything that could be done for the exhibits and exhibitors was done. Mr. Calcutt again had charge of the tent, and had everything in good order. Mr. G. H. Billett judged. NORWICH (5): 1, vhc, Lees, grand shaped wing marked buff, capital colour and quality, a good win; 2, Jupe, very neat shaped buff, with saddle marking, grand colour and quality; 3, Lewin, very shapely, grand feathered buff, just a shade long in tail. A.O.V. CANARY or MULE (3): 1, Lewin, well-known four-pointed buff Goldfinch Canary Mule, looking well; 3, Lees, another neat Mule, three-pointed and well shown. BRITISH FINCH (2, first withheld): 2, 3, Levett, very smart Bullfinch and Chaffinch, capital shape, colour, and feather. BRITISH A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Poole, very smart Gold Crested Wren, and a rich-coloured Redstart, both shown in grand form; 2, Burrows, large, shapely, well-marked Wryneck, in good form; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Taylor. FOREIGN (7): 1, Davies, grand-coloured King Parrakeet, large and shapely; 2, Poole, very pretty pair of Ruficauda, good colour and marking, in grand feather; 3, res, Cottrell-Dormer, very rich coloured Indian Mynah, in grand form, and a good Australian Myuah; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, Honeybone. SELLING 12/6 (5): 1, Poole; 2, Nelson Bros.; 3, Jupe; hc, Lewin.

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** A Homing Linnet.

A friend of ours had a brown Linnet. It was ill for some time, and they were told they could not cure the bird, so they consented to let it off. In a good many yards people had plants and shrubs growing. Two days had passed away when the little bird returned into the yard, making itself very happy flying about. The owner, seeing the bird, thought it was like the bird they had let off, so she hung the cage on the nail where it always hung. The bird returned into the cage, and they walked steadily up and shut the cage door, and it is quite well again, singing as well as ever. Whatever herbs or greens the little bird had got, had cured it of its illness.—May Beadnall, age 12; 7, Albany-st., Middlesbro'-on-Tees.

* Our Favourite Bird.

The Goldfinch is a great favourite with most people, and deservedly so, for it has many attractive points to recommend it to the notice of amateurs. While the cocks, as a rule, are larger and more brilliantly coloured than the hens, in any given race of these birds, a hen Spanish or Russian Goldfinch will often be larger and more handsome than a cock of English race. The simpler the food is, in the house, the better for the bird; Canary seed should be the staple diet, but a little hemp and summer rape seed may be given occasionally for a change. Groundsel flower-buds and small thistle-heads are the best greenfood for these birds. The nest is very compactly put together, and is made with moss, grass, fibres and lichens, and lined with the down of plants. The eggs are four or five in number and ressemble those of the Canary, with which it will breed freely, sometimes producing very handsome mules, which, as a rule, make good singers.—Stanley Holway, 25, Litchdon-st., Barnstaple; age 12 years.

* The Blue Titmouse.

One afternoon last year as I was taking a walk round the garden, I saw a Blue-tit, which was at the top of a hole in the apple tree. As I approached the apple tree, I saw that the Tit had had some sunflower seeds eating. This I found out, because I could see the husks upon the ground. Looking carefully into the hole, I discovered the nest with the hen Tit sitting on the eggs, and, putting my hand into the hole to catch her, failed. The hen gave me a few sharp pecks, when my hand was in the hole. After I let the bird get out of the hole, she began to call. In a few minutes her mate returned. Then they began to make a noise very much like that of the Chaffinch. On putting my hand into the hole to get one of the eggs, I found that two of them were broken. The next morning the eggs were very cold. Unfortunately, the Tits never took to the nest again.—Reginald Langford, age 13; Beaulieu Schools, New Forest.

CLUB REPORTS

LEEDS.

Our usual weekly Linnet Singing Contest was held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, on September 7th, when 12 birds sung for two prizes given by Mr. J. Booth:—1, Hardcastle; 2, Naylor; Judge, Mr. T. Summers; timekeeper, Mr. E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS, hon. sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Palmer Hall, West Street, September 4th. Mr. A. Lovegrove, of Henley-on-Thames, was elected a member. The complete arrangements for show to be held December 11th (as regards the schedule, etc.), was left to the October meeting, when all members must please attend.—G. A. CHARLES, sec.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

We had another pleasant evening on September 4th, when Mr. George Adams gave us a paper on "The Lancashire." We had a very good discussion afterwards, nearly all the members joining in, but Mr. Adams answered the questions put to him quite readily. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.—SAM. M. CLAYTON, hon. sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Meeting September 4th. The classification for the open show was decided upon. We are giving thirty-eight open classes (nine Yorks. and nine Norwich), and with the inner workings of our society moving on smooth lines, everything points to a successful show on the 6th and 7th December next. Novice classes in Yorks. and Norwich have been added to last year's classification, and the patronage of the Y.C.C. has been granted.—E. WOODHEAD, hon .sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Headquarters, September 5th. November Open Show matters were discussed, and every member expressed determination to make that show an unqualified success. Three five guinea challenge cups for members are to be purchased, one for Norwich Plainheads, one for Yorkshire, and one for British. A generous list of specials and good prize-money for open classes will be offered. Our classification for open and members' classes is second to none. Schedules are in printer's hands and will shortly be ready.—T. W. QUARMAN, Assist. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Members and friends met on September 5th to hear Mr. Allen Silver's promised lecture on "British Bird Keeping as a Hobby to-day." Mr. Silver's masterly handling of his subject was keenly appreciated, those present listening with deep interest to the many valuable points the lecturer brought out. At the close of the lecture many questions were asked, and readily answered by Mr. Silver. Upon the proposal of the chairman, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, and a hope was expressed that we should again have the pleasure of hearing Mr. Silver.—W. HODGSON, hon. sec.

BORDER COUNTIES B.B.M.F.B.C.

Meeting held in Lockhart's Cocoa Room, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on September 7th. The balance-sheet and secretary's report for the past season were presented. It was suggested that, owing to the difficulty of holding meetings of the committee, and generally transacting the club's affairs, a special meeting be held at Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Clayton-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday, 21st September, at 6 p.m., to consider the advisability of reconstructing the club. All fanciers are cordially invited to attend. Any further particulars will be supplied by J. T. PORTEOUS, Deneholme, Hexham, hon. sec. pro tem.

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 7th, at the Blue Bell Hotel, when a large number of members and friends gathered together to witness a bird-washing exhibition, which was given with all skill by Mr. John Turner, the club's friend and secretary. All the fanciers, young and old learnt the way to mix the water, also the way to handle the birds. Mr. Turner was asked questions from all over the hall, which he readily answered. Mr. Oliver Clark agreed to give a lecture on his famous Yorkshires, which was very interesting, and delighted everyone in the room. The meeting came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to our Secretary and Chairman for their kindness.—W. HALLAM.

ST. ANDREWS O.S.

The seventh meeting of the St. Andrews Ornithological Society was held on the 4th inst., Mr. P. Whittet, the president, in the chair. The secretary submitted copy of this year's schedule, which highly pleased the members, it being the best ever issued by the society, as it contains no less than eighty specials and two cups. The members then considered the question of holding prize cards, and it was unanimously decided to again supply Mr. Garrioch's shilling models to exhibitors free of charge. It was also agreed that no charge be made for specials. Two new members were then admitted, and the date of next meeting fixed for Sept 18th, for the purpose of making full arrangements for show to be held on October 5th.—THOS. AUCHTERLONIE, hon. sec. and treas.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The executive met on 5th September, and after making arrangements for the annual show to be held in Grand National Halls, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on 21st September, they called upon Mr. Duncan, of Buchanan-street, and purchased a very handsome silver cup and gold medal to be awarded to the best bird in the show. The former has to be won three times, not consecutively, and the latter right away. The executive has reason to believe that the competition will be the keenest ever known. Well-known winners are not likely to have it all their own way. For the benefit of those in search of stock, a catalogue is in the printer's hands, and will contain the usual particulars. The members continue to appreciate your widely-circulated journal.—T. SMITH, sec.

GALASHIELS O.S.

Meeting held in the Good Templar Hall, on August 31st. Mr. Tod in the chair, who, previous to the business of the meeting referred touchingly to the death of Mr. John Cameron, the oldest and most respected member, and one of our best workers, who had stood loyally by the society for over 30 years. The schedule was the next item on the agenda for consideration. The Scotch Fancy Canaries remain as last year, 13 classes. One class was added to last year's classification for Borders. The secretary intimated that he had secured the services of the following gentlemen as judges:—Scotch Fancy, Messrs. John Dagleish, of Leith, and Geo. Fulton, of Partick; Borders, William Haddow, of Hamilton; all other varieties of cage birds, J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream. It was agreed to advertise show in CAGE BIRDS, "Pigeons and Poultry," and "Fanciers' Review." Four new members were proposed.—ALEX. SMITH, Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

Council meeting held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on September 7th, Mr. Battye, president, occupying the chair. The minutes of previous meeting were passed as read. In connection with the Union Novice Competitions it was decided that in case of a tie for a medal, the person having gained the most points with money prizes should be declared the winner, and in the event of a person being a medal winner in both the Yorkshire and Norwich sections, the medal be awarded for the section in which most points had been obtained. The council agreed that the Union water-tins be used for all exhibits in the Yorkshire Classes at Union shows, and be supplied free of charge, the Union to pay the carriage to the first show, and thereafter each society to forward them carriage paid to the society holding the next show, the society holding the last show to return them carriage paid to the secretary of the Union. Mr. Ramsden's teapot will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points at Union shows during the season with exhibits marked "R.P.," the three highest birds of each exhibitor to count for points. A medal each to the second and third in this competition will be presented by Mr. Ramsden. Messrs. Hollas and Wellock were appointed scrutineers for the next ballot for the election of officers and revision of rules.—F. HAMMOND, sec.

BRADFORD COUNTY B.B.M.C.

A committee meeting was held on Saturday last. It was decided to give our patronage to eight shows. As there was a feeling that this meeting had been called so soon after our announcement, and as some societies have had no opportunities to discuss the matter. The applications from societies who were holding their shows in October were gone into, and patronage was given to Windhill, Shipley and District O. Society's Show, held October 12th (W. Mundell, Esq., judge). Also to Otley, October 19th, but as Mr. Mundell judges this show also, and, of course, members' birds would be shown at both places, it was suggested that the clubs agree as to getting a separate judge for British Classes at either show. Finally, Mr. Cowgill was asked to judge the British Classes at Otley, and consented. The applications from other societies for later shows we left over until our next meeting, Wednesday, the 25th, and the time for such applications to be received is Tuesday, the 24th September. We decided to give eight shows our patronage, and have six to allot three inside the Bradford district, and three outside. The committee of the B. and C.B.B. and M. Club guarantee the value of £5, half to the champion, and half to the novices; there are other special prizes to be competed for which are to be allotted later, for most points gained by a member of this club at shows held under this club's patronage, each member's three highest birds to count for same.—W. R. MYERS, hon. sec.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued from p. 157.)

AMONG THE WALLSEND FANCIERS

SIR,—I have intended for some time to send you a few notes on our Wallsend affairs, but have been prevented. To commence with, I must say that we have had to have a change of secretary for the second time. Unfortunately Mr. Evins, who has done so well for us during this last year, and made the last show such a success, has suffered a great misfortune and bereavement by the death of his wife. All who have made his acquaintance will be sincerely sorry, and will sympathise with him in his sorrow. Mr. Evins has, through this, had to relinquish the secretarial duties. We are all very sorry at losing him, as he was so ardent and eager to make Wallsend a success.

A meeting of the Wallsend and District Cage Bird Association was held in the club room at the Station Hotel on Thursday evening last, a large number of members being present. Mr. Macdonald was in the chair, and opened the meeting by moving a vote of condolence to Mr. Evins in the untimely and great loss he has suffered by the death of his wife, as she was very clever and a great help to him in his hobby, as in all things else belonging to him, which makes his loss still the greater. The Chairman was asked to convey the resolution and feeling of the members to him. Afterwards the schedule for the next show was completed by adding a number of classes to the Yorkshires, Lizards, etc. Then the question of appointing a secretary came up. After a long and careful talk on the matter, it was decided to appoint Mr. Johnson. He was felt to be in every way qualified to fill the position and continue the progressive policy of the Wallsend fanciers. The Treasurer pointed out that we now held a fair balance in hand, after paying all claims on last feather show, which proved a great success.

It had been decided at the previous meeting to hold a smoker in the club room, and present a medal with the silver cup to the exhibitor of the best Norwich bird in the show. The honour was won by Mr. W. Ronald, of Walker. A large number of tickets have been sold, and the smoker looks like being a huge success this week.

Everything is going on splendidly, and promising well for our show in November, for which we are making every provision and encouragement for exhibitors to support us. Our judges are popular, and several specialist clubs are giving us their patronage on that account.

One of our members, Mr. T. Stubbs, has been very successful this year in breeding and rearing three nice Greenic-Bully Hybrids. To accomplish this he has taken two seasons learning to feed the birds and how to hatch them. Now he says he has learned the secret to success in this line. I send you a card showing his first one, which is a promising bird. It has been sent to Mr. J. Dixon, of Wigton, to moult. Mr. Stubbs has reared other two, which are doing well in his own home. For these notes a detailed account would be too long, but he has promised to supply me with his experience if it would be any use to others, as he had many difficulties to surmount, which proves that rare Hybrids are not to be seen in every bird-room. The fancier at left-hand corner of card is Mr. Stubbs, next Mr. Ronald, Mr. McGinn, and myself. The one next Ronald is not a fancier. The little boy is Mr. Ronald's hopeful.

You have had reports of breeding results of most of our members, so that I need not further enlarge, but only say that I am sorry that the Sunderland fanciers have done so poorly. Better luck another season. Bird breeding is like no other leisure occupation. We may work, arrange, and do everything that is possible, after which we get little reward. He who thinks that it is an easy matter to breed birds is sure to meet with disappointment; but for that blessed word, "hope," many would soon give up.

Quite a lot of Mules have been bred on Tyneside this season. We had eleven in one class at our nest feather show, showing that many are taking up the higher section of aviculture. Now, sir, I think that I have finished for the present, and conclude by thanking you for all the grand articles and sound advice published by CAGE BIRDS.

JOHN M. MACDONALD.

Wallsend.

A CANARY FOSTERS TWO TITS.

SIR,—If I remember right I saw someone writing a short time ago saying a soft-billed bird could not be reared by a Canary. I have reared two Tits this year. They would be about one week old, I think, when I got them. They are moulting now; also the same hen has reared three Brown Linnets, which, I think, will be one month or five weeks old. Still what seems most funny to me is that I have had her two years, and she would not feed a Canary. I don't know if this is out of the common or not, but if you wish I will write you how I fed them in the nest, etc.

A. DIPPIE.



SOME OF THE WALLSEND FANCIERS AND MR. STUBB'S GREENIE-BULLY HYBRID. From left to right: Mr. Macdonald, Mr. McGinn, A Friend, Mr. Ronald, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Ronald's "young hopeful," and the young hybrid.

HYBRID BREEDING RESULTS.

SIR,—I have tried hard to breed some Bullfinch Hybrids this year, but have not succeeded. I think it would be a good thing if fanciers who have succeeded would send a note to you for publication, giving number of young and description. Something of that sort would enable the less fortunate ones to gauge the breeding results, and to alter their own plans for another year to their own benefit.

HARD LUCK.

SWEATING HENS.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr. Crisp's neat little letter in "Cage Birds" this week and his question concerning "sweating hens." I fully agree with him that this is a very important question indeed. Like others I have had my losses through this complaint. Only this season I have lost five nests of young, and last year more. I think Mr. Crisp will agree with me that the term "sweating hens" is a misnomer. Hen canaries do not sweat (perspire), nor do their young ones. Granted, they get wet in the nest, but this is caused by the excreta and the condensation of the breath of the nestlings, a condition, I believe, never found with wild birds, for two reasons: Firstly, the mother is always in vigorous health; secondly, the nests (Finches in particular) are built loosely and in branches, so the air can circulate through them, not in a stuffy box or earthenware pan. In all cases that have come under my notice the hen has been in a languid, sickly condition, unfit to attend to her brood and sitting closely upon them. The cause of this condition is difficult to find. I consider it is a lack of natural conditions, too much egg food, and weakness through close breeding. It is seldom experienced among the commoner canaries kept on plain fare. The only remedy that suggests itself is toning up the stock and weeding out weakly hens.

J. W. CUTMORE.

THE CLEAR & TICKED QUESTION

SIR,—Allow me to endorse Mr. Spillman's remarks, and go one further by adding that I hope societies when framing their schedules will let invisible ticks compete as clears. We may depend, as Mr. Spillman remarks, many a good bird has been spoilt by handling to find ticks.

C. E. SILK.

KILMARNOCK MULES & HYBRIDS.

An Inquiry.

SIR,—I have been inquiring, but I cannot find that any clear Mules or Hybrids were bred in Kilmarnock in 1907. If there were perhaps some of your readers will say by whom, and what they are.

A BREEDER.

CERTAINLY NOT.

SIR,—Could any of your readers answer us through your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS: Does the Cage Bird Union allow its members to exhibit their birds in other people's names, or in their children's names, at Non-affiliated Shows? Wishing your paper, CAGE BIRDS, good luck.

THE AMATEURS.

[See reply under General.—ED. C.B.]

BULLFINCHES BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Having read in your paper recently about Bullfinches breeding in captivity, I beg leave to pen my experiences, trusting the same may be of some interest to your readers. In a very small indoor place I have bred with and reared young from a pair of Bullfinches. My hen is again sitting now on her third nest of four eggs. The young from the first two nests are flying about and doing for themselves. I feed them chiefly on chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, with a little egg food. I have found the Bullfinch, when properly attended to with wild seeds, a very good feeder in captivity.

W. BAIN.

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IN-BREEDING.

Has It Injured the Scotch Fancy.

SIR,—When I penned my note on in breeding, I never dreamt that it would be taken notice of by a breeder in Canada. I was very pleased to read Mr. Bruce's letter, and to hear of his remarkable success. If he has the correct type—erect, forward reach, head right down, prominent shoulders, clean cut out chest, ample depth through chest, long body, nicely fitting wing, good bend on body, and tail right under the perch—he should do a lot to foster the Scotch Fancy Canary in the land that has become the home of many of our countrymen. He is under a mis-impression: I did not complain, but pointed out what I know to be perfectly true, that the in-breeding of a certain strain is working havoc; also that the high price, not for the pick, but for the refuse of the Scotch Fancy Canary is damaging to its progress. In-breeding may be permissible to a certain extent, but it must be carefully treated and not overdone. The breeding of strong, healthy birds is of paramount importance, and should be kept to the front. I should like to hear from my friend how the Scotch Fancy Canary is developing in Canada, and whose strain he is working upon.

A SCOTCH FANCY CANARY BREEDER.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

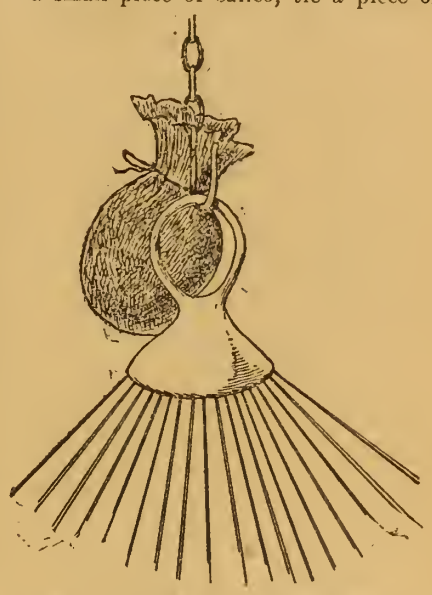
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 135.

NOVEL RED-MITE PREVENTATIVE.

Sent by T. Craighill, 20, Yates Street, Rhodes, Middleton.

Applied to hanging cages (in drawing and living rooms) I have found the device I enclose a sketch of very effectual in preventing red mite, or any other insect, infesting the cages. I simply put some Keating's Powder (or pyrethrum powder) on a small piece of calico, tie a piece of



Novel Red-Mite Preventative.

cotton round to the form of a tiny bag, then hang it on the hook or hanger from which the cage is pendent, when the movement of the bird dusts itself and the cage enough to keep such mite away. I have proved this to be a success.—THOS. CRAIGHILL.

No. 136.

A USE FOR FEATHERS.

Sent by W. E. Williams, 25, North Penrallt Carnarvon, N. Wales.

My feather brush I find a very useful item in my bird-room, especially if I have any timid hens sitting during the breeding season, for it brushes out the cage-bottom very quietly, and very clean, after I have the sand-tray out. Anyone can



A Brush made of Feathers

get the feathers to make the brush of, and the handle can be of any length, according to the purpose for which it is wanted. I use it also to brush out my seed-boxes and hoppers, etc., to shift the dust which will collets in t[illegible]

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W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

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TWITTERINGS.

A Barnsbury (London) resident has, it is said, secured in his garden a young Peregrine Falcon in fine plumage.

A grocer at Earl's Colne, Essex, when cutting bananas from a hunch found a foreign bird's nest in it containing four unbroken eggs.

Mr. T. Auchterlonie, the hon. sec. of the St. Andrews O.S., writes us that he has removed to 7, Park-street, St. Andrews, to which address all correspondence should be addressed.

The first annual open show of the Plumstead, Woolwich and District Cage Bird Society will be held on January 2nd and 3rd. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

We have decided to hold our Annual Open Roller Singing Contest on January 10th and 11th next, writes Mr. J. STRINGER, Sec., Bolton and District O. and R. C. S.

Chester Show will be held on December 11th, instead of November 27th, owing to clashing with Derby. Mr. A. Wellings will judge. Thus writes Mr. A. J. RED, the hon. sec.

Mr. H. W. Battye has been appointed to judge our open show of Cage Birds on October 30th and 31st.—J. HOUGHTON, hon. sec. Gloucester and District Cage Bird Society.

One of my Canary hens, writes Mr. Rowley-Morris (Plympton), hatched two birds out of one egg, on Sunday, August 11th. They are perfectly formed birds, and are alive and doing well. I hear it is a most unusual thing.

We hear from Mr. Woolhouse, the manager of Dulwich Show, that Mr. Brownlie is again working hard in the interests of his particular pet, the Border Fancy Canary, having collected thirty specials for that section from his personal friends.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Cooke, Mr. A. Emery, of 239, Shobnall-street, Burton-on-Trent, has been elected hon. sec. of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., and he informs us that it has been decided to hold an open show on December 14th.

J. H. Roe, Esq., of Derby, will judge Cage Birds at Oxford on October 23rd. The show will be held under Cage Bird Union Rules. We are giving a Novice Class for Canaries, also one for Any Variety, British.—W. J. MOODY, hon. sec.

Mr. Woodhead, the Hartlepools' C.B.S. hon. sec. asks us to state that in future the meetings of the society will be held on the Wednesday and not Tuesday night. This alteration being to meet the wishes of the hon. sec. of the Y.M.C.A.

The Secretary of the St. Helens and District O.S. is pleased to make it known that he has secured the use of the large room in the Town Hall for the show to be held on January 10th and 11th. It being only three minutes walk from each station.

Mr. Bonar Law, M.P., heads the patrons' list of the forthcoming show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and has kindly contributed to this show fund, but owing to his absence from England cannot he present at the show. It is expected that Mr. Lane Mitchell, J.P., the Mayor of Camberwell, will open the show.

I have removed from my old address to 52, Methuen-street, Vickertown, Barrow-in-Furness, where all communications should be to.—WM. WILLISON ((Sec.), Barrow-in-Furness

Our advertisement columns to-day contain an announcement which many lovers of British birds will read with regret, and that is the retirement of Mr. S. W. Birchley. This retirement is brought about by business matters, and Mr. Birchley's consequent removal from Churchdown. Although Mr. B. is having to clear out his present splendid stud, we hope that ere long we shall hear of his returning to our ranks, that is, after he gets comfortably settled in his new home.

Will Miss Cicely Gilbert, late of Ashford, kindly forward us her present address?

Kindly draw attention to the change in Merthyr Tydfil Show Secretary's address to 30, Gilfach Cynon, instead of No. 2. J. THOMAS.

I am delighted, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman with Mr. Battye's book entitled "Yorkshiro Canaries," and while it would he like trying to gild refined gold or painting the lily, to speak in terms of praise of the great ability of this enthusiastic lover of the bird of "Grace and Beauty," I must say the work will prove a very valuable addition to every bird lover's library. I found it not only intensely interesting, but full of good, sound, useful information, expressed with a clearness not often found in works of this description; and in my opinion it will very materially assist the young beginner to achieve the highest fame in the Fancy. The chapter on "Dont's" is itself worth the money, coming as it does from a fancier of such a wide and varied experience with the Yorkshire bird, as Mr. Battye.

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Dealing with the question of migration, Mr. Graham Murdock writes:—There is evidence that Kingfishers do occasionally migrate (*vide* "Heligoland," by the late Herr Gätke, Edinburgh, 1895, David Douglas, p. 420. also "Migration of Birds," by R. M. Barrington (Ireland), 1900, pp. 180-1); but as a rule these birds remain with us all the year round. In the winter of 1894-5, when part of the Bela, at Milnthorpe, Westmorland, was frozen over, I caught a cock Kingfisher "fast" by the feet in a thin sheeting of ice. I relieved it, took it home, kept it for several days, then let it fly. I have seen Kingfishers every winter for the last five years on the Wenning, near my home here.

Songs of Autumn.

Among the autumn songsters which have just begun their tunes not the least welcome is the Starling. He delights to sing from the very topmost twigs of the orchard trees, and if his singing cannot compare with the sweeter voices of some other birds, it is, at any rate, cheerful. Now he imitates a few of the clear notes of the song Thrush, then his strain becomes more mellow and we seem to recognise the Blackbird's pipe, until he suddenly goes off at a tangent in a long half-human whistle. Little squeaks, clatterings, and rather unmusical sounds are introduced into the varied song, and all the time the bird flutters his glossy wings as if he were thoroughly enjoying himself. In the evening he joins numbers of his kind in some particular tree, and all sing in concert, before their evening exercise above the reed bed or covert in which they roost.

Rare Storks at Large.

The only specimens of the Japanese Stork known in England have escaped from their owner, Mr. Hy. Morris, Stonebridge, Blackboys. These interesting birds are about 5ft. 3ins. in height, with black plumes for a tail, and a red crest on their head about the size of a florin. Body and wings are white. Being of this rare and attractive plumage and size, the birds are likely to have been witnessed on their stray flight, and it is hoped no danger has overtaken them through being shot at. The birds were quite tame, and were therefore allowed to roam about freely upon his property at Stonebridge. They were last observed there on Sunday, August 18, and are supposed to have been blown away during flight by a gale early in the week. These Storks eat any kind of food—bread, meat, etc., and being tame, will come if whistled to. They might therefore be enticed into an enclosure with food, and so captured by any person observing them and desiring to restore them to their owner.

Kingfishers' Habits.

The Kingfishers have had a good year, and many have been bred and reared. It is pleasant to see half a dozen of these pretty birds where one has only seen an odd specimen or two, and these not very frequently. Soon they will be moving, for the Kingfisher is partly migratory. They will go down the stream to be within easy reach of open or tidal waters should severe weather set in during the winter. It is doubtful if these birds always follow the course of the stream in their migration, for I have seen them crossing the hills, far from any water.

Ostrich Hatching in England.

The first Ostrich ever hatched in England is now on view at the Crystal Palace, where it is occupying a "Hearson's Foster Mother," which supplies all its requirements. As might be expected, it was impossible for the parent birds to arrange for the incubation of their precious egg under normal conditions, as the burning sands of Africa are not features of the English soil. A perfectly satisfactory substitute, however, was discovered in the shape of a Hearson's Incubator, in which the egg was placed for a period of 43 days, when a healthy young Ostrich chipped the shell. It may be stated that the period of incubation in the case of the hen is 21 days, and in the duck 28 days, so the powers of the Hearson's Incubator were subjected to a severe test.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

THE GOLDEN ORIOLE.
(*Oriolus galbula.*)

The Golden Oriole possesses a pleasant, flute-like voice, but its song has little variety. On the Continent, especially in Italy, it is a by no means uncommon cage pet, said to whistle and imitate fluently when reared from the nest, also occasionally to talk with surprising plainness, though the latter accomplishment is open to some doubt. Those English bird-lovers who have housed imported specimens in their birdrooms, have invariably experienced difficulty in taming them, some proving quite "unmanageable" in the sense that they have knocked about, and so damaged their plumage. A good insectivorous food is the staple item of diet, with live insects as available, and plenty of fruit. The latter item should not be stinted—cherries, figs, grapes, ripe bananas, pears, apples, etc.—as Orioles are great fruit consumers in a state of nature.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Blackwood.—October 10th.—Judge: Mr. T. Gower. six classes. Norwich, Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Goldfinch, Brit. A.O.V., For. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and a card. Entry 2s. Entries close October 3rd, to Mr. J. H. Carter, 18, Stanley-terrace, Blackwood, Mon.

Ashford (Kent)—October 17th and 18th. Judge: Mr. J. T. Amhrose, 18 classes. Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Members, 4. Prizes. 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry 1s. 9d. Entries close October 7th, to Mr. E. J. Browne, 30, Somerset-road, Ashford.

Paisley (Paisley O.S.)—October 5th, 18 classes, all Scots Fancy. Cocks, Yell., Yell. Pied, Foul, Green, Buff, Buff Pied, Foul. Green, and the same for hens. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 2s., including specials. There are 34 specials, including many useful and ornamental articles and cash. Entries close morning of show at the hall to Mr. J. Kelly, sec., 7, Underweod-lane, Paisley.

Accrington.—Sept. 27th and 28th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; 29 classes. Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, Cin. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1, Brit. 2, Gift 1, Novice 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a capital list of specials. Entries close Sept. 23rd to Mr. D. Harwood, 39, Craven Street, Accrington.

IN THE COURTS.

SWAN SHOT ON THE TYNE.

At Gateshead County Police Court on September 5th, James Phillipson was charged with having on August 23rd, in the parish of Winlaton, unlawfully, knowingly, and willingly, shot a certain bird, to wit, a swan, contrary to an order published by the Durham County Council, in pursuance of the Wild Birds Protection Act. William Jude was also charged with having had the said sawn unlawfully in his possession. George Edward Collins spoke to seeing Phillipson and Jude at Stella Haugh. On noticing the swan the defendants went away and came back with a gun. Witness saw Phillipson shoot the swan; he fired two shots. P.C. Longdon said that when he questioned Phillipson as to the swan, Phillipson said he had bought the swan from two unknown men. The Bench ordered Phillipson to pay costs, which amounted to 14s. 3d., while Jude had to pay 2s. 3d. of costs.

SKYLARKS IN THE COUNTY OF LONDON.

Fred. Clifford, a bird dealer, of Rochester-row, was summoned at the Westminster Police Court on August 27 by the R.S.P.C.A. for knowingly having in his possession six Larks, contrary to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880.—Mr. Polhill, who prosecuted, said that on August 16 Inspector Green, going into defendant's shop, saw six Larks in separate cages. They were very wild, beating themselves against the bars of their cages, and showing every sign of having been recently taken. On being spoken to the defendant admitted that he knew the birds were protected in the County of London, but he received those in question a fortnight previously from Newcastle. Larks being good songsters, they were very much sought after by dealers, and they were now specially protected in the County of London all the year round. The defendant was a dealer of many years' standing, and must have known the order.—The defendant said he was under the impression that the close season was from March until August. He saw the birds publicly advertised, and bought them.—Mr. Horace Smith: But it is your duty to inquire what the Acts of Parliament and orders are.—The defendant: I am quite ignorant of there having been any alteration in the Act of Parliament, so is the trade.—It was stated that there had been no previous complaint against the defendant, and that he kept his shop and birds remarkably clean and wholesome.—The magistrate imposed a fine of 10s. and 23s. costs.

OUR GREAT COUPON SCHEME.

TWELVE SOCIETIES JOINED ALREADY.

Our great prize competition for exhibition cage birds seems to have caught on if one may judge by the laudatory letters received from secretaries and exhibitors. Up to the time of going to press the following societies had signified their intention of participating in the competition:—

Blackburn C.B.S., November 1 and 2.
Bristol C.B.C., November 20th and 21st.
Bolton and Dis. O and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
Broughty Ferry, October 12th.
Dulwich and Peckham, October 17th and 18th.
Gloucester C.B.S., October 30th and 31st.
Hayle, October 16th and 17th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.
Morpeth, November 16th.
Wellingboro', October 30th and 31st.
Western Counties (Plymouth), October 22nd and 23rd.

CONSIDERING THE SCHEME.

Cardiff.
Newcastle.
Perth and District.
South Shields.
Swansea.
Weybridge.
Wolverhampton and many others.

We intend electing a Committee to settle all points and disputes arising out of this scheme, and will give details concerning same later.

Show managers and committees must not overlook the fact that all profits resulting from this scheme will be divided (over 25 per cent) amongst shows participating. This may mean in the case of a show where the response to our coupon scheme is a good one, a sum of several pounds finding its way into the coffers of the Society.

WELLINGBORO & DISTRICT C.B.S.

(Show held October 30th and 31st.)

The above society would esteem it a great favour if you would grant them the patronage of your Great Prize Competition. We are all greatly in favour of it, and consider it a most valuable and generous offer to the Cage Bird fancy, and the best scheme that has ever been brought out for the benefit of increasing the fancy. Wishing your paper continued success and a still larger circulation.—W. HOWE, hon. sec., 53, Thomas-street, Wellingboro', Northants.

(Such high praise is very gratifying. Your society is enrolled with much pleasure.—ED., C.B.)

HAYLE AND DISTRICT F.A.

(Show held October 16th and 17th.)

We are pleased to accept your Coupon Competition. If I understand it correctly, the shows have only to insert the particulars of the competition, the exhibitors obtaining the coupon from you?—W. PAUL, 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.

(This is quite correct.—ED., C.B.)

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

(Show held October 12th.)

Your new prize competition was under consideration at our meeting on Wednesday night, and it was agreed that we participate. In the event of no bird entered for your competition winning a first prize, how would the judge be supposed to act; I mean a first in its own class, as your circular says the best first-prize bird?—C. MUIR, 1, Derby-place, Broughty Ferry.

(In such a case, which we hope will be very unlikely, the first prizes would be transferred to the seconds, the second prizes to the thirds, and so on, but in the final competition at the Crystal Palace, they would only count according to the prizes secured by them, apart from our competition. That is to say, if a second prize bird (winner of our first prize) entered for the Palace, he would have to compete there as a second prize-bird.—ED. C.B.)

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

(Show held January 14th, 1908.)

I am pleased to inform you your prize scheme was accepted by this society. I should like to raise one point. Supposing there was a class with only one bird entered, and the class was cancelled, how would the Prize Scheme be carried out if the owner of that bird held a "C B" coupon?—J. SIMON, 12, Tyn-Iran, Llanelly.

(In such a case, the cost of coupon would be returned, less postage, to the exhibitor, or he could have a sixpenny advertisement in "C.B.," and so save return and waste of P.O.—ED. C.B.)

MORPETH AND DISTRICT O.S.

(Show held November 16th.)

Every member of our society favoured C.B.'s new prize competition very much.—A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley-terrace, Morpeth.

WEYBRIDGE.

DEAR MR. CARL,—Holidays have rather delayed my acknowledging the scheme of prizes you sent me on the 3th ult. As far as I can tell, I think it should work well, and be a means of increasing interest in the Cage Bird Section of shows. I will submit the matter to my committee at our next meeting, and let you know their views, which, no doubt, will be that Weybridge will join in wishing you and your paper every success during the coming season.—H. C. PARROTT, S.Y.C.C., Weybridge and District Fanciers' Society.

GLOUCESTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

(Show held October 30th and 31st.)

I submitted your scheme to our members, and am instructed to say they are willing to co-operate, and wish to be added to the ranks.—J. HOUGHTON, Dargai, Hatherley-road, Gloster.

BLACKBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S

(Show held November 1 and 2.)

I am instructed by our Committee to notify you that we shall be pleased to co-operate with you in your prize scheme and wish to be included. As it would be impossible to get all the matter on the sheet on one page of a schedule or catalogue, I think it would instruct all new secretaries like myself if you condensed the matter in CAGE BIRDS, and displayed the type as you wanted it. Also do you undertake to pay the money yourself to the winners, or through the show sec.?—J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street, Blackburn.

(1) The above is a capital suggestion, which we have adopted this week. We never intended shows to publish all matter appearing in our announcement.

(2) We pay all winners ourselves upon being notified by the secretary of their names and addresses.—ED. C.B.

GREAT HARWOOD C.B.S.

At the meeting of the Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S., held last Monday, the Great Prize Scheme of CAGE BIRDS was discussed. The only objection raised against it was the printing of conditions in schedules and catalogues. The amount to be printed would take two pages in our schedule and two in catalogue; we pay something like 6/- per page for printing, and four pages would amount to 24/-. I think if CAGE BIRDS could print leaflets with conditions on and sell them to societies partaking in the scheme it would be a good thing both for societies and CAGE BIRDS. Hoping that some other society will give their views on the matter—wishing your paper and the scheme every success. — F. Sharples, sec., 85, James St., Great Harwood.

[The drawback mentioned by Mr. Sharples is not such as he appears to think. He should read our reply to Mr. Marsden, of the Blackburn Society. Only one page in schedule and catalogue need be inserted. We are quite willing to sell leaflets for insertion in schedule and catalogue, as suggested by Mr. Sharples, at 2/- per 1,000, and thank his society for pointing out what they thought was a drawback to the scheme. Criticism is always helpful.—Ed. "C.B."]

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at east 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

Sept. 27 and 28.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R., J.W.)
*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.** (J.R., R.J.H.)
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.H.P., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.
*Oct. 16.—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Oct. 15 and 16.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., J N., J.H., T.T., J.P., G.F., J.K., A.McF., J.D., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
*Oct. 23.—**Oxford** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis.C.B.A.**(W.V.,F.B.)
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M , F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (J.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National**(G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R., W.W.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.R. W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6.—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J.
Nov. 7.—**North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H , A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Boness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.S., J.B., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.S., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21.—**Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley.**
Nov. 21 and 22.—**Lowestoft C.B.S.** (J.M.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.
Nov. 31.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D.,) J.K.
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H.; R.R., J.H.R.)
Dec. 11.—**Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.S. J.S., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show.**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted, should forward same on at once.)

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PAGE TO BE INSERTED BY SHOWS.

"CAGE BIRDS"
GREAT
PRIZE COMPETITION
Is in force at this Show.
£200 in Hard Cash.

That enterprising weekly journal "CAGE BIRDS" has promoted a Coupon Prize Scheme for the benefit of exhibitors; and by arrangement with "CAGE BIRDS" the Scheme is in operation at this Show.

CONDITIONS.

Exhibitors participating in the Competition will be required to mark each entry they make in the Competition with the letters "C.B." and to fasten to the front of the entry form an adhesive Special Coupon, to be obtained only from the MANAGER, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Entry Forms and Coupons must in every case, without exception, be sent to the Secretary of the Show and not to "Cage Birds."

There will be a fresh set of numbered Coupons for each show where the Competition is in progress. The Coupons issued for the past Shows will not be available for any subsequent event.

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The Prizes offered by "Cage Birds" at each Show taking part will be

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The BEST FIRST PRIZE Bird, The BEST SECOND PRIZE Bird, The BEST THIRD PRIZE Bird,

to be judged irrespective of sex, or variety of breed, selected from birds entered for "C.B." Competition Prizes.

IMPORTANT.

The winning birds at each Show will be debarred from winning another "C.B." prize at any subsequent event.

COST OF COUPONS TO COMPETITORS.

The cost to competitors of each Coupon will be Sixpence, and Coupons must be purchased from "Cage Birds" for each Show at least four days before date of advertised closing of entries.

THE GRAND FINAL.

By special arrangement with the Crystal Palace show authorities, at the Great National Show on January 31st, 1908, the winners of all "C.B." coupon prizes during the season up to date may compete, and the sum of

£10 IN CASH PRIZES

will be divided as follows:—

£5 for the best First Prize Bird,
£2 10s. for the best Second Prize Bird,
£1 10s. for the best Third Prize Bird,
£1 for the best Fourth Prize Bird,

selected from birds so entered—winners of previous Coupon prizes which secure Firsts, Seconds, Thirds, or Fourths at the Crystal Palace Show.

Exhibitors must note that coupons will not by themselves entitle them to exhibit birds. Entries must be made in the ordinary way, and the cost of coupons regarded as additional fees for additional prizes.

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(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Flight and Moulting.

Constant Reader.—(1) You may fly from forty to fifty Canaries in your room, but I should not recommend you to put more than six or eight breeding pairs. See that you have plenty of perch room. (2) Your two Norwich may start moulting at any time. Many birds are late this year. If you are going to put your birds in the room you mention I should recommend you to put these two in at once, whilst the weather is nice and genial. The change will no doubt start them moulting, and they will do much better than in a living room.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

A Bird Organ.

A.R.R.M.—I answered a question very similar to yours some two or three weeks back. You can get a bird-organ for use in training young Rollers from almost any of the large fanciers' specialists using our advertisement columns. Send a postcard for their price lists, or state your requirements to them. It is against the rules of the paper to recommend any individual dealer or advertiser. The mechanical organs, which wind up and run for twenty minutes or so without attention, are probably the most efficient and easy to work. Cost, somewhere about three pounds. You might be able to acquire a good second-hand one for less—I couldn't say, but an advertisement in this paper would soon show you.

Won't eat the Rape.

L. and M.—It is curious your bird should entirely neglect the summer rape seed you supply. As he scatters it all over the cage floor, I should be inclined to think you had got hold of a poor (or not genuine) sample, which he dislikes. Get a small supply from another shop, or one of our advertisers, and try the Roller with this, and see if he acts the same with it. Most birds, when they have been used to the right sweet rape will not look at a sample adulterated with hot rape (or charlock), which you might have got hold of, though you do not say whether you have recently changed your seed-man. Anyway, as the bird sings and does well on the canary seed, you have no need to worry. Give a little maw occasionally. He may eat the rape more freely when the colder weather comes.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crested Canary with Weak Legs.

J. Buchan, junr.—Weak legs is a complaint that Crested and Crest-bred Canaries suffer from, and is noticeable in many strains. I can hold out no hope for you that it will ever get strong again, all that you can do is to put six drops of nux vomica in one and a-half ounces of its drinking water daily for four days, then miss two days, after which use three drops on alternate days for a week; be careful not to exceed the quantity named, or the effect may be the reverse of what is wanted. Your feeding is correct, use green food sparingly; in fact, you might discontinue it altogether for a time.

Crest Cock Mopy.

K.D.F.—It is difficult to determine what is the matter with your bird from the description you give. It may be a slight touch of inflammation, if so, by this time probably it is dead. It is always advisable to examine the bird's body, and to give its correct appearance, also the droppings. If your bird is still living, remove it into a cage by itself, and feed on bread and milk and canary seed, you may sprinkle on the bread and milk as much mawseed as will lay on a threepenny piece, but give no other food whatever for a week; you may add to the drinking water a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food daily for the same time.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Young Birds Dying.

H. Pestridge.—The little ball you mention on the rump is the oil gland, and had nothing whatever to do with the death of your birds. Judging from the description of the symptoms, I should be inclined to think inflammation of the bowels has been the cause of death, but the fact that they have been constipated rather knocks that idea on the head. I really am at a loss as to the cause of death. If another dies, send it to Mr. North for post-mortem. You will then know the cause of death, and thus be enabled to treat accordingly. However, you cannot go far wrong if you give your birds some milk-sop as soon as they appear a bit mopy, sweeten it slightly with sugar, or with treacle, and give fresh twice a day. You may also mix a little of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water, just enough to make it a nice, deep pink colour.

Canary Losing Feathers.

A. Jones.—Now is the proper time of the year for your bird to moult. During the moult he will not sing, although he may make a slight twittering noise. Let the staple food be canary seed. This should be given every day in the seed hopper, three times a week you may give half a teaspoonful of the mixed seed you mention, either in a small tin or pot, or on the floor of the cage. Continue the egg food, but don't chop and change the seed weekly as you have been doing. Give enough Parrish's Chemical Food, in the drinking water, each day, to make it a nice rosy pink.

Washing Cuttlefish.

A.R.W.—The cuttlefish bone does not require soaking in fresh water to remove the salt. It is altogether a mistaken idea, which some entertain that sea salt is not good for birds, it is quite the reverse, as is evidenced by the splendid plumage possessed by birds living near the sea shore. Let your birds have the cuttlefish bone without its being soaked.

Slow Moult.

H. Briggs.—The best treatment for a bird which is moulting slowly is to keep it up in condition; don't let it get thin and weak. Mix a few drops of Scott's Emulsion in its egg food each day, and in its drinking water mix thirty drops of Fellows' Compound Syrup to each wineglassful of water. Don't worry about a bird moulting slowly. Birds vary in the manner in which they go through the moult, and it may be your bird is going quite fast enough. A capital motto is "Don't worry."

General Treatment.

Constance N.—Keep your birds well supplied with good, sound, clean Canary seed in the seed hoppers, and give twice or three times a week a small teaspoonful of the following mixture: three parts good summer rape seed, and one part of maw seed. Two or three times a week a sprig of green food or a piece of apple between the wires of the cage. See that they are well supplied with clean, gritty sand once or twice a week, either in a little vessel, or in the cage corner. I do not care for the sawdust in the cage much. I prefer sand. When the days are bright and dry you can hang the baths on, and give them the chance to bathe. They will be the best judges as to whether they want one or not.

Crossing Norwich and Greens

I have a green cock which has come from some Cinnamons; would he be a good mate for a Norwich hen which is clear bred, and would such a cross improve my Norwich; or should I pair him to a Cinnamon? What would the progeny be like?—BENNY

Benny.—You are taking time by the forelock in asking a question about breeding at this season of the year. You say little about how your birds have been bred in the past, so that I cannot with certainty say that your green Cinnamon cock would or would not be a suitable mate for your yellow Norwich hen unless I knew more about your wishes and requirements, but I can answer your further question as to what would be the appearance of any progeny they might produce, and such information might guide you in choice of mates. I should like to have known how the green Cinnamon cock was bred, because if his father was a Cinnamon he might be of more use for Cinnamon breeding than if his Cinnamon blood came through the mother. Your two birds, that is, assuming you pair with the Norwich, would produce clear, ticked, and variegated dark-eyed sons and daughters of the usual colour, and also a few pink-eyed birds, that would be hens for certain, and might have clear yellow or buff plumage or Cinnamon variegation. If you would like to go in for Cinnamon breeding you should pair your green cock with a Cinnamon-coloured hen; you might then get both green and Cinnamon coloured offspring, both sons and daughters. Unless your yellow Norwich hen is unusually large, I should not advise your mating her to the green Cinnamon cock, but get a buff Norwich cock for her and a Cinnamon hen for the green bird. The chief consideration is to make up one's mind definitely what is required, and then go to work to obtain it.

Not Singing.

Novice.—It is quite possible that the bird has lost his voice through being placed in the draught from the window and door. That is, unless he is moulting, but from what you say, I gather he has not yet started to throw his feathers. Anyhow, you were quite right in giving your bird glycerine and whiskey, but as this does not appear to have made the desired improvement, give it bread and milk every day, over which put four drops of syrup of tolu. The better plan, if you manage it properly, is to give two drops of the syrup of tolu direct into its beak every morning, adding six drops of whiskey to the drinking water, all the same, give the bread and milk, but without the tolu, if given direct into the beak. Continue this for a week or ten days, and it should remove the trouble. After that time you may colour his drinking water a nice rosy-pink, each morning, with Parrish's chemical food.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by C. E. WESTON.

Siskin and Hen Canary Ailing.

W.J.S.—I should say you are about right in attributing the illness of the Siskin to overfeeding (or over-fatness). They are rare birds to put on flesh, especially when given the article of diet you mention. Put the "blue pencil" through hemp, maw linseed and egg-food, and add to the menu tenzle and a little charlock (only give a sprinkle of summer rape). Let him have a lot of ripe wild seed — plantain, groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, thistles, etc., and also let him have a good fly round a room, if you can possibly manage it, every day. The exercise (can you turn him into an aviary or very large cage?) and change of diet will no doubt "bring back the roses to his cheeks," so to speak, in time. A few doses of dandelion juice (from a chemist) might help considerably. Give half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, on alternate days, for a week. The symptoms of the hen Canary sound bad, but on the meagre information you give concerning her, I really cannot arrive at any conclusion concerning the cause. I should give her a complete change of diet, the staple to be sweet biscuit (Maizena wafer, or Osborne), with a few best quality ants' eggs, just moistened with new milk. Make afresh frequently. Let her have plenty of maw seed and plain canary only; also dandelion juice as recommended above. If she pulls round, put half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in the water every day until moult is concluded.

Crested Tit in Ireland.

K.D.F.—I have never seen the Crested Tit in Ireland—faith, I've never seen Ould Oireland herself (bad luck to the onaisey Oirish Channel). According to Dr. Sharpe, we have only three or four well-authenticated records of the appearance of the Crested Tit in Erin. Still, that does not prove the bird you have recently caught is of some other species. You can easily settle the point, however, by referring to the supplement given away with the last Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, in which a very fine drawing of the Crested Tit appeared. If of this species, and " in the pink," as you put it, the bird would certainly stand a great chance on the show bench. The species is on the list of the N.B.B. and M.C. The high grade insectivorous food is quite correct to feed it on, allowing it some vegetable ingredient or other, with a few seeds (such as Canary, hemp and sunflower), and all the live insects you can collect (not overlooking mealworms). By the way, if Crested Tit proves the correct name of the bird, you certainly ought to put on record date and details of its capture.

Teaching Young Starling to Talk.

Alec.—The only method to teach a young Starling to talk is to repeat short, catchy sentences (two words at first) to it at very short intervals. You can also whistle a few catchy notes to him. Repeat the words clearly and distinctly several times before giving him a dainty such as a mealworm, beetle or other insect, or bit of fruit. He may thus associate those particular words with the appearance of a toothsome morsel of food, which fact may stimulate him to endeavour to reproduce the sounds. "Good-day," or "Good boy," would make excellent sentences to commence with. Talking Starlings are far less common, I believe, than Talking Jays and Magpies, but instances of really talented birds are on record.

In an Out-door Aviary.

C.A.B.—The design of your outdoor aviary is quite alright, with its floor well raised from the ground, sloping roof, boarded and felted, and deep weather-board arrangement at bottom. I would only suggest that you make the size another foot or two (say to 10 feet) longer and wider (say to 4 or 5 feet). The extra width would be an immense improvement; a length of six feet is not very considerable, either, for an outdoor place. Otherwise, bearing in mind how admirably sheltered it is, I think the place very practical, and one in which hardy British birds will certainly winter without any discomfort. Linnets and Goldfinches will thrive well therein. If you put nests in during the season, one or other of the couples might commence breeding operations, and present you with a few youngsters. But, as I have frequently pointed out, these operations are always more or less uncertain in a mixed collection of birds. They would pair up themselves. If you saw any of the birds particularly quarrelsome, and making themselves persistently disagreeable, you would have to remove them. There is sure to be a certain amount of bickering and squabbling in the spring. I do not know of any book on this particular subject, but possibly CAGE BIRDS may shortly be able to supply you with one.

Mule Ailing.

J.B.—Let your bird have plenty of cuttlefish and old mortar (from an old wall) to peck at, and no lack of good grit on the cage floor. Wash the drawer-board over regularly with hot water and strong carbolic soap. Let the Mule's seed-mixture for the next fortnight be canary one pint, teazle half-a-pint, and maw a quarter-pint. After that time add to it a quarter-pint of hemp. You can give green-food three or four times a week, providing it is seeding plantain, groundsel, shepherd's purse, or chickweed; also let him have a few thistle-heads. As medicine, use a little dandelion juice. Note reply to "W.J.S." this week concerning it. This should put matters right. If it does not, write me again in 14 days.

Mixed Together.

Gwendolyn.—1. It will do no harm to winter together the cock Linnet, hen Cinnamon, pair of Zebra Finches, and pair of Yorkshires, though the six birds make a pretty full complement for an aviary 3 feet by 10 inches. It is in their favour that they are perfectly friendly, and they are hardly likely to disagree until the next breeding season approaches. 2. You cannot breed with them successfully, except in separate cages. The Linnet and Cinnamon hen, and the pair of Yorkshires would (each couple) do admirably in the ordinary single breeding cage, which any cagemaker will supply you with. I am in doubt as to whether you are conversant with the practice of breeding, but if you are not, then I strongly recommend you to peruse "Canary Breeding for Beginners," a very practical and up-to-date book, obtainable for sevenpence from this office. This would put you on the right track. The Zebra Finches might breed in the aforementioned aviary, if the nesting site were screened, and a suitable nesting receptacle provided. This, however, is a matter for our foreign bird specialist, who will give you an answer in next week's issue.

Many Questions.

Linnet Lover.—I cannot identify the seed apart from the plant, except to say that it is one of the "bird-rapes" found so plentifully out in the fields. From the pod and taste I should say it is one of the "wild mustards," a near relative of the charlock. It is quite suitable to give to Linnets. The other seed (loose) is dock. Note "Wild Plant" article now running in our columns. Don't mix "wild seeds" with the ordinary seed-mixture; give same separately. You cannot get a "reliable contest singing Linnet" for two shillings, or anything like the price. You may get a bird which, if it sings the right sort of note (song) and is well trained, will eventually make a contest singer. If any man had a Linnet which he could "guarantee" to become a good contest singer, do you think he would take a few coppers for it when he knew it would eventually become worth pounds? It ought not to require much knowledge of human nature, or much commonsense to arrive at the answer. You can no doubt get a very good Linnet for the money mentioned, or for the eightpence you speak of (a friend of mine bought a Palace winner for fivepence, when "in the rough"), but don't get it into your head you have a certain contest performer, or you may suffer disappointment—singers fit to win at contests are scarce, and further, want "developing," just the same as Palace winners do. It will not do to keep two Linnets for singing purposes, in the same cage, and all wire cages 33 by 16 by 10 inches, are not suitable, box pattern cages being the best. Most birds sing better when out of sight of others; some don't mind at all, however. It is largely a matter of training.

In Variety.

B.C.A.F.C.—A cock Bramblefinch has never yet been known to successfully mate with either a hen Linnet or hen Bullfinch, so far as I know. I couldn't say whether he is at all likely to do so. I can say this, however, that the experiment (with one or the other) is well worth trying, for any undoubted progeny would be very valuable, and you would have accomplished a notable feat. I should very much like to see a Bramblefinch—Bullfinch Hybrid. The cock Bramble has unquestionably been successfully mated to the hen Chaffinch. Miss Reeves, of Wateringbury, has this year again bred several Hybrids from this mating (also with the sexes reversed). Having seen them personally, I can vouch for their authenticity. Good Reed Buntings make excellent show birds, a first-rate specimen always standing a chance of a prize. Blue and Great Tits are difficult to keep for any length of time in captivity, they "go light," and die unless restored their liberty. I have known individuals survive a fair length of time, however, with assiduous attention in the matter of live food. A closely wired box cage, about two feet long by one wide, by one and a half high, with a suitable "retiring chamber" (or screen) in it, would make an excellent house-cage.

Mating Linnet and Canary Hen.

E.D.G.—1. Purchase the hen Canary during October or November. It should then be well over the moult. If you wait until the commencement of the breeding season, all the best may be picked up. You can keep her with the Linnet right through the winter, until the beginning of February, if you like. Then separate them (not necessarily out of sight), until the hen shows signs of readiness to nest. If you can keep the two hanging within sight of each other (not actually together), or one each side the wired partition of a two-compartment breeding cage. 2. If both birds be together, canary, teazle and summer rape seeds will suit them, through the winter, as the staple food, with a feed of maw seed twice a week, and mixed (packet) Finch mixture once a week. All, or any, of the seeding wild foods I so frequently recommend in addition. 3. If you want good-coloured, shapely dark mules, for songsters, an ordinary yellow Norwich hen (variegated preferred) would answer admirably for the Linnet's mate. If she were very large, and he is a big, fine-coloured bird, the mating might produce some dark mules fit for exhibition. If you want to try for light Mules, failing a really sib-bred hen (always difficult to get) I should advocate a clear or ticked pink-eyed hen of Yorkshire type, bred from a clear strain, and a yellow if possible. By all means get a young hen (bred 1907), unless you know who you are buying from, and can thus trust to an older hen not being a "wrong 'un."

Briefiets.

A Weed (G.D.).—You are quite correct; the specimen weed you enclose is shepherd's purse.

Sunflower Seed (Constant Reader, H.C.). — Almost all seed-eating birds like sunflower seed when once they have tasted it, though some, of course, find it difficult, if not impossible, to shell, and for these it should be cracked. Hawfinches, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Crossbills, Tits, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, and others are very fond of it.

Goldfinch Ailing (W. T.). — See reply to "W.J.S." this week, and follow the advice, as regards medicine and exercise, given therein. Also see reply to "F.F.P." last week as regards various foods, and try them. You ought to have told me how you were feeding the bird.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Weaning from Boiled Maize.

K.D.F.—The most successful way to wean a Parrot from boiled maize is, to more than half fill the seed hopper with the dry mixture, and on top of same put a layer of the boiled maize. The usual result is that in a short time it throws out the maize to get at the dry corns. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. As regards fruit, I consider banana the most wholesome, but unfortunately many Parrots and Parrakeets, after a taste won't look at it. Try it with orange, grapes, pear, etc.—but it must be ripe—and give it such as it favours. Possibly your bird is very young, and not yet able to properly manipulate the hard seed. At any rate you must keep up the boiled maize till you find the bird eating freely of the dry mixture, and you must cease giving the maize gradually, not all

at once. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage. It will take to it sooner or later, as it will to most of the other items of diet advised in "C.B." Keep it out of draught, its cage strictly clean, and offer it water to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day.

What Weaver? and Treatment.

T.S.—Your description (black head and beak; orange breast and under vent; variegated back, and dark tail) is rather incomplete. If the abdomen is black and the variegated back an arrangement of browns, it is either the Napoleon or Orange Weaver. If, on the other hand, nearly the whole of its under surface is rich yellow, and the variegated back an arrangement of greenish yellow and dark brownish-olive, it is either the Black-headed or the Half-Masked Weaver; I incline to the opinion it is the latter. The value of a male in full breeding plumage is about 7/6, though I have seen them offered at the same rate per pair. They are hardy, and do well in any outdoor aviary all the year round. They pick over the soft food mixture, capture passing insects, and usually manage to get hold of one or two mealworms daily when they are thrown down for the other birds, and also take a little fruit, and are very fond of lettuce. Their staple diet is canary, millet, oats, and I see them pick up Paddy rice (rice in the husk) thrown down for the Doves and Quails.

Sepoy and Jacarini Finches.

A.L.K.M.—The gorgeous Sepoy Finch (*Hæmatospiza sipahi*), is a native of British India, chiefly in Nepal and Sikhim, and the Khasi Hills. The lovely geranium-red of its plumage fades in captivity. The Jacarini Finch (*Volatinia jacarini*) a native of South America, is really a very fine and handsome fellow, though, of course, not as gorgeous as the preceding species. He is as cheeky and self-assertive as the House Sparrow. I find Grosbeaks and Finches in my outdoor aviary eat a good bit of ripe fruit, are really gluttonous after lettuce, the same as to mealworms, and such other insects as they can get hold of. The staple seed mixture is canary and white millet. They also partake freely of spray millet, and also of paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds, supplied for some of the larger species inhabiting the same aviary. The Jacarini is a restless (not wild) bird, and should not be confined in a small cage, neither should the Sepoy Finch. The cage should not be less than 20 by 12 by 18 in. high, and of the box or semi-box type; personally, I should use one 10 ins. longer.

Feather-Pulling Grey Parrot.

R.T.V—There is no absolute remedy, I fear, with a confirmed feather-puller, mostly when cured so far as to be perfectly clad, they will again have lapses, and make scarecrows of themselves in a few hours. Add to the birds' diet a few white oats, and induce it, if possible, to take ripe fruit. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage continuously, and let it have water *ad lib.* For a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water every other day, and doses can be given afterwards at intervals of three days, but its bowels must not be allowed to become watery loose. Spray its plumage, principally the portions the bird is in the habit of maltreating, with quassia solution every other day, but keep it out of draught till dry. This will give a bitter taste to the feathers, and possibly deter the bird from pulling same. Note: Improvement is slow in such cases, but I have known of many cures from perseverance in the above methods. If there is no improvement you must fall back on the metal collar and light steel chain, which has been described many times in this column.

Talking Grey Parrot.

Doubtful.—I should say you have a young bird, and that its screeching is caused by fear; as it comes to know you and its surroundings, it will settle down and become more sociable. All grey Parrots talk more or less. With some, the words are picked up most readily by the method of constant repetition, that is, repeating a word or short sentence over and over again to the bird, till it is learned, and then taking up another. Some individuals will learn nothing this way, but pick up quite a large vocabulary from being kept where they hear plenty of conversation; try this latter method, with a little of the constant repetition thrown in. Parrots are often very jealous creatures, and for one bird to see you caressing or fondling the other, would be sufficient to set up a screaming competition, though cases are on record where a non-talker has been successfully trained by that method. But I do not advise it.

What Tanager?

I have a pair of Tanagers of the *Euphonia* group—head and neck, green; eye-circlet and mantle, turquoise-blue; back, green flaked with blue; wings and tail, green; underpart, yellow. Can you identify them?—"Euphonia."

Euphonia.—Some birds are of the family *Euphoniinæ*, and of the genus *Chlorophonia*. The species is rather doubtful, so many of these birds resembling one another so closely that identification is very difficult unless the description be very minute, but I incline to the opinion that it is *torrejoni*. Most of the females of this genus are similar to the males, but a little brighter in colour. They are mostly offered indiscriminately as green, all green, or blue—green Tanagers. It might possibly be *viridis*, if so, the back will become practically all blue, as it becomes fully matured. Here is a description of *C. torrejoni*, which you can compare with your bird: "Bright grass-green, rump rather brighter; broad patch on the back of the neck and eye-circlet shining blue; abdomen greenish-yellow, brighter in the middle; under wing-coverts and inner margins of wing feathers white; bill dark horn-colour; feet brown; whole length 3.7 inches, wing 2.4, tail 1.3." (B.M.C., Vol. XI.).

Blue-fronted Amazons.

Joey.—Sudden changes of diet are never wise, and in this instance while gradually getting it on to the varied seed mixture advised in this column, it would be well to have half the bulk of said mixture sunflower seed, gradually decreasing same till the quantity becomes normal. It should also be given ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, green food, etc.; not all at once, but to vary the diet. Most of the Amazons make good talkers, and as regards capacity, can only be placed second to the grey, than which a good blue-front is but little inferior; they take, perhaps, a little more teaching. If you keep your bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, it should pick up some of the short phrases it hears, as well as mimicing other sounds and calls. See also reply on Talking Greys in this issue.

What Parrakeet?

A.H.R.—I think from your description, the bird is a yellow-collar (or Twenty-eight) Parrakeet. Will give you a definite reply next week.

White Bengalee.

Is this a cage-bred bird, or is it a wild species? How is it that dealers frequently include it in their lists of wild-caught birds at 2/6 pair, and others ask 4/- or 5/- for it?—"PUZZLED."

Puzzled.—The Bengalee is a cage-bred bird, *i.e.*, an artificial creation; it was produced by the Japanese by careful breeding and selection. It is as much a cage bird as the Canary, and has been so for a very long period, and, like the Canary, breeds better in a cage than in the aviary. Many of these birds are imported with the wild-caught species, and all that comes to hand go into the same list—dealers get aviary-bred birds by way of exchange, etc., from aviculturists, and I know on many occasions no difference has been made in the list. It is their plentitude or otherwise on the market that regulates the price, though I presume aviculturists would ask 5/- a pair, and they would be worth it. Personally, I would sooner give them away than sell aviary-bred specimens for less than 5/- a pair (please note I have none to part with at present). The pure white variety is worth 7/6 to 10/- a pair (dealers' price).

What Parrot?

I have just purchased a young green Parrot; yellow under neck, slight blue on top of head and red on wings. What kind is it? How must I feed? It is in rather bad plumage, and its bowels are very loose. Should it have a large or small cage? Will it talk, and how long will it take to settle down?—T.H.

T.H.—If it has a short tail, and is a large and stout bodied bird, it is a Blue-fronted Amazon, which I believe it to be. In such case you are dieting correctly, but continue to offer the ripe fruit, also nuts (shelled walnuts are very good), and let it have some boiled maize for a time (this only keeps fresh one day) as well as the seed mixture. Continue the chemical food, and for one day put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia over the boiled maize, repeating the dose in three days' time. Encourage it to take a bath, and if it will not do so, lightly spray it with water just chilled on genial days, carefully guarding from draught till dry. Certainly let it have a roomy cage, but though a hardy species when once acclimatised, it must not be stood in a draught. The Blue-front, as a rule makes a good talker and mimic; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it, and it should soon begin to utter a word or two. Individuals vary as to teachableness, and there can be no rule as to when! Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and a leaf of fresh, tender lettuce once or twice a week would do no harm.

What Parrot?

My bird is all green; red beak; a little larger than a Dove, and has a long tail. What bird is it? Will it talk? I gave 12/6 for it and cage; was it too much?—W. O. M.

W. O. M.—It is some species of Palæornis, commonly called Ringnecks, of which there are many local races and species. Your bird is most probably a female, which lacks the neck ring of the male; or it might be a young male in immature plumage. All these talk more or less; some are quite talented. If you talk to your bird, and also keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, it will ultimately pick up words and sounds. The diet and treatment for these birds have been given several times recently in this column. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever.

POST MORTEM.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Greypate Goldfinch (A.O.M.).—Inflammation of liver, lungs, and kidneys.—A large percentage of freshly-caught birds die in this way, unless skilfully fed and attended.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Pictures and Photos (Miss C.).—We have written you.

Distributing Copies, etc. (C. Marlew).—Many thanks, sir, for your good offices on our behalf.

Where to Deal with Safety (Punjab Reader).—However willing we might be to help our foreign and colonial readers, we cannot undertake commissions to purchase birds on their behalf, or recommend individual dealers at the expense of others. The advertisements in this paper must be studied carefully, and selections made therefrom. Give some recognised and responsible dealer or fancier the commission.

A C.B.U. Question (Amateurs).—Certainly it is against C.B.U. rules for members of the Union or members of affiliated societies to exhibit their birds in other people's names, or in their children's names at non-affiliated shows. Should you come across a bona fide case, you can communicate with G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

Specimen Copies (W. Pawley).—Many thanks for your kind offer to distribute some specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS. We have had a bundle sent to your address. We wish you the best of good luck in your endeavours to stir up the local fanciers.

Solicitation (Anxious).—This is an ordinary business proceeding, imitated from us, and we don't object to it in the least, especially in view of your remark that the form comes in handy to advertisers in CAGE BIRDS.

A Novice, or not a Novice (G.W.S.).—The question of whether you are a novice or not depends to a large extent upon the individual rule on the point of each society. Different clubs have different ideas about what constitutes a novice. For instance, one club will hold that a man who wins a first in Norwich Canaries, is still a novice in the Yorkshire classes, etc. As a general rule, though, the fact that you had won a first prize in open competition (no matter how small the show), would be sufficient to disqualify you as a novice at any other open fixture.

Parrakeet's Egg (A.R.R.M.). — Address your query to our Foreign Bird Expert, and name the species of Parrakeet the egg belongs to. Latter detail is all-important.

Wallsend Smoker (J.M.).—Your report received just as we go to press, too late for this week. We must regret having to hold it over, but to ensure insertion matter should reach us on Tuesday.

Habits, Structure, and Colouration of Birds.

By J. W. CUTMORE (Taxidermist to the Liverpool Museum).

A Lecture delivered before the Manchester and Northern Counties Ornithological Society.

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PROTECTIVE PLUMAGE.

The colouration of birds has its usefulness in more ways than one; it protects them from their enemies. The little warblers are difficult to find in the spring foliage, their soft green plumage blending with their surroundings. The creeper and wryneck are difficult to distingnish on the bark of a tree; the Woodcock in the dead leaves; the Nightjar on the moor lands, or sitting lengthwiso on the branch of a tree; and it is not easy to observo the Cornbunting in the brown fields, the Wheatear in the sand-pits, the Grouse in the heather, the Cuckoo, with its Sparrowhawk-like plumage, certainly finds in it a protection. In cases where the plumage of adults are alike, the young have a special plumage, such as the Robin, Hawfinch, etc. Where the hen differs, the young are generally like her. Colour, as seen in the various parts of birds, is produced by pigment, or by structure, or by the combination of the two. Three classes of colours can therefore be distinguished.

CLASSIFICATION OF COLOURS.

First, the so-called chemical or absorption colours are always due to colouring matter which may exist in the form of a solution diffused in the coloured parts, or in the form of pigmented corpuscles distributed in and between the cells of the various parts. Such colours do not change under any position of the light or eye, black, red, and brown always belong hereto, orange and yellow mostly, but rarely green, and never blue. The principal colour pigments are:—

Zoomelanin, black, an animal colouring matter, distributed in amorphous little corpuscles.

Zoonerythrin, red, such is seen in the scarlet Ibris, Red Cardinal, Cockatoo, Flamingoes, etc.

Zooxanthin, yellow, such as seen in feet and bills of birds of prey, Ducks, Geese, etc., like *Zoonerythrin*, it is a coloured fatty oil.

Turacin, is found in the wing of an African Plantain-eater, it is easily extracted by washing it in acidulated water, a portion of it can be removed by rain.

Turacoverdin, green pigment, is the only instance, and is only found in the African Plantain-eaters, it contains comparatively much iron, but no copper, as in *Turacin*.

Brown is the result of a mixture of red and black colouring matter. White is never due to pigment, in very white objects its colour is due to there being an innumerable number of interstices (narrow spaces) between its molecules (its structure), or tho air cells in its substance. The whole substance of a white feather is colourless, but its texture forms a fine network which diffracts and reflects the light.

GLOSS INDEPENDENT OF COLOUR.

The gloss of feathers is independent of the colour itself, and is the result of their horny surface being smooth and polished. The silk handkerchief adds a polish to the show birds in the same way as a bunch of cotton wadding does to the stuffed bird. The second class of colouring is called objective structural, and is produced by the combination of a certain pigment with a special structure of the colourless part of the feather. Yellow, as found in the Orioles, belongs to this class. Green, except in the one case of the Plantain-eater, is always due to yellow, orange, or greyish-brown pigment, with a superstructure which consists of narrow longitudinal ridges found in Parrots, Pittas, etc. Blue has not been discovered as a pigment, blue feathers contain only orange or brownish pigment, the blue tint appears on the outer surface structure of the feather. In the third class of colouration, the metallic colours change according to the position of the light and the eyes of the observer. The Starlings are a good example of this; the Humming Birds, Jacamars, Peacock, etc.

ALBINISM AND MELANISM.

Albinism is caused by the pathological absence of black pigment often locally produced by lesion of the pulp of the growing feather, as frequently seen in spotted Blackbirds. Melanism is produced by the superabundance of black pigment, mostly causing the feathers to assume a darker or more sooty colour, frequently seen in the Bullfinch and the Skylark.

Erythism. The abnormal occurrence of red is mostly confined to originally yellow or orange feathers, produced by abnormal food like cayenno pepper, or directly by the colour matter of *Rubia tinctoria*, one of the madder warts. Anyone wishing to pursue this colour question further should look up the "Dictionary of Birds," by Newton and Gadow.

NESTING AND BREEDING.

I must now pass on to the most interesting part of my subject, *i.e.*, the nesting and breeding habits of birds. Many birds take their names from the type of nest they build. The Orioles and Cow-Birds are called hang-nests, some of the Grosbeaks are called weavers. The Australian Megapodes are called mound-birds. The Longtailed Tit, the Bottle Tit, the American Babbling Thrush an oven bird, and so on. Birds are all classed when speaking of their nesting habits under these headings:—1 Burrowing birds, 2 pensile birds, 3 building birds, 4 social birds, 5 branch builders, and 6 parasitic birds.

Our burrowing birds are the Sand Martin, Puffin, Stock Dove, Stormy Petrel, Kingfisher, Jackdaw, Sheldrake, and Woodpeckers. The Sand Martin is plentiful with us, burrowing in sand-rock is a hard task for such a tiny bird, the holes generally slope upwards to guard against water, the burrow is generally about two and a-half feet long. Few enemies can reach them, rats and weasels will not venture to climb the rocky face. Crows and Hawks sometimes snatch up the young birds as they appear at the mouth of the holes. The Kingfisher, although classed as a burrower, and is better equipped for the task, seldom excavates the whole of its burrow, but takes possession of a disused Water Vole's nest.

The Puffin, also quite satisfactorily armed with a beak suitable for excavating, generally takes a fancy to the rabbit's burrow, and evicts the rightful owner. The birds that belong to the semi-burrowing class are the Jackdaw, Stockdove, Sheldrake, and Stormy Petrel. The Woodpeckers, as the name implies, are burrowers into wood, they make no nest, but lay their polished white eggs upon the chips. The eggs of all these burrowing birds are white. With the Pensile or Hang-nests, we have nothing to do to-night, they are, with one exception, the Golden Oriole, foreign birds—the Cowbirds and Orioles of America, Orioles and Weavers of Africa and India. Some of these birds construct their nests at the extreme end of delicate branches hanging over water, the reason is to safeguard their eggs and young from the filching paws of the innumerable monkeys that swarm the forests.

BUILDERS WITH MUD.

Among the mud-builders we have many birds, but the American oven-bird is the most expert. The Pied Grallina of Australia makes a mud basin, these birds make no attempt to conceal their nests, but place them on a naked branch, or upon the top of a fence, or gate-post, the nearest approach to this mud nest is our Blackbird and Thrush. The Thrush plasters the inside of its nest very carefully and smoothly with mud. The blackbird plasters its nest inside carelessly and roughly, but adds a lining of fine grass. The Swallows and House Martins are well known to all as mud builders. The Hornbill of Africa has a peculiar habit of plastering up the entrance to its nest with the female inside the hollow tree, leaving but a small crevice to convey the food through to her while the process of incubation is going on. The Nuthatch reduces the size of the entrance to its nest by plastering part of it up with mud

(*To be continued.*)

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE CLUB PATRONAGE.

SIR,—It has been suggested to me that I was the author of the letter appearing in your issue of the 24th ult. over the nom-de-plume of "Frost and Snow." Will you therefore kindly grant me a small space in your valuable journal to disclaim all responsibility in connection therewith. Without the least reservation I definitely state that I was neither directly nor indirectly interested in it; nor, so far as I am aware, do I know the writer of it. While writing, may I be permitted to state that I welcome fair criticism in regard to the conduct of the officials of the S.Y.C.C., but I must admit that I consider "Pat" is very unfair, and, what is more, he is untruthful, when he states "that cliqueism is well known to exist in the club and that kissing goes by favour." Now, assuming for the sake of argument that such is the case, who is at fault—the officials themselves or those who elect them? But I fearlessly deny such allegations, and I challenge him to substantiate them, either before the committee or any other body for that matter, and although I throw down the gauntlet, I venture to say he will not have the courage to take it up, but why need he be afraid if he believes in the truth of his remarks?

R. L. CRISP.

SIR,—I was greatly astonished to learn from Pat, whose letter appeared in last week's CAGE BIRDS, that cliqueism is well known to exist in the S.Y.C.C., and that kissing goes by favour. I am in utter ignorance as to what Pat is alluding to, but as his letter appears under the heading of the "Southern Yorkshire Canary Club's patronage," I presume he alludes to this. When the patronage was alloted, ten attended the meeting, and six sent voting papers, as they could not attend, and these were taken into account at the meeting. Every member of the Committee received a voting paper with a list of shows, dates, and judges, so that they could vote, if unable to attend. As Pat has made these sweeping assertions, which are totally unfounded and unwarrantable, and are likely to prejudice the welfare of the Club, I must ask him to substantiate his charges. It having come to my knowledge, that it is being said that the letter signed "Frost and Snow" was written by me, I should like to take the opportunity to deny being the sender, or knowing who "Frost and Snow" is.

J. W. RENNIE,
Hon. Sec., S.Y.C.C.

THE PIONEERS' PROGRESS.

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY AT COALVILLE.

SIR,—Will you kindly make it known through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS that we are trying to start a Cage Bird Society at Coalville. There are many fanciers in Coalville and district, and we should like to meet together sometimes to have a little chat on birdy matters, which I think would be for the benefit of the fancy generally, and for each individual fancier. If all fanciers in Coalville and district who would like to join us, would kindly send me their name and address I will let them know when and where we shall have our first meeting. If any of your readers would give me a little advice to help in the formation of the above Society I should esteem it a great favour.

E. J. HOLMES.
27, Hotel Street, Coalville, Leicestershire.

THE PLUMSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

An Appeal.

SIR,—May I take this opportunity of asking that all Fanciers intending to become members of the Plumstead, Woolwich, and District C.B.S. will send in their names to me at once? No entrance fee will be asked from those joining by September 19th. When getting about among the Fanciers here, and asking them to join, a number have answered, "If it goes on all right I will join." Now I say to these and others who may be of the same mind, "Come inside and help make it all right; not stand and look on." Others say, "I do not exhibit." Never mind, you are interested in birds, and therefore we can interest and help you. All should remember that unity is strength, and that we cater for cage birds alone, therefore our whole attention is centred in them. I may say that the Society is carried on by up-to-date methods, lectures and demonstrations being an important feature. Hoping to greatly increase our membership at the next meeting.

W. PAWLEY,
Hon. Secy.
13, Olven-road, Plumstead.

FOREIGN STARLING-LIKE BIRDS.

Some Useful Observations.

SIR,—A few remarks upon the groups of Starling-like birds that form a link, as it were, between the true Starlings and the Weaver Bird may perhaps be of some little interest to your readers, seeing that this class of bird for some reason is not very often referred to. Of the true Starlings, the Glossy Starlings are fairly well known, and are doubtless imported just about as freely as the demand for them warrants. The uncommon beauty of their glossy plumage cannot be gainsaid, their chief drawback being that they are rather too noisy and cumbersome for aviaries where space is at a premium, so that most Fanciers with only small or moderate-sized aviaries must either keep only a very limited number of the Starlings or Starling-like birds, and forego most, if not all, other birds, or if other birds are kept forego these larger and more boisterous birds. Unfortunately, these remarks apply to practically all the Starling tribe. The Mynahs are the nearest approach to the true Starlings, and of these several species are pretty well known and freely imported. The common and the hill Mynahs are perhaps the most common in the market. These birds when taken in hand young and treated individually will often rival an ordinarily gifted Parrot as linguists. Nearly allied to the Mynahs are the Hangnests, which help to link that genera with the Troupial. But few species of the same are to be met with in our markets, the Brazilian being about the most common, though the Baltimoro Hangnest is fairly well known. They succeed well as cage birds, and make very excellent, if not quite ideal, pets. In their habits they are naturally largely frugivorous, or fruit-eaters, and need to be treated accordingly. Their food in confinement must contain a good proportion of ripe fruit, and insects, larvæ, and so forth must also form a prominent item. They are on the whole gifted with musical talent of a higher order than the general run of the Starling tribe. The Brazilian Hangnest is also a handsome plumed bird in a general tone of fiery orange colour, with a strongly contrasting black hue on the head, throat, wings, tail, and middle of the back. The female is smaller and her colour less bright. Next comes the Military Troupial, of which only the common species and De Filippi's need be mentioned. The former at least is freely imported, and both are pretty and interesting birds. The Marsh Troupial belongs to a different genera, which links the last-named genus to the Meadow Starlings. It is not very difficult to obtain, as a few are generally to be found in the market. It has been credited with some musical ability, and is a hardy and long-lived bird. In the aviary it requires a plentiful supply of insect food, and soft food and fruit should also form a regular item. Closely allied to the latter species are the true Meadow Starlings, of which the Red-shouldered—more popularly known in the United States, where it is frequently kept as a cage bird, as the Red-winged Blackbird—and the Brown-headed, often called the Brown-headed Marsh Troupial, are most likely to come within reach of the aviarist. The former is least often imported, but the latter appears at times in sufficient quantity to bring the price down to a reasonable figure. It is also gifted with song—that is, of course, as Starling song usually goes, which is not invariably the most melodious.

The Cow-birds also belong to this tribe of Starling-like birds, and are pretty freely imported, so that one or more species are almost always on the market. The Silky Cow-bird—not Cowper Bird, please, as a literary field-naturalist once called it—is one of the, if not quite the, most commonly imported species. They are hardy, very easy to keep, and possess the usual merits and failings from different points of view of the Starling in general. Perhaps their greatest drawback is in being nervous, excitable, and somewhat wild. The last I shall mention is that species immortalised alike in prose and verse—the Bobolink. The exquisite beauty of its song has been the theme of many a talented writer; nevertheless, it is questionable whether its singing powers so far exceed those of our British Starling. It is rather a shy and nervous bird when first confined, and doubtless it is much more difficult to procure specimens of late by reason of the restrictions placed on the exportation of certain birds by the United States Government. But when obtained it is, in common with its near relatives, easy to manage and keep in health. In its seasonal change of plumage it shows its near approach to birds of the Weaver tribe, although its proper place is certainly amongst the Starling-like races under review, which are well worthy the attention of aviarists who have plenty of space wherein to accommodate them.

STURNUS.

A PLAGUE OF MICE.

SIR,—I can safely say that if Mr. Wilcock will follow my instructions he will get rid of the little torments. Get six little saucers, place one at the bottom of each support, then get one quart of gas tar and half a pint of paraffin, mix well together, fill each saucer, and what is left place in an old saucer and put in the middle of the room.

W. HALLAM.

REMEDY WANTED FOR PLAGUE OF EARWIGS.

SIR,—Could any reader please say what is the best remedy for keeping earwigs out of the aviary, as they disturb my canaries so at night? I cannot find any in the daytime, but directly it gets dark the place is fairly alive with them, both on the floor and on the wires in the flight. I have tried lime and smoke, but they do not make any difference. The aviary is 7ft. long, 7ft. high, and 4ft. wide, and stands 12in. off the ground, and is built of wood. I have 24 canaries in it. I have not much room in the yard to shift things about.

LOUGHBORO.

NOW THEN, LINNET SINGERS! MIND THE NAIL.

SIR,—About eight years ago I was the proud owner of one of the best quality singing Linnets in England. As a contest bird he had few equals. In his first contest he defeated 44 of the best picked birds in Yorkshire, a good performance, he being only a youngster. But a still better was in store, for a week later I took him to Dewsbury, and he there defeated 37 of the best birds they could possibly find. In this contest he was running and turning in the deepest tone possible to get from a Linnet, without the slightest click or jar of any description. At this contest I had £5 offered for him. In his second and third year he defeated something like 600 or 700 birds (not altogether, of course, but 20 at one contest and 30 at another, and so on). I had him trained to perfection; the bird knew me as well as I knew him. I took him to a Leeds gentleman's house to let him hear it. We put a nail in the wall near the door. This gentleman, who understands a Linnet, after this performance wrote a letter to a certain Hull fancier, saying he had heard the "finest Linnet in the world." This Hull fancier arrived in Leeds a few days later, and we journeyed to the Leeds gentleman's house to hear the bird sing. He was put on the same nail, and when he had been up a minute he broke with reeing, making four beautiful turns in it, and running into blubbering, making three turns in that, a beautiful break. Then, alas, the nail came out of the wall, the bird falling to the floor and being killed instantly, no blame attaching to anyone, as it was a pure accident. This bird came from the same place as my present champion.

HARRY ALLEN.

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

SIR,—With regard to some information given in, I think, August 24th issue of CAGE BIRDS by Mr. Wesley Page regarding Parrakeets, may I speak from experience? He says that never has he come across a Quaker Parrakeet ("grey-breasted" from Monte Video) that could speak. I have a pair of them, *Myopsittamus monachus*. The cock bird I have had 4½ years. He can say all sorts of things that I have taught him without the slightest trouble, no teaching with the cage covered up, simply repeating short sentences. He says, "God save the King," "Polly, put the kettle on," "Polly, take it off again," "Oh, dear, what can the matter be," "Kiss Polly," "Dear little Polly bird," "Shut the door," "Come along, come along," etc. Whenever I go into the room he always makes some remark, he also imitates the cackling of a hen precisely. The hen bird is not so good, but says a few things. I have not had her a year yet. Both are perfectly tame, and eat out of my mouth. Barring the noise of their "singing!" one could not have more interesting Parrakeets. They don't say things they hear promiscuous people say, but listen most attentively, and learn very quickly. The cock bird also imitates the sound of brushing clothes when I brush mine. I write this thinking it may interest you, and, as a keeper at the parrot-house at the Zoo told me, I might have had a dozen of these birds and not got them to speak, it seems rather interesting. A friend told me she had never heard any Parrot speak more distinctly. Unfortunately, they won't talk before everyone, being very timid little birds. The cock bird feeds the hen regularly out of his crop. They are in a large cage, and I let them out twice a day, when they generally sit on the top.

M. B.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

PROPER TREATMENT OF CHAFFINCH.

SIR,—The article by "On the Watch Tower" makes me feel I must write about my Chaffinch for CAGE BIRDS readers, for by the following you will see my bird gets all the luxuries that "On the Watch Tower" seems to think these lovely birds never get in captivity. My Chaffy was hand-reared in 1895, he has a cage 13in. x 18in x 13in. high; every morning I let him out of his cage for a fly in the room (some days during the afternoon, too), and he bathes in a floating, hollowed-out wood bath on the top of a fish aquarium, where I have a spray or shower, which I can turn over the bath if I like; you may be sure he enjoys this. As regards insects, he catches these himself; no flies, blue-bottles, or moths remain in the room long while my Chaffy is out; I also give him mealworms, ants eggs, grass in flower, and any wild green stuff I can get. He is finger tame with me now; I only have to snap my fingers and call him, and he comes; even without any food in my hand he comes just the same, and pecks at my fingers just like Bullfinches do when they get very tame. It is a large room he flies in, and it is a pretty sight to see him flying across the room to meet me. He will do much the same to strangers when they have been in the room some little time. Just now he is moulting, and will only come to me occasionally, because, of course, it is a trying time for him. There is one thing this Dickie greatly objects to, and that is hats. If anybody, lady or gentleman, enters the room with a hat on, my Chaffy is off like a shot, and will not come near them until they remove it. I do not believe much in handling birds, or, at least, I like to make sure they are really naturally tame before I do, because I believe it frightens them very much. If there is occasion for me to handle my pet Chaffinch I put my hand over his back, and he perches on my thumb. In this way I have no need to hold him tightly, and can stroke and caress his head. This he evilently likes by the "Pink-pink" he gives. Of course, he will feed from my fingers, also from my mouth. I can put a hemp seed on the back of my tongue, and he will put his little head right inside of my mouth to reach it. When I wish to get him back in his cage I either wait until he goes for food or call him over with a hemp seed, and in he goes, and I quietly shut the door. If I am reading a book he will come and perch on the edge of the leaves, and presently away he flies to sing his charming song, which I love to listen to; so you see he gets the best of everything, and in return makes a charming pet.

F. BRAMMER.

WHERE DO THOSE PLAGUEY LITTLE RED MITE COME FROM?

SIR,—We have from time to time had some wonderful theories about this pest of the bird-room, and remarkable statements, too, such as their inability to run about on glass, which supposed fact was discovered not so very long ago by an experimentor, who doubtless tickled the wretches to death in the race, and misunderstood the cause of the fatality. Now we have a very ingenious discovery of the cause of infection, but, unfortunately, though I do not mean it unkindly, this is probably an error of observation. The tiny white insects found in the seed bought in packets were mites in one sense of the term (or, perhaps, it would be more correct to call them weevils), I have no doubt. But it is extremely unlikely that they were in any way related to the pest of the bird-room any more than is the cheese mite, which can be found like a white dust about old cheese. The mites in the seed were undoubtedly in their natural sphere, as there is quite a variety of these mites (or weevils) which infest grain and seeds of various kinds. But they are in no way related to the red mite we all know only too well. The latter mite is, in fact, not so far removed from the thrips or red spiders. What those white insects in the seed proved was that the seed had been badly stored, or was very old (perhaps both), and incidentally it should help to show that the best and safest method of feeding one's birds is to buy seeds separately, when one can see the quality and mix them as required. Packet seeds, if kept in stock months, or it may be years, at a time, can scarcely fail to deteriorate in quality. But there is one means of spreading the pest of red mite—not generally thought of or suspected—and that is mice. Where these rodents exist in a bird-room they act as vehicles to convey the mite from cage to cage, and from one room to another, just as they may also prove a most dangerous, although unconscious, means of spreading any contagious disease broadcast among a stock of birds located in different rooms. Mice are, indeed, a pest that cannot be too stringently kept at bay.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(Correspondence continued on page 161).

FREE TRADE UPHELD.

SIR,—Clubs are making "Protection" with a vengeance, and in my opinion in their narrow mindedness going the wrong way to get the honesty that they aim at. For instance, one man must make only one kind of show cage, or the exhibitor is disqualified, and another man another kind, and now, I see, for the Liverpool Green Club one man only the paint. Great Scot! I expect next that one man will have to make all the breeding cages for a certain club, for birds to be bred in them only, and that a visiting committee will be appointed to see that they are bred in such. I might suggest this. I think it will be original. This same thing applies to judges only being appointed that are members, thus limiting the scope. Herein is the whole crux of unfair and inferior judging, in my opinion. Instead of instituting this silly thing for honesty they should open the field wide for judges, and select, not the cheapest man—the man that often looks at it for an advertisement or the chance of picking up a cheap bird for himself, or a customer—they should select competent, fearless, and honest men, not dealers, or part dealers. If you had an honest and fearless man no exhibitor or hundred exhibitors, tricksters, committeemen, secretaries, different cages, or anything would count; in fact could not count. Yet this does not seem to be grasped as the only way by all these wonderful brains combined, with all their meetings, lectures, etc. Yet, what a simple fact! There are only two ways of doing anything—one right and the other wrong. In this case it is always the wrong—absolutely blind they must be. There are some of these good men judging now. But, alas! how many? And there are some of the others—that is certain to those who can see, and will see. How are the dog shows conducted? Owners and their men show the animals before the public. These judges are not frightened, nor do they get nervous; but in the big majority of cases they do their duty, and do it well. DISGUSTED.

THE CAGE-BIRD UNION AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. C. Crane re C.B.U. and non-affiliated shows I see Mr. Lythgoe warning members of the C.B.U. that if they show at a non-union show they are liable to be suspended. Now, sir, I should like to know what the exhibitors are going to do who belong to the C.B.U. at our Derby at the Great Glass House? Are the members of the C.B.U. going to be allowed to show there? The reason I ask is because I see by your list of shows they are not starred. If they are not affiliated to the C.B.U. are all the members of the C.B.U. going to be debarred? If so, I am afraid it will be a poor look out for the big glass house. I thought when the union was started it was to improve the fancy, the welfare of the exhibitors, and reduce the railway charges, but it seems to me as if it is to force every fancier to join it whether he approve of it or not. I don't see how it will stop any more wrong-doing, or faking, than before, as I think in the past a great many more of the frauds have been found out by Fanciers visiting shows than by the show committees. I think what Cage Bird Fanciers want is a kind of a club formed, so that in case of a law-suit they would have something to fall back on, and also to compensate exhibitors for loss of birds at shows, and sometimes by rail. I don't think there are a great number of our present-day show managers who want any one to give them advice re their show, and if there was any fraud they could deal with it. I think when it was made known, that other societies would not take their entries at their shows when they knew of it. We don't want to stop Fanciers from exhibiting. Let them all come. I think if there was a club started something similar to what I have often spoken about it would be a grand thing. We send our birds to shows now, and have to take all risk while on rail, also at the shows too, and it is generally the best bird which goes first.

C. H. COOPER.

Yorkshire Union and the C.B.U.

The question of the Cage Bird Union patronage was raised at the meeting of the Council of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., held September 7th, writes Mr. Fred Hammond, the secretary, and it was decided to allow societies a free hand in the matter of applying for same, with the distinct understanding that the Council would recognise no rules as superseding or prevailing over their own. Yorkshire Union shows are held under Yorkshire Union rules, and where these conflict with any others, either of Societies, other Unions, or Specialist Clubs, the Yorkshire Union rules alone are recognised, and the Society holding such a show is held responsible for the carrying out of any ruling which the Yorkshire Union Council may make. It is therefore desirable that societies making application for outside patronage (and any club or union granting same) should keep these facts fully before them.

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CAME HOME TO ROOST.

SIR,—My brother in November of last year purchased a fresh caught chaffinch, and kept him in an aviary indoors all the winter. In the spring he decided to keep chickens, and set to and built a house at the bottom of the garden, using small mesh wire netting to keep the sparrows out. Thinking the chaffinch would like a little more liberty, he accordingly let it fly in the run along with the chickens. One morning he went to give fresh water, and accidentally left the door open, when "Chaffie," seeing his chance, flew out and away. My brother went to business thinking he had lost his bird, but upon his arrival home in the evening he found to his great astonishment there sat "Chaffie" waiting to go to roost, and on the door being opened at once flew in. This happened at Tooting. I thought it might interest your numerous readers. E. H. HULL.

WARMING AN OUTSIDE AVIARY.

SIR,—Can any of your readers advise me as to the best method of warming an outside canary house? It stands in a sheltered position, and is about 6ft. square. Would there be any evil result from using a small gas jet? I shall be grateful for any advice.

W. H. DAVERS.

THE FEEDING OF YOUNG HYBRIDS.

SIR,—As a reader of your valuable paper for some years, and being specially interested in the able articles appearing from time to time, I would just like to endorse the opinion of "Argyle" in his able article on hybrids. I have a bullie hen that was hand-reared in 1905. She was left untried the next year, and came into my possession last July. I put her up with a five-year-old goldie cock, and in a few minutes they paired up. She dropped an egg two days later, which was broken. After a few days' rest she went to an ordinary felt nest, and laid a clutch of four eggs. I had two full eggs set under two canary hens, both good feeders, the first hatched was a large bird, and lived for seven days, but, alas, was found dead on cage bottom. It must have fallen while being fed, the second one in a nest of canaries only lived two days. I fancy it never was fed, although the canaries were reared all right, the third one, under a hen who never failed this year, died at four days, and so my hopes were dashed to the ground, but my appetite for hybrids has certainly been enlarged. I was highly pleased when I saw them in the nest, their skin was very red, and they were covered with long black down. I fed on egg and biscuit with plenty of green food. Perhaps some of your numerous readers who have been successful might give us beginners a hint as to feeding young hybrids. I mean to try again, but next time with a clear crest-bred cock canary. Wishing your paper all the success it richly deserves. MACK.

WHOLESALE DEATHS THROUGH DRINKING WATER.

Was it Bird Fever?

SIR,—I don't think the sad loss of the 110 Canaries recorded in the letter in your correspondence columns from "T. Booker" had anything to do with the heavy drinking of water, in which he says they indulged. The water drinking would merely be a symptom of the real trouble, and the latter seems most likely to be "feverishness," and probably due to the dreaded "bird fever," which he has by some means got into his room. It has often been pointed out in CAGE BIRDS how difficult (almost impossible) it is to drive out the germs of bird fever once they get a hold in the bird-room. Your correspondent might have got new cages (as he says), but if he omitted to thoroughly sterilise the room and the utensils this would be in vain, for the new cages would become infected when put in the room. Mr. Booker ought to have had a dead body examined by post-mortem, when the presence or otherwise of the bacilli that set up bird fever would soon have been known to him. The room and its contents would require to be thoroughly fumigated (being stripped of any wallpaper, etc.). "Sulphur candles" (I believe they are so called) and things suitable for the fumigating can be bought cheaply from any good store chemists—they are used in cases of fever among human beings. When this has been well done, and the cages and room distempered out, and the utensils washed in a hot boric acid solution, then your unfortunate correspondent might hope to keep a stock of birds again without being troubled with the looseness of the bowels, abnormal drinking etc., all symptoms of "bird fever." But unless he takes very thorough measures he is not likely to do much good in the old room, and with the old cages and appliances. Old fanciers say that anyone with bird fever in his room can carry the germs on his clothing into another fancier's room—a bird from an infected room is, of course, the height of danger. C. ELEGANS.

THE DIPPER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Some months ago I enquired of your Mr. Weston the best birds for an aviary I had just erected. He advised me to try to keep a pair of Dippers therein, as well as other commonly kept birds. I got a nest and hand-reared a couple on small fish, caddis grubs, dragon-fly, larva, and tadpoles. They did very well, and when able to fend for themselves I transferred them to the aviary, which is 30 feet long, 20 wide, and 10 high, with a substantial brick shelter 6 feet square. Through the centre flows a small stream, deep, but slow. I fixed the wire-netting so as to prevent escapes under the water. Near the end there is a small, rocky hill about 3 feet high, which I planted with low furze and heath. Here a pair of Linnets nested, and Goldfinches and Wagtails also bred. I may say that the bushes are firs. The aviary is well protected from the weather, and Willow Wrens, Chiffchaffs, and Long-tailed Tits have successfully moulted in it. The food I supply is live ants' eggs, green caterpillars, some small sprats for the Dippers, who also get caddis grubs, small trout, etc., out of the stream, and "Trowers's "Ceeto," with canary rape, teazle, and maw in pans for the seed-eaters. I give Shepherd's Purse, chickweed, dandelion, sow-thistle, and blighted sprays. The birds drink and bathe in the stream.

(MISS) D. K. FITZMAURICE.

[No doubt many of our readers will, with ourselves, be glad to hear further of this interesting aviary and its inmates.—ED.]

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—May I ask the select party of members of the S.B.B. and M.C. what is their motive for again disallowing the medals to Bathgate Cage Bird Society, this being the second time in three years? I am quite safe in saying that there is not another Society in Scotland which offers a better classification for British birds and Mules than the Bathgate Society. How it has been again disallowed the medals I am at a loss to know, the more so seeing that medals have been granted to a Society that is non-existent, namely, Broxburn! I think it is high time the rule anent the voting of medals was amended.

A MEMBER.

Moulting and Colour Feeding the Norwich Plainhead.

A Lecture delivered before the Members of Coventry O.S. on Sept. 11.

By J. A. ECKERSLEY.

My lecture to-night treats of one of the most interesting, if not *the* most interesting, phases of our fascinating hobby. Even to the majority of those breeders who, for various reasons, draw the line at pepper feeding, the transformation season, if I may so term it, presents opportunities for the exercise of skill and judgment, for the testing of theories, and the employment of a variety of innocent little adventitious "aids to beauty" that, it is fondly hoped, will enhance not only the charms of the feathered pets, but the reputation of their owners.

WARMTH OF COLOURING.

Nay, if there be, in these latter days, a fancier who relies solely upon breeding to obtain sufficient warmth of colouring to attract the judge's eye, in the so-called "Natural Colour" classes, even he will be indulging in the pleasures of anticipation, for his best youngsters may assume a garb of much warmer, richer hue than that which they developed in the nest. And here let me observe that since it is certainly possible by selective breeding only, to produce a very suspicious looking depth of colour, the judge's task in dealing with natural colour classes is often a very unenviable one, for in not a few cases it is practically impossible to decide with certainty whether or not the boundary line of legitimate "assistance" has been overstepped; and it behoves him to exercise the utmost caution, and in every case where there lingers the least doubt in his mind, to give the bird the benefit of it. Better, by far, pass a dozen equivocal specimens than cast stigma upon one upright fancier.

THE GENESIS OF COLOUR FEEDING.

Prior to the year 1871, colour feeding as we now understand the term, was unknown. We may take it for granted that the rivalry amongst fanciers was just as keen then as it is now, and the efforts to "break the record" in the matter of colour production untiring. Indeed Mr. Blakston placed it upon record that "anything yellow that the bird would eat was supplied to it; no matter what it was, or whether it was a substance the bird could digest and assimilate: so long as it was yellow, that was sufficient; and we have heard of the most extraordinary compounds having been adminstered in the shape of pills, powders, draughts, anything and everything, anyway and every way, no matter what or how, if colour might only be born of it." "But," I quote Mr. Blakston again, as I shall have occasion to do more than once before I have finished, "the entire exhibition world was destined to be revolutionised by one important discovery which was made in 1871.

THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

In the search after the philosopher's stone, an explorer "struck ile." In other words, someone, in his anxiety to go one better than his rivals, experimented upon his birds with K.N. pepper, and probably shed rapturous tears when he beheld the result. These birds did not, however, at once carry everything before them on being exhibited. The discoverer of this wonder-working feed did not disclose his secret, but gave his fellow fanciers to understand that he had hit upon "a superior combination of blood," and that the marvellous colour was peculiar to the unique breed or strain which he had in his possession.

This was too much for the credulity of the Fancy, and the birds were received with great suspicion. "Some of the best breeders of the day examined them, and though all known tests failed to show that the colour was due to any outward application, yet one mysterious fact stared them in the face:—the birds were two colours." This "was the pill no one would swallow," and was regarded as "the consequence of unskilful dyeing . . . . Every breeder, however, now knows that this appearance arose simply from the presence of feathers which had grown before the birds had been put on the colour producing diet, which, even in the very best specimens, appear absolutely green beside the rich, ruddy orange now so common." These birds figured at the Palace in February, 1873, and some of them were v.h.c.

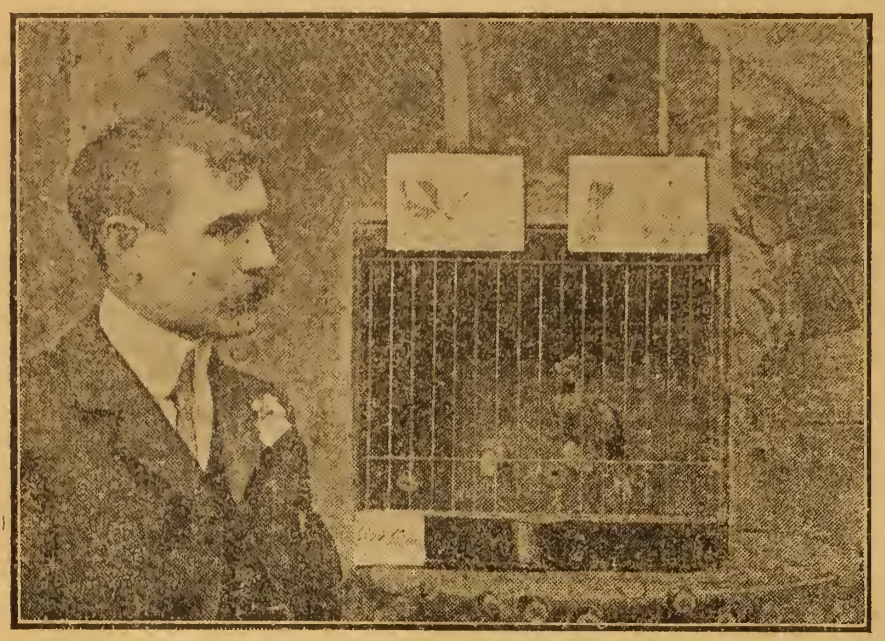
DERBY TO THE FORE.

In February, 1873, Mr. Edward Bemrose, of Derby, one of the best known fanciers of the day, exhibited two cayenne fed birds at the Palace, but, although he asserted on his word of honour as a gentleman that he had moulted them himself, and that they owed their extraordinary colour to nothing but the peculiar diet on which they had been fed, he, also, fell under suspicion of having laid on the colour from the outside, or, at any rate, of being an accessory, before or after the fact. Before he left the show, however, "he delivered himself of a promise, which he fulfilled almost to the letter, that next season he would bring out, not two, but a string of birds which he would send to every show in England, and with which he would take every prize, from Whitby, in September, round to the Palace show again in 1874, and that when he had thus vindicated his character, he would give the secret to the world. And he kept that promise. Next season he was invincible, and the exhibitors in the Colour section of the Canary family lay under his feet. Some accepted their defeat like men and others writhed and wriggled like worms. In some directions, confidence began to grow, while the now historical birds fearlessly travelled the country."

THE NORWICH ORDEAL.

But in October of the same year, 1873, at the great Norwich show, "several of the Norwich breeders protested in a body against the genuineness of a consignment of these birds," with the result that seven of them were selected for analysis, and, of course, came out of the ordeal with flying colours. Shortly after this Mr. Bemrose "published in the 'Journal of Horticulture' the grand secret of the extraordinary colour of the birds which had so completely demoralised the whole canary world.

(To be continued).



MR. BARWELL, OF NORTHAMPTON, AND HIS WINNING HAWFINCH.

BARWELL'S HAWFINCH.

A Noted Winner from a Selling Class.

I first saw my winning Hawfinch at the Wellingborough Show of 1906, where it was shown in the 15s. selling class. That keen judge of a Britisher, Mr. Frostick, of London, claimed him. I looked him over well, and came to the conclusion that with care he would make a winner. So far as I could judge he had all the points about him needful in a first class Hawfinch, but he was in bad condition and had no tail. The more I looked at him though, the better I liked him, and at the end I gave Mr. Frostick half-a-sovereign for his bargain, and the bird remained in Northants instead of going to London. Having got him home I at once began to improve his condition. I kept him out of doors all through the moult, gave him a bath of soft water every day, attended carefully to his food, and so well has he repaid my efforts that he has won eight first prizes and five specials, including one for the best British bird in the show at Carmarthen. These winnings have proved the correctness of my judging in buying the bird from Mr. Frostick, and I am indeed proud of him, for he has not only caught the eyes of the judges, but the reports in CAGE BIRDS have spoken most highly of his merits, all of which has been most gratifying to me. On his return from Carmarthen he went into moult, which has gone right through, and now he is in grand form again, and ready for, I hope, another successful season.

Being one, of five sons of an old Fancier, I, as a boy, naturally took a little interest in birds, and started my career between school hours, in catching what I could in iron traps. I have never lost sight of the ways and means of catching, nor been without a bird of some kind since my schooldays. I started work rather young and was able to buy a pair of nets, and go out netting a few birds, out of which my father used to find some useful to him as a fancier. Seeing my leaning towards the Fancy, he taught me a great deal about birds, which I find very useful to-day, and which has largely helped me in my successful attempts on the Show Bench. One of the things he told me was how the washing of birds came first in this town; he stated that it was first thought about forty years ago, when he and Mr. T. Irons had one bird each washed, and sent out to a show at Whitby, where they took first and second respectively. Now going back to my own experience. I followed very closely all sorts of birds, but fixed my mind on Britishers for my favourite hobby. The photo above represents me and my favourite winning Hawfinch, and I will now tell you how I moulted and fed this bird. I kept it out of doors all through its moult, gave it a soft water bath every day, and fed it chiefly on all sorts of fruits, a few sunflower seeds, monkey nuts, tiger nuts, etc., which I believed helped it along, and are good for a Hawfinch, and I found it proved very successful to me, taking a great interest in this special kind of bird. As regards smaller British Hardbills, I do a lot of catching, from which I find a lot of useful birds. I always moult them on wild seeds, which are very plentiful in this county, and hold a great advantage over other foods. I pick out the seeds to the best of my abilities to suit each kind, as I follow them as close as I can in their wild state, and I am pleased to be able to say that I have moulted good show birds. I used not to show any birds myself, but on the death of my father in 1904, I joined the local society, of which he was the founder. I exhibited first of all in the open classes for members, and was so successful, that I lost my chance for the Novices', in which most beginners start. I have since then been very successful in open shows in different parts of the country, winning a few first and other prizes. I have gained my knowledge of birds by seeing and hearing of the work of other Fanciers, and from my own experience. I would urge all young Fanciers to learn not only to wash, but how to stage their own birds. I may say that I make most of my breeding and show cages myself, as I find it very useful to me to be able to suit my own birds. I think I have told you all I know of my life-long experiences as I am but a young Fancier, being only 31 years of age, but I hope to continue in the Fancy as long as I am able to do so.—C. BARWELL.

A WELL-KNOWN CORNISH FANCIER.

Mr. F. C. Collins (Camborne).

With reference to the photograph of Mr. F. Collins, reproduced in our issue of last week, that well-known Camborne fancier writes:—I shall be pleased to give you a few notes concerning my experience as a fancier. I have kept birds ever since I was about 12 years of age; I have never been without them from that time. But it was about six years ago that I started exhibiting, and I may say that since 1901 I have won over 300 prizes, including three silver cups, two gold and silver medals, one bronze medal, and 14 silver medals. I am a great lover of the small British Hard-bills, and with them I have done very well on the show bench. All my British birds are kept and moulted in outdoor aviaries, which I find the best for them. I have also Norwich Plainhead and Crested Canaries, which I have been very successful with, having won with my young birds, and had them claimed at catalogue price. But my chief fancy is the breeding of Mules and Hybrids, of which I have a splendid lot, including a young Greeny Bullie, Siskin Canary, and Dark Goldie Canary, which I bred this year, and hope, with a good moult, to place on the bench. I have also a six-point Goldie Mule, which has not been beaten this year, and has won the special for best bird in show twice under different judges. I take a deep interest in show work, being a member of the N.B.B. and Mule Club and general secretary of the Camborne and County Fanciers' Association.

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THE FIREFINCHES.

By MRS. HAUTENVILLE COPE.

Asking questions does not always mean an absence of information; sometimes it means only that one wants to add to one's knowledge by ascertaining how much other folks know on a subject.

The particular questions I wanted answered were as to the species of Firefinch (*Lagonosticta*) I had brought from a bird dealer. He assured me they were "just ordinary Firefinches," but the regular triangular patch of small white spots extending from under each wing was different from a Firefinch I possessed some years ago. "Them with the whitest spots is the hens," he said. There again I felt uncertainty, so I bought several to see what happened.

MISFORTUNES AND REMEDIES.

The story is a sad one, for out of the number both genuine hens died, as did also one of the birds in colour. This one was never of such a rich cherry-colour as the rest, and had no side-spots. I should have pronounced it a badly-coloured cock Firefinch had not I twice seen a genuine cock in my possession pair with it. They built but did not lay.

To add to my uncertainty, I visited the Zoological Gardens and was surprised to find birds similar to mine labelled *Lagonosticta rufopicta*, while as *Lagonosticta senegala* they have a larger, duller Firefinch, more like *Lagonosticta congica*. Somehow at the Zoological Gardens the labels seem to have got mixed, for *Lagonosticta brunneiceps* there resembles *senegala* at Kensington.

ONLY APPRECIATED IN REAL LIFE.

These lovely little Finches can only be thoroughly appreciated in real life; the dried skins give little if any idea of the birds' shape, but if the Zoological Society manage to keep alive the lovely Waxbills they possess it will be extraordinary, as they are being fed on canary seed, Algerian millet, and rape, with spray millet and fresh grass. Now in their native land these little birds are almost entirely insectivorous, or live on minute fresh seeds. Besides, they require sleeping-boxes and a covering at night. It is impossible for them to exist for long on dry hard seed. The test with all birds as to whether they are flourishing on the diet and under the conditions in which they are kept is that the plumage should have on it that indescribable bloom seldom seen in cage birds.

Foreign Finches, especially the rarer kinds, soon lose this gloss; they become dishevelled and bald, till finally death delivers them from captivity. Years ago I carefully studied alapecia, or baldness, in these little Finches, till I discovered the remedy.

MUSEUM RESEARCHES.

When I asked questions about Firefinches in bird newspapers, I was referred to the "bird-skins" in South Kensington Museum, so thither I went at once to investigate as to what a Firefinch was, or rather, how many different sorts of Firefinch are known to exist. The stuffed birds on the museum shelves in the Bird Gallery gave me no information; one dingy decrepid little specimen was all I could discover. But for scientific purposes the skins of foreign birds are stored in drawers in the Bird-room, and these were shown to me most courteously by Mr. Chubb.

The Firefinches are "*Lagonosticta*" under the present nomenclature, but under older ornithologists they ranked as "*Estrelda*," I believe.

Firefinches, however, may be sub-divided into three varieties. Under the first I will put the smaller specimens, with soft, pink, shell-like beaks and distinct yellow rims to the eyes. The smallest, of which South Kensington possesses only two skins, is labelled *Lagonosticta senegala*. Both apparently are cocks. The colour is a vivid scarlet red, and no white side spots are to be seen, though Dr. Butler says the hens have spots. It is very decidedly smaller than any of the rest, about 3 to 3½ inches long only; the legs and feet light. Though apparently called the Common African Senegal Firefinch, it is most uncommon. I have never seen any for sale.

THE FAMILIAR FIREFINCH.

Next in size is "the Firefinch" of the English bird dealers, *Lagonosticta brunneiceps*, or the brown-headed Firefinch, from the patch of brown at the back of the head, which never changes, although the rest of the bird turns a glowing ruby red when in colour. This bird is also known as *Lagonosticta minima* or *minuta*. Under each wing there are white spots in triangular patches. They are bright little birds, an ornament to any aviary, with a very sweet, canary-like chirp and a low short song. This species has been reared in England, but not in cages. Their food is small seeds, in addition to millet and insects. Sleeping nests are a necessity to these little birds.

The Firefinch has the reputation of great delicacy, which is a mistaken one; but they are large eaters for their size. They require exercise, which in a cage they seldom get. Some birds do not go out of colour; probably after a certain age the colour is permanent. The change of colour comes with a complete moult, the red feathers coming under the brown ones, the brown feathers growing long and finally dropping out. The moult comes in autumn, as in these birds' native countries the hottest weather is during our English winter-time. They are found all over Africa, but imported from Senegal, and hence called Senegal Firefinches.

OTHER SPECIES.

Next in size to *Lagonosticta brunneiceps*, but rarely imported into England, is the Vinaceous Firefinch, *Lagonosticta vinacea*, more of a Finch than a Waxbill.

The head is black and velvety, the body a curious dull, pinkish mauve, a most distinct colour, not likely to be confused with any other Firefinch's. The legs and feet are dark.

The larger Firefinches are most difficult to distinguish, but are all larger than the three I have described. They seem to form a section to themselves. *Lagonosticta larvata*, the Masked Firefinch, with black legs and feet. *Lagonosticta polionota*, whose back and wings are dark grey-brown. *Lagonosticta congica* is a faint-coloured bird, resembling *Lagonosticta larvata*. *Lagonosticta rhodoparia* resembles *Lagonosticta polionota*. *Lagonosticta rufopicta*, the Ruddy Firefinch, has a red breast with flat white spots, the back and other parts dark grey-brown. It is known also as the Bar-breasted Firefinch, as the scarlet crosses the breast in a broad band.

Lagonosticta rubricata is larger than the last, dark grey-brown, with rose-coloured breast and very large white spots. The female is brown, with rose under the chin. She reminds me of a young Robin.

Lagonosticta niveiguttata, or Peters' Spotted Finch, is the handsomest of all, a splendid bird, with a scarlet head and throat, and the white spots large and distinct. It is as large as a Weaver, and has no resemblance to *Lagonosticta brunneiceps*.

Lastly, we have the grey *Lagonostictas*, *Lagonosticta cerulescens*, known as the Lavender Finch, and the rarer Black-tailed Lavender Finch, *Lagonosticta incana*.

FAIR PLAY FOR FOREIGN FINCHLETS.

If our common hardy English birds were exported across the seas, given indigestible food, and kept in small cages, they, too, would earn the reputation of being delicate and difficult to keep alive. I am quite sure that once the Firefinches recover the voyage and are properly fed and housed they will live and thrive and make charming pets, for they are sociable, fearless little birds, full of life and energy.

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Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

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Broad-leaved Dock (*Robtusi-Foline*).

Another common and useful species of dock is the one popularly known as the Broad-leaved Dock. This is somewhat taller and stouter than the Curled Dock, but it is almost equally plentiful.

As is indicated by the name, the Broad-leaved Dock has much larger and broader leaves than the other species. The flowers differ also, being in *distinct* whorls instead of *crowded*. Its flowering season does not last quite so long as that of the Curled Dock, but seeds may generally be gathered in abundance during August and September, and often a month or so later in certain seasons.

Docks were highly valued by our forefathers, by whom they were largely used as medicine. It was claimed that "Dock decoction" was a splendid remedy for diseases of the liver, and that it had a very beneficial effect on impure blood.

An old writer says:—"Blood-wort [a name sometimes given to docks on account of the reddish tinge of some species] is exceedingly strengthening to the liver, and procures good blood, being as wholesome a potherb as any that grows in a garden; yet such is the nicety of our times (forsooth) that women will not put it into a pot, because it makes the pottage black; pride and ignorance, a couple of monsters in the creation, preferring nicety before health."

The docks are favourite plants with quite a number of seed-loving wild birds. Bullfinches are very keen on dock seed, and at this time of the year feed largely upon it. By the river side (where a species of dock grows to a very large size) I have this last few weeks noted many nice little lots of young and adult Bullies busily devouring the myriad seeds of this plant. The extent of their onslaught was plain for all to see. Fanciers should take the "tip." Dock is very plentiful and easily gathered. Aviarists in particular will find it a cheap food; when fully ripe, few birds seem able to resist a fill of dock. This seed is also very easily stored, when gathered fully ripe, for late autumn and winter use.—G.E.W.

Groundsel (*Senecio vulgaris*).

Of all the wild plants useful for cage-birds, this is perhaps the best known and most commonly used species. The small compound flowers are of a yellow colour, and are followed by a pappus similar to—but much smaller than—that of thistles and dandelions. This pappus is a beautiful provision of Nature, and enables the



Groundsel.

A. Spray, showing seeding heads. B. A leaf.

wind to carry the reproductive seed oft-times to very great distances, and also into very strange positions. Groundsel may therefore frequently be found growing on old walls, roofs of houses, out-buildings, etc., the wind, by the aid of the pappus, having blown the seeds to these places.

Not only the seeds of this plant, but also the leaves and tender young shoots are exceedingly useful for cage-birds. A decoction known as "Groundsel Decoction," was formerly largely used by country-folk as a remedy for diseases of the liver and kidneys.

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Black Knapweed (*R. obtusifolius*).

This is another common plant; known in many parts of the country as "Hard Heads." It has tough stems, from one to two feet in height, and terminal flower-heads of a deep crimson, or rather purplish colour, much resembling the smaller flowers of the thistle. It may easily be distinguished from the latter, however, by the leaves, which are quite destitute of prickles. The lower leaves are somewhat toothed, but the upper are much smaller, and are narrow and tapering.

The seed-heads do not develop such a conspicuous mass of "pappus" as do the thistles and dandelion (which belong to the same Natural Order), but by breaking them open large quantities of seeds may usually be found. The "bracts" at the base of each flower-head are usually of a very dark brown, or nearly black colour, hence the specific and popular names.



Black Knapweed (or Hardheads).

A. Upper Leaf. B. Flowering Head. C. Lower Leaf. Shape and size of leaves vary greatly.

The Black Knapweed grows abundantly in most meadows, and may be found in bloom from June till September, or even later, and at the present time large quantities of seeds may easily be gathered and stored for future use.

Great Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*).

This is another species of Knapweed, and is, like *Centaurea nigra*, sometimes called "Hard Heads," but its more common name is, perhaps, "Matfellon." It can easily be distinguished from the other species if the following points are studied. In the first place the leaves differ entirely; they are considerably larger, and are very much cut-up, making the leaf what is botanically known as "pinnatifid" (from the Latin *pinna*—a feather).

The whole plant is, moreover, a great deal larger and stouter than the Black Knapweed. The flower-heads also are fully double the size, and are much more handsome; in colour they are very similar, but of a brighter crimson. The pappus is somewhat longer than in the former variety.

The Great Knapweed is not so plentiful as the other, but still is quite common in dry meadows and waste places from July to September.

Wild Teazle (*Dipsacus sylvestris*).

There are at least two species of Teazle which occur wild in England, but only one is really common, and this is popularly known as the Wild Teazle, or Common Teazle (*Dipsacus sylvestris*). It is a tall, stout plant, sometimes reaching a height of six or even seven feet, and having an upright, prickly stem.

The leaves are large, and of a bright green colour, with prickles underneath. They are placed opposite each other on the stems of the plant, and are generally (especially towards the base of the plant) united, so that a sort of cup is formed, which is often found full of water. It is interesting to note that this water is intended to stop creeping insects from climbing the stem of the teazle, and stealing the honey (or rather "nectar") from the flowers. Such insects may often be found drowned in the water. The nectar is really intended for flying insects, which confer upon the plant the benefit of "cross-fertilisation"—this being necessary for the formation of a good stock of seeds.



Seeding Head of Teazle.

The flower-heads are large, and conical in shape, and covered with straight bristles. These heads are often gathered by town visitors to the country, and when "crystallised" form very pretty room-decorations. The flowers are of a charming lilac colour, and may be seen from July to September. Abundance of seeds may therefore be gathered at the present time.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Doings of the Swallows—Late Broods.

Four young swallows are sitting in the rain-water gutter, they have just left the nest in the wool loft. Three of the birds are close together, the remaining one is perched quite a yard away. An old bird rushes up, feeds one of the three, and is gone again before one hardly realises that she has been. In a few seconds the visit is repeated either by the same bird or her partner, this time another one of the young ones receives the supply of food, and so it continues at irregular intervals, the three young ones crowded together receiving all the attention.

The young bird along the gutter, away from the rest, is apparently neglected by the parent bird; he twitters and trembles, and is evidently getting hungry. At last he moves and flutters along the eaves to join his brothers and sisters, but these do not welcome him as they should; he tries to get to the front, and they try just as hard to keep him back. Numbers are against him, and he consequently subsides into the background apparently under the eaves, so low in the gutter that one is unable to see him from below, the three white bodies with the dark crescents are all that is visible. One of the three again receives the attentions of the old bird, but she has evidently noticed the return of the wanderer, for at her next visit she comes between them and feeds the youngster in the background. To do this she has to single him out specially, and to reach over the heads of the others to get at him. One has to consider if there is any real reason why this young one was allowed to remain hungry while away from the others.

The old birds evidently knew he was there, for they constantly flew by almost touching him. It looks as though he is expected to remain with his companions, or to be punished for not doing so.

Although these young swallows are out of the nest they have not quite thrown off the habits of the nursery; they reach over the edge of the gutter to void their excrement. How long do such habits continue in the young bird? It is evidently part of their nature to do so during their nesting existence, regardless of place or position, for they will not remain long enough in the gutter to consider it in any way as a nest.

A Libel on the Whitethroat.

Our beautiful wild birds often get the credit of for doing damage for which they are perfectly innocent. A cutting from a West Country paper says "the Jay, the Hawfinch, and the Whitethroat—all are great devourers of peas, and all are down on the gardener's black list." It is to be hoped that gardeners are more observant than the writer of this passage. Who ever heard of the Whitethroat doing damage to growing peas? He is a harmless little bird, living almost exclusively upon insects during the summer. If the writer saw him among the pea sticks, he can rest assured that the bird was there for the caterpillars and green flies, the sweetest peas ever grown would never tempt this graceful little songster. With the Jay and the Hawfinch it is quite another matter; they are passionately fond of them, and will do considerable damage to a row of these vegetables in a very short time.

Young Swallows.

Although the time for migration is at h... young birds are still to be seen in the nest. There are three broods of Swallows under one roof in the village, the oldest of them will soon be taking wing. If one goes gently so that a good view of the nest can be obtained, the whole brood will be seen perching upon the rim of the structure, all facing outwards. One could not wish for a prettier sight, the four white bodies attract the eye first, then the four semi-circular throat markings, and lastly the dark head with the yellow beaks, but they do not remain long in this position, some subtle instinct tells them it is dangerous, and as soon as they see they are observed, they instantly crouch down in the nest. In a day or two they will be out, and perched in a row upon one of the crossbeams of the old building. They do not attempt to fly until they are practically fully fledged and able to sustain themselves for some time in the air.

Where Wild Birds Flourish.

While looking at some photographs of rocks covered with sea-fowl, I could not but notice how closely the birds stood to each other. How is it these sea-fowl, which do not commence to breed until they are at least two years old (and then in many cases only rear a single chick), can manage to increase to this extent? In the case of inland birds, although many of them are rapidly increasing (take the Rook or Sparrow as instances), yet there is still plenty of room for the former among the elm trees, and our common Sparrows are not so numerous but what they will rear three or four broods next season, and still find room for them. Possibly the mortality among the inland birds is greater than is that of the sea-fowl.

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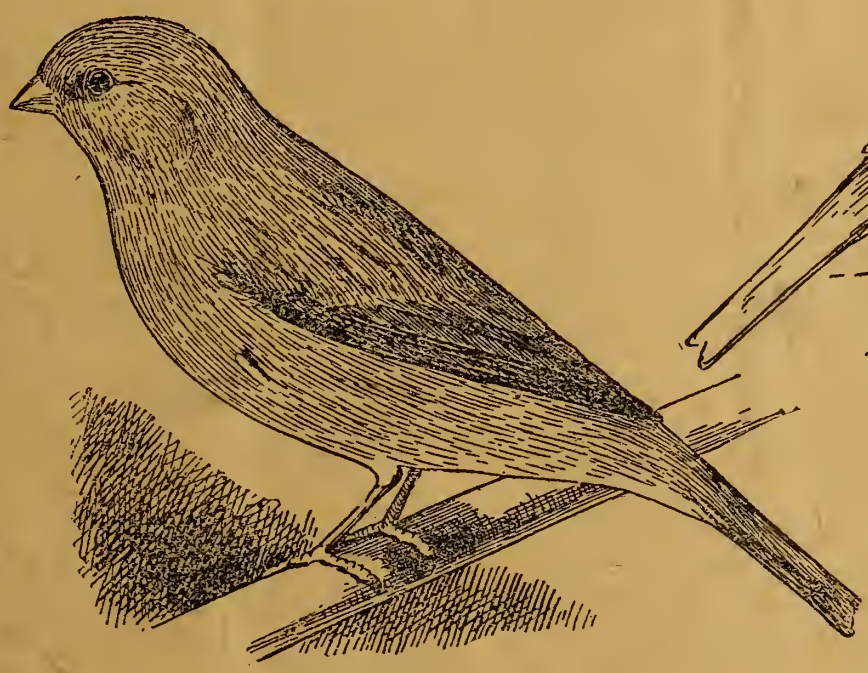
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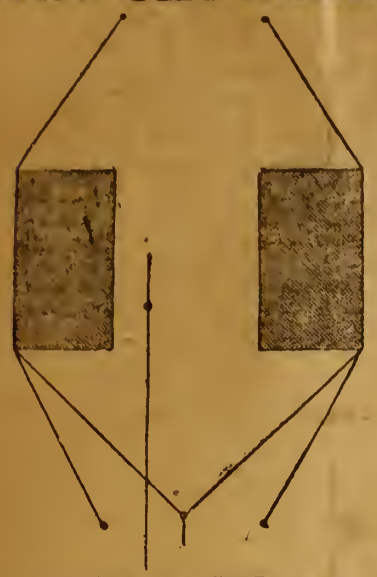
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THE SHOWS.

LARKHALL C.B.C.

Result of Table Show of Young Canaries, Common (14): 1, McKie, 2, 5, 6, Nisbet; 3, Kirk; 4, Arnot.—Geo. Kirk, sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Monthly show held September 14th. Judge, Mr. A. Morley. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Wilson; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, Self. BUFF: 1, 2, and 4, Wilson; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett. HEN: 1 and 3, Self; 2 and 4, Brayshaw and Jowett. A.O.V.: 1, Myers. NOVICE YELL. YORKS.: 1 and 2, Kay; 3, Gelder; 4, Pullon. BUFF YORKS.: 1 and 4, Gudgeon; 2, Gelder; 3, Dobson. YORKS. HEN: 1 and 2, Oliver; 3, Gudgeon; 4, Hunter; A.O.V.: 1, Dobson.—S. DEAN, Sec.

VAYNOL PARK (N.W.)

A most successful show was held on September 14th at Vaynol Park, North Wales. A lovely Buff, the property of Mr. Rowlands, won in the Norwich class, a very promising youngster. Yorkshires were strongly represented. Mr. Tom Cowell's young Cinnamon deserves high praise. Both these birds were bred 1907. The staging and arrangements were superintended with great ability by the worthy secretary, Mr. George Outram. Mr. J. Kershaw judged. NOR CLEAR (9): 1, 2, Hyde special, res., Rowlands, leader, buff, short and chubby, good bold front, neat head and neck; 2, yellow, grand size, shape, and quality of feather close on his brother's heels takes Hyde special; 3, R. R. Williams, another yellow, in good condition, well worthy of its place; vhc, Thomas; he, Jones and Rowlands. TICKED, etc. (7): 1, E. J. Jones, capital marked buff, wonderful for size, not quite over moult yet, will improve; 2 and 3, Williams, large variegated buff, in the best of condition, we liked much; 3, yellow variegated, not quite so chubbily built as winners, but will improve; res, Hughes; vhc, Cowell. YORKS. CLEAR (21): 1, Rowlands, clear yellow rich colour, close feather, stylish, an easy win, quickly claimed; 2 and res, H. Williams, buff, good quality, plenty of length, very stylish, shade strong in build; 3, W. and R. Jones, buff, better colour, a close race, not much to choose between them; vhc, and he, R. W. Roberts. TICKED (16): 1, Tom Cowell, cinnamon marked, very shapely, straight as a dart, will be hard to beat; 2 and 3, W. H. Jones, both cinnamons, third not quite over moult yet, second of nice quality; vhc, R. E. Griffiths (2), Jones (2), H. C. Williams. A.O.V. (8): 1, E. J. Jones, variegated C. bred, plenty of size, head feather fairly long and dense; 2, Rowlands, good green crest, not in the best of condition; 3, R. E. Griffiths, Scotch fancy, gets tail well under perch; res, W. C. Roberts; vhc, Butler. MULE (14): 1, H. S. Davies, very nice Linnet-Bullie, takes special best bird in show; 2, G. Evans, variegated Goldie, showing parentage distinctly, in grand condition; 3, Williams; extra 3, E. J. Jones, two dark Mules of good size, worthy of their place; res, Owen; vhc, Gray; hc, Butler. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Price Owen; 2, Edwards; 3, Owen, our choice for first, but all in bad plumage A.O.V. BRIT. (10): 1, H. S. Davis, Thrush in grand bloom, beautiful colour, well spotted; 2, E. F. Jones, Missel Thrush, bad wing carriage, otherwise good all over; 3, Namey; vhc, R. W. Roberts, Hughes. SELLING: 1 and 2, R. R. Williams, Buff Norwich, justly claimed, 2 crest; 3, H. S. Davis; res, Cowell; vhc, Rowlands.

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The Yorkshire Canary Club.

From Messrs. J. Greaves and S. Dean, the Yorkshire Canary Club hon. secs., we have received the yearly handbook of the club, and a most interesting pamphlet it is. It gives a full list of the officers and committee, the rules and byelaws, scale of points, space for memoranda, a nomination form for next year's election (an excellent idea this), most important matter relating to the club's trophies and various competitions, and a full list of members. From it we gather that the list of specials for competitions in 1907-8 are:—Yorkshire Challenge Cup, £21; Mr. J. W. Ramsden's Challenge Cup, £6 6s.; Mr. T. Sandiford's Challenge Cup, £5 5s.; Mr. J. W. Ramsden's Teapots (25s. each), £3 15s.; Mr. W. Davy's Oil Painting, £2 10s.; Mr. J. E. Brotherton's Cup, £2 10s.; Messrs. Bailey and Swanger's Cup, £2 2s.; Mr. R. P. Broome's Teapot, £1 5s.; Y.C.C. Gold Medal, £1 1s.; Money Speciala, £11 4s. 6d.; Club Medal, 10s. 6d.; total, £57 9s. The following gentlemen have subscribed towards the Challenge Cup:—Mr. J. E. Brotherton, Mr. A. Chew, Messrs. Chittenden and Son, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. R. Halliday, Mr. J. D. Holmes, Messrs. Hewson and Son, Mr. T. Hartley, Mr. J. Hartley, Mr. A. Hirst, Mr. H. Jennings, "The Lizard King," Messrs. Mundell and Son, Messr. Murgatroyd and Son, Mrs. Sunderland, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, Mr. J. Thornton, Mr. J. Wilcock, Mr. G. Walton. The subscribers to "Special Prize Fund" are:—Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, Mr. J. Wilcock, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Messrs. Broadley and Naylor, Mr. W. Crabtree. The Challenge Cup Competition will be held at the following shows during the season:—Oct. 12, Windhill Show, judge, Mr. Mundell; Oct. 25 and 26, Manchester, Mr. C. A. House; Nov. 8 and 9, Sheffield, Mr. A. Ambler; Nov. 26 to 28, Derby, Mr. J. Dexson; Dec. 6 and 7, L.C.B.A., Mr. R. Halliday; Dec. 21, Bradford West, Mr. M. Broadley; Dec. 28, Huddersfield, Mr. J. Dawson; Jan. 1 and 2, Edinburgh, Mr H. W. Battye; Jan. 17 and 18, Brighouse, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Jan. 31, Crystal Palace, Messrs. Mundell and Heath.

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SECOND ANNUAL SHOW October 18th & 19th.
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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Sept. 25—Deal—Messrs. M. N. Avis and W. H. Thompson, 56, Gilford Road.
Sept. 28—St. Andrews.—T. Auchterlonie, 7, Park Street.

At a meeting held September 10th, it was decided that the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S. should hold their first annual open show on November 26th. It was also mentioned that any of the members having friends, not fanciers, either ladies or gentlemen, may bring them to any general meeting.—T. DUFFIELD, hon. sec.

An Interesting Notion.

In connection with their forthcoming annual show, we hear that the members of the Coventry C.B.S purpose holding a drawing competition for boys attending the local elementary schools. The subjects for their pencils will be various British birds, and our Mr. G. E. Weston has been invited to judge the juvenile efforts.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, and which has not the Union's Rules published in the Schedules:—

Sept. 27 and 28.—**Accrington.**
Oct. 4 and 5.—**Halifax** (License).
,, 4 and 5.—**Burnley.**
,, 8.—**Peterborough.**
,, 8 and 9.—**Grimsby** (License).
,, 11 and 12.—**Gt. Harwood.**
,, 15 and 16. **Grimsby C.B.S.**
,, 16.—**Leek.**
,, 16 and 17.—**Exeter and Devon.**
,, 16 and 17.—**Hayle.**
,, 16 and 17.—**Rochester, Strood, &c.**
,, 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham.**
,, 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.S.**
,, 18 and 19.—**Hoyland** (License).
,, 18 and 19.—**Newcastle.**

Licenses will be granted to approved Shows on application to the Secretary, who will also be pleased to hear from societies wishing to affiliate.

GEO. W. F. LETHGOE, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. A. Wellings will judge Sale show on November 9th.

Mr. J. Wilcock has been appointed to judge at Hanley on November 21st.

Inverness O.A. are holding their next monthly meeting on September 25th.

Bideford Show we hear will most likely be held under C.B.U. rules this year.

Mr. J. C. Barnes we hear has done exceedingly well this last breeding season.

Dunbar Show will be held on November 27th so we are informed by Mr. Secretary McIntosh.

Mr. Fred. F. Hawkins has removed to 140, Saltwell Road, Gateshead. Secretaries to please note.

I have removed to 22, Manchester Road, Hyde.—HARRY FODEN, Ashton-under-Lyne and District O.S.

Gloucester Fanciers' Show will be held on November 20th and 21st, open to the county of Gloucestershire.

Great Harwood Show will be under Cinnamon Club patronage. There will be two foreign classes at this fixture.

Kindly note our show is under C.B.U. rules, and our second judge will be Mr. H. Knight, of Bayswater.—W. H. COLMAN, Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. J. W. Morgan has removed from Staffs. to Worcester, and will be pleased if secretaries and others will note his new address, 7, Tallow Hill, Worcester.

C.B. Annual Part II. is just what show secretaries require, containing as it does all the names and addresses of the leading exhibitors in every section.

Thanks to advertising in CAGE BIRDS, I have sold all my stock of "Lifebelt," and shall have no more for sale till next breeding season.—W. GARTHWAITE, Hare Street, Grimsby.

Messrs. J. W. Bruce, Coldstream: A. J. Gladwin, Nottingham; and C. Sneddon, Kirkham; will judge our open show on the 30th November.—J. C. BURNIE, sec., Castle Douglas F.A.

We are pleased to be able to chronicle the recovery to health of Mr. A. W. Curtis, the well-known London lover of a good Plainhead, who for some considerable time past has been unfortunately laid up with severe illness.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Stephenson, Mr. A. Wilkins, The Gardens, Oakhurst, Moortown, Leeds, has been elected secretary to the L.C.B.S., and to him all correspondence should be addressed.—WILKINS and HORNBY, secs.

On all hands we hear that Mr. Battye's book on Yorkshire Canaries is greatly approved of. It is without doubt a masterpiece of practical exposition; no work on any variety of Canary has attained such a popularity as this book is making a bid for.

Mr. Miller, the secretary of Rochester Show, asks us to state that a class has been left out of their schedule. Exhibitors should note that "Class 93a, Norwich Ticked, marked, or variegated, colour fed, cock or hen," has been missed, and should enter accordingly.

Owing to the demands of increasing business, Mr. J. F. Dewar has secured additional workshop accommodation at No. 1, St. Patrick Square, Edinburgh, and having added to his plant the newest and most improved machinery, is in a position to do a much larger business in wire work and cage making.

British bird lovers in the neighbourhood of Pendleton and Salford should not overlook the lecture on their pets by that old fancier, Mr. Barker Clegg, on Monday next, September 23rd, at the Chapel-street Mission Hall, under the auspices of the Pendleton and Salford O.S.

Bird-lovers in the Wibsey district who have a liking for that toothsome dainty, meat-pie, should not overlook the supper and concert of the Wibsey C.B.S., at the "Horse and Groom," on September 21st.

The Darlington Society's membership radius is now open, writes the Secretary Mr. R. S. BLACK (42, Brook Terrace), and we are prepared to enroll any fanciers desirous of joining.

We have secured the Assembly Room Market Hall, a splendid large room, well lighted both day and night, properly heated and quite free from draughts. Our classification is good especially so for British, for which we are providing extended classification. The Hall is in the centre of the town, and about five minutes' walk from the Mid. and G.C. Stations. I trust exhibitors will rally round us, and so insure success.—E. D. GLADWIN, chairman, Chesterfield C.B.S.

A Yorkshireman on Yorkshires.

Successful Bradfordian Gives Away His Secrets.

By J. HARTLEY.

It gave me great pleasure indeed to see my bird appear in a recent CAGE BIRDS. It is a splendid likeness, true to life in every detail. I thank you very much for publishing it. You ask me to let you have a few notes about the bird, as to what she has won, etc., also a few notes on how I treat my stock of Yorkshires. The bird you portrayed I bred myself, and I have exhibited her with great success. It is a Cinnamon Marked Buff Hen. She is inbred (I am a great believer in inbreeding), and she has taken the following prizes:—6 firsts, 6 seconds, 5 thirds, 4 fourths, and numerous specials, etc. She has been in the money under all the leading judges of Yorkshire. She took first under Mr. House at Bradford West; she has been three times to the Crystal Palace with 1st, 3rd, 4th; and she is cousin to my Yellow that took 1st and Championship Diploma at the Palace the same year that she was first, and sister to the Yellow that took first the following year. She is mother to some of my best birds which have taken a number of prizes, one of them winning three 1sts handrunning in the keenest competition, and another one that has been in the money every time out. I am glad to say she is still living, and hope she will come through the moult all right.

FIRST STEPS TOWARDS SUCCESS.

While I am writing on inbreeding it reminds me of going to hear Mr. House give a lecture on inbreeding about ten years ago. The lecture was given before one of the largest societies in Yorkshire. The room was quite full, and at the close of the lecture the Chairman announced that Mr. House would answer any question that anyone liked to put; all was silent for a short time, and then a very old breeder and exhibitor rose and said: "Mr. Chairman, does Mr. House think of coming here to tell that talo and expect us to believe it? Neither Mr. House nor anyone else will ever by inbreeding breed a bird good enough for the show bench, for birds that are inbred to any extent will be small and puny; you cannot get them big enough." In conversation with this fancier after the lecture, I ventured the opinion that Mr. House's idea commended itself to me, and that no doubt there was reason and truth in what he had said on the subject. My fellow fancier greeted me with the remark, "Nawther him nor thee'll iver dew it." Well, I may say that man was wrong, for I have proved the truth of Mr. House's contentions. I have birds in my room to-day seven inches long, all inbred, and I have put winning birds on the show bench every year since that time.

HOW I TREAT MY STOCK

First, as regards cages, some of mine are the ordinary double breeding cage, 18 inches by 16, and some are single, and I have a stack of small ones for keeping my show birds in. At the end of February I commence to get them ready for the breeding season. I take the fronts out, give the cages a good wash, scrub all the perches, then I turpentine all the cracks and corners and anywhere that I think red mite can lodge. I next mix sufficient whitewash to do for the lot as near as I can, so that they will be all one colour when finished. When I have got everything ready, it is pretty near time to start breeding. I commence this about the 22nd of March. I fill all the seed hoppers with good mixed seed. I do not believe in forcing them with egg food, etc. I sand the bottoms of the cages, because I think it is best for them; it keeps their feet hard and the birds in condition. Some fanciers prefer sawdust, but I don't like the idea, as it is apt to make the feet soft. When I have prepared my cages, I cut all the claws of the birds to prevent them from pricking the eggs when the hen is setting. I then run my birds into their cages, one cock with two hens. I do not like pair breeding, as I think you have a much better chance to breed winners with one cock to two hens and let the hens bring up the broods by themselves. When they have paired nicely, and the hen seems ready for laying, which should be in about a week, I put the nest pan in the cage, I do not care for putting it in too soon, as some hens jump in, and in this way prevent the cock from doing his duty, with the result that you will have a nest of bright eggs. When I have given them their nest pans, I go round the room and put a little treacle into all the drinkers, to prevent the hens from being egg-bound. I do this twice a week, and in this way find things work very well.

THE CARE OF THE COCKS.

I keep a sharp look out, so as to prevent the cocks from going the back way, as at this time of the year when the cold east winds are blowing and the hens constantly calling, they often get run down, and their blood becomes so thin that the least bit of draught affects them. In this way a good many fanciers lose their birds, and don't know what is the cause of it. If I go into my room and find one of the cocks looking as if his feathers were put on the wrong way, I catch him, and blow the feathers up, and if the body is discoloured, I use a little turpentine to take the inflammation out; only a few drops of course. When the hens settle down to nest, I remove the mixed seed and give them plain white seed to keep down their pride.,

THE HATCHING TIME.

At the commencement of each breeding season, we are, all of us, looking forward and hoping for something better than we had in the previous years. This is the time that causes me to think ours is a fascinating hobby. There is no golden rule to success in breeding, and if we have had rather bad luck in the past, each succeeding seasou we come up again as fresh as a lark. But to come back to the birds. On the morning that my young ones are due, I listen for any noise in the nest. If I can hear a chirp I say to myself "Welcome, little stranger," and off I go to prepare some food for them. I give them hard boiled egg and home-made bread. I add a few drops of milk just to make it moist and put a little maw seed with it. In a corner of the cage I put a dish with hemp seed and a little German rape. It is better not to crack the hemp seed, as it keeps the hen off the nest a little longer if she has to crack it herself, and so allows the young ones to get a bit of fresh air. When the young are about 4 days old, I give a little green food, watercress, or a bit of lettuce for a change. When they are about sixteen or seventeen days old it is wise to give them another nest pan, on the other side of the cage, to prevent the mother from plucking them.

WHEN I WEAN.

When the young are twenty-one days old, I take them away and place them in a good roomy cage each brood by themselves. When I take them away to themselves, I make their food a little softer in order to supply them with sufficient moisture until they find the water. After they have found the water I make the egg food a little dryer again, and mix a bit of boiled German rape in it for a change. I also give them a small dish of crushed white seed. I believe crushed white seed is one of the best things you can give to young birds. it is the natural food for them, and they will soon leave the egg food for it. All fanciers know what a tedious job it is to crush seed unless they have a good machine, and I may here say that I use "Wilson's Patent Seed Crushing Machine," which I firmly believe to be the best on the market. I am agent for it in this neighbourhood, and I have supplied all the leading fanciers round about here, and all who have one are highly satisfied with it. I believe the life of many a good bird is to be saved by its use. This machine will crush a pound of seed per minute, and can be regulated in a second to crack any kind of seed you require, even linseed.

SORTING AND TRAINING THE BABES.

When my young birds are four weeks old, I look them over, and if there is one that looks promising I run him out into a show cage and have a good look at him. I handle him nicely, and speak kindly to him, so as to gain his confidence. If I think he is going to make a right one, I hang a show cage on to let him and the others run in and out as they please, and in a day or two I remove the best one into a cot of his own in order to train him for the First Feather Show. I then run him in the show cage three or four times a day, and in this way I train my birds. When the First Feather Shows are over, all the best birds are singled out into a cage by themselves ready for the moult.

MOULTING AND COLOUR FEEDING.

In the first place, I count up my birds to see how much colour-food I shall require, and purchase all at once. Thus, if I have sixty birds to colour, I should buy about 6 lbs. cold, 2 lbs. of hot pepper, 2 lbs. of Demerara sugar, and three-pennyworth of the best raw linseed oil, mix it all well together, and keep in a large air-tight tin to keep it sound and sweet. When my birds are about nine weeks old I give them a little bit of colour-food just to get them in, and a few drops of saffron and rum in their water every other day. I mix my food each day in the following manner: one hard boiled egg, a good thick slice of bread, each put through the egg mill, add a little maw seed, and about one part colour to two parts egg and bread, moisten with a little water and serve out about half-a-teaspoonful to each bird. When the colour shows nicely down the breast, I pull their tails out, but I don't believe in flighting. I give them a little plantain and shepherd's purse to help them through, and when they are getting well through I give them a bath once or twice a week to keep them nice and clean for the first show.

PREPARING FOR EXHIBITION.

When I have got them nicely through I give them a diet of three parts white seed, one part German rape, and a little mixed seed. Once or twice a week, I also give a little egg bread and maw seed mixed dry. When I have got them into good condition I commence to prepare for exhibition. I believe in washing my birds in the old fashioned way. This is the way I have always done well with, and of course I say stick to the bridge that carries you over. If you are doing well you cannot be doing better. I have a few old show cages that I keep for washing my birds, this keeps my best cages from getting spoiled with the fire when they are drying. I well wash these cages, scrub the perches, and put a clean paper in the bottom. I then select the birds I am going to send out, and bring them downstairs for the bath. I use three large basins and a badger hair brush, good white curd soap, and drying cloths made of white bleached cotton; these latter are washed and ironed every time they are used. I believe in everything being carried out in a clean and careful manner. I make up a good clear fire and place a board across the fender on which to dry the birds. As I wash them, I roll them in the cloth and place them on the board with their tails towards the fire and let them remain twenty minutes.

ONE BIRD, ONE CLOTH.

Some fanciers take them out and roll them in two or three cloths, but I don't believe in this, because you are apt to curl the feather, if you don't get it down in the second cloth as you did in the first, and thus your bird will be spoiled. After I take each bird out of the cloth I place him in a cage, and put him about a yard from the fire. Every few minutes I move it further away, and when I think he is dry enough he is placed on the table. After they are all dry I give them their seed and water, cover them up and leave them downstairs till the morning, to prevent them catching cold. They are returned to the bird-room next morning, and put into clean cages until the show. I hope this article may prove of some benefit to your novice readers, and wish your paper every success.

THE YELLOW PLANTAIN EATER OR HANGNEST

(Icterus xanthornis).

By W. T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

Among the rare birds recently presented to the Zoo by an esteemed friend and fellow-aviculturist was one of these fine and handsome birds, and it may now be seen disporting itself in the Western Aviary at our London Gardens.

BEAUTY OF PLUMAGE.

This is exceedingly beautiful, the colours being very intense and effulgent. Upper parts, brilliaut yellow, washed with olivacious on the interscapulium; lores, wings, and middle of throat, velvety black; lesser wing-coverts, yellow, slightly washed with green in some specimens; the greater wing-coverts, secondaries and primaries are finely edged with white, those markings being somewhat variable (comparing three skins which reached me from Georgetown, British Guiana, last summer, all are distinctly marked with white, but in one specimen especially these markings are very distinct and also broad compared with the type); under parts, bright yellow; tail, black; bill, legs, and feet, black. Total length, 7.5in., of which the tail measures 3.5in. The female is similar as to plumage, but if my skins are correctly sexed she is slightly the larger bird, and her bill is a trifle shorter than that of her mate.

The above descriptions are from skins sent to me direct from British Guiana. With them I also received two nests and a pair of eggs.

These birds nest in colonies, and suspend their elongated purse-shaped nests from the branches. The sizes of the nests in my cabinet are respectively 14 inches long and 4 inches diameter, and 12 inches by 4 inches. The eggs are very pale bluish-green, lined and spotted with black; size, 1-1/8in. by 9/16in.

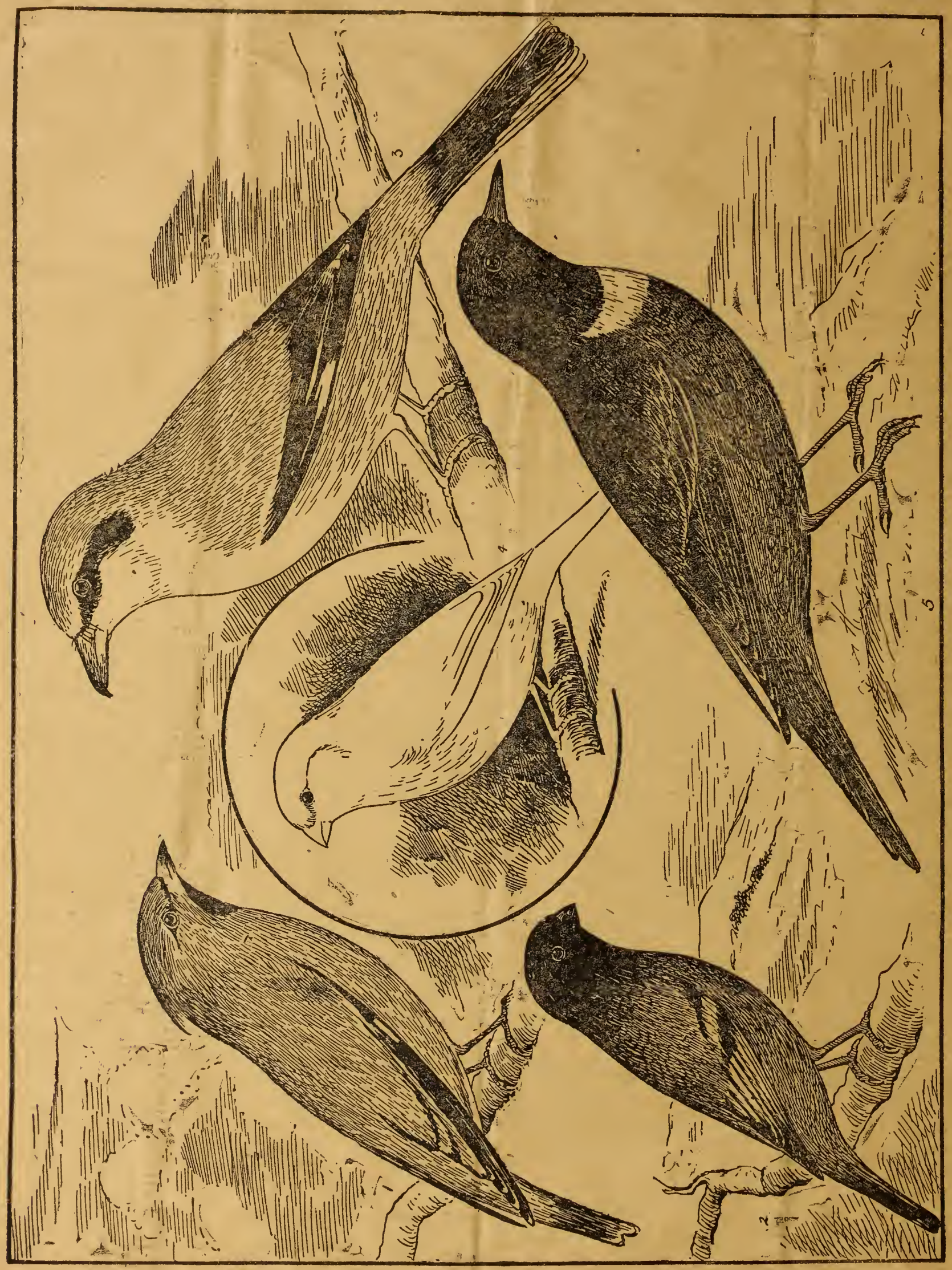
CHARACTERISTICS AND DIET.

This is given by the British Museum Catalogue of birds as Northern Columbia, Venezuela, Trinidad, Guiana, Cayenne, and Upper Rio Negro. The skins, nests, and eggs described herein were taken in Georgetown, British Guiana. In the aviary, these and in fact all the Hangnests, are most desirable and beautiful inmates, but they should not be associated with birds weaker or smaller than themselves; also, either as single birds or in pairs, they are cage-birds *par excellence*. Though I believe the afore-mentioned specimen at the Zoo to be the first living specimen imported to this country, there is no reason why they should not be freely imported if they were inquired for, as they can be taken quite close to port. They would require dieting on ripe fruit, living insects, and some good soft food mixture, and the only protection they would require would be to be kept free from draught. No photograph can properly convey a correct idea of the contrast between the beautiful yellows and black of the plumage. They are active, fearless birds, of fine form and erect carriage, and would be a source of continuous pleasure and interest to their owner, whether kept in a cage or flying at large in the aviary.

All the Hangnests are handsome and interesting birds, and my remarks as to I. *xanthornis* would, as regards food, treatment, and demeanour, apply pretty well to all the species. All this genus are desirable inmates of either cage or aviary, and all (even the Black Hangnest) are exceedingly handsome and interesting birds. The term Plantain-eater, though correct enough in regard to the partly-frugivorous habits of the birds. is not a very happy one, being also applied to some Touracous (*Musophagidæ*).

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F. CARL, 154, Fleet St., London.

Some Exceptional and Interesting British Bird Exhibits.



1. Waxwing (Bailey Bros.).
2. Black Bullfinch (W. Raper).
3. Great Grey Shrike (S. W. Birchley).
4. White Bullfinch (S. Gill).
5. Ring Ousel (C. Burrows).

Owing to the regrettable resignation of Mr. John R. Evans all correspondence should be addressed to me at 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend. Please put the star to our show dates, Nov. 8th and 9th, as we are all strong unionists here, and our show is held under C.B.U. rules, thanks for the splendid picture and report this week.—JAS. JOHNSTON, hon. sec., Wallsend C.B.A.

After the great uproar made in a certain interested quarter over CAGE BIRDS advertisements, in the Cage Bird Union rules last season, it is amusing to note that for this season CAGE BIRDS has been able to secure the entire advertisement rights in all The Cage Bird Union Show Rules. These were put up for public tender, and CAGE BIRDS, as usual, led the way.

Mr. J. A. Reece, the well-known cage specialist of Jockey Wire Works, Bristol, has recently issued a revised price list of cages. In it are examples of show, breeding, flight, and ornamental cages of every description and character, whilst the make, finish, and price is such as to please the most fastidious. Reece's cages look like upholding their past reputation.

Last week owing to an error by our printers Mr. Rudd, the well-known Canary specialist of Norwich, was made to announce that he had for disposal some "Small Yorkshires of great value." 'Twas true Mr. Rudd had some Yorkshires of great value, but it was altogether wrong to say they were small. We much regret the error, and trust that neither Mr. Rudd nor our readers have been seriously inconvenienced thereby.

Just now Cage Bird fanciers will be busy preparing their cages for the forthcoming season, and will be considering the question of paint and enamels. Mr. H. Cooper, of Luton, purveys two most excellent preparations, "Colorine," which is a sanitary, washable, water paint, and "Enamelette" which is a special enamel for show and other cages. Both are made up in various shades, and are indeed most excellent articles.

It has been decided to hold a large open show of Cage Birds, write Messrs HAY and SMART, the hon. secretaries, Main Road, Tweedmouth, under the auspices of the newly formed Berwick and District Bantam, Pigeon, and Cage Bird Society, in the Corn Exchange Hall, Berwick, on Thursday, November 28th next. The judges are:—Norwich, Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. R. S. Bewick (Chester-le-street); Scotch and Border Fancies, Mr. W. Bell (Jedburgh).

Remarkable Offer to Canary Fanciers.—1,000 cwts. of Canary grit to be given away. During September and October we will give 1 cwt. of our Celebrated Health Grit absolutely free, to every purchaser of 1 cwt. of Canary seed. Giant Spanish, 24s. cwt.; finest Turkish, 15s. cwt. Samples on application. Carriage paid to nearest station. Cash with order.—John Dibb, seed importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey-road, Bradford. Tel. 247x. [Advt.

Mr. H. E. Tringham has kindly consented to give his washing exhibition on the 26th of this month instead of in November. This will give novices an opportunity of seeing how to go about washing their birds for our coming annual show, and it is to be hoped that they will take this opportunity and turn up in full force; it is desirable that the exhibition should commence prompt at 8 p.m., so that the birds may have the chance of getting thoroughly dry before going home.—W. HODSON, hon. sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

Border Counties N. and C.C.

Will all members note the Bowl and Noviec Gold Medal patronage has been secured this coming season by the following five shows, viz.:—Shields, Sunderland, Wallsend, Gateshead, and Berwick-on-Tweed. All bowl exhibitors to write "Bowl" at the end of bird entered on entry form. Novice exhibitors to also mark entry form "Novice and Bowl," and to send a note to Secretary Hay by morning of show, stating the three birds entered for medal or bowl. Exhibitors to also note the schedule of Neweastle, Kelso, and Morpeth, as these three shows are to have clubs patronage providing their judge is a member of club. That patronage will be the counting of most points over all shows under our patronage for Sandiford's £2 2s. cup and medal value 25s. for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points. Full particulars will appear in all schedules; members must join this month to compete for club specials. It was an oversight Mr. Patterson not having joined. He is again a member, and intends being one, so is Mr. Hodgson, Gateshead. Novices eligible to compete for bowl and medal with same three birds.—A. HAY, Sec., 30, Main Road, Tweedmouth.

YORKSHIREMEN AT CRICKET.

Windhill v. Bradford West.

On Saturday last the Windhill and District O.S., and the Bradford West C.B.A played a cricket match, when the Windhill men were again too good for the West men. After the match the two teams and friends sat down to a splendid tea provided by Host Helliwell. After tea the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, songs being given by Messrs. Moor, Sugden, and F. Drake, and recitations by E. Broadley. The usual toasts brought a pleasant evening to a close.

BRADFORD WEST:—E. Clegg, 11; J. M. Stirk, 0; W. Armstrong, 0; F. Western, 3; J. Greaves, 9; A. Pratt, 0; T. Clegg, 0; G. A. Bennett, 13; H. Clegg, 0; W. A. Cowgill, 3; A. Cooper, 1; J. W. Dowhurst, not out, 0; total, 40.

WINDHILL:—H. Bailey, 2; J. Chippendale, 30; J. Cook, 1; J. W. Verity, 0; R. Garnett, 6; extras, 4; total, 43.

"THE POULTRY WORLD."

A New Poultry Paper.

I have for some time past been aware of the need for a new and energetic weekly periodical devoted entirely and thoroughly to the hobby of poultry keeping. At the request of several prominent poultry fanciers, I have decided to try and supply that need. My plans for starting a practical up-to-date poultry journal have been maturing slowly but steadily, and now the time is ripe for announcing the project. A certain amount of capital and talent has been definitely provided for. The title has been decided on, viz., "THE POULTRY WORLD." Its price has been fixed at one penny, and it will make its appearance every week. The exact date of first issue will be announced later.

F. CARL.

Our Scotch fancy judge is Mr. W. D. Hogg. We have secured the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club, with the £5 5s. Sandiford challenge cup, and ditto £2 2s. Novice cup, both to be won outright this season, also three S.P.C. medals, Scottish B.B. and M. Club with five medals, Border Fancy C.C. medal. We hope the members of these clubs will not overlook our date, October 26th. I may say that CAGE BIRDS is the only paper we are advertising in.—J. LOGAN, Sec., Dysart C.B.S.

I have received orders, repeat orders and testimonials for my self-acting springnet trap, from all over England, writes MR. A. BUTLER, of Sheffield. I think this speaks well for your paper. As an advertising medium it quite puts your contemporaries in the shade.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

The usual contest took place at the Prince Albert Inn on September 8th. Three prizes were given, and some grand singing was heard—1 and 2 shared by J. Clark. On September 15th J. Clark won again. Judges, B. Jackson and H. Haldon.

Linnet singing at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, is now under new management, that of a real old bird man, Mr. W. Tillotson. This week-end 30 of the best birds in Leeds sung for four prizes, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house:—1, Hardcastle; 2, 4, Biss; 3, Stead. Judges, T. Summers and C. Cooper. Timekeeper, E. Worth. This house looks like getting back to its old form. We wish old friends and new to give us a call, and hear some of the best birds that have been in Leeds for some time.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

LONDON, N.

There was attendance of fanciers at the Bee Hive, Pentonville-road, the other evening, and arrangements were made for Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps to commence the first week in October, and continue each week-end.—T. MORRISON.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kilmaurs.—September 28th.—Judges, Messrs. A. Robert, and Gavin Alston. 29 classes—Scots. 6, Nor. 7, Bor. 8, Mules 2, Brit. 6. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s. Entry fee 2s. Entries close September 21st, to Messrs. Faulds and Fleming, Tour Hill, Kilmaurs, N.B.

Burnley.—October 4th and 5th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.—35 classes—Lancs. 2, Crests 2, Nor. 8, Cin. 2, Yorks. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Novice 4, Brit. 3, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There are over 50 special prizes. Entries close October 1st, to Mr. J. Bee, 62, Piccadilly Road, Burnley.

St. Andrew's.—October 5th. Judges: Scots, Messrs. J. M'Lennan and Wm. Webster; Border, Messrs. J. Patterson and H. Moreland. Thirty-four classes:—Scots, 13; Crests, four; Nor., six; Bor., four; Yorks., two; Common, one; Mule, one; Brit., two; For., one. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a grand list of specials. Entries close September 28th to Mr. T. Auchterlonie, 7, Park Street, St. Andrew's.

Peterboro'.—October 10th. Judges:—Messrs. J. Robson and R. J. Howe. Twenty-seven classes:—Nor., 10; Yorks., four; Crest, one; Mule, one; Brit., six; For., two; Sell., three. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a good number of cash specials. Entries close September 30th to Mr. H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln Road, Peterboro'.

Exeter (Exeter and Devon).—October 16th. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 25 classes—Nor. 3, Crests 4, Yorks. 3, Mules 2, Novice 1, Ladies 1, Pairs 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. There are some capital specials. Entries close October 5th to Messrs. Cornish and Adams, 90, Regent-street, St. Thomas, Exeter.

Rochester. October 16th and 17th.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—28 classes—Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, Crests 2, Mules 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, Gift 1, Children's 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There are some good specials and show is under the patronage of the Kent County C.B.A. Entries close October 5th, to Mr. W. E. Miller, 64, Gordon Road, Strood, Kent.

Chesterfield.—October 25th and 26th.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes,—36 classes—Yorks 6, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell 2, Pairs 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, Mem. 8. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a good list of specials. Entries close October 18th, to Messrs. Dooley and Hartley, 30, Alexandra-rd., Chesterfield.

Weston-Super-Mare.—October 31st. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. Twenty-two classes:—Nor., two; Crests, two; Yorks., three; Brit., three; Foreign, one; A.O.V., two; Mule, one; Sell., four; members, four: Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a card with good special prize list; entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 20th to Mr. G. W. Read, Severn Road, Weston-Super-Mare.

Mansfield.—November 1st and 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Richards. 56 classes—Nor. 9, Crests 5, Yorks. 2, Sell. 3, Hybrid 2, Gift 1, Cin. 2, Lizard 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Members 23. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee 1s. Entries close October 26th to Mr. J. H. Duckworth, Tennyson-street, Mansfield.

OUR GREAT COUPON SCHEME.

A STRIKING SUCCESS.

CAGE BIRDS Coupon Scheme has caught on. There can be no doubt about it. The letters that have come in since last week's issue appeared, place the success of the idea so far as societies are concerned—beyond the region of failure. More societies have to be added to the ranks of those participating. Appended is a complete list of Coupon Shows, also a few more expressions of opinion upon the competition. A few doubtful points are touched on by correspondents, and answered. We are still receiving societies, but secretaries and committees should lose no further time.

OUR COUPON SHOWS.

Blackburn C.B.S., November 1 and 2.
Bristol C.B.C., November 20th and 21st.
Bolton and District O. and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
Broughty Ferry, October 12th.
Dulwich and Peckham, October 17th and 18th.
Gloucester C.B.S., October 30th and 31st.
Hayle, October 16th and 17th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.
Morpeth, November 16th.
Wellington, October 30th and 31st.
Western Counties (Plymouth), October 22nd and 23rd.
Cheltenham, October 26th and 28th.
Sunderland, November 22nd and 23rd.
City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
Potteries, October 23rd and 24th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Cambridge C.B.S., November 12th.
York, November 5th and 6th.
Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., November 7th.
Merthyr Tydfil, November 14th.
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Abingdon (North Berks), November 7th.
Dublin (Y.C.C. of Ireland), November 28th and 29th.
Wolverhampton, October 30th and 31st.
Great Harwood, October 11th and 12th.
Wimbledon, January 8th and 9th.
Luton C.B.S., November 13th.

CHELTENHAM.

(Show held October 26th and 27th.)

At our last meeting it was unanimously decided to adopt your prize competition.—A. S. TREASURE, Grove Villa, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

THE POTTERIES.

(Show held on October 23rd and 24th.)

It was unanimously decided that we join for CAGE BIRDS prize scheme. It was thought by the members to be a very good scheme, and one that will cause a good deal of interest.—J. SIMCOCK, 157, Leonard-road, Birches Head, Hanley.

WIGAN.

(Show held December 6th and 7th.)

I read the particulars of CAGE BIRDS great prize scheme to our meeting on Monday evening last, and everyone present was favourably impressed and very much appreciate your kindly interest. We shall be pleased to co operate.—W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

(Show held November 12th.)

We shall be pleased to go in for your competition, and, of, course, abide by the rules. Please let me know exactly how much matter we have to print. Also can one exhibitor enter more than one bird if he likes to pay 6d. for each coupon he sends for. I expect he can.—T. S. MOORE, 126-8, Newmarket-road, Cambridge.

(We have sent you matter to occupy exactly one page, no more, no less, in schedule and catalogue. Easy setting. One exhibitor can enter as many birds as he pleases, provided he pays 6d. for each bird he desires to compete with. But previous coupon prize winners will be barred, of course.—ED. C.B.)

PORTSMOUTH.

I brought CAGE BIRDS prize competition before two of the committee of our show (Portsmouth), and they promised to inquire about it. Please let me know if the 25s. already guaranteed for advts. in CAGE BIRDS covers the prize scheme, or if it is an additional 25s. required to participate in same.—F. G. JOINER.

(We only require one guarantee of 25s. from any Society, but we do not appear to have received any guarantee from Portsmouth up to date.—ED. C.B.)

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Kindly let me know for the committee's information, if I were to get six coupons from you, could I enter six birds at the one show and win, say, two or more C.B. prizes.—W. C. SHOLEDICE.

There is no objection to exhibitors purchasing as many coupons as they require, and winning two or more CAGE BIRDS prizes, but not more than one prize can be won by an individual bird.—ED. C.B.)

WOLVERHAMPTON SHOW.

October 30th and 31st.

I read the conditions of your great prize scheme before our members' last meeting, and all were of the opinion that the outlay to the Society would be so small compared with the possible gain that this Society will be pleased to accept your Coupon Competition.

F. HOWES, Hon. Sec.
25, Leslie Road, Park Village, Wolverhampton.

Mr. R. Pooley (Sheffield) does not seem to have grasped our scheme. He is afraid it will not offer much inducement to any but the cracks to compete. But he must not overlook the fact that the best third or fourth prize bird is a long way from being the third best bird in the show. It might easily belong to an entire novice.

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*Sept. 27 and 28.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R.)
*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.** (J.R., R.J.H.)
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.H.P., D.B.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.,
*Oct. 16.—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.B.)
*Oct. 15 and 16.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.K.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.W.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., J. N., J.H., T.T., J.P., G.F., J.K., A.McF., J.D. A.B.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
*Oct. 23.—**Oxford** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.K.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V., F.B.
Oct. 24 and 25.—**Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (W.D.H., J.F., J.G.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.G.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton C.B.S.** (J.R., W.W.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.R.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.W.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H. & A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich Alliance** (W.E.G., J.E. W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6.—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.) [A.H.,
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.P., D.H.T., J.H.J
Nov. 7. **North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.D.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.P.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., A.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.S., J.M.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.H.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.S., J.B., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.D., G.F., W.H., J.W.B
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.S., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley** (J.W.K.)
Nov. 21 and 22.—**Lowestoft C.B.S.** (J.M.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.) [J.S.
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.S., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P.
Nov 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee** (A.C., J.A., J.C., A.C.
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D.,) J.K.
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.M.
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
Dec. 7.—**Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7.—**Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.**
*Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H.; R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11.—**Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.S. J.S., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Lalsterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.B.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show.**

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Not Singing.

Novice.—Your bird is probably moulting, or about to commence, and this would account for it not singing, but apart from this I fancy from your description of him that he is not quite the thing. Let him have a little egg food three times a week, over which put five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. A small teaspoonful of egg food will be sufficient. In addition to the plain canary seed, let him have twice a week a half-teaspoonful of the following mixture—hemp, rye and linseed. Put in his drinking water fresh daily for a fortnight, fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu, and five drops of Paregoric.

Colour Feeding.

B. L.—The proportions of sweet and hot peppers you are using are quite right, and so is the quantity of oil. I should advise you not to give the linseed until they are nearly through the moult. Do not use Demerara sugar; you will make your food too sticky. Use instead a little castor sugar. You may give with advantage a piece of sulphate of iron about the size of a small pea in each bird's drinking water twice a week, but not until they are nearing the completion of their moult. You may lift the cover of the cages if you wish, for half an hour in the day, as this will not affect the colour. I should advise you to put some brown paper over the cages which you have your late hatched birds in; let it come down to within about three inches of the wire front. Put it right up against the cages. Let them have a little egg food three times a week.

Shells His Seed.

Keppochile.—If you are feeding your bird on mixed seed the probability is that he throws out the seed in his quest for the particular seed he fancies. It is a mistake to give birds mixed seed in their hopper or feeding pot. This should only contain plain Spanish Canary, and as a tit-bit a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds may be given twice a week, composed of the following: Hemp seed, niger and German rape in equal parts. You may also give him about as much maw seed as will stand on a shilling twice a week. I must congratulate you upon your successful season's breeding and wish you may have the same good results next year.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Concerning Exhibiting.

Noel.—(1) Certainly; you can show your Rollers at any exhibition which provides classes for singing. It does not matter whether you are a member of any Roller Club, or not—all fanciers of Rollers are eligible to compete. At the same time, you will do well to join the British Roller Canary Club, which will put you in touch with fellow fanciers of the breed, and you can also then compete for their special prizes. (2) You will have to compete against imported birds in the open classes (or bought birds, to put it another way). But classes are also provided at most fixtures for young birds (bred 1907), and in those you would simply have to compete against youngsters bred and trained by fellow Roller fanciers in England. I wish you luck.

Singing Canaries for Profit.

Silliw.—Your question is an awkward one. I might, for instance, advise you how to go about the breeding, but then your season might be a failure, and the profit nil, owing to your unsuitable room, or arrangements, or methods. If you have had no experience of Canary breeding, you certainly want to get in touch with some old, conscientious fancier, who would give you some sound advice on such matters. If you want to breed simply "good singing birds," then you could not do better than get a stoutly-built, good-coloured yellow Norwich cock, and pair him to two or three good German hens. A similar cock bird of Yorkshire type could also be used. In fact, the number of pairs (or "households," rather) would, of course, only depend on the extent of your operations. From the above mating you would get bigger, better-shaped and coloured youngsters than by sticking to pure Germans. Train them under a first-class "schoolmaster," by all means (a bird-organ, too, would be a great help). By these means you would, I feel sure, succeed in producing a lot of young (given good fortune), which would be good singers of an attractive song mixture, and command a ready sale. The advertising columns of "Cage Birds" will afford you a ready sale for any surplus stock.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Management and Slip Claw.

T.G.—For the slip claw give one rough perch (not high up). Wet the claw with whisky every morning, when the heat will bring back the nerve to it. You take the egg food away far too soon. I always give my birds a bit every morning, the size of a bean, till through the moult. You are quite right in giving rape three times a week. Don't work young birds much when moulting. I give mine a run into show cages three times a day, morning, noon and night. Feed old birds same as young. Put in a large flight and give plenty of chickweed.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Eggs in September.

D.E.P.—It is certainly most unusual for a hen which has been unmated since July to commence laying again in September. Your letter appears in this issue. It may, perhaps, lead to the announcement of other unusual and interesting incidents connected with laying.

Claws Bunching up.

Bert Peacock.—I am afraid you can do nothing. From your description the bird is deformed beyond cure, and the wisest and most humane thing to do would be to destroy it.

Ticked or Marked—Which?

Puzzled.—(1) A bird which is ticked on the back of the head is most certainly not an even-marked. An even-marked bird can be marked only on eyes, wings, and tail. (2) Yellow hens are generally more or less mealy on the back, but it does not go farther. A bird which is mealed all over is undoubtedly a huff.

Moving Birds.

Traveller.—If your Canaries and British Birds are well covered, they will suffer no harm from the journey. Small boxes with wire fronts are much the best for the purpose. If you put them in large cages they will fly, knock and bang themselves about, and probably be half dead from fright and injury. If you don't like boxes, the German cages would do, but you must cover the parcel completely with stout sacking, or canvas. The two chief things to remember are that the birds must be protected from draught whilst travelling, and not have much room to fly about. The change will not harm the birds. The Parrot and Cockatoo would travel best in their wire cages.

What Sex?

Inexperienced.—From what you say I have no doubt whatever that your bird is a hen, but seeing that it is eighteen months ago that you purchased it, I am afraid you have no possible chance of recompense from the seller. If your bird is in good health next March, I should advise you to get it the mate for which you say it seems to call.

What Breed?

Young Hopeful.—Judging by the description you give, your bird is what is known as a variegated or unevenly-marked Norwich. The peculiar back marking is, as you say, very beautiful; its technical name is saddle marking. The bird is a huff; the silvery tipping of which you speak is the point that makes the difference between a yellow and a buff. If you are thinking of breeding with the bird next year, you should mate it to a clear yellow hen.

Red Ants.

Monty—There can be no shadow of doubt that the "hundreds of red ants running all over the cages, and even getting into the drinkers," as you say, have caused the death of your birds. Your cages must be simply reeking with red mite. The best thing you can do is to destroy your whole stock of cages. Thoroughly cleanse and whitewash the walls of your bird-room, and then put up a new lot of cages, but before putting the birds into them, give every one of the birds a good wash with soap and water as if washing for a show, but put a few drops of Jeyes' Fluid in both washing and rinsing waters, say half-a-teaspoonful to a quart of water. Remove the birds and old cages to another room whilst you are doing the cleaning and whitewashing, and don't let the cages into the bird-room again, nor the birds either until you have washed them. It would be advisable to mix some carbolic acid in the whitewash.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The Sexing of Linnets.

J. H.—No one ever saw a young Linnet (that is, in nest-feathers) with a red breast. Young Linnets of both sexes are soberly-coloured and marked, very like adult hens. It is astonishing how the seasonal changes of coloration of the Linnet puzzle fanciers—even to making some of them believe there are two distinct kinds of birds. Briefly, the red breast, and the red head, too, are "breeding plumes," assumed by the male bird only, in the spring, at the coming of the breeding season. The older the male, the more vivid and expansive the said coloration. Many first-season males show very little trace of it at all, some seeming more tinged with yellow than red, and being termed "stone Linnets." These matters I have many times explained in this column. I do not consider the so-called "mooning" on the breast a safe guide to the sex. It is true that the majority of hens are heavily streaked on the breast, while the cocks are not so, and this is a good guide to the sex when one gets well acquainted with the Linnet fancy. As a guide for the beginner, however, the "old, old" signs want a lot of beating. Look with suspicion on a bird thickly streaked with pencilling; look for a distinct warm, nutty-brown tone of colour on the shoulders (wing butts) and back generally; look for plenty of white in the wings (extending back to the shaft of the feathers) and tail. If you get the two latter things, you get a cock. Even the young hens are appreciably dingier (more ashy) and streakier-looking than the young males and carry less white. Of course, one occasionally comes across a male carrying heavy pencilling—these are just the boys for exhibition purposes.

An Outdoor Thrush.

Herbell.—Your young Thrush ought to commence to "tune up" as soon as it throws off the effects of the moult. Young hand-reared hen Song Thrushes will "record," but not with the same gusto and seeming relish as young males. You want to let your bird hear a good free-singing adult Thrush or Blackbird, as a tutor, for by doing so you will greatly improve its song in variety and finish—all hand-reared birds are the better when this practice is followed. I cannot advise you to let the bird hang out of doors all the winter, regardless of the weather, even though you cover its cage with a sack or two at night, as you suggest doing. The greater part of the winter it would not hurt, no doubt; but there are certain weather conditions under which I would never let any bird of my own remain out of doors in a cage. Lift the Thrush down into an unheated room when your own good sense tells you the weather is unfit.

The Giving of Seeds, &c.

Ignoramus.—Pleased to hear your losses of Linnets have ceased since giving the stock mixture advised. Although many fanciers are doubtless giving their birds turnip seed in the blissful belief that it is "summer rape," I cannot recommend it as a substitute for charlock, seeing that the latter can be bought from many advertisers using our columns—and, I should think, from most town shops making a speciality of bird seeds. Still, good turnip seed won't hurt Linnets. You did quite right to add a percentage of hemp to the stock mixture, now the Linnets are moulting; let the linseed be supplied liberally, too. The shepherd's purse and plantain can be supplemented by any of the other suitable wild plants mentioned in the articles now running—glad to know you like the latter. It is no use putting rusty nails in a bird's drinking water, for they have no effect one way or the other. You must let the Linnets bathe freely, or lightly spray them regularly. They should soon get tame if hung in box cages about breast high in a room where people are much on the move. Try to gain their confidence by talking to them when near, and placing titbits of wild-food, etc., between the wires. Gradually leave the hemp out of the stock mixture when the moult is over, giving a little occasionally only, and also reduce the quantity of linseed.

A Family; and Colour Feeding.

Josh-o Brum.—Your aviary is not a good shape—ornamental, but not practical, I am afraid. It is length and width which count, not height. You say your aviary is 30 inches long, 48 high, and 16 wide—well, if it were 48 long, 30 high and 24 wide, it would be of very good and practical dimensions. On the rule of a foot of floor space to each bird the size of a Canary (a fairly good rough guide with small aviaries), your place will hold exactly three birds, yet you purpose putting 4 Linnets, 3 Redpolls, 1 Bramblefinch and 1 Chaffinch therein—9 birds altogether! With the Bramblefinch and Chaffinch you would have trouble, I fancy, for they can be very spiteful and offensive in confined quarters. The Linnets and Redpolls would probably do all right in the aviary, providing it were kept quite clean. Such a place as yours is really more suitable for a collection of small Foreign birds, than for British. By-the-way, you say a Bramblefinch and a "Pied Finch," but I assume Chaffinch is meant by the latter name, which I have heard used in connection with that bird. As regards colour-feeding the young Mule, you should send sevenpence to this office for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which will give you far fuller details of the process than I could possibly get into these answers of mine. Young mules are colour-fed in precisely the same way as young Canaries. You will have to hurry up and get the bird on to colour-food, or it will be in the moult before you make a start. If only intended for a songster, and the only bird you have, it is hardly worth while trying to enhance its colour. An all-wire cage, oblong design, makes a good home for a pet singing mule.

Nightingale "Throws Something Up."

H. Clarke.—1. There is nothing whatever the matter with your bird. The throwing-up of the pellets is a quite natural proceeding—one followed by many "soft-billed" birds. The pellets (or castings) comprise the indigestible portions of the food swallowed—such as the skins of berries, of mealworms, the cases of beetles, etc. Owls, for example, cast up the fur and bones of mice they eat. You must not be tempted or persuaded to try any "curative measures," whatever they may be. 2. I should think (a) that your mealworm tin is not sufficiently ventilated, and (b) that it is not kept in a sufficiently dry, warm place. I should start a fresh box, transfer any beetles to it, and use up the mealworms in the old box. 3. Gentles can be quite sufficiently "scoured" by throwing them for a few days, before using, into a quantity of dry, clean bran. Always keep them in a very cool place.

Feeding Goldfinch Mules.

G. Cook.—Pity you did not state exactly how old the "young Goldfinch Mules" are. If just out of the nest give lightly cracked hemp (fresh made each day), and plenty of maw, canary and teazle; also give some soaked rape daily. When they are feeding themselves properly, the following stock mixture will be difficult to beat: Canary, two pints, teazle one pint, hemp, summer rape and linseed half-pint each. By way of variety offer every day a little maw, or lightly cracked sunflower seed, or a tiny pinch of niger, while once a week they may have a feed of some good maker's packet Finch mixture. In their earliest days they may have ripe shepherd's purse and chickweed, to which later may be added thistle-heads, hardheads, plantain, groundsel, etc — see current article on "Wild Plants." Fed judiciously on the above lines, your Mules should thrive splendidly. Such a book as you mention may be published from this office one of these days, in the near future.

Briefiets.

A Heavy Drinker (Ban).—Put six or seven drops of tincture of gentian in the Linnet's drinking water for a week or so. If this does not cure, write me again. Feed on plenty of maw and ripe plantain, shepherd's purse, etc.

Three Seed Samples (Hampton Court)—I cannot see any fault to find with either of the three samples you submit to me. The German rape and wild seed mixture both appear well up to the mark, and the same may be said of the winter rape, though the latter is not so large as most winter (English) rape one sees—possibly it is some other variety of "rape," of which there are many, almost as "like as two peas."

What Class? (Joey).—Redpolls (both Lesser and Mealy) are most certainly both true Finches from the point of view of the ornithologist, and most certainly must be entered in the Finch class at shows—a class headed "A.O.S. Finch," for instance. If a class is provided for (or definitely includes) the Lesser Redpoll, then the Mealy would have to go in either the "A.O.S. Finch" class, or, if such is not provided, in the class for "A.O.S. British Bird." It is not possible, however, to state for certain the class, everything depending on the wording of the schedule.

Some Weeds.

F.S.M.—I do not recognise the two weeds as anything I myself gather. The one you think "cole" looks like common hedge mustard. The other is certainly not gold of pleasure, as reference to the article in "Wild Plants" this week will show you. Both were in too dry and withered a state when I got them to render identification possible. Gold of pleasure you are not at all likely to find in a wild state. If you peruse and are guided by the series of articles above referred to, you will find quite sufficient "weeds" described for all practical purposes—you need not bother your head about any more.

"Picks Holes in Its Body."

Master Jim.—I presume you mean the Siskin picks holes in its plumage—my imagination boggles at a bird which picks holes in its body, i.e., the flesh. I think the matter is easily explainable, seeing that you admit the Siskin is moulting. Many birds then are continually pecking about amongst their plumage, and while they are doing this, one often notices feathers fall to the cage floor—I have no doubt that the bird's attentions result in its old coat being shed more quickly and easily, though no doubt the feathers would fall, sooner or later, even if the bird did not peck amongst them. In any case, this sort of thing is nothing to be alarmed at, but rather something to welcome. Give me a bird which goes quickly through its moult, even though at one time it may look half bare—it makes up for it in the end. Birds that drag a long time in the moult are never the healthiest. I have had Nightingales shed their body plumage with such suddenness that their bare breast, etc., has been plainly visible. To revert to your Siskin, you will find that this habit you fancy he has contracted will cease as soon as the new plumage has been assumed. If he will not bathe, the best plan is to spray him lightly every morning (unless a very cold, damp day) with water in which a few spots of Scrubbs cloudy ammonia has been placed—just sufficient to slightly cloud it. Never drench the bird, and keep him out of draughts until dry.

Young Goldfinches Dying.

Lover of Goldies.—I should think your birds die from inflammation of the bowels. Your feeding does not commend itself to me; it is not good enough. Young Goldfinches (Greypates), or any fresh-caught Goldfinches, want maw and niger seeds in plenty until such time as they can be weaned off them. They should likewise have teazle, linseed, canary, and lightly-cracked hemp (the latter freshly made every day), while a little coarse oatmeal and cracked sunflower often gets eaten. In addition to the above, a plentiful supply of thistle-heads, knapweed, sow-thistle, seeding groundsel, etc., is simply invaluable with such birds. I note the "aviary" you say you keep them in—it really is only a good-sized cage, and if, as I suspect, all wire, is not suitable for the purpose. Goldies do far the best in a box-pattern cage, that is, wired in front only. I hardly understand your query *re* insect food. You write "buy or find," so I presume you mean live food. Mealworms form the only kind commonly on offer, though in the season live ants' eggs (cocoons) are to be bought, likewise gentles (well scoured, from any good fishing-tackle shop), and wasp grub. If this is not what you want to know, kindly send another question along. It is against the rules to recommend particular advertisers. By-the-bye, try your ailing Goldie with a dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will lie on a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat, but at half strength, after a day's interval on plain water.

Greenfinch and Red-mite.

F. L. Hill.—Plunging the cage into boiling water and afterwards well painting it with paraffin would effectually settle all the red-mite, you can rest assured. If it is a wooden cage, paint it out with a suitably-tinted (say, very light blue) sanitary washable distemper, which will dry in a few hours. The cage should stand in the open air for a few days, to dissipate the smell of paraffin, before being distempered. The distemper (or water paint) is often advertised in our columns, or may be bought from any good oil and colourman. I should think it quite likely the red-mite were at the bottom of the Greenfinch's poor plumage, and the bare place on the head I should anoint once a day for a week with a spot of the paraffin oil. Rub it on gently (the way the feathers lie) and use only a very small quantity. You must see that no red-mite are left among the plumage of the Greenie, or they will multiply apace, so that you will experience a re-entrence of the trouble later on. Give him a couple of good dustings with Keating's insect (or pure pyrethrum) powder, on different days, before returning him to his old quarters. Get the powder well down among the feathers at root of tail, under the wings, and round the neck—on the head you can rub it gently in with the tip of a finger, keeping it, of course, out of the eyes and mouth.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Zebra Finches and Canaries.

(1) Is it correct to have a pair of Zebra Finches, Linnet and three Canaries together in a cage 3 ft. by 10 in. by 3 feet high? (2) I should like to breed a few more pairs of Foreigners for profit in another aviary same size; is it better to keep to the same kind, or would you suggest others?—"Gwendolyn."

Gwendolyn.—(1) The birds you name will agree well enough together, and do fairly well as a few pets to look at and listen to; your space is fully occupied, and you could hardly look for breeding results with three pairs of birds in such limited space, though very probably occasional successes would come your way. Personally, I should choose my kind, and only keep one pair in the cage for breeding purposes, or get roomy breeding cages (box type) for breeding, and use the cages (this size is not an aviary) as flights for any young reared, or odd adult birds.—In the Spring a small husk nest, and also a travelling cage, a little hay, and leave them to follow their own "sweet will." (2) You may pay your seed bill, after your birds leave the-

come established, Foreign birds do not settle down to breeding with the same precision as Canaries; for the reason they are wild-caught birds, that is not domesticated or semi-domesticated varieties, and for the matter of that the wild-caught British birds are just as erratic as our alien pets, for erratic they certainly are; i.e., they will breed freely for a year, then do nothing else, sometimes for more than a season, then again surprise you with results. As a beginner you want some species easy to keep, Zebra Finches, and Ribbon Finches (Cut-throats) are easy to keep in health, and, as a rule, free breeders; so are White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, and Budgerigars. The latter are free breeders, and easy to keep, but must not be mixed with Finches, etc., in a cage. If you make up your mind which course you will take and write again, I will give you definite advice thereon. White Java Sparrows and Budgerigars, once they settle to breeding, are likely to be the more profitable. See other reply on Budgerigars.

Breeding Budgerigars.

Can I breed them in a box cage, and what is their general treatment re feeding?—"SILLIW."

Silliw.—Yes! they can be bred in a box cage, but not with the same freedom that they do when kept in a garden aviary; nevertheless, once they commence breeding they will keep on, only stopping for the moult, whether kept in a cage or aviary; when kept in a cage the young should be removed as soon as they can fend for themselves. The cage should not be less than 2½ by 1 by 2 ft. high, hang a brak at each end, near the top of cage—no nesting material is required. When not breeding, all they require is, canary, millet, green food, cuttlefish and water *ad. lib.* It is well all the year round to crush what egg shells you have left from your table and scatter same over sand on cage bottom. When kept in a cage they usually take longer to settle down to breeding, but once started they usually continue without a break till the moult stops them.

Correction.

In reply to "Euphonia," last week, on What Tanager, the printer made me say "Some birds are of the family, etc.," it should read "*Your* birds are, etc."

Cordon Bleu Bald.

A. Baker.—I should cage this bird up separately, continue your present treatment, supplying the Parrish's food daily, and on the least sign of constipation in *lieu* of the chemical food (for one day only), make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts. Try him with a little crumbled sponge cake and ants' cocoons, slightly damped and dusted over with flour or flowers of sulphur, continue this treatment for a few weeks, encourage it to take a daily bath, and let it have a little lettuce and grass in the car as green food, a little ripe fruit, if it will take it, will also be very wholesome. Keep him where he will get plenty of FRESH AIR, yet not be in a draught. I should say this bird had probably been pecked in the initial instance; Waxbills and small Finches are little demons at stripping one another. It should be kept solitary till its plumage is in good condition again.

What Parrot?

E.T.G.—From your description, it appears you have one of the species of the Alexandrine Parrakeets, and, of course, in such case it is not an Australian bird at all. It is rather more yellow on the underparts than the majority of the Alexandrines, and I believe it to be that bird, but I am keeping your query by me, and will give the matter further consideration, and give you a confirmation, or otherwise, in our next issue.

Cockatoo Moulting.

The bird is 12 months old, it has started to moult, and as the young feathers grow it pulls them out. Diet: Parrot food, boiled potatoes, bread, and fruit. What is the remedy? What is the diet for Blue Mountain or Grass Parrots?—NO NAME.

No Name.—Diet: Seed mixture, canary, oats, wheat, dari, small maize, hemp and sunflower seeds in equal parts, well mix and keep a supply continuously in its cage; also give ripe fruit, little boiled potato, plain biscuit, or stale crust of household bread, nuts, green food, and cuttlefish. Do not give slops, or any kind of animal food. It is not wise to give the magnesia regularly, it should only be given as necessary to keep it gently moving, not really loose. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine, by adding a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for a few weeks; also spray the parts the bird is in the habit of stripping with quassia solution, this also is a good insecticide, and it will be fatal to any bird lice in the bird, and am of the opinion that these pests are largely responsible for the trouble. You will have to persevere, as once a bird starts pulling its plumage, it is very difficult to break them of the habit. I suppose your birds are Blue-Mountain Lories or Swainson's Lorikeets. If so, canary seed, green food, as much ripe fruit as they will eat, and a little milk sop (from boiled milk only, or it will not keep fresh), or sweetened boiled rice.

Indian Parrakeets, &c.

S. O. Williamson.—(1) Indian Green Parrakeets. Your friend's bird is an Alexandrine Parrakeet (*Palaeornis alexandri*); yours is the Ring-necked Parrakeet (*P. torquata*). (2) It is almost certain your Grey Java Sparrow is a female. The male has a chattering, but not unmelodious, the female being a very silent individual. Another sexual distinction is—the beak of the female is narrower and more pointed than that of the males; this distinction is most clear when the bird is viewed in profile; but this method of determining the sexes is not of much value unless there are several specimens to compare with each other. (3) Please give me where they exist, the names, the following of which I quote the dealers' names. Steel Finches: This is the well-known Combassou. Sharp-tailed Finches: No other trivial name (*Uroloncha acuticauda*). South African Parrots: Grey Parrots. (4) The White-throated Finch (*Spermophila albigularis*). Male: It is grey on the upper surface, being much darker grey on the crown and sides of the head; forehead, black; under surface white, with a broad, black band across the chest; beak, yellow-ochre; legs and feet, grey. Female: Greyish-brown above, with dark shaft streaks; under surface, white; beak, black; legs and feet, brown, lightly tinged with grey.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A **Novice Exhibitor's Queries** (W.C.).—(1) Certainly. Although you are not a member of the C.B.U., or any of the clubs or societies belonging to it, you can show birds at any of the Union shows. (2) You must find your own water vessels when sending birds to a show, but seed hoppers are not needed. What particular brand of water vessel you use is immaterial. The regulation water vessel can be supplied by the same man as supplies the cages.

Wild Bird Protection Act (J.K.).—We are very sorry we cannot oblige you, but space is far too valuable to print the whole of the Wild Bird Protection Act. Again, the schedule varies in different counties. You could obtain a copy for London from any Metropolitan police station.

CLUB REPORTS.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The following shows will be held under club patronage:—City of Glasgow, Dysart, Glasgow, and West of Scotland, Dundee, Perth, Brechin, Kilmarnock, Aberdeen, Scottish National. The following competitions are offered:—£5 5s. Challenge Cup, £2 2s. Novice Challenge Cup (both cups presented by Mr. J. Sandiford—Colour Food King—for most points gained at shows held under club patronage), two gold enamelled medals, one for cocks and one for hens bred 1907, for most points gained in unflighted classes. Six shows have been granted one gold enamelled medal each for best bird shown by a member; two shows two silver medals each, one for cocks and one for hens; one show one silver medal for best bird.—D. SMITH, Secretary.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting held September 9. It was decided to hold a Members' Show on November 9; Mr. Alf. Wellings has been engaged to judge. Schedule was drafted, and it was decided that we have classes for Novices, and for amateurs separate. I wonder what has come over our members; out of a total of 46, we had the splendid attendance of 8, including myself. If we cannot do better than this we had best shut up; there is not much encouragement for anyone to do their best. It is hoped that at the next meeting, to be held on September 23, every member will do his very best to attend; also bring a friend, as Mr. Alf. Wellings will give a washing exhibition, and explain how to get birds up for show; the schedule also will be finally passed, also date of the first annual dinner.—Geo. F. Hardcastle.

GLASGOW CONFINED SOUTHERN

Meeting held September 2nd. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. John Renwick was in the chair. Arrangements were made for the show on October 26. Agreed that there be 12 classes, with two classes for amateurs, first, second, third and fourth prizes in each class; Ayrshire Blankets as first, White Satin Bed Quilts as second, half-dozen Knives and Forks as third, and Half-Dozen Dessert Spoons as fourth prizes in each class, with gold medals for the best cock and best hen. A census of young birds bred by members, showed an average of 8 birds per member. Next meeting October 7, and members are reminded that they must be clear in the books at that meeting to enable them to compete at the annual show, on October 26.—J. Fleming, sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting was held on September 7th, Mr. E. Boyd in the chair. Dr. Manson, who was unable to be present through pressure of business, but wrote promising to give his lecture on an early date. The schedule was revised, and will have 39 classes, same entry fee, and equal prize money. Cup winners can have the value of their medals in cash if desired. All members are requested to send a register of their birds to the secretary, see rule 7, and all members, old or new, are requested to be clear on the books on or before the first Thursday of October.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Meeting held August 31st, Mr. W. H. Eley presiding. The principal business was to make further arrangements for the forthcoming open jubilee show, to be held on November 26 and 27. The Secretary reported that he had received communication from the secretaries of the Yorkshire Green Association, Yorkshire Canary Club, Cinnamon C.C., and the British Bird and Mule Club, offering their support and patronage. This should augur well for a successful show, there being 50 classes, besides members. The meeting allotted the different classes to the following judges:—Mr. Jos. Bexson, both open and members' Yorkshires; Mr. J. H. Roe, open Norwich and Cinnamon; Mr. J. Robson, open Crest and Crestbirds, Lizards, Mules, British, and Foreign Birds; and Mr. J. H. Scothern, selling classes, gift, and the members classes except Yorkshires. The other business was allowed to stand over for the secretary to make other arrangements and report it next meeting, which will be a summoned one on September 28th, when it is hoped all members will attend to allot special prizes, etc., to open classes.—W. H. RAMSEY, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

A much appreciated lecture was given by Mr. Eckersley on "Moulting and Colour Feeding the Norwich Plainhead," on September 11th. Mr. G. Peters, in the chair, said, on introducing Mr. Eckersley, that he believed he was as well qualified to speak on the subject as anyone. He was an enthusiast one might well copy. His winnings on the show bench had been consistent, and well borne out by the judges. Such success had only been achieved by the uttermost thought, care, and attention in all the many details pertaining to the Canary Fancy. On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Harris, seconded by Mr. Geo. Clarke, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Eckersley for his lecture.—G. TURRELL, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND W. OF S.

Meeting held in Good Templars' Hall on September 10th, Mr. Eastman, president, presiding. The Secretary intimated that the arrangements for the show, to be held on November 15th and 16th, were progressing satisfactorily, the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club, Border Fancy Club, Yorkshire C.C., and Scottish B.B. and M.C. having been secured. Three additional classes were added to the British section, viz., Uniod Greenfinch, any variety Bunting other than Yellowhammer, and Field Moulted Linnet. With such a classification and members working in harmony, the support of fanciers both sides of the border is fully anticipated. The meeting having decided to procure new staging, an estimate from Mr. M. Henderson was submitted, and as his terms were most favourable to the Society, that gentleman was entrusted with the contract.—J. BROWN, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.C.

Meeting held September 15th, at the Spinners Hotel, Oldham, when a large number of members wended their way to it. Mr. Barker Clegg was voted to the chair, in the absence of Mr. John Garner, our worthy President. The large amount of business included show patronage, granted to the following shows:—Rochdale, October 18th and 19th; Manchester, October 25th and 26th; Nottingham, November 16th and 18th; Bristol F.A., December 4th and 5th (Lancashires only); L.C.B.A., December 6th and 7th (Lizards only); Crystal Palace, January 31, February 1, 3, and 4. Nottingham Show is to be made the Club Show, with Mr. Barker Clegg to judge the same, when eight classes for Lancashires and six for Lizards will be provided. It was decided to purchase two gold medals to be competed for at the above shows for novices only—a novice to be one that has never won two first prizes in open competition. The correct tint of enamel can now be got from the secretary for inSides of Lizard show cages in 6d. and 1s. tins—members 5d. and 10d. respectively.—H. OLIVER, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

An invitation was kindly given the members of above Society by Mr. C. Brown to visit Shirehampton for a ramble on Saturday last, when some of the most enthusiastic of the members availed themselves of the chance to visit that district, which abounds with wild bird life. The next time Host Brown invites us we may be able to make an earlier start on the ramble. Fancy taking us in to see his bird rooms, containing a hundred birds, and such birds. I should like to see a certain advertiser in CAGE BIRDS from this district meet us with a few entries at our coming show, when I can guarantee that if he wins he will win in good company with Friend Brown's team.—T. W. QUARMAN, Assistant Sec.

SCOTTISH B.B. AND M.C.

The above club paid the "lang toon" of Kirkcaldy a visit on September 7th. That well-known exhibitor of British Birds, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, was in the chair, and many of our principal exhibitors present, amongst the attenders being Messrs W. Mather, the popular Hybrid breeder; A. W. Watson, James Whiter, genial Tom Erskine from the West, Bald and Livingstone, and the veteran John Brown, beaming with smiles, with many other coming lights. Minutes adopted of general and committee meetings. Recommendations of Trophy Committee agreed upon, £1 2s. 6d. being intimated for the trophy fund; subscription sheets to be issued to our members, which the committee hope will meet a liberal response. There was a record application. The voting was lively, some of our prominent societies being left out by a narrow majority, the following shows being successful:—Dundee, Kilmarnock, Scottish National, City of Glasgow, Dysart, West of Scotland, Kirkcaldy, Broxburn, 63 medals being offered for our competitions. A large number of new fanciers are now being enrolled from the various districts. Full information from the secretary, R. FARMER, 11, South Elgin-street, Edinburgh.

CLYDEBANK.

Meeting held on September 7th, Mr. William Ross presiding. Communications were taken up, and satisfactorily dealt with. The following gentlemen have agreed to officiate as judges at the show on November 9th:—Messrs. W. Thornton, Edinburgh; D. Black, Govan; Jas. Watson, Glasgow; and W. Williamson, Renton. A report was given from the Visiting Committee, which showed about 156 young birds, which was considered very satisfactory. The Chairman complimented the members on their good attendanee

WOLSINGHAM.

The Wolsingham and Wear Valley Agricultural Society's show was held on September 11th. Mr. George Sweet judged. NORWICH: 1, 2, Stanger and Herdman, grand shape, nice bead, and meal, 2nd a yellow, loses in feather; 3, Rutherford and Bright, a nice Buff, good head, shape, and feather, not quite through moult; vhc, Todd. YORKS.: 1, Elliot, nicely drawn, like wax, an easy winner; 2, Rutherford and Bright, in nest feather, will be heard of again; 3, Stanger and Herdman, just a nice Yellow; res., Rutherford and Bright; A.O.V.: 1, Todd, fair, good crest, plenty of feather, an easy win; 2, Rutherford and Bright, nice cinnamon; 3, Stanger and Herdman, decent crest. BRITISH BIRD: 1, Cooper, grand Waxwing, well-known winner, needs no comment; 2, Bell, same place last year; 3, Nattrass, Goldfinch very dirty; res., Rutherford and Bright, a grand Linnet, nice pencilling, and bloom.

DESBOROUGH.

The Desborough Fanciers' Society held a show on September 16th. The total entries were 130, very satisfactory indeed for the time of year. Crests and Crestbreds were good, but the cage bird section generally is not a strong one in the Society, but it is growing. Mr. W. Hooper judged. CRESTS and CRESTBREDS (8): 1 and special, Morris, clear body dark Crest, splendid centre and droop; 2, 3, vhc, White, second green hen with lovely centre and droop, runs first very close, third green C.B., foul tail, very broad head, and browy, vhc heavy marked, good head, on a good body. A.O.V. CAN. NON-FED (8):1, Morris, good Norwich, nice head, splendid chest; 2, Morris, another nice Norwich, head rather narrow, lovely yellow, good body, wings just a bit crossed; 4, Terry, not quite so good as last named. BRITISH (2): 1 and 2, Morris, 1 Goldfinch, nice bird, bit of colour, 2 nice large Linnet. FOREIGN (3): 1, 2, 3, Marlow, Mannikin, splendid condition, 2 Zebra Finch, splendid condition, 3 Saffron Finch, shown in splendid form.

GLASGOW.

The show for young Mules and Hybrids of the Glasgow and Western Counties Norwich Mule and British Bird Club was held at 122, Ingram street, Glasgow, on September 14th. The genial president, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, presided over a fair attendance of members, ably assisted by Secretary Adam and Treasurer Malcolmson. There were a good few fanciers present. After business was over, the magnet of attraction was the four light Mules that were bred in one nest, a note of which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, but these were not the only ones on view, another member putting down three bred in one nest, also a Greenie Bullie by the same member. All present agreed that it was the best show of young light Mules for numbers and quality that ever was seen. Some very nice dark Mules were shown, notably a Yellow Siskin by Mr. T. Ferguson, that should do some winning after the moult. We were sorry to hear that Mr. Whiteford's birds were absent through illness, he having been successful in getting a good few Mules and Hybrids. Mr. Martin judged Light Mules and Hybrids, and Mr. Brownlie Dark Mules.

LIGHT MULES: 1, McFarlane, with a beauty of a Yellow, four-pointed, of good size, the admiration of all present, many thought should have got special for best bird in hall; 2, and spec., McFarlane, four-pointed Buff, equally as good as first, colour deciding; 3, and special, McFarlane, another four-pointed Yellow, not quite so hig as winner, but good enough to win at most shows; 4, Johnstone, three-pointed Yellow, marked both eyes and one wing, could have held its own with the other mark; hc, Johnstone, handsome five-pointed Buff; hc, Johnstone, light variegated, and a good one too. HYBRIDS: 1, and special, best bird in hall, Johnstone, Greenie Bullie, fair size, and good colour showing; 2, T. Ferguson, Twite-Siskin, good size, and nicely marked; 3, W. Connelly, Redpoll-Linnet, nice exhibit, and well shown. GOLDFINCH OR LINNET, DARK: 1, and 2, and special, Linnet Canaries, Yorkshire type, good length; 3, G. Lawson, Yellow Goldie; 4, F. Brannigan, Goldie, could do with more size; 5, W. Cassils, Buff, and a beauty, too. A.O.V., DARK: 1, T. Ferguson, with a rattling good Siskin, extra good size and colour, should do well; 2, F. Brannigan, nice Greenie; 3, special, T. Ferguson, Siskin; 4, special, F. McKenna, good Siskin Mule, loses only in size to winner; vhc, McKenna; hc, Connelly.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—September 23, Headquarters, 8. Special business for show.—D. Harwood, sec.

Altrincham C.B.S.—September 24, Central Cafe, Stamford Street, 8. Washing demonstration, by Mr. C. H. Smith.—Tom Harrison, sec.

Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—September 21, Albion P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Backend Show, etc.—Harry Foden, sec.

Border Counties C.B.M.F.C.—September 21, Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Clayton Street, Newcastle, 6. Reconstruction of club.—J. T. Porteous, sec.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Saturday, September 21, Red Lion Hotel, 8.—G. Clegg, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S. — September 24, Coffee Tavern, 8. General discussion.—Netherwood and Keeley, secs.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—September 23, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Judging Competition in Plainheads, silver medal presented to each section providing three or more competitors.—Victor Wynn, sec.

Coventry O.S.—September 25, Sydenham Palace. Open Show business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—September 25, George Hotel, 8 Open Show business, important; new members enrolled (Association now open, no radius).—R. S. Black, sec.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—September 21, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Class for winter show.—B. Cook, sec.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—September 26, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, 8 p.m. prompt. Washing Exhibition and remarks on the Preparation of Yorkshires for Exhibition, by Mr. H. E. Tringham.—W. Hodson, sec.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F.S.—Sept. 26, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell. Table Show; Mr. Robinson will give a demonstration of Washing Canaries. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due.—W. Bird, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—September 23, Headquarters, 7.30. Making up of schedule and other business.—F. Sharples, sec.

Great Horton, Good Intent O.S.—September 28, The Church Schools, 3 p.m. Members' Show, judge, J. Dawson (Gt. Horton). Distribution of Union Year Books and Business relating to Open Winter Show.—Albert Holden, sec.

Green Canary Assn.—Next meeting September 26, 8 sharp, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." List of Novices will be hung up in meeting-room and cash specials allotted; all fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Dist. C.B.S.—September 22, The Horse and Groom Hotel, 7.—W. Jackson, sec.

Halifax O.S. — September 21, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hamilton, Cadzow Oaks O.S.—September 21, Ramble to Auchenheath and Blackwood. Train leaves Hamilton Central C.R. at 2.25; a good turn out is requested.—Richard Gadsden, sec.

Hebden Bridge and Dist. C.B.A. — Next meeting September 24, Haworth's Dining Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Business important.—A. Pickles, sec.

Huddersfield O.S.—September 30, 8. Monthly Table Show.—Sam Lodge, sec.

Hyde and Dist.—September 23, St. George's School, 8. Classification, etc.—T. Allsop, sec.

Keighley and Dist. C.B.S.—September 24, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Winter shows, etc.—Wm. Wright.

Inverness C.A.—September 25, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Very important business re show.—Alex. Urquhart, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A. — September 29, Royal Oak Hotel, 2. Third Members' Show in the Medal Competition. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—J. Pownall.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. — September 24, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Open show arrangements.—A. Parks, sec.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—October 5, Market Hall Coffee Rooms, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Business for Annual Show, Washing Exhibition, and Lecture by Mr. J. H. Winn, Lancaster.—H. J. Brown, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—September 25, Headquarters, 8. Discussion, "Past and Present Show Birds," opened by Mr. W. Stevens.—J. Heighton, sec.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—September 28, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30 p.m. Arranging schedule.—J. Simon.

Morriston and D.C.B.S.—September 21, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. D. Jeremy, sec.

North Manchester C.B.S. — September 23, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8.—John Davey.

N.B.B. and M.C.—September 26, "Napier," High Holborn, 8. Allotting medals for club show and general business.—Plumbridge and Carr, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Monday, September 23, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by that well-known fancier, Mr. Barker Clegg. Friends cordially invited.—W. Jackson, sec.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Saturday, September 28, Danix Temp. Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30 sharp; members will hear of something to their benefit.—J. Challenger, sec.

S. and N. Shields C.B.S.—September 25, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Lists of specials must be handed in for arranging classes, to get schedules printed.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Sale Open O.S. — September 23, Sale Hotel, 8. Washing Exhibition, etc., by Mr. Alf. Wellings. Confirmation of November Show schedule, etc. All fanciers are welcome.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—September 21, Station Hotel, 7. Show schedules.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Stockport B.F.A. — September 24, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. W. Stafford, sec.

Stratford and East London F.S. — September 26, Workman's Hall, Stratford, 8. Appointment of Stewards etc., for Young Stock Show, October 8, and to receive entries.—Sid. L. Sheldrick, sec.

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—September 25, 8. Friendly Societies Hall. Papers on Cage Birds will be read, and discussion invited.—H. G. Whibley.

Wandsworth and District.—September 26, Ye Old Swan, High Street, 8. Annual Show, Election of judges, and other important business; also alteration of date.—W. Summers, sec.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—September 24, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Drawing up of classes and general discussion of our first show.—T. Duffield.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—September 23, Adelphi Inn, 8. W. Ridge, sec.

Willington Quay and Dist. F. and F.—September 26, Turk's Head, 7.30.—W. T. Winter, hon. sec.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—September 21, Horse and Groom Inn, 7.30. Meat Pie Supper, and Impromptu Concert; all are welcome; tickets 9d. each.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S. — September 21, Horse Shoe Hotel, 7. Election of chairman and other important business.—W. Ross, sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

Sir,—It was with much interest that I read "M.B.'s" note of his talented bird, but I can assure him that such cases are very uncommon. I read nearly all the popular literature that is published, as well as much that is purely scientific, and I cannot call to mind a single record of a talking Quaker, probably there have been such; certainly of the specimens I have had, they have never articulated a single word, but I have never kept them in cages; the male I possess, though in a largish enclosure, is very tame, takes food from the hand, when the door is opened and the arm thrust in. He makes noise enough,, but he does not talk. "M.B." must certainly be tolerant of noise, when he terms their yapping "singing"! I beg to thank him for his most interesting communication, for it will certainly help to popularise a beautiful, if somewhat noisy species. I am of the opinion that most species of Parrots and Parrakeets, would talk more or less, if sufficient pains were taken with them, but I also fear with some of the species it would need the patience of three or four "Jobs" before any result was achieved, and I fear the majority of the Quakers must be included among such a group. This communication should certainly induce the possessors of this really fine species, to keep them where they will hear plenty of conversation, and also try the constant repetition method as well. At the same time they must be a long-suffering household who could tolerate the continued presence of *Mzopsittanus monachus* in their midst. And in spite of this most interesting account, I fear the day is somewhat distant when talking Quakers will be common. Certainly I hope otherwise.

W. T. Page.

AVADAVATS BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

Sir,—Mr. Wesley Page and others may be interested to know that a pair of Avadavats have nested and successfully reared three fine youngstors in my outdoor aviary this year. The birds built a domed nest of dry grasses, warmly lined with feathers, in the outer portion of aviary, some time about the end of July, in a small privet bush, thick with undergrowth, about six inches from the ground. They laid four small white eggs, three of which, as stated, proved fertile. The young birds in their early stages up to about nineteen days old were fed by both parents, principally on insect food, which they caught in the thick wild growth of bushes, flowering plants and grasses of the outer portion (the ground area of which is about 100 square feet). I noticed that the male bird also fed the young on millet seed, rarely touching that which I had soaked for them. The three young ones left the nest on September 5th, this being the 18th or 19th day after hatching. On September 8th I noticed that the young birds could fly quite strongly and were very quick in their movements; on the 9th inst. I also noticed that they helped themselves to the drinking water. Since leaving the nest the male bird only has fed them, the hen having succumbed to the charms of an odd male in brilliant plumage. However, the male parent did not seem to mind much about this, his whole time being taken up in feeding and sitting with his youngsters. On Saturday the 14th, the young were feeding themselves and were practically independent of their parent. I should mention that after leaving the nest they returned to it again every evening and used it for sleeping quarters. The insect food caught by the old birds has been supplemented by live ants' eggs thrown in (with earth as well) by myself; I am fortunately able to get a plentiful supply. The young have black beaks and are without the white spots and red rump of adults, but in other respects they are very much like the female Avadavat. I do not consider that the birds have caused me any more trouble than the successful rearing of Zebra and Ribbon Finches in the same aviary; neither can I put any faith in the high temperature theory supposed to be so necessary for the successful breeding and rearing of these little birds, for the weather up to the beginning of September was the reverse of favourable. As the Avadavats nested out of doors, I well sheltered them with corrugated iron placed overhead, otherwise they would, I feel certain, have been drowned by the heavy rain we have experienced since the eggs were hatched. Last year, from the same parents, one fine youngster was reared to about nine days old, but died from the above cause. But having profited by this experience, I was careful to well shelter the present nest, and the result has been most gratifying.

E. Sprankling.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY MODEL.

Loose or Tight-feathered, which?

Sir,—Your correspondent "Piebald" is rusty on the subject, and has no good to say of the Committee, and he endeavours to add to his inadequate knowledge of the proceedings by asking questions. At this date it is unnecessary to answer them. I would recommend him to have a conversation with the Committee, and stop maligning that body. They did their work without fear or favour, and that is what annoyed the two opposers. "Piebald" did not require to admit his slight acquaintanceship—that was very patent from the tenor of his writings; he wrote for writing sake. The model by Mr. Robert Wright (who acted throughout in a most disinterested and gentlemanly manner) was far ahead of the others submitted. Therefore the Committee could not do otherwise than adopt it, and it will be recognised until a better is brought forward—which has not yet been done. "Piebald" wants a smoothly feathered bird. Well, the Committee have chosen a smooth feathered type. If your correspondent would like to see the type bred this year, let him visit the Derby Show in Glasgow on September 21st, and he will get an eye-opener. Breeders have been aiming at Mr. Wright's model, and advanced breeders have succeeded admirably. What a pity "Piebald" is so thoroughly engrossed in business that he will not be heard of again for some time. The busy fancier can generally do something to help others, but I am afraid "Piebald's" system of carping will do harm. Practical assistance is what all classes of fanciers want. We have a model for the Scotch Fancy Canary worthy of production in life, and if your correspondent wishes to come to the front at shows he must follow it. He is too spasmodic; it takes iron perseverance to make an impression in the fancy—even with a model.

Advocate for Model.

Sir,—I should be glad if "Piebald," or, anyone of those who seem to be damaging the breed to suit their own ends, would let me know through your valuable paper if the Scotch Fancy is to be judged for smooth feather or for points in the future, as I saw a few winning birds at a show a week or so ago that looked like little Germans, and heard several asking what breed they were. Although I have kept several Scotch Fancies of the right sort, I could hardly tell what they were, but for their tails being well in. Now I don't think anyone would have to ask that question if they saw a good one with a forward reach, head down, good shoulders, clean cut chest, nicely fitted wings, and that graceful turning of the head from side to side that makes one smile to see it—not as if they were going to sleep when they are handled. Well, if the above winners are to be the sort of smooth bird for the future, then give me the rough bird for Fancies.

D. Lewis.

SWEATING HENS.

Sir,—Some years back I gave my experience on sweating hens, and Mr. Cutmore has touched on the right point. There is no such thing as a sweating hen. It can easily be proved whether it is sweat, or not, by the following examination. When the young are three or four days old they have those little nobs like a little ball of down; in course of a day or two it disappears, that is the first sign of the sweating. Next you will find the hen looking clammy on the breast until she is completely stuck up all round, all the down has disappeared on the young ones, and the inside of the nest has become baked as though it was glued. This cannot be perspiration. Those that are unfortunate to have one of these so-called sweating hens can see for themselves what it is. When the down disappears from the young one's head you can take the nest out of the cage and watch the excreta. You will find it is similar to water. The hen tries to pick it up, but cannot, so she has to leave it on the side of the nest. The hen, finding it impossible to clean, after feeding, opens her feathers and settles down on the young, thus placing her feathers against the sides that are wet from the excreta. The hen then gets careless, because of the condition, and the young ones die. This, without doubt, is caused through not having proper food. Sugar, I found, would cause it, making the egg or cake too sweet. The best thing that I found out was a little grass that is full of seed, grown on waste ground. My birds will feed on this, and leave other green food to get it. I have used it so freely that the cage bottoms have been full, and the old birds have built their nest in it. Some of the Liverpool fanciers used to smile when they saw them with their nest on the cage bottom. It is rather difficult to explain, the grass I mean. But I will send a small parcel to any society's headquarters for their meeting night, so that fanciers can see it, if they send me 2d. for postage. The meeting night will be the best, as there will not be so many parcels to send as to separate fanciers.

A. Wellings.

REMEDY FOR EARWIGS.

Sir,—Our friend "Loughboro" is at a loss to know how to get rid of earwigs, with which he is, if I may term it, swarmed out. By adding one more to his stock of birds I can safely say that he will have no more trouble with anything of that kind. He says his aviary is 7 feet long, 7 feet high, and 4 feet wide, and about 12 inches off the ground. I have two aviaries, one built of stone, and one built of wood. I keep all my Canaries in the wood aviary, and all my British birds in the stone aviary, to which I have attached a fly, 14 feet long, 13 feet high, and 6 feet wide, so that if the birds wish to perch outside, they can. The fly is double netted, to guard against rats and cats. I have a green hedge and a bush for them to perch in, a soil bottom, a large trough for them to bathe in (will hold three buckets of water), and they enjoy it. Blackbirds and Thrushes I have, and a great many more of the smaller kind. I may say the hen Blackbird has moulted black and white. Amongst them is a Robin Redbreast. This has moulted a white tail, and mottled wings. He is a beauty, very tame, and always singing. Now this is the kind of bird that will free you of all earwigs. In Yorkshire, the Robin gets called a "Bobby." All you have to do is to catch one, and put him in with your Canaries, and Mr. Bobby will not only catch all such-like burglars, but will lock them up at the same time. Our friend says he cannot find any earwigs in the daytime. Mr. Bobby will, both soon and late. Just try it.

S. Clixby.

Sir,—I notice "Loughboro'" is being troubled by a plague of earwigs, for which he is in want of a remedy to rid them from his aviary. Well, I think if he tries the method that I mention below, he will greatly reduce numbers, and probably get rid of them altogether. Procure some sheets of newspaper, and roll, or crumble them into a ball with the hands, and lay these on the floor; also tie some on wires of flight, and anywhere, where they are known to crawl up. These act as traps for them, and then one can go round in the morning with a pail of hot water, into which the contents of paper can be shaken. Also try pieces of sacking laid on floor, into which the wigs are bound to crawl in the daytime, or some flower pots with a little hay put inside, and stand these on floor slightly raised from ground. I feel sure that "Loughboro" will rid his aviary, in time, of these pests.

H. Rees.

SOUTHERN Y.C.C. PATRONAGE.

Sir,—I should esteem it a favour if you would allow me space to deny the authorship and to repudiate all knowledge of, or connection with the writers of certain anonymous letters upon the above subject. Having followed the subject with interest, I have naturally formed my own opinions as to the cause of Mr. J. B. Waterman's complaint, as I also have of those gentlemen who so obviously hold their anonymity far more precious than fame. But for the information and guidance of those who refuse to believe otherwise, I must repeat that the name that has served in the past, and will continue to serve is

H. E. Tringham.

Sir,—I am pleased to see both Mr. Crisp and Mr. Rennie publicly repudiate all responsibility for the letter signed "Frost and Snow," and kindly allow me to state that personally I never for one moment thought that either gentlemen wrote the epistle in question. Seeing, however, that the communication possessed an official flavour, inasmuch as some of the information it contained could have been derived from no other source than the private records of the Society, I did hope that the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club would have publicly disclaimed all responsibility in the matter.

J. B. Waterman.

A STRANGER AMONGST THE LINNETS.

Sir,—While out for a ramble this morning, I saw a strange bird flying amongst some Linnets in a whiney field. Although it seemed very tame, I could not get within twelve or fourteen yards of it. It seemed always to fly on to a weathered whin very few yards away. I may say in build and size it resembled the Waxwing, but it had no crest. Its colour (as far as I could see, as it was very sunny) breast down to the tail white, short tail, with about half of it black on the end, rest white, back something like the back of a Thrush, but a shade lighter, the head seemed to have a black cap. I thought it was a Flycatcher of some sort.

Anxious.

How swallows manage to teach the young fledglings to hawk for themselves is a mystery. If we watch an old blackbird on the lawn with her three or four chicks we notice that she breaks up a worm before them, plainly showing them how to do it for themselves, and no doubt by following this example many young birds manage to feed much earlier than they would if left entirely to themselves.

A LINNET WHICH RETURNED TO ITS CAGE.

Sir,—I read the account of my Linnet in your paper, and I wish to say he was let out last Sunday and returned. Friday being such a fine day, and the sun full on the hack, I let him out again, he first lit on the closet and seeing that he was in danger of cats, I roused him, he lit on the spout opposite, where he remained picking for some time. I next went out to throw some water at a cat on the wall, when I saw a bird fly, he must have been on the spout over his cage, and going upstairs, I saw him on a stack of chimneys about four houses further on. I next saw him on the seed box of his mate's cage, I had the bottom of a cage in my hand, and banging it on the ash-box he flew in a different direction, and I never saw nor heard him, and I had given him up this time, being gone one-and-a-half hours, and his mate being very quiet all the time. I had just been feeding my Thrush, when I heard the Linnet outside, singing hard, and the other Linnet lit on the window-sill, and went in his cage which is held by pulling the window down on the cage, the cage being too wide to rest on the window-sill. Should you tell a friend to call on me, I should be pleased to let the Linnet fly in his presence.

H. Hay.

THE BREEDING SEASON AT DERBY.

Sir,—The breeding season of 1907 has not been a prolific one; in fact, very little better than last year. The Rev. S. Lawton Platt has done well with his Crests, and Messrs. R. Hodgkinson and Son have also met with success with Norwich. Most fanciers made a good start about Eastertide, but have done nothing much since, amongst them being: Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. Pegg, J. H. Drakeley, W. Stevens, F. Price, W. Bamsey, etc. Mr. Jos. Bexson has reared about 20, amongst them being two good Cinnamons. Good luck to them friend Joseph, for we know you like one of your old fancy, the "dun." Mule breeding also seems a failure in Derby, but Mr. F. Price has managed to rear a light one or two, one a six-pointed bird of some promise. The district members of the Derby Club seem to have done better than the fanciers in the county town. At Melbourne, the Yorkshire fanciers have done well, especially Mr. Geo. York, who have reared about fifty. But Messrs. H. Wall, Ernest Spencer, E. Cratchley, etc., although not rearing a great lot, have some birds of promise in size and quality. At Draycott, we hear, Messrs. John Towle and Son, and R. Barber have done well again with their Crests, etc.; in fact, they cannot do wrong. At Holbrook Moor, Mr. W. Brown has been fortunate enough to rear a few good Crests and Crestbreds, and by what I hear on good authority he has an eye-opener in a green Crest. It is said to be the best produced in the shire for some years.—Needless to say, Mr. Geo. Colledge, of Kilburn, I am pleased to see has a good 'un or two both in Crests and Crestbreds.—

W. H. Bamsey.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

Sir,—I beg to draw "A Member's" attention to the fact that the above club have not disallowed the Bathgate Society the medals twice in three years. Last year they were granted; but the previous year they did not ask at our meeting for the allocation of medals, owing to the blundering way they go about their business. Further, he states that there is not another society which offers a better classification. This is pure bluff. He again states he is at a loss to know why they have lost the medals. There was no judge appointed, and no statement made at our meeting, which helped greatly in the vote. Then he states the S.B.B.M.C. have granted medals to a non-existent society. How is it that Mr. J. Livingstone wrote the Secretary two days before the meeting, and brought the classification with him, along with the Broxburn Secretary's address? If the Society referred to is non-existent, the S.B.B.M.C. will lose nothing, and it will be clearly seen that our burly friend is at his old pranks again. Let him take care; he will play this game once too often, and hinder the progress of a good mining district show, which deserves every consideration. There is no prejudice against the Bathgate Society, only they must see in future that judges are appointed for their show. Let them take their defeat as gentlemen.

Hard Head.

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THE THOUGHTS OF A VETERAN.

Canary Breeding from 1871 to 1907.

Sir,—It was in the year 1871 that I became the proud possessor of my first pair of canaries. I was then a youth of 15 years, living at home with my parents in Birmingham, were I was brought up and served my apprenticeship. This pair of birds was given to me by my uncle, who was a born lover of all kinds of bird and animal life, and for many years he bred a large stock of canaries. His style of breeding was to turn them loose in the room, and as it was from him that I received my first lessons in bird keeping, I naturally followed on the same lines as my teacher, and for the first five or six years I bred my birds in this way. The room was fitted up as follows:—It was in the top room of a three-story house where the birds were bred. The first thing to do, in breeding, is to make a square wooden frame to fit on the outside of the window, and cover this with fine wire netting so that the window can be opened for the birds to get plenty of fresh air. You must give this room a good cleaning, lime wash the walls, then go to some gardens and bring three or four old bushes, one of these should be nailed to the floor in the centre of the room, and one in each corner. In these bushes fix the nest baskets. White pottery was not known in my early days, we made a string net and filled this with moss, cowhair, feathers, and hay cut up in small pieces. This net should be hung on the wall in a light place, and from this the birds will help themselves. The seed is placed in a long wooden trough, and fitted along the bottom of the window. The water is put in a large, flat pan, or dish, and the birds can wash themselves at will. My first year in this room I purchased two more hens in addition to the pair my uncle gave me, and at the end of November these hens were turned in the room, but the cocks were not put in till the fourteenth of February, St. Valentine's Day, as the old fellows used to say that was the day when all birds found their mates. Now this, my first year, was the most successful one I have ever had from the same number of birds for I finished up with 31 young, and did not lose a bird. No bad feeders here. The bird would breed freely for five or six years. Will they do it now? Several of the young cocks I bred in those days lived to be eleven or twelve years of age, and one bird I gave to a friend was fourteen years old in the May that he died in the following October. Where has the stamina gone to? Now as time went on I wanted to go in for a better class of bird, a little Mule breeding, etc., so I was compelled to give up loose room breeding, and go in for a stock of cages. But, oh! the extra labour, the poor results, and the confounded plucking, a thing that was unknown to me in loose-room breeding. Although the system of loose breeding cannot be practised were two or three varieties are kept, it is a system that I can strongly recommend where the object is for song birds only. The Norwich canary was the first I took up as a special variety, not the rough monster of to-day, but a much smaller bird of fine quality and spritely habit, grand colour, and that natural. I bred a few very nice birds of this variety, and a few fine goldfinch and linnet-mules, until I got a situation in Liverpool in 1882. I was some time before I settled down in this town, but when I did make my home here I soon had a bird-room fitted up, and I thought I would go in for Crests, so I sent to Messrs. Mackley Bros., of Norwich, for a pair. In due course the birds arrived. The cock was a yellow variegated bird with a dark crest, the hen was a clear buff. The following spring I put this pair of birds up, the hen laid four eggs, and hatched four birds. Among these there was one clear yellow cock with a green crest, and at the end of the season, after he had gone through his moult, I thought I had never seen a bird so handsome in my life, he was a short cobby bird with a close fitting coat of feathers of lovely quality, his crest, although small, was beautifully formed, and the bird was of a lively habit, far different to the rough, partly blinded, sleepy creature of to-day. Crest men have undoubtedly improved the size of crest, but this has been done at the expense of every other good quality the bird at one time possessed. A few years later I took up my parents' favourite, the Yorkshire, the gentleman of the canary family. This bird I have bred for a good few years, and the improvement it has made is very marked, but I think the present day show-bird is quite large enough. I think if breeders would turn their attention a little more to natural colour it would be a step in the right direction. About eight years ago I took up the Yorkshire Green, there is no variety of canary that has made such rapid progress in such a short space of time, so far as type and general Yorkshire character is concerned, but I am sorry to say that this has been done at the expense of that old green colour, and dark markings that we once used to see. One word to the beginner. What ever variety you make up your mind to go in for, study that variety, and learn to tell a good one when you see him, and don't't be gulled with a pedigree as long as your leg. Remember it takes two good ones, to make a good one, and one ounce of real quality on the surface is worth a ton of hidden mystery.

W. Dugmore.

THE C.B.U. & NON-UNION SHOWS.

Sir,—If your correspondent Mr. C. H. Cooper refers to the Crystal Palace, when he writes of the Great Glass House—kindly permit me to inform him that the Palace Cage Bird Show will be held under Cage Bird Union Rules and will be open to all, no matter whether they be members of the Union or not. The fixture is starred in my copies of Cage Birds. Perhaps Mr. Cooper has a copy containing a printer's error.

J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.

A LINNET'S LATE NEST.

Sir,—We have, in the nursery gardens, a Brown Linnet with three young ones in the nest, a week old to-day (September 16th). This is the latest date I have ever found any—the latest nest of last season flew on August 27th They are well fed, the only difference in the old birds' treatment of them being that the hen rarely leaves the nest at all, the cock bird doing all the feeding as yet. It would be interesting to know when the youngsters will moult. I should hardly think they will before next June.—Sydney L. Cocks.

EGGS IN SEPTEMBER.

Sir,—I wish to know through your valued paper if it is an uncommon thing to see an egg laid just now? I stopped breeding at end of July with my dark-striped hen Canary, and the male Canary has not been beside her since, nor has any other bird, she has been entirely alone. I was surprised when cleaning out cage to find an egg. I wonder if any other reader of your paper has had anything like this happen. D.E.P.

INTERNATIONAL CONTEST.

Scottish v. English Plainhead Clubs.

Sir,—As a member of the Plainhead Club I strongly protest against having the above contest held in Scotland this year, and quite agree with what Mr. F. S. Matthes says that the contest should take place this year in England, seeing the Scotchmen had the chance of holding it in Scotland last year, but failed to make use of the opportunity. I consider it very unsportsmanlike, and hard lines on Englishmen to ask the contest to take place in Scotland two years in succession, or rather kept out of England for two consecutive years. I think this arrangement has been rather prematurely made, besides being arranged to take place in connection with a show which has yet to make itself known. Hoping to hear what some of my fellow members have to say in this matter.

A Member.

MR. D. H. TEDSTONE'S TESTIMONIAL.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to remind the members of the Welsh Cage Bird Club that I am now closing the subscription list for Mr. Tedstone's testimonial, therefore I ask all those members who have not yet subscribed, but intend doing so, to do so as early as possible, as the date fixed for closing is September 30th. Trusting that this will meet the sight of all members, as I am sure they only want reminding. The presentation will take place at one of our first Cage Bird Shows, which will be specified later on through the columns of Cage Birds.

B. Davies.

21, Cardiff Street, Abercanaid.

AN IMPUDENT BURGLARY.

Sir,—On Friday afternoon last, while my house was left, it was entered by burglars, and besides several valuables, they took twenty-eight birds (Norwich and Yorkshires), and this loss I very much regret. The work seems to have been carried out by someone having a knowledge of birds, as they took all the best and about half the number I possess. Perchance some of your readers may hear of this number of birds being offered for disposal, and I shall be very grateful if they do, that they would communicate with me.—T. D. Morgan, 22, Burdett-road, Mile End, E.

A PLAGUE OF MICE.

Sir,—In reply to "Avalon," I strongly recommend cement walls. I was troubled with the same plague myself, and that is the only way I prevented the mice getting into my room. I found it paid me in the long run. I being in that line, could do it at a small cost. C. Lee.

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BE SURE AND USE THE DEPOSIT SYSTEM.

Sir,—At the commencement of the coming show season, I would urge intending purchasers of birds for exhibition, when dealing with strangers, in all cases to insist on the deposit system. In Cage Birds last July an advertisement of Rare Birds appeared from a well known judge and writer in the Press. I sent deposit for one of the birds said to be a selected show specimen, but got a letter from the advertiser saying, on no account did he send birds on approval, but he would guarantee them to be as represented. I therefore let the matter drop and had my deposit returned. About three weeks afterwards I received a letter from him saying he still had the bird, and would send it on receipt of cash. Thinking the position the advertiser held in the Fancy, as an official of one of our British Bird Societies ought to ensure his straightforwardness, I sent him the money direct, but received nothing but a little puny hen, totally unfit for exhibition, and all attempts to get a letter of explanation from this gentleman have proved futile. Therefore I would urge all readers of this paper in dealing with strangers to insist on the deposit system.

W. Thomson.

3, Godolphin Terrace, St. Austell.

The law of libel prevents us from publishing the name of the judge against whom Mr. Thomson brings his charge. Besides, on an *ex parte* statement, we cannot accept the case against him as proven. But the moral of his experience remains the same—always use the deposit system wherever possible.—Editor

NEW SOCIETY AT RAUNDS.

Sir,—We have started a Fanciers' Society at Raunds, to be known as the Raunds and District Fanciers' Society, with the Wheatsheaf as our club house. We have about thirty-six members already, which is very good for a start, but hope to have a lot more yet, as we have no limit to the distance. Any one wishing to join can get full particulars from myself, or by attending any of our monthly meetings, which are held the third Monday in each month at eight o'clock. I hope fanciers will give us their support, and help to make the Society a success.

R. Reynolds, sec.

Marshalls Road, Raunds, Northants.

THE CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Sir,—This Association has been far from happy in the selection of its Committee, the meetings which have been held having shown the reverse of that harmonious spirit which would have conduced to that healthy state of matters which the members so much desire. The situation has been relieved by resignations, and fresh committeemen will have to be appointed. I urge care in picking men who will work with might and main, and keep clear of the half-hearted. A resident in Edinburgh was put on the Committee; he has not attended a single meeting. At the time I thought it was pretty much a farce, a case of a man appearing in print, and keeping out some one who would have been of practical use to the Society. The executive will have to rouse themselves. Mr. McDonald has been working hard; he can do his work in A1. style, and fanciers should support him. The Edinburgh Committeeman could have canvassed the Eastern bird men for specials, and saved Mr. McDonald from writing letters to individual fanciers, as he has had to do. It must be a matter of satisfaction to the able Secretary to have many promises of special prizes. Every breeder cannot be a Secretary, but every breeder can help by becoming a member, entering exhibits, and if successful in breeding, contribute special prizes. Useful articles can be purchased for a moderate sum. Generally the men that earn a living income from their birds do not support shows in proportion to the support accorded by those who have had bad luck. Scope exists for revision of support, working of Committee, and suavity towards the general public. Utility and not ornamentality is wanted in the City Show.

A Worker.

BIRDS RETURNING TO CAPTIVITY.

Sir,—I have been interested with your recent letters on Chaffinches, also the one about the Linnet returning to its captivity again. I have two Chaffinches which I keep in an outdoor aviary, and on two occasions one of them has chanced to get out. The first time he stayed away two days, coming into the yard to feed. I left the door open the second day, and in he went. The second time he was caged on the third day, going into the aviary and singing away, as contented to all appearance as he could be. I also have a Bullfinch which got out, and after, flying about amongst the trees was back again in his cage in three hours. Do readers not think that was a sign that they were happy with their lot? I might say they have only been caged about twelve months. I may say I am very pleased with Cage Birds. I have got some very good birds from it.

A. Bentley.

NEWCASTLE BREEDING RESULTS.

Sir,—Messrs. Dobson and Son, Stargate, have had a record breeding season, rearing over 50 crests and crest breds, besides other kinds, and amongst them are many promising birds. A crested bred stood out from amongst the others when I saw them, and will make a clinker. Its nest head feather is over half an inch long, of good size and shape all over, and nice quality of feather. The crests were nearly all deep in the moult, but judging by the dense and well arranged pens on good heads they ought to give a good account of themselves. "Cud" believes in keeping feeders for the young, and uses plenty of green food, chiefly chickweed and lettuce, with hemp seed and the usual egg food, two tea biscuits to one egg, both white and yolk. He is a great believer in cleanliness, both of cages and feeding vessels, uses no artificial heat, but plenty of ventilation without draughts. Like many others, he does not use much rape seed while feeding young. Mr. Hutchinson, of Heaton, has some very nice young birds, but has been unfortunate in loosing two very fine crest-breds; he has a promising Crest and a Crest-bred, which is all there for substance and quality. He also has a few Mules, but I think Crests are his chief fancy. As far as the Newcastle Society goes, we would do badly without Mr. Hutchinson; he is the best man for getting specials for the show. I don't know how he does it, but as soon as they see him coming the special is waiting. He takes a real interest in the welfare of the Newcastle Society, and whether he wins a special for himself or not, he certainly wins them very often for the benefit of the show. Mr. Young, also of Heaton, has bred a good number of nice Norwich and Borders. He has his birds nicely arranged on shelves in an outhouse. The cages are mostly wired all round, and nests are fixed in a platform at one end. He is a great believer in milk sop for the young from the time they leave the parents until they are six weeks old; in fact, they get nothing else but that and chick-weed, the mouse eared variety, which he says does them no harm. It can be distinguished from the common chickweed by its darker colour and the mouse ear shape of the leaves, which are hairy. Mr. Scott, another Heaton fancier, likes Norwich better than anything else, and has a good eye for the right sort. He can hardly look at a good Norwich without wanting it, and though he has had a successful season, he says he will feel parting with any of them, and if he could manage it he would like a houseful. Mr. W. Curry has done well. He is noted for getting the greatest number of young from a given number of hens in the shortest time. He is a second mother to his young birds. After his day's work is over he lights the gas and goes round with egg food and a stick, filling all the young up. He just pushes the hen off, if she objects, and stirs up the young ones with his finger, to see if they are all right. And, as he remarked, "the hens get used to it, and don't mind a bit." He has bred some nice Norwich and a good Crest and Crest-bred, which will do well for him, I think. Mrs. Curry, who is also a fancier, is a good helper with the birds, which means a great deal to a man who is away nearly all the day. Mr. MacPartling has bred twenty Mules from Canary hens, paired to Twites, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, and Brown Linnets, and some very fine ones there are amongst them. He is a genuine bird lover, and keeps all kinds, from a Redpoll to a Raven. His stock is in an outhouse, with a large aviary adjoining. In the aviary are British breeding pairs, such as Twites, Redpolls, Chaffinches, Green and Brown Linnets, Bullfinches, also a few cock Thrushes. He has succeeded in getting two nests of Redpolls, the first lot doing for themselves. The hen Redpoll has done the feeding her self, but I am sorry to hear she has just died, and the young are at present being hand-reared. "Grip," the Raven, is an adept at catching a bit of cheese (to which he is very partial), thrown from the other end of the yard, though I heard of him indulging in Jackdaw, by way of a change, so he is now two birds in one. Sad to think about, but that is where Jack has gone. From a Yellow-hammer-Canary pair Mr. MacPartling had eggs which, strange to say, were marked strikingly like Yellowhammer's eggs, the thin scribbly pen-like lines were the same. Can the cock influence the markings on the hen's eggs? The pair seemed to go through all their duties, but the eggs did not hatch.

A Member.

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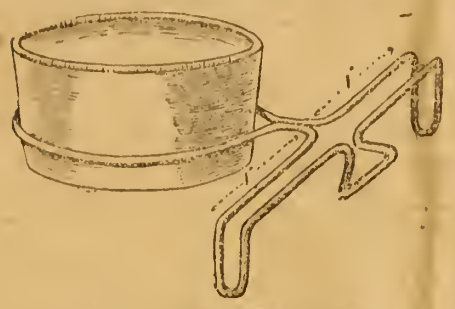
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 137.
A HOME-MADE EGG GLASS.

Sent by E. J. Potter, Landsdown House, Fullerton Road, Wandsworth.

An easily made substitute for egg drawers, for use with punched-bar doors, in which the door easily fits into the groove, will be found in the utensil shown in the sketch. The ordinary feeding glass, which is contained in



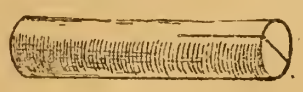
A Home-made Egg Glass.

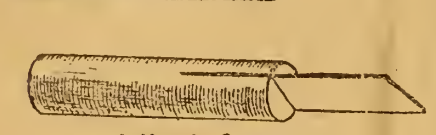
nearly every breeder's room is used. The wire (16 gauge) is bent round the middle of the glass, and a drop of solder put on to fasten it or, if preferred, it can be twisted together. The wire is then bent as shown. This glass I have found answer just as well as egg drawers, and a dozen can be cheaply made in a very short space of time.—E. J. Potter.

No. 138.
A USEFUL SCRAPER.

Sent by T. Soar, 34, High Pavement, Nottingham.

Get a piece of a broom handle (broomstick) 4 inches long, and with a fine saw cut a "sawgate" 1½ inches long down the centre. Then





A Handy Scraper.

get a piece of strong hoop iron, 3½ inches by 1¼ inches and square at both ends, and drive this into the sawgate. You will find you have a useful tool for scraping cage bottoms and perches.—Thos. Soar.

The Stolen Mat.

One day washing had been done, and among the articles, a few neatly-worked linen plate mats were put out in the garden to dry. But when the maid went in the evening to collect them, she noticed that one of the mats was missing. Months passed, and it was not found, and the thing ceased to be thought about. It disappeared in May. In September, when the apples were ripe, the maid was sent to gather them. When she mounted the ladder she saw an old nest in the tree, a blackbird's. When she looked in she saw the long looked for mat. It had been used by the birds as a lining laid with mud and hay.—Sent by Hannah Martin, age 13, Pleasant View, Dunton Green, Kent.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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*Thrush Visits Old Friends.

Our master had a hand reared thrush. It unfortunately escaped whilst being fed. After a while it came back, but though the cage was put outside, it would not go into it. Now it may be seen early in the morrings, and nearly all day on the housetop. It is the best singing thrush I have heard, and everybody seems to be talking about it. He sang all the winter indoors by gas-light as well as daylight.—James Maurice Hendey, Beaulieu School, New Forest.

*"As Like as Two Peas!"

The Tree Pipit and the Meadow Pipit are two birds which get confounded with each other. In the country they both go by the name of Titlark, and sometimes you may hear them called Ditch-larks, no distinction being made between the two species. The nests of these birds are built upon the ground, closely hidden by a large tuft of grass, the Tree Pipit building nearer to the hedge than the Meadow Pipit, and sometimes building in a wood. The nest of the Tree-Pipit is made of moss, grass, and roots, lined with fine grass, and a little hair. The eggs are four or five in number, and vary greatly, some being chocolate brown, others purple, and some dirty white with brownish blotches. I have in my collection two Tree-Pipit's eggs which are a bright pink colour not mixed with any other colour. The nest of the Meadow-Pipit is made of hay, and bents, and lined with hair, and contains from three to five eggs, three being the commonest number, of a dusky brown colour, not unlike some of the Tree-Pipit's eggs.—R. Burgess, age 15; 28, High Street, Congleton, Cheshire.

**A Long-Lived Hybrid.

My father has in his bird-room a goldfinch canary hybird, which is 17 years old. It was bred by my grandfather, and given to my father when it was about six months old. It is now, through old age, quite blind with one eye, and can hardly see with the other. Since it moulted last time it has lost its bright plumage, and has turned to a dull grey. It hardly ever moves off the perch in front of the food pots, but it is perfectly healthy and sings every day. When anyone goes to feed the birds it will immediately go to its egg drawer to ascertain whether anything has been given it, and if anything has been given it will eat with much pleasure.—Ernest Tunmer, age 13; 10, Crown Lane, Maldon, Essex.

Ethel Tebay's father kept a Starling, a clever bird, who could talk a little, said his own name, "Jacob," and learned to sing like a thrush.

Sydney Fisher visited Bournemouth Cage Bird Show with his mother, and was so delighted that he wished to buy all the birds he saw there.

Sidney Woods sends a description of his Magpie, who is a handsome bird, but undoubtedly naughty, for "it gives you a sharp pinch, and will do everything it is not wanted to do."

Olive Jaques writes a charming account of her pet Canary, who was wonderfully tame and a beautiful singer. Unfortunately Olive has written on both sides of the paper. Harry Holloway, though only eight years old, is a quick-witted and resourceful boy. Seeing one of his father's Canaries had got caught between the wires of its cage, and was in danger of perishing, Harry promptly bent the wires apart, and the poor little bird was so glad to be released that it began to sing immediately.

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The Breeding Season and Its Results.

By W. EVINS.

A Paper read before the Exeter and District Cage Bird Society on September 3rd.

The subject of my paper, "The Breeding Season and its Results," is one that will take us back over the past season's work, and by carefully weighing things up, we should find out wherein lay our success, or failure, as the case may be.

Generally, it has been a bad season for most fanciers, but, of course, we always hear of some individuals doing well. I think the last winter was a very trying one, and no doubt it upset a lot of birds which were not thoroughly robust, and others took longer than usual coming into breeding condition. I have heard of many instances of hens not laying a single egg throughout the season.

AN EXCEPTIONAL SPRING.

March, April, May and June were exceptionally cold months, and, without doubt, were responsible for a lot of unfertile eggs, also for fertile ones not hatching, etc.

The coldness of the season had one good effect, it kept down the red mite, at least, that was my experience. For the first two rounds, I hardly saw a single one, consequently the chicks were reared in comfort. When the hot weather came in July, the red mite began to get a hold, and special attention was needed to keep them under. After the long spell of cold, the hot weather drove the old birds into an early moult, and many a nest of young birds had to go, because the parents were unable to stand the strain of the moult and successfully bring up their broods.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

I will now proceed to give you the result of our own breeding operations. As some of you are aware, my brother and self have each a small back room for our birds. We live in the same road, in houses exactly opposite each other, so one is a south room, and the other a north room. In the south room our breeding pairs were Crested cocks and Crested bred hens, and the north room, Crested bred cocks and Crested hens.

We started with seven cocks and nine hens in each room. We do not keep a cock specially for each hen, but work them about, as the hens come on to nest, although we had six pairs that were not parted the whole season. These did valuable work as feeders. We have some hens that will bring up their chicks unaided, but I am certain it is much easier, and more natural to rear young Canaries with the help of a good feeding cock. Well gentlemen, of our eighteen hens, one died after laying her first egg, another died while sitting on her second nest of eggs. Of the remaining sixteen, two did not lay a single egg, although apparently they were in good health, and one of them (an eighteen months old hen), was one that did well as a young bird. So out of our eighteen hens we only had fourteen that were really breeding. Now altogether we had 177 eggs laid. Of these 130 were fertile, we hatched 98, and to date, we have 54 living, and pretty safe now, and getting nearly through moult.

OUR CAGES.

It may be of interest to some of our younger members, if I give you our method of feeding, and the construction of our rooms. Around the sides, from the floor up, we have movable wire fronts fixed to form a flight 32 inches high, and 15in. out from the wall. These we have found very useful for stacking away our young birds. Above the flights, we have three rows of breeding cages. Now, we believe in double breeders, with a sliding division in the middle, and movable wire fronts. Each cage stands on two iron brackets. By adopting this plan we do away with shelves, which are always a harbour and a snug breeding place for the red mite. We use earthenware nest pans, hung on wire brackets, with swansdown linings, and have found them satisfactory in every way. For nesting material we use dried moss and grass, with the addition of a little brown wool to finish off with. We usually give the young birds a clean nest when about three days old, and another when they are ten days.

NO SAND TRAYS.

For the bottoms of our cages we use rough pine sawdust, and find it smells sweeter than sand in the hot weather. We do not advocate sand trays, they being very hard to remove should any grit get into the corners of the cage. Besides, what is easier than to remove the contents of the bottom with a piece of bent hoop iron on to a dust pan? Grit we give in a tin placed inside the cages, our mixture consisting of sea sand, ground egg shell, and broken pieces of cuttlefish bone mixed together.

OUR SYSTEM OF FEEDING.

Now with regard to our mode of feeding. We believe in everything being plain. After the moult, the diet is plain canary seed, with the addition of half-a-teaspoonful of mixed seed per bird, twice a week. This consists of hemp, rape, linseed, and a little inga. About a week before we pair up we give a leaf of dandelion daily to each bird, also a teaspoonful of egg-food. When the old birds have young, we give them egg, mixed with thin lunch biscuits, three or four to one egg. As much hemp as they will consume, and boiled rape seed, a teaspoonful every other day. Watercress we use for greenfood, giving it fresh three times a day.

Some hens are a long time making up their minds as to whether they shall feed the chicks or no. These we try to entice with any little tit-bit we can think of. We usually have a look in the nests the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. If we find any young birds with their crops empty, we give them a feed of egg-food, moistened in our mouth, off a small pointed piece of wood. By adopting this plan we are certain we have saved many a young bird that would otherwise have died of starvation.

GOOD MOTHERS.

We find no great difficulty in getting the majority of our hens to feed after they commence.

Young hens with their first nest we are very careful of, and do not disturb them any more than we can help. I think, usually, if a hen feeds her first nest, she will continue to be a good feeder as long as she remains in good health.

Hens are sometimes accused of being bad feeders, when really, it is the fault of the chicks not opening their beaks, through being weakly. One of our best Crested hens has fed up ten young ones, all her own chicks. Two of them were first prize winners at our Nest Feather Shows. I may say she had the help of the cock, who is a splendid feeder.

The most I have hatched from one hen is fourteen, she laid two nests of five and one of six. Her third nest of five chicks she let die through being overtaken with the moult. Of course, we do not get such good results from every hen. If such was the case birds would be too common and not worth breeding.

HEAT OR NO HEAT!

Coming to the great question of heated bird-rooms, I am strongly against using anything in the way of artificial heat, considering it unnecessary, and not beneficial to the health of our birds. Last winter, my room went down so low as 27 degrees, 5 degrees below freezing point, and, of course, the water in the drinkers was frozen into solid ice. But all through the birds remained in good health, and I can claim to have been fairly successful in breeding a fair number of birds.

SNEEZING AND COUGHING.

I think birds are more apt to catch colds in heated rooms than in cold ones. Say the outside atmosphere is 20 degrees below a heated room, draughts will get in somehow. Every time the door is opened a cold current of air is bound to enter, and must affect the birds. The only year we used heat, the majority of our birds were sneezing and coughing all the winter. I have never known a healthy bird die of cold, although it may finish off the weak ones, and better so, for weak, diseased birds are of no use to any fancier.

(To be continued.)

Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

(Continued from page 159.)

Erratum.—In last week's instalment, by a printer's error, the scientific name of the Broad-leaved Dock was wrongly attached to the Black Knapweed—the former is *R. obtusifolius* and the later *Centaurea nigra*.

NOTES.

Groundsel is almost too well-known and widely used to need comment from me. Every person with even just a pet Canary seems to recognise it as something "Dickie" will devour with relish, and which will "do him good." I prefer to gather it from poor ground; on good soil it attains a somewhat rank growth, and from such I seldom take more than the seeding heads—no leaves, unless tiny ones. At all times I strip off leaves of very large growth—coarse and stringy. It is particularly useful with Goldfinches, being one of the few green foods they will eat at all freely. Available over a long period during the year, groundsel is a good friend to the bird-keeper, and young, not too rank growths can always be given with safety:—G.E.W.

The Knapweeds, or hardheads—also variously known as hardines, horse-nops (or nobs), ironheads, etc.—are again a great help to the keeper of the fascinating Goldfinch. It is safe to say there is nothing he likes better; and a daily feed for fresh-caught specimens is of inestimable value in "seeding them off." Hardheads are also well liked by most other British seed-eaters, and a supply of heads filled with ripe seed (frequently also with valuable grubs or "maggots") is easily gathered and stored for use. A handful or two thrown in the aviary will meet with a warm welcome, and Canaries are not backward in appreciation. For Hybrids and Mules they are great, finding them, like thistles, both food and wholesome occupation:—G.E.W.

Anent teazle I have little to say that has not already been said under thistles and hardheads. I always gather a few heads when I drop across any, but as good, well ripened seed can always be obtained from the seed merchants, I never go out of my way to get them. The heads are generally very tough, and the seed difficult for many birds to get at, consequently they usually require breaking open. Teazle is a seed I use a lot of, believing it to be of great value (probably with "corrective" qualities) given with stimulating, oily seeds, such as hemp, niger, linseed, etc.:—G.E.W.

Meadowsweet (*Spiraea ulmaria*).

During the months of June, July, and August many of our ditches and damp waste lands are almost covered with the creamy-white flowers of that charming plant, "The Queen of the Meadows," otherwise Meadowsweet. The latter name is very appropriate, as the flowers are beautifully fragrant, although some think the scent is rather sickly.



Meadow-Sweet.
Leaf and Flowering Head.

It is a tall plant, about three to four feet high, with leaves which bear a slight resemblance to those of the rose. (This might be termed a "family likeness," as they are both members of the same family — Natural Order, *Rosaceæ*). The flowers are very densely crowded, and therefore, now most of them have fallen off, large quantities of seeds may be gathered with ease, and added for future use to those already stored up.

The meadowsweet is another of the many plants which were once used largely by country-folk as medicine.

It is an interesting fact that although the "Queen of the Meadows" has such a strong, sweet odour, the flowers do not contain any "honey" whatsoever, but are visited by bees probably simply for their "pollen." From this the substance called "bee-bread" is manufactured by the bees.

Meadow-Sweet is a plant on the seeds of which I have often observed various seed-eating birds hard at work when in a state of nature. Bullfinches, in common with others of their family, are partial to it when ripe. It is very plentiful at the present time, and the other week I saw a few Greypates hovering around a patch:—G.E.W.

Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*).

Watercress is so well known that a description seems quite unnecessary. Nevertheless, when one goes to gather it wild, one frequently finds it almost hopelessly entangled with other ditch plants, from which some would-be gatherers may be unable to distinguish it. Many a time the wrong plant has been gathered, and even eaten, without the difference being noticed. I will, therefore, give very brief descriptions first of watercress and then of two plants which are probably most commonly mistaken for it.

Watercress, then, has what are known as "compound" leaves; that is, each leaf is made up of several leaflets. The leaflets themselves have wavy edges, and there may be from seven to thirteen of them on one main leaf stalk. The stems of the plant are solid, and the flowers are white.

The most similar of the two other plants is the Procumbent Marsh-wort (*Apium nodiflorum*). This is not a well-known name, but, nevertheless, the plant is exceedingly abundant in most ditches and small rivers. The leaves of this plant are likewise compound, but there are not so many separate leaflets on one leaf stalk. Moreover, each leaflet has a decidedly "serrate" (i.e., toothed like a saw) edge. The stems, again, are quite different from those of the Watercress, being hollow instead of solid. The flowers are of the same colour (i.e. white), but are much smaller, and the flower stalks radiate from one common centre, thus forming what is botanically called an "umbel."

The other plant which resembles Watercress to the inexperienced is Brooklime (*Veronica beccabunga*). This may be at once distinguished from the other two plants mentioned above by its "simple" (i.e., one only on each leaf stalk) leaves, which are placed opposite to one another all up the stems. The flowers are also quite different, being bright blue in colour and in opposite "racemes" (a raceme is a cluster in which the stalk of each flower is of equal length).

It is hoped that by the above three descriptions no difficulty will be found in identifying the wholesome Watercress. The leaves of this plant form a well-known and very useful salad, and are valuable as a "green-food" for many birds, as they possess beneficial properties.

Watercress is another of the favourite "green meats" of the bird-keeper—doubtless owing a good deal of its popularity to the ease with which it may be bought. There is an element of danger in its use should it happen to be gathered from water contaminated with sewage or other deleterious matter. I know many fanciers who habitually wash it in strong salt water before use, and one or two in a weak solution of Condy's fluid; afterwards rinsing in clean water and allowing it to dry, or dabbing it in a cloth. Whether either method is a safeguard, I am not prepared to put on record. Personally I do not use much watercress, though I never hesitate to give a few young tender sprays at any time, should I think fit. It should never be given in a frosted condition during winter the "old hands" say (this applies to all green foods):—G.E.W.

Gold of Pleasure (*Camelina sativa*).

This plant, although well-known in cultivation, is not by any means common in a wild state, and whenever found thus in this country is an escape from cultivation. It is grown chiefly for the oil contained in its seeds, and these are also fairly extensively used as a food for cage birds.

Gold of Pleasure is a plant with tall, slender stems. The leaves which grow upon them are "auricled"; that is, they have ear-like appendages at the bases, which partly wrap round the stem. (Compare with the illustration, also the description and illustration of Shepherd's Purse on page 143). The flowers of this plant are of a yellow colour, and are quite small. The seed-pods are somewhat egg-shaped, and may be found in their prime during late summer, as the plant's blooming season is in June and July.



Gold of Pleasure.

It belongs to the "Cabbage Family of plants" (*Cruciferæ*), which family also includes Charlock, Watercress, Shepherd's Purse, etc. (Notes concerning same will be found under Charlock on page 143.) Also refer to the illustration of the flower given there, which is a typical example of the flowers of the Crucifers.

Blackberries.

No attempt will be made here to deal with the common blackberry in a botanical way. A complete volume could easily be filled by dealing with the very numerous species. It is sufficient for the present purpose to note a few facts which will apply to Blackberries as a whole, leaving botanical science strictly alone.

The common Blackberry, or Bramble, is a much later plant than the Dewberry (described on page 143). The fruits differ slightly in several ways from those of its near relative, but their properties are similar. It is a very useful astringent fruit, and, therefore, like the Dewberry, a valuable remedy for diarrhœa.

When describing the Dewberry I mentioned that the fruits had the appearance of being covered with dew. This is quite absent in the case of the Blackberry. And whereas the former usually grows in ditches, or on low banks, the latter is generally found high up in the hedges, the stems hanging on to the shrubs surrounding them by means of their very numerous prickles.

Gold of pleasure has a high reputation with many fanciers. I have heard it rated above shepherd's purse for the purpose of moulting Linnets, and, from my point of view, no praise could be higher. The bird-keeper will have to grow his own supply, however. It is very uncommon in a wild state—one may search a county and never drop across it. Of course the seed (like teazle, thistle, etc.) can be bought from most seed-men. Gold of pleasure constitutes one of the "secrets" of some old hands at Canary breeding and exhibiting. They say its use tightens and glosses the plumage. It is also used to "force" hen Canaries into breeding condition, for which purpose I have heard it held to be very efficacious, though its excessive employment is said to affect the stomach of the bird and the character of its excreta. Certainly it is, whatever else it may be, a very oily seed, and one requiring judicious use—seeds of this character (like others of the "cabbage family," turnip, winter rape, radish, cabbage, etc., said, by-the-bye, to contain considerable sulphur) are not easy of digestion. I am afraid, however, I am running past my space:—G.E.W.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

September Music.

The bird music of the month is confined to the Linnet and Robin. The Greenbird will utter a few piping notes, and the Skylark a silvery twitter, but only the Linnet, of the field birds, sings his lay of the early summer. The song is sweet and somewhat plaintive, as though in sorrow for the departing sunshine. It sounds delightful along the fruit laden hedgerows. The singers are not isolated specimens, but birds that have for a time strayed from the flock, alighting upon some convenient branch, and being alone, have burst into song.

The big flocks are full of music. When disturbed they rise with musical twitters beautiful to hear, but the height of the performance is reached when the whole gathering, of perhaps a hundred birds, burst into song. It is the most extraordinary musical outburst that one can possibly imagine; there is nothing in bird land to equal it. No individual performance of the most finished songster can give one half the pleasure and delight of this song storm.

In the flock I saw many times the birds had risen from the stubble, wheeled into the air, and settled again, or alighted upon the berry laden hedgerow, with an incessant twitter that in its uniformity of sound, was almost monotonous. But once when they rose there was more noise than usual, the jerking calls were louder and more prolonged; they settled along the hedgerow, and instantly came the bird song of the whole flock. The cause of this would be hard to define; possibly something away in the field had startled them, some real or imaginary danger, and the song then rendered might have been one of joy, defiance, or emulation.

Only once previously do I remember hearing this united chorus of the Linnets. It was just before sundown, when the golden rays of the setting orb lit up the stubble-like spikes of gold. The partridges were packing in the adjoining meadow and every sound was distinctly heard in the still air. The song came from the hedgerow, and although I listened until it was nearly dark, it was not repeated.

The Robin Redbreast is the other songster of the month. He commenced in August and will alternately cheer and sadden us right away to the Spring. The songsters are mostly birds of the year, for they will sometimes commence before the speckled plummage has all disappeared. They are evidently plentiful this autumn, for half a dozen singers can be heard round the buildings.

The Trumpeter Swan.

The Trumpeter Swan is a bird with a remarkable voice. It is used while on the wing, and the sound comes clear and metallic from high in the air. This note is produced from a wonderful windpipe, which curves about in a shape almost resembling a horn. Its relative the Mute Swan has no curve to the windpipe, and others only slightly so.

The Lordly Heron.

The Herons have increased upon the marshes and the foreshore by the sea. Although a solitary bird, one may occasionally see two or three together sitting upon the top of the sea wall, quietly digesting a hearty meal of fish. Although a big eater, the Heron never appears to put on flesh and become fat, as other birds do. Why this is so, one can hardly surmise, for other fish-eating birds are generally fat and oily. The Heron is quite a figure in the landscape, and when seen in the quiet autumn evening slowly flapping across the dreary marshes, his huge form seen dimly against the grey sky or distant woods, he is just the touch of life required to complete the picture of dreary waste and solitude.

A Hand-reared Kestrel.

I heard of a curious case recently respecting a young Kestrel that had been hand-reared. The owner was tired of his pet, and decided to give it its liberty. At first the bird refused to go, but upon being pressed to do so, flew straight away, evidently with difficulty. The owner was very much surprised later on to have his Hawk returned to him by a boy, who stated he had seen it fly straight against a high wall. It was kept for a day and released again, this time flying direct into a person's face. The bird had evidently not lost the power of flight, but appeared to be unable to steer itself. No doubt, if allowed its liberty for a few days it would get over this, but it is more than probable he would be destroyed before he could properly navigate the air. When it is intended to release such birds they should be allowed to fly for some days in a large aviary, or other building, and be released in a wood or in the open country.

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED, offers in cage birds for pair grey Dutch rabbits, breeders; sell 7/6.—T. Wray, Brewster-terrace, Ripon.

ALWAYS wanting British birds from catchers; please state price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saffrey-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, exchange fifteen ozs. thistle seed; offers.—Webb, 2, Windsor-rd., Holloway, London.

WANTED, a good Waxwing at a reasonable price, young bird preferred.—Harry Beresford, 20 Waterloo-rd., Bedford.

WANTED, White Wagtails, Garden Warblers, hen Wheatear, Yellow Wagtail.—Teschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth.

WANTED, 20 Yorkshire show cages in exchange for high-class Yorkshires. — Apply Eastwood, 1, Clifton st., Lytham.

WANTED, Hornless Nanny Kidd.—State particulars and price to R. Milton, 14, Fairfield-rd., Northst., Bedminster, Bristol.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, weekly; best price given.—Reliance Net Works, 82a, Well-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, cheap, for re-sale; state price and particulars.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd, Plumstead.

WANTED, foreign birds in exchange for exhibition cavies and Pigeons.—Bockett Pugh, Monckton, House, Ferrymead, Bath.

WANTED, British birds' eggs; must be side-blown.—Send kind and price to Knowles, Pharmacist, Earlestown, Lancashire.

WANTED, Mules, Norwich, songsters, exchange two large cocks, crosthred, and Plainhead; approval.—Gibson, Leeds, Maidstone.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for high-class aviaries or show cages.—Send particulars Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

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NOTICE! Wanted Canaries, Mules, British birds, in exchange for new Palace-shaped aviary, or sell 25/-, or show cages.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middlesbrough.

WANTED, Seifert Rollers, in exchange for English automatic Seraphone Organette, cost £3 18s. 6d. with large quantity music for same; or offers.—A. Goodman, Thorpe Malsor, Kettering.

WANTED, offer, Canaries, exchange pair Scotch blankets or tweed suit, gent's; sell 25/-.—Drummoud, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, weekly supply all kinds of British birds; deposit or cash first post.—Wilson, Bird Dealer, Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, three Yorkshire show cages, in exchange for cock Canary, or two new box cages, 16 inches long.—M. Walker, 70, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, Rabbits, Goldfinches; all common; will exchange Canaries and British birds and cages; sell cheap.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED Borders, 1907; will give yellow Yorkshire hen (winner 1st), marked buff Yorkshire cock, buff hen, offers.—Menzies, Murdoch Wynd, Elgin, N.B.

NOTICE.—Wanted, Canaries or any variety of cage birds in exchange for suit length Scotch tweed, value 25/-; approval. — McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, full-sized pair good blankets; exchange silver English lever, good timekeeper, just been cleaned; sell cheap, approval.—Scott, Dewsbury-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, dealer to take weekly supply cocks; per dozen, Goldfinches, 12/-; Linnets, 3/-; Chaffinches, 3/-; Greenfinches, 1/-.—Fenn, The Pit, Isleham, Cambs.

WANTED, gramophone, rook rifle; exchange high-class Canaries. Green Budgerigars, 5/6, 6/6 pair; Canaries, 7/6 to 21/- pair;—Jones, 4, Calais-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

WANTED, weekly supply Goldfinches, Linnets, any kind, British birds up to March next; Canaries, Mules, and Parrots; cash sent before birds.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, cock Nightingale, bird negatives, nests and eggs, Singer's hand sewing machine; exchange Bullfinches, Chaffinch, Pekin Robins, Redstart, exhibition Greenfinch, Siskin, cocks, house-moulted.—Crook, Moorland-rd., Scarborough.

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BARGAIN, exchange six singing cock Linnets for singing cock Canary.—J. Robinson, 2, Wenlock-st., City-rd., London.

PAIR exhibition Lops, 4 months, 24in. strain, for cock greypate Goldfinches.—Dickinson, 152, East-st., Walworth, London.

EXCHANGE Goldie Canary Mules for good Yellow Norwich cocks, or sell 5/-7/6 each.—Smith, Shawhill-st., Pollokshaws.

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FOUR cock Goldfinches, four cock Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/-; exchange Mules or clap-nets, approval both ways.—Clements, Jeyenes-row, Tewkeshury.

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COCKS, 1906 Bullfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, large variegated Yellow Canary (full song), Domino Finch, three Barbary Doves, Budgerigars; lot, 14/6; sell singly.—"Broadway," Westhy-rd., Boscombe.

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25 good Norwich Canarics for sale or exchange; anything useful.—Johnson, 14, Mona-rd., Carr Hill, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE two pairs long distance Homers for cock Canary, or sell 3/6 pair.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

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YORKSHIRES, grand pair, also two Norwich cocks and hen, 1007; 20/-; or exchange Lancashires.—22, Abyssinia-rd., Clapham Junction.

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SIX good young Yorkshires, cocks, 5/- each, two cocks, Goldfinch Mules, 5/- each; one hen, 1/- lot, 37/-; or exchange gents' freewheel cycle; stamp reply.—Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SILVER-PLATED butter dish, 10/6; biscuit barrel, 10/6; 9-carat gold signet ring, 10/6; gentleman's gold watch, 70/-; lady's do., 50/-; exchange Canaries, etc.—Mr. Parker, 269, Brighton-rd., Croydon.

SEVERAL grand pairs Yorkshires 20/- per pair, or exchange for type-cast tone arm gramophone, gold watch, new condition disc records, gold albert, gents' cycle, old oil paintings, good camera, gold ring; no cards.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

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GRAND marked Indian Rain Quail, perfect, 7/6; exchange Yorkshire cock.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

TWO pairs small foreign birds from outdoor aviary, sell 6/6; exchange large 1907 Norwich cock.—116, Alscot-rd., S.E.

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MAGNIFICENT blue-fronted Amazon Talking Parrot (good cage), £4; exchange camera, bicycle or phonograph.—Harwood, Sagar-st., Castleford.

THREE pairs Foreign Finches, in large cage, 6/6; Linnet and Canary in breeder, loose front, 8/-; young hen Canaries, 1/6 each, or exchange.—29, Maydwell-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell, London.

TWO Yellow Budgerigars in excellent condition, two Linnets (both have bred Mules), two very fine Norwich hens; will exchange for first-class fishing tackle, or sell.—G. W. Granddige, Wool Market, Pontefract.

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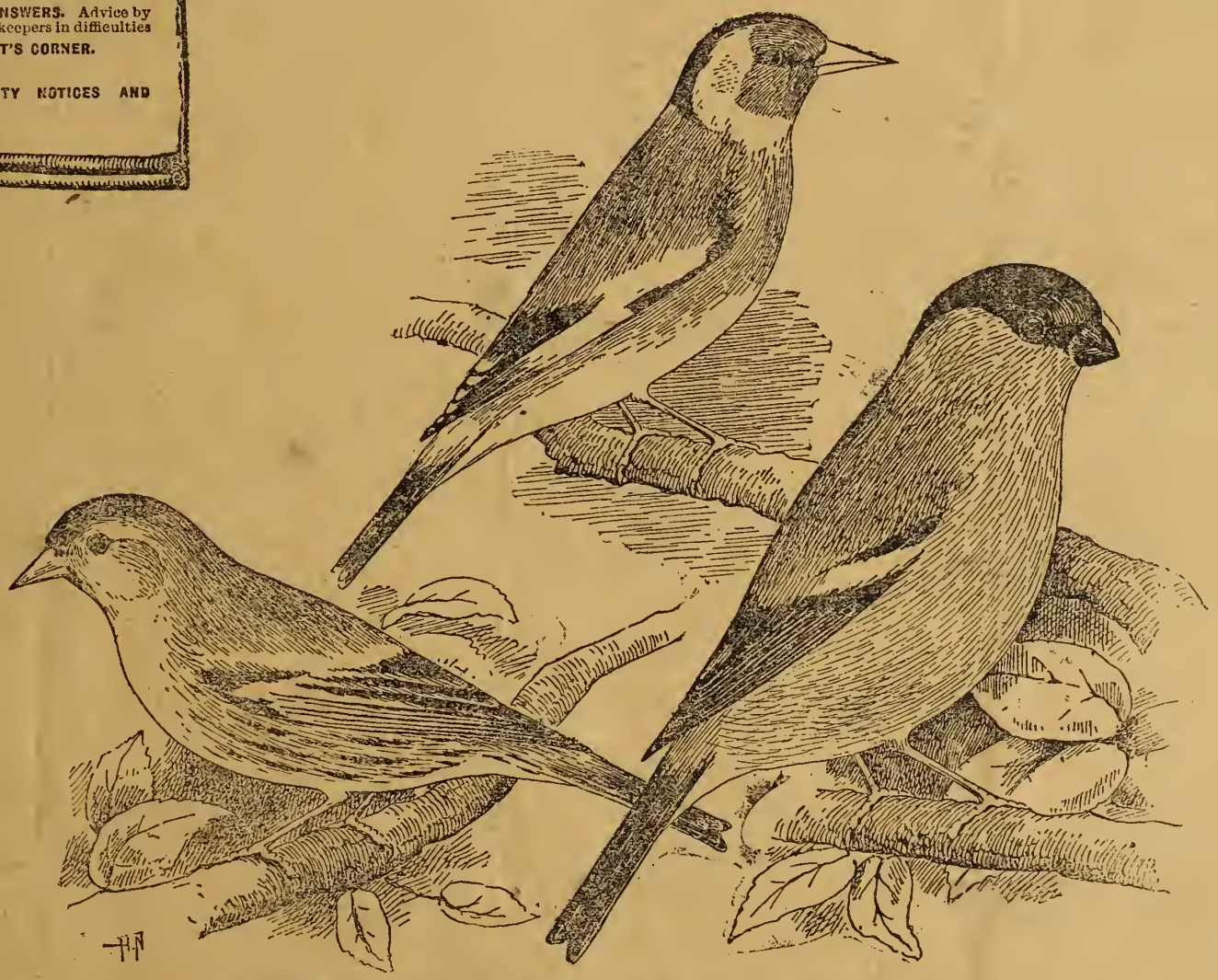
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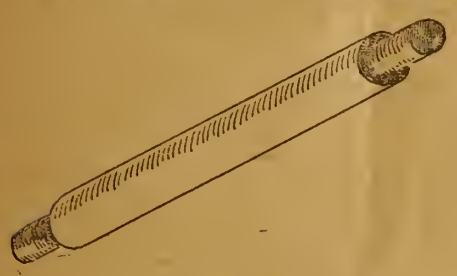
ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 139.
PERCH FOR BIRDS AFFECTED WITH "TWIST."

Sent by J. S. Chadwick, Waterloo House, Lawton Street, Congleton.

I herewith forward you sketch of perch which I have used with great success during the past season for wild birds (especially Goldfinches and Linnets) affected with "Twist" or "Turn i' th' yed," as it is termed in certain Northern districts. Procure a piece of very thin brass tubing, ¾-in. in diameter, and about ¾-in. less in



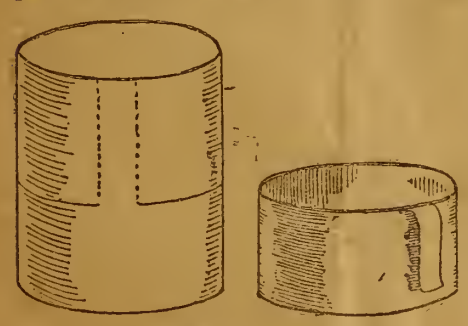
A "Loose" Perch.

length than your inside box cage measurement, front to back. Then make a perfectly round and smooth perch, ¼-in. less in thickness than the bore of the tubing. After removing all other perches, place this one through the tub, and fix it at about the centre of the cage, but not too high up. You will find when the bird flies on to this, and throws its head back, it loses its balance, and has to flutter to the floor of the cage. It soon learns, however, that it must keep its body in a natural position when on the perch. As the brass tube is not unsightly, and can easily be cleaned, it may be kept in the cage until a permanent cure has been effected, generally from two to four weeks. —J. S. CHADWICK....

No. 140.
USEFUL TINS FOR NOTHING.

Sent by Geo. Doran, 14, Temple Villas, Palmerston Road, Dublin.

Take any small tin, for instance, those used for baking soda—and, with an old pair of scissors or shears cut it round at



A Useful Tin.

about 1½ins. from the bottom, both ways, till a narrow strip of metal (say about 2-5 of an inch) is between the two cuts. Then turn this down, as shown in sketch, and you have your seed or "tit-bit" tin.—GEO. DORAN.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, when 27 of the best birds in Leeds sang for four prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottsen; some extra good singing was heard before a crowded house. f, Hardcastle; 2, Stead; 3, Clarke; 4, Fisher, with two birds a dead heat. Judges, T. Summers and C. Cooper. Timekeeper, E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.C.—October 2nd, Grand Hotel, Hirst, 7.30. Classification. J. Miles, sec.

Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S. October 3rd, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Show business.—J. W. Marsden, sec.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.S.—October 1st, Samson Castle, 8.30. Annual Show.—A. Lupton, sec.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—October 5th, Co-op. Hall, 7.30.—D. A. Ogilvie, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—October 1st, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Mr. H. J. Chittenden will lecture on "Hybrid Breeding, or, British Birds I have kept." Arrangements for October Show. Friends cordially invited.—H. Hill, sec.

Bradford West C.B.A.—September 28th, Red Lion Hotel, Girlington. Members' Show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman.—T. Clegg, sec.

Bramley C.S.—September 28th, Headquarters, 7.30. Open Show business.—J. Metcalfe, sec.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—October 1st, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell, sec.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—October 1st, New Inn, 8. Show business, and election of secretary.—A. Emery.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—October 1st, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Old Bird Show.—A. J. Red, sec.

City of Bradford.—September 28th, Flying Dutchman, 8. Very important.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Dundee and Dist. N. M. and S.B.A.—October 2nd, Doig's Rooms, 8. Club show business.—Alexr. Miller, sec.

Coventry O.S.—October 2nd, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Open show business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crest and Norwich P.C.C. of Ireland.—October 1st, 8. Avenue Hall, Garfield Street, Belfast. Important. A return of all cards and money in aid of Cup Fund will be made.—Jas. Stewart, sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—October —, Nag's Head, 7.30. Show, Nov. 2nd.—J. C. Heaton, sec. (Date not stated.—ED.)

Dalkeith and Dist. C.C.—28th, Ship's Inn, 7. Entries for Club Show on October 5th.—T. Briggs, sec.

Darlington C.B.S. — October 2nd, Half Moon, Northgate, 8. Concerning Open Show.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S. — October 1st, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Schedule for Open Show.—F. W. Tomsett, sec.

Dysart C.B.S.—September 28th, Normand Memorial Hall, 7.30. Membership closes on this date. Fee, 1/-. New members enrolled. Final arrangements for show.—J. Logan, sec.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—September 28th, Barley Mow, 3. A competition show. Novices, now is your chance; make a good entry. Judge, Mr. T. Ogden.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Edinburgh Nor. C. and M.B.S.—October 3rd, 142, High Street, 8. Important.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—October 1st, Oddfellows Hall, 8. Washing Exhibition by Mr. J. Rushmer, who also presents a silver medal for the best novice exhibition. Lady members arranged for specially.—R. H. Folley, sec.

Federation of Cage Birds (Ashton-u-Lyne Centre).—October 5th, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, Oldham, 6.30. Coming show season business, etc.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—October 2nd, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Messrs. Lister and Lowery, for the special benefit of "Novices."—T. Taylor, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S. — September 30th Headquarters, 7.30. Important show business.—F. Sharples, sec.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—September 28th, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Mr. Jas. Whiteford's experience of Mule and Hybrid Breeding, extending over 50 years.—R. Gadsden, sec.

Halifax O.S.—September 28th, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools' C.B.S. — October 2nd, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 8. Table show of Yorks. and Nor., and arrangements re open show.—E. Woodhead, sec.

Kent County C.B.A.—October 2nd, at Templar Hall, 20, Biggin Street, Dover, 8. Annual Show, correspondence.—G. Sanderson, hon. sec.

Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand.—October 1st, White Swan Hotel, 8. Special Clearance night; allotting of specials for show.—Chas. Draper.

Lancashire C.A. — October 14, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, Oldham, 7.—Jas. Law, sec.

Larkhall C.B.C.—October 5th, Miners' Hall, 7. Important.—G. Kirk, sec.

Maesteg and Dist. C.S.S.—September 30th, Oddfellows' Hotel, 8. Important.—W. Jenkins, sec.

Mansfield C.B.C.—October 1st, Victoria Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—J. H. Duckworth.

Middleton O.S.—September 30th, Headquarters, 8. —R. Cowherd, sec.

Morpeth and Dist. C.S.—October 5th, King's Head Inn, 7.30. Arrangements for annual show.—A. Dippie, sec.

Nottingham and Notts. C.S.—October 2nd, Cobden Hall, 8. Important show business.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Newcastle and Dist. C.B.S.—October 3rd, Lockhart's 7.30. Last meeting before show. — Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

Otley and Dist. C.S.—October 1st, Queen's Head Hotel, 8. Open Show.—W. Dawson, sec.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A. — October 5th, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Important.—J. Simcock, sec.

Preston C.S.—October 1st, Empress Cafe, 8. Open Show business, Washing Exhibition. — J. W. Cleminson, sec.

Queensbury C.B.S.—October 1st, Granby Hotel, 8. Open Show.—S. Jagger, sec.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—October 3rd, 8.15, Windsor Castle. Schedule for Annual Show.—G. B. Lucas, asst. sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. — September 4th, Temperance Club, 8. Schedule for Open Show. Specials, etc.—Sam. M. Clayton, sec.

Rochdale O.C.—September 28th, 7. All England Show.—J. Butterworth, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—September 28th, College Inn, 8. Arranging schedule for Open Show.—J. C. Hayes, sec.

St. Helen's O.S. — September 30th, George Inn, Water Street, 8. Important.—T. Vose, sec.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—October 3rd, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. Brewerton, —T. Bishop, sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—October 3rd, Leeds Hotel, 8. Open Show business.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale Open O.S.—September 30th, Sale Hotel, 8. Committee, show business, etc.—Geo. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S. — October 3rd, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Final arrangement for Old Show, also Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Hadwin, and Washing Competition.—Wm. Mallinson, sec.

West London F.A.—October 3rd, Bush Hotel, 8. Annual Show business.—J. Dewhurst, sec.

West of Scotland O.A. — October 3rd, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 8. Bird Washing Exhibition by Mr. A. Muir. All fanciers invited.—Geo. Smart.

Witney and Dist. C.B.S.—September 28th, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Show business, etc. E. W. Johnson, sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—September 28th, Blue Bell Hotel, 2. Members' Show, Judge Mr. J. Greaves.—E. Broadley sec.

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 21st. Mr. Hay in the chair. The principal business was to make further arrangement for the forthcoming Members' Show, which is to be held on November 30th. Mr. Lowe has been engaged by the society to judge; it was agreed that there should be 24 classes, consisting of Canaries, Mules, and British, with prize money, specials, and extra specials for the best bird in the show. The president, Mr. G. Smith, has given a Cup for the best yellow crest bred, reared by the owner. Three more new members were added to the society, which is growing larger every meeting night. This is the result of Mr. Oliver Clack's work; he is the greatest fighting man we have for the members of this society, and he still hopes to get 12 more at the next meeting night. Our assistant chairman, Mr. Hay, gave us a lecture on "Crested Cripples," and other Diseases, to which Birds are subjected." He is a gentleman with eight years' experience, and great study, and he hopes to give the members more information in the future. Our enjoyable meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to our assistant chairman for his lecture.—W. HALLAM.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting held September 23rd. Mr Alf. Wellings gave a washing exhibition before a good attendance of members, explaining, as he went along, each point very carefully, so that the merest tyro could understand why the bird was put through its separate operations. A large number of questions were asked, which were willingly answered by Mr. Wellings. During the evening four birds went through the order of the bath, and it was surprising how soon they were dry after leaving the hands of the demonstrator. Mr. Wellings also brought to the meeting a bunch of flowering grass, which can be gathered on any waste land; this he explained to the meeting, he always used as green food throughout the year in preference to anything else. He had never had a hen which refused to feed her young when she had a supply of this grass. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wellings for his very able demonstration, and the valuable advice he gave to the meeting. It was decided to hold our first annual dinner (tickets 2s.) on Dec. 7th. The show schedule for Nov. 9th was finally passed. Mr. Peter Barnes, of Northwich, was proposed as a member. Shall be pleased to hear from any other intending member before the show.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

NEWMILNS.

Newmilns show was held in the Merton Hall, on Saturday last, the 21st September. The most excellent Committee at the head of affairs was: President Mr. Wm. McGeachie; vice, Mr. Wm. Connell, Senr.; Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Crerer; Secretary, Mr. R. McDowall; Committee, Messrs. J. S. Muir, A. Mair, T. Alston, Wm. Connell, Junr., J. Aron, H. Mitchell, F. McDowall, R. Mair R. Ralston, J. Dykes, J. Roxburgh, J. Morton, J. Brown, Pollock, J. Muir, and J. Scott. The Scotch Fancy section claims our special interest. In point of numbers, the entries were in excess of last year, and the quality of the exhibits was, although so early in the season, of a high order. There was a creditable turnout in several cases, not a few of the birds staged were not quite through the moult, but quite a number were in the pink of condition, having got through an early moult, and were staged to perfection. Secretary McDowall, and members of Committee, including McDowall, Junr., who ably assisted his father, had everything in apple-pie order, and the birds well-arranged. The Merton Hall is well adapted for a show, plenty of space, free of draught, and an abundance of light, which was fully taken advantage of. The judges had ample room to perform their difficult task; there was no undue crowding, thus allowing visitors to view the exhibits to full advantage. There was a large turnout of visitors, the show being well patronised, especially by the ladies. Buff cocks made a most excellent class, there being some grand birds of size and substance. Dark and Foul hens were also strong, some really fine birds being here. In the Borders, buff cocks and hens were well represented, some birds of outstanding merit being shown. The classes for Goldfinches and Linnets were also well forward. Mr. R. Findlay had some good birds staged. This popular fancier seems to have recovered from his serious loss in the early part of the season, and we are glad to see him at the front again. Mr. Findlay carried off a goodly share of winning cards. Mr. Wm. McGeachie was fortunate in securing the card for the best young bird belonging to a member. It is a perfect model, and is sure to be heard of again. The judges for Scotch were: Messrs. Jas. Watson, Glasgow, and Wm. Summers, Strathaven. Border, Fancy, Norwich and British: Mr. James Smillie, Riccarton. The judges' awards were well received, and seemed to give general satisfaction, there being no "growlers" heard. The day for weather conditions was all that could be desired, and everything went very smoothly. The Secretary and his able assistants being well satisfied at what proved to be a most successful show, an ample reward for the hard work bestowed upon it. The prize money has been paid.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. COCKS (6): 1, vhc, Findlay, first, grand size, lovely shape and position, grand tail sweep, well under perch, beautiful length of wings; 2, Urquhart, excellent length, shape and pose, grand reach, and fine action, a shade thin on top to winner; 3, Ralston, nice shape and droop, nice length of wing, keeps tail well under perch, taking a grand position, fails in size only to second, will improve; 4, Borland, not so massive as third on top end, nice action and drive; hc, Mitchell. BUFF COCKS (12): 1, Findlay, splendid size, full of style, grand circle, tail well under, a gem; 2, Reid, similar in size to winner, shade slow in getting into position, excellent quality, fails in style to winner; 3, Baird, neat stylish Buff, not so massive on top end to second, sure to improve; 4, Pearson, good stamp, nice circle, shade thin; vhc, best 5th, Urquhart; hc, Ralston; c, McDowall. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Wm. Urquhart, nice type of hen, grand pose, nice drive, nicely filled shoulders and good depth through; 2, Lyon, close run on winner, fine top end, excellent pose, lovely length of wings, and keeps tail well under perch, fails in size to first; 3, McGeachie, nice style, fine reach and top end, nice pose, shade thin to winner, will improve; 4, Reid, shade thin through, shows plenty of style, will no doubt improve. BUFF HENS (6): 1, Findlay, lovely size, nice and hard up, fine droop, grand depth through, settles down nicely, a model; 2, Pearson, good size, nicely built, fine droop and reach, value for its place; 3, and Borland, a grand all-round hen, could do with more weight, good bird, shade thin to winner; 4, best 4th hen, Bowie, grand style, fine droop, close on third, shade slow to third; vhc, McDowall; hc, Ralston. YELL. PIEBALD COCKS (5): 1, Urquhart, grand type and length of sides, good drive, nice snake head, an easy win; 2, Pearson, another good bird, fine reach and grand droop, excellent pose, falls in size to winner; 3, Baird, tight run on second, shade less steady, fine reach and droop, and brings tail well under; 4, Mair, nice reach, good style, shade small to winner; vhc, McCormick. BUFF PIEBALD COCK (6): 1, Borland, fine pose and reach, tail well under, nicely rounded shoulders, beautiful circle, good bird; 2, Reid, fine stamp of a bird, fine shape of head, lovely droop, taking exhibit, and sure to improve, wants size to winner; 3, Baird, fine pose, grand body and drive; 4, Findlay, fair bird, more size wanted; vhc, Ralston; hc, O. Dowall. YELL. PIEBALD HEN (2): 1, McGeachie, fine bird, splendid reach, neat head, good shoulders, keeps tail well under; 2, Pearson, shade larger ders, keeps tail well under; 2, Pearson, shade larger than winner, but not the same stlye. BUFF PIEBALD HEN (6): 1, Price, nice size, grand head and neck, good shoulders, excellent droop, keeps tail under perch; 2, Price, fair size and reach, neat head and length of neck, looses in substance to first, sure to improve; 3, Mitchell, erect, good body, nicely filled shoulders, good drive, well staged; 4, O. Dowall, grand style, lovely body, a little gem, wants size; vhc, Findlay; hc, Ralston. DARK OR FOUL COCK (5): 1, Price, grand pose, decided drive, fine neck and shoulders, nice length of wing, brimful of style, easy win; 2, Reid, lovely body and style, an easy second, close run for winner; 3, Price, very neat bird, shade small to winner, will improve; 4, Findlay, grand body, good reach, fine droop, shade less weight than third; vhc, A. Lyon; hc, J. McDowall; c, R. Ralston. DARK OR FOUL HEN (10): 1st and best young bird (Member) McGeachie, full of quality, grand pose and drive, neat head and nicely rounded shoul-2, Pearson, fine type, neat snake head, good drive and shoulders, gives way to winner in size, good bird; 3, McDowall, nice top end, good reach, beaten in length of side; 4, Nisbet, fine bird, sure to improve; vhc and best 5th, Baird; hc, McDowall; c, Findlay. SELL (6): cock 20/-; 1, Brown; 2, Armour; 3 and best 3 (Members), Laidler; 4, Mair; vhc, Pearson; hc, McCorant. HENS (5): 1, White; 2, Mair; 3, Ralston; 4, McDowall; vhc, Reid. BORDERS, YELL. COCK: 1, Millar, nice shape and jaunty carriage, a clear bird of grand merit; 2, Findlay, a nice clear bird of fine merit, but scarcely so well up on leg as winner; 3, Muir, quite as good in shape as second, fine carriage and jaunty action, fine and close in feather, but not so neat in head to second; 4, Rodger, clear, similar bird to third, but lacks in finish; vhc, Walker; hc, Scoular. YELL. HEN (3): 1, McGhee, clear, very nicely built, grand colour and quality, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Walker, var. gne jaunty carriage, let us send down to scarcely so good in colour. BUFF COCKS (8): 1, Walker, clear nice model, lovely shape and carriage, and in excellent feather, a little gem; 2, Rodger, var. another jaunty bird, grand shape and finish, good carriage, very close on winner; 3, McKean, nice shape, but not in such good fettle to winner; 4, Findlay, nicely moulded, and fine quality, should improve, fails in carriage; vhc, Murdock; hc, Brown; c, Brown. BUFF HEN (9): 1, McKean, a real model, nicely moulded, grand carriage; 2, Muir, similar in shape and carriage to winner, but a shade smaller, and scarcely so rich in colour; 3, Walker, nice shape, rich colour, but scarcely so solid in feather as first and second, but in fine condition; 4, Findlay, nice shape and substance, shade less full in neck and head, nice carriage; vhc, Rodger; hc, McGhee; c, McKean. NOR. COCK (3): 1, Bowie, nice shape, grand feather, and quality, well showed; 2, Morton, good shape, nice colour and feather, wants a shade more head and neck; 3, Gibb, good shape, clear grand colour and quality. HEN (4): 1, Henderson, nice shape, excellent quality of feather, lovely head, neck, wings and tail; 2, Thomson, fine quality, and feather, nice back heaten in shape; 3 and spl., Bowie, good shape, nice feather and quality, fails a bit in head. BRITISH LINNET (6): 1, 2, McQuiston, first, good size and shape, good colour, and neat markings, second, another good exhibit, well marked, fails to winner in size; 3 and spl, Scoular, another fine bird in splendid condition, shade duller in breast markings to winner; 4, Tait, not quite so rich in colour, but nicely marked; vhc, Watson; hc, Henderson. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, McQuiston, first, large bright blaze, rich bronze vest; second, nice bright rich blaze, not so rich in colour to winner; 3, Arnott, fine bright blaze, good colour, but a shade smaller; 4, Tait, rich blaze, but not so good in body colour; vhc, hc, c, T. Roxburgh. SELL. (8): 1, McQuiston; 2, Findlay; 3, Murdock; 4, Rodger; vhc, Tait; hc, Arnott; c, Scoular. GIFT (8): 1, Mitchell; 2, Morton; 3, Pollock; 4——, vhc, Borland; hc, Curar; c, Brown

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Members show, held September 18th. Mr. A. Wade judged, and his awards were well received. A very nice muster of unflighted birds were staged, and were shown in fairly forward condition. YORKS: 1, Carter; 2, Stephenson; 3, Carter. YORKS UNFLIGHTED: 1, 2, 3, Stephenson, a very nice team, promising; 4, hc, Carter; vhc, Hanson; c, Underwood. NOR.: f, Richmond; 2, Henderson. NOR. UNFLIGHTED: 1, 3, Richmond; 2, vhc, Hanson; 4, Todd and Son; hc and c, Corner; A.O.V.: Todd and Son, Cinnamon. MULE: 1, 3, Hesledine; 2, Rutherford; 4 and vhc, Hansen.

RUSHDEN.

In connection with the Rushden Fanciers' Society, a members' and 15 miles' radius show was held in the Institute Hall, The Green, Rushden, on Feast Monday. There was a good number of entries. The judges were Mr. Owen Martin and Mr. Charles Martin, of Kettering. The secretarial arrangements were carried out by Mr. G. Priestley. The following was the list of awards:—

CANARY or MULE (Open): f, sp., 2, Priestley; 3, King. NORWICH, CLEAR: 1, 2, 3, Priestley. TICKED: 1, 3, Priestley; 2, Kitchener. CLEAR, BRED 1907: 1, Barringer; 2, 3, Priestley. TICKED, BRED 1907: 1, 2, sp., Priestley; 3, Kitchener. BRITISH (open): f, Howe; 2, Done; 3, Checkfield. MEMBERS: 1, sp., Priestley; 2, Tompkins.

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W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, 7, Mitchell st., Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

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J. A. LEWTHWAITE, 3, Seahouse Terrace, Station Road, Workington, Cumb. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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October 8th and 9th

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CLASS.	Judge—T. J. AMBROSE, Esq.
42.	Norwich clear ticked or unevenly marked Yellow.
43.	" " " " " " Buff.
44.	" " " " " " 1907 unflighted Yellow.
45.	" " " " " " " Buff.
46.	" hen " " " " marked Yellow or Buff.
47.	" " " " " " Yell. or Buff (nove).
48.	" " " " " " " (unfld. ")
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GREAT HARWOOD

AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

8th Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, will be held on

OCTOBER 11th & 12th, 1907,

in the Unity Club, Great Harwood, under the patronage of the Y.C.C., also Sandiford's Cup. Judges, J. H. Payne, Esq., and David Bentley, Esq., 10 classes Norwich, 8 classes Yorkshires, including Novice; 4 classes Cinnamon; 5 classes British Birds; 1 class Crest or Crest-bred; Selling classes, etc. Entries close October 7th, 1907. Schedules when ready,

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21st Annual Show of Canaries & British Birds. Under the Patronage of the Y.C.C. and B.C. British Bird and Mule Club, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th.

Judge: W. Mundell. Entries close Tuesday, Oct. 8th. Schedules, apply:

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HAYLE SHOW

(affiliated to C.B.U.)

OCTOBER 16th & 17th.

31 Classes of Cage Birds. Judge: J. H. ROE.
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Under C.B.U. Rules.

Open Cage Birds Show, October 16.

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Entries close October 5th. Schedules of
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CATERHAM (Surrey)

15th ANNUAL SHOW of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds will be held on

OCTOBER 16th & 17th, 1907.

Judges—Messrs. C. A. Armstrong, A. A. Fleming, R. Melbourne, T. Lambert, G. E. Gray, T. Southcott, H. W. Webb, T. B. Mason and G. Gardner. 176 Classes. 70 Specials. Entries close Oct. 2nd. Extra fee Oct. 5th. For Schedules apply J. KILBY, Hon. Sec.

ROCHESTER, FOURTH OPEN SHOW OCT. 16 & 17th.

Affiliated to C.B.U.

Judges: Messrs. Broomhead, House, Billett and Robson. Entries close Oct 5th. Schedules of W. E. MILLER, 84, Gordon Road, Strood, Kent.

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HOYLAND and District ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

(Under C.B.U. License.)

The above Society will hold its 7th Annual Exhibition of Cage Birds on

OCTOBER 18th & 19th, 1907.

Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, Hucknall; and J. Wilson, Allerton. For Schedules apply, J. WARRENDER, 11, Gill Street, Hoyland, Nr. Barnsley.

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Schedules from **J. BUTTERWORTH,**
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SECOND ANNUAL SHOW October 18th & 19th, (To be held under Cage Bird Union Rules), of Canaries Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under the patronage of the N.P.C., G.C.A., Y.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W., B.F.C.C.; 73 open classes. JUDGES: J. C. Barnes, T. Heath, J. Patterson and C. Houlton, Esqrs. Open to the United Kingdom. Schedules ready by October 1st, 1907.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Secretaries, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.

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ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S SHOW,

to be held OCT. 19th. Entries close Oct. 12th. Cage Bird Section has 53 classes, and will be judged by Messrs. D. Black and T. Merrilees, Scotch Fancies; D. A. Craig, all other varieties; Alex. Cochrane, British and Foreign. 46 specials, 3 cups, 1 gold medal. —Schedules can be had from JAS. HUNTER, Sec., Poultry, Pigeons, and Food, North Black Road, Kelty; or WM. ARNOTT, Sec., Cage Birds, 73, Adams Terrace, Kelty.

POTTERIES

AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION 6TH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, MULES & BRITISH BIRDS,

on OCTOBER 23rd and 24th.

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CHESTERFIELD. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

GRAND OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held on

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCT. 25th and 26th.

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Don't Miss COVENTRY O. S.

OPEN SHOW, OCT. 26.

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J. LOGAN, Secretary,
23, High Street, Dysart, Fife.

WOLVERHAMPTON

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW. Affiliated to C.B.U.

Oct. 30th & 31st. 36 Classes.

19/- Prize Money each Class for 1/6 entry.

Under the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club. Judges: J. Robson and W. Whittaker.

Schedules ready shortly. **F. HOWES, Hon. Secretary, 25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.**

OSWESTRY (SALOP).

Feather and Fur Association's 8th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c., Cross Market Hall, Oswestry, Thursday, October 31st, 1907. Valuable Specials and Challenge Cup. Judges: C. Houlton, St. Helens (Open); Arthur Gough, Oswestry (Local). Prize-money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. **Entries close October 19th.** Send for Schedule to **G. A. GEORGE and G. A. DOODY, Secs., Roft Street, Oswestry.**

WEST STANLEY, DURHAM, OPEN SHOW. Nov. 30th.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, and Cage Birds. Judge: A. Brown. Four money prizes.—Schedules, apply J. H. LEIGHTON, Causey Row, Swalwell, South Durham.

Random Notes on Hybrids and Mules.

Some Interesting Experiences Detailed.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued from page 142.)

AN OFF-CHANCE CROSS.

A pair which are together on the off-chance, with a young fancier is a Twite and hen Bullie, both are and have been quite friendly with each other, the Bullie has built a nest and laid three eggs, and is now sitting very close on them in a small cage. I can hardly think they have paired. Time will prove that. I know of another one with a cock Goldfinch and hen Twite. These have been together since they were caught last Autumn. They have made no signs, neither do I think that they are likely to do so. Another pair together in this district is made up of a Redpoll and a hen Bullie. This, I think is the only pair about here. They have had two nests of eggs, the first was clear, now she is sitting on four more eggs; time will prove if they are good, or not. I have heard that one who has got the cock Canary up with the hen Chaffinch has got four eggs, and she is sitting on them well. The owner quite believes he has seen them pair on more than one occasion; he may be mistaken, but I hope that such is not the case, for he is a young beginner. The cross has never been obtained as yet. Generally speaking, it is tried the other way about, using the Canary hen and depending upon the cock Chaffinch.

AN AMOROUS CHAFFINCH.

I have one myself, which is up with a hen Linnet, singing all day long, and continually trying to get to its next door neighbour—a hen Canary. If I had got a spare hen Canary or two, I should certainly try him, as he seems so anxious. The Bramble-Bullie, which I have, is now going on, I hope, all right, she is sitting on four eggs in a very nice nest she has made of pieces of tow and cocoa-nut matting. The nest is nearly a work of art for a cage Bullie. I hope the nest is not the best part about it. I cannot say that I have ever seen them pair, although I have spent hours watching them. I have during June and July been up at 5 a.m., and often at 4 a.m. watching my birds, and trying to save the eggs. Although I have been so anxious, watching and waiting, I have often on leaving the room for a few minutes returned to find the hens have been off the nests, and the eggs broken at the cage bottom. I must have lost in this way, this season, over 20 eggs. So much for being over anxious. This year, I think I have had the "hump" more so than all the years during which I have tried these crosses. I find you can always learn something by being with your birds. I have kept a "log" of each morning's observations, and on just running through the pages, I find that all the eggs which the Hybrids have laid have been laid between 7 and 8 a.m., until this year I was not certain of this point. I thought that the wild birds, when at large laid before 6 a.m. I have found them many a time to do so, but under cage treatment it is not so. Perhaps some one may be able to correct me, but I don't think that there are many up at 5 a.m., and sit and wait until their birds lay. I dare say I should not do it, only I cannot sleep, and am in such bad health, that this small pleasure with the birds helps to relieve the mind, and causes it to work by thinking out various problems.

WATCHING AND BUILDING.

It is most interesting seeing the working of the birds in the building of their nests, and their destroying them all in a few hours. They work hard for an hour or so, and then all at once, from some cause or other, destroy them, then they will restart and build again. How many times they do it during the day I could not say, but one pair I saw make and destroy three well-made nests. Now after all is said and done this was well worth knowing, so I have not had all my labour in vain. I also noticed with the Canaries I have, but it was not the hen which caused the damage, but the cock; in the British birds it was always the hen. I suppose the nests were not made to her liking. One hen built and destroyed three nests, and at last laid in a cocoa-nut husk, with no building material at all. I may state that I always have two nests in a wooden box for them to build in if they are so disposed, and one lined with a piece of an old felt hat. This lining I much prefer to any other, as they cannot get their claws in it, and it is easily taken out and cleaned, one piece will last the whole season. Many of your readers have used this lining, if they have not, I must strongly advise them to do so. At the same time, I know that each fancier has his own ideas on the subject. I at one time used the material which the harness makers use for the inside of horses collars, but when in correspondence with the late Dr. Bradburn, he suggested the old felt hat to me, and I found that his suggestion was very good, and have used it ever since. This was long before he wrote his well-known book on British birds.

YELLOW BUNTINGS AND CANARIES.

I know now where there are two cock Yellowhammers up with hen Canaries; these are both in the hands of novices, and only put together on the off-chance; they are both in small box-cages, both of them have eggs, but I doubt if they will prove to be any good. If this cross should be got, I shall be very pleased, and will note it in a future paper. Both the Yellow-hammers are very steady birds, and have been caged-moulted. They were very wild at first, and my friend thought he would try his hand in taming. He did so by cutting the flights of both wings in one bird, and in the other, one wing only. The results have proved that he did steady them. This was done soon after they were caught; both have since moulted, and are new good birds. This friend, who has a good many pairs up, all of which are out of doors, in cages, has got a pair of Skylarks to breed in a large aviary. Both of these birds were caught last year, the hen is now sitting on some eggs; whether they will prove to be good, time will tell. He has great hopes of getting some, and pays them every attention with all kinds of insect food. The cock bird is a grand songster, and can be heard from early morning to night. This bird, no doubt, is helped on by a Thrush which can be heard a long way off, and is the great envy of all the neighbours, some say it is a great nuisance, as it wakes them up so early. I do know that one bird helps another to sing, when you have a good singer. I know where a friend, who is trying his amateurish hand with a cock Nightingale and hen Blackcap. They are in a good large cage outside; they have not made any sign to mate or build, neither do I expect they will.

NOT SMALL STUFF.

Now for another cross of the large kind. A friend, who used to have some Golden Pheasants, lost the lot except one hen, which is now getting aged, and the best or worst of it. It has since the last moult got male plumage. As I have not kept Pheasants of any kind, I cannot say much about them. He has mated it with a farmyard Rooster. She used to lay well, but since she has assumed the male plumage, she has refused to lay at all. This Rooster was only put with her to try and get her to lay; one of her young hens was mated two years ago with a Fowl, and a grand cock (shall I say Mule?) was raised. I have not seen it, but a relation of mine has it, and thinks no end of it. Some may say what is this to do with Mule and Hybrid breeding? Still, these facts are worth recording. If this should catch the eye of Mr. Finn, perhaps he might have something to say re Phoasant hen taking the male plumage. I think myself, but am not certain, after they take that plumage, they cease to breed. This same friend, who is a local naturalist, and keeps all kinds of birds, little owls (of which he has thirty), Long-eared Owls, Jackdaws, Magpies, and Crows, and many kinds of small birds. He has a nice lot of young wild Ducks which he has raised from eggs under a hen. He intends trying to cross the wild Duck with the Ronen, both ways. This will be done in a large pen; what luck he will have I may record next year, if alive. Why I mentioned this is, because it will show your readers how anxious fanciers are to try any experiment in crossing, which is, no doubt, due to the number of fanciers' papers now in existence, and to CAGE BIRDS in particular. These papers, are only as yet in their infancy, what will be the results in a few years' time? We shall have to wait to see, but if this craze for Hybrid and Mule breeding continues, we may expect to see something, for out of all the experiments surely some will come off, if only by accident. Many a good Mule and Hybrid has been bred by chance or accident in the past, and I daresay will be in the future. That old saying comes in well with this hobby. "Nothing venture, nothing have."

MY AVIARIES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.

By J. A. THILL.

From this description of the Mannamead Aviaries, fanciers will see that I am a strong advocate of plenty of room and light if one wishes to make canary breeding a success, and also a paying hobby. Most of us are not blessed with too much cash and are glad to turn an honest penny by making this hobby not only self-supporting, but even to add a few pounds to a slender income; this I am glad to say has been my experience.

MY FIRST SEASON.

The first year I bought three common canaries, two hens and one cock. From their progeny I made a nett profit of 25s. The following year, I bought a few pairs of crests and crest-breds, and two pair of Norwich plainheads; with both I had good results, but I realised the force of the proverb, "grasp all, lose all." I found that I was undertaking too much to be able to follow up my luck, so I sold out the Norwich plainheads, and now my ambition is not to be satisfied until I am with the foremost crestbreeders in the Fancy. Goaded on by success I went in for the crested variety in good earnest. Profiting by the golden opportunity that presented itself, through the lamented death of Mr. W. Harris, the most successful crestbreeder that year of the W.C.O.S. I bought his stock *en block*. Later on, I set to work and had my aviaries remodelled.

LIGHT AND SUNSHINE.

I have two rooms adjoining, the front one 15ft. by 14ft., having the sun up to 11 a.m., the other room 15ft. by 16ft., with sun from 4 p.m. To increase the light and sunshine, I have had a large window added to the front room so that nearly the whole of the front is glazed, giving me sunshine up to past 2 p.m. To let the second room also profit by the new addition of light and sun I have had a large doorway cut between the two rooms. Those fanciers who have seen the rooms consider them the finest aviaries in the town. Each room has a large flight A measuring 15ft. by 3ft. by 18ins. wide; B 15ft. by 2ft. 8ins. by 2ft wide. Above each flight are two rows of breeders, C measuring 20ins. by 18ins. by 14 ins., and D 15ins. by 17ins. by 13ins.

Over the breeders are the moulting cages. The breeding cages are arranged after my own design. The fronts are movable and divided off by moveable sides, so that when not required for breeding the partitions are withdrawn and the cages make good flights. I can recommend this style of cage, not only for the double purpose of breeders and flights combined, but by all the parts being so easily removed they cannot harbour red mite, and are cleaned in half the time of ordinary cages.

A GENEROUS FEEDER.

With regard to feeding, I do not approve of keeping the birds on low diet during the winter months, I have always fed well and have no cause to regret it. When buying in fresh blood I consider it most necessary to buy early, the birds have to get acclimatized to their new habitat, and treatment, etc., for every fancier has his own method of feeding and managing his birds; I attribute the failure of many first nests to birds being bought in too near breeding time. In conclusion, let me advise all fanciers who wish to be "up-to-date" not to neglect to read their weekly CAGE BIRDS; personally I have derived great help from it, there is always something new to learn in it, both for young and old fanciers.

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MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

By R. P. BROOME.

A Lecture delivered before the members of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.

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BRAIN POWER AND CASH.

One has not to be a University graduate, or have the purse of a rich man to be a successful breeder of exhibition birds. At the same time, brain power and money have a great influence. As I have previously mentioned, if a man has not average ability in sizing up his stock each year, no amount of application will make him a successful breeder, successful he may be in point of numbers, but in quality and exhibition qualifications a different tale will be told.

IDEAS ON TRAINING.

I have refrained in writing these few lines from touching on what I may term the generalities of the variety. These have been so thrashed out and debated upon that no doubt it would be thought presumption on my part in giving view to any of my own ideas; seeing my actual practical experience has been somewhat short. At the same time, it is not always the fancier who has been at it the longest who can produce the best results. I will, however, just touch upon one point before finally drawing to a close. It is, perhaps, one of the most vital, and that is what is commonly known as training the young birds. I, like most of my fellow fanciers when they started, was under the impression that it was most essential to train Yorkshires. I use the word in the strictest sense. A true-bred Yorkshire does not want training; it wants steadying. Do not waste your time in buying training cages. Of course, there are some birds that are naturally nervous, but if you keep pegging away at these you will in time overcome their natural nervousness. The novice is often nervous and worried about this. I know I was myself, but if the birds are well steadied their natural breed and position will do all that is required in the way of standing properly whilst being judged. If a bird has not the natural qualifications, no amount of training will make him a winner. This is where the advantage comes in of not having too large a number of pairs up, so that when the youngsters come along, each one can have a little individual attention, as until they have moulted, young Yorkshires are very deceptive. Here again the man who specialises on the one variety has the pull. He can devote his spare time in training the youngsters, and he will want it all, I can assure you, to get his birds under command. The steadier the bird the more readily it can be disposed of, as a wild bird cannot show itself off so well.

RUNNING THE YOUNGSTERS.

My plan is, when the young are three weeks old, to take them from the parents, whether they pluck or not, put them in a Yorkshire show cage, and hang this on the front until four weeks old. I then transfer the nest of young to a single breeding cage, still hanging the show cage on, and I then each morning run the birds separately into the show cage. I can easily see which is the wildest; then, if there is one very wild, I place him in the show cage by himself, and every time I go in the bird room handle him. Sometimes I may have four or five of these wild ones at the same time. With these I place the show cages side by side on a table or ledge, and place a piece of cardboard between the cages. This is the only training they get. If a bird is tractable and fairly tame I do not trouble to do this. One thing one must bear in mind. They must be stuck to. Do not let them master you. Do not, like a good many novices, when handling the bird, hold the show cage close to the face. Think of one of your children having something strange suddenly brought before its gaze at close range. The tendency is to frighten the child at once. If you see a good judge, he does not hold the bird close up to his nose, except he may require a little close inspection if he thinks too much frill has been washed out. As a rule I have noticed novices take a bird up and bring it close up to their face. This is a mistake, and especially with young birds; hold them at arm's length, and then, if you want a close inspection, draw them gradually nearer. Time, I see, is passing quickly, and trusting I have not wearied you, and wishing you all success, I draw my paper to a close.

Habits, Structure, and Colouration of Birds.

By J. W. CUTMORE (Taxidermist to the Liverpool Museum).

A Lecture delivered before the Manchester and Northern Counties Ornithological Society.

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Passing from the mud builders, we come to some which use vegetable substances, such as the Bottle Tit; the Wren also builds a domed nest, adapting it to its surroundings. In the Magpie, with its domed nest of sticks, we have yet another mud builder. This bird loads its nest with clay, and, as though conscious that his own thieving habits may be imitated by his neighbours, surrounds its nest with a hedge of thorns.

THE SOCIAL GROUP.

The social birds mentioned in our list are entirely African, they build their nests together in large batches, for protective purposes; they are very interesting little Sparrow-like Grosbeaks. Among the parasitic birds, we must place the Cuckoo first, although not forgetting that the common Sparrowhawk is in the habit of usurping the nest of the Crow. The Kestrel, also, is in the habit of laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and the Starling frequently drives out the Woodpecker and Pigeon. The Cuckoo stands first for his cleverness in deception; firstly, observe his plumage, how like a Sparrowhawk, this in itself is a great boon to him, being naturally a weak bird, he is credited for strength. The habits of this bird are so wonderful that a book could be written about his doings; he is naturally a coward. The eggs of the Cuckoo are found chiefly in the nests of much smaller birds, such as Pipits, Hedge Accentors, and Robins, etc. In colour it resembles those of the birds imposed upon, and is small for so large a bird; it is not laid in the nest in the ordinary manner, but first laid upon the ground, then lifted into the nest by the beak, and while this is going on the rightful owners of the nest may be enticed away, mobbing the male Cuckoo, imagining him to be the dreaded Sparrowhawk. When the young Cuckoo is hatched by its foster-parents, it at once clears the nest of anything else that feels warm, making short work of any other young birds that may be present.

THE BRANCHERS.

Among the branch builders we have some common birds that build a nest that can vie in point of beauty and delicacy with any nest made by birds of other lands.

The Chaffinch's nest is decorated with lichen, and lined with vegetable down from the willow blossom. The Goldfinch is very neat, also the Linnet, Redpoll, and others. The Bullfinch builds a loose nest of fine roots and sticks, but the Dove's nest is the most simple, and usually deserving of the name of nest. The open meshes of the nest allow the wind to blow freely round the young birds. With most birds the droppings are removed by the parents, but with the Dove they are allowed to remain, when they rapidly fill up all the spaces between the sticks, making it a solid platform. The Sedge and Reed Warblers make deep nests, so the wind, in bending the reeds, do not upset the nest and tip out the eggs. The Reed Warbler also fixes its nest loosely between four or five stems of the reeds, and if by chance there is a rise of water, the nest is also carried up out of danger. There are birds that build no nest, yet such birds as the Curlew and Nightjar choose the exact spot year after year to deposit their eggs.

BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS.

Ostriches make no nest, but drop their eggs into holes scraped in the sand, the males sitting on them at night, but by day they are covered with sand, the sun carrying on the duty of incubation. The Australian Megapodes scratch up big mounds of decaying vegetation, lay their eggs in it, and leave them to hatch by the warmth engendered. The young are fully fledged when hatched, and they at once scratch their way out of the mound, and take care of themselves. But the most curious nest of all is that of the Edible Swallow, or Swift. This edible nest is found in China, where they fetch as much as 60s. per lb. for making soup. These nests are formed from the salivary glands, which seem to play an important part with other birds in moistening and gluing twigs and grass together in nest building. Spider webs are used by the Chaffinch, Longtailed Tit and others for the same purpose. These edible nests are found fixed to the walls of caverns. I have only one more nest to show you, it is constructed of leaves and grass, among leaves and grass at the bottom of a hedge, the eggs are the same colour as the dead leaves, also the bird itself. Taken altogether, a perfect example of colour protection is the Nightingale.

HARMONIOUS SURROUNDINGS.

So far as nests of the smaller and more defenceless birds are concerned, we may lay it down as an almost universal rule that if they are not carefully concealed they are made of materials that harmonise closely in colour with the tints of their surrounding objects, or, if conspicuous, are placed in situations difficult of access. In these matters birds display an unusual amount of intelligence, but we must admit on rare occasions an apparent utter want of it, which is certainly very remarkable. The Blackbird's nest is, as a rule, pretty well concealed amongst foliage, often in evergreens, but we have found nests of this bird built on bare walls. The Thrush (Throstle) is generally well hidden in thick hedges, but two years ago I found one in the middle of a field in a hole in the ground, with cattle grazing all round it. The Chaffinch nest, with its lichen-covered surface, is difficult to find. It generally harmonises completely with its surroundings.

COLOURATION OF EGGS.

Colour also is the means by which eggs are shielded from the prying eyes of enemies; many eggs, as everyone knows, are remarkable for their rich colouration; most of those found in open nests, or on the bare ground are coloured, marked and spotted in an infinite variety of ways. These markings serve the important purpose of concealing the eggs. This protective, or assimilative colouration is peculiar and intricate; for instance, the eggs of the Ring Plover and Tern are both sand-coloured, and found on the same stretch of coast, but the Plovers are minutely speckled, and found on the fine sand, those of the Tern are richly spotted and blotched, and are laid amongst the coarser shingle. Gull's eggs resemble the drift and shingle among which they are found. The Grouse eggs are well adapted to colour of the heather-strewn ground. The Lapwings for the moor and fallow; Pheasant and Partridge for the dead grass in which they nest, and only those who have taken a round with the gamekeeper in search of Pheasants' eggs, can appreciate to the fullest their protective colouration. The Larks and Pipits also resemble the ground and surroundings.

The beautiful blue, or greenish-blue eggs of the Song Thrush, Hedge accentor seems at first sight especially calculated to attract attention, but it is very doubtful whether they are really so conspicuous when seen in evergreens, gorse, or surrounded by the delicate tints of spring vegetation.

ORIGINALLY WHITE.

All eggs were originally white (they are composed mainly of carbonate of lime), they were like the eggs of Lizards, Crocodiles, Turtles, and snakes, and we might therefore expect that this colour would continue where its presence had no disadvantages we find that all birds that lay their eggs in concealed places, whether in holes, or in covered nests, the eggs are either pure white or uniform in colour. Ducks and Grebes lay white eggs in open nests, but have the habit of covering them when leaving the nest.

The eggs from Hybrids are not exactly like the eggs of the race or species of the female, but more or less resemble also the eggs of the race or species to which the male belongs, some observations from Mule breeders would be interesting.

WHY THE FEMALE IS PLAIN.

The female bird is generally plain and dull in colour, this is to harmonise with the surroundings when sitting. When both sexes are brilliant, the nest is such as to conceal the sitting bird; but when the male is brightly coloured, and the female sits exposed on the nest, she is always less brilliant, and generally of quite a sober and protective hue. It must be understood that the mode of nesting has influenced the colour, not that the colour has determined the mode of nesting.

On a rough estimate there are about 1,200 species of birds in the class of showy males and females, with concealed nidification, while there are probably about the same number in the class of showy males and dull females with open nests. Birds of prey do not require special protection, and thus colour protective quality is rarely found among them.

GAILY DRESSED LADIES.

There are a few very curious cases in which the female is actually more brilliant than the male, and which have open nests, such as are the Dotterels and several species of *Phalarope*, an Australian Creeper, and others, but in every one of these cases the habits of the birds regarding the sitting is reversed. The male sits on the eggs while the female is the stronger and more pugnacious. This curious case, therefore, quite accords with the general law of colouration.

DOUBTFUL BRITISHERS.

In conclusion, I will discuss with you some of those birds that have caused much discussion of late in the Fancy papers. The Nutcracker is one of the doubtfuls. It occasionally invades Western Europe, it is fond of the Scandinavian and Black Forest pines, and the Alps, and as a rule not given to wandering. Very few have visited this country. Another of these very doubtfuls is the Little Bunting from North Russia; one only has been taken in this country. Another is the Brandts Meadow Bunting from Siberia; again, one only taken here. The Rustic Bunting, also from Siberia; three or four of these have been taken in this country. The Black-headed Bunting from Italy, Greece, and Turkey, has occurred three times here. These certainly ought not to be exhibited as Britishers; if exhibited they should have a special class called "Doubtfuls." We might almost add the Lapland Bunting to this list, it has occurred about fifty times in Great Britain. The Ortolan Bunting, the Waxwing, and Shore Lark would be better classed under the same heading. The original Meadow Bunting from the Banks of the Rhine cannot even claim a place in this list, because there is not an authentic record that it has ever visited this country, otherwise than in a cage. There is a report that one was caught at Dover in January, 1857, which, no doubt, is quite sufficient for the consciences of some exhibitors.



A Typical Winning Goldfinch. Shown by Mr. A. T. Jupe.

Wheatear in London.

Writing to the *Times* from Lord's Cricket Ground, Mr. F. E. Lacey says that on August 29 he saw a female Wheatear on the ground within twenty yards of the wickets, while the umpires were in position waiting for play to begin. A pair of these beautiful stony-waste-loving migrants visited the grounds in April, 1905, but Mr. Lacey adds that he has never seen one there before at this time of the year.

Bird Life in London.

Canon Horsley, the rector of St. Peter's, Walworth, is an enthusiastic ornithologist, and even in the crowded locality in which he dwells he finds it possible to pursue his studies. In Walworth, the only open space for observation is a disused churchyard adjoining the rectory, and it is here that the canon has observed many interesting varieties of feathered visitors. "Sparrows," he said, "of course preponderate, but in the early morning, before the traffic begins, the observer can see Starlings, Thrushes, Blackbirds, and occasionally the Tom-tit. "One of the most interesting things connected with bird life in London is the wonderful way in which the Wood Pigeon has invaded the parks during the last few years. In some cases they become as tame as Sparrows, and this summer a pair of these birds built a nest in a tree only three feet from my bedroom window, and reared two young ones. The Heron has also visited the neighbourhood, and if it were not for mischievous boys and wandering cats, birds in Walworth would be more numerous than they are."

A Note on the Oyster Catcher.

Oyster Catcher is rather a curious name for a bird, especially when one knows that he never catches oysters; but he eats many kinds of shell-fish, which may have something to do with it. Another common name for the bird is Sea-Pie—this he gets from his black and white plumage, and his habit of frequenting the seashore. They are very interesting birds to watch, as one is able to get fairly close to them, and they have an inquisitive way of poking about round the stones, etc., along the shore, searching for dainty morsels.

The Fulness of Song.

During the season I have noticed many instances of birds singing at unusual times and places. Many people think the Skylark only sings while upon the wing, but this is an error. In the early spring all male birds are full of vigour and song, and it is no uncommon sight to hear and see the Lark singing while perched upon a fence. I have seen him do it while on top of a hop pole, on a telegraph wire, and upon the top of a thick hedge. A tuneful Blackbird has been observed carolling when upon the ground, also upon the wing, and it is no uncommon thing to hear the tiny Wren sing when flying from bush to bush. The graceful Meadow Pipit will also pipe upon the wing, when perched, or upon the ground. The fulness of song in wild birds at the opening of the season, when they apparently sing because they must, reminds me of the lines of the poet,

"I do but sing because I must,
And pipe but as the Linnet sings."

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Halifax (Yorksbire Union).—October 4th and 5th.—Judges, Messrs. A. Hirst (Yorks), and W. Vardy (Nor). 29 classes—Yorks. 6, Cin. marked 4, Nor. 5, Greens 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 2, Novice 8. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1/6. There is a capital list of specials, and the show is under Yorks C.C. and C.M.T.C.C. patronage. Entries close October 1st, to Mr. J. E. THACKRAY, 82, St. Augustine's-terrace, Halifax.

Deal.—October 9th and 10th.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett.—20 classes open to Kent only—Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 3, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Novice 1, Local 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a card. Entry fee, 1s. 9d. Entries should be sent at once to Messrs. AVIS and THOMPSON, 56, Gilford Road, Deal.

Selkirk.—October 10th.—Judge, Mr. H. Bennet.—20 classes—Bor. 11, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Mules 1, Sell. 1, Juveniles 1. Class 19a is for Mule or Hybrid. It is not in schedule. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and a card. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 4th, to Mr. A. J. WATSON, 3a, Hill Street, Selkirk.

Brighton.—October 15th and 16th.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield.—13, classes open to Sussex only—Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Mules 2. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 1s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 5th to Mr. F. PERRIN, 5, Market Street, Brighton.

Caterham.—October 16th and 17th.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—16 classes—Nor. 3, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1, Local 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 2nd, to Mr. J. KILBY, Caterham Valley.

Oswestry.—October 31st.—Judges, Messrs. C. Houlton (open), A. Gough (local).—Open Classes—Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule, 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1. Local 15. Prizes, open, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Local, 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 19th, to Messrs. G. A. GEORGE and G. A. DOODY, Oswestry.

NORTHERN (LATE BORDER COUNTIES) BRITISH BIRD, MULE AND F.B.C.

Meeting of fanciers at Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Clayton-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on September 21st, to consider the reconstruction of this club. Mr. J. R. Slack occupied the chair. It was agreed that in future the club be called The Northern B.B., M., and F.B. Club, with headquarters at Newcastle. The old rules were revised. The following officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, President, Mr. J. T. Porteous; Vice-President, Mr. W. J. Taylor, Secretary, Mr. J. R. Slack; Treasurer, Mr. J. Bertram; Chairman of Committee, Mr. J. Shepherd; Committee (in addition to above officers), Messrs. J. Maddison, McKenzie, A. Storey, and W. Curry, with power to add to their number. The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, 2nd October, at Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at 7 p.m., to which all interested fanciers are cordially invited.—J. T. PORTEOUS.

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Oct. 2—Caterham—J. Kilby.
" 5—**Rochester** W. E. Miller, 61, Gordon Rd., Strood.
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" 5—**Exeter**—Cornish & Adams, 90, Regent St., St. Thomas.
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" 5—**Brighton**—F. Perrin, Turf Mousery, Brighton.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. M. Berthet (formerly of Balham) has returned to France.

Eastbourne F. and F. Society hold their Second Open Show on November 20th and 21st.

Mr. Anthony Hay, the well-known Border enthusiast, will shortly pay a visit to the Great City of Smoke and Sin.

We have had prepared a beautiful set of framed, washable coloured plates. We are selling these at 1s. 3d., post free.

Mr. Sydney L. Cocks has removed to 3, Huntly Grove, Peterborough, to which address all communications should be sent.

The idea of the "Poultry World" has been welcomed by all readers of CAGE BIRDS who take an interest in the domestic fowl.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have been granted the support and patronage of the Crested Canary Club for their forthcoming show.

Mr. WATSON, secretary of Selkirk Show, writes:—"Would you put a line in CAGE BIRDS, saying that Class 19a, should read Mule or Hybrid, any variety

Mr. J. J. Keyes has removed from Hanwell to Fairview, 142, Murray Road, South Ealing, and will feel obliged if show secretaries and others will make a note of the same.

The judges engaged for the show of the Bolton and Dis. Ornithologieal and Roller Canary Society on November 22nd and 23rd are Mr. J. Trengove and Mr. J. Walsh.

Please note that the business lately carried on by me at 95, Waterloo-street, Hull, has been transferred to Miss Parker, who is carrying it on at the same address.—H. DEAN.

I am retiring from singing contests. I have won so many prizes at the Prince Albert Association that they have barred my birds from competing, so it will give the novices a chance:—J CLAKKE, Leeds.

Amateurs should enter for Peterborough, as with 27 classes £5 limit, Messrs. Robson and Howe judging, and the Railway connections, it will be a good opportunity to test the stock.—(Advt.)

Sir Walter Gilbey writes us that many of the birds in his aviaries, a visit to which is described in another part of this issue, were purchased through the medium of CAGE BIRDS advertising columns.

You will observe our show is under the Yorkshire Union rules only, and I shall be glad if you will kindly delete our Society's name from the list under Cage Bird Union license.—J. F. THACKRAY, sec., Halifax O.S.

Mr. A. Wilkinson having resigned the secretaryship of the Crewe and District Ornithological Society alll correspondence should be sent to me, I having taken over the duties.—J. C. HEATON, 27, Minshull New Road, Crewe.

The members' show of the Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A. on November 10th, will consist of twelve classes, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, A.O.V. Pairs, Hybrids, and British being provided for, so Mr. Nicholson, the hon. sec., informs us.

Our Border Fancy Mules and Wild Birds judge is Mr. P. Pettigrew, not S. Pettigrew. You might change it in advertisement, as it might lead to a misunderstanding among exhibitors, probably it was my mistake.—C. MUIR, sec., Broughty Ferry.

The Border Counties British Bird, Mule and Foreign Bird Club has been reconstructed, and named the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C. The headquarters are at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the Secretary is Mr. J. R. Slack, 115, Stanhope Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Please state, in response to numerous enquries, writes Mr. G. T. WOOLHOUSE, the show manager, that the "News of the World" challenge trophy is to be competed for at Dulwich Show only. CAGE BIRDS Coupon Show competition will also take place at this show.

We are to have the Club Show of the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association in connection with our show on November 16th and 18th next. We shall provide eight classes for Lancashires, and six for Lizards. Mr. Barker Clegg is coming to judge these sections exclusively, and exhibitors of these varieties are asked to give him all possible support:—G. E. WILKINSON (Hon. Sec. Nottingham Show).

On Wednesday next, October 2nd, Tyneside cage bird fanciers will have an opportunity of seeing how birds should be prepared for show, as Messrs. Lister and Lowery are on that evening to give a kashing exhibition to the Gateshead C.B.S. at Lockhart's Cafe, at 7.30. On the eve of the show season the demonstration should be most serviceable to the novices.

The City and Suburban A.C.B.'s annual young bird show seems to have been once again a financial success (a feature with this society) a balance of 14s. 8d. to the good appearing on the balance-sheet, duly audited, to hand from the secretary.

Many entries have been received for our Foreign Bird Essay Competition, but as no notice appeared last week concerning it, we are accepting any outstanding essays if sent by return.

Kindly discontinue the advertisement as all birds and cages will be sold this week. I never expected such a thing. I had over 350 applicants, and have had to refuse money (hard lines) again and again. I have sent them to all parts of the British Isles, and it only shows the wonderful circulation your paper has. Over 70 birds offered and sold in four days after lists were out. With my heartiest wishes for your future welfare, and with kindest regards.—S. W. BIRCHLEY, Churchdown.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the Bradford East O.S. It includes lectures by such authorities as Messrs. Chittenden, Cowgill, Cruise, Hill, and Halliday, debates, washing exhibition, judging competition, etc. The headquarters of the Society are at Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, and the hon. sec. is Mr. H. Hill, 31, St. Stephens Road, West Bowling.

Dibb's Canary Seed offer—Special Offer.—As an advertisement we give with every cwt. of Canary Seed purchased, one cwt. of our celebrated Health Grit absolutely free. Giant Spanish, 24s. per cwt.; Finest Turkish, 15s. per cwt.; treble-screened and free from dust. Carriage paid to nearest station. Samples on application from John Dibb, Seed Importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey Road, Bradford. Tel. 247x.—(Advt.)

"Bird Notes" for September is a number replete with interest, having, in addition to several articles of more than usual attractiveness, an excellent coloured frontispiece of the Yellow-winged Sugar-bird, the work of Mr. Goodchild, and the two full-page photographic plates. Mrs. Leslie Miller writes from personal experience of the Sugar Bird pictured, and Mr. Page, the able editor of the magazine, follows with notes on the genus; he also, writing on the Laughing Kingfishers and the genus *Spermophila*. The Hon. and Rev. Canon Dutton, G. Millsum, A. Silver, and H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., are the other contributors. Interesting editorial notes completes a very readable number of the journal of the Foreign Club.

In a circular which Mr. Lythgoe is sending out to non-affiliated societies, attention is drawn to the fact that Union Members being prohibited (on pain of suspension), from exhibiting at any shows not held under the rules of the Union, non-Union Shows suffer the loss of entries of the great majority of cage bird exhibitors. The circular also mentions that the Union grants licences to non-affiliated societies, to hold their shows under its rules, at a fee of 5s., provided the show date does not clash with a Union show in the same district. Representatives are appointed to attend all union shows and an official list of shows is advertised in CAGE BIRDS each month. Mr. Lythgoe concludes thus:—"I shall be pleased to send you a copy of the rules, and trust your society will affiliate themselves to the Union or apply for licence to hold its show under Union rules, and so very materially increase your entries. Application must be made to me at least one month prior to the show."

The habit of "looking on the wine when it is red" has come down to us from the earliest times. Unfortunately the abuse of this habit, when it takes the form of a disease, is one of the most distressing scourges afflicting mankind. We make no excuse, therefore, in drawing the attention of readers to the remedial effects of "Dipsocure," the specific for inebriety, compounded and manufactured by the Carlton Chemical Co., of Birmingham, and advertised in our columns. The other day we were favoured with an inspection of many letters from all parts of the globe, in which the writers' expressed their thanks and gratitude for the benefits and cure resulting from its use. The sincerity of these communications is unmistakable, and referring, as they do, to cases seemingly beyond redemption, they indicate to all distressed relatives and friends what "Dipsocure" can do for afflicted ones. Such should make an immediate point of writing to the Carlton Chemical Co., at 582, Guildhall Buildings, Birmingham, who, we feel sure, will sympathetically give all the advice and assistance within their power. We might add that "Dipsocure," being tasteless, colourless and harmless, can be given without fear of detection, many of the testimonials perused showing that it can cure the patient without his or her knowledge.

The Scotch Fancy Outlook.

An ornithologist writes to the "Glasgow Evening Times": The outlook for the Scotch fancy Canary is bright and hopeful. Notwithstanding the unfortunate weather in the spring, when so much depended upon the elements for the breeding and rearing of home cage birds, the annual yield seems to be above the normal, especially in the Scotch fancy Canary section, which is borne out by the large entry for the famous young bird show in the Grand National Halls on Saturday. The competition will be exceptionally keen. Londoners would indeed be proud if they could bring together a similar fine collection of Scotch fancy Canaries under the roof of the Crystal Palace. In the exhibiting of the Scotch fancy Canary there is a wide difference between London and Glasgow. The Palace can only attract a few Scotch fancy Canaries, against hundreds in the National Halls. Much, however, remains to be done to educate the populace in the finer qualities of the cage bird of grace and position.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure Insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Sept. 27 and 28.—**Accrington & Dis.** (J.R.)
*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.** (J.R., R.J.H.)
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.H.P., D.By.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 14.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.B.)
*Oct. 15 and 16.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.P.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.Wn.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.H.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (F.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., A. N., J.P., G.P., J.K., A.McF., J.Dn., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Ilkley** (W.M.)
*Oct. 22.—**Oxford** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V., P.E.)
*Oct. 24 and 25. **Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
*Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (J.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (W.D.H., J.Fn., J.Gw.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.Gl.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton** (J.R., W.Wb.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.Wk.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6.—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.Pd., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.He.)

(Remainder held over till next week.)

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OUR GREAT COUPON SCHEME.

£200 IN PRIZES.

TO SECRETARIES AND SHOW PROMOTERS.

Societies wishing to participate in this competiton must

1. Guarantee to advertise their show in "Cage Birds" to the extent of not less than 25s.

2. Insert the full conditions of the scheme in their schedules and catalogues.

3. Make immediate application to the Manager of "Cage Birds."

The rules of each show shall prevail in each case, but in any dispute not covered by such rules the decision of the Editor of "Cage Birds" shall be final.

This competition is certain to benefit shows in the following ways:—

1. It will increase entries considerably at every show taking part in the competition.

2. It will ensure an entry of good quality birds at each exhibition.

3. It will heighten the excitement and increase the interest attaching to each show, and so secure increased publicity for those ventures

OUR COUPON SHOWS.

Great Harwood, October 11th and 12th.
Broughty Ferry, October 12th.
Hayle, October 16th and 17th.
Dulwich and Peckham, October 17th and 18th.
Western Counties (Plymouth), October 22nd and 23rd.
Potteries, October 23rd and 24th.
Cheltenham, October 26th and 28th.
Gloucester C.B.S., October 30th and 31st.
Wellingboro', October 30th and 31st.
Wolverhampton, October 30th and 31st.
Blackburn C.B.S., November 1st and 2.
Abingdon (North Berks), November 7th.
Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., November 7th.
Preston O.S., November 8th and 9th.
Warrington, November 8th and 9th.
York, November 5th and 6th.
Merthyr Tydfil, November 14th.
Luton C.B.S., November 13th.
Cambridge C.B.S., November 12th.
Morpeth, November 16th.
Bristol C.B.C., November 20th and 21st.
Bolton and District O. and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
Sunderland, November 22nd and 23rd.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., December 14.
Crook C.B.S., November 23rd.
Dublin (Y.C.C. of reland), November 28th and 29th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
Weybridge, December 4th.
Bristol Fanciers' Association, December 4th and 5th.
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Tideswell, December 7th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., December 14th.
Seaham Harbour, December 21st.
Wimbledon, January 8th and 9th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Conditions See Last Week's Issue.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Dark under Flue and Beak.

Wintonian.—No; the Norwich which you say has dark feathers close to the body, and which you can only see when you blow them up, would not be eligible to compete in a clear class, and would only have to be entered in a ticked or marked class (2) The bird which has dark marks on the beak only, would go in the clear class. The dark beak is not a disqualification in a clear class, but it counts against the bird in keen competition.

A Banned Marriage.

F.W.T.—No; I certainly should not advise you to pair up your hen to the small cock, especially as you say he is of a lemon colour. From the description you give me of the hen, I should say you have a good yellow hen, and one deserving of a good partner. Procure a fair-sized buff cock for her and discard the small cock, as he is evidently only a commoner, and you would not breed anything of any account from a show point of view.

An Incurable Case.

Novice.—Your Buff hen, no doubt, has cataract developing in both eyes, and will ultimately go quite blind. Am sorry to tell you that you can do nothing for her, and as she will be quite worthless, you may as well destroy her at first as at last.

One More Chance.

Non-plussed.—I think you may certainly try your cock again next year, for the probability is that he will not touch the eggs again, especially as you say he helped rear three nests of young. I have had cocks interfere with the eggs, as yours did; but the following year they have gone on all right. Anyway, I should advise you to try him with one nest.

Young Birds Wheezing.

C.G.B.—The colour feeding of your birds would not affect them in the way you state, so you need have no fear in continuing to use the colour feed. Keep them in a cosy corner quite free from any draughts, and cover over at night with a warm cloth. Give in the drinking water fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu and ten drops of Ipecacuhana Wine, fresh daily for a fortnight. Are the youngsters bred from healthy parents, or have you had them in a draught whilst moulting?

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Young Bird Killed.

Pongo.—It is hard to say for certain whether the other birds in the flight cage killed the bird, or not, perhaps it was a little out of sorts for some little time before you found it dead, and, owing to being amongst the other birds, you might not notice it. I should not advise keeping so many cocks in one cage, especially when they are so often fighting with each other. The same number of hens in the same size of flight cage would take no harm, but cocks are naturally more quarrelsome, and I like to cage them separately when possible.

Swelling under Eye.

F. Gosling.—The swelling you describe under your bird's eye has very probably been brought on by some foreign matter getting into the eye, probably a small particle of sand, which would irritate the eye, and cause the bird to keep rubbing it on the perches. This would make it still worse, and if it broke the skin, as it would be very likely to do, it would poison the flesh, and the swelling result. You do not say whether the swelling is soft, or hard. If the former, and it seems to be full of matter. I should lance the swelling and let it out, then bathe the part with water at about blood-heat, in which mix a teaspoonful of vinegar to a pint of water, continue this daily for ten days. If the growth appears hard and solid, bathe it as above, and dry it gently with a bit of very soft rag, then paint with tincture of iodine. Give the bird, in addition to the crushed seed, a little egg food, or a little sponge cake, well mixing into the same ten drops of good sherry wine, stop the other food you are using, also the greenstuff, and for three days make the bird's drinking water so that you can just taste it with Epsom salts, and then for a week or two continue the chemical food as you are now using.

Sits in a Ball.

Nil Desperandum.—Your bird is in a bad way, independent of the question of his not moulting properly, and has very probably had a chill, perhaps been exposed to a draught during the warm weather. Give in his drinking water six drops of good whiskey. Mix with a little egg food or boiled milk sop ten drops of Syrup of Buckthorn, sprinkling a pinch of maw seed over it. Let this, along with plain white canary seed, be his only food for three days, of course, giving it fresh each morning. Take away the seed at night, and do not return it until noon on the following day, when the bird will very likely have had a feed or two from the soft food; on the fourth day substitute for the Syrup of Buckthorn six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue the whiskey in the drinking water. Follow this treatment ten days. Place the cage in as warm a corner as you can, cover with a thin cloth to within six inches of the water hole, some in similar cases wring the cloth out in hot water two or three times a day, and if kept in a very warm place, this will sometimes set them into the moult, by giving the birds a sort of vapour bath.

A Prolific Hen.

B.H.—Your hen is certainly a very prolific one, and I should not care to keep her for next year's breeding, seeing she has laid 23 eggs this season. The odds are she will not be of very much use next season. If you could place her in a good-sized flight cage in a room where there is no cock bird, she might cease laying eggs, and as you say her only food has been plain white canary seed, I don't see how you are to keep her any plainer. (2) Pyrethrum powder, if of good quality and not very old, will not, in my opinion, injure your bird's eyes any more than other kinds of dust, but there is no necessity to let it get into the bird's eyes, sprinkle the powder over the cage top. If the cages stand on shelves sprinkle the shelves, and if your birds are infested with red-mite, catch them and give them a good dredging under the wings and about the vent, as well as other parts of the body, then roll them in a piece of cotton about one foot long and four or five inches wide, letting them stay in it from five to ten minutes. Of course, you must leave the end of the cloth open so that there will be no danger of the bird being smothered. Condy's Fluid will be beneficial if you put a few drops in the bathing water, or a weak solution in water sprinkled on the bird-room floor will prevent any unpleasant smell. (3) Your two birds that died have probably gone out of sorts from some cause, but as you do not say anything as to their symptoms I can hardly express an opinion as to what was the cause of death, we all have such cases happen, and sometimes they are very difficult to explain.

Nervous Youngsters.

A.G.P.—Most young birds at the age of yours are nervous when approached. I should advise keeping them in separate cages, and speaking quietly to them when you go near, scratching the cage front gently at the same time, when I think they will soon lose their nervous feeling, and become steady. Your feeding is not much at fault, but I prefer giving only white seed in the hopper, and giving only two parts German rape to one part maw seed, giving this separately about three times a week. They will come into full song in due course, say, in another month or six weeks, they are too young yet to be in full song, but will get on song sooner by being separated than if caged together.

Not Singing.

I.V.—Your bird will probably come all right in his song after he gets through the present season's moult. Give, in addition to his ordinary seed, either a little egg food, or a little boiled milk sop, sprinkling a little maw seed over the lot, mix a small portion of sugar with the sop as well, give this three times a week. Give in his drinking water six drops of glycerine, and ten drops of good Scotch whiskey fresh daily. Providing your bird is healthy, he will no doubt breed all right, though he may have lost his voice. Many cocks have been known to fertilise eggs that did not sing a note.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Redmite Troubles.

Egroe.—What a pity you did not examine the secondhand cage before you introduced it into your room. Evidently it let you in for the present trouble. As you have thoroughly dressed it with paraffin, and limewashed it, I should say you are correct when you say it is now free from the pest. The insects in the glass tube you forward are redmites right enough—I never heard them called "wood-lice;" the latter are very different. You could not have fumigated your room strongly or thoroughly enough, or you would not have found so many mites alive in it afterwards. To do the job thoroughly the birds should be well dusted with Keating's (or pure pyrethrum) insect powder, and an hour afterwards he put in clean temporary cages in another room. Then all air-holes (fireplace, window cracks, etc.), should be papered over, or otherwise effectually stopped, and a strong fumigating candle or two (according to size of room), be lighted, when you close the door and proceed to paper the cracks of that up. Leave the room sealed up for at least 24 hours. Afterwards scald all wire fronts, etc., with boiling water, with a little soda added, while the cages should be thoroughly done over inside with sanitary distemper, working it into every crevice. You won't see many redmites after that, I'll warrant. Fir-tree oil (obtained from most gardeners' seedsmen) is a very good insecticide for use on perch ends, in cracks of cages, etc.

Roller Moulting.

L. G. B.—Your bird doesn't want much green-food during the moult—a sprig of tender watercress (the young growths) or seeding chickweed or shepherd's purse once a day, or a bit of ripe fruit, such as sweet apple, pear, orange or banana. In addition to the Canary and rape seeds, mix some hemp and maw seeds together (equal parts), and give a teaspoonful every other day. In between give a teaspoonful of some good maker's patent Canary food (or bread) in which you have well mixed 4 or 5 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from any chemist. This treatment will bring any healthy Roller through the moult in good form. A little linseed should be sprinkled amongst the canary and rape towards the finish of the moult, every day.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

How to Pair and Feed.

Herbell.—If your yellow-green Yorkshire cock is very dark, *i.e.*, dark legs, feet, and beak, pair him with a slightly foul buff-green Yorkshire hen. If the cock shows a tendency to run light in colour, pair him with a dark coloured buff-green Yorkshire hen. You are wise in looking out for a hen in good time. In another month the bulk of the birds will be through the moult, and then you would be able to pick from the best. The Green Canary is probably the hardiest of the Canary tribe, and Greens make splendid breeders. There is no truth in the statement that they are difficult to breed from. The bulk of the progeny would be Greens, although it is possible some of the youngsters would show a few light feathers. You do not say how you are feeding at present, but if he is going on all right he should not want anything but seeds, plain canary as a staple diet, and mixed seeds, all varieties, about twice a week. Put about as much citrate of iron as will go on a threepenny-piece in his drinking water twice a week, until he is thoroughly finished moulting. Give frequent baths on fine mornings.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Young Canaries Dying.

Pongo.—The pairing of your birds had nothing whatever to do with the death of the young ones at five, six and eight weeks old. This is an age at which a large percentage of young birds die, the cause generally being over feeding on highly stimulating food, or an over indulgence of green food; sometimes foul drinking water. When young birds are seen to sit puffy, the better plan is to put them on a diet of bread and milk, giving them nothing else but just a little canary seed. Be most careful that the bread and milk is quite sweet, and that the water glasses are kept clean, with a constant supply of fresh water. Keep the cage bottom clean and supply a reasonable quantity of cage bird grit, which you will find advertised in CAGE BIRDS, a most essential thing for keeping birds in good health.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Cleansing Cages.

Beckford.—The only way that safety lies is in having new cages. It is quite possible that the sulphur, carbolic acid, painting, etc., would do all that is required, but there always is the doubt. I have known all this done, and then the fever break out again; on the other hand, I have known instances in which the cages have been washed and exposed only, and yet no evil has resulted.

Seed Samples.

A. E. Bate.—I have carefully examined the sample of seed sent, and cannot find anything in it likely to cause the death of your birds. It certainly is not what one would call a high-class sample of seed, being rather small, but it appears perfectly sound and sweet. You give me no account whatever about the birds. Had you described symptoms of illness, and given me particulars as to age, mode of feeding, etc., I doubtless could have helped. If you will send me these, I will gladly consider the matter further. Do you mix your own seed, or buy it ready mixed?

Colour-Feeding.

E.W.H.—I should advise you not to attempt colour feeding birds hatched on August 27th. They will not moult freely, and are almost certain to come out patchy in colour. No good could possibly result from colour feeding such late hatched birds, and the best thing you can do is to let them have good plain food, with plenty of fresh air and exercise.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Came Aboard Ship.

Skipper.—Thanks for your interesting communication. The seven birds which came aboard your ship were all Redstarts, probably. Anyway, the one that you caught, and which subsequently died, was undoubtedly a Redstart in winter plumage—"the size of a Robin, only not quite so chubby, mouse colour on back, rather darker on head, light on breast and body, reddish-brown on rump and tail, with two middle tail feathers blackish, black beak and legs, and a very bold eye." The birds would be, as you surmise, migrating to their winter home—the latter I believe ranging about Persia, Palestine, and Northern Africa. There is a certain resemblance 'twixt the hen Redstart and the Nightingale, and the unwary have before now had the former palmed off on them by unscrupulous parties as "fine coloured cock Nightingales." The cock Redstart in summer plumage is a very different looking bird, having a white streak across the forehead, a black throat patch, and a reddish-orange breast. The beak, feet and legs of the Nightingale are brownish flesh colour, and the beak, feet and legs of Redstarts practically a dead black, which is a simple point to remember, and a simple distinguishing characteristic.

Mainly about Hybrid Breeding and Yellowhammers.

Sticker In.—The weed you send is in such a pronounced state of decrepitude as to give one pause in the naming of it—I should say, however, that it was once upon a time a hardhead (knapweed). Hardheads and thistles are both equally valuable for Finches and Hybrid couples—I could not recommend one before the other, but strongly advise you to lay in all you can of both. Plantain is not by any means as valuable, but it is well to have some by one for birds that like it. Your birds would winter splendidly in the indoor aviary, 11ft. long by 6 ft. high, by 4 ft. wide (very good, practical dimensions), but I cannot hold out any hope of you doing much good in the breeding line therein, with a mixed lot of birds. I am frequently telling my querists that the latter is a most uncertain method—in short, that to throw a selection of cocks and hens of different species into an aviary is absolutely the wrong way to set about Hybrid breeding. The reasons for this I have set out at length many times in the past. In an exceptionally large aviary (especially a well-fitted outdoor one) some of the disabilities are more-or-less discounted, but the average fancier has not the good fortune to own such a place, and for him the best road to success is to provide each Hybrid couple with a home "on their own," whether a small sheltered aviary (outdoor or in), or large breeding cage. Your aviary might accommodate a number of either Canary or Bullfinch hens (no others with them), and a selection of cock Finches, with prospect of success, if you used discretion in weeding out interfering and otherwise troublesome specimens. But the flight would be very useful reserved for use of the young mules (and maybe Hybrids) bred in your cages. The Yellowhammer usually has to go in the class for "any other species (or variety) of small British." In a very large show it may have a class to itself, or there may be a class for Buntings. Everything, you must understand, depends on the wording of the schedule—very few read exactly alike. The show cage should be the regulation "Norwich Club" pattern, but an inch wider from front to back, enamelled insides and wires a very dark green.

On Many Points.

S.H.W.—Your plan of feeding, with its several mixtures made up of eighth parts of this and sixth parts of the other, fairly got me down. After a heavy dose of queries before picking your own up, my brain was too fagged to grasp such intricacies as those. It seems all right, and no doubt your birds appreciate the minute accuracy with which you endeavour to meet their requirements. The sample of wild seed mixture is very nice and well cleaned, if somewhat lacking in variety—still, you make up for the latter in other ways. Your feeding, in short, is remarkably good. I can only recommend the addition of shepherd's purse—curious you should omit it from your list.—Six birds are just about enough for an indoor aviary 3 feet long by 1 foot wide. 2: Not much room for branches, I am afraid, though same are very nice, affording a variety of grips for the feet. Should have thought one swing (two at most) sufficient. 3. For sexing of Linnets see reply to "J. H." last week. Young Chaffinches and Sparrows are all like their mothers. The young male Chaffies assume the cock's brilliant tints at their first moult, and the young male Sparrows the cock's black throat patch at the approach of the breeding season—a cock in winter plumage is more like the hen. Greypate Goldfinches are very difficult for any beginner to attempt to sex. If you get one with a long, flat looking head, viewed in profile, and dense jet black on the wing butts, you can safely assume it a male, especially if it has a faint tinge of yellow showing among its breast feathers—hens have ashy brown wing butts, as a rule.

An Outdoor Aviary.

H.S.G.—Twenty-five small birds would go very comfortably into an outdoor aviary 12 feet by 6 feet wide. I should think twice about putting a bird like a Song Thrush with them, however. A Thrush would probably not interfere with or harm them, but by his very size seems to render smaller birds nervous, and to keep them away from the food-pots. All the birds you mention would agree together well (though one can never be certain, as individuals of the same species differ much in disposition). Any squabbling would most likely occur during spring and summer — the breeding season. Then cock Chaffinches and Bramblefinches, and Yellowhammers, too, usually become evilly disposed towards others, especially of their own kind. You give no description of your aviary, but in any outdoor aviary, unheated, it is very problematical whether you could keep Chiff-Chaffs and Lesser Whitethroats alive through the winter, and Whinchats, Blackcaps, and Yellow Wagtails, are uncertain, though I have known them keep healthy and bright out in a well-sheltered and constructed place. All the principal seeds—canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, sunflower, linseed and maw—should certainly be supplied in separate vessels—that is the only economical and waste-avoiding method. The "tit-bits" can be given as you please. Your arrangements for feeding the softbills will never do. Barley meal is worse than useless for the small delicate species you mention. A far better all-round mixture would be the one I recommend an enquirer re Waxwing in this issue. You could, of course, give an extra dish of ants' eggs, as you pleased. If you put the mealworms in a dish, the stronger birds will simply gobble them up, and the weaker—and those that need them most—will get but few. The best plan is to get your birds used to the arrival of "mealworm time" (marvellous how quickly they learn), and then judiciously scatter (throw) them on the floor of the aviary, so that every bird gets a chance to swoop down and secure a few. You ought to have described your aviary.

Nationality of Bullfinches.

E.M.—I'm sure I couldn't express any opinion as to the nationality of your Bullie without seeing it. Size, of course, is the great point of difference between the Siberian and British forms of Bullfinch—the former has a scientific name to itself, P. pyrrhula, being held to be a "larger and purer coloured form" than P. europaea, but I have seen (and others, too), genuine British caught Bullies as large as some of those coming in crates from far Siberia, and many, too, quite equal in colour. Still, a very large Bullie is not wanted for British classes, or the bird is likely to arouse suspicion and be "banned." Roughly speaking, I should think (have never measured one) six to six and a half inches from beak to tail—end to end—about the limit for a Britisher. Show Siberians are giants, looking twice as large as our exhibition bird. The class you mention, "British Goldfinch or Bullfinch" (sometimes, but not often, the word "British" does not appear) is the correct one for him. The judge would give you an opinion as to the nationality of the bird, doubtless, if you sent a request and a stamped addressed envelope to the show secretary, to be handed to the judge after he had finished adjudicating. He might have a doubt and pass the bird by; some judges do not "wrong class," and all would want to feel certain ere doing so. Cannot you get some local fancier to call and look him over?

Free with His Wings.

L. J. Shaw.—You needn't be afraid of showing your Linnet simply because he "has a way of fluttering his wings." You say he is steady otherwise, and "takes his perches" properly, and that is the main thing. A bird of good size, type and markings, such as you say yours is, will not get passed by any judge simply because he "flutters his wings"—such a sign of good health and spirits is, as a matter of fact, common to Linnets, many of them habitually showing it. He will certainly not be "disqualified." That is an ugly word, and only used with ugly deeds, such as painting, trimming, and other fraudulent practices of the exhibitors themselves. If in show condition, put your bird down at an early show—I wish you luck.

Another Outdoor Aviary.

Epor.—Most of your questions will be found answered in the reply in "H. S. G.," this week, to which I must ask you to kindly refer. You will see the methods of feeding I advocate mentioned therein. You could do without the separate dishes for linseed and maw, if you like, including them among the other seeds mixed as "tit-bits"—such as niger, thistle, dandelion, wild seed mixture, etc. You have certainly got a rare mixture in your aviary—11 Linnets, 3 each Gold and Bullfinches, 2 Redpolls, 3 Siskins, 4 Green and two Grey Singing Finches, in addition to a heap of "softbills," to wit, 2 Song Thrushes, 2 Pekin Robins, 2 Skylarks, 3 Woodlarks, Blackbird, Tree Pipit, Blackcap, Wheatear, Whinchat, Pied Wagtail and Yellow Wagtail. I trust the place is a big one. It will be interesting if you at some time or other in the future give your experiences of keeping this collection. I certainly wouldn't have a Robin in confined quarters with other birds of mine—fond as I am of "Bobby," I can't stomach his aggressive bearing towards, and bullying of, his neighbours. I have known a Blackbird make himself offensive, too, and I fancy several of the other softbills will develop pugnacious traits in the spring. I trust, once again, your place is a big one; also that it affords plenty of cover.

Criticism On Cages.

Hybridiser. — Thanks for your kind remarks. Always pleased to hear past advice has been helpful. Hope you will soon bid good-bye to your present illness. The chief fault of your cages lies in their size—they are not large enough, 21 by 15 by 10 inches. No single breeder for Hybrid couples should be less than 24 inches long and 12 from front to back. But for the large Finches (Greenfinch Bullfinch, for instance), a length of 30 to 36 inches is far better, and a width of 16 to 18 inches. Privacy (seclusion) is sought by all these birds when breeding, and with a good width one can ensure this, either by screening the nesting corner with a strip of brown paper tacked across, or by putting a screen of twigs round the nest box, or just in front of it (the method was well shown recently in our "Illustrated Ideas" column). Don't have the bottom front rail too deep (about 2½ inches over all) for I prefer my birds to stand on the cage floor to feed (through the head holes in the wire front), rather than use a perch running lengthwise of the cage. The latter is a nuisance to clean, and so soon gets fouled by excreta dropped from the perches above. Be sure to have the door made extra large. Use punched bar fronts, which any advertiser using our columns will make to any size you specify. I presume you know that a sliding partition is a most useful thing to have in a breed-

ing cage so that one can separate, and yet not entirely part, the breeding couple if necessary. This need not be in the centre—in a 24-inch cage, for instance, 9½ inches can be left on the nest-box side, and 11 inches to hold the cock bird, if desired. Your suggested nest-box has no advantage whatever over the old style of wooden nest-box. It has, indeed, this disadvantage: the "platforms" at back and front would soon be fouled by excreta voided over the edge of the nest. The hen's tail, you will find in practice, will not catch the cage back in the old style nest box; and a perch placed about three inches from the front of the nest box, and set on a level with the rim, is far the best means of affording the birds access to it. Try your proposed method, and the one I here advise, and see which puns out best (no pun intended) when in actual use.

Treatment of Waxwing; Goldfinch Losing Flights.

1. What is the best food and treatment for a Waxwing? 2. I have a Goldfinch which has dropped its wing flights 4 times within a few weeks. He is extremely nervous at night. He seems in the best of health and very lively. He is kept in the bird room with my foreigners. Do you think wing feathers will come again shortly and can you suggest any remedy?—H. B. T.

H. B. T.—The Waxwing requires feding on a good insectivorous mixture. A suitable food is made of game meal (without grit), or finely crushed puppy cakes, six parts, ants' eggs, and dried flies two parts each, meat meal and powdered silkworm pupae one part each, by measure. Damp with a little water, cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, finely chopped water-cress, lettuce, chickweed, etc., varying them frequently, and according to the season. Add half a hard-boiled egg to the daily food portion occasionally—or a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake. Give a few mealworms daily, and any other insect life as in season (see other replies this week). They are enormous feeders, and being indolent and neglectful in the matter of takiug exercise, usually manage to get as "fat as pigs." A mild dose of sulphate of soda is useful occasionally; also a fly round a good-sized aviary or room. Fruit, such as banana, sweet orange and apple, grocer's currants, raisins, etc., chopped figs and dates, is much relished, and should be frequently given mixed with the stock food. Berries, too, the bird is passionately fond of, and black, privet, elder, haw, etc., should be freely given whenever obtainable. Plenty of variety in the diet is absolutely essential. I remember a well-known exhibitor of this species saying he gave his birds crushed canary seed and coarse oatmeal. I have never done so personally, but should not hesitate to try, and should add maw seed too—mixed, of course, among the soft food. Let it bathe freely. 2. I am puzzled what to advise you. Such a Goldie as you describe is by no means uncommon, and is a great nuisance. The feathers will grow again, though, owing to their frequent reproduction, they may be produced in an imperfect manner. The best thing you could do would be to throw the bird into a large aviary, outdoor for preference, when he might grow out of his timidity. In any case I should change his cage to fresh quarters, and mix a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food in his drinking water daily for a week; then on alternate days for a fortnight or three weeks.

Blackbird with Worms.

I have a blackbird which seems to be suffering with worms. Can you advise a cure?—R. W. F.

R. W. F.—Personally I have never had a bird which has been troubled with worms. You should get a small quantity of areca nut (powder) from a chemist; also some Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep the bird without food for several hours (or clear out the cage at night and treat early next morning) until thoroughly hungry. Then prepare about a dessertspoonful of soft food, into which well mix as much of the areca nut (powder) as half covers a threepenny piece. When the bird has eaten this up, let it have the food as usual. For one day make its drinking water fairly strong with the Chemical Food, a heaping teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful of water. Afterwards, for two or three days give half-a-teaspoonful in the same quantity of water. You will find this see the Blackbird through its trouble, I fancy; if it seems necessary, however, repeat the dose of areca nut after a day's interval. Curiously enough, I have at the present moment a friend with a Linnet troubled with worms. He tried a little areca nut mixed into a small pellet with butter; but the Linnet "threw it up," or spluttered it out. He was going to try it mixed with a spot of treacle, and how it resulted I do not yet know. At one time I was under the impression small birds did not suffer with worms.

A Stock Food for Larks.

Will you give me a recipe for a stock food for Larks? I am buying a Lark food now, which seems largely composed of bread crumbs, and to have as much sustenance as the grit on the cage bottom.—DON.

Don.—A good and simple stock food for Larks, which will keep for a very long time when stored in a dry place and sealed in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix for you, is:—Game (or pheasant) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, especially spiders. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of Canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Many so-called Lark foods are, I am afraid, of little real use; still, they are sold so cheaply that purchasers cannot reasonably expect to get very good ingredients. Their birds, unfortunately, don't sing for long on such fare.

Wagtails, Pipits, Blackcap, and Nuthatch.

Please inform me of the best way to make soft food for Wagtails and Pipits.—How many mealworms do they require per day? What is best for fresh-caught Blackcap and Nuthatch?—S.W.

S. W.—Briefly put, my own methods of keeping Wagtails, Blackcaps, Nightingales, and similar small insectivorous birds are as follows. As a stock mixture you cannot beat:—Powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain; mealworms given regularly are indispensable. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Malzena wafers may be used in place of Osborne biscuits; or, for economy's sake, the "broken biscuits" (sweet) obtainable cheaply from most grocers. All the four birds you mention will thrive on this stock food. The Nuthatch wants a few sunflower and hemp seeds daily, and a few assorted nuts, cracked where necessary. Both he and the Blackcap want live food freely when first caught, the Nuthatch being keen on mealworms; the Blackcap not much so, unless they are very small. The Blackcaps' chief requirement is plenty of very ripe fruit daily, either grated, or shredded, and mixed among the soft food, or stuck between the cage wires; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes. There can be no fixed number of mealworms per day; one has to use his discretion. It depends, too, on how well a bird is on "soft food," and how far you can supplement them with wasp-grub, gentles, small blackbeetles, earwigs, flies, caterpillars, grubs, spiders, and such-like things. It is pretty safe to say that you would find it difficult to give too many.

Brieflets.

Weeds (A. C.).—The weed is not one I ever gather myself, and I do not recognise it. You must decide for yourself whether you give it to your birds or not. Surely there are sufficient weeds mentioned in the articles on "wild plants" now running in our columns, to satisfy any fancier, or any birds.

Weeds (J. A. S.).—Have sent a specimen of shepherd's purse. You ought to find both that and plantain quite easily after perusing the articles on "Wild Plants"—few country lanes, or patches of waste land (especially old, neglected garden land) fail to hold them.

Sexes of Linnets (Dunelmian).—In last week's issue, reply to "J.H.," is told how to sex Linnets. Further, I have given the methods very many times during the past twelve months. The only conclusion I can come to is that you have read the rest of the paper, and skipped my own column—which is really heart-breaking.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Growth on Parrot's Beak.

Joseph McDonald.—If the bird is a valuable one, the best and only thing to do is to take it to a vet. and let him treat it. He should soon be able to put the matter right. However, if you prefer to deal with it yourself, if the growths are soft and contain matter, when ripe they must be lanced and cleansed with warm water containing a few drops of carbolic acid. If hard, touch them with tincture of iodine, being careful not to get any on the plumage. You do not say what kind of Parrot yours is, but if you read carefully other replies in this issue, you should not be in fault as to dieting and treating your bird. For one day only make its drinking water saline with Epsom salts, and repeat the operation in a week's time. If you elect to treat it yourself, you had better report progress in a fortnight's time. But I most certainly advise letting your local vet. see it, as it is impossible from the bare details to hand to form a definite opinion as to what is really the matter with the bird; the vet. would most probably remove the growths straight away, when the bird's recovery should be rapid.

Green Parrot with Fits.

One that wants to know.—It is the diet that is responsible for the trouble. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, and as it has been used to sop, soak a crust of stale household bread in it, and see that the bird eats it; give this every other day for a week. As regards diet, see reply to "Gwalia," in this issue and diet your bird accordingly. If it will not take to the other food at first, you must give it a little bread sop, but made with clear water only, and squeezed almost dry before being given to the bird. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and if it falls off its perch in the night, the grating had better be removed from the bottom of the cage. Note: Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, fats, or any kind of animals food whatever. Keep its cage strictly clean and a piece of cuttlefish hanging in it. A small leaf of fresh lettuce is about the best green food. If you read the other replies carefully you will find much that is helpful in the treatment of your birds. The treatment required for Grey Parrots, and such as yours, being similar.

Breeding Quaker Parrakeets, etc.

Pair of Quakers in room four yards square, along with four pairs of small Foreign birds Will they breed, and how must I get them into condition? How can I tell the sex of Weavers?—"NOVICE."

Novice.—It is very risky putting such birds as Quakers in with small Foreign birds. But you must watch them; many large birds will ignore the smaller fry around them. I have kept Rosellas with Waxbills and never had one injured; nevertheless, the practice is a very risky one. Fix, say, the wickerwork lid of an hamper in one corner of the room and put a faggot of tall bean sticks round it. As to nesting material, get an old besom, or fine twigs of similar texture, and straw in the corners and about the floor of the room. They will build quite a large structure with these, either on the platform or among the branches. To bring them into condition, diet as under, and leave them to take their own course; you cannot hasten matters. Seed mixture: Canary, millet, hemp, oats, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, and sunflower seeds; get a quart of each and mix well together, this will be their staple diet. They are very fond of fresh lettuce, a piece of biscuit or a stale crust of household bread. Keep cuttlefish hanging in the room, and crushed egg-shells and old mortar rubbish scattered among the sand on the floor. There is no reason why they should not breed under such conditions, though they are not free breeders in captivity. In the summer the male Weavers adopt a gorgeous plumage, termed coming into colour, while the females are more or less plain brown birds with dark striations all the year round, though their colours also become slightly richer during the breeding season; but with the males there is quite a change, their bridal dress being a very gorgeous one.

Zebra Finches Nesting.

Newly-purchased Zebra Finches are building a dome nest of hay, etc., in my outdoor aviary. (1) Should they be nesting now? (2) What materials do they require for lining nest? What is the best food to give them?—T.O.M.C.

T.O.M.C.—(1) It is a little late, but the weather just now is fairly open, and I should leave them to themselves. I may say I heard young Zebras the other morning calling for food in my outdoor aviary. (2) They only get hay with me, and usually find a few stray feathers for lining, as they have 50 or 60 companions in the aviary. Get a Canary nest-bag, pull this to pieces, and throw it in the aviary and they will get all they require. (3) Canary, white and spray millet, with plenty of fresh green food, such as grass in the ear, lettuce, etc. A little crumbled sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts, well mixed and slightly damped, helps them with the rearing of their young. They are hardy little birds, and require scarcely any looking after, save supplying with wholesome food and keeping clean.

Cockatoels not Rearing Young.

J. Smith.—It is very difficult to advise in such a case. Personally, if they were mine I should get rid of them if they persisted in the habit, and get another pair. However, I may tell you such cases are not uncommon; these birds, in spite of their readiness to nest, often prove very irregular sitters. Your arrangements seem all that could be desired, and I cannot suggest any improvement, and most certainly the company you name would not hinder them. I can only suggest one or two possible causes. Are the nest-boxes infested with insects? If so, it would fully account for their restlessness. Are you dieting them too well? If so, that would account for it; they get unduly stimulated, and instead of sitting their time out, pair and lay another clutch, and so nothing is done. Keep them to a diet of canary and millet seeds, with plenty of green food, and only give oats when the young are hatched, if any young are hatched, they are usually reared. Cockatoels being excellent feeders. I have a pair in my aviary, very fine birds, tame, strong and healthy, but they have reared no young this year, which I have attributed to the inclement weather; possibly this may have accounted somewhat for your non-success. With all species of birds, breeding results have been small, and losses many, owing to the wet, cold season. Though very indefinite you may possibly gather some little help from the above; but yours is one of those cases in which the two principal courses open are either to change the birds or exercise patience.

Taming Amazon Parrot.

1. Young Blue-front can fly. Will it go away if it gets the chance? 2. Do you recommend ring and chain on leg and bar to sit on?. 3. How can I make him agreeable with other members of household?—JACK-O-BIRD.

Jack-o-Bird.—1. Yes! it certainly is necessary to take care that the bird does not escape; in the country there is less risk, but in towns or suburbs there are so many things to scare a bird, that it is soon lost among the buildings and neighbours' gardens. My Hawk-headed Parrot we have out in the garden, with three yards of tape attached to one leg; but, even then, he is closely watched and not permitted to bite at the tape, and he can be handled like a kitten, but though I know he would come to us if we were in sight, I should not care to trust him loose. If you cut the bird's wing in the town, there is danger that he might be taken unawares by a cat; it would have to be unawares, for Grimalkin would never make a second open attack on such a bird. One lesson would be quite enough. 2. I recommend the cage for general use; the ring, chain, and bar, when you want to give him an airing. If you have a lawn, peg the chain down and let him enjoy the use of his feet a little in fine, dry sunny weather. 3. Let the other members of the household attend to its wants a little. Offer it some of the favourite items of its diet, talk to it soothingly, and as it becomes more acquainted with them will be better friends. No attempt should be made to handle it, till the person concerned is quite sure of its behaviour. At the same time, it is better to take the chance of a nip than to snatch the hand hurriedly away. Some individuals have strong likes and likes, and are very cunning in acting up to them, but nearly all are amenable to kindness, gentleness, and some tit-bit they are specially fond of.

Running at Nostril.

Rose-breasted Cockatoo, recently purchased, has slight watery discharge from one nostril, otherwise in good health. I cannot give anything direct to beak, as he is too savage. What can I do?—E. H. FULCHER.

E. H. Fulcher.—Get a small syringe and lightly syringe the bird's nostril with diluted glyco-thymoline; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let it have only this to drink for the day; this can be repeated as necessary to keep its bowels freely moving, but not watery loose. Keep out of draught, yet where it will get plenty of *fresh air;* there is no need to coddle, as when once acclimatised, this is a hardy species. I take it that in addition to the seed mixture, you are giving as extras and to vary the diet: boiled potato, plain biscuit (dry), ripe fruit, nuts, crust of stale household bread (dry), green food; a piece of cuttlefish should be continuously in the cage, which should be kept strictly clean. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops; nor yet buttered bread, or gravied vegetables, nor any kind of animal food whatever.

Grey with Diarrhœa.

Have just purchased an African Grey Parrot, am feeding it on boiled maize, tea and milk sops, Parrot food, hard-boiled egg. It suffers from diarrhœa; what is the remedy?—"GWALIA."

Gwalia.—Poor Polly! No wonder it is ill, with such a truly awful diet. Stop the messes you are giving it at once, and diet the bird as under, and if too much mischief has not been done, its condition should gradually improve. You must continue to give a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and the food hopper should be kept strictly clean) till you find it eating heartily of the following seed mixture: canary and oats two parts each, wheat, dari, rice in the husk, hemp, and sunflower seeds, one part each. Well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage. When it is eating heartily of this, gradually discontinue the maize. As extras supply: Ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits (dry), and a piece of cuttlefish should be continuously in its cage. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia over its boiled maize, and for the next month make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Use a glass or china drinking vessel while giving drugs. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, egg or buttered food. If you continue to give these, the bird will soon "shuffle off." As it is a new importation, if the diarrhœa should not yield or any fresh symptoms should develop, you had better repeat query, with full particulars, at once.

What Parrot?

A.J.P.—It is a blue-fronted Amazon, probably a young bird, and as it gets older the plumage will become more normal in colour, though areas of colour, etc., are very variable with this species. If trained, all Amazons talk, more or less, it depends largely on the care bestowed on their training; give it the benefit of both the constant repetition method and keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and in time it should make a talented talker and mimic. It is not likely to do much though, in the talking line till it is tamed, and till it is thoroughly accustomed to you, you should be very steady and quiet in your movements when cleaning its cage and attending to food vessels; also avoiding anything calculated to startle it when in the vicinity of its cage. As regards diet, get a quart each of canary and oats, and one pint each of wheat, dari, Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix together and always keep a supply in its cage. Also supply as extras: Ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits and crusts of stale household bread (dry); grit and cuttlefish must be given regularly, and let the bird satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. Give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize twice a week. Note this only keeps fresh one day, and the food tin should be thoroughly cleansed each time. Keep out of draught, yet not in a vitiated atmosphere.

Outdoor Aviary Queries.

(1) Outdoor aviary 5½ by 3 by 9 ft. high. Will following birds agree: Java Sparrows, Spice Birds, Avadavats, Waxbills, Gold and Bullfinches, and Siskin, in all 16 birds? (2) Will Foreign birds live out of doors all winter? (3) Is there any chance of spice birds, Avadavats, or Waxbills breeding?—F. L. HILL.

F. L. Hill.—(1) You have your space fully occupied. I have found the species you name agree fairly well together, but there should be several food vessels or there will be scrimmages around these, and if you have the back wall thickly covered with twiggy branches, this will supply ample cover and enable them to get out of one another's way. (2) In such an aviary as yours, I succeeded in keeping many Waxbills, Mannikins and Finches out of doors all the year round, but mine had a small shed attached, 2 ft. square and well lighted, into which the Foreigners used to retire at night, also there were snug nest-boxes up against the roof, and it was so arranged with flaps along the bottom, that food could be given and all cleaning done without going inside. This only being necessary twice a year for renewal of branches and cleaning nest-boxes, etc. If you cannot arrange for the small shed, I should advise folding shutters (mostly glass) to shut over the front of the aviary in bad weather and during the night. It would give ample protection if they reached from top of aviary to within 18 inches of the ground. (3) Spice Birds, Avadavats and several species of Waxbills have bred in captivity, but not freely, and to give them a fair chance of doing so, you ought not to keep more than four pairs in the aviary. You would find Zebra and Ribbon Finches almost certain breeders, and Spice Birds, Java Sparrows, Avadavats and Waxbills probable breeders.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Cinnamon Canary (Unlucky).—This young bird died of enlargement and ulceration of the liver. This was probably hereditary and incurable; still, it is suggested a more frugal diet, with a daily supply of salad, might keep any other birds in healthier condition.

African Finch (Saetje).—Disease of liver and kidneys, suggestive of inefficient diet.

Crested Canary (Bon Bon).—Death caused by anæmia, suggesting inefficient feeding. Give fresh salad and egg food daily, and on the latter let fall, for each bird, four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. When fresh leaves cannot be obtained, give soaked rape and mustard seed.

Canary (E. A. Peck).—This bird certainly died of Canary fever, and it is quite likely that the loss of all your young birds arose from the same cause. The infection may have been imported with a diseased bird or contaminated cage.

Canary (F. Nash).—Liver disease and general anæmia. Fresh salad and a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on a teaspoonful of egg cake, daily, might improve the condition of any others you might have.

Yorkshire Canary (Oliver).—The loss of this bird, and probably all the others, is attributable to "Canary fever." You would do well to read Dr. Clarke's book on the subject.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

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CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

THE RESULT DECLARED.

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS BY NOVICES.

To-day it is our pleasure to publish the names and addresses of the winners in CAGE BIRDS Canary Breeding Competition. Judging from the enormous number of papers sent in, the competition must have created immense excitement and interest amongst our readers from one end of the kingdom to the other. The wide range covered by the papers received was particularly gratifying to us. From the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland, from the great manufacturing districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, the hills and dales of gallant little Wales, the plains of the Midlands, and the luxurious valleys of the South have they come, North, South, East, and West each contributing their quota, proving how widespread and extensive is the influence and popularity of CAGE BIRDS.

It is open to any reader to investigate on his own account the claims made by the successful competitors, but protests, etc., will not be received after October 9th next.

First Prize, £5.

Mr. J. A. WILKINSON,
114a, Hughenden Road,
Hastings.

One pair of birds reared 21 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. A. E. Godden (hon. sec.), and G. Barham, Hastings C.B.S.

Second Prize, £3.

Mr. G. T. HALLS,
8, High Street,
Mortlake.

One pair of birds reared 18 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. E. J. Browning, 24, High Street, and W. G. Betts, 55, Victoria Road, Mortlake.

Third and Fourth Prizes, £3 divided.

Mr. H. T. HOWELL,
103, Linacre Lane,
Bootle,
Liverpool.

Mr. T. D. GOODALL,
Moss Lane,
Alderley Edge,
Cheshire.

Each 1 pair of birds reared 17 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. W. B. Rimmer (chairman), and J. Foster (sec.), Bootle C.B.S., and Messrs. C. Hoyland, Lydiat Lane, and F. Osborne, Chorley Hall Lane, Alderley Edge.

Fifth Prize, £1.

Mr. W. DUTTON,
101, Poulton Road,
Somerville,
Seacombe,
Cheshire.

One pair of birds reared 16 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. A. H. Ogden, 3, Brook Place, Green Lane, Egremont, and A. White, 99, Poulton Road, Somerville, Seacombe.

Sixth Prize, £1.

Mr. F. SMITH,
3, East Street,
Northampton,

One cock and two hens reared 31 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. A. Burrows (vice-chairman), and Mr. J. Nason (hon. sec.), Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Seventh Prize, £1.

Mr. W. CHAPMAN
42, Warwick Street,
Walsall, Staffs.

One cock and 2 hens reared 31 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. C. H. Bennett, 20, Raleigh Street, and C. J. Allen, 114, Hatherton Street, Walsall.

Eighth Prize, £1.

Mr. G. PRICE,
No. 12, 6th Row,
Newtown, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

2 pairs reared 30 young.
Witnesses:—Messrs. E. Morris, 3, Williams Street, and Lazarus Parfitt, 56, Mount Pleasant Road, Ebbw Vale.

THE OLD HANDS' COMPETITION

The winner of the £5 prize in this competition is,

Mr. A. J. ROBERTS,
80, Anerley Park,
Anerley, S.E.

Who from 5 pairs has reared 47 young.
Witnesses:—Mr. W. Jackman, 91, Crampton Road, Penge, and Miss Mary E. Court, 13, Anerley Park, Anerley, S.E.

SOME INTERESTING POINTS OF THE COMPETITION.

It will be seen that amongst the novices all the prizes have gone to those with very small stocks, a result which will doubtless be considered to enforce the advice so constantly given by CAGE BIRDS experts, to the new hands, not to overstock themselves, but to try their 'prentice hand on a few birds, ere they seek to manage a lot.

Another point in connection with the novice competition is the closeness of the competitors. There are a couple of ties for the eight prizes which CAGE BIRDS offered, and the other leading competitors are practically treading each others' heels off. The averages are remarkably good, and show in a most marked degree what care and attention to detail will accomplish.

In the Senior, or Old Hand Competition there is a very close run between the actual winner, and the runner up,

Mr. J. MYERS,
6, Queen's Road,
Gorton,
Manchester.

Who from 6 cocks and 9 hens reared 81 birds giving him an average of 9 per hen, which is indeed most creditable.

The third on the list is

Mr. F. C. FREEMAN,
31, Legsby Avenue,
Grimsby.

Who from 5 cocks and 7 hens has reared 57 young, giving him an average of 8—1.

What is indeed a most remarkable result is that achieved by Mr. R. L. Crisp, the popular president of the L.C.B.A., the Southern Yorkshire C.C., and the Crested Canary Club, who from 13 cocks and 19 hens has reared 136 young, giving him the splendid average of 7—3. This with a stock of such magnitude is indeed remarkable.

One competitor, Mr. C. Corkindale, of Studley, has from 6 cocks and 28 hens reared 169 young, which averages just over 6 per pair. The most striking feature about Mr. Corkindale's result is the large number of hens, and the small number of cock birds with which he bred.

It will be seen that we have arranged the young according to the number of hens bred from. This is undoubtedly the fairest method, and will, we believe, so appeal to readers of CAGE BIRDS, especially those who have followed this competition with interest.

The manner in which the prizes this year have had to be allotted according to the rules of the competition, has revealed to us certain weak points in the scheme, which next year we will endeavour to remove. It is obviously unfair for a man who only has one pair to compete with, to be placed on a better footing so far as chances go, than another man who takes up half-a-dozen pairs, and to perpetuate a Bull if he is given only an equal chance he is in a better position. For any breeder, be his skill what it may, stands less chance of getting an "average" result from half-a-dozen pairs than he does with one.

CLUB REPORTS.

BRISTOL F.A.

Meeting of the Cage Bird Committee held September 16th, when good progress in the arrangements for Open Show on December 4th and 5th was reported. Classification was the chief business, and there are to be 8 classes for Norwich, 13 Crested and Crest-bred, 5 Cinnamon (Cinnamon Club patronage), 8 Yorkshire, 4 Lancashire and Lizard (club patronage), and about 16 other open classes; also 10 members' classes. There will be five ten-guinea challenge bowls for open competition, as well as a members' cup, and in addition a splendid list of specials was reported, including a number of tankards, carvers, and field glasses of a value somewhere near £15. These specials will be sent by post, free of expense to winners. Another concession which should be appreciated by exhibitors was agreed to. Exhibits are despatched from Bristol December Show by midnight trains, and it has, of course, been the practice of the railway companies to make a charge on the owners of exhibits for this late collection. This year the Bristol Fanciers' Association have decided to themselves pay the railway companies these cartage charges. It was also agreed to take up CAGE BIRDS Prize Competition. This will be the 17th annual show, and the B.F.A. hope it will add to the high reputation they have already gained.—G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec.

WALLSEND C.B.A.

A smoking concert in connection with the above was held in the large club rooms, Station Hotel, on September 5th. A very large and able company of amateur artistes had kindly offered their services for the occasion. The room was comfortably full, about seventy members and friends being present. The chairs were filled by Mr. J. M. Macdonald and Mr. W. Ronald, and the piano was elegantly manipulated by Mr. E. Earnshaw, who is a splendid accompanist for a mixed variety of singers, taking a lead at once, and carrying each successfully through in grand style. The Chairman made a few opening remarks in regard to the aims and objects of the Wallsend Society, its progress in members, and increasing funds, its meeting a want which was long felt, and had now got into a sound and established going concern. He took the present opportunity to thank the public, who had very generously assisted in giving their generous support and patronage, by which it only had been possible to carry the club on. Mr. Hall was asked to lead off with a song, "On the benefits of a bird," which was well received. Messrs. McVallie, the Tinnis Bros., and others following, brought us to the main event—the presentation of a silver cup, given to the club by Mr. Heddon, to the member who had won the most points at the recent feather show. Mr. W. Ronald, of Walker, was judged the winner. A fine engraved gold centre silver medal was given by the Society along with the cup. Alderman John O'Hanlon, in a few well chosen remarks on birds, handed the cup and medallion in the name of the Society to Mr. Ronald, who suitably replied. Mr. Hargreaves sang a splendid song, and received a hearty encore. He was followed by Messrs. Hill and Stamp with "Excelsior," receiving a great ovation, and they gave as an encore "Larboard Watch." The cup was now filled and sent round the hall. Then our veteran member, Mr. W. Wright, who was on his top note pitch, fairly took the matting, singing "The Stowaway," also receiving a hearty encore, to which he complied. Mr. A. Gray, who is this year giving a nice medal for our show, gave a Scotch recitation, which caused a lot of merriment. "Marches" and "The Blind Boy," by the Tinnis Bros., on the concertina and banjos, was a great treat, "The Blind Boy" especially. Mr. Hargreaves, with a very good song, secured a storm of applause, and gave as an encore "When the gentle breezes blow." Mr. Stamp gave "The Veteran" in grand style, and Messrs. Hall, Milum, McVittie, and others gave us good entertainment. The Chairman brought the most thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close. Mr. Wright moved that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to our Chairmen, Mr. J. M. Macdonald, Mr. W. Ronald, and Mr. Haddon, for the able way the concert and smoker had been carried out and presided over. Mr. Macdonald replied, and said it certainly was one of the finest smokers ever held in Wallsend, and expressed the wish that it would not be long before the Society would give another such evening's enjoyment. "Auld Lang Syne" ended a most enjoyable evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EGGS IN SEPTEMBER.

SIR,—In reply to a correspondent in your last week's issue re "Eggs in September," I have a young Roller hen whose last young one was eight weeks' old on the 22nd of September, and was surprised, on cleaning the cage out, to find an egg on the cage bottom on the 10th, she hatched and reared the young one herself without the cock bird being with her. I have also a Roller cock that has been moulting for the past seven weeks and has never gone off song, not for one day, but has kept on tutoring the young birds all through his moult. I should like to know if this is an unusual thing, as this is my first season with Rollers?

W. SMITH.

SIR,—I read the account of "D. E. P." in last week's issue of having eggs in September. I have myself a Norwich hen which has been away from the cock since the latter end of August. She has laid three eggs, and has been making a nest with old feathers and plaintain stalks. She has already had four nests of young ones. I wish your paper every success. MADRALING.

SIR,—In answer to "D.E.P." in last week's issue, he will be interested to hear that I have had a similar experience, one of my Canary hens laying two eggs close together in a flight cage, where several are moulting off, on or about September 10th (am not quite certain to a day). Also I was very interested to see, this very day, September 22, one of my hens quite busily carrying about several dried stalks of Shepherd's Purse, looking for a "Cosy Corner." This is evidently due to the late spell of fine weather, which apparently has surprised the birds as much as ourselves. In conclusion I should like to congratulate the Editor of our good old CAGE BIRDS on his enterprise in intending to produce shortly "The Poultry World," which I have no doubt will prove a boon to that branch of the Fancy.

C. K. EATON.

THE CLEAR AND TICKED QUESTION.

SIR,—The above question having again cropped up, I trust more notice will be taken of the matter than on previous occasions. In my opinion it is a very serious question, which demands the earnest consideration of every Canary Fancier; as very often a ticked bird in one judge's opinion is a variegated in the eyes of another. For instance, two or three years ago I entered a young Plainhead Norwich at four different shows, at three of which he was awarded first prize, while at the fourth show, after being placed first, he was "wrong classed." Now in all four instances the schedule read the same, viz.: Class I. Clear or Ticked, Class II. A.O.V. Personally, I did not mind a great deal, but, unfortunately, I had instructed a novice as to which class his birds were eligible to compete in. Imagine my feelings when the judge, after placing my friend's birds first and third respectively, examined their markings and "wrong classed" them also! I attached no blame to the judge, as no mention was made in the schedule as to what constituted a tick. I was informed afterwards that the birds had been judged under the Yorkshire Union interpretation of a tick, which I was given to understand is as follows:—"A ticked bird is one with dark feathers on thighs, rump, or any part of an otherwise clear body; it may also have a mark on one eye, wing, or tail, but not more than one such technical mark separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body." I gather from the above that it is possible for a bird to show more dark than light feathers, and yet be eligible for a ticked class. For instance, a bird may have dark feathers covering one wing, its neck, and the whole of its breast right away to its vent, so long as the other wing, its tail, and eyes are not marked; and yet be termed a ticked bird. This to my mind is very misleading to the novice, as he knows not in which class to enter his birds, unless the officials of a society running the show are thoughtful enough to have inserted in their schedule what a tick is. I am of the opinion that we should have a universal definition, and would be glad to see the question taken in hand and settled by the Cage Bird Union. A. W. CURTIS.

C. B. U. SHOWS AND NON-MEMBERS.

SIR,—Our Secretary has already had an enquiry as to whether non-affiliated exhibitors can enter under the C.B.U. Rules. I thought that if you could find it convenient to print the answer "Yes," it might be of benefit to both the C.B.U. and all show Secretaries, as there are, no doubt, some beginners that are unacquainted as yet, with the rules, etc., also, some of the older hands seem to want it knocking well in their heads.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

A STRANGE MIGRANT.

SIR,—I was staying in East Suffolk on my holiday, and my friends knowing I am interested in bird life, asked me if I could name a bird that is visiting there this breeding season. It is similar to a snipe, rises up in the air like a hawk, makes a noise when in flight like a goat, which has interested all who have seen it. Its nest was found with six eggs, nest and eggs are both similar to a Moorhen's, but are not much larger than a Misselthrush, it was found on the marshes, about half a mile from the open sea. Some, believe the goat noise is made by the wings. It is the strangest visitor they have ever seen. Plenty of migrants are seen about there every year, being a quiet place and close to the sea. INTERESTED BIRD LOVER.

SOME NEW PARRAKEET HYBRIDS.

SIR,—It may interest some of your readers, especially Parrakeet breeders, to know I have this year succeeded in breeding three Hybrids between cock Yellow-rumped Parrakeet (*P flavcolus*), and hen Red-headed Rosella. They are fine, strong birds, and now take seed themselves. They do not resemble either parent, but I should think when in adult-colour they will be more like the cock than the hen, as the back feathers are dark green, with dusky or blackish centres, and not at all like young Rosellas, of which I have bred a great number. The cheeks are white near the bill, shading down to dark blue at the bottom, whereas in the Rosella the whole of the cheeks are white and in the Yellow-rump they are all blue. I have tried this year to cross cock Many Coloured with hen Red-rump. I put up two pairs, and have had five nests of eggs from them. They all sat out their time, but every egg was clear, although the cocks were very attentive to the hens, frequently pairing. I had one young hatched, between cock Adelaide Parrakeet and hen Rosella, but it only lived a fortnight. All these birds seem to do a nest full of young much better than a single young one. I have bred nine young Red-rumps from three pairs this year, all fine, strong birds. I also tried a hen Rosella with cock Ring-necked Parrakeet, giving them an aviary to themselves, but they have done nothing. I have also bred a good many Budgerigars, both Yellows and Greens. I may say I have made enquiries from the greatest authorities, and find the above cross, Yellow-rump and Rosella, has never been produced before. C. P. ARTHUR.

SWALLOWS' STRANGE NESTING PLACE.

SIR,—I thought the following incident might interest your readers. When I was staying last June, with friends, in a Staffordshire village, I noticed that a pair of Swallows had built a nest in quite a low porch, belonging to the back door of the house. The porch was only about 7 feet high, and quite near to the kitchen, from which, it may be guessed, anything but soothing sounds frequently issued. People were constantly going in and out of the porch, and a dog and cat were frequent visitors to these back regions. The brave birds kept their anything but secluded corner, in spite of all these disadvantages. The eggs laid, had not been hatched when I left the house, but I have since heard from my friend that the young birds prospered and finally flew away.

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THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB AND COMING SHOWS.

SIR,—The ten guinea bowl for the best current year Crest and the ten-guinea bowl for the best current year Crest-bred were competed for at Nottingham, Nov., 1906, and were won respectively by Messrs. Norwood Bros. and W. Glasscock. These bowls are to be won three times. 1904 winners at Bristol, Messrs. Norwood Bros. and T. J. King; 1905, L.C.B.A., Earl's Court, Messrs. R. L. Crisp and Geo. Colledge. In 1907 these cups will be competed for on Nov. 2 and 4 at Norwich, which gained the majority of one over Derby and Cheltenham, which tied for second place. Instead of the five 42s. silver cups this year there will be ten specials value 21s. each, and they will be competed for at Plymouth, Oct. 22-23; Cheltenham, Oct. 26-28; Norwich, Nov. 2-4; Cambridge, Nov. 12; Leeds, Nov. 15-16; Nottingham, Nov. 16-18; Derby, Nov. 26-27; Bristol Fanciers, Dec. 4-5; L.C.B.A. Horticultural Hall, Dec. 6-7; and the Crystal Palace, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 1908. These specials are for the best current year Crest or Crest-bred that has not previously won a first prize. Exhibitors must state on entry form for inclusion in catalogue all winnings (if any), and mark 21s. special after each competing entry. No member to win more than one of the 21s. specials during the current show season, and neither can the successful member win any other cash special at that particular show, and there must not be less than four competing members, or the special will be withheld. The following cash specials will also be competed for at these shows in addition to the 21s. specials, viz.: 5s. for the best Crest, not the property of the 21s. winner, and 5s. for the best C.B., not the property of either the above winners. The following cash specials will also be competed for, viz.: 5s. for the best Crest and 5s. for the best Crest-bred not the property of previous winner at Dulwich and Peckham, Oct. 17-18; at Bournemouth, Nov. 26-27; Eccles and District, Nov. 30; Wimbledon, Jan. 8-9, 1908; and St. Helens, Jan. 10-11. The following cash specials will be offered, viz.: 5s. for the best Crest, 2s. 6d. for the next best, not same owner; 5s. for the best C.B. not owned by either of the former, and 2s. 6d. for the next best C.B. not owned by any of the former winners. The £25 silver challenge cup presented by Mr. C. Roberts, Blackpool, will be competed for at Plymouth, L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall), Cheltenham, Bristol Fanciers, Glasgow, Edinburgh (S.N.C.B.S.), Carlisle, Cambridge, Leeds, Preston, Gateshead, Manchester, Nottingham, Birmingham, Swansea, Cardiff, Norwich, Leicester, Derby, and the Crystal Palace, on condition that the respective show secretaries forward a catalogue with awards as soon as possible after the show, to enable the points to be counted, to be won three times for the highest aggregate number of points gained at the above specified shows, only one bird in each class to count. The four highest receive a gold, a silver and gold, a silver and a bronze medal, in addition to a beautifully illuminated diploma. Winners 1903, Rev. G. W. Joyce; 1904, Mr. G. Grant (London); 1905, Mr. I. Brotherton (Bolton); 1906, Mr. Henry Mills (Northampton), second Rev. G. W. Joyce, third Messrs. Norwood Bros., and fourth Mr. T. J. King, C.C.C. Novice competitions.—A handsome silver cup, presented by Mr. R. Rhodes, Nottingham, for the highest aggregate number of points gained by a novice member at all shows giving one Crest and one Crest-bred class (providing one of the club judges officiate) during the show season 1906-7, ending with the Crystal Palace February Show, 1908. Also at all shows providing the above two classes there will be a cash special of 5s. for the best Crest, and 5s. for the best C.B. not the property of previous winner. Any novice winning his three first prizes according to the Cage Bird Union's definition will receive a special prize value 21s., if such wins necessitate his promotion to the champion section prior to the end of the competition for Mr. Rhodes' cup. N.B.—For any of the above competitions, both champion and novices, there must not be less than four competing members, or they will be withheld. Members must write C.C.C. after each entry and novices "Novice" in addition, and for birds bred in 1907 champions must write bowls and 21s. specials after the entries eligible to compete for them. The members have carried by a substantial majority that they desire the name of the breeder inserted in the catalogues after each entry, and members are respectfully desired to conform to this request. The winner of Mr. Rhodes' silver cup for most points scored at all shows providing two novice Crest classes for 1906-7 is Mr. T. Mason, of Leek, and the winner of the bronze urn, presented by Mr. J. W. Hall, of Cromer, for second most points is Mr. C. J. Willis, London. The members agree to accept prize money on the sliding scale when two novice classes are provided, providing there are less than nine entries.

JOHN TYSON, Hon. Sec.
169, Sloane-street, London.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Since sending the list of C.B.U. shows the Admiral Duncan Society have affiliated, their show being on October 5. You also omitted from the list that of Leek on October 16. Please give prominence to these dates, and also announce that Halifax have requested to have their license withdrawn

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

EXHIBITS AT PETERBORO'.

SIR,—Owing to not having the Secretary's duties to attend to at our coming show, I have taken charge of the despatch of the birds from the show, and would like you to let me advise all exhibiters sending from the South, or any part of Wales, to send their birds through London, and via Gt. Northern from there to us, as I have made arrangements for them to leave here at 12.52 a.m. on the night of the show, and they should all get away from London by the Newspaper trains, so arriving at their destinations in good time. All birds for the North can be sent by 12.33 a.m. by the same company, the Gt. Eastern contingent by the 10.58 p.m., and the Midland, London and N.W., and the Gt. N. and Mid Joint, by the first morning trains.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

A PLAGUE OF MICE.

SIR,—Will you kindly thank all those who helped me out of my trouble re advice for plague of mice? I have put same into operation, as I had the painters and plasterers in the house when I received my CAGE BIRDS. I got them to look at the wall in my bird-room, which is upstairs, having a wooden floor. When they removed the plaster, which was loose, they discovered the wall was an old stone one with two coats of plaster on it, which would make it impossible to keep mice out. So they tried a wall opposite, and found that brick. I had cages put up there, by the same means as Mr. F. J. Rook advised, only with strips of wood up the wall, starting three feet from the ground, and not running across, as that is how I had them before, and the mice could run from one cage to another. I have a cat trained as Mr. Cenarth advised, but as mice come through wall five feet from ground, a cat was no use, only for the mice on the floor. The other wall I had plastered up, and have not seen signs of mouse-hole yet. I forgot to state I left old wall quite plain, and put no cage or seed near it, or I daresay the mice would have come through the soft plaster and cement.

AVALON.

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

SIR,—I am much pleased with Mr. Wesley Page's letter on "Quakers that talk," and if you have enough space for another letter, will first say that I am a woman! I have heard that birds can imitate a woman's voice best, but don't know whether this is true. It was my husband who taught my bird to say "Oh, dear, what can the matter be?" and as he did so he bowed his head with each word, which the bird still does, and with that sentence only. I feel so glad that Mr. Page believes my statements, as the parrot-keeper at the Zoo looked rather incredulous. I was away from my birds for four months last year, during which time the hen bird died, so I had to get a new mate last November. Both hens have learnt to speak, but not so fluently as the cock bird. He generally puts his right claws confidingly on my forefinger and goes through all his sayings. But often, when the cage is out in the garden, I hear him going through his whole vocabulary. When I uncover his cage of a morning he usually says, "There he was," and when I come into the room he says, "What is it, what is it, dear?" Of course, these birds have never been in an aviary, and the cock bird was alone the first two years I had him. I never keep them in a room where people are, as then they shriek at the top of their voices, and they don't like strange voices. But I myself like their "singing," and they are so intelligent.

M. B.

Sir,—I did not notice the reply referred to by "M.B." in last issue, or I could have added another specimen to the list of Quaker Parrakeets that can talk. The bird I know of, belongs to a near neighbour of mine, and curiously enough this bird is the first and only member of the Parrot race they have owned, and has been within my knowledge ever since it was purchased, when the owner sent to enquire of me how it should be fed. The bird, I am told, is quite a plain talker, but its repertoire is limited, though not more so than a specimen of a talking Indian green. It is kept by itself, and is, I believe, the

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BIRDS RETURNING TO CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I have read the account of wild birds returning to captivity. About 18 years ago I was the proud possessor of a couple of fine Goldfinches, house moulted. A farmer's son, a friend of mine, took a fancy to one of them, and I gave him one. I was then living in the country. One morning while he was feeding it it managed to escape, and he followed it for about 600 yards, when it settled down in a large beech tree. Well, he came and told me of his loss, and we came to the conclusion that it was gone for ever. I had had no experience of birds at that time, and it was in the heart of the country, in the county of Down, but I took out my Goldfinch in his cage to the place where he last saw his bird. It was not long before he started to sing, and the fugitive answered. Then down he came to the cage, and had a drink out of the water tin, for he had then been out three hours. We had no bird lime or trap cage, so we decided to bring his own cage and place it beside the call bird, and sure enough in he went and started to feed. I got up and closed the door, and he lived for eight years a caged "prisoner," always happy and as good a songster as I ever heard. We fed our birds on hemp alone, with plenty of green food, as we were quite ignorant then of what they should have. The above can be proved by the then owner.

JOHN MCGRAW.

SWEATING HENS.

SIR,—I quite agree with Messrs. Cutmore and Wellings, there never was a sweating hen and never will be, the hen's nature is to give out pure dry heat. I came to this conclusion some years ago, when I had one or two of these cases, I studied and found out the cause. I will go one step further to say why and how it is breeders are troubled with these hens. It is partly, if not all, the fault of their owner, so prepare for this before they are put up for breeding. One cause is a long pointed mandible, they cannot shovel up the excreta clean because the beak is, as I say, too pointed; give them some hard substance to grind it down, and they will do their own work. Over-grown beaks are more prevalent at the end of the moult, and so it drags on until they are wanted for breeding. I keep a little old mortar stuck constantly in the wires, this has the desired effect. We come now to a more critical point of view in the so-called sweating hen. We all are more or less too eager, and think we can show the hen how to perform her duty. I say leave the birds alone as much as you can, because this thing happens with timid and nervous hens. We go into the room anxious to know, and have a peep to see if they are feeding strong. We poke them round to see if all is well and crops full, little thinking what harm we are doing, because out comes the excreta from them into the nest pan. As soon as they are put back flop goes the hen, never stopping to clean them. Repeat this and sweating hens will be plentiful. Some hens you can do as you like with, others are quite the opposite. When a hen does her work properly she takes the droppings from them before they have a chance to touch the nest at all.

GARNER.

AVADAVATS BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I was much interested in reading E. Sprankling's account of the successful rearing of Avadavats in his aviary. The conditions he names, an outdoor aviary, with a jungle of wild growth, are practically the only conditions under which these interesting little birds are likely to reproduce their kind. I should be much interested if he would kindly take particular notice, with dates, of the various changes of plumage, from the nestling feathers to the full adult plumage. High temperature is not needed; these little birds have lived in my outdoor aviary, periods varying from six to eight years, and I have one at the present time which has been out of doors (a female) five years, and bathes in the winter as soon as the ice is broken in the morning. It was my privilege to see in a Bedfordshire aviary a week ago, in an aviary (much smaller than E. Sprankling's) devoted to Waxbills, a nest containing two or three fully fledged Green Avadavats, practically ready to leave the nest. The nest was a spherical one, with entrance hole facing the light, and it was built among the dry stick or branches fixed in the aviary. Golden-breasted Waxbills, Cordon Bleus, and Common Avadavats also occupied the aviary, and several other nests were among the branches, so I expect to hear of further results a little later—that is, if weather keeps open. Owing to garden aviaries being much more numerous of late years, the accounts of the breeding of these pretty and interesting little birds are getting more frequent. Mr. Sprankling is to be congratulated on his success, and I hope he will rear the birds to maturity. He should then get many interesting facts as to how long this takes, with the various changes of plumage, and how brought about, by a growth colour in the feathers, or by an actual or partial moult.

W. T. PAGE.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—On opening CAGE BIRDS this week, I was agreeably surprised to see that "A Member's" letter had been replied to in such a manner as "Hardhead" has done on behalf of the S.B.B. and M.C. He says that the Bathgate officials always go about their business in a most blundering way. I put this statement of his down to pure ignorance, because I can refer him to Mr. Bruce, C.B. reporter, and he will find there was not a show in Scotland last season could beat it for entries or management, and he will find that it was the record show in Scotland. This could not have been brought about in a blundering way. I don't claim that Bathgate has the best classification for British, but I do claim this, that Bathgate is the pioneer show in Great Britain for British birds. If he does not believe me he can easily get proof of this from old schedules, or if he writes to Mr. Dewar, of Edinburgh, I am certain that he will get the necessary information from him on that point. As to "Hardhead" saying I will spoil a good country show if I don't stop, I don't know what he refers to, as I can safely say the only harm I have done in the past was to guarantee more classes for British birds than any other fancier in Scotland. If this is what he means me to put a stop to, he will be mistaken. "Hardhead" says that Bathgate did not get the medals because they had no judges appointed. Why did Kirkcaldy get them, when not even the name of the Secretary, date of show, where show was to be held, and the judge had been fixed? No, Mr. "Hardhead," this argument won't do. "Hardhead" might explain next week why Kirkcaldy did get them. He quotes "My Burly Friend," I presume this is myself, but I can assure you, Mr. Editor, that I would rather be described thus, than as being slecked and beating behind the bush as "Hardhead" certainly has done. I don't know what kind of "Hardheads" there are in Leith, but when I am gathering them, I sometimes come across one with a little maggot in them, and not seed. I call these hardheads a "Little Maggoty," which I think Mr. Hardhead certainly is. If "Hardhead" had signed himself "Dandelion," I don't think he could have been more bitter than he apparently is towards Bathgate show and officials. As to "A Member's" letter of previous week, re Broxburn show being non-existent, why is it that I am a member of it?

JAMES LIVINGSTONE.

SIR,—In last week's issue of your popular weekly, I notice a report of the Scottish B.B. and Mule Club meeting at Kirkcaldy. As a member of said club, I am at a loss to understand why they did not grant medals for Hamilton and Bathgate Societies, seeing that they give such a splendid classification. I consider it a downright shame that such should be meted out to such popular societies. I also notice that medals have been granted for a West of Scotland Society. Will the Secretary, or any officials of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Clubs kindly give particulars of this Society, as no one seems to know who is working this concern. Their officials have never been published, and I should like to know on what grounds the Scottish B.B. and M. C. granted this alleged Society's medals. For some time past things have not been going too smooth in the S.B.B. and M.C., but little did I think that things were in such a rotten state. Its about time we had an opposition British Bird Club. What say ye, boys?

A MEMBER.

A WELL KNOWN SCOTTISH FANCIER HONOURED.

Proposed Presentation to Mr. Thos. Smith

SIR,—A meeting of members and friends was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, in the Grand National Halls, when a proposal was made, and duly seconded, that an appeal be made to members and friends for subscriptions to present Mr. Thomas Smith, the worthy secretary of National Derby Ornithological Society, with his painting in oils as some slight recognition of the services he has so freely given the Society. The following amounts were subscribed:—

Mr. Robert Wright (Greenock), 10s. 6d.; Mr. James Hogg (Oakley), 10s. 6d.; William Hart (Glasgow), 10s. 6d.; Frank Streatheam (South Alloa), 10s. 6d.; D. Maxwell (Laurieston), 10s. 6d. Mr. A. Porteous, 67, Nithsdale-road, Strathbungo, Glasgow, along with Mr. James Hogg, Oakley, were appointed joint secretaries. All subscriptions will be duly acknowledged by them. The list remains open until the 20th Oct. We specially ask members, etc., to assist us in bringing this to a huge success.

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THE SHOWS.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY.

The annual show of this association was held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on September 21st. A finer collection of young Scotch Fancy Canaries never was brought together; that was the general verdict. A year or so ago there was unmistakeable evidence that the Scotch Fancy was on the decline, which was commented upon by various writers; the dauntless spirit of the members of the National Derby would not let it go. The result of their spirited action in the spring and summer was clearly displayed at the annual show. Entries numbered 360, and the quality far excelled that of former events, proving what can be done by perseverance. The judges handled every exhibit carefully and exercised the greatest judgement in the selection. The gentlemen who officiated were Mr. A.Clark, Rutherglen; Mr. A. Hamilton, Caldercruix; Mr. A. Nisbet, Galston; and Mr. A. Paterson, Edinburgh. Prior to the event each forecaster announced his own favourite; one of the western favourites was successful, namely, Mr. McClure's clean buff cock, full of merit; he was undoubtedly the best bird in the hall, and the win could not have been more popular. Mr. McLennan's buff piebald hen was the runner-up, and it also was much admired. The green bird, of which so much had been said and written about beforehand, was nowhere, a lesson to wait until the day of reckoning. The executive, especially Mr. Hart, the honorary president Mr. H. Wright, the President, County Councillor James Hogg, the vice-president, Mr. Smith, the secretary and treasurer, the committee and the members, had every reason to be proud of the arrangements, and the proceedings. What has been done can be done again, and they mean to have a better show next year. Scotch Fancy Canary breeders are full of hope. Many enquiries were made for stock, but as it is rather early few purchases were effected, but they will follow. Mr. McClure expressed himself well pleased with the new cup, to use his own words, he said, "It is, without doubt, the best I have arrived at." This means a great deal, coming from a noted cup winner. The awards seemed to be well received, and every bird in the show was a credit to the breeder.

YELLOW COCK (clean or foul) (40): 1 and 2, McLennan, a very nice pair, and entitled to their position, erect, head forward, good neck, clean chest, long body, fine curve on wing, and tail under perch; 3, Muir, erect, fine round back, good body, and full of action; 4, Jackson, prominent shoulder, erect, nice droop, fine body and quick in movement; 5, J. Hogg, a splendid all-round bird of much promise, likely to improve; 6, Petrie, a really fine type, and full of promise; 7, Prentice, fine type and style; 8, Smith, a grand solid exhibit. HEN (47): 1, Johnston, a beauty, grand size, erect, decided drive, long neck, neat head, clean chest, long body and wing, tail under perch, full of action; 2, McClure, another champion hen, very stylish, and of fine quality throughout, erect, neat head, long neck, clean chest, grand body and wing, free in action and tail; 3, Gray, erect, finely positioned head, neat and in proper condition, good body, wing and tail; 4, Thornton, a thoroughly typical Scotch Fancy, and wins here; 5, Hope, fine size and quality, deserves its position; 6, Ward, good type; 7, Renwick, a real fine hen, and promises well; 8, McCaig, fine type, good size. YELLOW COCK (piebald or green) (30): 1, Thorns, very erect, good shoulder, nice drive, long body, well tapered, good action; 2, Maxwell, splendid size and style, erect, nice droop, grand body, wing and tail; 3, Ward, erect, nice drive, neat neck and head, good body, wing and tail; 4, McLennan, grand size, good stock bird; 5, Strathearn, erect, takes fine position, nice droop, good body, wing and tail; 6, Muir, good size and style; 7, Hope, fine exhibit; 8, Ferguson, fine type. HEN (49): 1, Thornton, superior type, well up, grand reach, clean front, fine shoulders, chest, body, wing, and tail; 2, Muir, good size, erect, decided drive, good shoulders, body, wing and tail; 3, McLennan, erect, fine neck and head, nice droop, good body, wing and tail; 4, Fleming, erect, fine size and style, good action; 5, Gray, a fine type; 6, O'Donnell, good all-round; 7, Kirk, fine type; 8, Nivan, a credit to the breeder. BUFF COCK (46): An exceptionally strong team, full of merit, all good quality; 1 and 2, McClure, 1st cup winner, the most stylish buff cock that has yet appeared, medium size, sweet head, grand reachy neck, extraordinary droop, round prominent shoulders, nicely cleaned out chest, rare depth through chest, nicely curved body and wing, sweeping tail, ideal position on perch; 2, another outstanding exhibit, somewhat similar, but not quite so prominent, both are very creditable to the breeder; 3, Miss Brown, erect, decided drive, good body, wing and tail, a grand exhibit in good company; 4, Fleming, another grand all round exhibit, splendid type; 5, Johnston, erect, neat head long neck, prominent shoulder, clean front, good body and wing; 6, Brown, grand size and style; 7 and 8, Dobson, an excellent pair. HEN (46): Black, wins easily, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, fine front, good body, wing and tail; 2, Urquhart, high in colour, fine, reachy bird, good body and wing; 3, McCaig, a really fine type, good size and style; 4, Hope, a gem, and entitled to its place; 5, Petrie, a very nice exhibit; 6, Dobson, fine quality; 7, Gray, nice type; 8, McCaig, good stamp. BUFF COCK (piebald or green) (42): 1, McLennan, a neat light-built bird, erect, decided drive, fine head and neck, good body and wing; 2, Morrison, massive frame, grand type, a little over perch, good quality throughout; 3, Petrie, erect, decided drive, good head, neck and shoulders, fine body and wing; 4 and 5, Muir, a fine pair, good quality; 6, McArthur, nice type; 7, Maxwell, good quality and substance; 8, Morrison, fine stamp. HEN (48): 1 and 3, McLennan, 1st, runner-up for cup, and best of opposit sex to winner; large, erect, decided drive, prominent shoulders, fine front, rare deep body, beautiful wing; 3, a very fine type, erect and full of quality; 2, Price, a really fine type, grand circle and well positioned; very promising; 4, Muir, grand size, type and style; 5, Smith, good stamp; 6, Bowman, nice bird; 7, Morrison, fine style; 8, Kennedy, fine quality.

GERRARD CROSS.

This annual event was held on September 19th. Only three classes were provided for cage birds and these were judged by Mr. C. A. Howe. Canary, A.V. (9): 1, 3, Lees, grand shaped, wing marked buff Norwich, capital colour, nice quality, and a clear buff of good quality and colour, but not as chubby; 2, 4, res, Spring, 2nd nice stylish yellow Yorkshire, 4th neat-bodied buff Norwich; hc, Miss Cooper. BRITISH: 3, 1, Burrows, well marked, nicely feathered Wryneck; 2, withheld; 3, 4, Beckley, 3rd chubby-shaped, good-coloured Bullfinch, 4th, very smart Bullfinch hen. FOREIGN (3): 1 and 3, withheld; 2, Taylor, blue and red Macaw, nice colour and size; 4, Exton, nicely-marked Budgerigar.

For other Show Results see page 183.

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4.—The whole poultry world will find THE POULTRY WORLD greatly to its taste. Frequently during the show and egg seasons, *without any extra charge whatever,* we propose to issue a coloured plate, printed by the leading firm of process engravers in this country, on exquisite art paper, with the sole idea of securing the best possible result. Art Supplements, in which art will really have some share, through which the photographer will walk arm-in-arm with the artist and the expert, will be constantly offered to the supporters of this new journal. Every human effort and ingenuity and fertility of idea will be brought to bear upon making THE POULTRY WORLD an absolutely original, up-to-date, active periodical, worthy of the subject it will cater for, worthy of its promoters and their ideals.

As it is of the utmost importance that we should reach as wide a public as possible with the first issue, we shall print at least 100,000 copies, and the edition, with the coloured plates and supplements it will include, can be valued at £600. We rely upon the co-operation of poultry enthusiasts to make the advent of THE POULTRY WORLD known as widely as possible. It should be considered the duty of every poultry-keeper not only to secure out of idle curiosity the first issue of THE POULTRY WORLD, but to assist in ever so small a measure in its reproduction. The Editor will be grateful for the slightest assistance given him, and will be glad to hear from competent and reliable representatives of the poultry interest all over the country. He is anxious to supplement his staff by as many able and intelligent lieutenants as desire to take part in this Great Revival, the Great War of Specialism against Stagnation. The promoters of THE POULTRY WORLD have no personal ends to serve, no axes of private animosity and dislike to grind. The columns of THE POULTRY WORLD will be open to all independently. Its aims are high. Its resources will, we hope, be ample. It will constantly strive to deserve the individual support of every poultry-keeper, as well as that of the whole of

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SIR WALTER GILBEY'S AVIARIES AT ELSENHAM.

Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., threw open to the public the beautiful grounds and his aviaries of foreign birds at Elsenham Hall on Sept. 18th, and between 400 and 500 people from all parts of the district availed themselves of the opportunity of spending a very pleasant afternoon.

Few private grounds are more beautiful than these, while the aviaries, which are situated on the west side of the house, contain one of the best private collections of foreign birds in the country. Sir Walter is particularly fond of these birds, as well as horses. He has kept a few birds for years, but it is only during the last three or four years that he has made bird-keeping a real hobby. His aviaries are exceedingly well appointed, and it must be said that all the occupants looked remarkably well, under the care of the expert aviary keeper (Mr. Gilbert), who was formerly one of the keepers at the Zoo. There are summer and winter quarters for the birds, the chief difficulty, as may be imagined, being to keep alive during the winter months those which come from the tropics. Some of these have already gone into their winter quarters.

There are altogether over a hundred in the aviaries and they include some very rare specimens, not to be found even at the Zoo. Quite the most interesting to Wednesday's visitors was an Australian piping crow, which Sir Walter obtained last year. The piping crow is common in aviaries in this country, but probably Sir Walter would have considerable difficulty in obtaining a better bird than this. Although only two or three years old he pipes several well-known tunes. His favourites are "Up and down the City-road," and "Merrily danced the Quaker's wife"; and his beautiful mellow note could be heard in the grounds for a considerable distance and added quite a charm to the surroundings. The next most interesting birds, probably, were a pair of bleeding-heart pigeons. They are very curiously marked. Upon a white breast is a blood-red spot about the size of a florin, which gave one a very real impression at first sight that the birds had been badly wounded. They came from the Philippine Islands, and are very rare indeed, as they are now protected in their own country, and consequently difficult to get. The collection of Australian parrakeets which Sir Walter has secured is very fine indeed. It includes pair or single specimens of the Many-coloured, the Blossom-headed, the Golden-fronted, the Red-wing, the Rosella, and the Stanley parrakeet, all beautiful birds, the latter being very rare. There are also Red-crested Cardinals from South America, Crimson Cardinals from North America, Mexican mocking birds, and a Cuban mocking bird. Only one other Cuban mocking bird is known to be in this country. The one at Elsenham is a very fine singer, and imitates all the other birds in the aviary. A pair of African glossy starlings threw off a lovely metallic colour in the sunlight; and a novelty in this species was a pure white starling, which is really a freak. Another pair of pretty birds were Brazilian hang-nests, and a pair of Australian laughing jackasses also attracted a good deal of interest. These latter are of the kingfisher type, and in their wild state feed upon small snakes and lizards. In a large aviary in the open air, with a piece of ornamental water in the centre, were seen Carolina and Mandarin ducks, purple gallinule from South America; Californian quails, and Indian white-faced ducks, while other hardy birds included Siberian nut-crackers, blue-bearded jays, etc.

Sir Walter and his daughter (Mrs. Hine) moved about among the visitors and everybody was pleased to see the honoured baronet in good health and looking all the better for his holiday in Wales.

The gardens and aviaries were thrown open again on Wednesday afternoon last, from two till six o'clock.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The above society held a very successful Meat Pie Supper on September 21st. About 25 members and friends sat down to supper, which was catered for by the landlord and landlady in their usual tempting manner, and full justice was done to the fare provided. After supper an impromptu concert was arranged, and songs were sung by Messrs. W. Chapman, D. Thornton, J. and H. Taylor, and W. Hillas. Mr. R. Jackson gave several selections on the gramophone, and Messrs. Wood and Foster gave several comical recitations, which caused the party to hold their sides with laughter, and the evening was brought to a close by eleven o'clock striking, all too soon.—E. W. JOHNSON, sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Meeting held September 14th at Littleborough. Good attendance of members, presided over by the President, Mr. John Nadin. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and correspondence accepted as read. Littleboro Society have promised to alter their show date and join the C.B.U., and therefore secure the patronage of the L.C.A. Mr. Jas. Brookes, of Littleboro, was accepted a member. There are up to date between 30 and 40 paid up members on the books; a good record for the coming show season. Any Lancashire Canary fancier wishing to compete for the L.C.A. specials at the coming shows should send on name and 2/6 subscription to—JAS. LAW, Sec., Merefield, Rochdale.

The Cage Bird Traffic in the United States.

By HENRY OLDYS (Assistant, Biological Survey, U.S.A.)

In the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.

Three hundred thousand cage birds, largely Canaries, are annually imported into the United States. Some of these destined for zoological parks and a few for private aviaries, but the great majority find their way into the hand of those who desire to have a cage bird or two to brighten the home. This yearly influx of captive birds may seem large, considering the comparatively small number usually in evidence; but it must be remembered that they are scattered over an area of more than 3,000,000 square miles, and are distributed among a population of more than 80,000,000, which allows but 4 birds a year to every 1,000 persons.

Uncle Sam's "Fancy" Spirit.

It is not difficult to account for the motive that underlies this widespread habit of keeping captive birds. The same spirit that leads to the domestication of wild flowers for adornment of the home and the pleasure derived from their beauty or fragrance is responsible for the similar transplanting of wild birds from their natural homes to those of their captors, and the parallel extends to the subsequent production of new varieties.

As a people, Americans have less of this spirit than prevails elsewhere. Despite the multitudes of birds weekly entering the country—a single vessel will occasionally deliver ten or fifteen thousand—our interest in avicultural pursuits is comparatively slight. In Europe aviaries are numerous, and their owners maintain a common interest by means of avicultural organisations and periodicals. A friendly but keen rivalry prevails as to who shall first succeed in breeding species that have not previously been bred in captivity or in producing new Hybrids. The journals and magazines devoted to aviculture serve as a medium of exchange of methods and experiences, and keep their readers in touch with each other. In Germany, particularly, the practice of keeping, rearing, and studying cage birds is very common. In many a dwelling one room is set apart for birds, and these bird rooms are not confined to a particular class, but are found in the homes of people of every rank and condition. As long ago as 1880 some 200 societies of amateurs existed, and several weekly publications and magazines devoted to birds attested the general interest in avicultural pursuits.

The breeding of cage birds for sale is a regular occupation in several parts of Europe. Germany produces hundreds of thousands of singing Canaries in the Hartz Mountains, those of St. Andreasburg being unrivalled songsters; in England, Scotland, and Belgium fancy varieties of Canaries are regularly bred for the trade; and at the Royal Society's zoological gardens of Antwerp, Belgium, the breeding of many species of foreign cage birds is systematically conducted.

The United States has few aviaries, and most of these are devoted to Pheasants and other large birds. For a few years an avicultural periodical was published, but the support it received was apparently insufficient, and at present there seem to be no periodicals, and very few associations strictly devoted to aviculture. Hence in this country there is not that community of interest and information that characterises the avocation in Europe. America supports a few small shows, mainly exhibitions of Canaries; and small exhibitions of cage birds, mostly Canaries, are usually held as adjuncts to the annual poultry shows of New York, Boston, Chicago, Toronto, and other cities. The breeding of Canaries and cage birds for the trade in any numbers is practically unknown on this side of the Atlantic.

Some English Favourites.

The once extensive trade in native American birds has dwindled to the vanishing point. Formerly Mocking Birds, Blue Birds, Cardinals, Tanagers, Indigo Birds, and Nonpareils were caught in large numbers, and sold either here or abroad, and more or less trade in other species prevailed. Blue Birds, which are known as Blue Robins or Blue Nightingales in England and France, were imported into England some time before 1869, as in that year they were first bred in the London Zoological Gardens. They are regarded with much favour by amateurs, and have been repeatedly bred in private aviaries. Mocking Birds were bred in French aviaries before 1873. While intolerant of cage mates, they are much valued in Europe for their song, which, however, is there considered inferior to that of the Nightingale—a judgment partly assisted, perhaps, by patriotic bias and association.

Scarlet Tanagers and Cardinals are ranked high in Europe, and frequently win prizes bird shows. Evidence of the esteem as birds in which the latter are held is by the fact that they are listed on the list of a London bird dealer for mber, 1906, at more than $5 apiece. (A ar, as readers will probably know, is value 2d. English money.—Editor C.B.). Of interest in this connection is the statement of Gemelli Careri, quoted by Nuttall in his Manual of Ornithology published in 1832, that "the Spaniards of Havana in a time of public distress and scarcity bought so many of these birds (Cardinals), with which a vessel was partly freighted from Florida, that the sum expended at $10 apiece amounted to no less than $18,000." Indigo Birds and Nonpareils are valued for their attractive plumage. Of the latter thousands were annually exported to Europe, where they sold for $1.50 to $2 apiece.

Some Astonishing Figures.

The importation of foreign cage birds has grown to its present proportion, not only in this country, but in Europe as well, within the last fifty years. Up to the middle of the last century, apart from Parrots and some other of the larger species, few birds were imported into Europe, and as late as 1860 only about 60 different kinds of foreign birds were brought in, and these in moderate numbers. But about this time a rapid increase began, and by 1880 the species imported approximated 700, and the individuals from 500,000 to 800,000. The Japanese Rohin, a favourite cage bird of to-day, was first brought to the London Zoological Gardens in 1886, and the Shell Parrakeet (Budgerigar) of Australia, now one of the best known of exotic birds, and sold at wholesale in London for about $1.37 a pair, was first brought to England by Gould in 1840, and for the next ten years commanded $100 to $125 a pair.

In the United States the growth of importation has undergone a similar development, lagging, however, slightly behind the European growth. In both cases the sudden invasion of the markets by foreign birds was due to the advantages of quick transportation. When supplies from distant lands were brought by sailing vessels but few birds survived the long voyages. But the steamships afforded opportunity for conveying birds with speed and safety, and dealers were quick to avail themselves of the changed conditions. As long ago as 1865 there was a brisk American trade in foreign cage birds of all kinds, and by 1880 this had so increased that a single dealer in New York City handled 70,000 Canaries each season.

The decline in the trade in domestic cage birds has doubtless stimulated the trade in foreign cage birds, which advanced from 235,433 imported under permit of the Department of Agriculture in the year ending June 30th, 1902, to 322,297 in the year ending June 30th, 1906, an increase of 37 per cent. in four years. At the beginning of this period the model bird-protective law had been adopted by 16 States; at its close it was in force in 35.

Of the birds imported in the year ending June 30, 1906, 274,914 were Canaries, and 47,383 miscellaneous birds. The Canaries were nearly all raised in Germany. Thirty-three per cent. of the miscellaneous birds were from the Orient, 30 per cent. from Europe, 22 per cent. from Australia, 7 per cent. from Cuba and Mexico, 6 per cent. from Africa, and 1 per cent. from South America. The remaining 1 per cent. were of unknown origin. In addition to these, 2,700 Canaries, mostly from Germany, and about 6,000 Parrots from various tropical countries came in without permit, no permit being issued for these birds when they are unaccompanied by others.

A Peep Behind the Scenes.

A peep behind the scenes is always interesting, and when we see diverse and remote regions of the world pouring their treasures of bird life into our country, a desire is awakened to know by what means this is accomplished. In some cases the method is as old as the history of maritime commerce. From the time when the vessels began to make voyages to other countries sailors have brought back trophies of various sorts, including specimens of the fauna of distant lands. Some birds are still thus brought in, and are bought by dealers in the various ports of entry. This method, somewhat systematised, prevails at San Francisco, where the trade, temporarily suspended by the earthquake and fire, is now beginning to revive. Supplies are here obtained from the crews of steamers coming from China and Japan, who make a regular business of transporting cage birds, usually under an arrangement with the steamship companies by which they are employed, whereby freight is paid out of the proceeds of sales. The birds thus imported are considerable in number, but few in species, being mainly Java sparrows, Diamond Sparrows, Chinese Mocking Birds, and other common kinds.

But most of the birds imported are secured by more highly organised methods. Several of the leading importers maintain forces of men to secure the desired birds either in their native haunts or in European ports to which they are brought by the agents of other importers. Parrots are generally taken while still in the nest. During the nesting season the leading American houses send men to Cuba, Mexico, or South America to obtain stock. Headquarters are established by these agents at some point convenient to the Parrot country, and natives are employed to secure the young birds, which are forwarded to the United States in periodical shipments. Agents have sometimes been sent from this country to Africa to secure supplies of the favourite African Gray Parrot, but these are usually obtained in European ports from vessels arriving with supplies for the large European houses.

Small birds, other than Canaries, are generally captured with nets. Expert netters continually visit remote regions in the interest of wholesale houses of Hamburg, London, Liverpool, and other large cities of Europe. Similar expeditions are dispatched from New York and Philadelphia to Cuba and Mexico, and occasionally to more distant lands—even India; but the principal American houses maintain connections with establishments in Germany, through which their supplies of Old World and South American birds are more commonly procured. Canaries are obtained by agents who visit breeders in the Hartz Mountains, the Tyrol, and other parts of Europe. A few, however, are imported at San Francisco from breeders in China and Japan.

How Birds are Shipped.

Most of the small birds received from Africa and Australia are shipped in large boxes especially prepared for the purpose. These boxes are of different sizes, and accommodate from 1 to 125 or 150 birds, according to size of box or of birds shipped. Shell Parrakeets are sent from Australia in especially large boxes, sometimes as many as 500 making the journey in a single box. The birds so shipped are of a peaceable disposition, and may be caged together without fear of their injuring one another; but some birds, such as Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and male Canaries, are quarrelsome, and each bird has to be placed in a separate cage.

Canaries are confined in small wicker cages, seven of which are strung on a stick, constituting what is technically known as a row, or stick. When shipped across the ocean these rows are crated, and a linen or burlap sack, specially made for the purpose, is placed about each crate. A crate usually contains 33 rows. To paraphrase the old riddle—every sack has 33 rows, every row has 7 cages, every cage has 1 Canary (or sometimes 2 if the occupants are the more peaceable females). Often more than two dozen crates are shipped in one consignment. Each of these must be opened every day of the voyage, every row removed, and food and water placed in the cages. In this daily re-crating the rows are rearranged so that the benefits of outside positions may be more evenly distributed among the birds.

On Arrival.

On arrival in port consignments of birds (which pay no duty) are entered at the custom-house under permit from the Department of Agriculture, usually secured in advance by the importer. The larger shipments are generally examined by one of the special inspectors of the Department stationed at the principal ports of entry. Nearly all shipments subject to such inspection enter at New York and Philadelphia. After the inspector has examined a consignment to ascertain that it contains no objectionable species, and has noted, for subsequent report to the Department, the number and kinds of birds it comprises, the importer is free to dispose of it.

It is the aim of the importer to sell his stock as quickly as possible, to diminish his losses by death, and so increase his profit. It is estimated that the mortality en route and in the store among some of the more delicate species of birds, such as African Finches, may reach 14 per cent.

How Zoos are Supplied.

Zoological parks and aviaries are usually supplied direct by the importers, but the general public is reached by way of the retailers. Many small bird stores are scattered over the country, and some of the large department stores have added birds to the great variety of merchandise they handle. Small consignments are shipped to retail dealers by express (at double rates). In the cages or boxes are placed water and food sufficient to last until arrival at destination. Sometimes, when the distances are unusually long, the express messengers supply fresh water and food en route, and large consignments are often accompanied by agents of the importers. Several of the principal importers have branch establishments at various points, such as New Orleans, Chicago, and San Francisco, which fill western orders.

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WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Ring Ouzel.

It is not generally known that the Ring Ouzel is a migratory bird. Arriving in March and April, he spends the summer in favoured localities, for this bird is not to be found everywhere; he loves the moors and the higher rock-strewn ground, where some babbling stream rushes down the hillside. These spots he shares with the Dipper and Grey Wagtail, his loud, Blackbird like note sounding shrill and clear in the crisp air. Occasionally an old bird or two may be seen during the winter months, but as a rule he leaves us after eating a few of the autumn berries which grow so plentiful in the districts he affects. Collecting in flocks they make their way to the Continent, where they do considerable damage in the grape-growing districts.

Stupid Jackdaws.

One generally looks upon the Jackdaw as being a rather knowing and somewhat clever fellow, but occasionally we hear of some incident in bird life that quite upsets our notions of the cleverness or dullness of certain species. During the better part of the spring and early summer several pairs of Jackdaws have been vainly trying to build in the revolving cowl of a kiln, with the result that the sticks, straw,, and other materials have fallen to the floor. One would think that after the first attempt and failure, they would discontinue, and try elsewhere; but birds are very persistent in the choice of a nesting site; we often get instances of this in our aviary birds.

Nesting Boxes.

The nesting boxes put up in the grounds for the use of birds during the summer should not be removed now the nesting is over, but should be cleaned out, and allowed to remain for winter use. It will be found that many small birds select these cosy places; not alone, for several individuals will huddle together for warmth. It is very doubtful if some of our smallest birds could manage to pass through a severe winter without mutual help in this direction, but the most curious thing is the different behaviour of the common Sparrow at this time. Some of them will crowd into cosy corners while others will roost in the bare trees, exposed to the worst conditions imaginable.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

**Oh! What a Surprise.

While on a ramble with two companions around Anstey I noticed how much bird life there was—Chaffinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Skylarks, Hedgesparrows, Greenfinches, and lots of others. But while playing near a stream with its old bridge I tripped over a large stone nearly falling into the stream. To my surprise I almost put my hand upon the handsomest of all British birds, the Kingfisher. Thinking there was a nest somewhere about I began searching for it; I found it under a rock not far from where I fell. I put my hand under and found four snow-white eggs. The nest was about as big as a Thrushes, mostly made of fish bones. Knowing that this bird is so rare, and being a lover of them also, I never disturbed them; and I hope no one else has been and destroyed this beautiful bird's nest:—E. Sarson (age 12 years), 37, Vaughan Street, Leicester.

*We Call Him "Washy."

I have a little Goldfinch, we call him "Washy." It was grey when I got it, and it has been through the moult now and his feathers are very pretty. When I talk to him he spreads his tail like a fish and wags it from side to side. We feed him on plain seed and a little teazel, which seems to be his favourite dish. He is a sweet singer and changes his notes and can sing longer than the Canaries we have:—May Beadnall (aged 11), 7, Albany, Middlesborough.

*Stoat Attacked by Small Birds.

A stoat was making its way from an adjoining field, across the road with a young partridge in its mouth which it had killed, when it was pursued and attacked by two Skylarks and a Wagtail. The three assailants, acting in concert, rose a little in the air, then pounced down upon their ruthless enemy, repeating their attacks so furiously that the stoat was obliged to abandon his prey. Each time he attempted to regain it, they renewed their attacks with increased fury, evincing a courage which was quite admirable in birds of their pacific nature. At length the stoat espied the narrator of this combat close by; and probably feeling some misgiving as to his safety amidst so many enemies, he ran off with the utmost speed, leaving the partridge behind:—Margaret L. Fraser (age 14), Gortuleg, London Road, Redhill, Surrey.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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FOREIGN BIRDS—continued.

PARROTS. PARROTS.

Beautiful thoroughly acclimatised South African silver coloured grey Parrots, 35/- each; guarantee sent with each bird; West African common greys 15/- and 20/- each; newly imported Australian greys, 10/- each; thoroughly acclimatised, 15/- and 20/- each; Indian Parrakeets, 3/- each; young green male rock Parrots, — I guarantee these to make champion talkers, 20/- and 25/- each; hens, 10/- each; talking lemon crested Cockatoos 30/- and 40/- each, finger tame; talking Military Macaws, £5 and £8; yellow-naped Mexican talking, £2 10s.; blue fronted talking Amazon, £2 15s.; absolutely the best talking yellow naped Mexican Parrot living, guaranteed to say 300 words and sentences, £20; foreign Finches in great variety; parrot cages, 3/-, 5/-, 10/-, and 15/- each; just arrived—100 Mongoose, the king of all rat exterminators, 25/- each, or 40/- pair.

SEWARD'S MENAGERIE, LIVERPOOL.

WANTED.

WANTED, to purchase, a good Waxwing.—Harry Beresford, 20, Waterloo-rd., Bedford.

WANTED, Linnet for exhibition, on approval.—Particulars to Hardie, 13, Stephen-drive, Govan.

NOTICE. Wanted, weekly supply British birds; Linnets, Canaries, Fowls.—Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

TWO dozen cock Linnets; exchange young cock Canary, four months.—Smith, 9, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

ALWAYS wanting British birds from catchers; please state price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED to exchange, good house-moulted Thrush for good cock Bullfinch.—Mrs. Hunt, 5, Union-st., Stroud, Glos.

WANTED Goldfinches and Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, etc.; good prices paid.—Apply Manager, Bird Stores, 18, Hope-st., Hanley.

WANTED, any number of Canaries, cheap, for re-sale; state price and particulars.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd, Plumstead.

WANTED, Canaries, foreign birds, British birds, ferrets, puppies, cheap, cash or good exchange.—36, Fernhill-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Jays, Softbills, good cages; great variety; good things offered.—H., 24, Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

WANTED, offer, Canaries, exchange pair Scotch blankets or tweed suit, gent's; sell 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, weekly supply all kinds of British birds; deposit or cash first post.—Wilson, Bird Dealer, Exchange-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, large Parrot cage, must be 26in. high, 56in. circumference; exchange pair Canaries, sell, 10/6.—Lidgett, Milner-st., Newark.

WANTED, anything useful for house fixtures, gramophone, etc.; exchange high-class Borders and Norwich.—Francis, 26, Kent-rd., Swindon.

WANTED, Seifert Rollers in exchange for jet-black Cocker Spaniel bitch, two years; or sell 50/-.—Andrews, 111, Much Park-st., Coventry.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches; exchange ladies' or gent's silver watch; sell 25/- each, timekeepers.—Cobb, 36, Gordon-rd., Dartford.

WANTED, pair of full-sized Linnet clap-nets, complete; exchange eight high-class pedigree working Homers; sell £1.—Burrows, Belvedere, Kent.

WANTED, Fowls, Pigeons, young Mules; any thing; exchange Canaries, British birds, eages, Kestrel Hawk.—Loyd, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

CATCHERS only! Wanted, a supply of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, etc.—Geo. Osborne, Charles-st., Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries; also cock Goldfinch, and Linnet mules cheap, for sale.—J. Mason, 38, Blandford Avenue, Beckenham, Kent.

WANTED, three Yorkshire show cages, in exchange for cock Canary, or two new box cages, 16 inches long.—M. Walker, 70, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, poultry, Parrot, Rosy Cockatoo; exchange lady's sable fur, lace curtains; binocular field glasses; offers. — Haynes, 20, Whitehead-rd., Birmingham.

NOTICE. Buyers of hen Mules, 1/- each; also all kinds of birds; send birds on cash by return.—Hardy and Barron, 3, Ainsworth House, Church-st., Shoreditch, E.

WANTED, pair of good 1907 Yorkshires (fed), and eage moulted cock Siskin; exchange 1906 large eobby Norwich cock, or Norwich hens to value.—Wing, Norfolk-st., Boston.

NOTICE.—Wanted, Canaries or any variety of eage birds, in exchange for suit length Scotch tweed, value 25/-; approval.—McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, weekly supply Goldfinches, Linnets, any kind, British birds up to March next; Canaries, Mules, and Parrots; cash sent before birds.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

WANTED, from catchers, all kinds of British birds, Goldfinches, Hawfinches, Siskins, Linnets, or any kind of British birds, up till March, large or small quantities taken; Canaries, Mules, or Parrots, cash sent before birds.—Dennerley, Central Aviaries, George-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists, cycle agents, and cycle repairers to send for my 50 page illustrated wholesale catalogue of cycles and accessories; guaranteed 1907 cycles from £2 19s. 6d.; cycle covers from 2/11; inner tubes, 1/11; mudguards, 1/- pair; freewheels, 1/11; plated gas lamps, 2/11; and everything for a cycle at starting prices; all goods carriage paid; over 800 testimonials from satisfied customers.—A. Smart, Cycle Factory, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BEAUTIFUL tropical butterflies, for ornamental purposes, collections, lists.—36, Irving-rd., Bournemouth.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

TWENTY-TWO Birds' Eggs, different, rare specimens, price 2/-.—Hudspith, Huntcroak, Allendale, Northumberland.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley Derby.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

COCK Linnets, 6d., 9d., 1/-, three 1/3, or exchange.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

OFFERS wanted for 6 grand cock Linnets, pullets preferred.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

SELL cheap, or exchange, splendid nest five Canary-reared Hedge Linnets.—E. Mullis, Winslow, Bucks.

COCK Goldfinch hen Canary, warranted light mule breeders, 40/-; exchange dark mule for show.—81, Jersey-rd., Abergwynfi.

LARGE baby owl and cage; speaks 2 words, 4/-; exchange 12 Linnets. — Kimmins, 45, Queen-st., Govan, Glasgow.

TWO young Goldfinch mules, one Black, make good show bird, sell £1; or exchange.—Raggatt, 3, Spring-gardens, Tewkesbury.

TWO pied Wagtails, 4/-, free; Pipit, 3/6, caged weeks, house-moulted Bramble and Chaffinch, 3/6 each; exchange.—Law, 76, Mereficld-st., Rochdale.

BLACKBIRD, Bramblefinch, Greenie, Redpoll, Siskin, Linnet, Bullie, all cocks and house-moulted, mostly mulers, exchange Canaries or offers. — A. Ross, Citadel, Inverness.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL exchange Canaries for small press.—Fowler, 8, Frederick-rd., Walworth, S.E.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, and two odd hens, 10/-.—Hunt, 23, Swinegate, Grantham.

EXCHANGE 1907 Roller cock for house-moulted Goldfinch.—Lee, 35, Marshall-avenue, Bridlington.

USEFUL exchange given for high-class Yorkshires or Norwich.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

BUFF Norwich hen from winners, exchange British or foreign.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, 1906 bred, 8/6 pair; exchange Yorkshire.—A. Coates, Park Row, Knaresboro'.

COCK and two hen Canaries, Norwich, breeding cage, for good fishing rod and reel.—Sharpe, Westgate Southwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for hen Madagascar Lovebird and hen Budgerigar, sell 7/6. — F. Child, Downs-rd., Luton.

GIVING Up, 12 crests and crestbreds, cages, etc., sell or exchange; gent's free wheel cycle.—W. Broster, 118, Portland-st., Leek.

CLEAR Yellow Norwich cock, Buff ticked hen, good pair, sell 15/-; or exchange cock Goldfinches.—Atkinson, Market-place, Guisborough.

SIX Norwich cocks and six Norwich hens, 1/6 each; cocks 4/- each; or what offers in exchange.—T. Parker, 23, New-st., Worthing, Sussex.

FEW Norwich cocks, 5/6; offers, exchange pair Scotch fancies; exchange exhibition Yorkshire or mules.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, also 4-compartment breeding cage for sale; loose fronts and partitions; or exchange anything.—Brooks, 14, Ridley-rd., Dalston.

EXCHANGE extra large yellow Norwich cock Canary for good oil cycle lamp; no rubbish wanted; or sell 10/6.—43a, Radnor-st., Peckham, London, S.E.

CREST, and Crestbreds, from excellent strains, selected stock birds; absolute sale, bargains cash, or exchange good jewellery.—Spicer, 118, Queen's-rd., Watford.

WANTED, anything useful, for household; exchange high-class Norwich crestbreds, or common Canaries. — McCutcheon, 95, Titchfield-st., Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

FINE young Yorkshire cocks from prize winners, 10/6 each; or exchange anything to value; genuine offers only.—Allen, 3, Orchard-terrace, Nersury-rd., Southgate.

EXCHANGE 18 Norwich Canarics, and large double breeder, value 50/-, for gents' cycle; genuine offer; bike first.—A. Garrod, 37, Spencer-rd., Rushden, Northants.

EXCHANGE sib. hen, guaranteed mother of light mules, for large Siberian cock Goldfinch breeder; sell 25/-; approval.—Peacock, 18, Wilson-st., Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.

WILL exchange a Buff cock Yorkshire Canary, fit to win, cost £1, for Squeeker Pigeons (young); no rubbish; approval both ways.—R. Witt, 15, Godesdoni-rd., Cambridge.

PAIR variegated Norwich, 1906 reared, two nests, this time, 8/6; exchange for two Roller cocks, 1907 Norwich not my fancy.—Taylor, 15, Meridith-street, Ladybarn, Manchester.

TO be sold or exchanged, high-class Yorkshires, pink-eyed, and cinnamon-marked, for sale or exchange, good pedigree Yorkshire bitch, not over 5lb. weight.—Taylor, 27, Bridge-st., Heywood.

CANARIES for sale; 13 cocks, 17 hens; green, variegated, palace aviaries, six breeding cages, accessories; or exchange for Edison's Home, Standard phonograph.—Leggett, 10, Claremont-rd., West Kilburn.

LARGE clear Yellow, dark Crest cock; large variegated Crest bred hen, 1906, nearly moulted, £2 10s. cash; or exchange for Yorkshires; best class only; offers wanted.—Cowgill, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR adult Cockaticls, nesting outdoor aviary, 15/-; exchange.—Field, Monumental Mason, Aylsham.

BEAUTIFUL Amazon Parrot and cage, splendid talker, cash 70/-; or exchange gold watch, chain, or ring.—Little, 2, Pimlico-rd., S.W.

TALKING blue fronted Amazon Parrot, including cage and stand; exchange lady's cycle, Canaries, Fowls, offers.—Criddeford, Broomhills, Honiton.

SPLENDID blue fronted Amazon Parrot, excellent talker, healthy, very tame, good plumage, fit to show; sacrifice £3 10s.; part exchange singing Canaries or mules.—Hall, 96, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

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The most delightful and appropriate Postcards for Bird Lovers on the market.

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Sale or Exchange

CHICKENS, six March-hatched, fit to kill, 15/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

FERRETS, white, well-trained, anyone can handle, 5/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

ORPINGTONS. Black, splendid pen cock and five hens, 30/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

LADY'S free wheel cycle, exchange Canaries, or sell 45/-; state offers.—Gale, Kingsweston, Bristol.

ENGRAVED lever watch Swiss made, 15/-; exchange Canaries.—Yanssen, Crowle, Nr. Doncaster.

ROGER treadle fret machine, 10/-; exchange birds, Canaries, or British.—Atkin, 98, Hodgson-st., Hull.

BELGIAN Buck, very handsome, pedigree bred, six months, 5/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

WHAT offers in exchange birds for gent's silver watch and chain.—Birt Mills, 4, Nelson-st., Brighton.

GRAND pair aviary-bred Pheasants, perfect plumage, 15/-; exchange.—Cooper, Decorator, Luton.

EXCHANGE Stanley Universal Spokeshave, new, offers, anything.—Knowles, Helston-rd., Penrhyn, Cornwall.

BARLOW, Greenwich, will exchange prize-bred Pigeons for other varieties, or for fowls, dogs, birds, anything.

SMALL pedigree Whippet bitch, had one litter; 10/-; exchange Yorkshire or other toy.—Halsall, 32, Nelson-st., Southport.

TREADLE sewing machine and cover, perfect condition, exchange Canaries, or £2.—W. P., 83, Preston-st., Bradford.

EXCHANGE 60 Cage Birds for young cock Goldfinches or young Yorkshire hen.—Franks, 12, Rundell-rd., Maida Hill.

DOVES. Breeding cages for sale, 5/-; or exchange cock Yorkshire.—S. Darvill, Woodburn Green, Nr. Maidenhead.

YORKSHIRE terrier maiden bitch, 30/-; exchange ladies' furs or Canaries.—Curtis, Industrial Dwellings, Newcastle-on-Tync.

WILL give dozen phonograph records, new, for two cock Rollers, singing, approval both sides.—Watt, James-st., Pittenweem.

TWO 10/6 fountain pens, 3,000 Ogden's Cigarette-photos, exchange Goldfinches, or offers.—Edwards, 14, Market-st., Carnarvon.

SELL Parrot cage and pair smooth red Cavies 15/-, or exchange anything useful.—Thompson, 51, Smawthorne-avenue, Castleford.

EXCHANGE 56 lbs. splendid 1907 mixed wild seed for hen Canaries, hen Bullics, cock Greypates.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth.

FIFTEEN good Homing Pigeons for sale, 30/-; or part exchange birds or anything useful.—B. Hale, No. 11, King's-rd., Sedgley.

GOOD aviary and 12 British birds, price, 12/6; good Parrot cage, 4/-; exchange Mules, Goldfinches; offers.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

BOOTS, shocs, table cutlery, electroplate; everything for the home in exchange for Canaries etc.—Exchange Co., 30 Woollen-st., Sheffield.

WILL exchange good violin, almost new, and case, for good Norwiches, or take 30/-; approval.—Higgins, 401, Gt. Eastrin-rd., Glasgow.

NOTICE.—Fulton's pigeon book, new, cost 30/-; wanted, offers; exchange yellow Budgerigars.—David Johnston, 31, Cramond-st., Glasgow.

SALE or exchange, six breeders, one flight, pair good Yorkshires and young; also useful accessories.—Gardiner, Greenway-rd., Bristol.

HANDSOME pair high-flying Tippler Pigeons, 10/6, or exchange young Cinnamon Norwich cock Canary.—53, Elcot-avenue, Peckham.

IRIS spangled O.E. Game Bantams, 18/6; exchange for Goldfinches or flight cages; approval.—Carrier, 3, Munster-rd., Portsmouth.

TENOR slide trombone, sell 12/6, scarcely used; or exchange mandoline, banjo or talking Parrot.—Foden, Federation-st., Prestwich, Manchester.

INDIAN Green Parrot, and cage, also full size lecture lantern, exchange Canaries, banjo, or small shot gun.—Hayward, George-st., Godalming.

EXCHANGE Clarionet, 13 keys, E flat, for Canarics, fowls, or camera; anything useful, or sell 22/-.—Apply Thomas Brown, 28, King-st., Mansfield.

EXCHANGE 5 pairs good high-flying tipplers for two pairs clear Yorkshire Canaries.—Kirtley, 15, Victoria-cottages, Portobello-Lane, Sunderland.

SHOES—will exchange one pair of ladies' tie shoes (the Gibson), for one good Norwich cock, or three Norwich hens.—Robert Thompson, Longtown.

BANTAMS, telescope, breeding cage, three back cages, one buck rabbit; sell 20/6, or exchange British; offers.—Cates, 79, Astonville-st., Southfields.

BEST offers in Norwich cocks for 100 fretwork designs and pair of hollow-ground razors in case.—C. Brown, Northern-grove, Maelgwyn-terrace, Llandudno.

EXCHANGE pair silver mounted carvers for one cock Canary, or three hens; approval.—Herbert Marsden, Cutlery Manufacturer, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

GENT'S silver watch, 20/-; ditto, 12/6; workman watch, 7/-; crossbred Poodle dog, 15/-; Fox Terrier dog, 10/-; bitch, 5/-; Jacobin hen, 5/-; pair Cross Pouter, 3/-; exchange.—Abbott, Liverpool-rd., Luton.

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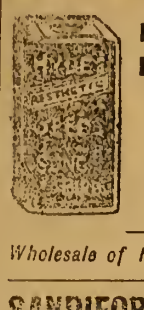
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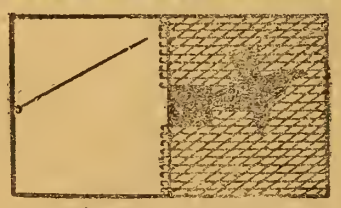
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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Our weekly contest for Linnets was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, when 26 of the best birds in Leeds sang for four good prizes, given by Mr. W. Tillottson. 1 Hardcastle, 2 Stead, 3 and 4 shared by W. Crowther and H. Greenwood. Judges: T. Summers and T. Hineson. Timekeeper, E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM.

The usual weekly Linnet contest was held at the Coach and Horses, High Street, Lewisham on September 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The prizes competed for were three singing cages ranging in value. Five pair of birds were hung on the nail. Although they are improving in song, none were yet up to the usual standard. The winners were: 1, Austin, 1 score 11; 2, Emerton, 1 score 10; 3, Major, 1 score 2. The runners-up being Ingram and W. Austin.

BLACKBURN L.F.A.

There is every prospect of our having a thorough good, sound society, our membership now numbering upwards of 40. We held our first show on September 28th, at headquarters, the house of Mr. Harry Rothwell, The Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park. Being rather early in the season, the birds were not quite at their best, but notwithstanding there was a very good opening show, 25 birds competing for 10 prizes—5 for Fed Birds, and 5 for the wild class. The judge was Mr. Wellington Harwood, of Darwen, who gave general satisfaction with his decisions. Fed Class: 1 S. Fletcher, 2 R. Airey, 3 J. Abbot, 4 J. Sanderson, 5 J. Walmsley. Wild Class: 1 R. Hunt, 2 J. Entwistle, 3 J. Walmsley, 4 and 5 H. Ainsworth.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, Sec.

CLUB REPORTS.

LIVERPOOL BIRD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

Usual monthly meeting held September 12th, Mr. Handley in the chair. Schedule was fixed for the November old show (members), and arrangements made for cage-making competition at next meeting, October 10th, entries for same to be taken at the meeting. There will be 2 classes, Champions (which is to include any who are wood-workers by trade) and Novices. The prize and specials will be given for "simplicity, and suggestive ideas in the making." Mr. W. Thompson will act as judge.—H. BARRATT, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD, WOOLWICH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting was held on September 19th, at Trinity Schools. Mr. Best was elected delegate to the CAGE BIRDS Competition Committee. It was decided to alter the date of the next meeting from 17th to 24th October, as a number of members wished to attend Dulwich show. At this meeting, to which all are welcome, a demonstration of how to wash a Canary will be given by Mr. Meades, followed by a competition. Mr. Best having kindly offered a prize for the best-washed bird by a novice. The following were elected members, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. H. Bulgin, A. Booth, Daniels, Swift, Thorn, W. R. Wood, and H. Weaver. The membership now totals 32, but there is still room for a great many more. A lecture on the Norwich Plainhead was given by Mr. Hazell, followed by a discussion, during which many interesting points were brought forward and talked over for the benefit of all present. A vote of thanks to the lecturer brought the meeting to a close.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held September 28th. Members present were, Messrs. J. McLay, J. Young, C. Campbell, G. Shillinglaw, J. Munro, R. Adamson, W. Griffiths, and Secretary. A discussion took place regarding the colour of inside of show cage, and it was finally settled that the tint as used by Mr. Dewar be adopted as the correct one, which is light sky blue, and can be had from that gentleman at 1s. per tin. The regulation drinker was considered satisfactory—black outside, and the same colour inside as the inside of cages, any other colour will be disqualified. A post card from Mr. J. C. Wallace complained of the model on the medals; this was discussed at length, and it was agreed to ask the jeweller to improve the model. The membership list, which should have been closed on October 1st, was extended until October 12th, on which date it will be finally closed, and all not paid members by that time cannot compete in the young bird classes at the club show. The meeting agreed that specials for club show should be allotted by the president and secretary.—A. CHALMERS, Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

On September 23rd, at Chapel street Mission Hall, Mr. Barker Clegg gave a very interesting lecture on British Birds, before the members of the above society and a good number of friends. Mr. Clegg was asked a good number of questions, to which he answered very promptly. Our meeting nights are held every second and fourth Monday in each month, when new members can be made, and friends are always welcomed. On October 14 next Mr. Bladon will give us a lecture, to which all fanciers are invited.—W. JACKSON, Hon. Sec.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 15th. Mr. D. R. Jones presided. Two new members were elected. It was decided to leave management of schedule, etc., until next meeting, September 28th. Re the letter published by Mr. Portsmouth, jun., in CAGE BIRDS, August 31st, under the heading "The Scourge of the Bird Room," we expected to see the above gentleman at our meeting, and prepared for a lecture on the above heading, but Mr. Portsmouth never came to the meeting at all. Mr. Lewis was present, but never made a special note on the subject, as promised to his friend, Mr. Portsmouth. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Society, and not secretary, as stated in Mr. Portsmouth's letter.—I. SIMON, Sec.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at Douglas Hotel, Dublin, Mr. Devitt in the chair. Rules and classification for show arranged as follows: 22 classes for Yorkshires, 10 Norwich, 4 Scotch Fancy, 2 Belgian, 5, Mules and Hybrids, 8 British Birds, 6 Foreign Birds, 6 Selling, and 1 Gift. Under such a liberal classification fanciers should take advantage of same, and send in good entries when the time arrives. The committee decided to pay the rent of show-room in advance. The committee wish it to be made known that no member should send any birds to shows not under the patronage of the club. Mr. Michael Murphy, Dublin, was elected a member of the club.—W. C. SHARDLOW, Hon. Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

The committee met on September 23rd, at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr Tydfil. There was a good attendance, only four of the committeemen being absent. Mr. T. L. Castree was in the chair. One and all seemed to be brimful of go. Mr. W. Williams, Nelson, Glam., was elected a member of the club. It was decided to give the club's patronage to both Swansea shows, also to Llanelly C.B.S., and Merthyr and Dowlais. The secretary was given power to give the patronage to other societies complying with the rules and classification of the club. The committee selected a sub-committee, to fix a date, and draw up rules and prize-money for the proposed club show to be held at Mountain Ash, subject to decision of the general meeting to be held at Swansea show. A representative will be appointed to attend each show that receives the club's patronage, to look after the interest of the exhibits and exhibitors, also to see that the Novice birds are drawn out and judged for the Novice medals. The committee decided that the Novices shall have a fair fight between themselves for the medals, which is a step in the right direction. Now Novices, roll up and join us, we want your support, and we will help you. It was decided to accept the C.B.U. decision on what constitutes a Novice. The holders of the Leech Cups will be presented each year with a handsome medal. I should like to see some other good fancier or fanciers come forward and do as Mr. Leech has done, or even give us a medal or two to be won by the Novice gaining most points during the season. After about four hours' hard work, the treasurer, Mr. Jones, gave us a treat in the way of an entertainment with his gramophone. He has, no doubt, the best set of records in South Wales. This was appreciated by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to our host. Those who have not paid their subs. should do so at once. There is still room on the ledgers for new members, the sub. is only 2s. 6d. per annum, paid in advance.—D. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec., 4, George Street, Brecon.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The second best attended meeting this year took place on September 23rd, to take part in a judging competition in Norwich Plainheads. New members elected: Messrs. F. Moore and R. S. Hamlin; nominated, Messrs. G. B. Lewis, J. Hughes, and R. Allen. A letter from a recently-elected member, touching on show rule 13, proved highly important, and no less than 14 members took part in the discussion. The balance-sheet of the young bird show, duly audited, showing a profit of 14s. 8d., was confirmed as read, the secretary giving statistics of the same ranging over a period of five years. In unanimously electing Mr. A. W. Hart (that adept at stage making and erecting) staging steward—a post vacant by the resignation of Mr. L. Daintry—many were the high compliments paid him for his untiring services. A handsome silver-plated cup for competition amongst the novice Crest and Crested-bred breeders, presented by Mr. A. Lazarus, was on view, and made a most pleasing impression on the would-be winners. Samples in three colours of the newly-acquired diplomas were also on view, giving general satisfaction, but the question of the disposition of the same was postponed until the next meeting. The judging competition of Norwich Plainheads then took place, 30 members taking part, with Mr. G. E. Weston as final judge. Upon the completion the winning birds were brought out, when Mr. Weston gave a masterly exposition upon their respective merits, which was listened to with wrapt attention, especially from the large body of novices present. At the close many questions were asked, and replied to to the satisfaction of all. Messrs. W. Prance (champion), T. Cox (amateur), and W. Page and W. Shepherd (novices) secured the silver medals. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Weston, to which he suitably replied. A pleasant feature of the evening was the reappearance of Mr. A. W. Curtis, after an absence of 11 weeks; warm and cordial were the greetings extended him on all hands.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Meeting September 28th. Mr. J. H. Drakely presided. The business before the meeting was the special prizes for open classes, and after discussing the same it was proposed and seconded that the Society give point specials in the same way as last year. It was announced that in addition to the patronage already reported, that they had been favoured with the Crested Canary Club's support. After other important business was transacted in connection with the Jubilee Show, the secretary was instructed to proceed with the schedule and other printing at once.—W. H. BAMSEY, hon. sec.

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THE SHOWS.

BIDEFORD.

Members' show held in connection with the Poultry and Pigeon Show; some very good exhibits were staged. Mr. G. Loosmore judged, and his awards seemed to give very good satisfaction. CRESTS: 1, 2, Priscott. YORKSHIRES: 1, Symons; 2, 3, Grilliths. A.O.V.: 1, Priscott; 2, Symons, 3, Hughes. Finch: 1, Davy, Bramble; 2, Priscott, Bullfinch; 3, 4, Hughes, a Chaffinch and a Bramble. MULE: 1, Priscott; 2, Davy. A very nice variegated Mule was shown in this class by A. Symons, but unfortunately, it being a young bird class, and Mr. Symons' bird being an old one, it was marked w.c.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INVENT.

The third of a series of members' shows was held on September 28 at the Church Schools. Mr J. Dawson judged, and gave general satisfaction. Fifty birds were staged, some of which will be heard of later in open competition. YELLOW YORKS.: 1, Birbeck; 2, 4, Kay; 3, Atkin. BUFF: 1, Newell; 2, 3, Holden; 4, Brook. TICKED or UNEVENLY MARKED YELLOW: 1, Rushworth; 2, Birbeck; 3, Brook; 4, Riley. BUFF: 1, Atkin; 2, Holden; 3, Kay; 4, Riley. CIN. MARKED YELLOW: 1, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, Oldfield; 2, Brook; 3, Newell. YELLOW HEN: 1, Frith; 2, Newell; 3, Kay; 4, Rushworth. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Holden; 3, Schofield; 4, Birbeck. CIN. MARKED YELLOW HEN: 1, Holden; 2, Oldfield; 3, Newell. BUFF: 1 Atkin; 2, Holden. HEAVILY VAR.: 1, Schofield 2, 4, Atkin; 3, Frith.

KILMAURS.

The Kilmaurs Fur and Feather Fanciers' Society held their third annual open show on September 25th, in the Public Hall. The weather conditions were all that could be desired—an ideal summer's day—which contributed largely to the turn-out of visitors who patronised the show. There was a fair classification throughout, and the response in the number of entries was very good. The feature of interest was in great measure the cage bird section of the show, Norwich and Borders being a good class. Other classes in the British sections were very fair, some of the exhibits were of outstanding merit. The officials were, hon. pres., J. G Findlay, Esq.; pres., G. J. Wilson, Esq.; vice-pres., Bailie James Montgomerie; patronesses, Mrs. J G. Findlay, Mrs. G. J. Wilson; committee, Messrs. W. Gibson, J. Rowan, William Gray, J. Roy, R. Paterson, R. Dunlop, J. Fleming, T. Gemmill, H Lang, J. Gourlay, P. Gilmour, J. Morton, J. Cunnings. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Allan Robert, Thornliebanks; British, Mr. Gavin Alston. Show secretaries, Messrs. Faulds and Fleming, Mr. Fleming being secretary for the cage bird sections. The entries for cage birds were slightly in excess of last year, and the quality all over very good. The judges' awards were well received. Mr. Fleming had a difficult task before him, and his duties were carried out faithfully and well. Of even temper, courteous, and obliging, Mr. Fleming is the embodiment of an ideal secretary. The Public Hall is well suited for a general show, ample room, plenty of light, and free of draughts. The cage bird sections claimed the attentions of a large portion of the visitors, being well patronised during the day. Scotch Fancies were again conspicuous by their absence, not a single Scotch Fancy being staged. We venture to suggest that if a few Scoteb Fancy classes were added, it would lend greater interest to the show. With proper inducements offered by the management, Scotch Fancy breeders would no doubt make a hearty response. Mr. Fleming was ably assisted by a hard-working committee, and everything was in apple-pie order. There were no catalogues this year, the management, in place of catalogues, bad cards with exhibitors names and the awards in the different classes attached to the pens, but the want of catalogues was very much felt by visitors and exhibitors alike. Not a few of the principal breeders of Norwich and Border Fancies were to be seen. The management are well pleased with results for 1907 and there being one or two new office-bearers this year, no doubt the experience gained at this time will bear good fruit for the show of 1908. BORDERS YELL. VAR. (6): 1, Findlay, var. well-built, grand colour and quality, nice, jaunty carriage; 2, Hogg, var. not quite so good in colour, good shape and quality; 3, Jones, another var. bird, nice, jaunty carriage, and good shape, not so rich in colour as first and seeond; vhe, Smellie, var. very nicely moulded bird, good quality, fails in colour; hc, Cree. BUFF (6): 1, McGhee, var. fine shape and very jaunty action, grand quality, nicely shown; 2, Hogg, var. sweet bird, not so well up as first, and barely so rich in bloom; 3, Blair, var. good bird, and well worth its position, sure to improve; vhe, Elliott, similar shape to seeond and third, but not so nice in finish; hc, Tom. SELL. 7/6 (4): 1, McKean, var. good exhibit, nice shape and colour, cheap; 2, Findlay, very shapely, nice colour; 3, Dempster, Buff var., good carriage, neat wing and tail; vhe, McGhee. YELL., CLE. OR TICK. (4): 1, Mrs. Gilbert, Yell. tic, neat and compact, exceilent carriage; 2, McGhee, clear, in fine condition, nice and eompact in feather, but not quite so neat; 3, McGill, clear, scarcely in such good feather, but good exhibit; vhc, J. B. Y. Murdoch, niee feather, neatly-moulded head, niee wing and tail. BUFF (5): 1, Clark, clear, excellent feather, grand shape and earriage, nice head and wing; 2, Blair, nice clear, not quite so large as winner, but equally good in points; 3, Findlay, clear, nice, jaunty carriage, sweetly-moulded bird, shade less colour than winners; vhc. Smillie, excellent finish, will improve. BUFF. CLE. OR TIC. HEN (6): 1, McKean, lightly marked, niee carriage, very jaunty, grand quality; 2, Clark, feathered like wax, a taking exhibit, elose run for first; 3, Elliot, tick., not quite so well up as first and seeond, nice quality; vhc, Muir, clear, neat body, wings and tail, in fine condition; he, Murdock; e, Findlay. YELL., CLE. OR TICKED CK. (6): 1, Findlay, fine model, nicely moulded, good carriage, looking well; 2, Jones, clc., similar shape and earriage, shade smaller, and harely so good in colour; 3, McGill, clc., nice shape, sweetly-moulded head, harely so nice in feather; vhc, Smellie, not as shapely as winners, nice carriage; hc, Blair, very fair hird, and in good condition. NOR. BUFF, CLE. OR TIC. HEN (4): 1, McFarlane, nice large typical bird, fine head, neck and chest, good back and tail, nice model; 2, Hutchison, a lightly ticked bird of excellent quality, grand colour and shape, fine head and nice chest, seareely as tight as first; 3, Henderson, lovely clear Buff, good type, shade small, but good quality; vhc, McKenna. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Muir, tic., fine Buff ,grand size and shape, nice egg, well staged, an easy first; 2, Hutchison, var. Buff, fine chest and feather, lovely shape, wings nicely placed, loses in size; 3, Watson, var. Buff, another good exhibit, quite as good in quality as winners, but lacking in size; vhc, McFarlane, not so good in finish, but sure to improve; hc, Cunningham, good bird. YELL. CLE. OR TIC. HEN (4): 1, Malcolmson, clear, excellent merit, lovely shape and colour, well shown; 2, Hutchison, clear, good type, nice feather, falls in size to first; 3, McFarlane, clear, in splendid condition, a promising exhibit; vhc, Watson, good all-round bird, but not looking at its best, sure to improve. BUFF, CLE. OR TIC HEN (10): 1, Muir, grand quality, clear, nice, colour, fine back, nice tail, nicely staged; 2, McFarlane, clear, typical bird of excellent finish, very close bid for first; 3, Watson, good shaped, clear, fine quality, nice feather and colour, scarcely so trim as second; vhc, Malcolmson, a shade longer than third, fair quality and type; hc, c, Murray. BRITISH, SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (6): 1, Gemmell, nice Siskin, well-laced, neat cap and bib, shown in splendid condition; 2, McQuiston, Twite, a very fine bird, grand colour and lacing, in perfect feather; 3, McGregor, Redpoll, in beautiful feather; vhc, Millar, another of the same stamp, but scarcely so bright in feather; 5, McCaw, Siskin, shade small, but shown in fine condition. SOFT BILL, SMALL (5): 1, Cowan, Hoopoe, a rare and beautiful exhibit, in lovely feather, nice bar-markings on wings and crest; 2, Henderson, Redstart, nice exhibit, grand colour and condition; 3, Smith, Thrush, first time shown, lovely shape, colour, and breast markings, fine and steady; vhc, McCallum, another Thrush, of excellent shape, but barely so bright in breast markings; hc, Henderson. MULE OR HID (5): 1, McFarlane, Goldfinch-Canary, very fine bird, rich in colour, shown in lovely condition; 2, Cunningham, another Goldfinch-Canary, not quite the size of winner, nice rich colour, close on first; 3, Tams and Son, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good size, nice rich face, and in good condition; vhc, McFarlane, nice, large Buff Goldfinch-Canary, will improve; he, Cunningham, light Linnet-Mule, scarce exhibit, in lovely feather and condition, sure to be in the front yet. LINNET (6): 1, McQuiston, fine bird, nice size, rich in colour and lacing, well staged; 2, Watson, another good Linnet, not quite the size of first, or so good in breast colour; 3, 5, Ramsay, two very nice birds, third shade dull in colour, 5 fair bird, very restless; vhc, McQuiston, could do with a little more size, nicely marked and good colour. HARDBILL (5): 1, Cramb, lovely Bramblefineh, fine colour, splendidly marked, very richly spangled; 2, vhc, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, a noted winner, looking well, in rare feather; vhc, Yellowhammer, good size, and rich in colour; 3, hc, Hopkins, fine Siskin, beautifully marked, but shown in wrong class, hc, Bramblefinch, not as bright in colour and markings as first. GOLDFINCH, LINNET, SISKIN, OR CANARY-MULE, DARK (5): 1, 2, Doolan. first Goldfinch-Canary, first time shown, good size, rich in colour, in good condition, second another Goldfinch-Canary, 1st and spl at Troon, not quite the size of first, little to choose between them; 3, McCaw, Siskin-Mule, in grand condition and lovely colour! vhc, Malcolmson, Goldfineh-Mule, good size, rich in colour, and shown in fine condition; he, McQuiston, another Goldfinch-Mule, good size and colour, fair bird. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Cramb, colour-fed, first moult, perfect in feather, colour, and condition, model Greenfinch; 2, Millar and Eadie, another colour-fed bird, grand shape and markings, but not so bright in colour; 3, McQuiston, nice shape and colour; vhc, Fait, shade dull to winners.

BRADFORD C.B.A.

The Bradford West C.B.A. third members' show of the season was held on September 28, when about 60 birds were staged. Mr. J. Wilman judged. The competition points up to the present are as follows:—T. Murgatroyd and Son, 52 points; W. Crabtree, 41; W. A. Cowgill, 40; T. H. Inman, 32; J. Clark, 31; F. Wailbank, 20; G. Mail, 15; A. Cooper, 14; T. Wood, 13; L. Bolton, 8; T. Clegg, 7. In the novice section the points are:—A. Pratt, 37 points; G. A. Bennet, 31; Wood Dobson, 27; W. Hellewell, 27; A. Turner, 12; W .Graham, 5; W. Bohson, 5. A. Bennett, 5; S .Lester, 3. The result of Saturday's show is as follows:—YELLOW YORKS.: 1, 2, Crabtree; 3, Wallbank. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Pratt; 3, Clark; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Inman; hc, Graham, Lister. TKD. YELL.: 1, Clark; 2, Hellewell; 3, Lister. TKD. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Wood Dobson; 3, hc, Inman; 4, Pratt; vhe, Cowgill, C. Clark. UNEVEN-MKD: 1, 3, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Clark; 4, Hellewell; vhe, Bennett; hc, Pratt; e, Lester. YELL. HEN: 1, Cowgill; 2, 3, Bennett; 4, vhc, Hellewell; hc, Crabtree. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, Wallbank; 3, vhc, hc, Wood Dohson; 4, c, Murgatroyd and Son. N.A.V.: 1, Cowgill; 2, 3, he, Clark; 4, Graham; vhe, Wood Dobson.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

Members' show held September 28th at their clubroom, Barley Mow. The entry was good, 79 birds being staged, and some noted past winners put on the benches to be judged. The points gained at this show count for medals and other prizes which are put up for competition. We have commenced a competition for Novices, which will have three medals, one gold, two silver, and this is the first show for them. Mr. T. Ogden officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. YELL (2): 1, Firth; 2, Bleazard. BUFF (3): 1, Bleazard; 2, Firth; 3 Cowell. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, and 3, Varley; 4, Cowell. BUFF (5): 1 and vhc, Hudson; 2 and 4, Bottomley; 3, Bleazard. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Varley; 3, Bleazard; 4, Firth; vhc, Cowell. BUFF HEN (8): 1 and 4, Bottomley; 2, Firth; 3, vhc, Cowell; he, Bleazard; c, Hudson. SELL., 15/- (5): 1, Varley, 2, Bleazard; 3, Firth; 4, vhc, Bottomley. SELL., 12/6 (6): 1, Varley; 2, Bottomley; 3, 4, Thompson; vhc, Firth; he, Cowell. NOVICE COMPETITION—YELL. (7): 1, Warhurton; 2, Sharpe; 3, Clark; 4, vhe, Johnson; he, Sowden and Son; e, Hodgson. BUFF (11): 1, Warburton, 2, hc, Clark; 3, Woolmer; 4, Sharpe; vhc, Johnson; e, Gledhill. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Warburton; 2, Gledhill; 3, Sharpe; 4, vhc, Clark; he, Palframan. BUFF (11): 1, Woolmer; 2, 4, Palframan; 3, Gledhill; vhe, Hodgson; hc, Johnson; e, Warburton. NOVICE SELL. (3): 1, Clark; 2, Warburton; 3, Gledhill.



ACCRINGTON.

Accrington and District C.B.S. held their annual open show on September 27th and 28th, in the Liberal Club. The Assembly Room proved a very suitable place for the purpose, very comfortable and light, and having the excellent feature of being only a minute's walk from the station. We regret to say, however, that entries came up badly, no doubt owing to the show being held so early in the season. The society, in consequence, feel very strongly against the Cage Bird Union's action in refusing them as members if they stuck to the dates originally fixed, viz., October 18th and 19th, this being the reason they were compelled to hold their show so early. The officials say they still fail to see why the Union should not have allowed them to keep to their original dates, as they are 22½ miles from Rochdale; also that if it had not been for the fact that several of their members were also members of other societies affiliated to the Union, they would have held their show without the patronage of the C.B.U., for they felt confident that if they had done so the show would have been a success, whereas through having it so early they will sustain a loss into the teens of pounds. It seemed the general opinion that the action of the Union is much to be regretted, and that it will leave a very bad impression on the minds of the Accrington and District Fanciers as to its merits. Be that as it may, a meeting was held after the close of the show, and next year's show was fixed for October 16th and 17th, 1908, so that the C.B.U. will have plenty of notice of the Accrington dates this time. Coming to the birds themselves, the Norwich were not, as a whole, up to Accrington's usual standard, although the specimens which Messrs. Godley, Seed, Fowler, Evans, Tweddle, and Wade had on view will be found hard nuts to crack wherever they may go. Yorkshires were a very level lot, and some exceptionally promising birds were staged by Messrs. Reed, Lane, Ellis, Wear, Dykes, and Hirst. Cinnamons came up fairly well considering that the season is so early, the birds exhibited by Messrs. Godley, Dormer and Wilson being very meritorious, and including some of their well-known winners of the past. In the A.O.V. class the Crest-bred exhibited by Mr. Godley is a bird of exceptional merit, and should want some stopping in its own section. In the British Birds Mr. Underwood's Waxwing was a very fine specimen, and well deserved its place, as also did Mr. T. Johnson's grand coloured Bramblefinch. We were sorry to learn that the exhibits of Mr. C. Hunt (Leeds), and Mr. W. G. Pool (Stratford-on-Avon) arrived too late for competition. Mr. Harwood makes a grand secretary, having everything in first-class order, and we must congratulate both him, Mr. J. Trengove, Mr. A. Hirst, and the other members on the admirable and smart way in which the birds were despatched home on the closing night. The officials responsible for the excellent arrangements were: President and chairman, Councillor J. Smith J.P.; vice-chairmen, Messrs. A. Hirst and W. Dormer; treasurer, Mr. J. O'Brien; committee, Messrs. P. Ferguson, J. Rooney, S. Lowden, A. Taylor, J. Trengrove, W. Wade, J. O. Croston, J. T. Dean, M. Ragan, E. Reddy, W. Walsh, J. W. Philpott, R. Haydock, C. Taylor, E. Godley, W. Stirling, G. Pollard, R. Drinkwater, H. Riding, J. Wilson, R. Haworth, J. Almond, W. Smith, D. Crossley, J. G. Preston, and R. Seed; hon. secretary, Mr. D. Harwood. It is to be regretted the show was not a success, as the members are all true fanciers, and certainly deserve better support, both from exhibitors and the general public—let us hope their next venture may be crowned with complete success. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Norwich.

CLEAR YELL. (5): 1, 3, spl, Godley, leader big bouncing bird, good, rich, solid colour, grand head, neck and chest, hardly ready yet, 3rd, grand colour and quality, good head and neck, hardly as stout as winner; 2, Sherrington, red-hot colour, grand feather and types well cut away, trifle smaller, well staged; 4, Adnitt and Driver, nice substance, loses little feather and colour to leaders; vhc, Tweddle. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Seed, with the well-known "Little King II.," looking as well, if not better, than ever, wonderful type, grand colour and quality, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Coventry, another grand bird, well mealed, superior quality, grand type, loses a little in colour; 3, Adnitt and Driver, good substance, fine head, neck and chest, grand colour, trifle longer; 4, Godley, similar bird to 3rd, grand colour and quality; vhe, J. and J. Hopkins; he, Smith; e, Sutton. TICK ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Fowler, thigh tick., rare colour, good size and shape, but we thought rather lucky, hotly pressed by 2, Evans, another thigh-ticked, better type and feather, big, bouncing bird, well packed wings and tail, well aeross perch, good one; 3, Godley, wing marked, grand colour and type, well up in size, loses a little in quality; 4, Trengove, another thigh tick, grand size and colour, good quality, hardly ready yet, should do a lot of winning when lit; vhe, Adnitt and Driver; he, Mather, c, Godley. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Evans, ticked on front of head, grand size and colour, fine head and neck, extra good body, splendid quality, real good one; 2, Braybrook, mkd. eyes, neck and wings, another fine chubby bird, grand carriage, nice colour and quality, a good second; 3, Hayhurst, neck and wing mkr., another good exhibit, grand colour, beaten a little in type; 4, Winckley, eyes and wing mkd., good colour and size, loses quality; vhc, Hirst; he, Sherrington; e, Trengove. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, Tweddle, clear, splendid quality and colour, good type, grand carriage, put down in A1 style; 2, Sutton, neck mkd., unflighted, good colour, extra quality, grand body, but fails a shade on head and neck; 3, Mather, very heavily varieg., natural colour, good type and quality; 4, Evans, clear, nice quality and type, shade patchy in colour, which, no doubt ,told against it; vhc, Wilson. BUFF HEN (17), good class: 1, Hyde's spl, Evans, clear, extra colour and meal, grand shape and size, good head, neck and chest, lovely quality, bonny hen; 2, 3, Mercer, leader eye and wing, mkd. unflig., well up in size, grand colour, good type, little behind in quality, 3, clear unfligh., good-shaped body, nice colour and quality, little pinched in head and neck; 4, Sutton, clear, unfligh., grand colour, type and quality, but similar failing; vhc, Tweddle, clear, grand colour, hardly so good in body as leaders; hc, Godley; c, Stubbs. YELL. UNFLIGH. (11): 1, spl, Seed, clear, grand colour, size and shape, good head and neck, all front, not quite fined down yet, promising youngster; 2, Lees, grand colour, extra quality and type, good carriage, perhaps hardly as stout as leader; 3, Wade, another clear, grand-bodied bird, rich in colour, fails a little in head and neck, but very good all round; 4, Brumby and Stone, another presumably clear, rattling substance, nice wings and tail, good quality, nice level colour, but not the depth of those above it; vhc, Sutton; hc, Howarth; c, Braybrook. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Wade, clear, grand substance, extra short and cobby, rare colour, good head and full, short neck, nice quality, full of true Norwich properties; 2, Mercer, wing mkd., equally good colour, lovely quality, hardly the substance of winner, yet a good second; 3, Lees, clear, smaller, but all there for type and quality, grand colour, and staged to perfection; 4, Lingard, another clear, grand colour, and quality, shade longer; vhc, Godley, another clear, nice exhibit, close up; hc, Sheldon; c, Davies, Coulson, and Bradley.

Yorkshires.

CLEAR YELL. (19): 1, spl, Reed, unfligh., grand length and colour, nice back, wings and tail well-cut away, stands well, good quality; 2, Spencer, long, slim, typical bird, grand quality, well on legs and stands to perfection, very close race; 3, Binns, hardly as long, but grand type and quality, feathered to perfection, nice colour and style; 4, Ackroyd, another unfligh., superior quality and colour, well up on leg, inclined to cross wings a little, still, a bonny bird; vhc, Howarth; he, Hirst; c, Wagstaff. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Lane, unflgh., magnificent feather, straight as a pencil, grand round back, lovely wing carriage, nice pipe tail, shown in A1 style, well selected; 2, Wilcock, another rattling specimen, brimful of quality, beautiful back, wings and tail, nice length, grand position, close up; 3, Riley, well-drawn, good length and quality, stands to perfection, worth its place; 4, Dykes, very similar bird to third, perhaps not so good in neck, still a true Yorkshire; vhc, Binns, not quite fined down yet, will improve; he, Rooney; c, Crossley. TICKED YELL. (10): 1, spl, Ellis, slight grizzle on head, rattling feather, rare length, grand colour and stand, full of nerve and style, real good; 2, Lane, thigh-ticked, unflgh., soft, silky feather, nice length, good colour, rare shape, not quite at its best; 3, Wilcock, another unflgh., thigh-tick, nice length, grand back, wings and tail, rattling type and quality; 4, J. and J. Hopkins, unflgh., ticked head and root of tail; vhc, Wilcock; he, Whiting; c, Edmondson. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Ellis, cap mkd., rare length, teeming with quality, grand back, wings and tail, nice colour, good position; 2, Riley, slight grizzle on shoulder, grand length, nicely-folded wings, neat pipe tail, stands well, inclined to be a little rough at thigh; 3, Wear, another bird of grand length and position, beautiful quality and type; 4, Binns, really typical Yorkshire, feather like wax, well-filled back, best of wings and tail, not one of the largest, but one of the best; vhc, Halliday, another grand bird, magnificent quality, fully deserves its position; he, Foden; c, Hirst. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, spl, Wear, brace of beauties, both clears, shining like silk, slim, well-drawn birds, straight as darts, two magnificent hens, second an unflighted; 3, Bail, face and wing Cin. mkd., superior quality and type, rattling position, grand back, wings and tail, a good third; 4, vhc, Lane, another clear, good size and shape, grand quality and position hardly so full in neck; he, and c, Edmondson. BUFF HENS (12): 1, spl, Dykes, grand coloured, unflgh., neat head, good, full neck, nice back, wings and tail, nice quality and position; 2, Riley, hardly the length, but teeming with quality, beautiful type and position, extra clean underneath, and standing on clever legs, true Yorks. and close up; 3, Hirst, plenty of length, good shape and quality, nice back, well-packed wings and tail; 4, Halliday, Cin.-ticked wing, magnificent quality and colour, grand type, bonny hen, and well worth its place; vhc, Aekroyd; he, Spencer; e, Smith. CINN., TICK YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Hirst, grand team, leader eyes and wing mkd., splendid length, good quality and colour, always at attention, wins, 2, another rattling speeimen, mkd. similar to first, beateu in length only, 3, unfligh, eap and wing mkd., grand quality and style, good third; 4, Goodings, grand length, loses a little in quality to leaders; he, Croston.

Cinnamons, Etc.

YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Godley, leader grand shape, plenty of substance, sound, rich, level colour, good head, grand quality, 3, 4, both birds of good Cinnamon properties, third hardly so rich a colour as winner; 2, Dormer, another rattling specimen, grand substance and colour, true Norwich type, worth its place; he, Roberts. BUFF (13): 1, 3, Dormer, leader grand size and quality, fine head, neck and chest, splendid quality, very sound and level in colour, good carriage, 3 also grand Cinnamon, hardly so stout in body as winner, niee colour and size; 2, 4, vhc, he, spl, Godley, plenty of size, rare colour and type, grand quality and well staged, close up, 4, similar bird to 3rd, beaten only in substance; e, Ridings. HEN (12): 1, Wilson, grand coloured yell., rare size, rattling type, superior feather, real good hen; 2, 4, vhc, he, Godley, 2 another yellow, good, sound colour, well up in size, hardly fined down yet, 4 an unflgh., yell., grand colour, loses in size, should make a good one next year; 3, Hargreaves, grand size and type, good head, nicely feathered, and sound in colour, a good 3rd; c, Dormer. UNFLIGH. (10): 1, Godley, Buff, grand youngster, splendid shape, plenty of size, rare colour and quality, should do some winning; 2, 3, 4, spl, Dormer, trio of good ones, second another Buff, hardly the size of winner, but grand quality, colour and type, 3, very similar, 4 nice type and quality, beaten a little in head; vhc, Worthington Bros.; he, Hargreaves; c, Rilings. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (11): 1, hc, spl, Godley, 1, heavy variegCrest-bred, a stunner, massive, carrying heaps of feather, very large, well-shaped skull, lashed and covered to perfection, will want some stopping in any company; 2, Walmsley, Yellow Belgian, grand shoulders, nice quality, gets well into position, nicely staged; 3, Tams and Son, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, showing both parents distinctly, splendid finish, good exhibit; 4, Ward, Linnet-Bullfinch "Unique II.," in good order; vhc, Taylor; e, Johnson. SELL. 10/- (20): 1, 2, spl, Godley; 3, Howarth; 4, Oldcorn; vhc, Hirst; hc, Dormer; c, Taylor. BRIT. HARDBILLS (15): 1, Johnson, Bramblefinch, grand colour and markings, lovely bloom, very steady and well staged; 2, 3, Barwell, 2, Hawfinch, excellent size and shape, well-cut bib, good second. 3, another Bramblefinch, equally good in markings, tight feather, very steady, loses trifle in colour; 4, Norman, Chaffinch, good colour, very steady, well staged; vhc, Winter; he, c, England. SOFTBILLS (6): 1, Underwood, Waxwing, real champion, lovely colour and condition, plenty of work on wings and tail, very striking bird; 2, 3, spl, Walker, 2 Yell. Wagtail, a gem, and shown in Mr. W.'s usual first-class style, 3 Nightingale, hardly in full bloom yet; 4, vhc, England, Woodlark, well-spangled, in nice feather and steady. GIFT (1): 1, Godley; 2, Riding; 3, Harwood; 4, Taylor.

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CREWE OPEN SHOW of CAGE BIRDS, POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS and CAVIES (under C.B.U. rules), **Wednesday, October 16th.** Full prize money guaranteed, paid in 10 days. C.-B. Judge: A. C. Brotherhood, Esq., Newport. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies for cheap bookings from all stations within 30 miles of Crewe, at fare and quarter for the double journey; minimum fare 1/- by any ordinary train. Entries close October 9th. Make your entries NOW, lest you forget. Schedules from **W. EVANS, Coppenhall, Crewe.**

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The Show of the Season. C.B.U. Rules. **October 17 and 18,** at the PECKHAM PUBLIC HALL, LONDON. Under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C., Y.C.C., C.C.C., B.F.C.C.E. & W.B., F.C.C, N.B.B. & M.C. JUDGES, MESSRS. W. VARDY, J. ROBSON, G. E. WESTON. 80 Classes. Every variety catered for. 4 Money prizes per class. 1/6 Entrance Fee. Over 100 extraordinary Specials, including the "News of the World" Challenge Trophy, value £7 7s., for the best bird in show. Open Novice Cup, Silver Cups, Gold and Silver Medals, Cash specials and other valuables. Absolutely one of the finest lists ever placed before the fancy. Entries close October 7th. Schedules will be sent to Members of above Clubs and last year's exhibitors, others apply to
G. F. WOOLHOUSE, 22, ST. AIDAN'S ROAD, EAST DULWICH, S.E.

THE SHOW OF THE NORTH.

Newcastle & DISTRICT C.B.S. SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, **October 18th and 19th, 1907.** (Under C.B.U. rules) of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds; under the patronage of the N.P.C., G.C.A., Y.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C. **73** open Classes. An elaborate schedule. A valuable special for the best bird in show, and specials of exceptional value for best bird in each section. Open to the United Kingdom. Popular Judges: J. C. Barnes, Thos. Heath, Jas. Patterson, and Chas. Houlton. Schedules ready; apply to:
Messrs. CURRY & HUTCHINSON, Secs., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ROCHDALE Ornithological Society's 27th Annual All England Show, under C.B.U. Rules.
OCTOBER 18th and 19th, 1907.

Under the patronage of Foreign Bird Club, Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association, and Lancashire Canary Association,
52 Classes; also 6 Gold Medals: 1 for Lancashires, 1 for Lizards, 1 for Yorkshires, 1 for Plainhead Norwich, and 1 for Foreign Birds.
Judges—C. A. HOUSE, Esq., and W. MUNDELL, Esq.
Schedules from **J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith Street, Rochdale.**

OTLEY AND DIS. O.S. 7th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, OCTOBER 19th. Under the Patronage of the Bradford & C.B.B. & M.C. Twenty-three classes. Judges: Canaries, W. MUNDELL, Esq.; British Birds, W. A. COWGILL, Esq.
For Schedules apply
W. DAWSON, 36, ALBION STREET, OTLEY.

WESTERN COUNTIES ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

PLYMOUTH 48TH ANNUAL (Under C.B.U. Rules.) CAGE BIRD SHOW.
OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd.

(Under the Patronage of the Southern Norwich Plain Head, Southern Yorkshire, National British Bird and Mule and Crested Canary Clubs.) 41 Open Classes, 34 Members' Classes, 22/- Prize Money in each class. Special in every class in addition to 1st Prize. Judges: MESSRS. C. A. HOUSE, J. ROBSON and G. E. WESTON.
Entries close Oct. 12th. Entry Fee 1/6. Schedules now ready from—
THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec., 98, Embankment Road, Plymouth.

WIMBORNE OPEN SHOW (Under C.B.U. rules). POULTRY, PIGEONS, CAGE BIRDS, CATS, RABBITS & CAVIES.
Wed., Oct. 23rd.

13 classes for Cage-Birds. Good prize money and specials. Judge: Mr. G. Bond, Salisbury. Entries close October 15th. Schedules ready from
Hon. Sec.: W. M. BELL, St. Leonard's, Ringwood, or A. BROWN, West Street, Wimborne.

OXFORD OPEN SHOW, Wednesday, Oct. 23rd.
J. H. ROE: - - - JUDGE.
Over 30 Classes Cage-Birds. Prize-Money same night. Cups and Specials.
Secretary, **W. J. MOODY, 32, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford.**

BATTERSEA & DIS. C.B.A. 2ND ANNUAL **GRAND OPEN SHOW** of CANARIES, MULES, BRITISH & FOREIGN CAGE BIRDS (C.B.U. rules). Held at Battersea Town Hall, **Thursday & Friday, Oct. 24 & 25.** Under patronage of S.Y.C.C. Judges: W. Mundell, Esq., Yorkshires; J. Robson, Esq., all other varieties. The Show will be opened by Shirley Benn, Esq., L.C.C., on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Entrance Fee 2/-, Members 1/6; for a first prize 12/6, second 6/6, third 3/-, and a fourth of 2/- if more than 12 entries. Upwards of 50 specials, cups, and other valuable prizes to be competed for. All Fanciers sending their birds to Battersea can rely on them being well looked after. Arrangements have been made with Southend for the delivery of birds entered at Battersea on the night of 23rd; also with the G.W.R. Co. for delivery of birds from Plymouth before 8 o'clock on the morning of show by special van. Battersea Town Hall is five minutes' walk from Clapham Junc. Entries close Oct. 14th. No amalgamation. Prize-money paid within seven days. Schedules from **F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec., 5, St Mark's Road, Fulham Road, London.**

MANCHESTER OCTOBER 25 & 26. (Under C.B.U. rules.)

(Under patronage of the L. and L.F.A., Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire, Green, Norwich, Crest, Border, E. and W. Border, N.B.B. and M.C. and Foreign Clubs.)
THE CINNAMON CLUB SHOW.—N.P.C. Amateur Specials and Crest Club Novice Cup —Amateur classes for Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests and Cinnamons.
Judges:—Messrs. Bexson, House, Payne, Houlton, and Roe.
Schedules ready October 12th, from **J. RAYNES, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.**

YORK CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SHOW (under C.B.U. rules) Held in the Exhibition Buildings, **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5th and 6th, 1907.** All Prize Money fully guaranteed in every class. No cancelling of any class or amalgamation of classes. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. W. Battye, Esq. Good classification. A special in every class. Entries close October 31st, 1907.
Schedules ready, from **T. BOYLE, Sec., 1, Milton Street, Hull Road, York.**

SOUTHALL (Mdx.) 10th ANNUAL SHOW of Pg., R., C. & Cage Birds will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th. Judges: Pity., Mr. H. Abbot & Mr. H. William; other sections, T. J. Ambrose. £2 10 10s. challenge cup held by Pity. Club. Prize-money gtd. Entries close Oct. 7. Schds. of A. Smith, Sec. the Schools, Featherstone R.

LEEK & DIS C.B.S

(Under C.B.U. Rules.)
Open Show, Wednesday, Oct. 16
JUDGE: J. BERTIE, Esq.
23 OPEN CLASSES. 7 OPEN NOVICE CLASSES
PLENTY OF SPECIALS.
(See review of Schedules.)
ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th
All who have not received a Schedule, please write for one.
J. FOWLER, Hon. Sec., 9, Fountain St., Leek

EXETER & DEVON

Under C.B.U. Rules.
Open Cage Birds Show, October 16
Judge, Mr. J. H. PAYNE, Gloucester.
Entries close October 5th. Schedules of
CORNISH & ADAMS,
90. REGENT STREET, ST. THOMAS, EXETER.

HAYLE SHOW

(affiliated to C.B.U.)
OCTOBER 16th & 17th,
31 Classes of Cage Birds. Judge: J. H. Roe.
Good Prize Money. Low Entry Fee.
Plenty of Good Specials.
Schedules from W. PAULL, Hon. Sec., 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle.

ASHFORD, KENT.

OCTOBER 17th & 18th.
Cage Birds, 14 Open Classes. Judge, T. J. Ambrose, Esq. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6** numerous Specials. Schedules, apply:
E. J. Browne, 30, Somerset Road

KIRKCUDBRIGHT

SHOW OF POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS CATS, CAVIES and CAGE BIRDS, on
On THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th
Judges: Poultry, Mr. Prond; Pigeons, Mr. T. Stretch Cage Birds, Mr. Bennet.
106 Classes all over. Schedules now ready
John Kelly, Hon. Sec., 40 St. Mary St., Kirkcudbright

HOYLAND and District ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

(Under C.B.U. Rules.)
The above Society will hold its 7th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on
OCTOBER 18th & 19th, 1907,
in the Town Hall. Good classification. Prize money guaranteed. **8/-, 4/-, 2/-** for 1/- entry fee Specials for every class, also Specials for every section.
Judges: Messrs. J. Wilson and W. Vardy. Schedules from J. WARRENDER, 11, Gill Street, Hoyland, Nr. Barnsley.

"Scotland's Greatest Show."

THE CITY OF GLASGOW

Ornithological Association will hold their Fifty-fourth Annual Show and Competition of Scotch, Fancy, Belgian, Norwich and Border Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow (entrance by Taylor Street), on **Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th October, 1907.** Upwards of 150 Specials, Cups, and Full Prize Money awarded. Popular Judges and efficient Committees. Schedules and every information from—Scotch Fancy and Belgian Section, **ALEX. MACDONALD, Roslea Drive, Glasgow;** Norwich, &c., **ANDREW MUIR, 100, Caledonia Rd., Glasgow**

KELTY & BLAIRADAM

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S SHOW,
to be held **OCT. 19th.** Entries close Oct. 12th. Cage Bird Section has 53 classes, and will be judged by Messrs. D. Black and T. Merrilees, Scotch Fancies; D. A. Craig, all other varieties; Alex. Cochrane, British and Foreign. 46 specials, 3 cups, 1 gold medal. —Schedules can be had from JAS. HUNTER, Sec., Poultry, Pigeons, and Food, North Black Road, Kelty; or WM. ARNOTT, Sec., Cage Birds, 73, Adams Terrace, Kelty.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S. Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, under Yorkshire Union rules. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance, 1/6. Numerous Specials. Judge, J. ROBSON, Esq. London entries positively close on OCTOBER 15th. Schedules from—
H. W. GILL, Secretary, Park Gate, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

BROMLEY, KENT. £5 Limit.

Grand Open Show, Oct. 23 & 24,
Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds. Judges: Cook, Billet, Ambrose, Robson. Good classification, and Specials. Warm hall, only 1 minute's walk from Bromley North Station. Entries close Oct. 9. Schedules ready.
C. B. MANN, 33, High Street, Bromley.

Show Advertisements continued overleaf.

SHOW ADVERTISEMENTS. continued.

EBBW VALE

First Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cats.

Market Hall, October 23rd, 1907.

Good Prizes, and numerous cash and other valuable specials. Judges; Poultry—J. W. WILSON, ESQ., Appleby. Cage Birds—J. NORTH, ESQ., Reading. Fancy Pigeons—A. DE. WINTON, ESQ., Cambridge. Working Homers—J. VERNAL, ESQ., Pontypridd. Entries close October 16th, 1907. For Schedules apply to **H. Anthony,** 11, Greenfield Terrace, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

POTTERIES

AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION 6TH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, MULES & BRITISH BIRDS,

on OCTOBER 23rd and 24th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: W. Vardy and F. Bate. Good classification and numerous specials. Prize Money: 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; entry fee, 1/6. Schedules now ready from J. SIMCOCK, 157, Leonard Road, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.

CIRENCESTER

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, etc., on October 23rd & 24th,

In the CORN HALL. Mr. W. GREENWOON, Judge of Cage Birds. Entries close October 12th.

Wallis & Walker, Hon. Secs.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, 4th Annual Show

of P., Pig., R., Cats and Cage Birds will be held at the Whitworth Institute Pavilion, one of the best halls in Derbyshire and bang up to Station (Judges agree it comes up to the Palace), on Oct. 24th. First-class judges, low entry fees Sched. & partic. will appear in this paper on Oct. 11th. issue; entries close certain Oct. 17. Fanciers, let us have a good entry again for the old Secretary, Wm. Elliott, Bull's Head, Winster, Matlock Bath.

SOUTH SHIELDS 6th Annual Open Show

OCTOBER 25th and 26th.

Judges: H. W. Battye and F. Marwood.

10-GUINEA CHALLENGE BOWL.

46 OPEN CLASSES. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 3/- & 2/-

A 2 6 Cash Special for best bird in each class, Held under C.B.U. Rules. Prize money paid at the Show.

WM. DUKE, 336, St. Frederick St., South Shields

CHESTERFIELD. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

GRAND OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held on

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCT. 25th and 26th.

In the Assembly Room, Market Hall. Judge—J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. Good Classification. Prize Money (guaranteed) 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and 1/-. Entry Fee 1/6, Members 1/-. Numerous Specials. Schedules ready, apply J. J. DOOLEY, 39, Alexandra Road, Chesterfield.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES SIDE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

SECOND ANNUAL OPEN SHOW. **OCTOBER 26TH,** Held in the Oddfellows' Hall, one of the best Halls in England, see reports last year.

38 CLASSES. 4 MONEY PRIZES. Good Specials. Low Entry Fee. Judges: Canaries, W. Mundell; British Birds, F. Marwood. £6 6s. ROSE BOWL for most Points. For Schedules apply—ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.

DYSART, Fife. DYSART C.B.S.

Third Annual Open Show, Saturday, OCT. 26th, Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6 entry in all classes. Under the Patronage and Competition of Scottish Plainhead Club. Two cups and 3 medals; also under the Patronage and Competition of British Birds and Mule Club, also Border Fancy Canary Club. Medal and 40 other Specials. 50 classes. Judges (Scotch Fancy): Mr. W. D. Hogg, Oakley; Mr. J. Ferguson, Glasgow; Plainheads, Crests and Borders, Wild Birds, &c., Mr. J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh Schedules, J. LOGAN, Sec., 23, High St., Dysart, Fife.

HADDINGTON, N.B. 21st Ann. Show of P., Pg. & Cage Birds. **26th Oct.** Over 90 Classes. Hosts of Specials. Specialist Judges. Border Club Medal, etc. Judges: Jas. Hogg, Scotch Fancy; P. M'Keuzie, Border Fancy; A. Cochrane, Nor., Brit. and For. Entries close 19th Oct. Schedules ready. **David Cockburn,** Sec., Fairview

Send "'EM" to

COVENTRY O.S.

Open Show, Oct. 26th (C.B.U. Rules).

Prize money guaranteed and paid on day of Show.

Judge: J. H. Roe, Derby. Schedules:

G. TURRELL, 120, Harnall Lane, E., Coventry.

BARNSTAPLE.

Open Show of Cage Birds,

PIGEONS, POULTRY, CATS, RABBITS, &c.

Judge: Mr. R. B. TOPE.

SCHEDULES READY.

PERCIVAL HARRIS, Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW. Affiliated to C.B.U.

Oct. 30th & 31st. 36 Classes.

Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 for 1/6 entry, and a grand lot of Cash Specials. Under the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club. Judges: J. Robson and W. Whittaker. Schedules ready. Apply **F. HOWES,** Hon. Sec., **25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.**

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Under C. B. Union Rules)

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, on **31st October, 1907.** Cage Birds Judge: J. H. PAYNE, Esq. Entries close 20th October. Schedules apply: **Geo. W. Read,** Hon. Sec., Severn Road.

FANCIERS' DON'T FORGET

THE WELSH NATIONAL

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S GREAT OPEN SHOW, at ALBERT HALL, SWANSEA, **October 30th and 31st next.**

£150 IN PRIZE MONEY.

A host of Specials. Classification and Prize Money never before offered in Wales. Schedules ready shortly.

Hon. Soc. - - - S. J. NICHOLAS, 9, NICHOLL STREET, SWANSEA.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE and District C.B.S.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.).

Annual open show, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1907, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 40 Open classes; good special for each class. Judges, J. ROBSON and J. TRENGOVE. Schedules from D. A. OGILVIE, Hon. Sec. 15, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

OSWESTRY, (Salop.)

Feather and Fur Association's 8th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c.,

Cross Market Hall, Oswestry, Thursday, October 31st, 1907.

Specials and Challenge Cup. Judges: C. Houlton, St. Helens (Open); Arthur Gough, Oswestry (Local). Prize-money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. **Entries close October 19th.** Send for Schedule to **G. A. GEORGE and G. A. DOODY, Secs., Roft Street, Oswestry.**

MANSFIELD.

Prize Money is all guaranteed. 56 Classes. Entries only 1/-.

November 1st and 2nd.

J. C. DUCKWORTH, 16, Tennyson Street, MANSFIELD.

BRAMLEY & DISTRICT O.S., LEEDS.

November 2nd, 1907.

(To be held under Cage Bird Union Rules.) Judges: Messrs. J. C. BARNES, Sheffield; J. BESWICK, Stockport. 26 Class Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Numerous Specials. Entries close October 29th, 1907. For Schedules apply J. Metcalfe, 9, Elder View, Bramley, Leeds.

NEWTOWN, St. Boswells.

SHOW OF BANTAMS, PIGEONS, CAGE BIRDS, RABBITS, CATS and CAVIES,

SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

67 Classes. Judges: Messrs. Huntly, Blair, Watson, Craig, and Ballantyne. Entries close 25th October. For Schedules apply—

ROBT. ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec., NEWTOWN, ST. BOSWELLS.

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, on Saturday, November 2nd.

24 Classes. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Good special for every Class. Entry fee 1/-. Entries close October 28th.

Judge: W. MUNDELL, ESQ., Bradford.

For Schedules and any other information apply to the Hon. Sec. **R. S. Black,** 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

CLEATOR MOOR

FANCIERS' SOCIETY (Under C. B. U. License).

Fourth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on Nov. 2nd, Judges: Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, R. Swain and J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Hirst; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification. Specials galore in every class. Entries close Oct. 26th Schedules now ready from the Sec. **JAS. E. BYRNE 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.**

DON'T FORGET THAT

NORWICH Open Show

will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, SATURDAY and MONDAY, Nov. 2nd and 4th, under C. B. Union. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, W. W. Freestone, and A. Woollard.—Schedules ready, from R. ROLL, Secretary, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Norwich.

LYE & DISTRICT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION SHOW

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, CAGE BIRDS and Children's Pets, on **Nov. 4th** and **5th, 1907.** Radius 10 miles from Lye Cross. Entries close Oct 28th. Schedules apply **W. GREEN,** Hon. Sec., **199, High St., Lye, Stourbridge.**

GREAT YARMOUTH

19th ANNUAL SHOW OF

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, AND CAGE BIRDS,

On November 6th & 7th.

Popular judges Numerous Specials. Entries close October 23rd. For Schedules apply F. C. DAVIES, "Holmleigh," Elm Grove Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.

ABINGDON, NORTH BERKS., November, 7th.

Entries close October 28th. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good classification; numerous specials. Cage Bird and Rabbit Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Send for Schedules to **T. BOWEN, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT. November 23rd, 1907.

Affiliated to the C.B.U.

F. CAMERON, SYDNEY STREET.

SLEAFORD. £3 LIMIT. OCT. 31st. 1907.

Cage Birds, etc. Judge: Harrison. Entries close Oct. 24th. Schedules. H. CASTLE, Hon. Secretary.

WALLSEND and Mid Tyne C.B.A.

(Affiliated to C. B. U.)

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in

Co-operative Hall, Nov. 8th & 9th, 1907.

Under the patronage of the B.C.N. & C.C., & N.Y.C.C. 52 Open Classes. Judges: W. P. BARNES, W. MUNDELL, and J. W. BRUCE, Esquires. Specials for every Class, and the best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from **Jas. Johnston,** 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES and Dis. C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The 3rd ANNUAL Open Show, Saturday, November 9, in the Temperance Hall. Open to the United Kingdom. 40 Classes. Specials every class and specials most points. The British and For. classes are guaranteed, and full prize-money will be paid. Judges: Norwich Cinnamons and Crests, J. Stanger, Esq., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham; Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford; Brit. and For., J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 2nd.—For Schedules apply, J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON CAGE BIRD (MEMBERS)

ANNUAL SHOW will be held **Nov. 9th. at Plough Hotel, Clapham Junc.** Fanciers (particularly Amateur and Novice) should send name and address for election at next meeting, Oct. 10th, which will enable them to compete for Prizes, Cups and Specials; entrance fee 1/-, annual subscription, 4/-. LILLEY, Sec., 13, Dorothy Rd., Lavender Hill, London.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Annual Show (Under C.B. Union Rules.)

NOVEMBER 12th and 13th.

30 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Special for every class. Special Cup for best bird in Show. All Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge: Mr. J. C. BARNES. Judge (Roller Class): Mr. F. OLDROYD. Entries close Nov. 7th. Date will not be extended. Schedules from **Netherwood & Keeley,** Hon. Secretaries, City Aviaries, Northgate, Wakefield.

THE COWDENBEATH Annual Show

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds, to be held on

November 30th, 1907.

Judges for Cage Birds: Mr. James Stenhouse, Kelty; and Mr. Jas. Hogg, Oakley. For Judge: Mr. Jas. Garrow, Edinburgh.

WM. FALCONER, Sec., 43, Arthur Street, COWDENBEATH, FIFE.

ACCRINGTON

AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Next Annual Open Show will be held on the **23rd and 24th of October, 1908.**

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, and which has not the Union's Rules published in the Schedules:—

Oct. 16.—Exeter.
" 16, 17.—Hayle.
" 16.—Leek C.B.S.
" 16, 17.—Rochester, Strood.
" 16.—Crewe Utility (License).
" 16.—Brighton
" 17, 18.—Dulwich and Peckham.
" 18, 19.—Rochdale O.S.
" 18, 19.—Hoyland. (License).
" 18, 19.—Newcastle Good Intent.
" 22, 23.—Western Counties
" 23.—Wimborne (License)
" 23.—Oxford Fanciers.
" 23, 24.—Potteries.
" 23, 24.—Southend-on-Sea (License).
" 23, 24.—Bromley (License).
" 24.—Dunstable (License).
" 24, 25.—Battersea
" 25, 26.—Manchester
" 25, 26.—North and South Shields.
" 25, 26.—Chesterfield (License).
" 26.—Coventry.
" 26.—Middlesboro' and Tees Side.
" 26, 28.—Cheltenham.

Licenses will be granted to approved Shows on application to the Secretary, who will also be pleased to hear from societies wishing to affiliate.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, 56, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Help for Show Secretaries.

I have just posted schedules for our show, and I should like to acknowledge the great help the second part of CAGE BIRDS Annual, containing the names and addresses of winning exhibitors, has been to my colleague, Mr. Dyer, and myself. Usually it has fallen to our lot to write out over a thousand addresses ourselves, but this year by first going through the annual and crossing out all exhibitors' names who appeared to live too far away from Plymouth, to be likely to patronise us, and then taking the book to pieces, I found that it divided itself into seven parts of something over a 190 names in each. These were passed on to seven committee men, who were able to write the addresses at their homes in their own time, very much to the advantage of all concerned. In fact I consider that this arrangement has taken some real drudgery off the Secretaries' hands.—THOS. POPE, hon. sec., W.C.O.S.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 4 and 5.—**Burnley** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 10.—**Peterborough C.B.A.** (J.R., R.J.H.)
*Oct. 11 and 12.—**Great Harwood** (J.H.P., D.By.)
Oct 12.—**Broughty Ferry** (J.K., W.W., C.C., P.P.)
*Oct. 16.—**Exeter & Devon P.P. & C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 16—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.B.)
*Oct. 15 and 16.—**Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.H.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.Wn.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale C.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., A. N., J.P., G.F., J.K., A.McF., J.Dn., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
*Oct. 23.—**Oxford** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.E.W.)
*Oct. 23.—**Wimborne** (G.B.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis. C.B.A.** (W.V., F.B.)
*Oct. 24 and 25. **Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
*Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields O.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (W.D.H., J.Fn., J.Gw.)
*Oct. 26 & 28.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.E.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.Gl.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton** (J.R., W.Wn.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.Wk.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.)
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
Nov. 6—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.Pd., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.Ile.)
*Nov. 7. **North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.Dt.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B., R.R.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., Ax.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.P., J.Str., J.Mn.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.Hr.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.Se., J.Ba., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.Dh., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H., B.C.)
Nov. 19& 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea.**
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.Sn., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley** (J.W.K.)
Nov. 21 and 22.—**Lowestoft & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.M.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T., J.W.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.Stu., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C. J.P., J.Sk.)
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R. J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundee** (A.C., J.As., J.C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30 —**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (F.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster C.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.**
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9. **Ilkeston O.S.** (O.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11.—**Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14. **Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.H.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 4.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Scalham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2 1908. **Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wm., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.H., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.L.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11 —**St. Helens O.S.** (O.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
*Jan. 31— / **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. \ **Palace) Show.**

(Secretaries desiring the initials of their Judges inserted should forward same to our office.)

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. H. Fowler, the secretary of the Bristol C.B.C., has removed to 20, Park Street, Easton Road, Bristol.

Will any reader, who knows, kindly send us the address of the maker of Wilson's Patent Seed Crushing Machine.

Will you please mention that the Cage Bird classes are under C.B.U. rules.—Fred Perrin, hon. sec., Brighton Show.

The Secretary Peterborough Show will classify all entries received by 1st post Monday, 7th, don't forget, hurry up.

Owing to an oversight last week, "Dysart Show" (advt. contained the words "1s. 6d. extra," instead of "1s. 6d. entry."

We desire to inform Show Secretaries and others that Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby), has resigned his position as reporter for Cage Birds.

Will secretaries and others please note that I have removed to Roekeliff Cottage, Church Road, Low Fell, Gateshead.—Wm. Stoves.

I am pleased to say I had grand results from the advertisements in your issue of the 21st inst.—Wm. Young, Taw Vale, Barnstaple.

Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, the well-known breeder of Canaries, and exhibitor of British Birds, is judging Crowe Open Show on October 16th.

Mr. Barker Clegg delivered a most interesting and practical lecture on "British Birds" before the Pendleton and Salford Society last week.

Readers of "Cage Birds" must on no account miss next week's issue. It will contain a surprise!

Owing to a printer's error the date of Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A. Members' Show was given in our last issue as Nov. 10th. it should have been Nov. 16th.

It may interest you to know through my advertisements in Cage Birds I am supplying wild seed mixture as far away as Canada:—E. A. Cross (Knapphill),

Mr. William Smith, general merchant, Hoyland Common, Yorkshire, is anxious for the name of a first class firm to supply mahogany and brass cages to the trade.

I have sent this week 26 Norwich and Cinnamons to Calcutta, India, per s.s. Bohemia, sailing Oct. 2nd. Wishing your paper every success.—J. Taylor, Frizinghall.

All Cage Bird Fanciers are invited to our smoking concert at the Crown Hotel, Castle Ditch, at 8 o'clock on October 9th, thus writes Mr. Fowler, the secretary of the Bristol C.B.C.

Mr. Birchley's winning Goldfinch: First at Churchdown (twice), Stonehouse (twice), Finedon, Brislington, Kingswood, etc., has been purchased by Mr. P. Harris, of Bedford Square, London.

The Bristol C.B.S. have placed the advertising rights in their schedule and catalogue to Messrs. Lodge and Son, printers, and Mr. Henry Griffin, of 5, William Street, is supervising the arrangements therefor.

Mr. A. Parks writes that the Leigh and District C.B.S. has joined the Cage Bird Union, and will hold an open show under C.B.U. rules in December next, the exact date of which will be announced later in Cage Birds.

I owe my success to Cage Birds writes Mr. A. E. Charlick (Chelmsford), as from it I learnt most of what I know about birds, and I wish it all success. I find bird keeping a pleasant hobby, and have been fairly successful this season.

At Kilmaurs Show this year there were one or two changes in the office bearers and in the general conduct of the show. There were no catalogues. They did not pay last year. Mr. Fleming, the new secretary, is a fine fellow, a gentleman in every way.

All who wish to compete for the Welsh Cage Bird Club's specials must send on their subscriptions at once. Novices will be supplied with labels for their cages, by sending a stamped envelope for them.—D. H. Tedstone, hon. sec., 4, George Street, Brecon.

The Warrington C.B.S., writes Mr. W. R. Knowles, the chairman, has secured the Drill Hall for their next show. It is splendidly lighted at the sides and roof, and within two minutes of both stations. We have put on the schedules three classes for open novice Yorkshires, and three ditto for Norwich.

Dibbs Canary Seed offer—Special Offer.—As an advertisement we give with every cwt. of Canary Seed purchased, one ewt. of our celebrated Health Grit absolutely free. Giant Spanish, 24s. per cwt.; Finest Turkish, 15s. per ewt.; treble-screened and free from dust. Carriage paid to nearest station. Samples on application from John Dibb, Seed Importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey Road, Bradford. Tel. 247x.—(Advt.)

Mrs. Goodwin, the wife of the popular Treasurer of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., assisted by several well known local ladies, is having a stand at the show for the sale of useful articles, the whole proceeds to be devoted to the Lord Mayor's Cripple Children's Fund. If any reader would like to help by giving any article, please communicate with this lady at the Herne Hotel, Peckham Rye, S.E.—G. F. Woolhouse, Show Manager.

I have received an entry of three from Bexhill-on-Sea, posted this morning with no name or address.—H. C. Lilley, hon. sec., Peterboro' Show.

Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek, has been appointed judge of the Stockport B.F.A. Members' Show, on Dec. 5th and 6th writes Mr. W. Stafford, the hon. sec.

We have been successful in rearing the following Hybrids this season:—Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and Goldfinch-Greenfinch.—H. Tams and Son, Longton.

I regret that, although our entries are due to close, up to the present I have only received 53 entries in all sections. I must therefore accept up to Wednesday next, Oct. 9th. Our show is held under C.B.U. rules. We have a fine large warm hall, a grand number of open specials, and a popular judge.—W. E. Miller, hon. sec., Rochester Show.

We hear from Mr. Bishop, the hon. sec., that the Sheffield Cage Bird Society are giving as special prizes twenty shillings in cash in each of the 5 classes provided for Crests, in addition to the twenty-two shillings per class prize money, at their show to be held Nov. 8th and 9th. That well-known breeder of Crests, Mr. Robert Rhodes, of Nottingham, is the judge.

There can be no better evidence of the extensive nature of the business transacted by that well-known Norwich specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, than the list of foreign orders he has at present on hand, or has recently executed. From this it seems that birds have been sent to France, Natal, Cape Colony, East London, Durban, Oudtshoon, and other parts of South Africa, Calcutta, Australia, Montreal, Ontavia, Halifax (Canada), Jhansi (India), etc., and cages, food, and goods to the above places, and also to Grenada, Calcutta, Smyrna, Colombo, (Ceylon), East Indies, and Sweden.

Mr. T. Bowen (North Berks F.S.) writes:—With regard to the bound volume of Cage Birds, which you give as a special to those advertising to the extent of not less than 25s.; am I right in assuming that it is left to the secretary to decide which class among the cage bird exhibits this is allotted to?—(Quite right, Ed. C.B.).

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Meanwhile we shall be pleased to meet all intending subscribers and helpers at the forthcoming Dairy Show. And next week another sensational announcement may be made on behalf of our new and live Poultry Paper:—

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Our Foreign Bird Essays.

Our Foreign Bird Essay Competition seems likely to prove one of the most successful prize schemes in this line we have organised. A large number of most entertaining and instructive compositions have been secured, all of which will have due consideration. The result will be announced in about a fortnight.

Scottish National Derby.

On the 21st September last it was decided to raise a fund for the purpose of presenting Secretary Smith with a painting of himself in oil, for valuable services rendered to the Association. All subscriptions duly acknowledged. List closes Oct. 20th.—A. Pontefous, James Hogg, Joint Secretaries, 67, Nithsdale Road, Strathbungo, Glasgow.

British Roller Canary Club.

I am pleased to inform you that the Annual Club Show will, by the kindness of the L.C.B.A., be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, December 6th and 7th. As the annexe where the birds are staged is an ideal place for Rollers, we are in hopes of getting the finest and largest number of Rollers together that the public have heard at any show held in London yet. The following shows will be under the patronage of the Club, Cheltenham Oct. 26th and 28th, Wolverhampton Oct. 30th and 31st, Leeds Nov. 15th and 16th, Wakefield L.C.B.A. and Club Show Dec. 6th and 7th, Bolton Jan. 10th and 11th, Llanelly Jan. 14th, Crystal Palace Jan. 31st, etc.—J. W. Norris.

THE MYSTERY OF A TELEGRAM.

An Alleged Bet and its Consequences.

About a fortnight ago we arranged with that well-known fancier, Mr. J. Andrews Eckersley, to send us before he delivered it a certain lecture he was going to deliver to the members of the Coventry O.S. We duly received the lecture and had the same set up in type, but upon the Wednesday morning when going finally to press we received a telegram unsigned which we presumed came from Mr. Eckersley, instructing us to hold over the lecture till the following week. This we were unable to do altogether, but in order to oblige, as we thought, the gentleman who had so courteously sent us the lecture at considerable expense and inconvenience, we held over a large instalment of it. We then wrote Mr. Eckersley and asked him for an explanation. Judge of our surprise when he repudiated all knowledge of it. We wrote the secretary of the Society, he did likewise, professing righteous indignation at the telegram being sent. We communicated with the Post Office officials, who informed us that no name or address was attached to the telegram (contrary to the rules of the G.P.O.). This incident has caused considerable unpleasantness. Mr. Eckersley is annoyed with us for holding over his lecture until we had ascertained to our satisfaction the facts of the case. We were a little annoyed with Mr. Eckersley for having, as we supposed, divulged our intentions to someone whose interest it was to injure our reputation for promptitude. Now we receive another anonymous communication which seems to throw a different light upon the affair. This is how it goes:—

There is not the slightest intention of anyone doing harm to Cage Birds or Eckersley. I will explain how it all came about.

The meetings of the C.O.S. are usually very late, but on the night of the lecture it commenced very early, several coming in the room late as usual, asked where is the lecturer, has he not come? The reply was he had been, given lecture, gone, and it would be in your Cage Birds on Friday. This hardly seemed creditable, and some betting took place; in fact, I know one gentleman who held 10/- that it was in;
that it was not in;
then later came a leakage that it had been previously sent.

Diamond cut Diamond.

Wire them not to put in this week; hold over till next week? No, but someone did, and had it not been in a letter fully explaining would have been sent same day, but as it was in, this was hardly thought necessary, and I know all those concerned would rather conspire to do F. Carl and Cage Birds some good, than harm.

CLUB NOTICES, continued.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—October 7, Northgate Hotel, 8. Business for general meeting.—A. Whitehead,

Stockport B.F.A.—October 8, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A — October 8, Devonshire Square Church, 8. Annual Show business.—George Dowden, sec.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—October 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for show.—Alf. Ritchings, sec.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—October 7, Elephant and Castle, 8. Important business. — J. Netherwood, sec.

Wandsworth F.S.—October 10, Ye Old Swan, High Street, 8. Annual Show, general business.—W. Summers, sec.

Warrington C.B.S. — October 10, Blue Bell, 7.45. Schedule.—Jas. Emmett, sec.

Wath and Dist C.B.A.—October 6, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. Con. and show business.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S — October 8, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Show business.—T. Duffield, sec.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—October 7, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge, sec.

Willington Quay and Dist. F.S.—October 10, Turk Head, 7.30. Fanciers wishing to join must do so at once, to compete at open show, at reduced entrance fee.—W. T. Winter, hon. sec.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—October 7, 6, The Broadway, 8 sharp. Exhibition of cage making, by Mr. A. W. Curtis; all fanciers invited.—W. H. Colman, sec.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S —October 9, Vine Hotel, 8. Show arrangements.—F. Howes, sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S. — October 5, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Show business.—E. Broadley, sec.

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No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—October 10, Headquarters, 8.—D. Harwood, sec.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S. — October 5, 7.30. Albion P.S.A. Rooms. Table Show, Any Variety Canary, Mule or British Bird.—H. Foden, hon. sec.

Altrincham C.B.S.—October 8, Central Cafe, 8. Cage Front Exhibition, by Mr. P. Drinkwater, and other very important business. — Tom Harrison, sec.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—October 5, Bull Head 8. Quarter Night.—L. Haithwaite, sec.

Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.—October 9, New Club Room, Mr. Gardener's Coffee Rooms, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Presentation of Cups, etc., to winners at Nest Feather Show; all cordially invited.—W. Willison, sec.

Belgrave F. and F.S.—October 8, New Inn. Table Show of Cage Birds, A.V., meeting 8, show 8.45.—W. H. Riley, sec.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—October 8, Co-op. Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." Members and friends cordially invited.—A. Livesey, sec.

Bolton and Dist. O. and R.C.S.—October 7, The Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Schedule and specials for Show.—Jas. Stringer, sec.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—October 8, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. F. W. Heaton, of Nantwich, on "Inbreeding for Exhibition, Stamina, etc."—F. E. Holden, asst. sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—October 5, Flying Dutchman. Members' Show, 8 classes, Yorkshires. Judge, Mr. C. Stebbings (special notice alteration of time). Birds to be staged ready to start judging 8.—P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S.—October 7, Oddfellow Hall, 8. Judging Competition. Judges Messrs. Hope and Borwick.—F. F. Potter sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—October 8, Coffee Tavern, 8.—Netherwood and Keeley, secs.

Coventry O.S.—October 9, Sydenham Palace, 4.30. Final arrangements for show.—G. Turrell, sec.

Bowesery and Dist. C.B.S. — October 5, Royal Hotel, 7.30.—B. Cook, sec.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—October 9, Headquarters, 8.30. Balance Sheet, election of officers, and show business.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

East Bowling and Dist B.F.A.—October 5, Barley Mow, 5.30. Rabbit Pie Supper and Social.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Eastern Dist. O.S.—October 7, Free Gardeners' Hall, 8. Important.—A. Robinson, sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—October 4, Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for Members' Show. Delegate for Yorkshire Union, etc.—Walter Ashworth, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—October 5, Headquarters, 6.30. Special.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dist C.B.S. — September 30, Headquarters, 7.30. Final arrangements for show.—F. Sharples, sec.

(We give date as sent, but possibly October 7 is meant.—Ed.)

Gt Horton Good Intent O.S.—October 12, 8. Arrangements for show.—A. Holden, sec.

(Club Notices should not be written on the same sheet of paper as show reports. They are liable to be overlooked or delayed.—Ed.)

Hoyland and Dist. O.S.—October 12, Horse and Jockey Inn, 7.30. Important.—J. Warfinder, sec.

Hyde and Dist C.B.S.—October 7, St. George's School, 8. Show business.—T. Allsop, sec.

Inverness O.A.—October 9, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Important. Bring a list of specials.—A. Urquhart, sec.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—October 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Show Executive Committee. — J. T. Carrick sec.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—October 5, 7.30, Market Hall Coffee Tavern. Washing Lecture and Exhibition, by Mr. J. H. Winn. Open to all comers. Everybody welcome.—H. J. Brown, sec.

L.C.B.A.—October 10, 8 p.m., Oldham Hall, Benshaw Street, Cage Making Competition. Entries taken at meeting. Further information from H. Barratt, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—October 5, Lockhart's, 7.30. Important business concerning show, also questions and answers.—Wilkins and Hornby, secs.

Leeds Roller Canary Club.—October 5, Lockhart's 7.30. Important.—C. Towes, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—Wed., October 9. Headquarters, 8. Table Show, Norwich Buff unflighted (open); ditto Novice—Judge Mr. J. W. Hartshorn. — J. Heighton, sec

Leigh C.B.S.—October 8, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for open show.—A. Park, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Weather Conditions.

A.W.—You may safely transfer your Norwich to the room you suggest, and I should recommend you to do so before the cold weather sets in or they will feel the effect, perhaps, of being taken from a living room. The fact of your not having any heat in the fresh room need not trouble you, as they will stand the cold quite well, but during frosty weather you may cover them over at night.

High Colour Wanted.

Sillew.—You may pair up one or two pairs of yellows together if you wish to get a preponderance of yellows, and to deepen the colour; but be sure and select birds for this purpose that are nice and soft in feather, and short on the leg. Birds bred from double yellows are apt to run up on leg a bit. 2. Yes, you may let your birds fly together in an indoor aviary during the winter months, but I should suggest you take out the cocks about the middle of January and put them in separate cages. The hens you can let stop until you require them for breeding. Do not feed your birds on all mixed seeds. Let them have as the staple diet best Spanish canary, and on two or three days in the week you may give them a little of the following mixture: German rape, niger and hemp.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Moulting Twice.

H.H.T.—Your feeding is at fault. Let the staple food be plain canary seed in the hopper, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed consisting of two parts summer rape and one part maw seed, and for three weeks give six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water fresh every morning. You say the window is open during the day, but there is no draught, but from your description of your bird's condition, I doubt this, and should advise moving the cage to some other part of the room. If you do as directed, I think your bird will be quite fit for breeding by spring. Either a clear or marked yellow hen would suit the cock, but if you want nothing but clears you must use a clear. Length is of value in a stock cock, as then you can, when necessary, sacrifice a little in length on the hen's part, for shape, style, and quality.

High-coloured Yellows.

N.D.P.—The way to avoid breeding buff is to pair two yellows together, but I should not advise this kind of mating if you want birds of all-round excellence. (2). Speaking generally the hen has more influence on shape and style than the cock, but the reverse is the case in regard to size and colour. (3) It is immaterial which bird of a given pair is the ticked or marked bird, and it matters very little whether the markings are green or cinnamon for your purpose, so long as both birds are of rich colour. You say you do not mind a few ticked birds, if you can get the majority of the young ones a high yellow colour. You will not breed high coloured birds, unless you have plenty of green or cinnamon blood in your stock pair, and this will mean having a fair average of heavy-marked birds.

Loss of Voice.

Novice. — Few birds sing immediately after moult; perhaps in a few weeks your bird will regain his song. Give for one week a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water. Just make it so that you can taste it, and for a week or two after continue the whiskey and glycerine, fresh every morning. Let its staple food be plain canary-seed, and you may give as well a little of the mixture you name two or three times a week.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

How to Pair.

Sillw.—The best advice I can give you on this point is to put yourself in the hands of a reliable breeder, one who shows a good bird and breeds it himself. He will know how the birds have been bred from a colour point of view. It is sometimes advisable to pair two self Greens together, but as a rule a self on one side and a foul on the other gives the best results. By continually pairing self Greens together the birds become too dark. The cost would be anything from 30s. to £5.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Open Back.

J. Dixon.—The open space in the centre of the back of your Gold Lizard is termed open in the back, showing a portion of ground colour devoid of spangling. It is not an unusual occurrence. It is a great disadvantage on the show bench. Yes, it will be all right for stock purposes, matched with a mate more profuse in spangle.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Late Hatching.

S.H.—Your hen might possibly hatch the young from the eggs you mention, but it is hardly likely she will rear them. It is altogether wrong, and opposed to nature for birds to be sitting now. My advice is, destroy them at once. It will ruin the hen's constitution, and spoil her for breeding next year if you allow her to bring up the young.

Loss of Wing Power.

Negrive.—I am much afraid that your bird is in a very bad state, and must have been out of sorts for some time. The best thing you can do is to feed it for a day or two on arrowroot biscuit which has been steeped in boiled milk, when giving th biscuit sprinkle it with a little maw seed. Give this fresh three times a day. Mix in its drinking water thirty drops of Fellow's Compound Syrup to each wineglassful of water. Let it have plain canary seed in its seed hopper, and give each morning for a week half-a-teaspoonful of hemp seed.

Moulting.

F.C.—(1) I cannot recommend any colour food as being the best, either of those which have been advertised in CAGE BIRDS for the past few months will serve your purpose. The makers send out full particulars as to use with each tin. (2) There is no time lost yet. Many birds take quite three months to moult. The head and neck are the last parts to finish, and some birds throw the feathers on them all at once. Birds vary greatly in the manner they go through the moult. If your bird is healthy, eating, drinking, and sleeping well, my advice is—Don't Worry.

Aviary in Kitchen.

W.H.W.—I consider the place described would fulfil your purpose most admirably. It should be dry, even in temperature, and free from draughts.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

This Year's Young Breeding.

W.H.W.—Young Rollers, born July 26th last, will certainly be quite ready for breeding purposes next spring, assuming, of course, they keep healthy and are then in proper condition. I don't know what arrangements you are making, or the extent of your stock, but if you breed from one pair only this last season, then you ought not to pair the young together (*i.e.*, brother and sister), but should get some good unrelated stock to cross into them. Egg-food is best not given except during breeding season. Substitute a good patent food (or plain sweet biscuit), moistened with new milk, taking care it is never sour. Don't omit a young and tender sprig of greenfood every day or so, or piece of suitable ripe fruit.

Long-Standing Trouble.

J. Hearn.—You say your bird has not sung a note for two years, and for the last twelve months has been given to falling off the perch and moulting frequently. Well, it is a puzzle to me the bird is still alive after such a length of time like that, and I don't see how you can hope to get it well and strong again. I should be inclined to have it put out of its trouble, and try another bird, or, if you know any friend with an aviary, to get him to turn it in the same. A long course of tonic medicine might do good, but no one could say for certain. Fellow's Syrup of Hypophosphites is best, but is rather expensive—half-a-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for a fortnight, then continue on alternate days for a further period. Parrish's Chemical Food is cheap, and well liked by fanciers as a "pick-me-up," and strengthening medicine.

Canary Seed and Coal Tar.

Anxious.—As you put the canary seed loose in the envelope, most of it got spilled ere reaching me. The grains I saw looked like a very nice, plump, well-harvested seed, which, with a little good summer rape, should make an excellent stock food. Am not very well up in chemistry, but I don't think you should have asked for "coal tar essence," or have been persuaded to take "creosote" as the correct thing. According to Mr. J. North (and he ought to know), it is "standard solution of coal tar" that fanciers want, scientifically termed "Liquor picis carbonis, B.P." Ask for this.

A Terrible Wheezing.

Sillw.—Should think you must have had the bird in a draught, or exposed to uneven temperature, which would account for him starting moulting in March. Has he got over the moulting? I am presuming so. Try a course of treatment with coal tar solution (see reply to "Anxious" this week). Put three or four spots in the bird's drinking water daily, enough to turn it a light, milky colour; don't overdo it. Keep in a cosy, warm corner, and cover over cage at night. Give a small teaspoonful of the mountain bread daily; a good pinch of maw seed will be beneficial also.

In an Aviary.

Aviary.—A few Roller Canaries are as suitable as any other variety, and much more so than some, to keep in a drawing-room aviary for the amusement of the children. Unfortunately you do not tell me the size of the aviary, so I cannot possibly tell you how many birds it will hold. If you mix the sexes, the hens will want to breed in the spring, and you would have to allow them to do so. If you do not wish any breeding operations to take place, then you should only put male Canaries therein. There would no doubt be a little squabbling from time to time during the spring and summer, and any particularly vicious and quarrelsome birds might have to be removed for a time.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

What Class (Novice).—Nos. 1 and 2, decidedly Foul, unless marked on thighs, he would then be three-pointed, uneven. No. 3 being marked on both wings, should be shown in the Foul class, see rules of B.F.C.C., but examine his thighs, and more than likely you will find him marked on one or both, as it is seldom we get a wing marked bird entirely clear on thighs, if so, he should be shown as uneven.

Mischievous Hen (Border).—Get a pennyworth of Quassia chips from chemist, pour over them one quart of boiling water, add a little bay rhum to it when cool, then give her a good drenching with a spray every morning, the bitter taste should stop her. I have also found that such a bird put in a large flight for a few days will entirely stop such antics, as their attention is taken away from themselves when they have to rough it amongst a number of others. Should this fail you must get a piece of cardboard, cut it one-and-a-half inches round, make a hole in it, just a shade larger than her head, slip it on to neck, she will be powerless to damage herself, and may soon forget the habit. Nor. cans queries

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Stock Mixture for Linnets.

Jumbo.—At this season of the year, when Linnets are either moulting or just getting over the effects of the moult, the following stock seed mixture will be difficult to beat: Canary, three pints, teazle, hemp, linseed, summer rape, and charlock one pint each. For "tit-bits" give them in a finger drawer frequent pinches of maw, niger, wild seed mixture, cracked sunflower, gold of pleasure, lettuce, etc., seeds—not all at once, of course, but varying them. If you can get the ripe wild seeds, such as plantain, gold of pleasure, chickweed, knapweed,, thistles and the like, you certainly ought to supply them—they are invaluable helps in bringing a Linnet through a "good" moult—in which connection, too, a free use of the bath must not be overlooked.

Sexing of Linnets.

Dick.—It seems odd you should write for information on the above point, seeing I dealt with it fully only the week before last. I can't keep repeating the same information week after week; note the editorial injunction to querists to kindly look over recent issues. Briefly, a fully adult cock Linnet in spring and summer dress has a red crown and red breast (more or less expansive, according to age). The hen Linnet has at no time a red breast and head. After the moult and during autumn and early winter, both cock and hen are plain brown, but the hen is invariably a greyish-brown tone, whereas the cock is a deep nutty-brown tone, especially on the shoulders. If you get a bird which is a warm, nutty-brown on the back and the wing-butts, and which has the white on the outer edge of the flight feathers extending back up to the quill (shaft), you can depend on it being a cock. The hen seldom has more than the edge of the web of the flight feathers white, there being a dark line between there and the quill—thus she looks to have less white in her wing than the male; further, she is seldom other than greyish-brown on the back. These are the principal points of difference. If you just ruffle the breast feathers with the tip of the finger, a tinge of rose colour can often be seen which is not otherwise visible; that is a sure sign of a cock. Experience with the species, however, is the best teacher—as in all things.

Colour Feeding Goldfinch.

Ignoramus.—If you think a course of colour-feeding is all that is needed to turn a naturally pale-coloured Goldfinch into a rich-coloured exhibition specimen, then you are certainly "backing a wrong 'un"—to drop into expressive slang. As I have said in the past, I wouldn't personally give "tuppence" for any Goldie (for show purposes) that stood badly in need of pepper - produced colour. See lengthy reply to "Amateur" in issue dated Sept. 7. Still, a good house-moult—by which is meant one quickly got through, helped by correct feeding and liberal use of the bath—will bring out and improve the colour of most Goldies, so that you can reasonably hope your bird will look better later on. In any case, I am afraid you are too late to thoroughly colour-feed him now. Will he eat soft-food? I expect not. And if you try to starve him (judiciously, of course) on to it, he may "go back" and die. A bird it is intended to colour-feed should be got on to soft food well before the moult begins. You might try him with sweet pepper mixed with crushed seed. In any case you would have to start with very little at first, and gradually increase the quantity of the colouring agent. Crushed sunflower seed (shell blown away) being both oily and a good food, is a good vehicle; prepare afresh each day. To a teaspoonful you would mix a quarter-teaspoonful of pepper, which would represent full strength, and should be eaten up every day. The correct (and only) way to colour feed a Goldie is to wait until the body feathers are through, when the blaze will be still in quill; then give the pepper, which charges the blood with colouring matter during the time the bird is "darkening down" (otherwise "coming up,") in colour. If given right through the moult, pepper smudges and spoils the beautiful colour contrasts found in the Goldie's plumage, and the fed bird is thus badly handicapped when competing against good non-fed specimens.

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An Albino Dove.

Albino.—I know very little about Doves, only having had odd ones at odd times in my earlier days. Still, as they are now on the N.B.B. and M.C. list (Turtle, Ring, Stock and Rock Doves), your pure white pink-eyed Albino Dove is certainly eligible to compete in the Albino classes at our shows. There is this proviso, however, that it be an Albino of one or other of the above four species, and not some imported (foreign) Dove. Personally, I think you have made a mistake, and will get the bird "wrong-classed," if you show it under a judge who "knows his business." The ordinary Barbary (or Collared Dove), a common species in the bird-shops, is often mis-called the Ring Dove (or Ring-necked). There is another charmingly pretty Dove, pure white, and generally pink-eyed, known as the Java Dove, which some do not consider a distinct species at all, but merely an albinistic variety of the Barbary; and this, I expect, is what you yourself have got hold of. Of course the Java Dove could not compete in the British Bird section. The English Ring Dove is the Wood Pigeon (commonly so-called), and between this and the Barbary there is really no resemblance. You want to be sure of your ground. The "Java Dove" has no out-of the way value.

Feeding Fresh-caught Linnets.

H. Thompson.—Your feeding is altogether inadequate, and most probably the cause of your trouble. You should have followed the advice I gave a querist a few weeks ago, when your losses would probably have been very much lower—certainly so if the Linnets were sound and healthy when you got them. I don't like your cages. Newly-caught Linnets are best kept in a long, low cage (if with a canvas top so much the better), with seed inside (water, too, at first; on an old bird, or steady old hen Canary, to show them the "way of things"), and perches about on a level with the food troughs. After they have got over the first "shock" of captivity, they can be caged off singly with safety. Here are a few hints on the feeding; from them you will gather at what points you fail. Newly-caught Linnets must have some "soft seeds" to feed upon. These are conveniently found in seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, charlock, groundsel, knapweed, thistles, and the like; also soaked summer rape and charlock, given when just commencing to germinate or sprout, must be supplied. They should be offered maw seed, linseed, canary, summer rape, charlock, teazle, and lightly cracked hemp (fresh made every day). After a few days the cracking of the hemp can be discontinued; offer it whole. Should any of the birds go "soft," separate them at once from their companions, and for two days, and afterwards for a time on every second day, let them have water made slightly saline with sulphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a pint of water. A good wild seed mixture (such can be cheaply bought) is a good thing for fresh-caught birds to pick over.

Hawfinch "Stuck" in Moult.

British Novice.—Hawfinches are very ticklish birds to get to moult properly. Sometimes they won't drop a feather; sometimes they commence very late—and often incontinently "pop off"; seldom does all go swimmingly. This moulting trouble is unquestionably the cause of the comparative scarcity of Hawfinches on the show bench; they are good prize winners when put down in good form. A friend of mine declares that band-reared birds, or "branchers," are the only ones to be at all depended on to moult easily and well indoors; adult-caught birds seldom do so. It is a puzzle. I have laughed at some of the dodges I have seen resorted to, to try and get unwilling Hawfinches to moult. I have seen them stuck sky-high against kitchen ceiling, getting the full benefit of the gas fumes and heat, and in warm cupboards beside kitchen fires. You should try shifting your bird into a warm room, to a cosy corner, and gradually "sheet down" his cage with a light warm covering, arranging that he may have the bath, or be occasionally lightly sprayed. If you adopt the latter plan just tinge the water with a few spots of Scrubbs' cloudy ammonia. As I related to another querist a few weeks' ago, one Hawfinch I myself had, "stuck in the moult." I tried with a "vapour bath." Briefly, I half-filled a bucket with hot water, laid a piece of board (not too wide) across the top, and put the Hawfinch, run into a wire nursery-cage for the purpose, on the latter, throwing a light covering over the whole, and leaving the bird in this position for several minutes. It is a desperate sort of remedy, but it acted in my case, as the old fancier who "put me up to it" predicted it would. One needs, of course, to be very careful the bird does not afterwards take cold; also that he is not overdone with too much and too scalding steam.

A Crossbill's Nationality.

Jamie.—There seem many people troubled about the nationality of Crossbills, just lately. I can only say to you that you can show your Crossbill at any exhibition of British birds, and no one can challenge its right to compete as a Britisher. You say the dealers told you it was a "Continental bird" when you purchased it; but that does not alter the point. Of course, if your conscience is sufficiently alive to prevent you entering it in British bird classes, all well and good—nothing more remains to be said. "Two wrongs never make a right," as some old saying puts it; still it is an unquestionable fact that many (by far the majority, I suspect) of the Crossbills staged to-day, originally started in cages from the Continent for Old England.

Hawfinch's Show Cage.

Peter Pan.—If your Hawfinch is as nice as the play you take your nom-de-plume from, he should want a lot of whacking. No; I don't like sloping roofs. They are a nuisance in the packing case, and on the show bench too. Have a sloping top inside, by all means, but not outside. Don't have the cage too big. An over-large cage is a mistake with a Hawfinch, especially with a bird not "dead steady," and the species is by nature shy and nervous. Other essentials are: the water hole should be large (some use inside tins hung on a tiny door of, or pushing in the wood of the front), door ditto, perches not far from the floor, and not too far from the top of the cage either, inside seed-trough. Enamel inside and wires, either very light blue, or very dark holly-green, whichever you prefer personally. The size would be in the region of 14 inches long, by 13 inches high, by 7 to 8 inches wide.

Inflamed Legs and Feet.

F.O.H.—I should keep the young Linnet-Mules on perches three-eighths to half-inch wide for the time being. If any of them seem to suffer much pain through perching, keep them in a longish cage without perches in it, covering the floor with coarse-cut pine sawdust, and, of course, arranging the food and water vessels handy. Get a small quantity of boric acid from a chemist, dissolve a teaspoonful

in a pint of hot water, and bathe the inflamed feet in this solution for a minute or two twice daily. Afterwards dab dry with a soft cloth, and anoint gently with Zambuk, or other soothing and healing ointment. Give them two mild doses of sulphate of soda as much as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Let them have a teaspoonful of sweet biscuit or some good pet food moistened with new milk, every day. Your should not withhold green food, but give seeding chickweed's purse (it is very common), or chickweed, groundsel, plantain, etc.

Some Weeds.

W. White.—The weed you send is Knot-grass. It is a favourite food with Linnets, whole flocks of which may be seen feasting on the seeds, as you yourself have observed. It is intended to deal with Knot-grass in the articles now running.

Bird Lover.—No. 2 looks like one of the Docks. No. 1 I do not recognise. As I have remarked to other querists, you need not worry about any weeds that are not touched upon in the articles on "Wild Plants."

Wild Seeds.—I do not recognise No. 2. The other is one of the Goose-foot tribe, and is commonly called the "bacon-weed." No doubt other finches, besides Linnets, would enjoy the seeds.

Some Interesting Points.

Magneto.—(1) An exhibition Lesser Redpoll should be well laced (or pencilled) down the sides of the breast, running to the thighs. It is only a very exceptional bird that carries pencilling right across the breast—such are seldom seen. Size is not an essential in a Lesser Redpoll, though desirable. The very large Redpoll you mention, would be the Mealy (sometimes called the Greenland, from which place the extra large ones come, it is said). It is a much lighter coloured bird than the Lesser, being quite grey by comparison, and often quite white on chest and abdomen (in breeding plumage, flushed with rosy-pink). It is a winter visitor to England, breeding away up towards the arctic circle. (2) Yes; the markings of a "thorough good" Linnet should extend down to the legs—down betwixt them if possible, though this would be rare—and right down the flanks. (3) Most hen Linnets carry wonderfully good pencilling on the breast—the markings are heavy and profuse. They generally lose in size, though, and practically always in colour, to a good exhibition cock. They do not get the warm chestnut tone of the male, though some are quite passable so far as colour goes. Years ago I myself won a first and special in a strong class with a hen; and I have myself once or twice given hens a card in good classes. Of course, where there was a class for hen Britishers, they would be barred competing against the cock Linnets. I have often wondered, indeed, whether the owners really knew they were exhibiting hens. I quite agree with you that a good show Linnet is one of the very hardest exhibition birds to find.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Grey Parrot Weak on Legs.

J.H.C.—Put your bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical food, well colouring its drinking water with same for the next month. If there is any signs of constipation, for one day in lieu of the chemical food, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, then when relief has been given, revert back to the chemical food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the bird's cage, and add to its diet, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits (dry); rubbing its legs has done no harm; keep it warm and quiet, yet not in a stuffy atmosphere. I prefer the following seed mixture:—2 parts canary and white oats, and 1 part each of wheat, dari, rice in the husk, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mix and always have a supply in the cage. Giving it a few sips now and again of slightly chilled water in which you have put a few drops of brandy would also help—till it is stronger it would be safer to remove the grating from cage bottom. Note other replies in this issue of CAGE BIRDS.

Parrot with Diarrhœa, etc.

K.E.M.—I am afraid your bird is in a very bad way, and that its recovery is doubtful—however, while there's life there's hope. Stop the milk sop at once, and if it will not eat sufficient of the seed mixture, get a piece of stale household bread and moisten it (do not make it really wet, or anything like sloppy) with chilled water, that has been lightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also give, for one day only, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the bird's drinking water, and let it have nothing else to drink for that day—repeat this after an interval of three days. On the days you are not giving the magnesia, make its drinking water the colour of pale port with the chemical food. Keep the bird warm, quiet, and out of draught, yet not in a stuffy atmosphere. Seed mixture: Get a quart each of canary and white oats, and a pint each of wheat, dari, rice in the husk, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give as extras, and to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and green food. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage. *Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, buttered bread, or any kind of animal food whatever.* If there is no improvement ten days hence, you bad better write again, giving full particulars.

Cockatoo with Swelling.

Rutherford.—It is a case in which it would be folly on my part to attempt to advise you. If this bird was my own, so far as your details go, I should not attempt to treat, but call in a vet. If there should be any delay in doing so, in the meantime keep the bird warm, and gently anoint the affected part with pure olive oil. A little Dinneford's Magnesia may have a soothing effect, but its bowels must not be allowed too loose. If you are able to give this, do so on alternate days, one teaspoonful of magnesia to two tablespoonsful of its drinking water. But my last word is: consult a vet. promptly, and the bird's life may be saved.

Indian Parrot Plucking Itself.

G.E.G.—It is the "General Tit-Bits" working the mischief. In the first place, spray the bird every day with quassia solution, guarding carefully against draught till dry. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, and let it have only this to drink for that day. This can be repeated, say four or five times at intervals of three days, providing the bowels do not become too loose. Put it on a course of chemical food—for directions see other replies in this issue—of course, not giving the chemical food on the days you give the magnesia. Diet: Seed mixture—canary and oats two parts each and one part each dari, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. Also give cuttlefish and greenfood, and, as extras, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato (dry). Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

What Birds?

A Bird Lover. (1) This reads somewhat like the Guttural Finch (*Spermophila gutturalis*), but it is very difficult to name these birds, where so many species closely resemble one another. If the above, the back is dull olive green. It is, any rate, a small Grosbeak of some kind. (2) This bird I cannot recognise from your description before going to press, but will see what I can do in next issue—could you not let me have coloured diagrams? Even a very rough coloured sketch would probably enable me to spot the bird at once.

What Cockatoo.

C. J. Pike.—As regards food, your bird will do well on its present diet, but I should advise the addition of oats and hemp to its seed mixture. Before I can definitely name it for you, will you please repeat this portion of query next week, giving colour of beak, legs and feet, naked skin round eye, also whether the upper mandible is much longer than the lower; also state whether there is any yellow mingling with the rose and white of the crest. If you supply the above particulars I shall have pleasure in naming it for you. At present, from your description, it might be one of three, and which I cannot as yet say.

Stand Cages.

O.H.—You could keep Parrots and Cockatoos in this way, but I don't know whether you are troubled with nerves (or neighbours). A number of these birds would be more than any ordinary person could stand; that is unless they were kept in some shed a little distance from the house. Your arrangement would answer well enough if your stand cages were erected under a shed, having a front which would open out on hinges, and only kept closed during very cold weather. A square foot of floor is hardly sufficient; make it at least half as much again. Re procuring chains, write those advertising Fancier requisites in our columns, any of whom would supply you. Place the ring on the leg.

Parrots and Treatment.

Watson.—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon. Diet: Canary, oats, and Indian corn, two parts each, and one part each of wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and let this be your staple diet. Twice a week a little boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and food vessel must be kept very clean), say about a tablespoonful may be given; also green food, nuts, ripe fruit, little boiled potato, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and let it satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. Do not give slops, fats, or any kind of animal food. Re the vermin, get a bottle of quassia solution from one of your advertisers, and put a little (according to maker's directions) in the washing water, and you will soon be rid of any insect pests.

Right Class for Tanagers.

H.B.T.—A great deal depends upon the wording of the schedule, and it is very difficult to draw a hard and fast rule. (1) A Superb should certainly be quite safe entered in the class for Small Foreigners; that would be its proper place. Supposing the schedule simply described the class (and there were no qualifying regulations) as "Small Foreigners not larger than a Cardinal." (2) The Scarlet should go in the class for "Foreigners larger than a Cardinal."

Japanese Nightingale.

(1) My Japanese lately commenced to gasp, although lively; I lost one a short time ago; what is the remedy? (2) Some young green Budgerigars cannot use their legs; are weak in wings; the female parent also cannot fly. All in outdoor aviary.—H. A. H.

H.A.H.—(1) Withhold the bathing water for a day, and make the drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts; this could be repeated a week hence if necessary. Its diet should be ripe fruit, soft food (several good ones are advertised in our advt. columns), and a few live insects, such as spiders, mealworms, beetles, etc. If you can capture a few spiders (they are very plentiful in gardens and hedgerows at this season), you would find two or three daily have a very beneficial effect on the bird. It will help itself to all the seed it requires from the Budgerigars' mixtures. (2) The parent female Budgerigar is constitutionally weak, and this is, as frequently happens, accentuated in her progeny. I should destroy both her and the young and get another female from some good strain of aviary bred birds—not from where you obtained your present birds, but from some fresh source. You can try colouring their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, but recovery will be very slow, and then only partial, and I consider it waste of time and money to try to improve them, as they would never be any use for breeding; neither should I personally care to sell such stock.

Cockatoo Moulting.

J. Edwards.—I should spray the bird with Quassia Solution twice a week (keep strictly out of draught till dry), and if there are any sores annoint same with spermaceti ointment; or if the skin is dry and hard rub over same a little clear vaseline occasionally. Your dietary is fairy correct, but I prefer that I so frequently advise for Parrots (see other replies). I should also, till it is in condition again, give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily (this only keeps fresh one day), well dusting same with flowers of sulphur; its drinking water should also be made the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. But it would be as well to let it have clear water once a week to drink. In case of constipation, which I do not think will occur, either make its drinking water saline with Epsom Salts or one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia; either will soon give relief. While giving drugs use either a glass or china drinking vessel.

Lemon Crested Cockatoo.

K.J.J.—This attachment of female birds to a gentleman, and the other sex to a lady, is quite common with many species of Parrots and Cockatoos, and with many species is a fairly reliable guide to the sex of the bird. It is also not uncommon for a bird that is quite aged to commence laying eggs and exhibit the other details of sexual excitement you allude to. In such cases the chief danger is from egg binding, and with your bird it is rather surprising she survived as long as she did the laying of shell-less eggs; it is often difficult to get this class of bird in a cage to take sufficient grit, lime, rubbish, etc., to supply the material for producing the shell. Of course if the eggs were laid continuously at very short periods, this would be weakening. Going slightly off food, dropping the wing, looking puffy and moping mostly precede the laying of the egg. Of course if this continues for more than a day the bird should be caught and assistance given her in getting rid of the egg. It is quite clear that the bird died from acute inflammation of the ovary through inability to pass the egg. Holding the vent over the steam of a jug of hot water (being careful not to scald the bird), and annointing the vent with sweet oil in many cases will give relief. In a similar case in future I should crush a little lime rubbish, and cuttlefish to the size of small peas and mix with its seed mixture; also dissolve in the drinking water a piece of lime, the size of a small bean, as well as mixing crushed egg-shell with her sand. The loss of such a pet is always keenly felt. I much doubt if a vet. could have saved the bird at the last.

Treatment of Avadavats.

Am feeding on canary, white, French and spray millet, ants' eggs and greenfly. Is this diet correct? What size cage ought I to keep them in? Ought I to give a nest? Do they make nice pets, or are they delicate?—S. H. W.

S. H. W.—You cannot improve the diet you are giving these exquisite, if common, little Indian birds. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in their cage; and when procurable free from frost and not sodden with wet, grass in the ear is eagerly eaten. If you want to enjoy the full beauty and vivacity of these birds, keep them in a box cage, 2 by 1 by 1½ ft. high, and put a twiggy branch at either end instead of perches, at the back of which hang up a cocoa-nut shell nest (procurable from most dealers), and there is a probability they will breed—at any rate if a little hay and moss is pushed in them, they will make cosy night shelters. The birds are easy to keep, and not delicate when once acclimatised. They live out of doors all the year round in my garden aviary, but in a cage they must not be kept where the wind can blow directly into it, as draught will soon kill any bird. They are fearless, vivacious little creatures, and will soon get to know you. The sweet little song of the male is almost continuously uttered from morn till night. They may have a daily bath except in very severe weather. The bath should be one of those to hang outside the cage over the open door. They are shy breeders in captivity under any circumstances, but kept as above advised, there is a probability they may do so. A pair of Zebra Waxbills, frequently called Golden-breasted Waxbills, are even smaller still, and would make a beautiful addition. They would agree with the Avadavats and the cage would accommodate both pairs.

Companions for Cockateels.

Aviary 9 by 5 by 6 ft. high, contains pair of Cockatiels, which have successfully reared young this year. Can I next season add another pair of birds (not Budgerigars)? But I don't want to have fighting.—"IRIS."

Iris.—Yes! You can have another pair of birds with your Cockatiels; but I cannot recommend either of the kinds you name. Blossom-heads are very uncertain in their temper at all times, and positively unsafe in the breeding season, save with birds much stronger than themselves. Jendaya Conures, so far as my experience goes, would soon cut their way to liberty unless all wood work was protected with zinc, or some kind of metal. I think you would find a pair of Red Rosellas fully meet your case; they are very handsome, and about half as large again as the Cockateels. In my aviary they live peaceably with Cockatiels, Budgerigars, and Lovebirds, and thrive on the same food and treatment. They also breed freely when adult, and have become accustomed to their quarters.

Grey Parrot Ceasing to Talk.

Cornish P.C.—Your bird has had a bad scare, and also has not as yet got too used to its new surroundings. It is possible something was ruptured or injured during the bird's alarm; but I rather doubt it. Try the effect of six drops of glycerine in its drinking water for a week or ten days. Observe the inside of its throat, if possible, and see if there is any growth, or inflammation. If so, please repeat query with full particulars. I presume you are dieting the bird as advised regularly which should give you a hint or two. I am of the opinion that in a few weeks the bird will "find its tongue." again.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (G.H.B.).—Death was caused by "Canary Fever." Instructions as to treatment and disinfection of stock and surroundings have frequently been given in these columns, also read Dr. Clarke's booklet on "Septic Fever."

Hen Avadavat (A. Barker).—Death cause by egg-binding. It is suggested that larger cages, or aviaries, should be used if you want to breed these birds; or that only male birds should be kept as pets in cages.

Grey Parrot (C. H. Curtis).—This bird died of well-established liver disease.

Canary (Veronal).—Bird fever. It is spread by infection, and there is no "cure."—Note reply to "G.H.B."

LEGAL.

Answered by a BARRISTER.

Constant Reader.—Yes, your wife has a cause of action against both for slander. Your remedy is not by summons, but by instituting a civil action against both. Consult a solicitor.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Heating Apparatus (L. Atkinson).—It would not be safe for us to advise on a question like this. One needs to see the apparatus. Your local ironmonger would doubtless advise you.

Coloured Plate (Geo. Cowdery).—We have not overlooked your request.

Disappointed Advertiser (John Turton).—Sorry your results from advertising in our contemporary were so disheartening, but you must remember that no paper is in a position to guarantee results for every advertisement sent in. Possibly the trial you are making of our paper will bring about the desired sale. We hope so.

Index (W. H. W.).—We do not publish an index. When we did so practically no demand was experienced for it.

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" **7—Great Harwood**—F. Sharples, 85, James Street.
" **7—Dulwich and Peckham**—G. F. Woolhouse, 22, St. Aidan's Road.
" **8—Windhill and Shipley**—E. Broadley, 35, Prospect Street, Windhill.
" **9—Bromley (Kent)**—C. B. Mann, 33, High Street.
" **9—Crewe**—W. Evans, Coppenhall.
" **12—Leek**—J. Fowler, 9, Fountain Street.
" **12—Plymouth**—T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.
" **12—Cirencester**—Wallaco and Walker.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 7—Peterborough—H. C. Lilley, 111, Lincoln Road.

Southern Norwich P.C.

The handbook of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club is to hand. It bears a representation of the bird which four of the six judges selected as a model, and a map of the district included in the club's operation. Inside is the standard of excellence which is the same as that adopted by the Scottish Club. Full particulars are given of the club's trophies and the shows at which they are to be competed for. The rules are given in full, and there is also a complete list of the members together with the officials and committee. That the club is going strong and doing good work is evidenced by the fact that its membership has now topped the century. Mr. F. S. Matthes, the energetic hon. sec., is still crying for more, and would like ere the season closes to say the number has been doubled. All Southern Norwich breeders really ought to join. Mr. Matthes' address is 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.

Health and Strength.

The great majority of mankind, it is safe to say, find an abiding interest in athletics and all kinds of manly games, and particularly in that side of athletics which leads to better health for those participating—a side fortunately fast becoming widely known. In the spread of this good knowledge, that go-a-head journal, "Health and Strength," has taken a very prominent part, and the up-to-date lines on which it is run have served to make it a prime favourite with an immense circle of readers. "Health and Strength" has carried out its aim, of catering in an interesting and commonsense way for all who desire to keep physically fit—and who does not?—so thoroughly and acceptably that it has attained a measure of popularity undreamt of in connection with a journal of its kind. It is now, in response to the overwhelming desire of subscribers, being issued in weekly form, price the popular penny, instead of in monthly form as heretofore. It is to this fact we would draw the attention of readers of CAGE BIRDS, interested in questions of health and in athletics generally—it is a journal, in fact, which should be read by everybody, and better value for the humble copper cannot be obtained anywhere. "Health and Strength," though now a weekly paper, maintains its magazine-like character, inasmuch as a wealth of photographic and other illustrations of surpassing interest figure in its pages. The articles are of wide range, covering a large and immensely interesting field, ranging from the functions of food, through instructive notes on anatomy and health subjects generally, to gymnasium work, boxing, wrestling, weight-lifting, football, and all aspects of physical prowess. Readers should order a copy of Nos. 1 and 2 of this weekly at once from their newsagents—they will be pleased.

"CAGE BIRDS" GREAT PRIZE COMPETITION.

Notes for the Guidance of Show Secretaries.

All Sections Compete.

IMPORTANT.—Every recognised cage-bird is entitled to compete for CAGE BIRDS' prizes, whether Canary, Hybrid, British or Foreign bird, and of either sex.

How Entries must be made.

Each bird entered by competitors must have the letters "C.B." written against it on the entry form, and "C.B." must be printed against the said birds in the catalogues of the show.

A competitor may enter any number of birds, but for EACH bird so entered one of our Coupons, with the NAME OF YOUR SHOW STAMPED ACROSS IT, must be attached to the entry form. No other Coupons (*i.e.*, bearing the name of another show) are eligible.

Awarding the Prizes

The prizes offered are 10/-, 6/-, and 4/- in cash, to go to the best First Prize bird, best Second Prize bird, and best Third Prize bird, respectively. Note carefully, NOT to the second-best and third-best birds in the show, but to the best bird amongst the winners of the Second and Third prizes respectively. Thus, all the First Prize winners entered for the competition compete for the 10/-, all the Second Prize for the 6/-, and all the Third Prize for the 4/-.

IMPORTANT.—Reserve birds should be selected by the judges in every instance, to provide for any possible objection which may afterwards be lodged against the winner.

No Prizes to be Withheld.

In no case should the prizes be withheld, providing, of course, there are three birds in the show entered for our competition. If none of the first prize winners is entered, then the 10/- goes to the best second prize bird. If there should be a first prize bird eligible, but no second, then the second prize money (6/-) goes to the best third prize bird. In such cases the best fourth prize, or reserve, or vhe, hc, and c birds, as meet the case, become eligible to take whichever prizes remain unallotted. Such necessary adjustment does not, of course, affect the original placings of these birds in their respective classes. If none of the birds entered secure money prize or other award, then they must be judged on their merits for CAGE BIRDS prizes.

Sending Result to us.

The winners' names and addresses, with a description of the winning birds, must be sent to The Editor, CAGE BIRDS, as soon as possible after the close of the show.

Payment of Prize Money.

All prize money will be posted to the winners direct from the offices of CAGE BIRDS.

Objections and Disputes.

All objections and disputes, if any, in connection with the Competition (except such as are covered by the rules of each show, which shall prevail), will be decided by The Editor and a committee formed by delegates from London societies.

A Working Suggestion.

It is suggested, to facilitate the working of the scheme, and lessen secretarial labour, that as the entries come in, and are being classified and numbered up, a special "CAGE BIRDS Class" should be made, and the ordinary class and class numbers of each competing exhibit be entered therein. As the judge's slips come in, the awards secured by the said competing exhibits can be entered against them in the said "CAGE BIRDS Class." Then, at the conclusion of the judging, the numbers of all the first, etc., prize winners can easily be handed over to the judge or judges for his or their decision.

Secretaries and officials are reminded that the Conditions of the Competition must be printed in full on a page of the catalogue of every show (as well as be inserted in the schedule) at which the competition takes place.

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Exhibitors must not run away with the idea that this is a competition for the cracks. It is not. The novice has just as much opportunity. Now run your eye down our coupon list, and post off your application to us for coupons right away.

Coupons are ready for any show on our list of coupon shows. If you don't use them at the show they still have a cash value. (See rules.) But we want the scheme to be a bumping success. If it is, exhibitors will benefit, the societies will benefit, and we shall benefit. It will be a good thing all round. Think how annoyed you will be if your bird wins an ordinary prize and is defeated in our coupon scheme by another bird immeasureably its inferior. This is certain to happen if you don't buy your coupons and safeguard yourself right away. 6d. a coupon—for each bird at each show. Prizes 10s., 6s., 4s., surplus divided amongst the participating societies.

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Some Points Elucidated.

SIR,—There seems to be some doubt in the minds of the North Berks. Fanciers' Society (committee) *re* CAGE BIRDS prize competition. Here are the points which do not seem quite clear: (1) Suppose a dozen birds were entered at a show and none of them were in the prize list, how would they stand for CAGE BIRDS' prizes? (2) May a fancier enter as many birds as he chooses at one show? (3) Are birds entered in members' classes debarred from competing?—C. PEARCE (Member of Committee).

[1.—If none of the birds entered for competition secure an award, then they will be judged on their merits for CAGE BIRDS' prizes—under no circumstances, providing there are three eligible competitors, will our prizes be withheld. This point is fully dealt with in the "Notes for the Guidance of Show Secretaries," published in this week's issue. (2) A fancier may enter for competition any number of birds at any show, providing one coupon for each entry so made has been duly obtained according to the printed conditions. (3) Birds in members' classes are entitled to compete. No bird at any show is barred, in fact, except previous winners.—EDITOR.]

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hayle.—October 16th and 17th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 31 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks 4, Belg. or Scot. 1, Crest 1, Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 2, Local 9. Prizes, Open, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Local, 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. There is a splendid list of specials. Entries close October 8th, to Mr. W. PAUL, 6, Penpol Meadow, Hayle, Cornwall.

Broughty Ferry.—October 12th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Kean, W. Webster (Scots.), C. Campbell (Crests and Norwich), P. Pettigrew (Borders, Mules, etc.). 45 classes: Scots. 10, Crests 6, Nor. 9, Cins. 1, Bor. 8, Mule 2, Brit 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., and a card. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a splendid list of special prizes. Entries close October 7th to Mr. C. MUIR, 1, Derby Place, Broughty Ferry.

Cheshunt F.A.—October 17th.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield.—11 classes: Crest 1, Yorks 2, Nor. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes on sliding scale. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 9th, to Mr. F. E. CLARK, Gothic Villa, Waltham Cross, N.

Newcastle (C.B.U.).—October 18th and 19th.—Judges Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Nor. Greens), T. Heath (Cins., Crests), J. Patterson (Scots., Bor., Pairs, Sell.), C. H. Moulton (Mules, Brit., For.). 73 classes: Nor. 10, Cins. 4, Crest 8, Yorks 7, Greens 8, Scots. 4, Bor. 7, Pairs A.O.V. 1, Sell. 5, Mules 4, Brit. 12, For 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. The show is under Northern Crest Club, Green C.A., English and Welsh Border F.C., N.B.B. and M.C., Border F.C., Yorks. C.C., Northern F.C.C., and Norwich P.C. patronage. There is a splendid list of challenge and other specials to be competed for. Entries close October 14th to Messrs. W. CURRY and J. G. HUTCHINSON, 60, Grosvenor-gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Wimborne (C.B.U.).—October 23rd.—Judge, Mr. G. Bond. 18 classes: Nor. 3, Crests 2, Yorks. 2, Cons. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit 3, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Entries close October 15th to Mr. W. M. BELL, St. Leonard's Poultry Farm, Ringwood.

Rochdale (C.B.U.).—October 18th and 19th.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House (Lancs., Liz., Mules, For.), W. Mundell (Yorks., Cins., Nor., Crests, Pairs, Sell., Brit). 51 classes: Lancs. 12, Liz. 6, Yorks. 6, Cins. 2, Crests 4, Nor. 5, Pairs 1, Sell. 3, Mem. 3, Brit. 3, For. 3, Mules 2, Prizes, 10s., 7s., 4s., 2s., Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a capital list of specials. Entries close October 12th to Mr. J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith-street, Rochdale.

Kelty.—October 19th.—Judges, Messrs. D. Black and T. Merrilees (Scots.), A. Cochrane (Brit. and For.), D. A. Craig (members), 53 classes: Scots, 12. Nor. 8, Crests 5, Bor. 7, Yorks 2, Common 1, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 4, Gift 1. Prizes, 16s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a good list of specials. Entries close October 12th to Mr. W. ARNOTT, 73, Adam's-terrace, Kelty.

Cirencester.—October 23rd and 24th.—Judge, Mr. W. Greenwood. 7 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, Mem. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a card. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 12th to Messrs. WALLIS and WALKER, 3, Barton-terrace, Cirencester.

Hoyland (C.B.U).—October 18th and 19th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Wilson and W. Vardy. 21 classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Novice 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry, 1s. Entries close October 14th to Mr. J. WARRENDER, 11, Gift-street, Hoyland.

Battersea (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C.).—October 24th and 25th. Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell (Yorks.), J. Robson (remainder). 52 classes: Crests 2, Nor. 5, Yorks. 6, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 1, Sell. 2, Novice Yorks. 4, Novice Nor. 4, Mem. 19. Prizes, 12s. 6d., 6s. 6d., 3s., and 2s. Entry fee, 2s. The T.C.C.C. championship specials are to be competed for. There is a good open special list. Entries close October 14th to Mr. F. EASTERLING, 5, St. Mark's-road, Fulham, S.W.

Dulwich and Peckham. (C.B.U., Y.C.C.).—October 17th and 18th. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy (Nor.), G. E. Weston (Mules, Brit, For.), J. Robson (remainder). 80 classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 7, Crests 2, Bor. 8, Lancs 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mules 3, For. 2, Sell. 3, Mem. 36. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. The show is under Yorkshire C.C., Crested C.C., Southern Norwich P.C., Border F.C.C., English and Welsh B.F.C.C. and N.B.B. and M. Club There are no less than 106 special prizes, including challenge cups and bowls, and many other valuable and useful articles. Entries close October 7th to Mr. G. F. WOOLHOUSE, 22, St. Aidan's-road, E. Dulwich, S.E.

City of Glasgow.—October 18th and 19th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Higgins, A. Nisbet, J. Smith, J. Park, T. Thomson, G. Fulton (Scots). J. Kean (Belg.), A. McFarlane (Nor.), J. Donald (Crests), A. R. Langlands, J. Taylor (Mules, Brit., For.). T. M'Creadie, D. Hamilton (Bor.). 82 classes: Scots. 19, Belg. 5, Nor. 16, Crests 5, Brit. 22, For. 3, Bor. 12. Prizes, 15s., 10s., 5s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 2s. There are no less than 108 special prizes, including many valuable and useful articles. Entries close October 12th to Mr. A. MUIR, 100, Caledonia-road, Glasgow.

Crewe.—October 16.—Judge, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood.—16 classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Hyb. 1, Brit. 5, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 9th, to W. EVANS, Coppenhall, Crewe.

Leek.—October 16th.—Judge, Mr. J. Bertie.—31 classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 2, Crest 5, Hyb. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 4. Novice (price limited), Nor. 3, Yorks. 1, Crest 3, Non-fed, 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.; fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 12th, to J. FOWLER, 6, Fountain Street, Leek.

OUR COUPON SHOWS.

Great Harwood, October 11th and 12th.
Broughty Ferry, October 12th.
Hayle, October 16th and 17th.
Dulwich and Peckham, October 17th and 18th.
Western Counties (Plymouth), October 22nd and 23rd.
Potteries, October 23rd and 24th.
Cheltenham, October 26th and 28th.
Gloucester C.B.S., October 30th, and 31st.
Wellingboro', October 30th and 31st.
Wolverhampton, October 30th and 31st.
Blackburn C.B.S., November 1 and 2.
Abingdon (North Berks), November 7th.
Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., November 7th.
Preston O.S., November 8th and 9th.
Warrington, November 8th and 9th.
York, November 5th and 6th.
Merthyr Tydfil, November 14th.
Luton C.B.S., November 13th.
Cambridge C.B.S., November 12th.
Morpeth, November 16th.
Bristol C.B.C., November 20th and 21st.
Bolton and District O. and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
Sunderland, November 22nd and 23rd.
Crook C.B.S., November 23rd.

Shows of later date given next week.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

ON Saturday, September 28th, three of the Yorkshire Union Societies held their Members' Shows, viz., Bradford West, Windhill, and Great Horton Good Intent, which coming as they did, a week before the first open show, caused great interest to be centred in them, being regarded as preliminary canters for the open events; and many entries at Halifax will depend upon the winnings or otherwise at these shows. Each of the shows had a moderate entry, but very many of the birds were not quite ready, and would do with another week or two before being turned out at open shows.

MANY fanciers, upon receipt of the schedule for Halifax, would be greatly surprised to find that the rules of the Cage Bird Union did not form part thereof, and that it contained no mention whatever of being under C.B.U. licence, after having been advertised as such. But this is partly dispelled by a notice in the columns of CAGE BIRDS of September 28th, from the Halifax Secretary, which states that the show will be held under Yorkshire Union rules only. At the last council meeting of the Yorkshire Union held on September 7th, the question was raised of societies applying for outside patronage, and it was decided to allow societies a free hand in the matter on the distinct understanding that Yorkshire Union rules must prevail at all Yorkshire Union Shows. Now Halifax had already asked for and obtained the license of the Cage Bird Union, and all shows under such licence must be held under C.B.U. rules, and no other rules must be recognised at such shows. This put the Halifax O.S. in a peculiar predicament, and a special meeting was called to discuss the matter, as not being able to hold the show under two sets of widely different rules, they must needs choose to which Union to remain loyal.

THIS is a state of things that, in my humble opinion, should never have come to pass, as without doubt some means could have been devised to have avoided any clashing chaos, for instance, where such rules as the Y.U. rules are in vogue, the C.B.U. might have granted a licence without forcing their rules over and above those of the Yorkshire Union, or might even have made arrangements that the two Unions should uphold each others' disqualifications, etc., and that members of each Union should show at each others' exhibitions, and in fact no compulsion at all should be used, but allow members to show wherever they will. As a matter of fact it was this compulsion that killed the C.B.U. in Bradford and District. Time will perhaps find a way out of this difficulty, and here the proverb, "Better late than never," will hold good.

MR. W. H. Shackleton, the prominent Yorkshire exhibitor, is, I hear, shortly to retire from business and intends to settle down to a quiet life with his birds and a little garden, and no doubt with plenty of time on his hands will make things hum in Yorkshire circles. The place selected by Mr. Shackleton is close to the headquarters of Wibsey O.S., and overlooking Wibsey Park, and no doubt the fanciers of that society will welcome his advent amongst them. But, Mr. Shackleton, if you can beat them with Yorkshires on the show bench, I don't think you will beat them at eating meat and potatoe pie, that is if some of the members' performances at the supper on the 21st are any criterion—where, oh! where, did that tram-driver put it all?

BRADFORD East O.S. have Mr. Chittenden to entertain them on Oct. 1st, his subject being "British Birds," and as he has had good experience and is very enthusiastic on the subject, the lecture should prove very interesting. Mr. Chittenden is the main instigator of the recently formed Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club, and as such many thanks are due to him for his tireless energy in his endeavours for the success of the undertaking.

GREAT Horton O.S., although their show is so very late in the season, are endeavouring to make arrangements for a good show, and have already secured the patronage of the Y.C.C. the C.M.C., the Green Canary Association, and the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club.

SCHEDULES for the second of the Yorkshire Union Shows, viz., Windhill, are now out, and a clerical error has crept into the classification, one class reading "Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Yellow Marked Cinnamon Yorkshire," and some of the members of the C.M.C. are wondering how a clear cinnamon marked bird will look. Evidently the Windhill Secretary, like most of us, is not infallible.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. CLARKE'S RETIREMENT.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Clarke's "twittering," I beg to state that the reason he was disqualified from competing at our contests was for "disputing the judges' decision," a very unusual occurrence in our club, also unruly behaviour. As regards giving way to novices, we all know in Leeds that he has only been in the fancy four years. E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

THE CLEAR AND TICKED QUESTION.

SIR,—I think it is time this Clear and Ticked question was settled, as the show season is hard on us now. I think it ought to be settled by the different clubs. The Yorkshire fanciers have settled it, and I think it is nearly time the Norwich men did. I should like to ask if any of your readers could tell me how to enter a bird I have? It is a Norwich, and has not a dark feather anywhere. Its legs are clear, but on the left side of beak, just under the nostril, it has a dark mark. Would the bird have to be entered in a ticked class, or a clear? I thought of showing the same, and should not like to have it passed "wrong class." I quite agree with Messrs. Spillman and Curtis that it is nearly time something was done.

C. H. COOPER.

NEW SOCIETY FOR CO. LOUTH, IRELAND.

SIR,—On September 27th a meeting was held at Trainor's Hotel, Park Street, Dundalk (Dr. Lavery being in the chair) for the purpose of considering the establishing of an Ornithological Association for the County of Louth. There was a considerable number of fanciers present, and it was unanimously agreed that such a Society was desirable in the interests of local fanciers, and it was resolved to form the Society, of which Dr. Lavery was elected president, W. H. Coyne secretary, and E. Johnston treasurer: committee: Messrs. Murgatroyd, Rowe, Niblock, Viviball, Keating, and McKittorick. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., and the committee cordially invite the co-operation and membership of all interested fanciers. Copy of rules and full particulars can be had from

W. H. COYNE, Hon. Sec.
50, Castle Road, Dundalk.

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

SIR,—I have read with much interest the letters which appear in your issues of September 14th and 21st inst., from "M.B." and Mr. W. T. Page, respecting the Quaker Parrot, and I am glad to take an opportunity of vindicating the character of this species. I believe Dr. Greon in his "Parrots in Captivity," does not speak very favourably of the Quaker, and Mr. Page appears to have the same opinion of this bird. While not professing in any way to be an authority on the feathered tribe, I should like to give my experiences of the Quaker. I had kept birds, mostly Canaries and British birds, for some years, but never seemed to have any desire to possess any of the Parrot species, until one day happening to be in the shop of a dealer I was much amused in watching the interesting antics of a small Parrot, which I was informed was a Quaker. I bought the bird and it soon became a great favourite. Certainly, it screeched a little at first, but when it learned to know us, the screeching became more and more unfrequent, and gradually ceased altogether. The little bird soon became very tame and used to fly about the room, and we could play with it like a kitten. When I bought it, all it could say was, "Come on," but it soon began to increase its vocabulary, and added "Pretty Polly," "Kiss Polly," "Scratch her poll," and most of the expressions commonly taught to Parrots. It would call my wife and daughter by name, and when out in the garden frequently brought out the young lady next door by calling "Edie, Edie," so plainly, as if the call came from one of us. It would say, "Where's Mary?" to a pet Canary, and "Where's Joey?" to a Thrush, and when we unfortunately lost the Canary, soon added, in a most sorrowful tone, "Poor Mary!" Many of the things it said were picked up without any teaching whatever; it used to say to the dog, "What do you want upstairs?" and other things which we certainly never attempted to teach it, and every word it said was clear and distinct, and every sentence was given with a variety of inflection. It was an admirable mimic, and could imitate the sawing of wood, hammering of nails and other common sounds of this kind. I regret to have to write this in the past tense, as we lost our dear little pet nearly two years ago; but I think we feel its loss quite as much to-day as we did the day it died. We have had many pets of various kinds, but none that we loved so much as our dear little Quaker. We missed the little bird so much that I decided to buy another Quaker, but not being able to meet with one, I bought a Blue-fronted Amazon. It was a fine bird, most tame, gentle and affectionate, and a good talker, but it had none of the vivacity and amusing tricks of the Quaker, and only imperfectly took its place. However, I happened one day to walk along Selale Street, and there to my delight saw outside a shop the very image of the little bird we had lost. I promptly purchased it, and we soon installed it in the same place as our first Quaker. The dealer said the bird did not talk, but could sing, and for the first few days it certainly did "sing"—enough to raise the dead. We began to think we had caught a tartar, as it did nothing but screech, and we tried to teach it to talk without any evident result. But, one evening while sitting quiet, what was our surprise and delight to hear the bird talking. It opened the conversation by informing us that it was "Pretty, Pretty Polly Perkins of Paddington-green, of Paddington-green"; and in case there should be any mistake about it, the phrase was repeated about fifty times. It then followed with some of the sentences we had been teaching it, and which it had evidently stored up in its active little brain: "Kiss Polly," "Give me a kiss," "Scratch her poll," and so on. We have now had this bird just over a year, and it has a very good vocabulary. It will bow most gracefully at the words, "Bow for the King." It is a good mimic and exceedingly tame—will follow my daughter about the house like a kitten, and nestle down in bed beside her, and is intelligent enough to get out of the cage by lifting up the door, or withdrawing the pins which hold his food and water tins in place. It is, however, still given to screeching occasionally, but this I attribute largely to jealousy or timidity; it cannot bear to see us talk to or play with the Amazon or even with the dog, and does not like being left alone, and generally raises some noisy objection. I think if we had no other pets this bad habit would soon disappear. But one cannot expect everything perfection, even in a bird, and I think the amusing ways and beauty and high intelligence of the little Quaker counterbalance this defect. I can hardly think that I have been so fortunate as to possess two exceptionally gifted specimens of the Quaker, and I am led to believe that in the hands of anyone who is kind and gentle and patient this little bird can be made to become one of the gentlest, most affectionate, and interesting pets it is possible to possess.

JOSEPH HARWOOD,
Battersea Polytechnic. Secretary.

RANDOM NOTES ON HYBRIDS AND MULES.

SIR,—I am much interested in Mr. T. H. Kinch's "Random Notes on Hybrids and Mules," and hope to hear that some of his offchance crosses have proved successful. His notes on Pheasants provided interesting reading to me. I must confess that I was a wee bit sceptical about the female adopting male plumage. However, since reading an article in the "Glasgow Times," it seems to be quite possible. I must wish you and your grand little paper CAGE BIRDS continued success. GEO. R. MCGHIE.

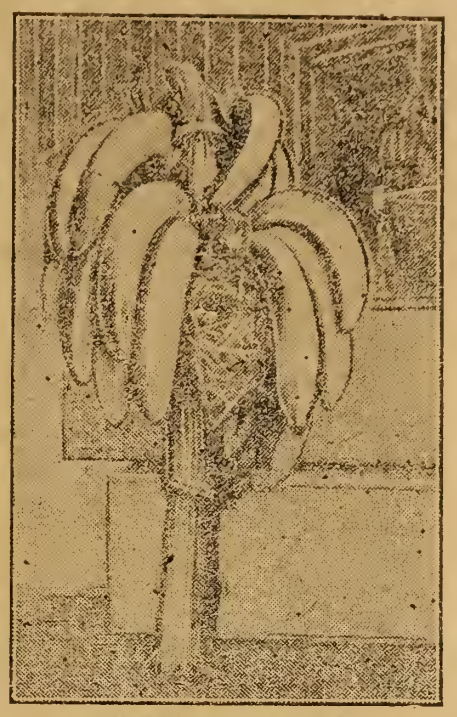
THE VITALITY OF RED MITES.

SIR,—When I read the remarkable assertion of a notable authority some months ago that mites could not walk on glass, I recalled some experiments I made with mites years ago, and then I "smoled a smile," and determined to add one other to those experiments for CAGE BIRDS readers as soon as the opportunity offered itself. This note on vitality is a kind of bye-product of that experiment. The mites that were to form the objects of the experiment were enclosed until a seasonable moment in a perfectly clean, small glass tube. Next day on examination with a lense it was found that a group of eggs had been deposited. Here was another opportunity presenting itself. The mites were all removed from the tube, and the tube closely corked with only the eggs in it. A few days later these eggs hatched into mites, and now at the time of writing, more than three weeks later, these tiny mites are as lively and active as though they were living in the proverbial "clover" on some unfortunate bird's body, and this, mark you, in spite of the fact that they have all along been closely sealed in the tube, and never yet had the very slightest visible means of support of any kind whatever. They ran about the glass tube in every possible shape and position as nimbly and easily as a common house fly runs about a window pane. So much for the science of the unscientific assertion that mites cannot walk on glass. No wonder one hears piteous appeals to friends and fanciers all for enlightenment. But the most remarkable thing about these mites is how they have managed to subsist so long under the condition named. And how long are they going to live? CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

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BIRD'S NEST IN A BANANA BUNCH.

SIR,—I read in your issue of Sept. 14th an account of a bird's nest being found in a bunch of bananas. I beg to forward you a photo of such a nest, which I had taken about two years ago. This nest contained three eggs, but I am sorry to say that two were broken. The one you see in the photo I placed on top of the broken ones. The eggs would be about the size of those of the Hedge Sparrow, but the colour of our Skylark's. I have also had since then two more nests containing eggs, one much smaller than



A Nest among Bananas.

the first, with one egg, which, on being shown to a friend, got broken in handling. The third nest contained three eggs. The nest and eggs were in splendid condition, and I gave them to a friend for his collection. I have also had the dried body of a bird come amongst the bananas. The colour of the feathers on the wings was much like our Greenfinch's, the body feather being a dull slate colour. In looking through an encyclopædia I found a bird answering to the description I have given, called Banana Bird or Banana Eater. I am sending this in the hope it will interest readers, and wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

Penarth. WILLIAM LILES.

NEWS FROM NEWCASTLE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

SIR,—I had the pleasure of visiting several houses in Newcastle-on-Tyne and district, and was delighted with the hospitality of the miners and their wives. The object of my visit was to see what had been bred. I am a very keen fancier myself, and I find it is beneficial to fanciers who want to have success on the show bench to keep "on the move" and see other's stock. Thinking I had the best birds almost that could be bred, I was greatly disappointed on being shown some bred by others far superior to mine. At this I seemed to lose heart; but, there, we are often deceived when the judge gives his decision at the show. I therefore intend to take courage and advise others, who have not been successful in past years, to do the same, and wait the results of the judging. Comments ran very high last year on the long Norwich birds that were winning, and it is to be hoped that the short thick-set, chubby, full-fronted birds, will be the leading birds in their section this year. Newcastle members are looking forward to having a good time at their coming show on the 18th and 19th of October, and from what I can glean the exhibits will be very good and the competition keen. Altogether, the show promises to be one of the best and largest in the North. A word of praise is due to the worthy secretaries, Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson, who have both worked with a will. Mr. Hutchinson, at the last meeting, read over one of the best lists of specials I have heard, and he must have worked very hard to make it up. There has been a good deal of talk of this year being a bad one for breeding. That is so, mostly with our Crest breeders, which will have a tendency to raise prices. This season has been remarkable for Hybrids and Mules. Our old friend, Mr. Maddison, is well to the front again in breeding some very fine specimens; also an old Wallsend member, Mr. Stubbs, has been very successful in rearing three very fine specimens of the Greenie-Bullie, which should be heard of later on. A word of praise is due to our old friend Mr. Little, who has spent a lifetime in breeding and showing Scotch Fancies. For the last thirty years this bird has varied much in type in the opinion of breeders and judges. The good old half-moon type has died away, and the present day type is the large deep-sided bird, hard away from the shoulder, full of nerve, and well up on legs. I had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Little's birds, and without exception he has some of the finest specimens, young and old, that any man need wish to have. It so happens the writer is an expert judge of the Scotch fancy, and my honest opinion is that he has the up-to date bird, and a remarkable fine stock, and should be heard of at home and abroad. In bringing this letter to a close, I wish to add a word in favour of Mr. Taylor, one of our members—a very keen and enthusiastic fancier—who seems, from his enthusiasm, to have set all the fanciers "on edge," and made the fancy in this district much keener than it was before. Note his splendid special at the six leading shows for most points. The idea is to encourage entries and help the fancy.

A CONSTANT READER.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—Permit me to correct the statement made by Mr. Livingstone that Kirkcaldy was granted medals when neither judge, date of show, nor hall for same was fixed. I have our secretary's notes for that meeting before me while I write, and he has distinctly marked thereon Mr. A. Cochrane, judge; date of show, 9th November, and finishes up his remarks by saying, "Classification given, but not clearly defined." The matter was up for discussion and well thrashed out, and the finding of the meeting was that Kirkcaldy be granted five medals. What more need be said? Mr. Livingstone is perfectly well aware, and so are all members who were present at the meeting on the 7th September, the reason why Bathgate lost the medals, and this he can explain in print if he chooses to do so. I do not agree with all the wordy letters that appear in print. If members feel aggrieved at the findings of the meetings, let them attend these meetings in person. There they can air their views, and possibly be a means of carrying the vote to their own liking. This is my solution of the difficulty for aggrieved members.

L. J. 'ARRIGHI.

SIR,—I wish Mr. Livingstone would read CAGE BIRDS more thoroughly before making such statements. If he looks up "C.B." he will find, in "Show dates fixed" column, that Kirkcaldy has appeared every week since the month of May, with judges' initials beside it. There was also a paragraph in "C.B." stating when and where the show was to be held. For proof of this statement I refer Mr Livingstone to the Editor, or any of the appointed judges

JAMES WILSON.

SIR,—If Mr. Livingstone reads over my note of the previous week he will see that I did not charge the Bathgate officials at all. I merely corrected the statement of a member the previous week. Mr. Livingstone well knows the mistake of the telegram business which lost his Society the medals the previous season, for which nobody but himself was to blame. He cannot get away from facts. I do not require to refer to any gentleman re the last show, as it was a one-day show, and it was only a slice of luck that it got the entries. Mr. Livingstone talks rather tall, and puts more war-paint on than he can wash off. He makes a mistake also re Kirkcaldy, possibly the result of Bathgate vote affecting his memory, which is not always correct. The Kirkcaldy application was read over, date of show, and where held, the rest was explained. Mr. Livingstone may think his voice strong, but the effect is rather weak in prejudicing our members against a popular judge. He must feel that he has got "worsted" this time. Regarding the note by "A Member," why medals were not granted to Hamilton, not even our Bathgate friends voted for Hamilton. When it ceases to amalgamate and cancel classes, it might get better support. Don't be so selfish. Let the medals go round. Attend the meetings, and don't be carried away with gossip. The S.B.B.M.C. is not in a rotten state, and by its members adhering to Rule 11 it is making grand progress. If a member chooses to cut off his nose to spite his face, then he cannot expect much sympathy.

A SWEET BRIAR.

NEW SOCIETY AT HUCKNALL HUTHWAITE.

SIR,—We have started a new Society, under the name of the Huthwaite and District Cage Bird Society, with headquarters at the Workpeople's Inn, Hucknall Huthwaite. We have had a few such sterling fanciers as Messrs. Vardy, Marshall, Beardall, Adnett, Driver, and Vaughan, etc., join in our ranks. Fanciers are heartily invited to join us.

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VALE OF CONWAY AND DISTRICT F.A.

SIR,—Although this new association has only been in existence a month or so, it is going ahead with great enthusiasm. Sir Charles McLaren, Bart., M.P., is president, and that good fancier, Col. Sandbach, is chairman of committee. All the influential people of the district have consented to patronise the association, which, it would seem, has the brightest of prospects before it. All cage bird men willing to join (the minimum subscription is 2s. 6d.) should send in their names without delay to

ARTHUR T. JOHNSON.

Glanconway, N. Wales.

EGGS IN SEPTEMBER.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS about a gentleman finding an egg in his cage when he was cleaning it out, I think I can put "the topper" on that experience. I have had three eggs this month (September), all from a marked Canary. She has been in a cage with another hen since July, and has had no cock near her. One egg she laid at the beginning of the month, one on the 21st, and one on the 30th. I have just fetched the last one out of the cage, and the bird looks well, too.

R. LAISTER.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence on late eggs, and find from "Madraling's" letter that he has a hen that has laid three eggs. I am pleased to let him know that since writing you last, my hen has laid four eggs. But I am very sorry to say that it died a few days after. Could any correspondent of your valuable paper account for any trouble the hen has had, or the otherwise curious happenings? I hope CAGE BIRDS will meet with every success in the future, and the "Poultry World" the same. CURIOUS.

SIR,—I may say that I have a hen that has laid two eggs this last week, one on the 24th, and the other on the 25th of September. She has laid twice before this season, five eggs each time. She has not been with the male bird since the end of August, and she laid five eggs in July.

WM. LATHAM.

HINTS ON BIRD CATCHING.

SIR,—Seeing that no one has answered the query by Colonist, I will give my methods. Get some nice smooth twigs, about a foot long, the thinner the better. Procure the best birdlime you possibly can, as inferior lime gives nothing but disappointment. You can get good stuff through advertisements in CAGE BIRDS. Goldfinches feed on thistles and hard heads in winter, and these are the best to catch them on. Lay the twigs across the thistles (and in this case, as in all others) always try to lime, so that the bird cannot alight without settling on your twigs. Place your call bird under one of the thistles, and lime all the thistles and hardheads near the cage. I always select about a dozen big ones and cut the others down. Do not go out to take the bird as soon as he settles, but wait until he is wing-fast. Take great care of them for the first few days, giving unlimited hemp and inga, in addition to some wild seed. Gradually wean off inga until you are only giving a small quantity daily. Bullfinches are the easiest of all birds to catch, except Redpolls. I get a nice ripe spray of dock, about a foot high, and stick in the ground two or three yards away from a hedge the Bullfinches frequent, for instance, privet hedges. I put my call bird at the foot of the dock, and cover the spray with twigs, not forgetting a few on top of cage. Then I make a fence round him by sticking twigs slanting in the ground, making a complete circle. The twigs should slant about two inches from the ground at the highest point. Do not be afraid of putting a few down, as nearly all cock Bullies take the ground and want to fight. They make for your bird, and as soon as they get to your twigs over they go. They are also very easy to take in a trap cage. Linnets, Redpolls, and Greenies are generally taken on a hedge. A low, well-trimmed one is best. You will have to get holders for your twigs. Nettle stalks cut in pieces about an inch long will do. You stick one on a twig on the hedge, and then put your limed twig in the other end. Hawfinches are very shy birds, and I have not had much experience with them, but an old friend of mine tells me they are easily taken with peas in pod strewed on ground and limed twigs stuck in the ground, same as catching Bullies, but I should prefer a net trap. Skylarks I never bother with, but I have seen them taken with lime. A Greenfinch was pegged down in a stubble-field, and twigs put round him. The first bird that came near at once made for him to drive him away, and was soon fast. I have never seen any Siskins or Brambles here, but I understand the Siskin feeds like a Goldie. The three things necessary for success are: quietness, experience, and patience. Birds are also very easy to take at one of their drinking places, if you can find one.

E. M.

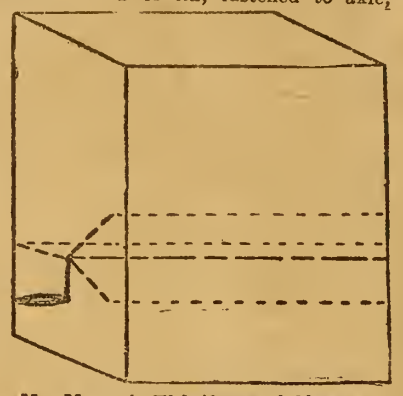
AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised when reading last week's CAGE BIRDS to see an advertisement from Mr. Robshaw, of Leeds, which reads as follows—"Norwich Cinnamon Greens, bred from Mr. Godley's winning strain, that held both the Leeds cups last year." This I most strongly object to. The cup winners are not related to Godley's strain, as they are all my own breeding, and of the Norwich variety, not Cinnamon. I cannot see how Mr. R. can possess this strain, for I know he had only one bird from my room, a Buff Cinnamon hen, and that at a very low figure. In the interests of the Fancy, I think it is only fair to contradict his statement, and hope this will convince Mr. R. that it is best to advertise honestly. GEO. STEAD.

[In respect to this we may say that the advertisement was not at all legibly written, and the wrong description complained of may have arisen in consequence.—ED.]

A NOVEL METHOD OF CLEANING THISTLE SEED.

SIR,—This being the season of the year when owners of Finches, who have the opportunity, gather a few thistle heads for their favourites, I think from the following sketch a cleaning box will be found easy to make, and prove very useful in extracting the seed. It needs to have three flappers, either of wood or tin, fastened to axle, as



Mr. Moore's Thistle-seed Cleaner.

shown by dotted lines, a false bottom of perforated zinc to enable seed to drop through into tray on bottom, and the front of box above tray should slide up to allow the used heads to be easily taken out. Place the ripe heads in box (have the box in the open air if possible to allow the fluffy portion to get away), turn the handle quickly, and you soon knock out the seed. The size of box can be such as best suits the maker.

Jos. B. MOORE.

BORDERS IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—Would you allow me to draw the attention of Border Fancy breeders to the effort of the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society to still further popularise the Borders down South. After the excellent support they received last year, they have increased their classification, and through the kindness of friends, they have been able to get together a list of special prizes, the like of which has never before been given to the Border section in the South. I am glad to say that since our last show, several have taken up the Borders, and I hope our friends in the North will give their best support. I can assure them that their birds will have every attention, and by the courtesy of the show manager I have got permission to lift the Borders at four o'clock, so as to give them ample time to catch the night mails. Now, fanciers of the Borders, give the Dulwich Society such a bumping entry, that next year they will still further look to your interest.

R. BROWNLIE.

MANAGEMENT OF SINGING CONTESTS.

SIR,—Will any of your readers inform me how the Linnet fanciers arrange their contest singing matches at Leeds, Yorkshire, Oldham etc.? I do hope some kind reader of your paper will reply. The way we sing in London is—one club sends challenge to another, the date is fixed for race, also the time birds to be on the nail. The prize to be sung for deposited with manager of the club. The birds sing for fifteen minutes, and the one that does the best "chalks" (highest score) wins the prize. I score for my own bird, the gentleman I am singing scoring for his bird, the manager of the club generally is timekeeper. We each have a trustworthy friend to look on each other's bird, to see we take the "chalks," or notes of song correctly, if we make any mistake he instantly puts a chalk against us. At our club, when we sing, all the other birds are taken to another room and covered over, and only the two birds that are racing lifted in the room, which is generally upstairs. When the fifteen minutes are up "time" is called by the timekeeper, "chalks" are counted up, and the winner gets the prize, with a good hearty cheer for the winning bird.

C. RUSSELL.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR FARNHAM.

Sir,—I should like to meet any fancier or fanciers who would help in forming a Cage Bird Society for Farnham and neighbourhood, as I believe there are a number of bird lovers in the district.

(Late of Acton, W.) THOS. G. JEFFERY.
44, East Street, Farnham.

ROBIN-CANARY HYBRIDS.

Who has seen them?

SIR,—While on my holiday, I heard a gentleman speaking about rare birds to a friend of mine. I was interested and also surprised to hear him say he had seen Robin-Canary Hybrids. They were exhibited at Ipswich about 20 years ago, and were the prettiest birds he ever saw. He saw the owner and asked him how they were bred. The owner said he had tried different ways for years, and succeeded by putting Canaries' eggs in with the Robins. The Robins hatched and reared them. Before they could fly, he caged them, the Robins still feeding them. After they could feed themselves, he took them in the house, and he kept them all together during the winter; in the spring he paired them off—cock Robin and hen Canary that were brought up together, result three young Robin-Canary Hybrids. I should like to know if any reader saw them?

ONE IN DOUBT.

A LINNET RACE AT LEWISHAM.

SIR,—With a bird friend we wended our way one Saturday evening to the Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham. We were just in time to hear time called for the first pair to be put on the nail. On glancing round the room we saw a rare lot of rough diamonds, but sportsmen to a man. At a long table sit two owners and the timekeeper in the middle, each man scoring in a second or two; off they go, the one small songster evidently had had a few lessons from a Canary or Mule. Amidst breathless excitement and an odd remark, the race continues. The first pair finishing well, the race was won by Mr. E. Robinson with 1 score, 7 points, Mr. Ingram going under. Thus comes a welcomed interval for the sports to replenish those big tankards with the foaming home-brewed; time is called again, and up come Port and Larney, but neither bird was in form, only scoring, Larney 17, and Port, 10. The third pair were to do some good things, but after waiting the allotted span, neither bird would open out at all; these belonged to Nightingale and W. Robinson. The prize, a splendidly appointed singing cage, value 5s., given by mine host, Mr. Fred Houten, was therefore won by Mr. E. Robinson, who had been lucky enough to win a Goldfinch the same day in a raffle. The timekeeper, Clempson, gave us a hearty welcome, and our host, Freddy, asked us to come again, as they have a race every Saturday night. All sports respond as we leave, with many jocular remarks on birdy matters, and looking out for CAGE BIRDS next week.

E. S. LUGG.

HEATING APPARATUS REQUIRED.

Which is the best?

SIR,—I notice in a recent issue a Mr. Claude Cowper asking for some information on heating his bird-room, 15 x 8 x 10 feet, facing north, no fireplace in it, but a gas jet. Well, I think any bird fancier who has tried various means of heating his birdroom will plump for a hot water coil as being the safest and most efficient. The best form of coil is that with the heat generator (gas or oil) outside, and the coil of pipes only inside the room. But this can't always be managed, and it is, moreover, expensive, as it would cost from six to ten pounds to fit and arrange. The little coil (kind of "self-contained") to stand in the centre of the room (or where convenient) is almost equally good, or, at least, can be made so where an outlet pipe for any possible fumes can be arranged. This is not difficult, as a brick can generally be knocked out of a wall, into the open-air, or, perhaps, better still, into the shaft of a chimney, or it can, at a pinch, go through a top pane of the window. The gas jet Mr. Cowper has in his room will supply the heating agent, and the heat can be regulated, with a little experience, to a nicety. I much prefer gas to oil, or anything else. For whatever is used, however, I like to have a "fume pipe." Still, the latter is dispensed with by many, and perhaps it is a "fad" with me—I like to be on the safe side. These small hot water coils can be bought from any good maker of greenhouse apparatus. I have, too, often seen them advertised in CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, made by practical fanciers, who have been plumbers, or gasfitters, etc. A local plumber is helpful in fitting any outlet pipe, etc. The cost of a small coil is anything from two pounds to three pounds ten shillings—and it is well worth it.

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COLD v. HOT PEPPER.

Of course everyone knows that for some considerable time now K.N. has been, to a great extent, superseded by the so-called "Sweet" or "Tasteless" pepper. Some fanciers use the latter exclusively, but they do not, I think, produce such good results as those who use a medium of the pungent agent; the colour being duller, and not nearly so lasting. I myself generally use 1lb. of hot to 4lbs. of cold. I add 1lb. of soft sugar to that quantity of pepper, thoroughly mix, and store away in air-tight jars, to be used as required. Oil I do not use, as I consider it unnecessary.

I do not think there is any likelihood that the fancy generally will revert to the methods and agents of the pre-K.N. days. Those who think that the bird of colour looks just as attractive in his modest yellow garb as he does when arrayed in the rich, glowing raiment of Spanish origin, are hopelessly in the minority; while those who urge that red feed is injurious to the birds have certainly failed to prove their case. This objection can only apply to the hot pepper, the tasteless being perfectly harmless. But when we consider how small is the quantity of K.N. now used, compared with what the birds had to dispose of in the early days of colour-feeding, and that even then, when, as Blakstou tells us, cayenne was not unfrequently mixed with the egg food almost in the proportion of bulk for bulk, it could by no means be proved that the birds suffered in consequence, for they "ate it greedily and in large quantities without suffering the slightest inconvenience"; when we consider these facts we are led to conclude that the objection, if it ever had any force, has certainly lost it. I freely admit that it means extra trouble, and a good deal of it, and considerable additional expense, to colour feed, but the man who is averse to tronble will be well advised to keep out of the Canary Fancy, and as regards the expense, the enhanced value of the fed specimens will be more than a set-off against that.

COMMENCING THE FEED.

I introduce my early hatched youngsters to the tasteless pepper when they are about eight weeks old, commencing with a heaped-up teaspoonful to an egg, half a round of bread from a quartern loaf, and a little soft, or castor, sugar, and gradually increasing the quantity, beginning to use the mixture already mentioned when the birds are breaking up. The youngsters from the second and third rounds require to be put on the feed earlier. The old birds should be given an aperient in the form, say, of a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water, at the end of the breeding season, to cleanse the system, and when beginning to give them the colour food, which should be about the middle of July, and in some cases earlier, they can have the mixture right away. Some breeders, I believe, mix a little tasteless pepper with the egg food when the hens are bringing up the last round, but it is a risky thing to do, especially during the first few days, unless you know your hen, for some of them will certainly fight shy of the stained egg, and if they feed the youngsters at all, it will be on something else. For those that require assistance to enable them to shed their feathers freely, I have found a mixture consisting of rum, saffron, and gentian, very useful. To a pint of rum add six pennyworth of saffron, and an ounce of tincture of gentian, and keep well corked ready for use. A tablespoonful to a quart of water will be about the right strength. Milk and flowers of sulphur, turkey rhubarb, and cochineal are also very good.

HOW TO USE MAW SEED.

Many fanciers mix maw seed liberally with the egg and colour food, to counteract the relaxing effects of the cold pepper, but I have found it much better to give the maw seed in separate vessels; if not, many of the birds will delve for it, and absent mindedly distribute half the colour food over the cage bottom. I use a good deal of Spratt's Canary and Cage Bird food during the moulting season, as it saves trouble, because it is not necessary to use so many eggs. I do not know that it is much more economical. The food is sold in granular form, but I always reduce it to powder before mixing with the egg food; there is then no danger of the birds picking out bits that had not properly absorbed the colouring matter. It (the powder) can be moistened with water, but I frequently use port wine. It is advisable to mix the colour food some time before it is required, in order that every particle of egg may have time to become thoroughly impregnated with the red pigment. I always remove the seed for a few hours each day; some allow their birds to have free access to it constantly, but really I do not see you are going to produce the best results—how you are going to get the depth of colour that seems in the eyes of some judges nowadays to be the Alpha and Omega of a Norwich, unless you do deprive them of their seed for a certain period daily. Birds vary in their tastes, just as human beings do, and some of them will turn up their dainty noses at the colour food, make it ever so toothsome and appetising. Others, again, will dispose of their own share and somebody else's, too, if they have the opportunity.

NOT AN ADVOCATE OF GREEN FOOD.

I do not give green food during the moult, but I give a good supply of marigolds, some nasturtiums, and about three times a week either boiled or germinated rape. It is of the first importance, at this time, that the birds should have an abundance of good, sound, nourishing food to enable them to maintain the heat of the body, and to stand the undoubted strain of the moult. With every care and attention you may still lose a few, but they will only be weaklings, and it is, perhaps, just as well that they should not survive. The world seems to have no use for the feeble of any kind.

EXERCISE NEEDED.

I am a firm believer in giving the birds plenty of room to use their wings, during the earlier stages of the moult, at any rate; in the double breeders they content themselves, for the most part, with hopping to and fro; so it is better, where possible, to put them into large flights, and keep them there until quite half through, when the youngsters that seem likely to be a credit to their parents can be sorted out and caged off, two or three in a cage, if they will agree. The old birds, too, that are likely to be wanted during the show season should be removed from the flights, so that they can receive special attention. Of course, the breeding cages must be thoroughly cleansed and whitewashed or distempered before the birds are transferred to them.

SMALL DETAILS.

A little linseed meal should be mixed with the egg food, and given on alternate days, during the latter part of the moult; a bit of boiled carrot is also an excellent thing to give occasionally. A piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a split pea should be given in the drinking water two or three times a week. A bath on warm, sunny days will be very beneficial to the stock. If any of them should have a constitutional objection to water for any but drinking purposes they must be sprayed. I think I need hardly mention at this time of day that the birds must be screened from the direct rays of the sun. I have venetian blinds in my room, and I find they answer very well. I have also calico curtains running across the wire netting that forms one side of each flight. When you have removed the best birds from the flight, it is advisable to run a thin curtain across the front of the stack of cages in which you keep them, at a distance of a few inches; it will serve to keep the birds clean, and to protect them from draughts, which must, above all things, be avoided during the moult.

TROUBLE IN THE WATER POT.

I advise changing the water at night, for if you do it in the daytime many of the birds will immediately dip their heads in it, regardless of what kind of weather it may be, careless as to whether it is morning or nearly roosting time, and heedless of the state of the poll. This sort of thing often spells trouble, with a capital T, and a good deal of it may be avoided by refilling the drinking vessels when the birds are not looking. You know what curious, inquisitive little animals they are, especially the hens. Take away the drinking glass from the cage during the day, and they will immediately hop down and pop their heads through the water-hole, to see what you are going to do with it. If any of the youngsters should come out rather patchy, owing to their having been plucked a bit before they were put on the colour food, or to any other cause, they must be finger moulted. It will give very little pain to remove a few of the small body feathers. The sooner the birds are through with the business of moulting the better; an early moult is generally a good one, and satisfactory from all points of view.

APPEARANCES ARE DECEITFUL.

Do not assume that a bird is fine just because it appears to be so. Catch it, and you will probably find, on examination, a considerable number of pin feathers about the head and neck; so it will not do to wean the birds from the colour food too soon, or too suddenly. It should be done gradually. Indeed, the show specimens must be kept on the feed right through the show season, not every day, but two or three times a week, or they will lose their bloom, and will, probably, before long look patchy, too, owing to their having lost a few feathers in the wash, or in transit to and from the shows.

From start to finish the moulting season is one of unfailing interest, and when we see birds of great promise as regards type and quality coming out literally aflame with colour, we feel amply rewarded for all the pains we have taken and all the time and attention we have devoted to them. In conclusion, I would express the hope that, although the breeding season may have been a trying one with many of you, success in the moulting season will, in a considerable measure, atone for it; and may the Coventry Norwich of the present and the future fully equal, if not surpass, the triumphs of those of which tradition tells, covering themselves and their owners with "blushing honours," and spreading the fame of the fine old town to every important centre in the kingdom.

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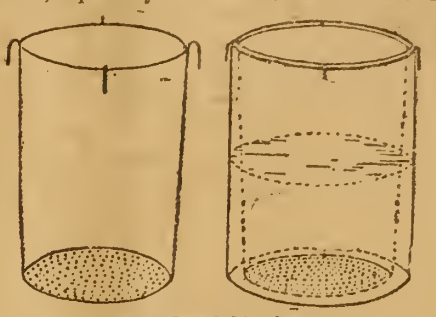
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No. 141.

STRAINING SOAKED SUMMER RAPE SEED.

Sent by J. V. Sullivan, 132, Carrington Road, Stockport.

I enclose herewith sketch of a method of straining the water off summer rape seeds, especially useful for those who are in



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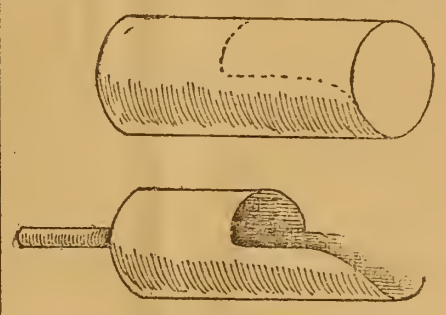
the habit of soaking small quantities. Any tinsmith will make the seive for a few pence, and then an ordinary preserve jar is all that is required. This contrivance prevents the seed coming over the top of the jar when changing the water, and so saves a good deal of time and temper.—JAS. V. SULLIVAN

No. 142.

A SEED SCOOP.

Sent by C. A. Semple, Millerfield Place, Hamilton.

I am sending you a sketch of a small scoop which I use to fill my seed boxes, etc. It can easily be made out of a small



A Useful Scoop.

round tin (about 1½in. or 2ins. diameter) cut as shown in sketch. A small handle can be soldered to it, if thought necessary. I think this implement saves a great deal of seed, as a lot is often wasted by throwing it into the boxes, etc., with the hand. —GEORGE A. SEMPLE.

Fortune's Favours.

We hear that a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, residing in the city of Glasgow, has had the good fortune to produce a grand nest (four) of light Mules, from a yellow hen and Siberian Goldfinch. They came from a late nest, and number two jonques and two buffs, evenly, or very lightly marked.

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The Washing of Canaries.

Lecture before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on Sept. 26th.

By H. E. TRINGHAM.

Our subject to-night is one which everyone who intends exhibiting his birds should try to become adept at. In the first place let me impress upon our novices the necessity of learning to wash, because I don't suppose any of them need to be told that however good their birds may be, they cannot hope to win with them unless they are properly washed, and staged to perfection. I hope some of you have a bird here to-night, with which I can demonstrate to you the vast improvement which can be made in a bird when well and carefully washed. Now washing a bird is not really a difficult operation, but what prevents many from becoming proficient in the art is nervousness. In washing, never allow nervousness to get the better of you, but I am bound to confess that this is advice which I have found hard to put into practice. Well do I remember the first time I had to wash a bird in public, it was some three years ago at the L.P.O.S. Being persuaded to enter, with several others, in the competition, it was my unfortunate lot to be called first to wash. How small I felt to be sure. The bird was extremely nervous, but I was much more so, but keeping my wits about me, and profiting by my practice at home, I was successful in carrying off the coveted first prize, the Society's silver medal, which is one of my cherished possessions to-day. Emboldened by this, I entered a competition at Wimbledon, and although badly handicapped by having to wash three in a bowl, owing to the insufficiency of utensils, being long in the water, and much after all the rest, I took care to rinse all the soap out of my bird, and had the satisfaction of seeing my bird dry out as clean and smooth as wax, whilst others were stuck up with soap. I was again declared the winner of first prize, a silver medal.

NEEDED UTENSILS.

But to proceed, the utensils necessary are firstly a good bright coal or gas fire, three good large bowls (wash-hand basins are good when you can get them), a good badger hair shaving brush, a nice bit of sponge, a piece of any good soap, Sunlight is as good as any other (I am no believer in fads in this direction), and some nice pieces of old soft linen or calico rags, such as you see here to-night. Bowl No. 1 is filled with nice warm water, No. 2 with some a bit cooler, No. 3 just lukewarm. Work up the contents of No. 1 nice and soapy, and when all is ready to proceed catch your bird, place him in your left-hand, breast downwards, holding him by contracting the hand without encircling the neck more than is necessary, immerse the left hand in the soapy water, just leaving the bird's head free of the water. Now take your brush, lay the bird's tail on the side of your bowl, and wash (you will generally see the dirt stream out here), turn your hand over and wash the under part of tail. Now apply your brush to the bird's back, starting right up at the neck and washing downwards always, and a gentle inclination first one side and then the other will enable you to do the wings. If the outer flights are very dirty it is a good plan to wash them on the bowl edge, as you do the tail. Take the bird now by the root of tail and tips of wings, and turn over on to his back, starting under chin, wash right down to the vent. Now only the head and neck remains, probably the most important, and certainly the most difficult part. Close your hand round his body and leave head and neck free, wash well all round neck, then hold thumb and forefinger on his cheeks, and, squeezing your brush to a point, carefully wash round nostrils, eyes, and top of head. Now sponge the soap away from nostrils as soon as possible, and commence to rinse by filling the sponge with water and letting the water run right through the feathers. Out of No. 1 into No. 2, and thence to No. 3 bowls, rinsing well in each. Do not be afraid to rinse, as this, believe me, is of paramount importance.

CAREFUL DRYING IMPORTANT.

Your strips of cloth having been kept warm, take one and gently roll up the bird, lay him about 1½ to 2 feet from the fire, and go on with the next bird. In about ten minutes the first bird will be ready for another cloth, and you will find the one that you remove will be quite wet nearest the bird's body, roll him gently up again and replace to the fire. Give him another few minutes, and then unroll and put into a cage, such as an old Norwich show cage, when you will see him on the perch, which may not be for some minutes, run him into a clean Yorkshire show cage, and take away from the fire. I like them from this stage to dry off quite slowly, and to that end I constantly spray them with tepid water, but I shall not be able to do all that to-night, as the birds would not be dry in time to take home. But it will be understood that if he dries gradually and preens himself whilst doing so, he is much more likely to get his feathers back into natural position than if he dried rapidly before the fire. By this method it is possible to do a large number of birds in an evening, as the moving up process gets them out of your hands, and once in the show cage with a clean cloth over them they practically are done, with the exception of the spraying as mentioned. I put them on a bit of mixed seed and a drink of water when dry, and always leave in the warm room. Next morning they are run back into their stock cages, which I generally manage to wipe out beforehand, and a bath is hung up. This they have up to the day before they go away to the show.

DISCUSSION AND CRITICISM.

Mr. Tringham at this point invited questions, or if any one desired to wash a bird, he was willing to give them all the help he could during the process. The novice members present must have been suffering from the nervousness of which Mr. Tringham spoke, for none came forward. Mr. Simpson, however, washed a bird, proving that he was an old hand at the game.

Mr. Cranfield said he did not quite follow Mr. Tringham's method of washing; he always washed the breast of the bird first, laying the tail along his hand instead of the edge of the bowl, and he always used a small tooth brush to wash round the beak, as he found there was often a lot of dirt there, to roll the birds in he always used butter cloths, these being softer, placing them on a hot-water plate; he always placed a piece of flannel in bottom of cage, as he invariably found that the bird when first going into the cage after a wash lay on its stomach for some time; he also liked white curd soap with which to wash his birds.

Mr. Tringham, in reply, said their methods might not be just the same, but so long as the desired end was attained he did not see that it mattered a great deal.

Mr. Rogers here caused considerable amusement by washing an automatic singing canary, some wag in the company putting a penny in the slot, causing the bird to sing lustily during the operation. It was surprising, but Mr. Rogers was certainly not suffering from nervousness. During the operation someone asked the question, was he using Rogers' R.R.?

A vote of thanks to Mr. Tringham for his exhibition, and to the gentlemen who had brought their birds for Mr. Tringham to wash, and the usual vote of thanks to the chair brought a most enjoyable and instructive meeting to a close.

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Familiar Foreign Cage Birds for Beginners.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

(Continued from page 94.)

I shall now proceed to draw my observations to a close by mentioning some of the foreign birds the beginner is most likely to meet with exposed for sale, with such of their peculiarities as may be of practical interest. I will begin with a very well-known friend, the Java Sparrow.

THE MASHER OF BIRD SOCIETY.

The Java always looks the dude to perfection. He is that sleek, lavender-grey bird with a big rosy bill and black and white head, and when in good condition looks the pink of propriety. When he has got a bit pecked about the head he looks just as disreputable, and reminds one of "Johnny" after a round of the halls, plenty of drinks, and subsequent encounters with the "chucker-out." But he is not a rowdy bird, although not one to be confined closely with Canaries and other defenceless birds—he bites too hard for that, when it seems good to him. This is one of the cheapest of foreign birds, and a very good liver; but it is hard to sex, and does not breed freely in confinement unless crossed with the white domestic variety.

A CONVENT AVIARY.

There is quite a convent full of "Nuns" found in the trade; they are all little birds, not much bigger than Wrens, with blue-grey polls. Sometimes they are called Mannikins. There is the Black-headed Nun, black and tan; the Tri-coloured Nun, similar, but with a white breast; and the White-headed Nun. The first is much the commonest, and in cheapness rivals the Java. The Nutmeg-bird or Spice-bird is closely allied; it is a chocolate coloured bird, white, with black lacing below, or, in the East Indian variety—the ordinary one comes from India proper—with closer brown pencilling there.

All these birds sing in dumb show, making a lot of fuss with hardly any noise, and all come from the East. They are hardy and long-lived, but are very apt to suffer from overgrown nails, so that their feet want looking to very often.

The little fawn and white birds, pied like fancy mice, are the Bengalee, a domesticated Mannikin that breeds freely even in a cage. This bird possesses an audible song, as also does the Silver-bill, a little quakerish-brown bird, with a rather long black tail and a beak of pinkish blue, not silver, as the name would imply. Silverbills will also breed in captivity at times. Mannikins as a rule, however, are anything but ready breeders.

THE WAXBILL GROUP.

These are red-billed, delicate looking birds of a very small size and slender in form; some are smaller than any British bird. In bird shops you will usually recognise the Orange-cheek by the colour of its cheeks and its grey breast; the St. Helena, with its delicately pencilled brown plumage and long tail; the Cordon-bleu with its delicate combination of fawn and light blue—this is also a long tailed species.

The African Grey Waxbill, with its red eyebrows, and the yellow breasted Zebra Waxbill are particularly tiny. These little birds need care, and should have whatever small insects can be supplied, as well as seed. The smallest of all, the Zebra Waxbill, is the most likely to breed in confinements, and has reared young in an outdoor aviary.

Waxbills and Mannikins should always have little boxes or cocoa-nut shells to sleep in, into which several will crowd at once.

A FEATHERED ARTISAN AND A SHAM CANARY.

One reads much of the wonderful nests built by birds in tropical climes, but few people realise that one of these remarkable nest builders is constantly on sale in bird shops. This is the Red-billed Weaver, a little bird about the size of a Linnet, coloured much like a hen Sparrow, but with a bright red beak and reddish legs. This is merely the undress plumage, which is always worn by the hen, which has, however, a yellow bill. When in full plumage the cock attracts attention by his black mask and the wash of salmon colour over his plumage.

The Red-billed is the only Weaver to be constantly seen on sale, and is a hardy bird, but should not be kept along with Waxbills, being too strong. It will exercise its weaving propensities in an ordinary cage if given some short lengths of twine or other flexible material, and construct its wonderfully woven round nests freely in a large flight or an aviary.

A very smart looking bird is the Saffron-finch, sometimes called the Brazilian Canary, and indeed it is not unlike a yellow Canary in appearance, only greener in the body colour and more orange on the head. The hen is not quite so richly tinted as the cock. This bird has not the Canary's power of song, and is decidedly inclined to be vicious, but it is hardy, lively, and will breed readily in a good big aviary.

THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.

The large, beautiful finches known as Cardinals always attract notice, being nearly as big as Thrushes, and very elegant in form. Two species are very commonly imported—the Common Crested Cardinal, grey and white with a scarlet head and crest, and the rather less numerous "Pope," very similar, but without a crest.

The beautiful "Virginian Nightingale" or Red Cardinal is now scarce, owing to the prohibition of the export of birds from the United States, but one dealer at least still manages to get it. In this the male is red all over and the hen brown; in the Red-crested and the Pope the sexes are alike.

In the Green Cardinal the sexes are also somewhat different, the hen having white eyebrows and a grey breast, while these parts of the plumage are yellow in the cock; it is much the best breeder of these birds, which build open nests in a bush, and need much insect food when rearing young.

MERRY WIDOWS AND GORGEOUS BISHOPS.

The Whydahs, or Widows as they should more properly be called, are plain coloured Finches when out of colour, but in the breeding season the cocks assume extraordinarily long black tails, and show many amusing gestures. Two are common in the trade—the Paradise Whydah, nearly all black, with the tail feathers broad; and the much smaller Pintail Whydah, pied black and white, with a red bill, that of the other species being black, a point by which, apart from the size, they can be distinguished when out of colour. The Combassou is a small, short-tailed Whydah, blue-black when in colour, but much resembling the others in its streaky brown garb at other times. Only the males assume the "mourning" plumage.

What sort of Bishops go about in red and yellow clothes I do not know, but that is the way the birds dress which are so called in the trade; though here, again, the breeding male alone wears the gay dress, the hens and the males in undress being coloured much like Larks. The two best known are the "Orange and Lemon" Bishops, whose gold and amber tints are set off by breasts of intense velvety black. These gorgeous birds are allied, like the Whydahs, to the Weavers, and are also very ostentatious of their finery.

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Wild Plants for Cage Birds.

Weeds and Seeds of the Field and Wayside described.

By R. MORSE.

With Footnotes, etc., by G. E. Weston.

(*Continued from page 175.*)

Mountain Ash (*Pyrus aucuparia*).

This well-known tree must not be confounded with the more plentiful common Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), as it is in no way related to it. The former belongs to the "Rose Family," while the latter is a member of the "Olive Family."

The Mountain Ash is in some districts called the Rowan-tree, and in others it is designated Fowler's Service-tree. It is one of the most ornamental of our native trees, and in some parts it is fairly common, especially in mountainous woods.

Its leaves are somewhat like those of the Common Ash, which perhaps accounts for one of its popular names. Each leaflet has a serrate (i.e., saw-like) edge. The flowers are small and of a creamy-white colour. (The flowers of the Common Ash are of a purplish-black hue, and appear in April and May, before the leaves have burst their buds. The Mountain Ash blooms about June, when its leaves are in their beauty.)

The fruits, with which we are here chiefly concerned, are round in shape and of a beautiful scarlet colour; but the flesh of them is yellow. In some parts of Northern Europe these fruits are eaten by mankind, but in this country they are chiefly left for the birds. For them they form a very useful food.

The Great Nettle (*Urtica dioica*).

This plant, which is popularly termed the Stinging Nettle, is probably one of the best known of our native plants. It is certainly an inconspicuous weed so far as its green flowers are concerned, but if accidentally touched with the bare flesh of one's hands or face it soon forces itself to the position of a well-known and much-disliked inhabitant of the countryside.

The intense burning sensation caused by a nettle-sting is due to formic acid, which the plant has the power of storing up for use as a means of self-defence. If nettles are boiled, however, they form a very palatable vegetable, and are eaten thus in large quantities in some country districts, and are held to possess valuable tonic and blood-purifying properties.

The greenish coloured flowers are produced in rather long clusters, the latter being branched. Abundance of seeds may be gathered at the present time.

The Small Nettle (*Urtica urens*).

This nettle, although almost equally as plentiful as the species described above—is seldom recognised as being a distinctly different species. As its name implies, it is generally much smaller than the Great Nettle in all its parts. It is usually about ten inches or a foot high, but in favourable positions may grow considerably larger.

The Great Nettle is a hairy plant, but the present species has no hairs, except the stings. The flowers, instead of being in long, branched clusters, are in short, seldom branched ones. It grows abundantly in many waste places, and blooms from June to October.

N.B.—These two Stinging Nettles must not be confounded with those plants commonly called Deadnettles. The latter, as is evident from the name, have not any stinging-hairs. They have square stems, and their flowers are very much larger than those of the other nettles. Some common species are the Red Deadnettle, White Deadnettle, Yellow Deadnettle, etc. These plants have large blooms of the colour indicated by their names, and from this fact and the particulars given above, no difficulty should be experienced in distinguishing the Stinging Nettles from the Deadnettles.

The Scotch Thistle (*Onopordium acanthium*).

This is a very useful plant to the bird-keeper, but unfortunately it is not very general in its distribution, and not very plentiful. In some districts, however, especially in the south of England, a fairly large supply may be found. By some it is called the "Cotton Thistle."

It is a tall, stout plant, generally about four or five feet in height. The upright stem is branched, and is broadly "winged," making the whole stem very prickly. The leaves are wavy, and much "cut-up" (pinnatifid), and are woolly both above and beneath. The base of each leaf seems to run down the side of the stem, thus giving the latter the "winged" appearance mentioned above.

The flower-heads of the Scottish Thistle are rather numerous. (The Musk Thistle (*Carduus nutans*, another thistle of large growth, common in waste places, and sometimes called the Scotch Thistle, has its flower-heads "solitary," that is, only *one* on a stalk.) They are large in size, somewhat globular in shape, and have a sort of "cobwebby" appearance. The "bracts" which enclose each flower-head are green; they are re-curved, and have minute spines along their edges. (In the Marsh Plume-Thistle the bracts *lie flat* instead of re-curving, and in the Spear Plume-Thistle they *spread out*. In the former they are slightly webbed, while in the latter they are woolly.)



Two Useful Thistles,
A: The Musk Thistle.
B. The Scotch Thistle.
The Scotch Thistle has very large seeding heads. The flowers of the Musk Thistle, as the name implies, emit a strong odour.

The large flower-heads are of a pale purple colour, and are very handsome, the plant being cultivated in Scotland as the national emblem of that country. It is a biennial, and may be found in bloom from July till September. At the present time, therefore, the seeds may be gathered in plenty, if only the right neighbourhood be found. It grows chiefly in dry, waste places.

The Hawthorn (*Crataegus oxyacantha*)

Although the Hawthorn is most commonly seen as a hedge-shrub, if it is allowed its natural growth it may attain a height of from thirty to forty feet, and the trunk may be as much as three feet in diameter. It is a prickly shrub, with much "cut-up" leaves. The latter are relished to a high degree by horses, cows, etc., and the thorns seem to me a wise provision of Nature, becoming so sharp and strong on the older branches, as to make it absolutely impossible for cattle to feed upon them.

Perhaps the commonest name for this shrub is "May," which appellation it derives from the month during which it most frequently bursts into bloom. It is called also by the name of "Whitethorn," for its bark is quite light in colour when compared with that of the "Blackthorn," or Sloe.

Just at this time of the year the Hawthorn is thought by many to be at its best. The fruits—called "Haws"—have now developed their characteristic red colour, and are adorning scores upon scores of already picturesque country lanes and waysides. Many a bird will soon be seen making a joyful meal from these abundant berries.

Each fruit consists of a hard bony core (which contains the seeds), and an outer, fleshy covering. It is thought by some that the red, fleshy part of the fruits is designed to tempt birds to eat them. The purpose thus served is seed dispersal, for the very hard coverings of the seeds prevent their being digested, and they pass through the alimentary canal and reach the ground again probably some miles away from the parent plant; and so the Hawthorn becomes perpetuated. If this theory is correct, surely it is a most wonderful example of the "provision of Nature."

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**Happy Holidays.

Last year I spent my holidays in a country place called Forden, where I enjoyed myself bird-nesting and in other ways. I found a starling's nest with young in a hole of an apple tree. A Swallow also nests every year in the cowhouse; she makes her nest with mud which she carries from a pond close by, afterwards lining it with feathers. I found several nests with young ones, belonging to a bird which grandad called Peggy Cut Throat, the nest was generally made in a tuft of grass or in the bottom of a bush. I also found a Wren's with young, which on being disturbed, all flew out. Next I found a Blackbird's, four eggs. Going across some fields we saw three young Lapwings which tried to hide themselves in the grass on seeing us. I also saw some Chaffinches and Yellow Buntings, but could not find any of their nests.—Sent by ALBERT P. MORRIS (age 7), 48, Breeze Hill, Walton, Liverpool.

*The Little Blue Tit.

One day I was invited to a friend's garden to have a look round. The flowers were beautiful. The Bullfinches piping so merrily in the thick of the trees, the Thrush joined in, and could be heard a long way off, his song was clear. The butler walked round to show me the latest; he called my attention to a little nest that was carefully built in a hole in the front piece of a wood gate. This little bird had eggs, and then five young ones as near as could be seen. The gardener being careful in opening and shutting the gate preserved the young birds till they could fly away. The mother bird fed the young, whether the gate was open or shut.—ALBERT H. BEADNALL (14 years), 7, Albany Street, Middlesborough.

*The Good Samaritan.

A pair of Thrushes built their nest between two gardens in a Bootle suburb. These were divided by a wooden fence with wire netting above it, and against one of these stakes, which supported the netting, their nest was placed. Those who lived on both sides agreed to protect the birds. As the spot could be reached by cats, wire netting was placed above the fence and around the stakes. While this was being done, one of the old birds looked on and chattered his thanks. All four young ones were reared and flew away, but one comes back to its birthplace to be fed from time to time.—ANNIE HUMPHRIES (age 15), 74, Cedar Street, Bootle, Liverpool.

A Curious Nesting Place.

I read in a paper the other day about a Robin who built his nest in a drawing-room. The bird comes and goes through the window, which is left open on purpose, and, although the members of the family are constantly in the room together with a cat and a dog, the bird takes no notice of either, and the cat never interferes with the birds. The nest is built on the edge of a book-case, at the far end of the room. The mother bird laid four eggs, and reared three young successfully.—M. PALFREYMAN (age 10 years), South Street, South Molton, Devon.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

The Waste of Bird Life.

Under the large elm trees the grass is carpeted with brown and yellow leaves. The woods are daily becoming richer in colouring, and by the time we reach the month of October we shall have all the glowing colours associated with Autumn. All this has taken place without any apparent change in the weather conditions. The last two or three weeks have been all that one could wish. During a wet Autumn the late nests of birds seldom manage to struggle through, and if, by careful attention, they rise to the dignity of being "branchers," the adverse conditions of day after day with sodden plumage and difficulty of hunting for food is too much for them—they become weak and emanciated, and the first cold nip carries them off.

This year it is different; the air has been warm and still, young birds have been able to bask in the sunshine, food is plentiful and easily obtained, and everything is favourable to a quick and easy growth. Even the old birds love such conditions. To-day an old cock Greenfinch flew out of the hedge and settled on a rail, opening his ragged wings to their fullest extent, and fairly revelled in the warmth. A little chuckling note spoke plainly of contentment—the hedgerows, roadsides, waste, and cultivated lands are full to overflowing with hundreds of ripe seed pods, which may be had without trouble. Few recognise how liberal, almost wasteful, Dame Nature is. The grass under one's feet is thick and matted, yet between them are thousands of tiny grass seed; a stalk of common plantain is loaded with rich, ripe pods, and the tall thistles allow the wind and the Finches to scatter their downy heads in wasteful profusion. And yet can it be wasted? If it were not for this open-handedness, how would the Finches and Buntings fare in the winter, when the hard frost kills everything but the hardiest plants and smallest seeds?

Even in bird life there is no stint. A pair of Greenbirds will nest from April to September, rearing possibly some dozen to fifteen clumsy looking youngsters. But what becomes of the dozen to fifteen Greenbirds before next spring? Think of the thousands of pairs nesting annually in England, and yet the "Greenbird world" is very little larger than it was five years ago. Nature needs to be open-handed, for the "waste" of bird life must be enormous.

The Difference.

A correspondent wishes to know how to distinguish the Wood and Willow Warbler in the field. So long as the birds are singing there is no difficulty, nor is the alarm note difficult to distinguish a plaintive "looie" in the Willow Wren and "pee-oo" in the larger bird. The Wood Wren is larger, more dainty and slender than the Willow Wren; it is yellower in general colour, and has a more distinct eye-stripe, "sulphur-yellow" in colour; the under parts are a purer white. The Wood Wren frequents the woods, and is a little particular about its choice of woodland, too; the Willow Wren, though common in woods, is found everywhere. Now that the birds have lost their spring brightness they are harder to tell than when they first arrived.

Busy Birds.

Mr. P. H. Bahr, in the September number of "British Birds," supplies some interesting observations concerning the activity and endurance manifested by birds. He watched a Nuthatch and his mate, which built is his garden, and concerning the nest he says:—On top of the saucer-shaped hollow a great quantity of silver-birch bark was piled up. Of this I counted no less than 1,820 pieces. The nearest birch-tree is 250 yards away in a "bee-line" from the nest. Granted that only one piece was carried at a time, this would make a total journey of 455,000 yards, or 260 miles; the nest, as I have stated before, was completed in four days; this would make an average journey of 65 miles a day. The birds had also carried fully three pounds of mud to their nest, so that they must have had a very busy time.

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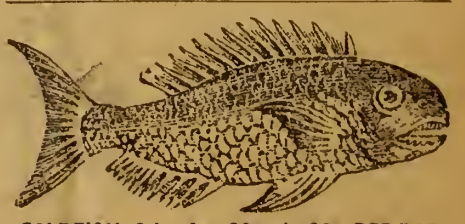
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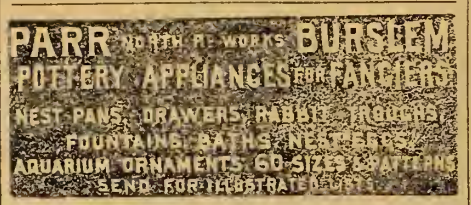
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CREST and Crestbred cocks, guaranteed, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 3/6 and 5/-.—Leng, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

CRESTS, good strain, hens from 6/-; cocks from 8/6; approval.—Baxty, 297, Model Village, Creswell, nr. Mansfield.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, can now supply champion show or stock Crests; state your wants; approval.

BARGAINS for cash; high-class Crests, Crestbreds; old breeder relinquishing fancy; exchange entertained.—Spicer, 118, Queen'-rd., Watford.

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NOTICE. Must clear several good Crests and Crestbreds, King's strain, 12/- pair; odd bird, 7/6, 10/- each; worth double.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

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EXCELLENT 1906 Green Crested cock, good Crest, grand feather, show condition; sold for no fault whatever; 10/6; approval, deposit.—Moore, Market-place, Ripley, Derbyshire.

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SPECIAL! Special!! High-class Crests and Crestbreds, that can win at local shows, very reasonable; please state requirements; matched breeding pairs, 12/6 upwards; approval willingly anywhere.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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CLEAR body dark crest cock, 8/-, even marked dark crest cock, 6/-; clear crest cock, 8/-; green crest hen, 7/6; largo variegated crestbred cock, 9/6; ditto 7/6; yellow ticked ditto 7/6, clear buff ditto 6/6, clear yellow crestbred hen 7/6; huff variegated ditto 6/6; all large healthy stock birds; approval.—W. Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair, cages 3d. extra.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ARTISTIC coloured plate of Yellow and Buff Cinnamon Canaries, by Mr. H. Norman, sent packed flat on receipt of three penny stamps.—Cage Birds, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

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GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

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GRAND lot of high-class Lancashires, show and stock purposes; price reasonable; stamp reply.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

Have a few young Lancashires for disposal, just through moult, stamp, reply — F. Horsman, 13, Bramhall-st., Rochdale.

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NORWICH for sale; cocks, 4/-, 5/-; hens, 2/-; pairs, 6/6.—Gaunt, Kilburn, Derbyshire.

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GRAND young large yellow marked Norwich cock, 15/6, ditto, clear yellow, 10/6; cinnamon green Norwich cock, 12/6; ditto hen, 5/6; two yellow Yorkshires, hens, one clear one marked, 4/6 each, or what offer for lot; approval first.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

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GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N. etc. C.

Special meeting October 5th, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. A large muster of members present, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, president, in the chair. Two new members were admitted. It was agreed, after discussion, to give patronage to Bathgate and Hamilton. Other applications were allowed to lie on the table for future consideration. The tit-bit of the evening was Mr. Pettigrew's lecture on "Moulting." Mr. Pettigrew proceeded in a masterly way, showing fine grasp of the subject. The lecturer had not a single note written down to go by. A number of young and old fanciers who were present admitted that they had had good information. A number of questions were put and answered, and Mr. Pettigrew was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Martin and Mr. Macfarlane. Mr. Pettigrew, in returning thanks, said if his remarks were of assistance he would be gratified. Next meeting, October 26th, Mr. A. Malcolmson will give an exhibition on washing for the show bench.

GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held October 2, Mr. Hawkins in the chair. The attendance was well kept up, between 30 and 40 members being present on this occasion, and business was got through with a harmony that augurs well for our forthcoming show on December 13 and 14. Correspondence was read from Mr. Hadwin, B. and W.B.F.C.C. secretary, re international contest at Gateshead, and it was finally agreed that 16 classes be put on for Border Fancies, Mr. Wilson to judge. Several valuable specials were also promised, for which the donors have our best wishes. The Burt Terrace Hall, one of the most ideal show halls in the country, and much larger than that engaged last year, it was finally decided to take at figure quoted, as it is a much superior all-round hall, although the rent is double. The members considered that exhibitors would be more satisfied with the better hall, and this would recompense us for the additional outlay. Mr. Lister then proceeded to give us a washing exhibition, and took great pains in pointing out all the details necessary for becoming proficient in washing birds. Having put two birds through a tubbing, he followed up with the drying process, and gave a full explanation. Mr. Lowery then followed suit, his method being much similar, although in one or two things Mr. Lowery was slightly different. Marked attention was given by the members present, including several visitors, Mr. Peacock (Spennymoor), Mr. Wood (Newcastle), and Mr. Prior (Low Fell). At the close questions were fairly rained upon Mr. Lister and Mr. Lowery, and answers were given satisfactorily. A good deal of humour contributed by Mr. Lowery and Mr. Little added greatly to the harmony of the evening. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Lister and Lowery brought a most successful meeting to a close, and we trust there will be many more such treats in store on future dates.—THOS. TAYLOR, Secretary.

THE SHOWS.

BURNLEY.

The 21st annual exhibition of the Burnley and District Cage Bird Breeders' Society was held on October 4th, and 5th, 1907, in the Weaver's Institute, a very good room for the purpose, but none too large for the number of birds which were staged. Entries came up grand, numbering 502 in 25 classes, and Mr. H. W. Battye had to be telephoned for, and subsequently came and assisted Mr. Roe (by taking the Yorkshires, British and Foreign classes) in his arduous task. There was also a record attendance, and we are glad to say that the show was a grand success. This being the first Norwich Cup Show of the season made the Norwich into the strongest section, all the old cup fighters turning up to fight their battles once again. The classes averaged 21 per class, and comprised some ideal specimens. In the unflighted class of 45 specimens, another lot of winners could easily have been selected, whilst many grand hens stood cardless, both in Yellows and Buffs. Perhaps the most greatly admired specimen was Mr. S. Cook's grand unflighted Buff hen, a real eye-opener, and one which he (great Norwich breeder though he is) must be very proud of. Mr. Cook has always been famous for his hens, but we think this one quite surpasses anything he has previously shown. Other gems which came in for a great deal of admiration were Messrs. Godley's Clear Yellow, Seed's Clear Buff, Bailey's Ticked Yellow, Twiney Ticked Buff, Wade's unflighted Buff, Seed's unflighted Yellow, and Shaw's Yellow hen. Yorkshires were a nice level lot, choice specimens being staged by Messrs. W. Spencer, Hodgson, Norris, Burns, Hilbury, Lane, Hirst, and Gregson. Mr. W. Rudley's Crest and Mr. E. Godley's Crest-bred are two magnificent birds, and deserve every praise. Mr. Godley was the principal exhibitor in the Cinnamon classes and captured most of the prizes. The four Novice classes provided were well filled, and contained some grand specimens, especially the exhibits of Messrs. Sprint, Todd, Blackhurst, and Wilkinson. The A.O.V. Canary or Mule, British and Foreign classes were good, big classes, and greatly attracted and interested the visitors. With the management of the show we were delighted, everything being in first-class order, Mr. Bee, the secretary, having perfect control, assisted by Mr. J. Evans (President), Mr. Jude Haylurst (Vice-President), Mr. G. H. Ashness (Treasurer), and Messrs. T. Heard, A. Ball, A. Whitehead, G. Watson, A. Huggins, J. W. Garacy, R. Braybrook, J. Lingard, L. Todd, J. Englund, R. Leonard, J. Mitchell, A. Race, G. Roberts, R. Whittaker, J. Aspden, and H. Greenwood.

LANC. COPPY (6): 1, Adams, massive grissle Buff Coppy, fine body and type, neat Coppy; 2, 3, spl., Mills, 2nd, Yellow, great length, good colour, neat Coppy, fails substance, 3rd, Buff, big, bouncing bird, hardly ready; 4, vhc, hc, Garner, 4th another Buff, larger Coppy, grand substance, but not at its best by a long way. PLAIN. (A.V.) (5): 1, 2, spl, Garner, 1st big, slashing yellow, grand substance, fine head, nice quality, good colour, 2nd, buff, good head, grand substance and length, good colour and quality; 3, vhc, Mills, another real good yellow Lancs.; 4, Adams, another good Lancs, but not ready yet. CREST (10): 1, 3, spl, Radley, 1st massive green, wonderful round Crest of great size, magnificent radiation and droop, grand leafy feather, a stormer, 3rd wing-marked dark Crest, not so large in Crest as winner, or so well radiated, still, good third; 2, Wilkinson, clear body dark, good, big, henvily-feathered bird, neat Crest of nice size; 4, and Hyde's special, Edwards, grissle Crest, very puny in Crest, a good bird when fit; vhc, Wilkinson, slashing variegated, good bird; hc, c, Brotherton. CREST-BRED (5): 1, spl, Godley, Accrington winner, varie. Buff, a stormer in every respect, wonderful skull, heaps of feather, plenty of substance, wins very easily; 2, Radley, green, good head, plenty of feather, but not the size or substance of winner; 3, Shinger varie., very close on heels of 2nd; 4, vhc, Brotherton. NOR. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Godley, red hot colour, grand size and type, fine head, neck, and chest, magnificent quality and carriage; 2, Marlor Bros., another rattling specimen, magnificent head, neck, and chest, all front, well staged, beaten in colour only; 3, Trengove, red hot, grand size and quality, good head, neck, and chest, trifle longer; 4, T. Seed, good size, colour, and shape, hardly ready yet; vhc, Tweddle, grand colour and quality, hardly so short or so chubby as leaders; hc, Mellard not far behind; c, Grey, beaten in substance, good class. BUFF (17): 1, spl, T. Seed, with Little Kinson, the Accrington winner, needs no comment; 2, Coventry, another good Nor., grand size, shape and quality, beautiful meal, loses little in colour; 3, Hindley, better colour, grand shape and quality, good head, short, thick-set bird, well placed; 4, J. and J. Hopkins; vhc, Godley, grand colour, quality and type, not so good in head as leaders; hc, Smith, another good Buff, trifle smaller; c, Barker and Abbot, big, fine bird, good quality, little behind in colour. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Bailey, eye, neck and wing marked, grand quality and colour, grand head and neck, magnificent carriage and well staged; 2, Trengove, thigh ticked, larger and thicker than winner, grand colour and quality, not quite ready; 3, Crimes, grissle neck and wing, fine, big, bold bird, grand head, neck and chest, beaten in colour, still, a good third; 4, Godley, wing marked, red hot colour, grand quality and carriage, fails a little in substance; vhc, Evans, thigh tick, grand head, neck, and chest, rare colour and quality; hc, Greenwood, cap marked, and dark tail, nice type and quality; c, J. and J. Hopkins. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Twine, grissle backed, fine substance, rare head, neck and chest, extra quality, nice colour, a gem; 2, Braybrook, eyes, neck, and wing marked, fine size, extra shape and quality, a real good bird; 3, Drakeley, foul green, another big, bouncing bird, grand quality and type, but we think should be shown in foul green class; 4, Hayhurst, ticked on head, grand head, neck, and chest, good colour and type, loses little in quality; vhc, Beswick, thigh ticked, nice size, colour and quality, close up; hc, Beardall, ticked neck, still, another grand Norwich, might be a little fuller in head; c, Barker and Abbott, unnoticed. Evans, Accrington winner. UNFLIG. YELL. (15): 1, spl, T. Seed, clear, grand colour, size, and shape, all front, the Accrington winner much improved; 2, Marlor (S.), another clear, grand size, fine head, neck, and chest, splendid quality and carriage, nice colour; 3, Harland, another clear, beautiful quality and type, good colour, hardly so stout as those above it; 4, Crimes, wing marked, grand shaped body, rattling quality and colour, not quite so good in head, but well worth its place; vhc, Trengove, head and wing marked, a ball of fire, good head and neck, rattling quality, hardly depth of chest of leaders; hc, Lees, clear, nice colour and quality, rattling carriage; c, Beardall. BUFF (15), tremendous class: 1, hc, spl, Wade, clear, big, bouncing bird, fine head, well-filled in neck, good deep, broad chest, rattling colour and quality; hc, beaten a little in colour and size; 2, Howe, marked face and back, grand type and quality, beautiful colour and meal, nice wings and tail, a close race; 3, Lees, clear, grand bird, rare quality, extra carriage and colour, beautifully staged, a true Norwich; ex. 3, Shaw, marked head, wings, and chest, another gem, fine colour, shape and quality, grand head, neck, and chest, not far away; 4, Beswick, clear, still another of the right sort, trifle smaller, but A1 type, quality and colour; ex. 4, Turton, varie., grand type and colour, hardly the extra quality of leaders, still, worth its place; vhc, Lingard, clear, rattling size, colour and quality; c, Godley. YELL. HEN (29), another grand class: 1, spl, Shaw, clear unfli., magnificent quality, rare type, nice colour, fine head, neck and chest, a bonny hen; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, another clear; 3, c, Cook, marked head, neck and wings, rattling size, colour and type, beautiful quality, nice, short, thick-set hen, well selected; 4, Herd, clear, extra short, all front, superior quality and colour, smooth as glass, one of the best; ex. 4, Evans, clear, nice colour and type, good quality and carriage, fails a little in head to leaders; vhc, Beardall, another clear, grand quality type, well worth its place; hc, Thompson, fine, big, bouncing clear, a little on long side. BUFF (21), a hot lot: 1, spl, Cook, the sensation of the show, a dark-tailed unfli., a gem all over, wonderfully short and thick-set, extra full neck and bold head, the shortest of flights and tail, magnificent quality, one of the most perfect specimens we have ever seen; 2, Trengove, marked face, grand hen all over, beautiful quality, colour, and style, but beaten to-day; 3, Evans, clear, the Accrington winner, a grand hen in every respect, the correct type, a good third; ex. 3, and 4, Mercer, two grand exhibits, ex. 3 clear, grand quality and type, good shaped body, not quite so rich in colour, 4th grissle breast, and wing marked, grand quality, nice colour and size, beautifully staged, not quite so good in head; vhc, c, A. Huggins, short, stout clear, unfli., grand chest and quality, close up; hc, Herd, big, bouncing clear, beaten little in quality. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, hc, spl, Godley, with a grand team, 1st good size, grand depth of colour, good head, nice quality, 2 rather hotter colour, grand quality, nice head and neck, hardly so stout, 4th plenty of size, but fails quality; 3, W. E. Seed, grand quality and type, very level colour, but loses in depth; hc, Bentley. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Godley, another champion team, 1st plenty of size, rare colour and type, good quality, well staged, 2nd smaller, nice level colour and quality, 3 very big bird, but fails quality and type, too long, 4 beaten in type; vhc, Bentley hc, c, Senior and Hartley. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, spl, W. Spencer, unfli., grand length, rattling type and quality, slim, leggy, and very steady, a real good one; 2, A. Spencer, beautiful quality and style, grand length and position, beaten only in colour; 3, Lennard, trifle shorter, but perfection in every other respect; 4, Binns, typical, well-drawn exhibit, rare quality, and condition, close up; vhc, Reed. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Hodgson, grand length, nice back, wings, and tail, neat head and neck, lovely quality, stands well, wins; 2, Lane, trifle stronger, lovely back and wings, feather like wax, straight as a rush, beautiful stand and finish, good second; 3, Binns, a Yorkshire all over, beautiful quality, nice colour, good position, slim and leggy; 4, Leonard, very similar to third, vhc, Hirst; hc, Ellis; c, Dykes. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Norris, neck and eye marked, long raking bird, very slim and straight, stands on clever legs, good colour and quality; 2, Lane, thigh ticked, shines like silk, splendid type, nice back, wings, and tail, very clean cut; 3, Norris, thigh ticked, good carriage and quality, neat head, nicely drawn, not quite ready; 4, Ellis, grissle cap, best of shape and carriage, superior quality and finish, must have pressed; vhc, Hirst. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Binns, thigh ticked, a real typical Yorkshire, stands like a Guardsman, feather like wax, best of wings and tail, nice colour, wins; 2, Wear, slight grissle on cheek, grand length and position, rare quality and type, good stand and carriage; 3, Norris, neck ticked, scarcely the length, but graud style, colour and quality; 4, Dykes, thigh ticked, wonderful colour for a Yorks, nice length and extra quality, very straight, close up; vhc, Ellis; hc, Riley; c, W. Spencer. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Hillary, ticked root of tail, a gem, beautiful quality and type, grand wing and tail carriage, nice narrow back, neat head, staged to perfection; 2, 4, spl, Wear, with a pair of good ones, 2nd longer and paler in colour, grand position, style, and quality, 4th hardly so slim, grand carriage and style, beautiful quality; 3, Dykes, clear, very slim and straight, grand legs and position, beautifully drawn, nice quality; vhc, Lane; hc, Leonard; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Lane, clear, long, raking hen, grand position, wonderful quality, nice colour, good back, wings and tail, well staged, wins; 2, Dykes, wing ticked, red hot colour for a hen, rattling shape and style, magnificent quality and carriage, grand position; 3, Smith, cinn.-marked eyes and wiugs, nice length, grand quality and type, beautiful flights and tail, a good third; 4, Leonard, clear, all there for type and quality, bonny hen; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Walsh; c, Binns. CINN. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, spl, Hirst, grand team, leader eyes and wing marked, grand length, stands like a soldier, wonderful quality, Accrington winner, 2 another rattling specimen, brimful of quality, nice position, not quite the length, 3 unflighted, cap and cheek marked, very slim and stylish, nice colour, good third; 4, Lane, head and wing marked, rather longer than 3rd, nice quality and position, but trifle hollow in neck; vhc, Pearson; hc, Roberts. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Gregson, wing marked, rare length, exquisite quality, grand position, beautiful wings and tail, a real topper; 2, Reed, head and wing marked, another lengthy bird, beautiful colour and quality, stands well up, smart exhibit; 3, Hirst, wing marked, nice quality and style, good length and position, inclined to cross wings a little at times; 4, Pearson, marked wings, grand length and quality, good position, not quite ready yet; vhc, Lee; we, Hawkes. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, Ward, Linnet-Bullfinch, Unique II., shown in grand trim and feather; 2, Tams, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, showing both crosses distinctly, seemed a little down when we saw it; 3, Dixon, face and wing marked, Goldfinch-Canary, beautifully shown, must have pressed hard; 4, Dixon, Cinn. Linnet-Canary, good colour and quality, nicely staged; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Capstick; c, Grime. SELL. 20s. (17): 1, spl, Crimes; 2, Smith; 3, Clarkson; 4, Godley; vhc, Evans; hc, W. E. Seed; c, Braybrook. SELL. 12s 6d. (20): 1, spl, Braybrook; 2, Wear; 3, Godley; 4, Bentley; vhc, Marlor Bros.; hc, Todd; c, Evans. NOVICE—NOR. YELL. (15): 1, spl, Spruit, marked eyes and wings, grand colour and type, all front, good size and quality; 2, Dixon, clear, rattling type, colour and quality, close up; 3, Stead, another clear, grand colour type and quality, rather longer; 4, Todd, good, bold variegated, fine head, neck, and chest, loses a little in quality; vhc, Oliver; hc, Thompson; c, Leeming Bros. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Todd, red hot saddle marked, fine bold bird, grand head, neck, and chest, good quality; 2, Emmott, clear, very neat, grand colour and quality, fails little in substance; 3, Leeming Bros., another clear, stouter in build, grand quality, little down for colour; 4, Roberts, another clear of nice quality, colour and type, close up; vhc, A. Huggins; hc, Roberts; c, Grey. YORKS YELL. (13): 1, spl, Blackhurst, wing marked, grand length, very slim, straight as a rush, superior quality, a good one; 2, Wilkinson, long raking clear, nice colour, stand and quality; 3, Gudgeon, another clear, very similar bird, all through; 4, Crossley, another typical Yorks; vhc, Hills; hc, Hillary; c, Carkson. BUFF (17): 1, Wilkinson, ticked head and wing, well drawn, nice colour and quality, good length and position, well selected, 2, 4, spl, Blackhurst, 2nd clear, red hot, not quite the length, nice position and quality, 4th long, raking bird, trifle hollow in back; 3, Crossley, clear, nice colour and quality, shade stronger; vhc, Pearson; hc, Bardsley; c, Wright. BRIT. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (15), good class: 1, spl, Bower, Gold, a beauty, grand square-cut blaze, good buttons and tanning, very steady; 2, Harrison, Bull, regular swell, nice size, good black cap and colour; 3, Bancroft, Gold, good, rich tan and buttons, beaten in blaze; 4, Marlor Bros., Bull, big one, in nice order, but hardly as tight in plumage; vhc, Tams; hc, Adams; c, Johnson. HARDBILL A.O.V. (23): 1, 4, spl, Almond, fine Hawfinch, grand size and colour, very steady, 4th Brumblefinch, nice size, grand colour and markings; 2, Capstick, Yellowhammer, in beautiful plumage and condition; 3, Bower, extra fine Linnet, grand nut-brown colour, and well penelled; vhc, Barwell; hc, Kilner; c, Hill. SOFTBILL (15): 1, Burrows, lovely Wryneck, very steady in full bloom, well staged; 2, Underwood, Accrington winner, beautiful Waxwing, nice size and shape, wonderful colour and wing markings; 3, vhc, Walker, Nightingale, in good feather and condition; 4, Maxwell, Tree Creeper, in the pink of condition, staged to perfection; hc, Hill; c, Walsh. FOR. (SMALL) (20): 1, 4, vhc, spl, Pickles, with a Maroon Tanager, pair Pintail Nonpareils, and pair marked Finches, in grand order; 2, 3, F. Howe; hc, Pyke; c, Walsh. LARGE (5): 1, Howe; 2, 3, spl, Snodden and Thompson; 4, vhc, Broughton.

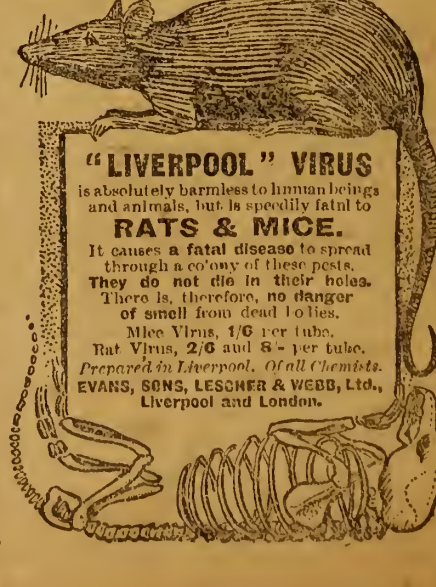
PAISLEY.

This favourite exhibition of Scotch Fancy Canaries was held in the Clark North Minor Hall on October 5th. The entries numbered less than 180, or an average of about 10 per class, and this notwithstanding the splendid classification and special prize list. Everything possible was done to attract exhibits. Why did they not turn up? Scarcity of Scotch Fancy Canaries is not the cause, many having had a prolific season. One breeder has reared over 110, over sixty of which were class Scotch Fancy by five pairs. Various reasons were assigned for the poor entry. The thoughtful section in Paisley ascribed it to want of enthusiasm, and no doubt there is a great deal in that; while the entries were down it is very satisfactory to be in a position to record that there was a decided advance in the quality. It was a real treat to go through the exhibits; the bulk were distinguished by prominence in shoulder, and an improved depth through the chest. Breeders have been forced to cultivate these properties, owing to the lack of pure Belgian Canaries, upon which so much depended in the days when Belgians were procurable. The principal winner was Mr. McClure, of Glasgow, a gentleman who has devoted much time and attention to the development of the King of Cage Birds, who has now the satisfaction of possessing the finest sort of Scotch Fancy Canaries in the United Kingdom. He had a splendid team forward, but he did not enter his best. For instance, the winner of the trophies at the National Derby and the confined Derby were not in evidence. He has the advantage of lengthened experience, and deserves the success he has justly attained. Taking the other side, it was equally gratifying to observe beginners, or comparative beginners, in the first honours. Mr. McAdam, of Jamestown, has not been many years in the fancy, and has done well on the show bench. A new beginner, Mr. Graham, of Leith, has had a most encouraging start, as will be observed from the prize list. He promises to be a decided acquisition to the fancy. Conversing with the leading fanciers, they stated that the demand for stock has been unprecedented. There would have been no difficulty in selling four times the quantity, proving that the "Evening News" correspondent, whom you quoted, is pretty near the mark. Reverting to the short entries, the esteemed president, Mr. Urquhart, took a thoroughly sensible view of the situation. He said if fanciers do not want the Paisley Show, the Paisley and district will have to go, but it will be a calamity. He admitted that even with the safeguarding of paying half prize money "unless more than seven entries in any one class," there is bound to be a deficiency, but he followed cheerfully with the remark "in all our troubles the fanciers have never failed to come to our aid and extinguish the debt," and he has no fear of the future. The moult was a reason given for birds not being entered, and an important football match in Paisley was against a goodly attendance. The secretary, Mr. Kelly, deserves great credit for his admirable arrangements. For business capacity and a grasp of the work, he has few equals. The executive ably backed up his efforts, and all that was wanted to make the show a success was double the entries. However these may come another year. The show was held under the distinguished patronage of Jolen McCallum, Esq., M.P., Bailie Galbraith (Paisley), ex-Bailie Brown (Paisley), Francis Percey, Esq. (Paisley), Mrs. T. Anderson, and several other county gentlemen. Office bearer: Hon. Pres. Mr. Francis Percey; Pres., Mr. Urquhart; Vice-Pres., Mr. John Kennedy; Treas., Mr. Neil McDonald; Sec., Mr. John Kelley; Committee, Messrs. A. Baird, John Gillies, A. W. Baird, James Allison, Allan McDonald, James Moore, Andrew Ferguson, Peter Richie, and John Stewart. The tried judges, Messrs. John Arnot (Sauchie) and James Curlaw (Falkirk), acquitted themselves with credit. Mr. D. Black (Govan), who is now out of his apprenticeship, was equal to the occasion, and Mr. J. Beveridge (Paisley), who has just come out as a judge, did exceedingly well. With all its disappointments, we have pleasant memories of the Paisley and district exhibition. YELL. (12): 1, special, McClure, fully entitled to the position, erect, decided drive, long neck, very neat-headed, and well under the level of the shoulders, prominent shoulders, good body, wing nicely circled; 2, Frew, erect, fair head and neck, good body and action; 3, Ralston, a neat, tidy Yellow, nicely built, erect, good neck, fair droop, and quick; 4, Hurt, a well-known winner, good stamp; 5, Maxwell, a very nice all round bird; 6, Thornton, really typical exhibit; 7, Urquhart; 8, Caldwell. HEN (10): 1, special, McClure, erect, finely positioned, rare drive, good shoulders, body, and wing; 2, McAdam, erect, good all over, fine droop, body, and wing, full of action; 3, Caldwell, good size, nice style, wins easily; 4, Wishart, erect, decided drive, good style; 5, special, Gray, grand type, rare body; 6, Moore, finely positioned; 7, Urquhart; 8, Ramage. YELL. PIED (13): 1, Graham, a credit to a beginner, erect, prominent shoulder, grand depth of chest, good drive, long body and wing, wins easily; 2, Gray, good sized, erect; fine droop and shoulders, long body and wing; 3, special, Urquhart, erect head, neat, and in proper direction, grand body and wing; 4, Pearson, erect, good all round type, ready and steady; 5, Maxwell, commands position, rare size and quality throughout 6, Baird, erect, fine droop, plenty of shoulder, good body and wing; 7, special, Lauchlan, 8, Hurt. HEN (11): 1, Carlaw, a gem, erect, very decided drive, long neck, neat head, grand shoulder and depth through chest, grand body and wing, finely positioned; 2, Donnelly, erect, good drive, shoulder, body, and wing; 3, Donnelly, grand body, nice style; 4, Ward, rare cross type, good shoulder and drive; 5, Black, nice stamp; 6, Moore, 7, Thomson; 8, McGrechie. YELL. FOUL (9): 1, McAdam, erect, rare depth of chest, nice head and neck, good shoulder, grand body and wing; 2, Graham, erect, splendid drive, head, and neck, good shoulder, body, and wing; 3, Miller, nice all round type, fine quality; 4, special, Price, erect, grand body and wing; 5, Ross, good style, and wins its position; 6, Maxwell; 7, McElhenny. HEN (12): 1, McAdam, rare style, erect, decided drive, head neat and well down, long neck, good shoulder, body, and wing; 2, Carlaw, more size, but not the style of first, a really good bird; 3, special, Baird, erect, decided drive, good style; 4, Miller, grand size and style; 5, special, Baird, very fine specimen; 6, Walls; 7, Kyenaston; 8, McDowall. YELL. GREEN (8): 1, Maxwell, an easy first, erect, fine head and neck, grand shoulder and drive, massive body, nice action, 2, special, Strathearn, similar in style, good all through; 3, Ward, erect, good drive and shoulders, long body and wing, nicely positioned; 4, Miller, grand size and style, wins easily; 5, Hart, fine all over; 6, Bigg; 7, Black. HEN (5): 1, Bowman, neat and tidy, really typical, and wins easily; 2, special, Thornton, really good exhibit in pink of condition, erect, decided drive, fine head and neat, grand body and wing; 3, Glover, really fine hean, full of quality; 4, Christie, good stamp; 5, Donnelly, nice type. BUFF (10): 1, special, 2, McClure, a pair of real gems, first erect, extra prominent in shoulder, with rare depth through chest, clean front, neat head in downward direction, grand body and wing, takes a splendid position on perch, second much the same type, also rare quality; 3, McManns, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, body, and wing, very fine quality; 4, special, Gray, very good style, but restless; 5, special, Moore, grand size, very good quality; 6, special, Urquhart, nice quality; 7, Hart; 8, Baird. HEN (12): 1, Kennedy, erect, fine droop, droop shoulder, body, and wing; 2, Black, a really nice typical hen, well proportioned; 3, McAdam, well-known winner, not in usual form, full of merit; 4, Paterson, really good all over; 5, Ward, nice type; 6, 7, Hart; 8, Pearson. BUFF PIED (16): 1, Strathearn, massive frame, very erect, rare shoulder, grand body, wing, and droop, wins easily; 2, Reid, really neat typical exhibit; 3, Christie, very fine type, well positioned and wins here; 4, Gray, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, body, and wing; 5, McFarlane, a good modern Scotch fancy; 6, Graham, another worthy of the owner; 8, Maxwell. HEN (14): 1, Price, almost an ideal Scotch fancy, only wants a little more size, wins easily; 2, special, Gray, long and reachy, but rather unsteady; 3, special, Mitchell, grand size and quality; 4, Price, grand size, very erect, good drive and shoulder, long body, wing, and tail; 5, Gray, good style; 6, special, Livingstone, nice stamp; 7, special, Muirhead, fine quality; 8, Rawdy. BUFF FOUL (9): 1, Price, a real gem, erect, rare shoulder and depth of chest, good head, neck, and droop, fine body, wing, and tail; 2, special, McClure, another gem, grand size, erect, rare shoulder and drive, good all through; 3, special, Reid, very fine quality, nicely position and full of action; 4, Paterson, really fine type, erect, decided drive, plenty of shoulder, good body, wing, and action; 5, Caldwell, a credit to the owner, who always keeps good stock; 6, Ritchie; 7, Miller; 8, Baird. HEN: 1, special, McClure, a beauty, and much admired, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, body, and wing, finely positioned, and rare action; 2, Thornton, erect, nice drive and shoulder, grand body and wing; 3, Douglas, a really good all over exhibit; 4, McGrachie, grand size and quality; 5, Wishart, good all over; 6, R. Mitchell; 7, R. Mitchell; 8, W. Spence. BUFF GREEN (7): 1, McFarlane, wins easily, erect, fine drive, good body and wing; 2, Kennedy, grand body and type; 3, Niven, nice all over, fine stamp; 4, McColl Bros., erect, fine drive, good body and wing; 5, Gray, a grand bird, a shade dull; 6, Morrison, good style. Hen (6): 1, Strathearn, well known, and wins easily; 2, Smith, nice size and type; 3, Fulton, erect, fine all over; 4, Graham, a really fine specimen; 5, special, Maxwell, grand size and type; 6, Moore. SELL. COCK (12): 1, special, McDonald, grand size, good droop; 2, special, Smith, erect, fine style; 4, Forsyth; 5, Kennedy; 6, Urquhart; 7, Trail; 8 Balfour. HENS (4): 1 Malcolm, a tidy, neat specimen; 2, Mitchell, a rare good type; 3, McDonald; 4, Kennedy.

CITY OF BRADFORD.

Third members' show was held on October 5th at the Flying Dutchman Hotel. Mr. C. Stebbings judged; 75 birds were staged. YORKSHIRES—CLEAR YELL.: 1, Lingley; 2, 4, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton Bros; vhc, Stansfield; hc, Hartley. BUFF: 1, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 2, 3, Lingley; 4, c, Ludbrook; hc, Stansfield. TKD, ETC., YELL.: 1, Stansfield; 2, Ludbrook; 3, Wharton Bros; 4, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Ludbrook; 2, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 2, c, Hartley; 4, Stansfield; hc, Lingley. NOVICES—CLEAR YELL.: 1, Pollitt; 2, 4, Fortnam; 3, Gill; vhc, Byard; hc, Ramsden; c, Simmionett. BUFF: 1, Pollitt; 2, Warden; 3, Bateman; 4, Roberts; vhc, Brown; hc, Gill; c, Ramsden. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Slater; 2, Rhodes; 3, Fortnam; 4, Pollitt; vhc, Roberts; hc, Glowright; c, Horsfield. BUFF: 1, 3, Pollitt; 2, c, Fortnam; 4, Roberts; vhc, Brown; hc, Slater.—C. STANSFIELD, Secretary.

(Shows Continued on page 226.)



JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. A. LEWTHWAITE, 3, Senhouse Terrace, Station Road, Workington, Cumb. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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Good Prize Money. Low Entry Fee.
Plenty of Good Specials.
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Fourth Annual Open Show of Canaries, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, under Yorkshire Union rules. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance, 1/6. Numerous Specials. Judge, J. ROBSON, Esq. London entries positively close on OCTOBER 15th. Schedules from—

H. W. GILL, Secretary,
Park Gate, Skelmanthorpe,
near Huddersfield.

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First Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, and Cats.

Market Hall, October 23rd, 1907.

Licensed to hold Show under C.B.U. Rules.
Good Prizes, and numerous cash and other valuable specials. Judges: Poultry—J. W. WILSON, ESQ., Appleby. Cage Birds—J. NORTH, ESQ., Reading. Fancy Pigeons—A. DE. WINTON, ESQ., Cambridge. Working Homers—J. VERNAL, ESQ., Pontypridd. Entries close October 16th, 1907. For Schedules apply to **R. Anthony,** 11, Greenfield Terrace, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

POTTERIES

AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION 6TH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW OF CANARIES, MULES & BRITISH BIRDS,
on OCTOBER 23rd and 24th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: W. Vardy and F. Bate. Good classification and numerous specials. Prize Money: 10/-, 5/-, 3/-; entry fee, 1/6. Entries close Oct. 19th. Schedules now ready from J. SIMCOCK, 157, Leonard Road, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.

HADDINGTON, N.E. 21st Ann. Show of P., Pg. & Cage Birds. **26th Oct.** Over 90 Classes. Hosts of Specials. Specialist Judges. Border Club Medal, etc. Judges: Jas. Hogg, Scotch Fancy; P. M'Kenzie, Border Fancy; A. Cochrane, Nor., Brit. and For. Entries close 19th Oct. Schedules ready. **David Cockburn,** Sec., Fairview

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LEEK & DIS. CAGE BIRD SOCIETY. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

Open Show, Wednesday, Oct. 16.

JUDGE: J. BERTIE, Esq. 23 OPEN CLASSES. 7 OPEN NOVICE CLASSES. PLENTY OF GOOD SPECIALS.

Will except entries First Post, October 13. Please send entries. I will classify.

J. FOWLER, Hon. Secretary, 9, Fountain Street, Leek.

HAVE YOU FORGOT **DULWICH & PECKHAM?** **OCTOBER 17th & 18th.** Compelled to extend till Monday, October 14th.

No entries can be received after first post Mday, so please get your P.O.'s Saturday. Fanciers, we have done our best to please you; won't you in return help with a few entries? Anyone not received a schedule, I will post them one.—**C. F. WOOLHOUSE, 22, St. Aidan's Road, E. Dulwich, S.E.**

The CITY of GLASGOW "SCOTLAND'S GREATEST SHOW."

Ornithological Association will hold their Fifty-fourth Annual Show & Competition of Scotch, Fancy, Belgian, Norwich and Border Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, in Drill Hall, Stirling Road, Glasgow (entrance by Taylor Street), on **Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th October, 1907.** Upwards of 150 Specials, Cups, and Full Prize Money awarded. Popular Judges and efficient Committees. Schedules and every information from—Scotch Fancy and Belgian Section, **ALEX. MACDONALD, Roslea Drive, Glasgow;** Norwich, &c., **ANDREW MUIR, 100, Caledonia Rd., Glasgow**

ROCHDALE

Ornithological Society's 27th Annual All England Show, under C.B.U. Rules.

OCTOBER 18th and 19th, 1907.

Under the patronage of Foreign Bird Club, Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers' Association and Lancashire Canary Association.

52 Classes; also 6 Gold Medals: 1 for Lancashires, 1 for Lizards, 1 for Yorkshires, 1 for Plainhead Norwich, and 1 for Foreign Birds. Entries close **October 12th.** Will accept Monday morning post.
Judges—C. A. HOUSE, Esq., and W. MUNDELL, Esq.
Schedules from **J. BUTTERWORTH, 28, Smith Street, Rochdale.**

OTLEY AND DIS. O.S. 7th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, OCTOBER 19th.

Under the Patronage of the Bradford & C.B.B. & M.C. Twenty-three classes. **22/- Prize Money.** Judges: Canaries, W. MUNDELL, Esq.; British Birds, W. A. COWGILL, Esq.
For Schedules apply

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If you've Birds fit to win, they can't win too soon or too often, and a win at

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N.B.—Special arrangements for sending on Exhibits to Battersea.

WIMBORNE OPEN SHOW (Under C.B.U. rules)

POULTRY, PIGEONS, **CAGE BIRDS,** CATS, RABBITS & CAVIES.

Wed., Oct. 23rd.

18 classes for Cage-Birds. Good prize money and specials. Judge: Mr. G. Bond, Salisbury. Entries close October 15th. Schedules ready from
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J. H. ROE: - - - JUDGE.

Over 30 Classes Cage-Birds. Prize-Money same night. Cups and Specials.

Secretary, **W. J. MOODY, 32, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford.**

BATTERSEA & DIS. C.B.A. 2ND ANNUAL GRAND OPEN SHOW of CANARIES, MULES, BRITISH & FOREIGN CAGE BIRDS (C.B.U. rules). Held at Battersea Town Hall, Thursday & Friday, Oct. 24 & 25.

Under patronage of S.Y.C.C. Judges: W. Mundell, Esq., Yorkshires; J Robson, Esq., all other varieties. The Show will be opened by Shirley Benn, Esq., L.C.C., on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Entrance Fee **2/-**, Members **1/6**; for a first prize **12/6**, second **6/6**, third **3/-**, and a fourth of **2/-** if more than **12** entries. Upwards of 50 specials, cups, and other valuable prizes to be competed for. All Fanciers sending their birds to Battersea can rely on them being well looked after. Arrangements have been made with Southend for the delivery of birds entered at Battersea on the night of 23rd; also with the G.W.R. Co. for delivery of birds from Plymouth before 8 o'clock on the morning of show by special van. Battersea Town Hall is five minutes' walk from Clapham Junc. Entries close Oct. 14th. No amalgamation. Prize-money paid within seven days. Schedules from **F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec., 5, St Mark's Road, Fulham Road, London.**

MANCHESTER OCTOBER 25 & 26.

(Under C.B.U. rules.)

THE CINNAMON CLUB SHOW.—Amateur Classes for Yorkshires, Norwich Crests, and Cinnamons. Judges: Messrs. Bexson, House, Payne, Roe, and Houlton. **Entries close next Saturday, the 19th.**

THE WORLD'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DIPLOMA COMPETITION;—

Club Secretaries are invited to send for Schedules containing particulars.

Schedules now ready, from **J. RAYNES, 9, Richmond Road, Choriton-cum-Hardy, Manchester**

TORBAY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

PAIGNTON FIRST ANNUAL OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW. Under C.B.U. Rules.

OCTOBER 30th.

30 Open Classes and 20 Members' Classes. Prize Money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-**, and Special in every Class in addition to First Prize.

Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne, Gloucester. Entries close October 22nd Entry Fee 1/6.
Schedules now ready from **E. C. PARNELL, Hon. Sec., 12, PRINCES STREET, PAIGNTON.**

OSWESTRY (SALOP.)

Feather and Fur Association's 8th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c.,

Cross Market Hall, Oswestry, Thursday, October 31st, 1907.

Specials and Challenge Cup. Judges: C. Houlton, St. Helens (Open); Arthur Gough, Oswestry (Local). Prize-money guaranteed. No cancelling or amalgamation. **Entries close October 19th.** Send for Schedule to **G. A. GEORGE and G. A. DOODY, Secs., Roft Street, Oswestry.**

YORK

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SHOW (under C.B.U. rules) Held in the Exhibition Buildings, **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5th and 6th, 1907.** All Prize Money fully guaranteed in every class. No cancelling of any class or amalgamation of classes. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. W. Battye, Esq. Good classification. A special in every class. Entries close October 31st, 1907.
Schedules ready, from **T. BOYLE, Sec., 1, Milton Street, Hull Road, York.**

MORECAMBE OPEN SHOW Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons Cavies, Rabbits, etc., in the Winter Gardens Pavillion, on NOVEMBER 6th, 1907.

Judges: W. H. BATTYE, W. J. FERGUSON, C. HOULTON. **44 Classes, Cage Birds. 50 Special Prizes.** Entries close October 30th, 1907. Cheap bookings. Schedules **J. H. IRELAND,** Parliament Street, Morecambe.

GRIMSBY & DISTRICT C.B.S,

Oct. 15 & 16 (under C.B.U. Rules).

Entries close Oct. 12 (extension impossible).

Secs.:—**EMERSON & MOORE,**
2, West Parade, GRIMSBY.

HOYLAND & DISTRICT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The above Society will hold its 7th Annual Exhibition of Canaries, Mules and British Birds in the Town Hall on FRIDAY and SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 18th and 19th, 1907.

Good Classification. Prize Money guaranteed and paid second day Show wherever possible.
Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/- for 1- entry; specials for every class, also two extra specials for every section.
Entries close October 15th.
Judges: J. Wilson, Allerton, Bradford, and W. Vardy.
Schedules from—

J. WARRENDER,
11, Cill Street, Hoyland, near Barnsley.

NEWCASTLE and District C.B.S.

(Under C.B.U. Rules) **2nd Annual Show, Oct. 18th and 19th,** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 73 Open Classes. Under the patronage of the N.P.C., G.C.A., Y.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. & W., B.F.C. Send and we will classify. Judges: J. C. Barnes, Thos. Heath, J. Patterson, Chas. Houlton. Schedules, etc. (Entries Close Oct. 14) Apply: **CURRY & HUTCHINSON, Secs.,** 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BROMLEY, KENT. £5 Limit.

October 23rd and 24th.

Entries extended. C.B.U. Rules. Now, Fanciers help us. Entries very short.

Close Tuesday, 2nd post.

Sec., C. B. MANN, 33, High St., BROMLEY.

DARLEY DALE.

Thursday, October 24th.

SCHEDULE.

ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 17th.

CAGE BIRDS.—Open Classes.

Judge: J. H. ROE, ESQ.

Prize-money: 1st, 10s.; 2nd, 5s.; 3rd, 2s. 6d
Entry Fee, 1s. 6d.; Members, 1s. 3d.

Class.
74. YORKSHIRE COCK.
75. YORKSHIRE HEN.
76. NORWICH PLAINHEAD COCK.
" HEN.
77. CREST or CRESTBRED COCK OR HEN.
78. ANY VARIETY MULE or HYBRID COCK or HEN.
79. ANY VARIETY FINCH EXCEPT GOLDFINCH.
80. BRITISH GOLDFINCH.
81. ANY VARIETY FOREIGN.
82. SELLING CLASS not exceeding 10s., including Cage, Cage Birds (eight miles radius). Prize-money:—1st, 7s. 6d.; 2nd, 5s.; 3rd, 2s. 6d. Entry Fee, 1s. 6d.; Members, 1s.
83. ANY VARIETY CANARY.
84. " " BRITISH.

Please enter from above to—

WM. ELLIOTT, Secretary,
"Bull's Head," Winster, Derbyshire.

SHIELDS 5th Annual Open Show. October 25th & 26th.

Judges: H. W. Battye and F. Marwood.

10-GUINEA CHALLENGE BOWL.

46 Open classes; prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** A **2/6** special for best bird in each class. Prize money paid at show. Under **C.B.U.** rules. Under the patronage of B.C.N. & C.C., and Y.N.C.C., and N.C.C., and N.B.B.M. F.B.C. **Wm. DUKE, 336, So. Frederick Street, SOUTH SHIELDS.**

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(held under Cage Bird Union Rules). Open to the Counties of Beds, Bucks, Herts and Middlesex, at

DUNSTABLE TOWN HALL, October 24th.

Four money prizes each class. Judges—C. WATSON and G. GARDNER. Entries close OCTOBER 16th
Schedules from—

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COVENTRY O.S.

Open Show, Oct. 26th (C.B.U. Rules).

Prize money guaranteed and paid on day of Show.
Judge: J. H. Roe, Derby. Schedules:
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GREAT HORTON

Good Intent Ornithological Society's open show of Canaries **Saturday, Oct. 26** at the Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Great Horton, one of the best rooms in Yorkshire. Judge R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley. Schedules **A. HOLDEN, Sec., 139 Bildon Rd., Gt. Horton, Bradford.**

ARBROATH Cage Bird Society

Open Show, October 26th.

Classes for Scotch Fancy and Norwich Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 3/-, 2/-. Low entrance fee. Good Specials. Popular Judges. Schedules from—

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WATFORD

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW. **NOVEMBER 8th & 9th.**
Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and J. Frostick, Esq.
Entries close **OCTOBER 30th.** Show Manager: Mr. J. Goodall. Schedules from—
Messrs. QUANTRELL & WATTS, 14, Wiggenhall Road, Watford.

WATFORD

CHESTERFIELD. (Under C.B.U. Rules).

GRAND OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held on
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCT. 25th and 26th.
in the Assembly Room, Market Hall. Judge—J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. Good Classification. Prize Money (guaranteed) 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and 1/-. Entry Fee 1/6, Members 1/-. Numerous Specials. Schedules ready, apply J. J. Dooley, 39, Alexandra Road, Chesterfield.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES SIDE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)
SECOND ANNUAL OPEN SHOW. **OCTOBER 26TH,**
Held in the Oddfellows' Hall, one of the best Halls in England, see reports last year.
38 Classes. 4 Money Prizes. Good Specials. Low Entry Fee. Judges: Canaries, W. Mundoll; British Birds, F. Marwood. £6 6s. Rose Bowl for most Points. For Schedules apply—Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.

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Third Annual Open Show, Saturday, OCT. 26th. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 1/6 entry in all classes. Under the Patronage and Competition of Scottish Plainhead Club. Two cups and 3 medals; also under the Patronage and Competition of British Birds and Mule Club, also Border Fancy Canary Club. Medal and 40 other Specials. 50 classes. Judges (Scotch Fancy): Mr. W. D. Hogg, Oakley; Mr. J. Ferguson, Glasgow; Plainheads, Crests and Borders, Wild Birds, &c., Mr. J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh
Schedules, J. Logan, Sec., 23, High St., Dysart, Fife.

CHELTENHAM October 26th & 28th.

Under C.B.U. Rules and Patronage of C.C.C. and B.B.C.C.
Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Payne.
70 CLASSES. ENTRIES CLOSE OCTOBER 21st.
NO CANCELLING OR AMALGAMATION.
See next week's "CAGE BIRDS" for Schedule, or write—
TREASURE & HOPE, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

BARNSTAPLE

Open Show of Cage Birds,
PIGEONS, POULTRY, CATS, RABBITS, &c.
October 29th and 30th.
Under C.B.U. Rules.
Judge: Mr. R. B. Tope.
SCHEDULES READY.
PERCIVAL HARRIS, Secretary.

ASHOVER Open Show, OCTOBER 30th.

10 classes for Cage Birds. Under C.B.U. rules.
Judge: J. H. Roe, Esq. Prize money guaranteed. Entries close Oct. 22nd certain. Schedules from
R. Nodder, Ashover Rectory, Chesterfield.

WOLVERHAMPTON

C.B.S. OPEN SHOW. Affiliated to C.B.U.
Oct. 30th & 31st. 36 Classes.
Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 for 1/6 entry, and a grand lot of Cash Specials. Under the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club. Judges: J. Robson and W. Whittaker. Schedules ready. Apply **F. HOWES,** Hon. Sec., **25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.**

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Under C. B. Union Rules)

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, on **31st October, 1907.** Cage Birds Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq. Entries close 20th October, chedules apply: **Geo. W. Read,** Hon. Sec., Severn Road.

WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

4th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on OCTOBER 30th & 31st.
Judges: W. Varby, Esq., & J. Goodall, Esq. Under C. B. U. Rules. Under the patronage of the N. B. B. & M.C., and Medal Cup Points, including 38 open classes and good Specials with the Cage Bird Coupon Competition, Sandiford's Cup for hottest fed bird, and other good spls. Entries close Oct. 21st. Schedules now ready.
W. HOWE, Hon. Sec., **9, Radleigh Rd., Wellingborough.**

THE SHOW OF THE WEST. (Under C.B.U. Rules)

GLOUCESTER & DIST. C.B.S. Second Annual Show, OCT. 30th & 31st.

Of Canaries, Mules, Brit. & For. Birds; 38 classes, also 3 chall. bowls, mdls. and val. spls. 10 classes for Nor. Plain, 4 Crest, 2 Clin., 4 Yorks., 2 Bor., 6 Brit., 2 Mule or Hybrid, 2 For., 3 Sell., 1 Nov., 2 Memb. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 Ent. fee, including Bowls, Cups, Mdls. & Spls., 1/6. Ents. close Oct. 24. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. C.B.s' New Competition at this show. Schedules from **J. HOUGHTON,** Sec., **Dargal, Hatherley Road, Gloucester.**

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Annual open show, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1907, of Canaries Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 40 Open classes good special for each class. Judges, J. Robson and J. Trendove. Schedules from D. A. Ogilvie, Hon. Sec. 15, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

BRAMLEY & DISTRICT O.S., LEEDS.

November 2nd, 1907.
(To be held under Cage Bird Union Rules.)
Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield; J. Beswick, Stockport. 26 Class Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Numerous Specials. Entries close October 29th, 1907. For Schedules apply J. Metcalfe, 9, Elder View, Bramley, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

2nd Annual Show (under C.B.U. Rules), **Oct. 30 & 31.** 50 Classes. Cage Birds only. Judge: Mr. Geo. Gardner. Schedules ready. **Geo. Sanderson, Folkestone Road, Dover.**

SLEAFORD. £3 LIMIT. OCT. 31st. 1907.

Cage Birds, etc. Judge: Harrison. Entries close Oct. 24th. Schedules. H. Castle, Hon. Secretary.

DON'T MISS

MANSFIELD,

November 1st and 2nd.
56 Classes. Entries, 1/-
J. H. DUCKWORTH, 16, Tennyson Street MANSFIELD.

MARKINCH POULTRY, PIGEON AND CAGE BIRD SHOW NOV. 2nd, 1907.

Judges—Wm. Webster, Greenock, Scotch Fancy; James Smillie, Riccarton, Norwich Borders, &c.
Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Forty-three classes and lots of Specials.
Entries close on OCTOBER 28th, 1907.
Schedules on application from GEORGE MITCHELL, Secretary, Coaltown, Markinch.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S. Open Show NOV. 2nd.

Affiliated C.B.U. Under patronage of Y.C.C. & L.C.A. No cancelling or amalgamation of classes. Schedules ready shortly.—**S. M. CLAYTON, 55, Percy St., Rochdale.**

DON'T FORGET THAT **NORWICH Open Show**

will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, **SATURDAY and MONDAY,** Nov. 2nd and 4th, under C. B. Union. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, W. W. Freestone, and A. Woollard.—
Entries close Oct. 12 (extension impossible).
Sequedules ready, entrance fee, non-members amateur class, 1/6 per cage (not as schedule).
R. ROLL, Sec., "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Norwich.

LEICESTER

HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.
Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held **NOVEMBER 2nd and 4th** (under C.B.U. Rules). Judge: J. H. Payne, Gloucester. Big cash special list. Good classification. Entries close October 26th. Schedules—
CHAS. DRAPER, Sec., 1a, Wilton Street, Leicester.

NEWTOWN, St. Boswells

SHOW OF BANTAMS, PIGEONS, CAGE BIRDS, RABBITS, CATS and CAVIES,
SATURDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.
67 Classes. Judges: Messrs. Huntly, Blair, Watson, Craig, and Ballantyne. Entries close 25th October. For Schedules apply—
ROBT. ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec.,
NEWTOWN, ST. BOSWELLS.

DARLINGTON

CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.
Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, on Saturday, November 2nd.
24 Classes. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Good special for every Class. Entry fee 1/-. Entries close October 28th.
Judge: W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford.
For Schedules and any other information apply to the Hon. Sec. **R. S. Black,** 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

CLEATOR MOOR

FANCIERS' SOCIETY (Under C. B. U. License).
Fourth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on Nov. 2nd, Judges: Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, R. Swain and J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Hirst; All British, Charles Houlton. A grand classification. Specials galore in every class. Entries close Oct. 26th Schedules now ready from the Sec. **JAS. E. BYRNE 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.**

CHIPPENHAM (WILTS),

November 6th and 7th, 1907.
Open Show of Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Judges: Homers, Oliver Dix, Esq.; Cage Birds, C. P. Telling, Esq.; Fancy Pigeons and Rabbits, J. E. Woodford, Esq. Schedules now ready. Specials in each class. Entries close October 30th, 1907. **W. J. WITTS, 9, Park Street, Woodlands, Chippenham.**

PORTSMOUTH.

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS & CAGE BIRDS SHOW
Will be held in the **VOLUNTEER ENGINEER DRILL HALL, HAMPSHIRE TERRACE, SOUTHSEA,** on
NOVEMBER 6th and 7th, 1907.
Entries close Oct. 26th. Schedules now ready, apply—
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GREAT YARMOUTH

19th ANNUAL SHOW OF
POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, AND CAGE BIRDS,
On November 6th & 7th.
Popular judges. Numerous Specials. Entries close October 23rd. For Schedules apply F. C. DAVIES, "Holmleigh" Elm Grove Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk

ABINGDON, NORTH BERKS., November, 7th.

Entries close October 28th. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good classification; numerous specials. Cage Bird and Rabbit Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Send for Schedules to **T. BOWEN, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

GILLINGHAM,

Grand Open Show, Nov. 7 & 8.
Splendid classification for Cage Birds; held under C.B.U. Rules. K.C.C.B.A. Specials and Cups. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Entries close October 26th. Write for Schedules to **C. V. BURLTON, 14, Irene Terrace, Chatham.**

LEAMINGTON Fanciers' Association

Will hold their Fourth Annual Show of Live Stock **NOVEMBER 7th,** at the Drill Hall. Schedules ready. Entries close October 22nd. Popular Judges. Sec.—
F. T. PRITCHARD, Portland Street.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. GREAT ANNUAL SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Open to the United Kingdom, in the Temperance Hall, **Friday & Saturday, November 8 & 9.** Under the Patronage of the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. 34 Open Classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Good Specials; Foreign Prizes extra, For 1/6 Entry. £5 Cash Specials for Crested Norwich. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes, E. E. Smith. Schedules from **T. BISHOP,** 69, Alexandra Road, Heeley, Sheffield.

WALLSEND and Mid Tyne C.B.A.

(Affiliated to C. B. U.)
Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in
Co-operative Hall, Nov. 8th & 9th, 1907.
Under the patronage of the B.C.N. & C.C., & N.Y.C.C. 52 Open Classes. Judges: W. P. Barnes, W. Mundell, and J. W. Bruce, Esquires. Specials for every Class, and the best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from Jas. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES and Dis. C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The 3rd Annual Open Show, Saturday, November 9, in the Temperance Hall. Open to the United Kingdom. 49 Classes. Specials every class and specials most points. The British and For. classes are guaranteed, and full prize-money will be paid. Judges: Norwich Cinnamons and Crests, J. Stanger, Esq., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham; Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford; Brit. and For., J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 2nd.—For Schedules apply, J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

WARRINGTON OPEN SHOW

(C.B.U. Rules). **Six open Classes for Novices.**
November 8th and 9th, 1907.
Judges: A. Hirst and C. Houlton. Grand classification. Prize money paid day of Show. Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Association. Specials every class, also extra specials. Schedules from **J. D. LEIGH, 7, Horsemarket Street.**

KIRKCALDY C.B.S.

Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, on November 9th, under the patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. Judges: D. Low, J. Patterson, Ax. Cochrane. 49 open classes. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee 1/6. 1 Shield, 2 Silver Cups, 2 Gold and 8 Silver Medals, beside 87 other valuable Specials. Entries close November 2nd. For Schedules apply to **J. WILSON, 21, Salisbury Street, Kirkcaldy.**

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Annual Show (Under C.B. Union Rules.)
NOVEMBER 12th and 13th.
30 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Special for every class. Special Cup for best bird in Show. All Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge: Mr. J. C. Barnes. Judge (Roller Class): Mr. F. Oldroyd.
Entries close Nov. 7th. Date will not be extended.
Schedules from **Netherwood & Keeley,** Hon. Secretaries, City Aviaries, Northgate, Wakefield.

LUTON C.B.S.

The 2nd Annual Open Show Nov. 13.
(Under C.B.U. Rules.)
59 Classes. £1 1s. cash special for best foreign bird (open), and heaps of other Specials. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Frostick, the remainder. Entries close November 6th. Schedules from **E. CHERRY, Sec., 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.**

EVESHAM SHOW, CAGE BIRDS & CATS

(under Union Rules),
NOVEMBER 13th, 1907.
Last Day of Entry, November 2nd.
Schedules from GEORGE WITTS, Evesham.
Entrance fee, 1/-. Three Specials.

NEWARK SHOW, NOVEMBER 21st.

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS & CAGE BIRDS.
Entries close NOVEMBER 14th.
Schedules apply—
S. C. WILKINS,
72, Milner Street.

GALASHIELS N.B. 47th Great Open Show

for PIGEONS and CAGE BIRDS
will be held NOVEMBER 16th, 1907, when the undernoted Specialists will judge:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Geo. Fulton, Partick, and John Daigleish, Leith; Border Fancy Canaries, William Haddow, Hamilton; Norwich Canaries, British & Foreign Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from Alex. Smith, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.

CROOK ORIGINAL CAGE BIRD, RABBIT & PIGEON SOCIETY'S OPEN SHOW, Saturday, November 23rd.

Good classification, numerous Specials. Under patronage of YORKS C.C.
Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye, F. Feetham and J. R. Taylor. Entries close November 16th.
A. BOWES, Sec., 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham.

MORPETH & DIST. ORNTH. SOC.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16th, 1907,** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds; 23 open classes. Special for Best Bird in each class, and 6 Guinea Challenge Bowl. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. For Schedules apply A. Dippie, 13, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

HASTINGS U.C.B.S. (Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Annual Open Cage Bird Show, Nov. 19th and 20th.
Judge: J. H. Payne; under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C. Champion and Novice Sections, and Champion Section of the S.Y.C.C. Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries positively close Tuesday, November 12th. Schedules, apply **A. E. and J. H. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street.**

MARGATE 10th Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds

Open to all England, November **20th** and **21st, 1907.**
Judges: Poultry, P. Proud, Esq.; Pigeons, Messrs. C. Wicks and Clem Watson; Rabbits and Cats, A. H. Calcutt, Esq.; Cage Birds, J. Robson, Esq. Schedules, W. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 28, Fort Crescent, Margate.

TONBRIDGE POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS,

NOVEMBER 20th and 21st, 1907.
Entries close positively NOVEMBER 12th.
Judges—Poultry, Mr. Wm. H. Cook; Pigeons, Mr. A. Leith; Rabbits, Mr. M. Crust; Cage Birds, Mr. J. Dobson; Cats, Mr. M. Crust. Splendid train service, no delay, main line, S.E. & C. Ry. Schedules now ready. P. W. Burton, Hon. Sec., Guildford House Albert Road, Tonbridge.

HULL C. B. S. 13th ANNUAL SHOW

(Under C. B. U. Rules).
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd.
Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes & C. Houlton.
Cage Birds only; 40 classes; Novices specially catered for. Prize money guaranteed. Numerous Specials. Splendid room and railway connections. Entries close Nov. 18th. (No extension). Schedules from POTTER & STAMFORD, 178, Thoresby Street, Hull.

CIRENCESTER SHOW.

OCTOBER 23rd and 24th.
Mr. W. Greenwood, Judge of Cage Birds. Entries close October 12th. **Wallis & Walker,** Hon. Secs.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. J. J. Robson (Great Corby) has recently had a bout of ill-health.

Will fanciers please note entries for Battersea Show close October 14th.—(Advt.)

Entries for Rochdale O.C. close October 12th. Monday morning's post will be in time.

I have removed from Auchenheath to Fairsbridgend, Blackwood.—Walter Johnstone.

Fanciers should please note entries for Wimborne Show close October 15th.—(Advt.)

Mr. H. Bennet judges at Selkirk, Kirkcudbright, Edinburgh, Norwich, and Cupar, Fife.

Mr. Shirley, of Utley, Keighley, is open to receive judging engagements for British section only.

Mr. Alexander Mc Farlane is judging at the great Glasgow Show, also at Aberdeen on December 6th.

All prize money has been paid in connection with Accrington Cage Bird Show.—D. Harwood, sec.

Will you notify that Battersea will pay prize money second day of show:—J. Easterling (Hon. Sec.).

Ebbw Vale Show will be held under licence fom the Cage Bird Union, so writes Mr. R. Anthony, the hon. sec.

Mr. W. Howe, sec., Wellingboro' C.B.S., has removed from 53, Thomas Street, to 9, Radleigh Road, Wellingborough.

Kindly announce that all prize money and specials won at the Halifax Show have been paid:—J. F. Thackray (Sec.).

Messrs. F. Veale and Son have entered into partnership with Mr. Pond, and will in future show as Veale, Son, and Pond.

Mr. Jacob Muckley informs us that an order from New York for two thousand Canaries was attended to by his firm last week.

The Committee of St. Andrew's Ornithological Society beg to tender their best thanks to exhibitors for the hearty support extended to them at their show on Saturday.—Thomas Auchterlonie, hon. sec. and treasurer

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1 Oct. 10.—Peterborough C.B.A.
2 Oct. 11 and 12.—Great Harwood.
3 Oct. 12.—Broughty Ferry C.B.S.
4 Oct. 16.—Exeter and Devon P.P. & C.B.S.
5 Oct. 16.—Leek C.B.S.
6 Oct. 15 and 16.—Grimsby & Dis. C.B.S.
7 Oct. 16 and 17.—Hayle & Dis. F.A.
8 Oct. 17 and 18.—Dulwich & Peckham.
9 Oct. 18 and 19.—Hoyland O.S.
10 Oct. 18 and 19.—Rochdale O.C.
11 Oct. 18 and 19.—Newcastle.
12 Oct. 18 and 19.—City of Glasgow O.S.
13 Oct. 19.—Otley.
14 Oct. 23.—Oxford.
15 Oct. 23.—Wimborne.
16 Oct. 22 and 23.—Plymouth.
17 Oct. 23 and 24.—Potteries and Dis. C.B.A.
18 Oct. 24 and 25.—Battersea.
19 Oct. 25 and 26.—Chesterfield and District F.A.
20 Oct. 25 and 26.—Manchester and N.C. O.S.
21 Oct. 25 and 26.—S. Shields C.B.S.
22 Oct. 26.—Middlesbrough C.B.S.
23 Oct. 26.—Coventry O.S.
24 Oct. 26.—Dysart.
25 Oct. 26 and 28.—Cheltenham C.B.S.
26 Oct. 30.—Torbay O.S., Paignton.
27 Oct. 30 and 31.—Gloucester C.B.S.
28 Oct. 30 and 31.—Welsh National (Swansea).
29 Oct. 30 and 31.—Wellingborough.
30 Oct. 30 and 31.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
31 Oct. 31.—Oswestry F. & F.A.
32 Nov. 1 and 2.—Mansfield.
33 Nov. 1 and 2.—Blackburn C.B.S.
34 Nov. 1 and 2.—Blaydon C.B.S.
35 Nov. 2.—Rochdale Good Intent.
36 Nov. 2.—Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.
37 Nov. 2.—Bramley O.S. (Leeds).
38 Nov. 2.—Cleator Moor F.S.
39 Nov. 2 and 4.—Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.
40 Nov. 2 and 4.—Norwich Alliance.
41 Nov. 5 and 6.—York C.B.S.
42 Nov. 6.—Morecambe F.A.
43 Nov. 6 and 7.—Portsmouth.
44 Nov. 6 and 7.—Swansea.
45 Nov. 7.—North Berks. (Abingdon.)
46 Nov. 7 and 8.—Greenwich.
47 Nov. 8 and 9.—Preston O.S.
48 Nov. 8 and 9.—Watford C.B.S.
49 Nov. 8 and 9.—Hinckley.
50 Nov. 8 and 9.—Sheffield Dis. C.B.S.
51 Nov. 8 and 9.—Wallsend.
52 Nov. 8 and 9.—Warrington C.B.S.
53 Nov. 9.—Kirkcaldy C.B.S.
54 Nov. 9.—Bo'ness.
55 Nov. 9.—Stockton-on-Tees.
56 Nov. 12.—Cambridge C.B.S.
57 Nov. 12 and 13.—City of Wakefield O.S.
58 Nov. 13.—Luton.
59 Nov. 14.—Merthyr Tydfil.
60 Nov. 15 and 16.—Blackpool.
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62 Nov. 15 and 16.—Whitehaven.
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123 Jan. 8 and 9.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
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Mr. C. J. Ward, the well-known Hybrid exhibitor, wishes Secretaries to send schedules to him at 15, Heath Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

Mr. J. H. Payne, the well-known and popular judge of cagebirds, has recently gone in for horses. Mr. Payne is also an enthusiast over furry things.

I have sent all members a schedule of our next show; if anyone has been overlooked will they kindly let me know:—C. W. MEAD (Sec. Walthamstow F.A.).

Our members wish me to deny any knowledge of telegram, and beg to express their regret that it should have been sent:—S. TURRELL, Coventry O.S.

The quarterly balance sheet of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to hand from the Hon. Sec., Mr. Wynn, shows a total of cash in hand and at the bank of £23 3s. 3d.

Mr. J. Patterson, the distinguished Border Fancy lover, is still very weak from his recent illness. All friends will join with us in wishing him complete recovery.

Will Mr. Weston, who gave his address in CAGE BIRDS as Langley, Birmingham, kindly send his full proper address to Mr. J. Isherwood, 1, Monon Crescent, John St., Wakefield?

Tonbridge and District F.A. ho'll their Annual Show at Tunbridge Wells on Nov. 20th and 21st next. Mr. P. W. Burton, Guildford House, Albert Road, Tonbridge, is the hon. secretary.

Just a line to correct an error in twitterings. Mr. Fowler is not secretary of the Bristol C.B.S., but Mr. J. Munro, Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster, Bristol.—W. G. BULL, chairman.

Wimborne Show seems to be under excellent management this year. Last year this fixture clashed badly with several other events, and did not do so well. This year they are better placed, and exhibitors should take advantage of the fact.

A series of fortnightly table shows has been arranged in connection with the Suffolk C.B.S. during the winter months writes Mr. W. Barritt, the hon. sec., the first to take place, Thursday, October 17th, when Mr. W. Schofield will act as judge.

Will you kindly call attention to our "Essay competition," subject, "Food and Feeding of Cage Birds," asking all those who are sending essays to send them to me on or before Oct. 16th.—H. LAMBERT BROWN, hon. sec., L.P.O.S. 64, Manor Park, Lea, S.E.

Thanks to my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I have disposed of a lot of my stock, only having a few left. The results achieved by advertising in CAGE BIRDS are, indeed, marvellous.—GEO. THOMPSON, 26, Manor Street, Cardiff.

We have engaged Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby) to judge the Cinnamon Classes at our show on November 16th, and we trust that all exhibitors of this variety who possibly can will give him their best support:—G. E. WILKINSON (Nottingham).

The Clapham and District Open C.B.A. are holding a grand Smoking Concert, at headquarters, the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Monday, October 14th, at 8 o'clock. All fanciers are cordially invited, and will be made most welcome.—(Advt.)

The show business of Penzance C.B.S. is being attended to by Mr. Lears C. Mabbott, vice Mr. Sampson, the general hon. secretary who is at present unduly pressed with personal business. Mr. Mabbott's address is 20, Regent Square.

I do not compete for the handsome silver medal which I am presenting for most points gained by an exhibitor in Lancashire classes, at Dulwich and Peckham Show. The schedule does not make this quite clear.—F. J. GREEN (Redhill).

Mr. Isherwood (Wakefield), says:—"If you could in any way remind advertisers of the necessity for giving an address which would ensure letters reaching them, I feel sure you would be doing a service to fanciers and advertisers. Wishing further success to our CAGE BIRDS, which is eagerly read at my house by all the family.

As an advertising medium I must say CAGE BIRDS is A1. For my advertisement on Sept. 21st, I had scores of letters, in fact more than I can personally answer myself. Any one not having received word please accept this: Birds gone in one lot.—B. R. NELSON, Macclesfield.

Please thank for us all exhibitors who have contributed to make our show such a grand success. The committee have decided to add a 4th prize of 1s. 6d. to the prize list, throughout the show, excepting the foreign and selling classes.—H. C. LILLEY, S. L. COCKS, Peterborough C.B.A.

I have posted S.N.P.C. rule book to each member of our Club, but if by error I should have omitted any, I shall only be too pleased to post one on receipt of postcard, also to any Norwich fanciers who are willing to join, and write to me for our rule book.—FRED J. MATTHES, hon. sec., Southern Norwich P.C.

Entries at Paisley were somewhat disappointing writes "a chicl." The financial result will entail a few pounds loss which must be made up by the members. It is just possible the management may decide at the next meeting to wind up the concern. Mr. Kelly declares that it is impossible to carry on on Saturday's lines.

The ups and downs of fortune in the Canary world are strikingly emphasised by the experiences of Mr. Evans's ticked buff Norwich. On its first appearance at Accrington it secured the leading position; last Friday at Burnley, its second outing, it was at the tail end of affairs, standing cardless. When judges differ, who shall decide?

Entries are very short at Hayle Show, and we will accept up to first post Sunday, October 13th. We appeal to fanciers to give us their support.—W. PAULL, hon. sec.

If you have time, just draw attention to the date of closing entries, October 12th. Cirencester being noted for closing promptly on advertised date. No whipping up i.e. "Entries do not average 1 per class, and therefore accept till first post on another date." None of this has ever been practised here, and yet we do not get the support we should do.—E. J. WALLIS, hon. sec., Cirencester Show.

I have received the following specials since schedules were sent out, which makes the grand total of £171:—Mr. M'Phial for best 9th in Crest classes; Mr. Craig for best 7th, Redpoll or Twite; Mr. Brown, sec., G.A.W. of S., for best 7th in 35, 54, 56, 60, 61, and 68; Mr. Duncan for most points in clear Borders; Mr. Dempster for most points in Green or Cinnamon Borders.—A. MUIR, sec. Glasgow O.S.

Entries up to now (Oct. 6th) very poor indeed, writes Mr. Woolhouse, of Dulwich. It is surprising considering the splendid offer of prizes. Surely exhibitors will rally round and give us a bumping entry. We are running the show at considerable expense for the benefit of the fancy. We are reluctantly compelled to extend till first post Monday.

I would like to draw the attention of intending exhibitors at Kelty and Blairadam Show to the special under cage bird section, "5s. for best bird shown by a member." It is a printer's error, and should be under the poultry section. Mrs. Dobbie, of Lassodie, is going to dispose of her stock of Scotch Fancies at our show, owing to not having time to give them the attention they need.—J. HUNTER.

I see in CAGE BIRDS a notice from Mr. Norris, the British Roller Canary Club Secretary, saying the Wakefield Club Show will be held on December 6th and 7th, the dates of the L.C.B.A. and B.R.C.C. Show. Will you please say in your next issue that we have altered our date to December 13th and 14th to avoid clashing.—J. NETHERWOOD, hon. sec., Wakefield R.C.C.

Dibb's Canary Seed offer—Special Offer.—As an advertisement we give with every cwt. of Canary Seed purchased, one cwt. of our celebrated Health Grit absolutely free. Giant Spanish, 24s. per cwt.; Finest Turkish, 15s. per cwt.; treble-screened and free from dust. Carriage paid to nearest station. Samples on application from John Dibb, Seed Importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey Road, Bradford. Tel. 247x.—(Advt.)

Mr. Woolhouse, the Dulwich and Peckham Show manager, informs us that exhibitors are sending in their entry forms with notification that their birds are to compete in CAGE BIRDS' prize competition, without attaching coupons to the forms. This is wrong, entries will not be accepted by the show secretaries unless the forms bear CAGE BIRDS' coupon. Those who wish to compete at Dulwich can have coupons by return by applying to us at once.

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We recently had the pleasure of a call from that stalwart Northerner, Mr. Anthony Hay, of Berwick-on-Tweed. Mr. Hay was full of enthusiasm over the forthcoming Cage Bird Show at Berwick, and regretted very much the unavoidable clashing with two other exhibitions close at hand. The railwaymen's grievances were also ventilated (Mr. Hay is on the N.E.R.), and a hope was expressed that matters would finally settle themselves shortly.

Mr. J. W. Rennie, the hon. sec. of the Southern Yorks Canary Club, writes that Mr. F. Easterling is presenting another cup to the S.Y.C.C. member (either novice or champion) making most points at the following shows: Southend-on-Sea, Battersea, L.C.B.A., and Wimbledon, with birds moulted on Ramsden's Peppers, purchased through his agency (other than the winners of general specials 2nd and 3rd). Fanciers wishing to join the S.Y.C.C. should note that the trophies, specials, etc., to be won outright this season, amount to nearly £25.

Our Coupon Competition.

Owing to the lack of security of our leaflets being read by exhibitors, we have decided to only offer our Coupon Competition where the particulars are printed in the schedule or catalogue, but we shall not mind if they only occupy half a page so long as they are placed in a prominent position. This has been decided on as much in the interests of committees as ourselves.

Entries at Peterborough Show.

Norwich P.H., 231 in 10 classes.—Class 1, 20 entries; 2, 28, 3, 14; 4, 26; 5, 22; 6, 30; 7, 18; 8, 36; 9, 16; 10, 21. Yorkshires, 100 in 4 classes.—Class 11, 25 entries; 12, 27; 13, 23; 14, 25. Crest, or Crest bred, 17.—Class 15, 17 entries. Mules or Hybrids, 19—Class 16, 19 entries. British, 119.—Class 17, 18 entries; 18, 14; 19, 24; 20, 29; 21, 21; 22, 13. Foreign, 14 in two classes.—Class 23, 5 entries; 24, 9. Selling Classes, 52 in 3 classes.—Class 25, 16 entries; 26, 20; 27, 16; and two members' classes containing 12 entries, making a grand total of 564.

CLUB NOTICES: see page 225.

A SURPRISING COMBINE.

Mr. CARL (London) and Mr. WATMOUGH (Bradford), join forces.

"The Poultry World" becomes the oldest Poultry Journal.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS have noticed lately the announcements about a new paper for poultry keepers which will shortly appear. We are now in a position to divulge a few more details concerning the proprietary interests involved, and the programme that has been decided on. The name of the new paper will be

"The Poultry World,"

It will be priced at One Penny, and will appear every week. It will endeavour to strike an entirely new note in fancy journalism and it will have on its staff many of the ablest experts connected with the Poultry Hobby. Simultaneously with the appearance of **"The Poultry World"** there will appear, under the auspices of Mr. J. E. Watmough, the well-known Yorkshire newspaper owner and Chairman of the Fanciers' Printing Co., a specialist paper, devoted exclusively and thoroughly to Home and Fancy Pigeons. It will be priced at One Penny also, and will appear every week under the simple but comprehensive title of

"Pigeons."

Mr. J. E. Watmough will have the sole management and control of **"Pigeons"** and Mr. F. Carl the sole management and control of **"The Poultry World"** both journals co-operating with each other but remaining financially distinct and preserving their own separate individuality.

AN ANCIENT PEDIGREE.

These two papers will be the lineal descendants of the oldest fancy journal known, viz.: "*The Fancier's Gazette*," founded 1874, the paper with which the late Mr. W. A. Blakston was for so long honourably associated. For "*Pigeons and Poultry*," the weekly journal which has catered so admirably in the past for Poultry and Pigeon Fanciers' and which was an offshoot from "*The Fanciers' Gazette*" will after the first week in November be divided into two specialist organs, one devoted to Poultry, the other to Pigeons, each doing its level best to attain supremacy in its own special sphere.

"The Poultry World" will be owned by a limited liability company, the board of management for which will be made up as follows:

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The chief outdoor representative and reporter-in-chief for **"The Poultry World"** will be Mr. C. A. HOUSE—a journalist who served his apprenticeship under the doyen of Poultry Editors, Mr. Edward Brown, and who for over twenty years has been creditably associated with fancy journalism and fancy matters.

Mr. Carl and Mr. Watmough will both have a large financial interest in **"The Poultry World,"** and it will be the aim of the various periodicals they respectively control to further their common interests. Their various journals will thus cover almost the entire range of fancy topics, viz.—Poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cage birds, cavies, mice. We may as well make it clear, though, that CAGE BIRDS will continue to be run as a private enterprise, and **not** as a limited liability company. Mutual arrangements have been made to secure a formidable campaign on all sections of interest catered for, and equally in the country as in the town. Mr. Watmough's headquarters will remain at Bradford, Mr. Carl conducting all necessary operations from London.

Thus does the newest paper in the Poultry fancy become the oldest. And it will be the aim of **"The Poultry World"** to live up to the traditions of its distinguished predecessors. We may at least congratulate ourselves on not adding to the list of existent poultry journals, and upon taking over, right from the start, a substantial circulation—an assured advertisement revenue a long list of subscribers, and an organised list of show reporters and officers.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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*Oct. 10.—**Leek C.B.S.** (J.Pe.)
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*Oct. 16 and 17.—**Hayle & District F.A.** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham** (J.R., G.E.W., W.V.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.Wn.)
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*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 23 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundee** (A.C. J.As., J.C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.B.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster).**
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.**
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9 **Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11. **Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.R.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14 **Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc., W.H., P.P. R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wm., T.McC., P.McK H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.**
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Conditions see Last Week's Issue.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. Payne.

Bad Feet.

Blister.—I am afraid the perches you have are too narrow and this has been the cause of your having the feet of your bird as you describe. Discard them and use wider ones for the future. Bathe the bird's feet once a day for two or three days in tepid water, and then put on the affected part with the tip of your finger a little Hazeline Cream. Keep the bird, during this time, in a cage without any perches, and put on the bottom something soft for it to stand on.

Hen Out of Sorts.

Osborne Roath.—Let your hen have, in a small teaspoonful of egg food, three times in one week, as much Aromatic Confection as will stand on a threepenny piece, after which you may put in the drinking water fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu, and ten drops of Ipecacuhana Wine. Let her have this every day for a week, fresh daily, and then on alternate days for another week, when I think she will be well again.

Bare Chest.

J.Z.—Anoint the bare parts on your hen's body three times in one week with a little sulphur ointment, which you can put on with your finger tip, taking care not to daub up the surrounding feathers. Put in her drinking water everyday for a week, fresh daily, fifteen drops of the juice of a fresh lemon. Feed on plain canary seed as the staple diet, and do away with the rape and linseed, except that you may add it to the other seeds you use, and give twice a week as a treat. Your cock bird will soon commence to sing, no doubt. As he is only just finished moulting, you need not fear but what he will sing stoutly again. Feed the same as I have advised for the hen.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. Battye.

A Cold.

Constant Reader.—Give for two weeks, in the bird's drinking water, fresh every morning, ten drops each of tincture of lobelia and ten drops of paregoric.—Keep warm and out of draughts. Also give a little soft food (sponge cake, egg food, or boiled milk sop), mixing with it six or eight drops of sherry wine.

Wheezy.

New Reader.—Give your bird that is wheezy four drops of the following mixture in its drinking water fresh every morning, taking the water away at night and well mixing the medicine with the drinking water before returning it each morning: Two parts eucalyptus oil and one part oil of cajaput. If not better in one week, write again, and I will advise you further.

A Class Question.

A. Hendry.—Your bird, having no technical mark on it, should, where a class is provided for ticked birds and another class for unevenly-marked birds, be entered in the former. But where the classification reads "Ticked or Unevenly Marked," and no separate class for ticked birds is provided, you should enter it in that class, and you would be all right. There are very few shows where the ticked Cinnamons have a separate class.

Crooked Claws.

Bangor. — Many birds have feet with slightly crooked claws, similar to the birds you describe. Of course some are worse than others, but this is a fault of only minor importance, so long as it does not interfere with the bird being able to grip the perch with the necessary firmness to enable it to keep its position when the cage is being handled. It is a great advantage, when birds that have a failing of this kind are very steady. If the two birds are, as you say, the best out of about 80, and stand as "straight as an arrow," by all means give them a trial. The chances are the slight deformity may not be noticed, and if it is it will not detract much from the merit of your birds, providing their position, shape and quality are good.

Old and Faint.

E. L.—Your bird is like a number of other birds that are getting on in years; many cannot stand disturbing much when they get seven years old. I don't know of any remedy, only I have found that birds, when kept in a corner where the light is bad, are very liable to have these fainting fits when brought suddenly into the light, or when startled in any way. For feeding a singing Canary, the seed mixture you name is very good.

BORDERS.

Answered by J. Patterson.

Hen Stuck in Moult.

Perplexed.—First of all you took your hen too soon away from young, and the moult she went into was a false moult. Such birds are difficult to bring into bloom, and I very much doubt hen being ready for show in November. Try her in a warm room for two days; give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a threepenny bit each day, in water; take her back to bird room and give her a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea for two days; then give in water three drops rum and six shreds of meadow saffron, until she shows signs of casting her feathers; if this does not start her, she may not go through a proper moult this season. You are giving too much Linseed—once a week is quite sufficient; give a little scalded rape seed one day, and half a teaspoonful egg food with three drops chemical food added the other; if she is a little dull let her have a fly in a large flight.

Grizzle Cap.

George.—Although every alternate feather be dark and light to the eye, if you examine carefully you will find the light feathers are all more or less dark in centre: they are therefore all dark, and your bird must be shown in the Foul Class (2). Keep them clean by giving the bath once a week. Any that do not wash you must spray. Also see that your cages are kept fresh and clean. Give a little egg food twice a week, scalded rape once, with a little boiled carrot once a week. Canary seed, as a staple food, add a third German rape on days you don't give it scalded, or when giving egg food.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. North.

Asthma.

W.W.—The treatment for this complaint is the same in every variety of canary. In addition to the bronchial mixture you are now using, let the bird have the benefit of all available warmth. It should be kept in a living room by night and stood within a window with southern aspect during the middle of the day. With aged birds it also often happens that they are unable to crack and digest hard seed, so that it is advisable to let them have some bread and milk sop one day and scalded seed the next, and so on.

Cinnamon Crest.

Snow Annie.—Such a bird was rightly "wrongly-classed" when shown in A.O.V. class, a class for "Crests, any variety," being provided, but neither of the two classes at the forthcoming open show appear to contemplate the inclusion of Cinnamon Crests, so it would be well to write the Secretary, or keep the bird at home.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "Schoolmaster."

Concerning Summer Rape Seed.

Jarvis.—The sample of seed you send is not pure, unadulterated summer (German) rape. If you will chew up a teaspoonful, you will find it tastes quite hot, or "mustardy," and real summer rape never does this, but tastes sweet and "nutty." I am frequently explaining this point (and so are many other writers in Cage Birds), and if you had only adopted the test, you would have been saved being landed with a quantity of this seed. Probably there is charlock amongst it—or, at any rate, one or other of the "bird-rapes," broadly known as "wild mustard" seed. This hot seed might certainly upset the stomachs of Canaries unused to it, and this trouble, if unchecked, might lead to their death. But I could not say that the seed, as per sample, really was responsible for the deaths of your three birds—that would be going too far. Rape seed such as you send is often, and quite unwittingly, sold as "good German rape"—the average corn chandler does not know what constitutes real summer rape, being more often than not guided by the higher price he pays for the article he sells as such.

Not Singing.

New Reader.—Your bird is still feeling the effects of the moult—probably he had a rough time of it when going through it. I should give him equal parts rape and canary seed, as the stock food and give a pinch of mixed linseed and hemp (equal parts) on alternate days, with the maw seed. Give a small teaspoonful of the patent food you mention every day, well stirring amongst it five or six (not more) spots of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from any good chemist—start with two or three spots, and work the quantity up gradually. A few weeks on this treatment should make a "new man" of him, especially if you take care his cage is kept cosy, and out of all draughts, gas fumes, etc., covering it over at night. I should not let him bathe in cold water until recovered. You should blow a little just warm water over him twice a week with your mouth.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. Greeves.

"Short of Breath."

J. Rains.—From the description you give, your bird appears to be suffering from lung trouble. Keep warm in a box cage, and cover the front at night. Give two drops of syrup of tolu direct into its beak morning and night. Feed on Canary Seed and bread and milk only. Over the bread and milk put a drop or two of the tolu. Add to the drinking water six drops of whiskey. Continue this treatment until the bird is well, after which, for a week, add a small quantity of Parrish's Chemical Food to its water. It is impossible to tell the cause of death of your bird which died suddenly without a post-mortem. Should you lose another in like manner send it to Mr. Northb.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "Old Judge."

Sending Abroad.

J.F.B.—You should ship your birds for New Zealand in a wooden box-cage with wire front. The size of this box must, of course, depend on the number of birds. It should be fitted with a drawboard so that the cage may be cleaned out on the voyage. It is usual to make arrangements with the butcher of the vessel by which the birds are to travel, because all live stock on board is in his charge. You would, of course, have to send sufficient seed and sand for the voyage. The cage should be fitted with drinking and feeding vessels, but in sending the birds to the port of departure these must be properly packed so as to prevent breakage, as good a method as any is to fasten them inside the cage for the journey to the boat. You should write the butcher the day before sending the birds off, giving him full instructions as to feeding, cleaning, etc., on route, and don't forget that a half-sovereign enclosed in this letter will add to the bird's comfort and safety en voyage. The freightage must, of course, be arranged through the shipping company, unless the butcher is known to the consignor or consignee. In such a case he would make the arrangements.

Panting and Twisting.

H.G.J.—I am inclined to think your birds are too fat, and this is the cause of the symptoms you describe. Stop the hemp seed at once, and every other day for a week put a pinch of Epsom salts in the water, not much, but just sufficient to make the water taste slightly saline. At the end of the week stop the salts, and put just enough Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water each day to make it a nice rosy pink.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Cleaning-out Cages.

F. J. S.—A Lark's cage is best when fitted with a sheet of thin zinc (any builder's ironmonger will supply it), or tray, for the turf to rest in. You could scald out the crevices with boiling water, in which a lump of common washing soda has been dissolved; or paint all cracks and crevices with turpentine, half a pint, in which a piece of camphor the size of a shilling has been mixed (after being crushed), working it well into all joints. Afterwards hang the cage in the open air (in fine weather, of course), for a day or so until it is dry, or the smell disappears. Then give the woodwork a good coat of washable sanitary distemper (very light blue or green) obtainable from most paint shops—It is a splendid thing for the insides of cages, aviaries, bird rooms, etc. The cage will then be absolutely clean and sweet. All Larks need a dust bath, half fine sand and half road dust, in which some harmless insect powder has been sprinkled.

About a Jay.

G. H. F.—The stock food, and method of preparation, recommended "J. Potter" this week would suit your bird; or another method, and perhaps simpler and better, is briefly (I am often telling how to treat Jays) to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes, or "Melox" (or game meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat, and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young Sparrows and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), acorns, beechmast, nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, grubs, and butter are other things they will eat. It is an unnecessary, useless cruelty to cut any bird's tongue, because birds do not use their tongues to articulate with. This is also a point I have often dealt with in recent issues—anyone who perpetrates the barbarity deserves seven days "without the option." A good cage for a Jay would not be less than three feet long (four or five would be vastly better), three feet high, and two feet wide.

Bramblefinch Scratching Neck.

H. M. R.—Your bird's cage must be infested with red-mites—the vicious scratching round the neck points plainly to this. Spraying the bird with quassia solution would not, of course, exterminate them from the crevices of the cage—when you sprayed the bird, the pests would, too, be on the cage, for they swarm on birds chiefly at night. You must transfer the Bramble to a new cage, or to a clean temporary one, while you treat the old one as advised "F. J. S." this week. Before returning the bird dip him, keeping the wings spread out, in quassia water, with the chill taken off, not choking him, of course. Dab him as dry as possible with a warmed soft linen cloth afterwards, and keep him in a warmed room, out of all draught, until quite dry (cover the cage, if necessary). A Bramble wants careful yet firm handling, mind you, being very powerful in the wing. When the irritation of the red-mites ceases, he will no longer scratch away his neck-feathers.

A Host of Questions.

H. S. G.—Nine or ten questions at one go is rather thick—three are supposed to be the limit, and if you go beyond that you risk getting no answer. A hand-net is generally used to catch birds out of aviaries. I should certainly think birds just caught out of an outdoor aviary would be too wild to stand much chance on the show bench. British Finches are usually hand-washed by keen exhibitors—it enhances their chance of success. Fanciers in the country need hand-wash but little, however. Peat-moss litter is sold by most corn dealers, or sellers of poultry specialities. It is very inexpensive. Mealworms are most plentiful in the winter—in the summer they turn to beetles. The mixture you mention would do for Softbills; the crissel would have to be the very finest grade (meal). You enumerate too many species, for an aviary the size of yours, to do much good breeding. Cocks and hens of the same species would keep together, and the two cock Goldies you mention would probably only fight for possession of the one hen Goldie. You don't breed Hybrids that way. Read reply to "Sticker In" the week before last. Hen Canaries are far the most certain.

Moulting Slowly.

E. E.—If your Bullfinch is in a cold room, move its cage into the cosy corner of a warmed room—that is the sort of spot the bird wants to be kept in, in a box cage, for heat is very useful in the case of any bird undergoing a difficult, protracted moult. Cover the cage over at night. You want to feed the bird well, giving a good supply of sunflower seed (cracked, if necessary), daily, and his daily fare should include a little linseed, with ripe shepherd's purse, thistle heads, blackberries and the like, as obtainable. In the drinking water, on alternate days, stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from the chemist.

Dog Rose Bushes.

W. Evans.—No; I am quite sure the dog rose bush need not be removed. As a matter of fact, thorn bushes are among the best live shrubs one can have in an aviary. You need not be concerned over any likelihood of the prickles hurting the feet of the birds. The common hawthorn is also excellent, but gets quickly stripped, unless present in considerable quantity. Privet and box shrubs are bad to beat, especially when of sturdy growth. Your aviary would hold a dozen pairs of small Hardbills comfortably—possibly one or two more. But this would be too many for you to entertain hopes of successful breeding—the latter, as I have frequently remarked, not being easy of accomplishment under such conditions as you outline. Further, you will probably have squabbling in spring and summer; but this you can deal with, if necessary, when it arrives.

Seed Mixture for Flights.

Amateur.—I presume the flight is an indoor one. If so, the following mixture would answer admirably: Canary two pints, teazle one pint, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. You must have one other dish, at the least, in addition to the self-supplying hopper, and keep this stocked with sunflower seed (or a mixture of half sunflower, half safflower, if you can get the latter). Into this dish a handful of hemp should be thrown twice a week. Once a week (on the Sunday, as you mention), you can give a feed of some good maker's special packet Finch mixture. This treatment will ensure your two Greenies, hen Bullies, and hen Canary wintering in good form, and being in good condition for breeding next spring, so far, that is, as any owner can foresee. You certainly, however, ought to gather, store and use the wild seeds and weeds I am so often recommending—they are common, and accessible to most fanciers. Hybrid breeding is not easy—is always uncertain. Hybrids would hardly be uncommon and so valuable were it otherwise—would they now?

The Insides of Show Cages.

College.—You really cannot better a very dark green (say, a holly-green) for the insides of the show cages of Goldfinches and Bullfinches; and the wires should be the same colour. This colour, in fact, suits admirably all the British Hardbills. The great point, however, is to have the enamel properly put on, and plenty of it. Show cages are quoted at so cheap a rate to-day, that it is, I suppose, impossible to expect the makers to put three or four coats on the back of each (the wires usually need only one). Yet these are what a show cage should have. Personally (unless I paid the maker extra to do it) I always used to rub a piece of very fine glass-paper lightly over the back of my show cages, and add a good even coat of my favourite colour; when this was quite hard, I repeated the operation. The result was a surface *really* like enamel, rich, deep and glossy, and which showed off the birds to perfection. It requires practice, however, to put even enamel on successfully, to avoid getting it "wavy." The brush is important, too—a tried one is best, for then loose hairs do not come out, and the bristles should not be long, "too free," as it is called. In my own opinion a dull surface is a great mistake. Some will tell you the gloss on the cage back detracts from the gloss on the bird—I "wink the other eye" at that, for I say that a really fine gloss enhances the gloss on the bird, one reflecting from the other, so to speak, in the manner of mirrors. Try both ways—when I leave it to your judgment.

Hens for Light Mules.

A Novice.—Inbreeding once, even though it be brother mated to sister, certainly cannot be said to be thorough enough to "ensure" light mules. In fact, I question whether any amount of inbreeding would "ensure" light mules, unless the soil worked upon (i.e., the hens) was suitable. If you get a hen, for instance, no matter of what variety, which throws mules with a decent amount of light plumage on them, you have the "right soil." You could not do better than mate her to a clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock (from someone's strain who does little or no out-crossing), or a clear yellow pink-eyed cock of Yorkshire type. The following year mate mother with her best son, and father with his best daughter. Inbreed judiciously afterwards. By this plan you would be highly likely to get a strain of good-sized hens which could be relied on to throw regularly more or less lightly marked, perhaps even clear, mules. Your own hen you do not appear to have tested at all, and, unless she throws mules with light plumage, I could not, seeing she is bred direct from variegated stock, recommend her as a likely progenitor of a strain of light-muling hens. It is best to get yellow (jonque) blood into a muling strain, because one's mules are then of much better colour—a very important point.

Mealworm Breeding.

R. V. W.—I agree with you that when a mealworm box becomes a mass of the grey mites you mention, and smells disagreeably, it is an abomination. I had considerable trouble with mite myself at one time, and came to the conclusion it was due to the bones, meat, dead birds, dog biscuits (with meat in them), beer, etc., I threw into my boxes, in accordance with old time instructions for breeding the lively and succulent mealworm. I then resolved to try keeping my worms in boxes containing absolutely nothing but bran and sacking, and since that time I have never again been over-run with those afore-mentioned offensive mites. My worms thrive and breed even better than in the old days, though I am willing to admit they do not attain the same great size as when flesh entered into their menu—still, those big, coarse things are fit only for Thrushes, Jays, and the like. The great essential to success is to always keep the mealworm box in a warm temperature. I may say that I sometimes (say, once a fortnight) throw into my boxes a small handful of finely-crushed puppy-cakes. Try keeping your mealworms on the above lines, and see how you get along.

A Wonderful Hybrid.

A. Hendry.—No, sir, I have certainly never seen a Hybrid between an Avadavat and a Canary. What is more, I find considerable difficulty in believing that the friend who "pounced upon" you ever really bred Avadavat-Canary Mules in his aviary—you can tell him so, if you like. Can't you persuade him to send along particulars to this journal? The account would make very interesting reading. Are any of the mules alive?—or did they, as certain other rarities have done, leave the earth early? The breeding of Hybrids between foreign birds and Canaries, is up to the present a but little worked or known field, and I am sure keepers of Foreigners would welcome detailed information about this matter of the successful mating of Avadavat with Canary.

Starling Weak on Legs.

J. Potter.—This leg weakness is usually a symptom of general weakness (or debility), and whenever I get a querist, as I frequently do, telling me his Starling, or Thrush, or Jay, and the like, is suffering from it, I invariably find he is condemning the bird to some wretched dietary practically devoid of nourishing properties—hence the attack of weakness. You do not say how you are feeding, but admit this is your "first bird," so probably are doing so wrongly. Keep it in a cage with the perches very low down, and the bottom thickly covered with coarse-cut sawdust (often cleaned out) until the use of its legs is fully restored. In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, well stir a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, fresh daily, for a fortnight; then, if necessary, or thought desirable, on alternate days for another fortnight. Starlings are very fond of ripe fruit and berries, chopped greenstuff, and live insects, and must be given these freely if they are to thrive properly. A fine stock food can he made as follows, the ingredients for which can be bought in most large towns, or from advertisers using our columns: Game meal (without grit), or finely-crushed puppy cakes six parts, ants' eggs, dried flies, meat meal and powdered silk-worm pupae, one part each, by measure. Damp with a little mashed cold boiled potato, grated raw carrot, finely chopped lettuce, watercress, chickweed, etc., or water occasionally, varying them frequently, and according to season. Add half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced with a fork, occasionally to the daily food portion—or a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake. Don't forget live food (mealworms, beetles, etc.) and fruit.

Bramblefinches and Chaffinches for Show.

Constant Reader.—Without a good and quick moult, accompanied by (especially towards the finish) free and frequent use of the bath, no system of feeding, O Constant One, will fit your Brambles and Chaffies for show. See that their seed box has always a liberal supply of linseed, maw, sunflower and safflower seeds (in addition to Canary, teazle and rape). Hemp is not to be overdone, a pinch now and again being the limit. Of green-food, a sprig of any of the kinds I am so frequently recommending may be offered, though neither of the species under notice is as keen on it as most others of the Finches. If they will eat berries—rich-coloured, ripe privet, black, elder, etc., give same ad libitum. A little of a first-class insectivorous food should also be frequently given; while live food, mealworms, wasp—grubs, gentles, small grubs generally, flies, etc., must be freely offered. Smashed walnuts, and other nuts, are

relished by both birds, and such oily foods are particularly valuable during and just after the moult. This gives you a pretty good list to work upon, and one which, if followed, will bring out your birds in the highest possible condition.

Gold of Pleasure.

J. M.—The sample of gold of pleasure sent is quite genuine, and looks very good indeed. Often birds are chary about sampling a new seed, yet, once they have tasted, develop quite a passion for it. I have noticed this particularly with sunflower seed. A bird will show no inclination to touch it, yet once get him to taste (by cracking it for him, or putting a piece on the perch end), and in nineteen cases out of twenty he is sunflower seed mad thereafter. I have noticed this with Canaries in particular. It is often necessary in the beginning to coax a bird on to a strange seed—many fanciers quite overlook the fact, too, that a bird's taste invariably differs at different periods during the year.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Class for Black-throated Cardinal

Pavoavia.—It is a Bunting, and should be shown in the Hardhill or Finch classes. The heading in Crystal Palace Show Catalogue reads: "All species of Grosbeaks, True Finche , and Buntings (including the Cuba Finch and Cardinals)." Where there are two classes given, viz., one for seed-enters and one for insectivorous birds, the Cardinal should be entered in the class for seed-eaters.

Grey Parrot Mending.

J.H.C.—I am pleased to note the bird is much better, as the result of following advice given. Continue the treatment already advised; it cannot be improved upon from data to hand. If there should be any relapse, you had better write at once giving fullest possible details. Hope the bird will continue to improve.

Not Rearing Young.

Barney.—This year has been a bad one for the rearing of young, owing to the constant and severe fluctuations of temperature, owing to weather conditions. The same cause is responsible for the condition of the Zebra Finch, which, I fear, you will lose, as it appears to be suffering from pneumonia, so far as can be gathered from details supplied. Losses have been very heavy from this cause with all classes of birds this year. You cannot do better than continue the remedies you have been giving, save, perhaps, caging the bird up separately, and keeping it in a warmish, yet not too dry atmosphere. I may say some pairs of Cutthroats for the first year only as it were, play at nesting, and act much as yours have done. I should say you would have better success with them next season. I have had young leave the nest in November out of doors, so there is yet a chance for a brood.

Breeding Gouldian Finches.

L.A.F.—The birds, as a rule (*i.e.*, many individuals), do not favour soft food mixture, though my birds take a little. I do not think they will take the moutain bread. Supply the following: Canary, white, French and spray millet, white oats, rice in the husk (if you cannot get this locally, any of the seed merchants advertisiug iu our columns will supply you). Green food, lettuce and grass in the ear, as much as they will eat. Also supply a little of the following mixture: Two parts crumbled sponge cake and one part each ants' eocoons, and dried flies; supply this both dry and crumbly moist, note which they prefer and supply accordingly. The young will, however, be largely reared on seed. It is rather late for them, but if weather keeps fairly open, it is quite possible they will be reared.

Corilla Cockatoo.

L.A.F.—This is the Rose-Crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). It is a hardy species, but ought not to be subjected to keen and cold winds. The ordinary Parrot cnge gives no protection; everything blows through it. On all warm, genial days, it should be stood for a couple of hours about mid-day under your verandah; at other times, and when other conditions prevail, it will be best in the glass enclosed portion of verandah, which, however, should be well ventilated so long as the bird is not subjected to a draught. You are fortunate in having a good talker, as the majority of the species in this country are not talented in this direction; though the bushmen, etc., of Australia make talented birds of them, according to repute.

What Cockatoo?

C. J. Pike.—It is the Slender-billed Cockatoo (*Licmetis nasicus*). As it already says a few words, it should improve if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also repeat to it, at such times as it is quiet and restful (not exactly doscy) such words and phrases as you wish it to repeat. Diet: Maize, wheat, oats, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; plain biscuits, nuts, raw carrot, green food, such as green peas, lettuce, etc.; grit, cuttlefish and water must be regularly supplied. Keep it out of draught, and the temperature of any living-room will be ample for its well-being. Hope the bird will do well with you.

Golden Pleasure Seed.

Radium.—I have not found Foreign Finches at all partial to our indigenous seeds. However, I should have no hesitation in offering such, as it would all tend to make variety, a great thing with birds in captivity, especially with seed-eaters. Any seeds they will take in n half ripe condition would form an agreeable and helpful change in the dietary. Many species are very partial to mignonette, both flower sprays and seed-heads. Try them with the Golden Pleasure seeds, by scattering a little on aviary floor or seed-tray.

Budgerigars Nesting in Cage.

Kenneth S. Marsh.—Budgerigars will breed in your box cage, but not with the same freedom as in an outdoor aviary, but birds procured now could settle down to breeding next season, put in branches for perches; put up two cocoanut husks for each pair, fastened up near top of cage with the opening towards the light. Cigar boxes are not suitable for these birds. They require no nesting material. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit and cuttlefish. When young are due to hatch, supply white oats daily. One of the best green foods is grass in the ear, you cannot give them too much, but it must not be frosted, nor yet sodden with wet.

Rose-Breasted Cockatoo.

T.G.F.—It is a hardy species, and the temperature of any living-room will be sufficient, but it must be protected from drnught. Diet: Get a quart each of canary, white oats and sunflower seeds, and a pint each of hemp, dari, small Indian corn and rice in the husk, mix well together, and let this be your staple diet, which can be varied with ripe fruit, green food, plain biscuits, nuts, and a little boiled potato; grit, cuttlefish, and water must be regularly supplied. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, also constantly repeat to it such short phrases and words as you wish it to learn. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Red Rosellas and Lorikeets.

"Cantab."—The Rosella is weak constitutionally, and the unspeakable weather of the past season has not helped matters; I am of the opinion that it would have been better left out of doors, but it will not do to put it out now, neither must you subject it to sudden changes from the warm kitchen to outside temperature at this season. So long as its bowels move freely, do not give aperients. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue same for some time, let it have cuttlefish, liberal supplies of such green food and ripe fruit as it will eat. If the bird will eat it, a small piece of sponge cake daily, slightly moistened with water and dipped in flowers of sulphur, should assist the bird in recovering its plumage. I do not think the bird will ever be of any use for breeding. The Blue Mountain Lorikeets will succeed well in your outdoor aviary, if the situation is not a very damp one, and there is a draughtproof shed attached to same, this should be well lighted, and during the winter months the food is better placed therein, though the entrance to same should only be closed at night, if at all.

Weavers and Finches.

"Innocent."—The birds you name would have done well enough left out of doors, they are all hardy, but you must not put them out again now. Of course, I am assuming that there is a shed (which should be well lighted) attached to your aviary; if the glass house is not too distant from the aviary, why not connect the two up with a wire run? otherwise, erect a nice run outside the glass house, on its south side, if possible. The birds will do well in it through the winter, providing it is not dnmp and draughty. The Weavers and Bishops scarcely ever attempt to breed, though they weave numbers of nests, the others should breed with you next season, providing they are not overcrowded. The past season has been very largely a failure, so far as breeding Foreign birds is concerned, owing to the unspeakable weather which has prevailed almost everywhere. So you are not alone in your failures, hope you will have better luck next season.

Breeding Java Sparrows, etc.

L. G. Harris.—They usually adapt themselves to our seasons, though I've had young leave the nest in November. There is no outward distinction in the sexes as to plumage, but the hen is a slightly slimmer bird, and her beak is narrow at the base and more tapering than that of the male; she is also mostly a rather silent bird, while the male has a chattering warble which he is very fond of uttering, so that with a little observation one can usually pick out the sexes of adult birds. Make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and then for a week or more lightly colour same with Parrish's Chemical Food, and your hen should soon pick up again. Offer them a bath daily, but if caged, see that they are kept out of drnught. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, white oats, rice in the husk (paddy rice), green food, grit, cuttlefish and water. When they have young to feed, supply a little soft food, several good ones are advertised in our columns.

PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

Pheasants for Profit (Argus).—(1) Yes, pheasants should be a profitable adjunct to a poultry farm. (2) Eggs are bought for stocking purposes, and also old birds—not young ones, as far as I know. (3) There is a good demand for eggs. (4) Young birds are best brought up under hens, but they can be hatched in an incubator. (5) Pheasants are more difficult and expensive to rear than poultry; they are more delicate, and need more animal food, only that of good quality. For rearing them profitably they should run in a place where they can find plenty of insect life. Old birds are hardy, and easily and cheaply kept.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Hen Sapphire Finch (Finch).—Death caused by well-established disease of liver and kidneys. This bird would in all probability have died just as soon even if it had not been moved from aviary. Isn't it a Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid?

Canary (Egremont).—Bird fever. Your hen that you think has been similarly affected for 18 months is quite useless.

Canary (J.G.K.M.).—Just the same disease as the previous one.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Photo (Wm. Young).—When sending us pictures so kindly promised, we should like all the details you can give us. Those enumerated in your letter will do admirably.

Money Sent, No Reply (G. Clarke).—Read our rules as to complaints, please.

Sketch of Heater (J. Ryder).—Was this sent as an illustrated l...? We receive some fifty a week of these, so it would take some time to look it up.

Cuttings, etc. (A. M.).—Many thanks for these, which will be made use of later, perhaps. Very interested in your breeding operations. May they prove more successful in the future.

S.Y.C.C. (Consistent).—After careful consideration, we have decided your letter is one we do not care to print, especially under a *nom de plume*.

The New Venture (W. Aitchison and others).—Thanks for good wishes. Our new paper will, we are certain, be the means of improving the circulation and influence of CAGE BIRDS.

Suggestion re Special Prizes (G. T. H. Maggs).—This is a good notion, but we shall be unable, we find, to adopt it—this season, at any rate.

Yorkshire Sport (J. Thomas).—We could insert a portrait of your bird on our front page for from 10s. to 30s., according to work required and variety of Canary, but it must be winner of a money prize at a leading show. Mr. Norman will not be at the shows mentioned. You are correct as regards Mr. Payne's views. The other judge you mention has much the same opinion. We hope, as you are a poultry fancier, you will not fail to take in THE POULTRY WORLD. It is certain to please you.

OUR SHOW MAP.

With this week's number we give away without extra charge a Show Map. This indicates the locality of all the shows in our guaranteed list of fixtures. Two or three may not be included owing to delay in announcing dates. Fanciers have but to fasten this map on the walls of their birdrooms and to refer each day to the latest list. They will then have a permanent guide to the principal shows in each week.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 12—**Grimsby**—Emerson & Moore, 2, West Parade.
„ **14**—**Rochdale**—(First post only), J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.
„ **14**—**Battersea**—F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Road, Fulham.
„ **14**—**Newcastle**—Curry & Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.
„ **15**—**Bromley**—G. B. Mann, 33, High Street.
„ **15**—**Wimborne**—Wm. Bell, St. Leonards, Ringwood.
„ **15**—**Skelmanthorpe**—H.W. Gill, Park Gate.
„ **16**—**Dunstable**—E F. Ball, 114, North Street, Luton.
„ **16**—**Ebbw Vale**—R. Authony, 11 Greenfield Terrace.
„ **16**—**Potteries**—J. Simcock, 157, Leonard Rd., Hanley.
„ **19**—**Oswestry**—George and Doody, Roft St.
„ **19**—**Manchester**—J. Raynes, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.
„ **19**—**Haddington**—D. Cockburn, Fairview.
„ **20**—**Weston-S.-Mare**—G. W. Read, Severn Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 14—**Dulwich and Peckham**—G. F. Wool house, 22, St. Aidan's Road, E. Dulwich.
„ **18**—**Leek**—J. Fowler, 9, Fountain Street.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Otley.—October 19th.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, and W. A. Cowgill. 23 classes: Yorks 8, Sell. 2, Nor. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 3, For. 1, Novice 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 15th to Mr. W. DAWSON, 36, Albion-street, Otley.

Plymouth (C.B.U., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., N.B.B. & M.C., CAGE BIRDS Prize Competition).—October 22nd and 23.—Judges, Messrs. C. A. House (Nor. Yorks), J. Robson (Scots, Cin., pairs, Crests, A.O.V.), G. E. Weston (the remainder). 75 classes: Yorks 6, Norwich 8, Scots 1, Cin. 1, Non-fed 1, Pairs 1, Crests 7, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 3 Mbrs 34. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a splendid list of specials, including challenge cup, S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C. trophies, and N.B.B.M.C. medals. Entries close October 12th, to Mr. T. POPE, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth.

Walthamstow (Members).—October 31st.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 26 classes: Yorks 4, Nor. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, For. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Gift 1. Prizes, on sliding scale. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 21st, to Mr. C. W. MEAD, 16, Claremont-road, Higham Hill, Walthamstow.

Dunstable.—October 24th.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 16 classes, open to Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx.: Nor. 4, Crest 1, Yorks 2, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Novice 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. 1s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 16th, to Mr. E. F. BALL, 114, North-street, Lutou.

Wolverhampton (C.B.U., CAGE BIRDS Competition).—October 30th and 31st.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and W. Whittaker. 36 classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks 7, Cin. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 4, Brit. 5, For. 1, Roll. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s. 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a good special prize list. Entries close October 24th to Mr. F. HOWES, 25, Leslie-road, Wolverhampton.

Norwich (C.B.U., C.C.C.).—November 2nd and 4th.—Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves (Crests), W. W. Freestone and A. Woollard (Amateur and Novice Plainheads), J. Robson (remainder). 58 classes: Champion-Nor. 7, Crest 7, A.O.V. 1, Linnet 6, Sell. 2, Non-fli. 2, Non-col. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 4. Amateur—Nor 7, Crest 7, A.O.V. 1. Novice (members)—Nor. 2, Crest 2. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, Champions, 1s. 6d., amateurs, 1s. 3d. The special prize list is most extensive and valuable, including the Crest Club Challenge Bowls and Roberts' Challenge Cup. Entries close October 26th, to Mr. R. ROLL, Dalwood, Cecil-road, Lakenham, Norwich.

Ashover, Derbyshire (C.B.U. Rules).—October 30th.—10 classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 22nd, to Mr. R. NODDER, Ashover Rectory, Chesterfield.

Lewes, Sussex (C.B.U. Rules).—October 29th and 30th.—18 classes: Non-colour-fed 1, Nor. 2, Yorks 2, Crest 1, C.B. 1, Cinn. 1, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, Novice 1, Gift 1. Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. Prizes (8 entries), 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 14th, to Mr. F. M. HUGGETT, 26, High-street, Lewes.

Barnstaple.—October 29th and 30th.—Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 34 classes: Yorks 4, Bel. 3, Nor. 6, Crests 5, A.O.V., Novice, Pairs, Mules, Local 1 each, Sell. 3, Brit. 4, For. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a card. Entries close October 12th, to Mr. P. HARRIS, Exhibition Office, High-street, Barnstaple.

Grimsby (C.B.U.).—October 15th and 16th.—28 classes: Nor. 8, Yorks 4, Crests 2, Cins. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Mules 1, Brit. 4, For. 3. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. If ten or more entries, 1s. per cage. Entries close October 12th, to Mr. H. E. EMERSON, 2, West-parade, Grimsby.

Coventry.—October 26th (C.B.U. Rules).—32 classes: Nor. 8, Nor. Nat. Col. 1, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Linnet 7, Brit. 4, For. 1, Gift 1. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 21st, to Mr. G. TURRELL, 120, Harnall-lane, E. Coventry.

Potteries.—October 23rd and 24th, at Stoke-on-Trent (C.B.U. rules).—22 classes: Nor. 6, Yorks 6, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, Sell. 2. Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and F. Bate. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 19th, to J. SIMCOCK, 157, Leonard-road, Birches Head, Hanley, Staffs.

South Shields.—October 25th and 26th (C.B.U. rules).—47 classes: Nor. 6, Crest and C.B. 8, Cinn. 4, Bord. 3, Scot. 1, Yorks 6, Pl-hd. pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 10, For. 2, Sell. 3. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and F. Marwood. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 21st, to W. DUKE, 336, So. Frederick-street.

Skelmanthorpe (Y.U.).—October 19th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Eighteen classes, all Yorks, except two Novice Norwich. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a good special prize list. Entries close October 15th to Mr. H. W. GILL, Park Gate, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—October 15, Temperance Hall, 8. Washing Exhibition by Mr. A. Wellings; all fanciers invited. J. T Harding, sec.

Bolton and Dis. Progressive C.B.S. — Tuesday, October 15, Olinda Cafe, 8 p.m. prompt. Special show business. Very important.—John W. Bancroft, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—October 12, Park Chapel Schools. Members' Show, Judge Mr J. Wilson, Allerton. Birds to be staged 2.30, entries taken at schools, Friday night, between 8 and 9, or on Saturday.—H. Hill, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—October 12, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Business important.—T Clegg, sec.

Bramley and Dis. O.S.—October 12, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Paper on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. Mennard, of Leeds.—Jas. Metcalfe, sec.

Brighouse and Dis. Cage Bird Society. — October 15, Round House Inn, 7.30 prompt. Table Show, and other important business.—F. Mitchell, sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—October 17, Maskell's 8. Show arrangements.—W. Sampson, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—October 14, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. H. Davis; all visitors interested heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Next meeting, Saturday, October 12, Flying Dutchman, 8. Very important show business.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Civil Service F.A.—October 15, Ye Old Bell, 11, Noble Street, E.C. (back of G.P.O.), 8. Lecture on "Inbreeding," by Mr. C. A. House. All fanciers welcome.—A. Watson, sec.

Coventry O.S.—October 16, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Open Show business.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—October 15, Loves Hotel, 7. Show business.—Wm. Rutherford, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—Meeting fixed for October 16 will be postponed until October 23, when Mr. Brown will give a Washing Display and judge Table Show of British Birds. Time 7.30 p.m.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Next special meeting, Tuesday, October 15, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Show business.—F. W. Tomsett, sec.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—October 12, Barley Mow, 8. Business, important.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Farnworth and Dist. C.B.S.—October 14, Old Post Office Inn, Market, Street, 7.30. Business, important.—W. Dawson, sec.

Garston Bird Breeders' Association.—October 16, Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Thompson, of Liverpool.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Great Horton O.S.—October 12, Butcher's Arms, 8. Monthly Show and arrangements for open show. —Samuel Dean, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—October 14, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Lecture on Canary Management, by Mr. W. A. Bladon; all fanciers and friends invited.—W. Jackson, sec.

Leith O.S. — October 12, Labour Hall, Smith's Place, 7. Final arrangements for Show. — Geo. Brown, sec.

L. and P.O.S — October 17, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8. "Essay Competition." All Papers will be read and voted upon, and a large attendance is hoped for; all fanciers welcome.—H. Lambert Brown, sec.

L.C.B.A.—October 9, The Napier, High Holborn, 8.15. "Questions on Crests," and the preparation of all varieties for exhibition.—T. A. Wade, hon. sec. (This notice reached us on October9.—Ed.)

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—October 15, White Swan Hotel, Washing Exhibition, by Mr. A. W. Gibbons; all interested invited.—C. Draper, sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—October 19, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Open Show.—A. Wake, sec.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—October 9, Cobden Hall, 8. Show business, important.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—October 19, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Final arrangements for Show.—J. Simcock, sec.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—October 17, Windsor Castle Hotel, Harrow Road, W. Table Show of Canaries, and British and Foreign Birds, and Judging Competition; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Reading C.B.S.—Meeting October 2, was largely attended, and very enthusiastic. Mr. Brooke presided. It was agreed to have 30 classes for our forthcoming show on December 11 next. (See advertisement columns).—G. A. Charles, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—October 16, Temperance Club, 8. Show business; all members attend.—Sam. M. Clayton, sec.

Sale Open C.S.—October 14, Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8. Show and other business; new members' subscriptions now due.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Southport and Dist. C.B.S.—October 17, Thorp's Rooms, 7.30. Table Show.—E. Riley, hon. sec.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—October 12, Bull's Head Hotel, arrangement of shows and Washing Exhibition, by Mr. W. Taylor.—A. E. Morton, sec.

(Please do not obliterate your writing by the rubber stamp.—Ed.)

Wibsey and Dist O.B.S.—October 12, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Judging Competition.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

York C.B.S. — October 14, Headquarters, 7.30 prompt. Paper, "Yorkshire Canary," and Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Chittenden, of Bradford; everybody invited.—T. Boyle, sec.

SINGING CONTESTS.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet Singing Association, club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn. Special meeting, October 12th, at 7.30 p.m. Business to consider the date for feather show. The club is also open for new members, hoping our Preston Linnet Fanciers will not forget our open contests.—RD. TASHURST, Secretary.

LEWISHAM.

As usual, at The Coach and Horses, High-street, the birds were on the nail at 7.30 p.m. Five pairs competed, as follows:—Chubb, 1—5, Rohiuson; Nightingale, 2 by 4 versus Price, 6 chalks; C. Austin, 1 by 7, versus Scopstime, 7 chalks; King, 1 by 7, versus Wanstou, nil.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-street, owing to a lot of our bird men being off on a trip into Lincolnshire, catching, there were only 16 birds to sing for three prizes, given by Mr. W. Tillottson: 1, Fisher; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Nicholls. Judges, T. Summers and E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS. Hon. Sec.

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ST. ANDREWS.

Held in the Town Hall on October 5th, and although a shade down in entries compared with last year, the quality was all there. Many old and new faces made an appearance to fight their battles for another season. The executive are fortunate in having a splendid hall, which for comfort and light would be hard to surpass. Scotch fanciers were well represented, Norwich were a good show, Borders, Mules, etc., finishing a collection which, for the time of the year, will take some beating. The management throughout was of the highest possible order, affairs being headed by a genuine lover of the feathers in the person of Mr. J. Auchterlonie, who had everything in apple-pie order—catalogues to hand as soon as possible, and everything up-to-date. In the above gentleman the Society have secured an ideal secretary, who spares no trouble to do his duty to perfection. He was ably supported by a willing and working committee—Messrs. Brown, Merritt, Mackie, McIntyre, Ness, jun., Robinson, and Smart—who each carried out their individual duties with a spirit that spelt of hard work. The show was well patronised by fanciers, and also the general public, and we hope to hear that it proved a financial success. Scotch Fancies opened the programme, and were judged by two well-known and highly-respected exponents of the bird of circle. When the names of Messrs. Webster and McLennan appear on a schedule exhibitors know their birds are to be worked up to their utmost, and Saturday was, as usual, a regular field day; every bird was carefully handled, and the individual points of each carefully weighed up before the coveted prize was awarded, with the result that not a single grumble was to be heard after their task was over. In some of the classes birds of exceptional merit were to be found leading, the buff cock exhibited by Mr. Low being of outstanding merit. This bird possesses grand substance throughout, combined with plenty of nerve, rare reach, and good quality of feather. The best hen turned up in a beauty sent by Mr. Ramsay, a marvel for action, and the most determined driving hen I have had the pleasure of handling for some time. A bird always to be found when wanted, very free, possessing good size, and very well up in reach; the only fault anyone could find with her was she is just a little rough yet in feather. She was closely followed in her class by the second, a grand built one, but a shade slower in drive. This was a grand class throughout. The local cup winner was the lic yellow cock the property of Messrs. Brown and Whittit. Another good all-round fancy fer a youngster, it possesses good size and quality, and is well up in action. With a little time this bird should be heard of again. Hyde's special winner was the property of that old fancier, Mr. Pringle, of Selkirk, and his exhibit was a great credit—grand depth throughout, and well cleaned out below, lovely position and style; just inclined at times to raise her head too high was her only fault. As a rule special comment is not made on selling classes, but here they cannot be passed. Breeders in request of stock should give St. Andrews their attention, as many of the birds in the selling classes only wanted to be seen to have found a new owner. Norwich Crests and Crestbreds were under the eagle eye of one of Scotland's oldest and most respected judges of this variety, Mr. H. Moreland, of Falkirk. This variety, for the time of year, was well forward in condition, some birds being in rare bloom. The Plainheads were, indeed, a grand collection. Special note must be taken of the buff cock. What a bird for size! Grandly moulted, lovely quality, free from lacking, and put down in faultless condition. In the Crest section, Crest birds were above the average, and very little to choose between the lot. Crest breeders had a treat when they handled that gem of the breeder's art, Mr. Reid's hen, a bird with a lovely headpiece, grand quality of feather, very heavy rung crest of rare length, coming well to end of beak, and beautifully groomed, with grand substance throughout, lovely type, and finished like a model. This was a very taking exhibit, was awarded the special for best in section, approved her position by being runner up for Hydes Special. Yorkshires, Common Borders, Mules British and Foreign were judged by our old friend, Mr. Patterson (whom I am pleased to say is improving after his late severe illness), in his usual painstaking manner, and his awards on the whole were well received. Borders have a good show all round, the team sent by Mr. C. McKenzie proving that he can still uphold his last year's reputation. He cleverly captured the Special for Best, with his Buff Hen, a beauty put down in raw bloom, just the correct size and teeming with quality, but she must have been hotly pursued by his yellow hen, which is also a good one, but just lacking the sheen of the Buff Yellow Cocks and Buff Cocks, contained some grand conditioned birds, beautifully finished, but some appeared just a shade on the large side, for the majority of the fanciers present, however, when judging it is not what it might be, but what you have in front of you. Yorkshires were a good show, and contained some gems. Mr. Fortune (if I am not mistaken, late of Irish notoriety) now resident in Edinburgh, made himself felt in the cock class, staging a gem of a buff. The winning hen of Mr. Pringle's was also a lengthy bird of good Yorkshire properties, but scarcely so free in position. Common Canary class, which is still included in many Scotch fixtures, always proves a teaser, and this was no exception. Mules contained 16, and were a mixture. The winner was Mr. Ross's Canary bullie, a well-known Scotch face. It was very closely pressed by one of the best yellow mules that has been seen for some time, Edinburgh bred, I believe, and which has now found a new owner in England. Britishers were a grand collection. The winning Linnet was a nice one, although I liked the second as well as anything. The winner on the A.O.V. class was a gem of a pied Wagtail, a large one, beautifully marked, and put down in rare bloom. Foreigners were also grand. SCOTCH YELL. COCK (15): 1, Russell, a stormer, grand size and quality throughout, very free, merry worker, gets quickly into position, plenty of depth across, good exhibit; 2, Auchterlonie, fails in cut a little, but good depth, scarcely so free as winner, nice top end when working, good drive, and nice quality; 3, Rodger, straight sided, and slow a bit in getting to work, nice shape, and good depth; 4, Stenhouse, good all round exhibit; 5 and cup, Brown and Whittit, plenty of substance, just wants a little time to finish; 6, Black, fails in substance. YELLOW PIED (8): 1, Carmyllie, a good one, fine style, and grand top end, nice reach, gets to work very quickly, nice length of side, and good substance; 2, special, Thoms, grand sided bird, but a shade slow in getting head down, a nice mover, lacks the size of winner; 3, Black, nice style, good depth throughout, very taking bird, inclined to be soft when taking notes; 4, Dobson, a large one, nice shaped style; 5, Ramsay, good, but slim; 6, special, Merrilees, a good one, wants time. BUFF (16): 1, special, Low, an easy winner, a beauty for shape, rare shoulders and reach, grand back and side, gets to work freely, nice drive; 2, Rodger, plainner, but good quality throughout, fine length of side, and grand feather, fails in depth across; 3, special, Black, a shade smaller, very tightly got up, grand style, and good worker, beaten in substance only; 4, Allan, good all round exhibit; 5, special, Swinton, again good substance, just fails in style; 6, Maxwell. BUFF PIED (12): 1, Ramsey, plenty of substance, grand depth throughout, well cleaned below, fine side and top end, good free action, and in grand bloom, showing signs of age a little; 2, Buchan, slimer got up, but a good one, rare style, grand free mover, and shows to perfection, beaten only in thickness, a close second; 3, Leslie, plenty of substance, a good worker, fine top end, hardly so good in length of side; 4, Carmyllie, beautiful frame; 5, Pringle; 6, Meckle. GREEN or FOUL (11): 1, McMillan, wins, grand all over, not the largest, but a very taking one, free action, and very stylish, nice quality throughout; 2, Beattie, smaller, but grand style, scarcely so well drawn as winner, but a beauty for quality; 3, Keill, strong, good foul Bull, good thickness, not so free as winners, but will be all there after a little while, fails a little in drive; 4, special, Low, beaten in style, but close up; 5, Wright; 6, Ness. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Pringle, grand bloom and feather, rare depth throughout, well cleaned out, and nice length of side, inclined to raise head at times; 2, Rodger, close up for substance, grand depth throughout, fails a little in position; 3, special, McMillan, good style and position, inclined to be a bit straight on side; 4, Swinton; 5, Merrilees; 6, Stiven. YELL. PIED (17): 1, special, Ramsay, a gem, a stormer for style, free worker and pronounced drive, throws body well back, grand shoulder and reach, scarcely so strong got up as some, and a bit off in feather, yet a bird that should be heard of later on, a gem of the first water; 2, Rodger, a good second, but scarcely so determined in drive, grand substance and quality throughout, in rare bloom; 3, Black, smaller, but grand quality, inclined to be straight sided a bit; 4, Rodger, good side, but lacks style; 5, Jule; 6, Wallace. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Pringle, a bouncer, rare substance and quality throughout, grand depth, fine length of side, nicely rounded shoulders, and fine reach, teaming with quality; 2, Cook, good one, also well up in substance, a shade thin in neck, nice side, and good reach, works well; 3, Ramsay, good style, beaten across for depth, but very finely moulded, a good third; 4, Maxwell; 5, Beach; 6, Keill. BUFF PIED (9): 1, Allan, grand style, rare driver, gets to work freely, nice reachy bird of grand depth, not the largest in class, but well built; 2, C. Viven, a shade stronger, and works well, very free, grand length of side and good driver, scarcely so good on top end; 3, Fotheringham, plenty of action, but small, nice free worker; 4, Millar, larger, but lacks style; 5, Sharp; 6, Gillies Bros. GREEN or FOUL (11): 1, special, Ramsay, head mark, buff, good shape, fine droop, grand shouldered bird, nicely rounded, fine depth across, free in action, in grand trim; 2, special, Pringle, plenty of substance and fine style, very grand length of side, good driver, in rare order; 3, Dobson, good length of side, gets head too high at times, and a little nervous, wants handling a bit, and should make a good one; 4, Merrilees, grand, nice quality throughout, beaten in substance; 5, special, Black; 6, special, Cook. SCOTCH FANCY PAIRS: Cancelled. SELL. COCK, £1 (15): 1, Beattie; 2, special, Gibson; 3, Thoms; 4, special, Merrilees; 5, Ramsay; 6, special, Wilson and Campbell. HEN, £1 (13): 1, special, Simpson; 2, Russell; 3, Cook; 4, Stiven; 5, special, Stewart; 6, Ireland. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Chalmers, grand substance, rare colour, deep level tone throughout, well finished, good front, rare back and wing carriage, heads a good class with something in hand; 2, Sharp, bouncing heavy, very grandly fed, not so well finished round neck as winner, good showy exhibit; 3, special, Buglass, nice size and good frame, fails in front to winners, neat wing carriage, and full of vigour; 4, Thomson, smaller in size, but lovely shape, put down in rare trim; 5, Martin. BUFF (15): 1, special, Miller, a clinker, enormous substance and lovely quality of feather, grand shade of colour throughout, splendid body and lovely head, as round as possible, combined with great size, a grand one all over; 2, special, Logan, plenty of length and good feather, lacks the substance of winner, fine wing carriage, good second; 3, Carson, grand bloom and colour, well moulded bird, failing in size only; 4, Cameron; 5, Chalmers; 6, Sharp. YELL. VAR. (5): 1, Martin, foul neck, grand front and style, hot colour, good quality of feather, nicely moulded, grand wing carriage, beautifully finished; 2, Dempster, good colour, very nicely got up, well balanced wings, lacks the substance of winner; 3, Overstone, grand wing carriage, fails a little in front, but well got up, nice size and quality; 4, Pringle; 5, Frazer. BUFF (13): 1, Chalmers, head high, teaming with quality, rare moulded one, fine noble outstanding front, pair of grand wings, in full bloom; 2, special, Dickson, smaller, a little inclined to be low on perch, good body, very fine quality of feather, staged to perfection; 3, Cousins, larger than second, fails in front, a little inclined to be thin, very nice quality of feather; 4, special, Dempster, grand shape, a shade smaller; 5, Pringle; 6, Buglass. CREST (11): 1, Esson, wing mark, plenty of substance, grandly groomed top piece, fine quality of feather, nice radiation; 2, Reid, fine length of crest coming well down, scarcely so large as winner, nicely groomed, good substance; 3, Sharp, inclined to be horny in centre, but well up in length of feather; 4, Wilson; 5, Findlay; 6, special, Shillinglaw. HEN (12): 1, special in section, Reid, a clinker for a lady, lovely crest of great length, beautifully groomed, splendid length of feather, good substance, and rare quality throughout, a bird to be proud of; 2, Watt, beaten but not disgraced, another grand headed bird, again well finished in head gear; 3, Chalmers, grand body, neat crest, but not the length of feather, nice quality throughout; 4, special, Arnott, good substance, nice top piece, scarcely the finish of winners; hc, McNaughton; c, Reid. COCK (11): 1, Arnott, almost a green, rare lashing and splendid entrance, very fine leafy feather of grand length, finely lashed, nice cushioned head, enormous substance of body, a clinking exhibit; 2, Buchanan, a heavy variegated, well up in entrance, grandly lashed, fine cushion, head well carried behind. 3, Smart, nice cushion head, fails in lashing, but grand quality of feather; 4, Esson, clear good head and entrance, well lashed, fails a little in body; 5, special, Arnott; 6, McNaughton. CREST-BRED HEN (7): 1, Esson, clear buff, grandly lashed, very wide entrance, well carried back, plenty of feather and good body, a taking exhibit, staged to perfection; 2, Shillinglaw, another clear, close up, scarcely so wide in entrance, but grand length of feather, beautifully groomed, teaming with quality; 3, Overstone, varicgated, good entrance, fine cushion head, very little behind; 4, McNaughton, nice lashing, fair entrance; 5, Cousins; 6, Buchanan. NON-FED (6): 1, Reid, nice Crest, good top piece, plenty length of feather, very nicely rounded, well up in size, in grand trim; 2, Davidson, large variegated plainhead, grand body and rare feather, splendid front, nicely balanced wings, in fine order; 3, Matheson, clear buff, a shade rough, but plenty of size, beaten in finish; 4, Small; 5, Pringle; 6, Chalmers. SELL. NOR., 10s. (10): 1, Miller and Edie; 2, Davio; 3, Myers; 4, Low; 5, Low; 6, Matheson. YELL. BOR. (14): 1, Reid and Philip, a nice one, fairly rounded and well tapered, nice taking style, grand wing carriage and teaming with quality; 2, special, King, duller colour, a little squarer looking on back, but grand bloom, nice carriage; 3, Hislop, stronger made up, good quality of feather, very nicely rounded, neat carriage, rare style; 4, Hutcheson, uneven yellow, good style, but slim; 5, Craig; 6, Auchterlonie. BUFF (17): 1, Barrie, even buff, good eye marks, nice type throughout, fine carriage, scarcely up in feather yet, well put down, wins easily, although a shade strong; 2, McKenzie, good quality of feather, grand shoulders and nicely tapered, a shade thin in neck; 3, Craig, very stout on body, inclined to be low on perch, gains his position owing to quality of feather, grand finish; vhc, McLean, slim, but good quality; hc Craig; c, Hislop. YELL. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, a clinker, an easy win here, splendid shaped, as round as possible, grand wing carriage, just the correct size; 2, Barrie, wing rich, fails in finish to winner, scarcely so well rounded, nice size and colour, shows well; 3, Cousins, good stamp, inclined to be short looking, but well shaped, put down in fine order; vhc, Arnott; hc, Craig; c, Hutcheson; all nice shapely birds, but lacking the finish of winners. BUFF HEN (7): 1, special, McKenzie, good clear buff hen, rare feather, teaming with quality, splendid size and beautiful shape, in tip-top form, wins special for best Border; 2, Craig, uneven buff, a good second, grand quality of feather, a shade stouter got up, and hardly so stylish, still a good one; 3, Reid and Philip, clear buff, nice made bird, inclined to draw on front a little, fine carriage, good quality; vhc, Craig, fails to winners in style; hc, Irving; c, Saddler. YORKS. COCK (8): 1, Fortune, clinking fed clear buff, easy win to-day, lovely quality of feather, as straight as a guardsman, grand wing carriage and well drawn, a smart exhibit; 2, Mountain, almost an even buff, fails in front to winner, plenty of length, gets well on leg, nice wing carriage; 3, Fortune, hot fed yellow, a little patchy, but grand length and style, heavily variegated, but when up in condition will probably turn the scales; 4, Fortune, good lengthy uneven, behind in quality; 5, McDougal, slim clear yellow, nice taking one, makes in length; 6, Brown and Whittet. YORKS HEN (7): 1, Pringle, pale colour buff, good length and nice style, just a shade inclined to be feathery in front, with time should made a good one; 2, McDougall, hot fed yellow, slim as you like, regular Yorkshire all over, well drawn and grand style, hardly toned down yet; 3, 5, 6, Fortune, stronger made, but grand position of finish, teaming with quality, taking exhibit, well placed; 4, Officer, cinnamon mark and a good one, fine length and style, worth her place. COMMON CANARY (9): 1, Watson, a strong made Cinnamon; 2, Benzie, a large rough buff uneven, regular typical commoner; 3, Duncan, another strong made uneven; 4, Welsh; c, Martin; 3 and 5 marked w.c., nothing more nor less than Borders. MULE or HYBRID (16): 1, Ross, Canary-Bullie, in good order, nice tone of colour throughout, scarcely so large as some, a little too steady to show to the greatest of advantage, wins to-day; 2, McLennan, clinking Siskin Mule, a bounder for size, grand markings, good solid ground colour, staged in A1 condition; 3, Duncan, a variegated Goldie Mule, good size and neat blaze, a bit behind in condition yet; 4, Beattie, Goldie-Bullie, nice size, good colour, lacking in quality of feather; 5, Chalmers, a varicgated Goldie Mule,; Doolan. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Irvine, Linnet, well up in size, good tone of colour, steady, but could be better laced, well staged; 2, Barclay, large well fed Siskin, good cap and rare bib, plenty of lacing, teaming with quality, put down in rare bloom; 3, Brisbane, a Twite, good pencilling and nice size, very nice tone of colour, scarcely tight enough; vhc, Small, Redpoll, plenty of size and well marked; hc, Paton; c, Barclay. BRIT. SMALL. (19): 1, McDiarmid, a clinking Pied Wagtail, a bouncer for size, splendid crescent, lovely sheen on feather, a beauty; 2, Gilmour, Hawfinch, and a good one, nice clean cut bib, deep well-toned colour throughout, splendid markings, nice size; 3, special, Mason, Nuthatch, staged in this exhibition usual faultless manner, nice colour and very steady, grand size and markings; 4, Henderson, Redstart, grand size and in rare bloom, could be better shown, however; 5, 6, Malcolm, Yellowhammer, nice quality of feather, well marked, wants time. FOR. SMALL (14): 1, special, Watson, Paradise Whydah, a well-known winner, looking very fit, put down in faultless style, greatly admired; 2, special, Mason, pair Redhead Gouldians, scarcely up in tail yet, but well up in colour, well shown; 3, special, Irvine, green crested Cardinal, again a little short in feather, coming in grand colour, well staged, a beauty; 4, McDonald, good Bullie, house moulted, grand shape and size; 5, Colville and Son, Yellow Budgerigars; 6, Langlands.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY, AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show held on September 28th. Mr. J. Greaves judged, and gave every satisfaction. CLEAR YELL. YORKS.: 1, Leeming; 2, Chippendale; 3, Armstead; vhc, Garnett; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Walton; 2, Broadley and Son; 3, Leeming; vhc, Towers. TICKED, ETC.: 1, Leeming; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, hc, Denton; 2, Drake; 3, Walton; vhc, Hardaker. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Walton; 2, Hillas; 3, Armstead; vhc, Denton. SELL. YELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Garnett; 2, Chippendale; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Garnett; 2, Denton; 3, Broadley and Son; vhc, Chippendale. HEN, 10s. 6d.: 1, Chippendale; 2, Hardaker. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Chippendale; vhc, c, Towers, hc, Hillas. BUFF: 1, Broadley and Son; 2 Chippendale; 3, Towers; vhc, Armstead; hc, Hardaker. MKD. HENS: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Smith; 3, Garnett.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Members' show held October 5, at the club-room, Fountain Inn. The entry was good, and some noted past winners were put on the benches. The points gained count for members' specials. Mr. W. Richmond judged, and gave every satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Wilcock; 2, Sparks; 3, Clark; 4, Lee; vhc, Mortimer; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Mortimer. CLASS 2: 1, Wilcock; 2, Clark; 3, 4, Job Hargreaves; vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Sutcliffe. CLASS 3: 1, Clark. CLASS 5: 1, Job Hargreaves. CLASS 6: 1, Mortimer; 2, Lee; 3, Wilcock; 4, Ashworth and Wilson; vhc, Henry Hargreaves; hc, Smith; c, Hardcastle. CLASS 7: 1, Wilcock; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Lee; 4, Dobson; vhc, Smith; hc, Ashworth and Wilson; c, Sparks. CLASS 9: 1, 3, Wilcock; 2, vhc, c, Clark; 4, Sutcliffe; hc, Ashworth and Wilson. CLASS 10: 1, Clark; 2, Ashworth and Wilson CLASS 11: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Clark. Mr. J. Wilcock gained most points in open section, and Mr. H. Hargreaves most points in novice section.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members show in the medal competition, on September 28th. There were 80 entries in the various classes, some grand teams were shown by Messrs. Hall, Bracewell, Padgett, Morement, H. Shoesmith, Coates, Broadbent, Williams, and Danby. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Shoesmith took special for best cock, Mr. Morement special best hen. CLEAR YELL: 1, Padgett; 2, Morement; 3, Hall; vhc, Morement; BUFF: 1, Shoesmith; 2, hc, Swaine; 3, c, Bracewell; v, Morement. TICK. YELL.: 1, Morement; 2, Swaine; 3, Hudson; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Hall; c, Duckworth. BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Langford; 3, c, Hudson; vhc, Casey; hc, Morement; YELL. HEN: 1, Morement; 2, vhc, Bracewell; 3, c, Hudson; hc, Pownall; BUFF: 1, Hall; 2, vhc, hc, Morement; 3, c, Casey. UNEVEN MARKED HEN: 1, Langford; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Casey; vhc, Morement. YELL. NORWICH: 1, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, Bracewell; 2, 3, Armstrong; vhc, Bracewell. NOVICE YELL. COCK: 1, Coates; 2, Taylor; 3, Broadbent; vhc, hc, Hiles; BUFF: 1, Coates; 2, Danby; 3, Broadbent; vhc, Williams. YELL. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Danby; 3, Coates. BUFF: 1, Broadbent; 2, Coates; 3, Williams; vhc, Coates. FOUL MKD.: 1, Hiles.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S.

The "Admiral Duncan," Nottingham, Ornithological Society.—The annual Goose Fair Open Show, under C.B.U. rules, was held on October 5th. This Society is an old-established one, and has been held in the same house for a number of years. The host, so well known as the genial "Joe" Goode, is a keen fancier, and this fixture is looked upon as a sort of preliminary canter to the shows of the coming season. It is attended by fanciers from the surrounding district in a serious mood, all looking to see what will have to be reckoned with later on, and many of them ready and willing to put their hands deep down in their pockets if a star may be picked up. But these Notts fanciers are keen old hands, and are not usually to be tempted with filthy lucre. They believe in their birds, and will not entertain the idea of partiug until they have proved them. The entries this year were in some classes meagre, owing, no doubt to the fact that many birds are not yet ready. The Norwich classes introduced us to some "hot uns," and, ye gods, what size! Where are we drifting to in this matter of size? Surely these monsters—almost as large as small pigeons—are not typical Norwich Canaries, and how fast we seem to be losing quality as we race each other for size. If there is not a change in the state of affairs the Norwich show cage will need to be enlarged, or the tenants will be unable to move, even if we succeed in getting them through the doorway. Crests and Crestbreds were not numerous, and not yet at their best, although some very promising birds were put down. Mules were fairly representative, but nothing out of the ordinary. British Hardbills were a fairly strong class. The winning Bramblefinch was as steady as a rock, and in good form. Softbills brought out a sweet Yellow Wagtail and a charming Meadow Pipit. Foreign: the winning Nutmegs appeared to us to be two cocks. The Zebrafinches placed second were one of the finest pairs it has been our lot to meet, the hen in particular being remarkably smart. The show was well attended, and the secretary, Mr. Healey, was attentive to everyone. The Union representative was Mr. W. Roslyn, of Mansfield. Prize list is appended:— YELL. NOR.: 1, Sharp; 2, Butler. BUFF: 1, Butler; 2, Severn; 3, Pepper. YELL.-TICKED, ETC.: 1, Birch; 2, Butler. BUFF TICKED: 1, Hill; 2, Twine; 3, Barwise; vhc, Birch; hc, Pepper; c, Butler. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, hc, Peppep; 2, Barwise; 3, Birch; vhc, Barnes; c, Twiue. NOR. HEN: 1 and 2, Butler; 3, hc, Nutt; vhc, Birch; c, Hill. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, 2, Onion; 3, Goode. BUFF: 1, Gilbert; 2, Wolfe. LIGHT CREST: 1, Wood; 2, A. Onion; 3, S. Onion. CREST HEN: 1, Wood; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Davis; vhc, Holmes; hc, Wolfe; c, Bowers. YELL. CREST-BRED: 1, Goode. BUFF: 1, Davis; 2, A. Onion. CREST-BRED HEN: 1, Holmes; 2, Wolfe; 3, A. Onion; vhc, Bowers. UNFLI. CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, A. Onion. UNFLI. CREST-BRED: 1, Wolfe; 2, Davis; 3, Riley Bros.; vhc, Rolling; hc, Bowers. MULE: 1, Goode, Linnet Mule; 2, Caunt, Greenfinch Mule; 3, Hill, Linnet Mule; vhc, hc, c, Reynolds, two Linnet Mules and a Goldfinch Mule. PAIR NOR.: 1, Severn; 2, Butler; 3, Twine; vhc, Hill. PAIR CREST: 1, Goode; 2, Wood. SELL. CREST, 20/-: 1, Bowers; 2, Holmes; 3, Davis; vhc, Stopper. SELL. CREST-BRED, 15/-: 1, Onion; 2, Bowers. SELL. NOR., 10/-: 1, Nutt; 2, hc, Pepper; 3, Twine; vhc, Sharp. SELL., 10/6: 1, Healey; 2, Bowers; 3, Onion. BRITISH HARD-BILL: 1, 2, Harrison, Bramblefinch and Hawfinch; 3, Beardall, Yellowhammer; vhc, hc, Caunt, Greenfinch and Siskin; c, Beardall, Linnet. SOFTBILL: 1, Leaper, Yellow Wagtail; 2, 3, Harrison, Meadow Pipit and Starling. FOR.: 1, 2, Walmsley, Nutmeg Finches and Zebra Finches; 3, Healey, Budgerigars; vhc, Bentley, Cutthroats; hc, Caunt; c, Holmes.

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Halifax O.S. held their annual open show on October 4th and 5th, in the Talbot Hotel Assembly Room. The Room is a good one, of very fair size, the only drawback being that it is lighted only from one side; thus, when visitors turn up in numbers, the far side of the room is rather too dark to see the exhibits properly. This show opened the season of the Yorkshire Union, and in most classes a very fair entry was obtained. A real good schedule had been provided, specials being offered in all the classes, as well as a good array of extra specials, while the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. patronage had been allotted the show. 20 classes were provided, but out of these six had to be cancelled, including no less than three out of the five open Norwich. Here the members laid the blame on the Cage Bird Union, putting forward as arguments that they knew they could not get sufficient entries from the West Riding districts to fill five Norwich classes, so they had relied upon having the C.B.U. licence, and getting entries from the near Lancashire districts. The total number of exhibitors was 141, and the number of exhibits 397, giving an average of 18 per class on the classes that stood A very large percentage of the birds were not what could be called ready, being short of condition. In a few weeks' time no doubt many of the awards will be altered, backward birds going up over the heads of winners to-day. The quality seemed as high as ever all round, and gave every indication of there being another season of keen competition ahead for lovers of the lengthy ones. The novice classes were very hot, containing many very good birds, well put down—birds that will do well out in the open classes. They have a good lot of officials at Halifax, who stage and look after the birds in first-class style, and in Mr. J. F. Thackray they have a secretary of the correct type,, straight and hard-working, who tries all he knows to make things comfortable and successful. The list of officials is:—President, Mr. A. Ross; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. H. Sutcliffe, H. H. Mitchell, J. Robertshaw, J. H. Greenwood, W. Speak, and S. Howarth; committee, Messrs. B. Benton, B. Garside, H. Whitaker, W. H. Ball, J. H. Greenwood, and G. A. Murgatroyd; with Mr. H. Whitaker as assistant secretary. The judges were Messrs A. Hirst (Accrington) and W. Vardy (Huckuall), and their decisions seemed well received.

YORKSHIRES.

CLEAR YELL. (18): 1, special, Bailey and Swanger, could not be seen, as it was "all of a lump"; 2, Wilson, grand type, good length position, nice quality and colour, a good one; 3, Priestley, fair shape and head; 4, Towers, good big bird, nice colour and quality, but rather strong; vhc, Elam; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Lee. BUFF (18): 1, Hellwell, grand type, colour, and quality, nice position and leggy, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 2, Ross and Robertshaw, nice back and head, good stand; 3, special, vhc, Wadsworth, big bird, nice shape, not quite ready; 4, Cross, absent at 1.30 on Saturday; hc, Wilcock; c, Wilson. TICK., ETC., YELL. (23): 1, special, Edmondson, tic thigh, grand shape and style, nice quality and position, good bird; 2, Ellis, tic head, nice quality and size, but a bit soft when we saw it; 3, Bray and Charlesworth, grand upstanding bird of nice shape and quality, looked as though it might have been second; 4, Yelland, nice shape and size, good position, fair front; vhc, Jenkinson; hc and Sandiford's Cup for best fed bird, Walsh; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (20): 1, special, Halliday, saddle marked, grand size and quality. 2, J. Wilson, tic head, not quite so big, nice style and quality; 3, Tinkler, good shape and style; 4, Walsh, grand shape, quality, and colour, stands well, we liked much; vhc, Ellis; hc, Redley; c, Murgatroyd and Son. CLEAR, ETC., YELL. HEN (22): 1, special, Bailey and Swanger, nice shape, good head and back, full of quality, we thought not quite fit yet; 2, Walsh, good colour, stands well up, nice in shape; 3, Radley, ticked wing, long raking bird, grand quality, at present, perhaps, stands too much across perch; 4, Ogden Bros., very slim and long drawn, nice quality; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchel'; hc, Ramsden; c, Edmondson. BUFF HEN (21): 1, special, Wadsworth, lovely shape and quality, stands well up, nervy, very penny on head, and will improve; 2, Bailey and Swanger, perhaps not quite as good in shape, but of extra quality and good position; 3, Murgatroyd and Son, very similar bird to second, but a trifle stronger; 4, Walsh, nice shape and style, good quality; vhc, Cundall; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Ross and Robertshaw. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, special, Brayshaw and Jowett, marked wings, head, and neck, long raking bird, nice style and quality; 2, Bray and Charlesworth, marked wings, good length and position, also good in quality; 3, J. W. Wilson, grand quality and style; 4, Ingham, fine drawn and stylish; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Dobson; c, Goodings. BUFF. (13): 1, special, Dobson, grand quality of feather, but much too strong and low on leg, very sluggish; 2, Ogden Bros., grand type and position, good quality many thought should have won; 3, Blakey, trifle on small side, but all there for style, colour, and quality; 4, Elam, big long-sided bird, fair legs and wing carriage, but wild; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, A. Haigh; c, Wilcock. YELL. HEN (11): 1, special, Cook and Son, nicely drawn, good colour and position, far from being ready; 2, Lingley, grand quality and position, splendid condition; 3, Taylor and Haigh, good lengthy bird, if nice shape and quality; 4, Grayson, good quality, looks a little wide in tail; vhc, Millburn; hc, Bentley; c, Chittenden. BUFF HEN (18): 1, special, Blackburn, marked one wing and eyes, extra good shape and quality, grand position, a real gem, wins; 2, 3, Sutcliffe and Son, second good quality and stand, loses a little shape to winner, third hot colour, good quality feather; 4, Towers, nice quality, neat, but small; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Blakey; c, Cook and Son. GREENS (12): 1, Hellewell, grand type and quality, good colour, yellow, with foul wings and tail; 2, Clayton, self yellow, nice type, quality, and colour, trifle across perch to-day; 3, special, 4, Wright, third self Buff, grand quality and colour, nice bird, fourth foul yellow, fair colour and quality; vhc, Hughes; hc, Simpson; c, Maude Bros.

NORWICH, BRITISH, ETC.

UNFLIGHT (9): 1, 2, special, Waters, first yellow, grand quality, nice colour, substance, second Buff, fair size, little open in feather yet; 3, Haigh and Son, nice yellow chubby bird, good colour, not quite ready; 4, vhc, hc, Sandiford, Buff, big bird, should improve; loose in feather; c, Brooks. HEN BUFF (9): 1, special, Haigh and Son, grand shape and quality, well built nice short wings and tail, wins; 2, Waters, nice quality and shape of body, good head and neck; 3, Sandiford, big bird, not quite so nice in head, yet a good one; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, grand quality and shape, trifle smaller; vhc, hc, Bailey; c, Lawford and Son. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE (7): 1, special, hc, Radley, good big Crested Norwich, not quite ready yet, looks like making a clinker; 2, Bishop, Green Crest, nice bird; 3, Chittenden, Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, nice steady bird, not in bloom yet; 4, Eilis, dark Yellow Greenie-Canary, splendid colour and quality, nice exhibit; vhc, S. Hellwell; c, Wright. BRIT. HARDBILL (10): 1, 2, special, Axe, first Hawlluch, very steady, splendid colour and condition, nice bird, second Yellowhammer, grand size and colour, well staged; 3, Wilson, Brambllelluch, nice colour, steady, and in good condition; 4, Inman, Yellawhammer, fails shade in size, nice colour, not quite ready; vhc, c, Bishop; hc, Poole. SELL., 15s. Cd.: 1, special, H. W. Walsh; 2, Dunn; 3, Axe; 4, Ross and Robertshaw; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Wilkinson; c, Rigg.

NOVICE CLASSES.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (21): 1, special, J. R. Ackroyd, grand shape and quality, very finely drawn, trille snaky in neck; 2, Robertshaw, nice colour and quality, good shape, well drawn; 3, Burdin, little stronger built than winners, good colour, excellent quality; 4, Maude Bros., nice slim bird, well drawn out; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Jeffreys; c, Padgett. BUFF (27): 1, special, Robertshaw, good shape, style, and quality, nice position, wins; 2, Newell, another good one, fine position and quality, but hardly as straight as winner; 3, Shaw Bros., nice bird again for quality and style, perhaps a little smaller; 4, Coates, excellent shape, good back and wings, rich colour, trille low on leg; vhc, Franklin; hc, Tinkler; c, Gelder. TICK., ETC., YELL. (20): 1, Lodge, splendid shape, style, and qualtiy, good pair legs, wins well; 2, Coates, good colour and quality, fine position, nicely drawn; 3, Jeffreys, another good bird, nice quality, shape, and colour, trille too much across perch or might do better; 4, hc, Franklin, cinnamon marked wings and check, nice quality, just on small side; hc, Haigh; c, Garside. BUFF (21): 1, special, Myers, A1 shape and position, grand wings and tail, good quality and colour, claimed at novice limit price, £4 4s., poor old novice, hard lines!; 2, Whittaker, another grand bird for quality, fine shape and quality, nice position, wee bit small; 4, Tinkler, long bird, extra quality and shape; vhc, Wright and Son; hc, Robertshaw; c, Townend. YELL. HEN (20): 1, special, T. W. Wilson, clear, good size, shape, and quality, nice position, smart hird; 2, Simpson, another bonnie hen, nice round body, grand quality; 3, Haigh, nice size, good position, fails trifle in tail; 4, Townsend, nice quality bird, fair size and shape; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Horsfield; c, Ingham. BUFF (37): 1, special, Nichols, big bouncing hen, good quality, leggy, fine style; 2, Mann, tick neck, nice slim bird, good style, fine position, shade short in leg; 3, Lodge, extra good quality, nice wings and tail, well filled neck, good bird; 4, Ferguson, cinn. marked wings and head, nice shape and quality, nice hen; vhc, Kay; hc, Coates; c, Gilroy. NOR. (14): 1, Jeffreys, Buff, nice colour, shape, and quality, good head; 2, 3, 4, special, Mottram; second Buff, grand quality and shape, nice bird, third yellow marked; not so large, good head and full of quality; 4, Buff; vhc, Ball; hc, c, Lloyd.

DALKEITH.

Dalkeith and Dis. Canary Club Annual Young Bird Show was held on Oct. 5th, in the Corn Exchange. The president, Mr. Smart, and the officials had matters well under control. Entries numbered 309, an advance on last year. The Hall in which the Show was held is large and well lighted, free from draughts. A nice feature of the staging was that, instead of the usual cloth, it was lined with strong white paper, which showed up the exhibits exceedingly well and looked very clean and tidy. The secretary, Mr. Thos. Briggs, who is one of the right sort, was ably assisted by an energetic committee and had everything well in readiness for the judges. The following gentlemen acted in that capacity:—Scotch Fancies—Mr. David Brown (Edinburgh); Borders—Mr. Henry Bennett (Kelso); Norwich, etc.—Mr. James Mason (Peebles). In the Scotch Fancy, although the entries only numbered 42 birds for 12 classes, some grand birds were seen, especially the medal winner belonging to Mr. Johnstone, a bird of grand size and substance. The Borders had eight classes, with an average of 20 per class. There were some very fine quality birds amongst them, but a lot of them had to take a back set, being scarcely through the moult. The medal winner belonged to Messrs. A. and J. Thomson, and was a real good one for type and quality, as was also the Yellow Variety belonging to Mr. Hamilton, the runner up. The Norwich sections had four classes, with an entry of 52. Mr. Wm. MacAdam (Broomicknowe) took premier place with a grand buff hen of good type and quality. A great fault in some of the birds was that they showed too much brow, making them look like crest birds. The Mule Class had some fair birds in it, Mr. Wr. Smart taking both first and second places with two Goldie Mules, which, although on the small side, were of good colour. The British Bird Class had an entry of 21, the winner being a Siskin belonging to Mr. Jas. Pearson, but we would suggest that this class might be divided, making a class for large and one for small British.

SCOTCH FANCIES, YELL. CK.: 1, Noble, good size and substance, fine length of side, good top; 2, Johnstone, fine drive, well up on shoulders, tail well under perch. BUFF: 1 Johnstone, grand bird, fine head, great depth throughout, nice mover; 2, Johnstone, another good one, all there for size, fine position, grand style; 3, Carson, fine erect drive, good shoulders, good length of side; 4, Rowe, good bird; 5, King. YELL. HEN: 1, McVie, sweet bird, good size, fine snaky head, takes position quick, very nervy; 2, Noble, slimmer, fine style, good top end; 3, McAdam, nice one, fine depth of chest, good style. BUFF: 1, Johnstone, grand hen, good style and reach, very fine and shapely; 2, Johnstone, good shape and drive and plenty top; 3, no name, nice model, plenty size and reach 4, Jardine, plenty size; 5, Carson.. YELL. PIED COCK: 1, Jardine, good top and reach, nice size; 2, Carson, hardly so big, but size very shapely; 3, Noble, good model, plenty size and reach; 4, Noble, large bird, of good substance; 5, McVie. BUFF: 1, King, winner nice size and shape, good length; 2, Carson, large and well shaped, nice top; 3, Rowe, good build and size. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Briggs, very shapely hen, full of quality, wins; 2, Carson, another nice hen, but not quality of winner. BUFF PIED HEN: 1, Beveridge, nice size and shape, good length and nice head; 2, Beveridge, large and well shaped; 3, Carson, good build and size; 4, Noble, very smart; 5, Carson; 6, Rowe; 7, King. FOUL COCK: 1, Noble, nice size, good top and reach; 2, McVie, good shape and drive. HEN: 1, Johnstone, shapely hen, nice head, good top; 2, McAdam, another shapely hen, nice length. GREEN COCK: 1, no name, good size, neck and top full of life. GREEN HEN: 1, Jas. Noble, large hen of great substance and quality; 2, John Noble, good shape and drive, and plenty top; 3, Rowe, nice hen, very shapely, fine size; 4, Beveridge, plenty size. BORDERS, CLR. OR TKD. YELL. COCK: 1, McAdam, neat and compact, excellent carriage, fine quality; 2, no name, well rounded head, good style, a little open in feather; 3, Thomson, well set bird, good fitting wings and tail; 4, Thomson, very typical, nice feather; 5, McAdam; 6, Thomson; 7, Ewing. HEN: grand colour, nice quality, and the best of type; 2, Hamilton, lighter build, well set up, full of quality, nice taper; 3, Bickerstaff, very nice quality, fine carriage good finish; 4, Bickerstaff, nice condition, good type; 5, Hamilton; 6, McAdam; 7, Ewing. BUFF COCK: 1, Thomson, large buff, thick set, nice feather, good wing carriage, grand condition; 2, Thomson, very neat feather, finely tapered, good condition; 3, Linton, very nice bloom and condition; 4, Pearson, good type, nice quality of feathers; 5, Linton; 6, Smart; 7, Thomson. HEN: 1, McAdam, grand type, full of quality excellent condition, wins; 2, no name, looks like a cock, good quality of feather, needs a wash; 3, Thomson, nice type and quality, good condition, could have changed places with second; 4, Thomson, fair bird, nice condition; 5, Thomson; 6, Muir; 7, Pearson, some grand hens unavoidably left out in this class. YELL VAR.: 1, Hamilton, lightly variegated, sweet hen, best of feathers and condition, wins easily; 2, Thomson, stronger bird, but good quality of feather and condition; 3, Thomson, nice shape, well finished, nicely tapered; 4, Hamilton, good type, rare quality, nice carriage; 5, McAdam; 6, Ewing; 7, Briggs. BUFF VAR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thomson, 1—really good type, nice quality of feather, grand condition, 2—very neat feather and carriage, 3—nice close feathered bird, good finish. 4. —good type; 5, Muir; 6, Noble; 7, Thomson. EVEN MKD.: 1, very good four pointed Yellow, nice type, good condition; 2, Noble, good feather; 3, Bickerstaff, better type, but fails slightly in markings; 4, no name, nice quality of feather and condition; 5, Sinclair; 6, Briggs. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Thomson, the best in colour throughout, fine type and condition; 2, Thomson, another of the same, shows itself well; 3, Thomson, huff, not so good colour, but nice lacing; 4, Carson, a Cinnamon, fine colour and lacing; 5, Pearson; 6, Flockhart; 7, Pearson. NOR. YELL. COCK.: 1, Sinclair, fine type, nice wing carriage, grand size and quality; 2, Bilton, larger bird, good exhibit, not so good in finish, but will improve; 3, Smart, nice soft feather, well fed; 4, Nisbit, nice feather, good bird; 5, Pearson; 6, Nisbit; 7, McAdam. HEN: 1, McAdam, on the small side, grand quality, nice shape and colour, well fed; 2, Sinclair, larger bird, good head and quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Sinclair, heavily vari., grand type and quality; 4, Bolton, nice quality; 5, Berridge; 6, Sinclair. BUFF COCK: 1, Sinclair, grand size and colour, fine head and neck; 2, Smart, good size and colour, but too much browed; 3, no name, grand head and neck, tip top colour, fine wing carriage; 4, Beveridge, another good bird; 5, McAdam; 6, Sinclair; 7, Beveridge. BUFF NOR. HEN: 1, McAdam, good class, grand colour and meal, fine model, A.1. condition; 2, Beveridge, grand colour, good type, very little behind; 3, Bolton, good shaped body, fine quality and condition; 4, Smart, larger hen; 5, Smart; 6, McAdam; 7, Sinclair. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, Smart, nice Goldie Mules, grand colour on the small side, but taking exhibits; 3, Wright, Linnet, grand size and colour; 4, Wright, another Linnet Mule, beaten in size, but better colour; 5, Noble. BRIT. A.V.: 1, Pearson, fine big Siskin, dense black cap, nice bib, good markings; 2, Sinclair, grand coloured Chaffinch, fine size and shape; 3, Sinclair, Yellow Hammer, nice condition, good in colour and markings; 4, Pearson, fine Spangled Starling, nice condition; 5, Hoggan; 6, Wright; 7, Pearson.

GLOUCESTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held October 3rd, Mr. G. Gwilliam in chair. Mr. J. H. Payne read a paper, which was much appreciated, on "Canaries of all Varieties," dealing with their good and bad points, and giving advice in selecting their breeding stock, etc.—J. HOUGHTON, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

At headquarters on September 26th, some 40 members and friends met to witness an exhibition in washing Yorkshires by Mr. H. E. Tringham. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, who was in the chair, in calling upon Mr. Tringham, said there was no need for him to introduce that gentleman, as he was already well known to them all, both as a vice-president of the Society and as an exhibitor of Yorkshires. Mr. Tringham was accorded a splendid reception from the company, and at the close received a hearty vote of thanks.—W. H. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS C.B.S.

The Migration of Birds formed the subject of a lecture given by Mr. W. F. Field, at a meeting of the Hastings Cage Bird Society, held at the Royal Oak Hotel on Thursday evening. There was a very good attendance of members, presided over by Mr. T. G. Coombes. The lecturer dealt with a few of the many feathered visitors to this district year after year to enjoy the genial climate. The visitors he was going to deal with were "cheap trippers," those who indulged in mixed bathing, courted and married, and brought up their offspring, and on the approach of cold weather returned to a much warmer country. These were his feathered friends, and he took a keen interest in their migration, their ways and habits. The lecturer pointed out the time of the arrival and departure of birds, and showed several stuffed specimens, which added to the interest of the lecture. He also pointed out the colours of the birds, and how they could be distinguished by their songs, nests, number and colour of eggs laid, etc.

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UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE lecture by Mr. Chittenden before the members and friends of the Bradford East O.S., on "British Birds," proved most interesting, the subject being handled in a masterly manner. Mr. Chittenden dealt principally with the Finch tribe, giving in a racy style the sexual differences of the Goldfinch, Linnet, etc., also explaining the various types, and giving reasons why certain types are to be preferred for muling and showing. He also gave his ideas upon the style and breed of Canary to be used for Mule breeding, as well as his system of gathering the wild seeds to be used for preparing his birds for exhibition and breeding. This was Mr. Chittenden's first attempt at lecturing, and he is to be congratulated on its success. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer closed a most enjoyable evening.

BRADFORD City O.S. held a most successful members' show on Saturday evening, October 5th, over 70 birds being staged, and amongst them many of exceptional merit.

HALIFAX O.S. Show, held on Friday and Saturday last, could not be called a great success, as no less than six classes had to be cancelled owing to insufficient entries; four of these were in the Norwich section, and the classes left standing herein were only poorly patronised. The Yorkshires came up in fair good numbers, with the exception of, perhaps, the Cinnamon Marked Yellows, which class only contained seven entries. The Novice Yorkshires made a fine display, some birds of exceptional merit being staged in this section—in fact many of them would have won in the open classes. On the Saturday afternoon a very large number of visitors attended, and the gate-money, in addition to the percentage from sales, will probably put the financial side of the show "right side up."

BRADFORD and County B.B. and M.C. patronage has being given to Harrogate C.B.S., Leeds C.B.S., Brighouse and District C.B.S., Great Horton O.S., Shipley O.S., and City of Bradford C.B.S., in addition to Otley (October 19th), and Windhill, who hold their show on Saturday next (October 12th).

"STRAIGHT UP."

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See "Show Dates Fixed."

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A. R. L.—A. R. Langlands
J. Lso.—J. Livingstone
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J. Se.—J. Smillie
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S.—John Smith
J. Str.—J. Stanger
J. Sk.—J. Stark
T. S.—T. Stewart
J. Stn.—J. Strachan
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W. S.—W. Swaysland
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CORRESPONDENCE.

EGGS IN SEPTEMBER.

Going One Better.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS about eggs in September, I may say I have eggs in October. I have two hens that laid in September, one laid four eggs and one five. On September 8th I found eight eggs in the cage the two birds were in, on September 9th I found another, and on September 22nd I found another in the same cage. I then put one hen in another cage, to see which hen laid, but no other eggs were laid until October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and the hen is in the moult. J. W. COCKER.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—"A Member" has struck the nail on the head. I have authentic word that the meeting at Kirkcaldy was wrought by a clique. Mr. W. W., of Leith, acting the part of spokesman. The wise men have at last managed to disestablish the S.B.B. and M.C. I consider that the refusal of medals to such societies as that of Bathgate and Hamilton is a bit shabby, and very low indeed, especially when it emanates from a division that claim to call themselves fanciers. I am acquainted with a number of fanciers that have tendered their resignations, and I herewith publicly tender mine.

W. JOHNSTONE.

SIR,—The attitude taken up by this club regarding medals is perhaps the most remarkable thing about the conflict between the members. It certainly is a very strong grievance, more so, when such societies a Bathgate and Hamilton, which give such good classification, have to stand down for lesser shows with smaller classifications. It used to be the boast of the members to support such societies as gave most classes. I am afraid they have departed from this. Your correspondent, "A Sweet Briar," says "let the medals go round." So say I. Does he contend that giving medals for two societies in one place is going round, thus depriving some other society in another part of the country of the patronage? Surely there is something wrong. I venture to assert it savours of a clique at work. So this year will end my membership.

ANOTHER MEMBER.

SIR,—In my last letter I spoke of the rotten and chaotic state of the above club. The letters appearing since then have thrown no further light on the matter, but have had a tendency to strengthen my conviction. Your correspondent, Mr. Arrighi, says "attend meetings and vend your grievances." I make bold to say that I have attended as many meetings as Mr. Arrighi, but on this occasion I found it inconvenient. Still, my presence would hardly have made any difference—it requires numbers to break up a clique. With regard to "A Sweet Briar" stating that the club is making good progress: Does fourteen members present at Kirkcaldy meeting constitute a strong and healthy club, and about a dozen all in the one swim at that? Anent Rule 11, may you break it as often as you have done formerly? He also states "Let the Medals go Round." Does he consider granting two societies in Glasgow (one with a credit balance of over £100, the other nothing) medals, "letting things go round?" A MEMBER.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES OF AN AMATEUR BIRD LOVER.

SIR,—I am a great lover of birds, and have kept several, all of which were extremely tame. My first pet was a hen Greenfinch-Canary, she was quite a baby when I had her, and perfectly tame from the first. Every morning she was let out of her cage while we dressed; after a fly round she did her best to drown herself in our hand-basin, though she had a bath of her own. Once she slipped in and as the water was deep, would have been drowned, only I fished her out just in time. Our bare feet interested her very much, and she would hop round the room and peck at them. We even couldn't do our hair in peace, for she would sit on my head and pull my hair with all her might. I always sifted the large stones out of the sea sand before putting it in Dick's cage. One day I was away, so my mother cleaned out the cage, but did not sift the sand. Half an hour later, all the stones were found lying round the cage, and Greenie was sitting proudly on her now nice smooth sand. But funnier still, was my Blackbird, who was playful as a kitten; he would run all round the room after a piece of string drawn across the floor, and try to fly off with it. Nothing that he could carry away was safe from him. If I sat down to write or draw, he would take my india rubber, pencil, etc., and drop them over the side of the table, listening with a chuckle of delight to the clatter they made on the floor. He always got very excited if he found a little bottle. One day he found one full of Iodine, and pulled the cork out, spilling the nasty stuff all over himself, he had a fit after that, so he let the bottles alone as rather spiteful things to play with. He simply adored a bath, anywhere where he could get water he was happy. He liked to be stroked, and his favourite place was on my shoulder or lap, here he would nestle down and go to sleep. He always came when you called him, even if he was at the top of the house. He was kept in a place outdoors when he was shut up, and one sad day our dear old Pip was stolen, and we never saw him again. I have just had a hen Thrush die which was in perfect health in the morning, but towards the afternoon I noticed her sitting on the floor of the cage with her eyes half closed (her feathers perfectly smooth though), and wondered what was the matter with her. I took her out of the cage, and put her in a warm cloth, but she very soon died, after a slight struggle, in the cloth I found one of the scales off the slank part of her leg. Have enclosed scale for you to see. Does anyone think this was the cause of death? I have heard of Thrushes casting their scales off their legs, and in every case it caused death, but did not believe it before. E. M. PALMER.

A MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.

SIR,—Being under the impression that if any feathers were plucked from a bird they would not grow again until the moult, thought the following case might be of some interest. I have a Golden-breasted Bunting from Africa which has now been in my possession for about nine months, and on September 8th I caught him in my hand to examine him for red mite, as he had been ailing for a day or two. He once struggled slightly to escape and when I returned him to his cage I was surprised to find every feather of his tail left behind in my hand, which, to the say the least of it, was annoying, as I had already entered him for a show. In about a week I noticed new tail feathers in the bird, and by September 20th the tail was fully grown again; not a single feather having been moulted in the meantime. Is this usual in all birds, or have only certain species this peculiarity? I may mention the bird soon regained his health by putting him on to plain Canary seed and giving him a liberal supply of fresh ants' eggs. COLONIST.

(Our correspondent is, of course, mistaken in thinking feathers grow only at the moult. —EDITOR.)

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

Parrot Taught by a Phonograph.

SIR,—Having read correspondence on this subject I would like to give my experience with one of those Parrots. I purchased it quite young, and after a few weeks it became so tame that I allowed it to fly in and out of the cage, in fact it used to follow us wherever we went. When less than a year old it commenced to talk. It did not say many words, but what it did say was spoken very distinctly. Having read in CAGE BIRDS that it was possible to teach them by a phonograph, I purchased one, and amongst my records was one entitled "Beautiful Birds Sing On," also a cornet solo; in a few days it could imitate either of these in such a way that surprised us all; it would carry the tunes through after a little time without the aid of the phonograph. The bird was a great favourite with us all. It could, moreover, not only whistle, talk and sing, but scream. The noise was simply deafening when it commenced, and it would sometimes carry on this for hours. At last I sold it to a farmer who lived in a place with no other neighbours within a couple of miles, it drove the old farmer to drink. It changed hands several times, and the last I heard of it was it was in a menagerie —Bostock and Wombwells.' We were all sorry to part with such an intelligent bird, and would like to get another if I thought it possible to cure it from the hideous screaming. J. TRELEASE.

SIR,—I have taken your interesting paper since the commencement, and always read it with great pleasure. I keep, and have always kept all sorts of birds. Now I have a Quaker, which I have had for fourteen years, and it is the best and plainest talker (barring Greys and Amazons) I have ever had, and he knows every word I say to him. When I go into the room in the morning, he says: "Good morning, dear papa; how do you do? Give me a kiss; come on, come on." I open the cage door and he comes on my shoulder, and is talking to me until half past ten. He talks very distinctly, and he says nearly 100 words. I walk in the garden, and on the front of the house, with the bird on my shoulder. If anybody attempts to touch me, while there, he flies straight to their cheeks and bites them. Even my wife dare not touch me; he has bitten her twice on the cheek. He very rarely squalls or makes unpleasant noises. He imitates my Lark and Chaffinch to perfection. JNO. MARTEN.

SOME STRAY NOTES ON FOREIGN BIRDS.

On Taking Indoors.

SIR,—A few rambling notes just as they come to mind about the foreign bird section of the fancy may not prove out of place at this time. Just now there will be several momentous questions exercising the mind of the beginner. One of the foremost will be about the desirability of restraining the breeding proclivities of his birds. This is always rather a troublesome question for the novice, for the simple reason that one cannot interfere and separate the sexes as is generally done with Canaries and British birds. But as long as the weather keeps mild and temperate, as it has been during the past month, there is really no necessity for one to take matters into one's own hands and endeavour to frustrate the birds' natural desires. That there is a certain amount of risk to be run at this time of the year when the weather may very suddenly become severe, is not denied, but even this risk is not more serious than that likely to result from interference. Therefore, it will be far better to let Nature run its course, and devote one's energy to extemporising some form of temporary protection, or shelter from winds and rain and the weather generally, and then trust to luck to bring one through without loss.

Something in the same strain will also apply to bringing birds indoors from open-air aviaries, with the additional remark that close observation of the birds themselves should be carried on, and the apparent discomfort or otherwise of the individual birds should be the key to the proper time for bringing them indoors. There are so many local considerations affecting this matter that it would be simply impossible to lay down any hard and fast rule for the observance of everyone, and, at the same time, it would be folly to submit any valuable birds to any test of hardihood by leaving them out until some specified time, no matter whether they belong to a species of reputed hardiness or not. All individuals are not alike in any species, which is a point that cannot be too strongly impressed upon the beginner.

AN AVIARIST.

THE TREATMENT OF FRESH CAUGHT BIRDS.

SOME POINTS OF IMPORTANCE.

SIR,—Already the management of newly-caught birds is becoming a seasonable topic; more's the pity. The pity, of course, is that in many cases the birds are caught too early to get accustomed to the diet of caged birds, and the consequent loss of a large number of specimens which might have made fine cage birds had they retained their liberty a few weeks longer is inevitable. The surest means of preventing this loss is for the owner to lay in a good supply of wild seeds of the kinds most suitable for the variety of birds one is intending to handle, and use them liberally until the birds that are caught before the moult is over are completely moulted. If these seeds can be gathered fresh as required, so much the better, and never attempt to clear away any green-fly from the seed-stalk, nor larvæ from obviously worm-eaten heads. Give them as they are gathered; the birds will relish them better, and derive infinitely more benefit from them than from any kind of picked, screened, and doubly-cleaned seeds. The best kinds to gather for particular birds should be known to attentive readers of CAGE BIRDS now. To a certain degree it is waste of time to gather docks and sorrels for Goldies or Greypates, but the Bullfinches will prefer them before all else. Similarly, almost each species has its especial favourite seeds. Another point of importance is that newly-caught native birds should on no account be transferred immediately from their life in the open air to a close, warm—or, as it may be termed, a snug—kitchen or artificially heated bird-room at this season. With very few exceptions British birds are at all times better in a normal temperature. But the sudden change from the natural form of existence to the artificial is very apt to form a brief prelude to the supernatural, so far as fresh-caught birds are concerned. Although a bad master heat may be made into a very good servant. Here's a case in point. Where the small foreign Waxbills are moulting late, and failing to renew their plumage satisfactorily, and also in the case of all newly-purchased small foreign birds which are very bare, keep them warm. That is, keep the temperature up to about 60 degrees for a time until the birds are in perfect feather, when it may be gradually reduced again to somewhere between 45 and 50, which should be ample heat for the remainder of the winter. Birds that got stuck in the moult should also be treated on these lines, though with an early beginning and a spell of fair weather at the close, there should be few cases of this kind to deal with.

F.Z.S.

READ page 227 carefully.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

Union Shows are open to all.

SIR,—There still seems to be some doubt in the minds of the show secretaries as to accepting entries for their shows. Will you please announce and print it big, that ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY EXHIBITOR, whether a member of a society affiliated to the Union or not, provided he is not under suspension. It is of course understood that show committees have the right to reject any entries they think proper. This is provided for in the Union's Show Rules, No. 5. GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

23, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.

THE SMALLEST EVER SEEN.

SIR,—I am enclosing the smallest egg I have ever seen. It was laid by my hen Bullfinch paired with a cock Greenfinch. I had two nests of clear eggs and of normal size, but the one enclosed I found at the bottom of their flight. Thinking it might be of interest I have sent it for your inspection. T. B. MARES.

[We looked eagerly for the tiny egg our correspondent mentions. When a first search failed to reveal it we looked more eagerly still—"it must be a midget," we thought. But though we looked high and low, and pressed the sub-editor's 40 horse-power pocket magnifier into service, the whereabouts and exact size of that egg still remain a mystery. Whether it "slipped its moorings" in the post, or accidentally fell into the capacious maw of the waste-paper basket, we know not.—EDITOR.]

A CANARY BREEDER'S SUCCESS.

One Hundred and Fifty Young from Fifteen Hens.

SIR,—I find that my success in breeding has been about as good as anyone's, but I did not enter into your competition, although I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS. I had one hen rear nineteen grand youngsters in four nests. Altogether I have reared 150 from 15 hens, the 16th hen died, and I had three youngsters from her. I mostly let the cocks remain with hens to rear, and as soon as old birds want them gone I hang in a nursery in front of cage. I have even taken nest before youngsters were fledged and placed in nursery, and they have come on grand. The old birds often come on to nest and are glad enough to have them out of the way. Mr. Broome's lecture was very instructive for young or old fanciers. I had to read it over more than once, as I am deeply interested in Yorkshires. J. THOMAS (Bugle).

CLASSIFICATION AT SHOWS, ETC.

An Appeal for the Hybrid Section.

SIR,—Now that the shows will soon be in full swing, I should esteem it a favour if you will insert in your next issue the following:—Having received several schedules I again notice many classes amalgamated, and societies not catering for Mule and Hybrid breeders. Seeing the great efforts now being made by breeders in this department of the fancy, and the large number exhibited at the shows last season, surely we should have a class for Mules and another for Hybrids, and not Canaries, Mules and Hybrids all in one class. Where is the encouragement to persevere for rare Hybrids if a separate class cannot be provided? It is not a fair run to the Canary exhibitor, neither to the Mule nor Hybrid enthusiast. Many will not exhibit at shows where such classes are so amalgamated. Instead of having three classes well filled, it often results in cancelling, or the one class is often a poor one. Then, again, we have at most shows only half prize money on eight entries. Surely that number should command full prize money, or, as the saying goes, "The game is not worth the candle," seeing the 50 per cent. extra on cage birds to and from the exhibitions. Another thing I should like to mention is, some societies omit to state in schedule at the week-end shows when the birds will be despatched, consequently much extra trouble is caused not knowing whether they left on the Saturday night or were detained until the Monday morning. Again, the cards placed on front of the cage are a great eyesore; say there are two firsts and special, they almost hide the bird from view. Cannot more societies follow the plan of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. by placing gum labels showing awards on woodwork of cage, sending prize card when remitting prize money. I shall be pleased to hear what others have to say on these important points.

CHAS. J. WARD.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. THOMAS SMITH.

SIR,—Will you kindly state in CAGE BIRDS, which is weekly growing in favour with fanciers, that the following subscriptions have been received:—Mr. John Moor Crossmyloof, 10s. 6d.; Mr. F. Carl, Editor of CAGE BIRDS, 10s. 6d.; Mr. L. W. Bean, Editor of "Fanciers' Review," 10s. 6d.; Mr. Bullions, Glasgow, 5s.; Mr. Dobson, Galashiels, 2s. 6d.; A. Bowie, Kilmarnock, 2s. 6d. A circular has been posted to each member of National Derby Association. It may not be known to all that Mr. Smith undertakes the duties of this society without remuneration, and we are all desirous that all members may assist us in making this presentation something of note. We shall be pleased to hear from the Derby members. All subscriptions will be duly acknowledged. The list closes on Oct. 20th.

A. PORTEOUS and JAMES HOGG,
Joint Secretaries.
67, Nithsdale Road, Strathbungo,
Glasgow.

MR. CLARK'S RETIREMENT.

SIR,—I would like Mr. Wood to understand that I only asked for my rights. I won three prizes and they would only give me one. As for all Leeds knowing I have only been a fancier for four years, I hung my first Linnet at a contest at the King's Head in 1892, when Mr. Johnson was the proprietor, and I defy any man to contradict this. J. CLARK.

SIR,—I think that Mr. Wood should not talk about Mr. Clark only having been in the fancy for four years, as I have known Mr. Clark twelve years, and he has had some very good birds. Mr. Wood, however, should think that he is only a recruit in bird singing. I have never known him to have a good bird yet. T. SUMMERS.

WHY DID SHE DO IT?

SIR,—Having taken your paper for a considerable time, I thought it might interest your readers to send the following: I noticed rather a remarkable incident in my foreign bird aviary this last week. In the outside flight I have a large dish, which is always kept full of water for the birds' bath, the aviary consists of Rosellas Cockatels, Blue Wings, and Yellow and Green Budgerigars; one half of the ground is covered with grass, the other pebbles and sand, etc, and for some time I have been at a loss to tell how the bath got half full of pebbles, until last Sunday my daughter drew my attention to a Yellow hen Budgerigar carrying pebbles for a considerable distance, and dropping them into the water; some were so large that after carrying for some distance it could not possibly put them over the edge of pot, or get upon the edge, but tried over and over again. I cannot understand this performance, unless it is to make the water shallower, seeing it is rather deep for the Budgerigars. Can you, or any reader suggest any other motive?

J. SMITH.

HEATING APPARATUS REQUIRED.

SIR,—I have observed the letter of Mr. C. Elegans, and wish to emphasise the importance of his remarks with reference to the necessity for "an outlet pipe for fumes," which should be fixed in some such way as he suggests. Under no circumstances should you be prevailed upon to buy or place in your bird room, any stove or apparatus in which fuel is burnt, if there is not provision for the exit of the produce of combustion out of the room into the open air or into a chimney. I can assure readers of this paper that it is no fad, but that he is in strict accordance with the teaching of science. By analysis it is found that ordinary paraffin contains 85 per cent. of carbon, coke 91, some kinds of coal 94, and coal gas almost 50 per cent. Every atom of carbon in above mentioned kinds of fuel unites during combustion with two atoms of oxygen and forms carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is a colourless gas, possessing a slightly pungent smell and acid taste. It is the choke-damp which is produced in mines by explosion, and which in that event is the cause of the suffocation of the men after the explosion. If this gas is given off into the room so as to give six to seven parts to 10,000 of the air, it is not fit for bird or animal to breathe in that room for any length of time. If any reader has what is called a slow combustion stove such as the Tortoise, never allow the top to become red-hot, because at the temperature at which the iron is red, it is in such condition as to allow a gas known as carbon monoxide to pass through into the room. This gas has a most fatal effect on the lungs, is a very poisonous gas, as it combines with the haemogloben of the blood, and when very small quantities are inhaled giddiness and insensibility occur, and in a short time, death. It is said that the poisonous nature of this gas was understood as early as 1716.

JOSEPH HAZLEWOOD.

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS.

A WELL-KNOWN SCOTTISH SECRETARY.

Mr. Thomas Auchterlonie.

We have much pleasure in reproducing the portrait of Mr. Thomas Auchterlonie, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the St. Andrew's O.S., a position he has filled, with much acceptance, for a period of six years, during which time the St. Andrew's Society has prospered exceedingly. He became a member in 1901, was appointed a member of the committee during the same year, and in the year following, on the retirement of the then



Mr. T. Auchterlonie, Secretary St. Andrews, O.S.

secretary and treasurer, he was, with great unanimity, appointed to the honourable position which he has filled with every satisfaction since.

As a proof of the good and hard work he has accomplished during his term of this office, it may be said, that the membership has been trebled, in fact more; that the list of the Society's patrons has also been very largely increased; also the number of entries for the Society's annual show. All these improved circumstances are due, and owing in a very great measure to his zeal and enthusiasm in the cause.

Mr. Auchterlonie has had some seven years' experience as a keeper and breeder of birds, and during that period has been more than ordinary successful, having bred not a few very good Scotch fancies, which have in their time done a fair amount of winning for their owner. This year he has been fortunate in rearing thirteen young ones, nine of which are off the father of the famous Yellow Pied hen belonging to Mr. Ramsey, of Gayfort, Fifeshire, their mother being off the good buff pied cock, belonging to the same gentleman, and these birds are shaping very well indeed. Mr. Auchterlonie does not confine himself to one variety alone, having kept and bred also Norwich, Yorkshires, and Borders.

We have visited St. Andrew's Show for a number of years, and there have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Auchterlonie, and of personally witnessing the great success which has attended his efforts. We can also bear testimony to his great affability and courtesy to all, which, in no small measure, accounts for the prosperity of his society. As secretary we can most assuredly say he is the right man in the right place, and we hope that the same success will attend him in the future as in the past, and that his committee will continue to do all they can to assist so faithful and willing a worker, as he is deserving of every encouragement.

That they appreciate fully what he has already accomplished for the society is amply evident from the fact that after last year's show, which, it may be mentioned was the society's greatest financial success, they presented him with a handsome marble timepiece as a token of their respect and in recognition of his work.

LANCASHIRE CLASSES AT DULWICH AND PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a short space in your "Go-a-head CAGE BIRDS" to plead for the support of Lancashire exhibitors at the above show. The committee have kindly made two classes and offered four prizes and four specials. These two classes being guaranteed by two of their warm-hearted members, I am presenting a very nice medal to be won by exhibitor gaining most points other than myself. I do most earnestly ask any fancier who possibly can enter a few Lancashires to do so, and thus assist me in making this most handsome bird popular down South. Again thanking you for your kind support in the past.

F. J. GREEN.

"STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—At different times I have noticed in your esteemed journal complaints from advertisers who have had birds or other articles for sale therein, that people have written asking for particulars of the goods advertised, and have neglected to enclose stamp for reply. Now, my complaint is the other way about. During the last month I have written one of the largest advertising dealers in the Midlands, asking particulars of things he had for sale, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for reply, but up to now I have not received a reply. Three more I have written to in Nottingham, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, also one in Scotland, with the same result in each case. Why do they advertise if they won't answer inquiries? Their advertisement appears every week, so they cannot say they have sold out. It is a million pounds to a hayseed the letters have not gone astray. I think it is a great injustice to inquirers, and the least they can do is to be courteous.

ANNOYED.

ELGIN BREEDING RESULTS.

SIR,—Having a few hours to spare, I went round to a few of the fanciers here, and nearly every one has the same tale about it being a bad season. Two or three have had fair luck, Mr. Lumsden being top with 45 young Norwich from eight hens, and only had two rounds. He has a few good ones. One Buff cock is just the right stamp of a Norwich, and should do well on the show bench. Mr. R. Garden has reared over 30 Norwich from seven hens, and has some very promising birds, one Clear and one Yellow Variegated, both being grand birds. Mr. Gunner has also 30 from 8 hens, including a few Scotch Fancies, and has some very good ones amongst them. Mr. Barber has 15 from 4 hens; Mr. P. Garden 14 from 5 hens; Mr. McBain 8 from 3 hens; Mr. McDonald 6 from 3 hens; Mr. Murray 6 from 2 hens, and our old friend Mr. Minnie says this has been the poorest season since he started some 45 years ago. In former years he could always show anyone 40 to 50 young birds, including Mules. He has bred some very good birds in his time. Only last year he had a fine Linnet-Bullfinch, a grand bird, one light Goldfinch-Canary, and three Siskin-Canary Mules. We wish Mr. Minnie, along with the rest, better luck next season.

R. GARDEN.

Several Letters Held Over.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

M. Scarborough and Myra Stock send poetry, which is very pretty, but so many verses take up too much room in Uncle Peter's corner, which is always overful.

Emily Ketley found a Robin's nest in her garden, and made friends with the young birds when they hatched out. James Forrester tells how he caught a beautifully-spangled Starling, by means of some limed twigs. But the Sparrows were much too wily to get caught.

*The Swallow which was not easily frightened.

One day as I was going out for a walk, I came to a bridge under which flowed a peaceful little stream. When I was looking over the bridge I saw a great number of Swallows flying to and fro. I also saw a Swallow sitting on some railings close by the stream. Of course I tried to frighten it away, but to my surprise it would not go. I advanced two or three steps towards it, but still it would not fly away. At last I walked up to it, and put my hand out to catch it, but when I was about six inches from it, the artful Swallow flew away.—R. T. WRIGHT (age 13), 4, Stuart-road, King-street, Norwich.

**The Cruel Rook.

My father has a lot of Canaries, Finches, and Mules. One day this summer I was out with him pulling dandelion heads and shepherd's purse, when we saw a Rook battering away at something on the ground, and two Thrushes flying about making an awful noise. My father ran to see what the Rook was doing, when it flew away with something in its beak. When my father came back he told me the place was lying thick with feathers, and the Rook had killed a young Thrush which I thought was very cruel of the Rook.—W. BISHOP (age 10), 140, Main Street, St. Ninians, Stirling.

*The Beautiful Kingfisher.

This beautiful bird is not much larger than the Swallow and frequents the banks of rivers and feeds on fish which it catches in surprising numbers. It is almost constantly in action, and takes its prey by balancing itself at a certain distance above the water for a considerable space, then darting into the deep and seizing the fish with certainty. This bird lays from five to nine eggs, and builds its nest by the river side or in the deserted hole of a rat. During the season of incubation the male brings the female large quantities of fish. She is generally fatter at that time than any other. The young are hatched at the end of twenty-one days incubation, but do not acquire the beauty of their plumage in perfection till after their first moulting season.—H. HAMMOND (aged 13), 39, Bath Street, Leamington Spa.

A Venerable Canary.

Mr. M'Cormack, baker, Burnbank, Hamilton, last week found that his pet Canary had died overnight. He had had it since June, 1885, so that the little feathered fellow was in his 23rd year.—Cutting from "Glasgow Citizen."—Sent by Mr. G. CARRICK.

Looking Backward.

Some Rambling Thoughts on the Norwich Fancy.

By C. A. HOUSE.

It is now twenty-seven years ago that I exhibited my first Norwich Canary, and during the whole of my career as an exhibitor, no matter what other varieties came and went, I always had a few good Norwich in my bird-room. Twenty-five years is a big slice out of one's life. My connection with the Canary Fancy commenced whilst I was a lad in my teens, at a time when Blakston, Barnesby, and Bemrose were England's three great judges.

THE FOUNTAIN OF COLOUR.

Times change and men change with them. In those days the Norwich bird was a small, smart little fellow, not a great deal larger than a good-sized Border Fancy of to-day. My readers may judge of what the Norwich birds of the time were like from the fact that Lizards and Norwich were very much alike in shape and size, and were often crossed one with the other to improve the colour of the Norwich. In fact, the Lizard was the Norwich breeder's fountain of colour. As the Lizard is now, so the Norwich was then, a bird of about five inches and a quarter in length. Now the regulation length is six and a half inches, and we have a different stamp of bird altogether, stouter and fuller, as well as longer. The increase in size has brought with it other features not so desirable, and the soft, sleek, silky jackets which the Norwich of those days used to possess, are no longer with us.

ANCIENT AND MODERN STANDARDS.

In the days of which I write forty-five points used to be given for colour alone, out of the one hundred, making an ideal bird, and as if this were not enough, an additional twenty were given for extra sheen and brilliance. Eight points were given for size, and only six for shape. A vast difference this to the present day, when thirty points go for type and rightly so. Fifteen points used to be allowed for condition and quality. Now quality is supposed to rank about equal with colour. The differences are so great that one can scarcely believe that a couple of decades should have wrought such changes in the popular idea of what constitutes a good Norwich Plainhead.

CHANGE NOT VIOLENT.

This change of opinion has not been caused by any sudden revulsion of feeling. It has been a gradual growth. It is now as nearly twenty years since as can be that we saw the first of the large birds in the South of England. It came from the stud of one, who in those days, turned out many a good Norwich, and, who I am pleased to say is with us still, occasionally showing and judging—Mr. C. E. Silk, of Emsworth. This bird was called "The Wonder," and it was well-named, for it did, indeed, make people wonder. I remember how astonished were Messrs. Jacob Mackley and Walter Greeves, when they saw "The Wonder" first, which was at Ipswich Show, where my esteemed friend, Mr. Joseph Bexson, had placed it first. Mr. Bexson liked large birds; to use his own words—"I like a good big 'un." How often have I heard him use that expression when someone has been criticising his judging.

THE NORTH TO THE FORE.

In most forward movements the North has taken the lead, and in this question of big birds they very soon began to give the judges something to look at, which resembled a cross between a Bullfinch and a Thrush, that is, so far as size was concerned. From Lancashire came these big birds, and in plenty, too. The chief breeding centres being around Liverpool, St. Helens, and Prescot, the latter place taking the lead. A real good Prescot Norwich was the highest form of praise that a Northern breeder of the later eighties could bestow upon any bird.

OPEN SHOW CAGES.

Prescot Norwich were shown in open wire cages, and not in the box cages similar to those now in use. The Lancashire breeders were wedded to the open wire show cages, and it was many years later that they discarded them altogether, some years even after I became known as an All-England judge. Many hundreds of Norwich have I judged in these cages at shows in the North, North-west, and West districts of the County Palatine. These cages were longer and broader than those used by Yorkshire fanciers, but were not so tall. I certainly cannot claim for them that they were nice to look upon, but one advantage they certainly had over the now universal box-cage—a judge could see all over a bird at once.

AN AGE OF PROGRESS.

It is not only in the style and form of their cages that Norwich breeders of the North have made progress, but also in the shape and form of their birds. Prescot held the lead when the big birds were asked for, and it has held the lead many a time since. From the town, famous for its watch and electrical equipment works have come some of the most typical and high quality Norwich of modern days. The men of the North went too far in their craze for large birds, and a reaction set in amongst the men of the East, West, and South. Agitation in the papers of the time led to the calling together of the famous Conference at the Crystal Palace in 1890. At that historical gathering, it was said 300 or 400 breeders were present, the majority coming from the City of Norwich, although other parts of the country sent a fairly large number, and the result was a new standard was decided upon.

TYPE THE BATTLE CRY.

Henceforth, it was decided, that birds were to be judged more for type, and the length was limited to six and a half inches, so as to shut out the long-sided birds, whose over-hanging eyebrows and shaggy thighs gave evidence of Crest blood running in their veins. Type! This was the battle cry, and from that day to this has more and more attention been given to type, thanks in very great measure to the action of the Norwich Plainhead Club, which was formed in 1897, principally because of the type question, and whose efforts of recent years have been backed up by those of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, the Northern and Border Counties' Norwich Club, and the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, each of which have a strong, virile membership, and are yearly becoming stronger and stronger.

EVOLUTION.

Evolution is, we are told, continually going on in the world around us. There is no standing still. New types and forms are being evolved in every direction, and when one looks back to the early eighties we see many changes in the Norwich Fancy. At that time, Norwich was the great stronghold of the Canary named after it. The breed having been evolved, it is generally supposed, by the men of Norwich, from the, now almost extinct, London Fancy and the Lizard. After Norwich, came Northampton, Coventry, Nottingham and Plymouth as great breeding centres. Now all this is altered. The Norwich Plainhead has become more universally popular, and one finds knots of breeders scattered all over the Kingdom. The City of Norwich no longer leads in the production of high-class exhibition birds, even though it does in mere numbers. It has had to strike its flag to the men of Lancashire. At the present time I should say more exhibition Norwich are produced in the land of the Red Rose than in any other district in England. Northampton and Coventry have fallen from their high estate, and, although many good Norwich are still bred within their boundaries, breeders of other districts do not now make yearly pilgrimages to the towns of leather and cycles, as they used to do, in search of first-class birds for the show bench. The days of Thompson, Howe and Robinson, Adams and Athersuch, Curzons, Gayton, Cox, Mason, Martin, Anderton, Webb, Muscutt, etc. Nottingham and its suburbs, and Plymouth have maintained their positions, and now, as then, some of the best in the land annually hail therefrom.

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THREE POPULAR SOFT-BILLS.

Some Notes Thereon

By C. Mackwell.

THE REDSTART.

The Redstart is to my mind the nicest of our migratory birds and much resembles our gay coloured foreigners. He is commonly called Firetail, Redtail, or Redcap, arrives in April and leaves again in October. Their eggs are of a pale blue. They build generally in a wall on the roadside, out in the country, sometimes in a hole in a tree. The male bird when perched on a wall on a summer day is a real picture to look at. With his red-brown breast, red tail, white forehead, black throat and slaty-blue back, when the sun is fair on him, he looks just lovely. For a soft-bill class, smaller than the Lark, a Redstart, I think, stands the best chance of any, provided he is a good bird. The best way is to bring them up by hand, so that they are tame. The cock bird sings very nicely in a similar way to the Robin. They feed their young ones on insects, caterpillars, etc. They have a real full nest of young ones, generally six in number, sometimes even seven, and look just like young robins, being of a yellowish-brown colour and spotted with dark spots. The old birds are very shy, and you have to wait a while before they go to the nest. The bird is constantly calling a mournful solemn whistle when anyone gets near the nest. They only have one brood in a season, unless someone takes the eggs, and then they build and lay again in another place.

THE WHEATEAR.

The Wheatear is another of our many migratory birds like the Redstart, and is to be found on our moors and country roads, building in walls. It lays a pale blue egg, generally five in number. Like the Wagtail, they are never still; constantly their tail is wagging, and as you approach them they fly down and up on the wall a few yards further on. They build usually in a loose old wall. Last year I found a nest in which all the young ones were dead, a stone having fallen on them. If you look in the nest when they are feathered, they are like mice, they run all over in the wall, and you have lost them for ever; you can even pull the wall down and then not find them. The best way is to go for them a day or two before they are fairly feathered, or else you will miss them altogether. They make ideal show birds. They are very active and of a bright colour, greyish brown on the breast, with a grand slaty-blue back, and have a mark on the cheek like a moustache. The bill is long and pointed, and the legs are black. They are very common in this district (Keighley) and I have found as many as a dozen nests, all with young ones in, in a day. They stand a good chance in a small British class.

THE RING OUSEL.

The Ring Ousel is of the same family as the Blackbird and Thrush, and commonly called Moor Blackbird and Ring-necked Blackbird. These birds arrive in England about the first week in March and leave us again about the middle of October. In colour, the Ring Ousel is a dullish black with a delicate greyish lacing on the margin of the feathers. This lacing improves with age. Across its chest is a greyish white crescent shaped marking. These birds, same as all other kinds, vary a great deal, some being a lot better than others. They begin building soon after they arrive, and make a nest similar to a Blackbird. They generally build in a wall, amongst rocks, or on the ground, the nest being well hidden by the heather. The best way to find their nests is when they have young ones; to sit down, keep quiet and watch the old birds go to feed. When you go to a nest of young Ring Ousels feathered, the old birds come chattering and make such a noise that if anybody is anywhere near they seem to be telling them that you are after taking their young ones. Their eggs are similar to those of a Blackbird, and are usually four in number, sometimes five, and are of a greenish blue colour, spotted with light brown spots of a flaky appearance. It is a grand time about Whitsuntide to go seeking for young Ring Ousels. The best way is to get them young and bring them up by hand, as they make nice pets and they are much more easily tamed, and they are better, especially if they are wanted for showing. These birds make up grand for showing, but they do better when two years old, the crescent is then better defined. These birds do well in any variety British bird larger than a lark class at our shows.

RANDOM NOTES ON HYBRIDS AND MULES.

Some Interesting Experiences.

By T. H. KINCH.

(Continued from page 184a.)

THE CROSSING OF OWLS.

A friend of mine is next year going to have a try in a large aviary with the Long-eared Owl and the Little Owl. He has already made suitable places for them with old logs and trees. He thinks if he uses the Little Owl as female it will build in one of these logs. These Little Owls are prolific breeders; he also intends to try the other Owls as well. I hope he may meet with success in one of these crosses, for I quite believe, the same as he does, that these crosses have never been attempted; of course, we are both open to correction. I do know that he and his brother, this year, tried to cross the Carion Crow with a Rook, but the result was nil. He has now two Jays and two Magpies; this cross he intends to go into. I can assure you he is quite original in everything he undertakes, for at a comic football match for the hospitals, he came out as a bear, mask and skin quite complete and natural. I have only mentioned this to show your readers he is a great student of nature. Another cross next year, he means to try, is with the Kestrel and Sparrow-hawk, or vice versa. He is very fond of these large birds, and, like myself, he thinks they should be on the Show Bench. No doubt they would be quite a novelty, as well as a great attraction. I don't see why these should not be shown, as well as Choughs, for even the smaller birds such as the Swallow. The time may yet come for these birds to be shown.

DOVES AND WOOD PIGEONS.

Another of the larger crosses I have under my ken is the wild Wood Pigeon and Common Pigeon, also the wild Wood Pigeon and Turtle Dove. These birds have been put together this year when young, quite by chance. They may go on to breed. I am only mentioning these incidents encourage others. A young Dove was given away to some children, and the result was they wanted another, so went out into the woods and fields and got young Wood Pigeons, which they hand-reared to place with them. Now this experiment is worth trying, it is quite original for boys, for such they are, to try this way. I have encouraged them, and tell them they might do it. Now they are happy, but how long that will last I cannot say. I am quite afraid they will soon get tired of their hobby. These crosses, or I may say arrangements of theirs, may lead to some good results. If such crosses should come off, it will stimulate them to go further into the hobby, and become good fanciers. I am sorry to say two or three who have started with wild birds, and paired them up, have, just because they could not get the birds to go on as they wished, cleared the lot out. One lot, which was cleared out this week, was a Linnet-Greenfinch pair, they were sold, cage and birds by this young fancier for 2/3. The cage, was, of course, home-made the person who bought them has now two or three eggs, which the hen laid in some moss in the cage bottom. He has put her in a nest from the fields; she has taken to it, and I believe she now sits on these three eggs; if they should be good, and I do hope they are, it would help others to hold on, and try again. The individual who sold them is now sorry he parted with them, and so thinks he shall have another try, but not this year.

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The Cage Bird Traffic in the United States.

By HENRY OLDYS (Assistant, Biological Survey, U.S.A.)

In the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.

(Continued from page 191.)

The Retail Trade.

While retailers do more or less business during the entire year, three well-defined seasons are established. In February Canaries begin to breed, and for the first two or three months of the year the trade in breeding Canaries, especially females, is brisk. About the time it subsides the first shipment of young Parrots arrives from Cuba and Mexico. These at once take the stage and hold it until the middle of August, when it is no longer possible to secure young birds. Interest then turns chiefly to singing Canaries and the many other small cage-birds that are imported. The sale for these grows greater and greater, and reaches its maximum by Christmastide, after which it abruptly declines. Many dealers probably make more sales in December than during all the rest of the year. In the Christmas season of 1905 one Philadelphia department store sold 4,000 Canaries, besides other cage-birds.

From the character of the demand for cage-birds it is evident that the retail trade is, as a rule, not enough by itself to yield a profitable income. It is usually, therefore, combined with some trade of an allied nature. In retail bird stores one may usually find fowls of various kinds, pheasants, dogs, monkeys, squirrels, white mice, guinea-pigs, goldfish, and even lizards and snakes. The sale of food and cages also constitutes an item, and sometimes the proprietor acts as surgeon and physician to domestic pets.

During the year ending June 30, 1906, more than 200 species of cage-birds were imported into the United States. These comprised Canaries, Parrots (under which term we may include Parrakeets, Cockatoos, Macaws, and Lories), European birds, Oriental birds, African birds, Australian birds, and a few South American, Mexican and Cuban birds. It is obviously impossible, in the space of the present article, to consider all these in detail; but a brief account of some of the most important will be of interest.

An Appreciation of the Canary.

So widely known has the sweet singing Canary become that should an inhabitant of one of the civilised countries of the world visit the Canary Islands and hear the wild birds in their native home the strains would, in all probability, bring to the traveller memories of his own home. The clear and varied notes of this favourite singer are familiar to young and old, and many dwellings, from the great mansion to the obscure cottage, are alike brightened by their beauty. The position of the Canary amongst cage-birds is unique—not only because of its widespread popularity, but also from the fact that centuries of domestication have rendered it peculiarly dependent on man. Its cage has become its natural home, and to it liberty would probably mean death.

The bird is a native of the Canary Islands, the Azores, and Funchal (Madeira), and is said to have been brought from the Canaries to Spain, and kept as a cage-bird by the Spanish nobility shortly before the discovery of America. Other accounts make Italy the first country into which it was introduced, and place the time early in the sixteenth century. It is sufficient for present purposes to note that it has been domesticated and prized as a cage-bird for the past four centuries. The wild bird is smaller than the bird now so familiar, and is also differently coloured, having less bright yellow and considerable olive and brownish in its colouring. Nor does it sing as sweetly. Nevertheless, it is so attractive that soon after its introduction it became a general favourite, and was bred so assiduously that it is said by the beginning of the eighteenth century 27 different varieties were produced. It is interesting to note that Canaries are now exported from England to the Canary Islands.

The Roller Industry.

The Canary is a very good imitator. Mature birds have been known to reproduce very closely the songs of even such birds as Chewinks, House Wrens, and others, and the faculty has been utilised by breeders to determine to a certain extent the quality or character of the song of a young bird. In Germany young Canaries have been associated with Nightingales and in England with Woodlarks to this end. But the method commonly employed at present is to place the young bird with a Canary that possesses a superior song, and is kept solely for training purposes. The fine singers used for this purpose are called "campaninis" (or "schoolmasters") and command high prices. Singers are measured by the richness and sweetness, not the strength, of their tones. Thus the voice of one of the choice St. Andreasburg "rollers" (which sell at wholesale for 24 dols. to 36 dols. a dozen, according to season, while ordinary Canaries range from 15 dols. to 21 dols. a dozen) could easily be drowned by the singing of many an inferior Canary. A single bird with a superior voice, especially a "campanini," will sometimes command a price for which several dozen ordinary singers can be bought. Ordinary female birds, on the other hand, which are purchased mainly for breeding purposes, may be had as low as 6 dols. a dozen at wholesale.

As previously stated, singing Canaries are bred in the Hartz Mountains of Germany. Large numbers are raised by the cottagers of this region, and are bought directly from them by buyers for the wholesale establishments of Germany and England, and the German branches of American establishments. How much the industry means to the peasants near St. Andreasburg, the Brocken, and other localities in the Hartz Mountains, may be gathered from the fact that thirty years ago it was estimated that the trade amounted to 300,000 dols. a year.

Some Canaries sing much more freely than others, and immediately after the arrival of a consignment at the store of the importer the interesting process of testing the singing qualifications of the different individuals is begun. Cages are piled one deep in a tier containing forty or fifty rows. In front of this large somewhat semi-circular pile, each cage containing a single occupant, sits the tester, watching and listening. Many notes may be heard, but it is difficult to determine from which of the many score of throats they proceed. This is the duty assigned the tester, and when he is certain that any particular bird is singing, he places a chalk mark on the cage containing it. Marked cages are subsequently removed and their occupants are sold as guaranteed singers. Testing Canaries is difficult, and requires both patience and training, yet on a clear sunny day, when the birds sing more freely and can be more clearly seen, an expert will sometimes mark 500 cages.

A Yankee's View of Fancy Points.

In the breeding of Canaries song has not been the only desideratum, but has shared consideration with shape and colour. The potency of artificial selection is as well shown in this pursuit as in the rearing of fancy Pigeons, and some quite as distorted shapes are produced. Thus Belgium has succeeded in giving to the world a big Canary with broad shoulders abnormally raised above the small head. And Scotland has produced a type—the Scotch Fancy Canary—that is bent like a bow, so that when the bird is at rest on a perch (our author ought rather to have written "when the bird is in position"—Editor, "C.B.") a line drawn from bill to tip of tail would pass well in front of the feet. Other abnormal products of the breeders' ingenuity are the Yorkshire Canary, very long and very slim, and the Lancashire (or Manchester) Coppy, well proportioned, but a very giant among Canaries.

Still other fancy varieties are the Norwich, at present a popular favourite, the London Fancy, the Border Fancy, and the Lizard, a dark bird with gold or silver spangles and yellow crown. All these are further sub-divided by breeders and fanciers. Norwich Canaries and Manchester Coppies are frequently ornamented with crests. Endowing with a crest a bird that has none naturally, is striking evidence of the possibilities of artificial selection.

The diversity is further augmented by colour possibilities. All Canaries are either "yellow" or "buff." These are technical terms, however, and are somewhat misleading. A yellow (or jonque) Canary is one whose plumage is lustrous; a buff (or mealy) is one whose plumage is dull and has a frosted appearance. Cinnamon Canaries with pink eyes (and green and piebald Canaries also) are bred, and a few decades ago it was discovered that by feeding young Canaries freely on cayenne pepper the yellow could be deepened into a rich orange. The combinations offered by these different characteristics are very numerous, and when to them are added the results of hybridizing with other species—Goldfinch, Linnet, Siskin, and others—as is done for the production of the much-prized "Mules," unlimited possibilities seem to open out before the breeder. In breeding for shape and colour, singing qualities are neglected, and Canaries in which these are so highly developed often have little left of the sweet song that was the chief cause of their original domestication.

In view of the great number of varieties that have been produced and the difference in style and quality of song, and taking into consideration also the patience, care, and skill bestowed by breeders in producing and maintaining at an established standard the various results of their work, it is not surprising to find great differences in the price of Canaries. Ordinary male Canaries can be bought for 1 dol. 50 cents to 2 dols. apiece at retail, and from this the prices rise, through Norwich, Yorkshire, Lizard, Manchester, and Belgian Canaries in order, and reach in the last a wholesale rate of 30 dols. to 50 dols. a pair. Song production has not been led into bizarre channels, and that beauty of song is more highly estimated than odd shape is shown by the fact that one of the finest singers amongst the "Rollers" may command as much as 150 dols.

(It may be as well to mention here that our American friend goes a little astray in the foregoing paragraphs, as no doubt most readers will discover for themselves. Thus the London Fancy Canary has now, we are afraid, to be written down as extinct; the Lizard has not always a yellow crown; the Lancashire (or Manchester) Coppy has always a crest—Coppy being the breeders' name for the head feathers—while a buff bird has not necessarily "dull" plumage.—Editor, "C.B.")

(To be continued.)

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

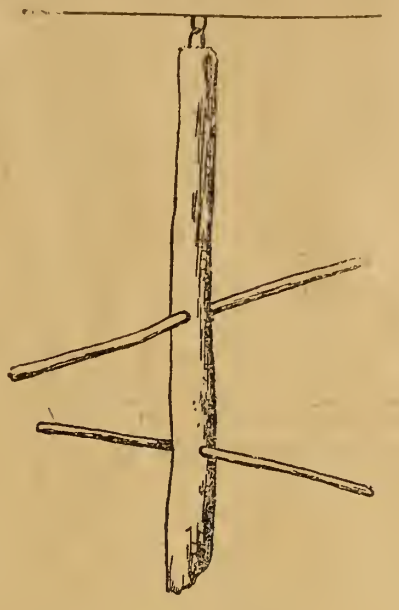
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No. 143.

A SWING PERCH.

Sent by S. T. Perrin, "Montrose," Garfield Street, Kettering.

The enclosed sketch is of a swing perch suitable for aviaries or large cages. First get a piece of bough the thickness of a broom handle, and about 15ins. long. Set perpendicular, hanging from the top of the cage, by double staples, one fixed to



A Swing Perch.

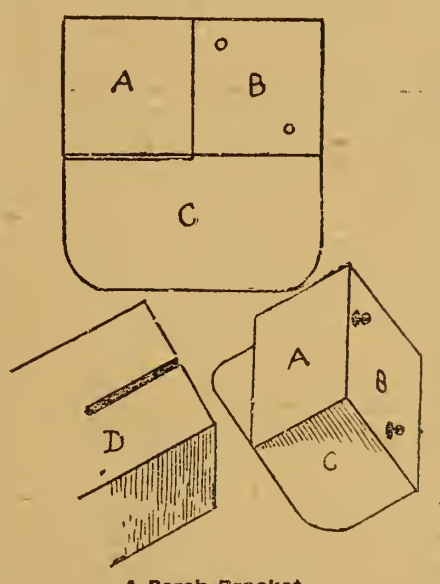
the cage, the other to the perch, looped through each other. Next get two pieces of wood, same length and substance, 12ins. and ⅝in. thick, these to be fixed through upright, the first 6in. from the bottom, the next 4in. lower, so that the perches point in four directions.—S. T. Perrin.

No. 144.

NOVEL PERCH HOLDER.

Sent by P. H. Harris, 34, Bedford Square, W.C.

I have, in common, I daresay, with other fanciers, found there is a great deal wanting in the old method of fixing perches in cages, especially the long lower ones in front of feeders. The idea I send I find works perfectly, allowing perches to be



A Perch Bracket.

taken out, and cleaned in a second. These little brackets can easily be made by anyone, all that is required being a little piece of tin and a pair of shears, or an old pair of scissors would do. In the sketch the top figure gives the pattern the tin should be cut to. A should be folded over B to make the bracket stiffer. D shows perch with saw cut (slot) to slip on the bracket.—P. H. Harris.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Doings of the Starlings.

Early this morning the grassland outside the village was alive with Starlings. They were in flocks of from fifty to one hundred birds, of both sexes, and young and old. There had been rain during the night, and food must have been plentiful near the surface; they were all busy feeding together, yet as quarrelsome as birds could possibly be. The Starling always appears to hunt for his food as though time was of the utmost importance. He probes and prods the ground in a most business-like manner, quite oblivious of his surroundings—excepting when his neighbour gets too close, for he is a greedy bird, and will fight upon the slightest interference. But it is never of any long duration, for he has much on hand, and cannot waste time arguing with a relative. When disturbed there is no waiting and watching about the Starling; he simply discontinues his work, takes wing, has a fly round, and settles again almost immediately.

Towards evening the flocks make their way to the woods about Banstead, where they join with other flocks, making together one huge gathering of many thousands of birds. In the early morning they break up and depart their several ways. One wonders if these flocks consist of the same units day after day, or do they get so mixed in the big gathering that they are unable to find their friends? If one watches any of these clouds of birds going through their nightly evolutions just before roosting, it seems as though they must get so thoroughly mixed up that it is impossible for them to find relations or friends the next morning! Yet each season we have almost positive proofs of the birds pairing for life. Many of us know several places where a nest of young Starlings is reared annually. For three seasons in succession a hole in an elm tree near the station has contained a nest. This is evidently the work of the same pair, or why should this position be selected so regularly? Besides, we have it upon the authority of many eminent naturalists that the Starling pairs for life, so that in spite of the numbers and the big gatherings they either keep more together than we know of, or they have some means of meeting again, probably upon some common feeding ground.

Weight of the Bustard.

The Great Bustard, a bird common in Spain, and occasionally visiting this country, has been known to weigh as much as thirty pounds. These heavy birds are probably old males.

An Early Fieldfare.

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Revival of Bird Song.

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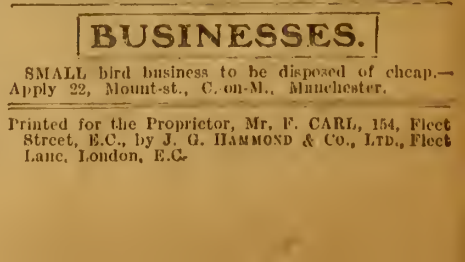
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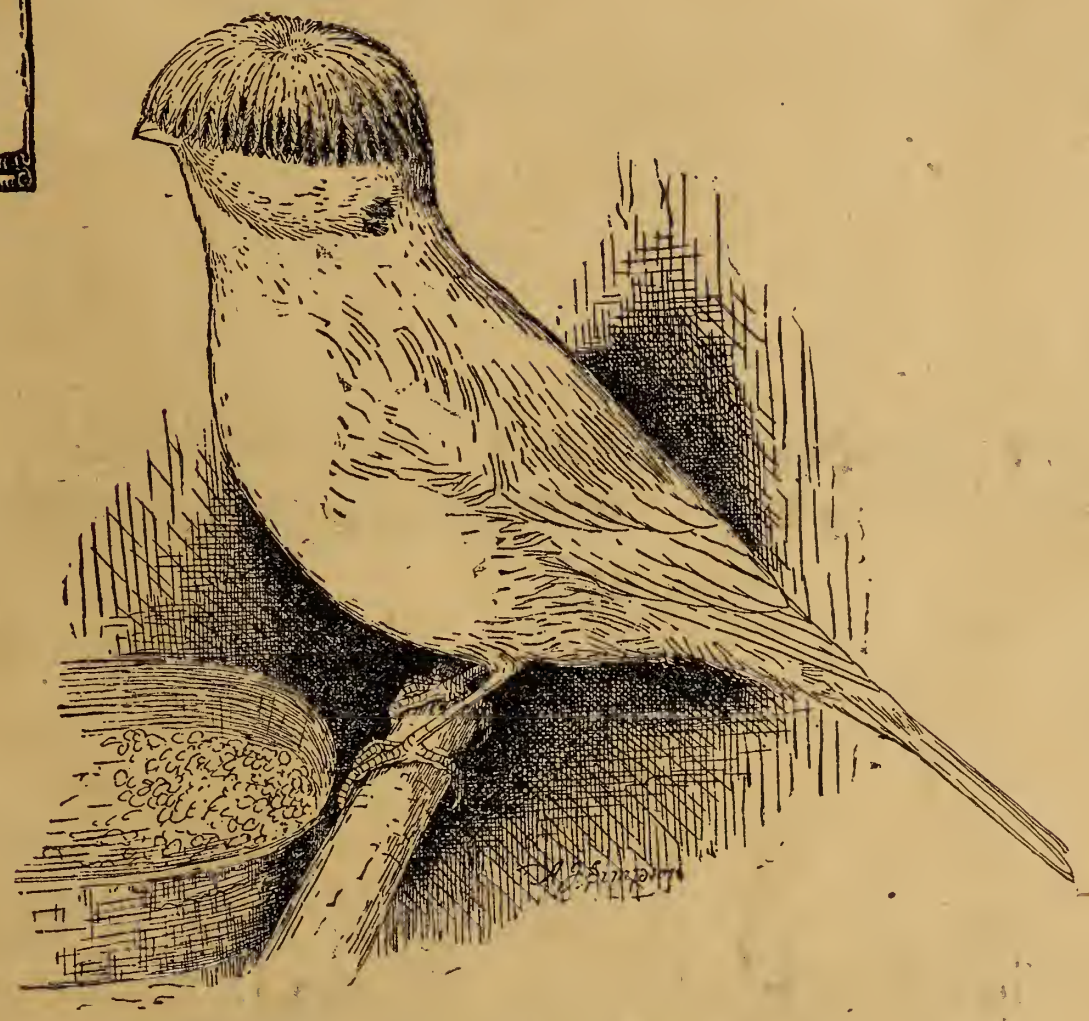
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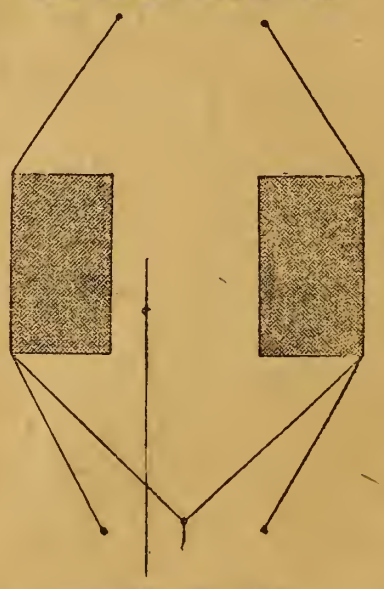
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Gentlemen, I have a grand lot of special selected cock Linnets for show, muling or singing, 1/- each; Linnets all through the moult, with red breasts, three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- a dozen; bear in mind all warranted cocks, not mixed.—P. Brade, Bird Catcher, 89, Hammond-st., Preston, Lancs.

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J. SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancashire.

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NOTICE. Wholesale only; warranted cocks, Goldfinches, six 7/-, 13/- dozen; hens, 6/- dozen; all red-breasted cock Linnets, 3/- dozen; hens, 1/-; Redpolls, 2/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Skylarks, 2/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/- dozen. Dealers! Can supply hundreds weekly; live arrival guaranteed or replaced.—Compton, Birdcatcher, Chessell-st., Bedminster.

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Canaries. Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Yorkshires. Pairs specially and carefully matched from 3/-, 9/-, 10/- to £3. Exhibition specimens from £1 to £5. Show birds that may be relied upon. Single cocks, songsters, Norwich, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens, Norwich, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards. Good slim exhibition Yorkshires from £1. Crests and Crestbreds from our strain that were so successful last season, from 12/6, £1 upwards. Satisfaction guaranteed. Approval.—73, Knowsley-rd., Norwich.

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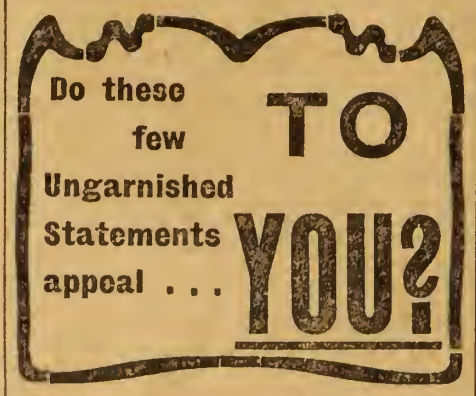
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3, Court Ord Cottages, Rottingdean, near Brighton. October 13, 1907.—I am writing to say the birds arrived quite safe on Tuesday, and in good condition. I am very pleased with both.

Better than any advertisement.

Post Office, Newry, October 7, 1907.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yellow Norwich cock and to say that it gives entire satisfaction. I must say I think it splendid value for the money, in fact, it is better than any advertisement you could publish, for several who have seen it are convinced of the genuineness of your birds.—T. Mallon to W. Rudd.

Greatly surprised for the money.

35, Berens Road, Wakeman Road, Kensal Rise, London. October 13, 1907.—A line to inform you birds arrived safe in the pink of condition. I was greatly surprised at the birds for the money. I expected similar to what I had received before from others. But they look like two pictures. There was not a feather out of place. I am more than satisfied with them, so are my friends.—J. H. Allum to W. Rudd.

Can recommend you, etc.

10, Prospect Terrace, Brinscall, near Chorley. October 7, 1907.—Birds arrived all safe, and am very well pleased with the same. I can recommend you as being the right man anyone can trust for getting their value for money. Wishing you every success.—J. Backhouse to W. Rudd.

Very good value, etc.

53, Barmeston Road, Catford. October 9, 1907.—Received birds quite safely this morning. I am pleased to say they were in very good condition. I am pleased with them and think you have given me very good value, so shall recommend you whenever I can, as I have been taken in with other advertisements, but shall always send to you in future; you evidently believe in the saying, "Be just and fear not." Again thanking you for your prompt delivery.—A. J. Weston to W. Rudd.

Melrose Terrace, October 9, 1907.—I visited our Cage Bird Show with some recently, and while looking over birds I was astonished to see a Crested cock supplied by you to a gentleman in this city. This bird took 1st and special, and was the admiration of all fanciers. I want a Crested cock; let me know particulars.—C. M. J. to W. Rudd.

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PAIRS, MATCHED to breed winners, no guesswork business, nor colour-blind attempts, **9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.** Many of these can win themselves, in fair company. Others as follows:—Cocks, **4/3, 5/-, 6/-** each; Norwich Hens, **2/-, 3/-, 4/-** each. A grand lot of specially selected Norwich and Yorkshire Cocks, selected for song, **6/6, 7/-** and **7/6** each. Pairs of Norwich matched for breeding, **6/6, 7/6, 8/6,** Crested Norwich Cocks, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-** up; Hens, do., **5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-** up; Crested Bred Cocks, **5/6, 6/6, 8/6** to **20/-** up; Hens, **4/6, 6/6, 10/6** up. Pairs matched for breeding, one Crested, the other Crested bred, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** up. Cinnamons, **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** per pair. Scotch Fancies—grand stock—and Show Birds, **25/-, 30/-, 40/-** each.

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Approval willingly.

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Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/0, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; Buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/0.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st.; green ears pass the door.

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

TWELVE 1907 Seifert Roller hens, 2/6 each; 25/- lot.—Higgins, 54, North-rd., Brighton.

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YOUNG Hartz Roller Canary, warranted in full song, day or gaslight, large window cage, 7/6, worth 10/6; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven King's, Essex.

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PAIR Green Yorkshires, 12/6; pair Norwich, 10/6. —Hawkes, 23, Conway-rd., Plumstead.

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FINE type Yorkshires; cocks, 6/-; hens, 4/-.—John Hy. Dixon, 77, Brook-st., Selby, Yorks.

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GRAND pair high-class Yorkshires, big winners, and fit to win, £3 3s., or best cash offer; approval.—Mullis, Winslow, Bucks.

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CLUB REPORTS.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held October 5th. Rev. W. Rickaby in chair. Seeing that cage birds fanciers in the Derwent Valley district are mostly novices, it was, after a good discussion, agreed to have a five-mile radius show on November 30th, to try and strengthen the Society, so they might be able to hold an open show next year. The members will be glad if all fanciers living inside the limit will help in any way to make the show a success. The classes were arranged, and the schedule will be out shortly.—W. RICHARDSON, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

On conclusion of the necessary work in connection with the annual show, the Society decided to hold a smoking concert, and this took place at headquarters on October 9th, and was well attended. About 40 members and a great number of friends turned up, well supplied with music, a most enjoyable evening being spent. A very high compliment was paid to the members by a friend, who stated he should certainly take up Canaries as a hobby, for all those in the fancy seemed to have good vocal powers, which they must have gained from their pets! It is intended that a number of these social evenings shall be arranged in the future, for it is felt that they tend to cement that friendship that should exist amongst fanciers.—J. MUNRO, Hon. sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Members met at Oldham, October 12th. Mr. Fred. Steeple presided. The minutes were confirmed and correspondence accepted, which included several letters from secretaries thanking us for our offer of guaranteeing the Lancashire classes at their coming shows. It was suggested that societies where we give our patronage should have printed opposite the classes, the L.C.A. Guarantee, the following, viz.: "Guaranteed by the Lancashire Canary Association." This, it was thought by all members present, was as little as the secretaries can do, seeing the amount the L.C.A. is liable for in case of short entries. Secretaries please bear in mind, next meeting at 6 p.m. at Rochdale Good Intent Show, opposite Rochdale Station entrance, November 2nd.—J. LAW, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

List of Specials Season 1907-8.—£5 5s. subscription cup for Yorkshire Greens, £5 5s. subscription cup for Norwich Greens (champions only, to be won twice), £3 3s. subscription cup for Yorkshire Greens, £3s 3s. subscription cup for Norwich Greens (novices only, won outright first year), 21s. gold medal for runner up in each section, silver spoon for most points gained by a novice in either, or both Yorkshire and Norwich Green sections. Cash prizes (all points count).—Yorkshire Greens: Champion, 1, 20s; 2, 17s. 6d.; 3, 15s.; 4, 12s. 6d.; 5, 10s.; 6, 8s. 6d.; novice: 1, 20s.; 2, 17s 6d.; 3, 15s.; 4, 12s. 6d.; 5, 10s.; 6, 8s. 6d. Norwich Greens: Champion and Novice: 1, 20s.; 2, 17s. 6d.; 3, 15s.; 4, 12s. 6d.; 5, 10s.; 6, 8s. 6d. Shows: October 18 and 19, Newcastle; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, selfs and fouls; October 25 and 26, Manchester, Messrs. House and Payne, cocks and hens; November 8 and 9, Warrington, Mr. A. Hirst, cocks and hens; November 15 and 16, Leeds, Messrs. Battye and Payne, selfs and fouls; November 20 and 27, Derby, Messrs. Bexson and Roe, cocks and hens; December 6 and 7, Wigan, J. Trengove, cocks and hens; December 13 and 14, Pendleton, Messrs. Battye and Booth, selfs and fouls; December 21, Bradford West, M. Broadley, cocks and hens; January 1 and 2, 1908, Scottish National, Messrs. Battye and Vardy, cocks and hens; January 10 and 11, St. Helens, J. Robson, selfs and fouls; January 14, Llanelly, Mr. Payne, cocks and hens; January 25, Great Horton, Mr. J. Broadley, cocks and hens; G.C.A., self and fouls.

WALLSEND AND MID TYNE C.B.

Special meeting held at headquarters, October 10th, Mr. John Macdonald in the chair. There was a good muster of members, and the first business was the "christening" of our two new massive silver cups, and how they had to be offered for competition. After a very lengthy and thorough discussion, in which all the members present took an active part, it was finally decided that No. 1 "The Percy Hood" £10 10s. silver challenge cup, be awarded to the exhibitor gaining most points in open classes in the show, the cup to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. The members think they are fortunate in having such a staunch and genuine supporter as their most esteemed vice-president, Percy Hood. This is the second massive cup he has presented the association with, within two years, the other being won outright last November by Stanger and Herdman, of Pelton Fell. The silver cup the members subscribed for themselves was named the "Club Challenge Cup." After all the pros and cons had been discussed, it was decided that it be awarded to the member gaining most points with three nominated birds in members classes. Afterwards we lixed up the specials for open classes and extra specials. We have been fortunate in getting numerous medals for competition, gold and silver, and a large assortment of useful articles. One member in particular, Edward Langlands, having two subscription lists full of money and goods, specials, and still he is on the hunt for more "victims." He even knocks our chairman into a "cocked hat," and, believe me, that takes some doing! If our approaching show is not a huge success, it won't be the fault of the present committee, as everyone is working with a will to that end. We have got the patronage of the following specialist clubs, the Border Counties N. and C.C.C., the Northern Crest C. the Northern Yorks. C.C., and the Northern British B.M. and F.C.C.—JAS. JOHNSTON, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Monthly meeting held October 14th, with a record attendance of members, Mr. Brown (President) in the chair. Communication read from Scottish Plainhead Club, granting patronage for open show, at which two cups and three gold medals will be competed for by members of the club. We have also patronage of Border Fancy Club, and a medal for best Border Fancy. Arrangements were made for club show on October 19th with a large number of special prizes, and everything points to a record show.—J. KERR, Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The annual meeting took place at headquarters, on October 9th, Mr. Bill occupying the chair. The balance-sheets, which were read, showed a balance in hand of 7s. 3d. on the members' show held November, 1906, and of 19s. 5d. on the ordinary account, making a total of £1 6s. 8d. in the treasurer's hands. Mr. J. J. Mullett was unanimously re-elected secretary, with a vote of thanks for past services. Mr. J. G. Leech, of the Cross Aviaries, Dudley, was elected chairman. Mr. W. Harper Bill, solicitor, Dudley, was elected vice-chairman. Part of the working committee was then formed, and will be completed at the next meeting, on the second Wednesday in November, when Mr. R. Russon has kindly consented to give a washing exhibition of Canaries; all fanciers are invited, with old members and intending ones; meeting at 8.30 prompt.—J. J. MULLETT, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting October 1st. Mr. Howarth presided. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Charles Blockhurst, who on many occasions has given lectures and demonstrations to the members, made the gratifying announcement that, as the result of an agreeable interview which he and the Rev. S. E. Collinson had with Lord Stanley, his Lordship had consented to take the presidency of the Society, and offered a most valuable challenge cup to be competed for at the forthcoming show on the 8th and 9th of November. His Lordship promised to open the show, and to do all he could to promote its interests. After such encouragement has been extended by one of the members of the house of Stanley to the interests of one of the great hobbies of the Lancashire working men, who have always been distinguished for their love of nature and their peeps into its wonderful mysteries, it is to be hoped that the members will bring a newer and greater interest to bear, and thereby secure a roll of membership worthy of so illustrious a lead. It is most desirable that the coming show shall be of a magnitude which shall command wide attention, and that all fanciers shall make a special effort to swell out the classes. Mr. Cleminson gave a demonstration of how to wash birds for exhibition, which was greatly appreciated by all the younger members of the Society.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A well-attended meeting was held at the Bay Malton, Great Portland-street, W., on October 10th. An important and pleasant announcement awaited the members after the schedule of the autumn show had been agreed upon, the treasurer, Mr. Williams, intimating that a silver cup to be presented by this association, would be offered for competition, and the terms of winning it settled at a later date. It is hoped that this will stimulate the members to a great effort to make the show a success, as, judging by the money already subscribed, the trophy promises to be a splendid one. Mr. Sam Smith was down to give a washing exhibition. Owing to regrettable indisposition, he was unable to attend. The breach was filled by those two able veterans in the art of washing, Messrs. Shakespeare and Davies. Some of the novices afterwards took a hand. It was a particularly instructive exhibition, and judging from the brisk discussion which followed, it was evident the novices present had learnt a good deal. Mr. Shakespeare very ably showed how necessary was the washing of British birds for exhibition, but strongly advised novices to get a good deal of practice before attempting some of the species, such as Bullfinches, which required the most careful handling. An inspection was then made of the washed birds, and it was soon seen where the "art of washing" lay. Much merriment was caused, but the novices took it in very good part. Taken all round, it was, perhaps, one of the most instructive meetings held by the society. Another surprise awaited the members, Mr. Morrison handing a handsome cup to the chairman, which was to be won outright for most points in the Canary section at the autumn show. Mr. Morrison was very warmly thanked for his kindness, and suitably replied. Votes of thanks were then accorded Messrs. Shakespeare and Davis, to Mr. Williams for kindly lending the birds, and the meeting closed with a further vote of thanks to Mr. Edward Pretty for presiding. A novel washing competition will be held on the next meeting night, October 24th.

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Barrow and Dist. C.B.S.—October 23, New Club room, 7.30. General business.—W. Willison, sec.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—October 22, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. Table Show of Cage Birds, A V., was held: 1, Costello, 2 and 3, Hurst. Arrangements for Members' Show.—W. H. Riley, sec.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—October 19, Members' Show. Birds to be staged at 2 o'clock. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday.—A. Livesey, sec.

Bradford (East) O.S.—October 22, Park Chapel Schools, 8. "Impromptu" Questions and Answers. Friends invited.—H. Hill, sec.

Bristol C.B.S.—November 6, Headquarters, Crown Hotel, Castle Street, 8. Special show business; very important.—J. Munro, sec.

Burton-on-Trent C B.S.—October 22, New Inn, 8. Schedule.—A. Emery, sec.

City of Wakefield O.S.—October 22, Coffee Tavern, 8. Election of Vice-President, vice Mr. Ellis resigned.—Netherwood and Keeley, sec.

Coventry O S.—October 23, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Close of entries for Members, and final arrangements for show.—G. Turrell, sec.

Crewe and Dist O.S.—October 21, Beech Tree, 7.30 Final arrangements and allotment of specials for Members' Show, November 2, and other important business.—J. C. Heaton, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B F A—October 23, George Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Open Show.—R. S. Black, sec.

Derby C B C.—Annual summoned meeting, October 26, at the Victoria Congregational Schoolroom, at 7 p.m. Business: Classification of Young Birds and paying up for same, etc. All members must attend or send word.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

Dewsbury and Dist C.B.S.—October 19, Royal Hotel, 7.30.—B. Cook, sec.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—November 13, Crown Hotel, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, 8.30. Washing Exhibition of Canarics, by Mr. R. Russon.—J. J. Mullett, sec.

Green Canary Association—October 24, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8 o'clock. Judge and schedule for old show.—S. Hadwin, sec.

Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F A—October 24, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, 8 p.m. Table Show of Canaries, etc.; important business.—W. Bird, hon. sec.

East Bowling and Dist B F.A—October 26, Barley Mow, Bowling, Bradford, 3. Entries close at 3 prompt. Judge, Mr. W. Wharton.—J. E. Hudson.

Gateshead and Dist C.B.S — October 23, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. General Show business—T. Taylor, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C B S.—October 21, Headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. Important.—F. Sharples, sec.

Heywood and Dist C B.S.—October 22, Headquarters. Bird Washing Competition. Every member to compete and bring his own bird.—R. and M. Murdo, sec.

Hyde and Dist. C B S.—October 21, St. George's School, 8. Important business.—T. Allsop, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—October 23, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table Show, any var. Nor. Yell. (Unfli.), Open. Ditto Novice. Judge Mr. Edwards. — J. Heighton, sec.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S — October 22, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30.—Open show arrangements.—A. Parks, sec.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—October 25, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon, sec.

London and Counties A.C.B.—October 24, "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W., 8.30. Washing Competition, 3 prizes for Champion, Amateur, and Novice, if three competitors in each section.—R. J Pretty, sec.

Lowestoft and Dist. C B.S—October 21, Fox and Hounds, London Road, Lowestoft; Washing exhibition, by Mr. Jacob Mackley, 7.30.—G. Francis.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—October 21, Deansgate, Hotel, 7.45. Important Show business. E. Jones.

Metropolitan Ass. of C.M and H.B.—October 24, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Washing Exhibition, by Messrs. Cooper Bros., followed by a competition. Persons interested heartily welcome.—A. J. Head, hon. sec.

Morriston and D C.B.S. — October 19, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. To distribute schedules, and other important business.—D. Jeremy, sec.

Neath and Dist. F.A.—November 5, Drill Hall of 3rd Glamorgan Rifles. Show.—W. R. B. Richardson, hon. sec.

North Manchester C.B.S. — October 22, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 7.30 sharp. Washing Competition, and schedules for November Show, will be ready.—J. Davey, sec.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—October 16, Cobden Hall, 8. Show business, important.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Oldham and Dist C.B.S—October 22, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business. Meetings will be held each Tuesday to Show.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Plumstead, Woolwich and Dist C.B.S—October 24, Trinity Schools, 8. Demonstration of Canary Washing, by Mr. Meades, followed by Washing Competition; also exhibition of home-made drying Apparatus. All friends welcome.—W. Pawley, sec.

Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S. — October 26, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, Porth, 7.30 sharp. Important meeting.—J. Challenger, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—October 21, Sale Hotel, Committee meeting, 8 p.m. Show business, allotment of specials, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—October 19, Station Hotel, 7. Open Show.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Shields C.B.S.—October 23, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Placing of specials and final arrangements for Show.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Shipley O.S—October 22, Victoria Hotel, 8. Show business, important.—H. Dobson, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—October 21, Northgate Hotel, 8—A. Whitehead, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—October 22, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Subscriptions due, and other important business.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stratford and East London F S. — October 24, Workman's Hall, 8. Distribution of prizes won at Young Stock Show; fanciers cordially invited.—S. L. Sheldrich, sec.

Sunderland C.B.S.—October 26, Cafe Smoke-room, Fawcett Street, 7.30. Members' subscriptions and specials for Members' Classes.—F. Gordon, sec.

Swansea and District L.B.A.—October 24, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Washing Exhibition given by E. M. Evans, Esq., and D. Jenkins, Esq. Novices please turn up.—A. Hitchings, sec.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A—October 24, Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction, 7.—A. T. Johnson.

West Bromwich and Dist. C B S. — October 22, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Judge and classification for Show.—T. Duffield, hon. sec.

Wigan and Dist. C B S. — October 21, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge, sec.

Willington Quay and Dist. F.F.S—October 24, Turk's Head, 7.30. Business important.—W. T. Winter, sec.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—October 19, Horse and Groom Inn, at 8 p.m. Members' Show, Judge, Mr. J. Townend.—E. W. Johnson, hon. sec.

Wakefield Roller C.C—October 21, Elephant and Castle, 8. Important business.—J. Netherwood, sec.

Yarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—October 23, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30. A special committee meeting, business important, forthcoming show, South Shied, members please note.—J. T. Carrick.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held September 10th, at Textile Hall. Mr. J. E. Wolstenholme presided over a good attendance. Mr. Nelson, of Stockport, read a paper on the "Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canary." He said there was so much colour in the Yorkshire Canary that special precautions should be taken in breeding, there being a right and a wrong way in the pairing process. This he briefly dealt with, pointing out the common errors, and afterwards informing them how and what to pair. Following this was a description of the ideal markings for an exhibition bird, and referring to the colour of the "Yorkshire," he gave his assurance that it was possible to colour this bird equal to the Norwich by use of Cinnamon blood. Then followed a practical description of breeding from stock from his own personal experience. He went on to say that with many fanciers this branch of the fancy was not satisfactory, owing, in his opinion, to their scanty stock and insufficient scope in the bird room. They must remember that marked birds were not got so easily as colour birds. The "Cinnamon" was the most mysterious and interesting of the whole fancy, the powers of reproduction being marvellous. He gave a detailed explanation of the results obtained by different pairs. Speaking of even-marked breeding, he advised Yorkshire fanciers to avoid cap-marked birds. On the show bench the markings were taken into consideration more than the Norwich, and many judges undoubtedly followed the Yorkshire Union standard, maintaining that even marks were variegation to perfection. To make one's own strain meant years of unnecessary labour and expense, and he advised fanciers to visit reliable dealers, purchase a good bird, and start at once. Breast and saddle-marked birds were bad, and along with cap-marked should be avoided. They should not pair two evenly-marked birds together, as this would result in heavy variegation, which was not desirable. Referring to inbreeding, in which he was a firm believer, he said that fanciers should know what they were going in for, viz., hen or cock side. In his opinion the male bird carried the marking better than the hen, size also being on this side. On the other hand, with the hen they got quality, style, and position. The pairing of marks was next dealt with, like producing like to a great extent, especially on the male side. At the present time all Yorkshiremen were deeply interested in the cinnamon-marked birds, and it would be observed that plenty of cocks were kept in their bird-room, these being used for enriching the colour. In conclusion, he urged those present to look after their birds well, meeting all their requirements, and their ambitions would be fulfilled. After the lecture many questions were asked, and were satisfactorily answered. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed, on the motion of Mr. Fallowes, seconded by Mr. Bentley. The ordinary business was afterwards dealt with, this chiefly relating to the proposed Roller contest. The annual show will be held on November 8th and 9th.—J. E. HOLDEN, Asst. Sec.

BEGINNERS read THE ANNUAL.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD EAST and Gt. Horton O.S. each held members' shows on Saturday last, the first-named having a real good show of over 100 entries, and as they are not in the Yorkshire Union they were able to hold their show during the afternoon. Gt. Horton had 54 entries in the 9 classes provided, the birds being staged in the evening, and many of them came direct from Windhill to again uphold the prestige of their owners in the race for specials.

WHO is the prominent Bradford judge who colour feeds his maggots when he goes fishing? I hear it is a splendid wheeze to get a good catch. But is it hot or cold that he uses? Other anglers would like to know.

THE Malton Society have had some little trouble during the last few weeks. But now that the clouds have been dispersed and the silver lining brought well into view, the Society will no doubt be the better and healthier for it. That it will now progress is certain, as nothing is worse than discontent and discord, and it is better to free the air from impurities, be they real or only imaginary. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER FANCY C.C.

List of Specials, Season 1907-8.—Northern Division, Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire, Westmoreland, Cumberland, Lancashire, and Cheshire. Handsome cup for most points gained by the three highest birds at each show throughout season; cash specials, for most points throughout season all points count: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s. Southern Division, Wales and Rest of England. Handsome cup for most points gained by the three highest birds at each show throughout season. Cash specials, for most points throughout season, all points count: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s. Shows.—North: October 18 and 19, Newcastle; October 25 and 26, Manchester; November 6 and 7, Morecambe; November 15 and 16, Whitehaven; November 28, Berwick-on-Tweed; December 6 and 7, Carlisle; December 13 and 14, Gateshead; January 10 and 11, 1908, St. Helens. South: October 17 and 18, Dulwich; October 30 and 31, Welsh National; November 6 and 7, Swansea; November 20 and 21, Bristol; December 6 and 7, L.C.B.A.; December 13 and 14, Gateshead; January 14, 1908, Llanelly, January 31 to February 4, Palace.

Nov. 8th.

A RED LETTER DAY FOR POULTRY KEEPERS.

The First Number of THE POULTRY WORLD will appear on Nov. 8th next.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS have noticed lately the announcements about a new paper for poultry keepers which will shortly appear. We are now in a position to divulge a few more details concerning the proprietary interests involved, and the programme that has been decided on. The name of the new paper will be

"The Poultry World,"

It will be priced at One Penny, and will appear every week. It will endeavour to strike an entirely new note in fancy journalism, and it will have on its staff many of the ablest experts connected with the Poultry Hobby. Simultaneously with the appearance of **"The Poultry World"** there will appear, under the auspices of Mr. J. E. Watmough, the well-known Yorkshire newspaper owner and Chairman of the Fanciers' Printing Co., a specialist paper, devoted exclusively and thoroughly to Homer and Fancy Pigeons. It will be priced at One Penny also, and will appear every week under the simple but comprehensive title of

"Pigeons."

Mr. J. E. Watmough will have the sole management and control of **"Pigeons"** and Mr. F. Carl the sole management and control of **"The Poultry World"** both journals co-operating with each other but remaining financially distinct and preserving their own separate individuality.

AN ANCIENT PEDIGREE.

These two papers will be the lineal descendants of the oldest fancy journal known, viz.: *"The Fancier's Gazette,"* founded 1874, the paper with which the late Mr. W. A. Blakston was for so long honourably associated. For *"Pigeons and Poultry,"* the weekly journal which has catered so admirably in the past for Poultry and Pigeon Fanciers' and which was an offshoot from *"The Fanciers' Gazette"* will after the first week in November be divided into two specialist organs, one devoted to Poultry, the other to Pigeons, each doing its level best to attain supremacy in its own special sphere.

"The Poultry World" will be owned by a limited liability company, the board of management for which will be made up as follows:

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Proprietor of CAGE BIRDS.

Directors: MR. J. E. WATMOUGH,—
Chairman Fanciers' Printing Coy., present owner of FUR AND FEATHER, PIGEONS AND POULTRY, etc., etc.

MR. W. E. BERRY—
Proprietor HEALTH AND STRENGTH, etc.

J. TREWAVAS,—
Director Fanciers' Printing Coy.

The chief outdoor representative and reporter-in-chief for **"The Poultry World"** will be Mr. C. A. HOUSE—a journalist who served his apprenticeship under the doyen of Poultry Editors, Mr. Edward Brown, and who for over twenty years has been creditably associated with fancy journalism and fancy matters.

Mr. Carl and Mr. Watmough will both have a large financial interest in **"The Poultry World,"** and it will be the aim of the various periodicals they respectively control to further their common interests. Their various journals will thus cover almost the entire range of fancy topics, viz.—Poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cage birds, cavies, mice. We may as well make it clear, though, that CAGE BIRDS will continue to be run as a private enterprise, and **not** as a limited liability company. Mutual arrangements have been made to secure a formidable campaign on all sections of interest catered for, and equally in the country as in the town. Mr. Watmough's headquarters will remain at Bradford, Mr. Carl conducting all necessary operations from London.

Thus does the newest paper in the Poultry fancy become the oldest. And it will be the aim of **"The Poultry World"** to live up to the traditions of its distinguished predecessors. We may at least congratulate ourselves on not adding to the list of existent poultry journals, and upon taking over, right from the start, a substantial circulation—an assured advertisement revenue a long list of subscribers, and an organised list of show reporters and officers.

F. CARL, 154, Fleet Street, London.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given for respectively the best and two second best cuttings of original bits about birds. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age. All efforts must be briefly and clearly written, and ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER ONLY.

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*Mules and Donkeys.

Last year father put a Linnet and Canary together in a breeding cage, and one day we were surprised to see some eggs; soon after some young birds appeared, and we have reared five young ones, some of which are now singing. One day when we were talking about them, and calling them Mules, a lady made the funny remark: "Well, I never knew that you had a stable before. I am surprised at your starting with donkeys." Of course, we had to explain matters, and didn't she laugh.—MARION STOTT, 217, Great Horton-road, Bradford; age, 12 years.

*Water Fowl.

A little while ago I visited a moderate-sized lake, which contained a number of water-fowl. Of Canada Geese I counted forty, moving gracefully from one side of the lake to the other. There were a large number of Mallards or Wild Ducks, some on the water and others flying overhead—a pretty sight. Many Coots and Water-hens were swimming about in groups, and here and there a Dabchick or Little Grebe, which is considered the best diver of all water-fowl. Lastly, I noticed a great Crested Grebe, which looked like a small Gosling: for it was without its ruffle or crest, with which it is adorned during the spring and summer months. —FRANK OSWALD FEW, Claraville, Buckley-street, Wigan; age 10 years.

**A Mischievous Greenfinch.

I started keeping birds in 1904, my first bird being a cock Greenfinch, a common but very pretty bird. I found a nest of three, which I took home. Two of the birds died, but the one left was a nice cock, and very tame. I used to let him fly about the room while I played the piano. One morning, as usual, he was out, and presently I was startled by a crash. I looked and saw that a picture had fallen to the floor. The bird had been pecking at the string which had held the picture up, and had pecked it in two. He was so frightened at this that he has never sat on the picture since. We called the Greenfinch "Perky." I have since had more birds, and my father soon became interested in them, so that we now have about sixty birds altogether.—From GEORGE MAINPRIZE (age 13), Park Villas, Witham, Essex.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest at the old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, when 19 of the best birds in Leeds sung for three good prizes. Result: 1 and 2, T. Stead; 3, J. Nicholls. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. Judges, T. Summers and C. Cooper. Timekeeper, E. Worth.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. sec.

Usual contest held at the Prince Albert Inn, October 6th, Mr. J. R. Saynor gave three good prizes. The birds gave a very good account for time of year. 1st, A. Binner; 2nd, W. Dean; 3rd, J. Sellars. Also a contest, October 13th; good number of birds turned up to sing for three good prizes given. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Result: 1st, F. Allen; 2nd, A. Binner; 3rd, F. Allen. —E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM.

Linnet singing contest at the Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham, on October 12th; 7.30 saw the first pair on the nail, and rare fun was caused by this champion pair not opening. The second pair only did 13 chalks, the third and fourth not doing much over a score. The fifth was a treat to hear after such quiet times from start to finish. The winner (D. Cartright) was challenging his opponent all the time, being an easy winner by over three score, other chalks he would not take.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Stratford-on-Avon (C.B.U.).—Nov. 5.—Judge: Mr. G. E. Russell. 23 classes: Nor. 4, York. 4, Crest 2, Mules 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 8, Nor. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 28, to Messrs. A. M. and W. H. BAILEY, hon. secs., Stratford-on-Avon.

Bo'ness.—Nov. 9.—Judges, Messrs. C. Campbell (Stirling), J. Carlaw (Falkirk), and Duncan and Logan (Coldstream). 51 classes: Crest 4, Nor. 6, Scot Fancy 9, Bord. Fancy 8, Common 1, For. 3, Brit. 16, Mule 3, Children 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Good specials. Entries close Nov. 2, to Mr. F. M'GILLIVRAY, sec., Grange-road, Chance, Bo'ness.

Wakefield (C.B.U.).—November 12th and 13th.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. 30 open classes: York 8, Nor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Novice 5, Rollers 1, Sell. 2, Children's 1, and Members' classes 12. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Good special list. Entries close November 7th, to Messrs. NETHERWOOD AND KEELEY, Hon. Secs., City Aviaries, Northgate, Wakefield.

Bristol. (C.B.U., CAGE BIRDS Competition).—Nov. 20 and 21.—Judges: Messrs. C. A. House (London) and H Norman (Surrey). 61 open classes: Crest 6, Nor. 10, York. 9, Scot. 1, Bord. 8, Cin. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 14, For. 2, Sell. 3, Stock 1, Members' 17. Prizes: 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d.; entry fee 1s. 6d. There is a splendid list of specials. Entries close Nov. 13, to Mr. J. MUNRO, Pretoria Villa, St. John's-lane, Bodminster.

Sleaford.—Oct. 31.—Judge: Mr. J. N. Harrison. 8 classes: Nor. 2, York. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s., entrance fee 1s. Entries close Oct. 24 to Mr. H. CASTLE, hon. sec., Carre-street, Sleaford.

Braintree.—Nov. 2.—Judge, Mr. J. F. Hills, F.O.S. 11 classes: Nor. 1, York 1, A.O.V. 1, Unfl. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 2, For. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Oct. 23, to Mr. F. A. HUNNABLE, hon. sec., 102, High-st., Braintree.

Newtown, St. Boswells.—November 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. J. Watson (Bor.), Mr. Craig (remainder). 33 classes: Scots. 4, Nor. 4, Mule 3, Bor. 11, Brit. 6, For. 2, Local 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close October 25th, to Mr. ROBT. ROBERTSON, Newtown, St. Boswells.

Middlesbrough (C.B.U.).—October 26th.—Judges, Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) and F. Marwood (Thornaby). 32 open classes: York. 6, Nor. 6, Cin. 2, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, and six Members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s., and good list of specials. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 21st, to Mr. ARTHUR WAKE, Sec., 41, Aske-road, Middlesbrough.

Gillingham (C.B.U.).—November 7th and 8th.—Judge, Mr. C. Gardner, London. 38 classes: Nor. 4, Crests 4, Cin. 2, York 4, Bord. 3, Liz. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 8, Novice 2, Sell. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Entry fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close October 26th, to Mr. C. V. BURLTON, 14, Irene-terrace, Rainham-road, Chatham.

Paignton (C.B.U.).—October 30th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 30 open classes: Nor. 8, York. 7, Crest 3, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 2, Members' classes 18, juniors 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Good specials. Entries close October 22nd to Mr. E. C. PARNELL, Hon. Sec., 12, Princes-street, Paignton.

Leicester, Hand-in-Hand (C.B.U.).—November 2nd and 4th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 30 open classes: Nor. 11, York. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2, Sell. 3, Members' classes 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a good list of specials. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 26th, to Mr. CHAS. DRAPER, Sec., 1a, Wilton-street, Leicester.

Arbroath.—October 26th.—Judges, Messrs. Chas. Berwick (St. Andrew's), Alexander Wilson (Montrose), and Peter Pettigrew (Glasgow). 27 classes: Scot. Fancy 8, Sell. 2, Nor. 6, Brit. 7, For. 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 3s., 2s., and good list of specials. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close October 21st, to Mr. JOHN S. NAPIER, Sec., 52, St. Vigean's-road, Arbroath.

Darlington.—November 2nd.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford). 21 classes: York. 5, Nor. 5, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 3, and Members' classes 3. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 28th, to Mr. R. S. BLACK, Sec., 42, Brook-terrace, Darlington.

Sheffield (C.B.U.).—Nov. 8th and 9th.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes, and E. E. Smith. 35 classes: York. 8, Nor. 9, Crests 6, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s.; Foreign classes, 15s., 10s., 5s., and 12s., 8s., 4s., and good specials. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close November 4th, to Mr. T. BISHOP, Sec., 69, Alexandra-road, Heeley, Sheffield.

North Berks (C.B.U.).—November 7th.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 12 classes: Nor. 2, York. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 1, and Members' classes 2. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 28th, to Mr. T. BOWEN, Hon. Sec., High-street, Abingdon.

Oswestry.—October 31st.—Judges, Messrs. C. Houlton (open), and Arthur Gough (local). 12 open classes: Nor. 2, York 2, Mules 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Local 15. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 19th, to Messrs. GEORGE AND DOONY, Secretaries, Oswestry.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. (C.B.U., Y.C.C., L.C.A.).—November 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and R. Barras. 26 classes: Lancasbires 6, Lizards 4, Yorks 6, Nor. 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Selling 2, Gift 1. No cancelling or amalgamation. Prizes 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Cash specials every class, section specials. Entries close October 28th, to Mr. S. M. CLAYTON, 55, Percy-street, Rochdale.

Manchester (C.B.U., L. and L.F.A., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., Crested C.C., Cin.C.C., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C., G.C.C.).—October 25th and 26th. Judges, Messrs. J. Bexson (Lancs, Liz., Crests), C. A. House (Yorks, Belg., Scots, Bor.), J. H. Payne (Nor.), J. H. Roe (Amtr., Nor., Cin., Sell., Gift), C. H. Honlton (Mules, Brit., For.). 133 classes: Lancs 10, Liz. 4, Yorks 17, Nor. 19, Crests 6, Cin. 10, Belg. 3, Scots. 2, Bor. 7, Sell. 4, Gift 1, Mules 6, Brit. 9, For. 4, Mbrs. 31. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s. Entry fee, 2s. The special prize list is most extensive, considerably over 150, including L.L.F.A. challenge cup, Y.C.C. challenge cup, C.M.Y.C.C. trophies, B.F.C. medal, N.B.B.M.C. medals, F.B.C. medal, Crest Club Roberts challenge cup, etc. Entries close October 19th, to Mr. J. RAYNES, 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Yarmouth.—November 6th.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 22 classes: Nor. 5, Cin. 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Amtr. 6, Brit. 4. Prize money, 10s., 5s., 3s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Then there is a good special prize list. Entries close October 23rd, to Mr. F. C. DAVIES, Holmleigh, Elm Grove-road, Gorleston-on-Sea.

Exeter C.B.S. (Mbrs.)—November 2nd.—Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 31 classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, Crests 4, Lancs. 1, Liz. 1, Ladies A.V. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Pairs 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Sell. 2, Group 1, Gift 1. Entry fee 6d. Prizes on sliding scale. Entries close October 26th, to Mr. R. H. FOLLEY.

Blaydon-on-Tyne (C.B.U., N.C.C., N.Y.C.C.).—November 1st and 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. J. Trengove (Nor., Yorks, Cins., Bor.), J. Robson (the remainder). 62 classes: Nor. 9, Crests 9, Cins. 2, Yorks 5, Bor. 2, Sell. 4, A.O.V. Pairs 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Hyde's 1, Mbrs. 21. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. There is a capital list of specials. Entries close October 26th, to Mr. D. A. OGILVIE, 15, Theresa-street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

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Cheltenham (C.B.U., C.C.C., B.R.C.C.).—October 21st.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. H. Payne. 70 classes: Crests 14, Cins. 6, Nor. 8, Yorks 7, Scots. 2, Bor. 2, Rols. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 2, Sell. 8, Mbrs. 11, Gift 1, Children's 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. The special prize list is a lengthy and valuable one, including the Crested Canary Club's Roberts challenge cup, Rhodes cup, etc., the British Roller Canary Club's medal, and many useful and valuable articles. Entries close October 21st, to Messrs. A. S. TREASURE and H. HOPE, Grove Villa, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

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BELPER
19th Annual Show of
Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds, on **October 26th, 1907.** Entries close **October 21st.** Schedules from the Hon. Secs., **J. W. WATERFALL, 21, Penn Street, Belper; M. M. STILLMAN, The Clusters, Belper.**

PLYMOUTH SHOW
October 22nd and 23rd.
Entries only two per class, shall be compelled to extend till 1st post Saturday, Oct. 19th. Are we to have our first failure, or is it
FANCIERS' PROCRASTINATION?
T. POPE, Sec., 98, Embankment Road.

WIMBORNE
Under C.B.U. Rules.
Wednesday, October 23rd.
Owing to delay in Schedules Entries will be accepted to
FIRST POST, SATURDAY MORNING.
18 Classes. Prize Money, 10s., 5s., & 2s. 6d.
Entry Fee, 1s. 6d.
Judge, Mr. BOND, Salisbury.
Send Entries by return and I will classify.
W. M. BELL, St. Leonards, Ringwood.

GREAT HORTON Good Intent Ornithological Society's open show of Canaries **Saturday, Oct. 26** at the Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Great Horton, one of the best rooms in Yorkshire. Judge R. Halliday, Esq., Shipley. Schedules **A. HOLDEN, Sec., 139 Bilden Rd., Gt. Horton, Bradford.**

MANCHESTER OCTOBER 25 and 26.
HULME TOWN HALL.
Entries sent after To-day cannot be accepted.
J. RAYNES, 9, Richmond Road, CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY, MANCHESTER.

CHESTERFIELD (C.B.U. Rules). Judge: J. C. BARNES, ESQ.
October 25th & 26th, 1907.
Cage Birds only. What are fanciers thinking about? Entries almost nil. Compelled to extend to Tuesday morning's post. Enter from following:—

1	Yorkshire Clear	Yellow	15	A.O.V.	
2	" "	Buff	16	Mule or Hybrid	
3	" Variegated	Yellow	17	Selling Class, £1	
4	" "	Buff	18	" "	12/6
5	" Hen	Yellow	19	Stock Pairs	
6	" "	Buff	20	Goldfinch	
7	Norwich Clear	Yellow	21	Bullfinch	
8	" "	Buff	22	Greenfinch	
9	" Variegated	Yellow	23	Linnet	
10	" "	Buff	24	Redpoll, Siskin or Twite	
11	" Hen	Yellow	25	A.O.V. Hardbill	
12	" "	Buff	26	A.V. Softbill	
13	Crest		27	A.V.F., larger than Cdl.	
14	Crestbred		28	" Cdl. or Smaller	

Prize Money (guaranteed), 1st, 10/-; 2nd, 5/-; 3rd, 2/6; 4th, 1/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Remember we have one of the best Halls in the county, plenty of room and well lighted. **J. J. DOOLEY,** Hon. Sec., **39, Alexandra Road, CHESTERFIELD.**

SHIELDS
5th Annual Open Show, Held under **C.B.U.** rules.
OCTOBER 25th and 26th.
Mr. H. W. Battye will judge all canary classes, Mr. F. Marwood will judge all Mules, British and Foreign classes. Grand **10-GUINEA CHALLENGE BOWL.** A **2/6** cash special for each class. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-.** Entrance fee 1/6. Grand Medal given by John Sandiford for hottest fed bird, fed on Royal Red feed. Under patronage of the B.C.N. & C.C., N.Y.C.C., N.C.C., N.B.B., M.F.B.C. Prize money paid at Show. Copy of Schedule:—Class 1, Nor. clear yel.; 2, do. buff; 3, do. yel. or buff, tick. or var.; 4, do. hen, any col.; 5, do. clear yel., tick. or var., unfli.; 6, do. buff., do.; 7, do. crest buff or buff mkd. with dark crest; 8, do. hen; 9, do. cock or hen, bred 1907; 10, do. a.o.v.; 11, do. phd. cock for crest hrdng.; 12, do. hen do.; 13, do. cock or hen, bred 1907; 14, do. pair birds for crest brdng.; 15, cinn. yel.; 16, do. buff; 17, do. yel. or buff, unfll.; 18, do. hen do.; 19, hor. fan. yel. tick. or varie.; 20, do. buff do.; 21, do. hen, any col.; 22, Scotch fan. cock or hen; 23, York. clear yel.; 24, do. buff; 25, do. yel. tick. or varie., any var.; 26, do. buff do.; 27, do. hen, any colour; 28, do. cock or hen, bred 1907; 29, pair birds for hrdng. purposes other than crests; 30, clear or mkd. canary, mule or hybrid; 31, dark canary mule; 42, Brit. Goldfinch; 33, Brit. Bullfinch; 34, Brit. Grnfch; 35, Redpole, Siskin or Twite; 36, Finch, a.o.v. Brit.; 37, brown or grey Lin.; 38, Thrnsh, Bkbird or Starling; 39, Brit. small insectlv.; 40, Skylark; 41, a.o.v. Brit.; 42, large for. class, Parrots, &c.; 43, for. single or pairs, smaller than Starling; 44, selling 20/-; 45, do. 15/-; 46, do. 10/-; 47, Hyde's Special (entrance free). **Wm. DUKE, 336, So. Frederick Street, SOUTH SHIELDS.**

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES SIDE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
(Affiliated to C.B.U.)
SECOND ANNUAL OPEN SHOW. OCTOBER 26TH,
Held in the Oddfellows' Hall, one of the best Halls in England, see reports last year.
38 CLASSES. 4 MONEY PRIZES. Good Specials. Low Entry Fee. Judges: Canaries, W. Mundell; British Birds, F. Marwood. £6 6s. ROSE BOWL for most Points. For Schedules apply—ARTHUR WAKE, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough.

ARBROATH Scotch Fancy C.B.S.
Open Show, 26th October.
Classes: Scotch Fancy, 10; Norwich Canaries, 8; British Birds, 7; Foreign Birds, 1; Mule or Hybrid, 1. Good Prize Money. Low entrance fee. Popular Judges, and a large number of handsome Specials. Schedules from **J. S. NAPIER, 52, St. Vigean's Road, Arbroath.**

DYSART, Fife. 3rd OPEN SHOW.
OCT. 26. Scotch Fancy 10 classes. Norwich 11 classes, Borders 8 classes, Crests 5 classes, 14 classes British and Foreign, 5 medals S.B.B.M.C., 7/6 special most points British Section (not in schedule), also Plainhead Club Cups and Medals and Border Fancy Medal. Judges—(Scotch Fancy): Mr. W. D. Hogg, Oakley; Mr. J. Ferguson, Glasgow; Plainheads, Crests & Borders, Wild Birds, &c., Mr. J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh. Take entries up till 21st. Schedules, **J. Logan,** Sec., 23, High St., Dysart, Fife.

BARNSTAPLE
Open Cage Bird Show,
October 29th and 30th.
Entries accepted to Tuesday next, first post.
NOT under C.B.U. Rules.
PERCIVAL HARRIS, Secretary.

ASHOVER Open Show, OCTOBER 30th.
10 classes for Cage Birds. Under C.B.U. rules.
Judge: J. H. Roe, Esq. Prize money guaranteed. Entries close Oct. 22nd certain. Schedules from **R. Nodder, Ashover Rectory, Chesterfield.**

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.
2nd Annual Show (under C.B.U. Rules), **Oct. 30 & 31.** 50 Classes. Cage Birds only. Judge: Mr. Geo. Gardner. Schedules ready. **Geo. Sanderson, Folkestone Road, Dover.**

WATFORD

THIRD ANNUAL OPEN SHOW. NOVEMBER 8th & 9th.
Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and J. Frostick, Esq. 12 classes for Canaries, 16 British, 4 Hybrids, 3 Foreign. Money Specials all open classes. Entries close **OCTOBER 30th.**
Show Manager: Mr. J. Goodall. Schedules from—
Messrs. QUANTRELL & WATTS, 14, Wiggenhall Road, Watford.

WATFORD

CHELTENHAM

October 26th & 28th. Under C.B.U. Rules and the Patronage of C.C.C. and B.R.C.C Judges: Messrs. Robson and Payne. Cage Bird Competition. Entry Fee, 1/6. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 3/-.

Enter from this.

CLASS
1 Crested Norwich yellow.
2 " " clear body, dark crest.
3 " " marked, ticked or variegated buff.
4 " " buff, clear or grey crest.
5 " " crested hen.
6 Crest Bred, yellow cock.
7 " " buff cock.
8 " " hen any colour.
9 Crested Norwich, bred in 1907.
10 Crest-bred, bred in 1907.
11 Crested Norwich, novice.
12 Crest-bred, novice.
13 Cinoamon Crest.
14 " Crest-bred
15 " yellow.
16 " buff.
17 " unflighted.
18 " hen.
19 Norwich clear yellow.
20 " " buff.
21 " ticked or unevenly marked yellow.
22 " " " " " buff.
23 " Green or nearly green.
24 " unflighted clear marked or variegated yellow.
25 " unflighted clear marked or variegated buff.
26 " hen any colour.
27 Yorkshire, clear or ticked yellow cock
28 " " " " buff "
29 " marked or variegated yellow cock.
30 " " " " buff "
31 " Unflighted Cock, any colour.
32 " Yellow hen, any variety.
33 " Buff " " "
34 Scotch Fancy Cock.
35 " " Hen.
36 Border Fancy Clear Yellow or Buff.
37 " " Ticked marked or Var. Yell. or Buff
38 Rollers, any variety.
39 A.O.V. Canary.
40 Goldfinch (British).
41 Bullfinch "
42 Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite.
43 All other species of seed-eating birds not larger than and including a Hawfinch.
44 All species of insectivorous British birds not larger than and including a Skylark.
45 All other species of British birds larger than a Skylark. (Hawks, Owls and Ravens excluded).
46 Mules light or variegated
47 Mules A.O.V.
48 Large foreign birds.
49 Small foreign birds.

Selling Classes.

50 Crest or Lancashire Coppy	£2	0	0
51 " " "	1	0	0
52 Crest-bred or Lancashire plainhead ..	2	0	0
53 " " " ..	1	0	0
54 Norwich plainhead	1	0	0
55 Cinnamon	1	0	0
56 Any variety	15	0	
57 " "	10	0	

Please enter from this. Entries close October 21st.
TREASURE & HOPE, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

4th Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on OCTOBER 30th & 31st.
Judges: W. Vardy, Esq., & J. Goodall, Esq. Under C. B. U. Rules. Under the patronage of the N. B. B. & M.C., and Medal Cup Points, including 38 open classes and good specials with the Cage Bird Coupon Competition, Sandiford's Cup for hottest fed bird, and other good spls. Entries close Oct. 21st. Schedules now ready. W. Howe, Hon. Sec., 9, Ranleigh Rd., Wellingborough.

SLEAFORD. £3 LIMIT. OCT. 31st. 1907.

Cage Birds, etc. Judge: Harrison. Entries close Oct. 24th. Schedules. H. Castle, Hon. Secretary.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Under C. B. Union Rules)

Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits, on **31st October, 1907.** Cage Birds Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq. Entries extended 22nd Oct., will classify if sent. Geo. W. Read, Hon. Sec., Severn Rd.

OSWESTRY (Salop)

Feather and Fur Association, Cage Birds, Rabbits, &c. Eighth Annual Open Show **Oct. 31st, 1907.** Challenge Cup, Valuable Specials. Judge: C. Houlton, St. Helens. Entries very short. Fanciers, please help. Entries extended to **Thursday, Oct. 24th.** Send for Schedule to **G. A. George** and **G. A. Doody,** Roft Street, Oswestry.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

and District C.B.S.
(Affiliated to C.B.U.).
Annual open show, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1907, of Canaries Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 40 Open classes good special for each class. Judges, J. Robson and J. Trengove. Schedules from D. A. Ogilvie, Hon. Sec. 15, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

THE SANDY LANE

and District C.B.A.
Will hold its annual Show on **Friday & Saturday, Nov. 1st and 2nd.** Splendid rooms, well ventilated. Judge, R. Sutcliffe Esq. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club and Cinnamon Marked Club. **Benjamin Buckle, Sec., 293, Allerton Road, Allerton.**

BRAINTREE and District Poultry and Fanciers' Association.

7th Annual Show (20 mile Radius). Good
NOV. 2nd, 1907.
Classification. Popular Judges. Over 50 special prizes, including 4 Silver Challenge Cups. Entries close Oct. 23. Schedules, &c., of **F. A. Runnable, Hon. Sec., 192 High St.**

BRECHIN'S

44th Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Borders & Wild Birds will held in the Temperance Hall, on **Nov. 2nd, 1907.** Under patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C. Splendid classification in all sections. Popular Judges. Schedules now ready. **GEO. MITCHELL, Secy., 118, Montrose St., BRECHIN.**

OXFORD

OPEN SHOW, Wednesday, Oct. 23rd.
J. H. ROE: • • • JUDGE.
Over 30 Classes Cage Birds. Prize-Money same night. Cups and Specials.
Secretary, **W. J. MOODY, 32, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford.**

POTTERIES & DISTRICT C.B.A.

6th ANNUAL SHOW OF CANARIES, MULES, and BRITISH BIRDS, in the LARGE ASSEMBLY ROOM, Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent, **OCTOBER 23rd & 24th.** The finest room in the Midlands. Two specialist Judges, W. Vardy and F. Bate. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, for entry fee 1/6, under C.B.U. Rules and Cage Birds' Prize Scheme. Fanciers, have you forgotten the old show? Do send us some entries, we are very short. There are 6 Nor. classes, 6 York, 2 Cinnamon, 1 Hybrid, 1 A.O.V Canary, 1 pair, £2 limit, 1 12/6 selling 4 British. Enter from this. We will classify. Will accept Sunday's post, Oct. 20th. **J. SIMCOCK, Sec., 157, Leonard Road, Birches Head, Hanley.**

COVENTRY

O.S. 27th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.
C.B.U. Rules.
OCT. 26.
The finest room in the Midlands.
Prize Money Guaranteed; paid day of Show. Judge: J. H. Roe, Derby. Entries close Oct. 22nd.
Schedules per return—**G. TURRELL, 120, HARNALL LANE, E., COVENTRY.**

PAIGNTON

FIRST ANNUAL OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW. Under C.B.U. Rules.
OCTOBER 30th.
30 Open Classes and 20 Members' Classes. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, and Special in every Class in addition to First Prize.
Judge: Mr. J. H. Payne, Gloucester. Entries close October 22nd Entry Fee 1/6.
Schedules now ready from **E. C. PARNELL, Hon. Sec., 12, PRINCES STREET, PAIGNTON.**

DON'T FORGET WOLVERHAMPTON

Affiliated to C.B.U. In the Co-operative Hall, **October 30th & 31st.**
36 Classes. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 for 1/6 entry, and a grand lot of Cash Specials. Under the patronage of the British Roller Canary Club. Judges: J. Robson and W. Whittaker. Entries close October 24th. Schedules, apply **F. HOWES, 25, Leslie Road, Wolverhampton.**

THE SHOW OF THE WEST.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S. SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, October 30th & 31st.

Of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 38 Classes, also 3 challenge bowls, medals and valuable specials. 10 classes for Nor. Plain, 4 Crest, 2 Cinn., 4 Yorks., 2 Bor., 6 Brit., 2 Mule or Hybrid, 2 For., 3 Sell., 1 Nov., 2 Memb. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, including Bowls, Cups, Medals and Specials, 1/6 Entries close October 24th. Judge, Mr. H.W. BATTYE. C.B.'s New Competition at this Show. Mr. Sandiford is giving a Cup for hottest fed bird in show fed on Royal Red Colour Food. Schedules from **J. HOUGHTON, Sec., "Dargal," Hatherley Road, GLOUCESTER.**

Fanciers, you must support

THE WELSH NATIONAL

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S GREAT ANNUAL OPEN SHOW
(Under Cage Bird Union Rules) at

SWANSEA, ON OCTOBER 30TH & 31ST NEXT.

Prize Money: 1st, 15/-; 2nd, 10/-; 3rd, 5/-; 4th, 3/-; 5th, 2/-; V.H.C.; H.C; C. Entry Fee, 2/-
Judges.—Canaries: J. North, Esq.; Border Fancy Canaries and Mules, etc.: J. B. Evans, Esq.; British Birds: Geo. E. Weston, Esq.
76 Classes. A host of Specials. Six Cups and Vases for most points and second most points over each of the sections. If you have not yet had a Schedule, send at once; it will pay you.
Hon. Sec.: S. J. NICHOLAS, 9, Nicholl Street, Swansea.

BLACKBURN NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd, Great Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under the Patronage of the British Bird and Mule Club, and Cinnamon Canary Club. Judges: Mr. J. H. Roo (Derby), Canaries; Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn), Mules, British and Foreign. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Grand Class and Section Specials. Entry Fee 1/6 per cage. Entries close October 28th. For Schedules, &c., apply **J. W. MARSDEN, Hon. Sec., 44, Troop St., Blackburn.** Roller Fanciers, look out for Grand Roller Singing Contest, to be held on Dec. 27th & 28th

DARLINGTON CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION

Second Annual Open Show
of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, on Saturday, November 2nd. 24 Classes. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Good special for every Class. Entry fee 1/-. Entries close October 28th. Judge: W. Mundell, Esq., Bradford. For Schedules and any other information apply to the Hon. Sec. **R. S. Black,** 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

Fanciers, don't forget NOVEMBER 2nd.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

11th ANNUAL SHOW of CANARIES and BRITISH BIRDS.
(C.B.U. Rules.) Under Patronage Y.C.C. and L.C.A. Prize Money, 22/- per Class. Cash Specials every Class and Section Specials, also Medal for best Lizard shown by a Novice. **No Cancelling or Amalgamation.** Judges: H. W. BATTYE, Esq. and R. BARRASS, Esq. **Entries close Monday, October 28, first post Tuesday in time.** Schedules from—
S. M. CLAYTON, 55, PERCY STREET, ROCHDALE.

YORK

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SHOW (under C.B.U. rules) Held in the Exhibition Buildings, **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5th and 6th, 1907.** All Prize Money fully guaranteed in every class. No cancelling of any class or amalgamation of classes. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. W. Battye, Esq. Good classification. A special in every class. Entries close October 31st, 1907.
Schedules ready, from **T. BOYLE, Sec., 1, Milton Street, Hull Road, York.**

MORECAMBE OPEN SHOW

Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Cavies, Rabbits, etc., in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, on
NOVEMBER 6th, 1907.
Judges: W. H. Battye, W. J. Ferguson, C. Houlton. **44 Classes, Cage Birds. 50 Special Prizes.** Entries close October 30th, 1907. Cheap bookings. Schedules **J. H. IRELAND,** Parliament Street, Morecambe.

WATFORD

Entrance Fee 1/- at

MANSFIELD

for 8/- 4/- 2/-
November 1st and 2nd.
J. H. DUCKWORTH, 16, Tennyson Street, MANSFIELD.

MARKINCH POULTRY, PIGEON AND CAGE BIRD SHOW NOV. 2nd, 1907.

Judges—Wm. Webster, Greenock, Scotch Fancy; James Shillie, Riccarton, Norwich Borders, &c.
Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Forty-three classes and lots of Specials.
Entries close on OCTOBER 26th, 1907.
Schedules on application from GEORGE MITCHELL, Secretary, Coaltown, Markinch.

BRAMLEY & DISTRICT O.S., LEEDS.

November 2nd, 1907.
(To be held under Cage Bird Union Rules.)
Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes, Sheffield; J. Berwick, Stockport. 26 Class Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/-. Numerous Specials. Entries close October 29th, 1907. For Schedules apply J. Metcalfe, 9, Elder View, Bramley, Leeds.

CLEATOR MOOR

FANCIERS' SOCIETY (Under C. B. U. License).
Fourth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on Nov. 2nd, Judges: Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, R. Swain and J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Hirst; All British, Charles Houlton, A grand classification. Specials galore in every class. Entries close Oct. 26th Schedules now ready from the Sec. **JAS. E. BYRNE 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.**

DON'T FORGET THAT NORWICH Open Show

will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, **SATURDAY and MONDAY, Nov. 2nd and 4th,** under C. B. Union. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, W. W. Freestone, and A. Woollard.—Schedules ready, entrance fee, non-members amateur class, 1/6 per cage (not as schedule).
R. ROLL, Sec., "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Norwich.

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules.)
GRAND OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on
November 2nd & 4th, 1907,
Judge: J. H. Payne, Gloncester. Good classification. Norwich, Natural colour, 3; Norwich, 9; Yorks, 2; Crest, 1; any variety, 1; Mules, 3; British, 7; Foreign, 2; Selling, 3 classes. Splendid cash special list, prize money guaranteed within 3 days of close of show.
Entries close October 26th. Schedules ready.
Chas. DRAPER, Sec., 1a, Wilton St., Leicester.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON SHOW (Under C.B.U. Rules).

TUESDAY, NOV. 5th.
23 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge—Mr. G. E. Russell.
Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and numerous Specials.
Entry Fee 1/6 Schedules from—
A. M. BAILEY, Hon. Sec., Stratford-on-Avon

MADELEY (SALOP). 4th Annual Open Show, Nov. 6, '07.

Dogs, P., Pg., R., Cats, Cav., Cage Birds, etc. Good classification. Prize Money and Specials. Entries close—Dogs, Oct. 30th., others, Oct. 23rd Schedules ready, from **W. J. JEFFREY,** Auctioneer, Madeley, Salop.

SCARBORO'

November 6th, 1907.
(Under C.B.U. Rules),
Judge—Mr. C. Greenwood.
Secretary—**W. TOMLINSON, 25, Brook Street**

GREAT YARMOUTH

19th ANNUAL SHOW OF
POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, AND CAGE BIRDS,
On November 6th & 7th.
Popular judges Numerous Specials. Entries close October 23rd. For Schedules apply F. C. DAVIES, "Holmleigh" Elm Grove Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk

PORTSMOUTH.

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS & CAGE BIRDS SHOW
Will be held in the **VOLUNTEER ENGINEER DRILL HALL, HAMPSHIRE TERRACE, SOUTHSEA,** on
NOVEMBER 6th and 7th, 1907.
Entries close Oct. 26th. Schedules now ready, apply—
J. WOODHOUSE, 123, HIGH STREET, PORTSMOUTH.

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CHIPPENHAM (WILTS),

November 6th and 7th, 1907.

Open Show of Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Judges: Homers, Oliver Dix, Esq.; Cage Birds, C. P. Telling, Esq.; Fancy Pigeons and Rabbits, J. E. Woodford, Esq. Schedules now ready. Specials in each class. Entries close October 30th, 1907. **W. J. WITTS, 0, Park Street, Woodlands, Chippenham.**

ABINGDON, NORTH BERKS., November, 7th.

Entries close October 28th. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good classification; numerous specials. Cage Bird and Rabbit Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Send for Schedules to **T. BOWEN, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

GILLINGHAM,

Grand Open Show, Nov. 7 & 8.

Splendid classification for Cage Birds; held under C.B.U. Rules. K.C.C.B.A. Specials and Cups. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Entries close October 20th. Write for Schedules to **C. V. BURLTON, 14, Irene Terrace, Chatham.**

For an easy win.

HINCKLEY, November 8th and 9th,

Cage Birds, 24 classes. Judge—J. Robson. Secretary—**PICKERING, Borough, Hinckley.**

HUCKNALL TORKARD

C.B.S. Open Show (C.B.U.). **Nov. 8 & 9.** Schedules ready. Prize Money guaranteed. Judges, J. Driver & G. Marshall. Entries close November 5th. Sec., **A. A. Asbury, 7a, Darlingford Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

WALLSEND and Mid Tyne C.B.A.

(Affiliated to C. B. U.)

Third Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in **Co-opcrative Hall, Nov. 8th & 9th, 1907.** Under the patronage of the B.C.N. & C.C., & N.Y.C.C. 52 Open Classes. Judges; W. P. Barnes, W. Mundell, and J. W. Bruce, Esquires. Specials for every Class, and the best train service in the country. Schedules ready shortly from **Jas. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road, Wallsend.**

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. GREAT ANNUAL SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Open to the United Kingdom, in the Temperance Hall, **Friday & Saturday, November 8 & 9.** Under the Patronage of the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. **34** Open Classes. Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 4 -, 2/-,** and Good Specials; Foreign Prizes extra, For **1 6** Entry. **£5** Cash Specials for Crested Norwich. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes' E. E. Smith. Schedules from **T. BISHOP, 69, Alexandra Road, Heeley, Sheffield.**

WARRINGTON OPEN SHOW

(C.B.U. Rules). **Six open Classes for Novices.**

November 8th and 9th, 1907.

Judges: A. Hirst and C. Houlton. Grand classification. Prize money paid day of Show. Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Association. Specials every class, also extra specials. Schedules from **J. D. LEIGH, 7, Horsemarket Street.**

CLYDEBANK and District O.S. Nov. 9th. Confined Scotch Fancy Show and Competition. Town Hall, Clydebank. **A. KIRKWOOD, Sec., 24, Livingstone.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES and Dis. C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The 3rd Annual Open Show, **Saturday, November 9,** in the Temperance Hall. Open to the United Kingdom. 40 Classes. Specials every class and specials most points. The British and For. classes are guaranteed, and full prize-money will be paid. Judges: Norwich Cinnamons and Crests, J. Stanger, Esq., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham; Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford; Brit. and For., J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 2nd.—For Schedules apply, J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First Annual Show (Under C.B. Union Rules.)

NOVEMBER 12th and 13th.

30 Open Classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-.** Special for every class. Special Cup for best bird in Show. All Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge: Mr. J. C. Barnes. Judge (Roller Class): Mr. F. Oldroyd. Entries close Nov. 7th. All prize money paid same week as show. Date will not be extended. Schedules from **Netherwood & Keeley,** Hon. Secretaries, City Aviaries, Northgate, Wakefield.

ST. COLUMB, CORNWALL.

Third Annual Cage Bird and Chrysanthemum Show on **NOV 13.** 17 open classes. Specials (confined to Members) in every Class. Judge: Mr. Dan Browing (Exeter). Entries close Nov. 6th. **WILFRED L. SALMON, Hon. Sec., St. Columb.**

EVESHAM SHOW, CAGE-BIRDS & CATS

(under Union Rules),

NOVEMBER 13th, 1907.

Last Day of Entry, November 2nd.

Schedules from GEORGE WITTS, Evesham.

Entrance fee, 1/-. Three Specials.

LUTON C.B.S.

The 2nd Annual Open Show Nov. 13.

(Under C.B.U. Rules.)

50 Classes. **£1 1s.** cash special for best foreign bird (open), and heaps of other Specials. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Frostick, the remainder. Entries close November 6th. Schedules from **E. CHERRY, Sec. 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.**

NORTHAMPTON Good Intent.

36th Annual Show, **Nov. 20 & 21.** Look out for Schedule in this Paper Nov. 8th. Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge: G. Laurance, Esq. **C. M. Larkman, Sec.,** 210, Wellingboro' Road.

BATTERSEA & DISTRICT C.B.A.

Oct. 24 and 25. Fanciers, Help us with entries; they are very short. Do try to make our Show a success. Good Prize Money, Specials galore; no Amalgamation. Birds entered for Plymouth and Battersea will be sent on by early train 8.20 p.m. on the 23rd Oct., and are guaranteed by the Railway Superintendent to be delivered before 8 o'clock on the morning of those Shows. Also Birds from Southend will be met by Private Van at Fenchurch Street by 7 o'clock on the 23rd **Entries extended to Monday, Oct. 21, first post.** Now, Fanciers, we have done our utmost for the welfare of your Birds, so show your appreciation by sending on some entries; you will not regret supporting the Battersea Show of 1907. To facilitate early dispatch of Birds send instruction to me, and I will see labels fixed accordingly. Prize Money paid second day of Show. **F. EASTERLING, Hon. Sec., 5, St Mark's Road, Fulham Road, London. A few schedules left. Hurry up.**

THE SOCIETY THAT REQUIRES NO PUFF. Held under C.B.U. Rules.

SWANSEA and District C.B. Association. NOV. 6th and 7th, 1907.

Specialist Judges in every Section. Numerous Specials. Judges: Messrs. J. Pritchard, Esq., T. H Melhuish, Esq., D. H. Tedstone, Esq., J. Jones, Esq., R. Waters, Esq. British Birds and Mules: A. Howe, Esq., A Show that is noted for fair play and promptness in Prize Money. No connection with any other Society in Swansea. **Entries close October 31st.** Schedules now ready, please apply to

Hon. Sec., A. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Nr. Swansea.

LEAMINGTON OPEN SHOW

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules), **November 7th.**

Points to be considered: Best Prize Money in the Midlands; separate room for Birds; every care taken, and any exhibits despatched in time for Hinckley.—Schedules, etc., **F. B. PRITCHARD, Portland Street.**

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD

C.B.S. November 7th and 8th. (C.B.U. Rules.) **20** Open Classes. Special in each Class, **Boro' Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich.** Prize money guaranteed and paid within 3 days. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Dewhurst, British & Foreign. Entries close on **Monday, October 28th.** Schedules ready. **C. HILL,** 101, Barkworth Road, Bermondsey, S.E.

PRESTON SHOW. Nov. 8th & 9th.

56 Classes, 9 Open Novice Classes. **£100** in Prize Money, Specials, etc.; 6 Valuable Cups. Judges: J. C. Barnes, Sheffield; Parker Robinson, Barrow. Schedules ready shortly.—**J. W. Glominson, 58, Elmsley St., Preston, Lancs.**

BO'NESS AND DISTRICT O. A.

3rd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, in the "Drill Hall" on **Sat., Nov. 9, 1907.** Judges: (Norwich) C. Campbell, (Scotch F.) J. Carlin, (Border British and Mules) Messrs. Duncan and Logan. Verney Challenge Cup and Medal, and a host of other specials. Entries close Nov. 2. Schedules—**F. M'Gillivray, Gauze Road, Chance, Boness, N.B.**

KIRKCALDY C.B.S. OPEN SHOW.

of Canaries, Mules and British Birds, on November 9th, under the patronage of the S.B.B. and M.C. Judges: D. Low, J. Patterson, Ax. Cochrane. 49 open classes. Prize money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entry fee **1.6.** 1 Shield. 2 Silver Cups, 2 Gold and 8 Silver Medals, beside 87 other valuable Specials. Entries close Novemher 2nd, For Schedules apply to **J. WILSON, 21, Salisbury Street, Kirkcaldy.**

DON'T FORGET

NOVEMBER 12th. CAMBRIDGE CAGE BIRDS ONLY.

(C.B.U. Rules.)

Under Patronage of C.C.C. and N.B.B. and M.C. 62 Classes. Nearly 90 valuable Specials. Look for particulars next week. Judges: J. ROBSON (Canaries) and J. F. HILLS (British, &c.). Schedules ready shortly.

Hon. Sec., T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

PENZANCE & District Grand Open Show OF Pigeons & Cage Birds.

(Affiliated to Cage Bird Union).

November 15th, 1907.

Judge of Cage Birds: Mr. W. G. Poole. Entries close **7th November, 1907.** For Schedules apply—

J. Pearce Sampson, Hon. Sec.

The Show of the Season,

GLASGOW and West of Scotland.

N.M.B. & F. Bird Ass. Gt. Open Show of Nor. Bor. Fan. York. & Cin. Can. Mules. Hy. Brit. & For. Birds in Drill Hall, Stirling Rd., Glasgow, on Fri. & Sat., 15th & 16th Nov. Under the pat. of Scot. Nor. Plain. Bor. Fan. & York. Can. Clubs & Scot. Brit. Bird & Mule Club.

73 Classes. Full Prize Money guar. Large number of Cups & Spls. Schedules ready 23rd Oct. **J. Brown,** Secretary, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

CONSETT, Blackhill & Dis. P., Pig. R. & C. B. S. NOV. 16th.

Judge: Cages Birds (27,) T. Dixon Esq. 10 Silver Cups & Magpie Challenge Bowl. Prize money guaranteed. Entries close **Nov. 9th.** Schedules apply **W. N. HUTCHINSON, Jr., 21, PARK ROAD, CONSETT.**

MORPETH & DIST. ORNTH. SOC.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16th, 1907,** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds; 23 open classes. Special for Best Bird in each class, and 6 Guinea Challenge Bowl. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. For Schedules apply A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

GALASHIELS N.B. 47th Great Open Show

for PIGEONS and CAGE BIRDS

will be held NOVEMBER 16th, 1907, when the undernoted Specialists will judge:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Geo. Fulton, Partick, and John Dalgleish, Leith; Border Fancy Canaries, William Haddow, Hamilton; Norwich Canaries, British & Foreign Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from **Alex. Smith, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.**

NOTTINGHAM Open Cage Bird Show.

Under C.B.U. Rules

November 16th & 18th, 1907.

75 Classes. Four money prizes and numerous valuable Specials. Entrance fee **1/6.** Norwich Plainhead Club Show. L.&L.F.A. Club Show. Judges—Messrs. Greeves, Payne, Houlton, Barker—Clegg, and Roe. Hon. Sec., **C. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.**

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW W.C.B.C. C.B.U.

(Palace of Wales).

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats and Rabbits. Drill Hall, **November 14th.** Grand Classification. Special Cups, Medals galore. Judges: T. Furness, Williams Bros., J. H. Payne, F. Seidle. Schedules ready. Entries close November 7th. **J. Thomas,** Secretary, 2, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr Tydvil.

HASTINGS U.C.B.S. (Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Annual Open Cage Bird Show, Nov. 19th and 20th.

Judge: J. H. Payne; under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C. Champion and Novice Sections, and Champion Section of the S.Y.C.C. Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 2/-.** Entrance fee 1/6. Entries positively close Tuesday, November 12th. Schedules, apply **A. E. and J. H. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street.**

MARGATE 16th Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds

Open to all England, November **20th** and **21st, 1907.** Judges: Poultry, P. Proud, Esq.; Pigeons, Messrs. C. Wicks and Clem Watson; Rabbits and Cats, A. H. Calcutt, Esq.; Cage Birds, J. Robson, Esq. Schedules, W. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., **28,** Fort Crescent, Margate.

TONBRIDGE POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS,

NOVEMBER 20th and 21st, 1907. Open to Kent, Sussex and Surrey. Entries close positively Nov. 12th. Judges—Poultry, Mr. Wm. H. Cook; Pigeons, Mr. A. Leith; Rabbits, Mr. M. Crust; Cage Birds, Mr. J. Dobson; Cats, Mr. M Crust. Splendid train service, no delay, main line, S.E. & C. Ry. Schedules now ready. P. W. Burton, Hon. Sec., Guildford House, Albert Road, Tonbridge.

EASTBOURNE Entries close Nov. 12th. Open Show

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Rats, Mice and Cage Birds.

Nov. 20th & 21st, 1907.

Good classification and Specials. Cage Bird Judge; G. Gardner. Schedules, etc., from **C. ATTREE,** Hon. Sec., **23, Taddington Road, Eastbourne.**

SUTTON COLDFIELD

CAGE BIRD SHOW,

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules.)

Wednesday, Nov. 20th, and Thursday, Nov. 21st.

Entries close November 9th. Judge: J. H. Brindley, Esq. Prizes, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Fee, **1/6.** Members, **1/-.** Splendid Classification, capital room, good light, no draught, first class attention. Schedules ready—apply: **A. CEO. JONES, 110, High St., Erdington, Birmingham.**

MORRISTON AND DISTRICT

First Annual Show, held under C.B.U Rules, on **Thursday, November 21st, 1907.** Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester, Grand classification. Specials every class. Schedules ready. Entries close November 14th, 1907. Apply **DAVID JEREMY, Hon. Sec., Glanrhyd Cottage, Tanylan Road, Morriston, R.S.O.**

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Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds.

Thursday, November 21st,

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges—Messrs. R. Stainthorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **Wednesday, Nov. 13th.**

JOHN HENRY DIXON, 77, Brook St., Selby.

KIRBYMOORSIDE (YORKS) SHOW. NOV. 21

Entries close Nov. 11

Judges—Poul., W. H. Silvester; Pig., J. L. Nicholson: R. & C., T. H. Roberts; Cage Birds, H. W. Battye—For Schedules apply Reed & Calam, Kirby-moorside.

LOWESTOFT

And District Cage Bird Society.

First Annual Show **November 21st and 22nd.** Open to the County of Suffolk. 16 Plainhead classes, 6 Crest and Crestbred classes, 3 British classes, 1 Mule or Hybrid class, 1 Foreign class. Judge: Jacob Mackley, Esq. Please apply for Schedule to **GEORGE FRANCIS, South Wharf, Lowestoft. SPECIALS GALORE.**

HULL C. B. S. 13th ANNUAL SHOW

(Under C. B. U. Rules).

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd.

Judges: Messrs. J. C. Barnes & C. Houlton.

Cage Birds only; 40 classes; Novices specially catered for. Prize money guaranteed. Numerous Specials. Splendid room and railway connections. Under the patronage of N.B.B. & M.C. Entries close Nov. 18th. (No extension). Schedules from **Potter & Stamford,** 178, Thoresby Street, Hull.

SUNDERLAND 13th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1907.

Judges: G. E. Russell and A. G. Cameron.

Under the Patronage of the Northern Crest Club, Norwich and Cinnamon Club and Cinnamon Club.

ALL CASH SPECIALS and held under C.B.U. rules. Schedules ready, apply—**F. W. GORDON, 23, Lisburn Terrace, SUNDERLAND.**

CROOK ORIGINAL CAGE BIRD, RABBIT & PIGEON SOCIETY'S OPEN SHOW, Saturday, November 23rd.

Good classification, numerous Specials. Under patronage of YORKS C.C.

Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye, F. Feetham and J. R. Taylor. Entries close November **16th.**

A. BOWES, Sec., 15, Wilson Street, Crook, Durham

DERBY CRANO JUBILEE SHOW NOVEMBER 26th and 27th, 1907.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Judges—Messrs. Bexson, Roe, Robson and Scothern. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire G.C.A., Yorkshire C.C., Cinnamon C.C., Crested C.C. and N.B.B. and Mule Club. 50 Classes. Entries close November 20th. Schedules ready shortly. **W. H. BAMSEY** (Binns & Co.), **Market Pl., Derby.**

PWLLGWAUN Pontypridd & District Open Show. Jan. 9, 1908.

P., P., Cage Birds & R. Splendid Classification. Judges: O. E. Hodge, Esq., & T. Hill, Esq. Hon. Secs.: **Eborne & Stedman,** Pwllgwaun Rd., Pontypridd. Numerous Medals and Specials.

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TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S., Winning Numbers, 970, 153, 1564, 187, 281, 2715, 980, 397, 648, 2178, 2377, 86, 2726, 775, 2438, 830, 1234, 2902, 568, 2887.

TWITTERINGS.

Please note that Bodmin Show takes place on the 6th of November.—A. E. Jago, Sec.

We hear that Mr. W. R. Miles, of Chichester, is to adjudicate at Worthing Show, held November 27 next.

All specials at Cheltenham Show are for most points, writes the secretary, Mr. A. S. Treasure. This was omitted from schedule.

I have removed to larger premises at Chelmsford, where all communications should be addressed, writes Mr. H. Ireland.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) is engaged to judge at Mansfield, November 1st; Langwith, November 23rd; Cresswell, December 14th.

All prize money won at the Peterborough C.B.A. Show was sent within 24 hours of the close, writes Mr. H. C. Lilley, the Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. A. Wilkinson, late of 114a, Hughenden-road, writes: "My address on and after the 12th inst. will be 9, Holmesdale-gardens, Hastings.

We hear that the entry for Peckham Show is a very fine one, over 1,000 birds, and the exhibition promises a treat for London fanciers.

Report of St. Andrews Show states that Malcolm was 5th with Yellowhammer, whereas I was fifth and special.—W. Paton (Thornton, Fife).

Will members of the Dudley and District C.B.S. please note change of my address to 5, New Rowley-road, Dudley, writes Mr. J. J. Mullett, the secretary?

I have received a postcard (I suppose for a schedule), with no writing on, and as postmark is not quite plain I cannot tell where it is from. J. Simcock, Sec., Potteries Show.

Darley Dale entries extended to Sunday morning post. Not a single entry turned up; "Fanciers help us." Norwich Plainhead hen is Class 76a. Fanciers please note.—WM. ELLIOTT, Sec.—ADVT.

Just after we had gone to press last week we received a telegram from the secretary of the Barnstaple Show asking us to notify exhibitors that this fixture was not being held under Cage Bird Union rules.

Your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, is the only paper that interests me, and I shall hope to see the new "Poultry World" shortly, which I am sure will be another boon to fanciers.—J. KINSELLA (Wexford).

Kindly announce that my private address after October 23 will be 18, Lisvane-street, Cathays, Cardiff, writesMr. E. J. Banks, where I shall be pleased to welcome all fanciers, especially those of the Yorkshire variety.

Mr. E. W. Johnson, hon. sec. of the Wibsey and District C.B.S., writes to the effect that trams are now running to the "little village on the hill," and that he hopes to see a few more friends at their members' shows, etc.

The handbook of rules, etc., of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, which reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. D. H. Tedstone, is a tastefully produced little booklet, and one which should be very useful to the members.

Kindly notify fanciers that the Welsh National Show (Swansea) is under Cage Bird Union rules, writes Mr. S. J. Nicholas, as it has been brought to my notice that the fixture is not so starred in your "dates fixed" column.

Please discontinue my advertisement of Bramblefinches, writes Mr. G. Cooper (Norwich), for I have had so many sales that I have been compelled to return money to would-be purchasers—high eulogy to your circulation.

We hear that the firm of Messrs. Brown and Arrighi, the well-known Scottish exhibitors, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent, and that John Brown and Louis J. Arrighi will for the future each exhibit their own birds.

In our issue of October 5th last Mr. H. Fowler was inaccurately given as the secretary of the Bristol Cage Bird Society, whereas Mr. J. Munro, of Pretoria Villa, St. John's-lane, Bedminster, Bristol, is the rightful hon. secretary.

We have received a neat booklet of rules from the hon. secretary of the Kent County Cage Bird Association, Mr. H. Sarjeant, the Belle Vue Villas, Shakespeare-road, Dover, who ill be glad to hear from anyone wishing to join.

On behalf of the members of the Accrington Society, writes Mr. D. Harwood, the secretary, I thank you for the excellent report of our recent show. Our date fixed for next year's show should be October 23rd and 24th, and not the 16th and 17th.

With reference to our advertisement in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, re Siberian Goldie, we are unable to reply to all applicants, having got over 30 letters. This speaks highly of CAGE BIRDS as the paper to advertise in.—A. and W. SINTON (Jedburgh).

I have moved from Painswick-road to 2, Saintsbridge Villas, Saintsbridge, Gloucester, writes Mr. Henry J. Davis, where, now that I shall have more time at my disposal, I hope to go in for breeding the popular Norwich Plainhead on a much larger scale.

At the recent Selkirk Show one well-known fancier was heard to remark to another well-known fancier, who had won Hyde's teapot and a gents' umbrella: "Well, John, you'll now be able to put the wet inside the Hyde, and keep off the wet outside the hide."

Mr. R. P. Breome has very kindly given a 21s. teapot to the S.Y.C.C. member making most points out of the money, open to either section, and members must show at three shows to be eligible to compete.—J. W. RENNIE, Hon. Sec. Southern Yorkshire C.C.

The hon. secretary of the Kent County C.B.A., Mr. George Sanderson, writes that an error has crept into the schedule of their forthcoming show in reference to the members' specials. In the eighth line the words "current year" should be followed by the word "exhibitor."

At Watford Show, writes Mr. R. J. Watts, the secretary, there will be 2s. 6d. cash specials in all open classes. Watford is on the L.N.W. Railway main line, with a splendid train service, and every effort will be made by the executive for the comfort of exhibits and exhibitors.

Chesterfield Show, on October 25 and 26, is for cage birds only, writes the secretary. The large room in the Market Hall has been engaged, and being of a very spacious character, well lighted, and free from draughts, comfort both for the exhibits and visitors is assured.

Grimsby's first open show proved a great success, we hear. Over 300 entries were obtained, including 143 Norwich in eight classes. In the Foreign (seed eater) class 22 exhibits were staged, a really surprising turnout. The judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, had no easy task in separating the specimens.

The Falkirk and District C.B.S. held a committee meeting on October 12, writes Mr. W. Clubb, Sec., for the purpose of arranging their special prizes for the forthcoming annual show, to be held in the Oddfellows Hall on October 26, and when we hope to receive the full support of brother fanciers.

The Neath and District F.A. have decided to take the Drill Hall of the 3rd Glamorgan Rifles, writes Mr. W. R. B. Richardson, the secretary, and they have now five cups in hand, one for each section; also that special prizes will be given at the show, which is to be held at the Drill Hall on November 5.

Kindly notify my change of address to 471, Battersea Park-road, S.W., where all communications should be addressed, writes Mr. A. J. Head, Hon. Sec. of the Metropolitan Association of Canary, Mule, and Hybrid Breeders. Information will be gladly given to any person desirous of becoming a member.

Our show has the patronage of the Border Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club, Northern Yorkshire Canary Club, Northern Crest Club, Northern British Bird Mule and Foreign Bird Club.—W. DUKE (North Shields and South Shields).

I should like to testify to the advantage of the part 2 of CAGE BIRDS Annual. We sent 900 schedules out from the addresses contained in it, and there is no doubt the grand result is mostly due to it.—H. C. LILLEY, Peterborough C.B.A.

I see in a report I sent you respecting a smoking concert of the Bristol C.B.S. there has been a mistake in putting me down as secretary. I am not such. I sent it in on behalf of the society, our secretary being away:—H. FOWLER.

Messrs. Hindhaugh and Co. (Newcastle-on-Tyne), write:—We have had an enormous number of enquiries from all parts of the country for very small orders of seeds which we are not prepared to deal with.

The judge of the Norwich Plainheads at the forthcoming show of the Swansea C.B.S. is Mr. J. Pritchard, of Mountain Ash, one of the oldest breeders and exhibitors of Plainheads in our Welsh districts, so writes Mr. J. EVANS, the sec.

A friend of mine writes "A Chiel," was at a show in Scotland the other day, and met a reporter with a notebook. He asked him what he thought of the judge's work, and his answer was: "I have no love for the judge, and I'll give him beans," A nice Christian spirit, truly.

Notwithstanding prize money guaranteed and good specials, the cage bird entries at Weston-super-Mare Show, held October 31, don't average one a class, writes Mr. Geo. W. Read, the secretary. Compelled to extend to 22nd October. Will classify if sent on. Fanciers, do help one of the finest shows in Somerset.

The entry at Rochdale Show is the very gratifying one of nearly 600 birds, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, the secretary, which is good, seeing we have no specialist club show this year. I hope neighbouring fanciers will give us a look in on Friday and Saturday, and see the finest show room in England, and some fine birds.

Battersea Show is very hard up for entries, and compelled to extend the closing date until Monday next, first post, writes Mr. F. Easterling, the secretary, when we hope fanciers will rally round, and not let us suffer a loss. We are doing everything we possibly can for exhibits and exhibitors, as a perusal of our show advertisement will prove. Send a few entries along to us.

Class 26 of the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S. schedule is for any variety Hybrid, writes Mr. F. Howes, the secretary. The codicil "between two British birds" is used to distinguish them from the Canary Hybrids. There is also a printers' error in Class 28, which should read: Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite—not Turte. Some fanciers have written me asking if the latter is another added to the British bird list!

Dibb's Canary Seed offer—Special Offer.—As an advertisement we give with every cwt. of Canary Seed purchased, one cwt. of our celebrated Health Grit absolutely free. Giant Spanish, 24s. per cwt.; Finest Turkish, 15s. per cwt.; treble-screened and free from dust. Carriage paid to nearest station. Samples on application from John Dibb, Seed Importer, 31 and 33, White Abbey Road, Bradford. Tel. 247x.—(Advt.)

Although the Cheltenham Show is held in C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, anybody can show, whether a member or not. The room is an ideal one for the purpose, and is entirely free from draughts. On Sunday the birds will have a complete rest, as none but the stewards on duty will be allowed in, and a guarantee is given that every bird will be properly packed for the return journey. I have several letters thanking me for the splendid way the birds were returned last year.

Kindly announce that the entrance fee in the amateur classes in Norwich Show schedule should read the same as in champion classes, viz., 1s. 6d. per cage, members 1s. 3d. per cage. I regret that this was not noticed when going through proof from the printers. Some six hundred schedules were sent through the post last Monday morning before the error was discovered, and shall be glad if intending exhibitors who are not members will take note of this.—R. OLL, Secretary.

At a meeting held at Llandudno Junction on October 10, writes Mr. A. T. Johnson, secretary of the Vale of Conway and District F.A., it was decided to appoint delegates to represent the association in the various parts of the district. The names of these will be published in due course. New members continue to join the association, and the cage bird fraternity are particularly strong. Will all who wish to be elected send their names to me (Glanconway, N. Wales) as early as possible? The minimum annual subscription is 2s. 6d. The next committee meeting is fixed for Thursday, October 24, Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction, at 7.

What will they say?

There has been some little speculation as to who would judge the Green Canary classes at the next Crystal Palace Show. The upset of last season over "square feathers in greens" has left the atmosphere unsettled. We met Mr. Ramsden, the Palace Show manager, the other day outside a London chemist's, and it struck us he was looking thinner than was his wont. Incidentally he informed us that Messrs. Heath and Mundell were appointed to judge the champion Yorkshire classes at the Palace, and that they, as "a natural sequence," would take the champion Greens. What would Liverpool say to this, we wondered?

OUR COUPON PRIZES.

How to Supplement your Prize Money.

A word to intending exhibitors at shows where our coupon scheme and great £200 prize competition is in force, will now be timely and needed. If you are entering a bird or two for a coupon show (look down the coupon show list)—why not run a double-barrelled chance by paying just another sixpence to us for a coupon? This little sixpence may be the means of bringing you in an additional 10s. 6s., or 4s. Remember your bird need not be a topper to stand a chance for our prizes. We are not offering prizes for the best three birds, as some people may think, but for the best first prize bird, the best second prize, and the best third. So that if your exhibit only secures a third, it may still stand a chance of winning the 10s. If it does not win an ordinary cash prize at all it may still win one of our prizes. Where there are no first or second prize birds entered for our scheme (and it is quite possible at many shows there won't be) this is more than likely.

Exhibitors must not run away with the idea that this is a competition for the cracks. It is not. The novice has just as much opportunity. Now run your eye down our coupon list, and post off your application to us for coupons right away.

Coupons are ready for any show on our list of coupon shows. If you don't use them at the show they still have a cash value. (See rules.) But we want the scheme to be a bumping success. If it is, exhibitors will benefit, the societies will benefit, and we shall benefit. It will be a good thing all round. Think how annoyed you will be if your bird wins an ordinary prize and is defeated in our coupon scheme by another bird immeasureably its inferior. This is certain to happen if you don't buy your coupons and safeguard yourself right away. 6d. a coupon—for each bird at each show. Prizes 10s., 6s., 4s., surplus divided amongst the participating societies.

Entries are not coming up to our expectations in this coupon scheme, especially at the shows where leaflets only have to be inserted. Everyone is afraid that everyone else has entered. We have decided to supply coupons up to within 36 hours of entries being finally closed.

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The Manager, **"CAGE BIRDS,"**
154, Fleet Street, London.

Send me by return the following Coupons for the following Shows:—

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*Name*_____

*Address in Full*_____

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Potteries, October 23rd and 24th.
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Wolverhampton, October 30th and 31st.
Blackburn C.B.S., November 1 and 2.
Rochdale Good Intent, November 2nd.
Abingdon (North Berks), November 7th.
Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., November 7th.
Preston O.S., November 8th and 9th.
Warrington, November 8th and 9th.
York, November 5th and 6th.
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Dublin (Y.C.C. of Ireland), November 28th and 29th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
Weybridge, December 4th.
Bristol Fanciers' Association, December 4th and 5th.
Hartlepools, December 6th and 7th.
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Tideswell, December 7th.
Porth, December 12th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
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Seaham Harbour, December 21st.
Wimbledon, January 8th and 9th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Oct. 17 and 18.—**Dulwich and Peckham**
*Oct. 18 and 19—**Hoyland O.S.** (W.V., J.Wn.)
*Oct. 18 and 19.—**Rochdale O.C.** (C.A.H. & W.M.)
*Oct. 18 & 19. **Newcastle** (T.H., J.C.B., C.H., J.P.)
Oct. 18 and 19.—**City of Glasgow O.S.** (J.S., A. N., J.P., G.P., J.K., A.McF., J.Dn., A.R.L., T., D.H., T. McC.)
Oct. 19.—**Otley** (W.M.)
*Oct. 23.—**Oxford** (J.H.R.)
*Oct. 22 and 23.—**Plymouth** (C.A.H., J.R., G.R.W.)
*Oct. 23.—**Wimborne** (G.B.)
*Oct. 23 & 24.—**Potteries & Dis.C.B.A.** (W.V.,F.B.)
*Oct. 24 and 25. **Battersea** (W.M., J.R.)
*Oct. 25 & 26.—**Chesterfield & Dis. F.A.** (J.C.B)
*Oct. 25 and 26. **Manchester and N.C. O.S.**
*Oct. 25 and 26.—**S. Shields C.B.S.** (H.W.B., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Middlesborough C.B.S.** (W.M., F.M.)
*Oct. 26.—**Coventry O.S.** (J.H.R.)
Oct. 26.—**Dysart.** (W.D.H., J.Fn., J.Gw.)
*Oct. 26 & 28. **Cheltenham C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.R.
*Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S., Paignton** (J.H.P.)
*Oct. 30 and 31—**Gloucester C.B.S.**
*Oct. 30 & 31.—**Welsh National** (G.E.W., J.N., J.B.R.
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wellingborough** (W.V., J.Gl.)
*Oct. 30 and 31.—**Wolverhampton** (J.R., W.Wb.)
Oct. 31.—**Oswestry F. & F.A.** (C.H.)
*Nov 1 and 2.—**Mansfield** (J.C.B., J.R.)
*Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blackburn C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.Wk.)
*Nov. 1 and 2.—**Blaydon C.B.S.** (J.R., J.T.)
*Nov. 2.—**Rochdale Good Intent** (H.W.B., R.B.
Nov. 2.—**Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.** (W.M.)
*Nov. 2.—**Bramley O.S. (Leeds)** (J.C.B., J.B.)
*Nov. 2.—**Cleator Moor F.S.** (C.H , A.H.)
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.**
*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6.—**York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6.—**Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7.—**Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7.—**Swansea** (T.H.M., J.Pd., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.He.)
*Nov. 7. **North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R. J.Dt.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.R.S., R.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., Ax.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness.**
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.B., J.Str., J.Mn.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)

For full list see last week's issue.

"Hands Across the Sea."

Please mention, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, that I have received a letter from Mr. White, of Melbourne, who wishes to be kindly remembered to all he met when over here. Mr. White very kindly enclosed £2 2s. in his letter, being four 10s. 6d. specials from the Victorian Society, to be given at the next National Show, viz., 10s. 6d. for best Crest, 10s. 6d. for best Crestbred, 10s. 6d. for best Norwich, 10s. 6d. for best Norwich Cinnamon.

Norwich Plainhead Club Medal.

I notice quite a number of members have not sent in their vote, writes Mr. J. Raynes (Hon. Sec.), although they have had a month to consider it. I should be glad if they would do so at once, along with subscription, which is considerably overdue, so that I may be able to complete and place same before the annual meeting of all members, which is to take place at the Nottingham Show on November 16; time and place will be posted on the champion gold medal winner.

A Nailing Good Notion.

At the last meeting of the Wimbledon C.B.S., when Mr. A. W. Curtis gave a most interesting exhibition of cage making, he kindly offered the cage, a beautifully made stock cage for Norwich Canaries, to anyone present who could guess most accurately the number of nails he would put in it. The lowest guessed was 18 and the highest 55, and as the members, one by one, saw the numbers they had guessed passed, they treated the competition as a huge joke, and got no end of fun out of it. The total number of nails used was 91, and Mr. P. Rorke, whose guess was 55, was awarded the prize, which he immediately handed over to the secretary, who is to include it in the list of special prizes for the forthcoming show.

A Deplorable Loss.

At the last meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B., writes Mr. WYNN, the Secretary, the chairman, Mr. A. C. Burn, rose and announced that he had some painful news to impart. Mr. H. Davis, one of their oldest and most respected members, had met with a deplorable disaster in his birdroom, losing thereby over 50 birds at one fell stroke, and the cream of his stock. He (the chairman), felt sure that all would most sincerely sympathise with Mr Davis in this dreadful calamity, the financial loss from which must be considerable. Messrs. R. L. Crisp, A. W. Curtis, and G. E. Weston also made touching references to the sad affair. With obvious emotion Mr. Davis rose to thank the members for their kind words of sympathy. Not only had he lost practically all his best birds, but also the best bird it had been his pleasure to breed in his life. He would leave them to imagine his despair—upon going into his room in the height of his misfortune, a thought came over him: Shall I finish off the work, and put an end to the whole stock by suffocation He had sent specimens to Mr. J. North for a post mortem examination, and in consequence of following his advice had been ablo to save the great majority of those left when his letter arrived, but his prospects for the ensuing season were hoplessly ruined.

CLUB NOTICES: see page 247.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Conditions see Issue dated October, 5th.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Egg Food and Other Things.

Tam-o'-Shanter.—Let your hen have in her drinking water every other day for three weeks ten drops of Tincture of Quinine, and instead of the milk sop, let her have a small teaspoonful of egg-food, to which add five or six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. (2) I am afraid you lose your young birds by taking away the egg-food too early. In the future, let them have a little until they are right through the moult, gradually lessening the quantity of egg. Milk sop and rape seed is enought to upset them. (3) Bathe the lump on the hen with twenty grains of Boracic Acid to two tablespoonfuls of water night and morning. Should this fail to disperse it after a week's trial, write again. (4) The No. 2 sample of canary seed is much the best, being much bolder and very clean. Use this in the future.

Red Mite.

H.G.J.—I should recommend you to well dust your hen under the wings and at the root of the tail with Keating's Insect Powder, as I am of opinion she is troubled with red mite, and this is the cause of the barrenness you speak of on the shoulders. For the heavy breathing, give in the drinking water, fresh daily, fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu, ten drops of Paregoric and ten of whiskey. Keep her covered over at nights with a warm cloth, and see she is in a warm corner quite away from draughts. Continue the treatment for a fortnight, and then you may put a piece of mutton suet between the bars of the cage for her to peck at.

Rheumatism in Leg.

T. W. Guest.—I think you are correct in assuming your bird has rheumatism in its legs. Let it have in its drinking vessel three grains of Iodide of Potassium three times a week, for two or three weeks. Keep it in a warm place out of draught, and cover over at night with a warm cloth.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Case of Bronchitis.

Constant Reader of C.B.—Your feeding in respect to seeds is all right, but I certainly prefer egg along with colour food in place of the food you mention, and should advise you to change to that and not use more than one part hot Natal to three or four parts cold. Perhaps your best plan would be to stop colour feeding, except about twice a week, until bird is better. Keep the bird warm and give fresh each morning a little egg food or milk sop, well mixing with same six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and give this for a week. For another week give in place of buckthorn six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, take the drinking water away at night and give fresh every morning, well mixing with same six drops of this mixture—two parts of oil of eucalyptus and one part oil of cajipat, cover up at night and keep free from draughts during the day, when I think your bird will recover.

A Slow Improvement.

Nil Desperandum.—Keep your bird in a snug warm corner and follow the instructions given in CAGE BIRDS September 28th, re covering up at night, etc. Take the drinking water away at night and give fresh every morning, well mixing into it ten drops each of tincture of lobelia and paragoric. Do not give any soft food till the bird has had a drink or two, say an hour, then give half a teaspoonful of egg food or milk sop, the former for preference, well mixing with it six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and sprinkling a pinch of maw seed over the lot. Follow this treatment for a few weeks when your bird may be all right again. Glad to hear your bird is a little better, but the improvement will necessarily be slow.

Remedy for Asthma.

In a Fix.—Give fresh every morning in the drinking water ten drops each of tincture of lobelia and paragoric, taking the water away at night, and giving a little egg food daily, well mixing with it eight or ten drops of syrup of buckthorn. Try this for a week, when I think you will find a great improvement. If so, substitute Parrish's Chemical Food for the syrup of Buckthorn. If there is no improvement write again and I will try and advise you further.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Three Seed Samples.

J. Johnson.—I must say that personally I do not like the look of any of the seeds you send. The canary seed is very small, very small indeed—more husk than kernel, I should think. It may be good seed of its kind, but I should not buy it for myself for use with high-class birds. It certainly is not Spanish—the grains of genuine Spanish are as large again. I should say it is what the trade call Turkish. The maw looks shrivelled and old (dried up) when seen through a glass. The rape is too large and black (and looks like a mixture of two or three kinds). The summer rape favoured by fanciers is a very tiny reddish-black seed, tasting sweet and nutty when chewed in the mouth.

Summer Rape Seed.

Yellow Bird.—From examination under a glass I am of opinion the rape you send is not all of one kind (that is, the seed of one plant). No one can identify the bare rape seeds with certainty, but if you were to sow a small plot in the garden (protecting it from birds) a botanist would with certainty name the plants which grew, and so set the matter at rest. The grains are of such very different sizes (and colours), which leads me to the above conclusion. No hot rapes (mustards) are revealed by chewing.

What's In a Name?

S. Measham.—Hartz Mountain and St. Andreasberg are trade names given to Roller Canaries, and supposed to indicate the districts in Germany from which the birds come. But I expect many sold as the above never were within miles of the districts mentioned. In a general way, "St. Andreasberg" is used to indicate a rather better quality Roller than the "Harlz Mountain," and they are generally the higher-priced of the two. Seifert was a great breeder of Rollers, who lived in Germany. His birds became famous for their exceptionally good low (bass) rolls. And so a Seifert Roller is (or should be) one bred from his strain and very good in the lower register. Hummel is the trade name used by an English dealer in Roller Canaries.

In the Moult.

A. M. M. Anxious.—I have given advice on treatment of moulting Roller Canaries several times this last few weeks. Cuttlefish is certainly not conducive to diarrhoea; the other way about, I should think, if anything. It is very necessary to moulting birds (as is a free supply of good grit), and you made a mistake in removing it. All birds eat it and grit freely during the moult; they contain material used in the formation of feathers. Keep the birds out of all draughts, and lightly cover the cages at night if it seems desirable. Your birds do not want much green food during the moult—a sprig of tender watercress (the young growths) or seeding chickweed or shepherd's purse once a day, or a little tender lettuce. A bit of ripe fruit, such as sweet apple, pear, orange, or banana, is also a most excellent thing. In addition to the canary and rape seeds, mix some hemp and maw seeds together (equal parts), and give a teaspoonful every other day. In between give a teaspoonful of some good maker's patent Canary food (or bread) in which you have well mixed 4 or 5 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, obtainable from any chemist. This treatment will bring any healthy Roller through the moult in good form. A little linseed should be sprinkled amongst the canary and rape towards the finish of the moult, every day.

Various Matters.

Lillian.—Your bird must be very bad, indeed, to have such a discharge from nostrils, etc. The best and safest (harmless) remedy I know of, is Glycothymoline. It is not exactly cheap, but what is left over makes a nice toilet preparation for one's own use. It should be used warm—exactly, and of same strength as advised on bottle—twice a day. A very small feather, or tiny camel hair pencil brush, should be used to clear out the nostrils, and wash out throat and mouth. A little can also be mixed with the drinking water for a few days. The proprietary coal-tar essence would not, I should think, be identical with the B.P. preparation. Singing birds need not be covered over to learn their song. The young will pick up any notes they hear, of course, and will be certain to acquire most of the notes of the Norwich, in addition to notes of the Roller—in fact, I should certainly say they will find the former's song easiest to acquire.

The Best Show Box.

Eager.—Yes; I am sure the Roller Club secretary (Mr. Norris) would be glad to give you any information he could. I don't like the song boxes which have loose wire cages inside, for use to send to shows. The inside wire cages never seem very strong, and they want tightly packing to avoid rocking and knocking about while on rail. I like the tin boxes which have a wire front fitted in, forming the cage themselves. You want to mind, of course, there is nothing loose to rattle about, even in those. A wood box (travelling box) should be made to hold this exhibition cage—light, yet strong. A piece of paper, folded to a suitable shape, placed at each end, will serve to wedge the cage securely in the travelling case. Have your name and address inside the lid of the latter. The bird, of course, should be kept in the exhibition cage during the show season (or he thoroughly used to it), or he will not sing, probably, when at the show, if in a strange cage.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Cinnamon Moulting.

Midlothian.—As you say they were separated 1st August and the cock is in full song, I think he must have moulted before that date, or since, in an imperceptible manner, as some birds do this and have a curious way of eating every feather which comes out. Anyhow, there is no occasion to adopt any special line of medical treatment for him. The hen on the other hand would seem to be in low condition. Plain seed is poor diet during moulting season for Fancy Canaries, and I think a little expenditure in this direction would produce better results than drugs. A seed mixture of equal parts canary, hemp, rape and mustard, should be prepared. Two teaspoonfuls of it should be treated each day with scalding water, drained when cold and sprinkled with "canary cake," or crushed biscuit. Six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food may be added.

Borax as a Bleacher.

W.A.—In framing an answer it would have been helpful to have known in what way or for what purpose it was proposed to use the solution of borax, made of the strength of one teaspoonful to a quart of water. I do not perceive that it would in any way benefit a colour-fed bird, nor, to reply to your specific question, do I consider that it would tend to bleach the colour of a bird if served merely as bath water.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Weakness of Green Cock.

Cambuslang.—Seeing that your cock is eight years old, I should say old age was the principal cause of the weakness in his feet and legs. Plain canary seed is not sufficient; give him a little mixed seed twice a week, and bathe his feet daily in warm water, afterwards using a little borasic ointment. See that his claws are cut. Hang him on the wall near the window (not in it), where he will be free from draughts, and give ½-dozen drops of tincture of iron to wineglassful of drinking water, twice weekly. Glad you find our paper so useful.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Cause of Death.

M. Baker.—I am sorry I cannot help you. It is quite impossible to give the cause of death from drawing of the dead bird. You should have sent it to Mr. North for post-mortem. You say nothing about its symptoms before death, so I have nothing to guide me in hazarding the cause of death. Had you described symptoms of illness, what food it had, and what its appetite was like, it would have been some guide.

Sits Thick.

B.J.—Your hen is suffering from asthma. Epsom Salts are not quite the remedy for this complaint. Try the effect of the following in the drinking water daily, twelve drops of glycerine, and two of creosote. Mix these well together, and then stir well whilst adding the water. In addition to the seed, give a little egg food daily.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Canary Seed Samples.

Dick.—I cannot say that I think very highly of any of the three samples of canary seed you send. You can certainly get much better. No. 1 is just a fair seed, small, and uneven in size at that. No. 2 is a very small and pale seed, which I would not buy at any price for my own use. No. 3 looks much the better of the trio—rather small, but plump, and even in size, and of a nice colour, apparently well harvested. I don't think you could go far wrong in using this latter seed; still, bolder can be obtained.

Hemp Seed Under Suspicion.

C. Creese.—The sample is not one of what I should term really first-class hemp seed. It contains far too many green corns for that. Still, I should not like to say it is responsible for the "epidemic" amongst your Goldfinches, whatever you may mean by that term (I assume you have had a number of deaths). I have not heard of hemp seed being either "chemically treated, or artificially ripened and dried." Taking this point of view (for the sake of argument), then any injurious chemical would leave traces on the shell of seed, and may be in the kernel, and it would also leave traces in the intestines of the birds, if the cause of death, when in both cases, I should think, its presence could be determined by any skilled analyst. It could not be determined by any other means, so far as I am aware. However, I think if you purchased a healthy, inexpensive bird (say a sturdy Redpoll) and housed it right away from your other birds, and your bird-room, if you have one, and in quite a new cage (the latter is important) and fed it entirely on the suspected hemp seed, you might arrive at something. For instance, if it survives, all well and healthy, then clearly the seed cannot be to blame; if it sickens, and dies, then it might be worth while carrying your suspicions further. But "epidemics," of course, are brought about by many things beside seed. Any way, you won't mind me declining to test the seed on one of my own Goldics, eh?

Robin in an Aviary.

R.W.B. (Tottenham).—I have frequently stated that Robins are usually veritable terrors in an aviary, and most dangerous companions for other birds. To their own kith and kin they are absolutely brutal—that is to say, Robins fight and maim and slaughter one another in a callous manner, which might well be described as perfectly fiendish. "Maim," perhaps, is hardly accurate, for once a fight is begun, the ultimate decease of one or other of the combatants is assured. Yes; I noticed a correspondent some few weeks' ago recommended keeping a Robin in an aviary with Canaries, to keep down earwigs. I can only say that personally I would not care to try the experiment. If I did, however, I should put in a female, which I have heard said are not so aggressive towards others. A Pekin Robin would be the thing, though, I should fancy, for earwig-eating. If you try the experiment, keep your eyes open, anyway—and let me know the result. I have watched Robins in the canal-bank aviary at the Zoo, and wondered why on earth they were put there, for they bullied and terrorised every bird in the place the live-long day. They require a good insectivorous mixture, and mealworms, and other live insects (as described practically weekly in my column for small soft-bills).

Sending Birds a Journey.

Matthews.—Any of the bird-shops in Leicester will supply you with proper travelling cages for the despatch of live birds by rail (or any of the cage-makers advertising in our columns). They cost from twopence to fourpence each, according to whether they are plain box form, or with a wired front. The bottom is strewn with a handful of seed, and the box covered with brown paper and tied up with string. A CAGE BIRD'S "Live Bird Label" (with address written on, of course), is stuck on the top, two air-holes bored in the paper with the point of a lead pencil, and the bird is ready for delivery to the railway company best suited to carry it to its destination. No water is needed inside, but the bird should be allowed a drink just before being packed. Put it on a fast night train, so that it arrives at its journey's end first thing in the morning; that, at least, is generally best. An empty 100-cigar box, with the lid sawn across (not lengthwise) in the middle, and one half tacked down (the other forming a lid) with a perch nailed across the bottom in the centre, makes a fairly good travelling box for a small bird—one often used, in fact.

A Stock Mixture.

F.P.—Probably you will know that I do not recommend a stock mixture as an economical method of feeding aviary birds. It entails a certain amount of waste, and this can be avoided to a great extent by supplying the principal seeds in separate hoppers or dishes. However, for your Goldie, Bullie, Chaffinch, Greenie, Bramble, Siskin and Redpoll, in your large aviary, the following seed-mixture would be a good one: Canary and teazle three pints each, sunflower two pints, hemp summer rape, charlock and linseed one pint each. The other seeds (maw, niger, etc.), wild seed mixture, and also the seeding wild plants (thistles, dandelion, knapweed, shepherd's purse, chickweed, etc.) with a few ants' eggs, or a little prepared insectivorous mixture, you could give occasionally, as a ebauge, or a treat.

Chaffinch not Moulting.

A Novice.—It is getting rather late, certainly, but I don't suppose for a minute your own Chaffie is the only one not yet started moulting. I should remove it from the window to a cosy corner in a warmed room, and gradually "sheet down" its cage with some warm material. It will experience no difficulty whatever in finding food and water, providing the cage is of the usual box type—the best are those with food and water on a level with the perches. This is a practically certain method of inducing a bird to "strike moult," and when its feathers commence to fall free, the "gloom" can be relieved by lifting the cover, more or less, during the daytime, but replacing it at night. Keep all draughts off it, of course, and on no account remove it straight-way to a cold room when the moult is concluded. Give the bird a mealworm or two every day or so.

Mule's Ragged Jacket.

A. W. Anderton.—I should think your Mule has had a check in the moult. Your best procedure would be to follow the advice given "A Novice" over a Chaffinch in this week's issue. If this is inconvenient, then keep the bird in a warm corner in a warmed room, partly covering the cage (if an all-wire one) in the daytime, and wholly so at night. Get a small bottle of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia from a chemist, and put a few spots in a teacupful of slightly warm water (just enough to cloud it), and lightly spray the bird with this every morning—only just sprinkle him, not half-drown him. This will cause him to preen himself, and tidy his plumage up generally. But when the feathers begin to fall, discontinue until moult is almost over.

A Would-be Contest Singer.

W. C.—I really know very little about the inner details of singing contests. Why not visit one of the houses where such take place, make the acquaintance of some of those who indulge in the sport, and get the information you want from them? Have never gone in for contest singing, myself. Probably your bird is nervous, and wants taking about to different places, to get him used to change of surroundings, and so that he will sing anywhere. Are you sure he was not sold you because he was faulty in this respect? If in real high condition, he should not be "afraid" to sing at another Linnet. Your feeding reads all right, and is the same as I have observed Linnet singers using. The birds are usually kept more or less covered up for a few days before a match is due, and uncovered and hung on "the nail" just about the time they will be hung up in the actual contest. They are also taken about to different houses to "break them in" to being shifted about, and, as I said before, to accustom them to change of surroundings. A good and well-trained bird knows quite well what is expected of him, and usually "opens out" as soon as hung—certainly as soon as his opponent starts

About a Linnet Mule.

Kindness.—You should certainly not be persuaded to keep your Linnet Mule continually in a "back cage," which is far too small for regular use with such a bird. An ideal house-cage would be the Finch stock cage recommended "S. Norman" this week. If you want to hang him in a window, get a waggon-shaped cage, as big as you possibly can (some window cages are far too small), made of plain, tinned wire. If with glass round, and enamelled prettily at the bottom, such a cage looks very nice. Your stock mixture would be better as follows: Canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape one pint, linseed and hemp half a pint each. Give a little maw, wild seed mixture, sunflower, green food (especially shepherd's-purse), as tit-bits. Cuttlefish is very good stuff to have always in the cage.

A Varied List.

V. M. E. M.—A canvas-topped cage is a good one for fresh-caught Chaffinches. The size you mention (one foot long) is only large enough to keep one bird in permanently. Chaffinches are apt to be aggressive towards one another (the cocks, and especially towards the spring), fetching each other cruel digs in the eye (generally) with their strong, dangerous beaks. Many are blinded (Bramble-finches, too) in this way. Newly-caught Chaffies should have a free run of hemp, linseed, canary, maw, teazle, summer rape, and lightly-cracked sunflower seed; also a few mealworms daily, placed in a small glazed dish they cannot crawl out of. I should think it would be rather a good plan to obtain several cocks and hens, keep them for a week or two, and then select the best couple from amongst them, and let the remainder fly away. Birdlime makes a nasty mess of a bird's plumage, if any quantity gets daubed on the same. Everything depends on how the bird alights on the limed snare. I have known many caught without any of the lime getting on the plumage at all; others sort of roll on the twig and make a sad mess of flights, etc. When I bought a limed bird (not often, I can tell you) I cleaned its plumage of the lime with a mixture of lard and fine ash from the fire-grate, kind of drawing it down the feathers until all the lime came away. Washing won't remove it. Benzine will, but is not nice to use.

An Indoor Aviary.

F.W.T.—If you are an ordinarily tall individual I should think a height of six feet would be admirable for your indoor aviary 6 ft. long by 3 ft. wide; of course, 4 feet, or 5 feet, or thereabouts, would answer well, too. I don't see the object of the four small side divisions. If the sliding partitions were permanently put in, each compartment would be only 1½ feet long (the place being 3 feet from front to back), and so would be a very bad, almost useless shape, more like the shaft of a chimney than anything else. But perhaps I don't understand what your idea is in having them—you certainly don't explain. I see, however, you speak of putting the place on a table, and in this case a height of 4 feet would be ample. If up against a wall, a wire back would do; wood, of course, is handier to fix anything to, if needed. It would hold about 20 small birds comfortably.

A Greenhouse Aviary.

South Devon.—Much though I regret to say it, it is impossible to speak cheerfully of the prospects of an aviary erected in a lean-to greenhouse, containing growing vines, etc. The differences in the temperature are too great, the heat of summer being practically unbearable, and the unavoidable moistness of the atmosphere an even worse enemy. You can try the proposed plan, if you like; but if you take my advice you will rather build a snug, sheltered place in the garden outside the greenhouse. A place 14 ft. long by 8 ft. from back to front and 6 ft. or so high, would hold about 50 small birds (including Foreign) very nicely, but crowding is a mistake at all times, especially if breeding is desired. Half-inch netting should be used. If built outside have only the front wired. If inside, roof and sides may be open, arranging to shade the former in summer. Have it in one large compartment. One or two Softbills could be kept in—very pleasing ones would be pairs of Yellow Wagtails, Blackcaps, and Stonechats. For list of suitable Foreign birds kindly address a query to our foreign bird expert. Budgerigars and Lovebirds are dangerous with other small birds.

Late in Moulting.

Midlothian. — Wild seeds are not absolutely necessary to the moulting of Finches, by any means, still, they are valuable helps. A good wild seed mixture is sold by many advertisers using our columns. Thistle-heads, knapweed, etc., however, are best gathered, and given in the head. You can even get supplies of these, though, from advertisers. There are doubtless many other birds besides your own Goldie and Linnet which have not yet broken in moult. The only thing I can suggest is the old and generally successful method of "sheeting down" the birds in a warm spot. See reply to another querist this week. Medicine is of no use. Of course, your birds may moult naturally yet, and moult successfully too.

Feeding a Hawfinch.

Constant Reader.—Don't give ordinary mixed Canary seed. The white seed you mention would be sunflower, and this should be a Hawfinch's principal food—get it (the seed) sound and plump (with good kernels). Given this, and a mealworm or two every day, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and he will take them fearlessly, so great is the bird's love for them.

They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, and those should be given in the pod when obtainable. Let the bird bathe freely.

Natural Food of Plovers.

One Interested. — "Plovers" is a very wide term, and covers species which feed on somewhat differing items. The commoner Plovers we see in the fields, however, feed, generally speaking, largely on worms, snails, slugs, caterpillars, insects generally, weed-seeds, portions of plants, and will take small fish. They are real good friends to agriculturists, without a doubt.

Two Greypates Doing Well.

J. E. T.—Pleased to know your two Greypates are doing well on the treatment I advise. They are ticklish things to get to live, as many fanciers of the lively Goldie know to their cost. A good seed-mixture for Goldfinches now would be: hemp and tenzie two pints each, Canary and linseed one pint each, maw a quarter pint. Give a pinch of niger now and again; also sunflower (cracked, if necessary), if it is liked. Of course, the thistles, teazles, hardheads, seeding groundsel, etc., you would give as "tit-bits," as I am so often recommending. You can put a pinch of rape in the stock mixture, if you like, but I never have a Goldie that will eat it.

Fever in an Aviary.

No Name.—I don't know that I should offer indiscriminately the growths from the waste seed thrown on the garden. Canary and rape seedlings are good for, and liked by, most birds; but the seedlings grown from other seeds I have not tried (except just bursting sunflower seed). I really don't know what to advise you over the outdoor aviary, you say you have lost the birds in from "bird-fever." Are you quite sure it was the latter complaint? I understand it is easily confused with another common bird-disease (or "epidemic," which form it can assume), termed "avian cholera," though the latter is not so impossible to check, or stop. You could wash over the place thoroughly (walls as well) with a strong carbolic disinfectant, then dig a good dressing of chloride of lime well into the top surface of the soil. After a fortnight or so's interval, dig out the soil, throw it away, and replace with fresh; also do the place out thoroughly with sanitary washable distemper. Perches, fittings and utensils I should replace with new. The place would probably be safe to use then. I can't say for sure, for fortunately I have never been troubled with epidemics of any kind—I should proceed on the above lines, I think, if I ever had the misfortune to be. I have known several cases of said-to-be bird-fever where all the Canaries have perished, yet a few British birds have come through unscathed—in one case a Goldie Mule was the only survivor.

Keeping a Goldfinch.

S. Norman.—I strongly advise you, as a beginner, to purchase a white-legged house-moulted Goldfinch in preference to a newly-caught one. Keep it in a cold room, if it has been used to such (get to know from the seller), but if it has been kept in a living-room (warmed), you must also keep it in the same way, or you will risk it dropping into a cross-moult. Next winter you could keep it in a cold room. A box cage is certainly the best—one known as a Finch stock cage, about 16 by 10 by 8, with two perches, seed-trough inside on a level with them, and water vessel outside. All up-to-date cage-makers stock them. Feed as advised "J. E. T." this week, though it will be well to enquire how it has been fed previously, and not to change its diet too hurriedly.

Show Yellowhammer's Markings.

F. Dodd.—The chief colour points of a show Yellowhammer are rich yellow (golden) top of head, cheeks, throat, and breast, especially the two latter, though the breast is usually shaded over (across) with a beautiful warm brown. The back should be a rich deep brown, showing the dark markings (pencilling) distinctly and evenly, also the wing markings. Very important markings are the V-shaped black streaks running down each side of the crown, meeting at the beak, and the somewhat horseshoe-shaped cheek markings. These should both be dense black, thick, and well-defined (clear-cut). The centre of the head-mark should be as clear and bright a yellow as possible (free from black ticking), and round about the cheek-marks should be the same. I may say that the head and throat of the Yellowhammer "clear up," as fanciers say, towards the spring—that is, loses the dark edging to the feathers and so become a purer, brighter yellow. This "clearing-up" process is hastened by rich feeding. Most of the big winners are colour-fed. But a naturally rich-coloured bird, if really perfectly marked, need not fear the competition of any fed specimen.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Moping Cockatoo.

Relielut.—You will find full diet given in reply to other querists that it will be safe to tempt your bird with. I should still persist in offering a small piece of fruit occasionally, and also a little green food. As regards nuts, try it with a few shelled walnuts. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in drinking water for one day only, and let it have this to drink; repeat the dose in a week's time. On other days (and continue for a month at least) make drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. A bird left to itself is apt often to spend a lot of time dozing, but if in health usually wakes up and is lively as soon as anyone comes near it. Try a bit of sweet apple, and let the bird see you eating some. Glad to note it has got over cold, and consider it will soon improve in general condition.

Teaching Parrot to Talk.

L.B.—There are only two courses open to you: 1st, keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation; 2nd, constantly repeat to it such words and phrases as you wish it to learn. There is no other way. I should advise you to try both methods and persevere with them. Diet is satisfactory; hope the bird will continue to do well, but you cannot force them in the matter of speech. There is a great deal of individuality in it; one bird will go on picking up new things almost all his life; another will be content with a limited range of words, and all the training in the world won't improve him. Persevere in the hope that you have a teachable specimen.

Aviary Queries.

H. V. Johnson.—In bitter weather, in an unheated room, within the limits of a C.P. cage, I fear these birds would suffer. At the same time they would take no harm out of doors in a roomy aviary. They would be safe in the room if they had more space in which to exercise. The Redhead, and also the Blue-winged are not very amiable when mixed with other birds, and I should not care to confine them together within the limits of a C.P. cage. The division of your aviary should answer well, though the lack of a flight is a decided fault. All the species you name have bred, but none of them are free breeders. I am decidedly of the opinion that many spoil their collections by mixing Finches and Parrakeets by dividing an aviary that is a success as a whole, to provide space for Lovebirds and Parrakeets. Frequently the money spent on alterations (alterations are always costly in time, if not material) would erect a separate moderate-sized enclosure. It is the conditions of importation that cause such mortality among Pintail Nonpariels and other species. All you can do is to preserve until you succeed in acclimatising a pair, and then you will find them fairly enduring. Your treatment and dietary was correct.

Parrot's Poor Plumage.

A. M. M.—By all means let bird have groats if he is fond of them; ripe fruit is very wholesome also. Get the following from your corn merchant: One quart each canary, oats, and groats, and one pint each hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; mix well and always keep a supply in the cage. Give ripe fruit, shelled walnuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato for variety. Grit, cuttlefish, and green-food should be regularly supplied. Make the drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day. Follow this by making drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for a month at least, letting it have a drink of clean water once a week. If the Chemical Food should occasion any constipation, one dose of the Epsom Salts as above should give prompt relief.

Sex of Parrots.

F. W. Curson.—It is always difficult to name these birds from a written description, there being several species very much alike. I believe your bird to be the Festive Amazon. The outward sexual distinctions are discernible only by comparison; the male is the larger bird, with a larger and more tapering beak. Feed as advised to other querists in this issue. Some species of Amazons make poor talkers, but with persistence they should all talk well. In noting diet in other replies, as your bird is in good condition you will not, of course, give any drugs, that are advised in addition to the diet, to meet an individual case.

White Java Sparrows.

"Curly."—Speaking of the birds usually on the market, 10s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. is full value for a pair. A large, clean (this is having no foul feathers) male would not be dear at the price you name. Of course, a pair that had been successful on the show bench would command a much higher figure. A pair, large in size, tight in feather, and pure in colour, would stand an excellent chance of catching the judge's eye.

Sexing Spice Birds.

"Foreign."—There is practically no outward difference in the sexes. I have had true pairs, and could never detect any. Certainly I always fancied the female was a slightly smaller bird than the male, but her plumage is just as brilliant as that of her mate. However, after the taxidermist has had the skins to deal with the difference is scarcely perceptible; but in life it certainly exists. I could never detect any difference in the form of the bill, with many of the Numias, that of the female is narrower and more pointed than that of the male, but I could not discover this to be the case with the Spice or Nutmeg Finch. I always rely on the play of the male to enable me to sex my birds, and should say that if one of your birds is silent, while the other utters his peculiar and faint call, you have a true pair, but it needs a little close observation to settle the point. I have known two males take it practically turn and turn about to make play one to the other. However, I incline to the opinion that you have a true pair.

Saffron Finches.

Abbess.—Supply bird with a little soft food mixture, say equal parts of crumbled sponge cake, ants' cocoons, and dried flies, mix and make just crumbly moist, it will only require a little daily. Let it have a couple of mealworms daily and also one or two spiders and smooth caterpillars if you can capture such. Canary, white, and spray millet should form its principal diet, with a few oats and a little paddy rice (rice in the husk), green-food, such as lettuce, and any non-poisonous garden weeds, with grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing, usually keeps these birds in finest condition. This particular bird has evidently got into a very low condition, during importation to this country. Make its drinking water just saline for one day with Epsom Salts, and repeat the dose in a week's time if necessary.

Waxbills and Finches.

"Diabolo."—They should be through the moult by this time. Supply one bopper of mixed canary, white, and Indian millet in equal parts, also spray millet, and a few oats and paddy rice (rice in the husk) for the Java Sparrows. The Cutthroats will probably share the latter with the Java. Supply a little green-food, such as tender lettuce and grass in flower when you can procure this free from frost, or not sodden with rain. Grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. My book on foreign birds will be published very shortly, and treats fully with these birds. If you want one at once, send to Editor of CAGE BIRDS for Dr. Greene's "Favourite Foreign Birds." If you keep these little birds in a roomy cage in your ordinary living room, and in a light position where they will get fresh air, but not exposed to draught, they should do well, and give you much pleasure with their interesting birdy ways.

Young Amazon Very Thin.

Baby Amazon.—Glad to note your bird has so much improved, but it is not "out of the wood" yet. You might try Allen and Hanbury's Bynophosphates, but they are somewhat similar preparations, and possibly you will find the effect the same. I should advise (providing its bowels do not become too loose) a weekly dose, one teaspoonful in an ounce of water, this should be sufficient liquid for the day. I should give this bird about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily (this only keeps fresh one day, and food vessel must be kept very clean), well dusting same with flowers of sulphur. Try it with the phosphates on a piece of bread or biscuit (about 15 drops), or any other absorbent that the bird favours. Its cage should be kept very clean, cuttlefish and grit liberally supplied, also such ripe fruit as it will take. If the bird becomes at all weak, let it have a few sips of chilled water, into which put three or four drops of brandy. It is advisable to use water which has been boiled and allowed to become cool. Hope your bird will continue to improve.

Parrot Infested with Insects.

L.A.G. (Ealing).—Spray the bird every other day with quassia solution. This can be obtained from several of our advertisers; follow the maker's directions as to use. You must, during such weather as we are now getting, keep the bird out of draught till dry. The bird is evidently in a rather weak condition. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water; follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this till the bird is in condition again. You must repeat the magnesia as necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, not loose, omitting the chemical food on such occasion. Diet the bird as advised regularly in this column. Keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in its cage. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Parrot Eating its Voidings.

Joe.—You have taken practically the only precaution possible under the circumstances, and must continue to keep the grating closely wired, by close observation prevent the bird having the opportunity of exercising this "repulsive" habit. Once a week for the next month put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on the other days putting it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, *i.e.*, make its drinking water the colour of pale port with same, when not giving the magnesia. A continuous diet of boiled maize is not wholesome for the bird; nearly fill its hopper with the dry seed mixture, and only put a thin layer of the boiled maize on top of same, not sufficient to satisfy its appetite, and you should soon be able to discontinue the boiled maize. If this does not succeed, you must try giving only the seed mixture, not for a week at a stretch, if you are satisfied it has eaten nothing, you must then give a little boiled maize, but again, I repeat, not sufficient to satisfy its appetite: by one or the other methods you should succeed in forcing it on to seed. You should also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, etc., but no slops, table scraps, or other messes.

Talking and Eating.

G. Palmer.—Your bird is the Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet (*Palæornis torquata*). Yours having so soon begun to speak a few words, should make an accomplished talker, such are by no means uncommon with this species. Keep it where it will bear plenty of conversation, also try the constant repetition of such phrases as you wish it to learn. Diet: Canary, wheat, oats, maize, dari, and a small portion of hemp and sunflower seeds. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuits, green food, nuts, boiled potato or raw carrot. Do not give slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

Rosella and Cockateel Bald.

A Bird Lover.—As these birds are out of doors in a large aviary, I fail to see what you can do for them, save leave them to nature; your information as to diet is somewhat meagre. Supply a mixture of canary, millet, oats, wheat and hemp, with plenty of green food (such as lettuce, green in flower etc,), fruit, cuttlefish ad. lib., and make your drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. In a large outdoor aviary you need have no fear as to the Budgerigars taking harm from the above diet, they would if caged, but in a large aviary the circumstances are different. Usually insects don't trouble birds out of doors, but you had better catch them and ascertain this fact, if such is the case, wash the birds with quassia solution, and cleanse the aviary walls with washable distemper (see advertisement columns).

Sex of Roseate Cockatoo.

F. Leyss.—I regret I cannot inform you as to the sex of these birds, sufficient data is not yet to hand, even at the British Museum, to form a correct opinion as to outward sexual distinctions of this species, and yours being a young bird makes it impossible to hazard an opinion. As regards talking capacity this does not rank high in this country, though I have heard of talented specimens and also known many which were companionable, trick and excellent mimics. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach, by the constant repetition of such phrases as you wish it to learn. You need not worry about the beak, that will come right in due course. Diet: Maize, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, canary and sunflower seeds; also ripe fruit, green food, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato or raw carrot. Do not give slops, fats, table scrap, or any kind of animal food whatever.

What Parrakeet?

A. W. True.—It is either a Red-headed or Rosy-faced Lovebird, I think the former; if its beak is red, it certainly is the red-headed. The Rosy-faced Lovebird differs from the Red-faced in having a decidedly greyish-green (pale) beak, rosy cheeks and chin, and sky-blue rump and upper tail coverts. I should certainly call the head of the first-named scarlet, however, if the colour of your bird's beak is almost as red as its head, it is certainly the Red-headed Lovebird (*Agaporius pullaria*). If the underside of the wing is black, it is a male. In the Rosy-faced Lovebird (*A. rescicollis*) the sexes are only discernable by comparison of the amount of rosy colouring on the face and chin. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, and dari, with a little green food and such ripe fruit as it will eat.

A Feather-Eating Parrot.

Geo. Bleach.—The correct diet, both for Ringnecks and Greys is given in this issue, bring the diet you give into conformity therewith. You do not say what kind your Parrot is. Give it two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in its drinking water for one day), with a week's interval between each. Spray the affected parts, and any such parts as it shows a tendency to pull, with quassia solution, of course, keeping it out of draught till dry. Persevere with this treatment for four or five weeks, if there should then be no improvement, repeat query. Supply cuttlefish, also a piece of wood and cotton reels for it to chew up and play with. Do not give sops, fats, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Oats and Death of Parrot.

E. Dryland.—Every corn merchant keeps oats, if your local bird dealer does not; and you should have no difficulty in obtaining these; any of the corn dealers advertising in our pages will supply you. There is little doubt your Parrot died from the so-called "Parrot Plague," becoming contaminated during the voyage to this country, and if your present bird is occupying the same cage, you will most certainly lose it from the same complaint. Cages in which an infected bird has died should be first well painted over (thoroughly searching all crevices) with paraffin, some hours later every part well swilled with boiling water, finally a thorough cleanse with cold water and left in the open air to dry. Whatever diet you are giving, gradually wean it on to that advised to other queriats in this issue; keep the bird warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere, free from draught, and repeat query next week, with full details, if necessary.

Parrot in Bad Way.

T.W.F. (Guildford).—I do not recollect the details of your previous queries, but your bird is now certainly in a very bad way, and I am very doubtful as to remedies being of any avail. Spray the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, and put 20 grains of chlorate of potassium in an ounce of drinking water, and let the bird have only this to drink for three or four days, of course, giving a fresh supply daily. Dip a feather in pure salad oil, and if you place it by the side of the bird's bill you will find it will suck it in; one application of this should be sufficient. Nothing more can be done, save that if it should appear very weak, you can offer it a little chilled water in a spoon, into which you have put three or four drops of brandy. Continue to keep it warm and quiet. It would be better if you reported progress in a week's time.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (R. W. Green).—Well-established disease of liver (ulceration) probably inherited. Rupture of blood vessel (Apoplexy).

Canary (B.J.J.).— Septic inflammation of lungs, liver and bowels, ending with apoplexy. You must go in for a thorough disinfection.

Canary (D. Thomas).—Chronic liver disease, giving rise to acute pneumonia and apoplexy.

LEGAL.

Answered by a BARRISTER.

A Question of Will.

Kelmore.—The answer to your question depends on the date of her first husband's death. If he died after 1883, and the property and money were left to her, she can leave it by will to anyone she likes. If he died before 1883, and if she married again before 1883, all her property becomes her second husband's, except any property settled on her for her separate use. If her second marriage was after 1883, she is within the protection of the Married Women's Property Act. The will must be signed by her in the presence of two attesting witnesses, after it has been read over to her in their presence, or she must acknowledge the will as hers in their presence. Remember that an attesting witness cannot benefit by a will; so that the attesting witnesses should be persons who do not benefit under the will.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Article (M. Barr).—Accept our thanks. We shall be pleased to publish the article at our usual rates for such contributions.

Breeding Results (J.T.C.).—Pleased to publish your notes at the earliest moment pressure on space permits. Your Society and its members have our best wishes for the future.

Letter (H. J. D.).—Many thanks for interesting communication, which we are only too pleased to print.

Buying and Selling (J.R.S.).—No dealer, or any other person, has authority to say he is "recommended by CAGE BIRDS," for the purpose of obtaining stock, and if instances of the practice are brought to our notice, we shall certainly take steps to stop it. Purchasers should not accept such statements from anyone, especially without any confirmation whatever from ourselves, but insist always on the deposit system being adopted.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 19—**Manchester**—J. Raynes, 9, Richmond Rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" **21**—**Belper**—J. W. Waterfall, 21, Penn St.
" **21**—**Cheltenham**—Treasure & Hope, Tivoli.
" **21**—**Wellingboro'**—W. Howe, 9, Ranleigh Rd.
" **22**—**Ashover**—R. Nodder, Ashover Rectory, Chesterfield.
" **22**—**Coventry**—G. Turrell, 120, Harnall Lane, E.
" **22**—**Paignton**—E. C. Parnell.
" **23**—**Braintree**—F. A. Hunnable, 102, High St.
" **23**—**Madeley**—W. J. Jeffrey.
" **23**—**Yarmouth**—F. C. Davies, "Homeleigh," Elm Grove Rd., Gorleston.
" **24**—**Gloucester**—J. Houghton, "Dorgai," Hatherley Rd.
" **24**—**Sleaford**—H. Castle.
" **24**—**Wolverhampton**—F. Howes, 25, Leslie Rd.
" **26**—**Cleator Moor**—J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Rd.
" **26**—**Gillingham**—C. V. Burlton, 14, Irene Terrace, Chatham.
" **26**—**Leicester**—Chas. Draper, 1a, Wilton St.
" **26**—**Portsmouth**—J. Woodhouse, 123, High St.
" **26**—**Markinch**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 19—(1st post) **Plymouth**—Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd.
" **19**—**Wimborne**—W. M. Bell, St. Leonard's, Ringwood.
" **20**—**Darley Dale**—W. Elliott, Bull's Head, Winster, Matlock Bath.
" **20**—**Potteries**—J. Simcock, 157, Leonard Rd., Birches Head, Hanley.
" **21**—(1st post) **Battersea**—F. Easterling, 5, St. Mark's Rd., Fulham Rd.
" **21**—**Dysart**—J. Logan, 23, High St.
" **22**—(1st post) **Barnstaple**—Percival Harris.
" **22**—**Weston-S.-Mare**—G. W. Read, Severn Rd.
" **22**—(1st post) **Chesterfield**—J. J. Dooley, 39, Alexandra Rd.
" **24**—**Oswestry**—G. A. Doody, Roft St.

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THE SHOWS.

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GREAT HARWOOD.

The Eighth Annual Show of the Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.A. was held on October 11th and 12th, in the Unity Club, a spacious building, and one well adapted for a bird show, being quite free from draughts, and fairly well lighted. The entries were not so numerous as last year, the chief falling off being in the Norwich Plainheads, but amongst those staged were several gems. Cinnamons made a grand show, Mr. Godley scoring well with a fine team put down in rare pomp. The same exhibitor also won the special for best team of two with his first prize crest and second prize clear yellow Norwich Plainheads, the crest also capturing Hyde's Special. Mr. F. Sharples again had charge of the secretarial duties and right well did he acquit himself, as he had everything in thorough working order, and was the personification of tact and courtesy. He was well backed up by a good hard-working committee of genuine fanciers. Mr. J. H. Payne judged Canaries and Foreign Birds. Mr. David Bentley taking the British

CREST or C.B. (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, Godley, winner, grand even wing marked, dark, crest grand lengthy drooping frontal of good width, not quite filled up at right side, splendid body in good fettle, 2nd massive crestbred, rare length of head, feather, good entrance and well lashed, close up; 3, Clear Crest, thick heavy frontal, a few feathers in pipe in centre; 4, vhc, Wilkinson, dark crest, marked on shoulder, nice droop, beaten in size of crest and body. YELL (8): 1, Tweddle, splendid colour, solid ou wings and down tail, nice shape and full of quality, good flights and neat tail, tight as boxwood; 2, spl., 4, Godley, grand quality, nice head and neck, good shape, not quite so rich in colour or so neat in wings; 4, splendid colour, beaten shape and feather; 3, Booth, grand colour and quality, trifle wide in tail; vhc, Seed; hc, Hirst; c, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, Tweddle, brimful of quality, grand back, rich under colour, good size and shape; 2, Seed, grand cobby shape, short flights and tail, neat head, not quite so high in colour and quality; 3, spl., 4, Godley, good colour, nice back, wings, and tail, bit strong in head; 4, nice feather, good wings and tail, bit browy; vhc, Hulse; hc, Trengrove; c, Smith. YELL. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, spl., Wilcock, ticked wings, fine colour, feather and shape, good wings and tail, nice shape and full of quality; 2, Hulse, ticked on shoulder, nice shape and quality; hardly so high in colour and not quite so neat in wings; 3, Sharples, thigh tick, good shape, nice quality of feather, but not so tight; 4, Godley, wings and thigh marked, nice colour and quality, good back, bit too upright in carriage; vhc, Senior and Hartley; hc, Towler; c, Grey. BUFF (8): 1, spl., Trengrove, marked eyes and right wing, full, deep, nicely rounded chest, well across perch, good colour and quality, well packed wings and tail, good one; 2, hc, Evans, ticked on head, nice shape and feather, not quite so rich in under-colour, hardly the front of leader; 3, Wilcock, cap and neck marked, well braced wings, beaten in shape; 4, Seed, mkd. cap, neck and left wing, good shape and feather; vhc, Wade; c, Holding and Hargreaves. UNFLI. YELL (8): 1, spl., Seed, clear, of grand shape and substance, nice head, back and wings, level colour, and stands well across perch, a gem; 2, Hirst, beautiful quality, feathered to perfection, rich level colour, not quite substance of the leader; 3, Rhodes, mkd. eyes, wings and neck, nice shape and good quality, broken feather in tail; 4, Booth, heavily marked, grand size and shape, beaten in quality, rare breeder; vhc, he, Trengrove; c, Mallinson. BUFF (15): 1, spl., 2, Mercer, mkd. right wing, eyes, neck and root of tail, grand shape, nice colour and quality, well up in size, crosses wings at tips slightly; 2, mkd. wings, lovely feather, neat head, well mealed; 3, Hirst, clear, splendid shape, nice wings and tail, nice colour and quality, close up; 4, Seed, grizzled tail, rich under-colour, nice shape, neat head, good wings and tail, trifle longer; vhc, Evans, hc, Godley; c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl., Seed, rattling shape and well up in size, good head and neck, deep chest and wide back, nice feather, level colour, but not hot; 2, Evans, mkd. eyes, neck and right wing, nice shape and feather, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Sharples, good shape, nice head and back, good wings, and tail, beaten in colour; 4, Coventry, grand colour and quality, nice head, not quite so full in chest; vhc, Barnes; hc, Fowler; c, Hirst. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Booth, magnificent quality for hen, nice head, neck and back, good wings and tail, rich colour and shone like satin, clear; 2, Tweddle, clear, grand shape, rich under-colour, set off by nice frosting, good wings and tail, another gem; 3, Sharples, clear, fine shape and good colour and feather, deep nicely rounded chest, not in the bloom of 1st and 2nd; 4, Mercer, grizzled on breast and left wing, nice shape and colour, beautiful feather; vhc, Hirst; hc, e, Trengrove; hc, a grand hen, but for little slackness at waist. AM. or NOR. YELL (13): 1, Mercer, clear, grand colour and shape, good back, nice wing carriage, level colour; 2, spl., 3, Hall, vg., hot colour, nice shape and feather; 3, mkd. head and eyes, grand quality, level colour, beaten in shape and wing carriage; 4, Waddington, nice shape and feather, good wings, pale colour; vhc, hc, Marsh; c, Clough. BUFF (16): 1, spl., 2, Davies, tkd. neck, grand shape, colour and quality, good wings and tail, thick neck, unflighted; 2, Clear, nice shape and feather, well mealed, not quite so rich in colour; 3, Hall, mkd. wings and neck, good shape and substance, but rather slack at waist; 4, Marsh, nice shape and feather, not quite so deep in chest or so high in colour; vhc, Thomson; hc, Mercer; c, Leeming Bros. YORKS. YELL (12): 1, spl., Leonard, good length and stand, well on leg, nice quality, good wings and tail; 2, c, Binns, slim built, good feather, neat tail, not quite the length of winner, or so smooth on breast; 3, Riley, good position, nice colour, beaten in feather; 4, Helliwell, nice length and stand, well on leg, trifle frilly on breast; vhc, Hirst; hc, Spencer BUFF (13): 1, Wilcock, grandly feathered, full of quality, good stand and style, neat wings and tail; 2, Hirst, hot colour, slim built, nice stand, nice pipe tail, not quite so close in feather; 3, spl., 4, Wadsworth, nice feather and quality, good stand, not so slim built; 4, nice position, good tail and wings; vhc, Cross; hc, Leonard; c, Helliwell. TKD. OR VAR. (6): 1, spl., Wilcock, thigh tkd. yell., grand feather, position and style, nice wings and tail, rich colour; 2, Binns, thigh tkd. buff, splendid feather and full of style, well on leg, not quite so straight as leader; 3, Riley, buff, tkd. on neck, grand feather, nice wings and tail, not quite so slim built. close up; 4, Hirst, thigh tkd. yell, nice colour, stands well, fails length; vhc, Wadsworth; hc, Wood. HEN (16): 1, spl., hc, Wadsworth, cheek mkd. buff, straight as a rush, grand feather and quality, good colour, nice wings and tail; 2, Helliwell, yell, grand feather, nice style and finish, clean waist, stands well; 3, Riley, cl. buff splendid feather, nice wings and tail, beaten trifle in position; 4, Hirst, good position, nice feather and quality, beaten in length; vhc, Smith; c, Wilcock. NOVICE YORKS. YELL (8): 1, spl., Blackhurst, left wing mkd., straight and stylish, good feather, nice pipe tail and neat wings; 2, Davies, hot colour, nice feather, good stand, not quite so long; 3, Wilkinson, clear, good length and position, beaten in wing carriage and on breast; 4, Hawkin and Gregson, hot colour, nice feather, trifle short; vhc, Oldcorn; hc, Proctor. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Wilkinson, neck and wing tkd., good length, nice feather and stand; 2, Blackhurst, nice feather, beaten in position; 3, Davies, hot colour, not quite so shapely; 4, Oldcorn, very fair; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hawkin, and Gregson. CINN. YELL (18): 1, 4, c, Dormer, sound colour, good size and shape, close feather; 4, grand shape aud feather, feathers in pipe, round cheeks; 2, spl., 3, vhc, Godley, nice shape and feather, grand colour; 3, rich colour, nice quality and well burnished, not quite so good in shape; hc, Bentley. BUFF (14): 1, spl., 2, hc, c, Godley, a grand team, winners splendid colour, shape and feather, shone like silk; 3, Bentley, good shape and quality, not quite fit; 4, Hartup, lovely colour and quality, trifle horny; vhc, Dormer. UNFLI. (14): 1, spl., 2, Hargreaves, very smart Jonque, nice shape and feather, sound colour and nice tone, good wings and tail; 2, buff, good size nice colour and shape, close feather, good head and full neck; 3, Bentley, Jonque, nice size and shape, not quite so well burnished as winner; 4, vhc, c, Godley, buff, rare size and shape, good feather, not so rich in colour as the second; hc, Dormer. HEN (15): 1, spl., 2, Godley, grand coloured and good shaped Jonque leading, closely followed by a buff of rare shape and beautifully feathered; 3, Wilson, Jonque, good size and shape, loses in brightness of colour; 4, Hargreaves, buff, grand feather and colour, nice shape; vhc, Dormer; hc, Riding; c, Bentley. FINCH (13): 1, Bower, Goldfinch, good well-cut blaze, with grand buttons and wiug markings; 2, Winter, a nice good col. Chaffinch; 3, Almond, Bramblefinch, good colour with plenty of marking; 4, Hunt, Goldfinch, a nice bird, but not quite so good in wing markings as No. 1; vhc, Almond; hc, Holden; c, Howe. BUNTINGS (8): 1, Capstick, a grand yell. Bunting, good colour and marking; 2, Steward, another good yell., but not so distinct in marking as No. 1; 3, Kilner, Meadow Bunting, a nice bird in good feather, and steady; 4, Almond, yell. Bunting, fails in colour; vhc, Fairclough; hc, J. Walsh; c, Senior. A.O.V. HARD-BILLED (6): 1, Almond, Hawfinch, good colour, well-marked and very steady; the Burnley winner; 2, Bower, a grand good colour, well-marked Linnet, rather on the small side, but still a good bird; 3, Kilner, a very nice Siskin, not yet at its best; 4, Winter, Crosshill, steady and in good form; vhc, Tams and Son; hc, Cottier. SOFT (6): 1, Underwood, Waxwing, a grand bird, good in colour and markings, in splendid condition; 2, Walsh, Wryneck, good in markings, and very steady; 3, Berry, Nightingale, a nice bird, in good order, and with the proper wing carriage; 4, Walker, yell. Wagtail; vhc, Walker; hc, Walsh. FOREIGN (7): 1, 2, 4, Maroon Tanager, Pintail Nonpariels, aud Masked Finches, all in grand order; 3, Howe, nice coloured and feathered Orange Bishop; vhc, Walsh; hc, Philpott; c, Cottier. SELL. (25s.) (11): 1, Hartup, cheap buff, cinnamon; 2, Godley, buff cinnamon; 3, Godley, ticked huff, Norwich; 4, Wilson; Yell. Nor., vhc, Tweddle; hc, Smith; c, Whittaker. SELL. (15/-) (14): 1, Bentley, buff Nor.; 2, Wilson; 3, Hartup, yell. cinnamons; 4, Senior and Hartley, buff Nor.; vhc, Riding; hc, Sharples; c, Godley. GIFT: 1, Godley; 2, Sharples; 3, Wilson; 4, Trengrove; vhc, Brennand; hc,, Cottier; c, Clough.

ROCHESTER.

Amidst the multitude of shows held this week in the South some were bound to suffer, and amongst them were our friends at Rochester on October 16th, who, in the clashing of Brighton, Dulwich, Southall, and Caterham, found their entry something over a century below last year's record figures, only 186 exhibits being entered in the twenty-eight classes provided. The committee safeguarded themselves somewhat against loss by with-holding one or more prizes in all classes having less than eight entries. Although the entry was less we think the quality was better than last year, especially in the Mules, British and Foreign, each of which contained exhibits fit to hold their own in very keen competition. Much excitement is engendered by the cups at Rochester, and this year Mr. Casemore not only won the Challenge Cup for the best members' exhibit, but he also captured the points, Challenge Cup as well, and both wins were indeed most popular, and many were the congratulations which this good fancier received. At Rochester the Cage Birds are well looked after by an enthusiastic trio of stewards, Messrs. Casemore, Morris, and Thompson, whilst that other good fancier, Mr. Acland, was devilling for the secretary. With such fanciers responsible for the section, it goes without saying that everything that could be done for the comfort of the exhibits was done. Mr. W. E. Miller, the hon. sec., is one of the most energetic and obliging officials one could wish to meet, and with Mr Giles, the Chairman, and Mr. H. Miller, the vice-chairman, busy directing and supervising, all went as merry and as smoothly as wedding bells. Our Rochester friends are triers, one and all, and they deserve well of the Fancy. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl., Meades, a large bird, with plenty of colour, nice feather, good style, just a shade long; 2, Marshall, a gem, for shape and quality of feather, not so hot in colour; 3, Stewart, nice shape and plenty of colour, just a wee bit horny; 4, Taylor, bonny bird, full of quality and style, not so hot; vhc, Patterson; hc, c, Evendcn. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Gibbs, hot, capital shape, colour, and quality, good back and chest, not quite fit; 2nd, big bird, of good colour and feather, inclined to brow; 3, Patterson, plenty of colour and size, not yet tightened up; 4, Marshall, a topping bird, rare shape and quality, not so hot as some, and not so well staged; vhc, Reeve; hc, Meades. NON-FED (8): 1, Bareham, most typical yellow, neat and short, very close in feather; 2, Taylor, pretty buff, almost equal to winner, ran hard; 3, Miss Unstead, very nice variegated, yellow, not quite so chubby; 4, Mainwaring; vhc, Reeve; hc, Eastmead; c, Smallwood. YORKS. YELL. (4); 1 and 3 withheld, 2, Scaver, very stylish, nice feathered bird, with plenty of colour; 4, vhc, Gibbs, stylish, and nice shape of body, not so well finished; hc, Abbott. BUFF (4): 1 and 3 withheld, 2, Leaver, very smart and stylish, grandly feathered, nice shape; 4, Austin, shapely and stylish, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, hc, Casemore. TKD. ETC. (8): 1, Austin, wing ticked buff, charming little bird, rare feather and carriage; 2, Chandler, long, well-drawn yellow, wing marked, well up on leg, not so fine in feather; 3, Reeve, thigh ticked buff, a bonny little bird, full of quality, rare style, we liked much; 4, c, Gibbs, wing marked yellow, good body, beaten in tail; vhc, Abbott; hc, Casemore. HEN (3): 1 and 2 withheld; 3, Reeve, nice lengthy variegated yellow; 4, Leaver, shapely cinnamon-marked buff; vhc, Casemore. CREST and CREST-BRED were amalgamated; (5): 1, withheld; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Broad; 2nd wing-marked Crest, capital shape, nice droop, good body; 4, well feathered, variegated C.B.; 3, Jenner, massive, heavily feathered clean C.B., good entrance, and shape of skull. MULE, LIGHT (10): 1, Parsons, variegated yellow, grand shape and colour, as tight as wax, grand blaze; 2, 3, hc, Ward, 2nd, one of the difficult ones, is it a yellow or is it a huff? Some say one thing, some another, nice shape and colour; rare feather, variegated buff, I call it; 3, another variegated yellow, capital shape and feather; 4, Whent, shapely, variegated huff; vhc, Smith; c, Fossett. DARK (10): 1, 2, spl., Marshall, dark Jonque Goldie, and a Greenie, two grand birds, plenty of size, with quality, and rare colour; 3, Whent, rich-coloured, high quality Linnet, nicely marked; 4, Ward, another very pretty Jonque Goldie; vhc, Jenner; hc, Ward; c, Eade. HYBRID (3): 1 and 3, withheld, 2, Parsons, Redpoll-Goldfinch, sweet little bird, capital colour aud feather; 4, vhc, Thompson; 4, very nice Siskin-Greenfinch, rare shape, very tight in feather. A.O.V. (5):1 withheld. The Norwich had a class for "Ticked, Marked or Variegated," yet 1st in this class, Gibbs, was an evenly-marked Norwich. Was it in its right class? It is a bird of nice colour and shape, and fairly well marked; 3, vhc, Bowes, sweet little ticked necked Border, rare shape and carriage; 4, hc, Jenner, shapely, nicely spangled silver Lizard. SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, withheld; 2, Acland; 3, Whent; 4, Taylor, vhc, Chandler; hc, Casemore; c, Patterson. (10/-) (10): 1, Reeve; 2, hc, Casemore; 3, Taylor; 4, Chandler; vhc, Whent; c, Acland. BRITISH LINNET (7): 1 withheld, 2, Pankhurst, beautiful shape, grandly marked, in rare feather; 3, Casemore, small, but sweet, grand colour and marking, very steady; 4, Curd, just a wee gem, full of colour and quality; vhc, Wickham; hc, Fossett; c, Marshall. SISKIN, etc. (10): 1, Acland, large, shapely Siskin, very nicely marked, bright colour, grand feather; 2, Pankhurst, wee bonnie Redpoll, well marked and in good fettle; 3, Marshall, Siskin, hardly so large as 1st, very hot in colour, nicely marked; 4, Minns, well marked Redpoll, nice shape and feather; vhc, Wickham; hc, Whent; c, Curd. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl., Members' Challenge Cup, 2, 3, Casemore, a clever and popular win, a trio of real good Goldies, 1st, undoubtedly the best all round bird of the lot, and in the best order; 2, very shapely, but hardly so bright as 1st; 3, grand in body, but smaller in blaze; 4, Jenner, neat body, nice colour, hardly so clear on cheeks; vhc, Leavey; he, Marshall; c, Wickham. BULLFINCH, etc., only three entries, one of which was absent, another Skillen and Bassett was passed as a Foreigner, and 3rd was awarded to the other: Wickham, a very nicely modelled Bullfinch of good colour and marking A.O.V. FINCH (10): 1, Wickham, rather small, but beautifully marked Hawfinch of nice colour; 2, Acland, grandly marked Yellow Bunting of rare colour, neatly marked, and lovely feather; 3, vhc, Thompson, well spangled, but rather small Bramble; 4, Curd, neat Meadow Bunting, nicely marked; hc, Minns; c, Marshall. SOFT BILL, SMALL (8): 1, 4, Brett, very niccly marked Shorelark, and Wheatear, both in splendid trim; 2, Carr, neat bodied Nightingale, capital colour and feather; 3, Jennes, rich-coloured, tight-feathered Redstart, which I much liked; vhc, Webb; hc, Fossett; c, Lean and Son. LARGE (6): 1st withheld; 2, hc, Acland, very handsome Missel Thrush, rare shape, beautifully marked and grandly shown; 3, Heritage, Waxwing, of good colour and shape; 4, Brett, very good Thrush of grand colour, and shape, well mooned; vhc, Eastmead; c, Miss Unstead. A.O.V. cancelled. SELL (12/6) (3): Acland; 4, Bentley; vhc, Casemorc. FOREIGN SMALL (8): 1, vhc, Miss Conway-Gordon, very rich coloured Green Tanager, nice shape, not quite fit; 2, c, Miss Unstead, lovely little white-headed Mannikin; 3, Miss Hopwood, charming pair of Pekin Nightingales, rich colour and grand feather; 4, Casemore, capital pair of Spice Birds, in rare form; hc, Acland. LARGE (3): 1st and 2nd withheld, 3, 4, spl. best foreign, Miss Conway-Gordon, lovely little red-masked Lorikeet, in superb condition, and a most gorgeous Ceram Lory, not quite ready; vhc, Acland. GIFT (3): 3, 4, vhc, Casemore. CHILDREN'S CLASS A.V. (10): 1, 2, hc, Casemore, very nice buff Norwich, and a pretty dark Goldfinch Mule; 3, A. G. Alten, rich coloured, well feathered Bullfinch; 4, R. Smith, nice shaped ticked buff Norwich; vhc, W. Hill; he, c, J. Morris.

CREWE.

Held Market Hall, October 16th. The cage birds were nicely arranged. British turned up well, the quality being well sustained throughout. The committee are all hard-workers. The worthy secretary, Mr. Wm. Evans, carried out his duties splendidly. Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood judged. NOR. BUFF (10): 1, spl., best Canary, Crimes, clear, nice type colour and quality; 2, Heaton, romping, big clear, well filled in neck; 3, Scott, uneven marked, nice type and colour; r, Williams, nice shape body; vhc, Inglis, H. C. Boulton; c, West. UNFLI. (10): 1, Inglis, clear yell., good type, nice short tail, lovely colour; 2, r, Lingard, grand quality buff, nice full head; 3, Scott, cap marked buff, nice colour and quality; vhc, Crimes; hc, Southam. HYBRIDS (12): 1, Tams and Son, Goldie-Bully, grand face, rich in flush, steady, nice bloom; 2, Butler and Williams, clear buff Gold-Canary in good order; 3, Ward, very fine Linnet-Bull, nice size; r, Callear, very nice uneven Buff Gold Canary; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Butler and Williams; c, Williams. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Bancroft, rare blaze, lovely wing, bars and buttons, in fine bloom; 2, Tams and Son, trifle better blaze, good wings and tanning; 3, vhc, Davies, nicely-marked Finch, well cut blaze; r, Bower, nice Finch; vhc, Weedall; hc, Jones; c, Bowker and Brown. BROWN LINNET (7); 1, Bower, nice shape and pencilling, very steady, lovely bloom; 2, 3, Tams and Son, larger, rich colour, and pencilling; 3, nice size and shape; r, Crimes; vhc, Weedall; hc, Joynson, Bowker. A.O. HARDBILL (13): 1, Bower, grand yell. Bunting, well marked, beautiful colour; 2, Inglis, topping Bullie, rare size, very nice breast; 3, Bancroft, very fine Siskin, steady, in splendid condition; r, Tate, Hawfinch, rare size and colonr; vhc, Morgan, Potts; hc, Jeffrey, Poole; c, Weedall, very good class. SOFTBILL, LARGE (8): 1, Weedall, well known Redwing, in grand order; 2, Poole, nice Ring Ouscl, grand size; 3, Veale, Son and Pond, nice size Song Thrush, good colour, well marked; r, Pearce, Missel Thrush, good size; vhc, Southam; hc, Ridgway; c, Hancock. SMALL (7): 1, spl., best British, 2, Poole, leader sweet little Gold Crest Wren; second, a Redstart, nice size, good colour; 3, W. Bowker, nice grey Wagtail; r, G. Bowker, very decent Meadow Pipit; vhc, Inglis; he, Johnson, wrong class, Southam, Redpoil. BORDER (8): 1, 2, 3, Haneocks, header clear yell., sweet shape, nice style, colour and quality; 2, rare quality ticked huff; 3, clear yell., nice type and carriage; r, Hughes, ticked yell., close up; vhc, c, Cliffe; hc, Heaton.

MANY REPORTS CROWDED OUT.

BATH.

The Bath and District F.A. held their annual members' show on October 10th in the Corn Market. The cage birds made a very attractive collection, and were staged in a nice cosy room. The quality for a members' show was exceedingly good throughout, Norwich being above the average, while British birds were also very good. The exhibits were nicely staged, and their wants received every attention from a very capable hand of fanciers, whose names included Messrs. Taylor, Jones, Andrews, and Biss. Mr. Turtle is an ideal secretary, who does his work in a masterly manner, being courteous and obliging to all, and the members highly appreciate his services. The awards gave entire satisfaction. Judge, Mr. W. H. Manley (Bristol). NOR. AND YORKS. YELL. (Amalgamated): 1, c, Taylor, Norwich fair type, sound colour, good back and wings; 2, vhc, Andrews and Biss, Yorkie, nice type, neatly drawn, stands well, will improve yet; 3, Taylor, hotted Yellow Norwich, good body, wings, and head; vhc, stylish Yorkie; hc, Weeks. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Folwell; 1st good type, nice head and back, wing carriage extra good, a taking exhibit; 2nd, bit loose behind perch, but splendid type and quality; 3rd, well fed Buff, has a fair body and head; vhc, he, c, Taylor, not yet ready, will improve; hc, good quality. MKD. NOR.: 1, 3, spls, Folwell, including special for best in show, lovely type, head, and wing marked, grand carriage, an easy win; 2, Folwell, var. Yellow, sound colour, good head and back; 3, Taylor, Ticked Yellow, plenty of colour, in good trim; vhc, hc, Taylor, two useful birds, not fined down yet. MKD. YORKS.: 1, spl., best Yorkie, Andrews and Biss, nice clear Buff, good length and style, quality and position, good wings and tail; 2, Folwell, head marked Buff, good length, fair style; 3, Andrews and Biss, smart Yellow, good quality, on the small side, but will improve; vhc, Folwell, lengthy, but has a slight frill. FINCH: 1, 2 spls., 2, 3, Jones, Hawfinch, in grand trim, markings throughout good, steady as a rock; 2, Bullie, nice cap, well frosted back, good bars and breast colour; 3, spl., Goldie, in good condition, nice wings and tanning, blaze will improve yet; vhc, Gibbon, Thrush, not shown to advantage, good markings; he, Russell, Bully, good size, nice breast colour and bars. REDPOLL, &c.: 1, hc, Russell, Siskin, nicely laced on cap and thighs, good size and condition, natural colour, too; 2, 3, vhc, Jones, good house-moulted Lesser Redpoll, tight as wax, plenty of size; 3, Siskin, nice colour, plenty of size, good body markings; vhc, Siskin, good colour on the small side. SMALL: 1, spl., 2, c, Jones, Bramble in good fettle, well spangled on back, nice head and chest, good wings, shown in fine form; 2, Tree Pipit, taking exhibit, nice markings and steady; 3, hc, Gibbons, Greenie, bouncing Buff, nicely frosted, and will make up later on; vhc, Russell, Linnet on the small side, nicely pencilled. SELLING: 1, Andrews and Biss, Buff Yorkie, cheap bird; 2, Taylor, var. Norwich, useful bird, fair size; 3, Weeks, Yellow Norwich, neat bird.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Sixteenth Annual Show of Scotch Fancies, Norwich, Borders, Mules and British Birds, held in the Central Halls, Nicholson-street, on October 5th. Judges, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock), and W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), for Scotch Fancy section, and Mr. J. Adams (Dundee) for all other classes. SCOTCH FANCY.—YELL. CKS.: 1, Mills; 2, King; 3, Robertson. FOUL: 1, King. GREEN: 1, Burnett; 2, Thomson. BUFF CKS.: 1, Luke; 2, Mills; 3, Thomson. PIED CKS.: 1, Rough; 2, Hewit; 3, Farquhar. FOUL: 1, Farquhar; 2, Robertson. GREEN: 1, Trotter; 2, Burnett: 3, Ross. YELL. HENS: 1, Mills; 2, Clark; 3, Farquhar. PIED: 1, Mills; 2, Thomson; 3, Campbell. FOUL: 1, King; 2, Baxter; 3, Baxter. GREEN: 1, Trotter; 2, Farquhar; 3, Burnett. BUFF HENS: 1, Ross; 2, Sinclair; 3, Mills. PIED: 1, Ross; 2, Farquhar; 3, Hewit. FOUL: 1, Burnett; 2, Summers; 3, Mills. GREEN: 1, Clark; 2, Ross; 3, Rough. NORWICH.—CL. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Thomson; 3, W. Thomson. BUFF: 1, W. Thomson; 2, A. Thomson; 3, Aikenson. YELL. HEN: 1, Drysdale; 2, 3, A. Thomson. BUFF: 1, W. Thomson; 2, Drysdale; 3, Telford. YELL VARIG.: 1, 3, W. Thomson; 2, A. Thomson. BUFF: 1, 3, W. Thomson; 2, R. Martin. BORDER.—YELL. CK.: 1, Clark; 2, Farquhar; 3, Noble. BUFF: 1, 2, Farquhar; 3, Martin. YELL. HENS: 1, Farquhar; 2, Clark; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Dempster; 3, Farquhar. MULES: 1, 2, 3, Martin. BRITISH: 1, Baxter; 2, Dempster; 3, Camphell. The cup for the best Scotch Fancy in hall was won by Mr. J. King, with his Yellow Foul Hen. Special for best bird in other classes by Mr. A. Thomson, with his Yellow Norwich Cock. Hyde's Special by Mr. W. Thomson, with his Yellow Variegated Cock. Medal for best Border Fancy by Mr. J. Farquhar.

BRIMINGTON.

Brimington (Derby) fanciers held a show in conjunction with the poultry show on October 8th. There were some splendid exhibits on view, although not very numerous, it being early yet. Mr. Knowles had out an excellent Clear Yellow Yorkshire, of fine length and shape, and good position. Mr. Truman's Variegated Buff Cinn. Yorkie was also a fine exhibit. In the Norwich classes Mr. Nutt's finely-shaped Clear Yellow was a worthy first. The best classes were, however, the Yorkshires. The judging was in the hands of Mr. J. N. Harrison. YORK. CK. (12): 1, r, vhc, Knowles; 2, Goueher; 3, Truman; hc, Buck; c, Sims. HEN (10): 1, 3, r, Truman; 2, hc, Knowles; vhc, Goueher. NORWICH CK. (4): 1, Nutt; 2, r, Halley; 3, Gentle. HEN (3): 1, Nutt; 2, Halley; 3, Gentle. A.O.V. (3): 1, Halley; 2, Poole; 3, Truman. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Poole; 3, Gentle; r, vhc, Knowles.

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EXETER.

The eighteenth annual show was held October 16th. This year a separate room was provided for the cage birds, and it would be difficult to find one much better adapted for the purpose. Entries were in advance of any previous year. Quality was also on the up grade. The committee attended to their feathered charges in a capable manner. Messrs. Cornish and Adams, the hon. secretaries, had everything in first-class order, and were most obliging to one and all. Mr. J. H. Payne judged. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC.: 1, Veale, clear, magnificent colour, well extended down flights and tail, good shape; 2, Redwood, clear, nice shape and good quality; 3, Tucker, neck and right wing marked, lovely shape and nice quality; vhc, Banbury; hc, Bailey; c, Hammett and Sons. BUFF, ETC.: 1, spl., Redwood,, thick-set body, splendid quality, lovely back, nice head and neck; 2, Tucker, nice shape and colour, good head and neck; 3, Banbury, nice colour and shape, good back; vhc, Sewery, Bailey; hc, Taylor; c, Stiling, Sewery; No. 804, grand bird, but for bad slip claw. HEN (7): 1, Tucker, yellow unflighted, marked over right eye and on rump, beautiful shape, well cut away behind; 2, Veale, yell., nice shape, colour and quality; 3, Banbury, cl. buff, unflighted, nice shape and feather, deep chest, well mealed; vhc, Bailey; hc, Sewery; c, Redwood. CREST. CL. BODY (6): 1, Hobbs, dark, nice frontal crest, good droop and well radiated; 2, 3, vhc, c, Evins, good turn; 2nd clear, good frontal, nice body and good quality of feather; 3rd dark, good back crest; hc, Tope. MKD. OR VAR. (15): 1, spl., Piper, a gem of a green, grand wide frontal crest, coming well to beak end, nice leafy and broad feather; 2, Haysom, wing marked, nice frontal crest, well filled sides, good back; 3, c, Evins, marked wings and rumps, good thick frontal, very nice; vhc, Wyatt, Hobbs; hc, Tope. C. B. COCK (13): 1, Haslett, pied tail green, grand length of head, feather both over beak and on back skull; 2, Denham, var., nice skull formation, good length of head feather; 3, Evins, left wing marked, good back skull, good length of feather; vhc, Haysom, Hobbs; hc, Adams; c, Finch, Denham. HEN (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, Evins Bros., nice trio, leader green, rare length of head feather, good rise over beak, and nice shaped body; 2nd dense head feather, good shaped skull; 3, cap and wing marked, rare length of feather on back skull; vhc, Piper; hc, Tope; c, Denham. YORKS., YELL. CL. TKD., ETC. (22): 1, Lashbrook and Son, thigh and wiug ticked, very slim, grand quality, level colour; 2, Keegan, neck and cheek marked, grand quality, and feathered like boxwood, stands well, neat head; 3, Martin, clear, nice stand, good colour; vhc, Stiling, Slowman, Lovell; hc, Bowden; c, Parnell and Sons. BUFF (24): 1, spl., Lovell, neck ticked, beautiful feather, stands like a soldier, nice pipe tail and well packed flights; 2, Sendell, clear, grand feather, nice back, good length; 3, Martin, hot colour, nice length and good quality; vhc, Haynes, Fryer; hc, Thomas, Lashbrook and Son; c, Negus, Lashbrook and Son. HEN (17): 1, spl., vhc, Lashbrook and Son, clear buff, beautiful feather, nice shape and position, good wings and tail, stands well; 2, hc, Negus, thigh tkd. yell., lovely quality of feather; 3, Thomas, Cinnamon tick., eyes, wings and back of head, nice feather and quality; vhc, Lovell; hc, Bishop; c, Parnell and Sons. MULE LIGHT (13): 1, spl., 2, Lees, yellow Goldfinch Canary, even wing marked, fine colour, going well to wing ends; 2nd four-pointed buff Goldie Canary, fine shape and size, nice wings, good feather; 3, vhc, Tremlett, another four-pointed buff, beautiful feather, very neat; vhc, Jefferys; hc, Prescott; c, Fellows, green. DARK (9): 1, 3, Collins, Goldfinch Redpolls, nice feather and markings; 2, Jeffreys, Siskin Canary, grand colour and well marked; vhc, Williams; hc, Commins; c, Richards. NOV. CLASS (8): 1, 2, Cornish, good Crestbred and Crest; 3, vhc, Horler, smart yell. Yorkie; hc, Johnson; c, Pickard; A.V. CAN. (Shewn by a lady) (8): 1, Jones, yell. Scots, nervy and gets tail well under perch; 2, Luxton, buff Norwich, nice shape and colour; 3, vhc, hc, Finch, nice grizzle Crest; c, Pedler. PAIRS, A.V. PLAINHEAD (6): 1, Spillman, good pair of Norwich, rare shape and colour, easy win: 2, vhc, Stone, decent Scots Fancies; 3, Densham, Norwich, not in good form. CREST (7): 1, Tope, saddle marked Crest hen, good frontal, lifts a little at back, with a rattling C.B. cock, good skull, and well feathered; 2, 3, vhc, Evins Bros., good green crested hen and smart, clear C.B. cock, 3rd very neat and leafy feathered crested hen, nice var. C. B. cock; hc, Abid; c, Denham. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Jones, good positioned buff Belgian and heavy-shouldered yell. Scots Fancy; 3, hc, Denham, Silver Lizard, nice ground colour and well rowed; vhc, Evins Bros.; c, Lohb. GOLDFINCH cancelled. BRIT., LARGE (6): 1, Bussy, grand Jay, splendid colour and feather, and well marked; 2, Jefferys, Magpie, nicely cut and good sheen; 3, Veale, Son and Pond, fine Barn Owl, grand feather. SMALL (7): 1, Priscott, Bullfinch, good cap and wing bars, nice shape feather; 2, 3, c, Smith, Siskin, splendidly laced cap nice markings and colour; 3rd a Crossbill, in grand feather; vhc, Commins; hc, Richards. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, vhc, Slowman, Grey Parrot, pure colour, nice feather, well pencilled; 2, Browning, good Indian ringneck Parrakeet; 3, Whitton, nice Grey Parrot; hc, Viel; c, Martin. SMALLER (9): 1, 2, Leavers, Whydah, in fine order and a grand Orange Bishop, nice feather and colour; 3, Jones, Redheaded Gouldian Finch, nice colour, good fine tail; vhc, Pickard; hc, c, Smith. LIMIT A.V. (9): 1, 3, c, Evins Bros., cheap Crest leading, 3rd decent C. B.; 2, Piper, another cheap Crest; vhc, Haysom; hc, Lees; c, Priscott. SELL. 21/- (13): 1, Spillman; 2, Prescott; 3, c, Evins Bros.; vhc, Jefferys; hc, Veale; c, Tope. SELL., 10s. 6d. (9): 1, Spillman; 2, Adams; 3, c, Evins Bros.; vhc, Lovell; hc, Banbury; c, Richards.

CATERHAM.

Caterham and Dis. F.C. Fifteenth Annual Show, held Public Hall, Caterham Valley, Oct. 16th and 17th, was a decided success. The Committee are, one and all, fanciers and workers, and in Mr. James Kilby, the Society possesses a secretary who commands the confidence not only of his fellow members, but of the inhabitants of the district. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. NOR. CL. BUFF (9): 1, spcl., vhc., Kilby, leader not a big one, but lovely in feather quality, rich under colour, with fine mealing, well carried wings; 2, Austin, very typical; 3, Sparner, bonny bird, will want reckoning later; hc, Shetler; c, King. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Kilby, winner very rich cir.,fine silky feather, two bonny yellows of character; 3, Austin, nice shape, good feather, texture; hc, Shetler. A. V. NOR., except evenly mkd. (6): 1, 3, c, Kilby, first lively buff, nice texture of feather, rich colour, fitting closely, grizzled tail, grand style, 3rd bouncing var., buff feather of nice quality; 2, Spinner, yellow, ticked in wing, deep colour, silky feather; vhc, Austin; hc, Cundy. YORKS YELL. (14): 1, Rogers, very stylish, gets up like a guardsman; 2, Adams, similar; 3, hc, Mrs. Green, former triple starter, very fine quality; vhc, Batchelor, pretty broken green; hc, c, Shetler. BUFF (11): 1, spcl., hc, Mrs. Green, very typical, fine drawn bird, full of "go," rich quality, nice back and wing carriage; 2, Shetler, similar; 3, Jupe, trifle stronger, beautifully mealed; vhc, Tillett; c, Stone Bros. CRESTS (5): All of them good quality; 1, Mrs. Haysom, wing marked, dark crest, nice variog. crest feather, rare frontal droop, good at sides, centre and back, fine bodied, high quality bird; 2, Gale, also rare body, ticked, with good dark crest; 3, Cox, neat and good; vhc, Fellows; hc, Irving. CREST-BRED (8): 1, Mrs. Haysom, massive green, wide skull, good dome and entrance; 2, Gale, lightly variog.; 3, vhc, Irving, similar; hc, Cox; c, Fellows. A. V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Mrs. Green, well-known buff, Lancashire Plainhead, very smart young coppy; 2, vhc, hc, Cundy, former rattling buff cinnamon, rare quality. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Jupe, rich in blaze, chestnut and hars, nice and steady; 2, Mrs. Green, deeper in blaze colour; 3, Hobbs; vhc, Tanner. BULLFINCH (6): good class for quality; 1, spcl., Jupe, fine ebony poll, nice breast colour, well packed at thighs and rump, and very steady; 2, Fellows, bright and deep in colour, nice poll; 3, Knight, steady and clean thighed; vhc, Mrs. Green; hc, Starves and Payne. BRIT., A. V. (9): 1176 and 1178 absent; 1, 3, Cook, charming Redstart, in lovely feather, very tame, first—good, steady, full feathered, nice coloured, 3rd; 2, Tanner, topping Chaffinch, very rich in colrs., and marking; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, Hobbs; c, Botting, most difficult class. FOR. (7): 1, spcl., Cooper, blue bonnet Parrakeet, very pretty and in nice feather; 2, Mrs. Soper, charming grey Parrot; 3, vhc, hc, Botting, former fine sulphur-crested Cockatoo; hc, Miss Smith. SELL, 20s. (4): 1, Mrs. Green; 2, Spinner; 3, Jupe; vhc, Fellows. LOCAL CAN. OR MULE, A. V. (6): 1, spcl., 3, vhc, Kilby. leader buff Norwich, nice type and quality, 3rd ditto; 2, Woolmer, variog. yell. Nor., would prove useful in the breeding cage; hc, Culham.

SOUTHALL.

At Southall and Dis. F.S. Show, Oct. 16th, a few classes were provided for cage birds, H. Gray judged Foreigners, T. J. Ambrose the remainder. YORKS, cancelled, NOR. (12): 1 and vhc, Ward, buff, nice type and feather, grand colour; 2 and 3, Godfrey, buff leading, larger bird, 3rd: yellow, nice colour and shape; res., Thursley, nice feather; No. 8, absent. DUTCH FRILLS: 1, 2, 3, and res., interesting exhibits, all shown by Stroud. A. V., cancelled, BRIT. (7): 1, Lloyd, smart little Goldic; 2, res. and vhc, Timberlake steady Chaffinch, good feather; 3, Thursley, very fair Goldic. FOR. (7): 1, 3, res., hc and c, and spcl., best bird in show, Deerhurst grand pair of Pekin Robins leading; 2, Miss Mosley, nice sulphur crested Cockatoo.

ILFORD.

Third Annual Young Stock Show of the Ilford and District F.A., held in the Alexandra Hall, on October 12th. Mr. W. Simmonds, the hon. secretary and a band of willing stewards and workers had everything in splendid order, and although the hall was somewhat crowded, yet the host was made of the space at command. We bear that the local authorities, who seem to have retained an antiquated aversion to Fanciers' Societies, are gradually awakening to the fact that fanciers now are men of a different class, with different objects. Consequently there is a prospect, in the near future, of the public hall being placed at the disposal of the Society. The birds staged were a very nice collection, in which quality was well represented, particularly in Border Fanciers to the winner in which class (Mr. Aberdeen's) the special for best bird was awarded. One thing seemed apparent in connection with the show, and that was the unity and good fellowship which seemed to animate all concerned in its management. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS (8): 1, vhc, c, Holliday, the winner hardly so fine drawn as we like them, but nice pose and quality; 2, 3, hc, Thinlow, the former, nice quality, needs more length. BORDER (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Aberdeen, a nice team, the winner, very sweet Yellow, jaunty, full of life, rich in quality and very pure in colour, good enough to compete in the open; hc, c, Reader. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Collins; 3, Holliday; vhc, Kershaw. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Overy, a steady, good coloured Linnet leading; 2, vhc, Drew, the former a fairly good coloured Siskin. GREENFINCH, ETC. (B): 1, Overy, a very rich coloured Bramhling, in beautiful feather; 2, 3, Drew, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch hen respectively. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Thinlow, Magpie. SOFTBILLS (4): 1, Drew, a well-spotted, rich coloured, alert Song Thrush, very steady; 2, Overy, also Thrush, not so smart or rich in spotting; 3, Kershaw, very smart, hardly so clear in spots; vhc, Thinlow.

LOUGHBOROUGH C.B.A.

Members show held October 9th at Cross Keys Hotel, Loughborough. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. This is the second show held under the auspices of the society, and according to the good number of entries, and the excellent quality of the exhibits (especially the Yorkshire section), it promises a successful time through the series of shows to be held every month. YORKS.: 1, spl., Thorpe, best Yorkie in show, hot colour, nice length and style; 2, Jeffery, not quite so good in colour as winner, but nice, long-drawn bird; 3, Taylor, good colour and length, but too thick; vhc, Wortley; hc, c, Foster. YORKS., UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 2, Wortley, two promising youngsters, winner excels in shape and position, but trifle smaller than 2nd, which will improve; 3, hc, Jeffery, trifle better position than winner, but fails in length and feather; vhc, Simpkin; c, Foster. BUFF UNFLI.: 1, Jeffery, ticked, nice quality and beautiful shape, wins well; 2, 3, Thorpe, two nice birds, but not the stamp of winner; vhc, Wortley; hc, c, Foster. NOR.: 1, Hallam, and spl. best Norwich, good Yellow, nice shape; 2, Hubbard, Buff, not so shapely as winner, but good colour and quality; 3, Hallam, Yellow, not size enough; vhc, hc, Hallam; c, Dufner. NOR. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, Hallam, good fronted Yellow, capital chest and back; 2, Dufner, a long way behind, not nearly finished moult. BUFF UNFLI.: 1, 2, Dufner, winner good thick bird and fine feather; 2nd loses in style and quality; 3, vhc, c, Taylor, marked Buff, poor head and feather; hc, Simpkin, natural colour, or would have been higher. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hubbard, fair Goldie, blaze bit pale; 2nd very nice Linnet; 3rd, Wortley, Redpoll very nice bird; vhc, Widdowson, nice Chaffinch, but very unsteady; hc, Hubbard; c, Taylor. MULE,: 1, Blower, light Goldie Mule, frequent winner; 2, Taylor; 3, Blower. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, T. Widdowson, Orange Cheek, Silverbill, and Spice bird. Points scored.—Sec. 1: Wortley 17, Jeffery 17, Thorpe 15. 2: Hallam 21, Dufner 17. 3: Hubbard 15, Wortley 4. 4: Widdowson 15, Blower 6. 5: T. Blower 10, Taylor 5.

The Hon. Sec. of the Llanelly and District Cage Bird Society, Mr. J. Simon writes that they have now decided upon their judges, their names being Mr. J. H. Payne and Mr. J. B. Evans.

N.B.B. AND M.C. PATRONAGE.

The list of shows held under the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club is as follows:—Dulwich and Peckham, C.B.S., October 17th and 18th; Newcastle and District, C.B.S., October 18th and 19th; Western Counties, O.S. (Plymouth), October 22nd and 23rd; Manchester and N., C.O.S., October 25th and 26th; Welsh National, October 30th and 31st; Wellingborough, C.B.S., October 30th and 31st; Blackburn and District, C.B.S., Nov. 1st and 2nd; Camhridge, C.B.S., November 12th; Leeds, C.B.S.; November 15th and 16th; Nottingham, O.S., November 16th to 18th; Hull, C.B.S., November 22nd and 23rd; Derby, C.B.S., November 26th and 27th; N.B.B. and M.C. (held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A.), December 6th and 7th; Carlisle and District, O.S., December 6th and 7th; Gateshead and District, C.B.S., December 13th and 14th; Scottish National, January 1st and 2nd; Crystal Palace, January 31st to February 4th. All points gained by members at the above shows will count for the three silver cups, but only under the conditions of Rule 16. At the Club Show to be held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. Show, the three £5 5s. Club Show cups will be offered for competition. The conditions under which medals are allotted to above shows will be found in the respective societies' schedules.

PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR,
Hon. Secs.

LEEK.

Leek C.B.S. Second Annual Show, October 16, was held in the Central Club. The room is a most suitable one. The management was everything that could be desired, the committee responsible being as follows: Messrs. G. Clowes, A. Williamson, J. Clowes, W. Morris, G. Tatler, F. Alcock, W. Bowyer, E. Prince, H. Howard, S. Oliver, W. Whetstone, T. Burgess, A. Green, A. Poyser, J. Pegg, R. Hall, T. Messham, G. Perkin, J. Whitter, J. Marsden, E. Plant, W. Locket, H. Pakeman, E. Naden, T. Bradley, A. Barlow, T. Goldstrow. The entry was disappointing. The quality, however, compensated. Special for most points in the show went to Mr. W. Bowyer. Mr. J. Fowler makes a capital secretary, the experience gained at the last show standing him in good stead. The judge was Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham). NOR.YELL. (6): 1,vhc,Bowyer, nice size, rare quality, good colour; 2, Whetstone, splendid colour; 3, Gilbert, fine shape, rare quality; 4, Irons,, bot colour, good shape and quality, should make up well. BUFF (6): 1, Irons, splendid shape and quality, lovely colour, and meal, wins well; 2, Whetstone, very cobby, rare quality and colour, well placed; 3, Pegg, good type and colour, nice size; 4, Mason, good shape, nice feather, well put down, vhc, Irons. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Mason, marked bead and wings, nice size, and shape, rare quality, well put down; 2, Gilbert, similar markings, wonderful colour, lovely feather; 3, Bowyer, marked left wing, grand type, lovely feather; 4, Hughes, very similar markings, nice shape and feather, useful bird; vhc, Bowyer. BUFF (8): 1, Wootton, well known var., looking better than ever. easy winner; 2, Gilbert, marked left wing, nice type and quality; 3, Bowyer, fine size and shape, lovely feather; 4, Emery, ticked left eye, fine size, and substance, A1 shape; vhc, Irons; hc, Hall; c, Mason. UNFLI. YELL. (10): 1, Hall, ticked left wing, short and cobby, nice feather and colour; 2, Bowyer, ticked neck, grand type and quality; 3, Whetstone, heavy var., rare shape, plenty of substance, good colour and quality; 4, Bowyer, very typical; vhc, and hc, Hall; c, Emery. BUFF (8): 1, Bowyer, ticked neck, fine size and shape, nice feather; 2, Whetstone, clear, very short and cobby, grand feather and colour; 3, Roberts, good shape and quality, hardly the size; 4, Wootton, marked head and wings; vhc, Hall; hc, Hatton; c, Hughes. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Roberts, clear, short and cobby, good size and carriage; 2, Irons, marked head and wings, rare feather and colour, fine size, well staged; 3, Mason, clear, short and cobby, good quality; 4, Green, cap marked; vhc, Emery; hc, Bowyer; c, Bellamy. BUFF: 1, Bowyer, clear, good type, grand quality, 2, Irons, well up in size, grand feather; 3, Whetstone, short and cobby, good quality well put down; 2, Irons, well up in size, grand feather; 3, Whetstone, short and cobby, good quality —well put down; 4, Emery, marked wings and left eye, good type and quality; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Hatton, c Hughes. NOR. PAIR: 1, Bowyer, yell. cock, buff hen, very likely pair. YORK YELL. (4): 1, Hawley, rare length, good position, well drawn 2, Roberts, very typical, nice feather; 3, Mason, well drawn, good quality; 4, Bishop. YORKS BUFF. (8): 1 and 2, Mason, nice typical pair, good length and stand, nice quality and colour, well put down; 3, Hawley, nice position, well drawn, rare quality, close up; 4, Mason; vhc, Rohinson; hc, Hawley, C. Peake. CREST (4): 1, Bowyer, nearly green, good radiation, and droop well staged; 2, Bishop, very similar, well placed; 3, Bowyer, buff, dark crest and wings, good, well formed crest, nice droop; 4, Hunter. CRESTBRED (3): 1, and 2, Bowyer, good pair, rare size, well lashed, carrying plenty of feather; 3, Whetstone, another good useful bird, well put down. HEN (3): 1, Bowyer, capital crest, very good properties, wins well; 2, Bowyer, grizzle buff crest, very close up; 3, Heywood, clear buff, plenty of size. BRED '07 (2): 1, Poyser, buff, dark crest, good radiation and centre, nice feather; 2, Bowyer, good green crestbred. MULE (8): 1 and 2,, Pitchford, leader very fine Siskin-Greenfinch, in splendid condition, showing the parentage very distinctly, a good specimen of this rare class, latter a real good Linnet-Bullie, nice size; rare colour, carried well down, should be heard of again; 3, Hatton Bros., capital Goldie-Greenie, in grand feather; 4, Austin, very large Linnet-Canary, nice colour and feather, rare condition; vhc, Ward, fine Linnet-Bullfinch, larger than 2nd; hc, Ward, very nice Goldie-Redpoll, in lovely feather, C. Stocton, absent; Tams and Son. SELL. (25/-) (7): 1, Pegg; 2 and hc, Hall; 3, Whetstone; vhc, Stockley. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Bowyer; 4, Smith; vhc, Marsden; hc, Denney; c, Jones. BULL. or GOLD (4): 1, Harrison, very fine Bullfinch, rare size and colour, in splendid condition; 2, 4, Oshorne, very good Goldie, and capital Bullfinch; 3, Perkin, nice Goldie, good blaze and tans. LINNET etc. (12): 1, Poyser, good Linnet in rare feather; 2, Hawkins, nice Siskin; 3, hc, Osborne; 4, Wheeldon; vhc, Flynn. BRIT. HARDBILL (3): 1, Barwell, very fine Hawfinch; 2, Bishop, nice Bramble; 3, Poyser, good Greenfinch. SOFTBILL: 1, Dale, Thrush; 2, Oliver.

STOP PRESS ITEMS.

Entries at Dulwich.

Mr. Woolhouse, secretary Dulwich Show, writes us just as we go to press:—"We have closed with over 1,000 entries. Thank all exhibitors for me for their splendid response. Considering I had only 200 on the proper day for closing, and that I had 300 the first post Monday, the others within, you will see the tremendous amount of work caused getting the numbers out and preparing catalogue; still we are pleased, and don't mind work. Totals:—Norwich, open, 8 classes, 167; Yorks, 7, 96; Borders, 8, 173; Crests, 2, 48; A.O.V., 1, 11; Lancs, 2, 15; British, 7, 124; Hybrids, 3, 41; Albino, 1, 7; Foreign 2, 26; Selling, 3, 49; Members, 36, 308; grand total, 1,065. No class cancelled.

ZEBRA Doves in show plumage, acclimatised, only 4/-, a true pair; two pairs for 7/6; Barbary Doves or Ring Doves, only 1/6, true pair. Approval.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, LARKS.
Splendid cock Goldfinches, fit to show, 1 6 each, 3 for 4/-, or 12 for 13/-; cock Linnets, large, selected, 4/- per dozen, or 6d. each; cock Larks, 3/- dozen, or 6d. each, selected, largest stock in North, more than all the other Preston advertisers combined; Inspection invited.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

BODMIN,
(Affiliated to Cage Bird Union.)
November 6th, 1907.
Judge—Mr. R. B. TOPE. Entries close October 29th.
A. E. JAGO, Secretary, Castle Villas, Bodmin.

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Evesham (C.B.U.).—November 13th.—Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 5 classes: Yorks, Nor, A.O.V., Brit., and local. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close November 2nd, to Mr. G. WITTS, Bengeworth, Evesham.

Tonbridge.—November 20th and 21st.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson (London). 17 classes: Nor. 3, Crest 2, York. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, and Members' class 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close November 12th, to Mr. P. W. BURTON, Sec., Guildford House, Albert-road, Tonbridge.

Morriston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 21.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester). 28 classes: York. 3, Nor 3, Bord. 3, Scot, 1, A.O.V. 1, Scll. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 10, Novice 1, Gift 1, For. 1. Good list of specials. Entry fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 14, to Mr. DAVID JEREMY, sec., Tan-y-lan-road, Morriston, R.S.O.

Sunderland (C.B.U.).—November 22nd and 23rd.—Judges, Messrs. G. E. Russell (Birmingham), and A. G. Cameron (Kelso). 47 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 10, Novice 3, Cin. 4, Pairs 1, Bord. 2, York 5, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Sell. 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, Hyde's 1, and Members classes 30. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2s. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close November 16th to Mr. F. GORDON, 23, Lisburn-terrace, Sunderland.

Kindly permit me, writes Mr. R. Brownlie, to thank the Border Fanciers for the magnificent support they have given to Dulwich and Peckham Show. I have just bees informed that they have closed with a record entry for the South, about 60 more than the last Palace Show, and my best thanks are due to the many exhibitors for the hearty way in which they have responded to my appeal.

THE MAROON TANAGER.

A Coupon Scheme First Prize Winner.

It gives me the greatest pleasure, writes Mr. W. H. Pickles, of Morecambe, to acknowledge the receipt of 10s., the amount kindly given by CAGE BIRDS for the first prize in the Coupon Scheme, which I won at Great Harwood Show, held on October 11th and 12th. The Maroon Tanager (Rhamphocoelus jacapa) which won it, I took first and special with at Burnley Show, October 4 and 5, and first and special Great Harwood (in addition, as you know, to first prize in CAGE BIRDS Competition). This fine species has been on view at the Zoo for the past two years, but until now has not previously been obtained by aviculturists. To briefly describe it, the upper surface is velvety black, with a rich crimson sheen, head, neck, and breast rich crimson-maroon, passing into black on the abdomen and ventral region. Total length, 6½ inches. I believe it is the first time on record (Burnley Show) that this species has been on exhibition, and I think it is well worthy of note.

What should "Show Preparation" Cover?

At the last meeting of the L.C.B.A., questions on "Crests" were banded round and drawn for, the drawer, of course, answering, as best he could, whatever query came his way. Mr. J. S. Clarke was in the chair, and took the opportunity of dropping a "poser" into the bat—curiously enough, however, it was his fate to draw out the very same question he had put in. It read, briefly put: "What is legitimate show preparation?" Mr. Clarke's reply to this led to a most interesting and animated discussion. He held that a certain amount of latitude must be allowed an exhibitor to stage a good specimen to the best possible advantage. He would countenance the removal of a twisted feather from an otherwise perfect Crest, but not the removal of feathers which altered the character of any bird, such as the removal of dark body feathers to render it eligible to compete in a clear body dark Crest class. Mr. Clarke very eloquently defended his view of "show preparation," which, as might be expected, "drew" a lot of his audience, many being against him, and others, again, supporting him.

DEAL.

This fixture under the auspices of the Deal, Walmer, and District Fanciers' Association, was held on October 9th and 10th, in the Theatre Royal King-st. and competition was restricted to the County of Kent. The entry in Cage Birds was most disappointing, no less than ten classes being cancelled. This was no doubt due to the late moulting season, several local fanciers whom we met explaining the absence of their birds as due to this cause. The arrangements were excellent, the birds being nicely staged at the most comfortable end of the hall. Messrs. M. N. Avis, and W. H. Thompson, the secretaries, had everything in perfect order and assisted by capable stewards, everything passed off with clock like precision. Mr. G. H. Bellett judged NORWICH CL. (10): 1, Patterson, buff, thick-set and chubby, nice colour and meal, A1 feather; 2, Taylor, neat shape, nice feather, good colour, fair size; 3, Lacy, buff, good colour, nicely mealed, loses to leaders a little in wings and tail; 4, vhc, Boncey; hc, Meades; hc, Thompson. MKD. (8): 1, Ramsden's spl., Patterson, buff marked, nice shape and feather, hot colour; 2, Taylor, ticked buff, nice shape and carriage; good in head; 3, Eade, nice head and shoulders, little longer behind; 4, ex. 4th, vhc (2), Thompson. MULES (5): 2, Mrs. Ivatt, buff Goldie-Canary, marked eyes and wings, very neat bird; 3, Baker, same variety, loses markings, and smaller; 4, Eade. SELL. 15/- (8): 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Boncey; 4, Mrs. Kew. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Mrs. Kew, nice blaze, good chest, wings and bars, house-moulted; 2, Shaw, smart bird, and nice shape, not as large; 4, Baker. BULLFINCH (4): 2, Mrs. Kew, nice shape, grand chest, cap and back, in rare feather; 3, Mowle, good feather and steady, just beaten in colour on chest, nice cap; 4, Lacy. PARROT, etc (4): 2, Miss Conway, Paroquet, grand colour, feather and condition; 3, 4, vhc, Allen, couple of Amazons, a blue-fronted in rare feather, leading. A.O.V. FOR. (9): 1, Miss Conway, Superb Tanager, in grand feather; 2, 4, Wood, pair of good green Budgerigars; vhc, Lacy. NOVICE (11): 1, Lewis, buff Norwich, rattling shape, nice colour and feather; 2, he, Goodbar, another buff Norwich of nice shape and feather; 3, Munnock, very fair Crest; 4, Mowle, nice Yorkshire, little strong in build; vhc, Sharpy (2); he, Baker, Lacy, Junr. MEMBERS, A.V.C. (10): 1, Meades; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Thompson; 3, vhc, Munnock; ex. 4, Mowle; he, Lacy. HEN (8): 1, 2, 4, Thompson; 3, hc, Lacy; vhc, Munnock.

WINDHILL AND SHIPLEY.

The Windhill and Shipley O.S. held their twenty-first grand annual exhibition of Canaries and British birds in the Windmill Library, on October 12th. We cannot bestow too much praise on the secretary, Mr. E. Broadley, and his working committee in selecting such a fine room for the exhibition. It was an ideal one—lofty, free of draught, and well lighted all round, so that every bird could be seen without handling. Mr. Alderson and Mr. E. B. Denton worked like Trojans, looking after the wants of the birds, and we can say, without fear of contradiction, that we have never seen a show better managed. The committee is made up of good fanciers in Mr. R. W. Alderson (chairman), G. Hartley (vice-chairman), and Messrs. Matt. Broadley, J. Cook, R. Garnett, A. Midgley, C. Smither, T. Whitley, E. B. Denton, G. H. Walton, R. Sutcliffe, J. Verity, S. Hillar, H. J. Chittenden, W. Skirrow, H. Bailey, L. Pollard, and J. Exley. In Mr. Ernest Broadley they have a hard-working secretary, thorough in all he does, and successful as well, the show reflecting every credit on him. The entries totalled up to 420. This being too much work for one judge, the committee called in Mr. John Broadley, who took the British and selling classes. This was the second show of the Yorkshire Union, and the first cup show of the Yorkshire Canary Club. The competition in the classes was very keen, as must be expected when such an array of cracks meet, as Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, W. H. Shackleton, J. Wilcock, Ambler Bros., Ogden Bros., A. Hirst, Sutcliffe and Son, Murgatroyd and Son, H. W. Walsh, etc., etc. Mr. W. H. Shackleton's winning Yellow and Yellow Tick were two birds of rare length and quality, full of nerve and well on leg. Messrs. Bailey and Swangar's winning Buff tick is a rare length and brimful of colour; it will be a gem in another couple of weeks. Their Buff hen was like marble, and very steady. Mr. H. W. Walsh's Yellow hen is a good one, very rich in colour, well on leg, and a long one. The Yellow hen class was one of the best we have ever seen. Mr. A. Hirst put down a nice team of Cinnamon marks, but they want more time spending with them; they are too wild. Many a good bird loses honours for want of training. The novice section contained a grand lot. The winning Buff of Mr. F. Drake was a gem, feather like wax, and position like a guardsman. We congratulate Mr. Drake on having such a beautiful specimen, and hope be will win more honours. Mr. Frankland's Buff hen we liked very much, and we were pleased to see him successful, for Mr. Frankland has been one of the best supporters for years of the novices' classes, and we shall be one of the first to congratulate him when he wins his medal. In the British classes Mr. H. W. Axe won with a Yellowhammer and Thrush. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged the Yorkshire classes, and Mr. John Broadley (Windhill) British and Selling, and these "old stagers" seemed to please everybody with their decisions. During the afternoon the showroom was packed with visitors, and many of the birds were claimed. This was one of the best shows the Windhill Society have ever held, and was very pleasing to the committee, who had worked hard to make it a success.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, W. H. Shackleton, 1st full of quality, well on leg, grand wings and tail, neat head, rich colour, full of nerve, grand position, look well when nicely handled; 2nd rare length, good wing carriage, neat tail, well on leg, full of quality, good head, rich colour, two beauties; 3, Wilcock, very rich colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, good head, full of quality, wants a little more time; 4, e, Wilson, well on leg, correct type, well braced wings, full of quality, good head; c, Long, good wings and tail, a little loose on front; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, good position, well on leg, long flights and tail, neat head, full of quality; hc, Lee, blaze of colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, nice type and quality. BUFF (5): 1, Shackleton, true to type, boxey feather, good head, compact wings and tail, stands on a pair of good legs, very steady; 2, Drake, full of quality, good head, nice wings and tail, well on leg, a shade on the stout side; 3, Ogden Bros., rich colour, good head, wings and tail full of quality, very steady, and well on leg; 4, Wilson, very rich colour, full of quality, well on leg, a shade on the short side, would do with being drawn out a little; No. 2, Wilcock, we make a ticked bird, a beauty, full of colour and quality, neat head, well on leg, grand wings and tail, very steady, and good position. TICK. YELL. (13): 1, hc, Shackleton, first thigh ticked, rich colour, full of quality, nice round head, good wings and tail, well on leg, good position and very steady; hc, Blaze of colour, ticked on head, well on leg, long flights and tail, not fit yet; 2, Walsh, tick on head, rare length, good wings and tail, well on leg, full of quality, we like well, will look better, wants a little more time; 3, Ambler, thigh ticked, pale colour, grand type, long flights and tail, good head, full of quality; 4, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, cheek marked, rich colour, full of quality, nice wings and tail, well on leg, good head, wants a little more time; vhc, rich colour, nice type, well on leg, full of quality; c, Sutcliffe and Son, pale colour, long flight and tail, good head, well on leg, a good class, many exhibits being very close together. BUFF (15): 1, Bailey and Swanger, long bird, full of quality, blaze of colour, good head, well on leg, long flights and tail, not quite fit, will make a name for its owners this year; 2, Shackleton, very typical, full of colour, good head, long flights and tail, well on leg, thigh ticked; 3, Wilcock, good head, well on leg, long flights, full of quality, thigh ticked, pale colour; 4, Halliday, marked on back, grand position, long flights, neat tail, full of quality, bit short on leg, small head; vhc, Ambler, thigh tick, long flights, nice position, full of quality, neat head, not quite ready; hc, Wilson, capped on head, good colour, full of quality, neat tail, well on leg, not fit; c, Hottomley, capped on head, bit short, rich colour, good flights and tail. UNEVEN MARK. (22): 1, Walton, cap and wing mark, rich colour, well on leg, good wing carriage, full of quality, neat round head, grand position and very steady fellow; 2, Self, cheek and wing marked, yellow, very rich colour, full of quality, neat wings and tail, good head, well on leg, grand position; 3, 4, Murgatroyd and Son, 3rd, eye, check, and wing marked, yellow, full of quality, pair of nice wings, good piped tail, well on leg, round head, wants a little more time; 4th, eye and wing marked, Buff, rich colour, boxey feather, well on leg, wants more nerve power, not ready; vhc, Denton, eye and wing marked Buff, typical, neat head, grand position, full of nerve, well on leg, wants a little more time; hc, Jenkinson, check, eye and wing marked, Yellow, well on leg, long flights and tail; c, Ambler, eye and wing marked, Buff, long flights and tail, well on leg. Many birds in this class are not fit; they are too puny on head, will want a couple of weeks at home. YELL. UNFLI. (17): 1, Bray and Charlesworth, cheek and wing marked, full of quality, well on leg, nice round head, well filled in neck, grand position, neat wings and tail, very steady, agem; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger, 2nd rich colour, well on leg, good head, well traced wings, compact tail, full of quality; 4th rich colour, well on leg, grand position, good head, full of quality, neat wings and tail, very steady; 3, Yelland, rich colour, very stylish, full of quality, compact wings and tail, good head, well on leg; vhc, Reed, full of quality typical grand wing carriage, piped tail, a true Yorkie; hc, Shackleton, very rich colour, on the stout side, full of quality, long flights and tail, well on leg, good head; c, Wallbank, rich colour, too strong, well on leg, shows a little open on breast. BUFF UNFLI. (13): 1, Radley, wing ticked, rich colour, well on leg, good head, nice wings and tail, stands well up, full of quality; 2, Mitchell, rich colour, full of quality, well on leg, good wing carriage; nice clean breast, typical; 3, Halliday, capped on head, pale colour, full of quality, well on leg, good wing and tail, wants fining down a little; 4, Wear, cheek ticked, full of quality, very stylish, well on leg, good head, wings and tail, steady; vhc, Walsh, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, very stylish and steady, good head, will make a good one; hc, Dawson, not quite ready, good wing and tail, full of quality, typical, very steady, nice round head; c, M. Shackleton, rich colour, full of quality, on the stout side. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Walsh, a gem, rich colour, long flights and tail, well on leg, feathered like box, wins; 2, Shackleton, full of quality, well on leg, long flights and tail; good head, grand position, a lady; 3, Holmes, neat head, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, grand position, very steady; 4, Mitchell, rich colour, very racy, well on leg, carries wings well, compact tail, brimful of quality; vhc, Bailey and Swanger, long and typical, well on leg, full of quality, neat head, shows a little frill, not quite ready; hc, Ambler, wing marked, grand position, full of quality, well on leg, good wings and tail; c, Shackleton, long, typical, and full of quality, not ready; No. 1. Lingley, wrong class, a lovely Cinnamon mark. BUFF (16): 1, Bailey and Swanger, cheek ticked, rich colour, feathered like wax, well on leg, grand position, neat head, good wing and tail; 2, Walsh, full of quality, well on leg, long flight and tail, good head, rich colour, shade stout; 3, Wilcock, neat head, full of quality, well on leg, long flights and tail, very wild, wants more handling; 4, Murgatroyd and Son, very typical, full of quality, good head, pair of nice wings, compact tail, would do with being a little longer; vhc, Cook and Son, a typical hen full of quality, grand position, good wings and tail; hc, Holroyd, full of quality, well on leg, grand position, bit too stout; c, Naylor, rich colour, good head, wings and tail, full of quality. CINN. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Hirst, eye and wings, full of quality, rich colour, well on leg, carries wings well, good tail, very wild; Albert, 2nd, eye and wing, well on leg, full of quality, good head, bit on the small side; 3, Wilcock, cap and wing marked, rich colour, well on leg, full of quality; 4, Ogden Bros., cheek and wing, rich colour, well on leg, good back, long flights and tail, bad throat; vhc, Bray and Charlesworth, eye and wing marked, good back, well on leg, rich colour, long flights and tail, rough on throat; hc, Bedforth, eye and wing marked, well on leg, long flights and tail, loose on thigh. BUFF (11): 1, Denton, eye and wing, rich colour, full of quality, well on leg, clean breast, round head, grand position, not quite ready; 2, Hirst, eye and wing, good head, stands well, long flights, good tail, full of quality, wants a little more steadying; 3, Shackleton, eye and wing, rich colour, good head and neck, full of quality, long flights and tail; 4, Reed, eye and wing, pale colour, well on leg, good head, flights and tail, full of quality, grand position; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, pale colour, full of quality, neat head, grand position, good wing carriage, neat tail; hc, Alderson, eye and heavily-marked wings, true to Yorkshire type, full of quality, well on leg, pair of good wings, neat tail; c, Dobson, eye and wing, full of quality, well on leg, shade too strong. YELL. HENS (7): 1, 2, Cook and Son, 1st eye and wing, rich colour, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, neat head, very typical; 2nd eye and wing, pale colour, boxey feather, good head, neat wings and tail, stands well; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, capped on head, eye and wings, full of quality, neat head, well on leg, good wing carriage, compact tail; 4, Stebbings, eye, cheek and wings, rich colour, long flights and tail, stands well, good head, full of quality; vhc, Wood, eye and wings, very typical, full of quality, small; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett, eye, check and wing, full of quality and bloom, very typical, but small; c, Blackburn, rich colour, good wings and tail, too strong. BUFF HENS (8): 1, Halliday, E., wing ticked, well on leg, good head, nicely placed wings, good tail, beautiful head, feathered like wax; 2, c, Sutcliffe and Son, 2nd eye and wing, full of quality, grand position, well on leg, good wings and tail, pale colour, beautiful head; c, eye and wings, rich colour, full of quality; 3, Ogden Bros., eyes, grizzled on back, full of quality, well on leg, good head, neat tail, full of bloom; 4, Backburn, eye and wing, rich colour, boxey feather, good head, well placed wings, neat tail; vhc, Towers, cap, eye and wing, full of quality, good wings and tail, well on leg, neat head position; hc, Iveson, eye and wing, rich colour, full of quality, good bead position, grand wing carriage, neat tail.

Novice Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (25): 1, Ackroyd, long flighted bird, well on leg, full of quality, grand position, neat head, pale colour; 2, Livesey, rich colour, position and quality A1, good wing carriage, neat tail; 3, Martin, erect, good head, long flights and tail, full of quality, beautiful colour, well on leg; 4, Casey, brimful of quality, very typical, well on leg, round head, good wing carriage, piped tail, a true Yorkie; vhc, Lodge, rich colour, full of quality, neat head, well on leg, very stylish; hc, Dawson, well on leg, good wings and tail, neat head; c, White, well on leg, full of quality, long flights and tail. BUFF (27): 1, Newall, full of quality, well on leg, neat head, long flights and tail, shade stout; 2, Coates, leggy, typical, neat head, full of quality; 3, vhc, Frankland, 3rd, rich colour, full of quality, well on leg, good wing carriage, shows a little frill; vhc, neat head, well on leg, full of quality, rich colour, very wild, would not show itself to advantage; 4, Swaine, leggy, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail, rich colour; hc, Chippindale, nice colour, boxey feather, good position, bit flat on head; c, Lodge, shade on strong side, full of quality, nice position. TICK. YELL. (22): 1, Mason, unevenly marked, full of quality, round head, grand wings and tail, well on leg, very wild, wants more training; 2, Slater, rich colour, very breedy, marked on wing, grand position, full of quality on the small side; 3, Coates, wing marked, rich colour, typical, well braced wings, boxey feather, piped tail; 4, Simpson, heavily marked, well on leg, full of quality, typical, good head and tail; vhc, Frankland, wing ticked, typical, good head, wings and tail, full of quality; he, Sparks, pale colour, breedy, well on leg, nice quality; c, Radley, pale colour, full of quality, neat head, good wing carriage. BUFF (23): 1, Drake, a gem, eye marked, full of quality, well on leg, good flights, neat tail, typical, shown to perfection; 2, Townsend, unevenly marked, good head, wings and tail, full of quality, well on leg, grand position; 3, Fortman, on the stout side, full of quality, neat head, well on leg, nicely fed; 4, Shaw Bros., rich colour, stylish, well on leg, well staged; vhc, Shepherd, pale colour, very breedy, neat head, well on leg, full of quality; hc, Martin, eye and wing, rich colour, well on leg, good head and neck, typical; c, Frankland, cheek and wing, typical, good wings, tail, well on leg, and full of bloom. YELL. HEN (33): A good class, many real typical Yorkshire hens standing cardless. 1, Shepherd, pale colour, well on leg, neat head, good wing and tail, full of quality; 2, Townsend, wing ticked, rich colour, full of bloom, well on leg, grand wings and tail; 3, Simpson, unevenly marked, typical, good head, well on leg, grand wing carriage, nice piped tail; 4, Frankland, pale colour, well on leg, good head, grand wings and tail, typical; vhc, Ackroyd, very slim, breedy, full of quality, well on leg, good head, shows a little frill; hc, Wilson, well on leg, good head, not quite fined down; c, Beaumont, pale colour, typical, long flights and tail. BUFF HEN (22): 1, c, Frankland, well on leg, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and tail, very stylish; c, well on leg, good wings and tail, neat head, wants a little more time to fine down; 2, Ferguson, cinn. mkd., full of quality, round head, well on leg, straight and nervy, a beauty; 3, 4, Middleton Bros., 3rd well on leg, good wings and tail, full of quality, bit on the stout side; 4 (no name), full of quality, good head, well on leg, good head, long flights and tail, strong; vhc, Whitaker, well on leg, good head, full of quality, bit frilly; he, Radley, ticked on head, full of quality, well on leg and stylish. NORWICH CL. TICK. (9): 1, Jeffreys, buff, rich colour, good head and chest, boxey feather, true Norwich type; 2, Lloyd, buff ticked, full of quality, good head, rich colour, typical, good chest, chubby; 3, Greenwood, yell., rich colour, good head, full of quality, short wings and tail; 4, Ball, buff, rich colour, full of quality, good head and chest; vhc, Mottram, buff, good head, rich colour, full of quality; hc, Mottram, buff, rich colour, good chest, full of quality; c, Kendall, buff, pale colour, full of quality. HEN (7): 1, Dobson, a gem, good head and chest, rich colour, full of quality, true to type, buff; 2, Greenwood, eye and wing marked, buff, full of quality, good head and chest; 3, 4, Lloyd, two, buff, good head, rich colour, clean on chest; vhc, Ball, full of quality, pale colour, good head; hc, Fortman, yell., not in condition; No. 6, Hammond, absent.

Mr. J. Broadley's Classes.

BRIT. SEED EATERS (12): 1, 2, Axe, 1st yellow Bunting, beautifully marked, rich colour, good size and shape, shown well; 2, Hawfinch, in the pink of condition, a very smart bird; 3, 4, Edmondson, 3rd Bramhle, shapely and stylish, nice colour, looking well; 4th Bullfinch, bold bird, grand head, shown well; vhc, Chittenden; he, Mason; c, Inman. INSECTIV. (12): 1, Axe, Thrush, good size, shape, and colour, beautifully spangled, shown well; 2, 3, Mason, 2nd Grey Wagtail, a gem, in the pink of condition, we liked very much; 3rd Starling, nicely mooned, good size; 4, Duncan, very decent Yellow Wagtail; vhc, he, Mackwell; c, Myers. SELL. YELL. YORKS. 15s. (11): 1, Dean; 2, Pratt; 3, Sharp; 4, Holroyd; vhc, Ferguson; he, Hanson; c, Shackleton. BUFF, 15s. (17): 1, Towers; 2, Walton; 3, c, Wear; 4, Casey; vhc, Mrs. W. Gilroy; he, Lister. A.V., 12s. 6d. (28): 1, Carlyle and Son; 2, Midgley; 3, Halliday and Armstrong; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Dobson; he, Walsh; c, Ferguson and Son.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Monthly show at Headquarters, on October 12. Mr. L. Bolton judged. YELL. YORKS: 1 and 4, Dean; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, Lister; BUFF: 1, 3, F. Self; 2, Lister; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett; YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Sykes; 3, Dean; 4, Self. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Self; 3, Lister; 4, Dean; NOVICE YELL: 1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, Whittaker; 4, Kay. BUFF: 1, Kitchen; 2, 3, Gelder; 4, Dobson. YELL. HEN: 1, Gelder; 2, Oliver, 3, 4, Kay. BUFF: 1, Gudgeon; 2, Watts; 3, Oliver; 4, Gelder. BRIT.: 1, Myers, 2, Dean; 3, Lister.

BLACKWOOD (Mon.)

The annual show was held on October 10th at the Drill Hall, where the birds were well staged, out of all draughts. The entries were not so good as might have been, owing doubtless to the fact that the moulting season is barely over. The judge was Mr. Tom Gower (Tredegar). Mr. H. Carter made an able secretary, and the arrangements of the show were carried out on the right lines. Goldfinch and Foreign classes were cancelled. NORWICH (6): 1, Williams, clear, chubby bird with a good head, standing well over the perch and nicely feathered; 2 (no name), plenty of size, making a good second; 3, Williams, smaller, but very fair bird, worth its position. YORKS. (10): 1, Beavan, stands well, plenty of leg, nice pipe tail; 2, Williams, neat head and neck, nice beak, fails a trifle in wings; 3, Davies, very fair specimen, nice length; vhc, Farrow. A.O.V.: 1, Farrow; Scots Fancy, 2, no name; 3, James.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON.

The 20th—not a bad record of work in the Fancy—annual show of young stock by the members of the Stratford and East London F.S., was held in the Workman's Hall, Romford Road, on October 8th. The show, taken all through, was a decided success. The entry in Cage Birds was good for the limited classification, and although the two classes for Norwich were amalgamated, and a class for British was cancelled, the three standing classes drew an entry of 32. The quality was excellent, some very smart Norwich and Yorkshires being staged by Messrs. Gravestock in the former, and Mottram in the latter sections. Special for best Canary was awarded to Mr. Gravestock for a really nice buff Norwich of excellent quality, deep, rich, natural undercolour, well fed. Special for best Yorkshire was won by Mr. A. Mottram, with a typical grizzle-winged Buff, of lovely quality. Mr. Sidney Sheldrick fulfilled the duties of hon. secretary with much ability and courtesy. An excellent band of fanciers forms the committee, one and all gave their aid, and there is every prospect that this old-established Society will make a record at the annual autumn event. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. NOR. (11): 1, spl, and special best Canary, 2, Gravestock, the winner a beautifully fed Buff, with a profusion of deep undercolour, well-fed, and when fully bloomed will need a little setting back, good shape, rich quality of feather; second, a capped Buff, rather free in feather, nicely mealed, hardly so rich in undercolour, bonny shape; 3, Ancell, a good bodied silky-feathered Yellow, rather weak on head, and bit open in feather yet—hardly ready; res., he, Mallett; vhc, c, Corby. YORKS. CL. (10): 1, 2, Mottram, two sweetly pretty birds, fine drawn, nice whips, neat heads and clean waists and chests, very fine quality, the former best wing carriage, else little to choose; 3, Corby, not quite so stylish or well buckled up, but a smart bird withal; res, vhc, Fuller; he, Hutch; c, Forse. YORKS. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, spl, 2, Mottram, the former a very smart grizzle-winged Buff, not a high fed one, but with feather like marble and mealed like a peach in the morning, took its perches gaily, and answered to the call instantly, a very nice specimen, but would not please the lovers of giants; second, not so smart, but very good; 3, Fuller, elegant in pose, nice style and feather; res, c, Corby; vhc, he, Forse.

EDINBURGH O.S.

The sixth annual show of Scotch, Fancy, Border, and Norwich Canaries, Mules, and British birds in connection with the Edinburgh O.S., held in the Artillery Hall, Grindlay-street, on October 12th. The quality was very satisfactory for a club show. Several very excellent exhibits took part in the contest, the competition being keen, and as this has ever been a favourite hunting ground for stock, fanciers from far and near visited the show. The arrangements were admirable, under the direction of Mr. Kerr (President), Mr. Hope (Vice-President), Mr. Wright (the able and courteous secretary), and the committee of management, Messrs. Allan, Campbell, Melrose, and Ross. The judges have only to be mentioned to confirm the popularity of their decisions, the gentlemen who acted being: Scotch Fancy, Messrs. A. Melrose, W. Muirhead, J. Watson, and R. Wright; Norwich, Mr. Thomas Knight.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. COCKS (8): 1, Hope, an easy win, large, erect, decided drive, neat head, long neck, fine depth of chest, grand body and wing, fine action; 2, spl., Thornton, smart in type and action; 3, Munro, grand sided bird, fine quality; 4, Farrell; 5, spl., Cotrie; 6, 7, Sinclair; 8, Kerr. HEN (16): 1, 2, Dalgleish, 1st grand size, nice length of side, and gets to work quickly; 2nd a nice all-round hen; 3, Sinclair, good stumps, wants time; 4, Graham; 5, Carion; 6, Paterson; 7, Munro; 8, Thornton. YELL. PIED COCKS (14): 1, 3, Dalgleish, 1st hard up, good droop, rare shoulder and drive, fine quality throughout; 3rd neat and stylish; 2, 5, Farrell, 2nd grand quality throughout; 4, Rodger; 6, Petrie; 7, Howden; 8, Hardie. HEN (12): 1, 4, 5, Munro, 1st grand size, good top and fine droop, nice length of side; 2, Hardie, grand top, and quick and full of quality; 3, Sinclair, fine type; 6, Kerr; 7, Rodger; 8, Farrell. YELL. FOUL COCK (4): 1, 3, Farrell, grand pair, good quality; 2, Kerr, nice type. HEN (3): 1, 2, Hope, grand couple, good top, and plenty of substance; 3, McDougall, very neat, typical exhibit. YELL. GREEN COCK (4): 1, Hope, good, fine style; 2, Howden, nice stamp, good action; 3, Farrell, neat and stylish; 4, Thornton. HEN (7): 1, Thornton, really fine exhibit, grand size, well circled, rare length of body; 2, Graham, grand substance and style, will be heard of again; 3, Howden, good stamp; 4, Hope. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Dalgleish, an easy winner, grand shape, rare shoulders and reach, good shoulders and side, quick in movement; 2, Sinclair, nice long bird, rangy; 3, 4, Hope, fine pair, good size and style; 5, Paterson; 6, 7, Petrie; 8, Beveridge. HEN (11): 1, 3, Munro; 1st good all over, exhibit fine head and neat nice drive, grand body; 3rd, fine type; 2, Hope, grand substance, fine and shapely, quick; 4, Thornton; 5, Hendry; 6, Petrie; 8, Farrell. BUFF PIED (18): Strong class; 1, 2, Hope, 1st wins grand all over, very stylish and taking; 2, also a taking exhibit, fine style; 3, Petrie, rare substance, grand body and action; 4, Kerr; 5, Foster; 6, Munro. HEN (7): 1, Paterson, beauty, hard up, fine reach and droop, grand body and side; 2, Hendry, fine, ready exhibit, grand size, and style; 3, Hope, good style; 4, Kerr; 5, Paterson; 6, Carson; 7, McDougall; 8, Begbie. BUFF FOUL (3): 1, Paterson, best bird in hall and other honours, gem, rare style and quality, erect, very determined drive, grand droop, fine front, nice body and wing, full of action; 2, Hope, another good exhibit, fine style and action; 3, Farrell, good stamp. HEN (9): 1, Paterson, erect, rare substance, fine size and style, wins easily; 2, 3, Dalgleish, pair of beauties, good style; 4, Hope; 5, Munro; 6, 7, Thornton; 8, Kerr. BUFF GREEN (5): 1, Hardie, neat, compact and typical; 2, 5, Hope, 2 very nice type; 3, Farrell, fine quality; 4, Howden. HEN (7): 1, Petrie, erect, decided drive, fine droop, good body and wing; 2, Howden, taking style, nice size; 3, Hardie, good quality; 4, Hendry. BELGIAN HEN (1): 1, Munro, good quality. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Carson, grand substance, rare colour, well finished, rare head and wing carriage; 2, Campbell, nice size, good frame and colour; 3, Foster, smaller, but good shape and colour; 4, spl, Drysdale; 5, 6, Young. HEN (4): 1, 2, Carson, grand substance and shape. BUFF (11): 1, Foster, grand feather and substance, fine body and head, really good all over; 2, spl, not in catalogue, a good one; 3, Ross, good type; 4, Menzies; 5, 7, Duff; 6, Campbell; 8, Carson. HEN (9): 1, 4, Ross, 1 rare substance, fine shape, grand body, wins easily; 2, Drysdale, good second, fine quality throughout; 3, Menzies, well-moulded, falls in size; 5, 6, Carson; 7, Campbell; 8, Watson. DARK MULE (15): Rare Class: 1, 5, Menzies, Greenfinch-Canary, 1st fair size, nice shape, good quality of feather, in pink of condition; 2, Petrie, Linnet-Canary, grand size, colour and type; 3, 4, 6, 8, Campbell, a grand Goldfinch-Canary; 6, Menzies; 7, Carson.—BRITISH: 1, spl Foster, a bouncing Goldfinch, rare colour, in pink of condition; 2, spl, Ross, Bramblefinch, in rare condition, 3, 4, 6, 7, Miller, 5, Duff.

PETERBOROUGH.

The third Annual Show was held on October 10th, and it gives us the greatest pleasure to be able to record a magnificent success. There was a grand total of 885 entries, 573 of these being in the open classes, giving the splendid average of over 21 per class. (Had the £5 limit anything to do with this, we wonder?) The hall itself is one of the best we have seen for the purpose, having a grand top light, and being absolutely free from draughts. We must also congratulate the Committee upon the business like way in which the arrangements were carried through; in fact, nothing could have been better. A few of the exhibitors failed to get their exhibits to the show at the proper time, for which, of course, the Committee were not responsible; they, however, generously held over those classes until the delinquents arrived. In some of the Norwich, Yorkshire and British Bird classes it seemed almost a pity to see so many really very fine specimens without a card; but with 20 to 30 entries in a class there was no help for it. Naturally the officials were all well pleased with the success of their exhibition, and one and all seemed to do their best to deserve it, the birds lacking for nothing in the way of attention. Mr. H. C. Lilley, the worthy hon. secretary, goes about his work in a whole-hearted way, and pleases all comers by his courteousness and readiness to oblige. He was backed up by a first class band of stewards in Messrs. Barley, Cocks, Popple, Rowles, Sales and Smith, excellent fanciers, every one of them, who know their duties. The attendance was a very satisfactory one, and the visitors seemed delighted with the rare good display of birds put before them. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canary, Mule, and Foreign classes, Mr. R. J. Howe the British, and there was very little grumbling to be heard. Norwich opened with 244 entries in the 10 classes! With such a splendid array the committee generously added a fourth prize to each class right through the Canary and British Bird sections.

Norwich.

CLEAR YELL (20): 1, Sandiford, sound in colour throughout, excellent type, wings carried nicely, might be a trifle better in head, perhaps; 2, Ellis, beaten in colour, but a good one, and will improve yet; 3, Sherrington, very smart appearance, lovely quality, just a wee bit small; 4, Symonds and Son, very fair bird all round, full of quality; vhc, Townsend, good one, rather preferred this bird to 4th; hc, Gilbert, grand headed bird, but hardly ready yet; c, Hart. CL. BUFF (28): 1, spl., best bird in show Geo. Cooper, sound in colour, tight as a Java, has rare head and body, carries wings properly, and is just a nice size; 2, Priestley, buff of rare colour and quality, with a grand body, may be a shade longer than winner; 3, Sherrington, quality A 1, good head, neat wings, hardly so cobby as winners; 4, Walton and Noakes, fine large bird, of true Norwich type, hardly the under colour of winners, although nicely mealed; vhc, Adnitt and Driver, good type, but very unsteady; hc, Smith; c, Oliff. Nos. 2, 5, and 11 in this class we also thought very fine birds. TKD., ETC., YELL (14): 1, Mason, mkd. head and wings, shown in faultless condition, very taking exhibit, beautiful type and quality; 2, Bedwell, another marked bird, correct type, neat and well cut, beaten in quality only; 3, Sandiford, heavily mkd., rare body and colour, should make splendid stock bird; 4, Adnitt and Driver, smart one, typical, neat and has quality; vhc, Dent, very nice ticked bird, wee bit heavy in tail; hc, Smith; c, Rathbone. BUFF (26): 1, Townsend, tight as wax, very fine typical Norwich throughout, rare body and head; 2, Gilbert, similar bird to first, difficult to separate them, exeellent at all points, carriage and quality A 1; 3, Walton and Noakes, another fine big bird, well made, correct type, teeming with quality, not far behind; 4, Winckley, heavily mkd., of rare size and condition; very shapely; vhc, Gilbert, good but wild, would not show himself; hc, Muddiman, biggest bird in class, looked too fat on breast; c, Cresse, good heavily mkd. bird; No. 16 we made another good one. YEL. HEN (22): 1, G. Cooper, honny lady, cobby, correct type, very superior quality and style; 2, Irons, a trifle longer, especially in flights, otherwise real good one, plenty of chest, fine head; 3, Walton and Noakes, has a rare good bead, and splendid body, finished off well all over, some preferred this bird for second; 4, Sherrington, ticked, cobby and shapely, yet hardly so fine in feather as winners; vhc, Jupe, correct type, hardly ready yet; hc, Goodall, smart looking bird, deserved her card; c, Bertie, the right type. BUFF HEN (31): 1, 2, Geo. Griffin, 1st very smart, bit patchy in colour, but a real Norwich, short, well cut up, fine carriage; 2nd, ticked, again, lovely quality and type, a pair of beauties; 3, Jupe, big, bouncing bird, good colour, very fine chest and head, neat all over; 4, Freer, smart appearance, chubby and well rounded, one of the right stamp for breeding; vhc, Hall, well made hen, rather pale in colour; hc, Hatwell; c, Handley. YEL. UNFLI. (20): 1, Osborne, bold bird of grand substance and excellent type, well fed, sound in colour, a bit unsteady, but wins well; 2, Marshall, excellent quality of feather, fine colour, not quite equal in head to winner, but up in other points; 3, Watts, another very smart youngster of the right stamp; 4, Green, good big hen, trifle long, but full of quality; vhc, Handley and Son, very nice really smart bird; hc, Adnitt and Driver, has rare body, and excellent colour; c, Pennells. No. 7 and 17 both good quality birds. BUFF (36): 1, A. Keech, a gem, close feather, of rare quality, excels in head, body, wings and tail, this bird was soon claimed at catalogue price; 2, Muscott, well made bird, good chest and head, teems with quality, but has not quite the position of winner, still, a really good one; 3, Hathaway, another nice one, rich in plumage; 4, Waters, full of bloom, nice size, a real Norwich; vhc, Walton and Noakes, a bird we liked much, hard lines; hc, Pennell, nice one; c, Charlesworth. TKD. etc., YELL. UNFLI. (16): 1, Sandiford, dark cap and neck, wonderful colour, grandly made bird; 2, Bellamy, nearly clear, of lovely colour, and correct type; 3, Oliff, excellent body, nice wings and tail, wee bit flatter on top; 4, Sidgwick, bouncing big bird, wants steadying down, roughs out plumage, otherwise looks a nice one; vhc, Packer, excellent type, and full of quality; hc, Waters; c, Wiggins. BUFF (21) 1, Adnitt and Driver, real Bullfinch type, short, thick-set, wonderful head and neck, rare colour; 2, Pennells, bigger bird, fine body, not quite so good in head qualities, still a really good one; 3, Mullis, smart bird, of the right stamp, teeming with quality; 4, Daynes, fine large bird, neat good quality; vhc, Keech, rare colour and type; hc, Oliff, smart youngster; c, Weaver, very good one, but much too wild.

Yorkshires, etc.

The Yorkshires turned up well, 107 entries in 4 classes, many of them in prime condition, and looking as if they had just come from the laundry. YEL. COCK (27): 1, Dykes, shown in faultless condition, being full of bloom, really very fine bird; 2, Hawes, just a shade longer than winner, but hardly its equal in position, must, however, have run the first bird very close; 3, Cowgill, nice straight bird, stands well on perch, beaten in quality of feather only; 4, Easterling, another very nice, slim, typical bird; vhc, Spence; hc, Parrott; c, Brumby and Stone. BUFF (30): 1, 2, Dykes, a gem, shown in prime condition, excels in head, well filled in neck, fine back, nice pipe tail; second, a shade longer, equal in condition and quality, loses a bit in neck; 3, Warr, rare quality bird, shows itself well, but crosses wings a bit, otherwise very close up; 4, Mole, another smart bird, full of Yorkie properties; vhc, Burton, good one, bit stonter than winner; hc, Walsh; c, Spence. HEN (24): 1, Halliday, tkd. yell., grand head, wings and tail, stands well on perch, rare quality of feather; 2, Rev. Sales, buff, rather pale in colour, but of excellent quality, fine stand, well drawn; 3, Burton, buff, well-shaped, good position, perhaps a trifle stonter, shown in excellent condition; 4, Hawes, marked bird of nice length and rare quality of feather; vhc, Spencer, long one, rare size for a hen; hc, Linsey; c, Easterling. HEN, 1907 (26): 1, Spencer, very nice yell., correct length, good position and shown in excellent condition; 2, Hawes, yell., not quite so brilliant in plumage as first bird, but equal in other respects, fine length and shape; 3, Mole, buff, well drawn, excellent type and full of quality; 4, Smith, buff, similar to second, and almost its equal; vhc, Gray, mkd. yell., nice length and position; hc, Howes; c, Halliday. CREST OR C.B. (19): 1, Peters, fine big green, with nice large crest, will improve yet; 2, 3, hc, Simms, another green, similar to first, will also improve, third has rare large well-formed crest, but being rough in body spoiled its general appearance; 4, vhc, c, Radford, C.B. with abundance of feather and well browed.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

HYBRID (19): 1, Davies, Linnet-Bullie, rare size, shown in faultless condition; 2, Cook, evenly-marked Goldfinch in prime condition; 3, Marshall, Greenfinch Mule, rare colour, also in fine condition; 4, Tams and Son, very nice Goldfinch-Bullie, not quite so large as we have seen them, but good colour; vhc, Symonds and Son, very large Greenfinch Mule, just lacks the polish and brilliancy of third; hc, Andrews, smart Goldfinch Mule, ticked on eye and marked on one wing; c, Bodley, Goldfinch-Bullie, fine, large bird, unfortunate to-day. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (18): 1, hc, Judd, fine large Bullie, with nice breast colour and well-formed dense cap, big one for a Britisher; 2, King, smart Goldfinch, with nice blaze and body colour; 3, Tams and Son, a larger bird than second, very steady, rare blaze and well tanned, some preferred this bird for first; 4, Harrison, Bullfinch, excellent cap and colour; vhc, Mays, good Goldfinch, hardly ready; c, Levett. LINNET OR GREENFINCH (15): 1, King, Linnet in rare condition, rich colour and nicely marked; 2, Prior, equal in markings and size to first, not quite so forward and rich in plumage; 3, Goode, smart bird, but not steady enough; 4, Tams and Son, fine, large bird, well marked, rich plumage, also a bit unsteady; vhc, Marshall; hc, Hunt; c, Henshaw. No. 4 is a good Linnet, but wants steadying. SISKIN, ETC. (26): 1, Shaw and Hawkins, excellent Siskin, beautifully laced, rare colour, had some pepper; 2, 3, Goodhall, Lesser Redpoll, good colour, nicely marked, good bib; third, nice Twite, in good condition; 4, Coper, mealy Redpoll, rare size and quality; vhc, Cook, very nice non-fed Siskin; hc, Mays; c, Henshaw. HARDBILL (33): 1, Axe, charming Yellowhammer, markings perfect, in grand plumage and very steady; 2, Barwell, very smart Hawfinch, in rare bloom; 3, Levett, Bramblefinch, perfect condition and rare colour; 4, Cocks, good Bramble, similar to third, but a shade smaller; vhc, c, Mays, very nice Hawfinch and Bramble; hc, Pearce, Yellowhammer, seemed a bit thick. No. 17, Prior, was a very nice Chaffinch, we thought hardly dealt with in being passed. SOFTBILLS, SMALL (22): This was a wonderful class; we noticed two Yellow Wagtails, Stonechat, two Tree Pipits, Lesser Whitethroat, Nightingale, Willow Warbler, Nuthatch and Gold Crest, all cardless, and all good specimens; 1, 3, Lowne, very rare Pied Flycatcher, and a lovely Bearded Tit, one of the celebrated Norfolk gems, both specimens in prime order; 2, Burrows, very fine Wryneck, in rare trim, no one could have grumbled if this bird had won, three splendid birds; 4, vhc, Mays, sweetly pretty Gold Crest, in good form, and an excellent Nightingale; hc, Summers, lovely Redstart in grand condition; c, Mackwell, Treecreeper, was very lumpy when we took our notes. LARGE (13): 1, Axe, excellent Song Thrush, markings very fine, shown in splendid condition; 2, Bescohy, equally good Redwing, in spotless condition; 3, Poole, very fine Ring Ousel, steady and in good form; 4, Underwood, very nice Blackbird, with fine crocus beak and eye cere; vhc, Bloodworth, very steady Missel Thrush, also in good condition; hc, c, Cocks. FOREIGN, LARGE (5): 1, F. Howe, very fine Lory; 2, Davies, pair nice Redrumps; 3, hc, Twelvetree, couple of nice Parrots; vhc, Wilson, good Amazon. SMALL (9): 1, Cooper, Whydah, in rare form, rich in plumage, tail in perfect condition; 2, Davies, pretty pair of Ruficanda Finches; 3, Goodall, sweet pair of Nonpariels; vhc, Gouldian; hc, Howe, pair of Waxbills. SELLING £2: 1, Packer, good buff Norwich; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, yellow Cinnamon; 3, Hawes, Yorks.; vhc, Allen; hc, Peters; c, Waters.

SELKIRK.

The Selkirk O.S. held their 19th exhibition on October 10th. The show was held in the Union Hall, and the cage birds were staged round the hall, presenting a fine spectacle. The cats, rabbits, etc., were staged in the lesser hall by themselves. The total entries showed a splendid increase of 300 over those of last year's, and this is evidence of what the hard-working and energetic secretary, Mr. A. J. Watson, in conjunction with Mr. A. Westland, as assistant-secretary and treasurer has accomplished. Selkirk is known to have a goodly number of fanciers, who put their heart into their hobby, and they were well repaid by receiving a record entry. The committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. Thomson, W. S. Brown, J. Robertson, W. Turnbull, W. Reid, A. Rodger, C. Thom, J. Davidson, W. B. Thomson, W. Turnbull, J. Thomson, R. Graham, W. Imrie, J. Linton, R. Philips, J. Watson and A. Gill, gave their secretary every help, and were in full attendance on the show day. Altogether it was a most successful show, both as regards quantity and quality. Cage birds had an entry of 242, about 100 more than last year. In spite of the early season the cage birds were fairly well forward in condition. Mr. Henry Bennett Kelso, who acted as judge, had a pretty tough day's work to get through, but he, with the help of the stewards in attendance, had the cards on the cages in good time, and the fanciers, who mustered in good force to the show, were seemingly well satisfied with his awards, little dissatisfaction being expressed. Borders were well represented by most of leading fanciers, entries coming all the way from North Wales and Ayrshire. Yellow cocks formed a very uniform class, and the winner, which was shown by the successful Cumberland breeder and exhibitor, Mr. J. S. Wilson, Workington, was ahead of the class for finish and steadiness. Yellow hens taken altogether were scarcely up in bloom, although the winner was a nicely finished one, shown by another good Border fancier, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). Buff cocks were a grand class throughout, and not a few really good ones had to stand down, owing to the absence of that bit of extra bloom and finish which sets off a Buff to advantage. Buff hens were hardly up to the average generally seen at the Border shows, although the winning hen was a really good specimen. She could do with two or three weeks yet to get the bloom up on her. Even marks were a choice lot. Mr. P. McKenzie was the successful exhibitor here, and he staged a hen with quality of feather, combined with type, and nicely balanced markings. Uneven Yellows were a nice class, but perhaps slightly unsteady. Uneven Buffs contained some real gems, and a few winners could be found in this lot. Mr. McKenzie here again came to the front and secured the B.F.C.C. Medal, with a splendid three-pointed, shown in faultless trim. Yellow fouls were a very level lot and hard to separate. Buff fouls were all very fair. Greens mustered in strong force, and formed a fine class. The winner, which was staged by the well-known judge and breeder, Mr. John Watson (Selkirk), was quickly claimed at catalogue price. The same bird also won Hyde's teapot for best bird and the special confined to three-mile radius. The selling class contained many bargains, and some of these found new owners. The Norwich classes contained some good specimens, though most of these will be better in a month's time. British were a very choice and varied collection. The winning Bearded Tit was a marvel for condition, great credit being due to Mr. Sinton, a young fancier for turning his exhibit out so well. The large British was won by Mr. R. Laidlaw, with a nice Missel Thrush in fine condition. Foreign were also a choice lot, and the veteran fancier, Mr. J. Mason (Peebles), secured the first with a grand pair of red-faced Gouldians, which were greatly admired by the large crowd of visitors.

BORDER YELL. CK (19): 1, Wilson, fine position and finish, well staged; 2, Simpson, slightly heavier build, grand finish, slightly unsteady; 3, Thomson, grand head and front, slightly longer in wings; 4, Linton, nice filled-in back and front, bit unsteady; 5, Patterson, grand colour, not fined down; 6, Reid and Philip; 7, Jardine. HEN (14): 1, Patterson, very rich colour, and good finish, wins on condition; 2, Johnstone and Young, fine jaunty carriage and neat head; 3, McKenzie, grand type and nice position, little pale in colour; 4, Watson, neat body, scarcely ready yet; 5, Tait; 6, McWatt; 7, W. Dick. BUFF COCK (21): 1, McKenzie, good feather and well set on head, good wing carriage and neat pipe tail, well finished exhibit; 2, Wilson, not much behind, slightly better in colour and good quality feather, not quite so well up as winner in style; 3, Brown, another close up, very neat head, good rounded body and well tapered to vent; 4, A. and J. Thomson, slightly paler in colour, good wing carriage, well cut; 5, Patterson; 6, Johnstone and Young; 7, Robinson. HEN (23): 1, B.F.C.C. Novice Medal, McKean, well moulded, wing carriage of the best, and well carried head, wins well; 2, McKenzie, better finished feather, rather short in neck, but otherwise good type; 3, Watson, very fair, but not fit yet; 4, Brockie, neat bird, fails somewhat in colour and finish; 5, Barrie; 6, J. Tait; 7, A. Cairns. EVENLY MKD. (10): 1, McKenzie, very neat markings, fine carriage and feather, well staged, a buff; 2, A. and J. Thomson, well balanced Yell. Cin mark, good back and flights, rather flat below chest; 3, Barrie, good wing marks, rather longer in one eye, finely finished feather, buff; 4, Patterson, grand feathered Buff, fails slightly on right eye; 5, Alexander; 6, Simpson; 7, Reid and Philip. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Johnstone and Young, very fine variegated, in grand bloom, wins well; 2, Hughes, very jaunty three-pointer, falls slightly in finish; 3, Gilchrist, grizzle variegated, good quality. BUFF (14): 1, B.F.C.C. Medal for best Border, McKenzie, gem for quality; 2, fine eyes and one wing, A1 position and finely cut front, nicely rounded head, and not too heavy, eye well centred, staged to perfection; 2, Wilson, also a good exhibit, two eyes one wing, very steady and fine quality feather, just a trifle flatter in body than winner; 3, A. and J. Thomson, five-pointer, a bit heavier in body, good carriage and pipe tail; 4, Rutherford, close up A1 type, but not finished off yet; 5, Brown; 6, Kerr; 7, McKean. FOUL YELL. (1 or 2 marks), (7): 1, Gilchrist, very sweet head tick, neat and stylish, just a wee bit light in body; 2, Watson, head and wing mark close up, good finish and level colour; 3, Patterson, eye ticks, good drawn body, neat head, hardly finished; 4, Alexander, eye and wing tick, very fine, level colour and good finish, not much behind winners; 5, Barrie; 6, McKenzie; 7, J. Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Rodgers, grizzle back, well set on legs and nicely balanced body, a trifle unsteady; 2, McKenzie, eye tick Buff, grand quality feather, good back and wings, rather inclined to crouch on spake; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, foul on vent, good all-round exhibit, but not ready yet; 4, Reid and Philip, grizzle wing, fair good quality; 5, Cockburn; 6, J. Robertson. GREEN OR CIN. (17): 1, two specials, Watson, good sound green, well pencilled type of the best wins; 2, A. and J. Thomson, brighter shade of grass green, A1 feather, fails in under side pencillings; 3, Murray, another grass green, hardly so deep in colour, fine type; 4, Reid and Philip, Cin. hen, good feather and mould, well pencilled and sound under colour; 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 6, Watson; 7, Cairns. SELL. (18): 1, Murray; 2, McKenzie; 3, Linton; 4, Watson; 5, Johnstone and Young; 6, McKean; 7, Reid and Philip. NORWICH CK. (12): 1, confined special, Little, clear buff, fine full round head and grand front, beautiful frosted buff, wins easy; 2, Wilson, var. buff, grand head and back, deep body, hardly finished in front feather; 3, Black, Cr. Brd. good head property, and plenty of body feather; 4, Chalmers, spanking yellow, A1 head, rough in body feather; 5, Dick Bros.; 6, Small; 7, Roberts. HEN (13): 1, Wilson, a regular stunner for a hen, splendid head and short deep body, good bold eye and nice finish, wins well; 2, Chalmers, tick head, another bouncer of a hen, grand bullet head and chubby made in body, just a shade long in wings; 3, 7, Mitchell, Cl. Buff, hardly so deep in body build, good feather and front; 4, Lupton, well finished feather, rather on small side; 5, Gill; 6, Keddie. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Brown, good size, remarkable buttons, hardly up on blaze yet; 2, Westland, good bird, hnt ragged in moult yet. BRIT. SMALL (14): 1, 5, A. and W. Sinton, former Bearded Tit shown and staged to perfection, a lovely exhibit; 2, 3, Laidlaw, former Meadow Pipit in splendid feather and very steady, latter a very fine coloured Wagtail; 4, Gill, Chaffinch in lovely feather; 6, Small; 7, Simpson. LARGE (5): 1, Laidlaw, Missel Thrush in good feather, finely spotted and pure front colour; 2, Pearson, Starling in lovely bloom, very steady; 3, Brownlee, Song Thrush in fine colour and well laced front, good shape and well staged; 4, Bruce, another grand Thrush, but seemed cowed a bit, will improve yet; 5, McBain. FOREIGN (7): 1, Mason, lovely pair of Red-faced Gouldian Finches, looked as if newly arrived from the painters, so good were they in colour; 2, 5, 7, Watson, second, Long-tailed Parrakeet in good feather; 3, Alexander, a good King Parrot, fine body colour, hardly finished on head; 4, Leach; 6, Bruce. SELL. 15s. 6d. (7): 1, 4, 5, Hughes; 2, Chalmers; 3, J. Watson; 6, Gill; 7, W. Bruce. JUVENILE CLASS (14): 1, Veitch, very fine Goldfinch; 2, Reid, good modelled Border; 3, Robertson, Cinnamon Border; 4, Westland, Green Parrakeet; 5, Watson; 6, Watson; 7, Robertson, Junr. MULE (3): 1, Gill, very fine coloured dark Linnet and Canary; 2, Dalgleish, good coloured Siskin Mule; 3, Small and Polson, nice sized Redpoll.

BRADFORD (EAST) C.S.

The fourth members' show was held on October 12th, when a splendid entry of 107 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Wilson, of Allerton. All the open classes were well filled, and competition was very keen amongst the first half-dozen members in either section, who are running close for points. The following is the total points, including to-day's shows. Champion Section: Cruise, 88 points; Farrar, 57; Cowgill, 37; Hill, 27; Rushworth, 21. Novice section: Stables, 52 points; Northrop, 33; White, 30; Priestley, 29; Chapman and Bateman, 21. The shows have been productive of keen enthusiasm. The members have each entered into the contest with a firm determination to win, and there is only one more show (Boxing Day) to decide who shall be the winners of the various prizes offered by the society. Amongst the winners there were some real good exhibits that should hold their own at the Yorkshire Union shows this season. The novice classes contained some nice specimens, and many of these will find their way into the Union novice classes, where they will undoubtedly stand a good chance of carrying off some of the coveted prizes. Winners of most points were:—Champion section: 1st, Cruise; 2nd, Farrar; 3rd, Rushworth. Novice section: 1st, White; 2nd, Northrop; 3rd, Priestley. Mr. Wilson had a stiff afternoon's work selecting the winners, but came through the ordeal well, his awards being received with satisfaction. CHAMPION SECTION:—YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, Cruise; 3, c, Cowgill; vhc, hc, Farrar. BUFF (6): 1, Cruise; 2, Rushworth; 3, c, Farrar; vhc, hc, Cowgill. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, Cruise; 3, Farrar; vhc, Rushworth; hc, c, Hill. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, hc, Cruise; vhc, Hill; c, Cowgill. NOVICE SECTION:—YELL. YORKS (29): 1, c, White; 2, Northrop; 3, Warner; vhc, Peacock; hc, Chapman and Bateman. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Northrop; 3, vhc, c, Stables; hc, White. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Peacock; 2, 3, White; vhc, Stables; hc, Priestley; c, Chapman and Bateman. BUFF (17): 1, 2, Priestley; 3, Stables; vhc, White; hc, Laycock; c, Northrop. SELL., 12/6 (4): 1, Rushworth; 2, Riley; 3, vhc, Priestley.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Meeting held October 2nd. It was decided to fall in with CAGE BIRDS Prize Scheme. The table show brought out some nice quality birds, although many had not quite finished the moult; especially noteworthy was the Buff Yorkshire hen of Mr. Easby's, and the Buff Norwich cock of Mr. Meynell's. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Woodhead; 2, Easby; 3, Ratch. BUFF 1, 2, Easby; 3, Ratch. NORWICH: 1, 3, Meynell; 2 Popple.—E. WOODHEAD hon. sec.

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BROUGHTY FERRY.

Broughty Ferry held their third annual show in the Good Templars' Hall on October 12th, and it proved a great success. The hall is an ideal one, being free from draught, well lighted from the roof, with plenty of show space for the judges. The management of the show was up-to-date, the working stewards being well up to their respective parts, good all-round, energetic, and obliging members, who did their utmost for the benefit of the exhibits and public. To mention one individually would be impossible, as everyone strove to outdo his partner. The management was under Mr. Chas. Muir, and right well he carried out his important duties of secretary, being here, there and everywhere, yet always to be found when wanted. One special feature of the show was a lady steward on the Norwich section in the person of Mrs. Keill, wife of the well-known Scotch Fancy breeder, and I should say she is a better attendant than her better half. The way she handled the birds proved she had not obtained her knowledge from one year's experience. Another feature was that exhibitors were allowed to remove their birds in time to catch their trains, which is always a good point, and one to be remembered with extra entries the following season. The entry all round was grand, some classes being very closely contested, especially in the Scotch Fancies and Norwich, some rare high-class specimens being on view. The judges had a very heavy day's task, but managed to get through in good time, and their awards on the whole were well received. Catalogues, marked, were on sale by three o'clock, and the show was largely patronised by fanciers and the public, and everything looked like its being a financial success. Scotch Fancies were judged by Mr. Wm. Webster and Mr. John Kean conjointly, and their awards were well received; in fact, we did not hear a single murmur. The cup winner for best young bird was that grand Yellow cock shown by C. W. Keill, a gem for a youngster, plenty sub, and fine style. These classes throughout contained many outstanding specimens, and on the whole competition was keen. A bird that took my eye was the Buff cock, a splendid moulded one and very free. I heard that the Yellow pied hen, commented on last week at St. Andrew's, has been purchased by Mr. Carmyllie, of Broughty Ferry, the price paid being a good one. The Norwich section was judged by Mr. Campbell, a well-known breeder of this variety, and he was rewarded by a large and varied entry, which he handled in his usual masterly style. The Plainheads were exceptionally strong both in numbers and quality, many tip-top specimens meeting to do battle. The Crests and Crestbreds were a superb collection, some heavy eye-browed gentry being on view. The best in Norwich section turned up in this lot in the shape of a topper of a Crested hen, shown by C. W. Reid, and which was fully commented on at St. Andrew's, where it also won. You could scarcely see her for cards, she being the winner of 1st in class, Hyde's special for best, cup for best young bird in section, and another special. This hen is only six months old, and a tempting offer was refused by her breeder at St. Andrew's. Borders were judged by Mr. Pettigrew. On the whole, the classes were well judged, the winners being all feathered like boxwood, but I thought some of them a trifle too large. Competition for the cup was keen in this variety, and was secured by a yellow mark, Mr. H. Bennett's, a bird of grand type, and teaming with quality. This was Mr. Bennett's first turn out this season, and the team he had down looks like upholding his reputation. Entries in this section were strong, and the judge had some trouble to spot the winners. Mules and British and Foreigners were a show in themselves, and were judged by Mr. P. Pettigrew, who is always at home among the wild birds. Peter can get through them when he is in order, and to-day he was at his best, and judging as fine a collection as ever were drawn together at a country show. The Linnet, Siskin, etc., classes were bot ones. Birds of great merit being on view and contesting leading honours closely. Foreigners were a splendid show, birds of gorgeous plumage being on view.

"CAGE BIRDS" COMPETITION.—This being the first Scottish fixture to run CAGE BIRDS Competition, there was some excitement among the various exhibitors, who would supply the winner, as an extra 10s. means something towards paying your expenses at a show when you have a team. There were thirty-two competitors. This competition in the opinion of many, will be the means of drawing more Scottish exhibitors than ever to the Great Glass House in London, and probably bring together such a collection of the Bird of Circle, that has never been seen in the South. The 1st prize winner turned up in the winning Yell Pied Scotch Fancy cock exhibited by C. W. Carmyllie, a bird of great quality throughout. The 2nd prizewinner was the 3rd prize Yellow Scotch Fancy hen exhibited by Mr. Keill, a lady of good shape and quality. The 3rd prizewinner was Cameron's unnoticed Buff Norwich cock, a bird of great promise, a beauty for type and quality, but which when judged in class would not show. Later on, however, it was all that could be desired.

Scotch Fancies.

YELL.: 1, cup, Keill, good for a youngster, very erect, grand length of side, nicely rounded top end, a gem and no mistake; 2, Black, good, pronounced drive, beaten across by winner, nice top-ended bird; 3, Brown and Whittet, grand style, plenty lengtb and drive, well placed; 4, Auchterlonie, very nice shaped one, good depth, style, and top end; vhc, Low; hc, Curtis, c, McGregor. YELL. PIED, ETC.: 1, Carmyllie, rare shape, fine depth, grand top end, gets to work freely, fine sided bird, good, taking position; 2, Thoms, slimmer got up, but beautiful position, and grand length of side; 3, Shanks, grand length of side and fine top end, nice reacb and drive; 4, Merrilees, good style, free mover, nice drive and reach, beaten in substance; vbc, Carmyllie; hc, Ramsay; c, Merrilees. BUFF CL., ETC.: 1, Low, a topper for substance, rare depth across, fine rounded top end and reach, good driver, put down in clinking style; 2, Black, longer if anything in side than winner, very free in action, splendid drive, beaten across, and scarcely so good in shoulders; 3, Low, grand length, nice substance, fails in style to winner; 4, Thoms, fine substance and nice length, a bit inclined to be slow; vhc, c, Keill; hc, Carmyllie. BUFF PIED, ETC.: 1, Ramsay, grand top end, beautifully rounded shoulders, rare side and plenty of action, grand substance; 2, Carmyllie, close up for substance and size, nice top and drive, lacks the style of winner; 3, Shanks, grand driving bird, finely modelled, worthy of its place; 4, Beattie, slimmer built, but good, all round actioned bird; vhc, c, Ross; hc, Berwick. YELL. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, Merrilees, a good, all round hen, possessing nice sub., very erect, grand shape and style, wins; 2, Henderson, plenty of style, a gem for action, rather sparer in feather yet; 3, Keill, rare length of side, and fine action, grand frame, will be heard te'l of when ready; 4, Stiven, another good-shaped one, well up in feather, a shade slower; vhc, Curtis; hc, Carmyllie; c, Ramsay. PIED, ETC.: 1, Black, grand substance, combined with good style, nice, rounded top and free drive, wins comfortably; 2, Low, nicely-moulded bird, plenty of action, grand condition, beaten in size; 3, Carmyllie, good top end and reach, fine style, a shade small; 4, Thoms, similar lines to 3rd; vhc, Berwick; hc, Smith; c, Kenneth and Muir. BUFF, CL., ETC.: 1, Ramsay, grand depth for a lady, a shade unsteady at times, but all there when worked up; 2, c, Keill, grand driving hen, fine length of side, slimmer get up than winner; 3, Black, nice, shapely bird, very free, good substance throughout; 4, Ramsay, fails in style to winner, but great substance throughout; vhc, Carmyllie; hc, Henderson. PIED, ETC.: 1, C. McGregor, wins on depth throughout, splendid top end, nice, reachy bird, good action; 2, Berwick, thinner got up, but grand top end, rare reach and shoulders, grand dirve, close up; 3, Keill, plenty of size, and good top end, beaten in freeness of action; 4, Carmyllie, rare worker, splendid style, fails in substance to winners; vhc, Crichton; hc, McNaughton; c, Kiddie. SELL. Cocks (£1): 1, Beattie; 2, Kenneth and Muir; 3, Thoms; 4, Low; vhc, Keill; hc, Campbell and Wilson; c, Curtis. HENS: 1, Campbell and Wilson; 2, Carmyllie; 3, Merrilees; 4, Curtis; vhc, Carmyllie; hc, Thoms; c, Keill.

Norwich, Cinnamons, and Crests.

CLEAR or TICKED YELL. CK.: 1, Mitchell, head tick, regular blaze of colour, lovely shape and good cut, teaming with quality, a good one; 2, Chalmers, shade slimmer in front, but grand quality of feather, very fit; 3, Thomson, very neat, got up in fine quality of feather, grand shape, rare head; good style, well finished off; 4, Robertson, lovely shade of colour, and well cut; vhc, Martin; hc, Forrest; c, Cameron. BUFF: 1, Martin, not the hottest in colour, but a beauty for shape, and sub. grand front, and rare wing carriage, very showy bird; 2, Chalmers, longer in shape, but plenty substance, well rounded on top; 3, J. Hampton, bouncer for size, and plenty colour, nice shape, beaten in finish; 4, Jeffrey, grand shaped one, very neatly got up; lovely front and carriage, scarcely ready yet; vhc, Thomson; hc, J. Howie; c, Griffiths; unnoticed, No. 8, Cameron, a gem for quality and shape, would not show when judged in class, wins 3rd prize "C.B." Competition. YEL. HEN: 1, Cameron, grand feathered bird, splendid tone throughout, nice rounded all over; 2, Martin, shorter in build and good shape, rather unsteady at times, but all there when you catch her; 3, Brown, good coloured one, grand size and plenty sub., inclined to be rough in feather; 4, Mitchell, another hot one for style, grand bloom, shade longer in body, well placed; vhc, Ireland; hc, Whyte; c, Garden. BUFF HEN: 1, Thomson, grand one, rare frontage and fine head, nicely carried wings, good colour, in A1 order, closely followed by 2, Grewer, another bouncer, grand body, plenty of it, also neat in head and finely pulled up; rare carriage and put down in masterly fashion; 3, Dorward, good quality throughout, fine size and neatly made, very wild at times; 4, Henderson, nice type and quality of feather, grand size; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Harris, c, Mackie. VAR. OR GREEN YELL CK.: 1, Cameron, grand size, but a shade slim in front, lovely head and good carriage; 2, Cuthill, good made one, nice sbape and grand size, rather rough in appearance; 3, Howie, nice shape, splendid moulded bird, rare style, paler in colour; 4, Sharp, plenty sub. and colour; vhc, Chalmers, we greatly fancied, gem for shape and quality, lovely colour and finish, sbade unsteady; hc, Forrest. BUFF (12): 1, Marr, lightly var., rare size and splendid shape, lovely headed bird, with beautiful wing carriage, wins easily; 2, Strachan, plenty size, grand carried bird, shown to perfection; 3, Adams, another gem for carriage, but inclined to be broken in colour; 4, Thomson, good quality of feather and well staged; vhc, Harris; bc, Garden; c, Howie. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Milne, an easy winner, beauty for shape and quality, rare deep colour and teaming with quality; 2, Howie, grand body and rare carriage, nice shaped bird, beaten in finish; 3, Ritchie, plenty size and substance; 4, Soutar, longer made bird, nice finish; vhc, Greig; hc, Dorward. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Thomson, plenty size, good front and lovely mover, grand substance throughout, rare colour and teaming with quality; 3, Kemp, botfed one, good style, again well rounded in front; 4, Harris, not the largest but a gem for style, lovely shape and grand head, well worth her place, a beauty; 2, Marr, nice type aud quality, goodfronted bird, fails in wing carriage; vbc, Grove; hc, Garden; c, Harris.. CINNAMON (12): 1, spl., Strachan, Jonque, a gem, grand size and shape, and a blaze of colour, lovely pencilling, rare style, plenty substance and quality, a beauty; 2, Fyffe, another lovely pencilled bird, scarcely the depth of colour, grand feather and finish; 3, Wilson, again a hot one for colour and shape; 4, Rae, buff, good one, finely mealed and plenty sub., well up in markings, again in rare bloom; vhc, Rae; hc, Hartup; c, Wilson. SELL.: (15/-) (16): 1, Soutar, bouncing yellow, dirt cheap one; 2, Mitchell, good shaped buff; 3, Brown; 4, Adams; vhc, Warden; hc, Duncan; c, Rae.

NORWICH.—DARK CREST: 1, hc, Whitton, a gem for shape, plenty of substance, splendid, well-rounded crest, coming well down all round; 2, Wilson, good headed bird, fine length of feather, but beaten in crest; 3, Esson, nice-shaped one, little tbin on top, and scarcely so far down on front, wants a little more time; 4, Finlay, green, fine, deep top gear and plenty of it, but inclined to rise at back; vhc, Findlay; c, Millar. HEN: 1, cup, three spls, Reid, a gem of the first water, beautifully staged, a topper and no mistake; 2, Watt, smaller, beautifully groomed, grandly placed on side and back, beaten but not by any means disgraced; 3, Whitton, plenty of size and sub., good, lengthy top feather, inclined to rise a little; 4, Welsh, nice rounded crest of fine length, good frontal, inclined to rise; vhc, Buchan; hc, Dryden; c, McNaughton. CREST-BRED: 1, Welsh, clear, a bouncer for size, great substance, and in lovely order, grand entrance, and beautifully lashed, rare sided bird, noble face and head; 2, Esson, another hot one, fine, wide entrance and length of feather, scarcely so well carried back; 3, Shillinglaw, rare body and feather, slightly narrower in entrance, good, lengthy top feather; 4, Whitton, again well up in size, beaten in entrance and lashing; vhc, Buchanan; hc, McNaughton; c, Griffiths. HEN: 1, Henderson, wins best length of feather, entrance and grand shape, put down in splendid order; 2, Esson, grand wide entrance and fine lashing, if anything a shade lighter in build; 3, Whitton, fails to winner in entrance, grand lengtb, fine sub., a good order; 4, Malcolm, fails in size and length of feather; vhc, Ovenstone; hc, Shillinglaw. LIGHT CREST: 1, Shillinglaw, not a feather out of place, nice, leafy tone, coming well to end of beak, plenty of sub. and grand quality, a gem; 2, Sharp, rare fronted bird, fine, dense feather, scarcely so good on sides, well up in substance; 3, Reid, good all round top-piece, but inclined to rise a little; 4, Buchan, nice, shapely crest, well groomed, but sparse compared to winners; vhc, he, Bruce; c, Watt. SELL.: 1, Whitton; 2, Esson; 3, hc, Millar; 4, Law; vhc, Griffiths; c, Reid.

Borders and A.O.V.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. CK. (20): 1, Forrest, good level colour, inclined to be a bit leggy, but fairly good stamp; nice fronted bird, fails in condition for to hold this place to-day; 2, Munnock, good feather, shorter than winner, and grand shower, nice all-round bird, looked a shade nervous; 3, Lawson, rare feathered one, gem for quality, grand rounded body and grandly moulded, in rare bloom, soft a little when judged; 4, Walker, longer, good feather, and nice position, again in A1 order, nicely moulded and good colour, fine wing carriage; vhc, Craig; hc, Dargie, good one, poorly staged, a likely winner if looked after; c, Hyslop. BUFF (15): 1, Falconer, a strong made one for a Border, but as tight as wax in feather and staged in rare order, a good stock bird; 2, Smith, in grand feather, nice all-round bird, but a shade strong; 3, Bennet, grizzle on neck, in tip-top form, teeming with quality, in full song, a shade too high condition to show to perfection; 4, Christison, well drawn and fine position, a good feathered one; vhc, Craig; hc, Hyslop; c, Douglas. A.O.C.: 1, Falconer, yellow uneven, lovely quality of feather, and rare stamp, correct size, a topper for style, but very poorly staged, worth a better cage; 2 and 3, Stirling, another good yellow, nice style, but a shade thin in front, grand position, lovely shower, again in rare bloom; 3rd clinking buff, faultless style and feather, but inclined to be flat on head, in this point beaten by both 1 and 2, still a good exhibit and well worth its place; 4, Buchan, nice quality yellow uneven, good rounded bird of fine carriage, raro back and wings, put down in grand fettle; vhc and c, Craig, good 4-pointed buff for type, scarcely ready yet; hc, Hood, nice all-round green. CL. or TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Lawson, grand shape, shade strong in front, but as round as a marble, lovely head and neck, grand position, grand pipe tail, a beauty for a lady; 2, Wilson Bros., nice body and lovely tone of colour, beautiful position, fine type wing carriage and rare head, a gem for quality, must have pressed winner; 3, Craig, another fine shaped one, grand style and feather, if anything scarcely so good in wing carriage, still a good one; 4 Bennett, rare colour, well drawn, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Cousins; hc, Stirling; c, Douglas BUFF HEN: 1, Johnston and Young, topper, easy winner, in lovely bloom, splendid moulded bird, grand position, and lovely carriage, rare front, teeming with quality; 2, Sadler, head mark, strong made compared to winner, but a gem for feather, grand position, well trained; 3, Meemoch, clear, very fine position, lovely head and rare wing carriage, in fine bloom; 4, Christison, shade nervous, nice style, but splendid type and quality; vhc, Douglas; bc, Forrest; c, Fowler. A.O.C. HEN: 1 and cup for best young bird, Bennett, even yellow, nicely marked, a shade strong on body if anything, but in lovely feather, well drawn and in full go; 2, Stirling, grand feathered buff, beauty for type and quality, rare shape, lovely cut, very stylish, must have pressed; 3, Walker, nice one, lovely shape, an old face looking very fat, gem of a hen, teaming with quality; 4, Craig, good one, rare type and feather, splendid wing carriage and grand front, should be heard of again vhc, Cousins; hc, Smith; c, Sadler. SELL. 7s. 6d.: 1, Bennett, good yellow cock; 2, Johnston and Young, good shaped buff one; 3, Hill and Roland; 4, Craig; vhc, Wilson Bros.; hc, Lyall; c, Logie. A.O.V.: 1, Carmyllie, good yell. Belgian, plenty top end and shoulders, grand substance throughout, and gets to work well, in nice order; 2, Curtis, ycll. Belgian, plenty length of side, scarcely so free as winner; 3 and c, Boocock, Gold Lizard, good cap and spangling, inclined to be a little soft, not ready yet; 4 and hc, Fortune, tip-top buff Yorkie, might have been 2nd here, grand lengthy bird, put down in rare condition; vhc, Ross.

Mules, British and Foreign.

CANARY MULE: 1, Ross, Canary-Bullie, St. Andrew's winner leading, in grand bloom, very steady and good colour, wins on rarity only; 2, Buchanan, large Var. Linnet Mule, good colour and in very fine condition, marked on head, wings, and tail, a gem and no mistake, well put down, might have won to-day; 3, Watson, dark Goldie Mule, nice size and good blaze, very distinctly marked, in good feather; 4, McInroy, dark Siskin Mule, well fed, plenty size and quality, well worth its place; vhc, Sharp; bc, Gavin; c, Duncan. GOLDFINCH: 1, Pendrigh, nice Goldie, the best in size and colour, dense face and grand cheeks, lovely back and wings, teeming with quality, very unsteady as yet, but well staged; 2, Couper, house-moulted, fine blaze and size, very nicely marked, shown in grand condition; 3 and vhc, Campbell and Wilson, good size, wants colour, but lovely shape, fine fronted bird, steady and shows to perfection; 4, Bishop, well-made Finch, and very steady, beaten in colour; hc, Cullen; c, Malcolm. BULLFINCH: 1, Cullen, easy winner, grand dense cap, even colour, rare size, lovely wing bars, nice back, not a feather out of place, steady and put down to perfection; 2, Watson, good breast colour, but as shade smaller in cap, good 2nd; 3, Colville and Forsyth, another nice quality bird, again a little behind in finish; 4, Fraser, nice size and steady, good dstinct markings; vhc, Fraser. LINNET: 1 and hc, Cassiday, full of life, a nice one, well pencilled all over, nice fronted bird, good ground colour and type, steady and teeming with quality, well put down; 2, Wilkinson, well up in markings, fails condition to winner, a little dark in colour, well laced on breast; 3 and vhc, Ramsay, grand size and good colour throughout, scarcely so distinctly marked as winner, nice quality of feather, but inclined to be soft to-day; 4, McInroy, good size and colour, very good whites and nice shade of brown, steady aud in rare condition; c, Love. SISKIN, Etc.: 1, Law, good Siskin, finely cut cap, well laced, good wing bars, fine size, but lacks the bib of fourth, wins on colour and cap; 2 and 3, Dickie and Smith, bouncing Mealy Redpoll, great size and lovely markings, gem of the first water, not a feather out of place, could have won and no one grumbled; 3rd, tip-top Twite for size and markings, good quality of feather and very steady; 4, Crockett, Siskin, better bib than winner, and as large, well worth its place; vhc, Learmouth; hc, Brisbane; c, Dryden. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Gilmour, grand Hawfinch, rare bib, dense colour throughout, lovely distinct markings, shining like silk and staged to perfection, wins cleverly; 2, Gray, rare Yellowhammer, splendid colour and size, lovely head markings, and beautifully coloured on breast, a gem for size and steadiness; 3, Wilson, nice Bramblefinch, plenty size and well marked, very good condition, very steady; 4, Crockatt, Hawfinch, good colour, grand dense markings, but very unsteady yet, will make a topper; vhc, Brisbane; hc, Keith; c, Malcolm. SOFTBILL LARGE: 1, Thomson, Blackbird, lovely crocus bill, scarcely up in feather yet, well staged; 2, Crockett, Redwing, taking exhibit, very steady and good dense markings, fine size and grand colour, in rare bloom; 3, Cumming, Starling, lovely sheen, and very well pencilled, steady as a rock, well put down; 4, Irvine, Shore Lark, nicely marked, rather dull in feather yet. SMALL: 1, Easton, Grey Wagtail, in very good order, nice tone of colour, very steady, beautifully staged, leads a grand class; 2, Pendrigh, clinking Redstart for size and colour, grand head and fine distinct whites, very deep crimson on breast, a beauty, exceptionally well staged, fit for any company; 3 and 4, Crockett, large Wryneck, splendidly marked, in exquisite order, a gem and no mistake, might have been better staged, perhaps; 4th, Tree Creeper, splendidly staged, nice size and good markings, in lovely order, very steady; vhc, Malcolm, Willow Warbler, in grand trim; hc, Dickie and Smith, Great Tit, nice colour; c, Henderson. SMALL FOR.: 1, hc, and c, Gavin, Shaft-tailed Whydah, in grand bloom, lovely tail feathers, and splendid sheen all over, greatly admired; 2, Irvine, Green-crested Cardinal, now coming into grand order, fine exhibit; 3, Gowans, Long-tailed Whydah, beauty for colour and quality, fine size and well staged; 4, Lawson, pair Yellow Budgerigars, in lovely order, good deep coloured ones; vhc, Henderson. PARROTS, Etc.: 1, Wilson, Blue-fronted Lorrikeet, gem for colour and beautifully put down; 2, Cummings, Long-tailed Parrot, in grand order, very taking exhibit; 3, Gaffney.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.A.

The annual show of the Edinburgh Western O.A. was held under the same roof as the Edinburgh O.S.—the Grindlay-street Hall—on October 12th, and was a pleasing success. The exhibits consisted of Scotch Fancy, Norwich, Crests, Border Fancy, Canaries, and Mules. In Scotch Fancy there were some very fine specimens. Norwich were strong and of grand quality, and they were benched in faultless condition. Crests were good and of great substance and quality. The Borders were a treat; it is really marvellous how the Border gets into such beautiful feather—little wonder he is a special favourite. The Mules might have been stronger in quality. A splendid executive, namely, President Mr. Ballantine, the popular and enthusiastic secretary, Mr. Thomson, and a practical committee, made excellent arrangements for the exhibits and visitors, and to them is due every credit for the treat those who visited the exhibition enjoyed. They announce that the Society re-opens on Thursday, November 7th, and cordially invite fanciers to join. With the judges, wisdom was shown in the selection; they were Messrs. Arnot, Urquhart, Muir, Hogg, and King for Scotch Fancy section, and Mr. Patterson, Chirnside for Norwich section.

SCOT. FANCY YELL. (18): 1, McNivan, grand upstanding exhibit, full of merit, an easy winner, rare depth of side and wing; 2, Gorrie, neat typical bird; 3, Morris, small but very neat; 4, Marshall; 5, Douglas; 6, 7, 8, Stavert. HEN (15): 1, Stavert, nice typical exhibit, close in feather, in grand order; 2, 5, Thomson, 2nd fine model; 3, not in catalogue, good stamp; 4, Dodds; 5, Ballantine; 6, Mackay. YELL. PIED (10): 1, Ballantine, good all-round typical exhibit, nice style; 2, Thomson, neat, sweet bird; 3, McNiven, good quality, nice style; 4, Blair; 5, Martin; 6, Burgess; 7, 8, Thomson. HEN (12): 1, 5, Whitefield, 1st erect, fine drive and droop, nice body swing; 2, Thomson, better size, grand substance, not so stylish; 3, Bowman, fine all over exhibit; 4, Thomson; 6, 7, Gillanders; 8, Blair. YELL. TICKED (3): 1, Morris, most close-feathered bird. HEN (10): 1, Bowman, a beauty, wins easily, fine type and style; 2, spl., Mackay, fine quality and type; 3, Kirk, good stamp; 4, Stavert; 5, Douglas; 7, not in catalogue; 8, Rose. YELL. GREEN (3): 1, Martin, erect, fine drive and droop, good shoulder and body; 2, Thomson, fine quality, good style; 3, Gillanders, fine type. HEN (6): 1, McNiven, neat and very typical, a model; 2, Morris, neat and close in feather; 3, Martin, good substance; 4, Thomson; 5, Gillanders; 6, Thomson. BUFF (14): 1, Martin, great, decided drive, fine droop, good shoulder and body, wins easily; 2, spl., Mackay, good all over bird; 3, Rose, fine size and style; 4, 7, McNiven; 5, 6, Stavert; 8, Thomson. HEN (17): 1, spl., 3, 5, Burgess, 1st erect, head down, grand shoulder and body, quick but steady; 3rd really fine type; 2, spl., Thomson, fine model, good throughout; 4, 7, Mackay; 6, Tbomson; 8, Rose. BUFF PIED (21): 1, spl., 7, Burgess, 1st really first-class bird, erect, decided drive, prominent shoulder, good body swing; 2, Morris, excellent all through, stylish; 3, spl., Bowman, a beauty, fine stamp; 4, spl., Rose; 5, spl., Thomson; 6, Whitefield. HEN (25): Grand class. 1, Douglas, erect, rare drive, and droop, good body, shoulder, and wing; 2, 3, 4, spl., Burgess, 2nd erect, fine head and neck, good drive, round shoulders, splendid body; 3rd rare stamp; 5, Morris; 6, Whitelaw; 7, 8, Young. BUFF TICKED (5): 1, Burgess, erect, decided drive, fine droop, plenty of top and good body and wing; 2, Gorrie, good quality and style; 3, Thomson, good stamp; 4, Martin; 5, Young. HEN (9): 1, 3, Burgess, very neat model, quick in movement; 2, Mackay, fine exhibit, good stamp; 4, McNiven; 5, Stavert; 6, Kirk; 7, Ballantine. BUFF GREEN (7): 1, 2, Burgess, erect, decided drive, good throughout; 3, Blair, fine type; 4, Gillanders; 5, Martin. HEN (17): 1, Thomson, very typical, easy win; 2, Martin, good quality, fine type; 3, etc., not in catalogue; 5, McNiven. BORDER CL. OR TKD. YELL. (12): 1, 6, Mackie, 1st rare quality, nice colour, fine taking style, grand wing carriage, and full of merit; 2, Marshall, excellent quality of feather, nice type throughout, fine carriage, nicely tapered; 3, 5, Douglas, grand quality of feather, fine carriage; 4, Denholm; 7, Cherry; 8, Aitchison. HEN (15): 1, Blackie, champion, an easy win, finely shaped, grand wing carriage, nice size; 2, Marshall, nice colour and size; 3, 5, 7, Mackie, good type; 6, Cherry; 8, Whitefield. BORDER COCK (18): 1, 2, 4, spl., 5, 7, Machie, 1st nice type throughout, fine carriage, well staged; 2, good quality, nicely tapered; 3, Blackie, fine type, rare carriage and finish of feather; 6, Cherry; 8, Thomson. HEN (14): 1, 4, 5, not in catalogue; 1st, grand Buff, rare feather, teeming with quality, splendid size and shape; 2, 3, 6, Mackie, 2nd grand quality of feather, but scarcely so stylish as winner; 3rd good all over body; 7, Mackie. VARIEG. GREEN OR CINN. (25): 1, spl., 5, Aitchison, winner with ease, a beauty, nice type throughout, fine carriage, very graceful and full of quality; 2, spl., 3, spl., Douglas, grand pair, full of quality; 4, 6, Mackie; 7, spl., Thomson; 8, Cherry. NORWICH YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, Blackie, 1st grand substance, rare colour, deep tone throughout, nicely finished, fine carriage, graceful; 3, nice size and frame, neat wing, carriage vigorous; 2, not in catalogue, finely coloured, good type and size; 5, Douglas; 6, Taylor; 8, Young. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Blackie,, 1st teeming with quality, splendid substance and type, in full bloom; 3rd very fine quality of feather, grand size and typo; 2, 6, Douglas, 2nd staged to perfection, good size and type; 4, 5, Brodie. NON-FED NOR. (10): 1, Whitelaw, grand size and substance, fine feather, wins easily; 2, 5, Thomson; 2nd well staged, full of quality; 3, Brodie, a beauty, finely put down; 4, 6, Spruce. CREST (11): 1, Elder, plenty of substance, fine groomed crest, lovely quality of feather, nice radiation; 2, 3, Burgess, good quality, nicely groomed, grand substance; 4, Douglas; 5, Micklo; 6, Spence; 7, Kirk. CRESTBRED (9): 1, 3, 5, Elder, finely lashed, wide entrance, plenty of feather and good body; 3rd good quality, plenty of substance, in grand condition; 2, Burgess, well groomed, rare body and substance, fine length of feather; 4, Meikle; 6, Spence; 7, 8, Todd. MULES (8): 1, 3, Blackie, both neat, tidy Greenfinch-Canaries, finely staged; 2, 4, 5, 6, Bowman; 2nd lovely Linnet-Canary, grand size and typo.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

DOES THIS BREAK THE RECORD?

Hatching in October.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in CAGE BIRDS from a gentleman saying he has had eggs in September, I thought I would write and tell you of my birds. I have a Green hen with a clear Yellow male bird, both last summer's birds. She has three young birds, a month old last Saturday, October 12th, and is now sitting again on five eggs. So I should think this will almost break the record.

(Bournemouth). H. HAILEY

"STAMP FOR REPLY."

SIR,—"Annoyed" has my fullest sympathy. I also have written to a regular advertiser in your columns, under the heading of "wanted." I also enclosed a stamped envelope for reply. I can assure him it was plainly addressed to me, so he evidently never replied. I certainly fixed a price for what I wanted to sell, but if he thou the price was too much the least he could have done was to acknowledge receipt of my letter. It is a pity that such men advertise, but I can assure you if I have a good cause I shall certainly expose such. Last spring I wrote to a large dealer at Bradford, and a more courteous letter could not have been written than I received from him (and without a stamped envelope for reply, too).

ANOTHER ANNOYED.

CANCELLATION OF CAGE BIRD CLASSES AT BLYTH SHOW.

SIR,—I would be obliged if you will kindly advise Cage Bird exhibitors that we have had to cancel their section owing to being unable to get the Cage Bird Union licence on account of clashing with Darlington and Jarrow on November 30th next. I pointed out to Mr. Lythgoe that we would not be likely to affect or be affected by these shows, and that we could not alter date as we have all arrangements made for poultry, pigeon, cats and fancy mice class judges, but it appears that he was instructed by his council not to grant licence, consequently we have been reluctantly compelled to concel the Cage Bird classes. It is a great pity, as we intended to make a bold bid for success this year in this department. I might mention that our date was fixed immediately after our 1906 show.

JAS. GRAY, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL DERBY ASSOCIATION.

Presentation to Mr. Thos. Smith.

SIR,—Again we ask you to insert the following subscriptions that have been received on behalf of this presentation, and from the remarks made in the letters we receive the members are quite in sympathy with the step taken. One correspondent states that no man can equal our worthy Secretary in the getting-up of a show, or for the deep interest taken in the advancement of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Robert Moonie, Glasgow, 1s.; McVie and Sons, Bonnybridge, 2s. 6d.; R. Bunten, Kilmarnock, 5s.; A. McCaig, Glasgow, 3s.; R. Thom, Dundee, 2s. 6d.; A. Hamilton, Caldencuit, 2s. 6d. We will be in attendanee at the Glasgow Show on Saturday next, Oct. 19th, and members who are inclined to assist us we shall be pleased to meet and receive whatever they may be inclined to give. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kindness in assisting us by allowing us to report collections in your paper which has grown so much of late. No wonder its rapid growth has taken place, being conducted on sound commercial lines, and giving freedom to both sides in matters of correspondence.

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THE TICKED AND CLEAR QUESTION

An Appeal to Settle it.

SIR,—It is interesting to see how this question again crops up simultaneously with the opening of the show season. Sooner or later the question will have to be dealt with in a businesslike way, and some definite interpretation decided upon. Why, then, should not it be tackled without delay, and thus save many heart-burnings and disappointments? Last season I drew attention to the ruling of the "Father of the Fancy" on this point—a ruling which left no doubt as to which class any given bird belonged to. But the voice of the majority should prevail, and if it should by chance go against that ruling, of course that rule should go. But the voice of the majority must first give forth a definite sound. Discontented growls and mutterings are worse than useless. Will not fanciers rouse up and make an earnest endeavour to settle once for all, and for every variety, the question—What is a tick?

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

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GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

SIR,—The question has frequently been asked of late: "Who are the parties responsible for the running of this show?" Further, rumours have been circulated throughout the country with the evident intention of injuring this Society, to the effect that the promoters are a few irresponsible fanciers of mushroom growth, and quite incapable of carrying such an undertaking to a successful issue. I shall, therefore, esteem it a favour if you will permit me, through the columns of your widely-read journal, to inform all fanciers that this show is being engineered by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Norwich, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club, with a membership of 80 fully paid-up members, and which is in a sound financial condition. The club was instituted as far back as October, 1889, and one year later held its first club show; further, under its auspices one of the largest, if not the largest, club shows in Scotland has been held for the past 17 years. Open shows were also held for three successive years in the early nineties, but were discontinued from various causes, so that the show to be held this year is simply a revival of an old fixture. On its membership roll are included Messrs. J. Ferguson, president of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club; J. M. Lay, and A. Chalmers, president and secretary respectively of the Scottish Crest Club; T. Erskine, an ex-president of the Scottish British Bird Club; R. Eastman, A. Sloan, S. Ward, M. Craig, G. G. Henderson, G. McPhail, W. Griffiths, R. Young, A. K. Chalmers, P. Easton, etc., all of whom are fanciers well and honourably known in the exhibition world. I should liked to have furnished a complete list of members' names, but that would take up too much of your valuable space. The names submitted, however, will suffice to prove that the men responsible for the management of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show are fanciers of ripe experience, and are no novices at the game. In conclusion, I beg to assure all intending exhibitors, and I hope they are many, that everything possible will be done for the birds' comfort and welfare while under the care of my committee.

J. BROWN, Secretary.

GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH HYBRIDS AND HOW THEY WERE BRED.

SIR,—When reading my CAGE BIRDS I notice almost every issue contains some very interesting and instructive articles on Hybrid breeding. Hearing of a personal friend of mine being home for a holiday, and having brought a Goldie-Bullie Hybrid with him (one of two cocks, his own breeding), I made straight away to see him. On enquiry he tells me his Hybrids were bred in the kitchen, on a shelf near the water tap, only 2½ feet from the floor. This is encouraging to breeders who have no special bird-room or aviaries. The facts of the case are, I think, worth recording. This being his first attempt at Hybrids, he purchased a wild Goldie and a German hen Bullfinch in February. Some wise fancier advised him against the unmoulted Goldie cock, saying it would not breed. So he tried the Bully hen with a Norwich cock Canary, but the hen would have nothing to do with him. A house-moulted cock Goldie was introduced, with the same results. Then a big Mealy Redpoll was tried, but it was no go! At his wits' end, he put the unmoulted Goldie cock in with her, with the result she was soon swirling in the nest and crooning to him all day. She laid five eggs, and thinking they would be empty, he left three with the hen Bully (which the Goldie soon disposed of). The other two eggs, being placed under a hen Canary, hatched out, but she would not feed them. My friend then purchased a green hen Canary to be ready for the next round. The hen Bully laid five more eggs exactly ten days after. The green hen laid her first, as the Bully laid her last. So they were placed under the Canary, and the Canary eggs placed under the hen Bully, who sat on them nine days unmolested, but then left them. In the meantime, the Canary hen hatched out two Hybrids and reared them. The Bully hen laid three more eggs, and the Canary five, but as the two Hybrids were still being fed by the Canary hen, the eggs were sacrificed for want of a foster-mother (which should be a warning to all Hybrid breeders to keep a good stock of feeders). These Hybrids were bred by Mr. Thomas Hood (Portobella). Both being cocks, they will, no doubt, make their debut at some leading show in the North, and make the breeder feel proud of his birds, and will reward him for his paticnce, also induce him and others to redouble their efforts, making the backbone of their birdroom the feeding hens.

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THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND NON-UNION SHOWS.

A Warning.

SIR,—Further to my letter of last week, as to affiliated or licensed shows being able to accept entries from any exhibitor, C.B.U. members must not understand this to mean that they are eligible to exhibit at all shows. C.B.U. members can only exhibit at shows held under C.B.U. rules, and unless the Union Show rules appear in the schedules, they must not assume that the show is held under its rules, though it may be so announced. This warning is necessary, as some shows are advertised as held under C.B.U. rules that have not had licenses granted them.

—GEO W. F. LYTHGOE.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—To pursue this correspondence further seems needless and likely to serve no good purpose. Still, I cannot refrain from taking notice of the three letters in your last issue on the above subject. Interested readers will observe that all three writers assert there is a "clique" in the S.B.B. and M.C. If such as they say exists, I am not aware of it, and I defy anyone to say I have ever acted in part with any "clique" in connection with any society or club I am a member of. Might I ask the wiseacres, of whom this supposed clique is formed, and how they work? The 14 members present at the Kirkcaldy meeting were all, more or less, from different parts, and I challenge "A Member" on the accuracy of his statement when he says a dozen or so of these members form a clique. The meeting consisted of two members from Glasgow, two from Bathgate, four from Edinburgh, one from Cupar, one from Dunfermline, one from Leith, one from Thornton, one from Ketty, and the Secretary (the latter took no part in the voting). Does this look like the combination of a clique? Take it from me, the clique is all on the other side, and that the three writers form part, if not all, of the clique. It is passing strange that three writers in one issue should all make the word "clique" their distinctive text, for from that word the entire matter of their letters emanates. Had they been tactful they would have refrained from using the same word in all three letters. But what else can you expect? One man has the courage of his convictions and signs himself "W. Johnstone." Who Mr. Johnstone is I know not, unless it is a new member last year, in the person of Mr. Johnstone of Auchenheath, Hamilton, who, of course, must be one of the aggrieved of Hamilton. Of the other two writers, no one need take much heed, for a man is no man at all who cannot place his name to his production, so that it might be known how to answer him—in fact, I might almost presume they are not members at all, as a grave doubt always exists under a nom-de-plume in cases such as is before your notice. So far as I am aware, the S.B.B. and M.C. is in quite a healthy state. The Secretary assures me new members are joining weekly. What else can we expect, or what more can we desire?

L. J. ARRIGHI.

DARLINGTON C. & B.B.F. ASSOCIATION & CAGE BIRD UNION LICENCES.

SIR,—As the Cage Bird Union have refused to grant us a licence to hold our second annual open show on November 2nd under Cage Bird Union rules, on account of the date clashing with Blaydon-on-Tyne (an affiliated society), we take this opportunity through the fancy press of asking all members of Cage Bird Societies non-affiliated to the Cage Bird Union to patronise our show by giving us a good entry. In fairness to the Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, on application being made for a licence, he stated that the date for our show clashed with that of Blaydon-on-Tyne, and asked if we could not alter our date. I informed the Secretary (Mr. Lythgoe) that, as we had made all the necessary arrangements to hold the show on that date (having engaged judge, place to hold show, etc.), it would not do to alter date then, and asked for our application to be reconsidered by laying it before the Council of the Cage Bird Union, which was done, and the licence refused. It seems rather strange that a licence can be granted to the Darlington Cage Bird Society, although the date of their show clashes with Jarrow (an affiliated society). It would be well if secretaries of non-affiliated societies would work together, and try to get their members to exhibit at each other's shows, as in a case like this the Cage Bird Union are not dealing fairly in granting a licence to one society and refusing a licence to another society in the same town, as if our show clashes with Blaydon, the other society's show must clash with Jarrow, the latter place being nearer Darlington than Blaydon. Schedules for our show have been sent out, and if any fancier intending exhibiting has not already received one, on application being made one will be duly forwarded.

R. S. BLACK. Hon. Sec.

QUAKERS THAT TALK.

SIR, Doubtless the letters in CAGE BIRDS anent Quaker Parrakeets talking will bring out news of several other talking Quakers. It would be interesting to learn in each case whether the talker was a male or female, or, if both, which sex possessed the fullest repertoire and the plainest speech, and—this point should be important—whether it was a single bird kept alone as a pet, or whether it had other companions. The probability is that when kept alone as a family pet the Quaker is quite capable of acquiring speech somewhat freely, but its objectionable cries do not appear to be lessened by its ability to talk. If this were not so, we should scarcely expect good practical aviculturists, such as the late Dr. Greene, Russ, and several others, to put on record the ability of the Quaker to acquire speech. Indeed, one old authority went so far as to declare he heard the birds talk in their wild state—that, however, was doubtless an error of judgment or observation; at any rate, it is best taken "cum grano salis," and a fairly big-sized grain, too, I would say.

Writing of recording the sex of the Quaker Parrakeet that speaks most fluently, calls to mind the fact that much more might yet be learnt as to the respective abilities of male and female in other varieties of the Parrot tribe. Take the most fluent species all round, the Grey, as the type of all the talkers, we know comparatively little whether the male or female is the cleverest mimic. Considering the power of speech as analogous to song, we should, of course, expect to find the best talking Parrot among the males, although for some inscrutable reason the talking Parrot is proverbially a "Polly," and thus, theoretically, a female.—F.Z.S.

A SIMPLY-REARED GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—Hybrids being few and far between it may interest your many readers to know that Mr. H. Connerton, of Carlisle, has succeeded in rearing a very fine specimen of the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross. This respected fancier's speciality is the "Wee Gem," but usually he has one or two British in his well-appointed bird room, just by way of a little variety. As the breeding season comes round he generally puts one pair of British together, making no elaborate arrangement, simply running them into a single breeding cage, nest pan hung in corner (same as for canaries), puts part of an old nest taken from the hedgerow in bottom of cage for building material, and takes his chance of getting a cross. He has tried many crosses, had full eggs, but still some misfortune or other spoiled his chance. This year he put up a Greenfinch cock with a hen Bullfinch; they soon became mates, and went to nest, laying three eggs, which the birds somehow destroyed. But on the appearance of their second nest Mr. C. paid more attention; two eggs were saved, both laid in the nest pan; a third one had apparently been dropped on the sand tray and broken. These two eggs were placed under a trustful Border Fancy, and on August 27th one youngster made its appearance, the other dying in the shell. The young Hybrid grew very fast, being a glutton for egg and ground biscuit and simple canary fare. When a fortnight old it was strong enough to leave the nest; it was a rough looking customer, and never seemed content but when it was hunting its small foster parents up and down the cage for food. A month old it began to pick for itself, at which it soon became an adept. The foster parents were no doubt much relieved when their strange care was removed to an apartment of its own. It still shows its wild nature, but is now becoming steadier, and doing well under the attentive handling of its owner. In appearance at present it looks like a young Bullfinch, and is undoubtedly a cock. This bird having been so simply reared, let us hope that Mr. C. safely moults his first Hybrid, and that it may find its way to the show bench, where other fanciers can pass an opinion on probably the first Greenie-Bullie ever reared in Carlisle.

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My Young Robin.

With Some Practical Observations on Hand-rearing.

By DYDDGU HAMILTON.

Except to the skilful and experienced fancier the hand-rearing of young birds is supposed to offer insurmountable obstacles. Yet the knack can be acquired by almost anyone, although at some ages birds are far more difficult than at others.

Human Babies and Birdie Babies.

The human infant of a few weeks old will suck at anything by whomsoever offered, but, after he begins to "take notice," will accept his milk from no one but his mother or his nurse; even so a baby bird, naked and blind, will gape for anybody, and will swallow down any kind of food they may choose to pop into its open beak. But no sooner is it feathered and able to flutter from its nest than the young brancher becomes as fractious as its human brother, keeps its beak obstinately shut against even the most appetising morsels, and would rather starve to death than demean itself by taking sustenance from any other than its lawful parents. Unfortunately, it is just when the baby birds are at this wayward and intractable stage of their existence that the unskilled are most often called upon to nurse them.

The Responsibility Fixed.

Unless one happens to be a real bird fancier, no thoughtful person lightly carries off a nestful of young birds for the mere pleasure of bringing them up by hand. Yet for many of us, never a summer passes without our having brought to us some feathered baby, which has been blown from its nest by a storm, or rescued from the jaws of the cat, or picked up on the highway, quite unable to help itself, and yet apparently deserted by all those rightly responsible for it. One must be hard hearted indeed to resist the double appeal of the defenceless bird and of its youthful finder and would-be friend.

"Mother is too busy, but you will take care of it, won't you?" is the request confidently made by my own child companions many times during the spring and summer. Yet the task is no light one. It means very early rising, the utmost perseverance and patience, and the exercising of a kind of skill only acquired after long practice.

When I myself was a child, my "finds" in the way of little birds were usually put on a little hay, in the bottom of a covered basket, with a pan of water and a saucer of soaked bread beside them. If the unfortunate little creatures did not promptly drown themselves in the water-pan, they quite certainly refused to taste the sop, and their death was usually as speedy as it was inevitable.

The then authorities excused themselves for their ignorance and incompetence by saying that "wild birds always die of a broken heart when taken from their parents and deprived of their freedom." Sentimental rubbish! Birds die from improper feeding (or no feeding at all), not from lack of liberty; and, therefore, when early this spring a baby Robin was brought to me to rear, it was with the full knowledge that the success or otherwise of the experiment depended entirely upon my own ability that I undertook the responsibility.

Deserted, but Independent.

The little bird was found deserted on the drive, on one of the wettest days of this very rainy spring, and he was certainly too young to have left its nest. Although partly feathered it had no tail at all, and much black down still showed on its back and on the top of its head, giving it a most quaint and uncanny appearance. Such plumage as it had was yellowish-brown, mottled with buff, each feather being tipped with darker brown. It had the large, full, black eyes and slender bill of the Robin, and a wide yellow gape.

In spite of being wet and cold, and draggled as to its plumage, it greatly resented any advances or efforts made for its comfort. The larvæ-box, or caterpillar cage, was warmly lined and softly padded with scraps of flannel, and in that it was placed, after having its bill forcibly but gently opened, and two small mealworms resolutely crammed down its throat.

Every half hour this feeding was repeated, but not before two whole days had thus passed, would it open its beak of its own free will to be fed. Then for two weeks more it made no attempt to pick up its food for itself, though crying eagerly for it to be given to it as often as I approached its cage. After the first few days it seemed to grow thirsty, so each mealworm was dipped in clean water before being dropped down its throat.

Precocious Feasting and Vocalism.

For the first fortnight the little Robin ate nothing but mealworms; after that, for about a week it had earthworms, cut small; and then again, as soon as it began to pick up for itself, it was given mealworms and ants' eggs and small green caterpillars unrolled from the curled-up leaves of hazel and oak, in which they conceal themselves. In addition, he ate many spiders which were caught running with their bags of eggs over the fallen beech leaves in the wood.

The tiny stranger grew apace, and when it had been with us for a month (and it could have been only about six weeks' old), one fine morning, very early, it started singing—further, it sang the real Robin song, although in a very low and gentle voice. Its singing thus was the more remarkable because it had spent the greater part of its four weeks' captivity in London, and could have heard no bird's song but that of the Canaries and the Weaver bird, which were the home pets at the time.

Master Robin very soon took to pulling up and swallowing long blades of grass, and it likewise devoured a considerable quantity of earth. It would, too, eat the wings of moths and of butterflies, after feasting on their bodies, and occasionally it would gulp down a fluffy feather. It had the appetite of an alderman, and the digestion of a schoolboy!

Some Interesting Traits.

The Nightingale and the Robin certainly, and all other insectivorous birds probably, cast up pellets (just as Hawks and Owls do), formed of the indigestible portions of their food. So it seems likely that it was to assist it in making these castings that the little Robin ate the grass, feathers, and other things of that sort which could hardly be supposed to form part of its diet proper.

In the early weeks of its captivity, although ready enough to fly upward, it was very reluctant to fly down from its perch to the ground, and therefore a slanting branch was placed in such a way that it could sidle down it from its favourite perch to its food-pan on the floor of its cage.

Long before it had lost all its down, Bobbie took vigorously to its bath, splashing about in it until it was too saturated with water to be capable of flight. But outside its bath it seemed to have few interests, and for the most part would eat and sleep, stretch, and sleep again. As it grew older it became more lively, hopping about the grass and searching for insects with great agility, occasionally jerking up its tail till it looked like a Jenny-wren, with its brown plumage and whirring wings. Then it would seize a tiny pebble in its bill, throw it and knock it about and pursue it round the cage, as though it were some live prey it was intent on slaughtering and devouring.

Pictures of Contentment.

All young animals, when they are well and happy and in good spirits, seem to play games just for amusement—as kittens run round after their tails and rabbits jump over each other for fun; Pee-wits and Night-jars tumble in the air; the agile Jerboas frolic with the sand.

So my little Robin, too, is subject to this universal joyous instinct, and delights me with its merry gambols. Of all playful pets there are none more companionable and amusing than the young birds that one has taken the trouble to rear from the nest. They know no fear and show a perfectly whole-hearted devotion to those who care for them. They cannot miss the freedom they have never enjoyed, and, indeed, far from trying to escape, if allowed to fly they will always return to their cage—perfectly content with captivity.

How I Bred my Winning Canaries.

Some Reminiscences of an Old-time Fancier.

By JOHN B. WATERMAN.

(*Continued from page* 126.)

A VICTIM OF THE WEATHER.

In common with a great number of fanciers, I was the victim early on of the execrable climatic eccentricities then experienced, having the misfortune to lose a most charming buff hen. She was on her first round and had been brooding four eggs twelve days, when she was suddenly seized with acute inflammation, and despite all my efforts to save her she died within a few hours. I at once placed her eggs under another hen, and I am delighted to say they all hatched out and the birds form a most promising quartette. Still, the loss of the hen was a serious one, as she was well-bred, her father winning first at Morecambe and her mother third at Manchester, both in 1905. A few days after sustaining this loss I had a beautiful buff stock cock, one I had purchased two seasons back from that well-known Yorkshire judge, Mr. W. Mundell, seized with illness during one of the cold snaps, and he too quickly went "across the bar."

FIGHTING DIFFICULTIES.

Then I lost several promising young birds, but these misfortunes only served to spur me on to further effort, and I am delighted to say I experienced no further mortalities amongst my stock. These disappointments and failures are at sometime or the other the lot of all bird-keepers, but young beginners must not for one moment permit these little drawbacks to discourage them, as if they do, they can never do much good. They must peg away with a firm determination to overcome the difficulties, remembering the old adage, "its a long lane that has no turning." They are sure to come out triumphant in the end.

THE CLOSING STAGES.

I separate my breeding couples with the close of July, as I am no believer in late hatching, and my stock of young birds numbers fifty—all doing well. Besides Yorkshires, I have up a canary and siskin, a goldfinch and bullie, a greenfinch and bullie, a greenfinch and canary, and a bullfinch and canary; but with these I have so far had no luck, as the weather has been all against hybrids. I am not without hope, however, as the hen bullie has laid four eggs to the greenie, and is sitting them with as much apparent solicitude as a canary. She is in a double breeder, with the nest pan shaded from view, and takes not the least notice when being fed and watered. At the recent Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Young Show, I put down a team of fourteen, and despite having three birds wrong classed as being slightly ticked, I succeeded in winning a first, second, third, fourth, and two specials. The birds put out of competition were highly eulogised by the judge, and two of them won first and second at the Deptford C.B.S. Young Bird Show. In feeding I have worked on the well-known orthodox lines, but all information of this sort will be found clearly set out in "House's Canary Manual," which has very considerably helped me, and I would advise all beginners to obtain a copy of this most excellent work. Thus equipped, and with the addition of CAGE BIRDS every week, they will find the hobby of bird keeping, breeding, and exhibiting, one of the most fascinating known to mankind.

FAMILY REMINISCENCES.

My late grandfather, and his father before him, both kept the London Fancy, and on the walls of their rooms I have seen hanging many fine drawings of these truly handsome birds. The plumage was of a rich golden yellow, or deep orange, the flights and tail being jet black. These birds commanded high prices, despite the fact that their beauty was short-lived, and it was very difficult indeed to obtain one out of the Metropolis. My father always showed a predilection for the Yorkie, and when visiting the Crystal Palace with him a quarter of a century back, I have heard some extremely heated debates as to what constituted a good bird of this variety. Indeed, so excited did the rival parties sometimes become, that the assistance of the police had to be invoked to remove them from the show arena. They were stirring times to be sure!

"FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS."

Well, I determined at last to follow the parental footsteps and take up the "bird of grace and beauty," and accordingly made a start with fifteen pairs. I acted upon the advice given previously and went to one of the best breeders in Yorkshire, told him what I wanted, the price I was prepared to go to, and I am pleased to say I was well served, as, instead of getting a lot of "wasters" for a small sum, by paying a trifle more, I secured some really choice birds which had come from a pedigree strain. Perhaps before detailing my breeding experiences a description of my bird-room and cages may prove of interest. The former is favourably situated, as facing south-west it gets plenty of sun (when there is any, and there has been precious little this summer), while it is sheltered from the cold winds, which in the spring and early summer play such sad havoc with the birds. I have never had any artificial heat in my room, but as this is situated over a warm kitchen and has a small hot-water pipe running through it in connection with the range below, the temperature is always equable, and in the depth of winter my glass seldom drops much below 40 deg. Fahr.

HOW TO TREAT THE BETTER HALF.

The room is always made as cosy as possible, and if fanciers are blessed, as I am, with a wife who takes an enthusiastic interest in the birds, they will look after this part of the business. If, however, the "better half" displays any apathy towards your hobby, employ a little diplomacy in the shape of an occasional visit to the favourite milliners—this will often work wonders!

I have fixed up on three sides of the room four tiers of stout shelves, upon which are placed the cages. These are made of the best pine wood and are what are known as the box-pattern. They are enamelled blue inside and black out, with loose wire fronts. They are each 30 ins. long, 10 ins. wide, and 16 ins. high, with a movable partition through the centre so that one pair of birds can be accommodated on either side, if desired. I find it best, however, to allow one pair to have the sole use of the cage, as I am a firm believer in letting our feathered pets have as much room as possible in which to exercise their beautiful wings, especially during breeding operations. The partition is fitted with a small wire-work arrangement, so that when placed in position the young birds can be placed on one side and fed by the parents from the other, the latter meantime preparing for their next family.

THE END OF THE SEASON.

When the pairs are broken up at the end of the breeding season, the cages are thoroughly washed in hot water and carbolic and used as training-cages thus: the partition is placed in position with the wire work spoken of uppermost, and the birds being on either side will draw themselves up to their full height in order to get a view of his next-door neighbour through the aperture, for canaries are notoriously of a very inquisitive turn of mind. These cages in Yorkshire are styled "Peeping Toms," and are found in many of the big Bradford rooms. Of course, all the training in the world will never make a winner if the bird does not come of the right stock, but if he be well-bred, blood will tell, and this training will help him to catch the judge's eye, for judges do like a Yorkshire to pose well when being handled. This is why I would urge beginners to pay a fair price and get the genuine article, for one real good bird will bring more honour than a hundred duffers.

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The Treatment of Parrots.

Some Hints for Lovers of Talking Pets.

By "ALBA."

The management of pets is not always associated with neglect; indeed, there is such a thing as "killing with kindness," and disease occurs with much greater frequency where pets, avian or quadruped, are kept under unnatural or unfavourable conditions, and are overfed or fed on improper food material, than when natural conditions are accompanied by a certain amount of privation.

Quite as bad is that intermittent attention which is unfortunately all too common, when the bird is "forgotten," and so alternates between a feast and a fast; the neglect of to-day being atoned for by a plethora of food to-morrow.

To keep birds successfully in captivity it is essential to bear in mind their natural habitat and habits. Parrots are preeminently a tropical group of birds, only one or two species being found beyond the limits of the tropical and sub-tropical regions. The English Parrot market is supplied almost entirely by importation; and in starting to keep a parrot it is highly desirable to acquire an acclimatised bird, and when it is acquired to remember its tropical origin. Many of the birds hawked about the streets are fresh from ship-board—not the private property of the sailor who has "had it with him several voyages," or has "brought it home for a friend who has since died," or who "cannot be found,"—but from ship-board as part of the cargo, brought over as a commercial speculation, and a large proportion of those imported die.

The wisdom of giving preference to a bird known, or warranted, to be acclimatised, even if it does cost a few shillings more, and of selecting a variety recognised as long-lived and hardy, cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Some varieties of parrots, of which there are a great many, are much more delicate, and, so far as this country is concerned, much shorter-lived than others.

THE GREY PARROT.

The Grey Parrot.—*Psittacus erythacus*—is the most frequently kept in this country, and deservedly ranks first in popular favour on account of its docility, superior intelligence, hardiness, and fluency of speech. It is one of the most healthy and long-lived of Parrots, although not the most handsome, or remarkable for its brilliant plumage, and by far the best "talker." It is a native of Guinea and other of the hottest parts of Africa. In size, the grey parrot varies from 9 to 12 inches in length. The bill is black, strong, and much hooked, and the orbits and space between them and the eyes covered with a bald, white skin. The entire body is of a combined pearl grey and slate colour. The feathers of the head, neck, and underparts of the body are also edged with a greyish white. The tail is of a deep bright scarlet, and the feet and toes are grey, tinged with red.

An example of longevity, says "Alba," in the "Mark Lane Express." is given of a bird at Amsterdam that had attained its eighty-first year, and had moulted for sixty-five years before the process had become irregular and the plumage defective.

The great essentials for keeping Parrots healthy are plenty of warmth and sunshine, as becomes their tropical origin, and scrupulous attention to cleanliness, as becomes birds whose favourite abiding places in a state of Nature are the banks of streams and rivers, in which they bathe many times a day.

Except in the case of the Cockatoos and the long-tailed Macaws, whose plumage would be injured, a cage is better than a pedestal, to which the bird is chained by the leg, because the cage can be covered during winter nights, which prevents draught, and adds greatly to their comfort.

OBSERVATIONS ON FOOD.

In a state of Nature, the food of the Parrot consists chiefly of fruit and berries, although it is asserted by some authorities that a few of the tribes live on roots and succulent herbs. Since the introduction of sheep into New Zealand, a Parrot—*Nestor mirabiles*—has changed its habits, and taken to flesh feeding—tearing the lumbar muscles of the living sheep in order to get at the kidneys.

None of the species brought to England are, however, other than vegetarians, and thus meat, butter, eggs, salt, and sugar are not natural foods. The staple diet of many Parrots, especially Lories, in confinement, is bread and milk, and an essential is that it should be fresh. Milk, especially in warm weather, soon goes sour, and stale food of any kind induces disease. Sour bread and milk is especially productive of diarrhœa. The orthodox method of preparation is to cut sufficient bread in thin slices, soak it in hot water for a few minutes, and then squeeze it as dry as possible, afterwards pouring over it a sufficiency of scalded milk to moisten it without making it too soft. Nothing left over the previous day should be allowed to remain, especially in summer, and the food-vessel, which should be of glass or earthenware, never of zinc, should be carefully scalded out.

Some authorities deprecate the use of bread and milk as a staple diet, and, remembering the natural food of the Parrots, recommend seeds, nuts, fruits, and vegetables as not only ample for the bird's requirements, but most conducive to the preservation of its health.

FORBIDDEN THINGS.

Parrots appreciate variety, but, unfortunately, they are very much like their owners in displaying a strong preference for the foods that are most injurious. Being interesting and companionable birds—inclined to be "chummy," if we may so express it, with those to whom they take a fancy—they are often fed from the table, and treated all day long to tit-bits. In the interests of the bird such promiscuous feeding should not be indulged in, and should be sternly forbidden. Dr. W. T. Greene, author of "Parrots in Captivity," and many other works on cage birds, deprecates the use for Parrots of animal food in any form, and recommends good, sound hemp and canary seed, maize, oats, dari, buckwheat, fruit, green foods—such as lettuce, green peas, and cabbage—and a bit of sugar now and then, but nothing containing salt.

Many Parrots have a great liking for meat, and a great many indulgent owners are even ready to satisfy the "likes" of their pets, regardless of future ill-effects on their health, and then want a "cure" for what would have been much more easily prevented. There is no kindness in this. There is a general agreement among authorities that feather plucking and eating—a most troublesome habit, in respect of which no bird is such a frequent offender or so difficult to cure of it as the Parrot—has its origin in an acquired taste for meat induced by the bird being indulged with scraps of animal food. Whether this be so, or a heated state of the blood and irritable condition of the skin is caused by feeding with flesh, the practice of giving meat or bones to pick is bad.

IMPORTANT POINTS.

Parrots do not drink a great deal, although natural frequenters of well-watered situations; but there should be provided for them a never-failing, pure and clean supply of water, and ample opportunity for free bathing. This is very beneficial to the health of the bird, and in accordance with its habits in a state of Nature. If opportunity is afforded, Parrots will bathe several times a day.

An important point, and one often overlooked by those keeping birds in confinement, is the provision of grit. The gizzards of birds is to them what teeth are to mammals and sharp grit is to the avian subject, a necessity to digestion. The fine silver sand, which seems used by many for sprinkling the bottom of the cage with a view of facilitating cleaning out rather than providing food grinding material is not sufficiently coarse. Clean, coarse, dry gravel, or fine flint grit, should be supplied, and it should be frequently changed, so as to let the bird select what instinct teaches it is best suited to its requirements.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

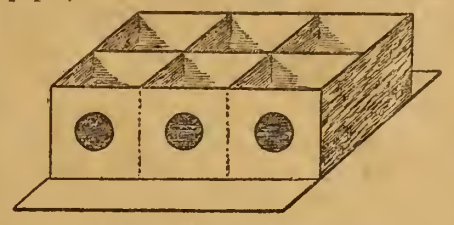
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 145.

A NOVEL AVIARY SEED BOX.

Sent by F. A. Wilkinson, Prospect House, Taylor Hill, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

Enclosed is a sketch representing a seed box that I have made for the finches in my Aviary. It is made out of an ordinary oblong 50 cigar box, divided up the centre, then across in two places (as shown in drawing), thus making six separate spaces for different seeds. The top of the box, forming the lid, is of glass cut to size, thus giving plenty of light; the edges are covered with a narrow strip of tape, or paper, so as not to cut the birds' feet.



A Novel Aviary Seed-Box.

Holes 1 inch in size are drilled opposite each space, rather above the centre, so that birds can get at the seed. This I find a very useful idea, where seeds are required to be kept separate. It can either be laid on the floor of aviary, or, if desired to be hung up, an extra piece of flat board can be nailed to the bottom of box, allowing, say, 2 or 3 inches to project on each side, where the holes are, thus making a platform for the birds to stand upon.

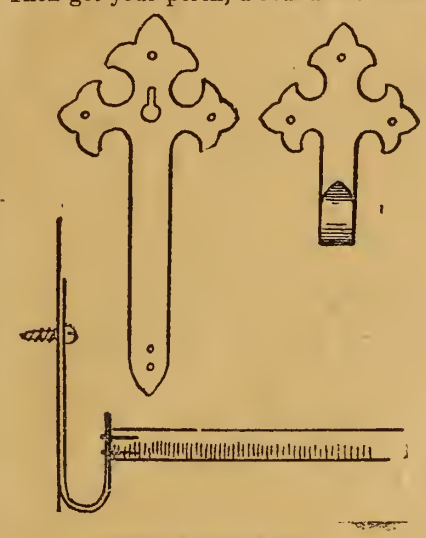
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No. 146.

A NOVEL SPRING PERCH.

Sent by R. H. Fell, 31, West Avenue, Leicester.

A spring perch that will easily fasten on the back of a cage can be made as follows: Get an ordinary picture holder, as per illustration, and straighten it out flat, and then make the holes at the bottom. Then get your perch, a round one about 6



A Novel Spring Perch.

to 8 inches in length, and nail or tack it on through the small holes. When you have fastened it on, bend the holder back again to its original position, only a trifle further back, if anything. The slot at the top, shown in sketch, is so that it can be easily removed from (lifted off) a round-headed screw. I think the illustrations will convey what I mean. Readers will be more than surprised at the "springiness" of these perches.

Reginald H. Fell.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Late Sand Martins.

To see a couple of Sand Martins in the middle of October is a rather unusual sight, although instances have been noted of later appearances, but these would be quite the exception. As a rule this smallest of our Swallow birds is the first to depart south. Since the end of August the weather has been exceptionally mild and summer-like, and this may possibly account for the late departure of many species. The Sand Martin is the least familiar of our migratory common birds. As is well known, they nest in the sides of some disused sand pit, where they burrow holes to a considerable depth, sometimes as much as four feet, two feet or a little more, being about the average depth. Both birds assist in this work. The diameter of the hole is about three inches, but at the extreme end it is widened to allow room for the nest and the sitting bird. The gallery slopes upwards from the entrance and often turns two or three times before the end is reached.

In searching among these colonies, I have frequently found places where the birds have excavated only a few inches into the soft soil, having abandoned the position. In many cases a large stone in the way has been sufficient to turn them, but this is not always the cause, and it is a difficult matter to account for the birds giving up the position after expending so much labour upon it. Sand Martins are the earliest of our Swallows to arrive in the Spring, consequently we should expect them to be slightly hardier than their relatives, and therefore in no hurry to depart, but as they go first, it only proves how little we actually know of the economy of birds. These birds are rather capricious in the choice of a site for a colony, although sand cliffs, railway cuttings, old quarries, or places of a soft or sandy nature are the usual places selected.

There are few more interesting sights than to watch these little birds upon a summer evening, flying about the vicinity of the nests. Some are clinging to the face of the cliffs, others darting in and out of the holes or sitting quietly at the entrance preening themselves, as birds do, while the majority are hawking about for insects, never straying far from the colony. When once established they will return year after year to the same spot, and I have seen the workmen digging for sand, and the birds nesting in the same sand pit, almost side by side. As a rule, one will find these birds selecting a site in the vicinity of water, possibly on account of the insect life so frequently found in such spots.

Habits of the Widgeon.

The Widgeon breeds in the Arctic regions, and migrates here in vast numbers, frequenting our coasts and marsh lands during the winter months. Here they form fair game for the wildfowler, and occasionally big bags are obtained. Upon the approach of summer they disappear northwards, just a few pairs remaining to breed in the northern parts of Scotland, where they nest upon the marshes near the mountain forests. Streams and pools of water must be plentiful to suit the Widgeon, for, being a duck, he is naturally in his element where these abound.

A Note on the Grebe.

Few birds are able to swim and dive so well as the little Grebe. If one of these smart little birds be examined closely, it will be noticed that the feet are not webbed like the Ducks, but have lobes upon them like those of the Coot. It is very seldom we manage to see the Grebe upon land, for he is almost as much at home in the water as the fish, upon which he mostly feeds. Occasionally in the early morning or late evening we may surprise him some little way from his beloved rush-fringed stream, when he instantly dashes back to cover.

A Pretty Sight.

One of the prettiest sights in the meadow now is provided by the parties of Pied Wagtails. By the size of the flocks (generally five to seven in number) they are evidently all of one family, and two or three of them appear to be just a shade smaller in size than the others, and have hardly the clear marking one expects to see in adult birds. It is very seldom one sees a Wagtail feed from the ground upon grass land; they appear to catch most of their food while it is in the air. Flies and gnats would be their principal prey just now. But a little later, when they may be seen following the plough, they evidently take an enormous number of small grubs, beetles, etc., for they can be seen running swiftly over the rough ground, and frequently stopping to pick up something. They evidently have good appetites when at liberty.

Advertisements continued from page 240.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 3/6; large doune aviary, 7/6; exchange Yorkshires, Norwich, or offers; others.—Tutty, 18, Keen's-terrace, Mitcham.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, grand colour, picked for muling or show, 2/0 also one full song, good cull bird, used catching, 5/; exchange early pullets, offers.—Vale, Wagon Works, Lydney, Glos.

EXHIBITORS. House-moulted Shorelark, perfect, ready for immediate exhibition, 15/; first-class house-moulted Greenfinch, nonfed, winner, extra good shape and colour, 10/-; would exchange for good Paradise Whydah or exhibition Softbills; stamp reply.—Robert Cumming, 45, Hawkhill, Ayr.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FIVE common hen Canaries, 10/-; useful exchange.—Sumsion, Old Bridge, Bath.

CANARY hens, seven common, 10/6; or exchange Pullets, preferred.—15, Aldbridge-st., Walworth.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, also Parrot cage; exchange anything.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE four large young Yorkshire hens for good Roller cock.—39, Hartington-rd., Wandsworth-rd.

EXCHANGE 56 lbs. clean 1907 wild seed for two hen Canaries; offers.—Smith, Orcharlleigh, Highworth.

EXCHANGE four hen Canary feeders for Border or Norwich show cages.—Hitchings, 27, Mysydd-rd., Landore.

PAIR Rollers (1906), exchange Linnets, cinnamons, Foreigners.—Sampson. Arundel terrace, Handsworth, Sheffield.

PAIR Norwich Crests (1907), 15/-, or exchange Roller Schoolmaster.—Lee, 35, Marshall-avenue, [illegible]ton.

LARGE typical Norwich cock colour-fed, 10/-; exchange Britishers preferred.—W. Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

EXCHANGE three big Norwich hens for cock, in song, or sell 1/9 each.—Banks, 104a, Garthorne-rd., Forest Hill, S.E.

SEVEN pure 1907 Roller hens, healthy; exchange common songsters, or Mule cocks.—Bousfield, Frosterley, Durham.

TWO Norwich, three Norwich and Rollers, crossed 1907; exchange lot for good exhibition Hawfinch.—W. Binns, Alne, York.

EXCHANGE two pair prize-bred Yorkshires, with pedigree rings on, for Budgerigars.—Smith, 10, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

GOLD Lizard, clear cap, cost 15/- of Lizard King; exchange Goldfinches, or Siberian Bully.—Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

SIX typical Yorkshire hens, and 6 cocks, 50/-; exchange toy dog, must be good.—Sumsion, Baker, Lower Bristol Road, Bath.

FIVE cock Canaries, two hens, three breeding cages; sell or exchange fowls.—Olivier, 185, Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE 1906 pair Norwich for two Yorkshire and two Norwich show cages; sale 10/-.—Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

WHAT offers in Canaries or disc gramophone and records, for dark suit length, stamp reply.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

GRAND 1907 Buff Yorkshire cock, bred from winners, 10/6; exchange exhibition cock British.—Perry, 305, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

KESTREL Hawk, caged 18 months, exchange birds, 1907 cock Canaries, 3/6 each, singing.—James, 231, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

GRAND 1906 Yellow Border cock, Palace strain; exchange steady Hawfinch, or sell 10/-; approval both ways.—Duncan, Glebe-st., Inverness.

FIVE young Canaries for sale, cold-room bred; no reasonable offer refused.—Henbrey, 14, Lion-flats, Maudeville-st., Clapton Park, London, N.E.

SUPERIOR Yellows, Norwich hen, 12/6; exchange champion singing Seifert Roller, two ordinary hens, 3/6 each.—Shedden, Flemington, Motherwell.

SELLING-OFF, Border Fancies, young Green cock, winner 1st, 7/6; others cheap to clear; exchange anything.—Beatie, 16, Wilton-crescent, Hawick.

1907 YELLOW cock, 4/6; two Green and two marked 1907 hens, 3/- each, 11/- the four; offers in good Yorkshires.—Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

HARTZ Mountain Roller cock Canary and cage, sell 10/-, or exchange for Norwich hen Canaries.—George Johnson, 2, Box Mill-lane, Halstead, Essex.

FIVE grand Yorkshire cock Canaries, in song, 5/- each, or exchange for exhibition British Hardbills; on approval.—H. Pound, 290, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol

ROLLER cock Canary and cage, 8/6; hand-reared Jay and cage, says few words very plain, 12/6; exchange anytbing useful.—Nash, 61, Western-rd., Brighton.

GRAND Buff Norwich cock, Yellow hen, another good Buff cock, yellow-marked hen, 15/- pair; exchange anything useful for bouse.—W. Barrington, Oxford-st., Cardiff.

FOR superior Yorkshires and buff hen, superb muling songster, Linnet, excellent brass cage; exchange lady's costume; offers.—H., 24, Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

GRAND Yellow cock Canaries, from 5/- each; some good for getting size and colour; give good exchange for winning Goldfinch.—F. Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

ONE Yellow Norwich hen Canary, large, 5/-; one Yorkshire, 3/6; good mulers, three good Goldfinches, exchange good Ferret's purse nets, bird net.—Duckfield, Saddler, Narberth.

THREE pairs large, Clear Norwich Canaries, 1906 birds, moulted, cocks, singing, 36/-; exchange German songsters.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven King's, Essex.

FEW 1907 Yellow Yorkshire cocks, seven inches long, 10/6 each; would exchange one for Yellow Cinnamon cock, Norwich type; on approval.—Charles Hoyle, Wardle, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE good Green Crestbred cock, 1906 bird, for good crest hen, 1907, sell 20/-; two good Norwich cocks, for good crest cock, 1907 bird, sell 30/-.—Suvery, Brookside, Lyme Regis.

VERY large buff dark crested cock 40/-, another 20/-; green crested hen, 20/-, another 15/6; or exchange for toy Pomeranian hitch on approval both ways.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

THREE Canaries, two cocks, one hen (Sandiford), two cock Bullfinches, hand-reared hen, house-moulted; exchange photograph, field glasses, or anything useful; sell £2.—R. Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

GOOD pair of Yorkshires, 7/6; four young from above, 7/-; house-moulted Goldfinch and Yellow Norwich hen bred Mules, this year, 6/- pair; adult hen Budgerigars, 2/-.—Brown, "Denehurst," Norton-on-Tees.

FINE slim 1907 Yorkshires (Knight), 1906 Norwich (Vardy), exchange for good silver watch, Gladstone bag, or large carbide cycle lamp, or sell 10/6 pair; approval, deposit.—Gwynedd, 3, Newton-st., Llanberis, Wales.

EXCHANGE two 1906 hen Canaries and hen Mule for good Roller.—Gammon, 108, Cotswold-rd., Bristol.

CANARIES and Mules, outdoor bred, from 5/6 pair; exchange for good Rollers.—Matthews, 78, Barclay-st., Leicester.

TWO dark cocks, Goldfinch mules, 1907, cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, father above mules, Yorkshire cock, yellow moulted Norwich cock and hen, all good stock birds, 1906, exchange any or the lot for Rollers, club rung; approval both ways.—Walter Walker, Lees Moor, Thornhill, Dewsbury.

FOR sale or exchange 10 cinnamon and cinnamon marked Norwich hens, 6 good young buff Norwich cocks, 2 dark Goldfinch mules, cocks, prices from 3/6 to 10/6; wanted, good Hawfinch Bramblefinch Yellowhammer; will exchange any of the above for good British; stamp for particulars.—R. T. Hunsom and Son, Friar Nook, Yarm, Yorkshire.

WILL exchange Schoolmaster Canary, full song, cost £1, cock Crest Canary, large bird, variegated cock ditto, house-moulted, Goldfinch for gramophone disc records, or something useful; also Green Roller cock; come and see them, if you choose; also book, well bound, coloured plates of birds and cages, cost £1, 449 pages.—T. J. Pearman, Robin Hood, Tring.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

WANTED, offers in fowls (young) for a Parrot (healthy) and round brass-bound cage.—Watson, 106, High-rd., Lee, S.E.

BUDGERIGARS, 4/6 pair; cock Thrush, 7/6; exchange Goldfinches, Linnets, etc.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-terrace, Cardiff.

TALKING Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot with cage and stand; exchange either for Canaries; cycle offers.—Criddleford, Broomhills, Honiton.

GENUINE blue-fronted Amazon talking Parrot and Cage, £4; exchange bronze ornaments, anything useful.—Harwood, Sager-st., Castleford.

AUSTRALIAN Grey Parrot and cage, splendid condition, 15/-; exchange Canarics, Finches, or offers; genuine.—Rogers, Gladstone-rd., Tonbridge.

PARROT, crimson-grey, talks, whistles, turns somersault, 45/-, including cage; part exchange Canaries, or Mules.—Cobb, 36, Gordon-rd., Dartford.

PAIR of Saffron Finches, 6/-; pair of Javas, 3/-, pair of Spice birds 3/-, two pairs of Black-headed Nuns 6/-, one White-headed Nun 2/-, pair of Linnets 1/6; £1 lot, or exchange good cock Canaries or offers.—Manning, 151, Narroy-rd., Putney, S.W.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

CLAP-NETS, 18 ft. by 4 ft., complete, 4/6; exchange.—174, Railway-st., Cardiff.

FOUR Yorkshire show cages, with case, 6/-; exchange.—Tedstone, George-st., Brecon.

110 CAGE BIRDS, 18 plates, clean, exchange 2 cock Goldfinches; offers.—Handric, 77, River-st., Brechin.

PIGSKIN wallet, nearly new; exchange birds; sell 5/-.—Sugden, 117, Russell-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

WHAT offers, nearly new, seven guinea Ajax electric belt.—W. Barker, 27, Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Harmsworth Educator complete as new.—Zoller, 122, Poplar Walk-rd., S.E.

COCK Canaries (young), singing beautifully, healthy, from 5/-.—Finch, Echo Office, Southampton.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch blankets for Canaries; sell 25/-.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WANTED all kinds British birds till March next; state prices; cash sent first.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

EXCHANGE 203 "Cage Birds," 17 coloured plates for Goldies or Linnets.—McWalter, Lune-st., Tyldesley, Manchester.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries for violin and case, costing 50/-?—Willis, 196, Gladstone-avenue, Wood Green, N.

AUTO harp, splendid tone, as new, six bars, 25 strings, 12/6; or good exchange.—Knight, Victoria-rd., Peterhead.

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NORWICH cocks, 5/6; tricycle horse, 10/6; four Fantail Pigeons, 3/-; or exchange.—Cullingford, Wixoe, Halstead.

WHAT offers in Canaries for old violin, case, bow, pair boy's leggings.—F. Watkins, 79, Campo-rd., Hounslow.

MINIATURE white bull-terrier bitch, not deaf, sire champion, exchange Yorkshires. — Gratton, 114, Mansfield-rd., Derby.

EXCHANGE ½-plate stand camera and accessories for Canarics, or anything useful; offers.—Darbyshire, 56, Settle-st., Bolton.

EXCHANGE pair Lovebirds for Budgerigars, or any other Foreigners.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

TWO whippet bitch pups, eight weeks, 6/- each; exchange cage birds or anytbing useful.—Kirk, Hankey-st., Peterboro'.

EXCHANGE 48 parts Harmsworth Self-Educator, new, for pair Crests, or offers.—Gillies, 40, Fullarton-st., Irvine, Ayrshire.

BOOTS, new brown, size 7½, cost 16/6, worn once, too small; offers wanted; genuine, stamp reply.—405, Norwood-rd., S.E.

EXCHANGE phonograph and 48 records, perfect condition, for Canaries; or sell £2.—Sanford, Midland Signalman, Morecambe.

GRAND aviary, Crystal Palace shape, cost £10 10s., in perfect order, £3 10s.; exchange.—Russell, 80, Acre-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

PUSH Car, good condition, sell 16/-, exchange pair Canaries in song, and breeding cage.—Cousins, Hornscroft Terrace, Bolsover.

EXCHANGE pair Canarics, pair Zebrafinches, acclimatised, and breeding cage, for pedigree homers.—Sharp, 18, Bligh-st., Liverpool.

TWO cock Canaries, cock Siskin Mule, full song, 5/6 each; exchange British, anything.—Ferns, Moorside, Cromford, Matlock, Bath.

FOR Sale or exchange, a grandfather clock, also a ladies' riding saddle; a bike preferred. — James Smith, Llandrino, near Oswestry.

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WILL exchange pair good racing homers for good Norwich or Yorkshire hen, approval both ways.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

PHONOGRAPH, Columbia, new, with 20 records, exchange 5 Norwich or Yorkshire cocks.—Balshaw, 11, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Colne.

THREE prize-bred Dutch Rabbits, two does, one buck, year old, 10/-; exchange cage birds, Bantams.—Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

GOOD muling hen Canaries, 2/- each; 1907 Canary-reared cock Linnet, singing 2/6, or exchange.—Hitchings, High-st., Marlow-on-Thames.

EXCHANGE 5 pairs Norwich, gramophone, 12 records, for mitre machine, carpenter's tools, pullets.—Jones, 23, Mount-st., Coventry.

GIVE good exchange in double-compartment breeding cages for Roller Canarics; write for particulars.—Watt, James-st., Pittenweem.

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WANTED, good muling Goldfinch; will give in exchange winning silver-fawn rabbit, or sell 30/-.—Evans, 4, Trinity-st., Newtown, Bristol.

WANTED, Goldfinches; exchange air-gun, fishing rod, opera glasses, all perfect condition; stamp reply.—Hardy, Pathfield-rd., Streatham.

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NEW silver watch, suit lady or boy; also long rolled gold guard, 35/-; exchange healthy Canaries.—Aysecough, Thornville-rd., West Hartlepool.

FOUR Self Dragoons, Scotch Terrier Bitch, Pedigree over dozen champions; exchange birds, anything useful.—26, Mosedale-st., Camberwell.

AMAZON Parrot, lovely bird, talking, perfect, healthy, strong cage, sell 50/-; exchange Edison phonograph; offers.—Pratt, Jeweller, Treorchy.

EXCHANGE home teacher, bound as new, for pair of prize-bred Norwich; or sell 25/-; approval, deposit.—J. Sadler, 93, Gladstone-st., Winsford.

GRAND Angora buck; 1st, special, only time shown; 12/-; also pair large Runts, 8/-; or exchange cage birds.—P. Button, 44, Spital-st., Dartford.

EARLY seed potatoes; exchange Ferrets or Canaries; White Pink-eyed Doe Rabbit, exchange Canary or Ferret.—W. Pearce, St. Ives, Cornwall.

BLACK Dutch doe, seven young ones, seven weeks old; will exchange for Budgerigars or Canary; approval.—Chas. Pluck, High-st., Melbourn, Cambs.

EXCHANGE pair handsome carvers, selftip handles, sterling silver mounted, for two cocks or pair Canaries.—Joseph Lee, 30, Brightmore-st., Sheffield.

WILL give 24 lbs. freshly-gathered charlock seed, cleaned and dried, in exchange for Linnet Mule, singing; or sell 4/6.—John Kavanagh, Ferns, Wexford.

VERY old violin, bow and case, a first-class instrument; exchange for Roller Canaries with first-class song.—H. Battye, 4, Little-lane, Morley, nr. Leeds.

FOX terrier bitch, 2 years old, 10/-, worth 50/-; or exchange Canaries or exhibition British birds; photos sent.—Goodall, Gladstone-rd., Watford, Herts.

ENGLISH organette, antique tea-caddy, antique toilet glass, brass syringe; lot 25/-; exchange Budgerigars; offers.—Morris, No. 1, Highfield, Ilfracombe.

EXCHANGE double breech-loading gun, rebounding locks, for cycle cover, two inner tubes and gas lamp, or anything useful.—Nicoll, 6, Guthrie Hill, Arbroath.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, 200 genuine foreign stamps, all different, good specimens value 15/-; what offers? — Roney, 66, Westside, Wandsworth Common.

HARMSWORTH Self Educator, 48 parts, 7d. each, complete, clean; exchange anything useful, or gramophone.—Bayliss, 12, Church Lane, New Hinksey, Oxford.

ROUGH house-dog 12/6, pedigree fox-terrier, 10/-, gents' silver watch 15/-, workman's watch 6/-, banjo, 7/6; Jacobin hen 3/-; exchange.—Abbott, Liverpool-rd., Luton.

FOR sale, miniature billiard table, 40/-; also Winchester rifle, 12/-; or exchange rifle for pair of Yellow Budgerigars.—J. Ferguson, 40, Fisher-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow.

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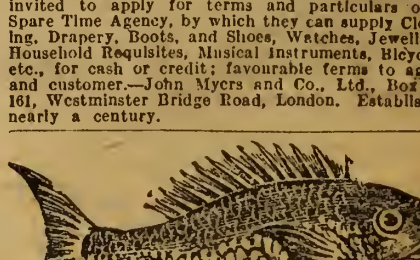
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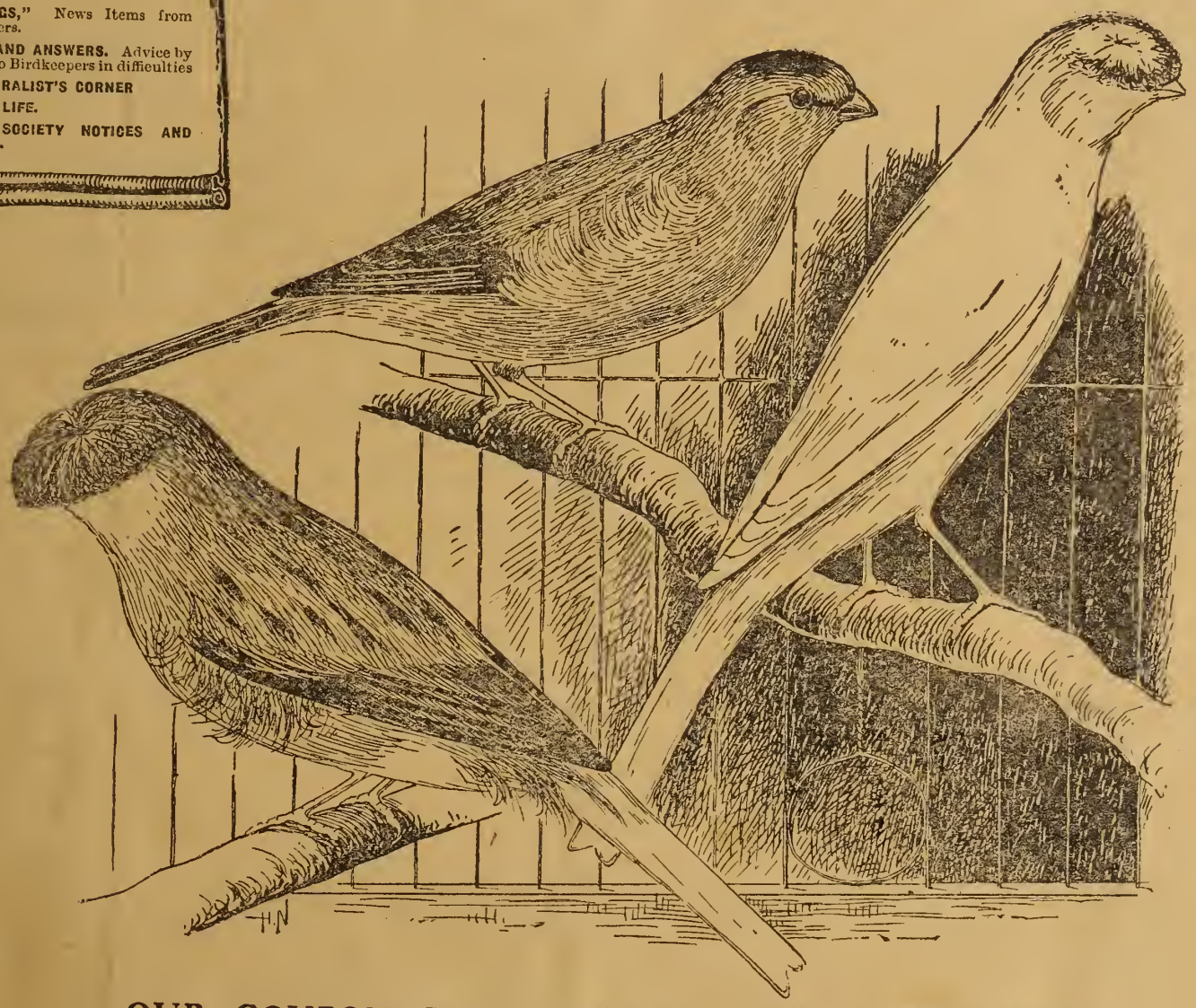
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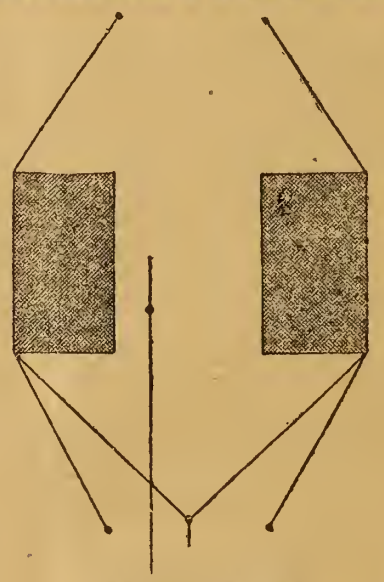
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YELLOW grizzle-crested cock, also wing-marked dark-crested cock, both large birds, in good condition, last year's birds 15/- each; 10 days' approval anywhere; deposit.—William Ryder, Osmotherley, Northallerton.

Mr. MARSH invites you to call and inspect his Crest and Crestbreds for show or stock, in yellow, buff, and greens, from 15/- to £5; state wants; approval.—Freemason's Aviaries. See Norwich advertisement.

GRAND exhibition Variegated Crestbred cock, matched with champion Variegated dark Crest hen, 1906 birds, Joyce's or Barnet's blood; cheap £5, sacrifice 50/-, or exchange £3 10s.—Gribbin, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

LARGE Green 1907 Crested cock, 1st and special, last week, and clear crestbred hen, 30/-; large variegated crestbred cock, 3rd prize, 15/-; good pair Lancashire, 12/6, also others; deposit.—Grant, 6, Norwood Gardens, Ashford.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some grand Crests and Crestbreds to part with, the kind that need no puff. Give me a trial and be convinced; prices right, approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

SILK'S Famous Crests. Some choice birds for disposal; fit for keenest competition; many noted birds bred and sold by me last year; one of the finest strains in the fancy; stock pairs from 30/-; show birds from £2; approval.—Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

BARGAINS through illness; 1907 large feathery crests, and crestbreds, all colours; Barnett's, Joyce's strains; pairs matched, bred winners; 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; worth double, single bird cheap; week's approval receipt cash or deposit. — Sills, Sharrow, Ripon, Yorks.

CLEAR body dark Crest cock, 8/-; even marked ditto, 6/-; green Crest hen, 7/-; variegated ditto 5/6, variegated Crestbred cock, 9/6, lightly marked ditto 7/6, yellow variegated Crestbred hen 9/6, buff ditto 7/6, ditto 6/6; all large healthy stock birds; approval willingly.—Stanhope, Windmill, Bolper.

SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!! High-class Crests and crestbreds, fit to win at local shows, prices very reasonable; please state requirements; healthy, typical prize-bred pairs for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, winners of over 4,000 prizes; breeders and exporter some of the best show crests and C.B. seen on show bench; see reports of all leading shows. I have lots of Champions to sell reasonable for show and stock; state your wants and price you wish to give, and have them on approval. All letters answered.

I HAVE for sale a heavily variegated Crest-bred hen, good head, feather, and well over henk, 1906 breed, will win in good competition, price, £3; also a pair for £3; grizzled Crested hen, and a slightly variegated Crest-bred cock; several Crested cocks, 1906, winners, price £3; all Barnett's strain. —Stamped reply, D. Lazarus, 55, Old Compton-st., Soho, W.

BROKEN Green Crest-bred cock, '07, fine, big bird, 30/-; Green Crest hen, very large crest, £2 10/-; Buff, uneven marked, dark crest, '07, good body and crest, paired to broken Green Crest-bred hen, '07, good body and headfeather, £3 10/- pair; massive Crest-bred cock and Green hen, very fine, large crest, £4 15/- pair.—Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

CHAMPION Crests. I have some grand Crests and Crestbreds for sale, having had three fanciers breeding for me with my stock birds, all of the very best quality. I don't exhibit now, I breed for my customers to win, and I sell them birds to breed their own winners, and reasonable. Best blood in the fancy; 30 years breeder, and judge of over one hundred shows; Approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

HAVING had a most successful season can offer following exceptional value in high-class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains. Monster even marked dark Crest cock, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, grand crest, 14/6; large yellow green Crest cock, 13/6; heavy feathered clear Crest cock, gem, 10/6; large variegated dark Crest hen, 14/-; massive feathery green ditto, grand Crest, 13/6; clear body dark Crest hen, beauty, 11/-; large yellow green Crestbred cock, 13/6; massive feathery variegated buff ditto 13/6; large clear Crestbred cock, 12/6, beauty; massive variegated Crestbred hen, 14/6; heavy feathered clear ditto, 12/6; large feathery variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

have now for disposal grand Crested and Crestbred cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list and catalogues of all appliances, post free.—Postal and telegraphic address: Wicks Bros., Norwich.

Cinnamons.

TWENTY grand Cinnamons, few good hens, cheap, approval.—Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

1907 LARGE Buff Cinnamon hen, bred from big winner, 15/-; approval.—Saunders, 10, Rosebery-gardens, Sutton.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red-fed, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. — T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

ARTISTIC coloured plate of Yellow and Buff Cinnamon Canaries, by Mr. H. Norman, sent packed flat on receipt of three penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

I HAVE some splendid Cinnamons for sale, 1 yellow cock, 2 Brighton show, 18/-, 1 yellow cock, vhc, 10/-, 1 buff cock, vhc, 10/-; also yellow hens 7/6, buff hens 7/6.—James Donne, 20, St. James'-street, Brighton.

Greens.

GREEN and marked Norwich cocks, 6/-, hens 2/-; cash or deposit.—W. Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

SELF Greens, yellow and buff, also smart Yorkshires (Knight's strain).—S. Boxall, Grocer, 71, Windmill-rd., W. Croydon.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs; few good show birds; approval, stamp. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for show or stock, price reasonable; stamp reply. — West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE buff coppy cock, 35s.; yellow coppy cock, 30s.; buff coppy hen, 25s.; buff Plainhead hen, 20s.; all in good health; approval deposit.—Thos. Walsh, 11, Princess-st., Glossop.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Norwich.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, no rubbish.—Full particulars, Ewbank, 8, Norfolk-st., Coventry.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, on song, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6.—Barrett, 14, Coach-ter., Longsight, Manchester.

FOR sale, 50 young Norwich Canaries.—Apply Jones, 46, Rupert-road, Holloway.

WANTED, six clear Yellow Norwich hens, cheap. —Grahame, 19, Elam-st., Camberwell.

SPLENDID Norwich Canaries, cheap.—Birchett, 54, Rosebery-road, Clapham Park, S.W.

SIX splendid cock Canaries 4/- each, 2 hens 1/6 each, approval.—Moat House, Brentwood.

GIVING up. 8 Norwich-bred hens, 1906-7, lot 10/-, or 1/6 each.—Oates, 4, Mold-street, Oldham.

WANTED, unflighted exhibition Norwich cock and hen; reasonable.—Martin, 82, Queen's-crescent, N.W.

NORWICH cock Canaries for sale, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, and 10/- each.—Apply L. Wareup, 114, New Cross-rd.

TYPICAL Norwich, 8 cocks, 15 hens, £3 10s. the lot; room wanted.—Garton, 3, Thomas-street, Grimsby.

FOUR Norwich cocks, colour-fed, 5/6, or £1 lot; also three small hens cheap; deposit.—Oliver Cooper, Long Buckby.

GRAND Norwich, from prize birds, on approval; hens, 5/6; cocks, 7/6.—I. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

I HAVE some rare good birds, unfed; reasonable; stamp reply.—Barnes, 3, Redland-street, Malpas-road, Newport, Mon.

40 Good Norwich colour-fed cocks, from 7/6, hens 4/-; pairs 10/6; seen any time.—Wright, 16, Knivet road, Fulham.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6, hens 2/6; pairs 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, two cocks, 5/- each; three hens, 2/6 each; approval.—Oakes, Netley, Totton, Southampton.

NORWICH Plainheads, pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval; cash or deposit.—E. Gostling, Chemist, Saxmundham.

FIVE large yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; one green cock 6/-; Cinnamon hen, 2/6.—Bunge, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks, Buff, 5/6; hens, Buffs, or Ticked Yellows, 3/6 each.—Reed, Ivesley-cottages, Waterhouses, Durham.

FOUR Norwich cocks, singing, 3/6 each; three hens, 1/6 each; lot 17/-.—Tompkins, 0, Buckwell-st., Desboro', Northants.

1907 Norwich Canaries, good singing cocks at 6/-, hens 3/-, or 8/- the pair.—J. Hayward, 40, St. John's Road, Winchester, Hants.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

56 High-class Norwich and Yorkshire cocks; no hens sent for cocks; 5/6 to 10/6.—Hill, 18, Coach-terrace, Longsight, Manchester.

TYPICAL pure-bred Norwich, 1907 bred, 15/- pair, Clears or variegated.—Ireland Aviaries, 214, Moulsham-st., Chelmsford, Essex.

A FEW good unflighted Norwich for disposal, cheap; approval; deposit.—G. Rose, 7, Goldsmith-road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

NORWICH Plainheads, fine 1907 birds, large, healthy, no rubbish; approval; cocks 7/6, 10/6, hens 3/6.—Lea-Wilson, Nottingham.

BEDFORD Show of Canaries, etc., Town Hall, October 31st. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; secretary, Mr. E. Wiggins. Stanley-st., Bedford.

NORWICH Canaries for sale; sex guaranteed; cocks, 4/6; hens, 1/3; special terms to dealers.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Plainheads, some fine 1907 birds, large, healthy, no rubbish; approval, cocks 5/-, 6/-, hens 3/-. —Head, 7, Webster Cottages, Dereham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, cinnamon-Green cocks 6/-, cinnamon-marked hen 4/-.—W. Wesceler, 21, Louisa-street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

FANCIERS requiring winning Norwich see my advertisement in last week's Cage Birds; grand lot yellow hens cheap.—Brown, Kingsweston.

TEN Norwich cocks and hens mixed, one Yellow Cinnamon cock; 11 birds in all; at any fair price offered.—Doherty, 122, Walbrook-rd., Derby.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 6/6, 7/-; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, Bishop and Barnes strains, colour-fed, cocks from 7/6, in song, hens 4/6.—Martin, 82, Queen's-crescent, Haverstock Hill.

TWELVE grand pair of Norwich Buff cocks, yellow hens, grand type and quality, 25/- a pair; fit for show; not wasters.—Moss, King-rd., Hitchin.

SPLENDID clear and ticked Norwich cocks, 4/-; colour-fed, 5/-; hens, 1/6, 2/-; absolute satisfaction, or money returned.—Hicks, Outfitter, Holsworthy.

TWO splendid Norwich cock Canaries, very healthy, make grand songsters, one rich buff 7/6, one yellow splashed 6/6.—W. Pettit, Clyde Villa, Horley, Surrey.

YOUNG Norwich cocks, in song, 4/- each; all bred in cold room; breeder removing.—Pitt, 14, Belmont-buildings, Picton-st., George-st., Camberwell Green.

NOTICE! Grand lot Norwich Canaries, sure winners, prices reasonable, payments taken by instalments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BUFF-ticked cock, Silk's direct, sell 15/-; exchange three common songsters on approval; particulars, stamp; no rubbish.—Williams, 3, Cross-street, Dervia Cardiff.

CHAMPION Norwich, good type and quality, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; matched pairs 18/- upwards; approval.—J. Bonwick, 120, Forest-rd., Walthamstow.

TWELVE Norwich cocks and hens mixed, one cock Goldfinch, two three-compartment breeding cages, sundry appliances, sell £3 bargain.—Baines, Derby-rd., Belper.

HAD most successful season; few pairs young, high-class Norwich, bargains, 10/-, 12/-; ditto Crests, 15/-, perfect condition.—A. Glenmoor, Glencathara-rd., Bognor.

NORWICH pair, and young cock; Goldfinch cock Mule, and Canary breeding cages, lot 20/-, or separate; good songsters; approval.—Holloway, 150, Rushey Green, Catford.

TWENTY large clear Buff Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; clean Yellow, 7/6; healthy 1906 and 1907 birds, clean moulted, singing; approval.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens same strain, 1/6, 2/- each; clears or variegated; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred Heathcote, 55, Havelock-street, Leicester.

25 LARGE natural colour Norwich Canaries, outside bred, 1907; also four Goldfinch, three Linnet-Mules (four cocks), £5 10/- lot, or nearest offer.—Elliott, 108, Victoria-st., Ipswich.

I HAVE some rare good cocks and hens, stock pairs from 15/- to 30/-; good songsters, Norwich or Yorkies, 6/6 to 10/6; own breeding; approval.—8, Lower-rd., Ocklynge, Easthourne.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

E. D. OWEN, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeseon, R.S.O., N. Wales. Champion Norwich for sale, from my well-known winners, large cobby colour-fed, yellows and buffs, cocks from 8/6, hens from 4/6.

C. ROBERTS champion Blackpool Norwich, noted for size, type, and quality; reasonable prices; show birds from 30/-; stock birds from 12/6, all on approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. I have some grand stock birds for sale, and a few for our very best shows. One of the best strains in this country; approval. —T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

UNFLIGHTED Buff cocks, have two Variegated, good size, short in body, and bred right for colour and quality, 15/- each; few hens reasonable; approval; deposit.—A. Bounds, 41, Artizan-rd., Northampton.

WANT room. 20 pairs Norwich Plainheads for sale, all 1907 bred, cheap; state wants; three white-legged cock Goldfinches, Mulers, 5/- each; large Crestbred cock, 12/-, worth double.—Lay, 65, Norwich-road, Lowestoft.

TRENGOVE'S strain direct, four Yellows, 15/-, 12/6, 10/-, 10/-; three Buffs, 15/-, 12/6, 10/-; cocks, unflighted, colour-fed, parents Buff cock, Yellow hen, 30/-; approval; deposit.—Davies, Hurst-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, grand yellow 1907 cock, singing, and brass window cage, 15/-; buff ticked 1907 cock, 2nd Bramley, 10/-; buff ticked 1905 hen, bred Mules, good feeder, 6/-; cards sent.—Child, 69, Cardigan-terrace, Leeds.

MR. RICHARDSON has 30 Norwich Plainheads to dispose of; yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, yellow or buff hens, 5/-; pairs 10/6; all beautifully fed and in grand condition; can be seen any time. — 2, Hetherton-st., Marygate, York.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has 100 good Norwich to dispose of, own breeding; they have been consistently bred for years, and no expense spared in improving them; business prevents much exhibiting; approval; stamp.—4, Bousall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

LOOK, special Norwich Plainheads, direct from breeder; guaranteed healthy and typical specimens for breeding or exhibition; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; for exhibition £1 to £3; all honest value; approval.—W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

MR. ECKERSLEY has now some grand unflighted and year-old Yellows and Buffs, quite ready, that he can spare, including birds bred from, or related to, his well-known Crystal Palace and other winners.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

FAULTLESS Plainhead Norwich 1906 cock, clear yellow, champion songster, proved breeder, fingertame, 5/-, cost 15/- last spring, but reducing collection; approval anywhere; advertiser pays all carriage if unsatisfactory.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

SPECIAL! Special!! high-class Plainheads that can win at local shows; prices most reasonable. Please state requirements. Matched breeding pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval; highest satisfaction guaranteed. H. Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.

NORWICH clean moulted, matched pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; travelling cage, 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

HIGH Class Norwich cocks in song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved. Stamp reply. — Stewart Brothers, Earthenware Stores, Surrey Street, Norwich.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some of the right kind of Norwich and Cinnamons to part with. Those short chunkey ones with good head and neck, the ones that tell on the show bench; prices right; approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

BUFF cocks, 1907, second prize in 25/- selling class, 15/-; 1906 Yellow cock, hc in 15/- selling class, 10/-; large Buff 1907 and Yellow hen, vhc in 35/- selling pair class, £1; shown last week at Peckham; also several good Buff hens for disposal from 7/6; good type and colour; approval, deposit. —Saunders, 10, Rosebry-gardens, Sutton, Surrey.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Exhibitors and fanciers, now is your opportunity to procure some of the finest birds in the fancy. My noted strains have never been beaten: Plainheads and Yorkshires from 10/6 each; grand Crested cock and hen to match, 45/- pair; Plainhead, fit to win, 20/- each; show Crests from £2.

BREEDERS, exhibitors requiring birds, exhibition or stock, buy from breeder direct, and avoid cheap, useless rubbish; champion Norwich Plainheads, large, chubby specimens, properly fed, can win, yellow or buff cocks; ditto, hens, 20/- each upwards; prize-bred stock, pairs properly matched, to produce winners, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair upwards; single birds reasonable; approval.—R. Green, 168, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

MR. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, in Yellow, Buff, variegated and Greens, over 300 birds for your selection; cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/6, 10/6 upwards; pairs matched for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards; all birds sent carriage paid on seven days' approval; cash or deposit; travelling cages, 3d.—Freemason's Aviaries, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

THE AVIARIES, NORWICH.

GRAND prize-bred Norwich cocks for stock or songsters, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, show specimens 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra, approval; dealers supplied.—T. Palmer, 275, Dereham-rd., Norwich.

High-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

JOHN C. BARNES,

BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR,

149, DUNCOMBE STREET, WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH,

have now for disposal grand plain-headed Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; ditto hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; selected pairs matched for breeding, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; all on approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list and catalogue of appliances, post free.—Wicks Bros., Norwich.

ARE YOU WANTING

genuine birds? If so, please give me one trial order I now offer clean moulted typical Norwich cocks splendid songsters, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; splendid hens 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-. Pairs matched to breed winners 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; long, slim, typical Yorkshires same prices; travelling cages 3d. extra; all on approval; deposit; list, particulars free.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-road, Derby.

PAYNE AND BENNETT.

Canaries. Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Yorkshires. Pairs specially and carefully matched from 8/-, 9/-, 10/- to £3. Exhibition specimens from £1 to £5. Show birds that may be relied upon. Single cocks, songsters, Norwich, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens, Norwich, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- upwards. Good slim exhibition Yorkshires from £1. Crests and Crestbreds from our strain that were so successful last season, from 12/6, £1 upwards. Satisfaction guaranteed. Approval.—73, Knowsley-rd., Norwich.

GRAND LARGE NORWICH.

Notice.—Write or call, and see my splendid stock of Norwich. These are grand, large, round, chubby Bullfinch type birds. I have a large stock of every colour. Every bird feather like silk and in splendid condition. Every cock warranted singing; all on six days' approval, on receipt of P.O., or deposit note. Yellow, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; Buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; Buff hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N. Five doors from Cross-st.; green cars pass the door.

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CHAMPION NORWICH.

Birds supplied by me have won at Principal Shows in the British Isles. I breed to sell. Many of the LEADING CHAMPIONS have been SOLD by me, including Scottish National Winner, from this STRAIN, which stands SUPREME. Yellow and Buff Cocks and Hens at 20/- to 45/- each. Winners. No value like this in the fancy. Approval. Satisfaction guaranteed.

A. E. SILK, WHITSTABLE.

SANDIFORD'S FAMOUS NORWICH.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, &c., CRYSTAL PALACE, 1907.

1st Unflighted Yellows, class of 30 Champions, all bred by me; also won just on 40 firsts last season—First time out, Peterboro. 1st clear Yellows; 1st unflighted; 3rd Ticked; with birds bred by me. A few beauties same strain, fit and ready for show, sure winners. Cocks and Hens, Yellows and Buffs, from 20/- to 50/-; approval; breeders 30 years. Send 4d. stamp for list of Scores of Testimonials from winners I have supplied these few seasons. They will surprise you.

SEE WINS WITH MY BIRDS AT DULWICH LAST WEEK.

J. SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder,

PRESTON, LANCS.

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

FEW 1087 Rollers, 6/-; cheap, sound.—Smith, Bee Hive Heath, Hayes, Cannock.

GUARANTEED cock Hartz Mountain Canaries, in song, 2/9 each.—Taylor, 12, St. Cyprian-street, Tooting.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, finest birds in full song, but without fancy name, 5/6.—De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

FOUR cock Canaries, grand songsters, healthy strong birds, two buff, one green, marked, 5/- each. —W. C. Teasdale, Ashgrove, Skipton.

FORTY genuine Roller Canaries, two Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/6; others, 6/6 and 7/6; hens, 1/6; own breeding.—Ward, Broad-lanes, Bilston.

1906 AND 1907 genuine Rollers, warranted cold-room bred, splendid colour and condition; cocks 5/- each, hens 2/-.—Walter Whitehead, 15, Bowler-street, Shaw, nr. Oldham.

Mr. CRAIG has for immediate disposal four pairs Seifert Rollers, 1907, 12/6 a pair, or 48/- the lot; cocks well on song; approval, deposit.—Craig, 35, Sheffield-street, Carlisle.

WORTH notice. The finest St. Andreasberg Roller ever heard; day and night, all the sweet changes; price low, payments taken by instalments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

Mrs. AMON'S young song Canaries are now ready, no fancy names or prices; yellow cocks, full rolling song, 8/-; very highly-trained birds 10/-; approval, deposit.—75, Canrobert-street, London, E.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, finest songsters obtainable; cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 1/6, 2/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned.—R. Woods, Woburn-avenue, Theydon Bois, Essex.

Mr. MARSH offers his Hartz Mountain cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each, every bird warranted in full song, sent carriage paid; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited any time; travelling cage 3d.—Freemason's Aviaries. See Norwich advertisement.

ROLLER FANCIERS.

I have a number of song boxes, club show cages, baths, bird organ, etc., in good condition, at reasonable prices; enclose stamp for list.—E. Hawthorn, Woodville, Llandrindod Wells.

WHY BUY IMPORTED ROLLERS

when I can supply healthy, cold-room bred cocks, guaranteed singing day and gaslight, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; few Greens, 15/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6; British Roller Canary, club rung; deposit CAGE BIRDS.—Freeman, 215, Brearley-st., Birmingham.

JOHN SMITH, Hamburg 5,

13, Kreuzurg, H. 2, Germany, wholesale and retail exporter of Roller Canaries. Export all countries; list published September 28th; Baron du Theil, in France, writes, 20th October, 1907: Birds (42) arrived safe; shall send large order in a few days.

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No other birds kept, satisfaction to all, that is my motto, Schoolmasters 10/6, 7/6, 6/6, few grand songsters, with broken notes, 5/- each; true Roller hens 2/-; testimony by every post; deposit and be satisfied, that is what I want.—Gardner, Roller Importer, Butler-st., Preston.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.

Large consignment just arrived, every bird stamped with German breeder original stamp. This season's bird, in good song, Trutes 5/6, Seifert 10/-; last season's birds 12/6 and 15/- each, schoolmasters from 20/- upwards.—Schomann and Baker, Rugby Chambers, Chapel-street, W.C.

FIRST CLASS SEIFERT BIRDS.

from my celebrated original strain, fine exhibition specimens, certain high prize winners, also first class breeding birds; prices from 10/- to 40/-; winners many gold and silver medals and other honours, highest references for good and prompt delivery; have now ready 300 this year's young stein's Zoologische Handlung, Leipsig—Newschonefeld, Germany.

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That is the name that exactly expresses the quality of the St. Andreasberg Rollers I offer. Every bird in full rolling song, by day or gaslight, with long, hollow rolls, sweet silvery trills, bell, harp, and gong notes. Prices, 8/6, 10/6; champion schoolmasters 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; African Grey Parrot, acclimatised, a real beauty, £2 5s.; lovely green Budgerigars, 8/6 pair; approval, deposit.—Thomas Broxton, Orrell Post, Wigan.

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A few words concerning the Rhodesian birds so long expected, six cases of which have now arrived by the mail steamer on 19th October. About 500 were sent down, from the interior of which only 300 arrived at Cape Town, and of these 160 alive and 140 dead were landed at Southampton, the former consisted as follows: 21 Black-eared Waxbills, 26 Bluebreasted Waxbills, 10 Violet-eared Waxbills, 14 Quail Finches, 5 Melba Finches, 20 Rhodesian Cutthroats, 20 Cape Doves, 8 Ruddy Finches, 12 Cape Waxbills, 6 Giant Whydahs, 18 mixed birds. Unfortunately, the 140 dead represented some of the very rare birds, which, if alive, would have been worth quite one hundred and fifty pounds here. This is naturally a very heavy loss, and I shall not attempt another importation unless personally accompanied. The steamer reports the roughest voyage ever experienced; perhaps that has to do with the great mortality. Still, this is far from satisfactory. Other arrivals were: 1 large male Chimpanzee, 6 Dogfaces, 4 Hussar Monkeys, 1 Schmidts, 2 Barbary Apes, 2 Rbesus, 40 Budgerigars, 100 Whitebellies, 100 Blackheads, 100 Avadavats, 20 White Javas, 20 St. Helena Waxbills, 1 large Greenbilled Toucan, 3 Rosybilled Ducks, 1 Hybrid Duck, 2 female Gazelles, 6 young Rheas, 1 Hornbill.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Bodmin (C.B.U.).—November 6th.—Judge, Mr. R. B. Tope. 19 open classes: Nor. 6, Crests 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, cage of four 1, For. 2, Sell 2, local 3. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close October 29th to Mr. A. E. JAGO, Castle Villas, Bodmin.

Kirkcaldy.—November 9th.—Judges, Messrs. D. Low, J. Patterson, and A. Cochrane. 49 classes: Scot. 11, Bord. 4, Nor. 12, Crests 6, Scil. 2, A.O.V. 1, Common 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes and entry fee not stated. Splendid list of specials. Entries close November 2nd to Mr. J. WILSON, sec., 21, Salisbury-st., Kirkcaldy.

Cambridge and Cambridgeshire C.B.S. (C.B.U., N.B.B. and M.C., C.C.C.).—November 12th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. F. Hills. 43 open classes: Nor. 6, Crests 6, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 2, Greens 1, pairs 1, Borders 2, Dutch Frills 1, A.O.V. 2, Sell. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, stock 2, juvenile classes 2, local classes 17. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. CAGE BIRDS competition and a good list of specials. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close November 5th to Mr. T. S. MOORE, hon. sec., 126-8, Newmarket-rd., Cambridge.

Bramley (C.B.U.).—November 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and Beswick. 22 open classes: Yorks. 8, Nor. 6, Green 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 3, Male 1, novice classes 4. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and good list of specials. Entry fee, 1s. Entries close October 29th to Mr. JAS. METCALFE, 9, Elder View, Bramley.

Leamington (C.B.U.).—November 7th.—Judge, Mr. J. Bastock. 16 classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 4, amateur classes 3, local 2, members 2. Prizes, 12s., 6s., 3s. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close October 22nd to Mr. FREDK. THOS. PRITCHARD, "Royal," Leamington Spa Fanciers' Association, Leamington.

Blackpool.—November 7th. Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 31 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks., 7 Cinn. 1, A.V. Crest 1, A.V. Crestbred 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, Gift 2, and Novice Classes 2. Entries close to Mr. A. J. Winterbottom, 9, Clinton Avenue, Blackpool.

Blackburn (C.B.U.).—November 1st and 2nd.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and J. Walsh. 33 open classes: Crests 1, Nor. 10, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Brit. 10, For. 2, Pet 1, novice open classes 2, novice members 3. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and good list specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 28th to Mr. J. W. MARSDEN, 44, Troop-st., Blackburn.

Penzance (C.B.U.).—November 15th.—Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 22 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 1, Cinn. 1, pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 7 local classes. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entry fee, 2s. Entries close November 7th to Mr. J. PEARCE SAMPSON, 4, Parade-st., Penzance.

Morecambe (C.B.U.).—November 6th.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye, W. J. Ferguson, and C. Houlton. 42 classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 8, Border 7, Sell. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 9, Gift 1, For. 2, and 2 novice members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 30th to Mr. J. H. IRELAND, Parliament-st., Morecambe.

Swansea (C.B.U.).—November 6th and 7th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Pritchard, F. H. Melnish, D. H. Tedstone, J. H. Jones, R. Waters, and A. Howe. 54 classes: Nor. 7, Crests 2, Yorks. 7, Scot. Fancy 2, A.O.V. 1, Scil. 4, Border 8, Mules 5, Brit. 15, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good list of specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close October 31st to Mr. ALF. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd-road, Landore, near Swansea.

CLUB NOTICES.

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Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.—November 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30 prompt. Show business, etc.—H. Foden, sec.

Bolton Wools C.B.S.—October 26, Victoria Hotel, 2.30. Members' Show. Lecture by C. S. Whiting, at 8 p.m., on Canary Breeding and Rearing.—E. Shepherd, sec.

Bramley and Dist. O.S.—October 26, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Final arrangements for Open Show. — J. Metcalfe, sec.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—October 29, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show, and other business.—F. Mitchell, sec.

Cardiff C.B.S. — October 31, Maskell's, Queen Street, 8 p.m.—W. Sampson, sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—October 28, 8.30 p.m. Judging Competition in Yorkshires: Judge, Mr. R. L. Crisp; three silver medals and special prize for most entries. Visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—October 26, Flying Dutchman, 8. Allotting specials and drawing up schedule, etc.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—October 29, Big Duck, 7.30. Acceptance of entries and show business.—J. C. Heaton, sec.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—October 29, Bull's Head Inn, 8 p.m. Annual Show business.—F. W. Tomsett, sec.

Eastern Dist. O.S.—October 28, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, Edinburgh, 8 o'clock. Show business.—A. Robinson, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich C. and M.B.S.—October 31, 142, High Street, 8 p.m. Members specially requested to attend.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.—October 29, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 8 p.m. Annual Members' Show arrangements.—R. A. Brown.

Glasgow and Western C.C.—November 2, 122, Ingram Street, 6 p.m. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. A. Malcolmson.—J. H. Adam, sec.

Headon Bridge and Dist. C.B.A.—October 29, Haworth's Dining Rooms, 7.30 p.m. Arrangements for Show.—A. Pickles, sec.

Inverness O.A.—October 30, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15 p.m. Final arrangements for Annual Show; large attendance requested.—A. Urquhart, sec.

Keighley and Dist. C.B.S.—October 29, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Shows, etc.—W. Wright, sec.

Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S.—September 2, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Show business and allotting of special prizes; Novice Washing Competition prizes, 1st 3/-, 2nd 2/-, 3rd 1/-.—H. C. Brown. (Possibly Nov. 2 is meant.—Ed.)

Larkhall C.B.C.—October 26, Miners' Hall. Annual Show. Birds must be staged by 9.30 a.m.—E. Kirk, sec.

Middleton O.S.—October 28, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Show business, etc.—R. Cowherd, sec.

Morpeth and Dist. O.S.—November 2, King's Head, 7.30 p.m. Final arrangements Show, etc.—A. Dippie, sec.

N.B.B. and M.C.—October 31, "The Napier," High Holborn, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr, secs.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—October 23, Cobden Hall, 8 p.m. Show business—important. — G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—October 28, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 7. Special Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.; Important—General Meeting at 8 p.m.; Classification for Open Show.—W. Jackson, sec.

Preston O.S.—October 29, Empress Cafe, 9. Final show arrangements, also on October 31, Lantern Lecture (Studies from Nature), by the Rev. S. E. Collinson, in Scientific Rooms, Fishergate; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Clemmenson, sec.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—October 30, Temperance Club, 8. Show business; last arrangements.—S. M. Clayton, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—October 26, College Inn, 8. Business important.—J. C. Hayes, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—October 28, Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 7.30. Washing Competition. Judge: J. Haynes, Esq., Gold centre silver medal and prizes. Show business.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Extra meeting, October 31, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8. Final arrangements for Show, Members' entries close October 28.—T. Bishop, sec.

South-West London C.B.S.—October 31, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Cooper. Afterwards, Washing Contest among amateurs and novices, a silver medal for the best washed bird; best judged washed bird by amateur novice.—Lilley, hon. sec.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—October 31, Station Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Final arrangements for show. Last meeting previous to show.—J. Johnston.

Warrington and Dist.—October 31, Blue Bell, 8. Show, arrangements.—J. Emmett, sec.

West of Scotland.—November 2, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. An exhibition of cage making will be given by Mr. Munro.—G. Smart, sec.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—October 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. Jas. Hartley.—E. W. Johnson, hon. sec.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—October 26, Horse Shoe Hotel, Wombwell, 7. Arrangement of Christmas Show, and other important business.—W. Ross.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road, Grantham.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Stoodman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

CEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. A. LEWTHWAITE, 3, Sonhouse Terrace, Station Road, Workington, Cumb. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Car Isle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

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SHOW OF Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, in **the Town Hall, Oct. 31st.**
Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Sec.: **Mr. E. Wiggins, Stanley Street, Bedford.**

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

and District C.B.S.
(Affiliated to C.B.U.).

Annual open show, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1907, of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 40 Open classes; good special for each class. Judges, J. ROBSON and J. TRENGOVE. Schedules from D. A. OGILVIE, Hon. Sec. 15, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

THE SANDY LANE

and District C.B.A.

Will hold its annual Show on **Friday & Saturday, Nov. 1st and 2nd.** Splendid rooms, well ventilated. Judge, R. Sutcliffe Esq. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club and Cinnamon Marked Club.
Benjamin Buckle, Sec., 293, Allerton Road, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

BRECHIN'S

44th Grand Annual Show of Norwich, Borders & Wild Birds will held in the Temperance Hall, on **Nov. 2nd, 1907.** Under patronage of S.P.C. and B.F.C.C. Splendid classification in all sections. Popular Judges. Schedules now ready.
CEO. MITCHELL, Secy., 118, Montrose St., BRECHIN.

MARKINCH

POULTRY, PIGEON AND CAGE BIRD SHOW NOV. 2nd, 1907.

Judges—WM. WEBSTER, Greenock, Scotch Fancy; JAMES SMILLIE, Riccarton, Norwich Borders, &c.
Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/6. Forty-three classes and lots of Specials.
Entries close on OCTOBER 26th, 1907.
Schedules on application from GEORGE MITCHELL, Secretary, Coaltown, Markinch.

DON'T FORGET THAT **NORWICH** **Open Show**

will be held in the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, SATURDAY and MONDAY, Nov. 2nd and 4th, under C. B. Union. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson, W. E. Greeves, W. W. Freestone, and A. Woollard.—Schedules ready, entrance fee, non-members amateur class, 1/6 per cage (not as schedule).
R. ROLL, Sec., "Dalwood." Cecil Road, Norwich.

CLEATOR MOOR

FANCIERS' SOCIETY (Under C. B. U. License).
Fourth Annual Open Show of Bantams, Pigeons and Cage Birds will be held in the Market Hall, on **Nov. 2nd.** Judges: Bantams, J. F. Entwistle; Pigeons, R. Swain and J. F. Entwistle; Canaries, A. Hirst; All British, Charles Houlton, A grand classification. Specials galore in every class. Entries close Oct. 26th Schedules now ready from the Sec. **JAS. E. BYRNE 110, Birks Road, Cleator Moor.**

LEICESTER

Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules.)
GRAND OPEN SHOW of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, will be held on
November 2nd & 4th, 1907.
Judge: J. H. PAYNE, Esq., Gloucester, at the White Swan Hotel, Market Place. Prize money three days of close of show. Good classification. 30 open classes. Cash specials nearly every class. Will accept entries up to October 29th. All exhibits specified can be dispatched to reach home same night as close of Show. Send for Schedule at once. You will be in time.
CHAS. DRAPER, Sec., 1a, Wilton St., Leicester.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

SHOW (Under C.B.U. Rules).
TUESDAY, NOV. 5th.
23 Classes for Cage Birds. Judge—Mr. G. E. Russell. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and numerous Specials. Entry Fee 1/6 Schedules from—
A. M. BAILEY, Hon. Sec., Stratford-on-Avon.

MADELEY

(SALOP). 4th Annual Show, November 6, '07.
Hurry up with Entries! We want them! Time extended till Wednesday, October 30th, for Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, &c. Write for Schedules **W. J. JEFFREY,** Auctioneer, Madeley, Salop.

SCARBORO'

November 6th, 1907.
(Under C.B.U. Rules).
Judge—Mr. C. GREENWOOD.
Secretary—**W. TOMLINSON, 25, Brook Street**

MORECAMBE

OPEN SHOW. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Cavies, Rabbits, etc., in the Winter Gardens Pavilion, on **NOVEMBER 6th, 1907.**
Judges: H. W. BATTYE, W. J. FERGUSON, C. HOULTON. **44 Classes, Cage Birds. 50 Special Prizes.** Entries close October 30th, 1907. Cheap bookings. Schedules **J. H. IRELAND,** Parliament Street, Morecambe.

CHIPPENHAM (WILTS),

November 6th and 7th, 1907.
Open Show of Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds. Judges: Homers, Oliver Dix, Esq.; Cage Birds, C. P. Telling, Esq.; Fancy Pigeons and Rabbits, J. E. Woodford, Esq. Schedules now ready. Specials in each class. Entries close October 30th, 1907. **W. J. WITTS, 9, Park Street, Woodlands, Chippenham.**

PONTARDAWE

SHOW, Nov. 7th.
Entries close November 2nd. POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CAVIES, CATS, and CAGE BIRDS. Judge: J. N. Harrison, Esq. Schedules, apply—
G. SYMONDS, Sec.

ABINGDON, NORTH BERKS, November, 7th.

Entries close October 28th. Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies (under C.B.U. Rules). Good classification; numerous specials. Cage Bird and Rabbit Judge: Mr. T. J. Ambrose. All prizes paid within one week of Show. Send for Schedules to **T. BOWEN, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Abingdon, Berks.**

GILLINGHAM,

Grand Open Show, Nov. 7 & 8.
Splendid classification for Cage Birds; held under C.B.U. Rules. K.C.C.B.A. Specials and Cups. Judge: G. Gardner, Esq. Entries extended Oct. 30th. Write for Schedules to **C. V. BURLTON, 14, Irene Terrace, Chatham.**

SHEFFIELD

C.B.S. Great Annual Show,
Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Open to the United Kingdom, in the Temperance Hall,
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 8th. & 9th.
Under the Patronage of the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. 34 Open Classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Good Specials; Foreign Prizes extra. For 1/6 Entry. £5 Cash Specials for Crested Norwich. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes, E. E. Smith. Schedules from
T. BISHOP, 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield.

HUCKNALL TORKARD

C.B.S. Open Show (C.B.U.). **Nov. 8 & 9.** Schedules ready. Prize Money guaranteed. Judges, J. Driver & G. Marshall. Entries close November 5th. Sec., **A. A. Asbury, 7a, Carlingford Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

WATFORD

THIRD ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, NOVEMBER 8th & 9th.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and J. Frostick, Esq. 12 classes for Canaries, 10 British, 4 Hybrids, 3 Foreign. Money Specials all open classes. Entries close **OCTOBER 30th.**

Show Manager: Mr. J. Goodall. Schedules from—

Messrs. QUANTRELL & WATTS, 14, Wiggenhall Road, Watford.

WATFORD

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Third annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, Nov. 8th & 9th, 1907. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., B.C.N., and C.C., N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.; 52 Open Classes. Judges, W. P. Barnes, W. Mundell, and J. W. Bruce. Specials for every class, and extra specials for each section, and the best train service in the country. Schedules from **Jas. Johnson, 60, Neptune Rd., Wallsend-on-Tyne.**

WARRINGTON OPEN SHOW

(C.B.U. RULES). **Six open Classes for Novices.**

November 8th and 9th, 1907.

Judges: A. Hirst and C. Houlton.—Grand classification. Prize money paid day of Show. Under the Patronage of the Green Canary Association. Specials every class, also extra specials. Schedules from **J. D. LEIGH, 7, Horsemarket Street.**

CLYDEBANK and District O.S. **Nov. 9th.** Confined Scotch Fancy Show and Competition. Town Hall, Clydebank. **A. KIRKWOOD, Sec., 24, Livingstone.**

MONTROSE C.B.S. Annual Grand Open Show, Nov. 9th.

Norwich Plainheads, British and Foreign Birds. Numerous Good Specials, All open Prize-money sure. also the best Judges. Entries close Nov. 2nd. Write for Schedules. **John Clark, 84, High Street, Montrose, N.B.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES and Dis. C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The 3rd Annual Open Show, **Saturday, November 9,** in the Temperance Hall. Open to the United Kingdom. 40 Classes. Specials every class and specials most points. The British and For. classes are guaranteed, and full prize-money will be paid. Judges: Norwich Cinnamons and Crests, J. Stanger, Esq., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham; Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford; Brit. and For., J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 2nd.—For Schedules apply, **J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.**

LUTON C.B.S.

The 2nd Annual Open Show Nov. 13.

(Under C.B.U. RULES.)

59 Classes. **£1 1s.** cash special for best foreign bird (open), and heaps of other Specials. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Frostick, the remainder. Entries close November 6th. Schedules from **E. CHERRY, Sec. 4, Poet Street, Luton, Beds.**

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW W.C.B.C. C.B.U.

(Palace of Wales).

P., Pig., Cage Birds, Cats and R. Drill Hall, **Nov. 14th.** Grand Classification. Cage Birds' Prize Scheme. Special Cups, Medals galore. Judges: T. Furness, Williams Bros., J. H. Payne, F. Seidle. Schedules ready. Entries close November 7th. **J. Thomas,** Secretary, 39, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr Tydvil.

DUBLIN. Pigeons, Cage Birds and Poultry (confined to Ireland) 14th & 15th, November.

Entries close **4th, November.** Schedules from—**Walter Webster,** General Hon. Sec., **Warrenville, Blackrock, DUBLIN.**

PENZANCE & District Grand Open Show OF Pigeons & Cage Birds.

(Affiliated to Cage Bird Union).

November 15th, 1907.

Judge of Cage Birds: Mr. W. G. Poole. Entries close **7th November, 1907.** For Schedules apply—**J. Pearce Sampson,** Hon. Sec.

Fanciers, please make a note of

BLACKPOOL (Lancs) SHOW,

November 15-16, 1907.

51 Classes (all open). Schedules ready shortly. Judge: J. H. Roe, Derby.

A. J. WINTERBOTTOM, Sec., 9, Clinton Avenue.

CONSETT, Blackhill & Dis. P., Pig R. & C. B. S. NOV. 16th.

Judge: Cages Birds (27,) T. Dixon Esq. 10 Silver Cups & Magpie Challenge Bowl. Prize money guaranteed. Entries close **Nov. 9th.** Schedules apply **W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jr., 21, PARK ROAD, CONSETT.**

MORPETH & DIST. ORNTH. SOC.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16th, 1907,** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds; 23 open classes. Special for Best Bird in each class, and 6 Guinea Challenge Bowl. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. For Schedules apply A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

GALASHIELS N.B. 47th Great Open Show

for PIGEONS and CAGE BIRDS

will be held NOVEMBER 16th, 1907, when the undernoted Specialists will judge:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Geo. Fulton, Partick, and John Dalgleish, Leith; Border Fancy Canaries, William Haddow, Hamilton; Norwich Canaries, British & Foreign Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from ALEX. SMITH, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.

GRAVESEND Nov. 19th and 20th.

Cage Birds, 20 Classes. Judge: J. NORTH, Esq. Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries close Nov. 12th. **H. R. Jewiss,** hon. sec.

PAIGNTON OPEN SHOW.

(Torbay Ornithological Society.)

October 30th.

Why have Fanciers failed to support us? In 8 Norwich Classes we have not a single entry, only 4 entries in 7 Yorkshire Classes; in 2 Classes of Crests and one of Crestbreds, only 3 entries; Light Mules, Dark ditto, Hybrid (3 Classes), entries nil; British (3 classes), no entries; Foreign (2 classes), 2 entries. Fanciers, do send along some entries. We will classify. Will receive up to last post on Saturday. Prize money, 10/-, 5/- and 3/-, with cash special to every class. Entrance fee, 1/6. Judge: Mr J. H. Payne.

E. C. PARNELL (Hon. Sec.), 12, Princes Street, Paignton, S. Devon.

DON'T FORGET WOLVERHAMPTON on OCTOBER 30th and 31st,

And let that good Prize Money go begging. WILL ACCEPT ENTRIES TILL SUNDAY.

F. HOWES, 25, LESLIE ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SHOW OF THE WEST.

GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S. SECOND ANNUAL SHOW, October 30th & 31st.

Of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds. 38 Classes, also 3 challenge bowls, medals and valuable specials. 10 classes for Nor. Plain, 4 Crest, 2 Cinn., 4 Yorks., 2 Bor., 6 Brit., 2 Mule or Hybrid, 2 For., 3 Sell., 1 Nov., 2 Mem's. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance Fee, including Bowls, Cups, Medals and Specials, 1/6 Entries extended **Oct. 28th.** Judge, Mr. H.W. BATTYE. C.B.'s New Competition at this Show. Mr. Sandiford is giving a Cup for hottest fed bird in show fed on Royal Red Colour Food. Schedules from **J. HOUGHTON, Sec., "Dargai," Hatherley Road, GLOUCESTER.** **ENTRIES VERY SHORT.**

WELLINGBOROUGH & Dist. C.B. Show.

C.B. Rules. Judges: W. VARDY, Canarics & Mules; J. GOODALL, British and For. **Oct. 30 & 31.** Entries close Oct. 27th. Please enter from this, the Show of the Midlands. Prize-money 10/-, 5/-, 2 6, with good Specials. Under the Patronage of the N.B.B.&M.C. Cage Bird Competition and Sandiford's Cup for Hottest Fed Bird. Class 1, Nov. Cl. or Underflue Tic. Yell.; 2, ditto, Buff; 3, Nov. Vis. Tic. Mar. or Var., Yell. or Buff; 4, Nov. Yell. or Buff Hen; 5, Nov. Cl. or Underflue Tic. Yell. Unflighted, Bred 1907; 6, ditto, Buff, ditto; 7, Nor. Vis. Tic. Mar. or Var. Yell., Unflighted, bred 1907; 8, ditto, Buff, ditto. 9, Nov. Yell. or Buff Hen, ditto; 10, Nor. Cock Yell. for Stock purposes, limit £3; 11 ditto, Buff, ditto; 12, A.V. Crested Canary; 13, A.V. Crest Bred Canary; 14, A.V. Cinnamons; 15, Yorkshire Cl. or Underflue Tic. Yell or Buff; 16, ditto, Vis. Tic. Mar. or Var., ditto; 17, Norwich Cock, limit £3; 18, Norwich Cock, limit £1; 19, Norwich Hen, limit £2; 20, A.V. or Species of Cage Bird, limit £3; 21, ditto, £1 10s.; 22, ditto, 12/6; 23, ditto (entry fee in this class 1/-), 5/-; 24, Dark Canary Mule; 25, Light Canary Mule or Hybrid, including Canary-Bullie; 26, Goldfinch; 27, Greypate; 28, Bullfinch; 29, Greenfinch; 30, Chaffinch or Bramblefinch; 31, Linnet; 32, Redpole, Siskin or Twite; 33, A.O.V, of Finch or Bunting, including Crossbill; 34, Blackbird, Song Thrush or Starling; 35, Wheatear or smaller; 36. A.O. Specie larger than Wheatear, including all Albinos (Hawks, Owls and Ravens excluded); 36A, any Specie of Hen British Bird; 37, For. Bird larger than Cardinal; 38, For. Bird smaller and including Cardinal. Forward your entries to **W. Howe,** Hon. Sec., 9, Ranelagh Road, Wellingborough.

BLACKBURN NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd, Great Open Show

of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under the Patronage of the British Bird and Mule Club, and Cinnamon Canary Club. Judges: Mr. J. H. Roe (Derby), Canaries; Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn), Mules, British and Foreign. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, and 2/-. Grand Class and Section Specials. Entry Fee 1/6 per cage. Entries close October 28th. For Schedules, &c., apply **J. W. MARSDEN, Hon. Sec., 44, Troop St., Blackburn.** Roller Fanciers, look out for Grand Roller Singing Contest, to be held on Dec. 27th & 28th

MANSFIELD NOV. 1 & 2, C.B.U. Rules. 8/-, 4/-, 2/-.

Entry Fee 1/-. 56 Classes. Post Entries not later than Sat., Oct., 26th

J. H. DUCKWORTH, 16, Tennyson St., Mansfield.

DARLINGTON CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION SECOND ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, on Saturday, November 2nd. 24 Classes. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Good special for every Class. Entry fee 1/-. Entries close October 28th. Judge: W. MUNDELL, Esq., Bradford. For Schedules and any other information apply to the Hon. Sec. **R. S. Black,** 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington.

BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S., LEEDS.

2nd Annual Show, **Nov. 2nd, 1907.**

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules.)

Judges: J. C. Barnes, Yorkshire and Norwich; J. Beswick, British and Mules, &c.

22 Open Classes and 4 Novice Classes (2 Yorks and 2 Norwich). Prize money, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, Entry Fee 1/-. 2/6 Special each class. Extra Specials each section. Extra Special most Points throughout Show. (See Review.) Schedules from—

J. METCALFE, 9, Elder View, Bramley, Leeds.

YORK

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SHOW (under C.B.U. rules) Held in the Exhibition Buildings, **Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5th and 6th, 1907.** All Prize Money fully guaranteed in every class. No cancelling of any class or amalgamation of classes. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and H. W. Battye, Esq. Good classification. A special in every class. Entries close October 31st, 1907. Schedules ready, from **T. BOYLE, Sec., 1, Milton Street, Hull Road, York.**

THE SOCIETY THAT REQUIRES NO PUFF. Held under C.B.U. Rules.

SWANSEA and District C.B. Association. NOV. 6th and 7th, 1907.

Specialist Judges in every Section. Numerous Specials. Judges—Messrs. J. Pritchard, Esq., T. H Melhuish, Esq., D. H. Tedstone, Esq., J. H. Jones, Esq., R. Waters, Esq. British Birds and Mules: A. Howe, Esq., A Show that is noted for fair play and promptness in Prize Money. No connection apply to with any other Society in Swansea. **Entries close October 31st.** Schedules now ready, please **Hon. Sec., A. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Nr. Swansea.**

PORTSMOUTH. POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS & CAGE BIRDS SHOW

Will be held in the **Volunteer Engineer Drill Hall, Hampshire Terrace, Southsea,** on NOVEMBER 6th and 7th, 1907.

Entries close October 26th. Schedules now ready, apply—

J. WOODHOUSE, 123, HIGH STREET, PORTSMOUTH.

LEAMINGTON SPA FANCIERS' OPEN SHOW

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Errata: 65 Special Prize read "by member in open class."

KIRKCALDY C.B.S. OPEN SHOW.

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WATFORD

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Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits & CAGE BIRDS on November 19th & 20th

Entries close Nov. 13th. Judge for Cage Birds, T. Heath. **B. P. T. JONES, Hon. Sec, Cherhill, Lancaster Gardens, Southend-on-Sea**

HASTINGS U.C.B.S. (Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Annual Open Cage Bird Show, Nov. 19th and 20th.

Judge: J. H. Payne; under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C. Champion and Novice Sections, and Champion Section of the S.Y.C.C. Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries positively close Tuesday, November 12th. Schedules, apply **A. E. and J. H. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street.**

MARGATE 10th Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds

Open to all England, November 20th and 21st, 1907. Judges: Poultry, P. Proud, Esq.; Pigeons, Messrs. C. Wicks and Clem Watson; Rabbits and Cats, A. H. Calcutt, Esq.; Cage Birds, J. Robson, Esq. Entries close November 6th. Schedules, **W. J. JONES, Hon. Sec., 28, Fort Crescent, MARGATE.**

NORTHAMPTON Good Intent.

36th Annual Show, **Nov. 20 & 21.** Look out for Schedule in this Paper Nov. 8th. Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge: G. Laurance, Esq. **C. M. Larkman, Sec.,** 210, Wellingboro' Road

TONBRIDGE POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS,

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(Under Cage Bird Union Rules.)

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Nov. 20th & 21st, 1907.

Good classification and Specials. Cage Bird Judge: G. Gardner. Schedules, etc., from **C. ATTREE,** Hon. Sec., **23, Taddington Road, Eastbourne.**

KIRBYMOORSIDE (YORKS) SHOW. NOV. 21

Entries close Nov. 11

Judges—Poul., W. H. Silvester; Pig., J. L. Nicholson: R. & C., T. H. Roberts; Cage Birds, H. W. Battye—For Schedules apply REED & CALAM, KIRBY-MOORSIDE.

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Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester, Grand classification. Specials every class. Schedules ready. Entries close November 14th, 1907. Apply **DAVID JEREMY, Hon. Sec., Glanrhyd Cottage. Tanylan Road, Morriston, R.S.O.**

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JOHN HENRY DIXON, 77, Brook St., Selby.

NEWARK SHOW Nov. 21.

RABBITS AND CAGE BIRDS (OPEN).

£10 limit. 11 Classes Cage Birds (Union Rules)

Judge: Mr T. J. Ambrose. Schedules, apply—

S. C. WILKINS, 72, MILNER STREET.

Entries close November 14th.

LOWESTOFT

And District Cage Bird Society.

First Annual Show of Canaries and Cage Birds will be held in The Public Hall, Lowestoft, Thursday and Friday, **November 21st and 22nd.** Under C.B.U. rules. **OPEN TO SUFFOLK.** Entries close Nov. 11th. Judge: JACOB MACKLEY, Esq, Norwich. Schedules ready, apply:

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Mr. G. E. WESTON, Classes 50 to 73.
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4 Ticked or unevenly-marked—Buff
5 1907 unflighted
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7 Hens, ticked, clear, or unevenly marked—Buff
8 Non-fed, any variety

CREST or CREST-BRED.

9 Crest
10 Crest-bred

YORKSHIRES.

11 Clear Yellow
12 Clear Buff
13 Ticked or unevenly marked—Yellow
14 Ticked or unevenly marked—Buff
15 1907 unflighted
16 Hens, clear, ticked or unevenly marked—Yellow
17 Hens, clear, ticked or unevenly marked—Buff
18 Any variety, non-fed

CINNAMONS.

19 Cinnamon, any variety

LANCASHIRES.

20 Lancashire Coppy
21 Lancashire Plainhead

LIZARDS.

22 Golden Lizard, any variety
23 Silver Lizard, any variety

BORDER FANCY.

B.F.C.C. and E. and W.B.F.C.C. patronage.

24 Clear or ticked Yellow cock
25 Clear or ticked Yellow Hen
26 Clear or ticked Buff cock
27 Clear or ticked Buff hen
28 Unevenly marked Yellow cock or hen
29 Unevenly marked buff cock or hen
30 Evenly marked Green or Cinnamon

(Colour-fed birds in classes 24 to 30 will be debarred)

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31 Yellow cock, any variety
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33 Hen, any variety

A. O. V. CANARY.

34 Any other variety not specified

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35 Matched pairs not to exceed £5
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CUP for most points in above classes.

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37 Canary or Mule not exceeding 30/-
38 Canary or Mule not to exceed 20/- (single or pair)
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40 Clear, lightly ticked or evenly marked Canary hybrid
41 Unevenly marked or variegated Goldfinch Canary hybrid
42 Linnet and Canary or Greenfinch Canary unevenly marked or variegated
43 Dark Goldfinch and Canary, Yellow
44 Dark Goldfinch and Canary, buff
45 Dark Greenfinch and Canary
46 Dark Linnet and Canary
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52 Bullfinch cock
53 Bullfinch hen
54 Linnet cock
55 Chaffinch cock
56 Lesser Redpoll cock
57 Siskin cock, colour fed
58 Siskin cock, non fed
59 Twite or Mealy Redpoll
60 Bramblefinch
61 Greenfinch
62 Bunting, any specie of
63 Hen, any variety not larger than Hawfinch
64 Blackbird, Thrush or Starling
65 Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay or Chough
66 Pied Albinos or rare feathered specimen of British bird not being a hybrid
67 Any variety British not before named
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November 7th & 8th
(C.B.U. Rules.)
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Cage Birds only. C.B.U. Rules.

November 12th.

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NOVEMBER 12th and 13th.

30 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Special for every class. Special Cup for best bird in Show. All Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge: Mr. J. C. BARNES. Judge (Roller Class): Mr. F. OLDROYD. Entries close Nov. 7th. All prize money paid same week as show. Date will not be extended. Schedules from—

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18th ANNUAL SHOW (Under C.B.U. Rules)

NOV. 15 & 16, 1907.

Judges, Messrs. Robson, Battye, Roche, & Netherwood; 58 classes of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Under the patronage of the G. C. A., National British Bird and Mule Club, S.F. C. C. (Bradford County B. B. & Mule Club) and Foreign Bird Club. **Prizes 10/- 6/- 4/- 2/-. Entries close November 11th.** For Schedules apply—

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November 20th and 21st.

GREAT OPEN SHOW TO ALL OF CAGE BIRDS ONLY.

(Under C.B U. Rules.) (C.B. Competition.)

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Saturday, November 9, 1907.

Judges: (Norwich) C. Campbell, (Scotch F.) J. Carlaw, (Border British and Mules) Messrs. Duncan & Logau. Verney Challenge Cup and Medal, and a host of other specials. Entries close November 2nd.

Schedules—**F. M'GILLIVRAY, Gauze Road, Chance, Boness, N.B.**

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£5 LIMIT Nov. 23rd

(Affiliated to C. B. U.)

Judge: J. H. Roe. **F. CAMERON. Sec., Sydney St.**

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18th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1907.

Judges: G. E. Russell and A. G. Cameron.

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POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS, and CAGE BIRDS (C.B. U. Rules), **NOVEMBER 26th & 27th.** Entries close November 14th. Schedules from—

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December 4th and 5th, 1907.

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Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne. 67 Classes. Challenge Cups value £60. Specials value £15. Entries close November 20th, 1907. Schedules of **G. T. H MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol**

KILSYTH OPEN SHOW,

December 14, 1907.

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Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, and which has not the Union's Rules published in the Schedules:—

Oct. 29, 30.—Lewes Fanciers (License).
,, 30.—Torbay and Paignton.
,, 30.—Ashover (License).
,, 30, 31.—Welsh National.
,, 30, 31.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
,, 30, 31.—Gloucester C.B.S.
,, 30, 31.—Wellingborough.
,, 30, 31.—Kent County (License).
,, 31.—Weston-Super-Mare.
Nov. 1, 2.—Mansfield.
,, 1, 2.—Blackburn.
,, 1, 2.—Blaydon-on-Tyne.
,, 2.—Cleator Moor (License).
,, 2.—Bramley.
,, 2.—Rochdale Good Intent.
,, 2, 4.—Norwich Alliance.
,, 2, 4.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand.
,, 5.—Stratford-on-Avon (License).
,, 5, 6.—York.
,, 6.—Morecambe (License).
,, 6.—Scarborough (License).
,, 6, 7.—Swansea.
,, 6, 7.—Portsmouth.
,, 6, 7.—Chippenham Fanciers (License).
,, 7.—North Berks.
,, 7.—Leamington (License).
,, 7, 8.—Gillingham.
,, 8, 9.—Preston.
,, 8, 9.—Wallsend.
,, 8, 9.—Watford.
,, 8, 9.—Hucknall Torkard.
,, 8, 9.—Hinckley.
,, 8, 9.—Sheffield.
,, 8, 9.—Bury.
,, 9.—Stockton-on-Tees.
,, 9.—North Manchester.
,, 12.—Cambridge (License).
,, 12, 13.—City of Wakefield (License).
,, 13.—Evesham (License).
,, 13.—Luton (License).
,, 13.—St. Columb (License).
,, 14.—Merthyr Dowlais.
,, 15.—Penzance.
,, 15, 16.—Whitehaven (License).
,, 15, 16.—Leeds Roller (License).
,, 15, 16.—Leeds C.B.S.
,, 16.—Morpeth.
,, 16.—Consett and Blackhill.
,, 16—18.—Nottingham.
,, 19, 20.—Hastings United.
,, 19, 20.—Guildford.
,, 20, 21.—Northampton Good Intent (License)
,, 20, 21.—Bristol C.B.S.
,, 21.—Sutton Coldfield (License).
,, 21.—Morriston.
,, 21.—Hanley.
,, 21.—Selby.
,, 22.—Lowestoft (License).
,, 22, 23.—Hull.
,, 22, 23.—City and Suburban.
,, 22, 23.—Sunderland.
,, 22, 23.—Bolton O.S.
,, 23.—Oldham C.B.S.
,, 23.—Burton-on-Trent Fanciers.
,, 23.—St. Helens (License).
,, 23.—Langwith.
,, 26, 27.—Banbury (License).
,, 26, 27.—Derby.
,, 26, 27.—Bournemouth.
,, 28.—Berwick-on-Tweed.

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THE SHOWS.

ROCHDALE.

Rochdale Town Hall Show, as it is generally known, was held on October 18th and 19th, and was a great success. The entry showed a slight increase on last year's figures, whilst the quality generally was most excellent. In the open Lancashire section there were 110 entries, an increase of 32 on last year's figures, and in point of merit they were the best but we have seen in the famous Town Hall. No one could look through the birds staged and not feel that there is still a vast amount of fine left in the Lancashire fancy yet. We never remember to have seen so many tip top specimens staged before; class after class the competition was very close indeed, and the most gratifying feature of all was the absence of cripples and birds of slovenly carriage. In two or three classes were birds that gave evidence of having Norwich blood in their veins, but they were left severely alone by the judge. The veteran Barrass, as is usual, put down a marvellous team, secured the bulk of the premier awards. We have seen Robert stage some extraordinary teams in previous years, but on this occasion he out rivalled his previous best; his ticked Yellow Coppy, and his ticked Buff Plainhead were marvellous birds, and as full of quality and style as they were of substance; and, further, Messrs. Oldham, J. Butterworth, W. Mills, and J. Howarth each put down birds of most excellent merit. On this occasion an experiment was tried in this section by the provision of two classes for young birds, and it proved such a success that we shall doubtless see it continued. A better sample of young Lancashires than that shown by Messrs. Whitworth, King, Butterworth, Lee, Lord, Vickers, and Mills one need not wish to see. The Lizard section was chiefly remarkable for the fact that in the two hen classes no less than thirty four birds were staged. Two better hen classes we have never seen. What struck us most about the Lizards was the great number of birds showing well developed crealing on the sides and breasts. There were sixty-nine exhibits in the six classes, and the honours were very widely split up. The veteran Levi Butterworth once again got well to the front, and his silvers were indeed good. Mr. J. Dewsnap had a good day out, and his birds excelled in spangling. One of the most striking exhibits in the section was Mr. Rukin's Gold hen; she is indeed a gem. Very choice exhibits were also shown by Messrs. Hampshire, W. Dewsnap, F. Turner, E. Sidawny, W. Lawton, E. Lowe, and C. E. Fisher. Last year the Yorkshire section was poor both in numbers and quality, but on this occasion "the straight 'uns" gave Mr. Mundell something to tax his capabilities. The entry came up well, the average merit in each class was great, and the competition very close indeed, and the awards were well distributed. Cinnamons used to be a strong feature at Rochdale, and we have seen some wonderful collections there, but year by year they have got less and less until this year the climax has been reached by both classes being cancelled, and yet the stronghold of the Cinnamon Fancy is in Lancashire. Crests and Crestbreds were just average classes, and Mr. Mundell's selections were well made. Norwich came up exceptionally well, and right through the section some grand birds were shown; but especially was this so in the Buffs, which were superior to the Yellows. It is many years ago now that we first saw Mr. W. Bowyer standing in the premier position in the Norwich section at Rochdale, and it gave us the greatest pleasure to see such a veteran still keeping his end up. Mr. Mundell was loud in his praises of the Leek Buffs. Messrs. Herd, Booth, Sharples, Todd, and Hindley all staged birds of remarkably nice quality and colour and good type. A topping pair of Yorkshires ran away with the top card in the pairs, and Mules were only few in number, but the quality was good, whilst the British and Foreign, although not numerically strong, were yet very choice, especially the Foreigners, amongst which were some very choice Tanagers. One of the most striking features of an admirable show was the class for stuffed specimens, which contained some very choice examples of the taxidermist's art—by Mr. W. Lord. As is usual at Rochdale, the management was all that could be desired, and with such experienced fanciers as Messrs. Levi Butterworth as chairman, John Naden vice-chairman, and R. Barrass, treasurer, backed up by an earnest and willing lot of members, things could not easily go wrong. Mr. J. Butterworth, the secretary, is one of the best, and no man could be more anxious to please, or more indefatigable in the discharge of the onerous duties of the secretarial office. The ladies' refreshment stall, presided over by Mesdames Buckley, Naden, Turner, Whitworth, Leach, Lawton, Lord, Butterworth, A. Butterworth, Grindrod, and W. Grindrod, has much to say towards the financial success of the show, and Rochda' Brid men are much indebted to these good ladies for the interest they take in the Rochdale Town Hall Show.

The opening ceremony was performed by Lady Beatrice Kemp, the chair being taken by Mrs. Arthur Harvey, who was supported by a number of ladies and gentlemen, amongst whom were Lady Egerton, Miss Kemp, Colonel Kemp, Councillors Sharp, Howarth, and others. In opening the show Lady Beatrice Kemp spoke of the refining and elevating influence which birds exercised upon those who came in contact with them. She was herself greatly interested in birds, and kept a number, but she had never owned a Canary, and had never before opened a bird show. All who led a lonely life she thought should have some birds as pets, as they added greatly to the interest and happiness of one's life. After making some references to wild bird life in and around Rochdale, her ladyship made an eloquent appeal to the ladies present on the subject of aigrettes. Councillor Sharp, in a humorous speech, proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Beatrice for her kindness in opening the show. Mr. Butterworth, the secretary, gave some interesting facts relating to the work of the Rochdale Ornithological Club, and Mr. House spoke of the chief features of interest in the show. At the conclusion of the function, Lady Beatrice was presented with a very handsome Canary and cage, and Mrs. Harvey with a bouquet.

The judges were: Messrs. C. A. House (Lancashires, Lizards, Mules, and Foreign), and W. Mundell (the remainder).

Lancashires.

YELLOW COPPY (5): 1, 3, Barrass, nice spread of copy, stout neck, nice length and carriage of body, stands well; 3rd large, massive bird, not so smart in carriage, plenty of headgear, but not so neatly put on; 2, Whitehead, splendid shape and quality, nice length, stands well up, very neat, well centred coppy, not so long in feather. BUFF (5): 1, Oldham, large, well spread, and capitally formed coppy, very wide and well finished at back, stands well, hardly the length of body for such a grand head; 2, J. Butterworth, more length and substance of body, grandly feathered body, long feathered coppy, not so nicely arranged, nor so broad in front as winner; 3, c, Barrass, tremendous head and feather, great length and substance of body, but does not take perch well, in cage, 1st if he would stand; 4, Garner, neat centre, good head, but rather too much droop, splendid length and carriage of body, vhc, Swalwell rare spread of coppy, hc, Turner. PLAIN YELL (6): 1, 2, Barrass, 1t grand lnped skull, well lashed, great substance and length of feather, rare shape and carriage of body; 2nd a noble head, densely feathered and lashed, great substance of body, but not to long, and not so smart in carriage; 3, 4, Naden, very long, stylish body of nice substance, well shaped skull, not so broad; 4th, massive body, but lacks length, broad skull, but rises rather too much, and lacks the scowling look which a Plainhead should have; vhc, Adams, great length of body, beaten in width of skull. BUFF (7): 1, Mills, takes L.L.F.A. spl. for best bird shown in standard cage, very stout in head and neck, broad massive back, rare length and style, grand entrance and brow; 2, Barrass, better quality of feather and nicer carriage, not so massive in head and neck, and hardly ready; 3, Swalwell, grand length shape, and carriage of body, not so stout in head; 4, Law, beautiful body and style, splendid back and skull, not so wide in front; vhc, Garner, wonderful feather, nice carriage, good broad skull, lacks length; hg, c, Collinge. COPPY TICKED YELL. (10): 1, Barrass, large spreading coppy, excellent width of front, neat centre, nicely finished behind, and rare body properties; 2, 4, Mills, not so much substance of body, grand style and length, very neat coppy; 4th, big massive bird, with a wealth of feather, loses in finish of coppy and carriage of body; 3, Adams, splendid shape, size and carriage of body, very neatly formed coppy, lacks length of coppy; vhc, Oldham, capital and carriage of body, loses in coppy; hc, c, Garner. TICKED BUFF (13): 1, Barrass, just a wonder, immense spread of coppy, great length of feather, rare shape and substance of body, splendid quality, and rare style; 2, c, West, longer in body, but not so stylish, big well-spread coppy, but inclined to lift, a clinking bird, but just lacks the finish of winner; 3, vhc, Vickers, great length and substance of body, splendid carriage, good front of coppy, but twists a bit at side; 4, Lowe, very shapely and nice substance, well formed coppy, but lifts; hc, Garner, a very hot class. PLAIN. TICKED YELL. (6): Only six, but all gems, wonderful lot for shape, substance, and style; 1, 2, Barrass, 1st a youngster, splendid length, shape and style of body, great width of skull, which placed it over 2nd, last year's winner, an immense bird in every respect, but hardly the width of entrance possessed by 1st; 3, Turner, grand shaped bird, wonderful length and style, grand skull and lashing, not quite so massive; 4, Oldham, magnificent shape and substance of skull, rare feather, nice style, but shorter in body; vhc, Lowe, wonderful body for shape, size, length and style, but too high in skull, just the bird for a Crest breeder to get hold of; hc, Garner. TICKED BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Barrass, another giant indeed, wonderful substance right through, rare style and carriage, immense substance and shape of skull, splendid length of body and feather; 2, Oldham, another clinking good bird, stands splendidly, capital quality, plenty of feather substance, hardly so massive; 3, Howarth, splendid shape and substance of head, great length and width of feather, not so long in body; 4, hc, West, rare length and carriage, well shaped skull, hardly so much substance; c, Turner. HEN COPPY (10): 1, J. Butterworth, most charming Yellow, beautifully formed and well spread coppy, neat centre, nice back, grand shape and substance of body; 2, Fallows, very massive body but a trifle short, nice substance and length of body feather, neatly centred and well spread coppy, a buff; 3, Barrass, about the biggest bird in the class, great length and width of feather, grand front, but not quite fit; 4, Naden, splendid shape, length and style of body, neat, well finished coppy, but lacks spread; vhc, hc, Garner, another grand shaped, stylish yellow, nice headpiece, but not so long in feather, or so massive in body; c, Mills; No. 7, Turner, too much droop for a Lancashire. PLAINHEAD HEN (7): 1, Barrass, a wonderful yellow, extraordinary substance, grand length and style, great width of front, grandly lashed, stout neck and back; 2, Howarth, buff, grand shaped skull, well lashed, plenty of length and substance both of body and feather; 3, Vickers, buff, splendid shape and substance, great length of feather on body, not so well lashed; 4, Hughes, buff, rare head and body, plenty of length and substance, but tail not down; vhc, Adams, very nice, stylish, lengthy yellow, but needs a bit more substance; hc, Naden; c, Lord. BRED 1907 COPPY (12): 1, Whitworth, wonderful length and spread of coppy, very long, massive, well-carried body, a future champion; 2, King, a topping yellow, grand body, plenty of feather, needs just a bit more front, wins L.L.F.A. spl.; 3, J. Butterworth, grand fronted, nicely centred coppy, hardly so well finished at back, splendid body; 4, vhc, Lee, shapely, stylish yellow, nice shaped coppy, but not so much length of feather; vhc, rare shaped body and great length of feather, beaten in centre; hc, Horsman; c, Howarth. PLAINHEAD (15): 1, B, Lord, wonderful yellow, great length, substance, and style, capital skull; 2, Vickers, clinking buff, all that a young Lancashire ought to be; need I say more? These two babes should have very distinguished careers; 3, Lee, wonderful quality buff, grand skull, plenty of feather, not quite so much length; 4, c, Mills, a topping bird in every point, but had to go down because of condition—properly shown it doubtless would have won; vhc, Oldham, grand bodied yellow, not so much substance of skull; hc, Butterworth.

Lizards.

GOLD (8): 1, Turner, grand shape and finish of cap, rare shape and quality, sound colour, and full of work; 2, Hampshire, larger bird of nice shape, plenty of work, but hardly so distinct; 3, Gaskill, splendid body, plenty of work, grand colour, bit mooned in tail; 4, Lowe, another grand bodied bird with the same fault; vhc, c, Lawton; hc, Dewsnap. SILVER (13): 1, 4, vhc, L. Butterworth, grand shape and size, neat cap, very clear and distinct in spangling, wonderful breast and sides, rare shoulders; 4, grand shape, rare back, but grey in flights; 2, J. Dewsnap, not quite so large, but all there in colour, shape, and spangle; 3, hc, Fisher, grandly spangled, capital shape, nice cap, not in such good form; c, Lawton. BROKEN GOLD (7): 1, 2, J. Dewsnap, 1st almost a no-cap, very brilliant colour, grand quality and shape, grandly spangled, splendid shoulders and sides; 2nd very regular and distinct in spangle, grand quality and colour, hardly so large; 3, hc, Lowe, grandly spangled on back, not so much work on shoulders, rare shape and quality; 4, Rukin, very bold spangle, but not so much of it, nice shape and colour; vhc, Lawton; c, Hampshire. BROKEN SILVER (7): 1, Fisher, a gem, one of the best spangled Lizards I have seen, almost as good on sides as on back, splendid quality, fine shape and size; 2, L. Butterworth, more colour, very distinct spangle, not so much work on shoulders and sides; 3, Lawton, grand shape and feather, good colour, splendid sides, not quite so distinct on back; 4, Hampshire, nice shape, plenty of spangle, not quite so sound in colour; vhc, hc, c, Dewsnap. HEN GOLD (16): 1, Rukin, almost a no cap, a real gem, full of spangle, rare shape and style, and full of colour; 2, hc, Hampshire, a larger bird, full of work, but not so rich in colour, clear cap; 3, Sidaway, splendid shape and feather, nice colour, not so closely rowed, clear cap; 4, Turner, capital shape and colour, carries a lot of work on back and side, but is not so regular; vhc, c, Dewsnap, splendid back, not so well worked on shoulders and sides. SILVER (18): 1, H. Lord, grand shape and size, nice colour, wonderful back, rare quality; 2, W. Dewsnap, very bold clear spangle, splendid breast, rare colour and shape, a very tight race indeed; 3, J. Dewsnap, not quite so regular, but a lot of work, grand shape and colour, nice size; 4, hc, Hampshire, wonderful shape, style and quality, lovely back, full of large, distinct spangling, a bonny bird, but mooned in tail; vhc, Lowe; c, W. Dewsnap.

Mules, etc.

LIGHT (6): 1, Dixon, large, rich coloured, fine feathered, six-pointed yellow, in grand trim; 2, Colton, very fine yellow variegated Greenfinch, rare size and colour, but let down by a badly-feathered tail; 3, Wagstaff, big variegated buff, grand colour and feather; 4, hc, Smith, variegated buff, nice colour and quality, not so large; vhc, Williamson. DARK (6): 1, Dixon, a most gorgeous Linnet-Canary, wonderful depth and brilliancy of colour, rare size, and full of quality; 2, Colton, grandly-marked yellow Siskin-Canary, full of quality, and rare size; 3, Fitton, buff Linnet-Canary, plenty of size and marking, nice feather, lacks colour; 4, J. Butterworth, nicely-marked Siskin-Canary, good size and shape, needs colour; vhc, hc, Gaskill. AMATEURS.—LANCS. (12): 1, 4, Entwistle, very long, shapely yellow Plainhead, plenty of substance and nice style; 4th long, stylish bodied yellow coppy, not enough spread; 2, hc, Walton, slashing buff Plainhead, plenty of substance and length, massive, well shaped skull; 3, Jones, yellow coppy, big spread of coppy, nice shape and substance of body, hardly ready; vhc, c, Whitehead, nice shapely buff Plainhead. LIZARDS (11): 1, 3, 4, vhc, c, Turner, very nice team indeed, leader a well rowed silver with good breast; 2, hc, Martin, fine bold spangled silver, not so well created on sides. FOREIGN PARROTS (5): 1, F. Howe, very handsome King, and a pair of yellow Budgerigars, very nice in colour and marking; 2, 4, Colton, well marked, rich coloured Pennant, and another King not in full plumage. SMALL SEED-EATERS (11): 1, Colton, beautifully marked pair of Parrot Finches, in grand colour and plumage; 2, hc, Howe, very fine Long-tailed Whydah, capital colour and feather; 3, 4, c, Pickles, pair of Pin-tailed Nonpariels of grand colour and feather, and a charming pair of masked Finches; vhc, Colton, very pretty Crimson. FINCH, A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., 2, 4, vhc, Millsum, 1st very fine Greenish Tanager in rare feather; 2nd another grandly feathered, very steady Tanager; 4th capital pair of Cow-Birds, grand colour and condition; vhc, splendid scarlet Tanager; 3, Pickles, very handsome Maroon Tanager, not in such good feather.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Spencer, lovely colour, grand position, good head, and full of quality; 2, Lawton and Son, pale in colour, good flights and tail, slim, stand well on leg, shows a little frill; 3, Schofield, very lame, and did not show itself, good head and full of quality; 4, Gray, blaze of colour, good head; vhc, Simpson and Son; hc, Dr. J. Monteith; c, Dewsnap. BUFF. (17): 1, Haigh and Son, nicely fed bird, full of quality, well traced wings, grand position; 2, Bescoby, very good bird, not ready, rich colour, stand well; 3, Simpson and Son, correct type, full of quality, good wing carriage; 4, Wagstaff, good head, typical, rather stout; vhc, Brooks; hc, Broughton; c, Gray. TICK. ON MKD. YELL. (15): 1, Moss and Son, thigh ticked, full of quality, well on leg, long flights and tail, shade flat on head; 2, 4, Norris, 2nd unevenly marked, grand back, wing and tail, rich colour, position A1; 4th wing ticked, position good, not quite ready for the bench; 3, Ramsden, thigh ticked, rich colour, pair of nice wings, showing good Yorkshire properties; vhc, Bescoby; hc, Wagstaff; c, Simpson and Son. BUFF (14): 1, Slater, unevenly marked, full of quality, good head, position A1, well traced wings, neat tail; 2, Clayton, ticked on shoulder-blade, stands erect, very steady, bit on the strong side, good bird; 3, Norris, cheek marked, very neat, grand position, small; 4, Bescoby, correct type, rather short; vhc, Lawton and Sou; hc, Moss and Sou; hc, J. and J. Hopkins; c, Spencer. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Brooks, very rich in colour, grand position, good wings and tail, full of quality, very steady; 2, King, pale colour, nice length, very lady-like, we liked; 3, Broughton, good wings, pale colour, very typical; 4, Slater, cinn. mkd., teeming with quality; grand type of a Yorkshire; vhc, Norris; hc, Bescoby; c, Gray. BUFF HENS (13): 1, King, pale colour, neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Haigh and Son, very rich colour, boxey feather, grand type; 3, Mayer, cinn. mkd., position, grand wings and tail; 4, Lawton and Son, rich colour, bit on strong side; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Mirfield; c, Ramsden. CREST (10): 1, 3, Radley, 1st dark Crest, very dense, good centre, massive bird; 3rd another dark Crest, nice droop, good skull; 2, Bowyer, dark Crest, good centre, well drooping crest, plenty of feather, massive skull; 4, Crookes, good centre, plenty of feather, not quite ready; vhc, Evans; hc, Fitton; c, Hardy. CREST-BRED (10): 1, 3, Bowyer, 1st massive variegated, good wide skull, plenty of feather; 3rd good body, will improve; 2, vhc, Hardy, 2nd variegated, nice size, plenty of feather and dense; 4, Radley, good body, massive skull; hc, Howarth; c, Evans. CREST HENS (7): 1, Dawn, grey Crest, good centre, large skull, full of feather, good droop; 2, Bowyer, dark crest marked wing, good body, large skull, good centre, nice even droop; 3, Simpson, grey, plenty good skull and droop; 4, Radley, good body, nice daisy crest; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Evans; c, Walsh. CRESTBRED HENS (6): 1, vhc, Crooks, chest and wings marked, dense feather, plenty of substance, grand hen; 2, Radley, good head, broad chest, a large hen; 3, Bowyer, Green, massive skull, plenty of body feather, we liked; 4, Evans, variegated good head feather; he, Hardy. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, 4, Booth, 1st blaze of colour, grand head and chest, chubby, full of quality, correct type; 4th very typical, not so well finished as 1st; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, rich colour, full of quality, good head and chest; 3, vhc, Worthington Bros., unfi., well fed, not quite so chubby as 1st and 2nd; hc, Bowyer; c, Unwin. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Hindley, 1st good head and chest, brimful of quality, very hot, chubby; 3rd rich colour, nice, well braced wing, short tail, chubby; 2, Sharples, rich colour, quality, nice type; 4, Worthington Bros., short thick hird, rare quality of feather; vhc, Unwin; hc, Dyer; c, Clayton. MKD. TICK. OR VAR. YELL. (11): 1, Todd, a vargtd., blaze of colour, good head, nice wings and tail; 2, Sharples, cheek tkd. blaze of colour, quality of feather A1, well braced wings; 3, Booth, var., beautiful feather, rich colour, but too long in flights and tail, will make a good stud bird; 4, Moss and Son, correct type, good wing, neat head; vhc, Bowyer, hc, Unwin, c, Dr H. Herd. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Bowyer, 1st cheek marked, full of quality, correct type, good wing and tail, grand head and back, 2nd rich colour, var., chubby, 3, Todd, grizzled on back, typical, tail very loose, when we saw it, 4, Braybrook, eye and wing marked, grand type; vhc, Sharples; hc, Dr Herd; c, Dyer. YELL. HENS (8): 1, Booth, eye and wing, rich colour, good round head, stout chest, filled up neck, rare quality of feather, 2, 3, Dr. Herd, bird of rare shape and quality of feather, chubby, 3rd rather pale in colour, but correct type; 4, Critchley, pale in colour, very typical, well filled in neck; vhc, Hindley; hc, Unwin, c, Gaskill. BUFF NOR. HENS (18): 1, 2, Booth, two gems, 1st short, chubby, brimful of quality, good head and chest, well filled in neck, very steady; 2nd full of quality, chubby, a beauty; 3, Hindley, grand quality of feather, correct type, close up to winner; 4, Bowyer, good chest, boxey feather, chubby; vhc, Gaskill; hc, Parkinson; c, Lees. PAIRS (9): 1, Greenwood, Yorks., a lovely pair, well matched; 2, Dr. H. Herd, Nor., grand pair, full of quality; 3, King, Yorks., a rare length; 4, Mills, Lancashires; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Taylor. SELL., £1 10s. (15): 1, Greenwood, 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Gray; 4, Naden; vhc, Law; hc, Abbey and Mellor; c, Butterworth. SELL., 20/- (16): 1, Parkinson; 2, West; 3, Greenwood; 4, Braybrook; vhc, Steeple; hc, Crossley; c, Young. SELL., 12/6 (17): 1, Crossley; 2, Fitton; 3, Young; 4, Cooper; vhc, Howe; hc, McKim; c, Braybrook. MEMBERS (16): 1, 2, vhc, Ashworth, 1st Buff ticked Yorks., rare length, good head and wings, nice colour; 2nd Yell. Yorks., rare quality, grand wings and tail, beautiful position; 3, 4, c, Faulkner, 3rd Yell. Yorks., full of nerve, correct type; 4th Buff Yorks., well on leg, good flights and tail; hc, Parker. LINNETS (6): 1, Pickles, grand type, well pencilled, a bit too light on breast; 2, Gaskill, nice brown, well mooned, close up; 3, Entwistle; 4, Massey; vhc, Sedaway; hc, Threlfall. ANY VAR. SMALL (8): 1, Massey, Redstart, in pink of condition; 2, Capstick and Brown, Yellowhammer, lovely quality, well marked; 3, 4, Wilson, Bramhle; vhc, Williamson; hc, Helton; c, Hall. STUFFED SPECIMENS (9): No names. 1, Kestrel Hawks and young; 2, pair of lovely Kingfishers; 3, Yellow Shank, a rare specimen, beautifully got up; 4, Gos. Hawk; vhc, Golden Eagle; hc, Eider Drake; c, Humming Birds.

WINCHESTER.

Winchester Dist. and Fur, Feather, and Canine Association held a members' show October 17th, at the Corn Exchange, Winchester. There were 12 classes in the cage bird section. Mr. G. H. Billett judged. Mr. Schneider's best Norwich Yellow was a gem, rich in colour properties, very eobby in shape, and won easily. Mr. Huntley's winning exhibit in the Mule class was a pretty bird, well worth its position. NORWICH YELL.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Schneider. BUFF: 1, Mortara; 2, 3, Schneider. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Schneider. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, Gamble; 3, Schneider. A.O.V.: 1, spl., Schneider; 2, 3, Gamble. BRIT. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, Hayward; 2, Miss Scott; 3, Huntley. ANY VAR. BRIT.: 1, Miss Scott; 2, Barfoot; 3, Gamble. MULES: 1, spl., Huntley; 2, Schneider; 3, Lampard. SELLING, 10/- (including cage, single or pair): 1, Schneider; 2, Huntley; 3, Mortara.

NOTTINGHAM.

Nottingham Permanent No. 1 O.S.'s 27th annual members' show, held at "Shoulder of Mutton," Market-place, Oct. 19th, when abont 84 birds were staged. Norwich classes were small in number, but made up in quality. In Crest and Cresthreds some very good birds were shown. This Society is well known for its Crests and Crestbreds, being one of the best in Nottingham. Judge, Mr. G. Richards. CL. YELL. NORWICH: 1, G. Hill. BUFF: 1, G. Hill. TKD. MKD. OR VAR.: 1 and 2, Birch. BUFF: 1 and 2, Birch. UNFLTD. 1907: 1, Birch; 2, Hill. A.O.V.: 1, Birch; 2, 3, Hill. STOCK PAIRS. 1, Hill; 2, Birch. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, 2, A. Onion; 2, Greens. BUFF DARK: 1, Goode, good well radiated drooping crest; 2, Wayte; 3 Wood. BUFF LIGHT: 1, Wood; 2, Pick; 3, I. Onion; 4, A. Onion. A.V. CREST HENS: 1, Wood, green, nice bird; 2, Davis; 3, Greensmith. YELL. C.B. COCK: 1, Wayte. BUFF C.B. COCK: 1, Davis; 2, A. Onions; 3, Richardson; vhc, Greensmith; hc, Whyler; c, Wood. C.B. HENS: 1, Davis, grand bird, nicely cushioned head, plenty of feather; 2, 3, Goode; vhc, Whyler; hc, Greensmith. STOCK PAIRS: 1, J. Goode. SELL. C.B.: 1, 3, 1. Onion; 2, J. Birch; vhc, Bowers; hc Richardson; c, Pick. SELL. CRESTS: 1, Goode; 2, Pick; 3, Davis, vhc, Wood; hc, Onion. SELL. A.V.: 1, Bowers; 2, Goode; 3, Greensmith. NOR. SELL.: 1, 3, Hill; 2, Birch. A.V. OF UNFLTD. C.B. (1907): A class of gems. 1, J. Goode; 2, A. Onion; 3, hc, J. Bowers; vhc, Wood; c, Wayter. UNFLTD. C.B.: 1, A. Onion; 2, Pick; 3, Goode; vhc, Whyter; hc, Bowers. A.V. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, J. Goode; 2, J. Richardson. F. Cooke, Chairman.

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DULWICH AND PECKHAM.

Held October 17th and 18th in the Peckham Public Hall, a good and spacious room. Although so young in years, this popular metropolitan society has put up some remarkable open shows in the past, and it the one now under notice promised to quite eclipse all previous efforts. Exhibitors rallied strongly round the executive, and favoured them with an entry, not only magnificent in number, but exceptional in quality—a fitting reward for the strenuous efforts of the officials, and the good classification and splendid list of specials put before the Fancy. Unfortunately, however, the arrangements, to use a sporting phrase, "fell at the last hurdle." In plain English, the staging provided proved entirely inadequate to accommodate the number of birds sent to the show—considerably over a thousand, some four hundred more than last year's total, we believe. In consequence, the exhibits could not be staged as they were unpacked, but for the time being had to stand about the hall, anywhere and everywhere. This resulted in the stewards being quite unable to cope with the extra work involved, made the judges' task one of extreme difficulty, and put a damper on what had promised to be a most successful show, and a "red letter day" for the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. It must, however, be put to the credit of those officials closely associated with the working of the exhibition, that none felt the disaster more keenly than themselves, or laboured more unceasingly, and with not a little self-sacrifice, to straighten things out. Many good fanciers amongst the visitors also lent willing hands, and everything had been put as ship-shape as possible during the afternoon of the opening day. It seems hardly fair to single any out for special mention, but among those good friends we noticed Messrs. Dunn (Portobello), Baker (Cowes), Warr (Hastings), Webb (Westcliff), Hill (Deptford), Warley, Easterling, Jaggard, Marry, Kates, Rees, Turnber, Watts, Goodale (Watford), and Leclair. Of the committee, etc., Mr. Brownlie put in many hours of unwearying labour, and had the Border section in really good order, while as good seconds came Messrs. Waterman, Cunningham, Bussey, Garlick, Kent, Lugg, Meredith, Rogers, Wall, Wetenhall, Matthews, Morris, W. Goodwin and Hodson, many of whom will remember their experiences for a long time to come. In Mr. G. F. Woolhouse the society found a most energetic show manager, enthusiastic and a hard worker, and, from what we heard, he certainly could not be blamed for the unexpected misfortunes which fell upon the venture. Having devoted so much space to affairs generally, little is left to discuss the exhibits. The Norwich Plainheads averaged 21 a class, and contained some grand birds, the section best being Mr. Hodder's fine clear yellow, which was brought out to compete for the shield. Yorkshires averaged just over 14 per class, and had the distinction of holding the ultimate winner of the £7 7s. silver shield, in Mr. R. L. Crisp's clear yellow, a young bird of remarkable promise, which took the trophy after a keen struggle with Mr. Maxwell's very rare and beautiful Wall Creeper, Mr. Hodder's aforementioned bird being also close up. The Borders broke all Southern records in number and quality, averaging nearly 22 per class, and containing many "cracks," the pick of the bunch, we thought, being Messrs. Duncan and Logan's even-marked yellow, a real gem. The British and Foreign sections were also remarkably good, many of the best-known exhibitors "crossing swords." The hottest classes were the Small Softbills (26), A.O.V. Hardbills (27), and small Foreign (19), though several of the others had over 20 entries. In the Hybrid class a said-to-be Chaffinch-Canary Mule was exhibited, but we believe the judge passed it as simply a Chaffinch "sport," with a tendency towards albinism. The members' classes, as is usual at this show, were very strong in quality. The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy (Norwich), J. Robson (remainder of Canaries), and G. E. Weston (Hybrids, British, Foreign and Selling), and, considering the disabilities under which they laboured, they deserve congratulating on getting through their tasks with so little adverse comment. Many of the classes had necessarily to be adjudicated on by gaslight. The Novice Cup went to Mr. F. Davies (King Parrakeet), the special for best ladies' bird to Miss Reeves (Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrid), Ramsden's special to Mr. Maxwell's Yellow Wagtail, Sandiford's Cup to Mr. Hodder's unflighted Yellow, best British to Mr. Brett's Great Grey Shrike. CAGE BIRD'S Coupon Scheme Competition had a very fair number of birds entered for it, and much interest was evinced as to the eventual destination of the three prizes. The best first prize bird competing was held to be Mr. Lawrenee's Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid; the best second prize, Mr. H. Mill's almost green Crest; the best third prize, Mr. F. J. Green's Lancs. Coppy; while Mr. Prior's Yellow-hammer stood reserve.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (25): 1, Hodder, not over large, but beautifully built and cut away, clinker for colour and quality, and will improve yet, best of carriage, very neat wings, one of the runners up for the shield; 2, Morris, another fine specimen, all quality and very typical, graud chest and head; 3, Lowe, shade longer, but of good substanee and quality, neat, well-rounded chest, shapely head; 4, Miles, very typical frame, silky feather, neat, trifle fine in head; vhc, Lowe; hc, Richardson; c, Hirst. BUFF (19): 1, Morris, real good one for type and quality, neatest of heads and wing carriage; 2, Patterson, close on winner's heels, grand under-colour and meal, chubby and well-cut, fine size; 3, 4, Battison, two clinkers for size, grand chests and heads, shade loose as yet, but will doubtless improve; vhc, spl, hc, Hodder; c, Boydon; TKD., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Boydon, mkd. wings and cap, wonderful size for a yellow, full of colour, nice qaulity and shape; 2, vhc, Sandiford, heavy mkd., teems with colour, cobby, neat, stylish, well worth its place; 3, Carr, grizzle back, trifle longer, yet a nice one for quality and substance, neat head and beak, wants tightening up; 4, Miss Wilcock, wing mkd., wee bit longer than leaders, yet a true Nor. for shape and style, good body and head, and good in quality; hc, Patterson; c, Lowe. BUFF (19): 1, Boydon, again a wonder for size, immense frame, well-cut up, fine under-colour and meal, just a trifle loose to-day; 2, Ellis, close up, another slashing big one, full of colour and quality, good head and wings; 3, Hodder, heavy mkd., excellent quality, good chest and head, well cut all over; 4, Muscott, cap mkd., shade longer, nice style, and silky feather, good type; vhc, Battison; hc, Morris; c, Meades. UNFLIGH. YELL. (24): 1, Morris, grand chest and cut, A1 head and wings, hot, even colour, splendid carriage, a clinker, and will improve, not finished yet on head; 2, Hirst, a real hot 'un for colour, big, fine bodied youngster, neat all over, full of quality; 3, Bellamy, just beaten on head, yet a nice one all-round, shapely and stylish; 4, Midgley, very promising, shade coarse yet, will do better later on; vhc, Lowe; hc, and Sandiford's Cup, Hodder; c, Richardson; W.C., Creasc, a hot-fed Buff, and Lowe. BUFF (31), a very hot class: 1, Morris, another beautiful youngster, a Clear, thick-set, roundly moulded body, very boxy feather and lovely under-colour, wins nicely; 2, Lowe, variegs., teems with quality, splendid meal and under-colour, good big body, well ent; 3, C. H. Cooper, mkd. cap and tail, looks like a hen, very short and chubby, well rounded and neat to a fault, best of quality; 4, c, Hodder, promising youngster, plenty of substance, well cut away, nice under-colour and meal; vhc, Richardson; hc, Mullis. VARIEG., ETC. (9): 1, Hodder, short and cobby, good head and wings, buff, hot colour, nice quality; 2, spl, Drakeley, buff, very stout, nice shape and carriage, neat; 3, Sprules, shade heavy at tail, good bird for body and quality; 4, Day, good big one, well-rounded chest, neat, just beaten at neck; vhc, Curtis; hc, c, Morris. HEN (25): 1, Sandiford, very fine cl. yell., short, chubby, tight as wax, hot, even colour, very silky in plumage; 2, Spinner, cl. yell., not so well-rounded on head, but close up in other respects, all quality, neat, stylish, nice size; 3, Hodder, choice cobby buff, not quite ready yet, beauty for shape and carriage; 4, Bellamy, nice hen, short and chubby, full of quality, neat, good in carriage; vhc, Ellis; hc, Morris; c, Lowe.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL (15): 1, £7 7s. shield, Crisp, with a smashing clear, wonderful length and shape, very finely drawn, not a feather out of place, rich, even colour, grand legs, a trifle short of bloom to-day, should take a bit of stopping; 2, Cuthbertson, another rattling good clear, very silky feather, well on leg, fine head, wings and tail, lovely body, trifle loose at throat; 3, Broughton, same fault, otherwise a nice one, long, slim, full of quality; 4, Jones, very hot in colour, stands on good legs, neat, wee bit strong in build; vhc, Easterling; hc, Webb; c, Hirst. BUFF (11): 1, Warr, good length and position, well moulded, neat body and head, fine pair of legs, not quite finished on head; 2, Cuthbertson, tkd. neck, perhaps a shade flat on head, but close up, well drawn and lengthy, neat wings and tail, very boxy feather; 3, Broughton, beauty for quality and neatness, typical position, good length, trifle stronger; 4, Philpot and Cross, nice length and stand, excellent quality, neat; vhc, Wilcock, rare good quality and shape, we fancied for a higher place; hc, Hirst; c, Webb. YELL. MKD. (8): 1, Wilcock, clinking long, slim, neat bird, teeming with quality, stands like a guardsman, almost four-pointed; 2, Hall, cheek and neck mkd., tight, lengthy specimen, little heavy at shoulder, very breedy, A1 quality; 3, Pattrick, eye mkd., hot one for colour and quality, fine length and stand; 4, Hirst, cinn.-mkd. wings, eye and rump, tight as wax in feather, fine length and shape, a bird we liked, not quite fit as yet; vhc, c, Warr; hc, Broome. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Crisp, brace of beauties, winner cinn.-mkd., eyes and wing, great length, well-drawn, A1 head, wings and tail, lovely position, 2nd mkd. wings and eyes, another very long-sided, typical specimen, all there for quality, maybe hardly so good on head; 3, Cuthbertson, mkd. checks and wings, good type of bird, full of quality, long and slim, trifle sharp on chest at present; 4, Pattrick, wings, head and breast, shade thicker at waist, beauty for colour and quality, nice length and stand; vhc, Elsmore; hc, Sapwell; c, Lucas. UNFLIGHT. (25) splendid class: 1, Crisp, another young cl. yellow of remarkable length, beautifully drawn, tight as wax, colour and quality A1, straight as a rush, wins hands down; 2, Cuthbertson, not quite the length of winner, yet a real beauty for shape and style, breedy looking, fine positioned bird, teeming with quality, also a clear yell.; 3, Pattrick, another cl. yell., of lovely colour and quality, feathered like a Java, excellent length and position; 4, Warr, cl. buff, not the largest, but well-drawn, neat, and full of style, gem for quality; vhc, Mabey; hc, Burton; c, Easterling. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, Crisp, clear leading, lovely hen for shape and style, all quality, neat as a new pin, 3rd cinn-mkd. wing, again a gem for quality and type, close up; 2, Broughton, tkd. right wing, sweet hen for quality, well drawn, neat, stylish; 4, Burton, clear, excellent position, tight, boxy feather, well put down, shade stouter than leaders; vhc, Rennie; hc, Webb; c, Warr. BUFF (20): 1, Pattrick, shade thick-set, but all there for quality and style, sweet head and wings, in nice trim; 2, Jones, neck tkd., taking hen, very neat, excels in quality, shapely, typical stand; 3, Broughton, mkd. wings and eyes, trifle strongly built, but again a fine hen for neatness and quality, well on leg; 4, Burton, wonderfully good boxy feather, neat head, well-carried wings and tail, same weakness as third; vhc, Crisp, very close up, may beat those above her later on; hc, Cuthbertson, another sweet hen; c, Broome. CRESTS (23): 1, Tyson, the well-know variegd. dk. crest, splendid width and frontal, big and well-radiated, good quality of feather, grand body, trifle unfinished in centre, closely pressed to-day by 2, Mills, well-known almost green, very good in substance, and carrying a beautifully-rounded and drooped crest, well built and very neat, a taking bird; 3, Broad, was just taking a bath when we looked in, rare body substance, fine quality feather; 4, Slade, promising youngster, good body and expanse of crest, little short at frontal as yet; vhc, spl, Greenwood and Burson; hc, c, King. CRESTBRED (24): 1, Tyson, a gem, variegd. buff, immense body, big, wide, well-rounded skull, finely lashed, grand turn-over of leafy feather; 2, Horton, heavy variegd. again of wonderful substance, topped by a grand cushion skull, plenty of good feather; 3, James and Son, very large variegd., heavy frame, well clothed all over, wide skull, good entrance; 4, Broad, nearly green hen, smaller, but grand type, short and thick-set, heaps of feather, very nice head; vhc, Gale; hc, Eley; c, Shearman. BORDERS—CL. OR TKD. YELL CK. (27): 1, Reid and Phillips, gem of a clear, faultless shape and style, feathers like glass; 2, J. Thompson, another rattling good clear, beautifully moulded, correct size and carriage, in the pink of condition, close up; 3, spl, Brownlie, very smart and jaunty, beautiful quality, travels in great style, perhaps a trifle hollow at throat; 4, J. S. Wilson, a clinking good bird when caught in the humour, but inclined to be unsteady, will do better; vhc, Aberdeen; hc, spl, Hawkins; c, spl, Duncan and Logan. HEN (18): 1, Aberdeen, clear, simply lovely feather and colour, A1 type, like boxwood in plumage, best of wings, splendid hen; 2, Calderwood, another smart one for type and neatness, very stylish, lacks a shade in quality; 3, Wilson, very tight race, smart as they make 'em in style, full of quality, well-rounded head, neatest of wings and tail; 4, spl, Sheldon, in rare good trim, excellent shape, travels in taking manner; vhc, Bayley; hc, Brownlie; c, Blackshaw. BUFF CK. (26): 1, Wardleworth, clear, correct in size, and model for shape, best of boxy feather, A1 order; 2, spl, Brownlie, cheek tkd, another good one for type and quality, sweet head, neat to a fault; 3, vhc, Blackshaw, tkd. skull, perhaps a shade heavier at waist, but hard to find fault with in other respects, very tight and stylish; 4, Lockett, clear, excellent quality, good mover, tips wing over at times, but typical and in rare bloom; vhc, Waters; c, Aberdeen. HEN (25): 1, spl, best bird, Duncan and Logan, tkd. wing, all over a topper, lovely moulded body, neatest of heads, wings and tail, in perfect order, wins well; 2, Gordon, not quite finished on cheeks yet, but shows quality all through, and is all there for pose and shape; 3, Jenkins, shade strong, but not a feather out of place, well rounded all over, very jaunty mover; 4, vhc, Dr. Bowes, trifle hollow in back, otherwise close on third, very good in type, quality A1; hc, Hawkins; c, Brownlie. EVEN MKD. (12): 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, a stormer, and the admiration of all, mkd. eyes and wings, the neatest we have seen for years, perfect eyes, very even wings, above all, very true to type, will want beating, a yellow, full of colour; 2, hc, Seiranac, very good with winner out of sight, fine type, but well beaten at eyes and for colour here; 3, Reid and Phillips, little long, well marked, grand quality; 4, Calderwood, runs a little at eyes, otherwise a very decent specimen of this difficult-to-get variety; vhc, McKenzie; c, Cubby. UNEVEN (26), a very hot class: 1, Jenkins, nearly four-pointed buff, rare good bird, excels in type, feathered like glass, and as jaunty as a bantam cock; 2, spl., Brownlie, buff cinn-mkd., gem for wax-like condition, very correct in shape and style, a grand one, close on winner; 3, Meekly, eyes and wing mkd. yell., a shade fine, for style and neatness, however, hard to beat, teeming with quality and colour; extra 3, McKenzie, eyes and wing mkd. buff, one we were sweet on, lovely shape, like polished marble in feather, beautiful style, somewhat unlucky, we thought; extra 3, 4, Seiranac, eye-mkd., leading, two rattling g'ld all-round Borders, right type, in fine form; vhc, Hawkins; hc, c, Wilson. GREEN (18): 1, spl, Blackie, fine type, good head, close and neat in wings and tail, above all, a lovely shade of colour, sound all over; 2, 4, spl, Cubby, leader a grand little bird for shape and position, not quite fit yet, trifle sharp on chest, latter also not quite ready, both of excellent colour, and very neat; 3, Cairns, again a grand coloured bird, very stylish, trifle longer than leaders; vhc, spl, Hawkins; hc, Gordon; c, Metcalfe. CINN. (11): 1, spl, Reid and Phillips, clinking good yell., finely moulded, feathered to perfection; 2, spl, c, Brownlie, a good one of Mr. B.'s favourite colour, true to type, and jaunty in carriage, hardly so fit as leader; 3, Hamilton, yell., correct size and shape, nice mover, beautiful quality, will tighten up and improve yet; 4, Cubby, smart buff, all there for type and quality, travels in great style, close up; hc, Metcalfe. LANCS. Coppy (7): 1, 3, 4, spl, Green, clinking team, grand cl. yell., leading, splendid long-sided bird, excellent substance, good legs, full of quality and colour, neat, correct coppy, 3rd, grizzle, 4th clear huff, two fine specimens, latter just beaten in length; 2, vhc, Phillipson, grizzle, fine frame, clothed with good quality feather, very good on leg, plenty of wing, neat coppy, good finish at back. PLAINHEAD (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, spl, Green, another clinking team, yellow, leading, a topper for substance and quality, takes a grand position on very sound legs, plenty of side, fine width of skull, 2nd a buff, grandly made, full of quality, rare wide sulky head, close on its stable companion, 3rd and 4th also two smart ones, buff and yell, respectively. A.O.V. CAN. (11): 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Reeves, rich coloured jonque Cinnamon, fine size, excellent substance and quality; 2, Saunders, another of the same persuasion, but not yet quite fit, fine type, will do better later; 3, 4, Green, cl. cap, silver, and bantam cap Lizards, two good birds for type and ground colour, very well spangled and rowed.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Prior, huge blaze, square-cut and fairly forward in colour, nice, shapely, richly-tanned body, best of buttons, should do well; 2, Maxwell, neat as a new pin, not quite up in colour yet, very expansive and square-cut face, nicely marked all over; 3, Hopkins and Allsop, another promising Goldie, fine body colour and markings, nice square face, very steady and stylish; 4, Baker, wonderful colour, apparently not moulted yet, in very fair condition, except for beak badly over-grown, deep, rich blaze, somewhat oval in shape; vhc, White; hc, Francis; c, Rouse. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Vincent, very cobby and shapely, good, well-rounded, jet-black cap, nice back and bars, very clean breast colour, not quite up yet; 2, Mays, very tight race, short, thick-set, good headed bird, good breast colour for time of year, inclined to be loose under when judged; 3, Prior, good shape and feather, very promising, wants time; 4, Rouse, good, chubby hen, very tight in feather; vhc, Andrews; hc, Adamthwaite; c, White. No. 492, a light Goldie Mule, evidently in by mistake. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Andrews, topping Mealy Redpoll, wonder for size and quality, good bib, will take beating; 2, Bird, rich-coloured Siskin, good size and shape, excellent cap and wings, well laced, trifle out in throat feathers; 3, 4, Goodall, nice Lesser Redpoll, good colour, shape and size, well pencilled, fine bib, 4th very fair Twite, not up in bloom yet, good size and marking; vhc, hc, Francis, good non-fed Siskin, leading, unsteady; c, Hawes. LINNET (17): 1, hc, Prior, grand one for size, rare width of chest, lovely clear, rich, colour, full of pencilling in nice bloom; 2, 4, Maxwell, leader a stormer for size and shape, very tight in feather, but dull in coat as yet, 4th a mass of marking, good size and shape, will beat its stable companion later on, we think; 3, Turnber, wonderful condition and bloom, rich nutty colour, trifle short of size, not moulted this back-end, apparently; vhc, Vale, big, fine bird; c, Morris Bros. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (27), a hot class: 1, Rouse, extra large and shapely Hawfinch, grand chest, fine big bib, good condition, shade nervous; 2, Levett Yellowhammer, fine, big, well-marked bird, lovely deep colour, steady as a rock; 3, Mays, hot-coloured Bramblefinch, well spangled and marked, fine head, very steady, in splendid condition, a shade small; 4, Prior, another clinking Yellowhammer, non-fed, beats 2nd for markings, fine condition; trifle unsteady; vhc, hc, Francis, former nice Cirl, Bunting; c, Gunnell. No. 550, Ortolan, not on N.B.B. and M.C. list; abs., Nos. 534, 535, 557. SMALL INSECTIV. (26): 1, Mays, one of the best Gold Crests we have seen, lovely colour, very prominent and rich "crest," gem for condition, well staged; 2, 3, vhc, Maxwell, leader one of the grandest Yellow Wagtails seen for many a long day, steady, wax-like in condition, and wonderfully rich in colour (takes Ramsden's special), close run for first, 3rd very fine Tree Creeper, in the pink of condition, and staged to perfection, vhc splendid Black Redstart, charming colour and condition, unfortunately has two partly-broken claws, which lost it a higher position; 4, Goodall, spotted Flycatcher, smart little bird, in fine trim, steady as a rock; extra 4, Burrows, big, grand shaped Wryneck, very sharp and distinct in markings, exceptional colour; vhc, Francis, one of the finest Nightingales on the bench, great size, lovely shape and colour; hc, Withers Bros., noted Tree Pipit; hc, Morris Bros., really fine Bearded Reedling; hc, Hathaway, lovely Blackcap; c, Gardner, Lesser Whitethroat, excels in condition; c, Cook, rare White Wagtail, not in full colour, lovely condition, perhaps deserved a higher place; one of the hottest classes ever seen, and a rare puzzle to judge; No. 583 a little thick at judging time. A.O. SPECIES (14): 1, spl, hc, Brett, very fine Great Grey Shrike leading, steady as possible, faultless condition, takes the special for best British bird; 2, Maxwell, grand Magpie, equally faultless condition, perfect tail and markings, lovely sheen on plumage; 3, Hawes, fine Ring Ouzel, well marked for time of year, in splendid bloom, very steady, cage has much too large a water-tin; 4, Cook, the noted Nutcracker, striking exhibit, not quite in condition yet; vhc, Francis, nice Song Thrush; c, Carter. LIGHT HYBRID (12): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, tkd. wings and eyes, lovely colour and quality for a buff, feathered like wax, good size; 2, hc, c, Andrews, buff, tkd. eyes, almost clear, nice size and substance, carries a good colour, little coarse in feather at present, will doubtless improve; 3, Lamb, almost six-pointed, fine coloured yellow, grand quality, good shape; 4, Bloomfield, fine coloured variegd., shapely and neat—all winners Goldie-Canarys; vhc, Cooper. DARK (21), fine class: 1, Lawrence, pretty Canary-Bullie, very tight in feather, good bloom and colour, fair size, nice exhibit, wins CAGE BIRD'S Competition; 2, Maxwell, very smart Siskin-Canary, good size and shape, stylish, rich colour, well marked, well polished; 3, Hingley, Redpoll-Canary, excellent size and markings, quality and condition A1, good bird; 4, Best, buff Goldie-Can., good in size and substance, well put down; vhc, Lamb; hc, Morris Bros.; c, Andrews. Wrong class, 627, carries light feathers. A.O.V. HYBRID (9): 1, two spls, Miss Reeves, Bramble-Chaffinch, best-coloured and marked example of the cross we have seen, lovely condition, shade small; 2, hc, Maxwell, fine Goldie-Bullie leading, excellent size and shape, lovely rich colour, worth an equal first; 3, Lamb, very stylish and shapely Linnet-Bullie, grand condition, nice colour; 4, Cutting, smart Redpoll-Greenfinch, excellent size and shape; vhc, Vale; c, Goodall. ALBINOS (7): 1, Mrs. Vincent, pure white, pink-eyed Ring Dove, rare and pretty exhibit; 2, Welch, very fine white Blackbird, in lovely condition; 3, Gaunt, nice little Cinnamon Redpoll; 4, Miss Brammer, pretty pied Linnet. FOREIGN LARGE (8): 1, c, Cooper, Varied Lorikeet, in very nice condition, rich colour, well marked; 2, 3, Davies, grand King Parrakeet fine colour all over, and in splendid condition, won the cup for best Novice exhibit in open classes, 3rd a fine pair of Red-rumps, also in excellent trim; 4, Brost, very fine Grey Parrot, lovely tone of colour; vhc, H. H. Cooper, good Blue Bonnet, very nervous; hc, Bennett; c, Miss Bulteel. SMALL (19): 1,3,4, Maxwell, splendid trio, Wall Creeper, leading, exceedingly rare, in beautiful condition, and most artistically staged, ran a close race for the £7 7s. shield, 3rd very fine Shaft-tailed Whydah, perfect plumage, 4th fine Superb Tanager, gem for colour and condition; 2, Cook, beautiful Golden Crowned Troupial, in lovely plumage, very attractive, and filled the show with melody when things were quiet; vhc, Botting; hc, Miss Davies; c, Walls; a grand class, many charming exhibits of the commoner species having to stand cardless. SELLING, 15s. (12): 1, Dr. Sidgwick; 2, hc, Richardson; 3, Peters; 4, Greenwood and Burson; vhc, Cole, Matthes; hc, Day; c, Saunders. DO., 25s. (18): 1, Slade; 2, Saunders; 3, Rennie; 4, Richardson; vhc, Smart, Meads; hc, Bennett, Sidgwick; c, Russell, Miss Marshall; W.C., 686, 687 two pairs. PAIRS, 35s. (20): 1, Wall; 2, Lugg; 3, Wardleworth; 4, Slade; vhc, Brooks, Matthes, Lowe; hc, Richardson, Saunders; c, Martin, Withers Bros.

Members' Classes.

CHAMPION NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Morris; 2, spl, Cooper; 3, Boydon; 4, hc, Brownlie; vhc, Stroud; c, Hazell. BUFF (13): 1, Boydon; 2, Morris; 3, 4, spl, Cranfield; vhc, Hazell; hc, Cooper; c Harris. UNEVEN MKD. (5): 1, Hazell; 2, Morris; 3, Brownlie; 4, Males; vhc, Cranfield. UNFLIGHT. YELL. (11): 1, c, Cooper; 2, Munday; 3, Lugg; 4, Harris; vhc, Brownlie; hc, Morris. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Hazell; 4, vhc, Cooper; hc, Morris; c, Sidgwick. HENS (15): 1, hc, Strand; 2, Munday; 3, Cooper; 4, vhc, Morris; c, Woolhouse. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 4, hc, Mabey; 2, Rennie; 3, Easterling; vhc, Males. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Warley; 2, 3, 4, Mabey; vhc, Rennie. UNEVEN MKD. (5): 1, 4, vhc, Mabey; 2, Easterling; 3, Rennie. UNFLIGHT. YELL. (7): 1, 4, vhc, Mabey; 2, hc, Warley; 3, Easterling. BUFF (5): 1, Warley; 2, 4, vhc, Mabey; 3, Easterling. HEN (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Mabey; 3, Rennie; 4, Easterling; hc, Warley; c, Males. CREST (3): 1, Horton; 2, Nancekivell. C.B. (2): 1, spl, Horton; 2, Harris. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Brownlie; 2, Cooper. NOVICE NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Holland; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, Thomas; 4, Welch. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Browne; 2, vhc, hc, Hollands; 3, Kates; 4, Welch; c, Wall. UNEVEN MKD. (3): 1, Hollands; 2, Stracey; 3, Welch. UNFLIGH. YELL. (6): 1, Hollands; 2, Welch; 3, Browne; 4, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Hollands; 2, Thomas; 3, Kates; 4, Cole; vhc, hc, Rees. HENS (11): 1, Kates; 2, hc, Hollands; 3, Welch; 4, Cole; vhc, Bliss; c, Stacey. YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Reed; 2, Whitby; 3, Whiteman; 4, vhc, Waterman; c, Wall. BUFF (11): 1, Holloway; 2, vhc, spl, Reed; 3, hc, Waterman; 4, Whiteman; c, Bennett. UNEVEN (4): 1, Brooks; 2, Waterman; 3, Stacey; 4, Silverthorn. UNFLIGH. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Whiteman; 2, spl, hc, Putner; 3, Perkins; 4, spl, Bennett; vhc, Wall; c, Stacey. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Wall; 2, Perkins; 3, Bennett; 4, Holloway; vhc, c, Waterman; hc, Putner. HENS (15): 1, Bennett; 2, Brooks; 3, Wall; 4, Silverthorn; vhc, Waterman; hc, Perkins; c, Holloway. CREST (5): 1, spl, 2, Johnson; 3, Kempster; 4, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, Bennett. C.B. (2): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Johnson; 2, hc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Kempster. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, Johnson; 3, Kempster; vhc, Fisher. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Wall; 2, Vale; 3, Botting; 4, Francis; vhc, Johnson; hc, Brownlie. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Brooks; 2, Johnson; 3, Carter; 4, Bennett. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, Vale; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Francis; 4, Fisher; hc, Botting; c, Lugg. A.O.V. HARDBILL (13): 1, 2, Francis; 3, Carter; 4, Botting; vhc, hc, Vale; c, Waterman. INSECTIV. (7): 1, hc, Francis; 2, Lugg; 3, Botting; 4, Vale; vhc, Carter; c, Mazzoni. HYBRID (9): 1, hc, Botting; 2, 3, Vale; 4, c, Bennett; vhc, Mazonni.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show, held Saturday, October 19th, in the club-room of the Assembly Rooms, Bingley. There were 61 birds in six classes. Mr. R. Halliday judged. YELL. COCK: 1, hc, Smith and Son; 2, A. Livesey; 3, 4, S. Denby; vhc, J. Middlebrook; c, T. Pratt. BUFF: 1, A. Wilkinson; 2, S. Denby; 3, 4, Smith and Son. TKD. OR U.M. YELL.: 1, J. Middlebrook; 2, W. Hartley; 3, vhc, S. Denby; 4, A. Livesey; hc, Smith and Son, C. E. Townley. BUFF: 1, 3, Smith and Son; 2, E. Townley; 4, W. Dean; vhc, E. Barker, C. T. Pratt. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, M. Walton; 2, S. Denby; 3, E. Townley; 4, c, A. Wilkinson; hc, A. Livesey. BUFF HEN: 1, S. Denby; 2, A. Wilkinson; 3, E. Townley; 4, vhc, R. Oddy; hc, E. Barker, C. R. Wade. S. Denby wins special for most points throughout show, kindly given by Mr. Cowgill (Bradford).

We have been obliged to alter the date of St. Albans F. and F.S. Show from December 4th to January 1st, writes Messrs. Odell and Hester, the hon. secretaries. Mr. G. Gardner will judge. We shall again become affiliated to the C.B.U., and hope to have a good list of specials, and we guarantee to return all birds night of show.



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NEWCASTLE.

The second annual exhibition promoted by the Newcastle and Dis. C.B.S. took place Oct. 18th and 19th. A more ideal showroom than the Cambridge Drill Hall would be difficult to find. It has a magnificent top light, and is electrically lighted by night. There is abundance of space. The room is lofty and well ventilated, and free from objectionable draughts. The venue is within easy distance from the various stations. Our Newcastle friends, taking it altogether, are highly favoured in being able to command such a suitable hall. On the evening previous to the show we had the pleasure of closely inspecting the arrangements for coping with a wonderful collection of our feathered pets, and cannot speak too highly of them. The masterly manner in which the staging had been set, the unpacking of the exhibits, manipulated by master hands, called for warm encomiums. Everything appeared in apple-pie order, and management of the strongest kind was in evidence in every little detail. The staging was on the rack principle, holding three tiers of cages high, with ample room between each section of exhibits for visitors and fanciers to pass to and fro with comfort and pleasure.

The schedule issued by the Newcastle Society was on a lavish scale. Excellent prize money was offered and guaranteed, with no stipulations as to the number of entries in each class. Hosts of valuable specials, extra specials, silver bowls, medals, teapots, etc., etc., were offered for competition. Need it be said that the response to such enterprise and attractions was all that could be desired. The entries, totalling upwards of 1,530, a magnificent result, almost doubled last year's figures.

The exhibition was held under The Cage Bird Union rules, and had the patronage of the following specialist clubs: Northern Crest Club, Green Canary Association English and Welsh Border Fancy Club, National British Bird and Mule Club, Northern Yorkshire Canary Club, Yorkshire Canary Club, and the Norwich Plainhead Club, cup show.

High Merit

As one went over the various sections, merit of the highest order met one's gaze. No matter what variety one inspected, the "creme de la creme" was present in full force.

First in the catalogue came the Norwich Plainheads. The birds here were extremely warm of colour, hot enough in most cases to set fire to their cages. Many of them had a superb quality of feather, and their richness was almost indescribable. Type, in many instances, bordered on perfection, and size was there in abundance. It was excellence, excellence, bang through every class. A finer display of the "short and chubby" variety has not been seen for many a day. Mr. Tweddle's clear yell. cock stood out as a gem, as did Mr. Seed's clear buff cock. In the ticked yellows, Mr. J. Trengove exhibited a rare specimen, and in the buffs Mr. J. Evans had a couple of very charming birds on view. The yellow hen shown by Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth) (breeder of the noted Queenie) was quite a "Lady of the Lake," and Mr. Tweddle's buff hen is a real eye-opener.

The unflighteds mustered 128 birds in the three classes provided, with hardly a bad one amongst them. Competition waxed exceedingly keen, and several sets of winners could easily have been chosen—many standing cardless capable of winning at the majority of shows. The yellow cock staged by Mr. J. Lees found hosts of admirers, and was voted a topper. The buff cock owned by Mr. R. W. Mercer was a real eye-opener, and the yellow ticked hen, the property of Mr. T. H. Dent, was quite a charmer. Other notable exhibitors who staged specimens far away above the average were Messrs. A. Brown, F. Coventry, T. Fletcher, J. and J. Hopkins, J. McGuiness, S. Cook, G. Gowland, Bailey, J. Atkinson, Marlor Bros., G. Dobinson, W. Thompson, T. Crimes, J. Beswick, J. Raynes, W. N. Midgeley, and C. Laskey.

Next came the Norwich Greens. One noticed in this variety a most decided improvement, both in type and depth of colour, and of this correct shade (not smoky), lovely specimens were the representatives of Messrs. T. Ryno, R. Davies, J. Walker, S. Hadwin, R. Jenkins, V. H. Deacon, A. E. Doughty, and J. H. Isaac.

Cinnamons were not over numerous, but for quality could scarcely be surpassed. Messrs. Dormer and Godley fought battles once again, with honours fairly even, and Messrs. Taylor and Sanderson, Todd and Son, and J. Wilson, answered for the rest of the spoil. The colour and polish of the specimens gave pleasure to all who observed them.

The Impressive Crests

Crests and Crestbreds created a great impression. Birds massive in build, with a superabundance of rich quality feather, with slashing head points, were to be seen all along the line. The former with wonderful size and radiation of crests, thickly thatched, and of beautiful droop and centre, filled us with amazement. The latter, with their wonderful rise and width of skull, magnificent shape and lashed to perfection, were the admiration of all who favour the "topper variety." A really delightful collection they made, and convinced us that around Newcastle they can "bred 'em," without doubt. Some fair stormers were staged by Messrs. A. Lister, W. Marshall, T. Pearce, Dobson and Son, T. Taylor, and A. Armstrong. Other exhibitors who placed on view birds of great merit were Messrs. W. Stoves, R. S. Bewick, D. Scott, J. Gray, T. Crawhall, E. Richardson, and W. Marshall.

The 1907 bred Crest deserves special mention. It is a gem of the first water, and a lovelier specimen would be hard to find. This bird has a great future with luck, and we wish Mr. Taylor every success with him.

Yorkshires, the birds of "grace and beauty," mustered strongly, and amongst them were many possessing wonderful characteristics. Feathered like wax, standing like guardsmen, cheeky and defiant, great length and well on leg. Principal exhibitors were Messrs. Wilcock, Hellewell, Towers, Wilson, Wadsworth, Irwin, Cathbertson, Carr, Chew, and Stokoe, Broadley, Stebbings, Davison, Wear, and Edmondson.

Yorkshire Greens were good in numbers. As in the Norwich, one found a vast improvement, both as regards colour, position, and length, to what was seen a year or two ago. The colour is of a better tone, they are slimmer and of much better type.

The competition was hot here, so many birds being of an almost equal merit. Great birds were exhibited by Messrs. Clayton, Tempest, Gill, and Pickup, Hughes, Martin, Handley, Carlisle, Wright, Doughty, Hellewell, Deacon, and Vernon.

The winning yellow self, owned by Mr. P. Clayton, and the foul yellow, the property of Mr. Hellewell, are a couple of beauties, and great credit is due to their breeders.

Scotch Fancies made a nice display, size, quality, position, and drive, all being there. Exceptional birds were staged by Messrs. Little, Lugton, Chapman, Thompson, Smith, Cobb, Taylor, Craig, and Dixon.

Border Fancies turned up in large numbers, 154 in 8 classes, making an average of almost 20 per class. Pretty as paint, with wax like fitting packets, quick in movement, are the Borders, and one receiving much pleasure when looking over the fountains of Canarydom. Specimens bordering on the ideal were those shown by Messrs. Bennet, Scott, Wilson, Poole, Clinch, Smart, McKenzie, Hopper Bros., Cox, Pearson, Lewthwaite, Brown, and Drinkwater.

A Very Rare Mule

The Hybrid section of this show contained some fine specimens of various crosses. The most unique turn-up in this lot was an almost clear Siskin-Canary, a bird bred this year by Mr. J. Maddison, and exhibited by him. It has a very slight grizzle on wings, and has the appearance of becoming quite clear. We believe it is the first and only one ever put on the show bench of this cross so light. No wonder then that it found a majority in the judges who awarded it the Challenge Bowl for the best young bird bred in 1907, and shown here. Right well does it deserve its honours, for it stands out as a unique specimen of its cross. We could not follow a remark overheard that "It was only a freak." May many more freaks of the like, grace the show bench in the future, is the wish of the writer and many of the fanciers who set eyes upon it. The breeder deserves great praise for being rewarded thus for his dogged perseverance. The winners in each class were birds of special merit. The critique on these classes will be found elsewhere.

The Britishers! What shall we say of them? They were simply grand for so early a show. Quality excellent, and quantity in abundance. Goldfinches leading these classes were very promising birds, and some of them, with luck, may be heard of again. Out of the whole section, the Goldie is the slowest bird in recovering his brilliant colours and condition. There is something to be learnt yet to hasten the moult of this leading favourite. They can be helped forward if our exhibitors will only handle and use the silk handkerchief more. There's the tip. Bullfinches were very pretty, and the leader is a very large specimen (which some might question), but as there is a doubt, the bird got the benefit. He is a grand specimen, and all the world like Job Williams's old champion. The Linnets were wonderful, 83, and no duffers. The winner and runner-up are A1, the first excelling in size and type. Extra prizes were generously allowed in the big classes. Greenfinches were not so numerous as usual, but some of the very tip-top were on view. Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite produced a most sensational Redpoll, which won handsomely. It is a wonderful specimen, and quite took the breath away of British bird fanciers as they gazed upon it. The Bramble and Chaffinch class was a marvel, 29 superlative birds putting in an appearance. 24 of these were Brambles of great merit. The winner to-day was the best shape and most perfectly-conditioned bird of a grand lot. With a shade more spangle and colour it might be termed perfect in all respects. More body condition in many of the beaten birds will bring them to the front. The leading Chaffinch won his place handsomely, and is a lovely bird. The hen Finches were good, and the winning hen Bramble was in splendid form. The A.O.V. seedeaters saw a lovely Yellow Bunting to the front. Blackbirds. Thrushes, and Starlings were a treat, 18 fine birds, the winning Thrush was a gem.

The large Soft Bills brought out 2 Choughs, both very good and little in them. They were beaten by a very pretty Hoopoe. The small Soft Bills, 21 of them, were all practically fit to win, and 4 Wrynecks, 2 'Gales, 4 Blackcaps, Treecreepers, Gold Crest, Wagtails, Wheatear, etc., made up a very attractive display. A grand Wryneck won after a hard fight with a splendid Nightingale.

The Lark or Pipit class produced 14 fine birds, and a magnificent Meadow Pipit won here. The Skylarks were good, but hardly the high standard usual in these parts. The Foreigners were a lovely lot, a very grand Eclectus winning in the Parrots, etc. A very fine Siberian Goldfinch won well in the Seed-eating class, whilst in the Insect or Fruit-eaters' class, a delightful Indian Rock Mynah won. This bird also secured the special for best bird in the show. Altogether, this section was a treat such is not usually seen anywhere.

The guinea for best bird in the show went to Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, his superb Indian Mynah answering to the call. A magnificent specimen it was too, in full bloom and delightfully shown. The Northern Crest Club's medals, three in number, found claimants in Messrs. T. Taylor (2) and R. Armstrong, with birds of excellent type and feather. The Northern Yorkshire Club's three medals fell into the hands of Messrs. J. Davison (2) and J. Carr. Birds of lovely outline and quality were staged by them. Best in Norwich Greens, Mr. T. Ryno; Yorks. Greens, Mr. P. Clayton. Best in Norwich Novice, Mr. W. McGinn; second, Mr. J. Flint. Best in Yorkshire Novice, Mr. J. Kent; second, Mr. J. H. Leach. Best Norwich (members), Mr. A. Grey. Best Novice (members), W. McGinn. Best bird (members), Mr. J. Maddison, Canary-Siskin: second, Mr. J. Little, Scotch Fancy. Best in Norwich open, T. Seed. Best in Crest or C.B., A. Lister. Best in Crest or C.B. (1907), T. Taylor. Best in Yorkshires, W. Wadsworth. Best in Scotch Fancy, T. Chapman. Best in Border Fancy, P. McKenzie.

The Managing Officials

The President (A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P.) rendered valuable help. He is heart and soul for the welfare of the Society. Amongst the Vice-Presidents are Dr. Galloway, Alderman H. W. Newton, Councillors A. Scott, D. Adams, Dr. Welch, Dr. R. H. Jude, and Messrs. J. F. Maling, J. T. Parrish, J. B. Harris, J. Harris, F. T. Latimer, and G. Reid. The Chairman is Mr. J. Shepherd, who is a most capable official. Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Currah is a capital understudy. The Committe of Management consists of Messrs. T. Robson, G. McPartling, J. Hubbock, M. C. Pots, J. Maddison, J. R. Slack, J. McDonald, J. Bertram, A. Storey, T. C. Crawhall, R. Howard, W. Reay, J. Thompson, J. Coutts, and R. Young. When one sees such a practical and genuine lot of fanciers as these, one does not wonder at all that the management was of the highest order. Each and all worked with a will, doing all in their power to help things to a successful issue. Praise is certainly due to them. Messrs. W. Curry and J. G. Hutchinson act as secretaries. My pen is unable to adequately describe their value. Energetic to a degree, prompt, and always most courteous, they controlled their duties with master hands. They were always on the go, and nothing seemed too much for them. The exertion they must have put forth previous to the show must have been terrific, while the work they got through on the show days was Herculean. Much of the success the function secured certainly was due to these two members. They proved themselves regular Trojans. We shall not readily forget the courtesies received from them. The judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Norwich, Yorkshire, and Norwich Greens), T. Heath (Cinnamons, Crests, and Yorkshires), J. Patterson (Scotch, Borders, and Selling), C. Houlton (British, Mules, and Foreign). All are well known throughout the fancy as capable, conscientious, and experienced. Their awards appeared to give entire satisfaction, and little or no grumbling did we hear. Prize slips were fixed on the cages quickly by the following stewards: Messrs. A. Grey (Morpeth), Mr. Nelson (Liverpool), Hubbock, Bertram, Thompson, Slack, G. Taylor, J. Currah, junr., Dobson and Son, and J. Maddison. A more willing lot of workers would be difficult to find; real genuine "backachers, not thinkers." Mr. J. Currah (Gosforth) acted as show manager, and proved himself the right man in the right place.

The show was neatly decorated with ferns, etc., which naturally added greatly to its attractiveness. Amongst the visitors we brushed up against, Messrs. Stokoe (Leeds), Evans (Burnley), Pearse (Newburn), G. Reid, Esq., Belgian Consul (Newcastle), and the worthy President, A. P. Haggie, Esq., J.P., (Newcastle).

Plainheads, Greens and Crests.

NOR. CL. YELL. (29): Fine class. 1, Tweddle, slashing exhibit, superb quality, rare colour and size, fine head, neck, and chest, clean cut, a gem, believed to be the Great Harwood winner; 2, Coventry, another grand quality exhibit, well up in colour and substance, not quite so thick through as above, yet a real beauty, and not far behind; 3, Trengove, fine size and shape, grand carriage of flights, well over perch, capital colour and feather, good 3rd; 4, Brown, very shapely and of nice quality, good head, neck, and chest, grand, well staged; vhc, Rowell, good type and quality; hc, Stanger and Herdman, true Norwich shape; c, Dent, possessing good feather and colour; No. 5, Lowthian, w.c. buff; No. 6, Kent, w.c., ticked eye and thigh; good birds. BUFF (32): hot fot; 1, Seed, with his now noted "Little King 11.," looking wonderfully well, for quality and colour unbeatable, type grand, in size not a monster certainly, still a real gem, stood first Accrington; 2, Coventry, larger than winner, of exceptionally good shape, best of heads, thick neck and broad expanding chest, clean cut, not quite the quality, but gave the former a close run, a beauty; 3, e, J. and J. Hopkins, couple of rare birds, third of rich quality and good depth of colour, good size and shape, neatly carried flights and tail, well worth its place; ex 3, Fletcher, true Norwich, full of quality and colour, round as a ball, jaunty in carriage, beaten a little in substance, yet a grand one, and worth the extra prize; 4, McGuinness, superior feather, fine tone of colour, very shapely, not one of the biggest, but one of the best, honny specimen; ex 4, Cook, another right sort, A1 feather and colour, fine size and shape, nicely frosted, good wing carriage, clean sweep; vhc, Dobinson, soft silky texture of feather, rare colour and meal; hc, Tweddle, capital feather and colour, very shapely. TKD. YELL (17): 1, Trengove, thigh tick, wonderful size, rattling type, grand colour and feather, rare width of chest, best of carriage, one of the first water; 2, Evans, thigh tick, bouncing bird, lovely shape and quality, fine colour, rattling head and chest, perfect wing carriage, close up; 3, Bailey, marked right wing and neck red hot, teeming with quality, slashing type, well across perch, we much liked; 4, Gowland, thigh tick, capital feather and colour, good shape and substance, A1 carriage of flights, good enough to win most shows, well put down; vhc, Godley, well up in colour and quality; hc, Eckersley, true Norwich properties, lovely silky texture of feather; c, Shaw, A1 type, superior colour and quality. BUFF (22), grand class: 1, 2, Evans, with a couple of real knockouts, former marked over top of beak, latter marked head, both were monsters, real giants, possessing magnificent feather, slashing colour, delightfully frosted, best of type, rattling under-colour, two of the best we have seen for many a day, they will want some stopping; 3, Trengove, marked right wing and both eyes, slashing feather, A1 type, beautiful colour and meal, jaunty in carriage, beaten in substance, still a great specimen; 4, Atkinson, marked both wings and about head, for colour and quality all that one need desire, very shapely, rare wings and tail, good fourth; vhc, Beswick, A1 quality and colour, good shape, nice size; hc, Stanger and Hardman, full of colour, silky feather; c, Lackey, short and thick set, rich colour and quality. YELL. HEN (20), beautiful class: 1, Grey, cl., fine bouncing damsel, magnificent shape, rare colour and feather, sweet expression, nice jaunty carriage, quite a "lady," will be heard of again; 2, Evans, marked right wing and about head, red hot in colour, teeming with quality, fine shape and substance, real charmer, not far away; 3, J. and J. Hopkins, cl., superior colour and feather, grand type, nice size, capital wing carriage, well shown; 4, Marlor Bros., cl., sweet shape, A1 colour and quality, nice carriage, not one of the biggest, but one of the choicest; vhc, Bailey, lovely feather and colour, nice type, good wings and tail; hc, Seed, another very bonny hen, splendid feather and shape; c, Thompson, shapely, and of rich feather. BUFF (22): 1, Tweddle, cl., magnificent shape, delightful feather and colour, covered over with rich mealing, rare under-colour, beautiful carriage, a model without doubt; 2, Dobinson, cl., wonderful size, tight as a Java, grand colour and frosting, best of bodies, thick neck, wee bit wanting in head character, yet a great exhibit; 3, Coventry, cl., rattling colour, capital feather, slashing shape, fine expanding front, clean cut away, well worth her place; 4, Grey, massive damsel, superior shape, nice colour and meal, magnificent entrance of head, thick neck, broad chest, clean under, bit penny round eyes, or would have been higher; vhc, Cook, yet another of the right sorts, beautifully clothed, A1 colour quality and meal; hc, Trengove, soft silky texture of feather, cobby, and of good colour; nice wings and tail; c, Evans, splendid quality, grand shape, nice colour. YELL. 1907 (38), rattling class: 1, Lees, cl., ahlaze with colour, rich quality, shining like silk, rare substance and shape, perfect wings and short tail, jaunty carriage, tight as wax, not a feather out of place, an eye-opener; 2, Seed, cl., full of colour and teeming with quality, model for type, nice size and carriage, beautiful finish, a great exhibit, close up, looks like the Accrington winner; 3, Crimes, marked right wing, tight as wax, lovely depth of colour, superb quality, grand shape, nice size, not far away; ex 3, Thompson, var., slashing shape, capital quality and colour, splendid wing carriage, clean under, a beauty; 4, Beswick, cl., fine colour and of beautiful feather, rare size and shape, not quite ready, and with a little more time will take some stopping; ex 4, Dobinson, cl., still another grand specimen, A1 type and quality, good size and colour, promising youngster; vhc, McGuinness, true Norwich shape, capital feather and colour, jaunty carriage, another year should make up well; hc, Flint, nice colour and quality, typical; c, Marlor, not over large, but neat throughout. No. 15, Clark, Buff, wc. BUFF 1907 (48), wonderful lot: 1, Mercer, marked right wing, eyes and neck, delightful feather and colour; richly frosted, grand under-colour, perfect type and wing carriage, and of the very best and hard to find a fault in, a stormer; 2, Lees, cl., short and thick set, rare substance, grand head and neck, beautiful shaped body, A1 wing carriage, clean cut, lovely quality, very close up; 3, Seed, grizzled tail, a bouncing specimen, lovely colour and quality, very shapely, all centre rightly placed, a topper; 2, Pearce, marked front, one that will do some winning, good third; ex 3, Evans, marked wings, head and neck, magnificent feather and colour, rare type, good size, capital carriage of wings, good one, well shown; 4, Dobinson, cl., feather finely, superior colour, splendid shape, grand wing carriage, clean cut, bonny in the extreme; ex 4, Brown, cl., very hot colour, soft silky feather, nicely mealed, good shape and substance, wee bit loose underneath, needs tightening up somewhat; vhc, McGinn, superior feather and colour, A1 type, nice wings and tail; not big, but good; hc, Coventry, silky feather of good colour, shapely, and well put down; c, Beswick, true Norwich properties, well feather, good colour and meal. 1907 HEN (42), rare class: 1, Dent, Yell., ticked right eye, magnificent shape, rare substance, rich silky texture of feather, capital depth of colour, lovely head, neck and chest, a charming damsel; 2, Raynes, Yell., marked right wing and right eye, another real tip-topper, fine colour, teeming with quality, well up in size, and of slashing shape, A1 wings and tail, very close up; 3, 4, Midgeley, with a couple of bonny maidens, both clear Yells., former short and thick set, fine depth of chest, capital feather, rich in colour, best of wing carriage, clean under, latter similar, except shade longer in barrel, both shown in grand form; ex 3, Tweddle, cl. Buff, lovely salmon tinged colour, beautifully frosted, rare shape and size, best of flights and tail, a gem; ex 4, Lackey, cl. Buff, magnificent feather, rich colour, well mealed, very shapely, capital size, clean cut, very bonny damsel; vhc, Thompson, beautifully drawn, good substance and quality, A1 colour, well shown; hc, Dixon, true Norwich shape, splendid feather, nice colour, good all over; c, Cook, smooth as glass, rich feather. A1 colour, nice size, in rare condition. NAT. COL. (23), good collection: 1, Hayes, cl: Yell., fine bouncing exhibit, lovely shape and size, beautiful head, neck and chest, cleanly moulded, capital colour; 2, Hopkins, Var. Yell. soft silky texture of feather, grand colour and shape, nice size, good in wings and tail, very close up; 3, Brown, cl. Buff., tight as a Java, superior feather and colour, very shapely, not over large, yet a good one, staged well; 4, Coventry, Var. Buff, fine colour and feather, good shape and size, jaunty in carriage, not far away; vhc, Godley, nice type and quality, good head and neck, neat exhibit; hc, Robson, A1 feather and colour, good wing carriage, nice type; c, Stanger and Hardman, well feathered, good carriage, nice shape. NOR. GREEN, SELF YELL (10): 1, Ryno, fine depth of colour, lovely silky feather, beautiful shape, rare substance, grand wing carriage, lovely specimen; 2, Moss, superior colour and feather, good size and shape, capital head, neck and chest, clean cut, very close on the heels of winner; 3, Davies, rich silky texture of feather, beautiful colour, nice substance, just beaten in type, yet a fine specimen, good third; 4, Moss, very shapely, A1 quality, nice size, not quite so good in feather as above, still far from being a bad one, worth its place; vhc, Deacon, A1 colour and quality, shapely, might possess more substance, in capital form; hc, Stanger and Hardman, nice colour and quality, good type, not quite so smooth under; 3, Jenkins, A1 colour, nice quality, not one of the biggest, yet good. BUFF SELF (9): 1, Ryno, magnificent shape and substance, fine head, neck and chest, well over perch, tight as hox, lovely colour and feather, gay; 2, Davies, another bonny specimen, certainly not so massive as winner, yet equal to it in every other respect; 3, hc, Walker, slashing feather, good type, nice size, not quite so deep in colour, still a very neat exhibit, worth its place; 4, Hadwin, capital shape and quality, nice colour and carriage, lack size to above, yet a bird we liked; vhc, Deacon, good feather and colour, nice type, not over large; c, Moss, A1 quality, rich colour, smaller but neat. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Davies, slashing depth of colour, soft silky texture of feather, grand shape and substance, capital wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Jenkins, beautifully feathered, rich tone of colour, nice size and type, clean under, not far away; 3, Doughty, good in colour and feather, very shapely, and of good carriage, not so large as above, yet very bonny; 4, Deacon, superior quality, good shape, nice size, little behind in depth of colour, worth its place; vhc, Ryno, A1 colour and feather, good shape, in nice condition; hc, Hawkes, nice colour and quality; c, Walker, A1 quality, nice shape. BUFF (14): 1, Ryno, magnificent feather, fine depth of colour, slashing shape and substance, grand wings, a topper; 2, Deacon, lovely feather, nice tone of colour, very shapely, not so large as winner, still not far away, good second; 3, Hadwin, superior feather, nice colour and shape, good wing carriage, well worth its place; 4, Isaac, shapely and of nice feather, good size and colour, shown in rattling condition; vhc, Nelson, good colour and quality, sweet shape, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; hc, Grey, good type, nice size, behind in depth of colour; c, Davies, neat shape, good in feather, well shown. CINN. YELL (8): 1, 2, Dormer, with a couple of gems, former magnificent quality of feather, fine depth of rich cinny colour, rare size and shape, capital wings and tail, latter well up in substance, splendid quality, very shapely; 3, Taylor and Sanderson, A1 type, soft silky texture of feather, capital depth of colour, nicely burnished, not far away; 4, vhc, hc, Godley, nice team, all of good colour and feather; c, Gowland, good type, nice size, requires shade more depth of colour. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Godley, grand trio, winner magnificent quality, wonderful substance and shape, lovely tone of colour of great depth, staged in best possible trim, second splendid feather, rattling colour and of grand type, A1 wing carriage, clean cut, third another of superior feather and colour, well up in substance, jaunty carriage, capital flights; 4, hc, Dormer, two fine exhibits, lovely colour and quality, nicely polished, beaten in size; vhc, Wilson, good in colour and feather, nice shape and size, well put down; c, Ormston, nice shape, good feather. BRED 1907 (13): 1, vc, Godley, Yell., slashing quality, fine depth of colour, beautifully burnished, magnificent shape and substance, an eye opener, will be heard of again; 2, 3, Dormer, two gems, Buff and Yell. respectively, former grand type, rich colour, and of lovely quality, very shapely and of capital carriage, not far behind, latter full of quality, grand colour, fine shape, and of nice substance, very promising youngster; 4, Todd and Son, superior feather, good shape and carriage, not quite so good in quality or so deep in colour, yet bonny; hc, Wilson, good type and feather, nice carriage. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, Yell., looks like the Accrington winner, magnificent feather, rich tone of colour, delightful shape and size, clean under, a lovely damsel; 2, v, Dormer, Yell., A1 feather, slashing colour beautifully burnished, very shapely, and of good substance, not far away; 3, 4, h, Godley, former Yell., splendid depth of colour, soft silky texture of feather, falls a little in shape to above, longer; fourth Yell., good in colour, A1 quality, nice size, not so good in type as above, yet nice one; c, Hadwin, shapely and of good feather, nice colour, in good condition. DC. CREST BUFF (15): 1, Lister, Var. D.C. giant, showing abundance of rich quality feather, lovely shaped body, crest, large, round, and of beautiful droo-

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both wings D.C., again a bird of wonderful size, with heaps of grand quality feather, crest of splendid shape, not so densely packed as winner certainly, but of nice droop and centre, grand specimen; 3, Beswick, Var. D.C., capital quality, nice shape body, crest of neat radiation, good in droop and centre, worth its place; 4, Stoves, marked both wings D.C., possessing good amount of feather, shapely in body, crest nice and round, good centre, lacks droop and density to above, yet a pleasing specimen; vhc, Dobson and Son, marked both wings D.C., A1 quality, nice substance, crest of good formation, worth its mention; hc, Armstrong, marked both wings D.C., rare quality feather, crest of nice size, but fails a little in droop, not quite ready; c, Winter, Var. D.C., capital feather, good shaped body, crest not over large, but very neat. BUFF, LIGHT OR CRESTED YELL. (8): 1, Marshall, cl. body, grey crest, very massive in build, with abundance of rich feather, crest of wonderful size, grand shape, and of delightful droop, thickly packed and of capital centre, a stormer; 2, 3, Lister, with a couple of gems, former cl. body grey crest, a giant, slashing feather, beautiful head piece, fine droop and centre, hardly as dense as winner, but not far short, close up; 3, cl. body grey crest, A1 quality, very shapely, crest of nice formation, neat droop and centre, good third; 4, Stoves, marked wings, light crest, A1 quality feather, good shape, crest lacks a little in frontal,, good centre, worth its place, vhc, c, Taylor, good specimens, shown in grand condition; hc, Stanger and Herdman, Yell., marked left wing D.C., capital quality, crest of good formation, very neat exhibit. HEN (9): 1, Lister, Buff, cl. body grey crest, massive in build, capital quality feather, delightfully shaped body, crest large and as round as a rim, lovely droop and centre, one of the very first water; 2, Armstrong, Buff, marked right wing D.C., magnificent feather, fine substance, crest of grand formation, splendid droop, centre rightly placed, very close on the heels of winner; 3, Scott, Buff, heavy marked D.C., rare size, superior quality, crest nice shape and droop, good centre, well worth its place; 4, Pearce, Buff, marked both wings D.C., capital quality and shape, crest of neat formation, one we liked, good fourth; vhc, Taylor, Buff, marked both wings D.C., A1 feather, good shape, crest neat; hc, Marshall, Buff, marked both wings D.C., bonny exhibit; c, Currah and Son.

CREST BRED COCK (16): 1, Pearce, heavy var., yellow, immense frontal and entrance, rare wealth of feather on domeshape skull,small beak good substanee of body and length of feather; 2, Bewick, wing and head marked, capital body, not so wide entrance as first, but plenty length of feather, a buff; 3, T. Taylor, n green, lovely shape skull, profuse feather, neat beak and entrance, compact body of rare type; 4, Lister, long raking bird, not so well raised skull as former, very long rough feathered body; vhc, Huthchinson; hc, Armstrong; c, Stoves. CREST-BRED HEN (9): 1, Dobson and Son, var., dark head, nicely raised head, good entrance and frontal, very compact body, and a wealth of feather, a good hen, 2, hc, Scott, mealy green, a good all round hen, but just beaten slightly in frontal, rare body; 3, Gray, a grand clear bird, immense feather, not at its best quite; 4, Taylor, var., clear cap, bit longer in skull, plenty of feather, fine body; vhc, Mole; c, Lister. CREST 1907 BRED (19): A fine class; 1, 2, T. Taylor, first wing mark, dark crest of lovely size, well centred crest, broad well rounded, and droops nicely; good size body, in fact a splendid youngster; 2, Green, fine crest, but well beaten in droop and formation, good size, well-feathered body; 3, 4, Dobson and Son, var., great size crest, not quite ready, should make a beauty later on; 4, var, beaten in width of crest and formation, nice body and well feathered; vhc, e, Lister; winged marked dark crest, lovely centre and droop, beaten in frontal crest a little, still a fine youngster; hc, Jenkins; a fine class. CREST-BRED, BRED 1907 (24): 1, Armstrong, ticked neck, and marked wing yellow, of grand size and substance, splendid cushion head, rare frontal and entrance, tons of feather; 2, Lister, bit flatter in head, grand length of feather, good frontal and entrance, a fine bird withal; 3, Richardson, var., grand size, nicely raised skull, rare length of feather; 4, Crawhall, wing and neck marked, smaller, but full of the right crest-bred properties; vhc, Graham; hc, Mole; c, Taylor and Smart. PAIRS FOR CREST-BREEDING (10): 1, Armstrong, Green crest and a var., crest-bred, capitally matched apparently; 2, Lister, a clear yell. crestbred, and a dark crested buff, nearly clear body, a very likely pair, rare size and feather in both; 3, vhc, Marshall, var., yellow, crestbred, very large, A1 head, etc., and a wing-marked dark crested buff, a bit small; hc, Taylor, and Smart; c, Sutherland; 4, Pearce, grey crest, var. yell crestbred, a good pair. YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Wilcock, most stylish bird, well up, finely drawn, lovely feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Towers, well up on legs, stylish, rare position and condition, good wings, wee bit forked in tail; 3, Wilson, grand style, good wings and tail, beaten in body; 4, Helliwell; very neat, grand feather, just beaten in feather on crest; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Benson; c, Grieves. CL. BUFF (21): 1, 2, Wadsworth, a wonderful lengthy pair, grand position, shape and feather, as long as a rope-walk nearly; 3, Irwin, rather more substance, shorter hird, grand position and feather; 4, Wilson, very neat all through, nice length, well finished; vhc, Mather; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Mountain. TICK and YELL. (13): 1, Stebbings, capital var. bird, as slim and typical as a standard, A1 throughout; 2, vhc, Chew and Stokoe, slightly ticked, very long, well up on legs, nice feather and finish; 3, Broadley, very breedy, almost to circling, high shoulders, nice feather and condition; 4, also showing breed, but more typical than 3rd; hc, Slack; c, Edmundson. TICK BUFF (9): 1, 3, Wilson, A1 style, neat head, wings and tail, well up and nicely rounded, a gem; 3, very similar, and little to choose; 2, Wadsworth, shorter, wing mark, very fine position, shape and condition; 4, Wilcock, very neat body, beaten in wing carriage to-day; vhc, Kent; hc, Irwin; c, Chew and Stokoe. HENS (32): A grand lot; 1, 3, Wadsworth, very long grand feathered pair of buffs, carriage and neatness all there; 2, 4, Helliwell; a yellow and buff, both gems of the first water, extra 3rd, Wear, not got any notes of; extra 4th, Davison, very breedy yellow, good stand, neat throughout; vhc, Wilson; hc, Stebbings; c, Wilcock. UNFLI. YELL (22): 1, Wilcock, a regular clinker, a beauty all over; 2, Wadsworth, a grand bird, but very long, first winning over it in stylish body shape; 3, Cuthbertson, smaller, grand style, well up, neat wings and tail; 4, Edmundson, big bird, fork tail would hold it back somewhat; vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, Campbell; c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFFS UNFLI. (27): 1, Wilson, tick left wing, a splendid bird right through, lovely carriage, neat wings and tail; 2, Carr, a grand stylish bird, fork tail kept it back; 3, Wear, very neat all round, as straight as a pencil, lovely feather; 4, Edmundson, ticked wing, grand body, well up on legs, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, W. J. Taylor. SCOTCH FANCY, CL. YELL. COCK (8): 1, 4, Little, grand size, good substance, through heart, decided drive, very ready to respond; 4, good shoulders and drive, hardly ready yet; 2, Lugton, responds well, long sides, fine drive, a good one; 3, Chapman, grand size, long sides, rather unsteady, fine drive when settling; vhc, Lamb; hc, Cobb; c, Bell. CL. BUFF COCK (16): 1, Thompson Bros., special for best, Scotch Fancy, a charmer, grand size, decided drive, small head, lengthy neck, a true Scottie; 2, vhc, hc, Little, full of nerve, rare drive, responds quickly; 3, Smith, missed noting; 4, Chapman, ditto; c, Willison. MARK, ETC., COCK (11): 1, Chapman, capital reach,, drives well, full of nerve, good sides, well under; 2, W. J. Taylor; 3, Cobb; 4, vhc, Little; hc, Willison; c, Smith. HEN, ANY COLOUR (11): 1, Dixon, grand size, prominent shoulders, good reach, free below; 2, Craig, W., smaller, good drive and shoulder, nice action; 3, vhc, Little, similar bird, little thick through; 4, Craig, Jas., good size, free below, fails to get down; hc, Chapman; c, Willison. BORDERS, YELL COCK (25): 1, 4, Bennet, a splendid little fellow of grand all-round properties; 4, beaten a little in condition; 2, Wilson, grand quality and shape, very neat all through; 3, Scott, larger and wee bit loose in feather; vhc, Poole; hc, Chapman; c, Hopper Bros. YELL HEN (24): 1, Smart, clear, a gem all over, very fine type, neat wings and tail; 2, McKenzie, beaten in style and condition; 3, Poole, ticked wings, wants fining down; 4, Clinch, a model, short tail, small, fine feather and condition; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Wilson; c, Pears. BUFF COCK (24): 1, Bennet, clear, a regular model, tight as wax; 2, Hopper Bros., ticked neck, the very best of feather and condition; 3, Scott, clear, another model for shape, grand quality and condition; 4, McKenzie, all over a good one, and well on heels of former; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Mackie; c, Rowell. BUFF HENS (25): 1, McKenzie, spl., best border, a superb specimen, ticked head, a gem of the first water; 2, Lewthwaite, similar bird, but beaten in style and head; 3, Pearson, A1 all over, ticked head; 4, Cox, larger, wings, A1 feather; extra 3rd, grand shape and quality, crosses wings a bit; vhc, J. Pearson; hc, Pears; c, Poole. EVEN MARKS (3): 1, Brown, 4-point yell, beautifully marked, excellent condition; 2, McKenzie, buff, well known winner, last year's winner, looking a little dull, best of markings, fallen a bit on thighs; 3, Scott, fails in eye markings, good wings, beaten in tail and condition. VAR. YELL. OR BUFF (26): A grand class —1, Wilson, tick left wing and eyes, a model, splendid style and condition, grand quality; 2, Brown, 5-point, grand bird, rare style, quality and finish; 3, Smart, small, a yellow, but very grand quality; extra 3rd, a 3-pointed buff, splendid quality, shape and condition; 4, Scott, marked wings and right eye, lovely feather and style, nice shape. GREEN OR CINN. BORDER (15): 1, 2, Bennet, a pair of Greens, grand type and quality, great style and condition; 3, Brown, smaller, but most typical, in A1 form; 4, Drinkwater, also smaller, but good type, etc.; vhc, Richardson; hc, W. J. Taylor; c, Walker. A.O.V. PAIRS (12): 1, Seely, a grandly matched pair of Norwich; 2, 3, Godley, Norwich Cinnamons, good; 4, W. T. Taylor, cinnamons, very fair, but on the small side; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Dormer; c, Lee. SELLING 30/- PAIRS: 1, French; 2, Carr; 3, Pickering; 4, Dormer; vhc, Heslop; hc, Bates; c, Rowell. SELLING 20/- (14): 1, Currah and Son; 2, Woodhouse; 3, T. Robson; 4, Webb and Orton; vhc, Dormer; hc, Fletcher; c, Wilson, J. 15/- (21): 1, McKenzie; 2, Webb and Orton; 3, Crawhall; 4, Richardson; vhc, Andrews; hc, J. Taylor; c, R. H. Dixon. SELLING 10/- (22): 1, Blackburn; 2, Bainbridge; 3, Newman; 4, Sutch; vhc, Cowans; hc, Tait; c, Slack.

Yorks. Greens and Members.

YORKS GREEN, SELF YELL. (19): 1, 4, Clayton, couple of very stylish birds, winner of rare length, slim, splendid back flights and tail, well on leg, gem, fourth nice long drawn specimen, A1 quality and colour, stands nicely, shade stronger, yet good one; 2, Gill and Pickup, lovely colour and feather, excellent length, well filled back, good wing carriage, not far away; 3, Tempest, A1 feather, nice colour; good length, worth its place; vhc, Drinkwater, capital type, superior colour and quality; hc, Hughes, nice feather and colour; c, Deacon, nice type and condition. BUFF SELF (21), good lot: 1, Clayton, wonderful length, slashing colour and quality, stands well up on clever pair of legs, grand back flights and tail, beauty; 2, Handley, another typical exhibit, grand in colour and feather, lengthy and leggy, not far behind; 3, Martin, superior colour and quality, good length, nice carriage of flights, not quite so good in position, still bonny; 4, Carlile, A1 colour and feather, well filled back, shows thighs nicely, good fourth; vhc, Thomas, good in colour and condition; hc and c, Hadwin, both rare quality, good position. FOUL YELL. (15): 1, Hellewell, very stylish and full of nerve, rattling colour and quality, stands beautifully, lengthy; 2, Wright, nicely filled back, good wing carriage, in capital trim; 3, Clayton, nicely drawn, superior feather, good colour and position, shade stronger, worth its place; 4, Doughty, superior type, good length, shows thighs well, will improve; vhc, Walker, stylish, rare colour, nice; hc, Deacon, A1 colour, well shown; c, Carlile, neat and typical, splendid quality, wee bit shorter. BUFF (13): 1, Hellewell, very lengthy, rich quality and colour, rare position, best of backs, capital wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Vernon, beautiful depth of colour, well feathered, lengthy and well on leg, ran the winner close; 3, c, Deacon, full of style, good length, shown in delightful condition; 4, Hughes, rich quality, sound colour, not far behind; vhc, Handley, neat throughout, one we much liked; hc, Benson, nice type and length. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (15): 1, 2, McGuinness; 3, Grey; 4, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, Lee; hc, Roy; c, Wyndham. BUFF (16): 1, c, Brown; 2, 3, Grey; 4, hc, Robson, vhc, Stanger and Herdman. HEN (19): 1, Grey; 2, Lee; 3, Brown; vhc, Roy, hc, Ronald, c Crawhall. CREST COCK (15): 1, 2, Dobson and Son; 3, Lister; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Marshall; c, Hutchinson. CREST HEN (7): 1, hc, Lister; 2, c, Dobson and Son; 3, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, Marshall. NOR. PLAIN (12): 1, Armstrong; 2, Taylor; 3, Crawhall, vhc, Stanger and Herdman, he, c, Hutchinson. HEN (5): 1, Lister; 2, 3, Nicholl; vhc, hc, Dobson and Son. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Kirkpatrick; 3, Rowell; vhc, Appleby; c, Roy. BUFF (8): 1, Hermeston; 2, vhc, Kirkpatrick; 3, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Crawhall; c, Applchy. SCOT. FANCY YELL. (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 4, Little; 3, Bell. BUFF (8)' 1, 3, vhc, Little; 2, hc, Taylor; 4, Chapman. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Crawhall; 3, c, Carr; vhc, hc, Slack. BUFF (11): 1, 3, 4, Carr; 2, vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Slack. BORDER FANCY YELL. (18): 1, 2, 3, Bennett; 4, Chapman; vhc, hc, Hawkins. BUFF (23): 1, 2, 3, c, Bennett; 4, Hawkins; vhc, hc, Rowell. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Maddison. DARK: 1, 2, 3, Maddison; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Slack. LINNET (3): 1, Allinson; 2, Brown; 3, Appleby. BRIT. FINCH OR BUNTING (12): 1, 4, hc, Shepherd; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, vhc, Maddison, c, Wilson. A.O.V. BRIT. (12): 1, Shepherd; 2,3, Bates; 4, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, c, Wilson; hc, Taylor, wc, Miller. FOREIGN (8): 1, Brown; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Mackenzie.

Hybrids and British.

HYBRID OR BRIT., SELL. (12s. 6d.) (13): 1, Rutherford and Bright, very fine dark Yell. Siskin-Can., very cheap; 2, Davidson and Boyd, good Bramble, pale, but grand feather, etc.; 3, Johnson, Linnet-Can., grand condition; 4, Atkinson, Buff Green-Can.; vhc, Laidlaw; he, Hayes; c, Crockett. CL. ETC. HYBRID (5): 1, spl best hybrid, Maddison, cl. Buff Gold-Can., medium size, good blaze, nice shape, colour and condition; 2 and spl for best young bird bred in 1907, Maddison, unique specimen of Siskin-Can. cross, slightly grizzly, ticked wings and cheeks, looks like becoming clear, deserves its honours, believed to be the first known Siskin-Canary ever bred so clear; 3, Watson, large Linnet-Bullfinch, grand shape and feather, bit flat in colour, all else A1; 4, Dr. O'Neal, capital feather Gold-Greenfinch, bit dull in colour and blaze, good size and condition; vhc, Taylor, fine Green-Bullfinch, beaten in body feather and condition only. VAR., ETC (12): 1, Dixon, very large Buff Gold-Canary, grand blaze, shape and quality, tight as wax; 2, 4, Maddison, var. Linnet-Can., medium size, with splendid feather and condition; 4, pale var. Gold-Can., looks like a hen, grand feather; 3, W. M. Hill, ticked eyes, wing and rump, lovely colour feather and condition, not quite so big as winner; vhc, Ellwood, heavy var. Gold, splendid colour and condition; hc, Hayes; c, Seeley. DARK, GOLD, OR LINNET (15): 1, R. J. Howe, grand Linnet-Canary, splendid colour markings, feather, and shape; 2, Watson, Yell. Gold-Can., grand blaze and body colour, good shape and feather; 3, J. Taylor, smaller Linnet-Can., deep colour, glossy feather and condition; 4, Bloor, grand young Gold-Can., rare shape and colour; vhc, W. J. Taylor, fine Yell. Linnet-Can., will want a lot of beating when finished; hc, Davidson and Boyd, small but warm coloured Yell. Gold Can.; c, Johnson, good Linnet-Can. A.O.V. HYBRID (11): 1, vhc, Maddison, very large good coloured Green-Can., splendid shape feather and condition, wins well; vhc, Yell. Green-Can. bit short of finish yet; 2, Cherry, very neat shaped Yell. Siskin-Can., well marked, good cap, and condition; 3, R. J. Howe, Yell. Green Can., nice size for a Yell.; 4, hc, W. J. Taylor, a nice pair of Siskin-Canary, hardly so well finished yet as 2, C. J. Taylor's very chubby Buff Green-Can., A1 feather. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Bower, wins with plenty in hand, like a little wagon horse for shape, grand, clean cut, big blaze, colour coming up well, A1 moonings, plenty tan on back and breast; 2, Stanger and Herdman, smaller, nice flush, clean cut, good tan and moonings, smart condition. 3, Curry and Gardner, good colour, nice even moons and bars, plenty tan, good feather and steady; 4, hc, King, good colour, nice moons, rather narrow face, smart condition; he, similar bird, beaten in finish; vhc, Maddison, grand shape, splendid face, rare body colour, c, Robson. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Marlor Bros., fully big enough, a replica of Job Willams's famous champion, slight doubt as to nationality, splendid cap, wings and tail, lovely back and breast, colour well up, and looks like a cage-moulted bird; 2, Edmundson, moulted, a smaller bird, paler in colours, but wonderful condition; 3, W. M. Hill, still paler breast, but grand bloom and condition of feather; 4, hc, R. J. Howe, fine cap, wings and tail, good saddle; vhc, Forster; c, Johnson. LINNET (33), a very strong class with birds in of very high merit: 1, ex 4, King, leader a capitally shaped bird, markings, head, chucks, wings, etc., properly defined, of good size, shows for all he is worth; 4th smaller body, but colour, markings, and condition well maintained; 2, Walsh, the right stamp, shade less chest than winner, shows markings to perfection, runs very hard for first place; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, rare size and lovely quality of feather and markings, paler in body brown; ex 3, R. J. Howe, beautiful shape and markings, only wants more glossy conditions to be a gem; 4, Bower, good size, well marked, coming forward rapidly in condition; vhc, Watson, well up to ex 4; hc, Stamford; c, Atkinson; quite two sets of winners could be found here. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 3, A. Howe, first a gem for size, shape, bloom and finish, third equally good, but much smaller; 2, c, Maddison, grand size, very rich deep colour throughout, a stormer when finished in bloom and condition; 4, Dixon, smaller, but splendid colour and feather; vhc, Atkinson, large rare Buff bird, short of wing feathers; hc, Hurst. SISKIN, ETC. (20): 1, Hurst, best Redpoll seen out for years and years, simply superb, a regular marvel throughout, and must be seen to be realised; 2, W. T. Hill, a Twite of capital size, markings, colour, quality and finish, no disgrace to he beaten by such a wonderful Redpoll; 3, Hingley, smartly conditioned Siskin, good cap, etc.; 4, Hurst, very good Twite, but just beaten in all-round merit to-day by second; vhc, Todd and Son, nice Siskin; hc, R. J. Howe, Jonque Redpoll of much merit; c, Chick, Mealy Redpoll, nice bird. BRAMBLE OR CHAFF (29), a magnificent class: 1, Shepherd and Son, a Bramble of rare size, beautiful shape, nicely spangled, exquisite feather and condition, which made it win over deeper coloured birds; 2, 3, Hurst, beautiful Chaffinch in all points, and wins hands down; third a deep coloured Bramble, profuse spangle, longer and narrower than first, slightly beaten in body condition; ex 3, R. J. Howe, beaten only in the solid condition of body feather, grand bird; 4, Edmundson, grand size, length, depth of colour, and spangle; vhc, Waters, still another Bramble of fine merit, runs very close up; hc, W. T. Hill, another of exceptional condition, etc.; c, Chick, yet another, a shade smaller, grand condition. A.V. HEN FINCH (12): 1, Chick, most beautiful Bramble, in perfect order; 2, Davidson and Boyd, a splendidly conditioned Greenfinch; 3, Rutherford and Bright, a fine Bully hen, beaten in breast condition; 4, Maddison, a charming hen Siskin, said to he the mother of famous young light Siskin Canary "Bowl Winner," a gem; vhc, Hollins, nice hen Bramble, beaten in all-round finish; hc, Bertram, good hen Bully; c, Hingley, nice Hawfinch. A.O.V. SEED, ETC. (9): 1, Chick, a grand Yell. Bunting, grand colour, head marks, spangle, size and condition; 2, Maddison, moulted Crossbill, very steady, and feathered like satin; 3, Shepherd, a nice small Hawfinch; 4, W. J. Taylor, great Cornbunting, not quite ready, is a stormer when finished; vhc, H. Taylor, a Yell. Bunting, beaten in markings, etc.; hc, Bower; c, Lawson. THRUSH, ETC. (18), fine class: 1, Axe, grand Thrush, large, rare back and breast, beautifully spotted, in splendid feather; 2, R. J. Howe, grand Blackbird, and runs well up for first place; 3, Crockitt, very fine lustrous Starling, stands grand and shows well; 4, Carter, Thrush, very well spotted, rich colour; vhc, McGinn, good Thrush, smaller, but grand colour and well spotted; hc, Schooler, almost equal; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins, pretty smaller Starling. A.O.V. LARGE (4): 1 and special best Soft Bill, Wildsmith and Hawkins, very fine Hoopoe, in good health and nicely shown, much admired; 2, Crockitt, a fine Chough, in grand order; 3, Chick, another grand Chough, smaller than second, in A1 trim; 4, Carter, very good Redwing. SMALL (21), an extraordinary class for variety, quantity, and, above all, quality; 1, 2, 3, R. J. Howe, Wryneck, Nightingale, and Treecreeper in order named, all in superb condition and fit to win; 4, Forster, splendid young Wheatear in splendid feather and condition; vhc, Crockitt, a Gold Crest Wren, bit down in condition when we saw it; hc, Walsh, a smaller tight conditioned Wryneck, well shown; c, Nicholson and Son, a tight conditioned Gale, beaten in size by first. LARK, ETC. (14): 1, Laidlaw, a very fine Meadow Pipit, in best possible condition, well shown; 2, McVay, good Skylark, well shown; 3, Appleby, Skylark, bit smaller than second, well shown, 4, Chick, a good Pipit well shown; vhc, c, Simmons, a pair of Skylarks; hc, W. T. Hill, a Pipit, smaller.

FOREIGN.—PARROTS (8): 1, 4, Sneddon and Thompson, Eclectus cock and Alexandrina Parrakeet, former excelling in glossy feather and condition; 2, Hollins and Son, Blue Mountain Lory, in splendid feather and condition; 3, hc, c, Mackenzie, canary-winged Parrakeet, a Pennant, and a Cockatiel, in nice plumage all of them; vhc, Harris, Macaw. A.V. SEED (11): 1, Davidson and Boyd a monster Siberian Goldfinch, moulted in splendid form; 2, Walton, lovely black-headed Gouldian, pins perfect; 3, 4, Mackenzie, Diamond Finch and Paradise ...ydah, former in splendid condition; vhc, Peterson; hc, Hollins and Son; c, Portens. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, best foreign and spl best bird in show, A. Brown, a grand Indian Rock Mynah, shown in splendid feather and condition, great success; 2, Portens, a nice sized brilliant Superb Tanager, in delightful colours and condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, pretty Green glossy Starling; 4, R. J. Howe, Honeyeater, in nice order; vhc, W. J. Taylor, a Pagoda Starling. NOVICE HYBRID: 1, 2, 4, Craig; 3, vhc, Harvey. BRIT.: 1, McGinn; 2, Miller; 3, G. Taylor, 4, vhc, hc, Hubbock, c, Bogie.

Our Stall.

CAGE BIRDS Stall presented a very pretty picture in the show, and was very artistically arranged by the representative in attendance. The exquisite drawings were much admired by the many who visited the show.

OTLEY.

The Otley and District O.S. held their annual open show in the Recreation Hall, on October 19th. This was the 7th show held in Otley, and the committee are worthy of support, as they are loyal workers for the Fancy. The entries numbered close on 300. Mr. W. Dawson, the secretary, had the birds well-staged, and he was assisted by a good working committee: Messrs. J. Thomas, J. Robinson, C. Thornton, J. Crossley, J. Dawson, etc. The attendance was a large one, and the show should prove a success. The quality of birds was very good. Mr. Shackelton's champion yellow tick and his yellow hen was much admired; Mr. C. Thornton's buff tick is a bird of position and quality very seldom seen, but he would do with being a little longer. Messrs. Bearpark, Denton, Ogden Bros., Crossley, Walsh, Cook and Son, put down some typical Yorkshires, which will be heard of again during the season. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, judged the Canary section, and Mr. Cowgill, Bradford, the British, Foreign, and Selling. YORKS. YELL (11): 1, Bearpark, rich colour, full of quality, true to type, grand wings and tail; 2, Drake, pale colour, stands well; 3, Shackleton, beautiful colour, long flights and tail, not quite ready; 4, Myers, bird of grand position, very slim, good wings and tail, not quite ready; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Collier, c, Crossley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): Shackleton, thigh tick, lovely quality of feather, round head, long flights, position wins; 2, Walsh, wing tick, rich colour, rare length, full of quality and nerve, handles well; 3, Myers, thigh tick, good quality, lacks a little in position, wants more time; 4, Crossley, grand position, good head; vhc, Crossley; hc, Brown; c, Mitchell. BUFF (10): 1, Thornton, cheek tick, plenty of quality and position; 2, Ogden Bros., cheek marked, good head, very stylish, beautiful feather, rare position, very nervy; 3, Shackleton, very rich coloured, thigh tick,, stands well up; 4, Brown, wing tick, pale colour, long flights and tail, not quite ready; vhc, Crossley; hc, Denton; c, Bottomley. HEN (12): 1, Shackleton, good head, excellent wing carriage, clean cut, quality of feather A1; 2, 3, Crossley, 2nd feathered like wax, stands well, grand wings and tail, 3rd fine quality, grand position could do with little more length; 4, vhc, Edmondson, good head, long flights and tail, wild; hc, Collins; c, Myers. BUFF HENS (12): 1, Walsh, rich colour, stands well, grand position, slim, perfect lady; 2, Shackleton, good quality, shows plenty of daylight under; 3, Myers, fine feather, good head, full of Yorkshire properties; 4 and vhc, Middleton Bros., long flights and tail; hc, Crossley; c, Bearpark. CIN. TKD. COCKS (13): 1, Denton, eye and wing, rich colour, full of quality, position, bit on the stout side, buff; 2, Ogden Bros., blaze of colour, wing and eye marked, grand position and slim, yell.; 3, hc, Hirst, buff marked, quality neat head, nice wing carriage; 4, Hewson, yell., eye and wing marked; vhc, Myers; c, Bottomley. CIN. TKD. HENS (16): 1, Cook and Son, eye and wing, cap on head, yell., gem, fine quality, slim, stands well, very steady; 2, Halliday, buff, wing tick, sold for a good figure; 3, c, Bearpark, cap and wing, splendid quality, nice type; 4, Ogden Bros., cheek and wing marked, buff, stands well; vhc, Hingley; hc, Haigh and Son. NOR. COCK (13): 1, Croft, good head and cheek, rich coloured buff; 2, Haigh and Son, yell., fine quality, true to type; 3, Axe, buff, nice feather, good head and chest, short wings and tail; 4, Hirst, cheek and wing marked, buff, rare type; vhc, Clark; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Grigg. HENS (9): 1, Thackray, buff, rare quality of feather, good head, chubby; 2, Haigh and Son, buff, rich colour, boxey feather, true type; 3, Holmes pale colour, full of quality, light on head; 4, no name, yell.; vhc, Axe; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Gregg. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Holmes, neat head, clean on breast, grand wing and tail, full of quality; 2, Dawson, long flights, rich colour, shows slight frill; 3, Robinson, unevenly marked, long flights and tail, not quite ready; 4, Simpson, very typical; vhc, Bracewell; hc, Holmes; c, Galling. BUFFS (21): 1, Drake, Windhill winner, looking well; 2, Birch, rich colour; 3, Albert and Twaine, nice type and quality; 4, Bracewell, very fair; vhc, Gelder; hc, Walker; c, Dobson. YELL. HENS (15): 1, Thornton, blaze of colour, full of fine qualities, on the small side; 2, Smith, pale colour, very slim, well up on leg, and nice position; 3, Wood, rich colour; 4, Robinson, pale colour; vhc, Gelder; hc, Lamb; c, Drake. BUFF HENS (18): 1, Walker, boxey feather, rich colour, nice type, good head, clean on chest; 2, 4, Gilroy, pale colour, typical quality, A1, neat head; 4, cinn. mkd., boxy feather; 3 Birch, very fair; vhc, Robinson; hc, Thornton; c, Iveson. MR. COW CLASSES.—SELL. (9s.) (7): 1, Simpson; 2, Axe; 3, Denton; 4, Head; vhc, Clark; hc, Iveson; c, Dawson. SELL. (12/6) (14): 1, Fowle; 2, Bonar; 3, Bearpark; 4, Robinson; vhc, Lowes; hc, Clark; c, Galling. BRIT. HARDBILL (17): 1, 2, Axe, Hawfinch and Yellow Bunting; 3, c, Duncan, Goldie; 4 Wood, Goldie; vhc, Inman; hc, Hollins and Son. SOFT (17): 1, Underwood, Waxwing, shown in pink of condition; 2, 4, Mason, 2nd Gray Wagtail, 4th Sandpiper; 3, Axe, Thrush, nicely marked rich colour; vhc, Myers, Wryneck, beauty; hc, Mackwell; c, Myers. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, Hollins and Son; 4, vhc, hc, Spence.

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TWITTERINGS.

Wellingborough.—Entries close October 27th, not 21st, as stated in schedule.

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) will judge Widnes, November 23, also Bootle, December 7th.

Fanciers should note extensive classification at Kirkcaldy; good prize money. Entries close November 2.—(ADVT.)

I now reside at 76, Market-street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, having left Blackpool-street, Burton-on-Trent.—WILFRID R. BELLAMY.

At Bodwin's last members' show, Mr. Tickell judged, and the principal prizes went to Messrs. Hare, Pincombe, Wills, and Lobb

Entries will be accepted by first post on Tuesday morning, writes Mr. R. S. Black, Hon. Sec. Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.

At Great Harwood Show last week, I won Sandiford's Cup for the hottest bird in show, writes Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport).

Edinburgh O.S. Show report credits Mr. Foster with a third for Norwich Cock (yellow). I had that honour.—P. S. Ross (Edinburgh).

Class 28, Border Fancy, should read Yellow Cock or Hen, and Class 29, Buff Cock or Hen, writes Mr. S. J. Nicholas, Hon. Sec. of the Welsh National C.B.S.

The Western F.S. (Plymouth) are holding a show in the Plymouth Market, January 1st, 1908. Cage birds will be liberally treated.—W. J. SLOMAN, Secretary.

Entries for the Wolverhampton Show, writes Mr. F. Howes, secretary of the Wolverhampton and District C.B.S., are coming in very slow. I will accept till Sunday.

I have posted over 600 schedules away. Any fanciers that I have overlooked, if they will only write, I will gladly forward one.—V. W. MARSDEN, Blackburn Show.

Kindly thank all applicants for my Goldfinches advertised last week. They were too numerous to answer individually, for I had no fewer than 22 letters.—D. CARTWRIGHT (Pershore).

We omitted to state prize money in schedule for our show on November 9th, writes Mr. J. Wilson, Sec., Kirkcaldy Show. It is: first 10s., second 5s., third 2s. 6d.; entry money, 1s. 6d.

Mr. John W. Hartshorn, of Leicester, writes: Kindly intimate to your readers my change of address from 7, Scott-street, Knighton Fields, to 61, Central-road, Fosse-road North, Leicester.

Kindly thank the Grimsby officials, writes C. Nash (Chesham), for the prompt way in which they returned my exhibits from their show. I received them by 10 o'clock the next morning.

Will you kindly thank the applicants re phonograph and records, as advertised, writes Mr. D. Lanford, of Morecambe? I am unable to reply to all, having received over 20 letters.

Kindly thank all applicants for Green Crested Cock, as advertised in last week's issue, writes Mr. J. Grihbin, of Newcastle, Staffs, as I cannot reply to all. He was sold by telegraph P.O.

A meeting of the Cinnamon Canary Club will be held at Manchester Show on Saturday at 4.30 p.m. The rendezvous will be posted on the cage of the winning yellow cock.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. W. Marsden, Hon. Sec. Blackburn Show, writes: I have just had a unique entry made in the pet class, viz., the Talking Canary, also his trainer, the Parrot. These birds should form a great attraction.

A bronze medal has been added to the list of specials in the Watford Show since the printing of the schedule, writes Mr. Watts, secretary. The attention of exhibitors is drawn to the extensive classification.

All schedules for Sheffield Show will be posted to-day, Saturday, October 26. No exhibitor can afford to be without one. Anyone overlooked kindly write.—T. BISHOP, Sec., 69, Alexandra-road, Heeley, Sheffield.—(ADVT.)

This year, writes Mr. John Thomson, sec. Edinburgh Western O.S., we had a record entry, and the birds were of a good class. Councillor J. T. R. Wilson presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the close of the show.

In our report last week of the Great Harwood Show we inadvertently omitted the name of the owner of the birds which won the 1st, second, and 4th prizes in the foreign section, the owner being Mr. W. H. Pickles, of Morecambe.

Mr. R. Brownlie (Brockley) writes: As I gave the special for most points at Dulwich Show, and have won it, I intend giving it to Gateshead Show, when the international contest takes place with the E.W.B.F.C.C. and the B.F.C.C.

At the Dundee and Lochee O.S. Club Show, on November 2nd, Messrs. T. Allison, Aberdeen, and C. Berwick, St. Andrew's, will judge Scotch Fancies; Robert Whitton, Broughty Ferry, Norwich and all other varieties.—D. Low, Sec.

Through my ad. in CAGE BIRDS, I have sold right out of Seifert Rollers, writes Mr. Clarence Gibbs, Sandy, Beds., and have to refuse orders. Cannot possibly answer all enquiries, and hope applicants will understand. Truly C.B. is a grand medium for disposal of stock.

We are holding our annual members' show, writes Mr. Mead (Walthamstow), at the Public Baths, Walthamstow, Oct. 31st. There will be gift classes in the different sections, and some good specimens will be in same. It will be a good chance for local fanciers to buy some bargains.

Mr. J. Shufflebotham, Hon. Sec. of St. Helens F.A., writes: Please note change of my address to 121, Morley-street, St Helens; also that for our show on November 23rd we have been successful in obtaining the use of the Volunteer Hall, which is only five minutes' walk from the station.

We have only got 24 entries throughout all the classes up to time of writing. Come, fanciers, send on your entries and give us a good show.—W. HOWE, Hon. Sec. Wellinghro' Show

At Holyland Show on Friday last a number of school children were invited to inspect the show by the committee. The "nippers" enjoyed the sight immensely, and departed quite gleefully. This was also the case at Rochdale, where some hundreds of kiddies put in an appearance.

The London and Provincial O.S. will hold their Members' Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace on November 6th and 7th. The L. and P.O.S. Committee hope that all members will make as many entries as they possibly can. Surplus stock entered in the selling classes is sure to command a quick sale. (Advt.)

Kindly notify members of the Welsh C.B.C., writes Mr. A. Hitchings, hon. sec. of Swansea and District C.B.S., that our printers have omitted to put in schedule Hyde's special, viz., teapot value 25s., and Mr. Sandiford's cup, value £2 2s., both confined to members of the W.C.B.C. Will exhibitors please note.

The following specials have been received for the Markinch Show since schedules were printed, writes Mr. G. Mitchell, secretary Markinch P. and C.B.S.: 5s. for best game bantam bred and shown by a member, confined to Markinch Parish; 2s. 6d. by John Lindsay for best third Scotch Fancy Canary, confined to Postal District.

Torbay Ornithological Society, Paignton.—Entries for the above are very short, and this being our first open cage bird show, we should like to make a successful start. Now, fanciers, do huck up, and help us with a few entries, which will be taken if they reach me not later than Saturday, 26th inst.—E. C. PARNELL, 12, Princes-street, Paignton, S. Devon.—(ADVT.)

Many fanciers, writes Mr. Geo. Hill, secretary of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., are under the impression that that Society is a newly-formed one; this is not so, we have only added the word Greenwich to the title. We have procured the Borough Hall for our show—one of the finest halls in London. With a full classification, five cups, and plenty of cash specials, we look for a good entry.

Bo'ness Show is on 9th November, and schedules are now issued. There is a splendid classification; also specialist judges, hosts of specials. Ample inducement for all sections of Cage Birds. Remember the 10 guinea challenge cup and medal is at stake. Those who have not received a schedule can have one by applying to the secretary, Findlay McGillivray, Bo'ness. Fanciers are requested to enter early, to give the secretary a chance to get through with the work. (ADVT.)

The dinner in connection with the Newcastle and District C.B. Society, on Friday last, was, so we hear, a decided success. An excellent spread was provided, and after the inner man had been satisfied, speech-making was the order of the evening. Messrs. Slack, Crawhall, Grey, Hutchinson, Clayton, and others spoke generally on the excellence of the show and the capital entry obtained. The judges, Messrs. Barnes, Houlton, Heath, and Patterson, received many compliments re their capabilities and work executed. Messrs. Barnes and Houlton replied on behalf of the judges.

The Kent County C.B.A. is going ahead very strongly, writes "Exhibitor." I believe this is their second year, and they are giving patronage to six societies and holding a show of their own, at which the classification and list of specials speak volumes for the enthusiasm of its members. To get together eight cups and bowls, besides other specials, is no light task. If the fanciers of Kent will do their utmost to support this fixture and help the association by becoming members, I feel sure in the near future we shall have a Cage Bird Society in Kent second to none. Several members of the committee, secretary included, can lay claim to having been in the fancy close on forty years.

A South London correspondent writes: "Mr. R. L. Crisp, the winner of the "News of the World" Challenge Shield for the best bird in the show at Dulwich, has been the recipient of numerous congratulatory letters, and with his usual modesty the genial President of the Southern Y.C.C. informed his friends that no one was more surprised than he at his success. The winning exhibit is a charming specimen of the bird of "grace and beauty," and was greatly admired. Mr. Crisp has bred some fine Yorkies in his time, but this one (to employ his own words) is 'the best bird I have ever bred.'"

Gloster and Dis. C.B.S. is hard up for entries, writes Mr. J. Houghton, secretary, and compelled to extend the closing date until Monday, 28th, first post. We hope fanciers will rally round and not let us suffer a loss. We are doing everything possible for exhibits and exhibitors. We have numerous specials not in schedule, but which will appear in catalogue. Seeing that our showroom is one of the finest in the West for a Cage Bird Show, being well lighted and free from draughts, we have always held a good name among exhibitors for the way their exhibits have been treated in the past.

"Cold Steel" writes:—What a fight took place at Newcastle Show when the awarding of the challenge bowl was to be decided! One judge stuck out for a Crest, another for a Scotch Fancy, and another for the Canary-Siskin. None of the trio would give way; each declaring his nomination to be the best young bird in the show. Strong arguments were used all round, and for a long while too. The fanciers and visitors crowded round the judging arena, each and all enjoying themselves to the full, whilst this special was argued about. At length the judges retired to a more secluded spot; ultimately the decision was arrived at.

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*Nov. 2 and 4.—**Norwich** (W.E.G., J.R., W.W.F., A.W.)
*Nov. 5 and 6. - **York C.B.S.** (J.H.R., H.W.B.)
*Nov. 6. - **Morecambe F.A.** (H.W.B., W.J.F., C.H.)
*Nov. 6 and 7. - **Portsmouth** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 6 & 7. - **Swansea** (T.H.M., J.Pd., D.H.T., J.H.J., A.He., H.W.)
*Nov. 7. **North Berks (Abingdon.)** (T.J.A.)
*Nov. 7 and 8. - **Greenwich** (J.R., J.Dt.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.S., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.P.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S., R.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., Ax.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness** (J. C.H.)
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.Ba., J.Str., J.Mn.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Merthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R. J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.Hr.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.Sc., J.Ba., P.R., J.P.D.)
*Nov. 16- **Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.Dh., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H., B.C., J.H.R.)
Nov. 18 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea** (T.H.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness C.A.** (J.Sn., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)

Remainder held over this week.

Entries at Manchester.

Just as we go to press we learn that Manchester Show has closed with a very fine entry, though not quite up to last season's huge total. Over 1,350 birds will be on view, apportioned as follows in the various classes:—Lancs. 31, Lizards 37, Yorkshires 177, Greens 178, Norwich 282, Crests 12, Cinnamons 105, Borders 108, Stock 90, Hybrids 53, British and Foreign 150, Members 127, total 1350.

Sad Death of a Prize Bird.

At the recent Hayle Fanciers' Show, an otherwise excellent occasion was saddened somewhat by the fact that one of the prize Canaries, a Yorkshire Ticked Buff, died within two hours of the judging. The bird was the property of Mr. Pethick, and took the premier position in its section, having a ticked neck, and being of fine substance and style. Mr. Pethick has the sympathy of all Cornish fanciers.

In a Good Cause.

A novel feature at Dulwich and Peckham Show was provided by Mrs. Goodwin (better half of the worthy treasurer) and a bevy of fair ladies, who "staged" a pretty stall, filled with good things, to be sold for the benefit of the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund. We hope their efforts met with a liberal response. Many of the fanciers present (and not all bachelors either) seemed to enjoy the purchasing process. Even the writer was wheedled into buying a cigar—which left him considerably queer. Still, even the loss of a dinner can be viewed with equanimity, "in a good cause."

Welsh Cage Bird Club.

Mr. D. H. Tedstone, secretary of the Welsh C.B.C., writes that when drafting out particulars for the club's rule book and list of membership, he overlooked the fact that Mr. D. S. A. Longden, Swansea, tied with Mr. J. Pritchard for one of the positions as judges. That being the case, they were both elected. The following were elected members of the club:—Messrs. G. Gregory, W. J. Chard, Rees Rees (Mountain Ash), Maurice Evans (Neyland), E. R. Roberts (Penygroes). Those desirous of competing at the following shows should join the club at once:—Swansea Welsh National, Swansea C.B.S., Llanelly C.B.S., and Merthyr and Dowlais.

To Disinfect a Bird Room.

Mr. J. North writes in answer to B.J.J.:—Instructions on this point have frequently been given in CAGE BIRDS, and are also, I believe, fully explained in Dr. Clarke's book on the subject of "Bird Fever," which you would do well to purchase and peruse. Carbolic acid, which you mention as having been used in your cages and room lately, has proved to be quite an inadequate disinfectant in cases of bird fever, besides which it is a dangerous poison, and very disagreeable smelling. Better work can be done with other germicides, which have also the advantage of being non-poisonous. The bird-room, empty cages, and all appliances should be fumigated with burning sulphur, the windows and doors being sealed with paper. Everything washable must be treated regularly with solution of boric acid, one teaspoonful to a pint of boiling water. There is no cure for this or any other fever; all one can do is to disinfect and to feed any healthy looking birds that remain on milk sops and scalded seed.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Conditions see Issue dated October, 5th.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. Payne.

What Class?

F. Clayden.—If your bird is clear all over, except a slight dark streak on the beak, then you must enter it in the clear class. I should recommend you to thoroughly look it over before entering, to make sure that it has not a slight tick somewhere. Examine the thighs well.

Pairing.

J.T.S.—For your rich-coloured yellow hen you will have to procure a buff cock, and as you say she is bred from a variegated hen, I should recommend you to purchase a clear bird. You will be sure to breed some marked birds from them in addition to clears, but if you can procure a clear buff cock bred from clears, then you may reasonably expect to get most of the young ones clear.

Prize Birds.

J.T.S.—As you wish to breed prize birds, you will have to give from one pound to thirty shillings for a stock bird suitable for your purpose, but if you can see a real good one and can afford it don't stick at a few shillings, if your hen is as good as you say.

Difficult Breathing.

Pantus.—Give your hen, in drinking water, fresh daily for a week, ten drops of solution of acetate of ammonia, and then on alternate days for another week. Then give instead for ten days, ten drops of tincture of quinine. 2. Rape seed soaked, occasionally given, is a very good thing for Canaries, but to feed them as some of your fanciers say they do, on nothing but Rape seed, in its raw state and soaked is quite a mistake; let the staple diet be plain Spanish Canary seed, with a little mixed seed twice or three times, as a change, and tit-bits.

Colour Feeding.

J. C. Begg.—The colour-food you have been using is just what we used in the days when classes were styled "Yellow Fed," and is not nearly strong enough for colouring purposes for successfully moulting Canaries for the show bench to-day. You must continue using the same feed for this season; if you use any thing stronger now, they will become patchy in colour, and this would quite spoil them for exhibition, as there are not many judges that will stand a bird showing two colours; next season use the best tasteless pepper you can procure, and the best Natal pepper, using two or three ounces of the latter to one pound of the former, when you will find they will come out a good colour. The sample of Natal you sent is not nearly rich or deep enough in colour. If present day fanciers could only see Natal pepper as we used to get it some thirty years ago, they would be surprised. I have paid as much as 6/- per pound for it.

Norwich as Breeders

Airship.—Yes, I certainly think Norwich as profitable a breed as you can take up, and I do not think you can do better than try them. I quite think that you can exhibit them without hand-washing, as you are living in a place where there are no factories. With a free use of the bath if you have the right stock you may reasonably look forward to successfully exhibiting them.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. Battye.

Coughing and Sneezing.

New Reader.—When you see this, stop the medicine you are now using, and for two weeks give in place of it ten drops each of tincture of lobelia and paregoric.

Moping after Moult.

M.B.—Your bird requires a little extra good keep, in addition to its ordinary seed give a small teaspoonful of egg food every morning, well mixing with same six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, sprinkling a pinch of mawseed over it. For one week give in its drinking water ten drops each of Syrup of Buckthorn and good Scotch whiskey. Try above treatment for one week, and then give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed, consisting of two parts good summer rape and one part mawseed, when I think your bird will come round all right.

Sore Throat.

W.T.N.—Your feeding is fairly correct, but should advise stopping the hemp and niger seeds, as these are very fattening, and not suitable for Yorkshires when you want to get them into show condition. I suppose your bird has caught a chill on being exposed to draught at some time, or from some other cause. This has affected its voice, but as you say he is otherwise in the pink of condition, you need not be at all uneasy about him. You might, with advantage, try giving in the drinking water, fresh every morning, twenty drops of the following mixture: equal parts ipecacuanaha wine, syrup of squills and glycerine. Try for two weeks.

Birds in the Bath Room.

Yorkshire Novice.—The bath-room is not a very suitable place in which to keep Canaries, and I am of opinion that the chances are it would injure your birds, either by causing them to drop into the soft moult, or to become wheezy. Variations of temperature and damp or moisture are not calculated to keep birds in high condition. (2) You may use the young Buff hen, but I would not use the Buff cocks. Pleased to hear you have done so well up to this, and that you find Cage Birds useful.

Wheezing after Moulting.

Novice 999.—Perhaps your birds have caught cold. You may have stopped giving soft food too suddenly. Try a little egg food with a little mawseed sprinkled over it, and give in its drinking water ten drops of whisky and six drops of paregoric. If not better in a week, write again, and give more particulars as to room, feeding, etc.

Bald Patch on Head.

Tow'd Cinnamon.—Get a little curd soap, and make a lather with warm water; wash the part well, clean off all the vasaline and dip your finger end in paraffin to daub lightly over the bare place. You may continue to use the colour food until the bird has finished growing the new feathers, which I think it will begin to do in a week or two. I don't see how you can get the bird ready to show by the time you name, as the new feathers will take six weeks to grow.

Ticked Birds Wanted.

James Beattie.—To breed birds such as you say you require, with the marked hen you describe, I should advise you to get a clear cock, and should prefer it to have been bred from clear or lightly-marked parents. The best seed diet for Yorkshire Canaries is, in my opinion, good, sound, clean, white Canary seed in the hoppers as a standing dish, and, three times a week, half a teaspoonful per bird of the following mixture:—Two part best summer rape to one part of the best maw seed. As a regular diet, I can strongly recommend the above, along with clean water daily, and a regular supply of clean, sharp, gritty sand.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "Schoolmaster."

Stock Seed Mixture.

W.E.—The best stock mixture for Rollers, in my opinion, is one simply of best Spanish Canary seed and German summer rape—two pints of the former to one of the latter. A feed of "song mixture" (any good maker's packet mixed seed will do) should be given once a week—say, on Sunday. A pinch of maw twice a week or so in a finger drawer should also be given; likewise a half-teaspoonful of Canary bread now and again. By all means give a little tender green food occasionally; a small piece of ripe apple or pear is also good.

Two Rape Seeds.

W.—The sample marked "II" has a very decided hot taste when chewed in the mouth, and so I fail to see how it can be all genuine "rubsen," or German summer rape. The other sample, "B," looks all right, and tastes pleasantly, and I should prefer it for my own use. Give the birds with the "swollen bellies" two drops of pure salad oil direct into the beak—from the blunt end of a knitting needle, or blunted tooth-pick. Repeat after a day's interval if it seems necessary to do so.

A Forbidden Affinity.

Snip.—The only time when the mating of birds closely related is permissible is when a breeder is striving to establish some particular point in his strain. As you have no such excuse, I certainly cannot recommend you to pair father to his daughters. You will do far better to obtain an unrelated Roller to mate with the young hens you bred last season.

Two More Samples.

T.I.—Colour is not always a sure guide to the quality and genuineness of summer rape—it varies considerably, according to the locality it comes from and the soil in which it is grown. Of the two samples you send, I should prefer the redder-coloured. The blackish sample has an acrid taste when chewed, which does not commend itself to me. I fancy, however, you could get better German rape than either of them.

Upset in the Moult.

J. E. Owens.—You must move the bird at once into a warmed room, hanging it well below the level of the gas. See no draught can get to it; partly cover the cage in the daytime, and wholly cover it at night. Your feeding is fairly correct (note reply to "W. E." this week). Give the soft food oftener and mix three or four spots (not more) of the chemical food with it. Get a chemist to mix you one ounce each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, and well stir a small teaspoonful of this into the bird's drinking water daily. To effect a cure it may take some little time.

Two in Trouble.

A New Reader.—I cannot quite fathom what is the matter with your hen Canary. All breeding hens look more or less bare underneath the tail. Thus, if your hen has not moulted, there is nothing to worry about. In any case, there can't be much amiss, or she would hardly be looking so well as you say she is doing. When she has moulted the bareness will not be apparent. The weakly cock bird you should feed on the lines advised "W. E." in this issue, but giving the egg-food (or a good patent Canary food) every day, and always with chemical food (Parrish's, obtainable from any chemist), mixed amongst it. If this feeding and treatment fail to pull him together, I don't know anything that will.

Has Lost Its Song.

A Novice.—You do not say how you are feeding the bird, but will find this information given this week. Keep it under the same conditions as recommended "J. E. Owens," and give it the mixture of oxymel of squills, etc. If this does not cure in a fortnight, write me again, giving full particulars. Give the egg-food (or Canary-bread) regularly, but do not put any chemical food with it. You must keep the bird warm and out of draughts, however.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "Old Judge."

Breeding Songsters.

F.B.—(1) If you want to breed birds that will sing sweetly, and yet be robust, I should advise you to pair your half-bred Norwich-Yorkshire cock with a German Roller hen. (2) If you paired him to a Green hen, that is a Norwich or a Yorkshire-Green, you would doubtless get power of song, but there would not be much sweetness about it.

Cause of Death.

A. E. Bate.—With the fuller particulars that you give me, I quite think that the seed had something to do with the cause of death. Seed sold in small country shops is seldom good. You should send to one of the large firms who advertise in Cage Birds, and ask them to send you samples and prices of their best Canary seed, and Linnet mixture. Birds should be placed in an outdoor aviary in the summer months, so that they may become acclimatised before the cold of winter makes its appearance. I would advise you to secure a copy of House's Canary Manual from this office.

Kitchen Aviary.

W.H.W.—I am afraid the fact that the kitchen is used for washing, would prove disastrous to your birds. It means that one day in the week the kitchen would be at a high temperature, and the other six very low. It will not do to fix the aviary under such conditions. I understood from your previous letter that the kitchen was never used.

Hen for Breeding.

Novice.—Most certainly not is what I should say about the use of such a hen for breeding. You would be courting trouble from the start. If you wish for strong, healthy progeny, never use diseased stock birds. Not only will their young be weak and delicate, but you will have unceasing worry and trouble with the parent birds themselves.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Very Old Friends.

Throstle.—I have given the stock mixtures for Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Larks, a terrible number of times. A good and simple stock food for Larks, which should be stored in tins, and which any good dealer or seller of birds' foods will mix is:—Game (or pheasant) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the game meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes make an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg finke or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give three or four mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on. Give seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of Canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. The above mixture will also answer perfectly for Thrushes and Blackies, who, however, want no seed; mix it as advised above. Let them have mealworms and other live insects as freely as possible; also ripe fruit and berries frequently.

Sex and Age of Skylarks.

F. M.—Both cock and hen are alike in plumage, though in the spring and summer the males (in the fields) are generally of a richer brown than the females. Cock Skylarks are invariably bigger than hens, though, and holder looking, and have a greater expanse of wing. Thus, when the latter are folded, they reach further down the tail, and are bigger when expanded and compared. If you pick a very big bird, which looks boldly at you, and paces in a defiant manner about the cage, you can bet on it being a cock. The signs of age cannot well be explained on paper; they can only be read by experienced eyes—after, that is, the birds cast their nestling plumage. If you see a bird showing scales on the legs, and with very strong-looking claws and spurs, that will doubtless be an old bird. The state of the legs is invariably a fair guide to the age of Larks kept in captivity.

Hybrids Wanted.

Lover of Small Birds.—Your aviary 4 ft long, 4 ft. high, 20 inches wide is really only large enough for one couple of would-be Hybridisers—certainly it is much too small for six birds. Did it not occur to you, too, that if you put a cock and a hen Linnet therein, they would simply "pal together" and ignore the cock Goldie and hen Bullie you would like them to pair up with. You seem to have got the idea so many fallaciously entertain, that it is only necessary to throw a mixture of male and female and British birds together, higgledy piggledy, as it were, to breed some hybrids. I can assure you that it won't work in practice—the odd instances of success recorded are only the exceptions that prove this rule. You will do far better to choose one male bird of the species you like best, and give him and a hen Bullie the run of your place—at most I should try two hen Bullies, as there is a chance of such a trio agreeing.

Albino Dove.

F.V.—I note your further remarks concerning this said-to-be Albino Ring Dove. There is no reason at all why it should not turn out to be exactly what it purports. So far as I know, pure white pink-eyed Ring Doves are very uncommon, and you appear to have laid hands on a bargain.

Hen Siskin Breeding.

W.J.C.H.—You certainly were decidedly fortunate in getting a hen Siskin which sat, and reared her own young, "as good as any hen Canary could." Such instances are not unknown, however, for I have several friends with whom hen Siskins have turned out exemplary mothers. These are the exceptions, however, and prove the rule contrariwise, for most hen Siskins would probably decline to do any such thing, or, at least, so thoroughly and well. It is curious, too, that your mules should be better birds than those obtained by the usual mating, viz., cock Siskin to hen Canary. I have always found the reverse the case, and so have many others I know. By what standard do you judge them, however? Are they fit to show and win? It would be interesting to know in what respects you think the Canary-Siskins better than Siskin-Canaries.

Keeping Goldfinches.

H.W.—Goldics are quarrelsome chaps as a rule (some more so than others), and if several are kept together a good sized flight is desirable. If your 4 ft. long place is of a good width (say not less than 2 feet), your four Goldies should winter nicely in it, but would require separating before the breeding season. You could run their future mates (the hen Canaries) along with them, if the flight be sufficiently large. I must say, however, that if it is an all-wire flight (of the waggon-shaped, or Crystal Palace aviary type), I don't advise you to turn the Finches in it at all—Goldies seldom do well in such places. A large flight wired at front only is the best.

Siskin Queer.

Anxious.—The very fat Siskin you bought may have serious liver trouble, or some internal upset that medicine cannot put right. I certainly think you ought to turn him out of doors in the large aviary—specially seeing he has been used to outdoor existence. Before doing so, I should keep him on the plain diet for three days, and treat him to a few doses of sulphate of soda. For one day dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will lie on a shilling. Then give plain water for half-a-day; for the rest of the three days giving the sulphate at half the above strength. Then turn him into the flight, and in a week the bird may be lively and well again.

Black in the Face.

V.S.H.—There is no legitimate method of removing black feathers from the blaze of a Goldfinch (a black-faced bird is a long way from being a show-bird, by-the-bye). Of course, a few might be pulled out. But that is "faking," and if the judge detects the holes, you may collide against trouble—or, at any rate, the bird would be pegged back because of the holes in its face. Further, the feathers will soon grow again. I can tell you this: The majority of Goldies that have not a quite clear ground colour to the blaze (i.e., with underlying black feathers, or one or two peeping through) look to fail very much more in this respect just at the conclusion of the moult than at any other time. The paleness of the blaze is responsible for this. As the bird comes up in blaze colour, the black seems to disappear—it is lost in the intense rich red. So your own bird may not displease you so much in another week or two's time.

Bullfinch's Damaged Wing.

Very Anxious.—It really is impossible to grasp from written particulars exactly what is the matter with your Bullfinch's wing. If the bird simply fighted itself during the removal process, then the damage is nothing to be anxious over, as the knocked out flight feathers will be almost certain to be properly reproduced in a few weeks' time. Whether the wing was broken or not, only personal examination could help me to say. If so, then it is highly probable the set of the wing will be permanently affected. Could you not show him to some bird-keeper or bird-dealer, in your town, and see what he says? Your feeding seems fairly correct. For the other trouble, try half-a-teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum), from the chemist, in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give for two days running; then two more doses on alternate days. This should bring the excreta to a normal state. Add a little teazle to the stock-seed mixture.

Selecting Goldfinch Mule.

Redrob.—The two chief points to look for are size and colour—without them no Goldie Mule is of much use for show purposes. The bird should have a good, broad, well-rounded chest and a bold, wide proportionate head. If a dark mule, it should have no light feathers whatever upon it (all, of course, run more or less light in colour about the ventral region). If you can get a bird of this description which is rich and bright in colour, with an expansive rosy-red "face," and nicely marked wings, then you may rest assured you are not far off the show mark. Hens are quite dingy coloured compared with decent cock birds, having very little blaze, and that pale and dull. The only exceptions are hen Mules bred from yellow hen Canaries, which are at odd times good enough in colour to "take in" even the experienced.

Concerning Two Birds.

One in a Fog.—Don't speak of fogs—it reminds me painfully of November in London. I don't see what else you can possibly do for the Greenfinch—if he won't moult, he won't moult, and there's an end on't. You can only wait patiently; the sheeting-down process ought to soon persuade him. The bare spot on the head of the Goldfinch you should lightly smear once daily for 10 or twelve days with just a touch of paraffin. Use the finger tip, and don't over-do the oil. I trust you let him bathe freely.

Linnet Bad in Feather.

Rehcluf.—You cannot do better than continue the paraffin (see reply to "One in a Fog" this week). Instead of the chemical food, try 10 drops of fresh lemon-juice daily in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls). You want to make quite sure over the red-mite.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Green Amazon in Rough Plumage.

M. Scott.—The first moult with these birds in this country is often a very protracted one. Continue your present diet, also the chemical food. Let it have a liberal supply of ripe fruit and greenfood, with cuttlefish continuously in its cage, and if you notice the bird pulling its feathers, spray the parts affected with quassia solution. If the bird is at all weak or thin, let it have a little boiled maize every other day. Note: the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Keep the bird's bowels open (not loose), with Dinneford's Magnesia. See reply to "Romo" in this issue.

Weavers for Small Aviary.

A.E.G.—I cannot advise you to keep Weavers with Budgerigars in an aviary 5 by 3½ by 7 feet high, as sooner or later the former, though well able to look after themselves, will sustain broken legs or be otherwise maimed. Neither can I recommend you to keep the Indigo Bird, Goldfinch, and Paradise Whydah with them. However, the birds named will be as safe as any with them, and possibly (for there is a great deal of individualism even in Budgerigars), your mishaps may be few and far between. See that there are several food hoppers so that all do not have to crowd round one or two, and let the perching accommodation be ample. You have space for about 18 birds the size of Budgerigars. As regards Weavers, the Madagascar, Orange, Napoleon, Grenadier, Half-masked, or Black-headed would give you a pleasing variety.

Grey Parrot with Rough Plumage.

Romo.—Diet: Canary, oats, dari, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds. Let this be your staple food; give also for variety ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, green-food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. Give it a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in its drinking water for one day, repeating same in a week's time. When not giving the magnesia, make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for some time, say, a month at least. It is as well to let the bird have a drink of clear water occasionally, say, twice a week. Spray the affected parts of the bird with quassia solution every other day, and anoint any raw places with clean vaseline or spermaceti ointment, not making the bird at all greasy. Be careful to keep the bird out of draught till dry.

Grey Parrot Moulting.

W. Hogg.—The particulars to hand are very meagre. It appears to me that the bird is plucking itself; continue the quassia solution, and give 3 or 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in about an ounce of water, withholding all other liquids for the day), with 4 days' interval between each. On other days make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue same for some time. Let it have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also cuttlefish, and give it a damped crust of household bread daily, which has been dusted with flowers of sulphur. Let your diet, other than above, be in conformity with that regularly advised in this column. If the bird is really a confirmed feather puller, I question if it will ever permit its plumage to come into decent condition. There is nothing to do but to persevere in the hope that the distastefulness of the quassia may check it.

Grey Parrot with Severe Cold.

J. H. Fisher.—Continue the application of the diluted glyco-thymoline, but do not spray its head. Spray its nostrils. Get from your chemist equal parts of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine. Put one teaspoonful of this mixture in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give this to the bird in lieu of its drinking water. Keep the bird warm, but not in too dry a heat, and strictly out of all draught. Give daily 10 or 12 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on a piece of bread, plain biscuit, or other wholesome absorbent food, which the bird will eat. I take it you are feeding the bird as advised regularly in this column. Do not give sops, slops,

table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Examine the bird's mouth, and if there should be any small ulcerations, repeat query at once.

Parrot not Talking, &c.

New Reader, Surrey.—As regards the eye trouble, you cannot do better than bathe with rose-water and sulphate of zinc solution till relief is given. Continue to syringe its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline till the discharge ceases. The bird will ultimately take to the present seed mixture, which is very wholesome and all that can be desired. Crush up some cuttlefish to about the size of grains of wheat, and mix this with its seed mixture. Give Parrish's Chemical Food, as already directed, or 10 to 12 drops on a piece of plain biscuit, crust of household bread, or on its boiled maize. Note: the latter only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. As regards talking, whether it has previously talked or not, if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by constant repetition, as soon as it is in good health it will not be long before it begins to respond. Could not reply by post, as your query bore no address.

Green Parrot's Soiled Front.

G. Tarratt.—As you have succeeded in getting off the paint, it is only a matter now of properly cleansing its plumage. Get some warm water, and Sunlight Soap. Well sponge him with this. Get a good lather on the greasy parts, and then well sponge out with clean warm water. One or two such applications should cleanse the plumage. When the stickiness has disappeared, it is very probable the bird will preen its plumage as usual. At the same time, you must exercise care, and keep the bird out of draught till it is thoroughly dry. My Hawk-headed Parrot regularly has his wash, whatever the weather. He is put right into the water, but all the surplus wet is wiped off him with a towel, and in cool weather he is held on the finger about a yard away from the fire till dry. It is quite probable after the way it has already had to be treated, that its plumage will not have the glossy sheen it had before the occurrence.

What Bird?

"Corbatita."—I am of the opinion that your bird is either the Collared Finch (*S. cucullata*) Black-headed Finch (*S. melanoccphala*), or Lineated Finch (*S. lineata*). As you have my paper on the *Spermopila* in "Bird Notes," carefully read the descriptions of the following, and compare with your bird, if you cannot fit it in, repeat query next week, noting points of difference with the respective species. In the meanwhile I will see if I can give you a more definite reply next week—compare with *S. poliontо, torquela, albitorquis, moreteti,* and *parva,* you will see from such comparison how difficult it is to definitely name a bird from a written description, unless such he very minute. Diet: Canary, millet, rice in the husk; and, if it will take it, one or two mealworms per day, my *Spermophilæ* pick over the soft foodsaucer, a little green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. See paragraph on diet in my article in "B.N." I should certainly keep this bird caged up in the kitchen till after next March, it will be far better to do so than to take risks with a rarish species. Next spring, say about April, it should be sufficiently established (or hardened off) to put in the aviary.

Parrakeets for Aviaries.

Parson.—I am assuming that each aviary has a shelter. In the larger one you could keep the pair of Cockatiels and five pairs of Budgerigars and Lovebirds, that is for breeding purposes, three times the number merely for a mixed series flying loose together. In the smaller aviary limit the quantity to two-thirds of the above numbers. But you would find the following of much more interest and beauty. Small aviary: One pair Cockatiels, two pairs Yellow Budgerigars, and one pair Madagascar Lovebirds. Large aviary: One pair Rosella Parrakeets, one pair Blossom-headed Parrakeets, and two or three pairs of Green Budgerigars. If you preferred the birds to range at will through the two aviaries, you could do so with safety; but I should advise them kept separately. Procure fully adult birds, and they should soon settle down to breeding. Don't get your Budgerigars all from one source.

What Parrakeet?

Lister Wright.—I am of the opinion your bird is the Yellow-collared Parrakeet, but will give a definite reply in our next issue. If so, it can hardly be called a talking species, at the same time, I believe nearly all, if not all, species of Parrakeets are capable of articulation, if sufficient pains be taken with them.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Stamp for Reply (Third Annoyed).—We regret space is too valuable for us to publish further letters on this topic. The point, we think, has been sufficiently dwelt on.

Scottish B.B. and M.C. (R. Farmer).—No time this week to go into the matter of your letter. Will see what we can do with it later.

Omitted (J. E. Davies).—We regret mention of your win should have been omitted. Glad to know you stick to "C.B.," and hope we shall have many more wins to chronicle for you.

Champion of Leeds (Fancier).—We cannot take notice of anonymous letters.

Swallows Feeding Young (P.G.F.).—Thanks for note. May use it next week.

A telegram from Battersea Show secretary, Mr. Easterling, informs us they have closed with over 600 entries.

More Appeals.

Entries for Cheltenham Show are very short, and the secretary appeals for fanciers' assistance in making the fixture a success.

Our date for closing of entries has been extended to Sunday morning's post, the 27th inst., writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, Sec. of Kent County C.B.A.

Judges at the L.C.B.A. Show.

Mr. J. Tyson writes: The following gentlemen have finally been appointed to judge at the forthcoming show, namely, Mr. T. J. King, Crests and Crestbreds; Mr. J. Robson, Norwich, Cinnamons, Lancashires, Lizards, and Border Fancies; Mr. R. Halliday, Yorkshires; Mr C. Houlton, Hybrids and British Hardbills; Mr. P. F. M. Galloway, British Insectivorous; and Mr. W. T. Page, Foreign Birds, with power to add another should entries warrant it.

CLUB REPORTS.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Special meeting held in the City of Glasgow. Messrs. J. F. Dewar, J. Winter, R. and A. Watson, J. Strachan, G. Reid, M. Craig, W. Cullen, T. Erskine, L. J. Arright, J. Brown, being present. Mr. A. C. Dundie presided. It was agreed that no patronage be given this season. The unsuccessful application of Bathgate was duly considered, and it was agreed that seven silver medals be granted.—R. FARMER, Secretary.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful judging competition was held October 12th. Ten birds were staged, and Mr. Dan Sutcliffe judged. Fourteen members tried their hand as judges of the "straight un," and a very close competition was won by Mr. S. Wilkinson, Mr. H. Bairstow being second, Messrs. E. Wright and D. Thornton joining at 3rd and 4th prizes, and Mr. S. Bateman winning the 5th. There were only nine points between the first and the other 13 members.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

LANCS. AND LIZARD F. ASSOC.

SIR,—We are needing more members to do justice to our two varieties at the All England shows. The contributions are not heavy. Fanciers kindly rally round us, and let us make the club show at Nottingham one of the best on record. We have engaged one of the best judges of these varieties, Mr. Barker Clegg (Manchester). I will be pleased to furnish any fanciers with all particulars. The following is a list of the three highest for cup competition, and won at Rochdale:—Lancashires: Mr. J. Oldham, 20 points; Mr. J. Vickers, 19 points; Mr. J. Garner, 12 points. Lizards: Mr. J. Dewsnap, 22 points; Mr. J. Hampshire, 20 points; Mr. C. E. Fisher, 14 points.—H. OLIVER, Secretary.

SALE OPEN O.S.

Meeting on October 14th, when Messrs. Reginald Unwin, Aaron Taylor, and Ernest Schofield, of Altrincham, and Mr. S. Beaty, of Alderley Edge, were elected members of the Society. At our show to be held on November 9th all amateurs and open exhibitors must show in amateur classes, and all novices in the novice classes, with the exception of British and Foreign selling and gift classes, where all members show together. Mr. F. Wardleworth gave an electro-plated nickel silver tankard for competition at this show, for which the Society voted him their thanks. Rule cards will be ready on October 28th, when members can have same upon the payment of 2d. Our membership is now 51.—GEO. F. HARDCASTLE, Secretary.

BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

The members had the pleasure of hearing a very good lecture on October 8th, given by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford. The subject was, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition." It was dealt with in a masterly manner, and illustrated by the relation of experiences which had presented themselves to the speaker during the many years he had been connected with the Fancy. His subject opened out with the birds coming nicely through the moult, training and steadying processes, and eventually the washing of the birds. Upon the whole, it proved a most instructive and edifying lecture. A great number of questions were asked at the close of the lecture, which showed the great interest the audience had taken in the matter which had been so ably demonstrated. The questions were answered in a practical manner, and to the general satisfaction of all present. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, Mr. E. Barker, seconded by Mr. Dean, and carried unanimously, brought one of the most enjoyable of meetings to a close.—A LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held at the Douglas Hotel, Dublin, Mr. Devitt (chairman) in the chair, also present eight members. The committee had under their consideration several letters which passed between the secretary of the club and the secretary of the Norwich C.C. of Ireland, re patronage, and the secretary was instructed to apply for patronage of N.C.C. of Ireland, and to inform them that the committee had agreed to give the classification as asked for Norwichs at the Y.C.C. show on 28th and 29th November. Patronage was granted to the Dublin P.C.B. and P.A. for show on 14th and 15th November. Judge, Mr. Cowgill, and also to the Dundalk C.B. and P.A. show, to be held on 15th and 16th January. Judge not yet selected, but Mr. Rowe undertook to see a proper judge would be elected. It was agreed that a Hen Bullfinch Class be added to schedule for show, and further, to get prize cards same as last year. Application for patronage from Sligo was allowed to stand over. A vote of condolence was given Mr. Bray, of Dalkey, who has lost his son while bathing.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

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C.B.U. DELEGATES DISTRICT 12.

A meeting of the delegates of the above district was held in the Cloak Room of the Dulwich open show on October 17th. There were present, Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, and Messrs. W. Hodson, W. Pawley, W. H. Column, G. Hill, and secretary, F. J. Martin. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. Geo. Crabb, J. Abrahams, and C. Pearce. Representatives were appointed to represent the Cage Bird Union at the following shows: Battersea, Portsmouth, Greenwich, N. Berks, Chatham, Hastings, Guildford, Plumstead, Lewes, Dover, Bromley and Wimbledon, etc. The Union representative at Dulwich was Mr. Geo. Hill.

BATTERSEA C.B.A.

Monthly meeting at headquarters, October 2nd, when there was a large gathering of members and friends to witness a washing exhibition by their able and energetic secretary, Mr. F. Easterling. Among the visitors were Messrs. Webb and Fortunato, of Southend. After Mr. Easterling had given his instructive and interesting exhibition, a washing competition took place, in which twelve took part. Mr. Webb was elected judge, and fulfilled his duties with every satisfaction. The prize winners were: 1st, Mr. Taw; 2nd, Mr. Goodridge; 3rd, Mr. Brooks. After arranging a judging competition for the next meeting, November 6th, at which Mr. H. Davis has kindly consented to place the cards, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—F. C. ALLEN.

WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Usual monthly meeting, held October 3rd, in Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, Mr. Jas. Lappin occupied the chair. The minutes of last meeting were approved, also a number of letters from donors of special prizes for the annual show. Mr. A. Muir gave an exhibition of washing and staging. He is an expert at the job, and before he started gave a thorough explanation of how to handle a bird, and the different positions. He then set to, and washed a number of birds, and while they were drying, an all-round discussion took place on the different points, and of the best soap to use. Various were the brands recommended, and finally a member closed the discussion by saying he had used black soap, and the bird had won a first prize in a strong class! With votes of thanks to Mr. Muir and the chairman, the meeting closed.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

The East Bowling and District B.F.A. held a rabbit pie supper social on October 5th at their club room, Barley Mow. Mr. G. Thompson presided. The eating repast was of the best, and a social evening was spent, the artists giving some very good turns. Miss Whitaker opened, and the following contributed:—Messrs. Denning, Clark, Smith, Bottomley, G. Thompson, W. Movement, and Mrs. W. Bleazard. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, proposed by Mr. T. E. Higgins and seconded by Mr. Thompson, was carried, and Mr. Smythe responded. Mr. Smythe then proposed, and Mr. Sewden seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary for their hard work in arranging the whole affair. Messrs. Thompson and Mr. Hudson having responded, the proceedings terminated. —J. E. HUDSON, Sec. (Matter for publication must be written on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.)

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Mr. H. J. Chittenden opened the winter syllabus of lecturers, etc., at the Bradford (East) O.S.'s headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, on October 1st, with a capital address, "Hybrid Breeding and British Birds I have kept." Mr. G. R. Rushworth was in the chair, and in calling upon Mr. Chittenden said that he felt sure we should have a treat—a remark which proved to aptly fit the lecture. The room was well filled with members and visitors, amongst the latter being Mr. S. Dean (secretary of Great Horton) and Mr. Inman (a British Bird fancier). Mr. Chittenden had a splendid reception on rising, and after begging indulgence, as this was his first effort at giving a lecture, told us that as a boy he had been brought up amongst wild birds, and used to be able to catch his own British birds with a very short distance of where he lived. He related to us how he started in the fancy—and how we should start if we wanted to get a good Hybrid or Muling strain together. He gave us a good description of the Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and one or two other birds, and the various points that it was necessary to know in order to tell a good show finch when we saw one. He also told us how he gained that most essential point in an exhibition bird, namely, steadiness; this he does by gaining the complete confidence of his birds by giving them tit-bits and various kinds of insect food nearly every time he goes into the room. This the bird soon learns to know, and he is not long before he gets so tame that he will take the food out of the hand. Mr. Chittenden showed several illustrations of different Finches and Mules, and these were very instructive. He said that in going in for a Muling strain he wanted the most ideal Finch he could get hold of, as one stood a better chance of breeding good ones off these when paired to a large Norwich hen that had been bred clear for a year or two, than we did off the so-called sib-bred hens. The lecturer said that he hadn't much faith in these latter, adding the remark that perhaps many would not agree with him, but that was the conclusion he had come to after years of experience. He also said that he was not particular about the Finch being a house-moulted specimen, as he had found that there was more likelihood of success with one caught, as they were more vigorous as a rule than one that had been kept in a house. This was another point on which he thought some would differ. The best way for each was to follow that principle in his method of breeding that had given the best results and the most satisfaction. Mr. Chittenden said the chief aim of Mule breeders was to breed a clear Mule, and that he had only seen about two proper clear Mules. Knowing the history of these, he related to us how they were bought by their owners. One item brought forth a round of applause as he related how this bird had been bought from a woman who had hand-fed it herself from being eight days' old, and didn't know the value of her pet. She was, however, rewarded with selling the bird for a nice round sum of money. The lecturer then told us what kind of seeds he gathered for his birds, and how and when he gathered them. This also proved very interesting, and stamped Mr. Chittenden down as a man who has spent his time freely and to much benefit in the study of nature. In bringing his lecture to a close, Mr. Chittenden said he should be only too pleased to answer questions, and Mr. C. Cowgill availed himself of the opportunity to ask him some information with regard to a Bramblefinch which he had in his possession. He also told his experience in trying to do a bit of Mule breeding this year, and it caused a lot of amusement to those present. Mr. H. Hill finally proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chittenden, which Mr. C. Cowgill seconded, and Mr. S. Dean, in a few well-chosen remarks, supported. Mr. Chittenden achieved a great success in his lecture.—H. HILL, Secretary.

OUR LITTLE FLUTTER.

"Cage Birds" once again gives away a Coloured Plate for a Penny.

Notwithstanding the substantial increase in the number of pages in CAGE BIRDS this week, we are compelled to hold over many interesting reports and items of news. But the issue, with its thorough and lengthy reports of the great shows at Glasgow, Newcastle, Rochdale, Plymouth, and Dulwich, is a highly representative one, and more than good value for the penny in itself. To celebrate the start of the season, and follow our usual practice, we are "throwing in" a handsome coloured plate by an artist new to our readers—Miss Medland. Her style is entirely distinct, and the plate offers a pleasing variant from anything of the sort we have given in C.B. before. Mr. Frank Finn's notes on the subject of the plate will be read with interest. Fanciers who are curious as to the financial aspect of these gifts of ours may like to know that the actual cost to us of such a plate from start to finish is well over £100 sterling. Only by the increased goodwill of our readers can we be recompensed for such an outlay, and we sincerely trust that our efforts to please will be rewarded by the personal recommendations of readers to all likely subscribers.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Oct. 26—(Last post). **Paignton**—E. C. Parnell, 12 Princes Street.
" **27**—**Wolverhampton**—F. Howes, 25, Leslie Road.
" **28**—(1st. post). **Gloucester**—J. Houghton, "Dargai," Hatherley Road.
" **29** **Leicester Hand-in-Hand**—Charles Draper, Jn, Wilton Street.
" **30**—**Gillingham**—C. V. Burlton, 14, Irene Terrace, Chatham.
" **30**—**Madeley (Salop)**—W. J. Jeffrey (Sec.).

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oct. 26—**Cleator Moor**—J. S. Byrne, 110, Birks Rd.
" **26**—**Markinch**—G. Mitchell, Coaltown.
" **26**—**Portsmouth**—J. Woodhouse, 123, High Street.
" **27**—**Mansfield**—J. H. Duckworth, 16, Tennyson St.
" **27**—**Wellingboro'**—W. Howe, 9, Raneleigh Rd.
" **28**—**Blackburn**—J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop St
" **28**—**Darlington**—R. S. Black, 42, Brook St.
" **28**—(1st. post). **Welsh National**—S. J. Nicholas, 9, Nicholl St., Swansea.
" **29**—**Bodmin**—A. E. Jago, Castle Villas.
" **30**—**Chippenham**—Witts, 9, Park Street, Woodlands.
" **30**—**Morecambe**—J. H. Ireland, Parliament St.
" **31**—**Swansea**—A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore.
" **31**—**York**—T. Boyle, 1, Milton Street, Hull Road.
Nov. 2—**Bo'ness**—F. M'Gillivray, Gauze Road, Chance.
" **2**—**Montrose**—J. Clark, 81, High Street.
" **2**—**Stockton**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning St.
" **2**—**Leamington**—F. T. Prichard, Portland St.
" **2**—**Kirkcaldy**—J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury St.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Broughty Ferry.

LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Mr. Jacob Mackley (Norwich), at their last meeting, gave the members of Lowestoft and District C.B.S. washing exhibition, which was much appreciated. Two of the members tried their luck with the same tools.—GEO. FRANCIS, hon. sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. AND M.C.

Committee meeting, held at Headquarters, Sept. 26th. Present, Messrs. Trower (in the chair), Cooper, Maxwell, Dobson, Silver, Lott, Plumbridge and Carr. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Lott, and carried:—"That in recognition of the success which has attended Miss Reeves' untiring efforts to produce rare hybrids, the committee award her with the Club's Gold Medal for rearing successfully Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, and Bramblefinch-Chaffinch." Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Lott, that three silver medals be granted to the Scottish National Show in the classes Messrs. McQuiston and Langlands are judging. Club's patronage and two silver medals were granted to Hull Show. It was agreed that a gold, silver and bronze medal be granted in each section, viz., Hybrid, Hardbill and Insectivorous, at the Club Show to be held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. Mr. Trower presented a gold medal for most points gained by a member who has not previously won a medal, throughout the three sections at the Club Show.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, hon. secs.

CLAPHAM AND DIS. OPEN C.B.A.

Monday evening last, members and friends of above enjoyed a very pleasant evening at headquarters, "The Alexandra." The energetic secretary, Mr. Stephen Baker, a short time since conceived the idea of holding a smoking concert, with the object of raising a fund for the purchase of a challenge cup, for competition at the club's annual show. As a result of his energies a good programme was arranged. Among those present we noticed Messrs. W. H. Vale (in the chair), Maxwell, Sandy, Willis, Browne, Clarke, Hathaway, Askew, Sexton, Berkshire, Hunniset, and numerous others, and if the spacious room was not filled to overflowing, the company were not lacking in enthusiasm. The artistes included Messrs. Frank Cary, Will Allen, F. Turney, C. Cooper, and others, who kept the harmony going with some well selected songs, whilst Mr. J. Sayhurn Wilson's recitation, the "Ballard of Eliza Davis," was loudly applauded. The chairman, in a few words, gave those present a short outline of the objects of the association, and said that although only a very short time had elapsed since the club was formed, they now had a membership of 68, and their list of patrons included Mr. Percy Thornton, M.P., and many other influential local people. The concert was brought to a close shortly before midnight by the singing of the National Anthem.—S. A. SANDY.

LONDON FANCIERS DISCUSS TWO KNOTTY POINTS.

The Novice Definition and Proposed Federation.

A meeting of delegates of the London Societies was held on October 19th at the Napier Tavern, Holborn, to further consider the definition of the words: "Novice," "Amateur," and "Champion," also to consider the advisability or otherwise of forming a Federation of the London Societies. The following Societies were represented: City and Suburban, L.C.B.A., Battersea, Clapham, London and Counties, Wimbledon, North London, Greenwich, West London, and Queen's Park and District. The Secretary pro tem. (who also had charge of the arrangements for the meeting) was Mr. J. W. Rennie, who stated that each London Society had been written to, asking that its definitions of "Novice," "Amateur," etc., might be sent to him, and the majority had replied.

Answering the question as to whether or not, in the event of a decision being arrived at by that meeting, it would be binding on all Societies, Mr. Crisp (City and Suburban) said he thought that if they could come to a decision upon one particular definition, that definition should be sent round to the various Societies for their consideration and amendment if necessary.—Mr. J. Carson (Wimbledon) said he thought there would be no doubt about that meeting's decision being accepted, and Mr. Johnson (Greenwich C.B.S.) thought it probable that the several societies which had not as yet replied to the Secretary's communication would also willingly fall into line.

Mr. Crisp then moved: "That (a) a Novice is one who has not won a first prize at three separate shows in novice separate classes; (b) an Amateur is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in novice members' classes, and ceases to be such when he has won a first prize at three separate shows in amateur members' classes; (c) a Champion is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in amateur members' classes, or three first prizes in open novice classes, or one first prize in open competition; (d) Limit classes of over £3 shall be considered open classes."—The resolution was seconded by Mr. Honysett (Battersea) and carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnson (Greenwich) then moved: "That there should not be less than three competitors in each class for wins to count."—This was seconded by Mr. Marley (North London), and carried.

Mr. Adamthwait (London and Counties) then moved: "That a Novice shall not remain in his section for a longer period than three years, whether he has won the requisite number of prizes or not." He said that he had been instructed to see that a novice should have a time limit, his Society considering that to be a very necessary provision, as at present a man could be a novice all his life.—Mr. Pretty (London and Counties) seconded the proposal, and stated that while a man remained a novice for years, the beginner, for whom the novice classes really catered, stood no chance whatever.—Mr. Yeoman (Clapham) opposed the suggestion on the ground that it dealt a great blow to the amateur section.—Mr. Dewhurst (West London) said that inasmuch as the novice was trying to win prizes in support of his Society, he ought not to be time-limited.—Mr. Rogers (Queen's Park) was of the same opinion. On being put to the vote, Mr. Adamthwait's resolution received only two votes, the rest of the meeting voting against.—On the motion of Mr. Adamthwait, seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, it was decided to send copies of the various resolutions to all the London Societies.

On the question of the proposed Federation of London Societies, it was decided, by 14 to 3, to establish a Federation.—Mr. Burn (City and Suburban), who proposed the resolution, said he did so believing the Federation to be a very necessary and helpful thing.—Mr. Honysett seconded.—Mr. Yeoman thought there were many Societies which were too poor to be able to contribute their quota to the Federation, otherwise he was in favour of the proposal.—The resolution was supported by Mr. Crisp, who said that in doing so he had no desire to cut the ground from under the feet of the C.B.U.—Mr. Rogers was of the opinion that they should have an organisation to which they might refer difficult questions. The proposal, as has been stated, was carried, and a further resolution, moved by Mr. Crisp, and seconded by Mr. Honysett, was carried, and was to the effect "That a delegate from each Society which favours a Federation, should be appointed to constitute a committee for the purpose of formulating some rules and objects."

Seeing in CAGE BIRDS at the beginning of this year about English grown Canary seed, I thought I would try the experiment. The wet season has been much against it. Still it has done fairly well. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for just on a year now, and would sooner loose my breakfast on Fridays than my CAGE BIRDS. Wishing "C.B." every success, also the new poultry paper.—GEO. E. H. BELLAMY, jun., Wisbech.

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THE SHOWS.

(Continued from page 272).

GRIMSBY.

Grimsby and Dis. C.B.S. first open show, October 15th and 16th, in the Corn Exchange, was a success. The room was lofty, and well lighted. The entry totalled over 300. Norwich provided a treat to those who favour the "short and cobby" variety. In the novice classes several birds of good merit met one's view. Yorkshires were not numerous, but the quality was good. Crests and Crestbreds were of a nice order; Cinnamons were of nice feather and of good colour. Mules and Hybrids claimed many observers. British made a good collection, and most of them were shown in excellent dress. The exhibition was opened by Lady Doughty with a few appropriate observations, which were cordially received. Mr. H. E. Stubbs, the worthy chairman, and Mr. T. Crowston, vice-chairman, deserve high praise for their efforts on behalf of the society. The committee consists of Messrs. Clews, Emerson, Ellender, Johnson, Moore, jun., Nightingale, Robinson and Townsend. A more hard-working set of fanciers would be hard to find, and great credit is due to them. The hon. treasurer is Mr. W. H. Moore, and a better man could not be chosen. He is a genuine fancier. Mr. J. W. Harness is hon. auctioneer. Mr. H. E. Emerson, who acts as hon. secretary (assisted by Mr. W. H. Moore, jun.), is the right man in the right place, doing all in his power to ensure success. He was well backed up by his willing assistant. They worked like Trojans. Exhibits could be seen at a glance. The showroom presented a pleasing spectacle. It was well decorated with ferns, etc. Judging was through in good time, and the cards displayed quickly. The special for best young bird in show went to Mr. A. Townsend for his clear Yellow Norwich. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, D. Hope, cl., lovely colour, wonderful shape, short and thick throughout, soft silky texture of feather, clean cut, in grand order, a gem; 2, H. E. Stubbs, "Togo," cl., another right sort, beautifully feathered, grand head, neck and chest, well up in size, A1 colour, a bonny specimen; 3, Godley, cl., red hot, showing fine substance nice shape and feather, good enough to win at most shows; vhc, W. H. Moore, hc, Harland; c, Mennard. BUFF (21): A teaser of a class; two sets of winners in it easily. 1, 2, vhc, Hope, trio of gems, winner one of the best clears we have seen for some time, put down in capital form; 2, cl., warmer in colour, fine size, lovely feather, grand head, neck, and chest properties, clean under; 3, Barwise grizzled on breast, tight as wax, grand feather, nice colour and frosting, neat wing carriage; hc, c, W. H. Moore. YELL. UNFLI. 1907 (12): 1, Townsend, cl., wonderful size, rare colour and quality, capital type, well over perch, best of flights, another year with luck should make a topper; 2 vhc, Hope, another bouncing cl., A1 feather and colour, jaunty carriage, nicely cut, will improve; 3, Vardy, cl., rattling quality, nice colour, sweetly moulded neat carriage of wings; hc, Barwise; c, Hemming. BUFF, 1907 (17): Good class. 1, Stubbs, "Marcus," magnificent quality, feathered like a Java, slashing type, fine tone of colour; 2, Peplow, shows more substance than winner, of excellent colour and quality, beaten slightly in type, but one we greatly admired; 3, Godley, similar to 2nd, and not much between them, capable of a lot of winning; vhc, Harland; hc, Moore; c, Pepper. HEN, YELL. (17): Rare lot. 1, Harland, cl., a fine bouncing damsel, sweetly moulded, full of quality and colour, rare head, neck and chest, clean sweep, perfect wings and tail; 2, Edwards, cl., very promising unflighted, soft silky texture of feather, rich colour, A1 quality and shape, will be heard of again; 3, hc, Vardy, couple of charming exhibits, former cl., wonderful size, sweet bird; vhc, Townsend; c, Moore. BUFF (25): Hot collection. 1, Godley, cl., an eye-opener, massive in build, delightful feather, best of type, rare colour, covered over with rich mealing, all-front, a gem of the first water; 2, 3, Stubbs, "Nina" and "Sadi," respectively, couple of magnificent ladies, former grizzled head, beautiful feather, sweet shape, nice size, grand carriage; 3rd marked neck, A1 feather, good size, grand carriage; vhc, Hope; he, Hemming; c, Vardy. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (19): Nice class. 1, 3, H. Emerson, both clears, winner fine size, good colour, nice shape, neatly cut away, capable of doing well in better company; 3rd hot colour, good substance; 2, Stead, cl., about hottest in class, with a little more size would be a grand specimen; vhc, Nash; hc, Moore, jun.; c, F. Emerson. BUFF (26): Another rare lot. 1, Stead, cl., rattling specimen, full of colour and quality, grand shape and size, A1 wings and tail, would do well in open competition; 2, H. Emerson, cl., unfli., well up in colour and quality, very shapely and of good substance, hardly ready, pen feathers about head and eyes, will improve; 3, Moore, cl., A1 quality and colour, fine type, not over large, but a sweet youngster; vhc, he, Oliff; c, Duckitt. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Spencer, cl., unfli., fine long-drawn specimen, lovely quality, stands beautifully, grand back flights and tail, a gem; 2, Simpson, marked neck, hot in colour, magnificent feather, well up in position; 3, Peck and Fawcett, cl., smaller, nice feather, fair type, well on leg; vhc, Cook. BUFF (6): 1, Hodgson, cl., very stylish, long and neatly-drawn specimen, feathered like wax, beautiful position, shows thighs well; 2, hc, Beard, marked head and right wing, capital quality, excellent position, good length, neat wings and tail; 3, Peck and Fawcett, Cinn., marked both wings and head, full of colour and quality; vhc, Simpson; c, Spencer. NOVICE YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Galling, cl. Yell. and cl. Buff, both of grand quality, stylish, and in rare trim, very little between them, a couple of taking exhibits; 3, Stamford, cl. yell., very lengthy and of good position, nice feather and colour; vhc, hc, Kling; c, Potter. CRESTS (9): 1, Hope, buff, marked both wings DC, showing fine substance and abundance of feather of a rich texture, crest round large and of excellent droop, well placed centre, a gem; 2, Seagrave, cl. buff, lovely quality, nice shape and size, crest of neat formation, shown in fine condition; 3, Clarke, buff var., DC, good substance and shape, crest neat; vhc, Simpson; hc, Clews; c, Memmott. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Seagrave, buff almost green, rare size, grand Nor. shape, fine width of skull, well browed, showing heaps of feather; 2, vhc, Calam, former buff, marked head and neck, lovely quality, plenty of feather, grand-shaped body, good skull well lashed; 3, Simpson, cl. buff, soft silky texture of feather, very shapely and of good substance; hc, Smithurst; c, Memmott. YELL. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Godley, with a trio of gems, all of excellent colour, A1 quality, winner has it in type and tightness of feather; 2nd is a little better cut away behind than third; vhc, Ingram; hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Medley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, again with three right sorts, winner of grand type and size, lovely depth of colour, rare feather, clean under; 2nd good colour and quality, nice shape, well up in size, close up; 3, Ingram, fine shape, grand head, neck and chest, really capital feather; hc, Medley. A.O.VAR. (8): 1, Hodgson, cl. buff Belgian, nice quality, good size, grand shoulders and flights, nervy, a good one; 2, vhc, Gostling, buff, four-pointed Norwich, A1 feather, nice shape, not over large, fair markings, well shown; 3, c, Peck and Fawcett, yell. var., Scotch fancy, nice feather, good circle, not one of the biggest, but very neat; hc, Barwise. SELLING, 10/- (7): 1, Clews; 2, hc, Marshall; 3, Hodgson; vhc, Gostling; c, Cook. 15/- (11): 1, Peplow, Buff Nor., cheap bird; 2, Edwards; 3, Moore, jun.; vhc, Beard; hc, Godley; c, Townsend. GIFT (10): 1, H. Emerson; 2, Clews; 3, Townsend; v and h, Peplow; c, Hodgson. MULE (14): 1, Vardy, buff, four-pointed Gold-Can, rare size, capital feather, splendid markings, well-known winner, looking as well as ever; 2, c, Pitt, buff, almost four-pointed Gold-Can, lovely quality, not so large as above, still a pretty specimen, and should do well; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, Gold-Bull, nice shape and feather, not over large, shows parentage clearly, good third; vhc, Boyle; hc, Barwise. BRIT. GOLDIE (7): 1, Hunt, nice size and shape, grand blaze, good colour throughout, neat bars and buttons, in fine trim; 2, Crowston, very shapely, good colour, nice size, not quite so good in colour of blaze, still very bonny; 3, Miss Lily Harness, pretty Finch, not yet up in blaze, good shape, nicely buttoned; vhc, Simpson, H. Emerson; c, Rawcliffe. LINNET (11): 1, Fairhurst, beautiful specimen, rare colour and shape, tight as wax, grandly pencilled, steady as a top, a gem; 2, Crowston, another fine exhibit, best of colour and shape, well marked, very close up; 3, vhc, Boyle, good one, nice colour and shape, good third; hc, Ellender; c, Dix. HARDBILL (13): Good lot. 1, 2, Axe, Hawfinch and Yellowhammer, former real gem, fine size, rare colour, grand bib, one of the best we have seen for some time; 2nd another real eye-opener, wonderful colour, rare size, delightfully marked, in rattling form, will do some winning; 3, Medley, grand exhibit, shown in rare style; vhc, Anderson; hc, Sadler; c, Cork. SOFT (13): 1, Medley, Nightingale, beautiful colour, good size, well staged, a beauty; 2, 3, Bishop, Flycatcher and Whitethroat, a couple of lovely specimens, former in magnificent fettle, latter not a feather out of place, both shown in a taking fashion; vhc, Suggitt; hc, Axe; c, Bescoby. FOR. SMALL (22): 1, Crowston, cock Whydah, in perfect feather, and benched grandly; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Sutcliffe, with a rare team, all in capital trim and shown very neatly, a credit to real fine specimens, superb Tanager, winning, well up in colour, and in rare form; 2, Sutcliffe, Tanager, in nice order, well shown. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Markham, Grey Parrot, in grand feather; 2, Curzon, ditto, in rare trim; 3, Lowery, pair Lorries, in nice order; hc, Emerson.

KEIGHLEY.

The Keighley and Dis. C.B.S. held a members' show, October 19th, at the King's Head Hotel. Seventy-two birds were staged. Judge, W. A. Cowgill. CL. YELL. YORK (7): 1, Crowther; 2, Booth; 3, Shackleton. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Spencer; 2, Heaton and Nicholson. TKD. OR U.M. YELL. (6): 1 Shackleton; 2, Proctor; 3, Bancroft and Dean. BUFF (8): 1, Wright; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Booth. YELL. YORK HEN (7): 1, Judson; 2, Procter; 3, Groves and Shutt. BUFF (14): 1, Smith and Sharp; 2, Ainsworth; 3, Waller. FOUL MKD. YELL. OR BUFF (5): 1, Wright; 2, Bancroft and Dean; 3, Morris and Shackleton. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (2): 1, Wright; 2, Parkin. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (8): 1, Crowther; 2, Wright; 3, Morris and Shackleton. BRIT. AV. (4): 1, 3, Parkin; 2, Bancroft and Dean. —WM. WRIGHT, Sec.

CIRENCESTER.

Tenth annual show October 23th and 24th, owing to a C.B.U. licence not having been taken out, only three classes remained uncancelled. This, we understand, will be adjusted another year. The energetic secretaries, Messrs. Wallace and Walker, and their committee certainly deserve support. Mr. Greenwood judged. YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Smith, 1st really good all-round bird of great length, very neat head and body, 3rd not so smart, may improve; 2, 4, Carter, 2nd smart little bird, lightly marked on one wing; vhc, hc, Sendell. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wilcox, 1st grand Song Thrush, lovely size, colour and markings, when steadied a little more should make a topper; 2nd sweet Meadow Pipit, well known winner; 3rd Bullie, good all-round bird; 4, vhc, F. Crook. MEMBERS A.V. (4): 1, spl., 3, 4, Wallace, nice trio of Yorkshires; 2, the Hon. Mrs. Kingscote, very nice cock Bullfinch.

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ASHFORD.

At this fixture, held October 17th and 18th, Cage Birds were a failure, the open classes being cancelled. The reason for this we think is not far to seek. The Swan Buildings, apparently a horse repository, being quite unsuitable for a two-day show of cage birds. The roof is only composed of galvanised sheeting. This drawback is unfortunate as the management otherwise is as near perfect as one can reasonably expect, whilst the committee are composed of men who would do anything possible to make the show a success. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged the few classes, which were confined to members, and which included many nice exhibits; the special for best going to a very nice clear yellow Norwich shown by Mr. Ward. NORWICH (10): 1, spl. best bird, H. J. Ward, best type, colour, and feather; 2, 3, vhc (2), Berry, a very nice team, 2nd a good buff, bit slack; res., A. J. Ward. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, res., vhc, Offer, a very nice lot, winner best style, position and feather. CREST or CREST-BRED (4): 1, 3, Grant, nice crest leading; 2, Hooker. BRIT. (4): 1, Ward, Bullfinch; 2, 3, Berry, Chaffinch and Goldfinch in the order named; loses in feather; res., Browne. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, Berry; 2, Ward; 3, Berry.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.

Sixteenth Annual Show, held on October 15th and 16th at the Lecture Halls, North Road, Brighton. Inclement weather on both days was the cause of a poor attendance of exhibitors and visitors, but an excellent show took place. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged. NORWICH (20): 1, sp. and vhc, Ellis, a yell., did not look at all well; 2, Frost, superior buff; 3, Bellamy; res., Godden; vhc, Harris Bros., Harker, Gibb, Frost, Pennells, hc, and c, Roberts. VAR. (17): 1, 2, spl., Ellis, very good buff, the judge had to search for the tick, which was found under a wing; 2, nice variegated yellow; 3, Pennells; res., Miller; vhc, Harris Bros., Upton and Button, Gibb, Frost. YORKSHIRE (14): 1, 2, spl., Frost, yellow, special for best bird bred by a member; 2, Buff; 3, res., Gibb, buff; vhc, Burtenshaw, Hopper, Warr; hc, Eyles, Pickett. VAR. (11): 1, res., Burtenshaw, varieg. yell., excellent; 2, Frost, good var. buff; 3, Warr, yell; vhc, Pearson, Eyles, Gibb. CREST (12): An excellent class; 1, 2, spl., Upton and Button, varieg. crest, not a fault, best in show, the latter a green with good frontal crest; 3, res., Gravett, no note, but his hc bird was a grand even-marked on tail as well; vhc, Dean, Gale, Cooper. CREST-BRED (8): 1, 2, 3, spl., Gravett; res., Donne; vhc, Eyles; hc, Dean. A.O.V. (13): 1, spl., Frost, uneven marked Norwich; 2, res., vhc, Donne, good yell. cinn.; 3, vhc, Harker, best in class, a four-pointed cinn., perfect in markings, but a smudge on neck. vhc, Gibb. SELLING (7): 1, Miller, yell. Nor., claimed; 2, Dandridge; 3, Walter; res., Frost; vhc, Donne. BRITISH SMALL (8): 1, spl., Donne, cheap Goldfinch; 2, Miss Hopwood, Nuthatch, in good condition; 3, vhc, Gibb, Bramblefinch; res., hc, Short. LAR. (2): 1, Fleetwood, Magpie; 2, Amy, Thrush. FOREIGN (6): 1, 3, res., Partridge, with a Gouldian and Spice Bird; 2, Blackmer, chatty moustache Parrakeet. MULE, LIGHT, none. DARK (4): 1, Morris and Son, good Siskin and Goldfinch cross. 2, 3, Gibb, Greenfinch and Canary, and large buff Goldfinch and Canary.

BROMLEY.

Held October 23 and 24, in the Drill Hall. The entry was a record one, and considering the limit, £5, quality was well represented. The general secretary, Mr. C. B. Mann, a most courteous and capable official, was ably assisted by capable sectional secretaries. Mr. J. Robson judged. NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl., best bird, Lugg, nice shape, hot colour, good feather, nicely burnished; 2, Mead, nice feather and colour; 3, Brownlie, nice chubby bird, soft feather; vhc, Steed; hc, Spinner. BUFF (11): 1, Spinner, thick set and cobby, good feather, nice carriage; 2, Ellis, nice colour and meal, good chest; 3, Crisp, nice type, good chest, colour and feather; res., Brownlie; vhc, Stead; c, Jordan (2). NOR. A.O.V. (9): 1, Puxley, yell., tick eye, grand colour, nice shape and feather; 2, Spinner, heavily marked yell., grand feather, nice colour and quality; 3, res., Brownlie, buff, tick on head, grandly feathered; vhc, Woodward; hc, Steed; c, Taylor. HENS (9): 1, Daniell, short and thick set buff, rattling colour, nicely mealed; 2, 3, c, Bullinger, leader hot coloured yell., good head, neck and chest; 3, very smart unflighted; res. Jordan; vhc, Brownlie. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl., 3, res., Edwards, nice trio, leader longest and best carriage, good feather, nice whip tail; 3, raking bird, nice style, hot colour; 2, Males, nicely drawn, good feather and colour; vhc, Brown; hc, Pilcher and Faux. CL. BUFF (11): 1, c, Pilcher and Faux, rare length, good position; 2, 3, res., Edwards, nice trio, leader, better feather, good head and position; 3, smart and stylish; vhc, Watson; hc, Mockford. YORKS. A.O.V. (12): 1, 3, Pilcher and Faux, 1st yell. tick on cheek, grandly drawn, nice colour and feather; 3, thigh tick buff, good length; 2, Pallett, heavily marked yell., grand feathers; vhc, hc, c, Edwards. HENS (9): 1, 3, vhc, Edwards, leader, yell., good shape and position; 3, smart and stylish yell., good feather; 2, Males, nice feather, good shape, hot colour; res., hc, Pilcher and Faux. MULES (19): 1, Palin, Siskin Canary, hot colour, grand feather; 2, 3, vhc, Pilcher and Faux, 3, dark yell. Goldie and Canary, good colour, lacks size; he, Pallet; c, Peters. FINCH ETC. (12): 1, Miss Hopwood, Yell. Bunting, grand markings, colour and feather; 2, Carter, lovely colour and feather, well marked, not quite as steady as leader; 3, Steed; res., Capon, very smart Siskin; vhc, hc, Doll; c, Lepard. SOFTBILLS (11): 1, res., vhc, hc, Dell, grand Thrush leading; 2, Heritage, nice Waxwing, lacking colour and bloom; 3, Lugg, Starling, beautifully spangled; c, Steed. FOR. (9): 1, Bliss, 2, Mrs. Gordon; 3, Botting; res., Acland, a very nice group. SELL. (£1 10s.) (9): 1, 2, spl., second best bird and res. for Cup, Bullinger; 3, Young. (£1) (10): 1, Acland; 2, Stead; 3, Bellinger. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl., Laxly, nice blaze colour and feather, steady; 2, Aveling, very fair specimen; 3, White, nice one, bit dull; res., vhc, Jordon; hc, Woodward. MEMBERS' CLASSES, YORKS. (6): 1, res., Pilcher and Faux; 2, 3, vhc, Edwards; hc, Foxen. NOR. (10): 1, 2, res., spl., third best bird, Steed; 3, Bellinger; vhc, Dell; c, Wraight; hc, Woodward. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, hc, spl., Stevens; 3, res., vhc, Dell. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, res., Dell; 2, vhc, Barber; hc, Bartholomew; c, Stevens. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Dell.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

On October 17th the Hastings United C.B.S. held an evening show at the Royal Oak Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. Steven. There were about 50 birds staged, very good, considering the inclement weather. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Bellamy; 2, Ellis; vhc, Barham. BUFF: 1, 2, Bellamy; 3, Harris; vhc, Godden. YORKS YELL.: 1, Godden; 2, Miss Dawson; 3, vhc, Barham. BUFF: 1, Dann; 2, Morris; 3, Godden; vhc, Miss Dawson. MULE: 1, Morris. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Barham; 2, Stubberfield. SMALL HARDBILL: 1, Stubberfield.

HAYLE.

Hayle fanciers held their fourth open show in the Drill Hall on October 16th and 17th under C.B.U. rules. The entries showed a splendid increase over those of last year, and the officials were all well pleased with the success of the exhibition, which they well deserved. We must congratulate the Committee upon the businesslike way in which the arrangements were carried out, the birds lacking nothing in the way of attention. But we were sorry to see a poor attendance, it being a wet and stormy day. The second day, however, was better, and the visitors were highly delighted with the display of birds. The special prizes were arranged on the platform, and were presented to the winners on the second day. Plainheads were exceptionally strong both in numbers and quality, many good specimens taking a back seat. The winning Ticked Yellow shown by W. Collings (Devonport) was a gem all over; the same bird, we think, was passed last year as a clear. The Buff class was good, the winner being a typical specimen. The Tick Buff of Mr. Pethick which took premier place, we are sorry to say, died two hours after judging; it was a splendid bird, and all Cornish fanciers will sympathise with you, Mr. P., I know. The hen class was excellent, the winner being quickly claimed at catalogue price. The non-flight class was well contested, and the winners will be heard of again. Yorks were a splendid lot, the winner in the Yellow class being a beauty and well staged. The Cinnamon class was the best seen in Cornwall for a long time. The Crest and C.B. class were strong, and the winners were lovely Crests. Mule classes were champions, the winner in the lights being a lovely six-pointed Buff, and in the dark a good-sized and lovely-coloured Goldie-Bullie. The Hardbill class was good, and also the Softbill, which contained some rare birds and came in for a good deal of scrutiny. The members' classes contained some nice specimens. The special for best bird bred by a member was secured by Mr. W. Paull, the hon. secretary, with a good Buff Norwich. The five-guinea silver cup given by the President for most points was secured by Mr. F. Collins with a creditable team; he also won the gold medal for second in most points by W. Ellis, who won the members' cup for most points. The silver medal for second in number of points, by P. Oatey, was also won by Mr. W. Ellis. The management was in the hands of Messrs. Paull and Cock, and well they carried out their duties, being well backed up by a good, all-round, energetic committee, who did their utmost for the exhibitors and their exhibits. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. CAGE BIRDS Competition.—This being the first Cornish fixture for the Cage Bird Competition, there was a good number of entries, and the first prize winner was found in Mr. J. Ryder's Crest, also second the same owner, another Crest, two lovely birds. The third fell to Mr. W. H. Tottle with a tick-wing Buff Norwich Nonflight. NORWICH CL. YELL. (13): 1, Rickard, sound in colour, good exhibit, ought in our opinion to have stood down; 2, Miss Hardwick, good head and wing carriage, rare colour and finish, soon claimed at catalogue price; 3, Pethick, very smart, lovely quality, wee bit long, good chest; 4, Mewton, splendid type, and colour very fair; v, Ferrill, rich colour, good head, short wings and tail, full of quality, ought to have been in the money; h, F. Collins, good head and chest, nice colour; c, White, full of quality, good wings and tail, splendid class, No. 9 unnoticed, we thought grand bird, full of quality and type. YELL. TIC (7): 1, spl, W. Collins, tic neck, beautiful type and quality, shown in faultless condition, grand bird, easy win; 2, 3, White, tic thigh, correct type, neat and well cut, third grizzle wing good size, full of quality, nice pair; 4, Ferrill, tic neck, lovely colour, nice wings and tail; v, Coad, mkd neck, good type; h, Thomas, very pale in colour, poor wing carriage. CL. BUFF (16): 1, Spillman, sound in colour, rare head and body, good wing carriage, just a nice size; 2, Gaved, good chest and colour, pinched little on head, but some preferred to winner; 3, Ferrill, fine quality bird, well made, correct type, tail little rough; 4, Pope, good head and neck, full of quality; v, White, good size and condition; h, Pethick, fine type; c, Staples and Clarke. BUFF TIC (15): 1, spl, Pethick, tic neck, bold bird of grand substance and type, died after judging; 2, W. Collins, mkd eyes and wing, good size, and colour teeming with quality; 3, 4, Rickard real Nor. type, short, well cut up, fine carriage, beauties; v, Garland, tic eyes, very chubby, good wing carriage; h, Sherman; c, White. HEN (18): 1, Miss Hardwick, Buff, good size, correct type, grand frostings, quickly claimed; 2, H. Collins, Yell. nice chest and head, short, well-cut, fine carriage, good lady h.c., Buff, fine head and chest, neat; 3, White, Yell., correct type, wee bit flat on head; 4, Sherman, mkd eyes, grand type and colour, nonfli.; v, Rickard, Buff, good type and frostings, one of the right stamp for breeding; c, Coad, well-made hen, some good hens left out. NONFLI. (23): 1, spl., Spillman, grizzle head, good colour and size, grandly made bird; 2, W. Collins, Yell., lovely colour, correct type; 3, Tottle, tic wing Buff, nice wings and tail, full of quality, wins C.B. special; 4, Menadue, Yell., smart bird of the right stamp, teeming with quality; v, White, Yell., excellent body, nice wings and tail; h, Sherman, Yell.; c, Coad, Yell. YORK. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Pencombe, even marked Cinn., full of quality, rich colour, well on leg, easy winner; 2, Thomas, very rich colour, grand wings and tail, neat head; 3, Mrs. Crocker, neat and slim, fine stamp, good head and legs, v, Brooks; h, Angwin; c, Harris. BUFF (15): 1, 4, Ellis, clear, true to type, boxey feather, good wings and tail, 4 little paler in colour, but full of quality; 2, Bassett, long flights and tail, good head, grand position; 3, Miss Price, fine head, nice wings and tail, bird of distinction; v, Harris, Var., good length, neat head; h, Thomas, typical, very steady; c, Oatey. HEN (12): 1, Harris, grizzle head and tail yell., stands well, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Ellis, Yell., pale, well on leg, good wing carriage; 3, Menadue, Buff, full of quality, good head, long flights and tail, stylish; 4, Ellis, grizzle neck, Yell., pale colour, typical; v, Webb, Buff, full of quality; h, Thomas; c, Oatey. YORK NONFLI. (21): 1, spl, 2, Bassett, grand Buff, full of quality, stands well on leg, nice round head, well filled in neck, grand position, second Yell., nice colour, good legs, well braced wings, compact tail; 3, Mitchell, tic wing Buff, neat head, good legs, long flights and tail; 4, h, Thomas, Yell., good wings and tail, neat head, wants fining down; v, Mabbott, Buff, good head, full of quality. BELGIAN OR SCOTCH (9): 1, spl, 2, he, Biddick, Yell., erect, neat head, long neck, grand body and wing, fine action, grand shape, rare shoulders and reach, quick in movements, pair of beauties: 3, v, Benney, Buff, another good exhibit, fine style and action, vhc taking exhibit, very stylish; 4, Mewton, Yell. Var., good size and style; c, Collins, Yell., good head and shoulders. CINN. (15): 1, H. Pope, gem, grand size and shape, lovely pencilling, good style and quality, he Yell., well up in markings, in rare bloom; 2, Climas, another lovely pencilled bird, good colour, little slimmer; 3, Ellis, Buff, good one, finely mealed, well up in markings; vhc, Trezise, good colour and shape, in rare bloom; best class seen in Cornwall for a long time. CREST or C.B. (11): 1, 2, Ryder, almost green, plenty of substance, well rounded Crest, with fine leafy feather, two grand even wings, marked dark crest with lengthy droop, splendid body, in good fettle, two gems, wins first and second CAGE BIRD specials; 3, 4, Lee, cl. body dark Crest, nice droop, beaten in size of crest and body, 4, Green Crest bred, good body and feather, rather narrow entrance; v, Davies, even-marked Crest, good frontal, but longer than winner's; he, Symons, dark cap, rather narrow skull, good body, c, clear body, dark crest, nice frontal, good droop. PAIRS (12): 1, Symons, wing marked dark Crest and Green C.B., well matched pair, with good frontal and droop; 2, Wills, Var. Yell. and Buff Yorks., lengthy and well balanced wings, good pair; 3, White, Yell. and Buff Tic Nor., good colour and shape; 4, Davies, Scots Fancy; v, Phillips, Norwich; h, Meddick, Scotch; c, Lee, Crests. MULES LIGHT (11): 1, 3, Collins, six pointed Buff, grand blaze and markings, good size and colour, easy win; 3, light Linnet-Can. gem for size, colour and markings; 2, Staples and Clarke, Yell., good size and colour; 4, Hodge, six point Buff, good size and markings, poor colour; v, h, wing, eye and thigh marked, good colour; he, six point Buff, good size and colour; c, Elson, Yell., fair size, good colour. DARK (8): 1, spl, 2, 4, v, Collins, rich coloured, high quality Goldie-Bullie, good size and markings, 2 Greenie-Bullie, rare colour, size and markings, 4, Linnet Bullie, good cap and crest and colour; vhc, young Siskin Mule, grand size, and good markings, grand team, shown in spotless condition, credit to owner; 3, Mrs. Skey, Canary-Bullie, good colour, but open in chest feather, stands very squatty on perch, well placed; h, Mewton, Goldie-Bullie. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (11): 1, spl, Ellis, good size Goldie, nice blaze, and body colour, good buttons; 2, c, White, shade smaller than first, very steady, and well tanned, not quite ready; 3, Mabbott, fine large Bullie, with nice breast, colour and well-formed dense cap; 4, Coombe, Goldie, good bird, hardly ready; v, Thomas; h, Mewton. HARD BILL (10): 1, 4, Collins, Bramble-finch, perfect condition, rare colour and markings, 4, Sweet Siskin, beautifully laced, nice colour; 2, Rowe and Hancock, Yell. Hammer, young bird not quite ready, very good markings; 3, Pridham, Linnet, rich colour and nicely marked; vhc, Ellis, Bramble; h, Thomas, Redpoll; c, Mewton, large Snowbunting. SOFT (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Thomson, Cornish Chough, grand beak and legs, in good bloom; 2, very fine Wryneck, well spotted, in rare trim; 3, sweet little Blackcap, very steady; fine team, wins hands down; 4, vc, Mewton, lovely Bearded Tit in rare form; v, Pied Wagtail; c, Blackcap; 4, Veal and Son, well-spotted Thrush. FOREIGN (10): 1, spl., Woolcock, Whydah in rare form rich in plumage, tail in perfect condition; 2, Richards, good Grey Parrot with plenty of tongue; 3, Clarke, Amazon; 4, Roberts, Grey Parrot; v, Rosewarne; h, Strout, c, Roberts. SELL (£1) (18): 1, Thomas, 2, Biddick; 3, Lee; 4, Ferritt.

HOYLAND.

Hoyland and Dis. O.S., seventh annual show was held October 18th and 19th. The Town Hall is a most suitable place, nicely lighted, free from draughts, fairly spacious and cosy. Entries totalled 289 in the 21 classes provided, giving an average of 14 per class. The staging was neat, and every exhibit could be seen at a glance. Both the president of the society, Mr. T. Taylor, and the vice-president, Mr. T. Whittingham, actively interested themselves in the society. The treasurer is Mr. J. T. Crosswaite, who is a real good fancier, and a genuine worker. The committee of management consists of Messrs. T. Williams, A. H. Waters, W. Evans, H. Humphrey, E. Robinson, J. Kenny, W. Oakley, A. Taylor, W. Hutson, F. Ottley, T. Finckinn, A. Watkin, T. Steele, F. Short, H. Adderley, E. Thompson, S. Guest, J. Johnson, and J. Simmonds, most of whom are practical fanciers, and know how to manage show duties. Mr. J. Warrender acts as secretary, and a better man could not hold the reins. Jabez is a hard and enthusiastic worker, nothing being too much for him to do. Messrs. J. Wilson (Allerton) and W. Vardy (Hucknall) adjudicated. Their awards, on the whole, appeared to give great satisfaction.

POINTS—Special Prizes:—YORKS: 1, Halliday; 2, Hodgson. NOR.: 1, H. Waters; 2, Beardall. BRIT.: 1, Milne; 2, Almond. NOVICE YORKS: 1, Roobottom; 2, Kenny. NOR.: J. Walker and F. Moore, tie. YELL. YORK (14): 1, Greenfield, cl. magnificent feather, tight as wax, fine colour, very lengthy, straight as a rush, well on leg, gem; 2, Rapson, cl., grand position and length, well filled back and capital wing carriage, good feather, not far away; 3, Greaves, ticked neck, possessing lovely quality, true position, shade behind in length, good 3rd; vhc, Drabble, ticked shoulder, A1 feather; he, Ottley, cl. fine quality, good length and stand; c, Simmonds, cl., pale colour, good type. BUFF (18), good class: 1, Halliday, noted saddle marked, looking grand, fine long-drawn bird, excellent position, tight as wax, one of the very best; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, cl., lovely salmon-tinged colour, nicely mealed, shorter than winner, yet a grand specimen; 3, Brumby and Stone, saddle marked, nice quality and colour, good type, worth its place; vhc, Greaves, cl., very lengthy, A1 feather, bit loose round thighs; he, Dewhirst and Thompson, cl., good in quality and position, will look better shortly; c, Ellis, cl., lovely feather and colour, A1 position and length, bit wild, steady him, it will pay. YELL. HEN (16), good lot: 1, Oakes, cl., long and slim, straight as a gun barrel smooth as glass, well on leg, beauty; 2, Dewhirst and Thompson, marked left wing, splendid feather and colour, shooty and of grand position, rare back and wing carriage, close up; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, cl., smooth as glass, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest; vhc, Halliday, marked head, one we liked, lengthy and of good stand; 4, Hodgson, cl., hot., unfli., very promising youngster, well shown; c, Eyre, good one. BUFF (20), rare class: 1, Taylor, cl., slashing colour and quality, delightfully frosted, best of positions, standing on clever legs, grand back flights and tail; 2, Hallilday, cl., superior quality, nice colour, good in wing carriage not far behind; 3, Hodgson, cl., tight as a Java, full of style, nice length, capital back, neat in wings and tail; vhc, Kenny, Cinn. marked both wings, and about head, neat throughout; he, Simmonds, cl. fine Salmon-tinged colour, good stand and length; c, Jackson, cl., A1 colour and quality. 1907 YELL. (17): 1, Hodgson, thigh tick, hot colour, rich quality, straight as a pencil, slim and lengthy, showing thighs well, should do well another year; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, cl., lovely feather, rattling position and length, fine back and wing carriage, close up; 3, Cowgill, var., exceedingly lengthy, bit open in feather, yet a grand specimen; vhc, Ellis, cl., wonderful length, right one for stock purposes; he, Oakes, cl., silky feather, rather small, but very neat; c, Simmonds, ticked neck, good type and quality. 1907 BUFF (16): 1, Hodgson, thigh tick, grand salmon-tinged colour, excellent position, fine long-sided, lovely back and flights, gem; 2, Halliday, ticked head, good colour and length, nice stand, not quite the quality of winner; 3, Broadley and Son, cl., superior feather, full of style, not over ready, will look grand shortly; vhc, Foden, cl., very lengthy, smooth as wax, worth its position; h, Cowgill, marked buff, bit open in feather; c, Simmonds, cl., very neat specimen. YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Wilkinson, cl., hot colour, short and thick-set, fine, broad chest, rare wings and tail, jaunty carriage, should do some winning; 2, Bagnall, cl., warm in colour, bouncing big bird, shade long in barrel, still, a grand exhibit; 3, Adnitt and Driver; marked both wings and eyes, capital colour and feather, well worth its place; vhc, Waters cl., slashing colour, nice size; he, Beardall, marked left wing and tail, A1 feather and colour; c, Moaker, cl., shade smaller. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Waters, both clears, former a bouncer, lovely feather and colour, well frosted, grand type and carriage, clean-cut, latter, splendid feather and colour, fine shape, not so large, yet good one; 3, Beardall, ticked back of head, short and thick-set, nicely mealed, well worth its place; vhc, Ducker and Twigg, cl., A1 quality and colour; he, Taylor, cl., good in colour and feather, nice front; c, Ross, ticked head, very cobby. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Adnitt and Driver, cl., wonderful shape, grand substance and quality, fine head, neck and chest, clean-cut, jaunty carriage, beauty; 2, Beardall, cl., unlli., cobby, capital quality and colour, one we liked; 3, v, Nutt, couple of good specimens, former marked both wings, thick-set, not quite ready, v, cl, hot, bouncer, good all over; h, Asbury, ticked both eyes, very shapely; c, Waters, var., very neat, good feather; No. 6, Cowgill, a gem, too late for competition. BUFF (19): 1, c, Waters, cl., short and thick-set, smooth as glass, all front, clean-cut away, very bonny damsel, c, unfli./ A1 quality, nice type and carriage, very promising; 2, Nutt, cl., another true Nor., tight as box, sweet shape and of excellent feather, must have pressed hard; 3, Hemming, hy, marked, big, fine hen, grand shape, good in carriage, clean-cut; vhc, Beardall, el., bouncer, good one for stock purposes; he, Sheldon, cl., cobby, unfli., make a good one another year. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, 2, 3, Waters, winner cl., red hot, best of wing carriage, clean-cut, jaunty carriage, should make up well, 2 marked both wings and head, red hot, lovely shape, liked much, 3 el., magnificent type, A1 colour and quality, shade smaller, all three otherwise a grand team, Mr. W.: v, Hemming, marked head, hot in colour, splendid feather, good all over; he, Sheldon, cl., large, not quite ready, make a good one; c, Beardall, A1 colour and feather. BUFF (21), rare class: 2, Beardall, marked head and root of tail, fine bold specimen, rich colour and quality, beautifully mealed, gem; 2, Waters, cl., excellent colour, soft, silky texture of feather, well mealed; 3, Turner and Bailey, cl., slashing feather and colour, round as a ball, best of wing carriage, clean under, well worth its place; vc, Mitchell, couple of nice exhibits, both clears, good in shape and quality; he, Wilkinson, marked head, cobby, A1 colour and feather. A.O. VAR. (6): 1, H. Evans, buff, var., dark Crest, massive in build, abundance of feather, crest large and of capital radiation, rare droop and centre, a beauty; he, buff var. Crest-bred, showing plenty of feather, good in skull properties; 2, Adnitt and Driver, clear body, dark crest, smaller, but very neat, taking specimen; 3, c, Peace, buff, marked left wing, dark crest, abundance of feather, should look well in a short time, c cl., buff, Crest-bred, fair exhibit; v, Lean and Stinson, yell. Cinn., large, nice colour and quality. SELL. YORK (15s.): 1, Cowgill, cl., buff, cheap bird; 2, Clarkson; 3, Robinson; v, Oakes; h, Taylor; c, Oakley. SELL. NOR. (10s.): 1, Robinson, cl., buff, not dear; 2, Minnard; 3, Ducker and Twigg; v, Lean and Stinson; h, Asbury; c, Draper. MULE (5): 1, he, Lean and Stinson, buff four-pointed Goldie-Can., capital feather, good size and shape, nice markings, well known; 2, Ellis, yell., Greenie-Can., lovely colour and feather, very shapely, in full bloom, one we liked; 3, Walker, Lin.-Can., well marked, nice size, well shown, good 3rd; vhc, Pogmore, dark Goldie-Can., nice shape. LINNET (12): 1, Milne, beautiful colour, good size and shape, lovely markings, well staged; 2, Humphries, another very bonny bird, good substance and shape, not far behind; 3, Thorpe, neat in markings, not so large as above, well put down; v, Atkinson, very large, good shape, fails in colour, somewhat; h, Lockwood, very neat and nicely staged; c, Fairhurst. HARDBILL (12): 1, 3, Almond, with a couple of taking exhibits, winner Hawfinch, well up in size, grand shape and colour, nicely cut, bib 3rd, Bramblefinch, good size and feather, grandly marked in rattling trim; 2, vc, Lockwood, Yellow-hammer, rare colour and size, delightful markings, tight as wax; v, very pretty Siskin, c Bramble, nice size; h, Watkin and Vaines, Yellowhammer, good in size. SOFTBILL (8): 1, 2, v, Milne, rattling team, Wryneck, leading in magnificent bloom, shown to perfection, 2 Pipit, good size and shape, well marked, in rare form; 3, h, Bartholomew, Thrush, beautiful shape, fine size, grandly mooned, in best possible condition, he, Lark, neat and well put down; c, Bagnall, Thrush, good size and shape. NOVICE YORK (27), rare lot: 1, Roobottom, cl., buff, smooth as glass, straight as a rush, lovely position, grand bird; 2, Kenny, cl., yell, superior quality, grand back and wing carriage, shows thighs nicely, close up; 3, Hutson, yell., grizzled root of tail, lengthy and slim, rare back and flights, good 3rd; v, Prentice, cl., buff, A1 type and feather, strong enough; h, Barnes, cl., buff, looks like a hen, good one, too; c, Coates, cl., buff, very typical, on the small side, but all there otherwise. NOR. (12): 1, Walker, buff, marked both wings and head, hot colour, covered with nice mealing, grand shape and size, jaunty carriage; 2, Duckett, cl., yell., bold shapely specimen, A1 colour and quality, nice head, neck and chest, not far away; 3, Thorpe, cl., buff, very shapely, fine carriage, clean-cut, worth its place; vh, Moore, cl., buff, smaller, yet splendid quality and type, h buff, marked both wings and right eye, capital colour, feather and meal; c, Fairhurst, marked yell., good in quality and colour, rather small.

WIBSEY.

The Wibsey and District C.B.S., held their third show of the season on October 19th, at the Horse and Groom Inn. Mr. J. Townend placed the cards, and gave entire satisfaction to all. Seventy-nine birds were staged in 11 Classes. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, 3, Shaw; 2, Ackroyd; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, C. Hardaker; 2, 3, Bastow; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; he Norton; c, Benn. TKD. AND UNEVEN MKD. YELL. COCK: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; 3, G. H. Woodrow; 4, Johnson; he, Shaw and Benn. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, Pickles; 3, Woodrow. TKD. AND UNEVEN COCK (CINN.): 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, C. Bastow. YELL. HEN: 1, he, Taylor Bros; 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Hardaker; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Shaw; c, Ackroyd. BUFF HEN: 1, he, Bastow; 2, 4, Chapman and Bateman; 3 Thornton; vhc, S, Shaw; c, Woodrow. UNEVEN OR FOUL HEN: 1, H. Norton; 2, C. Bastow; 3, F. Pickles. VOID. YORK. STOCK, not under 6¾ ins.: 1, Johnson; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Shaw; vhc, he, Thornton. SELL. COCK (15s., bird and cage): 1, 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Benn; 4, Thornton; vhc, Pickles; he, Shaw; c, Bairstow and Chapman. SELL. HEN (12s. 6d., bird and cage): 1, Taylor Bros; 2, Hardaker; 3, Shaw; vhc, Norton; he, Pickles.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

SKELMANTHORPE.

The fourth annual show of Cunar's was held in the Working Men's Club, October 19th. The room is an ideal one, a nice size, lofty, well lighted, plenty of ventilation and free from draught. The secretary, Mr. H. W. Gill, along with a willing band of helpers, had everything in good order, and are to be congratulated upon the working of the show, everything possible being done for the comforts of both visitors and exhibits. Mr. J. Robson, judge. Eighteen classes were provided, these attracting an entry of 251, giving an average of 13 per class, a moderate number considering the good list of specials offered. The show was held under the Yorkshire Union Rules and was the third of the series. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger secured the special for most points in the open section, and Mr. W. Beaumont the one in the Novice Section. Ramsden's medal for best fed bird went to Mr W. H. Shackleton's Ticked Yellow, the Members' Cup, after a close race, going to Mr. E. Radley. YORKS. CL. YELL (9): 1, spl., W. H. Shackleton, grand long bird, good colour and quality, splendid position, a beauty; 2, Bailey and Swanger, nice typical bird, grand quality—good wings and tail, close up; 3, Priestley, big bouncing bird, good legs; 4, Dean, grand quality and shape, good style; vhc, Wilcock; he, Ogden Bros.; c, E. Radley; BUFF (9): 1, spl., W. H. Shackleton, long drawn bird, grand quality, extra good position, fine exhibit; 2, Wilcock, another good one, grand quality and colour, nice position; 3, Towers, hardly length of winner, but all there for style and quality; 4, E. Radley, good quality and nice type, plenty of style; vhc, Dyson; he, Taylor; c, Bailey and Swanger; TICK. YELL. (17): 1, spl., Ogden Bros., ticked thigh, big, long, raking bird, very hot colour, grand quality and position; 2, Shackleton, ticked head, lovely head, back and tail, full of colour, nice quality; 3, Bailey and Swanger, ticked thigh, grand shape and style, best of wings and tail, lovely quality, close up; 4, J. F. Gibbons, tick neck, good long-sided bird, nice colour and quality, not quite steady; vhc, Dyson; he, Ellis; c, Lawton. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Wilcock, big bird, grand type and quality, very steady, good position; 2, Walsh, splendid type, bramful of colour, with nice salmon tinge, grand bird; 3, Shackleton, ticked neck, nice size, A1 position, fine quality, close up; 4, Bailey and Swanger, long-bodied bird, grand wings and tail, trifle open at front; vhc, Ellis; he, Dykes; c, Towers. YELL. YKS. HEN (10): 1, spl., E. Radley, ticked wing, very fine long-drawn hen, extra quality, nice style, good condition; 2, W. H. Shackleton, another good long bird, good shape and style, hardly as good in quality; 3, Walsh, hot colour, grand type, nice wings and tail, a good one; 4, E. Radley, grand head and back, nice quality; vhc, Taylor; he, Peel; c, Ross and Robertshaw. BUFF (15): 1, 4, spl., Bailey and Swanger, 1st, ticked wing, splendid quality, shape and style, stands well up, a gem; 4, nice size, good feather, crosses wings a little; 2, T. Murgatroyd and Son, grand young hen, nice wings and tail; 3, Lodge, good shape, well on legs, pale in colour; vbc, he, Peel; c, Shackleton. YELL. UNFLI. (11): 1, spl., Bailey and Swanger, ticked head, very typical well-drawn bird, fine colour and position, a good one; 2, E. Radley, grand slim bird, well on leg, nice quality and stand, close up; 3, Bray and Charlesworth, ticked cheek, nice type and quality; 4, Yelland, good colour and quality, lovely back and head; vhc, Walsh; he, Murgatroyd and Son; c, Priestley. BUFF (14): 1, spl., E. Radley, tiek wing, not so big, but all there for type and quality, rich salmon colour, splendid position; 2, Taylor, very slim and grand shape, good wings and tail; 3, Dykes, nice quality, fair size, good back and head; 4, Yelland, good typical bird, nice quality, extra good head, nicely carried wings; vhc, Bray and Charlesworth; he, H. Radley; c, Halliwell. SELL., 20/- (14): 1, Blackburn and Mitchell; 2, e, Radley; 3, Helliwell; 4, Casey; vhc, Taylor; he, Maude Bros. HEN, 15/- (9): 1, Lawton; 2, Dyson; 3, vhc, spl., Helliwell; 4, he, E. Radley; c, Jebson. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YKS. (12): 1, spl, Casey, a grandly-drawn bird, of good type and position, nice colour; 2, Beaumont, very slim, typical, good position, hardly ready yet; 3, Hall, nice Yorkie, grand back and head, well-drawn out; 4, Maude Bros., nice quality and type, trifle stronger; vhc, Hobson Lodge; he, A. Radley; e, H. Lodge. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Coates, nice size, grand quality, good wings and tail, rich salmon-colour; 2, Wilson, well-drawn grand type, colour and quality, clean front; 3, Newell, lovely type and quality, stands well, not a feather out of place, paler in colour; 4, Cockhill, big bird, nice shape, head and back A1, trifle stronger; vhc, Shaw Bros; he, Frankland; c, Mann. TIC. ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Jeffreys, grand slim bird, well-drawn out behind, splendid back, wings and tail, a beauty; 2, A. Radley, ticked wing, fine feather, nice type, has a good pair of legs and knows how to use them; 3, Drake, long, slashing bird, splendid back, just a trifle open at front; 4, J. Bailey, slim, good shape, stands well; vhc, Appleyard; he, Coates, C. Cockhill. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Beaumont, big, bouncing bird, nice quality and shape, plenty of colour; 2, Casey, splendid type and quality, stands well, hardly as long; 3, Hobson Lodge, ticked eye, another big, long bird, grand back; 4, Shaw Bros., good shape, fine quality and colour; vhc, Townend; he, Shaw Bros; c, Kaye. YELL. HEN (18): 1, spl, Townend, ticked eye and neck, nice typical lady, splendid colour and quality, good style; 2, Shepperd, well-drawn out, and stands well, paler in colour; 3, Frankland, nice length, good shape and colour, fine position; 4, Kaye, nice type, quality and style, good colour, hardly in form yet; vhc, Appleyard; he, Beaumont; c, Ackroyd. BUFF HEN (20), a grand class: 1, Drake, splendid type, feathered like wax, well carried wings and tail, stands well, a grand hen; 2, Dyson, another good one for type and quality, nice position; 3, Mann, fine quality, real good shape, stands exceedingly well, close race; 4, vhc, Frankland, tic cheek, good quality, nice carriage, hardly as long; he, Fergusson; c, Murgatroyd. NOR. NOVICE COCK (13): 1, Jeffreys, a good bodied Buff, grand quality and type, nice head, looking well now; 2, c, Mottram, Buff, hardly size of winner, excellent quality, good sound colour, nice exhibit; 3, Lloyd, unevenly marked Buff, plenty of substance, grand colour, not ready; 4, Quarmby, again a Buff, grand size, nice colour and quality, close up; vhc, Cockhill; he, Greenwood. DITTO HEN (7): 1, 4, spl, Ball, 1st, Buff, grand size, nice short wings and tail, good quality and colour; 4th, extra quality and colour, not so much substance as winner; 2, Mottram, Buff, grand quality, fair colour, nice typical exhibit; 3, he, Lloyd, unmarked Yell., nice bodied bird, good quality, trifle weak in head; vhc, Greenwood; c, Quarmby.

We have appointed Mr. Chas. Berwick (St. Andrew's) as an additional judge in Scotch Fancy Classes at Cupar Show on December 7th, writes Mr. W. Ruddiman, the Sec.

Mr. W. Bowyer has been engaged to judge the 10th annual members' show of the Crewe and District O.S., which takes place on November 2nd, writes Mr. J. C. Heaton, the secretary.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

The City of Glasgow show was held on October 18th and 19th, and proved a record, drawing together no less than 1,384 birds in the various sections, comprisod of 321 Scotch and Belgian Fancy, 381 Norwich, Plainheads, Crests and Crest-breds, 95 Mules and Hybrids, 353 British birds, and 234 Border Fancy Canaries, a collection which contained the cream of the Fancy in all varieties. Scotch Fancy and Belgians, as befitting the City show, occupied leading position in the schedule, but, unfortunately, they did not exactly maintain their proud position, as there was a slight decrease in the number of entries. One reason was that fanciers have had a more than usual trying breeding season, having lost many young. A great many were still raw, and hardly fit for exhibiting. Taking them all round, the exhibits were of a very high class order, having plenty of substance, and being fine, free-nethered birds. The honours, too, were well distributed. The handsome silver cup for best young bird in Piebald Green cock classes was secured by a gem in the shape of a Bull Piebald, the property of Mr. Morrison, of Glasgow. This is a bird of immense substance, rare size and a beauty for action, put down in irresistible fashion. The spl for best young cock in the hall was Mr. McClure, Buff Foul, a facsimile of its companion, which was 1st. This bird has a great length of side, splendid reach and finely moulded, grand quality and substance throughout; all over, in fact, a gem that will take some stopping. The hen champion turned up in another noted cradle for good ones, a representative of Mr. McLennan's, of Edinburgh, substance, shoulder, quality, reach and drive all combined, in as taking a specimen of an ideal Scotch Fancy, it has ever been our pleasure to see. These were the three outstanding birds in the show, and were greatly admired, their various points, good and bad, fully discussed, but the majority of the large gathering of "Oracles" were of the unanimous opinion that the judges had decided on the "recht yins."

Position, Shape, and Feather.

The Scotch Fancy section was judged by the following well-known breeders: Messrs. Higgins, Hamilton; Nisbet, Galston; Smith, Howwood; Park, Govan; Thomson, Glasgow; and Fulton, Partick. Belgians were a good show, the various classes being strongly contested. Capt. Philp, of Edinburgh, as usual, had a choice collection forward, and he cleverly accounted for U.F.B.C.A. gold medal and also a bronze medal, with his youngster. The former was his 4th prize Yellow hen, a very showy one, gets well on leg, fine droop, and good substance. His bronze medallist was the 4th Buff cock. For a youngster it possesses good bone, and nice thickness, is very showy, and was nicely shown. Competition throughout these classes was of a high order. Many close tussles were the rule. This section was under the adjudication of Mr. J. Kean, of Edinburgh, whose awards were well received.

Norwich Plainheads were a strong collection, grand classes, and rare quality, many good ones having to be content with a 3rd or 4th. The team sent by Mr. Young was a strong one, and also a picked one. His Buff cock secured the McLean Challenge Cup, medal and spl. This bird is a bouncer for size, and grandly moulted, beautifully built, no heaviness, but that grand substance you want in a Norwich, and feather; well, it was just like wax, so neat and tight-fitting was his coat, he seems to have a good valet. This gentleman's Buff hen also accounted for the spl for best Nor. hen, another of the same mould as cock. Non-feds were large classes. The type and quality in them was all that could be desired. The best bird here was a Var. cock, the property of Mr. Allan Roberts, a well-known and respected breeder. This Var. was a beauty for shape, had grand front and style and lovely wing carriage. It was exceedingly well put down. The Novice classes contained some beauties, the spl winner was a very good one, a Buff cock, contained a grand amount of substance, was of splendid shape, and grand quality of feather and rare shade of colour. It was well put down, a credit to his owner, Mr. Henderson. The hen class was a strong one, and the winner proved to be that fine exhibit of Mr. Curwen, which for shape and quality will be hard to surpass.

Crests and Crest-breds were well represented, some toppers being seen. The winners in the Crest section were birds with great top-pieces, splendidly groomed, long, leafy feather, and plenty of it, nicely-balanced, and bodies of great substance. The spl. winner was a hot one, shown by Mr. Noble, whose team throughout was greatly admired. Crest-breds contained some of the stars of the browy variety, the winning cock being a champion of the first water, great lash and enormous entrance. A trusty warrior, but showing signs of age now, being very hard up on his legs. This section was judged by the renowned Mr. John Donald, of Aberdeen, who gave every satisfaction, not a murmur being heard throughout.

Splendid Hybrids and British.

Mules and Hybrids followed, and were as fine a collection as will be gathered together this season. All the winners were outstanding specimens. The winning Clear Mule was a bouncer, and good colour throughout. Scarcely up in face yet, but in grand bloom. It was shown by the well-known firm of Messrs. Jackson and Bond, these gentlemen also won in the Hybrid class with a clinking Greenie-Bullie, a hot one for colour and size. They also accounted for the hen class, with a slashing Clear Buff, which wins on its rarity, being in rather poor feather. Mr. Cunningham had also a good team forward, and secured the covetcd red riband with his dark yellow Goldie Mule, a bird of plenty size and good colour, well up in face, and teeming with quality, a Yorkshire type Mule, and also the British Hybrid class with a Goldie-Greenie, showing the crown very distinctly, grand blaze of great size. Mr. Leigh, of Warrington was also forward with a few of his choice specimens, and accounted for the Var. class, with his new purchase, the splendid Siskin-Mule, commented on at St. Andrews. He also secured leading honours in the Greenfinch-Mule class, with a clinking Yellow, rare size and colour. These classes were the most interesting in the show, specimens of every conceivable cross being on exhibition.

British, as was only to be expected in this locality, were extra strong, some gems being on view in all the classes. The only class, however, where 1st and 2nd were awarded to the same exhibitor was the Bullfinch class, when the pair sent by Mr. Cullen, of Crieff, proved to be inseparable. The leader was the Broughty Ferry winner, and still led in his deep crimson breast colour, although the 2nd was even a shade better in body formation. Mr McQuiston, of Ayr, had forward a good team, and accounted for a goodly number of 1sts, his most noted win being the two Greenfinch classes. He staged a pair of gems, grand faces and well up in bloom, and led in each class comfortably. He also won with a good Twite, and his well-known Corn Bunting. Mr. Craig, who knows how to stage a Bramble, accounted for this class, with one of his picked gems. Mr. Brown, of the now-dissolved Brown and Arrighi partnership, was also to the fore as of old, and secured leading honours with his grandly-shaped natural coloured Greenie. "It is grand to see this sort winning," was a general remark. You can make them out, some times they are a puzzle between a Greenfinch and a Red Indian. Chaffinches were headed by a sweet one shown by Mr. Reid, plenty of colour and sheen, while Yellowhammers had as a leader a clinker, from the stable of Mr. Malcolmson. Lesser Redpoll, always a strong class, was secured by the veteran, Mr. Martin, with a Poll of his usual standard, faultless. Bullie hens were well represented, and leading honours were secured by Mr. Porteous's gem. Siskins were a large class, but were somewhat easily headed by a clinker for size and markings, staged by Mr. Arrighi, lastly, but not least, by any means, was the Linnet class, which brought together a collection of 46, and was cleverly captured by Mr. Cassidy, of Dundee, with his gem, that was commented on last week. To-day it was shown to perfection, and led comfortably. This bird was secured at catalogue price £4 4s., by Mr. L. Arrighi, who also claimed the 2nd Siskin-Mule. Softbills were a charming collection, all varieties, from a Chough to a Crested Wren. The smalls were headed by Mr. McQuiston's Wryneck, which was beautifully staged, while the larger class, which contained no fewer than 25, was accounted for by an old warrior in the shape of a Fieldfare, the property of Mr. McWilliams, of Carlisle. This is the best specimen of this bird to be seen on the show bench, and he still upholds his reputation. Foreigners were not altogether a large collection, but some good ones were on view, especially the winning King Parrot shown by Mr. Moreland, of Falkirk. He is a gem, of great density of colour, well-marked, and well put down. The small class was headed by a nice Paradise Whydah, which might easily have been better staged, and must have been closely pressed by a pair of the best Red Head Gouldians travelling, shown in faultless style by Mr. Mason. These classes were judged by Messrs. Langlands, Montrose, and Taylor, of Greenock, and their awards were well received.

A Fine Section.

Borders closed the programme, and in strong numbers. They were carefully handled by two well-known and highly-respected breeders, Mr. McCredie, of Dumfries, and Mr. Hamilton, of Hamilton, the former taking the odd numbers, and the latter the evens. Many well-known studs were represented, and the pick for the B.F.C. medal to-day was decided on for the Clear Buff cock, shown by Mr. Thomson, of Newtongrange, a gem for condition, grand stamp all over, lovely shade of colour, beautifully feathered, rare shape, and as steady as a rock. The runner-up proved to be another gem, in the shape of a Clear Buff hen, which won in her class somewhat comfortably. This bird was feathered to perfection; lovely size, grand style, and shows for all she is worth—a gem of the breeder's art (first time out, I believe). This bird was the property of that go-a-head fancier, Mr. A. Gilchrist, of Coldstream. The novice medal was awarded to the winning Even Buff—a triumph of condition, rare feather, grand style, very good markings, the only fault a shade strong. It was claimed at catalogue price, £2 2s. 6d., by Mr. Martin, of Hamilton. The Yellow cocks was headed by a swell for style, and in good trim, shown by Mr. Heslop. The Yellow hens class was won by another beauty shown by Mr. Massie, who is usually strong in this variety. Uneven Yellows were good, and the winner was a nice one shown to perfection by Messrs. Johnston and Young. Uneven Buffs were strong, and Mr. Thomson again scored a success. Foul Yellows were good, and here the winner was found in that beauty shown by Mr. Dempster. Foul Buffs were a shade down in numbers, but the gem of the show for type was found heading this class in a hen which, for body, position and style, will take some beating. Failed in cleanness to winners of specials, shown by Mr. Smillie, of Kilmarnock. Greens were grand, the Yellow class being accounted for by Mr. Patterson, with a rare feathered Green, lovely pencilling, and good order, staged to perfection, while the Buff class was secured by Mr. Findley's well-known specimen, shown in rare bloom. This closed an exhibition which, for numbers and quality gave satisfaction to one and all. The working of a show of this magnitude takes some forethought, but the society are happy in the possession of two gentlemen who know their business to the least detail. The harmonious way in which Mr. McDonald, of the Scotch Fancy and Belgian section, and Mr. A. Muir, of the Var. section, worked, meant only one finish, and that was excellence.

Busy Officials.

What with conducting sales, answering questions, and other details, their life was kept up, but the pleasant manner of each gentleman wins for them each year the gratitude of many an outside exhibitor and visitor. The genial president, Mr. John Young, of Crest fame, was, as usual, supervising the show and giving his fatherly advice to many. He takes a great interest in the society. The committee was composed of the following gentlemen, all willing workers, who did their best to bring the city show to the great success it was:—Messrs. J. Knox, Wm. M'Clure, John Muir, Alex. M'Millan, J. J. M'Ilwain, J. Kerr, J. M'Quillan, J. Ward, Cliff Bell, E. G. Wright, J. M'Laren, Wm. Morton, C. Hunter, A. Malcolmson, Wm. Fraser, H. Henderson, Peter Thaw, G. Smart, J. Lappin, and J. Munro. The show was held in the Stirling Road Drill Hall, which is well suited for a cage bird show. It was well patronised by fanciers both from England and Scotland, and sales seemed to be plentiful among them. The public were also out in force, and the show, it is hoped, will be financially a record. As usual in Glasgow, visitors who stay the Friday night are invited to the little social meeting which takes place. Mine host of the evening was Mr. Slater, a newly-made member of the City Association, and right well did he uphold his geniality. After placing on the table a bottle of Auld Kirk, the toasts of the evening were loyally given. Songs were ably rendered by Messrs. Muir, McDonald, Todd (ex-president), Baird, Young (president), Renfrew, Adams, and by the father of the society, the venerable Mr. Sam Graham. This gentleman is now 75 years of age, and, as he says, still as game as a young one. If his voice is a guide towards health, we may hope to see him on many more occasions. The time being limited, many friendly discussions were cut short, and as the hour "When a'w must gaun" drew nigh the prosperity of the President, the City Show, and the host were drunk, thus concluding a very happy evening.

SCOTS. FANCY. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Muir, decided drive, splendid shoulders and body, beautiful front, quick, fine action; 2, spl, McClure, another beauty, erect, fine reach and droop, grand shoulder and body; 3 spl, Allan, erect rare back, fine reach and droop, grand body; 4, Neilston, win all over stamp, good quality 5, Smith, fine size, promising; 6, Russell, fine, typical exhibit; 7, Findlay; 8, spl, Thornton. HEN (13): 1, spl, McClure, rare quality, erect, well-set on legs, splendid reach and droop, fine, round, prominent shoulders, long, solid body, grand wing and tail, full of action; 2, spl, McMillan, good size and style, erect decided drive, fine, prominent back; 3, Allardice, neat, typical hen, tight in feather, nice style; 4, Pringle, fine style, erect, good drive; 5, McAdam, well-rolled over; 6, Muir, nice type; 7, Morrison; 8, Gray. YELL. PIED COCK (15): 1, McLachlan, erect, decided drive and droop, good shoulders, body and wing; 2, Gray, claimed, erect, decided drive, good style throughout; 3, Morrison, good shoulder, body and wing; 4, Mitchell, erect, grand body and action; 5, McDougall, nice type; 6, Price, finely circled; 7, McLaren; 8, McCormick. HEN (20): 1, 2, McLennan, 1st erect, fine reach and droop, prominent shoulder, nice front, good body, wing and tail, 2nd very taking type, erect, well circled; 3, Carlaw, nice, closely-fitting feathered bird, determined worker; 4, Carmyllie, good throughout, exhibit nicely proportioned; 5, Smith, fine quality, wins here; 6 (not in catalogue), nice stamp; 7, Ward; 8, Hogg. YELL. FOUL COCK (8): 1, spl, Findlay, erect, decided reach and drive, rare shoulders, grand body and wing; 2, McAdam, real model, tight feathered, proportionate; 3, Morrison, better size, but not quite so typical; 4, spl, McLennan, erect, nice size, good body and wing; 5, spl, Muirhead, nice stamp; 6, spl, Hogg. HEN (10): 1, Baird, grand size, full of substance, erect, splendid reach and droop, prominent shoulders, fine body, wing and tail; 2, Smith, good all round, rare substance, grand drive; 3, spl, Ward, erect, decided good shoulder, body and wing; 4, spl, Carlaw, really nice type; 5, spl, McAdam, typical and ready; 6, spl, Smith; 7, Martin; 8, Mellwain. YELL. GREEN COCK (9): 1, McLennan, massive framed, grand back and body, rare stock bird; 2, Pringle, smart, neat and typical, wins here; 3, Strathcarn, fine size and substance, good body and wing; 4, 6, Maxwell, 4th another good exhibit, worthy of place; 5, Ward; 7, Black. HEN (8): 1, Hannay, full of merit, very typical, promising, erect, decided in every movement; 2, Anderson, decided reach and drive, good body, wing and tail; 3, Thornton, particularly taking exhibit, grand size and circle; 4, Fulton, smart and tidy, good stamp; 5, Christie, really good bird; 6, Kirk, good style; 7, Thorns; 8, McMenary. BUFF COCK (20): 1, 5, Findlay, 1st Elder's famous champion, well known, and in grand condition, rare back and depth through chest, 5 very good stamp; 2, 3, spl, McClure, superior pair, erect, grand back, fine front, good body, wing and tail; 4, McCallum, erect, fine, square back, good body and wing; 6, spl, McLennan, smart and ready; 7, Morrison; 8, spl, Price. HEN (17): 1, McLennan, erect, smart drive, nice droop, good back, body and wing; 2, McAdam, well-known, erect, decided drive, good back and wing; 3, spl, Ward, really smart, exhibit, fine style; 4, spl, Muir, erect, fine body and wing; 5, spl, Martin, good quality and size; 6, spl, McManny; 7, spl, Hope; 8, Bourd. BUFF PIED COCK (20): 1, cup, spl, Morrison, greatly improved, massive frame, fine round back, nice reach and drive, rare body, wing, and tail; 2, McLennan, erect, fine drive and droop, good back and body; 3, 5, Muir, very fine pair, wing and tail erect in position; 4, spl, Hope, grand type throughout; 6, Strathcarn; 7, spl, McFarlane; 8, Duncan. HEN (19): 1, 2 spls, 2 spl 1st, McLennan, large, very erect determined drive, rare long body, wing and tail, 2 grand style, was in beautiful feather, altogether a good type; 3, Allan, rare substance, very erect and decided in reach and droop; 4, Gray, good stamp; 5, Price, worthy of place; 6, Muirhead; 7, Mitchell; 8, Livingstone. BUFF FOUL COCK (9): 1, spl, 2, 2 spls, McClure, 1st, well-known winner, and worthy of all honour, 2, National Derby winner looking better than ever, best young bird in hall, surprising droop; 3, Price, lovely exhibit, full of merit and quality; 4, Reid, Paisley winner, good quality; 5, spl., Park, nice type; 6, Baird; 7, Duncan; 8, Bell. HEN (10): 1, McClure, well-known, rare size and style, full of quality; 2, Pringle, smart, and good all over, worthy opposition; 3, McDonald, grand stamp, good body, wing and tail; 4, Bell, neat, tidy, well-proportionate; 5, Findlay, fine body and size; 6, Ross; 7, McCaig. BUFF GREEN COCK (13): 1, Niven, easy win, fine quality and style; 2, Kennedy, well-known winner, often described; 3, McFarlane, fine size and style; 4, Morrison, grand substance, bit rough in feather; 5, Smith, smooth as a bottle; 6, McMillan, fine type; 7, McCaig; 8, Dunlop. HEN (8): 1, Strathcarn, well known, fine quality; 2, Drew, also well known; 3, Muir, good all over; 4, Pollock, good stamp; 5, Renwick, a really nice bird; 6, Anderson; 7, Reid; 8, Knox. PAIRS: 1, Hogg, champion pair, and easily first, full of quality both sides; 2, spl., Gray, well matched pair, smooth in feather, full of merit; 3, spl., Thornton, grand typical pair, rare quality; 4, Brown, well matched; 5, 7, Thomson; 6, MacDonald. SELLING COCK: 1, Hanny, a really good-all-over bird, keenly competed for; 2, spl., McDowall, grand size and frame; 3, spl., McDonald, really fine type; 4, 6, Smith; 5, MacDougall, a champion for class, rare size and style; 2, Smith, good type; 3, Russell, nice type; 4, McIlwain; 5, Buchanan; 6, Hannay; 7, Forsyth; 8, Black. BELGIANS.—YELL. COCK (16): 1, Fairley, cross type crest, decided drive, fair body, quick; 2, Philp, Belgian type, good style; 3, McIlwain, fair style; 4, 5, Maxwell; 6, Dewar; 7, Hogg; 8, Philp. HEN (9): 1, McClure, plenty of size and substance, wins easily; 2, Dewar, neat and typical; 3, Thornton, neat and worthy of place; 4, spl., 5, 8, Philp; 6, Robertson; 7, McMillan. BUFF COCK (11): 1, spl., Robertson, the Belgian of the show, grand type and size; 2, Philp, nice type; 3, 8, Dewar; 4, Philp; 5, spl., Fairley; 6, Smith; 7, Smith. HEN (6): 1, Robertson, nice typical Belgian, good style; 2, Jardine, typical and good quality; 3, 4, Philp; 5, Fairley; 6, Dewar. ANY VARIETY, 1907: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Philp; 6, 7, 8, Walmsley.

The Plainhead Classes.

The Norwich Plainheads were the grandest collection ever seen in Scotland, over 300 birds facing the judge, Mr. Alexander McFarlane, who went about his work in a cool and workmanlike manner, and carried uniformity of type in his eye from start to finish. His work was not light, still everyone seemed pleased with the awards. The winner of the McLean challenge cup and Scottish Plainhead Club medal is a stormer of a clear buff cock, rare good size and quality, wing carriage perfection, beautifully mealed, and rare bold carriage, owner must be congratulated on possessing such a bird. CL. OR TKD. YELL. COCK (28): 1, Chalmers, large typical bird of rare good quality and colour, a good leader; 2, Davidson, very fine quality bird, similar stamp, fails to winner a little in breast only, close up; 3, Wilcock, grand shape and size, very rich colour, teeming with quality, scarcely so close in feather as winner; 4, Hector, nice shape and size, good carriage, but scarcely so stout as winner; 5, Chalmers; 6, Steele, very fine quality and size; 7, Davidson; 8, Martin. BUFF (22): 1, Young, winner of McLean Challenge Cup, and Scottish Plainhead Club medal, one of the best for shape, quality, and colour, simply superb, a popular win; 2, W. Watson, a beauty for shape and quality, nice round head and chest, neat wings and tail; 3, Chalmers, all there for type, but fails to winners in fineness of feather, rare good colour for a buff; 4, Cameron, best of shape and quality, fails in head, not a large one, but a model; 5, Martin, good stamp, but inclined to be feathery; 6, A. Watson, rare good stamp; 7, Martin; 8, Cleminson; very strong class. VAR. OR GREEN YELL. (16): 1, A. Watson, heavily variegated, thick-set bird, rare noble appearance, neat tail and wings, scarcely finished; 2, Young, fails to winner a little in size and rather finely got up, but full of quality; 3, Muir, very little to choose between second, and must have been difficult to separate; 4, Chalmers, good for size and colour, but a shade too thin and long, still worthy of its place; 5, Riley, nicely marked bird, full of quality and very fair shape; 6, Young, nice exhibit; 7, Cameron; 8, Steele. BUFF (28): 1, Davidson, a topper, rare good head and chest, best of wings and tail, best of quality and well placed; 2, Strachan, another good one, a true Norwich and presses winner; 3, Cameron, a gem for quality and shape, but loses a little in size to winners; 4, Muir, larger, good shape, but beaten in fineness of feather; 5, Marr, a bold-looking bird, rare carriage, nice short tail; 6, Calderwood, almost as good as anything in class, but wild; 7, Howie; 8, Thaw; another strong class. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, A. Watson, perfect model, with a little more size would be unbeatable, a clinker and no mistake; 2, Malcolmson, unflighted, a gem, beaten in colour only, these two are teeming with quality; 3, Hutchison, larger than winners, but lacking the bold appearance, still well placed; 4, Winters, rare good typical hen, capable of winning in almost any show; 5, Winters, presses hard, good shape and quality of feather; 6, Cleminson, fine big hen of correct stamp; 7, Martin; 8, Chalmers. BUFF (33): 1, Young, clinker for shape and size, rare round chest, good wing carriage, quality good, well placed; 2, 4, McLay, another topper and no mistake, must have been hard to separate these two; 3, Young, still another real good one, just a shade coarser in feather than winners; 4, very shapely hen, teeming with quality, fails only in size; 5, Thomson, shape, size, and quality good, but fails in stoutness; 6, Henderson; 7, Miller; 8, Young; best class of buff hens ever seen in Glasgow. VAR. ETC., YELL. HEN (15): 1, Milne, a bouncer, best shape, stout cobby bird, neat wings and tail, and lovely condition; 2, Braidwood, heavily marked, same stamp as winner, good size, beaten in quality; 3, A. Watson, very fine feathered hen, in lovely condition, beaten in size; 4, Davidson, good stamp and size, not so chubby as winners; 5, Muir, nice size and condition, but a shade long; 6, Cameron; 7, Strachan; 8, Will. BUFF (15): 1, Howie, big bouncing hen, rare good head, nice round chest and back, wins well here; 2, Steele, a topper for size and shape, bold hen, rich quality, well placed; 3, Cameron, very shapely bird, teeming with quality, scarcely so thick as winners, a good one; 4, Marr, another bouncer, good size, beaten in quality; 5, Chalmers, very typical and little to choose between 4th; 6, Cleminson, grand quality bird; 7, Fraser; 8, Roberts. NONFED CLEAR OR TKD. COCK (22): 1, Chalmers, not a large one, but lovely shape and condition; 2, Howie, shade larger, same stamp, but fails a little to winner in quality, still little to choose between; 3, Marr, another shapely bird, nice round chest, best of wings and neat short tail; 4, Roberts, very neat cobby bird, with a little more size would be a stormer; 5, Renfrew, a true Norwich, rare good shape, well shown; 6, Wm. Watson, very shapely, and shown in perfect condition; 7, Herbert; 8, Edwards. HEN: 1, Duffus, a model for shape and quality, neat short wings and tail, perfect condition; 2, Roberts, another of the same stamp, but scarcely so tight in feather, presses hard; 3, Mayberry, larger than winners, good shape, but beaten in quality; 4, Renfrew, nice round-chested bird, neat tail, and shown very fit; 5, McLay, good stamp and quality; 6, Roberts; 7, Winters; 8, Grey. NONFED VAR. COCK: 1, Roberts, one of the most typical birds in the show, teeming with quality, set on nice short legs, a gem; 2, Wm. Watson, another topper, but scarcely so chubby as winner; 3, Byars, rare good stamp and size, nice carriage and condition; 4, Davidson, nice bold bird, of good substance, well shown; 5, Flood, shown in perfect condition, thinner got up than winners; 6, Steele; 7, Winters; 8, Roulston. DITTO HEN: 1, Shearer, heavily variegated yellow, a bouncer and no mistake, well worth its place; 2, Muir, short, thick buff, very shapely, with nice short legs and tail; 3, Shearer, almost evenly marked yellow, rare chest, and in fine condition; 4, Sinclair, very typical buff and good size, requires to get steadier; 5, Duffus, almost green, thick-set, good shape, but on the small side, well shown; 6, Herbert, wing marked, very typical, and of good quality; 7, Davidson; 8, Marr. NOVICE, COCKS, A.C. (23): 1, Henderson, very shapely, good size, rare round chest, and shown in lovely condition; 2, McNeill, another of the same stamp, real Bullfinch shape, and presses winner hard, grand bird; 3, Thaw, large bouncing bird, true Norwich type, in lovely condition; 4, Murray, very shapely bird, neat head, and good quality; 5, Brown, very shapely, good size and quality; 6, Fernie; 7, Smart; 8, Johnstone. HEN, DITTO (28): 1, Murray, grand clear, perfect condition, real Norwich type; 2, Mitchell, another of the same stamp and nothing to choose between; 3, Gove, nice upstanding bird, grand round chest and nicely carried wings; 4, Edwards, big bold bird, very typical, shown in fine condition; 5, P. Hutchison, good shape and size, nice feather; 6, W. Hutchison; 7, Powell; 8, McFarlane. SELL. COCK, 15/- (25): 1, Sharp; 2, Hector; 3, Cunningham; 4, Wilcock; 5, Murray; 6, Roulston; 7, Brown; 8, Winters. HEN, 15/- (23): 1, Paterson; 2, Sharp; 3, Hector; 4, Milne; 5, Berry; 6, Paterson; 7, Thomson; 8, Kidd.

Crests and Mules.

CRESTED NOR. COCK (13): 1, 2 spl, Noble, a Green grand, sub. of body beautifully feathered, well rounded Crest of fine length, nicely parted from centre and faultless in position, well put down; 2, spl, Young, grand length of feather, comes well down in front and nicely drooped on side, a shade thinner in centre; 3, Cairns, a monster, plenty sub. and good feathering, grand top piece, but stobbed jet on centre, with time might change positions; 4, Reid, good one, nice shape, rough compared to winners; 5, 2 spl, Gardiner, grand fronted bird, good quality; vhc, McPhail, shade thin in top gear, but nice quality throughout; hc, Swan, same; c, spl, Esson, nice size. HEN (13): 1, Adamson, nice, grand top piece, fine length of feather, well down all round, and in tip-top form; 2, Noble, rare frontal, and splendid leafy feather, shade inclined to rise at back, good substance; 3, spl, Young, fine size and quality, nicely groomed, inclined to be thin at sides; 4, Montgomery, shorter in feather, little but fine quality, again a shade thin at side; 5, McLay, fine length of feather also, more sparse in head gear; vhc, Cairns; hc, Campbell; c, Park; all good exhibits, but rather rough on head. CREST BRED COCK (19): 1, spl, Cairns, a Green, an old face, in grand form, enormous lashing, great entrance and plenty substance, a real gem; 2, McLay, another clinker, a clear grandly lashed bird, if anything a shade narrower at entrance, must have pressed, in rare bloom; 3, spl, Young, grand quality, plenty substance and fine head piece, slightly short in side feather; 4, Esson, good substance, beaten in

frontal; 5, McLay, plenty size and sub., fair in entrance; vhc, Adamson; hc, Boyd; c, McPhail; all good specimens, which can hold their own in a usual show, outclassed here. HEN (18): 1, Noble, a good var., line size and quality, grand entrance and plenty lashing, shown to perfection; 2, Dick, splendid lashed bird, line length of feather, grand substance throughout; 3, Young, very nice lashed, line quality feather, must have pressed closely; 4, Lang, nice taking blnd, line Cushion headed; 4, spl, Esson, clear, monster tor size, grand front; vhc, Montgomery; hc, McPhail; c, Gardner; all fail in head to winners. SELL. (20): 1, Wilson, cheap Crest; 2, spl, Adamson, good Crest bred; 3, spl, Johnstone, Crest; 4, spl, Joel, Crest-bred; 5, spl, Watson, Crest; vhc, Moreland, Crest-bred; hc, Wylie, Crest; c, Veitch, Crest bred.

The Border Section.

BORDERS, CLEAR YELL. COCK (25): 1, Hislop, topper for type, fine full-fronted bird, grand head and rare position, well cut and nicely-rounded, rare style; 2, spl., Findlay, better in colour, and very nice wing carriage, neat-bodied bird; 3, Minnock, a sweet all-round bird, nicely got up, and shown to perfection; 4, Wilson Bros., shade stronger, but grand body for a Yellow, as round as a marble, a good one; 5, Smillie, grand shape and lovely position, very harsh-looking in feather, appeared to be spoilt in wash, a good one; vhc, Gilchrist, gem for condition, but inclined to be little high on legs; hc, Clark; c, Marchbank. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Mossie, gem, fine style, grand position, well moulded in fine order, rare wing carriage, and staged to perfection; 2, Brownlie (singing when taking notes), grandly rounded in frout, rare head, well cut, and a beauty for feather; 3, McGhee, rather slim in build, but plenty style, and in good order; 4, Bruce, nice-feathered bird, rare tail and wiugs, but inclined to draw; 5, Wilson Bros., very nice body, grandly filled up and well cut; vhc, Heard, good stamp; hc, Walker; c, spl., Ferguson, both nice quality. CL. BUFF COCK (25): 1, B.F.C. medal, Thomson, a clinker and no mistake, grand tone of colour and rare feather, the correct size, splendidly drawn, fine head, and nicely-rounded shoulders; 2, McAdam, scareely so showy as winner, but well moulded, nice tone of colour, grand wing carriage; 3, Robertsou, slightly stronger in build, but good body, well drawn; 4, McDowall, taking one, grand size; 5, Henderson, nice quality, grandly cut, and well rounded; vhc, Haddon; hc, Eastman; c, Marchbank. CL. BUFF HEN (20): 1, runner-up to medal, Gilchrist, very nice hen, feather like hox-wood, grand style, lovely wing carriage, and rare pipe tail; 2, Walker, good body, lovely-beaded one, well drawn, and fine carriage; 3, spl., Clark, longer in shape, and inclined to be a little plainer looking, but in A1 order; 4, Findlay, similar make to winner, grand style, splendid wing carriage, worth her place; 5, spl., Allan, good quality, off feather; vhc, Montgomery, good all round; hc, spl., Robertson, nice quality; c, Heard, grand type; No. 1, Brockie, grand hen, very soft when judged, but looking well on the Saturday. EVEN MARKS (12): 1, novice medal, Barrie, the St. Andrew's winner, looking better than ever, leads to-day easily in markings and a topper for feather, grandly put down, claimed £2 2s. 6d.; 2, Thomson, cinn.-marked, good shape, hut weak on eyes, nicely balanced throughout; 3, Findlay, Buff, grand type and nicely-balanced markings, in fine order; 4, Haddow, Yellow, rare shape, and fine feather; 5, Haddow, Buff, rather light on eye markings, hut fine type and feather; vhc, Porteous, Buff Cinn. mark; hc, McAdam, Buff, rather strongiy built, nice markings; c, Watson, Buff, good quality, off feather. UNEVEN YELL. (25): 1, Johnstone and Young, a gem when handled, grand style, lovely hodied bird, round and finely tapered, grand wing carriage and very neat in head, good markings, and staged to perfection, well shown; 2, Haddow, nice type, good positioned hird, grand taper; 3, Dempster, shade longer, but grand style, well drawn bird; 4, McAdam, stronger on front and good wing carriage, well rounded; 5, Turnhull, good style, very showy, rare traveller, inclined to be slim; vhc, Gilchrist, very nice one, grand hloom, well drawn, worthy of its place; hc, Walker, another topper, rare stamp and feather; c, Lawson, nice quality; well-contested clas. UNEVEN BUFFS (28): 1, Thomson, nice one all over, fine feather and colour, grand wing carriage and nicely tapered, staged to perfection; 2, Lawson, good hodied bird, lovely front and nicely drawn, rare head and carriage; 3, spl., Gilchrist, fails in carriage to winners, nice front and head, but inclined to cross, in grand feather; 4, Findlay, topper for shape, shade dull in colour yet, and inclined to open tail when worked; 5, spl., Walker, good quality of feather, and very free, full of go; vhc, Walker, good all round; hc, Turnbull, good feather; c, Johnston and Young, grand shape and style. FOUL YELL. (15): 1, Dempster, nice shaped one, very nicely tapered, a shade strong on shoulders, hut splendid carriage, well cleaned out and stylish; 2, Smillie, close up, lovely positioned hird; 3, Minnock, good shapely bird of nicc quality; 4, Lappin, fine rounded body, nice carriage, inclined to be short behind; 5, Hislop, again a beauty for shape, rather low set on legs; vhc, Johnstone and Young, grand quality; hc, spl., Watson, lovely feather; c, Duncan. FOUL BUFFS (13): 1, spl., Smillie, gem for shape, lovely moulded bird, grand front, and rare wing carriage, splendid shower, shade inclined to he dirty, clear win on type; 2, Gilchrist, in grand order, stronger got up, lovely wing carriage, and good finish, well put down; 3, Hislop, head mark, in grand feather; 4, Duncan, shade slimmer got up; 5, Lawson, grand shape and feather, rather low on perch; vhc, Walker, nice stylish hird, wing tick; hc, Reid, stronger made up; c, Watson. GREEN OR CINN. YELL (18): 1, spl., Patterson, grand Yell.-Green, teeming with quality, fine tone of colour throughout, rare style and carriage, well staged; 2, Jackson, cinn., very nicely pencilled and good ground colour, fine shape, and good showy bird; 3, spl., Thomson, Green, smaller than winner, but a lovely grassy shade, fine size, and rare quality, off feather; 4, Watt, Cinn.; 5, spl., Thomson, Green; vhc, Laurie, Cinn.; hc, Hood, Green; c, Dempster, Green. BUFF GREEN OR CINN. (14): 1, Findlay, best of type, rare shape and grand quality of feather, well laced, and very deep in ground colour, wins; 2, Walker, a nice one, scarcely so good in colour, hut well laced and grand shape; 3, Laurie, Cinn., fine stylish bird, well up in lacing, and good ground colour; 5, Thomson, Green, nice shape; 4, Watt, Green, well drawn and very showy; vhc, Hardy and Brownlie; hc, Jackson, Cinn.; c, Hutcheson. SELL. CLASS (21): 1, McKean, 10s.; 2, Hood; 3, Brown; 4, Dempster.

Hybrids and British.

LIGHT CANARY-MULE (20): 1, Jackson and Bond, clear Buff Goldie, monster for size, grand all over, lovely shade of colour and teeming with quality, nice wing-bars, but scarcely up in face yet, wins comfortably; 2, McFarlane, a 4-point Yell., grand size and lovely colour, nice face, well staged, good second; 3, Buchanan, Var. Linnet Mule in tip-top condition, rare tone of colour and well marked, head, wings and tail, well staged. 4. Leigh, good large Yell., rough in feather compared to winners, good exhibit when staged; 5, spl, Cunninghum, light 4-point Buff, nicely put down, in grand bloom; vhc, McFarlane, nice Buff; hc, Arrighi, clinking Buff for size; c, Crosbie, good lightly var. DARK GOLDFINCH or LINNET MULE (17): 1, Cunninghum, a large Yell. Goldie, plenty colour, rare face and grand quality of feather, shade inclined to be light underneath wings, 2, Malcolmson, another Jocque, scarcely so large, teeming with quality and colour; 3, spl, Dick, Linnet Mule, good one, line size and markings, grand colour, put down in rare trim, worth its place; 4, Hamilton, another Linnet, grand size, but lacks the bloom of winner, still a good one; 5, McWatt, Goldfinch, nice size and well up in colour; vhc, Arrighi, Linnet, fails in size to winners; hc, Doolan, Goldfinch, full of colour and quality; c, Christie, a Buff Goldie. DARK GREENFINCH (8): 1, Leigh, topper, winning easily, grand size, beauty for colour, lovely shade throughout, put down in rare order; 2, Jackson and Bond, Cinn., nice size, good quality of feather; 3, Menzies, Yell., plenty colour, and well marked, fails in size to winner; 4, Johnstone, Buff, good size and quality throughout; 5, Laidlaw, large Buff, but rather harsh and rough looking in feather; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Duncan. CAN. MULE VAR. EXCEPT CAN. BULLIE (16): 1, Leigh, Siskin, wins in size only, very nicely marked, and put down in fine trim, hotly pursued by 2, Richardson, grand coloured Siskin, in tip-top form, rare markings and cap, and staged to perfection, quickly found a purchaser; 3, Nicholas, Siskin with light flights, good colour and size, and exceedingly well marked; 4, McInroy, another Siskin, fails in size and colour to winners; 5, McCaw, Siskin again; vhc, Arrighi, Var. Twite Mule, nice size and good colour; hc, Bishop; c, Cunningham. HYBRID BULL-CROSS, INCLUDING CAN. BULLIE (12): 1, Jackson and Bond, Greenie Bullie, lovely size, great depth of colour, grand cap and wings, rare style, and teeming with quality; 2, Arrighi, a Linnet Bullie, fine rose colour breast coming well down, grand size and quality of feather, staged to perfection; 3, Arrighi, Goldie Bullie, fine size, good colour, very showy one; 4, Ovenstone, Canary-Bullie, very nice one, good colour, well staged, worth its place; 5, Mather, Goldie-Bullie, another well worthy of its place; vhc, Ross, well-known face, Can. Bullie, still as fresh as ever; hc, Greenie Bullie; c, Johnstone. VAR. HYBRID BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Cunningham, Gold-Greenie, good one, grand size and colour, showing the cross well, an enormous blaze, rare wing bars, very taking exhibit; 2, Jackson and Bond Siskin-Greenie, nice coloured, showy bird, well staged; 3, McIvor, Redpoll-Greenie, beauty, lovely tone of colour, well marked bird, worth it place; 4, Ovenstone, Gold-Greenie, nice size and quality, lacks the colour and face of winner; 5, spl, Douglas, Redpoll-Gold, in fine form; vhc, Alston, Goldie-Greenie; hc, Prattle; c, Kerr, Gold-Greenie. BEN MULE (12): 1, Jackson and Bond, large clear Buff Goldfinch, clinker for size; 2, McFarlane, 4-pointed Goldie, in grand form; 3, Sharp, Greenie Bullie, nice fine size and colour, looked a shade off; 4, Munro, Yell. Var. Green, good colour and order; 5, Leigh, Var. Canary Bullie, plenty size; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Crosbie; c, Douglas; all Var. Goldie Mules in fine order. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 3, McQuiston, clear win, grand size, steady as a rock, rare blaze, plenty of it, fine square face, good cheeks and tan, and well marked on back; 3, even denser in face, but not so much of it, good exhibit; 2, Craig, nice Finch, scarcely so cleanly cut as winner, and lacks the shape, good face and finish; 4, Raine, smaller in size, scarcely up in bloom, very steady; 5, Brown, good stamp, grand shape; vhc, Campbell; hc, Martin; c, Ward; all behind in colour, hut well up in size. BULLFINCH (15): 1, 2, Cullen, pair of toppers, winner grand dense colour throughout, lovely crimson breast, nice cap, good wings, very steady, and teeming with quality; 2, good body, hut fails in the deep crimson colour on breast, grand cap, and fine positioned hird; 3, Laidlaw, a grand shaped Finch, lovely cap, and good colour, scarcely so lively then as should he; 4, Jackson, good condition, nice cap and fine shape; 5, Laidlaw, nice type, good colour; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Brisbane, c, Boyd, jun.; all good sized birds, hut heaten in colour and finish. LINNETS (46), a grand collection: 1, Cassidy, wins, beauty, grand size, lovely pencilling on breast, good ground colour, nice flights and rare shower, one of the Nor. type, quickly claimed; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Robertson; 4, Brown; all similar in build to each other, almost like brotbers, nicely laced and in good order; fine tone of colour throughout; ex spl 4, Davidson, grand size ,well up in colour, very distinctly laced; fine fronted; 5, Couper, good one, grand tone and colour, beautifully finished, full of life; ex spl 5, Bullen, lovely shape, fine bold fronted, rare style, scarcely ready yet, and a shade off on Saturday; vhc, Henderson; hc, Neilson; c, Robertson; all good toned coloured Linnets, hut a shade behind in lacing. SISKIN (23): 1, spl, Arrighi, easy winner, gem for size and beautifully coloured, nicely laced, grand cap and rare hib, splendid exhibit, well staged; 2, McGavin, smaller, natural colour, but beauty for feather, very nicely marked; 3, Steele, hot fed, rather harsh in appearance, grand condition; 4, Brown, nice type and quality; 5, spl, Bald, grand bib, well laced on head, in fine bloom; vhc, Russell, nice, fine markings, rather wild; hc, Crockett; c, Davidson. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, spl, McQuiston, hot fed Twite, grand size, well laced, very fine fronted, rare shade of colour throughout, not a feather out of place, very steady, wins; 2, Nicholas, large mealy Poll, fine light tone of colour, nicely laced, teeming with quality; 3, Ward. Twite, good colour and lacing, fails in condition to winner; 4, McGilray, slashing mealy Redpoll in rare trim, darker in tone of colour, nicely marked; 5, Bald, Twite, a gem for wings, good ground colour; vhc, Calder, Twite; hc, Mather, Mealy Poll; c, Irskine, Twite. LESSER REDPOLL (34): 1, Martin, clear win, best in size and colour; grand tone, splendidly marked, real beauty, tight as wax, well staged; 2, Brownlie, good coloured, fine shape, fails in front to winner; 3, Nicholas, rare tone of colour, grand bib, fine feather, well marked, well worth its place; 4, Fraser, not quite so stout in front; 5, Malcolmson, good bib and head; vhc, Sinclair; hc, Halliday; c, Black. GREENFINCH (17): 1, Brown, rare type natural colour, fine deep Yell. Green, grand wings, teeming with quality, onc of the regular Bullfinch-made; 2, Cunningham, nice size and good shape, lacks the show and finish of winner; 3, Livingston and Sinclair, good, fine stamp, well fed, nice tone of colour, scarcely finished yet; 4, Kelly, fed again, well up in size, good order; 5, Mackay, lacks the shape and sheen of winner; vhc, Lindsay, nice natural colour; hc, Morrison, fed, nice stamp; c, Bullin, good all round, wants polish. CHAFFINCH (14): 1, Reid, nice size, grand colour, deep breast, well cut, rare cap, nice wing hars, shade unsteady; 2, Sinclair, fails a little in breast colour, but very steady, nice feather, well marked on back; 3, Adams, well staged, fine shape and quality of feather, worth its place; 4, Telfer, grand whites, well cut and fine size, well up in colour; 5, Malcolmson, grand shape, beautiful wings; vhc, Mauchan: hc, Cousins: c, Reid; good all-round Finches, scarcely up in bloom yet, will do better later on.

BRAMBLEFINCH (28): 1, Craig, an exhibitor who generally holds a strong hand leading with a gem, grand size and lovely colour, beautifully spangled, rare, dense headed bird; 2, Mason, an other hot one for colour, nicely spangled, grand front, and very shapely; 3, Arrighi, teeming with quality, again well up in colour; 4, McKay, good size Finch, nicely staged; 5, Brown, bonnier for size and grand substance; vhc, Henderson; hc, Brisbane; c, Fraser; grand class. YELLOWHAMMER (20): 1, Malcolmson, good one throughout, grand shape and plenty size, lovely quality of feather and beautifully laced on body, has that nice, nut-brown tinge on breast; 2, Strachan, good coloured one, grand headed bird, lovely eye marking and good body; 3, Gray, nice quality of feather, and finely put down; 4, Brown, rare size, well marked; 5, Baird; vhc, Malcolmson; c, Hamilton; hc, Ward. BUNTING VAR. (7): 1, McQuiston, leading with his superb Corn Bunting, a gem and no mistake, splendidly marked and a demon for colour, lovely stand and as steady as a rock; 2, Crockett, Meadow Bunting, nicely marked and in fine feather; 3, Ross, topping Cirl Bunting, finely marked, and grand size and colour, very steady for this specie; 4, Smillie, Blackheaded Bunting, and a good one, nicely marked and in rare trim; 5, McFarlane, Cirl Bunting, nice markings; vhc, Raine, large, well-marked Snow Bunting. BRIT. SMALL SOFTBILL (18): 1, spl., McQuiston, Wryneck, and a beauty, grand size, and beautifully marked, good colour and faultless in condition, grand shower, very forwardsome, staged to perfection; 2, Taylor, Crested Tit, an uncommon exhibit, with a lovely top hat on, very steady, and in grand bloom; 3, McDiarmid, topping Pied Wagtail, the St. Andrew's winner looking very fit, a gem of his variety, beats all the Wagtails in class, and there were a few; 4, Crockett, Yell. Wagtail, fine size and well marked, and good colour, in grand trim; 5, Henderson, sweet little Blackcap, just wee shade smoky in colour, fine size and rare feather; vhc, c, Taylor, Nightingale, a very good one in lovely order, grand size; he, Henderson, Yellow Wagtail, grand size and condition. LARGE BRIT. (25): 1, McWilliams, old warrior, clinking Fieldfare, put down in faultless condition, grand colour and beautifully marked, as steady as a rock, looks like holding his own this season again; 2, Brown, large Missel Thrush, well spangled and in rare order, good colour throughout and splendidly staged, very steady and faultless feather; 3, spl., Brown, Fieldfare, younger looking than 1st and very steady, a gem; 4, Graham, topping Hawfinch, fine size, cap and grand hib, grand ground colour; ex. spl., 4, Duncan, another Hawfinch, as large as winner; 5, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, grand hill and legs; ex. spl., 5, Livingstone, the Greater Woodpecker, very steady and in nice trim; vhc, McWilliams, topping Song Thrush, grand shape and lovely markings; hc, McDougal, Missel plenty size; c, Raine, another Missel, extra good class. BULLFINCH HEN (12): 1, Forteous, good one in the pink of condition, lovely cap of great density, splendid wing hars and fine depth of colour, well staged; 2, Davidson, close up for colour; 3, spl., Ferguson, something that would breed a topping Hybrid, regular monster; 4, Whiteford, good all round one, nice shade and quality; 5, spl., Erskine, another beauty; vhc, Henderson; hc, Cochrane; c, Erskine. HEN A.V. FINCH SMALL (13): 1, Bald, gem of a Greenie, lovely size and rare shape, grand colour, and as steady as a rock, well put down, a gem; 2, Lindsay, highly-coloured Goldfinch, nicely marked, and lovely tanning, grand size, and rare trim; 3, Erskine, beautiful Siskin, fine quality and lovely markings; 4, Chalmers, Twite, very sweet exhibit, fine tone of colour; 5, Craig, Bramble, very steady, well marked specimen, and grand size; vhc, Martin, nice mealy Redpoll; hc, McGilvary, mealy Redpoll; c, Miller and Eadie, Bunting, rather unsteady. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, spl., Morcland, superh King Parrot, clinker for colour, grand depth throughout and rare size; 2, Wilson, Swainson Lorrikeet, the Broughty Ferry winner, perky as ever; 3, Cunning, King Parrot, good one; 4, Edwards, lovely Amazon, very fine order; 5, Williams, Ornamental Parrakeet, in splendid trim; vhc, Alston, pair of many-coloured Parrakeets, splendid sheen, lovely metallic gloss throughout; hc, Meek, Amazon; c, Craig, Hangnest. FOR. SMALL (15): 1, McFarlane, a Whydah, in fairly good condition, rather poorly staged, nice size and good colour, must have been hard pressed hy 2, Mason, pair of clinking Redheaded Gouldian Finches; 3, spl., Carrick, nice Parson Finch; 4, c, Alston, pair of rare Parrot Finches; 5, spl., Alston, Redheaded Gouldian cock, nice size; vhc, Wilson, pair of nice Yellow Budgerigars; hc, Lawson, Crested Cardinal. FOR. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, McQniston, a topper for size, enormous blaze, and lovely whites, grandly cut cheeks, rare tan, splendid buttons, and lovely wings, a gem, well staged; 2, McKenna, rare feathered one, gem for quality throughout, fine size and shape; 3, spl., Arrighi, good one, grand coloured throughout, lovely tanning; 4, Fain and Son, beaten in size, but good colour, lacks finish of winners; 5, McAlpine, nice all-rouud Finch, fails in quality; vhc, Livingstone and Sinclair; hc, Winters; c, Muir; nice sized Fiuches, all hehind a little in colour yet.

MANNINGHAM

Second members' show of Manningham C.B.A. was held October 19th, at the Mowbray Arms Hotel. The show was one of a series of four shows for silver challenge cup and gold medals. The exhibits numbered 137, some very good birds being staged. The card for best bird went to the Norwich of E. Kemp and Son. A. Ambler judged. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Holroyd Bros.; 2, Smith; 3, Bennett; 4, Halliday and Armstrong; vhc, Storey; hc, Normington; c, Proctor. BUFF (12): 1, Halliday and Armstrong; 2, Western; 3, vhc, Kemp and Son; 4, Grange; hc, Robinson; c, Smith. YORKS. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, c, Varley; 2, Kemp and Son; 3, H. Grange; 4, Holroyd Bros: vhc, Suggitt; he, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, Smith; 2, Kemp aud Son; 3, Western; 4, Ross; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hersey; c, Normington. CINN. YORKS (8): 1 H. Grange; 2. Newton; 3, Normington; 4, A. Grange; vhc, Bennett; hc, Western; c, Proctor. HEN (9): 1, A. Grange; 2, hc, Bennett; 3, Newton; 4, H. Grange; vhc, Varley; c, Smith. YELL YORK. HEN (25): 1, Bennett; 2, Kemp and Son; 3, Wellock; 4, c, F. Grange; vhc, Smith; c, Ross. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Halliday and Armstrong; 2 Bennett; 3, Luggitt; 4, Brown; vhc, H. Grange; hc, Kemp and Son; c, Varley. UNEVEN MKD. (12): 1, A. Grange; 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, F. Grange; 4, Suggitt; vhc, Proctor; hc, Bennett; c, Robinson. A.V. NOR. COCK (8): 1, hc, Kemp and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Normington; 4, hc, Ross. HEN (3): 1, 3, Normington; 2, Ross. A.V. YORKS. (UNFLI.) (9): 1, Suggitt; 2, 3, Kemp and Son; 4, Nutter; vhc, c, Clarke and Williams; hc, Wellock.

The committee of the Pwllheli Fanciers have decided to hold their next show on December 26, 1907, Boxing Day. Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool) will judge cage birds. Prize money will be paid day of show. Schedules ready shortly.—W. H. Davies, Hon. Sec.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

The above F.A. held its fifth show Oct. 16th, in the Drill Hall. This is a spacious and well lighted building, free from draughts. Entries showed an increase of nearly 200, and the Association is now, we were told, on a fine financial footing. The attendance was splendid, and an influential crowd of patrons had been enlisted. The arrangements were capably supervised by Mr John Wilkinson (president), and Mr. James Brown (vice-president); Mr. John Kelly is an ideal show secretary, always considerate and on the alert. He had a good helper in Mr. John Milligan, the treasurer. Mr. Robert Paterson, general manager, had a busy time of it, seeing that exhibits were properly penned and attending to lots of other odds and ends which always creep up at the last moment. These gentlemen were well supported by the following enthusiastic fanciers who composed the committee: Messrs. A. Garmory, E. Dalziel, D. Kelly, A. Campbell, A. Candlish, T. McCoull, J. Cruickshank, P. McCoull, J. McMillan, J. Robison, J. T. Cannegan, D., Middleton, J. Murphy, G. Penny, J. Souray, J. Ramage, J. C. Beeby, J. Crosbie, J. C. Clues, S. McNellie, W. McMonies, J. Tracey. Everything was in good working order for the various judges, and catalogues were consequently early on sale. The cage birds were a good turn-out, entries coming well up to this Society's average. Quality, on the whole, was well up to the standard, and not a few of the winning exhibits could well hold their own at some of our largest shows. The Norwich classes contained some extra good specimens, the winning buff Plainhead hen is one of the real short-waisted and chubby-bodied ones we admire so much. Bullfinches were a taking class, although the winner stood out well by himself, being a bird of very even colour and distinct cut markings. Small British were well to the fore, the winning Yellowhammer being one of the finest for colour and markings we have seen this season. SCOTS COCK (5): 1st and spl., M. Candlish, clear yellow, of good substance and quick action, good set shoulders and fine reach, wins for best bird; 2nd, McKeand, clear yellow, not so nervy and a bit on small side; 3, Welsh, buff, fair bird, not so well up on spake; 4th, 5th, M'Monies, clear also. HENS (3): 1, M'Monies, buff, fine reach and prominent shoulders, well filled in, a taking exhibit; 2, McKeand, buff pied, good substance, good breadth of shoulders, rather straight in tail; 3, Walsh, buff pied, quick on pereh, rather light in body. BORD. CL. YELL. COCK (7): 1, Clues, fine stamp, neat head and well-drawn body; 2, 3, Welsh, former rather longer in body, good tail; 4, Burnie, fair, good type, good wings, and a wee bit soiled. HEN (5): 1 and spl. for best bird, Robinson, lovely type, A1 carriage and well-closed in tail, a fine exhibit, well staged; 2, 3, Welsh, former better in colour and well moulded; 4, 5, Clues, not quite ready yet. A.O.V. BORD. COCK (10): 1, Robinson, very fine close feather, neat head, just a shade flat on back, hut wins, clear buff; 2, Welsh, buff, of good type and position, not so well finished as winner; 3, Hunter, yell. var., well drawn body and jaunty style; 4, Gass, cl. buff, fails a bit front; 5, Rae and Son; 6, Creary. HEN (7): 1, 3, Clues buff leading, grand tight feather and fine type; 3, yellow grizzle, just a shade slack in neck; 4, Welsh, cl. buff, fails in close tail; 5, Creary; 6. Gass. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1 and 2, Griffith, former fine grizzic Crest, good radiation and well filled-in centre; 2nd green, finely drooping Crest, hardly finished centre; 3,5, Devoy, rather short on front crest feather, good dense body; 4, 6, Hunter. NOR. COCK (6): 1,2, McQueen, very hot and level colour, tight as wax in feather, wins well; 2, also good colour, grand size, a shade bumpy on chest; 3, M'Neilly, grand nat. colour, rare good head, well laid-on wings; 4, Andrews neat body, trifle on small side; 5, Nicholson; 6, Kelly. HEN (6): 1, 2 spls., 4, McQueen, grand fed clear buff, short flights, lovely feather, eyes well in centre, nicely placed on legs, wins well; 2, Andrews, shade larger in body, grand head, not so short in waist as winner; 3, Shields, clear yell., finely formed head and short in flights, will improve; 4, even mark buff, fair good substance and quality feather; 5, Nicholson; 6, Harper. YORKS COCK (8): 1, Heron, good upstanding, neat head and well laid-on wings and tail, finely drawn front; 2, Flannigan and Murphy, well fed yell., good taper throughout, inclined to frill in front; 3, Jardine and Son, nat. col. yell., smart and well drawn, fine pipe tail; 4, Martin, cinn. var. buff, close feather and good length in body, stoops rather on perch; 5, M'Minn; 6, Welsh. HEN (4): 1, Welsh, very hot in colour, well drawn and in lovely feather, an easy win; 2, Jardine and Son, nat. yell., good size, fails in feather; 3, Flannigan and Murphy, buff, rather rough feather; 4, M'Minn, fine quality, small in body. LIGHT MULE (2): 1, Doolan, large var. Goldie-Canary, finely shaped; 2, Flannigan and Murphy, smaller body, neat style. DARK (7): 1, spl., best Mule. Doolan leading with a slashing Linnet-Canary, splendid size and markings; 2, Flannigan and Murphy, close up with a grandly coloured Greenie-Canary, good length, level colour; 3, 6, McQueen, former large buff Goldie Canary, splendid blaze; 4, Kelly, yell. Goldie, good colour and haze; 5, Coutts. GOLD. BRIT. (6): 1, Coutts, very steady well tapered body, clear cut blaze and extra good buttons; 2, Gourlay, shade stouter body, well cut blaze and cheeks, shade flat on skull; 3, Jardine and Son, real good one, splendid blaze and wing bars; 4, Cruickshanks, not nearly up in blaze, good clear cut wing bars and buttons; 5, Hannah; 6, Heron. GOLD. FOR. (3): 1, Hannah, finely formed head, good in body colour, and grand wing bars; 2, McKinnell, good coloured, rather stout in body; 3, Flannigan and Murphy, fine size, not up in face yet. BULL. (5): 1, spl., Welsh, very clean cut in cap, finely coloured front and back, distinct bars; 2, Garmory, good exhibit, fails in breast colour; 3, 4, Paterson; 5, Barrice. BRIT. A.O.V. SMALL (4): 1, spl., 3, Crearie, leading with a grand Yellowhammer, well defined in markings, rich ground colour; 3, good Bramblefinch, fine colour and markings; 2, Dunbar, Hawfinch, well cut bib and head; 4, McKinnell, Yellowhammer. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, 6, McKinnell, leading with yell. Budgerigar in good feather; 2, fine Java Sparrow; 4, no name; 5, Dunbar. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, McQueen, lovely even mark Nor., worth double; 2, McKeand, Scot. Fancy; 3, Robinson. Bord.; 4, Kelly; 5, 6, Hastings. SELL. (5/-) (3): 1, McQueen; 2, Kelly; 3, Hunter.

LEEK.

The following awards of the novice classes at Leek show did not reach us in time to be included in last week's issue:—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Bellam; 2, Roberts; 2, Fowler; 4, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Hathaway; 2, Davis; 3, vhc, Fowler; 4, Williamson; hc, Green; c, Roberts. UNFLI. (13): 1, 2, vhc, Hathaway; 3, Green; 4, hc, Davis; c, Jones. YORKS. (9): 1, Goldstraw; 2, hc, Davis; 3, Robinson; 4, Plant; vhc, Peake; c, Matthews. CREST (7): 1, Williamson and Prince; 2, Burgess; 3, Locket; hc, Marsden; 4, Ball. CRESTBRED (4): 1, 2, Burgess; 3, Hatton Bros.; 4, Naden. BRED 1907 (6): 1, vhc, Locket; 2, Burgess; 3, hc, [illegible]; 4, Williamson and Prince. NON-FED [illegible] 2, Whitter; 3, Yates; 4, Lomas; vhc, Goldstraw.

PLYMOUTH (W.C.O.S.)

With an entry of nearly 900, a high standard of excellence in the exhibits, and a splendid attendance, the forty-eighth annual show of the Western Counties Ornithological Society, which was held on October 22nd and 23rd, was indeed a huge success. The W.C.O.S. is the oldest of our ornithological societies, and its past is as glorious as its present is strong and virile. There is nothing effete or of an anachronistic nature about the W.C.O.S.; it displays all the enthusiasm and energy of youth tempered with the wisdom and experience of a ripe old age. In fact, many younger societies are not half so smartly conducted as is the one which is most distant West of all our societies holding purely cage bird shows. Ever moving with the times, Plymouth has at one time and another been famous as a centre of breeding in connection with Mules, Crests, Belgians, and the old-fashioned English or Common Canary, now glorified into the neat and natty Border; but through all its changing phases it has ever been a stronghold of the Norwich Plainhead Fancy. In years gone by, Plymouth was great in Crests, and even to-day there are within its confines breeders who remember and speak with bated breath of the doings of those grand old Crest breeders, Messrs. Halse Bros., W. Radmore, J. Findlay, Kent, and Langman, F. W. Holman, and others, all of whom were giants in the Fancy and officials of the W.C.O.S. When one thinks of Mules and British, the names of Messrs. Doel and Sleep instantly occur to one's mind. To-day Norwich Plainhead breeders are perhaps the greatest force in the society, and they worthily uphold all the traditions of those breeders whom we remember a quarter of a century or more ago as strenuous supporters of type and quality. The big bird craze has never held away down West, yet the breeders of "the three towns" have ever been able to hold their own with Norwich breeders in all parts of the country. Of late years the Yorkshire has taken a strong hold of the affections of Western breeders. We remember the day when not a single representative of the breed graced the benches at Plymouth, yet to-day, at the fixture under notice, we find them producing the best average per class of any variety in the show. This year's event was held in the Corn Exchange, one of the finest buildings in the country for a cage bird show, being lofty, well lighted from the top, and absolutely free from draughts; it is capacious, and thus affords plenty of room for the exhibits to be viewed with ease and comfort. Plymouth fanciers know how to stage a show, also how to look after the exhibits, and they do it. Sportsmen to the backbone, they give every attention to birds from a distance, and this it is which causes their shows year by year to be such a success. Exhibitors have learned from past experience to place implicit confidence in the management of the W.C.O.S., and that confidence is not misplaced. Plymouth is to the West what Manchester is to the North, and many fanciers yearly take a trip to the show in the town of Drake who never go to any other show outside their own town or village from one year's end to another. Amongst the executive are to be found such well-known names as those of Messrs. A. E. Cheney (vice-president), C. Dart (chairman), W. French (vice-chairman), W. Spillman and H. A. Clear (auditors), C. Hoar, T. Deeble, G. Garland, J. Ryder, R. Browning, E. Shelf, F. G. Snell, W. H. Tottle, J. H. Full, H. Farmer, C. Jewell, C. Reed, S. Tucker (committee), and a better lot it would be hard to find. They know their work, and they do it. Messrs. Pope and Dyer, the two secretaries, have now run in double harness for some time, and they go splendidly together. No hurry, no bustle, but quiet, methodical, businesslike methods prevail in the working of the show; these two officers have made the secretarial work of the society to move with ease and celerity, whilst by their tact and courtesy in attending to the wishes of exhibitors they have earned for themselves and the W.C.O.S. the respect and admiration of all with whom they have been brought in contact. For some twenty-five years have we known and followed the work of the W.C.O.S., and we can with confidence say the society, good men as it has had, never had a better crew to work the old ship than it has at present. The schedule opened with the Yorkshires; and what a lot they were! Averaging over twenty-two per class, they beat all records for the West of England, and a finer lot we doubt were ever got together at any provincial show outside the county of Broad Acres. Right through the section were to be seen birds of exquisite shape and style, birds that would do credit to any West Riding fixture; especially noticeable were the exhibits of Messrs. J. Hawes (whose Yellow won the special for the best cock), C. W. Mabey (who secured the special for best hen with his buff), Thomas, Broome, Burton, Smith, Harries, Knight, Pattrick, Bassett, Staples, and Lashbrook. We like to see length in a Yorkshire, but some of our friends are exceeding the limit, and two exhibits were passed by the judge as being over length. The standard gives 6¾ inches as the limit; these were well over seven inches.

With an entry of 165 in eight classes, it is needless to say the Norwich Plainheads took some sorting out. The show was under the patronage of the Southern Norwich P.C., and its members turned up in full force to do battle with the local giants. Type has ever been a strong point with the local breeders, and this, coupled with quality, dominated the section on this occasion; especially was this so in the Yellows, which, all through the show were superior to the Buffs, and of the Yellows the pick undoubtedly was Mr. Collings' Yellow hen, which secured the members' challenge cup. This hen is a gem; a better we have never seen. Mr. Spillman's unflighted Yellow is a wonderfully stout bird, short, and compact, but possessed hardly the bloom we like to see. That good old fancier, Mr. Banbury, put down a romping Yellow cock, which won well in its class. Mr. Taverner, the erstwhile secretary of the W.C.O.S., won cleverly in a very hot class of young Buffs. Other most charming exhibits were staged by Messrs. Hodder, Veale, Border, Hopkins, and Allsop, Pethick, Skinner, Rickard, Pope, Redwood, Menadue, and Bailey. The challenge cups were won as follows:—Crest, Mr. French, Tope, Rev. G. W. Joyce; Norwich, Mr. Collings; Yorkshire, Mr. Bassett; A.O.V., Mr. Pope. The judges were Messrs. C. A. House (Yorkshire and Norwich), G. E. Weston (Mules and British), J. Robson (the remainder).

The Yorkshires.

YORKS. YELL. (26): 1, spl., and spl. best cock, Hawes, very fine head and neck, nice racy body, rare carriage and splendid feather; 2, vhc, spl., best vhc, Mabey, very sweet head and body, grand style, not quite so well put down as the winner; 3, Thomas, rare quality of feather and style, not quite so shapely; 4, Banks, grand shaped body, lovely feather and style, a wee bit flat in skull; hc, Mrs. Vipond Crocker; c, Webb. Passed as over standard length, No. 7 Broome, 7¼ inches; No. 8 Rennie, 7⅜ inches. BUFF (20): 1, spl., Burton, very finely drawn, grand head, rare feather, stands like a soldier; 2, Broome, very slim and racy, splendid carriage, not quite ready; 3, 4, Mabey, 3rd, lovely body and feather, just a shade short on leg, 4th and spl. best 4th, rare length and style of body, plenty of leg, but trifle open in one wing; vhc, Webb; hc, Philpot; c, Knight. MARKED (21): 1, spl., hc, Mabey, very slim, stylish cinnamon-marked yellow, grand feather, lovely head, as straight as a dart; 2, Smith, variegated buff, as tight as wax, and full of nerve, splendid shape and style; 3, Hawes, long variegated yellow, full of quality and style, hardly ready, grand shape and rare tail; 4, Harris, very close feathered, stylish variegated buff, nice shape, not quite so clever with his wings; vhc, Broome; c, Wills. UNFLI. (28): 1, spl., Knight, very handsome buff, as tight as wax, grand head, neat wings and tail and plenty of nerve; 2, Pattrick, lovely body for shape, style, and feather, just a wee bit flat in head, handles well; 3, Bassett, takes Members' Challenge Cup, a romping good bird, and had he been served up in the same style as the winner, would doubtless have won, the burnishing means something in keen competition; 4, Mabey, saddle marked yellow, in perfect feather, nice style, but just a wee bit strong; vhc, Forse; hc, Lohr; c, Hawes. HENS YELL. (22): 1, spl., Staples, wonderful style, superb quality of feather, very fine shapely head, rare tail, just a trifle too stout for her length, but her lovely feather pulled her through; 2, Mabey, finer drawn and very stylish, and had she been in the same lovely condition as first would have won; 3, Harris, grand shape and style, beautiful feather, just a bit inclined to open her tail; 4, Knight, splendid colour, feather and carriage, but a shade on the strong side; vhc, Parnell and Son; hc, Barton; c, Rennie. BUFF (20): 1, 2, spl., and best hen, Mabey, two real beauties, as tight as wax in feather, stand like soldiers, neatly modelled; 2nd is hardly as clever with her wings as her mate, but they are two charming lasses; 3, Lashbrook, very racy and finely drawn, full of nerve, lovely quality of feather, given just a shade more length would be bad to beat; 4, Knight, grandly shaped hen of rare feather and carriage, but is apt to spread her tail; vhc, Megns, hc, Burton; c, Wills.

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YELL (22): 1, spl., Banbury, beautiful body, rich even colour, grand silky feather, rare wings and tail, could do with a bit more width of skull; 2, Hodder, better head, but lacks the depth of chest of winner, rare colour and quality; 3, Collings, very neat and sweet, not quite so stout in body, but a grand little bird; 4, Ham, grand shape and colour, not quite so tight in feather; vhc, Pettrick, hc, Bailey; c, Snell. BUFF (22): 1, spl., Lowe, grand Bullfinch shape, short in tail, very compact and silky in feather, stands well; 2, Veale, grand colour and feather, rare shaped body, neater in wing and tail, beaten in entrance of skull; 3, Hodder a picture for colour, feather and shape, but needs just a trifle more substance all through; 4, Border, grand shaped body, capital head, rare quality, just a shade longer behind; vhc, Bailey; hc, Pethick; c, Tucker. TICKED YELL (10): 1, spl., Spillman, saddle and cheek-marked, a real gem, full of colour and quality, rare shape, and well cut away behind; 2, Skinner, very handsome wing marked, most typical, and of rare quality, not quite fine; 3, Redwood, thigh ticked, splendid shape, carriage, and feather, just a trifle open in wing; 4, Lowe, big bouncing variegated, rare shape and substance, not so silky in feather. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Collings, eye, wing and tail marked, rare shape, colour and feather, neat compact wings and tail, a beauty and will improve; 2, 3, Rickard, a brace of short cobby eye and wing ticked birds, very typical, sound colour, nice silky feather, but hardly so tight; 4, Garland, rare shaped eye marked, splendid feather, but coarse in legs and trifle slack in wing; vhc, Redwood; hc, Snell; c, Veale. UNFLI. YELL. (26): 1, spl., Spillman, one of the stoutest yellows we have ever seen, and yet, though stout, very short in wings and tail, grandly fed, rare quality of feather, but needs tightening up a bit; reserve for Challenge Cup, and winner of 1st prize in CAGE BIRDS competition; 2, Pethick, capital shape, rare quality and colour, hardly finished moulting; 3, Banbury, wonderful quality and shape, but hardly enough of it; 4, Tottle, capital shape of body, neat wings and tail, lovely quality, fails in head; vhc, Coad; hc, Collins; c, Brown. BUFF (32): 1, spl., Taverner, grand chubby body, the neatest of wings and tail, feathered like glass, nice even colour; 2, Hodder, very neat wing-ticked, neat and compact in body, not quite so much depth of chest; 3, Pope, rare stamp of variegated, very typical, grand colour, needs tightening up, yet, and will then be a gem; 4, Nicks, splendid shape of body, grand wings and tail, hardly so stout in head; vhc, Lowe; hc, Staples; c, Blatchford. HENS. YELL. (16): 1, spl., and Members' Challenge Cup, Collings, a little wonder, nothing prettier ever seen, rare depth and width of chest, beautifully rounded head, wings and tail very short and tightly braced, very rich and even in colour, short and silky in feather, and staged in the very pink of condition; 2, Menadue, another model, grand shape and colour, rare quality, very short and compact, but lacks the exquisite finish of winner; 3, Bailey, rare head, chest, and back, lovely feather, shape and colour, just a shade longer in tail; 4, Hodder, rare shaped body, very neat and tight in feather, grand colour, not so much substance of head; vhc, Collings, another gem for shape and style, but just lacks the quality and sheen of her companion; hc, Yates; c, Taverner, one of the best classes of hens ever seen. BUFF (23): 1, spl., Hopkins and Allsop, most charming exhibit, very short and cobby, neat wings and tail, lovely head, grand quality and colour; 2, Collings, grandly feathered, full of colour, and beautifully frosted, lovely head and body, but a bit slovenly with her wings; 3, Pethick, rare shape, colour, and feather, hugs the perch just a bit too much, but for lack of style she is a clipper, train her, Mr. P.; 4, Snell, fine shapely hen, rare head, chest and back, nice wings and tail, rare carriage, not quite the colour or sheen of leaders; vhc, Hodder; hc, Rowe; c, Tucker. Another class of superlative merit.

Crests and Crestbreds.

The Crests and Crestbreds mustered in excellent numbers, and well upheld the reputation of the West-country as a hotbed of the breed. We noted more than one winner with the desirable short, thick-set Norwich type body carrying a crest of exceptional size and neatness. We were very pleased with Mr. Bale's delightful Clear, though it must be said that the birds shown by Messrs. Evins Bros., T. J. King, Mills, Rev. Joyce, Piper, Tope, French, Oliver, Broad, and Ryder, are equally entitled to a special mention. Interest in the section seemed very keen, indeed.

CREST CL. BODY BUFF (11): 1, spl., Bale, gem of a clear, big, massive body, carrying a crest of remarkable size, very thickly built up of good quality feather, grand frontal and droop, very neat; 2, Evins Bros., another clinking clear, lovely quality of feather, fine frame, real good big crest, well made and radiated, not quite the wonderful sweep of winner; 3, Hobbs, dark crest, good body substance, fine large crest, neat and thick, trifle shield-shaped; 4, King, graud bodied grizzle, very good expansive headpiece, not yet finished at centre; vhc, Symons, very neat dark crest; hc, Rev. Joyce; c, Rowe. MKD., ETC. (16): 1, spl., Joyce, lightly varieg,. tremendous head, topped with a very big crest, well centred, good frontal, nice texture, rare big body; 2, Mills, almost green, excellent body substance, fine quality, good shaped, well-drooped crest of splendid size, seemed inclined to lift a little to-day; 3, Slade, another excellent specimen, big, neat crest, nice droop and quality, fine body; 4, Ryder, grand bodied green, crest of fine size and shape, wee bit thinner at sides; vhc, King; hc, Tope; c, French. HEN (10): 1, spl., Piper, almost green, crest of wonderful size, but very penny in centre and thin at sides, grand body, undoubtedly a very fine hen, but lucky to-day to beat 2, Evins Bros., in grand show form, neatest of shapely crests, not the size of winners, but heavy, veiny feather, beautifully drooped, fine body, all quality, we liked well; 3, Symons, mkd. right wing, chubby body, very neat, shapely crest, grand texture, well finished, smart hen; 4, King, mkd. both wings, slashing size, big crest, grand frontal, shade weak right-hand side, good quality; vhc, Joyce, nice and neat, very good leafy feather; hc, French; c, Williams. CRESTBRED CL., ETC. (15): 1, spl., Tope, rattling good clear buff, immense body and skull, fine rise and browing, in rare trim; 2, Oliver, mkd. wings and head, big body, nice-looking skull, but too weak on legs to stand properly; 3, hc, Hoar, thick-set clear buff, fine shapely body, nice dome skull, well lashed; 4, Hobbs, similar stamp of bird, fine quality, good head; vhc, Joyce, grand-looking bird; c, Tall; W.C., King. VARIEG., ETC. (16): 1, spl., Joyce, splendid var eg., wonderful body, very wide entrance, rare cushion, carries a wealth of feather, fine exhibit; 2, French, variegated, good in substance, very nice-looking head, well lashed, excellent feather; 3, Bale, must have had wonderful feather properties to carry it through, looked small in body and narrow in skull; 4, Symons, grand bodied green, fine texture of feather, and plenty of it, nice skull; vhc, Hoar; hc, King; c, Tall. HEN (16): 1, spl., Broad, clinking green, very fine substance, nice quality feather, broad rising skull, wide entrance, pronounced lashing; 2, King, another fine green, rare good frame, very bold dome skull, heavily lashed, heaps of feather; 3, Ball, also a green, good chested, well made hen, grand texture, plenty of feather, close on leaders for head properties; 4, Williams, green, taking bird, fine body, wide skull and entrance, nice rise and browing; vhc, Evins Bros., yet another good green; hc, Piper, fine-looking bird, bold skull, grizzle-backed buff; c, Rev. Joyce. PAIRS (10): 1, spl., Ryder, very hot couple, lovely variegated dark crested cock, beautifully neat, good-sized crest, mated to a rattling good green crestbred, both birds full of quality; 2, Piper, another splendid pair, exceptionally good green crested hen, very neat headpiece, lovely frontal and droop, paired to a big-framed, good-headed variegated crestbred; 3, c, Williams, wing-mkd. dark crested hen, grand stout frame, neat and good in crest, mated with a variegated crestbred of good body and feather properties; 4, Hoar, neat and good lightly variegated crest cock and a lightly variegated crestbred, nice skull and body; vhc, Parsons; hc, Chapple.

Scots, etc., and Members.

SCOTS (10): 1, 3, hc, spl., Biddick, 1st, small, but very clever foul buff, rare shape, pulls well and gets tail under; 3, good long sided nervy yellow, rare shape, not in full bloom; 2, Davies, rare shouldered buff, plenty of length and substance, not yet fit; 4, Mewton, very shapely stylish pied yellow; vhc, c, Benney. CINN. (8): 1, spl., hc, Medlin, very neat bodied yellow, sound colour, capital quality; 2, and CAGE BIRDS spl., Pope, fine big buff, nice colour, not tight in feather yet; 3, Climas, nicely shaped, close-feathered yellow, rather patchy in colour; 4, c, Burton, good shapely buff of nice colour, needs more quality; vhc, Pope. PAIRS (10): 1, spl., Collings, yellow cock and buff hen, capital shape and quality, a good pair; 2, Tucker, buff cock and yellow hen of rare quality and colour, but not so stout in build; 4, Snell, yellow cock and buff hen, very shapely and of nice quality; all Norwich Plainheads; vhc, Brown; hc, Farmer; c, Spillman.

YORKS. YELL (11): 1, Wakley; 2, vhc, Bassett; 3, Olver; 4, Staples; hc, Dyer; c, Farmer. BUFF (15): 1, Harries; 2, hc, Camp; 3, Chapple; 4, Bassett; vhc, Olver; c, Farmer. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Clark; 2, Wakley; 3, vhc, Dyer; hc, Camp; c, Harries. BUFF (7): 1, Bassett; 2, Wakley; 3, Large; 4, Dyer; vhc, c, Camp; hc, Harries. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Bassett; 2, Wakley; 3, Olver; 4, Staples; hc, Harries; c, Dyer. BUFF (12): 1, Staples; 2, Staples; 3, Dyer; 4, c, Farmer; vhc, Bassett; hc, Harries. NOR. YELL. (23): 1, spl. vhc, Spillman; 2, Pethick; 3, c, Ruse; 4, Collings; hc, Yates. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Spillman; 2, Ruse; 4, Tottle; vhc, Baker; hc, Harvey; c, Tucker. MKD. YELL (13): 1, spl., Collings; 2, 3, French; 4, Spillman; vhc, Rowe; hc, Snell; c, Tucker. MKD. BUFF (16): 1, spl., 3, hc, Spillman; 2, c, Ruse; 4, Pope; vhc, Pethick. HEN YELL. (11): 1, spl., Bailey; 2, 4, Spillman; 3, Collings; vhc, Tucker; hc, Garland; c, Parish. BUFF (16): 1, spl., Garland; 2, Collings; 3, Pope; 4, Snell; vhc, Parish; hc, Baker; c, Spillman. CRESTS, CL. BODY BUFF (7): 1, Ryder; 2, Hobbs; 3, Tope; 4, Chapple; vhc, Hoar; hc, Williams. MKD. BUFF (19): 1, spl., 4, French; and Members' Challenge Cup; 2, 3, hc, Bavage; vhc, Tope; c, Hobbs. CREST-BRED LIGHTLY MKD. (6): 1, Hobbs; 2, Rickard. HEAVY-MKD. (6): 1, Hobbs; 2, 4, Ryder; 3, Haskell; vhc, Brentin; hc, Bavage. CINN. 2, 1, 2, Pope. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Renney, nice lot of Scots' Fancy. PAIRS YORKS. (2): 1, Camp. 2, French. NOR. (7): 1, Bailey; 2, Spillman; 3, Collings; 4, Smole; vhc, Garland; hc, Yates; c, French. CRESTS (5): 1, Tope; 2, vhc Bavage; 3, Avent; 4, Richards. A.O.V. (1): 1, Pope, cinnamons. CAGE OF FOUR (8): 1, Collings; 2, French; 3, Blatchford; 4, Garland; vhc, Baker; hc, Tucker.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

The Hybrid and British sections were very satisfactory, taken on the whole, especially so far as quality was concerned. Some well-known names figured in the catalogue, and some splendid exhibits appeared on the benches. Plymouth, however, never seems to muster any extraordinary number of either British or Foreign at its shows, though the average, true enough, is a highly respectable one. Whether this is because Canaries occupy more fully the minds of fanciers in this corner of England, or because of the early date of the show (as we overheard a committeeman say), it is not easy to decide. Anyway, they know how to breed good Mules round Plymouth, and apparently are very keen on it, judging by the members' classes (limited to young birds), which draw heavy entries and always contain specimens of more than average merit. This year the open Light Mule class was a stinger, and caused the judge some anxiety. A better lot of 4 and 6-pointed Mules has rarely been brought together and even then there were others —21 in all. Messrs Wasley, Collins, Browning, Hamblyn, and Jeffreys, staged grand birds in this section. In the British birds the chief winners were Messrs. S. E. Jones, C. Prior, A. Howe, F. J. Russell, Lovell, Longden, A. P. Hirst, J. Jones, Thomson, Bussey, Lean and Son, and Mrs. Taverner, who had out some most attractive specimens. The members British section was also very good, and the foreign really excellent. The strong lot of Hybrids we have already mentioned; the winner of the members' Hybrid Challenge Bowl turning up in the young Goldie-Bullie.

HYBRID LIGHT (21): 1, spl., Wasley, grand 6-pointed buff Goldie, fine size and shape, bold head, carrying a fine blaze, extra good in colour and quality, like wax in plumage, very well marked; 2, 3, F. Collins, also two grand Mules, leader the well-known 6-pointed, beauty for size, shape and colour, but meets its better to-day in a close-run race; 3, a lightly marked Linnet, fine size and stylish, both staged in grand form; 4, Hamblyn, another clinking good 6-pointed, exceptionally fine colour, excellent size and shape, not yet quite in show form; vhc, Browning, fine 4-pointed shade slim; hc, c, Gaved. DARK (14): 1, spl., 2, vhc, Browning, leader a remarkably good Jonque Goldie, rare size and colour, very stylish, plumage like satin, 2nd an almost equally good Jonque Greenfinch, full of colour and quality, fine substance and shape; 3, Jeffreys, Jonque Siskin, good one for size and shape, excellent in colour and markings, beautifully polished; 4, Slade, romping big buff Linnet, fine head and chest, full of quality, very neat all over; hc, Serines; c, Mabbot. A.O.V. HYBRID (40): 1, spl., Browning, very smart Linnet-Bullie, excellent size, stylish, lovely condition, fine expanse of rich colour on breast; 2, 3, F. Collins, good Greenie-Bullie leading, large and thick-set, neatly feathered, nice even colour; 3, Goldie-Bullie, very cobby, good-headed, wants time yet to get into show form, has plenty of colour; 4, Mrs. Skey, yet another Canary-Bullie, not by any means equal to the old champion, yet a big, bold-chested bird, very rich in colour, unfortunately carriage of right wing is faulty; vhc, E. Collins, nice Redpoll-Goldie; hc, Gaved, really good Siskin-Greenfinch; c, Wasley, said to be a Canary-Bullie, nice colour, no markings on back. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (21): 1, spl., Prior, clinking good Finch, not over large, but carries a very expansive well cut blaze, pure and rich in colour, well-marked body, coming into lovely condition, will take beating; 2, spl., S. E. Jones, fine, well-conditioned Bullfinch, good size and shape, bold head and cap, clean breast colour, should improve into a smart one; 3, Hopkins and Allsop, not the size of blaze as winner, yet a lovely Finch, square cut, nice coloured face, very shapely, well-tanned body, nicely marked; 4, hc, Ellis, very good face, not up in colour yet, fine all round specimen, only wants time; vhc, Mabbot; c, Buckland. GREENFINCH ETC. (17): 1, spl., A. Howe, a Greenie of grand size and shape, rich even shade of colour, beautifully feathered; 2, spl., 3, Russell, former a very smart non-fed Siskin, rich bright colour, good well-laced cap, with a distinct bib would be a topper; 3, a fairly good Twite, excellent size and shape, sound colour, trifle indistinct in pencilling; 4, Jones, very decent Lesser Redpoll, shapely and well polished, nicely marked; vhc, Serines, good hot-coloured Siskin; hc, Treharne; c, Jordan. LINNET (10): 1, spl., Prior, a beauty, fine size, well coned body, good whites, bright, sound colour, a mass of very distinct pencilling, full of life and bloom; 2, Lovell, grand one for soundness of colour and profuse pencilling, good size and shape, last year's Palace winner, showing signs of age; 3, Portman, similar type of bird to second, good even colour, grandly marked, shapely, steady, a trio of fine Linnets; 4, Staples, big, bold, well-marked bird, a little short of bloom; vhc, Pridham; hc, Williams; c, Wills. W.C., Cook, nice pied example. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, spl, A. P. Hirst, really splendid Chaffinch, big, well-built, stylish fellow, very tight in feather, excellent markings, nice bloom; 2, spl., Longden, rare big shapely Bramble, grand head, good ground colour, finely-spangled, just needs a wee bit more polish; 3, 4, Prior, two more fine exhibits, Chaffinch leading, shines like silk, big, shapely bird, close on leader; 4, very smart, taking Bramble, waxlike in condition, loses only in size; vhc, Howe, smart Chaffie, wee bit small; hc, Olden; c, Jeffreys. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, spl., Mrs. Taverner, big, cobby Song Thrush, broad, well-rounded and mooned breast, fine head, in lovely order; 2, Lean and Son, splendid Starling, big, bold fellow, fine ground colour, beautiful even spangling; 3, Mrs. Kivell, another really smart Thrush, in charming condition; 4, Ford, grand-bodied Blackbird, needs a little more time to get into form; vhc, Camp; hc, Elias Griffith; c, Bray. A.O.V. SPECIES (7): 1, spl., Idris Jones, really fine Chough, grand blue-black plumage, deep red bill and legs, in tip-top condition; 2, Bussey, clinking good Jay, rich in colour, fine wings, steady, in AI form; 3, vhc, hc, Thomson, very nice trio, Wryneck leading, good colour and condition, finely-marked, unfortunately deficient in claws; vhc, grand Blackcap; hc, grand Chough, just beaten in colour; 4, Mewton, nice coloured Bearded Reedling, in excellent feather, rather unsteady; c, Tarratt. FOR. LARGE (Members) (6): 1, spl., Tremlett, real good King Parakeet, in fine bloom, nice rich breast colour; 2, Tarratt, lovely Yellow-collared Parrakeet, in beautiful condition; 3, Hoyte, attractive pair of Black-headed Conures, again distinguished by high condition. SMALL (11): 1, spl., 3, 4, Hoyte, perfect Paradise Whydah, leading, followed by a grand group of Finches, and a Red-headed Finch, fine colour and markings; 2, Tarratt, splendid rich-coloured Scarlet Tanager, very unsteady; vhc, c, Clear; hc, Tremlett. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl., —, exceptionally rich in colour, trifle frayed in wings, nice style and finish, apparently has not moulted; 2, ——, good face, nice shape and style, close up, pale yet; 3, ——, very neat, good tan; 4, ——grand body, needs time; vhc, ——; hc, ——; c, ——. BULLFINCH (1) 1, spl., ——, cobby and shapely, very fair colour. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, spl., Pridham, sound colour, very decently marked; 2, Snell, grand conditioned, well marked hen; 3, Clark, good style and shape; 4, c, Camp; vhc, Brenton; hc, Wills, most of the exhibits here were too unsteady for words. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (6): 1, spl., hc, Camp, real good Yellowhammer leading, rich grand colour, well marked; 2, vhc, Snell, very fine Chaffinch, big, shapely, grand condition; 4, Watson, another very nice Yellowhammer. INSECTIV. (3): 1, spl., Clark, attractive Wheatear, nice size and colour; 2, White, good Great Tit and Robin. A.O. SPECIES (5): 1, spl., Hammett; 2, Tremlett; 3, Gouldson; 4, Dyer; vhc, Harvey; all very nice Song Thrushes, little between them, leader rather the best in colour. HYBRID LIGHT (bred 1907): 1, —— very promising 4-pointed Goldie, nice size and shape; 2, ——, clear Goldie, very nice quality, unfortunately small, and a hen, ran closely for the Members' Hybrid Cup; 3, ——, well marked 4-pointed, good quality; 4, ——, lovely feather, very well marked, a hen, though; vhc, ——; hc, ——; c, ——. DARK (bred 1907) (9): 1, Members' Cup, ——; promising Goldie-Bullie, chubby and shapely, showing colour nicely; 2, Browning, very taking Jonque Greenie-Canary, good size, shape and colour, full of quality, close up; 3, big smart buff Greenie.

Owing to defective catalogue names left blank cannot be given this week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LIGHT MULE LOST FROM DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—Our winning Light Mule at the Dulwich and Peckham Show has unfortunately gone astray, and up till time of writing has not been located. This will explain his absence from Plymouth, where he was entered. HOPKINS AND ALLSOPP.

MR CLARK'S RETIREMENT.

SIR,—We will close this correspondence on our part with the following remarks. Our old members still adhere to the fact that practically speaking, Mr. Clarke is only a novice, as they can give him years' start. As regards his hanging a Linnet in 1892, when Mr. Johnson was proprietor of the King's Head, one of our members who has hung birds for above 20 years at all the leading contests says that no contests were held at the King's Head when Mr. Johnson was the proprietor. Re Mr. Summers' remarks: He should have known that Mr. Wood was only fulfilling his duties as secretary to our association, and at the instigation of our committee was replying to Mr. Clarke's "twittering." Seeing that he, Mr. Summers, is the secretary of the King's Head Association, he will have to obey his committee regarding the correspondence of his club.

COMMITTEE OF THE PRINCE ALBERT INN LINNET ASSOCIATION.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB MEDALS.

SIR,—I desire to clear away any grievance which may exist amongst members who were unable to attend our meeting. It may be a difficult matter—nay, I am sure it is—to convince them that no clique exists at present for the purpose of refusing medals to any exhibition. Why? Because the club, being a popular one, cannot afford to do so. No one for a moment dreamt that some of our societies would be left out. Cupar, for instance, has lost them this season, and others who were granted last season. Hamilton has had them for three seasons now, and the members, without any prejudice whatever, thought it wise to encourage new societies. But it is not to be taken for granted that Hamilton or Bathgate will not apply again, or any others for that matter. We will gladly welcome any application again, and let them stand their chance. "Don't be downhearted." "A fair field and no favour." If a society gives good classification and appoints judges who are fearless and genuine men, there will be no fear of their show not being a success. An opportunity will be given members to attend a meeting on Saturday, the 19th, at 3.30, at the City of Glasgow Show, for important business, when I hope to see Mr. W. Johnstone and others there.

R. FARMER, Secretary.

THE COCKERMOUTH FEATHER SOCIETY AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Cumberland fanciers and others further afield will doubtless wonder why two shows should be announced and held on the same days within a limited area, and with a necessarily restricted local support; and, further, and, stranger still, both under the rules of the C.B.U. The committee of Cockermouth Show feel that the circumstances relating to the unfortunate clashing and the unfair and almost unfriendly attitude of the C.B.U. should, in justice to them, be placed before the Fancy. I wish at the outset to state that we have no quarrel with the —— Society; they are in no sense to blame, except involuntarily, as we also were, for an unfortunate selection. No words of mine must be taken as imputing other than honourable motives to them, and I wish them, even under adverse conditions, a successful show—a feeling I have no doubt they reciprocate. No, our complaint—a strong and just one—is against the C.B.U. for allowing the two shows to stand on the same days, and the deep feelings of resentment and sense of injustice aroused in Cockermouth will be shared by most of your readers after consideration of the explanations and correspondence which follows. This, sir, is not a matter affecting Cockermouth alone—it concerns every society affiliated to the C.B.U., especially the younger and less influential ones, those who have a position to make and a reputation to secure. This is, perhaps, an unnecessary preamble, but I must add to it the facts that we hailed the institution of the C.B.U. with unfeigned satisfaction, overlooking minor defects in its constitution, and giving the executive since its inception our unqualified support, that we have been members of Union almost from the first, and the present dispute notwithstanding, intend to continue so.

And now, Sir, to details. Our last two shows have been held in January, but on the suggestion of many friends and exhibitors we, on May 3rd, after two meetings of the committee, and having before us the dates, so far as was known, of all local shows, finally fixed on December 6th and 7th for our next show. The day following this was advertised in the "West Cumberland Times," a paper which circulates in every part of the county. Later, at a meeting of the Cage Bird Sub-Committee—we are a mixed society—it was casually mentioned that —— had fixed on the same dates. Our secretary, who was only acting *pro. tem.* was instructed to write the society in question and point out that we had already selected these dates and advertised them, and as they had, so far as we knew, omitted to do this, we thought they might change. In due course a reply was received regretting the clashing, but stating that their arrangements were so far forwarded that it was impossible for them to make any alteration. We then called a meeting of the full committee, but try as we could—we had poultry, pigeon and cage bird fixtures to consider—we could find no other suitable dates that did not clash with some other organisation, and even our old dates, so we were informed, had been taken up. So, much to our regret, we reluctantly adhered to the original selection. One consolation was that the other society had a large Scottish connection, which we have not, and that they were not members of the C.B.U., whilst we were. One member remarked, "Perhaps, after all, it will not affect either of us much, for the C.B.U. will give us their support." What misplaced confidence, as the sequel, will prove!

At this meeting, on June 14th, to prevent the necessity for appointing a paid secretary, I undertook to conduct the correspondence and complete the arrangements for the show, another gentleman offering to act as show secretary. Consequently we proceeded at once to complete contracts necessary for the holding of our show on December 6th and 7th, and advertised the same in your guarantee column, which all fanciers scan, and which most certainly would or should be seen by Mr. Lythgoe and his executive.

On August 6th the following postcard was sent on to me, the wording of which should be most carefully noted:—

Dear Sir,—Have applied for affiliation to the Union, their show date being the same as yours. If your Society intends renewing its membership please let me know at your earliest convenience if there is any objection to —— being affiliated and holding their show on this date.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. LYTHGOE

In reply to this, I sent the explanation detailed above, and after stating that we should welcome the adhesion of the —— Society to the Union, left the question of sanction of dates to the executive. This was the right course to pursue, and I followed it, trusting to the good sense of the executive to see that we, as then existing and original members of the Union, would receive as our due preferential treatment. So far I have placed before you all the facts that were placed before Mr. Lythgoe. His reply was received by me on September 8th, and is as follows:—

Dear Sir,—I send herewith receipt for 5s., your Society's subscription to the Union.

It is a pity that your date should clash with that of ——, and it would have been much better if you had intimated the date to me as soon as it was selected, as at that time —— had not affiliated.

I am afraid there is nothing for it but to allow the two shows to stand. —— had affiliated and notified me their date before I received your intimation that you were renewing your subscription. Moreover, —— fixed their date before you, and is a show confined to Cage Birds, giving a very good classification, and should really have the preference, but in view of the fact that you were members of the Union we cannot (of course) refuse you the Union's countenance, though many of the Council were opposed to the two shows being held on the same day.

Yours faithfully,
GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Will readers kindly compare the postcard written on August 8th with the above and notice the inaccuracies and misstatements. To the above I replied at some length, but with your permission will hold over the further correspondence until next week. In the meantime it is sufficient to say that the above letter aroused here the deepest indignation not only at allowing the two shows to stand, but at the patronising, almost insulting, tone pervading it.

GEORGE OGLETHORPE,
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CLASSIFICATION AT SHOWS, ETC.

An Appeal for the Hybrid Section.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to show your correspondent, "Chas. J. Ward," that there are some shows in the provinces that do give a full classification for Mules and Hybrids, independent of Canaries or British Birds—a class for light Goldfinch Mules and also a class for Any Variety Hybrid. Such classification is very rare excepting in two of three of the largest shows. If anyone has not received a schedule for our Swansea and District C.B.A. show (on November 6th and 7th) I shall be pleased to forward one on receipt of postcard. I think that, with such classification the exhibitors ought to give us a record entry, so that it may encourage other societies to give similar classes. Then, if "Chas. J. Ward" and others will do their parts I am sure we, as one society, are prepared to still further improve our schedule. Other improvements your correspondent writes of I quite agree with excepting the full prize money. I am afraid this is the exhibitors' faults, in not giving them a full entry. You will admit that the majority of fanciers are working men, who can ill afford to pay towards "squaring-up" their expenses each year, as in some districts the shows get very little patronage from the outside public. That is the cause of a good many of the shows closing their books. We like to see the balance on the right side now and again. ALF. HITCHINGS,
Sec., Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.

PRESENTATION TO MR. THOS. SMITH.

SIR,—Kindly acknowledge in this week's issue of your valuable paper the following amounts:—W. Hogg, Oakley, 2s. 6d.; W. Niven, Falkirk, 2s. 6d.; G. Hope, Edinburgh, 5s.; W. McClure, Glasgow, 10s.; W. Urquhart, Paisley, 2s.; W. Cailaw, Falkirk, 2s. 6d.; D. Martin, Edinburgh, 2s. 6d; G. Fulton, Partick, 2s. 6d.; D. Holden, Muirkirk, 4s.; M Jackson, 2s. 6d.; J. Jackson, 2s. 6d.; T. Smith, Slainam, 2s. 6d; Mr. McLellan, Edinburgh, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Auld, Bonieres, 2s. 6d.; F. Melrose, Edinburgh, 2s.; A. Renfrew, Scotstown, 2s. 6d.; William Gernmell and Co., 5s.; A. Crow, Cathcart, 1s.; R. Mice, Barnhead, 3s.; A. Woodock, Airdrie, 2s.; G. Reid, Carluke, 2s.; F. Allan, Edinburgh, 2s. 6d.; M. Frew, Neilson, 2s.; R. Douglas, Mossend, 2s.; W. Band, Paisley, 1s.; W. Baird, Glasgow, 1s.; A. Leitch, Neilson, 2s.; J. McLaren, P'shields, 2s. 6d.; J. F. Miller, Govan, 2s. 6d.; D. McCallum, Campletown, 2s. 6d.; Misses Caldwell, Baillston, 5s.; A. Porteous, 10s. 6d.; J. Cook, Condenheath, 3s. 6d.; W. Hutchison, Slamanger, 2s. 6d.; J. Cavson, Dalkeith, 2s. 6d.; J. Hannan Dumfries, 2s. 6d.; H. Rennick, Glasgow, 2s. 6d.; A. Carmillie, Broughty Ferry, 2s. 6d.; Miss Brown, Dunes, 5s. We return thanks to those who have helped to make this presentation what it is, and as there are still some to send who promised us their help, we shall be glad to hear from them, and from any others who are inclined to assist us, not having seen us at the Glasgow Show. Their subscription will be in time, and will be duly acknowledged.

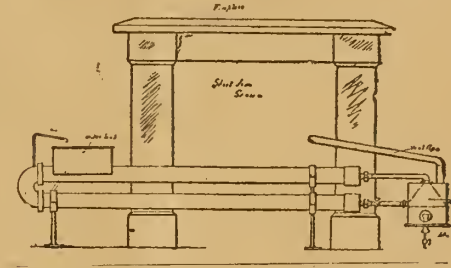
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ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH AND PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—Answering the appeal from the above club, I made six entries, and on going to see the show on the opening day at 3.30 p.m., which was advertised to open at 2 p.m., I was told I could not enter until 4.15. After waiting I was at last allowed in, when you may judge my surprise to see hundreds of birds and cages in a confused muddle on the floor and packed under the staging, and exhibitors trying to find their birds to give them water. In one case I saw a glass of water knocked over one pile of birds that was stacked on the floor; also a female knocked over seven cages with her skirt as she passed. In fact, it was a complete muddle, like a ship without a captain. You will notice in their schedule they state, "The committee being composed of experienced fanciers, exhibitors may rely on all exhibits entrusted to our charge receiving the same careful attention that would be bestowed upon them by the exhibitors themselves." Now, sir, I should like to know where these fanciers were. True, I saw two boys staging at 5.30 p.m., and a nice job they were making of it, mixing several classes together. As a matter of fact, I called their attention to their mistake. I should also like to ask the exhibitors, Can the judge give satisfaction to them, having to judge by gas light, and a very bad light at that, as when I left the show, about 5.45 p.m., there were more than half the birds to be judged and staged? Well, on Friday, about 3.30, I again visited the show, which was looking more ship-shape. Nevertheless, not half the birds in the champion classes could be seen, birds could not be found by their owners; in one case a Mr. C—— found one bird entered in Class 8, Hens, at last he found it in Class 4, which, of course, was not judged. Then again, in Class 28, Mr. C—— had one marked absent. There were also about 20 other entries marked absent which were there. On calling the attention of the C.B.U. representative, he told me it was disgraceful how the birds were treated. He said he asked the manager to see that a lot of champion Yorkshires had water, but he took no notice. When they did get the water some had hardly the strength to drink. I also saw that some of the birds were dead, and I shall not be surprised to hear of more, after they reach home. Again, there was some trouble with the numbers; two cages were marked the same in packing up the birds I was bringing away. I noticed one I should be pleased to be the proud owner of. Of course, I returned it to the steward, and got my own one. It is a good thing for the officials that a representative of the Protection of Cruelty to Dumb Animals was not present. J. E. REEVES.

A SIMPLE HEATING APPARATUS.

SIR,—Having noticed many enquiries made in CAGE BIRDS for an economical heating apparatus for the bird-room, I enclose a sketch of one that I have used both in my bird-room and in my infirmary for dogs and cats, and trust the following few remarks will prove of interest to those who are in want of such an appliance. The apparatus itself needs no description from me, as your readers can see from the sketch what it is like. The extreme length from boiler to the curve at the end of the water tank is 6ft. 6ins., the extreme height from the ground to the water tank 2ft., and at other parts only 18ins. It will maintain a temperature of 80degs. F. at the cost of 2½ft. of gas consumed per hour in a room of 24ft. in length 16ft. in width, and 12ft. in height. But as there is no need to heat a room above 60degs. F., less gas will naturally be expended. As will be seen from the sketch, a vent pipe is affixed to the furnace to carry off the expended gas to the outside of the



building. Personally, I am against artificial heat in the bird-room unless under certain conditions, namely—1. Where delicate non-acclimatised birds are kept; 2. Where it is considered necessary to breed young Canaries in the early part of the year, when the temperature of the outside atmosphere is changeable and the weather wet and chilly. Under these conditions I find it is imperative to use artificial heat. Experience dearly bought has taught me that the teachings of those who preach against the total abolition of artificial heat is only true in part. Egg-binding, always in my experience due to chilly weather, would be prevented if the birds were kept in an equable steady temperature during the early months of the year. As to delicate foreign birds, a very low temperature does not seem to hurt them so much as changeable, wet or chilly weather, and it is necessary, in order to prevent their death during the first winter and spring of their residence in our ever-alterable and damp climate, to have recourse to artificial heat. The maker of my apparatus, which I strongly recommend, is Mr. J. Dewhurst, 52, North End Road, West Kensington, who is not only a practical water engineer, but also a true lover of birds, and one who knows their wants. HENRY GRAY, M.R.C.V.S.

A MAGPIE IN TOWN.

SIR,—Passing by a busy thoroughfare (Walham Green, Fulham) on October 21st, I had the pleasure of witnessing what is not often seen by a Londoner. At about seven o'clock I saw a fine Magpie, flying rather low, so that I got a good view of it. I thought at first it had escaped from a cage, but on closer observation I saw the flight and tail feathers were in perfect condition. I expect it had got out of its latitude during the fierce gale on Sunday. It was flying in a south-westerly direction, no doubt making for Wimbledon Common. A little farther on I crossed an open space known as Eel Brook Common. Here I had the pleasure of seeing two House Martins hawking for food. They were flying very low, seemed in good condition, strong on the wing, and very happy, as I heard them twittering when flying over my head. On October 18th I saw a Sparrow Hawk flying over the City; I expect the rough weather had blown it out of its course. J. P. CARR. Fulham.

NEW SOCIETY FOR HOLYTOWN, NEW STEVENSON, AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—At a meeting recently held in Robb's Hall, a branch of the Ornithological Society was formed, to be called Holytown, New Stevenson and District O.S. The Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Robert Murdoch, in a few well-chosen words, explained the object for which they had assembled, after which the following office-bearers and members of committee were unanimously elected:—Chairman, Mr. John Gillan; Secretary, Mr. Hugh McCarey; Treasurer, Mr. Robert Murdoch; Committee, Messrs. David Harper, Robert Douglas, William Woods, James Lamb, James Millar, James O'Neile, and William Page. This being all the most important business, a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought to a close a most successful first society meeting.

H. McCAREY, Secretary.

SOFT MOULT AND ITS CAUSE.

SIR,—Old fanciers who observe the above heading will thoroughly understand and appreciate the serious consequences resulting therefrom. Without doubt it is one of the most dreaded complaints that can visit a bird room, and there are not many old hands who have not had some experience of it at one time or another. No doubt some of them have been beaten as to its cause. They have looked about their rooms for draughts and damp, and found them not. They then put it down to the changeable weather—something they could not do anything to prevent. Now, the question is, do you disturb your stock at night after they have gone to roost by lighting a gas burner or lamp, so that the birds wake up and get on the move for an hour or so? If you do, you are a sure candidate for soft moulting, which you will not forget when next breeding season comes round. You will be able to count your young birds easily on one hand, for a bird that has gone completely through a soft moult is absolutely useless for the breeding cage for the following season, as it saps every bit of nature out of a bird and leaves it but a shadow of its former self. "Don't disturb your bird at night." Make that your watchword, and with good ventilation, cleanliness, and a good plain diet through the winter months the breeding season is sure to be fruitful. These remarks apply to those fanciers who keep their stock without artificial heat, which is by far the most healthy and natural.

"OLD HAND."

THE ETERNAL TRANSIT QUESTION.

SIR,—I should be glad to hear more about the Cage Bird Union and what it is doing for its members. Is not the Union sufficiently strong to tackle the different railways and get them to book our exhibits return journey when we are sending them to shows? If they would do so, I do think it would be a benefit to exhibitors at large. In this district we are in the happy position of having two railway companies. One, I might say, a train comes into soon after breakfast on Sunday morning, which is all right for week-end shows, but the other station is closed until after six o'clock on Sunday night. The first train, either luggage or passenger, arrives at 6.29 p.m., if we could book our exhibits return. The other company's servants, perhaps, would not be so ready at seizing them at the shows if they had the trouble of paying back through the clearing house the fares we had already paid. I sent to Newcastle Show, and marked return label via Midland, also asked the secretaries (whom I don't blame, for I know what railway servants are; they will collect anything) on the entry form to return certain via Midland, but they did not come Midland, therefore Mr. Bailey had a journey of five miles to Lancaster. Then, to his surprise, no one was at the station who dared deliver the birds to him, so he had another journey into the town to find the proper official before getting the case. Another of our members had a similar experience after Burnley Show. I might say, if one books a horse to a show, he can book it return at a fare and quarter; why cannot we book birds return journey?

Morecambe. JOHN WILKINSON.

Several Letters Crowded Out.

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By T. C. CRAWHALL.

In giving you a short paper on the Yorkshire Canary, or as they are called, "The gentlemen of the Fancy," I will endeavour to explain my views on this interesting variety.

I do not wish to pose as an authority on this subject, but I trust that in the course of this lecture I shall have been of some benefit to my brother fanciers of this Association, and to novices in particular.

Standard Show Birds.

To commence with, I think the standard of excellence should be the first consideration, as that gives us some idea of what a good specimen should be, and as it is rather a difficult matter to please all the judges, I believe we shall not be far wrong if we accept the standard laid down by Mr. J. Broadley, one of the oldest and most successful breeders and exhibitors.

I have taken the liberty of quoting this standard because I do not think it can be improved upon.

Allowing 100 points for a first-class specimen, they are allotted as follows:—

Clear, ticked and unevenly marked.—Shape of head, small and round, with a good bright bold eye, 5; neck long, straight, and well filled, 5; shoulders narrow and round, 5; back long, straight, and well filled, 5; wings, long, fitting close to sides and lying close on tail, 6; breast, round and smooth, 5; body, long, gradually tapering away to the tail, 8; legs, long, inclined to bend a little, showing thighs well and nicely covered, 4; tail, long, straight, and well folded, 4; colour, 5; feather, short, close and silky, 10; position, erect, appearance bold and cheeky, head, neck, back and tail running in a straight line, 20; size, length 6¾ ins., evenly built, 8; condition and cleanliness, 10.

Evenly marked. — An evenly marked Yorkshire must be either 4 pointed, both eyes and both wings; or 6 pointed, both eyes, both wings, and both sides of tail. The points are allotted as follows: Markings on eyes: neat and regular in outline and distinct, 20; markings on wings: even in character, value to decrease as the markings extend beyond secondary flights, 20; tail: long, straight and well folded, 5; shape: good position, fair size, and erectness of carriage, 25; feather: short, close and silky, wings to lie closely on tail, 15; colour: good, and markings dark, 5; condition and cleanliness, 10.

In my opinion the stamp of bird winning on the show bench at the present time is too stout, some of them resemble the Lancashire in size, and I prefer a slimmer bird myself, but as the saying goes, "When we are in Rome we must do as Rome does," so I suppose we must breed them to suit the judges. You will notice in the above standard for clears, ticked and unevenly marked birds, the greatest proportion of points is allotted to quality of feather, position and condition, 40 per cent. being allotted for these qualifications, whereas only 8 per cent. are given to size. By all means keep up the standard length of 6¾ inches and even build, but I would prefer to see them reduced in size of body.

The principal faults to be avoided are broad head and eyebrows, which show the Lancashire blood, a hollow neck or back, pointed chest with a frill, crossing the wings, dropping the tail, and crouching or standing across the perch, also a wide or fish tail.

Stock Birds.

Having noted the stamp of bird required to win on the show bench, the next point to consider is the kind and quality of stock birds to produce them, and I would recommend anyone starting this variety to obtain the pairs from one source and not to get a cock bird from one man and a hen from another, no matter how good they may appear, as you do not know how they are bred. There is nothing like pedigree in Yorkshires.

In my opinion the cock should be nearly 7 ins. long, and the hen 6¾, tight as possible in feather. I would not object to a hen only 6½ in. length, provided I was certain she was bred from long parents, but she must be full of style and quality. The usual method of pairing is buff cock to yellow hen, or vice versa, but I always like one of them to be ticked or lightly marked, as a blend of green blood retains the quality of feather. Obtain the best birds you possibly can, according to the depth of your pocket. Good stock birds will always fetch good prices, but it is far better to have one or two good pairs than five or six which will do you no good.

There appears to be a great demand for yellow hens. Nearly every application I have had for hens this year has been for yellows, but I am almost certain that birds equally good are bred from buff hens. You may find it necessary to double yellow occasionally to shorten feather, but you must remember that you will lose in size and length. I should not attempt it unless both cock and hen were full standard length.

If you do double yellow, the yellows from them should be mated next year to buffs which are bred from double buffs. This will improve the quality of feather in the yellows and will give a better colour to the buffs. I also like to breed from a clear bird mated to a nice bronzy green or variegated, but do not pair two clear birds together, as the progeny will not retain their depth of colour, no matter how much colour food you may give.

Pairing Up.

In pairing up I usually mate a two-year old cock to a young hen, or vice versa. The usual time for pairing up is the 1st week in April, but this year, owing to the exceptional weather, I mated my birds during the last week in March. Up to the present I have ten hens sitting out of 16 pairs, and the eggs appear to be very fertile; still, one must be guided by circumstances. If the birds are forward and the weather fairly warm, I should not hesitate to pair them up a little earlier; otherwise the hens may start laying, and the first clutch of eggs will be lost.

Breeding Cages.

I do not intend to go into details of feeding, as that is a subject more fitted for a separate paper on the general management of Canaries, and would take up too much time this evening; but I will pass on to describe the breeding cages I use and which I find most suitable for this variety. I made them myself, and the dimensions are 24 ins. long, 15 ins. high, and 11 ins. deep. They are all of pine wood, with a removable punched bar, wire front, having two doors in it, and a wire slide to part the birds when required. I have also a door cut in the end (7ins. from the top of the cage), and large enough to hang the nest pan on, so that when the door is opened the nest pan comes out with it, and the eggs or young can be easily seen without placing the hand inside the cage. I have here an example in cardboard, which will show you exactly what I mean (exhibit).

The perches are on a level with the top of the nest pan, which allows plenty of head room, and that is what is required for Yorkshires, these being birds of position.

Treatment of Young Stock.

As soon as the young birds are out on the perch, I ring them with removable rings, and about three days after I separate them from their parents by placing the wire slide in the cage, which allows the old ones to feed them between the wires. This prevents them from being plucked. I find it a good plan to ring all young birds on the same leg, *i.e.*, this year on right leg and next year left leg, you can then distinguish them more easily when they are in flight cages. The numbers are entered up in my stock book, with description, date of hatching, and how they are bred.

When they are about a month old I remove them from the breeding cages into flight cages to develop, and as the moult approaches I put them on to colour food, hanging a thin red blind over the window of the room to keep out the sunlight.

Training Young Stock.

I now come to one of the most important points, and that is the training of the young birds for the show bench, for without this qualification of training it is useless exhibiting them with any hope of success.

My system is to run them into cages made especially for the purpose. Each bird has a separate compartment, and they can only see one another by standing on the perch and looking through a small hole cut in the side of the cage, high enough to make them stretch their legs and neck. Another simple plan is to put them in the usual show cages and have on each cage a piece of cardboard with two wire hooks attached, and hung on the top cross-bar. This will train them to assume a good position, if the cages are placed side by side, and will also steady them if you scratch the bottom of the cage occasionally.

I will conclude, thanking you very much for you kind attention, and I shall be pleased to answer questions to the best of my ability.

A WASHING EXHIBITION.

Some Hints from an Old Hand.

To witness a Washing Exhibition given by Mr. H. Davis, on October 14th, there was quite a good sprinkling of visitors. Having everything in readiness, Mr. Davis commenced operations by putting a knob of borax in the first basin, and a teaspoonful of glycerine in the third, amalgamating it with an egg whisp, the temperature of this water being a few degrees cooler than the second.

Catching a Yorkshire (the darling of his heart) and holding it very lightly with his thumb and first finger, he well soaked it with a sponge. Turning it over on its breast, he proceeded to wash it with a hair shaving brush, lathering it well with Vinolia Toilet Soap, wielding the brush with that dexterity and flexibility of wrist born only of years of experience. Placing its tail upon his wrist, which he well brushed in a downward direction, and turning his attention to both its wings, he then reversed the position and started upon its neck, being careful not to touch its eyes, he being a great advocate in allowing them to remain lively until the end.

The neck he considered highly important, for if it was not carefully performed it would have a tendency to twist, and would be in consequence difficult to eradicate. Upon reaching the head, he used a fine tooth brush, the dirt caused by the London atmosphere being hard to remove round the eyes and nose, and was one of the places that would be noticeable if neglected, concluding by rinsing it in clear water, and lastly the glycerine mixture. In all these operations, quickness was his keynote, for the sooner a bird began to shake itself, the better would its plumage appear. Having ready a hot handkerchief folded in three, he rolled the bird up sausage shaped, being careful with the tail, and then placed it on the hearth near the fire (tail towards fire) for a few minutes, previous to transferring it to the drying cage. At the close, which had been watched with intense pleasure, the following answers were given to questions asked by Messrs. S. Turner, A. W. Curtis, F. Pullinger, F. Easterling, P. G. Cooper S. Kelly, A. C. Burn, Trussler, and V. Wynn, viz.: A hot water tank was preferable to a drying cage. He liked a curd soap and would not advise Sunlight Soap unless exceptionally dirty, his favourite being a feather beautifier advertised in CAGE BIRDS. Would wash birds three clear days before a show, but if foggy then only one clear day between. Would spray birds the same evening with tepid water and glycerine. Washing takes the bloom off, but is a necessary evil. Polish is produced by the frequent use of soft water, which, for obvious reasons, is unobtainable in London, also by rubbing the hands lightly over the birds that have previously had glycerine on them (the hands) and rubbed off. The Chairman here remarked that he had been a few days in Lincoln, where he saw the shepherds (no relation to the three members) washing sheep and finishing them off by enveloping them in sawdust, he (the Chairman) supposed that was to produce sheen, and wondered if it would have a similar effect upon birds, which was humorously replied to in the negative.

In seconding a vote of thanks to Mr. Davis, proposed by Mr. H. Trussler, Mr. Easterling spoke of the services he was always willing to render to other Societies and in supporting the same, Mr. Curtis referred to the number of years he had been a member, during which time he had rendered yeoman service to the Association, and was also delighted to think that he would be present at a neighbouring Society, when he was to give them the benefit of his mature experience. Mr. Davis replied in a few well-chosen words.—VICTOR WYNN.

York Fanciers' Go A-Visiting.

On the invitation of Mr. Geo. Harland, writes Mr. A. RICHARDSON, the chairman of the York C.B.S., Messrs. T. Boyle, D. Hunter, H. Shorney, and myself paid a visit to Hull recently. We were met by Messrs. D. Hope and J. Calam, and visited the bird-room of the three gentlemen here mentioned, where it was our privilege to see some grand Norwich, both old winners and youngsters that should win—well-worth going forty miles to see. Mrs. Harland very kindly provided us with a right good Yorkshire dinner, and Mrs. Calam with a substantial tea. Altogether we had a most enjoyable time, and found it a hard task to say "good-bye" to our Hull friends.

The Black-Backed Tanager & Blue Sugar Bird.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

(See this week's Coloured Plate).

Few birds that I can remember met with such admiration in the Avicultural world as the Black-backed Tanager (*Calliste melanonota*), when Mr. S. M. Townsend's well-known specimen of it was first exhibited. It was not the first to reach England, because they had had it years before at the Zoo. This was before I knew the gardens well, however, and I never saw the bird there. The name Black-backed as applied to this Tanager is objectionable and misleading in more than one way. In the first place, there is another "Black-backed" Tanager (*Pipridea melanonota*); and, secondly, the most noticeable point about the appearance of *Calliste melanonota* is not the black on the back, but the wonderfully polished copper hue of the head, which, with the glossy sea-green and straw-colour of the rest of the plumage, make a most striking *tout ensemble*. In the hen the colours are much less pronounced, as the picture shows. This species belongs to the same group as the more familiar superb Tanager (*Calliste fastuosa*), and is about the same size, but more elegant in form.

Like so many other Tanagers, it comes from Brazil. It would appear to be not a difficult bird to keep, though one must not too hastily conclude that everything Mr. Townsend shows is an easy subject, it being well known that his skill and care are so great that he may well succeed where others fail. At the same time, Tanagers generally are certainly not delicate; a good soft-food mixture, plenty of soft ripe fruit, and a few insects, are what they require in the way of food, and given also large cages, kept very clean, they will live well for years. Some time ago there died at the Zoo a specimen of the rare and beautiful White-crowned Tanager (*Stephanophorus leucocephalus*), which had been there for about seventeen years. As long as I knew it, it was always in a cage, and it got a mixture with egg in it—a good proof that this much-abused article of food cannot be so very dangerous, especially as this rare bird was not the survivor of several, but a unique specimen.

The Tanagers and Sugar-birds are very closely related, and the Blue Sugar-bird (*Dacnis cayana*) forms a link between them Indeed, in many ways, it is more Tanager than Sugar-bird, as it bites into a banana like one of the former, and does not suck at things like the long-billed purple Sugar-birds of the genus *Coereba*. It must be remembered that the Tanagers, like the Larks, vary very much in style of bill, some species having stout and others quite slender beaks. The Blue Sugar-bird only bears the colour from which it derives its name, if a male; the hen is a green bird, with a tinge of blue on the head, but without the black markings which diversify the plumage of her mate. The sort of food which would keep an English Blackcap would do well for this pretty creature, which, like most foreign soft-bills, is not a delicate bird. Really delicate soft-bills naturally very seldom get over a long voyage; fancy a big consignment of our Jenny Wrens being sent abroad!

While on the subject of Sugar-birds, I may as well allude to the other species of this charming group I have seen alive. The Green Sugar-bird (*Chlorophanes spiza*) is a lovely sea-green bird with a black head, and a decidedly long beak, but its beak is not nearly so long as those of the two lovely species of *Coereba*, which have the beak much like our Tree-Creepers in length and curvature. In fact, they are sometimes called "Blue Creepers." These are almost, if not quite, the most exquisite foreign birds in existence, I think, and it is difficult to say which is most beautiful. The best-known one, the Yellow-winged (*Coereba cyanea*), which is sometimes on sale, but very rarely, is a lovely purple like a cock Gouldian Finch's breast; the wings are black with the inner webs of the flights yellow, not visible in repose, and the crown on the head is of a metallic sea-green, which hue is enhanced by the bird's constantly erecting these feathers. The legs are a bright cherry-red, well shown off against the purple plumage. The hens and young cocks are of a subdued green, with the legs not quite so brilliant a red. The male, when out of colour, like a Weaver, he only bears his brilliant plumage part of the year, resembles them, but retains his distinctive wing-colouring.

This bird has lived for years at the Zoo in a cage in the parrot house; it needs good egg and other soft food, made up sweet and sloppy, as it likes sucking up its food. Soft ripe fruit is also good for it, and should always be given, to say nothing of insects.

The other species, the Purple Sugar-bird (*Coereba coerulea*) has not yet got beyond the Zoo's collection. It is a really wonderful bird, a self-purple, with the exception of black quills and tail, with the legs a brilliant mustard-yellow—quite a Blue-coat boy's costume. The hen is also a pretty little thing, green, with the under-surface streak, and some blue and buff marking about the head and face. Her legs are bright green, and those of the young males, which resemble her in plumage, are yellowish green. This species was actually described in an avicultural publication some time back as the young of the preceding one! It will be seen, however, that it is very notably distinct. The male appears to have the same change of plumage as the previous species, but I have never seen it completed. This bird has the habit of flying up and hovering exactly like a true Humming-bird, which gives it an additional charm. It feeds like the last one, and the two species live well together in a large cage. All these birds come from South America, and though they need not be kept *hot*, should be treated with care as regards temperature; I have no doubt that in real summer weather they would do all right outdoors.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

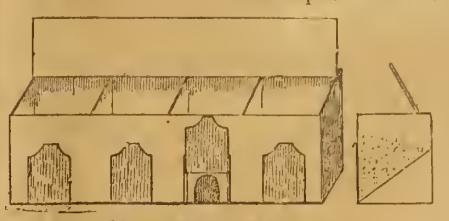
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some idea useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 147.

STORE BOX FOR SEEDS.

Sent by R. C. Sands, 2, Laceby Street, Monks Road, Reading.

I am enclosing a sketch of a very useful Seed Box, which I have in use myself. The dimensions are 15 ins. long by 6 ins. deep, and 6 ins. wide inside, which allows of five compartments 3 ins. by 6 ins., for different seeds. In the front of the box, for each compartment, a hole is cut to enable the seed to pass through. A piece of zinc is made to slide up and down over each hole, and is bent over at the top to allow of



Store Box for Seeds.

drawing up. The box has two bottoms, the inside one having a good incline (as illustrated), so that when the slide is drawn up the seed will pass through the holes quite easily. The idea of this box is to enable one to fill the seed boxes easily and quickly, by simply holding a seed vessel under the compartment you require the seed from and drawing the slide. The box is provided with a lid to keep the seed free from dust, etc. When properly made and painted black outside the box has a very smart appearance.

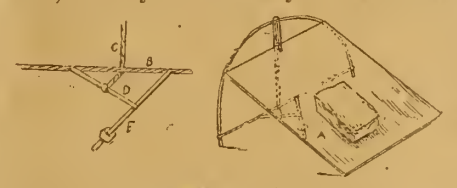
R. C. SANDS.

No. 148.

AN EASILY-MADE MOUSE TRAP.

Sent by T. Aitken, 609, Springburn Road, Glasgow.

I enclose a sketch of a mouse trap which is easily made and may be useful to those who are troubled with mice in their bird-rooms, or elsewhere. The things required to construct the trap are as follows:—(a) A board about 18 ins. long and about 12 ins. broad, any thickness; also a heavy brick, or any other heavy substance to



A Sure Mouse Trap.

place on top of this. (b) A switch about 3 ft. long and about ¾ in. thick; this to be bent round in a semi-circle, and a cord about ¼ in. thick tied across from one end to the other. (c) A strong cord about ¼ in. thick. This is nailed at one end to the board (a) at the point shown in the illustration. The other end is tied on to the middle of (d) a stick 3 ins. long and ¼ in. thick, (e) a stick 6 ins. long and ¼ in. thick, with a piece of cheese or bread tied on to one end for bait. The method of setting the trap can be seen in the illustration.

THOMAS AITKEN.



WILD BIRD LIFE.

Across the Downs.

The ordinary wild bramble is about the commonest of our shrubs among the undergrowth of the woods and hedgerows, and yet it is a graceful and beautiful as any. I thought so when I saw a brown Linnet perched upon a berry-laden branch, with leaves of green, brown, and gold. It was a picture daily seen among the hedgerows, but none the less beautiful. It was a picture of colour and life, for birds are the very personification of life, being restless and active, and greatly exceeding animals in vivacity. Considering the many beautiful effects being produced daily by our common wild birds in conjunction with ordinary surrounding objects, it is a wonder to me that some of our great artists do not give us more representations of bird life upon canvas and paper. Year after year, at the end of the great picture gallery exhibitions, we can easily count upon our fingers the pictures in which birds form the principal subjects. But we may possibly see more in good time, for the study of nature is rapidly becoming more popular, and such pictures will be in demand. The brown Linnets have discarded their old clothes, and are now more soberly, yet clearly, clad. The cock birds have, for a time, lost the brilliant crimson of the poll and breast, a colour as rich and vivid as any worn by tropical birds. Thousands of these little songsters can be seen upon the Downs, and very few of the male birds show any traces of the beautiful colouring that will be so conspicuous later on. Without its bird life a large tract of open country like the Downs above Epsom would look cheerless and uninviting. I thought so, at least, as I tramped across them the other day, for the weather was rough and wet, with big, heavy, moisture-laden clouds driving rapidly across the sky, the falling rain quite obscuring the fine view of distant fields and woods. Out on the open Downs a flock of Rooks were busy, heedless of the weather. When disturbed they were carried swiftly away by the wind, or fought hard against it. The power of flight is never better demonstrated than under such conditions. The wind pressure upon a bird, fully exposed as he is, must be very great, and to hold up and gradually make headway against it must require considerable power. When a Rook flies against the wind it is, with him, all hard work; he does not appear to be able to expand his wings and glide as the Gulls and some other birds are capable of doing. One could hardly estimate the numbers of Starlings feeding in the same manner as the Rooks. There appeared to be an unusually large number of them. When seen upon the ground, but when in the air every bird comes into view, and one is able to take in at a glance the whole company. It is interesting to watch such a huge number wheeling and flying about the Downs, but if one could only find their roosting place, where they would no doubt be joined by a few more thousands, the sight of their nightly ariel flights would be worth a long journey to see. Linnets, Greenbirds, Buntings, Chats, Plovers, and Hawks may all be seen upon these open places, if one can only spare the time, and get as far, for a few hours. The bird lover will find plenty to interest him, although we have only our resident birds with us now.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*Canary-Hatched Linnets.

My father last summer found a Brown Linnet's nest with four eggs in it, in a bush on an open plain. He brought them home and put them under a Canary hen, which was already sitting. My father, thinking the eggs would have nothing in them, put the Linnet eggs in their place; they hatched all right, and the hen brought them all up. I am delighted with them.—WILFRED COLDFIELD (age 9), Howden Clough, Birstall, near Leeds.

*A Mountain Visit.

One Saturday I went up to the mountain, where there were some Peewits. The flight of the Peewit is much like that of the Gull. On a moor I saw a big reddish-brown bird rising rapidly in the air. It had a very short tail, and a short beak; I found out it was a Red Grouse. As I was walking along I found a nest with nine white eggs in it. Very often I saw some small birds rising from the ground in lots of twenty or more. Also I found a nest with four very large eggs. I took one of the eggs home with me. Its colour is grey, freckled with dark brown spots. It is very pointed, and is about the size of a hen's egg.—EVAN D. DAVIES (aged 13), 3, Cwmanne-terrace, Cwmanne, near Lampeter, Cardiganshire, South Wales.

*Happy Holidays.

This summer I spent part of my holidays at Filey. One afternoon we climbed the cliff or crags called the Brigg, to watch a colony of Sand Martins who had scooped out their nests near the top. When going near them, we went quietly and lay on our faces, and peeped over the edge. We did not disturb them, but watched them flit to and fro, bringing food to their young in the holes, and then darting off for more. A pretty sight was a flock of (I think) Chaffinches, who flew by just below where we lay, their backs showing the flash of pink, white, and yellow.—NAN SPINK (age 12), 6, Lily-grove, Greek-street, Anlaby-avenue, Hull.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

ON Saturday evening next Mr. James Hartley gives a washing exhibition at the headquarters of the Wibsey O.S. Any novices not thoroughly versed in this subtle and essential part of the Canary Fancy will do well to pay a visit, and learn a wrinkle or two. Friend James gets them through very quickly and well, giving valuable information at the same time.

BRADFORD and district exhibitors not having any home fixture this week had perforce to send their birds away, and right well do they seem to have fared, many honours coming to the hotbed of the Yorkshire Fancy.

I SEE in the club notices of CAGE BIRDS' issue of last week that the Bingley O.S. were holding a members' show, and that the birds were to be staged at 3 p.m. This is against the usual custom of the Societies in the Yorkshire Union, who usually do not have members' shows before 8 p.m. on a day when a Society of the Union is holding an open show.

SOME conversation and arguments have taken place since the beginning of the show season as to what is best to be done in regard to the attitude of the railway companies in respect to the carriage of birds to and from shows, as now, even if the exhibitor is taking them to the show himself, he must pay carriage for them. This is very hard, and makes showing expensive, especially when you don't happen to notch the coveted prizes to pay for this. A great point is here provided, where the combination of the Cage Bird Union and the Yorkshire Union would be a matter of importance, as if only one of these were to bring the subject before the railway board they would try and shirk the application, whereas if in unity the numbers of fanciers names they would be able to lay before them would astonnd them, and awaken interest in what to them must be an enormous traffic; in the course of a year, thousands of pounds find their way annually into the coffers of the railway companies from the exhibitors of live stock. "Unity is strength," and procrastination is the thief of time, so let "Do it now" be the motto.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest for quality, held at Old Bird House, Shannon-street, when 20 of the picked birds of Leeds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson. 1, W. Fisher; 2, J. Nicholls; 3, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper.—T. SEMMERS, Hon. Sec.

LEWISHAM.

At Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham, October 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Seven pairs were put on the nail. Barnes ran away with the first prize, doing 2 score 9 in six minutes, the other birds only scoring a few chalks, Larney being runner-up with 2 score odd in ten minutes, other scores being Robinson with 1 score 17, Barber 1 score 11, Still 1 score 14. A special is to be competed for on the first Saturday in November (a Linnet show cage) for the most scores by any competitor.—E. S. LUGG.

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RARITY. Black hen Bullfinch, also pair Bullfinches, all hand-reared 1907 birds; what offers in Canaries?—Lawrence, 7, Chestnut-road, Horley.

THREE beautiful cock Chaffinches, caged month, 2/-; one good call bird, with new trapeze, 1/6.—A. Welch, 11, Parkhurst-rd., Hertford.

1907 hand-reared hen Bullfinch, steady cock Goldfinch, 5/6; exchange good cock Siskin; offers.—A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

THREE hand-reared cock Blackbirds, whistling, 3/- each; exchange Goldfinch Mule or offers.—McInnes, The Wall, Glastonbury, Somerset.

TWO pairs hand-reared Greenfinches, large, rich-coloured, fit showing, 5/- pair; exchange boots, anything suitable for working man; offers.—Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

CRESTED cock, 15/6; Crestbred cock, 15/-; fine, healthy birds; hand-reared hen Chaffinch, 3/-; two cock Redpolls, 2/6 each; exchange Goldfinches or half-plate camera case and accessories.—Mainprize, Witham, Essex.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

1907 Yorkshire cock, in show cage, 8/6.—Fifield, 74, Bullingdon rd, Oxford.

1906 cock Canary, 7/6; exchange anything useful; stamp reply.—Samuel Goodyear, Salcombe.

HEALTHY cock Canary (singing), 4/6, or useful exchange.—Howarth, Sharpe st., Dewsbury.

WHAT offers pair of young Norwich Greens, or sell 10/-.—Stevens, 35, Davenant-road, Upper Holloway.

FIVE common hen Canaries, 10 , or exchange Budgerigars.—W. Wood, 34, Morris-street, Oldham.

SEVERAL pairs Yorkshires and Norwich; cash or offers exchange.—Legget, 35, Cleveland-rd., Islington, London.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6 each; exchange some for good 1906 Norwich hens.—E., 88, Henley-rd., Ilford, Essex.

GENT'S bike, good condition, little used, sell 50/-; exchange, offers.—Hudson, South Baily Gate, Pontefract.

PAIR Canaries, cost 50/-, exchange clap-nets, common poultry, rabbits.—Barfoot, 18, Gladstone-street, Bedford.

FOUR hen Canaries and two cocks, the lot 11/-; or exchange.—A. Hall, Wellington-place, Craigneuk, Wishaw, Scotland.

SIX pairs good Norwich, 8/6 pair; or exchange two pairs high-class Yorkshires or Crests.—Plant, 7, Belle Vue-rd., Leek.

WILL give six good cock Canaries for phonograph or gramaphone, with records.—196, Balls Pond-road, Essex-road, London.

CANARIES and Mules, outdoor bred, from 5/6 pair; exchange for good Rollers.—Matthews, 78, Barclay-st., Leicester.

GOLD Lizard, clear cap, cost 15/- of Lizard King; exchange Goldfinches, or Siberian Bully.—Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

EXCHANGE large variegated buff Norwich hen for cock Goldfinch, or sell for 5/-.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-street, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE Canaries and dandelion seed for boots, sheets, or blankets, or anything useful.—Cooper Aston, Stevenage, Herts.

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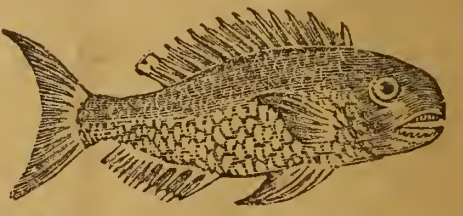
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Notice.—I send out on approval entirely at my own risk to any part Great Britain and claim to have largest stock in West England in song before sent out, if not giving fullest satisfaction you return them and have your money back; cash or deposit; warranted English cock Goldfinches, full colour, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/-, 13/- twelve; hens 7/- twelve; extra selected large birds, make winners, 2/- three, 5/- six, 9/-, 19/- twelve; two-year-old cailbird, 4/-; Red-breasted cock brown Linnets, three 1/3; six 2/-, 3/6 twelve; thirty-six 9/6; two-year-old callbird, 3/-, cock Greenfinches 6d., three 1/-; six 1/6, twelve 2/-; cock Redpolls, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/- twelve; cock Skylarks, 9d., three 1/6, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; cock Woodlarks, king of songsters, 2/6, three 6/6, six 12/-, 18/- twelve; cock Goldfinch mules, pure Goldfinch song, 5/-, three 13/6, six 24/-; two-year-old callbirds, 7/6; pair Linnets, pair Goldfinches, pair Redpolls, pair Greenfinches, and grand cage, 7/6; lot Norwich and Yorkshires, cock Canaries, 4/- each, three 11/6; six 22/-, twelve 42/-, £17 hundred; hens 2/-, three 5/6, six 10/-, twelve 18/-, hand-reared cock brook Thrush, full song, 3/6; cock Blackbird 2/6; Linnets and Goldfinch call cages, made of best white pine, 6d., 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 dozen; penny tin fountains, 6d. dozen, thirty-six 1/3, 4/- gross; box birdlime, best in world, ¼lb. 7d., ½lb. 1/-, 1/6 lb.; talking Parrots, nursing pets, speak 100 words, comes out his cage on your shoulder, £3 10s., worth £7; others 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

EVERYTHING WE SELL

is entirely on approval at our sole risk, and if you do not approve of it you have only to return it and we will either replace it or refund your money in full, whichever you prefer. We hold at the present the largest stock of Worcestershire cock Goldfinches in the Midland Counties. Large Worcestershire cock Goldfinches (not fresh caught rubbish), well on hard seed, 1/6 each, three 4/-, 6 7/-, 13/- dozen; extra selected for singing, showing, or muling, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6; hens 1/- each, three 2/-, 7/- dozen; large selected cock Goldfinch, singing, with cage, 2/6, two-year-old cock Goldfinch, used as call-bird, 3/-; Linnets, Linnets, Linnets—Large red-breasted cocks, with nut-brown wings, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; extra selected, singing or for show, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6; selected cock Linnet, singing, with cage, 1/6; cock Linnets, used as call birds, 1/6 each; Redpolls 1/- pair, Green Linnets 9d. pair, Chaffinches 1/- pair. Larks, Larks, Larks—Large upstanding cocks, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; few selected and on good song, complete with cage, 1/6 each; cages all made from best white pine; Goldfinch and Linnet cages 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 dozen; Lark cages 3/6, 4/6, 6/6 dozen; Canary box cages 1/-, 1/3, 1/6 each; square top calling cages, 4d. each, 2/6 dozen; large improved double trap cages, with separate partition, for call bird, 1/-, 1/3 each; ditto, single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; large improved patent self-acting spring net traps, 9d., 1/3 each; extra strong birdlime, practically the best obtainable, 1 lb. tins 1/6, ½ lb. 10d., ¼ lb. 6d.; carriage paid, penny tin drinkers 6d. dozen; three dozen 1/3, 4/- gross; 1½d. tin food fountains, with cover tops, 8d. dozen; three dozen 1/9, 5/6 gross; penny tin boxes birdlime three dozen 2/-, 7/6 gross; bird brace swivels, 6d. dozen, carriage paid, loose netting, made from best superfine thread, rat proof, ¾ in mesh, 2 yds. wide, 2½ per yard, 8 ft. wide, 3½ per yard, carriage paid. Clap nets, made and fitted complete by experienced men, with pegs, poles, lines, etc., 3 yards 4/-, 4 yards 5/-, 5 yards 6/-, 6 yards 7/-, 7 yards 8/-, 8 yards 9/-, 9 yards 10/-, 10 yards 11/-; all four feet wide and properly geared with plenty of loose netting, so as to enmesh birds when caught; pull line made of proper hemp cord, about 80 yards long, 1/4, pegs 6d. set, 4 ft. poles, 1/6 set, if birds are sent in proper made travelling cage, 3d. extra; hundreds of testimonials can be seen of the wonderfull value we send out. Established 20 years in one place. (Not in five places).—Parker and Wilden, Bird Merchants, 257-258, Farm Street, Birmingham.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, LARKS.

Splendid cock Goldfinches, fit to show, 1/6 each, 3 for 4/-, or 12 for 13/-; cock Linnets, large, selected, 4/- per dozen, or 6d. each; cock Larks, 3/- dozen, or 6d. each, selected, largest stock in North, more than all the other Preston advertisers combined; inspection invited.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

EVEN IN MADNESS

there is method, so why shouldn't there be a method in buying birds. The best method I can advocate is to buy on my well-known approval system, so that unless you are perfectly satisfied with your deal I refund money in full. I was originator of approval system in connection with wild birds, and during the whole of my business career have never dealt on any other terms. Genuine large Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health and condition, 1/6 each, three 4/-, six 6/6, twelve 12/-. Specially selected cocks, for exhibition or mauling, and warranted in song, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6, twelve 16/-. Few extra large clean-moulted cocks, in full colour and superb condition, 3/- each, three 7/6. Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6; splendid large cock Brown Linnets, with rose-red breasts and nut-brown backs, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6; twelve 4/-; specially selected cocks, for show or muling, and warranted in song, 1/- each, three 2/6, six 4/-; every Linnet sent out is guaranteed clean-moulted, in pink of health, and are exactly same as supplied to contest winners throughout England. I am selling 100 dozen of these cock Linnets weekly, and people who have never before purchased Worcestershire Linnets are astounded at their quality. If I wished, I could fill this page weekly with testimonials from Linnet customers alone. Cock Chaffinches, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; hen Chaffinches, three 1/-, six 1/6, twelve 2/-; cock Greenlinches, three 1/-, six 1/6, twelve 2/-; cock Brambiefinches, three 1/6, six 2/6; Redpolls, three 1/3, six 2/-, twelve 3/6; grand large cock Larks, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-. All Larks guaranteed big bold cocks, not half hens, as my hens are sold to poultry dealers. All birds are guaranteed to be well caged, steady, and well on hard seed before being sent out, and visitors can come and see hundreds upon hundreds in stock at all times. See following testimonials, all recently received, and never before been published. "Croom Station, County Limerick, Ireland, October 12th.—Sir,—Please send following; you are the only man advertising that has ever given me satisfaction, as every bird I got from you turned out well. Yours, P. McCarthy." "35, Titchfield-st., Mansfield, October 12th.—Sir,—Please send following. I had three Goldfinches from you last year, and was highly satisfied. Yours, R. Ellis." "26, Albert-road, Tonbridge, October 9th.—Sir,—Please send following. I had four cock Goldfinches from you a few years ago, and better birds I never saw. Yours, J. Peters." "35, Watson-crescent, Edinburgh.—Sir,—Received birds all right, and am very well pleased with them. I am expecting to send another order shortly. Yours, J. McDonald." "22, Primrose-place, Tillicoultry.—Sir,—Bird arrived to-day in pink of health, and is a splendid bird at the money. You will hear from me again. Yours, A. McIntosh." "56, Hume-street, Batley.—Sir,—Please send three more Linnets; the last I had proved good birds, and have given every satisfaction. Yours, W. Spidding." "2, Westminster-parade, Lower Edmonton.—Sir,—Received Goldfinches in pink of condition, and have advised CAGE BIRDS to pay the money over. Will send another order shortly. Yours, G. Smith." "156, Marine-street, Tallis Town, Cwm, Mon.—Sir,—Please send another Linnet. I had one from you last year; he started singing week after arrival, and been singing ever since from morning till night, and even through the moult, and so tame and steady. Yours, T. Baker." "140, High-street, Falkirk.—Sir,—The three Goldies arrived safe. Am well pleased with way you executed order. You will hear from me again shortly. Yours, D. Boyd." "13, Byron-street, Burnley.—Sir,—Please send me three Linnets. I got some from you when working in Birmingham, and was always well satisfied. Yours, C. Mitchell." "35, Grey-street, Carlisle.—Sir,—Please send cock Linnet. Those I got from you when in Birmingham turned out very well. I think you can claim the honour of being the largest bird dealer in England, as I have seen a good many bird shops; but as regards your establishment, seeing is believing as regards the quantity of birds you stock. Yours, S. Stamper." "45, Highland-road, Southsea.—Sir,—Blackbird arrived safely, and is singing nicely already, although only been here few hours. I must confess he is a perfect gem, so very tame with the best plumage a Blackbird can have, and his song is purely the mild one. I have, during past few years, bought a number in order to get one such as he is, and have never before been able. Yours, A. J. Burridge." The above few letters by no means exhaust my stock of testimonials, as I have piles upon piles of them, which have never been published, not one of which has been solicited by me as apart from business transactions; the senders of these testimonials are utter strangers to me. Please note every bird is sent on approval entirely at my own risk; either cash or deposit system, and money refunded in full if fullest satisfaction not given. If you would like genuine Worcestershire netted birds, together with straightforward, honest dealing, please give me one trial. See appliance column for list of cages and further testimonials, etc.

W. CORE, 131, Cooch Street, Birmingham.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS.—Wanted Clear Yellow cock and Clear Buff hen, or vice versa, good carriage, 1906-7 birds; state price; approval.—Hawkings, Byles st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS, big, heavy shouldered Belgian Canaries, 1907, for sale. Moderate prices. — Vanderauwera. Hoefyzerstr, 50, Ghent-le deberg, Belgium.

Border Fancy.

A FEW for stock and show, pairs from 10/6; approval.—Russell, Prendergast, Ayton.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, all colours, from 7/6 a pair.—Apply, George Gass, Causeway-st., Moffat.

CAN spare few pairs of high-class Green Borders, reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

TWO cocks, singing, 5/- each; hen, 2/6; young birds; exchange Goldfinches.—Mason, Northgate, Peebles.

PRIZE-BRED Borders for sale, cheap, Yellows, Buffs and Variegated.—John Tail, 281, Gala Park-rd., Galashiels.

CHAMPION Border Fancy cocks, fit to win 7/6; hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval. Mr. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, fit to win; state wants; matched pairs, reasonable.—Thomas Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick.

YELLOW cock, buff hen, buff cock, yellow hen, 7/6 pair; approval, deposit; stamp.—Blackburn, Parsons-street, Blyth, North Lancs.

EXHIBITION or stock, a good lot of birds for disposal; best blood obtainable and prices low.—Wilson, 18, Harrington-rd., Workington.

T. C. CRAWHALL has some good Borders, ticked and uneven marked, to sell, cheap for immediate clearance.—121, St. George's-ter., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

COLOURED plate of Border Fancy Canaries sent post paid, carefully packed, on receipt of four 1d. stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, send for my copyright illustrated list before purchasing elsewhere; it will only cost you a postcard.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PAIR exhibition Borders, fit for immediate showing, 15/- pair, for stock, 9/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Hay, bird specialist, Main-road, Tweedmouth.

PAIR of Border Fancies, green cock and buff hen, had young this year, and double breeder, 17/6; also twlee house-moulted cock Goldfinch and double breeder, 10/-; approval.—Davis, Thornton Cottage, Grove-road, Luton.

FOR Sale, Buff, even mark, 10/6; Clear Yellow cock, 7/6; Clear Buff cock, 7/6; Clear Yellow hen, 5/6; Clear Buff hen, 5/-; few others cheap, all bred from winners.—John Watson, 10, Castle-st., Selkirk, N.B.

HIGH-CLASS BORDERS.

Compulsory sale on account of removal: eight pairs Greens, three pairs Marks, one pair Clears, 8/6 upwards; few odd hens; also one Yellow-Green Scotch Fancy cock, 20/- (3rd Scottish National); one Yellow Pied hen, 15/-; two Greenfinch Canary Mules (1st and 3rd Edin. West Ornith. Soc.). See Wanted columns.—James Mackie, 60, Dundee-st., Edinburgh.

Crests and Crestbreds.

LARGE 1906 marked Crested cock, good, 25/-; approval; deposit.—Young, 76, Newbury-rd, Bromley, Kent.

A FEW high-class Crests and Crestbreds to spare.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

GOOD big Crest and Crest-breds for sale from 10/6.—T. Stimson, Middleton-ter., Cresswell, nr. Mansfield.

T. C. CRAWHALL has some good Crests and Crest-breds for sale, cheap.—121 St. George's ter., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GRAND lot Crests and Norwich, show or stock, prices cheap. stamp reply.—Laithwaite, Rigby-lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton.

CREST cocks, Crest-bred cocks, matched pairs, including winners Newcastle, for sale.—McColl, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

GRAND Crest and crestbred Norwich Canarics of Sharp and Joyce strain, 15/- pair.—Nicolson, 85, Evelne-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow.

YELLOW and Buff Crest and Crest-breds for sale, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- pair, on approval.—Harris, 13, Bleashury-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS crests and crestbreds, single or pairs, for sale, cheap, stock or show, approval, deposit.—Dixon, Robin Hood's Bay.

FOR Sale, crested cock and crested bred hen, 20/-, or exchange Seifert Roller cock and hen to value.—Thomas Hetherel, 64, New Lane, Selby.

MONSTER Green Crested hen, £6; also Green Crested cock, £8; parents big winners; approval, deposit or cash.—C. Horsley, Butcher, Norwich.

TWO Crest-bred cocks, 30/-, 15/- each; three Crested hens, 12/-, 8/-, 6/- each, from winners; good stock; approval.—Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

CREST and Crest-bred from 6/- to 15/-; some large birds, seen after 2 p.m., or Sunday; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulten, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

WORTH notice, grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, sure winners, prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

LARGE birds cheap, wing marked, dark Crested cock, 10/6; Clear Buff C.B. hen, 7/6; wing marked, dark Crested hen, 12/6.—Daniels, Prospect-row, Bury St. Edmunds.

CRESTS. The best Yellow and Buff Crests living; tremendous success; 50 show birds for sale; also grand stock.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

HIGH-CLASS Crest and crested-breds; send for my copyright illustrated list before purchasing elsewhere; it will only cost you a postcard.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

FOUR Crest-bred hens, one Crest Cock, faulty Crest, twelve young, as bred, big birds, and plenty of feather, £8 the lot; cash deposit: approval.—E. Wilcox, 3, Chapel-yard, Spon-st., Coventry.

PRIZE-BRED massive stock pairs Crests, properly matched from my winners, 20/- pair upwards; single birds reasonable; exhibition or stock; state wants; approval.—R. Green, see Norwich columns.

NOT having time to exhibit, have some promising (1907) Crests, Crestbreds, bred from my well-known winners, from 10/6 upwards, bargains.—Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

INVALUABLE Crest-bred cock, Variegated, perfect feathering, faultless type, proved stock bird, 5/-; ditto hen, proved breeder, massive bird, 5/- cheap, 30/-; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

CLEAR Crest cock, beauty, 9/6; Green Crest hen, 7/-; Variegated ditto, 5/6; Variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; ditto, 7/6; Yellow Variegated Crest-bred hen, 9/6; Buff ditto, 7/6; all large, healthy birds; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some grand Crests and Crestbreds to part with, the kind that need no puff. Give me a trial and be convinced; prices right, approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

GRAND large Crest-bred cock, even wing marked, dark cap, can win in good company, 35/-; also large Clear Crest-bred cock, 30/-; nearly Green Crest-bred cock, feathers to end of beak, 20/-; ditto Green cock, 8/6; approval first. — Wallbank, Withers-st., Blackburn.

SPECIAL!! SPECIAL!! High-class Crests and crestbreds, fit to win at local shows, prices very reasonable; please state requirements; healthy, typical prize-bred pairs for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, upwards; highest satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

BARGAINS, 1907 prizebred large feathery crests, and crestbreds, all colours, Barnett's, Joyce's, King's, Silk's strains; pairs, matched, breed winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, worth double; single birds cheap; week's approval, cash or deposit; some fit for show bench.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

OWING to removal am compelled to dispose of my stock of Canaries, about 10 crests and crest-breds, 20 Norwich Plainhead., some winners among them; with breeding and show cages, etc., rare chance for a novice; to be sold in one lot or separately.- Sergt. Nanceki vell, 5, Police Quarters, Long Lane, Boro', S.E.

GEO. WILLIAMS, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay, champion Crest and Crest breds for sale, this stock has been bred carefully for 25 years, some of the best ever seen on the show bench has been bred and shown by me, prices from 10/- upwards; two grand Crested hens, fit to win in any reasonable competition, price £6 each, on approval.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, winners of over 4,000 prizes; breeders and exporter some of the best show crests and C.B. seen on show bench; see reports of all leading shows. I have lots of Champions to sell reasonable for show and stock; state your wants and price you wish to give, and have them on approval. All letters answered.

CHAMPION Crests. I have some grand Crests and Crestbreds for sale, having had three fanciers breeding for me with my stock birds, all of the very best quality. I don't exhibit now, I breed for my customers to win, and I sell them birds to breed their own winners, and reasonable. Best blood in the fancy; 30 years breeder, and judge of over one hundred shows; Approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains. Monster oven-marked, dark Crest cock, 15/-; massive, heavy-feathered, variegated ditto, 11/6; Green ditto, 13/6; grand Clear Crest cock, beauty, 10/6; large yellow, variegated dark crest hen, 15/-; Buff ditto, grand crest, 14/-; heavy-feathered clear crest hen, 13/6; monster variegated crest-bred cock, grand skull, £1; ditto, nice head, 13/6; Yellow-Green ditto, 13/6; heavy-feathered clear buff ditto, 12/6; heavy-feathered clear Crest-bred hen, 12/6; large feathery variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SILK'S FAMOUS CRESTS.

Some choice birds for disposal, fit for keenest competition; many noted birds bred and sold by me last year; one of the finest strains obtainable; stock pairs from 30/-; show birds from £2; approval. —A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

Cinnamons.

I HAVE a few good Cinnamons for disposal, approval.—Cundy, 4, Third-avenue, Plaistow.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red-fed, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. — T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

HIGH CLASS Cinnamons; send for my copyright illustrated list before purchasing elsewhere; it will only cost you a postcard.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ARTISTIC coloured plate of Yellow and Buff Cinnamon Canaries, by Mr. H. Norman, sent packed flat on receipt of three penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

Greens.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 2/-, buff and marked Yorkshire hens 3/-.—W. Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamon hen, grand type and quality, 5/-; approval.—A. Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

SELF Greens, yellow and buff, also smart Yorkshires (Knight's strain).—S. Boxall, Grocer, 71, Windmill-rd., W. Croydon.

SEVERAL good 1907 Cinnamons and Cinnamon Greens for sale, reasonable price.—H. Cooper, 41, Elsie-rd., Great Yarmouth.

BUFF Green Yorkshire hen, 3rd Manchester, 40/-; also stock birds reasonable, Norwich and Yorkshires.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

DEEP, rich, 1906 Cinnamon cock, guaranteed fit win anywhere, champion songster, 6/6; approval; ditto hen; proved breeder, 5/-.—Hamdon House Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

NORWICH Greens, 1906, self buff cocks, 12/6; 1907 self yellow hen, 10/-; 1907 self and foul cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/- each; large birds; approval.—Malinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Halifax.

EVINS BROTHERS, Champion Crests, winners of two firsts, eight seconds, nine thirds, at Cheltenham, Plymouth, and Exeter. See reports. Have some grand stock for disposal, from 20/- pair upwards.—High-st., Exeter.

GOOD Crested Norwich cocks, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15s. each; Crest-bred cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- each; stamp reply; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

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Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for show or stock, price reasonable; stamp reply. — West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock 17/6; yellow coppy cock 12/6 bred from winners.—Adams, 17, Baron-st., Rochdale.—1907 birds.

30 Lancashires for sale, bred from my winners; reason for sale removal; deposit.—Rushton, 102, Buxton-rd., Macclesfield.

BUFF Lancashire Coppy cock, invaluable show or stock, 10/-; hen, 6/-; extraordinary value.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

LANCASHIRE Yellow, Coppy hens, Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; approval.—J. Day, 55, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

TWO yellow plainhead hens, one clear yellow coppy hen, 14/- each, one buff plainhead cock, 10/-. Approval.—Stormy Hilton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy, Plainhead cocks, 10/6 each, two Plainheads, hens, 10/- each; all buffs; also Norwich cheap; offers, exchange.—Lawton, Coronation-st., Tamworth.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires—send for my copyright illustrated list before purchasing elsewhere; it will only cost you a postcard.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

I HAVE a few Lancashires for disposal, same strain as my winners at all the principal shows.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lizards.

CAN spare Lizards hens, 4/- each; two for 7/-.—Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale.

WM. WINNARD, Glynllivon Park, Carnarvon, has for sale a few pairs of good Lizards, gold and silver hens, from 5/-, cocks, 7/6, 10/6, up.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards; send for my copyright illustrated list before purchasing elsewhere. It will only cost you a postcard.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ON Sale, a large selection of Lizards and Lancashires for show or stock, prices reasonable, approval; inspection invited.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

Norwich.

SIX cocks from 7/6, 8 hens from 4/-.—Dunmuett, Penarth Road, Cardiff.

NORWICH cocks 6/- and 7/6, pairs 8/6.—Lax, May-st., Bishop Auckland.

THREE 1907 green Norwich cocks 6/6 each, grand type.—A. Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

FOUR splendid Norwich cocks, good size, natural colour, £1.—Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, prize strain; all 1907; inspection invited; cocks from 5/-, hens 3/6; pairs 7/6 and 8/6. Approval.—Mrs. Harbour, 20, Trelawney-rd., Paragon-rd., Hackney, N.E.

NORWICH, splendid buff cock, 10/6; clear yellow hens, 3/- and 4/-, bargain.—Wright, Limpsfield, Surrey.

A FEW to part with from 6/- upwards; approval; seen any time.—Dr. Sedgwick, 192, Queen's-rd., Peckham.

HIGH-CLASS colour-fed Norwich, cold room, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Stafford.

NORWICH, good type and quality, cocks, 7/6; pairs, 10/6; approval; stamp.—Hons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several nice pairs of Norwich from 10/- pair; single hens from 4/-.

COLOUR-FED Norwich cocks in song from 6/6; hens 3/6; related to winners.—Martin, 82, Queen's Crescent, N.W.

GRAND pairs Norwich Canaries, 8/6, 10/6, carriage paid; approval; deposit.—Hampden, 63, College-rd., Norwich.

SIX Norwich songsters, this year's birds, in full song, 5/6 to 7/- each.—Brookes, Mytchell-place, Frimley, Surrey.

A few colour-fed Norwich for sale, stamp for price and particulars.—Brown, 10, Portland-rd., Rucknall Torkard.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

EXCHANGE five 1907 Norwich hens, fine condition for two good Norwich Yellow cocks.—Breeder, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

HANDSOME cocks in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

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A FEW good unflighted Norwich for disposal, cheap; approval; deposit.—G. Rose, 7, Goldsmith-road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, good type and quality —pairs from 10/-; approval.—Roberts, 45, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

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NORWICH Canaries for sale; sex guaranteed; cocks, 4/6; hens, 1/3; special terms to dealers.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

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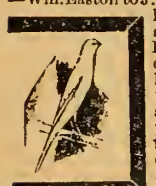
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DOG wanted, suitable gun, fetch rabbits, water, etc. I offer for him splendid Yorkshire Canaries (pairs).—Todd, Plumtree, Girvan.

WANTED, any quantity of hen Goldfinches, Mules—give 1/- each; any kind of birds bought. Birds, 294, East st., Walworth, London

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets or Tweed suit length; sell 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Canaries, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Bantams, Rabbits, Ferrets, cash or good exchange.—Barns, 36, Fernhill st., Liverpool.

WANTED weekly, two dozen Goldfinches; good price for good birds; also few Bullfinches, Siskins, etc.—Arthur Wiseman, Cullercoats.

FOUR good Norwich cocks, exchange real English Lever (silver), just been cleaned, excellent timekeeper.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, etc., from catchers, please state your own price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, first-class clear crested hen, exchange good treadle fretwork machine, value 20/-.—Moffit, 8, Tynemouth-rd. Heaton Newcastle.

WANTED, Sandow's developer, exchange exhibition cock Linnets and upstanding cock Skylarks.—F. Simonds, High-street North, Dunstable.

WANTED weekly supply Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Canaries, Mules, Parrots, up till March.—Baker, Herbert-street, Bedminster.

WANTED good house dog and talking Parrot; exchange Borders or Scotch to value; full particulars to James Mackie, 60, Dundee-st., Edinburgh.

WANTED, tame grey Parrot, must say few words—cheap, approval, and full song Woodlark.—Knightbridge, 26, Three Colts Street, Limehouse.

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich, 10/- per pair for good crests.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

WANTED half-plate stand camera, with accessories; exchange two good pairs of Norwich; approval.—Betts, baker, Duke-street, Abertillery.

WANTED cock Linnets or Bullfinch hens, will exchange Seifert Roller hens, outdoor bred, or sell 3/- each.—Wylie, Factory Close, Lochwinnoch, Scotland.

WANTED, high-class Norwich and Crests and Cinnamons; also Lancashires; cash or exchange Yorkshires; sure winners.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, small collection of birds, foreigners preferred; about sixteen birds, state lowest price, stamp reply; approval, deposit.—Rose, 132, Foldsrd., Bolton.

WANTED, exhibition Goldfinch and Linnet, must be good birds, will exchange high-class Canaries, Yorkshires or Norwich, to value.—F. Walter, South-st., Worthing.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, exchange Navy Blue Suit, very best rib material; never worn; fit man; 5ft. 8 to 9, chest 38 to 40.—4, Wine st., Yeovil.

WANTED Canaries, Norwich preferred, exchange small wringer, good rubber rollers, Kohinoor phonograph and records, flowered horn and records.—Orrin, Moulsham, Chelmsford.

WANTED, room.—Healthy fed Norwich cocks, 1907, splendid quality birds, cold room bred, satisfaction guaranteed; stock or songsters, 6/-, 7/-, upwards.—Lindley, Thirlmere-st., Leicester.

WANTED, Half-plate camera, double extension, and accesories, will give lengthy pair Yorkshires, Roller cock, and Muling Greenfinch cock; letters answered.—A. Sandars, Kettlebrook, Tamworth, Staffs.

OFFERS wanted for pair of Yorkshires, pair Norwich, pair Cinnamons, pair Yorkshire Greens, value 15/- a pair, and pair of Lancashires, 20/-; stamp for particulars.—R. T. Hansom (Urlay Nook), Yarm, Yorkshire.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists, cycle agents, and cycle repairs to send for 50-page wholesale catalogue of cycles and accessories; guaranteed cycles from £2 19s. 6d., and everything for a cycle at startling prices.—Smart, Cycle Factory, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

Mr. WM. WILSON, live stock auctioneer and expert, wants every description of Canaries, British and Foreign birds, also fancy mice, rats, rabbits, monkeys, or anything for cash; largest wholesale and retail dealer in Scotland.—247, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

NATURAL HISTORY.

FRYETT, Taxidermist, surprising list, 1d.; decoration supplied; trade work done.—Brampton, Suffolk.

BEAUTIFUL tropical butterflies, for ornamental purposes, collections, lists.—36, Irving-rd., Bournemouth.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

STUFFED Horned Owl, in mahogany case, a beautiful specimen, well got up, 10/-; offers.—Dawson, Leeds-rd., Otley.

BIRDS, Animals, and fish preserved and artistically mounted; high-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

FIRST-CLASS stuffed Owls, 2/6 each; small birds, 1/-; stuffed the last month; Squirrels, Pazor Bills and Robins wanted (dead).—Meredith, Croftholme, Cam-rd., Cambridge.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kirbymoorside.—Nov. 21st.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 11 classes: York. 2, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, local A.V. 1, Brit. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 11th to Messrs. REED AND CALAM, Kirbymoorside.

Glastonbury.—Nov. 27th.—Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 5 classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, local 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 4s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 18th to Mr. F. A. PALMER, Tor Court, Glastonbury.

Greenwich and Deptford (C.B.U.).—Nov. 7th and 8th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Dewhurst. 26 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crests 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2; 17 members' classes and 9 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. CAGE BIRDS' Competition, and many specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 4th to Mr. GEO. HILL, 101, Barkworth-road, Bermondsey, London, S.E.

Preston (C.B.U.).—Nov. 8th and 9th.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and Parker Robinson. 44 open classes: Nor. 12, Crests 2, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Bor. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 5, Sell. 2, Gift 1; 10 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., CAGE BIRDS' Competition and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 5th (first post) to Mr. J. W. CLEMINSON, 58, Elmsley-street, Preston.

Gravesend.—Nov. 19th and 20th.—Judge, Mr. J. North. 19 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 5, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close Nov. 12th to Mr. H. R. JEWISS, 6, Albion-terrace, Gravesend.

Eastbourne.—Nov. 20th and 21st.—Judge, Mr. G. Garduer. 23 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crests 2, A.O.V. 1, Pairs A.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, For. 1, local novice 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 12th to Mr. C. ATTREE, 23, Taddington-road, Eastbourne.

Sidmouth.—Dec. 5th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 17 open classes: Crests 2, Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 4, Sell. 2, and 10 local classes. Prizes, 8s., 5s., 3s. Entrance fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Nov. 26 to Mr. FRED. FARRANT, Sidmouth.

Civil Service F.A., at "Ye Old Bell," 11, Noble-street, London, E.C.—Nov. 19th.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 14 classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Hyb. 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., for most points, and others. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 9 to Mr. A. WATSON, 37, Russell-road, Holloway, London, N.

Stockton-on-Tees (C.B.U.), at Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street, Stockton-on-Tees.—Nov. 9th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Stanger, J. Bailey, and J. Madison. 31 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crests 2, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 2, and 9 members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 2nd to Mr. J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning-street.

Woolwich (C.B.U.), Drill Hall, Beresford-street.—Nov. 28th and 29th.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 16 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 19th (first post) to Mr. CHAS. D. REED, "Penta," Burcharbro-road, Abbey Wood.

Huoknall Torkard (C.B.U.), Coffee Tavern.—Nov. 8th and 9th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Driver and Geo. Marshall. 31 classes: Nor. 11, Crest 10, Stock pairs 2, Mules 1, Brit. 1, Yorks. 2, Limit 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 5th to Messrs. ASBURY AND PEPPER, 7a, Carlingford-road.

Merthyr (C.B.U., W.C.B.C.), Drill Hall, Merthyr Tydfil.—Nov. 14th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 26 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Bord. 2, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 2, Novice 1, Mule 1, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 2, Sing. 1, and four local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 7th to Mr. J. THOMAS, 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr.

Jarrow (C.B.U.), Mechanics' Institute, Ellison-street.—Nov. 29th and 30th.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. Bewick. 39 open classes: Nor. 5, Crests 7, Cinn. 3, Bord. 4, Scot. 1, Yorks. 4, Pairs 2, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 1, Sell 3, and 25 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., CAGE BIRDS' Competition and other specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 25th to Messrs. CARRICK AND BLORE, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Morpeth (C.B.U., B.C.N., and C.C.), Town Hall.—Nov. 16.—Judges, Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. 21 open classes: Nor. 5, Nor. Cinn. 3, Yorks. 2, Bord. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 4, and 24 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., CAGE BIRDS' Competition, and other good specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 9th to Mr. A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley-terrace.

Dover (K.C.C.C.A.), Town Hall.—Nov. 26th and 27th.—Judge, Mr. J. North. 37 classes: Nor. 6, Crests 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Bord. 3, Lizards 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Limit 1, Sell. 5, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1, and novice classes 2. Prizes, 10s. 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close Nov. 14th to Mr. A. S. HORREX, 2, Nansen-villas, Cherry Tree-avenue.

Burton-on-Trent (C.B.U.), Market Hall.—Nov. 13rd.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 10 open classes: Nor. 3, Sell. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, and 8 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 16th to Mr. F. CAMERON, Aston Villa, Sydney-street.

Luton (C.B.U.), Corn Exchange.—Nov. 13th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick. 22 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 4, 31 local and 6 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., CAGE BIRDS' Competition and other good specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 6th to Mr. E. CHERRY, 4, Peel-street.

Sudbury, Drill Hall.—Nov. 26th.—Judge, Mr. Allen Silver. 11 classes: Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 3, For 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., and specials. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 14th to Mr. C. H. ROW, 9, North-street.

Warrington, Volunteer Drill Hall, Bath-street.—November 8th and 9th.—Judges, Messrs. A. Hurst and C. Houlton. 39 open classes: Yorks. 9, Nor. 9, Bord. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mules 3, Brit. 3, For. 2, Gift 1, 6 novice, 11 members', and 14 members' novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., CAGE BIRDS' Competition, and other specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 4th to Mr. T. D. LEIGH, 7, Horsemarket-street.

Bromsgrove (C.B.U.), Drill Hall.—Nov. 19th.—Judge, Mr. G. E. Russell. 9 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Mr. FRANK JEFFERY, Stourbridge-road.

Bideford, The Market.—Nov. 20th.—Judge, Mr. G. Billett. 11 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, and 5 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Mr. S. R. KING, 18, High-street.

Newark, Imperial Buildings, Barnby Gate.—Nov. 21st.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 15 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Gift 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s. 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 14th to Mr. S. C. WILKINS, Milner-street.

Whitehaven, Market Hall.—Nov. 15th and 16th.—Judges, Messrs. S. Hadwin, J. Hopper, and C. Houlton. 46 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 9, Bord. 8, Scot. 6, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good list of specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 9th to Mr. W. J. DOUGLAS, 10, College-street.

Guildford, Drill Hall.—Nov. 19th and 20th.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 15 open classes: Yorks. 3, Crest 2, Nor. 2, Sell. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Mr. C. TURNER, 52, Stoke-road.

Matlock, Victoria Hall.—Nov. 14th.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 4 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, and 1 local class. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 9th to Messrs. SLATER AND TURNER, Wellington-street, Matlock, Derbyshire.

Consett (C.B.U.), Masonic Hall.—Nov. 16th.—Judge, Mr. T. Dixon. 27 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Crest 4, Pairs 1, Scot. 1, Bord. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close to Mr. W. H. HUTCHINSON, 21, Park-road.

Lowestoft (C.B.U.). — November 21 and 22.—Judge, Mr. Jacob Mackley; 21 open classes; Nor. 6, Crests, 4, Cinn. 1, pairs (Crests and Plainheads) 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 3, Sell 3, and Novice Prizes 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/-; entries close November 11, to Mr. Geo. Francis, South Wharf, Lowestoft.

CLUB REPORTS.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.C.

Oct. 22nd, washing Competition. 8 members entered. 5 members brought birds which were washed before a large number of members and friends. Results: Deakin 1, Wilson 2, Hall and Kenyon 3 (divided).—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

General meeting Nov. 6th, in conjunction with the Swansea C.B.S. Show, the meeting will be held after the Canaries and Mules have been judged, in one of the rooms adjoining the show room. Notice will be placed up in the room. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend. The advisability of holding a club show will be discussed, besides other important items.—D. H. TEDSTONE.

SALE OPEN O.S.

At meeting held Oct. 28th, it was decided to postpone the smoking concert which was to have been held Nov. 2nd, till after the show on Nov. 9th. Mr. Proctor Pearson has given a challenge cup to be won outright at this show by a team of four Canaries of any one variety, members to compete with only one team. A washing competition was held: Judges, John Leigh and C. H. Smith. 1, G. F. Hardcastle; 2, W. Smith; 3, F. Wardleworth.—GEORGE HARDCASTLE, Sec.

L. AND L.F. ASSOCIATION.

The following is the table of the three highest for cup competitions, including Manchester Show:—Lancashires: Mr. John Garner, 31 points; Mr. J. Oldham, 27 points; Mr. J. Vickers, 23 points. Lizards: Mr. J. Dewsnap, 43 points; Mr. W. Lawton, 39 points; Mr. J. Hampshires, 31 points. Members are specially requested not to omit putting L. and L.F.A. at the end of their entries, as this is important.—H. OLIVER, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A washing competition was held at the Bay Malton, on Oct. 24th. It proved an enjoyable display. Messrs. Shakespeare, Bell and E. Pretty entered as champions, and Messrs. Stacey, Orme, Hammant and Hawes as novices. Messrs. Sam Smith and Mr. Oldaker acted as judges. Mr. Shakespeare was declared the winner in champions, and Mr. Stacey in novices. The president announced that several more specials and medals had come in for the autumn show. With hearty votes of thanks all round the meeting closed.

Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on 24th Oct., at Douglas Hotel. Mr. Devitt in the chair, also present eight members. Letters of thanks were received from Mrs. Reilly, of Arna, and Mr. Bray, of Dalky, for the votes of condolence sent. The patronage of the club was granted to Sligo show, to be held on 20th and 21st Nov. Judge, Mr. McLay, and the committee agreed to the classification for Dundalk show. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Barclay for his gift towards club funds. Meeting adjourned after a general conversation anent the show.—W. C. SHOLEDICE, Hon. Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Oct. 26th, at the Blue Bell Inn, the chair being taken by Mr. Berridge, vice-president, who takes a great interest in the society. He gave us some valuable information in classing the cup and medals for the first members' show to be held Nov. 30. 120 birds have already been entered, and 26 medals have been given by patrons and fanciers; also one cup by our president, Mr. G. Smith, for the best Yellow Crest, which is to be won three times. Mr. Berridge then offered to give another cup for the best young Crest-bred, to be won on the same conditions. An enjoyable evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—W. H.

REIGATE AND DISTRICT F.A.

A highly-successful smoking concert was held at Mutton's Hotel, on Oct. 14th. Mr. T. Penfold, hon. treasurer, made an excellent chairman, and there was a large attendance. The comic element was strongly represented, the artistes including Mr. Bert Sargant, Mr. Jack Lassah, Mr. E. Montague, and Mr. Reg. Mason, and an encore was demanded in more than one case. Mr. Sid. Beeklow, with dances and singing, grave and gay, provided fare of a varied character, while Mr. H. H. Hoad and Mr. Bacon, the able and indefatigable secretary were both in fine voice, the latter being a great success in "The Village Blacksmith." Mr. W. W. Oliver contributed a couple of banjo solos in skilful style, while Mr. G. E. Holman and Mr. Sid Simmonds presided at the piano with much ability. During an interval the chairman remarked on the flourishing condition which the Association, after 27 years' existence, was now in; while Mr. Green emphasised the fact that cage-bird breeding was no longer confined principally to low-class men, but that Her Majesty, the Queen, was among its many distinguished patrons. Mr. Bacon, in appealing for new members of the section, said that the subscription was only 4s. annually, and that it entitled the subscriber to exhibit at three shows.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

At the last meeting of the City and Suburban, Messrs. G. B. Lewis, J. Hughes, and R. Allen were elected members. Messrs. Prior and Robson were elected to judge British and Foreign and Canary classes respectively. The quarterly statement of accounts ending October 1st, showing an income of £67 13s. 8d., an expenditure of £44 10s. 5d., and a cash balance of £23 3s. 3d., was confirmed as read.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

QUEENS PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

A very successful first table show of the season was held Oct. 17th, staging 26 cages. Yorkshires were in the majority, the winners being Messrs. Lewis 1st, K. J. Rogers 2nd and c, J. G. Lawrence, 3rd, 4th, and vhc, and R. Hodges hc. Norwich: Messrs. Lethbridge 1st, 3rd and vhc, Eaton 2nd and c, Wiles hc. British and Foreign: Messrs. Creamer 1st, Wiles 2nd and 3rd. Messrs. Battison and Peverall acted as judges, the awards giving great satisfaction. They were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Sec.

PLUMSTEAD, WOOLWICH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third meeting held at Trinity Schools, Oct 24th, about 40 members and friends present. Mr. Meades (treasurer) gave an excellent washing exhibition, first explaining all details with one Canary, and then quickly performing on a second. A washing competition for novices followed, Mr. Allison winning first prize. Mr. Newnham also washed a bird. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. Meades and the secretaries, who made the drying apparatus used. The following new members were then elected: Miss H. Smith, Messrs. T. T. Collins, D. Black, T. Horsfield, E. Jordan, W. Miller, H. Nunn, F. Putner, and L. J. Richardson, making total membership 41, and it is hoped to pass the half century before the end of the year. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—W. PAWLEY, Hon. Sec.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION OF C.M. AND H.B.

Fortnightly meeting held October 10th, when Mr. Allen Silver gave his promised lecture on British Birds, which proved to be one of the most interesting and instructive ever delivered before the members. After his lecture Mr. Silver handed round a large number of plates illustrating the various British Birds in his lecture, which all present were delighted with. A long discussion then ensued on the subject, in which Messrs. Box, Martin, Head, Humphrey, etc., took part. Mr. Martin, proposed, seconded by Mr. Box, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the lecturer. Mr. Silver suitably replied. The society have resolved to hold their annual show at headquarters, the "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., on November 13th and 14th, and have been fortunate in securing the services of that well-known judge, Mr. T. Heath.—A. J. HEAD, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held October 7th, when the chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided over a good attendance. The secretary reported that the committee had been hard at work fixing up arrangements for annual show at Queen's Hall on January 8th and 9th. He said the Society had got the patronage of the Novice Section of the Southern Yorkshire C.C., that the Crested C.C. had offered several special prizes, and that the Yorkshire C.C. had also offered special prizes for members of their club resident outside Yorkshire. The judges would be Mr. J. Robson and Mr. H. Knight. It was decided to support the proposed federation of London and district cage bird societies, and Messrs. Colman and Carson were appointed delegates. The most attractive feature of the evening was a very clever and interesting bird-cage making exhibition, given by Mr. A. W. Curtis, who was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the great trouble he had taken.—W. H. COLMAN, Hon. Sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Annual Report.

By the balance-sheet sent at the end of June, members will have seen that the Club has done far better during the past year than in any previous year, and that we have a brighter outlook for the present year, having two Challenge Cups, also Sandiford's Cup, and Hyde's teapot. But we feel convinced that if each member would do his best to get others to join the Club, instead of having fifty-four members on the books, by the end of the year, we should have double that number. This is proved by the fact that ninety per cent. have joined through seeing notes in the Fancy Press from time to time. Now is the time to get new members to join to enable them to have a fair opportunity to compete for the Club's Specials. You will see that we have altered the Show Rules to enable the novices to have a fair fight between themselves. This should enable us to enrol a good percentage of novices, undoubtedly the backbone of the Fancy. The Committee is drafting out a scheme for holding a Club Show, which will be brought before a General meeting for consideration. It is decided to hold the meeting at Swansea on November 6th or 7th, as will be announced in the Fancy Press. We should be pleased to receive Specials for competition at our Members' Show. The Committee expect every member to do his duty, as Nelson did years ago.—T. L. Castree, Chairman; D. H. Tedstone, Hon. Secretary.

The officers for 1907-8, are: President: Sir Alfred Thomas, M.P.; Vice-presidents: Sidney Robinson, Esq., M.P., J. R. Leech, Esq., Dr. G. P. Francis, J.P.; Chairman: Mr. T. L. Castree; vice-chairman: Mr. T. L. Meluish; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. H. Jones; Auditors: Messrs. E. A. Jones and D. A. S. Longden; Committee: Messrs. T. Oriel, E. J. Banks, F. P. Dymond, F. J. Eynon, S. J. Nicholas, J. Pritchard, G. L. Harber, M.R.C.V.S., B. Davies; Club Judges: Messrs. T. H. Meluish, D. H. Tedstone, T. L. Castree, L. Hughes, F. J. Eynon, J. Pritchard, D. S. A. Longden; Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. H. Tedstone, 4, George Street, Brecon.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Supper held October 9th, at Gardener's Coffee Rooms, Paxton-terrace, the occasion being the presentation of cups, etc., to the members who won them at our young bird show. A good number of members were present, and partook of an excellent supper provided by Mr. Gardener. After supper an excellent concert was given. Mr. R. Willison, one of the oldest members of the association, occupied the chair, and gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Barrow and Dis. C.B.A." The first item on the programme was the presentation of cups, and the chairman called on Mr. Price to make the presentation to the successful exhibitors. Mr. Price then called upon Mr. T. Galt, who won the Border Fancy Cup, remarking that he was glad to hand him the cup, especially seeing he was a novice, and he hoped he would win it again next year. Mr. Galt, in acknowledging the trophy, said that, although he was a novice, the association would have to breed some good young birds to take the cup away from him next year. The winner of the Association Cup, unfortunately, did not turn up to receive it. Mr. Price said it gave him great pleasure to call upon another novice, Mr. F. Henderson, who had won the silver medal, presented by Mr. Crosby for the best young Yorkshire, shown by a member. Mr. Henderson thanked them kindly, and said that it was his first attempt at showing Canaries, and he hoped he would win a few more medals before he had finished. Master Jones gave a few splendid selections on one of Mr. Barrett's noted gramaphones, which were greatly enjoyed by the company, especially enjoyable was the "Laughing Boon," at which Bro. Treadwell just about beat the gramaphone. Bros. Treadwell and Large gaven an exhibition of high kicking, Song, "You Can't be too Careful and Wise," by Mr. H. Cunningham; song, "While the Dance goes on," by Mr. G. Large; song, "Fireman Joe," by Mr. J. Llewellyn; "Cake Walk," by Bros. Treadwell and Large, and song, "Break the news to Mother," by Bro. G. Large. The concert concluded with some splendid selections on the gramaphone. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Gardener for the kind way he had looked after us, and the splendid supper he had supplied; to the chairman, Mr. R. Willison, for the able way in which he had conducted the business of the evening; and to Mr. Barrett for the use of the gramaphone. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Members on departing expressed the hope that they might have a few more parties like that.—W. WILLISON, Sec.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Domesticated Blackbird.

A pair of Blackbirds built their nests and reared their young at the back of a residence not far from our house. They built in some thin creeping ivy growing over the back door, and so tame did the birds become that the inhabitants of the house would often call to them and the old bird would look over the side of the nest into the house. The old Blackbirds again lined their novel home and deposited a second set of eggs.—WILLIAM LEWIS (aged 12), 122, King-street, Kettering.

**A Pleasant Walk.

About two or three months ago, while a friend and I were walking along a road leading through a meadow, we saw a Waterhen run across, so we went up to see where it went, and saw a pond with a lot of rushes, etc., in it. Thinking the bird must have its nest there, we went to look, and found an empty nest. It was quite new, so I got down to have a look at it, and out of the rushes tumbled three young ones. They were all black and fluffy like chickens, but not so pretty. They could float very well, but were so young that they could not go very fast, and kept getting stuck in the weeds:—H. RICHARDSON, Medina Cottage, Bridlington (no age given—Uncle Peter).

*A Ramble through the Country.

My brother and I went away for the week-end to Neston. While picking flowers we heard a noise in some bushes close by. We looked in and found a nest with three young chicks in it. Strolling along we came across some houses in which we saw about six small ws' nests made of mud as neat as any human being could make them. We saw the mother bird flying with something in her mouth for her young ones. How good they are to their young brood!—ANNIE HUMPHRIES (aged 15 years), 74, Cedar-street, Bootle, near Liverpool.

SINGING CONTESTS.

PENTONVILLE.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, the week brought a large gathering of the Fancy, "Tick," "Little Jack," and "Doctor" proving the winners.—PONY MOORE, Timekeeper.

LEWISHAM.

A strong muster turned up on Oct. 26th, at the Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham, to hear the singing contest. Result was not over satisfactory from a singing point of view, the scores being: Robinson, 2-15; Cartwright, 1-12; C. Austin, 1-2; Mayo, 11; Tiger Boy and The Doctor would not open at all; Larkinson, 1-2; Tary, 2; Imp, 1-3; Lob, 5; C. Austin, 1-11; Larney, 3; Ingram, 0; Barber, 2-11. Several other pairs were also put on the nail.

LEEDS.

Good number at usual week-end contest for quality singing on October 21st, when 16 birds competed for three good prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. Some splendid singing heard; everybody delighted. Judges were Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Result: 1st, A. Binner; 2nd and 3rd, H. Allen. Mr. Binner purchased the winning Linnet from Mr. H. Allen; a very nice bird. Also a contest held on October 27th, when Mr. J. R. Saynor gave three special prizes for quality singing. The bird room was packed with visitors and friends to hear the birds sing. Eighteen birds entered, and some real good Linnet singing was heard to the satisfaction of all. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and G. Towers. Result: 1st and 3rd, H. Allen; 2nd, A. Binner.

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THE SHOWS.

BROADSTAIRS.

The St. Peter's and Broadstairs Society held their annual show in the Grand Pavilion on October 30. Several classes failed to fill (this being a radius show), and were cancelled. NOR. 1, spl., 2, Patterson, winner ticked on eye, lovely colour, soft silky texture of feather and splendid shape, second nice typical bird, short and thick; 3, 4, Housden, 3rd right shape; 4th, good type. YORK. 1, 2, Leaver, winner, rare length yellow, good flights and well on leg, 2nd, buff, splendid back, flight and tail, close up; 3, 4, Brumbridge, third, nice carriage, well up, 4th moderate. NOR. (local), 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Hobbs, first good style and quality, 2nd good chested bird, 3rd and 4th.

DUDLEY.

This district Fanciers' Society held their young bird and twelve-mile radius Show in the Assembly Rooms, October 30th and 31st. It proved a success. Mr. Witton, hon. sec., had everything well in hand, and he was backed up by a good staff of stewards There was a nice collection. Mr. Birkett judged. YORK. A.V.: 1, vhc, Raybould, griz. neck yellow, good head, nice position, nice back, good wings and tail, wins well; 2, 3, Wells, yellow, slight tick on right wing, nice head; 3, buff, pale in colour, nice length, good tail, stands up well on perch, both were nicely shown; r,hc, Fallow; c, Weeks. NOR.. 1, Busson and Son, clear, good colour and size, nice head and neck, very clean cut, easy win; 2, Wells, clear yell., very shapely, neatly carried flight, good tail, nicely shown; 3, Capewell, ticked, yell. BRIT A.V.: 1, 2, 4, Jones and Bradley, Wryneck, Black cap, and a Goldfinch in order named, all in good condition; 3, Capewell, very fair Bullfinch, good coloured breast.

GLOUCESTER.

This District C.B.S held its annual show in the Assembly Room on the 30th and 31st October. The room is an ideal one, free from draughts and well lighted. Mr. J. Houghton proved a painstaking and hardworking secretary. Gloucester was always a hot-bed for the Norwich variety, and on this occasion the local cracks more than held their own. Mr. G. Gwilliam had a strong team, and took six firsts, three seconds, and two thirds. He also annexed the Open Challenge Bowl for the best four birds in eight open classes, Challenge Cup and Medal for most points in show, and the members' points special. The Yorkshires were a grand collection, worth going a long way to see. The exhibits were well staged, and attended by a willing band of workers. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. NORWICH CLEAR YELL. (5): 1, spl., Godley, bonny, bouncing bird, nice quality feather, good headpiece; 2, Wasley, compact and tight in feather, good shape, rare chested bird: 3, Bywater, good shape and condition, level colour; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Houghton. BUFF: 1, Gwilliam, rare shape buff, level colour, shown to perfection, grand head, chest, well packed wings and tail, an easy win; 2, Godley, very nice bird; 3, Gwilliam, a Norwich all over; 4, Williams, good quality and well mealed; vhc, Stepbenson; hc, Houghton; a good class for quality. TICKED ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Wilcock, grand colour and quality, ticked flights, good substance, wins; 2, Houghton, very nice bird, trifle rough; 3, Harvey, compact little bird; 4, Gwilliam, heavily marked, good type, should be an A1 stock bird; vhc, Herbert. BUFF (4): 1, J. Houghton, grand eye and wing marked, rare substance; 2, Gwilliam, nice shape and quality; 3, Houghton, another good one, well fed and shown; 4, Williams. CL. UNFLI. (9): 1, spl., Wasley, grand quality, red hot, lovely shape; 2, Bywater, held reverse position at Cheltenham; 3, 4, Gwilliam, 3rd nice body shape, 4tb good little one. BUFF UNFLI. (11): 1, Godley, had just had morning bath when we saw it; 2, Houghton, eye, neck, and wing marked, nice quality and colour; 3, Gwilliam, similar; 4, hc, Hiam, good quality; vhc Stephenson; c, Child. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl., Williams, beautiful feather, good shape; 2, Stephenson, nice quality hen, good body shape; 3, Wasley, larger than winners; 4, Gwilliam, old winner; vhc, Hiam; hc, Houghton; c, Dodd. BUFF (11): 1, Gwilliam, gem, rare chest, well packed wings and tail, shown like a freshly-gathered peach; 2, Harvey, very smart and good quality; 3, Stephenson, eye and wing marked; 4, Wasley; vhc, Townsend; hc, c, Houghton; No. 6, Stephenson. NAT. COL. (22): 1, 2, two spls., Stephenson, big bouncing buff, honest colour, good quality. 2nd yell., another good one, close up; 3, Gwilliam, yell. hen, good colour and quality; 4, vhc, Quarman, var. buff, nice feather and condition; hc, Witton; c, Wasley. £3 LIMIT NOR. (5): 1, Gwilliam, grand shaped buff, cheap bird; 2, Shaw, another buff, not substance of winner; 3, Scott, cap and wing marked; 4, Godley, good evenly fed buff; vhc, Wilcox. CREST COCK (4): 1, 2, King, grand green, heavy feather; 2nd buff, grizzle crest, good frontal; 3, Hands, clear body, dark crest; 4, Grant, another good clear body. CRESTBRED COCK (5): 1, spl., King, grand heavily feathered variegated buff, wins easy; 2, Grant, well browed; 3, King, another variegated, close up; 4, Hands; vhc, Greenwood and Burson. CREST HEN (5): 1, vhc, King, wing marked, dark crest, nicely radiated, well covered beak; 2, Grant, this lady also in the midst of her toilet; 3, Greenwood and Burson, nearly green. CRESTBRED A.C. (6): 1, spl., Mills, var., grandly feathered, nice cushion-shaped skull; 2, 4, King, green; 3, Hayling, another variegated; vhc, Hands; hc, Grant. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, good head and chest. 2nd similar to winner, 3rd nice colour; 4, vhc, King. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, rare shape, splendid type, wins easy, 2nd lovely colour, 3rd good quality and colour, close up; 4, vhc, King. YORKS (18): 1, Amblers, grand quality clear, nice level colour and length, stands well; 2, Bailey and Swanger, very nice; 3, Amblers, finely drawn; 4, Halliday; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Lovell; c, Smith. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. BUFF (13): 1, spl., Amblers, grizzle shoulders, lovely feather and condition, nice length and colour; 2, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, red hot stuff, grand quality, not so straight as winner; 3, Halliday, grizzle back, well packed wings and tail; 4, Banks; c, Hawes. UNFLI. (18): 1, spl., Ambler, rare quality and condition, well shown; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger, capped yellow, nice length and condition, stands well; 3, Halliday, capped buff, faultless condition, wee bit stouter than those above it; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Lovell; c, Mason. HEN (13): 1, Amblers, yell., nice length; 2, Bailey and Swanger, grand quality and condition, close up; 3, Bishop, var. yell., very slim; 4, Halliday; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Lovell; c, Mason. BORDER YELL. (8): 1, Gwilliam, sweet little bird, well sbown; 2, Clark, typical and in good condition; 3, Stickland, cap and wing marked; 4, Wright and Hyslop; vhc, spl., Clark; hc, Tidstone; c, Hawkin. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Gwilliam, grand quality and condition; 2, Wright and Hyslop, close up; 3, Lewis, not far behind; 4, Hawkins; vhc, Clark; hc, Stickland; c, Lewis. PAIRS SELL. £3 (8): 1, Gwilliam; 2, Hayling; 3, Jupe; 4, Stephenson; vhc, Houghton; hc, Wasley; c, Shaw. SELL. £1 1s. (11): 1, Roylance; 2 Jupe; 3, Gwilliam; 4, vhc, Roylance; hc, Lovell; c, Wasley. SELL. 10/6 (11): 1, Wasley; 2, Gwilliam, 3, c, Houghton; 4, Harvey; vhc, Shaw; hc, Harnes. GOLD. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, spl., Hopkins and Allsopp, pair of grand Finches; 2, Arnold; 4, Stephenson, nice tan marking; vhc, Miss Darrell; hc, Wilcox; c, Wasley. BULL. BRIT. (3): 1, Lovell, grand cap; 2, Miss Darrell, bright in colour; 3, Wilcox. A.O. BRIT. S.E. (4): 1, spl., Jeffrey, Hawfinch, wins well, in grand condition; 2, Wilcox, Bramble, very steady; 3, Poole, Bramble. A.V. SOFTBILL (4): 1, spl., Poole, Wryneck, as steady as Old Time (we could wish Old Time were steady.—Ed. "C.B.") in faultless condition; 2, Bussey, Goldcrested Wren, very fit; 3, Wilcox, Meadow Pipit, in grand order, very tame; 4, Wilcox, Lark, very steady. A.V. SOFTBILL (4): 1, Wilcox, Thrush, beautifully mooned, grand order; 2, Bussey, Jay, rare condition and colour; 3, Poole, Redwing, nice markings. A.V. DK. MULE (9): 1, 2, spl., Jackson and Bond, Canary-Bullie, grand colour. 2nd another of same origin; 3, Wasley, Goldfinch-Canary, hard lines to meet winners; 4, Wasley, Canary-Bullie hen, well shown; vhc, Harrow; hc, Arnold; c, Hunt. LIGHT (6): 1, 3, Jackson and Bond, clear Goldfinch Canary, a gem, 3rd same owners and origin, marked yellow; 2, spl., for two best member's exhibit, Wasley, six-pointed Goldfinch-Canary, well known; 4, Lees, Linnet-Canary; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; c, Parsons. SMALL FOR. (4): 1, Millsum, pair Bulbuls, in good feather and condition; 2, Miss Gibbon, Diamond Sparrow, in rare feather; 4, Barrow, Russian Goldie. NOVICE NOR. (16): 1, 2 spls., Jennings, nicely fed yellow; 2, Scott, another yell.; 3, spl., Williams, rare hot coloured buff; 4, Miss Gibbons; vhc, Hiam; hc, Jennings; c, Brooks. MEMBERS, PLAINHEAD (6): 1 spl., Wasley; 2, Houghton; 3, Miss Gibbons; 4, Barnes; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Gwilliam. CREST OR CRESTBRED (7): 1, Mills; 2, Treasure; 3, Hanks.

PAIGNTON.

Torbay O.S. initial show was held Oct. 30th in the Public Hall, Paignton, one of the best buildings for a bird sbow we have ever seen. Exhibits were nicely staged round the room, the staging being nicely draped and at a convenient height. The centre of the room was taken up by some splendid groups of palms, ferns, and flowers very tastefully arranged, kindly lent by the President, Mr. H. Chithy. Several classes were cancelled, and we would advise the Committee another year to consiclerably curtail the classification. Quality was first-class, many well-known winners putting in an appearance. The exhibits were well looked after by a good body of keen and enthusiastic fanciers. Mr. C. Parnell was the hon. sec., and he carried out his duties as to the manner born. Mr. Pope, Plymouth, was present as the accredited representative of the C.B.U. Catalogues with marginal awards were on sale within ten minutes of the last slip being handed in. This was certainly a very smart performance. Mr. J. H. Payne judged. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl., Pethick, lovely colour grand shape, nice back, wings, and tail, good head and neck; 2, Veale, good shape, grand colour; 3, Nicks, grand quality, nice head and neck; vhc, Bastard; c, Daw. TKD. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, spl., 2, vhc, Veale, winner wing and thigh tick, most lovely colour and quality, full, clean skull, nice level back, 2nd neck tick, grand shape, good head and neck; 3, Collings, neck tick, lovely feather and shape, short, well-carried wings and tail; hc, Spillman; c, Redwood. CL. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Pethick, magnificent colour and quality, beautiful back, nice chest, clean in skull; 2, Spillman, nice shaped body, good wing carriage and well frosted; 3, vhc, bc, Neale, grand shaped body, nice feather, good short full neck; c, Redwood. TKD. MKD., ETC. (8): 1, spl., 2, Rickard, magnificent colour and quality, grand wings and tail, thick-set body, marked left eye and right wing, 2nd marked wings and right eye, deep chest, short full body, nice colour and quality, short flights and tail; 3, Collings, marked eyes and right wing, good shape; vhc, Garland; hc, Redwood; c, Veale. HEN YELL. (10): 1, spl., Collings, sweet shape, nice short flights and tail, well packed, good quality of feather, clean cut, bit pale in colour, Plymouth Bowl winner we heard; 2, Spillman, grand colour, short full body, neat tail; 3, c, White, marked head, neck, wings, and tail; vhc, Tottle; hc, Garland. NON-FLI. YELL. (7): 1, spl., Collings, marked head, eyes, and neck, grand shape, rare head and neck, short wings and tail; 2, Pethick, nice shaped body, good wings and tail, neat head; 3, Daw, lovely colour and quality, nice head, clean waist; vhc, Nicks; hc, Blatchford; c, Redwood. BUFF (12): 1, spl., White, cl., beautiful quality, rich colour, good shape, put down in fine form; 2, Pope, heavy marked wings, neck, and eye, grand shaped body, full round chest, nice head and colour; 3, Collings, marked head, neck and left wing, good shape, clean cut; vhc, Redwood; hc, Spillman; c, Nicks. YORKS CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl., 2, Parnell and Son, beautiful quality, grand stand and style, neat head, nice wings and tail, 2nd, spl., good length, nice feather, well on leg; 3, Hodge, neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Martin; hc, Stiling; c, Lashbrook and Son. YELL. HEN (7): 1, spl., 2, Parnell and Son, good length, grand back, nice feather and quality, stands well; 2, good feather; 3, Holliday, pale colour, nice stand; vhc, Mugford; hc, Martin; c, Lashbrook and Son. NON-FLI. (12): 1, spl., vhc, Bassett, buff, straight as a dart, good colour and feather, nice position, good wings and tail; 2, Parnell and Son, neck yel., good length, slim built, nice quality; 3, Lashbrook and Son, buff hen; hc, Camp; c, Dyer. CRESTBRED (10): 1, spl., Tope, cl., plenty of head feather, long and wide, good skull and entrance; 2, Hobbs, green, good rise of skull, nice entrance; 3, Haskell, pied tail, green, good length of head feather; vhc, Williams; hc, Parsons; c, Evin. MULES (10): 1, spl., 2, Browning, winner 4-pointed yellow Goldie-Canary, lovely colour, well extended down flights and tail, beautiful quality and well mkd., takes special for best in show, 2nd 4-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary, good shape and markings; 3, vhc, Collins, lightly mkd. Linnet-Canary, grand feather and nice shape; hc, Tremlet; c, Gouldson. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl., Lethbridge, Hawfinch, good feather, nice colour, well cut bib; 2, c, Johnson, Nuthatch, nice colour and feather, well shown; 3, Camp, Yellow Bunting, good size, nice feather and markings; vhc, Pridham, Harvey. FOR. SMALL (12): 1, spl., 2, Millsum, winner rare Olive Tanager, in splendid condition; 2nd, one of the best Scarlet Tanagers we have seen, brilliant colour and in most beautiful condition; 3, Cooper, Indian Shama, beautiful feather; vhc, hc, Leavers; hc, c, McLeod. SELL., 20s.: 1, 3, Nicks, cl. buff unfli. Nor., 3rd cl. yell. Nor.; 2, William, cheap Crest; vhc, Camp; hc, Redwood; c, Farmer. SELL. 10s. (11): 1, Spillman, mkd. buff Nor.; 2, Ferril, yell. Nor.; 3, Nicks, nice buff Nor.; vhc, hc, Jeffery; c, Daw. Full report of Members' Classes next week.—Ed. "C.B."

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WELSH NATIONAL (SWANSEA.)

Held Oct. 30th and 31st, in the Albert Minor Hall, a fine cosy place for holding a fixture of this kind, the light being very good in the daytime, and brilliant when lit up in the evening. Its natural advantages were made the best of by the hard-working enthusiastic fanciers who compose the Welsh National Society—only ten in number, but ten of the best, and ten determined to give only the best to the Fancy at large. They erected their own staging, on the most up-to-date plan, and covered it from top to bottom with red baize, so that the possibility of draughts was reduced to a minimum, and it was quite impossible for any cages to fall through the back of the staging to the floor—the great drawback to most of the staging found at shows. We have never, in short, seen birds made more comfortable anywhere, and their requirements in the matter of food and water were studied with every care. Fanciers should bear this in mind next season, and give the Welsh National the bumping entry it deserves. The response this year, though a fine one, was not what it should have been considering the very liberal prize money offered (35/- per class for a 2/- fee), and good specials. The officials think that probably this remarkable offer by a Society in the first year of its existence was misunderstood by fanciers. Anyway, many exhibitors missed a fine opportunity of annexing some spoil worth having, for several classes had to be cancelled. Probably another year the spirit of the promoters will be better understood, and they will have a "full house." They have plenty of money and plenty of enthusiasm at the back of them, and are prepared to meet their liabilities to the last penny. Mr. R. F. Browne is the genial president, with Mr. H. Creber, vice-president, Mr. W. A. Truscott, treasurer, and Messrs. W. H. Love, B. Prosser, W. Slade, W. J. Bancroft, and F. Scrine, the committee, many of the names here being of wide renown in other branches of sport. One and all are fanciers in the best sense of the word. In Mr. S. J. Nicholas they have an experienced and most able secretary, popular with all comers. In Mr. Longden they have also a popular show manager, and a more energetic worker we have never met. Things "get a move on" under his direction with a vengeance, and everything was in order, and the catalogues with marginal awards out in record time. Further, projects for the next show, with improvements even on the present one, were already being discussed. Coming to the birds, we must say that the quality was magnificent—no other word fits the case. The cream of the Fancy turned up, and many noted Scotch exhibitors also entered the lists. The Norwich and Yorkshires were all quality, and pleased the judge, Mr. North, immensely. Mr. Evans was also equally enthusiastic about the Scots Fancies and Borders, the former being far the best ever seen in Wales, in his opinion. Mr. Longden put down a tip-top team, and won in every class—a very fine performance. The Hybrids were also a wonderful collection. The Britisb found Mr. Weston one of the hardest day's work he has experienced. The strength of Wales in this section is well-known, and many noted English and Scotch exhibitors sent some hot stuff to do battle with the local celebrities. The attendance was excellent up to the time we left on the opening day, despite the none too favourable weather, and the visitors expressed themselves delighted with the feast put in front of them. Altogether, the Welsh National can congratulate itself on its opening venture. There should be a bright future before it. The judges were: Messrs. J. North (Norwich and Yorks), J. B. Evans (Bord., Scots, and Hybrids), and G. E. Weston (Brit. and For.), and their awards were well received.

The Canary Section.

NORWICH. CL. YELL. (9): 1, J. Hodder, a striking exhibit of lovely size and colour, nice bold head, good wings, greatly admired; 2, G. H. Lowe, also good, rare blaze of colour, the correct typical Norwich of to-day, neat head and body; 3, Hodder, bonny bird, lovely wings and tail, short and sweet, a right good sort; 4, hc, J. Pritchard, teeming with colour and quality, hard to beat; 5, G. T. Jones, good type, we liked well; vhc, Tedstone; c, Love. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Lowe, rare size and quality of feather, shows his beautiful frosting to perfection, a very nice win; 2, Hodder, regular stromer for size, lovely bead and neck, hard to find a fault with, all over; 3, Pritchard, close up, staged in nice trim, full of quality, correct build; 4, Oriel, large sized one, of exceptional merit, good body, well over perch; 5, Hodder, good type and quality, close up; vhc, Dymond; hc, Love; c, F. T. Jones. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 2, Boydon, head and wing marked, a grand specimen, good chest, lovely head and neck, best of colour; 2nd, thigh tick presses closely, very bold appearance, carries himself well; 3, Lowe, shown to best advantage, good body, neat head and wings; 4, E. James, we were sweet on, good type and quality of feather; 5, Hodder, good size, neat and tidy, fine wings and tail; vhc, Pritchard, fit to win in almost any company; hc, G. Evans; c, Cleaves. TKD., ETC., BUFF (8): 1, c, Winter, eye and wing marked, a bird of noble appearance, has size and quality combined, nicely shown; 2, Pritchard, eye marked, good cobby, short bird, neat head and well-filled neck, good race; 3, 4, Boydon, bird full of character, nice quality and size, well cut; 4th also typical and well shown; 5, Jenkins, nice stamp of bird; vhc, Lowe, we liked well; hc, Tedstone. UNFLI. (11): 1, Winter, youngster of sterling merit, rare colour, type, and size, excellent feather; 2, Pritchard, also a real good all-round bird, with best of Nor. properties, grand body; 3, J. Jenkins, neat bodied one, good colour, hard to beat for quality of feather; 4, Cleaves, youngster, we shall hear more of, very typical; 5, Hodder, very fine body and colour, neat carriage; vhc, Lowe; hc, c, Love. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Harber, rare shape and substance, clothed with the silkiest of feather, nice broad skull, and best of wings and tail; 2, Winter, neatly got up, rare type, fine sort of hen; 3, Hodder, hot colour, neat and cobby all quality; 4, Cleaves, good wings and tail, best of carriage; 5, R. H. Jones, nice typical hen: vhc, Jones and Evans; hc, Pritchard; c, Wright. BUFF HENS (12): 1, Harber, fine size and quality, rare depth of chest, neatest of wings and tail, feathered like silk; 2, Pritchard, model of a Norwich, good quality of feather, wonderful head and neck properties; 3, Love, nice broad chested one, looked a wee bit slack when we noticed it, short, thick-set; 4, Hodder, nice chubby hen, full of quality; 5, Tedstone, typical, short, and well cut; vbc, Dening; c, Scott. YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, Tippin, well coloured and nicely feathered, beautiful carriage and position, good win; 2, W. Walsh, extra stylish, closely feathered, neat, good legs; 3, Tom Morris, close up, rare colour, good position and style; 4, Fellows and Flynn, straight as they make them, neat head and neck; 5, W. J. Card, well feathered and stylish; vhc, Creber; hc, Jones; c, Williams. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Griffiths Bros., rare lengthy one of nice quality and carriage, well trained to his show cage, good wings and tail; 2, Williams, similar stamp, closely fitting wings and tail, plenty of length, best of position; 3, Browne, rare carriage, good legs and straight as a gunbarrel, close to tenders; 4, Morris, best of quality, lengthy and stylish; 5, Walsh, superb position, neat style and carriage; vhc, Smith; hc, Evans; c, Fellows and Flynn. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Morris grandly filled at neck, with the neatest of bodies perfect Yorkie for shape, style and quality, a popular win; 2, D. Jones, feathered like boxwood, well carried wings, nice pipe tail, correct type; 3, Bennett, neat, of good behaviour, grandly feathered, nice length; 4, Smith, we liked, good position and quality; 5, Card, fine stylish bird. BUFF (7): 1, Walsh, rare length, nicely drawn, closely fitting wings and tail, finished off with a beautiful glossy jacket; 2, Fellows and Flynn, a leggy one of much merit, neatest of heads, rare position and carriage; 3, Banks, good typical York., of grand length, good tail and wing carriage; 4, Evans, full of quality, good length and style; 5, Smith, rare position, well drawn and neat; vhc, Creber, close up, excellent feather; hc, Morris. UNFLI. (12): 1, spl., S. Evans, rare length, good quality of feather, best of wings and tail, well drawn; 2, Walsh, very typical, good length, feathered like a bottle, in topping order; 3, Griffiths Bros., close up, nice lengthy gentleman of correct type, nice position; 4, Morris, lovely youngster of exceptional carriage, good length, well carried wings; 5, Smith, true Yorkie, fine stand; vhc, Wilson; hc, Williams and Morgans; c, Banks. HENS, YELL.: 1, 2, Morris, wonderful style and length, beautiful head and nicely filled neck, correct position, good wings and tail; 2nd superb quality, excels in style; 3, Card, nicely drawn, good position, not too strong; 4, hc, D. Jones, nicely modelled, rare position, good length and quality; 5, Banks; vhc, Smith. BUFF (6): 1, Creber, beautiful finish, neat head, neck and nicely filled throughout, wins; 2, 3, Morris, also a beautiful model, stylish and neat, and stands well; 3rd good quality and finish, neatest of wings and tail; 4, Banks, full of style, very correct position; 5, Creber, neatly modelled, good length and style; vbc, Jones. NON-FED (5): 1, 2, Creber, Yell. Green, closely feathered, good length, tail and wings, nice finish; 2nd good fight for premier honours, typical and well staged; 3, P. Jenkins, neatly drawn, best of wings and tail; 4, James, straight, and tight as a bottle; 5, W. Jones, good length, just fails, head a little to former. BORDER CL., ETC., YELL. COCK (6): 1, Duncan and Logan, beauty for type, nice fronted one, with the best of carried wings and tail; 2, Brownlie, neat head, rare mover, feathered like boxwood; 3, R. H. Jones, neatly finished, close up; 4, Tedstone; 5, Sheldon. HEN (8): 1, Sheldon, clr., a little gem, lovely quality and type, correct size, topper for finish and style; 2, Aberdeen, lovely waxlike specimen, beautiful type, beauty for wing and tail carriage; 3, Hammacott, lovely little model, good feather, again good wing and tail carriage; 4, R. H. Jones, neat head, well finished throughout; 5, Taylor; vhc, D. Jenkins; hc, W. J. Jenkins; c, Tedstone. BUFF COCK (9): 1, Seiranac, lovely shape, nicely tapered, no suspicion of hollowness here, rare feather and carriage; 2, Aberdeen, another neat model, good wings and tail, moves in beautiful style; 3, D. Jenkins, nice one all over, well put down; 4, Prosser, neat model, good carriage; 5, Brownlie, good wings and tail; vhc, Williams; hc, Evans; c, R. H. Jones. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Duncan and Logan, one of the best, nice size perfection for wings and tails, ideal quality of feather; 2, D. Jenkins, another bonny exhibit feathered like glass, correct model, good wings; 3, Seiranac, splendidly feathered, staged in A1 style, excellent type, nice pipe tail; 4, D. Jenkins, we admired, hard to pick holes in; 5, Taylor; vhc, J. Jenkins; hc, Prosser; c, R. H. Jones. MKD. YELL. COCK (5): 1, D. Jenkins, head and wing marked, splendid colour and wonderful quality of feather, grand wings and tail, and nicely cut away; 2, Evans, also a special one for colour and type alike, splendid jacket and neatest of goers, nice wing; 3, O'Connell, beautiful stamp, good head and tail carriage; 4, Jenkins, nice size, correct model; 5, Tedstone. HEN (7): 1, Brownlie, one to improve as handled, perfect marvel for closeness of feather, extra good wing and tail carriage, fine type; 2, E. R. Roberts, neatly got up, nice typical specimen of correct size, good wings and tail, well put down; 3, D. Jenkins, we liked, neatest of jackets and sound colour; 4, hc, Hocking, good model, moves very stylishly; vhc, Evans. CINN. OR GREEN: 1, Duncan and Logan, clinking even mkd., neatly moulded, best of quality, a perfect model; 2, D. Jenkins, grand grassy-green of neat carriage, perfectly feathered, best of wing and tail carriage; 3, c, Seivanac, wonderfully got up, grand type and finish; 4, Brownlie, neat cinn., fit to win almost anywhere; 5, O'Connell; vhc, hc, Hocking. SCOTCH YELL. COCK (9): 1, 2, 5, D. A. S. Longden, splendid drive, good shoulders, nicely cleaned out front, gets to work very smartly, marvellous exhibit; 2nd nicely set on legs, good length of drive, good long substantial body, nicely put down; 3, Willison, exceptional reach, neat headed one, good top end, plenty of depth through heart; 4, J. H. Jones, very erect, gets well down, an excellent sided one; vhc, Cobb; hc, Lewis; c, Slade. BUFF (10): 1, 5, c, Longden, great size, good all round, rare substance, splendid reach and droop, very nicely feathered, we consider a model; 2, Willison, plenty of substance, decided reach, very prominent shoulders; 3, 4, Cobb, very smart and typical, gets well down; 4th a nice model; vhc, Davies; hc, Brown. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, Longden, real topper for shape and substance, nicely circled, gets tail well under, splendid hen; 2, Willison, also a smart exhibit, with plenty of top end, moves very nice, gets to work in quick time; 3, J. H. Jones, very taking exhibit, typical, good sided, rare reach; hc, Slade. SELL., 30s. (7): 1, Edwards; 2, Love; 3, Jenkins; 4, Longden; 5, Leigh; vhc, Prosser; hc, Slade. SELL., 20s. (9): 1, Edwards; 2, Bancroft; 3, Sidgwick; 4, Jones and Evans; 5, Jenkins; vhc, hc, Prosser; c, Creber. SELL., 10s. (10): 1, Sidgwick; 2, Lewis; 3, vhc, Jenkins; 4, Browne; 5, W. J. Williams; hc, c, Prosser; c, Williams and Morgan.

The Hybrids.

CLEAR, ETC. (4): 1, spl., Duncan and Logan, the noted clear, real tip-topper, in grand form, fine size and shape, all quality, excellent blaze, much admired; 2, Walsh, almost six-pointed buff, good one, too, excellent size and substance, fine silky feather, nice tone of colour; 3, James, slight grizzle on wings, lovely quality and shape, good exhibit, looks like a hen, unfortunately; 4, Hocking, nearly 6-pointed, neat smart bird, trifle small, grand quality. VAR. ETC. (14): Splendid class: 1, Duncan and Logan, wonderful quality, tight as wax, big bold upstanding mule, we liked well; 2, Arrighi, another beauty for size and shape, mkd. eyes and right wing, tight and silky in jacket, nice rich colour, very smart one; 3, D. G. Lewis, head, wings and saddle hardly the substance of leaders, yet close up for quality and neatness, very shapely and stylish; 4, Beard, likewise loses size, but a good one for condition and shape, almost 6-pointed; 5, hc, Jeffreys, two real good mules, leader a hot one for colour and quality; vhc, Roderick; c, G. T. Jones: All winners Goldie Canaries. DARK YELL.

GOLD CAN. (11). 1, Duncan and Logan, not over large, yet big and shapely, grand in quality and colour, full rich blaze, well marked all over; 2, D. G. Lewis, bigger than leader, grand substance and shape, very nicely marked, loses in quality and colour to-day, apparently not quite fit; 3, Coffey, a beauty, A1 size and shape, neat and stylish, deep rich colour, a little short of bloom yet, some preferred it for second place; 4, vhc, and spl. hc, c, R. W. Jones, grand team, very typical and good in size and substance, mostly young birds which will render a good account of themselves another season; 5, Serme, trifle smaller than leaders, lovely quality, nice even rich colour, fit to win at most shows. BUFF (9): 1, Bald, real knock-out for size, and shape, all quality, too, fine tone of colour, big, rich blaze, wins well; 2, Walsh, also a grand male, fine substance and shape, hot, even colour, lovely face; 3, Thomas, trifle smaller, all there for colour and quality, tight as wax, very nice blaze; 4, Griffiths and Lloyd, fine bird for size and style, nice colour, looked a little loose in feather under throat, should improve; 5, Bancroft, on the small side, very typical and smart, tight as wax in feather, full of quality and colour; vhc, Slade; hc, Jeffreys; c, Harwood. DK. GREENIE (6): 1, Leigh, a particularly fine jonque, rare size and shape, lovely tone of colour, all quality, we liked much; 2, Longden, another really grand jonque, exceptional size and substance, equal to winner for colour and quality, will run him very close later, not quite fit yet; 3, R. J. Howe, a size smaller, clinker for condition and colour, fine shape and style; 4, Arrighi, lovely cinnamon, rare size and shape, all quality, could have gone up a notch, we thought; 5, R. W. Jones, real good example, has size, quality and colour, not quite fit yet; vhc, Jeffreys. DK. LINNET (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, the noted Palace etc., winner, wonderful size and shape, lovely quality and colour, in the pink, wins hands down; 2, Coffey, another rattling good exhibit, buff, fine size, shapely, rich in colour, grand condition; 3, vhc, R. W. Jones, jonque, smaller than leader, very fine quality and colour, excellent shape, well built, nice one; 4, R. J. Howe, very lengthy, shapely buff, nice colour, neat, well made; 5, c, Slade, another good exhibit, has quality and colour, nice shape; hc, Jeffreys. DK. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Leigh, one of the best Siskin Mules we have seen for a long time, wonderful size, combined with the best of quality rich even colour, will want beating; 2, Nicholas, gem for colour and quality, very chubby and shapely, tight as wax, finely marked, loses in size; 3, hc, Jeffreys, bigger than second, excellent shape and markings, not quite the same colour and bloom; 4, D. G. Lewis, good one all round, fine size and quality, little bare ever beak; 5, Slade, paler in colour, nice bird for stylo and shape; vhc, Jenkins; c, Coffey; all the winners Siskin Canaries. A.O.V. CAN. HYB.: 1, 1, Duncan and Logan, a very fine Canary-Bullie, lengthy, shapely, deep and rich colour, in good form. HYBRID (8): 1, Walsh, rattling good Greenie-Bullie, plenty of size, full of colour and quality, excellent markings, nice specimen; 2, 1, Arrighi, splendid Goldie-Bullie at the front, grand substance and shape, fine head, nice expansive blaze, latter a very taking Linnet-Bullie, beautiful shape, fine size, exceptionally good colour; 3, vhc, Smallridge, very smart Go'die-Greenie, excellent size and shape; fine colour, tight in feather, some thought a trifle lucky to get this card in such company; 5, Jackson, another real good Goldie-Bullie, all there for size and shape, good in colour; hc, Jones and Son, c, R. W. Jones, promising "baby" Goldie-Bullie.

British and Foreign Birds.

GOLDFINCH (22): 1, spl., Prior, smart and shapely Finch, nice size, good chest, rich tan, very expansive, clean, deep-coloured blaze, full of bloom, very forward in condition; 2, c, Walsh, big, finely shaped bird, good sized square cut face, splendid chestnut body colour, in grand trim for the time of year; 3, Williams and Morgan, not quite ready yet, but will need beating later on, beautifully clean, wide, well-cut blaze, fine body, well marked, most promising; 4, C. J. Davies, another of the forward brigade, lovely quality and condition, nice rich, square face, not quite so expansive as the leaders; 5, Bancroft, rich, square blaze, shade narrow, fine body, splendid tan and markings, taking Finch; vhc, Prosser; hc, D. G. Lewis. If we mistake not, both 1st and 2nd at the Crystal Palace last season stood cardless here, badly needing time. GREYPATE (7): 1, A. Howe, promising bird, good big clean coloured blaze, very nice body, unsteady; 2, Griffiths and Lloyd, extraordinary deep-coloured blaze for a "Greypate," good size, nice shape, rare size, close up; 3, Taylor; 4, Slee; 5, D. G. Lewis; all more or less promising Goldies; No. 2, W. Lewis, wrong classed, has coloured wing bars and white legs. A very unsatisfactory class to judge. How can birds with full-coloured blazes be Greypates? BULLFINCH CK. (13): 1, 3, Walsh, two smart birds, winner in wonderful bloom, very nice breast colour, cobby shape, good cap, 3rd also forward in condition, little dirty in breast colour, otherwise a very nice one; 2, Prior best shape in class, typical, thick-set, well-rounded bird, fine cap, back and bars, close up, beaten only in breast colour; 4, R. J. Howe, fine, bold shapely Bullie, nice colour, inclined to be a little rough and unsteady; vhc, Harrison; hc., Norton; c, Jeffreys. HEN: 5, 1, Jeffreys, big, very steady, nice colour, sleek and stylish, good one; 2, Livingstone, nicely polished plumage, good colour, loses a shade in substance; 3, Bancroft, good type of bird, nice size, shape and colour; 4, Castree, big, bold hen, loose underneath. LINNET (17): 1, A. P. Hurst, a grand one, wonderfully rich in colour, sound as a bell all over, splendid size and shape, full of pencilling, bold head, good whites, a very taking bird, wins nicely; 2, hc, Prior, leader a remarkable Linnet for quality and polish, very distinctly pencilled all over, most shapely and stylish, not quite so warm in ground colour as winner; 3, 4, Walsh, two red-hot ones in chestnut, very sound all through, 3rd, big, good chested, upstanding bird, finely pencilled, close on second's heels; 4, in grand bloom, trifle blurred in markings; 5, R. J. Howe, big, shapely bird, beautifully marked, wants time yet, to get up in bloom; vhc, Treharne; c, Davies; a very hot lot to sort out; wrong class, No 1, a hen. CHAFFINCH (10): 1, 2, spl., R. J. Howe, brace of beauties, will take some stopping, lovely tone of colour, grand shape and polish, excellent markings, took some separating, either could have won; 3, 5, Prior, two more grand Chaffies; 3rd perhaps the best bloom in class, not the warm tone of leaders, though, 5th, a big promising bird, hardly fit yet; 4, c, Longden, rare size and shape, nicely contrasted colours, in excellent condition; vhc, Winter, hc, Bradford: No. 10, little "down" when judged; a splendid class. LESSER REDPOLL (15): 1, Prosser, fine specimen, nice size, rich colour throughout, good bib, chubby and shapely, grandly marked wings and back, perfect condition; 2, Arrighi, another clinker, fine size and shape, well laced, nice bib, lovely colour and condition, close up; 3, c, Nicholas, grand shapely little fellow, very distinct bib, well marked all over, beautiful bloom, loses a trifle in wings; 4, Bancroft, also a beauty for condition, shines like silk, well marked, shade rough at throat, but close up; 5, R. J. Howe, big, cobby bird, finely marked, shade short of polish; vhc, Osborne; hc, Walsh. SISKIN (coloured) (8): 1, Hurst, grand shape, tight as wax, good even colour, well-laced, bold cap, splendid lacing and wings; 2, Jeffreys, lovely bright colour, finely marked, very shapely and neat, fails only in bib; 3, Arrighi, fine, big, good shaped Siskin, nice head and wings, carries a grand polish, one or two tail feathers not quite down; 4, Bird, fine one for shape and quality, well polished, nicely marked; 5, Bald, fails a shade in cap, otherwise a very good specimen, in good trim, vhc, Serme; hc, Bancroft; c, Truscott. NON-FED (5): 1, Russell clinker, fine size and shape, excellent markings, very pure bright colour; 2, Beard, extra big sleek bird, trifle duller in colour; 3, Longden; 4, Bancroft; 5, Parry, all three of them very decent specimens. BRAMBLEFINCH (10): 1, spl., Longden, rare good one, splendid size and shape, big well-rounded head and chest, well cut markings, grand colour and spangling; 2, Hurst, another clasher for size and style, good markings and spangling, not quite so even and deep in colour as winner; 3, Prior, also a whopper, grandly spangled head rich-coloured chest, finely cut dense hood, bit unsteady; 4, Arrighi, gem for colour and condition, beautifully marked, beaten only for size; 5, R. J. Howe, exactly the same remarks apply; vhc, Coffey; hc, Jones; c, Pearce; another difficult lot to separate. GREENFINCH (16): 1, 3, Walsh, winner a beauty for size and shape, lovely bloom on plumage, grand wings and tail, fed a hot, even colour; 3, a little out in feather at throat, for polish, sound colour, shape and style, very bad to beat; 2, c, R. J. Howe, grand size and shape, very sleek in coat, bold, steady fellow, ran a tight race with winner, normal colour, trifle pale under beak; 4, Nicholas, our old friend, the "Silver King," rattling good, grand-shaped Greenie, not quite ready yet; 5, Livingstone, very sleek, well built bird, grand shape and style; vhc, Treharne; hc, Arrighi. BUNTING (5): 1, spl., Nicholas, Yellowhammer, a beauty, rare deep rich ground colour, grand chestnut, beautifully marked; 2, Walsh, very big, bold heavily pencilled Corn Bunting, in fine trim; 3, Prior, splendid natural-coloured Yellowhammer, finely marked; 4, Hurst, 5, Brown; two more clinking hammers. HEN (7): 1, 4, R. J. Howe, very fine Treecreeper, hot exhibit for a hen class, and a good Hawfinch, trifle out in feather; 2, Prosser, very good, smart, rich-coloured Bramble; 3, spl., Bald, one of the best Greenies we have seen, a lovely lady; 5, Bancroft, very smart Siskin; vhc, Castree. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, vhc, R. J. Howe, charming Blackbird leading lovely colour, size and shape; 2, 4, 5, J. Brown, three fine exhibits, clinking Missel Thrush leading, real gem, with fine Blackbird and Fieldfare, latter somewhat wild, following; 3, Price, very nice Song Thrush, good size, shape and colour, well mounted; hc, Castree. A.O.V. BRIT. (4): 1, Prior, grand-coloured Hawfinch, very fair size, excellent shape, big, dense hib; 2, Winter, house-moulted Crossbill, extra large, fine shape and condition; 3, Dymond, another Hawfinch, nice size, very fine condition, well marked; 4, Ray, grand sized Hawfinch, fine chest and head, but out in plumage, not moulted yet, blue beak and in full "song." SELL. (20/-) (7): 1, 2, Prior, fine Bramble and Chaffinch; 3, Bancroft, another nice Bramble; 4, vhc, Isaac Bros.; 5 Jeffreys; hc, Prosser; a disappointing class. FOREIGN GOLD. OR BULLIE (7): 1, Arrighi, gem of a Goldie, fine size and shape, lovely colour, very large blaze; 2, J. Brown, clinking good Bullie, hardly in form yet; 3, Tams and Son, very nice square-faced Goldie; 4, Winter, another very decent Goldie; 5, Evans; vhc, Treharne. SMALL (7): 1, R. J. Howe, fine Hardwick's Bulbul, not quite over moult yet; 2, Thorne, excellent rich-coloured Scarlet Tanager; 3, J. H. Jones, very fair Red-headed Gouldian; 4, Davies, in grand condition; 5, Hughes; vhc, Bidd.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

This is the first exhibition held by this society, which is an offshoot of this fur and feather Society. The show was held Oct. 30 and 31 in the Co-operative Hall, which made an excellent venue The exhibits numbered 312. 19 exhibits competed for Cage Birds Competition; at this show were 4 Roller Singing Contests. We believe we are right in saying that this is the first of the Contests in connection with shows held in the Midlands, and Rollers were very strongly represented. The secretary and officers had the arrangements well in hand. Amongst the officers are to be found some of the well known names: President, Mr. Stavcley Hill; chairman, F. J. Weaver; vice-chairman, R. Willoughby, Esq., and J. A. Tonks, Esq., Treasurer, J. W. Thomson, Esq., hon. auctioneer, J. Bradley, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. J. Jones, F. Garfield, C. Steadman, E. H. Birch, G. Osborne, H. Turpin and Mac Jacquerniss; hon. sec., F. Howes. W. Whittaker (Bolton), judged Rollers; J. Robson (London) the remainder.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Hathaway, good type and quality, nice wing carriage, stands well over perch, very typical specimen; 2, Bowyer, good colour, nice clean cut bird, shown in splendid condition; 3, Steadman, nice quality, good colour; 4, Weaver, fair type; vhc, Brewster; hc, Williams; c, Cooley and Brown. BUFF 15): 1, 3, Cooper good type, lovely quality, nice even colour, good wing carriage, short tail, easy win, 3, good colour and quality; 2, Williams, unfii., buff, nice colour and quality, good wing carriage; 4, Hathaway, good type and quality; vhc, Bowyer; he, Breitenfield; c, Weaver. UNEVEN MKD. OR VAR. (12): 1, Wilcock, eye and wing marked buff, good type and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Mason, cap and wing mkd. yellow, good type and quality; 3, Hall, heavily var. buff, good type, grand colour and quality; 4, Steadman; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Broadhurst; c, Willoughby. HEN (18): 1, Cooper, yell. var., grand type, nice clean cut bird, full of colour, good head and neck, shown in A1 condition, wins CAGE BIRDS competition; 2, Weaver Unfi. buff, has good type and quality; 3, Bowyer, clear yell., good colour and quality, nice cut behind, good wing carriage; 4, Breitenfield, fair type; vhc, Garfield; hc, Emery; c, Williams. UNFLI. YELL. (15): 1, Broadhurst, grand colour, good type, nice head and neck, clean cut, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Hall, 2, similar, hardly so typical; 3, good type and quality; 4, Ireland, good colour; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Weaver; c, Bowyer. BUFF (15): 1, Bowyer, grand colour, good type, nice head and neck, clean cut, good wing carriage; 2, Weaver, tick side neck, good colour and quality; 3, Broadhurst, good type and colour; 4, Dickers, ticked head, good colour; vhc, Tees, hc, Rathbone; c, Hathaway. NOR. YEL. (30/-): 1, Dickens; 2, Bretenfield; 3, Sedgwick; 4, Steadman; vhc, Weaver; hc, Bickerton; c, Mason. BUFF (30/-): 1, Weaver; 2, Broadhurst; 3, Rathbone; 4, Mason; vhc, Cooper; hc, Willoughby; c, Bickerton. CREST A.V. (5): 1, Bowyer, large body with nicely radiated crest; 2, Mullett, on the small side; 3, Mrs. Thupp: moderate; No. 3 and 5 absent. CRESTBRED cancelled. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL (12): 1, Dykes, good colour and quality, nice lengthy bird, grand style, wins; 2, Hawley, good length, grand colour, nice plue tail; 3, Gray, var. yell., very stylish, nice quality good wing carriage; 4, Howes; vhc, Jones; hc, Fallows; c, Brewster. BUFF (15): 1, Walsh, grand colour and quality, stylish, good length, nice neat wings and tail; 2, Dykes, similar, not much to choose; 3, Jones, stylish bird, neat wings and tail; 4, Williams, good length; vhc, Hawley; hc, Burke; c, Howes. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Dykes, slightly ticked buff, lovely quality, tight as wax, nice neat head and wings; 2, Williams, buff, nice quality and colour; 3, Walsh, yellow, nice stylish bird; 4, Smith, hc, Collier; c, Howes. UNFLI. YELL. (9): 1, Walsh, good length, red hot 'un, nice neat wings and tail; 2, Smith, good length; 3, 4, Howes, var. yell., lengthy bird, good tail and wing carriage. BUFF (8): 1, Smith, good length, nice neat head, wings and tail; 2, Dykes, grand quality, very neat head, wings and tail; 3, Howes, good length; 4, Hawley, very neat. YORKS. (30/): 1, 2, Millinecamp; 3, c, Howes; 4, Robinson; vhc, Jones; hc, Smith; DO. (15/-): 1, Howes; 2, Jones; 3, Millinecamp; 4, Hawley; vhc, Collier; hc, Perry. CINN. A.O.V. Cancelled. SELL. A.V. (21/-) (7): 1, Sedgwick; 2, Smith; 3, Weaver; 4 Willoughby; vhc, Smith; hc, Brown; c, Hadley. DITTO (10/6): 1, Machin; 2, Smith; 3, Sedgwick; 4, Weaver; vhc, Steadman; hc, Perry; c, Millinecamp. CLEAR TIC. OR VAR. CAN. MULE (13): 1, 2, Tees, wing-marked yellow Goldfinch and Canary, grand colour and quality, shown in splendid condition; 2, var. Linnet and Canary, good size and quality; 3, Pierce, ticked on neck, Goldfinch and Canary, grand quality, on the small side; 4, vhc, Tonks, good large var., Linnet Canary, good type and quality; hc, Lawrance; c, Barrett. A.V. CANARY MULE DARK YELL. (6): 1, Bodley, Siskin and Canary, grand colour, nicely marked, shown in splendid condition.; 2, Lawrance, cinnamon Greenfinch and Canary, good colour and quality; 3, Hingley, Linnet and Canary, good size, grand colour, nicely marked; 4, Poole, Greenfinch and Canary, grand quality; ditto. buff, cancelled. A.V. HYBRID (8): 1, Pitchford, Linnet-Bullie, lovely colour and quality, nicely marked; 2, 3, 4, Tonks, splendid team Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice blaze, good breast —good type, and very steady; 3, Goldfinch Greenfinch, good blaze, nicely marked wings, shown in splendid condition, wins 2nd prize in Cage Birds competition; 4, Bullfinch-Greenfinch, good colour, nicely marked. GOLDFINCH AND BULLFINCH (11). 1, Tams and Son, Goldfinch, grand blaze, good colour throughout, splendid bars and wings, easy win; 2, 3, Osborne Bullfinch, nice cap, good colour, very steady; 3, Goldfinch, good colour, nice blaze and bars; 4, Tonks, nice blaze and bars. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, 2, 3, Tonks, splendid trio 1 Siskin, non-fed, sweet pretty bird, nicely marked; 2, Mealy-Redpoll, hard bird, nicely marked and in splendid condition; 3, Siskin, well fed, very rich colour; 4, Jones, Redpoll, rich colour, nicely marked; vhc, hc, Tams; c, Machin. A.O.V. HARDBILL (15): 1, 2, Barwell, 1, Bramblefinch, good colour, nicely marked, shown in splendid condition; 2, Hawfinch, lovely specimen, grand colour, very steady; 3, Tonks, Bramblefinch, larger but not the colour and markings of winner; 4, vhc, Chick, yellow Bunting, nicely marked; hc, Gadd. SOFT BILL LARGER (5): 1, 2, Chick, Chough, magnificent specimen, shone like satin, splendid beak and legs; 2, Magpie, in grand condition, nicely marked, very steady, not a feather out of place; 3, Brotherhood, Waxwing, in good condition; 4, Poole, Ring Ouzel; vhc, Whittaker. FOR. (6): 1, Hingley, Black-faced Gouldian Finches; 2, 4, vhc, Turner, Gordon Blues, Nutmeg Finches; 3, Poole; hc, Blood.

The Rollers.

Considering the early part of the season the Rollers turned up well at this show. OPEN CLASS (15) brought some fine songsters: 1, a bird wearing a 1906 ring, with a wide range of nice tours, which this fancier is so well known for Wilsdon of Oxford, and made a somewhat easy win with his hollow roll, hollow Bell, good Knorre and flute notes, 23 points; 2, Wilsdon, with his old champion of 1905 and 1906; 3, Corkindale, with a nice soft hollow roll, hollow, bell, 16 points; 4, G. Wareing; vhc, Wirth; hc, T. Rooley. CLASS 34, YOUNG BIRDS: 1, G. Wareing, Tottington, a youngster with a nice soft hollow bell, Schockle and flute notes, 20 points; 2, Corkindale, of Studley, a bird with a nice hollow roll, hollow bell, and good Gluch, 18 points; 3, T. W. Walton, very nice, soft bird, 16 points; vhc, Walton; hc, Corkindale. CLASS 35: £2 : 0 : 0 limit 7; 1, Corkindale; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Jacquemin. CLASS 36: Members (8): 1, H. Turpin, a very nice singer; 2, A. W. Cadman; 3, A. Adey.

ASHOVER.

Third annual open show, October 30th, under C.B.U. rules. Norwich made a nice display. Yorkshires were good, both as regards quality and type. The British class provided a nice assortment. Committee of management consists of Rev. J. B. Nodder, Dr. Benson, and Messrs. Chandler, Haslam (W.), Haslam (J. T.), Nutt, Tomlinson, Brailsford, Shipman, W. Else, J. Else, H. Holmes, W. Allen, A. Winson, G. Stamford, A. White, and W. Dent. For the manner in which they managed the show, they deserve many compliments. Mr. J. Bownes, treasurer, is a most capable official. The worthy secretary, Mr. R. Nodder, is the right man in the right place; courteous and obliging always. Mr. W. Nutt, steward, acted promptly re placings of the cards, etc. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. NOR. COCK (7): 1, 3, Nutt, former, clear Yellow, lovely colour and quality, grand shape and size, but a little deficiency as regards left wing carriage; third, clear Yellow, round as a ball, nice feather and carriage; 2, c, Marshall and Vaughan, clear Buff and variegated Buff respectively, former excelling in colour and of capital type; c, large variegated, of good colour; 4, Beardall and Walker, Yellow, ticked right wing and head, ablaze with colour; v, Gentle Bros., Yellow, marked both wings and eyes, A1 feather and colour; h, Vallman. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Nutt, with a nice team, winner clear Yellow, rattling substance, lovely shape, good colour and feather, grand carriage; second, clear Buff, short and thick set, smooth as glass, capital shape and quality; third, Yellow, marked both wings and thigh, cobby and of lovely feather, good colour and carriage; fourth, clear Yellow, A1 quality, nice colour and shape; v, Beardall and Walker, clear Yellow, capital colour and shape; h, Marshall and Vaughan, clear Buff, A1 feather; c, Greaves, clear Yellow, rare quality. UNFLI. (8): 1, Beardall and Walker, Buff, ticked head and root of tail, red hot in colour, lovely feather, beautifully frosted, magnificent shape and size, just about the best in show; 2, h, Nutt, Buff, grizzled tail, very shapely and of good type, showing nice meal; h, Yellow, ticked head, nice colour and shape; 3, Greaves, clear Yellow, ablaze with colour, short and thick set, capital type; 4, Marshall and Vaughan, clear Buff, feathered to perfection, slashing colour and meal; v, Greaves, clear Yellow, rare colour and quality; c, Vallman, clear Yellow, good size. YORK. COCK (8): 1, Wall, clear Yellow, feathered like wax, straight as a rush; lengthy and well on leg, capital back and flight; 2, v, Knowles, with a couple of sweet specimens, second clear Yellow, good length and position; v, Yellow, grizzled neck, we liked better than second, fine long drawn specimen, smooth as a bottle, A1 type, stands on clever legs, in fine trim; 3, York., clear Buff, slashing feather, nice colour, well mealed; 4, Slater, clear Yellow, A1 feather, good position and length; h, Goucher, clear Buff, lovely salmon tinged colour, rare type; c, Truman, Buff, cinn, marked both wings and about head. HEN (6): 1, York., clear Yellow, fine long drawn bird, neat and narrow, excelling in feather and position; 2, Slater, clear Buff, magnificent feather, capital position and length, A1 wing carriage; 3, 4, Truman, couple of choice exhibits, third clear Yellow, exceptional length, good quality, rare back and flights, grand one for stock purposes, fourth clear Buff, nicely feathered, good stand and well on leg; v, Knowles, clear Yellow, smooth as wax; h, Goucher, variegated Buff, capital feather. UNFLI. (10): 1, York, Buff, marked both wings and head, fine length and position, nicely feathered and of good colour; 2, 4, Knowles, both clear Yellow, former nice quality, good length and stand, well on leg, latter feathered lovely, rare length, and of excellent type, perfect wing carriage, our choice for second place; 3, Goucher, clear Buff, tight as a Java, slim and stylish; v, Wall, clear Yellow, capital colour and feather, lengthy and well on leg; h, Slater, clear Buff, very long, good type; c, Greaves, clear Yellow, A1 quality. BRIT. (8): 1, Vallman, Bullie, in lovely bloom, capital cap, grandly polished, well up in breast colour, not one of the biggest, but a perfect picture; 2, Greaves, Linnet, lovely markings, grand colour, shape, and size, steady as a top, delightfully shown; 3, v, c, Cooper and Son, Greenfinch, Goldie, and Chaffinch in the order named, third very shapely, v good shape and size, good blaze, c well marked; 4, Gentle Bros., Bramble, rich colour, beautiful ticking; h, no name, Goldie, very shapely.

BARNSTAPLE.

The entry in this section was in excess of last year, and considering that the show was not held under C.B. Union rules, the number staged was very satisfactory. The Belgians were exceptionally strong and the quality of the best, and the judge had all his work to separate the winners. The Crests and Crestbreds were not so numerous as one would expect to find, but the quality was good. The Crests of Messrs. Bale and Piper deserve special mention. All Norwich and Yorks classes were cancelled, owing to the failure of the Society to obtain a licence from the Union. This was to be regretted. Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth) judged, and his awards were well received. BELGIANS, COCK (11): 1, sp, Rugg, Ticked, splendid Buff of excellent quality, well up in size, quick to get in position, wins; 2, 3, G. L. Baker, Yellow, well up in size, not so quick in action, third another Yellow, not so massive, does not draw so well; 4, Porter; vhc, Bennett; hc, Baker; c, Bennett, Horrill. HEN (8): 1, Rugg, Yellow, splendid quality, well on leg, with good reach; 2, W. Bennett, Buff, ticked in head, a grand hen, splendid size and quality, runs winner close; 3, Baker, Buff, in nice condition; 4, Baker; vhc, Baker; hc, Hovill; c Baker. A.V., bred 1907 (14): 1, sp, Horrill, Buff, grand size and quality of feather, well up on perch, quick in action; 2, sp, 3, 4, Baker, very nice trio, second Yellow, loses a little to winner, third, Buff, scarcely so quick in action; 4, Baker; vhc, Rugg; hc, c, R. J. Baker. CREST NOR. CL BODY (3): 1, Bale, lovely hen, nice broad Crest, with good droop, well shown; 2, 3, F. G. Bale, second another bird of large size, carrying beautifully radiated crest, not quite finished, third, massive frame, good radiation. MKD. or VAR. DO. (6): 1, sp, and cup for best in show, Piper, large crested hen, carrying immense crest, good spread and frontal, will be better yet; 2, Piper, large even marked, crest of excellent size and droop, well radiated; 3, F. G. Bale, nice hen, good formation of crest; 4, vhc, Bale, large Crest, hardly fit. CREST BRED, CL. or LIGHTLY MKD. (7): 1, Oliver, large capped bird, carrying plenty of good head feather; 2, Piper, ticked on head, good entrance, well browed; 3, 4, F. G. Bale, third massive clear Buff, good wide entrance, dense head feather, fourth clear Buff, loses to winners in entrance; vhc, Bale; hc, J. Bale, sen. COCKS, VAR. DO. (11): 1, 3, 4, J. G. Bale, first splendid bird, good quality, well lashed, third good skull, nice shape, presses winner hard, fourth, Green, good size and shape; 2, Piper, well shaped head, carrying a wealth of feather, nicely lashed; vhc, Bale; hc, Bale, sen.; c, Gay. CRESTBRED HEN (6): 1, 2, F. G. Bale, first Green of large size, lovely condition, second another of the right sort; 3, Piper, saddle back, nice entrance; 4, W. H. Bale; vhc, J. Bale, sen. MULE (6): 1, 2, 4, Collins, nice trio, well shown; 3, Watson; vhc, Carter and Wills. A.V. CANARY, NOVICE (20): 1, A. Camp, Yorkshire; 2, 4, Pedlar, second good Norwich; 3, Langmead, a rattling good Crestbred cock; vhc, Symons; hc, Large; hc, Hammett and Sons. A.V. CAN. (6): 1, Piper, Crest: 2, J. Rugg, Belgian: 3, Hammett and Son, Norwich: 4, Prescott; vhc, Bale, sen.; hc, Baker. SELL., 21s. (13): 1, J. Symons, good Belgian; 2, A. Camp, nice green Cresthred; 3, Hammett and Son, good Norwich: 4, Priscott; vhc, Loosemore; hc, Bale; c, G. Baker. DO., 10s. 6d. (10): 1, Lashbrook and Sons, good Yorkies; 2, Jones; 3, Priscott, cheap Crest; 4, Mrs. Lobb; vhc, Lane; hc, Lane; c, Loosemore. GOLD or BULL. (11): 1, T. Lock, well cut blaze, good body colour; 2, E. Collins, smart Bullie, well up; 3, Mrs. Kivell, good blaze and huttons, nice colour; 4, Priscott, Bullfinch, nice cap and colour; vhc, Lobb; hc, Symons; c, Dayman. THRUSH or BLACKBIRD (13): 1, spl., Mrs. Kivell, Blackbird, splendid colour, good body, wins well; 2 Tavener, Plymouth, winner, lovely Thrush; 3, Mrs. Kivell, Thrush, good bird, presses winners closely; 4, A. Camp, Thrush, well spangled; vhc, Jury; hc, Stanbury; c, Haman. BRIT. A.V. (large) (5): 1, J. Risdon, Magpie, in pink of condition, lovely exhibit: 2, Ashley, another Magpie, loses condition: 3, Bickleck, Owl, well shown; 4, vhc, Bodden, another Owl. FOR. LARGE (5): 1 and 2 spl., 2, vhc, Young, first lovely ring Parrot, second Parakeet; 3, Adams; 4, Young; A.V. SMALL NOR. (6): 1, 2, Lavers; 3, 4, Young; vhc, Miss Nicholls. PAIRS or GROUPS FOR. (3): 1, spl., vhc, Miss Meredith, lovely collection in beautiful condition; 2, 3, 4, hc, Young.

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FAILURE IN THE SEED TRADE.

In the High Court of Justice an order in bankruptcy has been made against George Edwards, and Walter Thomas Seager, trading with Miss Mary Burns as G. Edwards and Co., Specialists in Bird Seeds, Medicines, etc., at Lambeth. According to the statement of accounts, there is a surplus of £23 1s. 8d. The assets are £1,084 6s. 11d., and the liabilities £1,061 5s. 3d. The public examination was held on October 2nd.

It appears from the statements of the debtors Edwards and Seager:—(*a*) That they describe themselves as "Bird Food Specialists," and that the business was commenced by the debtor Edwards in 1892, in which year he was joined in partnership by the debtor Seager and three other persons, one of whom retired from the business in 1895, and the other two in February, 1898. (*b*) That in July, 1898, two further partners, viz., Miss Mary Burns and another person joined the firm, each introducing £500 capital, but Miss Burns only becoming an active partner. (*c*) That in May, 1904, the fourth partner withdrew from the business, the continuing partners agreeing to pay him £182 by weekly instalments of 14s. (which were paid to the 28th May last), and that in 1904 Miss Burns went to and has since remained in South Africa, she having also received 14s. per week from the business to the 28th May last. And (*d*) That the business has been carried on under the style of "G. Edwards and Co.," since about 1893 at No. 39, Old Paradise-street, Lambeth,

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BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

Geo Art Supplement.

There is nothing extraordinarily sensational about the advent of a new cage bird society in the Bradford district, swarming as it is with breeders who can be counted in hundreds. This city, noted for the high place it holds in the worsted and woollen industry, bids fair to outpace the world-famed city of Norwich in its production of Canaries. Long famed as Bradford has been in relation to the graceful Yorkshire beauties that have been turned out to do duty for their owners all over the country, there is no wonder that which ever way you turn, be it North, East, South, or West, you will find each particular district with its own society to back it up in its efforts to advance the cult of Canary breeding. Nor are these efforts lacking in results. Cast a glance over a representative list of exhibitors' names, and one will find that the whole cream of this particular variety is centred round a very small radius, which forms a veritable stronghold in itself.

Although societies were dotted all around the district from whence the Bradford (East) O.S. first saw light, still there had been a long-felt want that the few exhibitors scattered round about the West Bowling, Little Horton, and East Bradford districts had to go too far afield to obtain the advantage that a fancier does obtain, through being a member of a cage bird society. This idea, coupled with the fact that a fair number of them were shopkeepers, whose desire it was to have a society at hand, eventually led to a meeting of those being called, who were interested in its formation. A most whole-hearted response was made by the score of men who turned up at that meeting. The enthusiasm that has been one of the most important factors in the success of this society manifested itself at the first meetings, and so long as any society is the proud possessor of such, so long is "success" their guide and watchword.

Few societies have been launched with as much whole-hearted support as this one, and it has led the officials who hold the reins of office to take steps that would otherwise have been seriously left alone. Having decided to form a society, the next step was to see the trustees of Park Chapel Schools with a view to obtaining rooms in which to hold our meetings. They instantly removed all doubt and fear from our minds by granting us the use of two rooms, one in which we could hold our meetings and another for our members' shows. Thus, the first great difficulty was swept away at once by the trustees' generosity.

This difficulty being overcome, the next step was to get things into ship-shape order, and, thanks to a sub-committee that was formed to frame a code of rules to govern the society, we were not long before we launched out under the title of Bradford (East) Ornithological Society, a society which, it is hoped, will live long to foster the needs of the exhibitors under its care, and help them to realise to the full the benefits derived from this grand hobby of ornithology. These benefits are tremendous in their value, for each one of them tends to that which a man admires—character.

What is there grander than the study of birds? What is there more beautiful? What is there that tends to help a man to fight the battle of life better, when he meets with adversity, than the experiences he derives from the constant companionship with his birds? It helps him to be able to meet either success or failure when they come upon him. It gives him a better grasp of the things that tend to elevate, for each one of us knows that trials and disappointments we have to face in the bird room, each of which is bound to strengthen us inwardly. But I must keep to my subject.

Having formed the society, and given it a title, it was not long before the first annual meeting was upon us, and it was then that we were put on a formal basis, and took our stand as a society that each member hopes to make not only a strong one with regard to numbers, but morally strong. This was the idea that permeated the men who sought after the schools as our headquarters, for each of them were men who had had experience of such like work, and they were determined to try and work on sound moral principles.

The election of officers was the most important item on the agenda at the annual meeting, and the members are to be congratulated on their choice of the first president, for, in Mr. E. Suddards, they have a gentleman who is sound and practical in his methods, is a keen fancier, having kept Canaries for years, just for the love of the hobby, one who is always delighted to help forward good work, and takes a keen interest in the doings of this society. That the choice was a happy one goes without saying, for the applause that greeted his election to this important position at the head of affairs made it evident that in him the society has got the right man in the right place. In Mr. G. R. Rushworth and Mr. W. Cruise, who were elected vice-presidents, we were again fortunate, for each of them has had a varied experience in the cage bird fancy, and both are ardent and active fanciers. More could be said of these three officials, but I don't wish to flatter them in the least, suffice it to say that the society has three stalwarts to rely upon that any society ought to be proud of. The duties of secretary were delegated to Mr. H. Hill, with Mr. G. White as his assistant, and in this selection the members were again unanimous, as was also the case with Mr. J. Farrar, who was elected to fill the place of treasurer. These are a trio of younger fanciers from whom much good work is anticipated. The ambition of each of the officials is summed up in the words that the secretary uttered in the speech he made after his election. He said that he should leave no stone unturned in his efforts to make the Bradford (East) O.S. one of the strongest societies in the North of England. Each member is animated with the same spirit of enthusiasm, and they have given the officials most loyal support in their efforts so far, and made burdensome work light by their hearty co-operation. Messrs. W. Laycock and A. Wilkinson were elected as auditors, and here also the members feel that the work is in capable hands.

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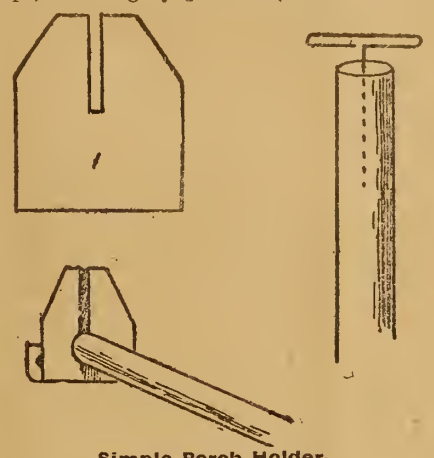
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No. 149.

A SIMPLE PERCH HOLDER.

Sent by J. Haggard, Mount Street, Yullingar, Co., W. Meath, Ireland.

Enclosed you will find a rough sketch of an idea for a perfect yet simple perch-holder, which should prove a boon to fanciers, as it entirely does away with perches falling to the bottom of the cage, and also acts as a red mite trap. Fig. 1 is a strip of tin cut to shape, 1in. long by ⅝in. wide, with a narrow



Simple Perch Holder.

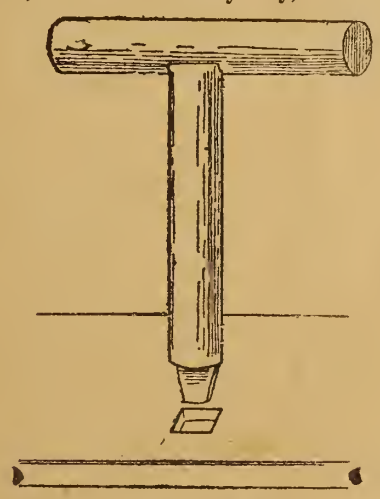
slit cut out of centre, half way down. It is fixed on the back of the cage, with slit downwards with two ¼in. carpet tacks (or fine tacks) and turned up into position (see fig. 4). Fig. 2 is a piece of cage wire bent into shape. Fig. 3 perch with wire holder fixed in it. Fig 4 perch complete. To prevent red mite from travelling along the perch, tie a small piece of worsted around wire holder, and dip in petroleum twice a week. Tin holder can be painted with blue enamel if desired.—JOSEPH HUGGARD.

No. 150.

A NOVEL SHOW CAGE PERCH.

Sent by E. Tyrrell (Address not given.)

I am enclosing a sketch of a perch which I use and find answers its purpose well. I think it a great improvement on the ordinary perch in general use, especially for birds, large or small, which sit fairly upright. There is no rubbing of the tail across this perch, as in the ordinary way, therefore it



A Useful Perch.

obviates the dirt one often sees on birds tails. For the smaller birds 1½ inches is plenty long enough for the top bar of perch; make it larger according to size of bird. Two can be fixed in the bottom of a show cage (or in the ordinary cage), and be removed with ease, when required, by making the lower part of perch at an angle, as illustrated.—E. TYRRELL.

THE FEEDING AND WASHING OF CANARIES.

Mr. J. H. Winn gave a lecture and exhibition before the members and friends of the Lancaster and District C.B.S., on October 5th, when he said that now that the moulting season and the birds are so far advanced through the moult, we begin to look the best specimens out and prepare them for the show bench. I single my best birds off in separate cages, and try to improve their condition by giving small pick-me-ups such as a little Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water, and a little watercress at intervals as green food. I believe greatly in mixed seeds at this time—staple food, Canary seed with a little mixture of hemp, rape, inga, etc.; the bath is also placed in the cage frequently on fine days only, for a bird in good condition is easily washed. We have here a good bright fire, two or three wash basins, a badger-hair shaving brush, a camel-hair brush or a nice sponge, a tablet of some good soap, and nice pieces of old, soft linen or thin cheese cloths—I prefer these to flannel as they dry easily and allow the vapour to come through. I only use a cloth, and do not advise to unfold the bird and put in a second cloth, as by so doing you are liable to ruffle the feathers whilst changing the cloths. After giving him twenty minutes or so before a bright fire, transfer him to the drying cage. I like them from this stage to dry slowly, and to the end I constantly spray them with lukewarm water, but I shall not do this to-night, as the birds will not get dry enough to take home. It will be understood that if the birds dry slowly they can preen themselves, and come out much better than by being dried quickly before the fire. After placing them in the drying cage (an ordinary show cage will do) with a clean cloth over them, they are practically done with, with the exception of the spraying process as mentioned. I put them on a bit of mixed seed and a drink of water when dry and leave them in a warm room over night. In the morning they may be removed back into the bird room, and care should be taken to place them in clean cages, or your labours will be fruitless. Place the bath at their disposal until the day prior to the show.

The birds that now had gone through the ordeal numbered half a dozen, and Darkies they were being kept in a smoky kitchen, which afforded a good lesson as to what a wash might do. The other birds were washed by novices, under the lecturer's supervision. They managed fairly well, saying that they had never handled a bird in water before. One of them will most likely carry off the prize, which is to be competed for at the next meeting, when a novice washing competition will be held.

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Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges: J. H. Roe, Esq., and J. Frostick, Esq. 12 classes for Canaries, 16 British, 4 Hybrids, 3 Foreign. Money Specials all open classes. Entries extended **November 4th.**
Show Manager: Mr. J. Goodall. Schedules from—
Messrs. QUANTRELL & WATTS, 14, Wiggenhall Road, Watford.

EXHIBITORS, MUST EXTEND. Please Support us. ENTRIES VERY SHORT. Compare our Schedule Accept first post Monday.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate
J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder and exhibitor. Reporter for Fancy Press. Commercial Road. Grantham.
J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.
A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.
J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
J. A. LEWTHWAITE, 3, Senhouse Terrace, Station Road, Workington, Cumb. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
J. H. ROE, 167, Clarence Rd., Derby. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Twenty years' practical experience.
D. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
R. B. TOPE, Hoo Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.
J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.
J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst Road, Bedford. Judge of Canaries & British Birds. Thirty years' experience.

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MORECAMBE SHOW, Nov. 6th.

Fanciers, have you forgotten us? Entries very bad. Last year prize money paid out in 10 days. Will accept Monday morning's post. Send your entries; I will classify. Entry fee, 1/6, for 17/6 Prize Money.
JNO. H. IRELAND,
Parliament Street, Morecambe.

Crystal Palace,

L. & P.O.S. AUTUMN SHOW,

November 6th & 7th.

NORTH BERKS. ABINGDON. November 7th.

Pty., Pg., Rbts., Cats, Cvs., & C. B. En. very short. Fan. please help, will rec. to 1st post, Nv. 3. Genuine appl. send on, we will clsfy. **T. Bowen, 19, High St., Abingdon.**

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. GREAT ANNUAL SHOW.

Under C.B.U. Rules. Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Open to the United Kingdom, in the Temperance Hall, **Friday & Saturday, November 8 & 9.** Under the Patronage of the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canary Clubs. 34 Open Classes. Prizes 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, and Good Specials; Foreign Prizes extra. For 16 Entry. £5 Cash Specials for Crested Norwich. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes, E. E. Smith. Schedules from **T. BISHOP,** 69, Alexandra Road, Heeley, Sheffield.

HUCKNALL TORKARD

Cage Bird Society. Affiliated to the C.B.U.
Open Show, Nov. 8th. & 9th.
Schedules ready. No cancelling of classes. Prize money guaranteed. Special in every class. Entries close Nov. 5th. Judges: J. Driver and G. Marshall. **A. A. Asbury, 7a, Carlingford Road, Hucknall Torkard.**

FANCIERS, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN!

SWANSEA Nov. 6th & 7th.

C.B.U. Rules.
Entry 1/6. 53 Classes. Post entries not later than **Saturday, November 2nd.**
Hon. Sec., A. HITCHINGS, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, Nr. Swansea.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD.

C.B.S. FIFTH GREAT OPEN SHOW. Nov. 7th & 8th (C.B.U. Rules.) Borough Hall, Greenwich. Entry fee 1/6 Special every class. Judges: Messrs. J. Robson and J. Dewhurst. 26 open classes. Please help us; very short; entries extended **November 4th. G. HILL, 101, Barkworth Road, Bermondsey, S.E.**

PRESTON

NULLI SECUNDUS, Second to None. C. B. Coupon Competition. **Nov. 8th & 9th**
C.B.U. Rules and Y.C.C. Patronage. 56 open classes, good prize money and specials, including Cups, Gold and Silver medals, &c. Fanciers, here's a chance for you. Careful attention and prompt dispatch of exhibits. Novices, remember we lead; 9 open Novice classes and a splendid Challenge Cup and other specials for you at Preston. Entries close Monday, Nov. 4th. Tuesday first post the latest. If you have not got a schedule, a post card will bring one by return, or if too late send on entries and we will classify. Judges—Messrs. J. C. BARNES, Sheffield; PARKER ROBINSON, Barrow-in-Furness. Hon. Sec.—**J. W. CLEMINSON, 58, Elmsley Street, Preston, Lancs.**

BO'NESS

AND DISTRICT O. A. 3rd Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, in the "Drill Hall," on **Sat., Nov. 9, 1907.** Judges: (Norwich), C. Campbell (Scotch), F. J. Carlaw (Border, British and Mules) Messrs. Duncan & Logan. Verney Challenge Cup and Medal, and a host of other specials. Entries close November 2nd. Schedules—
F. M'GILLIVRAY, Gauze Road, Chance, BO'NESS, N.B.

CAMBRIDGE Under C.B.U. Rules.

The only show in England on NOV. 12th. Hon. Sec., T. S. MOORE, 126-8, Newmarket Rd., Cambridge.
Under patronage of C.C.C. and N.B.B. & M.C. Sixty-two classes Cups, Medals, and nearly Ninety valuable Specials, including Cage Birds. All varieties catered for. Special classes for Juveniles. Popular Judges: J. Robson and J. F. Hills. Grand lighted and heated Hall. Four train services: G.E.R., G.N., M., and L. & N.W. Fanciers, please help us. Schedules ready. Entries close November 5th. Further particulars look "Cage Birds," October 26th.

BLACKPOOL, LANCS. SHOW.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)
November 15 and 16. Judge—J. H. ROE, Esq., Derby.
Excellent list of Specials. Eight classes Norwich, 7 Yorks, 1 Cinnamon, 1 Crest, 1 Crestbred, 1 Mule or Hybrid, 2 Selling, 4 British, 2 Foreign, 2 Novice, 1 Gift Class. A.O.V. Schedules now ready. **Entries close Nov. 11.** Tuesday morning's post in time. **A. J. WINTERBOTTOM, Hon. Sec., 9, Clinton Avenue.**

"THE SHOW FANCIERS ARE LOOKING FOR" (All prize money paid within four days)

WHITEHAVEN,

NOVEMBER 15th and 16th, 1907.
Under C.B.U. Rules. E.V.W.B.F.C.C. and B.F.C.C. patronage. 46 Open Classes (no members' classes).
Special every class, some 2 specials. Judges: Mr. S. HADWIN, Norwich and Yorkshire; Mr. J. HOPPER, Keswick. Border Fancy; Mr. E. HOULTON. Mules, British and Foreign. Schedules ready.
W. J. DOUGLAS, 10, College Street, Whitehaven.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND GREAT OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

November 15th and 16th, 1907.
75 Classes. Prizes, 15/-, 10/-, 5/-, 4/-, 2/- Entrance fee, 2/- Prize Money all guaranteed. 200 Valuable Specials, including Cups and Medals, to be competed for. Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club Show. Under the patronage of S.N.P., B.F., Y.C. and S.B.B. & M. Clubs. Judges—A. G. Cameron, Plainheads; C. Campbell, Crests; J. Bailey, Sandy Lane, Yorkshires, Cinnamons and A.O.V.; J. Smillie, Kilmarnock, Borders; Parker Robinson and J. F. Dewar, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign. Trophies granted by Yorkshire Canary Club to members outside Yorkshire will be competed for at this Show; also 10/- Special for best Yorkie in Hall, and numerous other Prizes. All Fanciers of Yorkshires should send for Schedules and see for themselves the many good things offered. Entries close first post Monday, 11th November. **J. BROWN, Sec, 97, Petershill Rd., Glasgow.**

INVERNESS ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOC.

27th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams, **November 20th.** Cage Bird Judges, Messrs. J. Sandison & C. Ross. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry money 1/6. Specials in every class. Entries close **13th November.** Schedules from **ALEX. URQUHART, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.**

BRISTOL

November 20th and 21st.
GREAT OPEN SHOW TO ALL OF CAGE BIRDS ONLY.
(Under C.B.U. Rules.) (C.B. Competition.)
(Under the patronage of the Y.C. & E. & W.B.F.C. Clubs.) 61 OPEN CLASSES:—Crest. 6, Nor 10, York. 9 Scot. 1, Border 8, Cin. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 14, For. 2, Sell. 3, Stock 1, Members 17. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, 1/6 with numerous and good specials. Judges, C. A. House and H. Norman. EXHIBITORS, PLEASE NOTE.—1. To be held in the finest hall in Bristol for a C.B. show. 2. Good railway service from and to all parts. 3. Special care will be given to exhibits by C.B. Fanciers. 4. Full prize money guaranteed a few hours after show. Entries close Nov. 13th. Entry fee 1/6. Schedules now ready from **J. Munro, Protoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster, Bristol.**

BOURNEMOUTH 16th Annual C.B. SHOW Under C.B.U. Rules.

THE SHOW OF THE SOUTH at the WINTER GARDENS,
NOVEMBER 26th and 27th.
Patronage—S.Y.C.C., S.N.C.C., and Crested C.C. Schedules now ready. **Entries close November 16.**
E. LEECH and **G. W. JONES,** Hon. Secs., 156, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth.

EGREMONT (CUMBERLAND)

Twelfth Annual Exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons and **CAGE BIRDS.** (Under C.B.U. Rules.) **Nov. 29th & 30th, 1907.** Entries close Nov. 23rd. Judge of Cage Birds: Mr. A. Wellings. Numerous Specials. Good Classification. Schedules ready.
WOODBURN & LUCAS. Hon. Secs., 46, East Road.

WHITBURN and District Cage Bird Society.

2nd annual open exhibiton, and competition of C.B. will be held in the Town Hall Whitburn, on **Nov. 30th, 1907.** 40 classes, including 10 Nor. 9 Bor. 17 Brit. 2 Mule or Hybrid, and 2 for For. Entry fee 1/6 each bird. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials for every class, including 3 medals. Entries close Nov. 25th. Judges Messrs. J. F. Dewar, and J. Kean Schedules from **Thos. Duncan, Manco Road, Whitburn, N.B.**

L.C.B.A.

19th ANNUAL EXHIBITION,
Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Dec. 6 & 7, 1907
(Under C.B.U. Rules)
The most Extended Classification. Good Prize Money. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Abundant List of Specials.
SOCIETIES' CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.
The Roller and N.B.B. & M. Clubs' Shows in conjunction and under following Specialist Clubs' support:—S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., Yorks C.C. (Cup Competition), L. & L.F.A. (Lizards), E. & W. and Border Fancy, C.C.C. and F.B.C. Schedules will be sent only to exhibitors at the last L.C.B.A. and Crystal Palace Shows. All others please apply to—**TYSON & WADE, 169, Sloane Street, London.**

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Third annual open show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Wallsend, Nov. 8th & 9th, 1907. Under the patronage of the N.C.C., B.C.N., and C.C., N.Y.C.C., and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.; 52 Open Classes. Judges, W. P. Barnes, W. Mundell, and J. W. Bruce. Specials for every class, and extra specials for each section, and the best train service in the country. Schedules from **Jas. Johnson, 60, Neptune Rd., Wallsend-on-Tyne.**

WARRINGTON

OPEN SHOW.
November 8th and 9th,
C.B.U. Rules. Grand Classification. Popular Judges
Prompt payment of Prize Money.
SPECIALS EVERY CLASS, also Extra Specials
Judges: A. Hirst & C. Houlton.
Send in your Entries.
BEST MANAGED SHOW IN THE NORTH.
Schedules from **LEIGH, 7, HORSEMARKET ST.**

CLYDEBANK and District O.S. Nov. 9th. Confined Scotch Fancy Show and Competition. Town Hall, Clydebank. **A. KIRKWOOD, Sec., 24, Livingstone.**

STOCKTON-ON-TEES and Dis. C.B.S. (Under C.B.U. Rules.)

The 3rd Annual Open Show, Saturday, November 9, in the Temperance Hall. Open to the United Kingdom. 40 Classes. Specials every class and specials most points. The British and For. classes are guaranteed, and full prize-money will be paid. Judges: Norwich Cinnamons and Crests, J. Stanger, Esq., Pelton Fell, Co. Durham; Yorkshires, J. Bailey, Esq., Bradford; Brit. and For., J. Maddison, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Entries close Nov. 2nd.—For Schedules apply, J. W. LOWES, 17, Canning Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

NOVEMBER 12th and 13th.
30 Open Classes. Prize Money, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Special for every class. Special Cup for best bird in Show. All Prize Money Guaranteed. Judge: Mr. J. C. BARNES. Judge (Roller Class): Mr. F. OLDROYD. Entries close Nov. 7th. All prize money paid same week as show. Date will not be extended. Schedules from **Netherwood & Keeley, Hon. Secs., City Aviaries, Northgate, Wakefield.**
First Annual Show (Under C.B. Union Rules.)

ST. COLUMB, CORNWALL

Third Annual Cage Bird and Chrysanthemum Show on **NOV. 13.** 17 open classes. Specials (confined to members) in every Class. Judge: Mr. Dan Browning (Exeter). Entries close Nov. 6th. **WILFRED L. SALMON, Hon. Sec., St Columb.**

LUTON C.B.S.

The 2nd Annual Open Show Nov. 13.
(Under C.B.U. RULES.)
59 Classes. £1 1s. cash special for best foreign bird (open), and heaps of other Specials. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Frostick, the remainder. Entries close November 6th. Schedules from **E. CHERRY, Sec. 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.**

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits & CAGE BIRDS on November 19th & 20th
Entries close Nov. 13th. Judge for Cage Birds, T. Heath. **B. P. T. JONES, Hon. Sec., Cherhill, Lancaster Gardens, Southend-on-Sea**

MERTHYR TYDVIL SHOW W.C.B.C. C.B.U.

(PALACE OF WALES).
P., Pg., Cage Birds, Cats and R. Drill Hall, **Nov. 14th.** Grand Classification. Cage Birds' Prize Scheme. Special Cups, Medals galore. Judges: T. Furness, Williams Bros., J. H. Payne, F. Scidle. Schedules ready. Entries close Nov 7th. Cage Bird singing contest. Judge: Mr. Anthony (Aberdare), late London. **J. Thomas,** Secretary, 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr Tydvil.

PENZANCE & District Grand Open Show OF Pigeons & Cage Birds.

(Affiliated to Cage Bird Union).
November 15th, 1907.
Judge of Cage Birds: Mr. W. G. Poole. Entries close **7th November, 1907.** For Schedules apply—
J. Pearce Sampson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS Cage Bird Society and Leeds Roller Club.

18th Annual Show (C.B.U. Rules), **Nov. 15 & 16, 1907.** Judges, Messrs. Robson, Battye, Roehl & Netherwood; 58 classes of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Under the patronage of the G. C. A., National British Bird and Mule Club, S.F. C. C. (Bradford County B.B. & Mule Club), B.R.C.C. and Foreign Bird Club. **Prizes 10 - 8/- 4/- 2 -. Entries close November 11th.** For Schedules apply **WILKINS & FOWES, Oakhurst, Moortown, LEEDS.**

GALASHIELS N.B. 47th Great Open Show

for PIGEONS and CAGE BIRDS
will be held NOVEMBER 16th, 1907, when the undernoted Specialists will judge:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Geo. Fulton, Partick, and John Dalgleish, Leith; Border Fancy Canaries, William Haddow, Hamilton; Norwich Canaries, British & Foreign Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from **ALEX. SMITH, 20, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.**

PRIZES GOING BEGGING AT

HINCKLEY,

NOV. 8th & 9th. Judge—Mr. J. ROBSON. Under C. B. Rules.

Don't neglect this opportunity of picking up a few pounds easily.

ENTER FROM BELOW. 1/6 FEE. Exhibits Returned SATURDAY NIGHT.

CLASSES—52. Nor., any col. except evenly mkd., nat. col. 53. Nor., cl. or tick., Yell. 54. Nor., cl. or tick., Buff. 55. Nor., variog., Yell. or Buff, except evenly mkd. 56. Nor. Hen, cl., tick. or varieg., except evenly mkd., Yell. 57. Nor. Hen, cl., tick. or varieg., except evenly mkd., Buff. 58. Nor., unfil., cl., tick. or varieg., except evenly mkd., Yell. 59. Nor., unfil., cl., tick. or varieg., except evenly mkd., Buff. 60. Cinnamon. 61. Yorks. Cock, any col., except evenly mkd. 62. Yorks. Hen, any col., except evenly mkd. 63. A.o.v., Canary. 64. A.v., Mule or Hybrid. 65. Brit. Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Cock. 66. Brit. Linnet. 67. Siskin, Redpoll or Twite. 68. A.o.v., Brit. Finch or Bunting. 69. A.o.v., Brit. Bird, not larger than a Lark. 70. A.o.v., Brit. Bird, larger than a Lark. 71. A.v. Foreign Bird, not larger than a Cardinal. 72. A.o.v. of Foreign Bird. 73. Selling Class, single bird, a.v., except Crests or Crest bred; price not to exceed 15/-. 74. Selling Class, pairs, a.v., except Crests or Crest bred; price not to exceed 25/-.—Sec., Pickering, Borough, Hinckley.

STONEHOUSE N.B.

NOV. 16th.

Open Show. 18 Classes. For Cage Birds. Judge: Mr. A. Chalmers. Entry Money, 1/3. Prize Money, 10/, 6/-, 3/-. For Schedules apply—**JOHN SORBIE, Sec., 12, Lockhart Street, STONEHOUSE, N.B.**

MORPETH

& DIST. ORNTH. SOC.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16th, 1907,** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds; 23 open classes. Special for Best Bird in each class, and 6 Guinea Challenge Bowl. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. For Schedules apply A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

NOTTINGHAM

Open Cage Bird Show.

Under C.B.U. Rules

November 16th & 18th, 1907.

75 Classes. Four money prizes and numerous valuable Specials. Entrance fee 1/6. Norwich Plainhead Club Show. L.&L.F.A. Club Show. Judges—Messrs. Greaves, Payne, Houlton, Barker Clegg, and Roe. Hon. Sec., **C. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side, Nottingham.**

BROMSGROVE

OPEN SHOW. Nov. 19th, 1907. O. B. U. license. Jud.: G. E. Russell, Esq. Plenty of Specials. **FRANK JEFFREY, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.**

GRAVESEND

Nov. 19th and 20th.

Cage Birds, 20 Classes. Judge: J. NORTH, Esq. Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries close Nov. 12th. **H. R. Jewiss,** hon. sec.

GUILDFORD SHOW

November 19th and 20th,

Under O.B.U. Rules. Entries close Nov. 11th. 3 Classes Yorks, 2 Crests, 2 Plainheads, 4 British, 2 Foreign, Mules and Hybrids and 1 Selling Class. For Special fares see company's bills. Schedules ready. **A. C. YORKE,** Hon. Sec., **52, Stoke Road, Guildford.**

HASTINGS U.C.B.S.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Annual Open Cage Bird Show, Nov. 19th and 20th. Judge: J. H. Payne; under the Patronags of the S.N.P.C. Champion and Novice Sections, and Champion Section of the S.Y.C.C. Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 2/-. Entrance fee 1/6. Entries positively close Tuesday, November 12th. Schedules, apply **A. E. and J. H. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street.**

GLOUCESTER

Fanciers' Society, 28th Annual Show of P., Pgs. R., C., C.B & M Open to Gloucestershire including Bristol, Wed. & Thur Nov 20 & 21. Judge, J. H. Payne. Good Classification Entries close Nov. 11. Schedules, **Hugh Gunn,** Hon. Sec. Sandhurst Rd.; C. R. Smith, Assist. Sec., Ilfra House.

MARGATE

10th Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds

Open to all England, November 20th and 21st, 1907. Judges: Poultry, P. Proud, Esq.; Pigeons, Messrs. C. Wicks and Clem Watson; Rabbits and Cats, A. H. Calcutt, Esq.; Cage Birds, J. Robson, Esq. Entries close November 6th. No Amalgamation. Schedules, **W. J. JONES, Hon. Sec., 28, Fort Crescent, MARGATE.**

SLIGO

Open Show under the patronage

of Y.C.C. of Ireland, and Crest and Norwich P. Head Club of Ireland. **November 20th. and 21st.** Cage Birds 45 classes, Bantams 4 Classes, Judge J. McKay Esq., Kirkintilloch. Entries close on 9th November. Schedules apply **Chas. J. Mulligan, Holborn Street, Sligo.**

EASTBOURNE

Entries close Nov. 12th.

Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Rats, Mice and Cage Birds.

Nov. 20th & 21st, 1907.

Good classification and Specials. Cage Bird Judge: G. Gardner. Schedules, etc., from **C. ATTREE,** Hon. Sec., **23, Taddington Road, Eastbourne.**

NORTHAMPTON

Good Intent.

36th Annual Show, **Nov. 20 & 21.** Look out for Schedule in this Paper Nov. 8th. Under Cage Bird Union Rules. Judge: G. Lancaster, Esq. **C. M. Larkman, Sec.,** 210, Wellingboro' Road

TONBRIDGE

POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS,

NOVEMBER 20th and 21st, 1907. Open to Kent, Sussex and Surrey. Entries close positively Nov. 12th. Judges—Poultry, Mr. Wm. H. Cook; Pigeons, Mr. A. Leith; Rabbits, Mr. M. Crust; Cage Birds, Mr. J. Dobson; Cats, Mr. M Crust. Splendid train service, no delay, main lins, S.E. & C. Ry. Schedules now ready. P. W. BURTON, Hon. Sec., Guildford House. Albert Road, Tonbridge.

SUTTON COLDFIELD

CAGE BIRD SHOW,

(Under Cage Bird Union Rules.)

Wednesday, Nov. 20th, and Thursday, Nov. 21st. Entries close November 9th. Judge: J. H. Brindley, Esq. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Members, 1/-. Splendid Classification, capital room, good light, no draught, first class attention. Schedules ready—apply: **A. GEO. JONES. 110, High St., Erdington, Birmingham**

WEYBRIDGE

13th ANNUAL OPEN & MEMBERS' SHOW. Dec, 4th & 5th "O.B." COMP. SCHEME Judge, J. ROBSON. Numerous Spls. Entries close Nov. 20th. Kindly give us your support. One of the finest Halls in the Kingdom. Every care taken of all exhibits. Exhibitors wishing their birds to be sent to the L.C.B.A. Show please let me know and they shall be despatched early Thursday evening. Schedules now ready, apply H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge

KIRKBYMOORSIDE

(YORKS) SHOW. NOV. 21

Entries close Nov. 11

Judges—Poul., W. H. Silvester; Pig., J. L. Nicholson; R. & C., T. H. Roberts; Cage Birds, H. W. Battye—For Schedules apply REED & CALAM, KIRBY-MOORSIDE.

SELBY

£5 Limit.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds

Thursday, November 21st,

Under O.B.U. Rules. Judges—Messrs. R. Stainthorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **Wednesday, Nov. 13th.**

JOHN HENRY DIXON, 77, Brook St., Selby,

HANLEY

& DISTRICT C. B. S.

Held on November 21st, 1907.

Affiliated to C.B.U. Grand classification. Numerous specials. Judge: Mr. J. Wilcock.

Please apply for Schedules from—

C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

MORRISTON

AND DISTRICT

First Annual Show, held under C.B.U. Rules, on **Thursday, November 21st, 1907.** Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester, Grand classification. Specials every class. Schedules ready. Entries close November 14th, 1907. Apply **DAVID JEREMY, Hon. Sec., Glanrhyd Cottage. Tanylan Road, Morriston, R.S.O.**

LOWESTOFT

And District Cage Bird Society.

First Annual Show of Cage Birds will be held in The Public Hall, Lowestoft, Thursday and Friday, **November 21st and 22nd,** Under C.B.U. rules. **Open to Suffolk.** Entries close Nov. 11th. Entrance fee per cage, members 9d., non-members 1/-. Judges: JACOB MACKLEY, Esq, Norwich. Schedules ready, apply: **GEORGE FRANCIS, South Wharf, Lowestoft.**

HULL

C. B. S. 13th ANNUAL SHOW (Under C. B. U. Rules). FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd,

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NOVEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1907.

Judges: G. E. Russell and A. G. Cameron.

Under the Patronage of the Northern Crest Club Norwich and Cinnamon Club and Cinnamon Club.

ALL CASH SPECIALS and held under C.B.U. rules. Schedules ready, apply—**F. W. GORDON, 23, Lisburn Terrace, SUNDERLAND.**

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November, 22nd & 23rd, 1907.

Grand Classification, 22/- per class prizs money. Good Specials & popular judges. For schedules apply to—**J. Stringer, Secretary, 27, James Street, Bolton, Lancs.**

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25th Annual O. S. of Canaries, B. and F. C.B. in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **Nov. 23rd.** 45 Cl. Schsd from **A. Themson, Sec., 100, Gt. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

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Full Particulars next week. Schedules from—

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RECREATION OPEN SHOW,

Sat., Nov. 23rd, for Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, under O.B.U. Rules. Judge: C. Hulton, Esq., St. Helens. All prizs money guar. **Shufflebotham, 121, Morley St.**

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Good classification, numerous Specials. Under patronage of YORKS C.C.

Judges: Messrs. H. W. BATTYE, F. FEETHAM and J. B. TAYLOR. Entries close November **16th.**

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Judge: J. H. Roe. **F. CAMERON, Sec., Sydney St.**

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SHOW. The One Day Show of Scotland. Py., Pgn., C.B and Cts. **Sat. Nov. 23rd,** in Pavilion, Dam Park, Ayr. Judges: P., C. Sneddon, Kirkham, Yorks Pouters, John Tait, Edinburgh; Dragons, F. Smalley, Silverdals; All other Pigeon Classes, Ted Booth, Idle; Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, George Swark, Carmyle; Other C.B. Classes, John Goodfellow, Edinburgh; Cats, Mrs. D. Simpson, Glasgow. Fanciers' Revisw Cup, Challenge Cups and numerous specials. Write for Schedules

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(SUFFOLK) NOV. 26th., Pl. Pgs. C.Birds, R. & Cvy. Show, the premier show of Suffolk. Open to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambs. Judges, W. W. Broomhead, Rev. W. F. Lumley, C.E. Brooke, and A. Silver. 96 classes; numerous specials. Entries close Nov. 14th, to C.H. Row, 9, North St., Sudbury

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Open to Kent. 39 Classes C.B. **Nov. 26 & 27.** En. close 14th. **HORREX, Cherrytree Av.**

BANBURY

19th Annual Show of POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS, and CAGE BIRDS (C.B. U. Rules), **NOVEMBER 26th & 27th.** Entries close November 14th. Schedules from—

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Dogs, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cage birds, eggs and dead poultry. **NOV. 27th, 1907.** Cage Birds, 6 classes. Judges: O. E. Hodge, Esq. Fes 1/6. Entries close **Nov. 18th.** Schedulss from **Palmer, Tor,** Hon. Sec.

DERBY

GRAND JUBILEE SHOW NOVEMBER 26th and 27th, 1907.

Affiliated to ths C.B.U. Judges—Messrs. BEXSON, ROE, ROBSON and SCOTHERN. Under ths patronage of the Yorkshire G.C.A., Yorkshire C.C., Cinnamon C.C., Crested C.C. and N.B.B. and Mule Club. 50 Classes. Entries close November 20th. Schedules ready shortly. **W. H. BAMSEY** (BINNS & Co.), **Market Pl., Derby.**

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NOVEMBER, 27th & 28th. GOOD CLASSIFICATION. LIBERAL SPECIALS.

Judges: Canaries and British, G. GARDNER, Esq. (G.G.); Foreign, H. T. T. CAMPS, Esq. (F.Z.S).

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C.B.U. S.Y.C.C.

NOVEMBER 27th and 28th.

Judges: Messrs Payne and Robson.

Sec., W. Sampson, Langland House, Llanishen Street.

WOOLWICH

FANCIERS' SOCIETY ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

of P., P., R., C. & C.B., 28th & 29th Nov. (cats 29th only). **DRILL HALL, Beresford Street, WOOLWICH.** Prize money guaranteed Extensive classification. Judges: Poultry, Messrs. W. H. Cook, F. W. Ashby, B. J. F. Naish, E. Denyer and W. H. Weaver; Pigeons, Messrs. G. A. Pelling, J. Barnard and A. Houghton; Rabbits and Cage Birds, G. Gardner, Esq.; Cats, The Lady Decies, Mrs. Balding and Sir Claud Alexander. Entries close 19th Nov. Schedules from **Chas. D. Reed, "Penta," Burcharbro' Road, Abbey Wood, Kent.**

JARROW,

1st ANNUAL OPEN SHOW,

Under C.B.U. Rules.

Judges: Messrs. J. H. Payne, Gloucester, Open Classes; R. Bewick, Chester-le-St., Members' Open Selling Classes. Cage Birds only, 64 classes. Specials in every class, all cash specials. Medal given by J. Sandiford for best fed bird fed on Royal Red; also "Cags Birds" New Conpon Scheme, Hydes' Special, also additional Specials. Show held on **Nov. 29th and 30th, 1907. J. T. CARRICK, Hon. Sec., 44, Caledonian Road, Jarrow-on-Tyne.**

WHARTON,

Winsford and Dis. F. S. 3rd annual O. S. of Py., Pgs., R., and C. B., on Sat., Nov. 30th. Judges: T. R. Kemp, H. A. Moore, H. Tams. R. Such will give Spl. value 5/- for best C.B. in show. Schedules and entry forms, **R. Oiller, Hon. Sec., 363, High St., Winsford, Cheshire.**

BRISTOL

17th Annual Show,

December 4th and 5th, 1907.

Crested C.C., Lancs. and Lizard F.A., Cinnamon C.C. Patronage and Support.

Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne. 67 Classes. Challenge Cups value £60. Specials value £15. Entries close November 20th, 1907. Schedules of **G. T. H MAGGS, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol**

SIDMOUTH.

December 5th. 17 Open Classes. C.B.U. Licence. Canaries, Mules, British. Judge: Mr Payne. Entries close November 26th. **F. FARRANT. Sec**

ASHINGTON

& First C.B.S. will hold their second Annual O. S. of Can. Brit & For. (C.B.U. Rules) in Harmonic Hall, Ashington, on **Nov. 30th.** 28 classes. No cancelling. Judge J Robson, of London. Schedules—**J. Miles, 9, Park Road, Ashington.** Entries close November 23rd.

DARLINGTON

Cage Bird Society

Will hold their **3rd Grand Open Show** on **Sat., Nov. 30th.** Under C.B.U. Rules. 46 Classes. 35 Open, 11 Members, 4 Money Prizes and Specials every class. **1/- Entry Fee 1/- Prompt Payment of Prize Money.** Specialist Judges—Canaries, J. C. BARNES, Esq., Sheffield. Mules, British, &c., J. WALSH, Esq., Blackburn. **The "Champion" one day show of the North.** Don't miss it. Get a schedule, ready Nov 8th. Note, change of address from Nov. 1st, **E. BRUNSKILL,** Hon. Sec., **50, Easson Rd., Darlington.**

HAVERFORDWEST

DECEMBER 5th, 1907.

Affiliated to C.B.U.). **Thirteenth Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies.** (JUDGES: Poultry, W. T. ATTWELL, Esq.; Pigeons,—HILL, Esq; Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies, T. J. AMBROSE, Esq. Hon. Secs., **Phillips** and **Williams.**

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

(C.B.U. Rules.)

Tenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds,

On Friday & Saturday, December 6th. & 7th

Good Classification. Prize money guaranteed, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/-. Special for every class. Judges—J. Bexon, Esq., Derby; W. Vardy, Esq., Hucknall Huthwaite. Schedule ready, apply **J. C. HAYES,** Secretary, **9, Florence Road, Masbro.**

CARMARTHEN

DECEMBER 12th.

Dogs, P., Pgs., Cgs., C., R. Judges: Messrs. T. H. Stretch, W. H. Cook and C. Houlton (Cage Birds). 24 Classes for Cage Birds. For Schedules (ready November 11th) apply **JACK FRANCIS,** Secretary.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows held under C.B.U. Rules were omitted from the list published in these columns last week:—

Nov. 8 & 9.—Warrington.
" 15 & 16.—Blackpool.
" 19.—Bromsgrove.
" 27 & 28.—Cardiff.

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TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

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ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 2—Bo'ness—F. M'Gillivray, Gauze Road, Chance.
" **2—Montrose**—J. Clark, 84, High Street.
" **2—Stockton**—J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning St.
" **2—Leamington**—F. T. Prichard, Portland St.
" **2—Kirkcaldy**—J. Wilson, 21, Salisbury St.
" **2—Swansea**—A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Rd., Landore.
" **3.—Abingdon.**—(first post).—T. Bowen, 19, High Street.
" **4.—Morecambe.** (first post).—J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street.
" **5.—Cambridge.**—T. S. Moore, 126-8, Newmarket Rd.
" **5.—Hucknall Torkard.**—A. A. Asbury, 7a, Carlingford Road.
" **5—Preston**—(first post).—J. W. Cleminson, 58, Elmsley St.
" **6—St. Columb**—W. L. Salmon.
" **6—Margate**—W. J. Jones, 28, Fort Crescent.
" **6—Luton**—E. Cherry.
" **7—City of Wakefield**—Netherwood and Keighley, City Aviaries, Northgate.
" **7—Penzance**—J. P. Sampson.
" **7.—Merthyr.** J. Thomas, 30, Gilfach Cynon.
" **9—Sutton Coldfield**—A. G. Jones, 110, High St., Erdington.
" **9.—Sligo.**—C. J. Mulligan, Holborn St., Sligo.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 4.—Watford.—Quantrell and Watts, 14, Wiggenhall Road.
" **4.—Greenwich and Deptford.**—G. Hill, 101, Barkworth Road, Bermondsey.

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Battersea.
Bromley.
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Dulwich and Peckham.
Kelty.
Plymouth.

Coloured plate this week is much appreciated.—F. W. WILLIS (Wood Green).

I have to congratulate you on the plate this week. It is beautifully finished, and very pleasing, indeed, for any lover of Foreign birds (or others, for that matter).—D. PETRIE (Dundee).

Your plate this week is grand. I already have it framed. It looks well in black and gilt Oxford frame.—C. P. ARTHUR (Melksham).

Your coloured plate of last week is a real "topper." I marvel how you could present it without any extra charge.—M. HARDY (Streatham).

TWITTERINGS.

Greenwich and Deptford are very short of entries, will accept Monday next. (Advt.)

I have advertised several times in your paper, and have always been lucky. W. Bowers, S.W.

Exhibitors should remember Sutton Coldfield, November 20th and 21st. Splendid classification. (Advt.)

Mr. R. J. Watts telegraphs entries for Watford Show are very short as yet. Exhibitors please note.

Fanciers should make a note of Preston, November 8th and 9th. Splendid classifications. (Advt.)

Mr. A. Dawson (Glasgow) writes: I have removed from 104, Cardross-street to 697, Duke-street, Dennistoun.

Mr. F. W. Heaton (Nantwich), writes Mr. A. Park, sec., will judge Leigh Show, held December 20th and 21st.

Mr. W. G. Poole is down to judge Evesham, November 13th; Penzance, November 15th; Brackley, December 3rd.

Mr. T. Carr wrote me re muling hens, but omitted his address; postmark Battersea, S.W. —F. Baxter, Attleborough.

Our cage bird entries number over 180, thanks to your advertisement medium.—G. W. Read (Weston-Super-Mare).

I congratulate you in getting out such a work of art in this week's edition, writes Mr. Henry S. Grahame (Camberwell).

My letter re extension of entries should read November 4th. Will you please rectify?—Geo. Sale, Hon. Sec. Greenures Show.

The British Roller Canary Club was inadvertently missed from the list of patrons for Leeds Show.—A. Wilkins, Hon. Sec.

At the recent Haddington Show the winning Selkirk Bearded Tit, shown by Messrs. A. and W. Linton, was found dead in its cage.

Mr. Sands, who sent us Illustrated Idea No. 147, would like it to be known that he lives at 3, Highfield-terrace, Somerby-road, Grantham.

The delegates of the C.B.U., Yorkshire section, have decided to hold a meeting at Bramley Show on Saturday next, writes Mr. Jas. Metcalfe.

M. Cooper (Batley) writes:—I may say I have scores of applicants from my advertisements in your valuable paper, of which I cannot speak too highly.

[illegible] Weston asks us to notify his friends that he has removed from 307, High Holborn, to 45, Clevedon-mansions, Highgate-road, London, N.W.

Schedules posted on Tuesday, October 29th. Any fancier omitted kindly write, and schedule will be forwarded.—A. Urquhart, Secretary Inverness O.S.

Sunderland. Schedules have been sent out this week. Any exhibitor not receiving one kindly apply to the secretary at once.—J. Gordon, Secretary.

A record of paying prize money. Dysart Show, held 26th; I got my prize money to-day, Monday, 28th. A credit to any show.—W. Watt (Dunfermline).

Whitburn Show.—Birds that can reach their destination same night as close of show will be despatched that night. Others will be kept till Monday first train.

The L. and P.O.S. Members' Autumn Show will be held at the Crystal Palace on November 6th and 7th. Same dates as the Chrysanthemum Show. (Advt.)

Messrs. R. J. E. and F. Howe will not exhibit at Swansea Show, November 6th and 7th, owing to Mr. A. Howe judging, writes Mr. A. Hitchings, the secretary.

The Altrincham C.B.S. are holding a members' show on Saturday, November 23rd, 1907, when Mr. A. G. Davis will judge, writes Mr. Harrison, the Hon. Sec.

I sent some prize money away, without stamping the envelopes. For such an error I am very sorry, and hope no offence will be taken.—J. Fowler (Leek).

I note you are getting into trim quick this year. Last number a big pennyworth. The plate is a perfect beauty. More power to your efforts.—J. Harris, Newcastle.

Greenwich and Deptford awfully short of entries. Please help us a little. State exhibit; will classify and forward labels.—Geo. Hill, 101, Barkworth-road, Bermondsey.

A special committee has been appointed to look after the exhibits at the Hucknall Torkard Show, and to see them safely returned at the close, writes Mr. A. A. Asbury, the sec.

Mr. J. H. Ireland, secretary of Morecambe F.A. writes: Entries are very bad, and do not average four per class; 42 classes and over 50 specials. Entries extended until Monday's first post.

Broughty Ferry Show. You gave Mr. Keill the credit of winning Cage Birds' 2nd prize, whereas I had that honour with my 2nd prize Crest hen.—William Watt, 108, Appin-crescent, Dunfermline.

Mr. Ernest Collins, of Barnstaple, had the misfortune to lose his Goldfinch Redpoll, which secured 1st prize at Exeter and Devon Show on October 16th, the bird dying a few hours after arriving home.

Messrs. Cornish and Adams, Exeter, write: Thanks for excellent report you gave us. Very smart work getting it in the same week. We have to face a deficit of between £15 and £20 owing to bad weather. All prize money has been sent out.

Mr. Thos. Chapman, of Newcastle, writes that it was his foul buff cock which won the special for the best Scotch Fancy at Newcastle Show, and not Messrs. Thompson Bros.' exhibit, as reported.

Kindly thank all applicants for pair Crests advertised in your last week's issue, writes Mr. John Grubb, Newcastle. A gentleman fancier in our district, seeing them advertised, came and purchased them.

All prize money in previous years was paid within four days. We have one of the best halls for light and ventilation, a good list of specials, and a popular judge.—Reed and Calam (Kirbymoorside).

In your review of our schedule, writes the secretary of Penzance Show, you stated that our entry fee was 2s., when it should be 1s. 6d. in cage bird classes. Kindly correct. —J. Pearce Sampson (Penzance).

Mr. John S. Napier, secretary of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S., writes: Most of our members take in your paper. It is full of very interesting news anent cage birds, and no fancier should be without it.

Mr. J. Brown (Glasgow) writes tendering his apologies to those who, having applied for schedules re the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, have failed to receive them; they will be sent out on October 30th.

Mr. Cruise, of Bowling, writes: Mr. John Kinder, secretary of Guiseley, Yeadon and District C.B.S., will lecture before the members and friends on November 4th, at 8 o'clock, at the Registrar's Office, Guiseley.

Clapham and District Members' Show, at the Avondale Hall, Clapham, November 8th. Record number of specials (66), including five cups and 12 medals. Sec., S. Baker, 11, Foulser-road, Upper Tooting. (Advt.)

Late Breeding Starlings.—We hear through Mr. W. Cullen that there is to be seen within a stone's throw of Rob Roy's grave, near Callandar, a Starling's nest with young. This is rather late in the season for breeding.

All schedules for Sheffield Show were posted last Saturday, October 26. No exhibitor can afford to be without one. Anyone overlooked kindly write.—T. Bishop, Sec., 69, Alexandra-road, Heeley, Sheffield.—(Advt.)

The prompt attention to birds, together with despatch of prize money, I think a credit to the Battersea Show workers and Committee. I received my prize money before I knew that I had won it.—C. Barwell (Northampton).

Mr. W. Pawley, secretary of the Plumstead, Woolwich, and District C.B.A., writes: We have obtained the large hall at Trinity Schools for the annual show on January 2nd and 3rd. This hall is splendidly lighted and free from draughts.

Be sure and obtain the Coloured Plate and Art Supplement given with this ISSUE.

At the recent Stratford and East London F.S. Young Stock Show, Mr. Gravestock won in the Norwich classes, Messrs. Mottram and Corby in the Yorks. clear, and Messrs. Mottram Fuller, Corby and Forse in the Yorks. Ticked or Variegated.

We have got 50 special prizes altogether for our show, writes Mr. T. Bowen, secretary of North Berks F.S., and a popular judge in Mr. T. J. Ambrose. Prizes are guaranteed to be paid within one week; we are particularly short of cage bird entries.

Continued success to the good old paper ("C.B."). I hope the new venture will supply the long-felt want Cage Birds did in its particular line. I myself always recommend "C.B." to all and sundry interested in the fancy.—Reginald Fell.

I have been elected Secretary of the Spen Valley C.B.S., in place of Mr. Whitehead (resigned), writes Mr. R. Bennett. Our President is Mr. J. M. Greig, vice-presidents are Messrs. J. W. Wharton and T. Smith, and the treasurer, Mr. B. Wood.

The Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A. have added a members' class for Norwich Natural Colour, cock or hen. Members wishing to enter a bird in that class should mention "Norwich Natural Members," as it is not in the schedule.—J. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

A small quantity of schedules of Warrington Show have been sent out without Rules of the C.B.U. inserted. Will those exhibitors who received them kindly note that this is an oversight, and that the show is held under Cage Bird Union Rules.—J. D. Leigh, Hon. Sec.

Exhibitors can send their best specimens, as we have engaged the Temperance Hall, which is capable of holding two thousand exhibits, and the best possible care will be taken of all of them, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, Hon. Sec. of the Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S.

The Southern Yorkshire Canary Club handbook for 1907-8, a very neat and tasty production, reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Rennie, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, London, E. From the balance sheet we note the club had a busy time last year, medals and specials value over £18 being put up for competition amongst the members; and that the assets totalled at the end of the season £3 10s. 8d. An excellent programme has been arranged for the ensuing season, including an exceptionally good special list at the shows, and lovers of Yorkshires in the South should communicate at once with Mr. Rennie, who will be glad to put them up for election as members.

Some difference of opinion has arisen over the nationality of the winning Bullie at Troon Show. Our Border representative writes:—It is very difficult to determine nationality of Finches, more especially of Bullfinches, and to dogmatise on the point is absurd. Even in suspicious cases the birds should be given the benefit of the doubt or an injustice may be done.

Mr. J. Maddison gave a few very useful hints on Mule breeding, explaining how he bred the Canary-Siskin which had won the valuable challenge bowl. This bird, he told us, was produced from a Cock Canary and a Hen Siskin. Mule breeders take note.

Mr. Adamthwaite (London and Counties) desires us to state that he was misreported in connection with the recent London gathering in saying that he had instructions from his society to see that a novice should have a time limit. He merely stated it was the wish of his society.

Mr. Smith (Glasgow) writes: Mr. William Hart, 6, Ord-street, Paisley, and family, have sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Hart, the beloved wife and mother. They have the heart-felt sympathy of a wide circle of friends. She took a keen interest in all that affected their welfare.

Fanciers in the vicinity of Leamington will do well to take advantage of the railway facilities afforded them for visiting the annual "Royal" Show. Cheap trains are being run from Leicester, Northampton, Birmingham, and district, so writes the secretary, Mr. F. T. Pritchard. The show is on November 7th.

The British Roller C.C., young bird competition will be held at the following shows:—Leeds, November 15th and 16th; club show held at the L.C.B.A., December 6th and 7th; Wakefield, December 13th and 14th; Bolton, January 10th and 11th; Crystal Palace, January 31st, etc.—J. W. Norris.

Mr. J. Dobson (City-road, London) will judge at the following shows:—L.P.O.S., Palace, November 6th; Clapham and District, November 8th; Tenbridge, November 20th; South London, November 27th; Folkestone, December 3rd; Canterbury, December 11th; Bermondsey, December 20th; Palace National, 1908.

The London and Provincial O.S. will hold their Members' Autumn Show at the Crystal Palace on November 6th and 7th. The L. and P.O.S. Committee hope that all members will make as many entries as they possibly can. Surplus stock entered in the selling classes is sure to command a quick sale. (Advt.)

Mr. J. H. Jones, of Merthyr Tydfil, writes: Mr. G. L. Harber, Mr. Ben Davis (of Scotch Fancy fame), myself, and a strong committee will attend to the wants of the cage bird section of our show, which will be in a separate room—heated if required. Fanciers can with confidence, therefore, send their most valuable specimens.

Messrs. Sissons Brothers and Co., Ltd.—the proprietors of "Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper"—are willing to give secretaries of local pigeon and poultry shows prizes of "Hall's Distemper" in quantity, in exchange for advertisements in the catalogues of shows. Particulars will be forwarded on application to Sissons Brothers and Co., Ltd., Hull.

J. Logan, Dysart Show, writes:—A few lines to let you know that our show was a record one, 504 entries. All the champions of the S.P.C. competed. Mr. Goodfellow assisted with two selling classes, and Mr. Hogg with two others, which eased Mr. Ferguson a little. He had his hands full, and did his duty well. All prize money paid, and if anyone has been overlooked, please let me know.

I wish to thank all exhibitors, writes Mr. T. E. Easterling, the secretary, that supported me with entries in making Battersea Show such a grand success, and to those friends that helped me with the difficult task of putting labels on cages from Plymouth and Southend. All prize money was paid out by second day of show. Mr. Rennie wins Ramsden's medal; Mr. Webb Easterling's medal.

We deeply regret an unfortunate error which arose last week in connection with the authorship of an article on Yorkshires published by us last week. Mr. Crawhall informs us that although there are some points of resemblance between that and one he sent us, the article is not of his writing. Will the real author kindly communicate and accept our apologies, which we have tendered also to Mr. Crawhall.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks, writes Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, to the fanciers and exhibitors who have written me expressing their sympathy in our misfortune re the Hall at the Dulwich Show not being at our disposal at the time arranged, and for their promise of increased support at future fixtures. This sort of encouragement will stir Dulwich up to go ahead in the progress they have made.

Amongst the many well-known fanciers at Chesterfield Show, were Mr. R. Colton, of Mule fame, enjoying the "mixture" section, while Mr. W. Vardy, the noted Norwich breeder, was busy with the "short and thick" variety. Mr. H. Wilson, the hon. sec. of Langwith C.B.S., represented the Cage Bird Union. Several well-known Sheffield fanciers put in an appearance on the Saturday.

"C.B." for Sales.

I enclose my usual advertisement, writes Mr. J. J. Oates (Bradford). If I sell as quickly as last year I shall be more than satisfied. I could have sold twice the number of birds had I had them. What a circulation you must have! I sent birds into almost every county in England, besides Wales and Scotland, through your excellent paper, for which please accept my thanks, though rather late in the day to ask you to do so.

I must heartily congratulate you, writes Mr. C. Bussey (Bristol) on the fine picture of my winning Jay on the cover of Cage Birds last week. I may say that he is now in better condition and plumage than he was last year, and I hope that he will be successful in winning more prizes. I wish you every success with Cage Birds, and hope its circulation will grow more than ever.

A sample of "Pannassina," the speciality for the prevention and cure of diseases caused through damp or cold (asthma, wheezing, loss of song, etc.), reaches us from the maker, Mr. W. J. Hammond, of 19, Anstey-road, Coldharbour-lane, London, S.E. Many testimonials bear witness to its efficacy and usefulness with Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Blackbirds, and other cage birds, while it is excellent for bringing them easily through the moult. It is very easily prepared, a little being mixed amongst the soft food. It is sold in 6d. and 1s. packets, and readers should give "Pannassina" a trial.

A grand old cock Black Redstart was unfortunately shot in the vicinity of Great Yarmouth on the 19th inst., writes Mr. W. Lowne.

I heartily congratulate you upon your splendid coloured plate presented with this week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. B. Waterman of East Dulwich. It is a very pleasing production, and will make a beautiful picture for the bird room. This week's number is a marvellous pennyworth, and I hope your enterprise will meet with its due reward.

Alleged Clipped Exhibit.

At Great Horton Good Intent Show, in Class 16, No. 23, H. Coates, the winner of 1st and special novice tick. Yell. was objected to by the officials of the society for tail feathers having the appearance of being clipped or cut. This is the wording of the notice sent to the Yorkshire Union secretary. The bird, our reporter advises us, has only nine full feathers in tail, one being apparently clipped close to root, the others being rather longer. The exhibitor, he understand, had received prize money before being objected to, and refused to refund it to the society.

Exhibitors Note!

We have heard from the respective secretaries that Warrington (November 8th and 9th) and Greenwich and Deptford (November 7th and 8th) shows were by some means or other omitted from the Cage Bird Union list of shows sent us by the secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, and published in Cage Birds last week.

Late Swallows.

Being a constant reader of Cage Birds, writes Mr. P. G. Fellowe, I thought it might interest your readers to know that a pair of Swallows were feeding their young last week, several bird fanciers watching them; but they have gone now. I thought it very unusual for Swallows to be here as late as October.

Presentation to W.C.B.C. Sec.

Kindly inform members of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, writes Mr. B. Davies, that the testimonial to Mr. D. H. Tedstone, our honoured secretary, will be presented at the Swansea C.B. Show on November 6th, the present consisting of a marble clock, suitably inscribed. It will be on view at the Show, and it is hoped all members will find it convenient to attend.

Wellingborough Show.

The Wellingborough and District C.B.S. have been obliged to postpone their show, writes Mr. W. Howe, secretary, there being such a small entry. We only averaged three in a class, which I suppose is due to its clashing with so many others. We have decided to hold our show on December 17th and 18th, providing these dates suit our judges, in which case we will announce it in a further advertisement at a future date. We are very sorry for those who did enter with us, and hope that they will still give us their patronage.—W. Howe, Hon. Secretary.

Yorkshire Fanciers in Newcastle.

Mr. Mundell kindly promised to meet our members November 9th, and have a general talk about Yorkshires, but as the night turned out to be the usual Newcastle monthly meeting, I saw the secretaries, and they were quite pleased to have Mr. Mundell at their meeting and extend a hearty invitation to all who are interested in Yorkshires (whether members or not) to be present to meet one of the best recognised judges of this variety. Will fanciers please make a note of the time and place? Thursday, November 8th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, at 7 30 p.m.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Sec. N.Y.C.C.

Bristol Fanciers Show.

Owing to an accident, there has been an unfortunate delay in getting out schedules for Bristol Show, fixed for December 4th and 5th. I trust all will have received copies by now. May I remind exhibitors that although later than usual, this is the Bristol Show which has an established reputation. It will be held, as in past years, in the Rifle Drill Hall, Queen's-road, which is many times larger than any other hall in Bristol used for similar shows, and possesses the further advantage that it is beautifully lighted from the roof by day, and by electric arc lamps at night. Exhibits will be covered at night.—B. T. H. Maggs, Hon. Sec. B.F.A.

Through the Eyes of a Layman.

We have read some amusing reports of cage bird shows in our time, but the following extract, it will be generally conceded, fairly "takes the biscuit" for pure fun. It is culled from the "Manchester Courier":—

> "Lancashire Canaries were, of course, most numerous. They are clear yellow birds, very often with impressive topknots. Lizard Linnets were also fairly numerous, and they looked very well. The changing of the name of the Yorkshire Green is a triumph for the Lancastrian. Of late it has come to be known as the Liverpool Green, from the fact that Liverpool has almost entirely taken over the breeding of it. Then there were Norwich Plainheads, with a beautiful bird from Hyde among them."

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THE AVOCET (*Recurvirostra avocetta*).

The Avocet is a handsome member of the large group of wading birds, though its curiously curved slender bill, and long, stilty legs, lend it a somewhat singular appearance. It can swim, but does not do so voluntarily. It walks in shallow water, "scooping" the surface with its beak as it goes, alternately from left and right, catching the small crustaceans, or larvae of insects, or tiny fish (probably) swimming therein. Once this species bred in England in considerable numbers, but now has been slaughtered into a somewhat scarce occasional visitor. The plumage is black and white, though the legs are a light blue. A pair of Avocets successfully bred in the London Zoological Gardens last summer—an interesting and probably unique occurrence.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YORKSHIRE CANARIES.

WITH SOME ANSWERS BY EXPERT BREEDERS AND EXHIBITORS.

A favourite method of providing interesting material for the meetings of members of Cage Bird Societies is to ask prominent fanciers to answer a set of questions relating to their favourite breed. The appended selection of opinions on topics concerning the Yorkshire Canary is culled from a "Question Night" recently held by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society.

THE LIST OF QUESTIONS.

PURCHASING AND PAIRING.

(1) If you were asked to advise a beginner as to the purchase and pairing of birds to breed exhibition Yorkshires, what advice would you give?

INTRODUCING FRESH BLOOD.

(2) In matching the following year, would you recommend the introduction of fresh blood? Give reasons for and against.

DOUBLE-YELLOWING AND DOUBLE-BUFFING.

(3) Are you of opinion that any advantage is to be gained by double-yellowing and double-buffing?

EFFECT OF DOUBLE-YELLOWING.

(4) There is a general impression that double-yellowing results in a reduction of size. Is this your opinion? Do you think that the difference is in feather only, or does it affect bone and substance?

CHOICE OF COLOUR.

(5) Do you prefer breeding with a yellow cock to buff hen, or *vice versa*?

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?

(6) Do you recommend that the cock be taken from the hen whilst sitting? If so, when would you put him back, and what are the advantages or disadvantages of such a course?

TWO WIVES, OR ONE?

(7) Are you opposed to the use of two hens to one cock? If so, please state why.

FEEDING THE YOUNG.

(8) How do you feed from hatching up to six weeks old?

EARLY BIRDS OR LATE BIRDS.

(9) In your opinion, are the best results obtained in the latter part of the breeding season, or in the early part?

TOO OLD AT ——?

(10) At what age do you consider Yorkshires breed their best specimens?

THE CHICK IN THE SHELL.

(11) What is the longest period that fertilised eggs may with safety be kept from under the hen?

INFLAMMATION IN YOUNG BIRDS.

(12) How do you account for the so-called inflammation of the bowels from which so many young birds die? How may it be avoided, and what remedy do you recommend when it does occur?

TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA.

(13) What, in your opinion, is the best method of training young Yorkshires to get them steady and used to the show cage?

WHO IS TO BLAME?

(14) Is it your experience that the hen is responsible for type and quality, and the cock for colour and size?

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

(15) Do you consider that classes should be provided at all large shows for even-marked birds?

TICKLISH!

(16) What is your opinion of the present standard as laid down by the Y.C.C.?

THE VALUE OF PEPPER.

(17) Do you not think that a well-fed, even-coloured bird should take more than a five-point precedence of an unfed bird equal in other respects?

WE WONDER!

(18) How many years would it take, commencing with the Belgian, Norwich, and Lancashire birds, to breed birds similar to the winning Yorkshire of to-day?



A REMARKABLE HEMP PLANT.

Hemp Seed sown in the garden produces a very tall, handsome plant. A particularly fine specimen is shown in the above photograph. It was grown by Mr. W. Turvey, of Evesham, who kindly sends us this pictorial record. Last year's (1906) crop, this gentleman tells us, was not a particularly good one.



A NOTED NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

The difficulty of adequately depicting Canaries by means of the photographer's art is well illustrated by the above picture. It is quite a good one of its kind, yet few, we think, would take the bird behind the bars to be a champion of its variety. Nevertheless it is Mr. T. Seed's (Rishton) "Little King II.," winner of Firsts at Manchester, Leek, Great Harwood, Preston, Gateshead, Wigan, etc., in 1906, and scoring heavily all along the line this season, having won already Firsts at Accrington, Burnley and Newcastle.

A SELECTION OF ANSWERS.

Mr. W. Mallinson replies:

(1) Get two sets of good stock birds from two reliable breeders—*i.e.*, a yellow cock and two buff hens from one, and a buff cock and two yellow hens from the other. Work them together the second year, thus building up your own strain. Let them be the best you can afford. With a good season and good judgment, a few choice birds should come out, but do not expect to breed winners first, or even second year.

(2) Not if the advice given above is taken. Fresh blood is only necessary when a strain has been worked for a good many seasons.

(3) No.

(4) Affects bone and substance to a marked degree; also birds bred from two yellows are generally very thin and scanty in feather. I only pair up yellows to gain a little colour.

(5) I have no preference.

(6) I am in favour of removing the cock after two or three days, letting him return for five or ten minutes at a time when the hen is wanting to nest again, before the young ones are able to do for themselves. They must be watched carefully as they are often very pugnacious. I find that if the cock is left with the hen all the time, and she is fed by him, she never comes off the nest or gives the youngsters anything, but simply sits until she has sweated them to the bottom of the nest.



A NOVEL FORM OF INDOOR AVIARY.

This photograph of a very novel indoor aviary comes from Mr. W. Weseler, of North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. It is made of wire, and bears the sign "Theatre Royal and Opera House"—a most appropriate style when feathered vocalists "hold the boards."

(7) I usually run two hens with one cock, though some young cocks I confine to one until I have proved them. When you have a very large number of hens to breed from, it is nearly impossible to match each with a separate cock suitable to your object. There would be also too much singing in the breeding room, and I like to keep breeding hens as quiet as I possibly can.

(8) I find that nothing beats a little egg food of home-made bread and fresh eggs, with a little maw seed added. If this is eaten, I give next day, in addition, a mixture of summer rape, inga, and crushed hemp in equal parts. Dandelion or lettuce when three or four days old. They must be well looked to when they leave the egg food and start cracking seed. Give them summer rape, with a little white canary. I have discarded soaking the hemp, as it soon turns sour, and is apt to cause diarrhœa.

(9) Neither early nor late is best. I prefer birds bred in May and June.

(10) First and second year.

(11) I have never kept them more than four days.

(12) Often caused by eating too freely of white canary seed; it may arise when first placed on colour food. I find the best remedy is a Beecham's pill, broken up in four and given on a small stick. Feed with a little milk sop. I do not recommend castor oil.

(13) Hang a Yorkshire show cage in front of them, and let them run through into it and get used to it while quite young. But leave them alone when in moult. Also have them out on the table and let them see as many strangers as possible, handling the cages invariably, to get the birds into position.

(14) Birds vary in this respect. I have seen birds take a good deal to the hen side in both form and colour. When you know how cock and hen are bred you can form some idea of what the results from them will be. Cocks and hens will gain both colour and size if bred for the same.

(15) No; even marked birds are so rare that whenever a class has been provided for them it has proved a failure.

(16) I think the standard is right, provided it is judged accordingly. But the illustration in the Y.C.C. Rule Book is out of proportion—too large a skull, too hollow in back, and by measurement it is 7 in. and not $6\frac{3}{4}$ in. as laid down in the standard. I call it a very poor illustration for anyone to breed to. It is no doubt a fairly good stock bird, but for a specialists' club's ideal it needs refining. The club's standard and their ideal do not correspond.

(17) No; colour in a Yorkshire ought not to count much, otherwise some of the smartest birds would have to take a back seat. But, of two birds equal in every other respect, except one being colour-fed and the other unfed, the coloured bird must take precedence.

(18) With these three crosses one would be lucky to get in twenty-five years a single bird equal in type and quality to a winning Yorkshire. The long, coarse feather of the Lancashire would always be breaking out, and the bad position always troublesome. Round backs and drooping tails are a great drawback in many Yorkshire birds. An old Yorkshire breeder used to tell me, many years ago, that the best way to get good Yorkshire birds was to cross a Lancashire cock and a Border Fancy hen, and in the following season to get a Belgian hen and run her with one of these half-bred Lancashires and Borders. But I do not advise breeders in the South to follow his recommendation, or they will wish the Lancashire bird back in the North before they are done with it.

Mr. J. Bailey (Bailey and Swanger) replies :

(1) Get, say, three pairs of Clears and the pair of heavily marked. The cock-birds should be 6¾ to 7 inches; but be sure to have them with clean fronts and round heads. Hens should be of A1 quality, and length not less than 6¼ inches. Thus you should produce a fair sample to work with for at least four years. If the birds are to give satisfaction as regards quality and style you might inbreed in the course of two years.

(2) If you find you are losing size you might introduce fresh blood, and I should prefer it on the cock side.

(3 and 4) I do not care about buff and buff; the young run too bulky and too long in feather as a rule. I have often bred yellow and yellow, but cannot say that I ever got much benefit from doing so. Of course if you should breed one or two buff hens from the yellow they in turn would throw some good quality and colour. I have obtained best results from a very large coarse-feathered yellow cock and a moderate-feathered hen.

(5) I prefer a yellow cock and buff hen, and have always bred with a double proportion of buff hens. I have had better luck with them as regards feeding.

(6) If running them in pairs I should certainly leave them together, for if you shut off the cock he sings all day, and where there is much singing there is little breeding. Of course if the cock molests the nest, or the hen, I should take him away. This seldom happens; still, there are scarcely two pairs but need differing treatment.

(7) No; I run them in "pairs" of two hens and the cock. I let the cock get No. 1 hen to nest, and set about six days, then put him with No. 2 and leave him with her through the season. He helps feed her young all the time. When No. 1 wants to nest again, I run the cock in with her about three times—once a morning for ten minutes. I never have any trouble with this method.

(8) Egg and home-made bread—plenty of bread, mind, or your hen will soon want to nest again. Along with the egg food I give dandelion, hemp, and now and again mixed seed, until the young leave their parents, when I give egg food and crushed seed (white) in separate glasses.

(9) In the early part I always prefer first round cocks and second round hens.



SOME ORNAMENTS OF A WELL-KNOWN NORWICH PLAINHEAD BREEDER AND JUDGE.

Mr. W. Vardy, of Hucknall Huthwaite, is known wherever there are fanciers of the chubby Norwich Plainhead. Above are depicted three youthful members of his family, a few of his winning birds, and some of the trophies the latter have secured him. The noble silver cup crowning the group is the 20-guinea Challenge Cup of the Norwich Plainhead Club, which Mr. Vardy won outright during the years 1899—1900—1901.

(10) I think there is no hard and fast line. I have bred tip-top youngsters that have beaten old birds at the Palace, with parents six years old. The age does not matter much if only your old birds are sound—that is the grand secret.

(11) I have kept them 14 days and they have hatched out all right.

(12) Over-feeding and over-eating, or drinking too much, or the third and chief cause—unhealthy parents. I never put young ones on water until they are from 30 to 35 days old, and then I add Board of Trade Fever Mixture to their drink about three times a week until they get well on seed. Do this, and keep cages clean, and there should be no trouble in rearing.

(13) I always run mine when they are about five weeks old. I hang a show cage in front of the ordinary one for a few days, and then run them out about half a dozen at a time. Put them frequently in runs on a table until well on in moult, and they will never forget it. Of course there are birds you cannot steady, and in many cases the fault lies with the parents. Do not forget that all the training cages in the world will not make a bird stand up unless he has it bred in him.

(14) I have had best results from cocks 6½ to 6¾ inches and hens 6½ inches long. I don't believe in extremes, *i.e.*, cock over 7 inches and hen 6 inches. Have them near a size.

(15) I do not think classes for even-marked birds would pay. I doubt if there are half a dozen good ones throughout Yorkshire. They seem to have gone back these last few years.

(16) It could not be much improved upon. Judges are bound to give and take a little, as they don't find two birds alike, and all have their failings.

(17) I think five points plenty for extra colour. Yorkshires are not supposed to be birds of colour, but should be judged by position and style. But I am sorry to say some judges give 50 points—in fact overlook carriage altogether.

(18) A great number, I should say. I think crossing with these breeds is a thing of the past. I am not far out when I say that to-day we have Yorkshires finer in feather than the Norwich, and I feel confident we shall improve them still more if only we keep other breeds out. To my view we have enough of everything for a few years to come.



THE MAGPIE *(Pica rustica).*

The Magpie is a truly gorgeous bird, despite the fact that black and white alone make up its plumage. It is a wonderful velvety black, however; in certain lights marvellously irradiated with ever-changing tones of metallic greens and blues. Seen in the fields, his long tail and his graceful flight make so charming a picture that one regrets the Magpie should be so widely persecuted, and shot on sight, as a pilferer of game birds' eggs, and as associated with other deeds of a criminal nature in the eyes of the gamekeeper.

THE AVIARIES AT ELSENHAM:

WITH AN ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THEIR INMATES.

By G. E. WESTON.

An illustrated record of a visit paid to the palatial aviaries recently erected by Sir Walter Gilbey, at Elsenham Hall.

With photographs by A. Maxwell] [The Studio," Bishops Stortford.

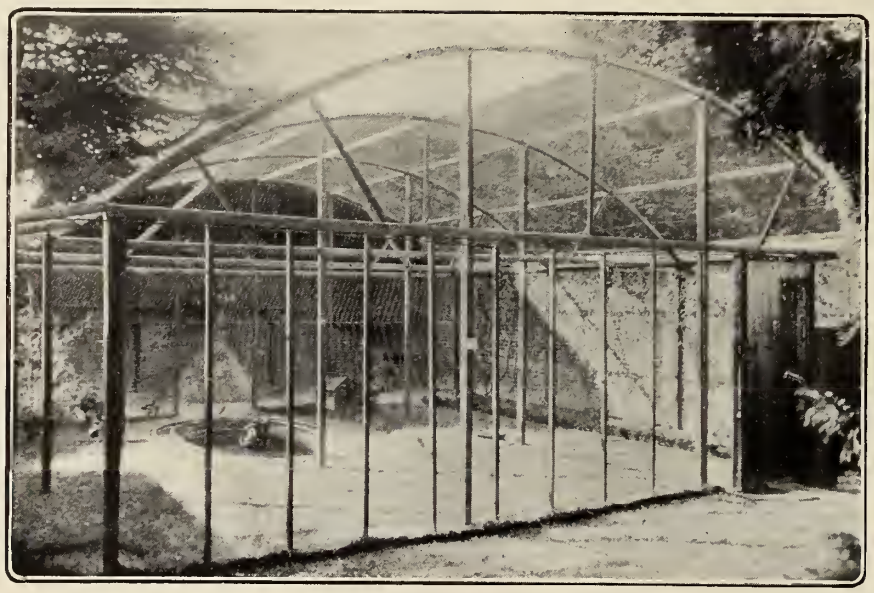
ON a recent lovely October day, I had the good fortune to spend a few pleasant hours among the aviaries at Elsenham Hall, by the courtesy of Sir Walter Gilbey, their owner, who was also good enough to grant CAGE BIRDS permission to photograph them for the benefit of its readers. An account from the local press of the opening of the aviaries to the public recently appeared in our columns, and a perusal of this served to fill me with a lively anticipation of pleasure to come—and I was nowise disappointed. I learned, by-the-bye, that the local public accepted Sir Walter's kindly invitation so whole-heartedly that traffic on the Great Eastern Railway (never very wide awake, critics say) got considerably out of joint on the days over which it applied—hundreds attended, and evinced the utmost interest in the exceptionally fine collection of birds Sir Walter has brought together, and appreciation of the permission to roam as they pleased through the lovely grounds adjoining the Hall. Our "guide, philosopher and friend" in chief, Gilbert, the aviary attendant, remarked that it reminded him of old days at the Zoo on August Bank Holiday! And none was better pleased than Sir Walter Gilbey himself at the obvious enjoyment the visitors derived from his birds and his aviaries.

Elsenham is a quiet little Essex village some 35 miles from London, and within easy distance of Bishops Stortford. Sir Walter Gilbey is the "good spirit" of the place, and the earliest things to attract my attention as we drove along were the orderliness of the village generally, the substantial, comfortable look of the cottages it contains, and the charming displays of flowers in the gardens. In the centre, on the village green as it were, stands a gilt-domed pump-house, erected by Sir Walter to the memory of his wife. Away to the right one catches a glimpse of the huge aggregation of buildings, with the conspicuous central dome, that goes to make up the world-famous stud-farm, which has worked so unceasingly and to such splendid purpose for the improvement of the equine race, and will leave the name of Gilbey remembered in the annals of the horse long after that animal has been hustled out of the scheme of Nature—which the saints forbid!—by the airship and the motor.

Elsenham Hall is a charmingly situated place, and a delight to the eye in itself, as a photograph would convincingly show. The range of aviaries is situated at the back, and thence we made our way (my trusty photographer and myself), speedily striking up an acquaintance with the aforementioned Mr. F. Gilbert, a one-time keeper at the Regent's Park Zoo, who has charge of the aviaries. Gilbert is an enthusiast in everything appertaining to birds and their keeping, and a keen observer of their little peculiarities and idiosyncrasies, hence it follows that he is an entertaining personage to talk with, and that his charges, both birds and their homes, are in the best possible condition. It is but bare justice to say that a healthier, better-conditioned lot of birds I have never seen, while the extreme cleanliness and the arrangements generally were a surprise and a delight.

I was interested to discover that Sir Walter indulged in a little Canary breeding, a few breeding cages of the usual type occupying shelves in the room containing the bins, etc., used to store the seed and other necessities of the aviarist. But fortune had been fickle during the past season, and but few youngsters were on view.

About this time we were joined by Mr. Cass, Sir Walter's private secretary, who courteously favoured us with many interesting items concerning the inmates of the aviaries, being evidently a keen lover of birds himself. Sir Walter has not been visited with the best of luck. When the present range of aviaries was a building, something went wrong with the heating apparatus of the room in which the then stock was temporarily housed, the lamentable result being the loss of a very valuable lot of birds, among them some splendid talking parrots. One of these was an exceptionally gifted Grey, which Sir Walter purchased in France. This bird could speak reams of French, sing songs, and imitate a band, mimicking the various instruments one after the other with laughable fidelity. It was ever remarkably quick at picking up anything it overheard. A member of the household had the misfortune to contract a severe cold—and it was but a few hours afterwards when Polly contracted a very severe imitation, hawking and coughing and sneezing as though in the worst throes of influenza! It was indeed unfortunate so talented a creature should meet such a fate.



THE HOME OF THE WATER-FOWL AND THE WADERS.

Breeding operations have also ended disappointingly up to the present, though Sir Walter hopes for better things in the near future. When a true pair of some rare species has been obtained, one or other has failed to survive acclimatisation—if not the male, then the female, and *vice versa*. Or the hen has succumbed to egg-binding when things have reached a more interesting and promising stage. This happened to a female Red-wing Parrakeet. The couple were observed to mate on several occasions, and the hen laid one egg; then she incontinently died. It is a thousand pities egg-binding claimed her as a victim (everything possible was done to relieve her), as this species, I understand, has not yet been successfully bred in this country.

A pair of Blue Bearded Jays also turned their minds towards the domestic virtues, and set up housekeeping in a broom-head which had had a portion of the bristles removed for their special delectation. They made no attempt to carry any nesting material into this hollow, but Mrs. Jay eventually deposited an egg therein. Her spouse's passion for eggs *au naturel* got the better of him, however, and he made a meal of it. And Mrs. Jay marked her sense of the depravity of such a proceeding by steadfastly declining to pander further to his appetite. A male Pileated Jay also behaved in exactly the same manner with the egg, or eggs (number uncertain), his fond "missus" trustfully presented to him.

To turn to the aviaries, it is not our intention to catalogue the birds therein, but to make mention only of those of general interest. The "summer aviary" is a structure 24 ft. long by 12 ft. wide and high, at present divided lengthwise down the centre. The graceful lines on which it is planned will be readily appreciated from the accompanying photograph. It was designed by Sir Walter Gilbey himself, and exhibited at one of the Royal Agricultural Society's recent shows, where it was examined with interest by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family devoted to the keeping of pet birds. Its strong point is its adaptability, being of a form suitable for either a very large outdoor, or a small-sized indoor, aviary. The central shelter is a very novel and practical idea, and consists of four alcoves (very like sentry-boxes, roughly described) fitted with perches, and these (one or the other of the quartette) provide protection from the wind or rain, no matter from what quarter coming, as each opening faces a different point of the compass. The floor is grassed, except directly under the cross-perches, where are patches of sand. Next summer it is intended to turn a colony of Weaver birds into this aviary, and a charming sight they should afford, what with their striking colouring and indefatigable nest-weaving. At present it contains a few British birds and a true pair of Virginian Cardinals on one side with two Chinese Crested Mynahs and one Pied Mynah on the other.

In the background at the left of the photo of the "summer aviary" is seen another fine place, 24 ft. square and 9 ft. high, with a shelter (the summer-house-like structure) 10 ft. square and 12 ft. high. This is likewise divided down the centre. One half contains a Carrion Crow and an Occipital Blue Pie, the other two Lanceolated Jays, two Siberian Nutcrackers, three Rosy Pastors, and two Chinese Jay Thrushes. The latter are free and fine singers, and Gilbert is "sweet" on them as aviary birds. The Rosy Pastors, it is worthy of note, have never shown in captivity any sign of the colour from which they take their name. The Nutcrackers interested me immensely, and especially two performances with a nut they kindly favoured me with. Like the rest of the Crow tribe, they are crafty, greedy beggars, and never take one nut at a time providing only that a second lies handy. As they can't crack and eat them both at once, however, one is buried in the ground until such time as it can conveniently be interred elsewhere. It is remarkable with what dexterity and speed the hole is bored with the powerful beak, the nut dropped in, and the earth raked over the top of it with sideway sweeps of the bill. Gilbert says they always remember that spot, too—at least he has never been able to find nuts lying hid and forgotten.

At the back of the last-mentioned aviary lies the home of the waders and water birds, a truly splendid structure, as a glance at our illustration will show. It is no fewer than 40 ft. square, and 15 ft. high, and has a pond in the centre. At the time of my visit the inmates were not numerous. One or two gorgeous Carolina and Mandarin Ducks, some White-faced Whistling Tree Ducks and Californian Quails, a Purple Gallinule and a Cayenne Lapwing "held the floor," while some Crested Doves flew around the roof. A number of Bantam (Silkie) hens are being obtained next season, with a view to hatching out and rearing a few of the Quails.

In the background of the photograph is to be seen a novel, and apparently much-appreciated shelter, designed by Sir Walter. It stands under the roofed-in portion of the aviary, and comprises a thatch of straw arranged round a tree trunk "wigwam" fashion, leaving a goodly floor-space, with entrance facing the back wall.

In this aviary are lodged at times the Blue Pies and two Laughing Kingfishers (or "Jackasses"). The periodical appearances of the latter spread consternation and terror in the ranks of the sparrows that have squeezed their way in and been feasting sumptuously on stolen corn. Fat and juicy morsels, they are soon squeezed between the awe-inspiring jaws of our cachinnatory friends; every bone in their body cracks, the feathers fly in clouds, then comes a jerk of the head and a tender "mouthful" of sparrow is satisfactorily negotiated.

But it is only at certain times the Laughing Jackasses are permitted to perambulate



THE BLUE BEARDED JAY INDULGES IN AN "EGG FLIP"



AND PROCEEDS TO SHARE THE DAINTY WITH HIS WIFE.

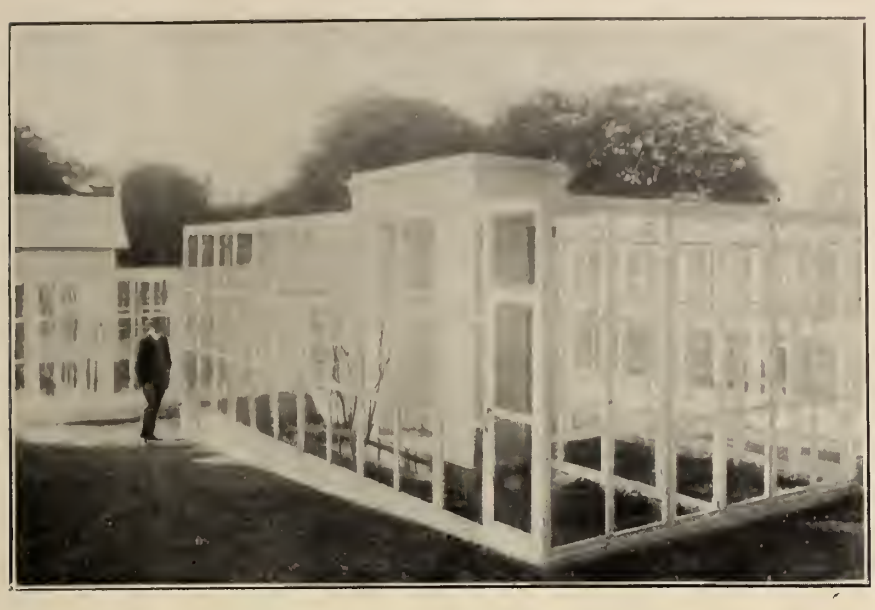


A STUDY IN SPANGLES.

THE LIZARD CANARY.

CLEAR CAP SILVER.
BROKEN CAP GOLD.
BIRD IN NESTLING PLUMAGE.

CLEAR CAP GOLD.
BROKEN CAP SILVER.
THREE-YEAR OLD SILVER.



THE BEAUTIFUL SUMMER AVIARY.

at will. It is their pleasing custom to salute the dawn with fiendish chucklings and hoarse guffaws, varied with bursts of maniacal laughter and hair-raising shrieks. Even if they don't quite succeed in "waking the dead," they certainly meet with great success so far as the waking of the living is concerned. And as there are human beings in this world with conscientious objections to being forcibly aroused to hail the smiling morn—well, our Laughing Kingfishers have to postpone their own getting out of bed. Their usual domicile is a commodious roofed-in "flight," 18 ft. long, 10 high and 5 wide, situate near the waterfowl aviary. When we "looked in" the couple were in grand condition, as was an Occipital Blue Pie, their companion.

Opposite the Kingfishers' home is a very pretty rustic aviary containing Canaries, most of them "pensioners," living the last peaceful days of existence.

Next we come to the two very large ranges of lean-to aviaries seen in the photograph showing the aviary-keeper, Gilbert. The first (on the left-hand) is very substantially built, and somewhat on the lines of certain of the outdoor aviaries at the Zoo. Wired flights at the front communicate with large brick-built shelters at the back, in which the birds can be confined altogether if thought desirable. The flooring is of concrete, and kept thickly sanded. The food (both seeds and other kinds) and water are supplied in open dishes.



"JACKO" OBLIGES WITH A SONG—



AND BOWS TO THE APPLAUSE.

In this range are housed, among many other species, Hangnests, Troupials, Green Glossy Starlings, Sulphury Tyrants, Bleeding Heart Doves, Persian Bulbuls, White-eyebrowed Wood Swallows, Crested Jay Thrushes, Pileated and Blue Bearded Jays, Long-tailed Glossy Starling (an exceptionally fine specimen with perfect tail), and two extremely rare Red-bellied Mocking Birds (Cuba), believed to be the only living examples in England. They are handsome creatures (one being in lovely condition), Thrush-like in build and manner, dusky above, and with a vivid splash of red on the abdomen. They are one of the chief prides of the place.

The Blue Bearded Jays are prime favourites, too, and occupy the end compartment, nearest the Hall. A true pair (outward sexual differences are practically *nil*), they are a remarkably handsome couple, the colour scheme being deep intense blues above and on breast, contrasted with cream underneath. The high metallic gloss on the plumage and the alert, active movements of the birds combine to make a most striking whole. Our painstaking photographic artist managed to secure an excellent portrait of this charming couple. Then Gilbert appeared with a new-laid egg, which was deposited in a corner on the floor and the camera trained upon it. Although things must have worn a very suspicious appearance, something more than even the proverbial "fire and water" would, I fancy, be needed to keep a Jay from sampling a stray egg. So here readers have Master Jay's photograph as he is sucking in the luscious contents, after deftly breaking the shell. But though he seemed in so great a hurry to "put the egg away," I have to record that he behaved like a "real gentleman" towards his more bashful wife. We could see him a few moments afterwards letting the sticky delight trickle gently from his own bill into hers, while she, for her part, gazed as lovingly at him as the operation of swallowing the dainty permitted! Long may they grace the Elsenham aviaries.

The last range of aviaries is, like the aforementioned, lean-to in form, and has been thought out and constructed with much skill to accommodate Parrakeets and the like. It is seen at the left-hand back of the photograph showing the aviary-keeper. Its commodiousness may be gauged by the following dimensions: 46 ft. in length, 12 in width, and 10 in height. The five compartments it contains house at present Gold-fronted, Redwing, Ringneck, Blossom-headed, Stanley and Rosella Parrakeets, with some Cockatiels. A passage-way runs the length of the building, in front of these compartments, rendering sight-seeing easy, and the ventilation good. The outer front is glazed from the top to within a few feet of the bottom, where a wired space is left, thus admitting pure air continuously—an admirable arrangement. Indeed, the whole of the aviaries are above everything else thoroughly practical, though in no single instance has the ornamental side been overlooked. Seeing, however, that Sir Walter Gilbey—the organiser of the wonderful stud-farm—was personally concerned in the planning, this is perhaps no more than could be expected. Hot-water pipes run through this building, as they do through the building containing the Blue Bearded Jays.

Near the door is an extensive "entrance lobby," as it were, fitted with shelving. The latter held several cages, in which were a common Mocking Bird, a Military Troupial, a Giant Weaver, and several other species of Weavers. Gilbert told me that he had found Weavers (particularly the Masked) liable to fainting fits when out in the large aviaries. I also saw here quite one of the best Albino Starlings that has ever come under my notice—pure white, and very silky in coat. And I saw, too, "Jacko," the Australian Piping Crow. But he deserves a paragraph to himself.

Jacko is the "pet of the family," and the jester of Elsenham Hall. He is the up-to-datest, best-educated, and cutest rascal that ever called himself Crow—which is saying a lot. One of the great days of his life was when the hosts invaded his domain on the aviaries being thrown open to the public. He kept crowds of people interested and in a roar. And that he had by no means exhausted his antics he soon gave us proof. During the forenoon we were favoured with Sir Walter Gilbey's company for a time, and Jacko greeted his master with such a fusillade of whistles and cat-calls as would have put the proverbial butcher's boy to shame. Later on we made his closer acquaintance, when he honoured us by posing for his photograph—with what success readers will see.

Jacko is very excitable when human beings are about, and dances, and bows, and postures, all the while rustling his plumage like the leaves of a tree in a gale. Apparently he was charmed to see us, for when his cage-door was opened he came to our corner of the lobby and commenced to sing. His ludicrous "business" made us roar. This seemed to incense Master Jacko, for he suddenly charged down upon us. Luckily the photographer was the individual he selected to vent his spleen upon, and this genial "maker-of-images" was soon hopping frantically all over the place with Jacko's strong beak prodding viciously at his toes. After the keeper and myself had restored peace between our two friends, Jacko suddenly noticed the camera standing erected close by. Conceiving a violent dislike for the stupid looking three-legged thing, he advanced to the attack with a mad rush that any fanatical Dervish might have envied. Full tilt he went, slap into the bag containing the extra plates, etc., which collapsed with promptitude and not a little clatter. Then, however, he noticed the rubber ball dangling down from the shutter of the camera, and scented a meal, mistaking it for some queer sort of egg. To say that he was surprised is to put it mildly—he had never before made the acquaintance of an egg which swung back when he pecked it and hit him in the eye! Then we carried him off to be "taken." Nothing loth, he posed on top of his cage with the assurance of a "star" music-hall artist, and piped "Merrily Danced the Quaker's Wife" with the greatest possible gusto. His attitudes were faithfully recorded by our camera. I am sure the three people who participated in it will long remember that half-hour in the company of "Jacko."

Leaving the aviaries, and having a few minutes to spare ere my train departed, I went for a stroll by the large lake, a splendid sheet of water, tenanted by a large number of wild Ducks and other waterfowl. It was also tenanted, I learned, by some excellent trout, and my fingers itched for a grip of the few feet of trusty cane, then "resting" in the Metropolis. What I thought when told of a monster pike that pulled the ducklings under water may be left to be imagined.



THE RANGE OF LEAN-TO AVIARIES, WITH MR. F. GILBERT THE AVIARY ATTENDANT.



THE NUTHATCH (*Sitta cæsia*).

The Nuthatch is one of our most peculiar small birds. He runs over trees, either upwards or downwards, with the agility of a squirrel, and is quite a solitary creature so far as others of his kind are concerned. His strong bill easily pierces the acorns, beechmast and nuts which constitute his winter fare—he turns to insects in the summer. The nesting-hole, in a tree, usually has the entrance plastered up with clayey mud.

THE TYPE AND BREEDING OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

By T. TWIGG.

In this article Mr. Twigg, of Masboro, expresses some out-of-the-ordinary views concerning the Type of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, and Mating for Breeding, and our readers, of course, may differ in :: opinion on some of the points he puts forward. ::

THE Canary to which these few remarks refer is not one of the most remarkable of the varieties favoured by modern fanciers. It has not the giant size of the Coppy, nor the peculiar position of the Belgian or Scots Fancy, nor yet the curious markings of the Lizard; neither has it the extreme length and erect stand of the Yorkshire. It is simply a stouter, longer, and highly-coloured edition of the singing Canary. This rich colour is the leading characteristic of the variety. The history of the bird can be traced back over 200 years, and during that time breeders have been both breeding and feeding almost entirely with a view to improving its colour. It is supposed that the Flemish weavers who were driven from Flanders first brought the bird with them, and it is a curious fact that in any part of England where weaving is the staple trade there you will find a host of fanciers; Nottingham, Bradford, and all the large towns of Lancashire are cases in point.

ON MATTERS OF TYPE.

But to return to our bird. As 45 points out of a possible 100 are allowed for colour, it follows that whatever else you are short of you must have colour. I have seen birds win of bad type and also of bad feather, but it is seldom you see a badly-coloured bird get home, although this does sometimes occur. The next requisite of the bird is type or shape, and you seen them advertised as of "true Bullfinch type," and sometimes of "Robin type." To my mind the common House Sparrow is much nearer the shape we want than either of these birds, and I think if you get the yellows the shape of the hen Sparrow and the buffs like the cock Sparrow, you will be on the right track.

The head should be round and also broad across the skull, not pinched or narrow. By round I do not mean that the bird should have the head of a Tumbler or Owl Pigeon, but that it should have a sort of oval head, about the size of a small egg cut in half. The neck should be thick and set in a true line with the breast, and should also taper down to the back without showing any hollow. The breast should be plump, round and prominent, the back slightly rounded, and the wings short and meeting evenly at the tips. The tail should also be short and neatly closed—not spread out like a fan. The legs should also be short; in fact, the bird should be short all over except in colour. It should stand well across the perch, in quite the opposite position to the Yorkshire. The feather should be short and very silky.

Things not wanted in the Norwich are long, coarse feather, long wings and tail, overhanging brows, frilled breast, beak too large, and legs too long. Neither should he drop his tail as if it worked on a hinge. His wings should not cross at the tips—a very common fault in the Norwich, and especially in the biggest specimens.

Having given you my idea of what is wanted in the Norwich Canary, I will now give you my ideas as to breeding same.

IN-BREEDING AND PAIRING FOR SIZE.

As regards in-breeding, I am a very strong believer in it, and I would not hesitate to pair father and daughter or mother and son, providing that both birds were strong and healthy, but I should never in-breed with delicate birds—you can find plenty of trouble in Canary breeding without seeking it.

If you are desirous of crossing to improve size, there are three recognised ways of doing so, all of which will get you what you desire, and something you do not desire as well! The first is double-buffing with your own birds, selecting two of the biggest, shortest-feathered and highly-coloured buffs you have, and I should prefer one to be heavily marked, as less colour is thus lost than by pairing two clears. The offspring should then be paired back to yellows, discarding all small birds for that purpose.



ENGLISH GROWN CANARY SEED.

This photograph was sent us by Mr. G. Sargeant, of Northampton, and depicts a patch of canary seed grown in his allotment garden. Given favourable weather it ripens well. It is also very much appreciated by birds when given in the ear—they delight in picking out the grains of seed.

The next way is to cross with the Lancashire Plainhead, a gigantic bird which has been bred for generations for size and head properties without much regard for colour and marking. The heaviest marked of these birds have seldom more than a tick on them, and the majority of them are practically clear. It therefore follows that you will want a big, stout, and rather heavily marked Norwich to pair with the Lancashire. The produce will for the most part be big, rough birds, many of them heavily browed and too long in tail, also showing too much feather. In the two succeeding years, still pairing these and their offspring back to the pure Norwich, you should get some good birds, getting back to the right type with increased size.



GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE BRADFORD (EAST) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

From left to right. Top row—Messrs. Ursell, Stewart, Stobart, Stables; 2nd row—Messrs. Illingworth, R. Wilkinson, Hodgson, Lowes, Rhodes, Northrop, Peacock; 3rd row—Messrs. Wilson, Greenwood, A. Wilkinson (Auditor), Priestley; 4th row—Messrs. H. Hill (Secretary), Riley, Barker, Walker, White (Assistant Secretary), Whittaker, Laycock (Auditor), Warner, T. Hill, Metcalf; front row, seated—Messrs. Cowgill, Rushworth (Vice-President), Suddards (President), Crulse (Vice-President), Farrar (Treasurer).

The next cross for size is the Crestbred, which, although containing a large amount of Lancashire blood, has been bred for crest and nothing but crest, and you cannot get a long weeping crest without long body feather. This variety, too, has in many cases been paired for generations double buff, and usually both birds of a pair are heavily marked, as it is considered that plenty of green blood improves the quality of the crest. In pairing to the Crestbred, then, you will want a big-bodied, short-feathered, clear yellow bird, as neat as you can possibly get, to counterbalance the length of feather in the other, and the Crestbred itself should be selected as short-feathered as possible—just what a Crest breeder would consider a very bad one, and useless for his purpose. Of course, when you have once crossed this way, you must keep breeding back to the Norwich just as with the cross before-mentioned.

LOOK AFTER THE COLOUR.

As to colour, if you keep on pairing marked to clear, it will be a long time before you fail in that respect. But if your colour should weaken, you will have to procure a good yellow-green bird, or crossed with the Lizard. This variety is very little kept; it is a spangled bird with generally, but not always, a clear cap. At a little distance this bird looks like a Green Canary, except for the crown of the head, but it is a valuable bird for crossing, as it is simply full of colour. In shape, too, it harmonises well with the Norwich. It is smaller, so that when crossing you should pair it to a bird of good size, and as the Lizard is not a long-feathered bird you need not be so particular about his being a little feathery.

SUITABLE FOREIGN BIRDS FOR THE NOVICE EXHIBITOR.

REASONABLE IN PRICE, BEAUTIFUL IN PLUMAGE AND EASY TO CATER FOR.

By H. S. DAVIES.

This practical and straight-forward article was awarded the First Prize in our recent competition for essays dealing with Foreign Birds. It concerns three species which :: any beginners may with safety undertake to keep ::

BEFORE starting on the essay proper, I should like to point out whom it is really meant for. I have stated above it is meant for the Novice, and by "Novice exhibitor" I mean the person who, firstly, has Foreign Birds at heart; secondly, has not had any experience in keeping and exhibiting Foreign Birds, and, thirdly, intends going in for Foreign Birds for exhibition purposes.

In conjunction with the above three headings we will divide the different species of Foreign Birds into three classes, namely :—

Class 1.—Large Foreign Birds.
Class 2.—Small Foreign Birds.
Class 3.—Insectivorous or Fruit-eating Foreign Birds.

These are the classes (or something near) usually provided at the shows. We must, therefore, select three species, one for each class.

THE KING OF PARRAKEETS.

To start with Class 1—Large Foreign Birds—and to keep in touch with the avowed objects, reasonable price, beautiful plumage, and ease of feeding, I have no hesitation in advising the Novice to procure a King Parrakeet. He is a native of Australia, and is certainly one of the most beautiful of Foreign Birds. Clad in a brilliant dress of many colours he well deserves the name "King."

A description of the King Parrakeet in brief is as follows :—The head, neck, and breast down to vent are a deep rich scarlet colour, and when in good feather and condition this shines like velvet. Between the neck and shoulders is a deep blue patch; the back and wings are of very deep green, and from the shoulders, or near the butts of the wings, downwards, in a V shape, is a bar of delicate light green, making a fine contrast with the darker shade of green on the wings and back.

The tail of the King is of three shades; in general it is black, with shadings of green and blue which, in the sun, seem to make it glisten as if it were wet. Between the vent and the root of the tail are a few bars of red and black, which look well if the bird is in good feather. On the rump, when the King raises his wings, may be seen a very beautiful purple patch of a rich shade, but this is not seen when the wings are folded tightly. King Parrakeets vary in size, but a good length is from 14 to 16 inches. The bigger he is so much the better from an exhibition point of view.

The price of a King Parrakeet varies from about £2 10s. to £3 10s., and depends entirely upon the length of time he has been in this country, as well as upon his quality. If you have to pay a little over the price mentioned do not grudge it, for a good specimen will hold his own in any company.

HIS DIET AND HOME.

The King is a very easy bird to feed. A good stock mixture for him would be made up as follows :—Canary, hemp, oats and dari in about equal parts, and I like to add about two parts of sunflower seed. Fed upon these, your exhibit should look very fit and in good condition. As a tit-bit I would give him cayenne pods, monkey nuts, and tiger nuts, just a few alternately, as a change. Give him also any ripe fruit he may be fond of, such as a piece of banana, or ripe apple, pear, peach, or a slice of sweet orange.

Do not forget green food, as I have found out they are very fond of green stuff, such as dandelion leaves, milk thistle, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. Any of these given as a change will be readily accepted by "His Majesty," and by giving them to him you will be also bringing him into tip-top condition for the show-bench.

A good and useful stock cage when your bird is at home is one of about the following dimensions :—4 ft. 6 ins. long, 2 ft. high, and 20 ins. wide; if a little larger so much the better. There should be two perches, from back to front, a good thickness being that of an ordinary broom-handle, so as to give him a good grip. A show cage for showing off your King Parrakeet to the best advantage should be about 25 ins. long, 22 ins. high, and from 12 to 14 ins. wide. It should have one perch in the centre, from back to front, and should be enamelled. A good dark or holly green inside looks well and shows off the bird's brilliant colours to a nicety. The outside of his show-cage should be either black or a mahogany colour.

THE FASCINATING GOULDIAN.

We will now pass on to our exhibit for Class 2—Small Foreign Birds—and to again keep in touch with the three objects as stated at the commencement of this paper, I would advise my Novice friend to procure another Australian bird, or better still a pair, as most shows allow single or pairs to compete, and a good pair will naturally beat a good single specimen.

In my opinion a good pair of Red-Headed Gouldians is quite up-to-date for this Class, and a brief description of them is as follows :—The male has a rather thick beak, red at the end, a bold red head with a faint blue edging, and a back of two different shades of green. These Gouldians have a brilliant patch of purple colour, oval shaped, on the chest, and from thence downwards are a deep yellow, gradually paling to a buffish colour near the vent.

The tail is black, and is about an inch long. Projecting from the centre of the tail are two long feathers, about twice the length of the tail proper, and these come to a point almost as thin as a needle, giving the birds a very pretty finish.

The colours of the cock and hen Gouldians are almost similar, but in the former are always much richer and deeper than in the female. The length of the Gouldian is about 5 or 5½ ins., of which the tail takes 2¼ or 2½ ins. A good pair of Red-Headed Gouldians would cost about £1 5s. to £2, and I should advise the Novice to buy Gouldians which have been in this country about six or nine months—in other words, an acclimatised pair, as they are rather delicate for the first few months.

FEEDING AND CAGING.

Our exhibits, like most Foreign Finches, will be found fond of nothing in particular except canary and millet seeds. A spray of millet between the wires for them to pick at is good, while with regard to green food I have found that they are not very particular as to kind; if they will take a little green stuff or ripe fruit so much the better.

As a stock cage for the Gouldians, one about 2 ft. long, 16 ins. high, and about 10 ins. wide, would be just about right, with two perches from back to front. Do not have a smaller cage or they will not have enough room to get exercise, and use their wings, and thereby keep in good condition, an important item in present-day competitions.

A show-cage for showing your exhibits to the best advantage should be as follows :—About 14 ins. long, 12 ins. high, and 6 ins. wide, with two perches. It should be enamelled a nice shade of light green inside and black outside. If your pair be of good colour and shown in good trim, they are almost certain of catching the judge's eye when he is distributing those pretty red cards we are all so fond of.

THE BEAUTIFUL AND GRACEFUL SHAMA.

To proceed to our last, but not by any means least important bird, a really suitable exhibit for Class No. 3 is the Indian Shama, a bird which fulfils all the requirements of those for whom this treatise is intended. He is a beautiful and graceful bird, and, almost needless to say it, the best songster of the three we have selected to comprise our team of Foreigners. I admit he is not quite so brilliant in colour as the two previous exhibits, but I am sure no one will grudge keeping him. If he is in good feather and in good health, he will repay you with his song, for what he loses in brilliance of plumage he gains here.

I can strongly recommend the Indian Shama as an exhibition bird. A brief description of him is as follows :—He has glossy black colour, with a tinge of "rusty" on wings. His rump is of pure white and the under parts are of a deep chestnut colour. The tail is black, with white outer feathers. He is about 12 ins. long, and has a tail about 7 or 8 ins. long. Our "Softbill" exhibit is therefore a really elegant bird, despite his lack of gaudy colours. He somewhat resembles our Robin Redbreast in his movements and also in shape and size, except that the tail of the Shama is about twice as long as his body.

A good Shama may cost you somewhere about £2 or £3. You may get a nice specimen for less than that, although I should advise the Novice not to grudge giving the higher figure providing, of course, he gets value in the bird. He will readily get a buyer for him at a good price and at any time.

FURNITURE AND FOOD.

For a stock cage for your Shama, get one as big as you can afford the space for, but not in any case should it be smaller than 2 ft. 6 ins. long, 18 ins. high, and about 14 ins. wide. If you can give him a few inches more all the better, as he will keep in much better condition and feather, and you will be fully repaid when you pit him against the good exhibits now so often seen on the bench. Remember to do your utmost in all cases to show your birds in good condition, as this often turns the scale in keen competition. His show cage, which adds greatly to his beauty and gracefulness, should be 24 ins. long, 16 ins. high, and about 12 ins. wide. Have it enamelled a nice light shade of green inside, and all black outside. Put wide food and water utensils inside, accessible from the front of the cage, and have two perches, from front to back. You will find that in such a cage your Shama is shown to the best advantage.

The Shama is not a difficult bird to cater for, and if fed as herein recommended he will be found not at all difficult to manage. Get him a good stock insectivorous mixture, any good brand will do, and such are advertised regularly in our worthy helper, CAGE BIRDS. To that you may add, as a change, a teaspoonful of dried flake of egg, or the same quantity of minced hard-boiled egg. He will also enjoy a little raw or cooked meat. Give him anything in the way of insects, such as flies, caterpillars, spiders, or in fact anything that crawls or flies. Do not forget also to give him various kinds of ripe fruits, as Shamas are very fond of these.

In conclusion, I want to impress upon the coming generation of exhibitors three points in particular. Firstly, select and buy the best your pocket admits; secondly, look well after your exhibits, feeding and caging them well; and thirdly, stick to good old CAGE BIRDS and read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the various articles, items of correspondence, and answers to queries. You will not then be far off the mark on the show-bench.



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THE LAUGHING KINGFISHER.

The species shown above is the Buff Laughing Kingfisher, at present an inmate of the Zoo. Some notes on these extraordinary birds will be found in the article by Mr. Weston, entitled "The Aviaries at Elsenham."



Mr. F. G. PALMER'S PET PARROT.

(See notes in body of paper.)

THE OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM OF MR. W. W. FREESTONE (Norwich).

MY bird house, writes Mr. Freestone, I had built last February. Having to leave my residence in Denmark Road in October, 1906, I had to dispose of my birds, cages, etc., as in the house I was going to there was no room suitable for them. It was with great regret that I parted with my pets, having, after several years of trying, got them fit for exhibition. I did not miss them much at first, but, after getting settled down in my new house the old longing kept growing on me until I got quite miserable. I tried to keep away from the shows. But it was of no use—I could not content myself until I had acquired more birds. I then made up my mind to have a place built outside. Having an open space 22 ft. long in my back garden, I had 12 ft. utilised for a bird-house, the remainder for a greenhouse for the wife's pleasure (she being a lover of flowers as well as birds). The next thing was to get the cages and then the birds. I claimed several at the shows, and got some from the best breeder that I knew, and having been fortunate enough to breed several very good youngsters, I shall be able to start with a few very decent pairs next season. The cat seen in photo was accidentally shut up in the bird-house for twelve hours, but did not touch a single bird thanks to the careful training given by my wife when he was a kitten.



A PRETTY AND PRACTICAL OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM.



BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

A Group of Winners at the recent Dulwich and Peckham Show.

At the above Exhibition the largest gathering of Border Fancy Canaries (prime favourites of the fanciers of Northern England and the Border Counties) ever seen in the South was brought together. Our artist, Mr. H. NORMAN, has here sketched a half-dozen of the winners which came down from the North Country.

Upper Row (left to right)—Yellow Cock, 1st prize (Messrs. Reid and Phillips, Selkirk). Yellow Cock, 2nd prize (Mr. J. Blackie, St. Boswells). Even-marked Yellow, 1st prize (Messrs. Duncan and Logan, Coldstream). Lower Row (left to right)—Yellow Hen, 2nd prize (Mr. J. Calderwood, Dumfries). Buff Cock, 1st prize (Mr. F. Wardleworth, Altrincham). Buff Hen, 2nd prize (Mr. J. Gordon, Melrose).

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OBITUARY.

Mr. J. REILLY.

At the last meeting of the the Y.C.C. of Ireland, the Chairman said it was with much regret he had to announce the death of one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. Jas. Reilly, of Arva, who had been a member of the club since its formation, and was a very good member, too, and who would be missed very much. He (the Chairman) had had the pleasure of winning the very handsome "special" given by him at the last show, when he had made the acquaintance of both Mr. and Mrs. Reilly. He felt it was their duty when they had met there to pass a vote of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Reilly, which he proposed, and which was passed in silence, all members standing.

MISS ROSE HANNAH BAKER.

Mr. H. Oliver, of Glossop, writes:—It is with the deepest regret I have to announce to your wide circle of readers of the death of Miss Rose Hannah Baker, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Baker, of 52, Queen-street, Shaw, Oldham, who passed peacefully away on October 21st at the early age of 17 years. The mortal remains of the unfortunate young lady were interred at Crompton Cemetery on October 23rd. She had been ailing for the last 21 months, and had been bedfast for 28 weeks. It has been a great blow to Mr. and Mrs. Baker. She was a great help to her father in his bird rooms, ever willing to assist him with his large stock of birds. This bereavement will keep Mr. Baker from exhibiting during this season, but it is to be hoped we shall see his birds next show season.

MR. HOWARD SAUNDERS.

It is with unfeigned regret, says a writer in "Nature," that we record the death of Mr. Howard Saunders, after a long and painful illness. The deceased gentleman was known as the editor of the third and fourth volumes of the fourth (and last) edition of "Yarrell's British Birds," the late Prof. Newton, who had edited the two earlier volumes, having found himself unequal to the task of continuing the work, at the rate of issue deemed necessary by the publishers. This work is alone a monument to the extensive knowledge and unflagging industry of Mr. Saunders. In 1887 he published a list of the birds of our islands; and in 1888—9 "An Illustrated Manual of British Birds," which originally appeared in parts, and of which a second edition was issued during the years 1897—9. Terns, Gulls, and Skuas were a group of birds in which Mr. Saunders was specially interested. His papers in the "Ibis," in addition to those on the birds of Spain, are numerous, and, needless to say, valuable. His death will be felt as a personal loss by a large circle of scientific friends, both in this country and abroad.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE washing exhibition at the Wibsey O.S. headquarters proved a very interesting affair. Mr. Hartley washed four birds in good style, and the novices present were delighted with the wrinkles given. Then Mr. Shaw, another old and experienced master of the art, put one through, as also did one of the novices, Mr. Taylor, who created much amusement by his liberality with the soap. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Hartley for his exhibition, at the close of the proceedings.

THE show of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. on Saturday last will, I think, create a record entry, 503 birds being on view in the 21 classes provided, and with one entry more would have given an average of 24 per class. A regrettable incident of the show was the objection to a bird in the novice class by the society for alleged cutting or clipping of tail feathers. This matter will be brought before the Yorkshire Union at a special meeting to be called at Sandy Lane Show on Saturday, November 2nd, when the subject will be thoroughly thrashed out. The owner disclaimed all knowledge of the matter, and both he and the society can rely upon justice and a fair hearing from the committee.

IN my notes last week I mentioned the subject of societies holding members' shows when another society was having an open show, and since then have been informed that two other societies were also having members' shows on the same day; one of these is an old society, and will doubtless know of the usual custom. The other two are new ones to the Union, and are probably ignorant of any such arrangement. There is, of course, no rule to this effect, but several years ago it was brought up by the societies themselves that members' shows should not be held on the same day as open shows as it was thought entries would suffer, and therefore most societies hold theirs at 8 o'clock in the evening. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

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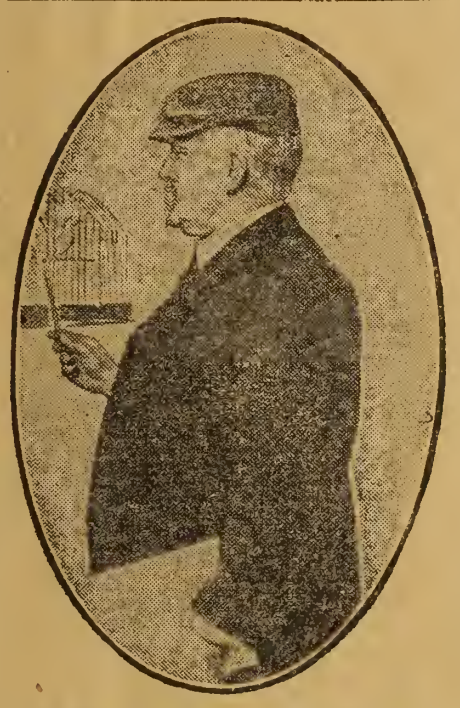
An Account of a Favourite Parrot.

(*See Photograph in Supplement.*)

Among the commoner kinds of parrots usually kept as pets, writes Mr. Fred G. Palmer (Faversham), the green and yellow Amazon shares popular favour with the Grey Parrot. The bird in the photograph is affectionately called "The Thief" by his owner, and it is possible for anyone to do anything with him. He is so delightfully gentle that it is believed he would allow his feathers to be pulled out without biting! This, of course, is pure theory, for his owner is far too fond of him to permit any such cruelty. He is a gentlemanly, well-behaved little fellow as a rule, and talks very amusingly. But when a strange cat happens to be coming towards him, it is very obvious then that his early training in the home of a Lancashire miner has done him no good—the ladies of the house are sometimes obliged to close their ears to the remarks he addresses to his feline enemy.

A Champion Norwich.

Mr. T. Seed's clear Buff Norwich "Little King II.," a great favourite of the owners, attracted much attention at Accrington Show. This bird is, without doubt, one of the most notable specimens of the breed, and is acknowledged by many of the leading judges to be a perfect model. Mr. Seed may justly claim it to be a champion, as out of about 7 appearances on the show bench last season at all best shows, including N.P.C. Cup Shows, it was only defeated once, and at the Palace when it was dropped to 3rd. It started the season again at Accrington, and again headed the class.



Mr. W. Mundell, the well-known judge.

COCKERMOUTH versus THE C.B.U.

A budget of correspondence nearly 2,500 words in length concerning this dispute with Mr. Lythgoo has reached us from the Secretary of Cockermouth F.S. this week, but, unfortunately, we cannot at this busy time of the year spare the space to print same. We shall hope to give a resume in a future number.

EDITOR, C.B.

CLUB NOTICES.

No charge is made for notices of forthcoming meetings, but they can only be inserted once. Should secretaries desire to secure immediate insertion of their announcements **exactly as written** they can do so by prepayment at the rate of three words a penny.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Central Cafe, 2, Stamford Street, 8 prompt. Members' Washing Competition and other important business.—T. Harrison, sec.

Battersea and Dist. C.B.S.—Next meeting Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender Road, Nov. 6, at 8.30. Judging Competition in Canaries. Judge, H. Davis; all fanciers welcome.—F. C. Allen, sec.

Bermondsey and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 5, Samson's Castle, Grange Road, S.E., at 8.30 p.m. Annual Show.—A. Lupton, sec.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 5, Co-op. Rooms, 8. Miscellaneous.—A. Livesey, sec.

Bolton and Dist. O. and R.C.—Nov. 4, Headquarters, 8 prompt. Business important, open show and others; suggestion for the members of the Progressive.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8 Washing Exhibition, by Mr. W. A. Cowgill; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Hill, sec.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Nov. 5, New Inn, 8. Show business.—A. Emery, sec.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Important.—A. J. Red, sec.

City and County of Perth. — Nov. 4, City Cafe, 8. Club Show Report and arrangements for open show on Nov. 23.—J. Kerr, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 2, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' Show, 6 Yorkshire classes; 2 Norwich classes. Judge, Mr. H. S. Taylor, Bradford. P. Stansfield, sec.

City of Dundee and Dist. N.M. and B.B.A.—Nov. 6, Dolg's Rooms, 8. Open show business, and election of auditors. A. Miller, sec.

City of Hull C.B.S. Nov. 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Stewards for Open Show; business important. F. W. Potter, sec.

Clapham and Dist. Open C.B.A.—Nov. 1, Headquarters, 8.15. Final arrangements for Show, Washing Exhibition and lecture on "How to stage Birds" by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale; fanciers invited. —H. W. Baker, sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S. Nov. 5, Nag's Head, 7.30. Proposed alteration of date of Annual General Meeting and revising of rules.—J. C. Heaton, sec.

Crook Original C.B.R. and P.S.—Nov. 6, 7. Election of stewards for Open Show, and other important business.—A. Bowes, sec.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2 Royal Hotel, 7.30. Important business. B. Cook, sec.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Nov. 1, Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for Members' Show, and other important business.—W. Ashworth, sec.

Edinburgh Norwich C. and M.B.S.—Nov. 2, 142, High Street, 8. Final arrangements for show.—W. Dunlop, sec.

Exeter and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Market Hall, 1 to 10. First Annual Show, over 200 entries, grand show of British and Foreign; W. E. Teschemaher, B.A., being among the Foreign contributors.—R. H. Polley, sec.

Greenock Port Glasgow and Cowrock O.S.—Nov. 6, Victoria Hall, 7.30. Business, forthcoming show. —W. H. Stodter, sec.

Guiseley, Yeadon and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 4, Headquarters. 8. Lecture by Mr. Cruise on Yorkshire Breeding.—J. Kinder, sec.

Halifax O.S.—Nov. 2, Griffin Hotel, 8. Important business.—J. F. Thackray, sec.

Hartlepools' C.B.S. — Wed., Oct. 6, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street 8. Arrangements:—Open Show and Table Show of British and Hyb., please return all special books.—E. Woodhead, sec.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 4, St. George's School, 8. Important business.—T. Allsop, sec.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S. — Nov. 6, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30. Business very important. Forthcoming Show, Shields, members please all come.—J. T. Carrick, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 5, Royal Oak Hotel, 8 Open Show business, etc.—J. Pawnall, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Washing Competition; business for Open Show.—Wilkins and Hornsby, secs.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Nov. 2, Lockhart's 55, Briggate, 7.30. Important, Roller fanciers invited.—C. Towes, sec.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Show arrangements.—A. Parks, sec.—No date given. —Ed.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 2, Bird-in-Hand, 7.—J. Simon, sec.

Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 9, Volunteer Hall, Loanhead, 7. Payment of prize money, enrolment of members for 1908, election of office-bearers; fanciers (10 miles radius) invited.—W. B. Smart, sec.

London and Counties.—Nov. 7, an open discussion on the "Preparing of British Birds for Exhibition;" all heartily welcome.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Members' prize cards and winnings at show.—E. H Jones, asst. sec

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 2, Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Open Show and other business.—E. Kemp, sec.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business of importance, arrangement of show, etc.—D. Jeremy, sec.

Newcastle and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Lockhart's Grainger Street, 7.30. Mr. Mundell on the Yorkshire Canary; fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson, secs.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Christ Church School, Harpurhey, 8. Show business and taking of entries for show.—J. Davey, sec.

Ormskirk and Dist.—Nov. 4, Headquarters, 8. Show, etc.—T. H. Tiffen, sec.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 7, Windsor Castle, Harrow Road, 8. Washing display; visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch, sec.

Reading and Dist. C.B.—Nov. 6, Palmer's Hall, West Street, 8. Distribution and Review of schedules for show, Dec. 11, next.—G. A. Charles, sec.

Reigate F.A.—Nov. 6, Lucas' Tea Rooms, High Street, 8. Business important; show arraugements. —A. W. Bacon, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 4, Sale Hotel, Marsland Road, 8. Show business, Stewart's, entries to be made, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Nov. 2, Station Hotel, 7. Open show business.—J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Shields C.B.S.—Nov. 6, Grigg's Cafe, 7.30. Business of importance to members.—Wm. Duke, sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.30 prompt.—R. Bennett, hon. sec.

St. Helen's O.S.—Nov. 4, George Inn, Water Street, Annual show business.—T. Vose, sec.

Stirling and Dist.—Nov. 6, New County Hotel, 7.30.—J. McLaren, sec.

Stockport C.F.A.—Nov. 5, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Important, Federation Shows.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 7, Leeds Hotel, 8. Final arrangement for Open Show.—J. W. Somes, sec.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Nov. 14, Workman's Hall, Romford Road. Arrangements for Annual Show, Dec. 10th and 11th.—Sid. L. Sheldrick, sec

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 7, Station Hotel, Llandudno Junction. Committee meeting, important question of Members' Show, in the spring.—A. T. Johnson, sec.

Wandsworth and Dist.—Nov. 7, "Ye Old Swan," 8. Inability to find hall for Open Show, and to arrange for Members' Show only.—W. Summers, sec

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 3, Cross Keys Hotel 7.30. Show business, important.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Review of schedule and general show business.—T. Duffield, hon. sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Important business.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 7, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for Annual Show.—S. Andrews sec.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 4, Adelphi Inn, 8 W. Ridge sec.

Willington Quay and Dist. F.S.—Nov. 7, Turk's Head, 7.30. Business important.—W. T. Winter, sec.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 4, at 6. The Broadway, 8. Washing Exhibition by Mr. Davis of Battersea; fanciers welcome.—W. H. Colman, sec.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for Winter Show and other important business.—E. Broadley, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Daintiness.

Sammie.—The sample of seed you sent is fairly good, and I do not think the quality of the seed is the cause of their shelling it in the way you describe. If it were you would undoubtedly have had more than three go wrong, out of your large stock. I think the three birds shell their seed in the way you describe, simply because they are right out of sorts. Do not give any more Epsom Salts, as this will only weaken them in their present low condition. Let them have a half teaspoonful of egg food each every day for a week, to which add five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Then give instead, every other day for a fortnight, a piece of sponge cake, about the size of a walnut, over which put a few drops of good, old port. On the days they are not having this, give in the drinking water ten drops of Tincture of Quinine. Pleased to hear of your highly successful breeding season, and that you have found the columns of CAGE BIRDS so useful to you.

Sneezing.

Sillew.—Your birds are evidently suffering from colds, and as you say they are quite free from any draught, I think, with you, that the cause must be attributed to the changeable weather. To each wineglassful of drinking water put in ten drops of Acetate of Ammonia, and give fresh daily for a week; then every other day for another eight days. Whilst under treatment I should recommend you to take the affected ones away from the others, and at night time keep them covered over with a warm cloth.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Sneezing and Wheezing.

Sillw.—Pleased to hear your Roller seems better. Persevere with the treatment, and I fancy he will eventually recover altogether. A well-established cold cannot be got rid of in a few days. That is where many fanciers make a mistake—they are too impatient, and stop treatment, thinking it is doing no good, just when the medicine would be about beginning to show its good effects. You are right to keep him in an even temperature. It is very easy to clean out mouth and nostrils with the glyco-thymoline, used warm. The strength is the same as recommended for catarrh in human beings—one in four, I believe, from memory. A tiny feather can easily be inserted in the mouth as he opens his beak to peck at it (the feather). And this is also a good thing to apply to the nostrils.

An Odd Case.

C.C.—Yours is a somewhat odd case. You don't say how you come to be so positive the bird is a cock. Personally, I should have been inclined to write it down a hen. Anyway, a simple and excellent remedy you can try for a fortnight is two ounces each (by measure) of best honey and glycerine, well stirred together—get them from a chemist. Of this mixture, stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. If this brings about no improvement, write me again at the end of the period mentioned, and tell me on what you base your opinion as to the youngster's sex. I should certainly give the bird a little soft food (egg bread, or a good patent Canary food) every other day—or a small teaspoonful daily, if you like. Be sure it hangs in no draughts, and is below the level of gas, or whatever illuminant is in use.

Several Matters.

Willis.—The ordinary paints are not made to dry with a dead surface. But if you go to a working painter's place and tell him what you want, you will have no difficulty in getting such a thing. I believe the dead black on the outside of cages is not a "paint," but a kind of black size, which, on the front, is given a coat of hard varnish. The distemper you mention is perfectly safe, and one of the best things going for the insides of cages. A very light green is a most suitable colour. I do not think that you will find in any book such a lengthy account of bird diseases and their treatment as is given in the pages of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Always pleased to try to be of use.

Canary Rings.

A Novice.—Canaries can certainly be exhibited with rings on their legs—it is not uncommon to see such on the show bench. There are two kinds of rings: one is closed, and must be put on the legs of the birds when they are seven or eight days old; that is, while they are still in the nest; the other can be opened, and placed on the legs of birds at any age. Any maker of rings will send you a sample on application They bear consecutive numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), and the year. It would never do to ring each bird of the same nest with a similar number, for any individual bird would then be difficult to trace whereas, with each having its own number, the matter becomes simple.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Mating.

Novice.—I should advise you to have a lightly marked buff hen with the clear yellow cock, seeing that he is bred from clears. To keep him in good plumage let his staple food be white canary seed, and give three times a week half a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two parts best summer rape, one part good maw seed, and one part linseed, and give a slice of boiled carrot between the wires twice a week. Let him have the bath on two or three times a week during the forenoon, on nice, bright days.

Without Song and Mopey.

W.B.—Your bird would probably not have been in its present state of health had it been kept in a suitable cage. Get one of the box pattern, wired at the front only, and keep it free from draughts. Continue the plain white canary seed, giving a little egg food two or three times a week. Sprinkle a little maw seed over it, and give six drops Parrish's Chemical Food in its drinking water fresh daily.

Protracted Moulting.

M.F.—Give in drinking water ten drops of Syrup of Buckthorn, and ten drops of good Scotch whiskey, stirring well up. Give fresh every morning, and in addition to its seed give a little boiled milk sop, squeezing as much milk out as you can; mix a little honey with the sop and sprinkle a little maw seed over the lot. Take the drinking water away at night, and give fresh every morning.

Feet Diseased.

E. Lee.—Fill an egg cup with warm water, and put twenty drops of Arnica into it. Hold the bird's foot in the water for ten minutes, and wipe dry with a soft cloth. Take out the perches, and put a soft thick cloth on the cage bottom, with some seed and water in two heavy little vessels, such as salt cellars. Bath as above twice a day for a week, when I think your bird will get well, if not write again.

Sickness.

Alpha.—Your bird should have been in the moult long before you say it was, and from what you say, it is in a weakly condition. Mix with the egg food for three days eight drops of Syrup of Buckthorn, and give in its water ten to twenty drops of whiskey on the fourth day, and for the week following mix with the egg food in place of the Buckthorn six drops of Parrish's Chemical food. Try this, and if there is no improvement, write again. You might examine the bird's feet, and see if there are any signs of soreness. Keep the bird in a nice cosy corner, covering it up with a cloth at night.

A Cough Cure.

J. H. Laurence.—Get the following: ½ oz. of Oil of Eucalyptus, ½ oz. of Oil of Cajapat. Mix and give well mixed in the drinking water fresh every morning, taking the drinking water away every night, as the bird will not drink much unless it is thirsty. Try this for ten days, and then for another week go back to the Oxymel of Squills Ipecacuanaba wine and Glycerine. Keep warm, free from draught, and cover up at night.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Birds in Aviary.

Joan.—You certainly do seem to be a complete novice, and it is somewhat difficult to advise you as you would not understand the terms generally used. I will, however, do my best to assist you. In the first place I should advise you to send to the Manager of CAGE BIRDS for a copy of the Canary Manual, this will give you much useful information. As to sexing the birds, speaking generally, the brightest coloured, the boldest, and most perky, will be the cocks. You most certainly may breed with the birds you have, but another season it would be advisable to introduce one or two strangers. Further, it would be far better for you to gain some practical knowledge ere you expend any money in fresh stock.

Red Mite.

E.M.S.—The best thing you can do is to give all the birds a complete washing in the same manner as if you were going to show them, only putting a few drops of Jeyes' Fluid in the water. You should paint the woodwork of the aviary with a strong solution of Jeyes' Fluid. If you cannot manage to wash the birds, you might try dusting them well with Keatings' Insect Powder.

Birds Panting.

Anxious.—From the description you give of your bird, I am afraid it is too far gone for anything to bring it back to full health. You might, however, try the effect of putting thirty drops of Fellows' Compound Syrup in its drinking water every day. Give it a little egg food each day, or some milk sop fairly dry, the latter for preference, and sprinkle a little maw seed over it.

Books on Breeding.

No Name.—There is no better book on Norwich than the one you mention, but "House's Canary Manual" contains a lot of information on the subjects you mention, and moreover it is thoroughly practical. If you have this, which I presume you have, I can only advise you to study it very carefully; with that and Mr. Payne's book you certainly ought to be able to go ahead.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

What is a Green Linnet?

A Reader.—There is no such species as the "Green Linnet. That, however, is a name very commonly given to the Greenfinch. I have never heard fanciers apply it to any other bird. Still, it is quite erroneous to do so, for Mister Greenbird is not really even very closely related to the true Linnet (the Brown Linnet), the latter being by scientists ranked among the true Finches, whereas the former is a Grosbeak, the same as the Hawfinch. I don't know exactly what point your argument was about, but if you held that the Greenfinch and the Green Linnet were one and the same bird, you undoubtedly were correct. Wordsworth, in one of his poems, praises the song of a Green Linnet, but it is believed he was alluding to the Willow Warbler (a tiny greenish songster). A case of poetic license, I suppose—rather hard on those who quote his words when extolling the virtues and graces of the Greenfinch.

Bullfinch-Canary Hybrids.

Lucky.—Several people have claimed to have bred from the cock Bullie mated to a hen Canary. I don't think I have seen any of the progeny, however. One of the lots claimed to have been so bred were very light in plumage, but, so far as memory serves me, no judge awarded them prizes as real Bullie-Canaries. That cock Bullfinches sometimes successfully breed in captivity there can be no question, and I wish you luck with yours. They seem to be very uncertain, however, on the whole. So don't be disappointed if you don't succeed. You may not even breed any more Canary-Bullies. Success one year does not necessarily spell success the next. I know many who have bred Hybrids from a certain couple one season, yet had only clear eggs from the same pair ever afterwards. It is a curious business. I do not know anything to the cock Bullie's detriment so far as his behaviour in the breeding cage is concerned. I must confess I have had little experience of him. Certainly though, if I got fertile eggs and hatched out young, I should be chary of allowing any but the hen Canary with them, so long as she did her duty. You could give him a trial providing you could watch him closely.

Identity of Bird.

Sayers.—The bird you send a specimen corpse of is the Great (or Oxeye) Tit. None of the Tits is really suitable to keep in captivity. They seldom survive long, even under the best of conditions and treatment, and many birds with better claims on the bird-keeper are to be found. The general run of Tits are not even easy to "meat off"—that is, to get to take to the new food of captivity. They need plenty of live insects (mealworms, etc.), to begin with, and a good softbill food containing plenty of ants' eggs, and prepared in the usual way. The latter should be the staple diet of the Great Tit, being supplemented with a few sunflower and hemp seeds daily, also small cracked nuts. It is well to occasionally mix a little finely scraped raw lean meat amongst the stock food, while a small piece of the fat of meat, or suet, now and again is relished, especially in the winter.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances Mr. Weston has had to leave several answers over until next week.

A Varied Trio.

Ambitious.—1: You need not be surprised at your Redpoll losing its red colour after its indoor moult—they all do this. What is the cause of the loss of colour would puzzle a far wiser head than mine to tell you. It is one of the puzzles of bird-life that some species should markedly alter in colour, or fail to reproduce certain tints common to their wild state, when translated to a condition of captivity. The theory that change of food (or inability to obtain a certain food) accounts for this is far from entirely satisfactory, as occasionally a Redpoll moulted in an outdoor aviary has been known to assume the red head and breast tints, though in receipt of nothing beyond the ordinary every-day seeds. 2: It is always a difficult task to state the prices of birds—they vary so, according to the excellence of the specimens, whether newly-caught or accustomed to captivity, etc. A young Bullfinch might cost you 2/-, Linnet 6d., Siskin (you'll have a difficulty in getting a "young" one), 2/6, Chaffinch 6d., Nightingale 10/-, upwards. Of course, these are very elastic prices, for a young Linnet may cost, and be cheap at, 5/-. 3: Redpolls want no "persuading" to breed, as a rule, so long as they are in good condition. You have simply to let your cock bird make the acquaintance, during the winter, of the hen Canary, and then pair them towards the middle of March. February is very early for Redpolls, early, even for the majority of hen Canaries.—I doubt if you would get fertile eggs then. Much depends on the weather, and we now seem always to get our winter in what should be our spring.

Show Cage and Yellowhammer.

Doubtful.—Both for a variegated Goldfinch Mule and for a Yellowhammer, you cannot improve upon a very dark (holly) green enamel for the wires and inside of the show cage. The inside should have several coats, to give a deep, rich appearance. Yellowhammers eat freely little beyond plain canary seed, and this of best quality must be their staple food. Try them also with maw, cracked hemp and sunflower, coarse oatmeal, groats, small wheat and oats, wild seeds, etc. They may take a little and a change is always good. Some live food (mealworms, etc.), should be constantly supplied, if you want to guard against your bird "going light;" also a feed of good insectivorous food at frequent intervals. 'Hammers are also very partial to good ants' eggs moistened with new milk—just press them under with the finger, and then drain off the milk—likewise to live (freshly gathered) ants' eggs.

Show Cage and Thistle Seed.

Argyle.—For a Bullfinch's show cage I like the colour I generally recommend, viz., a dark (holly) green—inside and wires the same. See reply to "Doubtful" this week. Some fanciers show their Bullfinches in light blue cages. This suits them very well—but not, in my opinion, so well as the very dark green. You could try both, and thus discover your own particular taste. Thistle seed is certainly much the best, and far more appreciated, when given in the head. I rarely use it in any other form myself. I don't mind a bit of "fluff" in my own bird-room—I have seen my flight knee-deep in it at the corners—but if you or your good lady object to it blowing about the place, then cut off the down close to the top of the seed, and burn it, giving the "cropped head" to the birds. This reduces the litter to a minimum. To remove the seeds from the heads, a simple and effective way is as follows: Cut them as just described, pull them roughly open over the mouth of a big, tough, brown-paper bag, and then drop them inside. After-wards shake and twirl the bag vigorously about. Then turn out the contents into a dish or sieve. The seed will fall to the bottom, and the "chaff" can be easily removed. Much of it can be got rid of ere emptying out the bag, in fact.

Preserving Berries.

Berries.—There are many ways of preserving berries for a more or less considerable period of time. They should be cut in sprays (in the branch). Putting the stem in a bottle of water, and storing in the dark is one way. Burying them in dry sand, or in sawdust (like one sees grapes) are other ways. Another good plan is to stick the end of the spray in damp sand, keeping the latter wet. I have kept many berries a long time by the latter method, in a cellar or other cool place, covering them with a bucket, or a small tin bath, to exclude light. If you keep your eye open you can generally find a spot or two near allotment or other gardens, where berries are to be gathered to a much later date than elsewhere, owing to the wild birds not ravaging them, probably owing to their proximity to buildings.

Ill-Luck with Goldfinches.

H. Evans.—It is not surprising your fresh-caught Goldfinches died, seeing how you were feeding them. You want to put them in a long low cage, in a very quiet spot, and not go disturbing them every few minutes. Let them have niger, maw and cracked hemp (made afresh every day), as much as they will eat; also, in addition, canary, teazle, cracked sunflower and coarse oatmeal A few thistle and hard-heads thrown in daily will also help. An important point is to be sure and see the captives get at the water—both water and seed are better inside the cage, as fresh-caught birds can hardly be expected to understand putting their heads through holes to feed and drink.

Treatment of Goldfinches.

Frenchman.—The moult has more influence than the food in the turning out of a show Goldfinch. If a Goldie does not moult early, and quickly and well, no system of feeding or treatment will serve to put him in show condition. In addition to the good moult, a free use of the bath is also essential. A bird which refuses to bathe, or is shy at bathing, never comes out carrying the gloss of the bird that tubs himself frequently and freely. Judicious use of the spray, I should have said, can help one, but puts one to trouble which may become burdensome if a lot of stock needs to be looked after. Given a good moult and a good bather, then proper feeding becomes a power for good. Hemp and niger I should not give freely at the beginning of the moult, but only after the pen feathers have practically cleared out of the blaze, up to then giving restricted quantities only. Let the birds have teazle, linseed, maw, cracked sunflower, and canary seeds freely throughout, with thistle and hard-heads ad libitum. Also give a few small mealworms if they choose to eat them, and a little of a good insectivorous food, or ants' eggs, prepared as recommended in reply to "Doubtful" this week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Amazon Pecking Itself.

R. West.—The bird is either troubled with insects or its skin is in a very irritated condition. Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water for one day, and repeat dose in a week's time, providing its bowels are not too loose; between times make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray the bird with quassia solution every other day for a fortnight, carefully protecting from draught till dry. Continue the glyco-thymoline till the trouble ceases. I presume you are dieting the bird as advised regularly in this column, if not, change over to same at once. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Outdoor Aviary Arrangements.

Aviarist.—Your aviary will answer admirably for the birds, but it has the disadvantage for the onlooker, that shy and retiring birds will be able to keep very much out of sight; nevertheless it is an enclosure which should result in successful breeding. I should advise the glazing of the front of the shed, leaving only a space in centre 18 inches wide, extending from ground to roof—you must glaze it, otherwise it would be too dark for the birds. (1) You have space for 60 or 70 birds, but 10 or a dozen pairs only would give best breeding results; note, whatever the number of birds, you must arrange for at least double the number of nesting receptacles, of varied size and style. Do not omit to provide ample perching accommodation, use natural branches for same—pea or bean sticks answer admirably. (2) Sec opening remarks—I should also advise a glass sash outside the netting over one-third of the roof of flight, such covered portion to commence from shed. (3) Willow, box, elder, privet, wild clematis, bramble, currant, gooseberry, and any kind of non-poisonous weeds, particularly coarse grasses and oats, rape, canary seed, etc. (4) The open part of flight should consist of ordinary garden mould, the portion under glazed light and shelter shed should have a good layer of coarse, gritty sand, and if you can get some old mortar (which must be crushed) to mingle with same, so much the better.

What Bird?

"Carlist."—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon; I am surprised the bird has lived, but, the malady having abated it may now recover. For a week at least put five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to each ounce of drinking water; also give three drops of tincture of opium direct to the mouth each morning. Keep the bird in some warm position and quite out of reach of draught. Remove its coverings as soon as possible, and if possible burn them. Continue the boiled maize, bananas, nuts, and green food; also give plain biscuits, and a stale crust of household bread. Keep a tin of the following mixture in its cage: canary, wheat, oats, hemp, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Clean its cage out twice a day while the trouble lasts. At the end of a week or ten days, discontinue the acid in the drinking, and then make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Hope the bird will soon improve.

Hard Breathing.

M. Wright.—The bird is in a very bad way, and I am very doubtful as to its ultimate recovery. Spray its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline twice a day, and for a week put in its drinking water, Chlorate of Potassium, at the rate of 15 grains to each ounce of the water, and if the bird will permit you to handle it, dissolve 20 grains of Chlorate of Potassium in two drachms of glycerine, and wipe out the bird's mouth with same, using a small camel-hair brush for the purpose, cleansing same, and also using a fresh portion of the mixture for each occasion. Do not give table scraps, slops, or

any kind of animal food. Diet: A mixture of canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds in equal parts; ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, greenfood, little boiled potato (dry), or raw carrot. It will be necessary to keep the cage and vessels strictly clean, they must have special attention while the trouble lasts. You had better report progress, with full particulars, in a week's time.

Silverbill with Swollen Foot.

"**New Year.**"—Catch the bird, and bathe its feet in warm water, afterwards immersing them in a weak boracic acid solution. If there should be any humour round the joint, it must be exuded by gentle pressure. If it appears at all distressed or rushed about by its companions, you had beter cage it separately, till the trouble is got rid of. Of course, if it is a dislocation, the joint must be set and kept bound up for a time. It is always better to let a vet. attend to such cases, as an unskilled hand may cause intense suffering to the little patient.

Budgerigar with Swolling.

"**Budg.**"—Cage this bird up separately, and keep it so for a week or two. Lightly paint the centre of the swelling with tincture of iodide daily; if this does not make any impression in a week or ten days, it will be best to get the advice of a vet. In conjunction with the above, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two teaspoonsfuls of water, and let it have only this to drink for one day, repeating the dose after an interval of three days. As to diet, let it have canary, millet, oats, green food, and a piece of cuttlefish to nibble. As to your other birds, leave the husks in the aviary, and the birds to their own devices. So long as they appear well and strong and healthy, leave them alone; if they get out of condition at all, well colour their drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food (you can also give this to the sick bird, when not giving the magnesia), keep a supply of cuttlefish in the aviary, and also supply daily grass in flower. This latter, if gathered at mid-day, should be quite free from frost; it must not be given in a frosted condition.

Waxbills and Foreign Finches.

Ambitious.—(1) I should certainly advise you to bring these birds into your sitting-room for the winter, as I fear you will lose them if you keep them in the unheated stable. Birds that will live out of doors in an aviary with room for flight and exercise, will often perish miserably when kept in a cage in an unheated room. All you can do is to supply the shelters, push a little moss into them, and leave the birds to take to them of themselves; I think you will find they will do so later. It will be much better if you can let them have the whole C.P. aviary to themselves, removing the divisions. Diet: canary, millet and spray millet, a little crumbled sponge cake and a few ants' eggs, with a little ripe apple or tender and fresh lettuce as green food. (2) You would find any of the following handsome and interesting birds, which would thrive on the same diet as given above; they would also agree well together, and not cost more than the price you name:—Golden-breasted Waxbills, Green and Common Avadavats, Grey, St. Helena, and Zebra Finches. A pair of each of these pretty little birds would make a showy and pleasing series in a C.P. aviary-cage.

Show Cages for Foreign Birds.

"**Defender.**"—I find that pale sage-green suit almost all species of Foreign birds as well, if not better, than any other colour, and I prefer a cage of the semi-box type—that is, a cage having back and ends of wood and the top half wood, with the wire of the front of cage bent round to meet same. Get an illustrated list from one of our advertisers, you will find described above and others. A cage 12 to 15 inches, by about nine inches deep and high, would about meet the requirements of all the birds you name. Such cages as described above, enamelled black outside and pale sage-green inside, have a really neat appearance.

Budgerigars, Blood-rumps, &c.

"**Inquirer.**"—(1) Yellow Budgerigars mostly throw the bulk of their progeny yellow, though it is not an uncommon occurrence for them to throw back to the original stock. If your birds have produced several broods of all Greens, I should say one or both of them is a sport from a pair of Greens, or the progeny of a crossed pair of Yellow and Green, and are not bred from the pure Yellow stock. It seems to me the only thing is to procure another pair from an entirely different source to your present pair. (2) The male Blood-rump is principally bright emerald-green in colour; rump crimson; splashed with blue on the wings; and centre of abdomen yellow. The female is a much greyer and duller bird than the male. Some individuals are pugnacious when breeding, but if not overcrowded I do not think they would interfere with either Rosellas, Cockatiels, or Budgerigars. Vulgar names of birds is not one of my strong points, and such fancy ones are given from time to time as to make them most unreliable, for the same name is not by any means kept to one species. At the moment I do not know what species "Box Beaked Cardinal" refers to, and have not time to look it up before going to press. Will try and give you the information next week. (3) Budge-ri-gar.

Sneezing Parrot.

D.J.C.—Keep the bird warm and out of draught. Spray the bird's nostrils with glyco-thymoline, diluted with an equal bulk of water; also wash the nostrils with same, using a small camel-hair brush for the purpose; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. If this will not clear the nostrils, you must then dip a small feather in olive oil, and gently pass up, then any obstruction will be removed and the bird relieved. By means of a quill give it four drops of tincture of opium morning and evening. Only let it have water to drink three time a day, and I should put five drops of brandy to each tablespoonful of water. Report progress in a week or ten days. It is important that the bird be kept warm, and yet not in a vitiated atmosphere. Continue to feed as regularly advised in this column. If there should be any constipation, half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in a tablespoonful of water will give relief. Its bowels should be kept moving freely, but not loose.

Budgerigars Dying.

G. A. Meyer.—Avian cholera has been very rife among birds this year, and I take it your birds have died with this complaint. The cage should be disinfected and thoroughly cleansed before being used for others. In any similar case, put five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and iron sulphate in the drinking water, and the patient should be protected from damp and cold. It is very important that they should be kept in quarantine for some weeks, that strictest cleanliness be observed, and that all cages that have been occupied by ailing birds be promptly disinfected. The above prescription is that of a veterinary friend.

Birds for Cage.

"**Shama.**"—I consider three birds ample for a cage 20 inches long; if you add another, put in an Alario Finch or Green Singing Finch. The White-throated will need a little watching, as some individuals are very pugnacious, though, as he is doomed to single life, he may not give much trouble in this respect. I do not advise the Pintail, as these birds are difficult to keep for any length of time, many of them only living a few weeks, some only days; if you make the attempt, supply paddy rice (rice in the husk) and oats, as well as the other seeds for the Singing Finch, etc. Yes, you could so keep a Shama; this bird would soon get sufficiently tame to come out of its cage, and take its bath outside, so keeping its cage dry. A cage for an active handsome bird such as this ought not to be smaller than 2½ by 1 by 1½ feet high. Diet: Soft food, insects and water *ad. lib.* My bird will not eat fruit, but thrives on the above diet, and is in the best of condition. As regards soft food, several good ones are advertised in our pages; or the following is one of the best: ants' eggs, dried flies, sponge cake (crumbled), crushed Osborne biscuits, and boiled potato that has been passed through a masher; use equal parts of each, and make crumbly moist. The bird is about 12 inches long, of which the tail measure nearly half. Its upper surface is glossy blue-black, except the rump, which is pure white; throat and breast as upper surface, remainder of under surface golden-chestnut. Its song is very fine, though at times marred by a few harsh notes.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (M. Riddle).—Your bird died of liver disease and inflammation of the lungs. I suspect it is infectious, and if you have lost any other birds you may take that as confirmatory evidence, and go in for thorough disinfection as advised to "B.J.J.," end of page 273, in last week's issue.

Canary (Mrs. Moles).—Chronic inflammation of liver and acute pneumonia, ending with apoplexy. These are indicative signs of bird fever. Please read and apply answer above.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

S.B.B. and M.C. (R.F.).—The names attached to the letters which have appeared do not in every instance appear on your list. That is all we can tell you.

Something Seriously Wrong? (G.M.W.).—The ups and downs of prize birds is truly astonishing. We do not attach any sinister importance to the see-saws of prize lists, but perhaps you are aware of something which is withheld from us.

Addresses (No Name).—(1) Yes, a letter so addressed would reach Mr. Barnett. (2) Yes; both are still alive to the best of our belief.

Cuttings (Peter J. Greck).—Thanks. Can't use just now, though, owing to show matter.

Obituary omitted (W. C. Sholedice).—Something has to be put on one side in these days of pressure, and in the rush on Thursday morning this was inadvertently overlooked. Sorry.

C.B.U. Shows (J. D. Leigh, G. Hill).—We gladly make the omission known, though, so far as we are aware, the list was inserted exactly as received.

Cuttings (E. J. Langford).—Thanks for clippings, which we hope to use in the near future.

Brahma Class (S. C. Wilkins).—We do not publish poultry items in CAGE BIRDS, or would have been glad to oblige.

Judging at Hyson Green (Robt. Holmes).—We must regretfully decline to publish your letter. You will never get any two judges in this world to agree. If, in your opinion, the judging was bad, probably in the view of some other exhibitor it was good. All judging is a matter of opinion, and the only sensible attitude for you to take towards a judge with whose awards you disagree is to avoid sending your birds under him for the future. We never permit dissatisfied exhibitors to criticise judges whose decisions they have agreed to accept.

LIZARD CANARIES.

(See Coloured Plate.)

The plate of Lizard Canaries given away with this double issue of CAGE BIRDS will serve as a chart to many a budding student of the variety besides attracting the old hands by its accuracy of portraiture and faithfulness of colouring. It has always been to us a matter of astonishment that from a simple process of transposing three colours one on top of the other such a marvellous result could be secured by the process engraver. Yet so it is. And in this plate of Lizards only three printings have been employed to bring about the desired picture, apparently consisting of seven colours, all more or less difficult of manipulation. Of the birds portrayed, what can we say beyond stating that Mr. Norman (now acknowledged by all to be without a peer in the delineation of Canary life) has as usual, surpassed himself and given breeders of the Spangle-back something they can look at and admire for many a day. The striking extent and symmetry of the spangling in the best birds may be noted. They have evidently been coloured, and are gracefully typical examples of the Lizard breeders' art. The somewhat ephemeral character of the Lizard is sadly evident in this plate. What a popular variety the Lizard would be to be sure but for the fact that it is practically only a one-season bird. Look at this dejected specimen of a three-year old in the corner. To quote the bard, we may say to the crack Lizard of the day, "Go, get thee to thy Breeders' Cage. To this complexion thou must come at last."

OUR RECENT CANARY BREEDING COMPETITION.

The Winners Tell How They Obtained Their Results.

The First Novice.

I am very pleased to send you a complete statement of my bird breeding. I have surprised the members of the local Society in breeding Canaries this year, for everybody else has had very bad luck. This is the first year I have ever tried my skill in bird breeding, but I thought I would like to try, as I have plenty of spare time, and am very fond of birds. I bought a German cock and a Norwich hen, and put them up for breeding on the 14th February, my cage being in my kitchen. The hen laid an egg ten days after I put them up, laying 4 eggs the first nest, bringing out 4 birds. When these were three weeks old she went to nest again, and the cock finished bringing the birds up, and this she has done every nest. She laid 6 eggs in each of her 5 nests afterwards, laying in all 28 eggs. I accidentally broke one egg of the last nest, leaving 27 eggs, she sat on, and brought out 27 birds, and reared 26, one dying about a week old. I am sorry to say that the last nest was not in time for the competition, they only being 3 weeks old when the competition closed, or I could have put 26 youngsters in it.—J. A. WILKINSON.

The Second Novice.

I am glad to hear I am entitled to a prize, and will do my best to tell you all about my results. Having made up my mind to breed Canaries, the first thing I did was to take in CAGE BIRDS, which I found very useful, and I am never without it. I kept my birds in one room in separate cages, and watched them till I saw the hen carrying a feather about, and knowing my cock was in full song I put them together in a breeding cage. They soon mated up, I then put in the nest bag, and within a fortnight I found she had an egg. I took the eggs away till she had three, and then put them back. I watched the hen, and the first time she came off I looked to see how many eggs she had, I found she had six. When I thought it was time for them to come off, I got a new laid egg, boiled it hard, and crushed it up with 3 Osborne biscuits, with this and a little greenfood (lettuce) they got on well. It was four days before I knew how many there were, the whole lot hatched on April 27th. The next nest she had 6 more young ones on May 28th. The third nest she had 6 more young on June 24th. The first nest were all cocks, the 2nd 3 cocks and 3 hens, the 3rd 4 cocks and 2 hens. I don't intend keeping all my birds as I have no room to keep them. I shall keep my first lot for stock. When my young birds were five or six weeks old, I turned them out in an aviary which I built in my back yard, and they have done well. When they were 8 weeks old I thought I would try a little Colour Food, so I got a 2lb. tin of Ramsden's Pure Pepper, and I gave some regularly every day. I put my success down to careful attention and cleanliness, which I think most important. I am sorry I cannot give you any more news of my results. My advice to young fanciers is, study CAGE BIRDS, read it carefully, and you cannot go wrong—G. T. HALLS.

The Equal Third Novices—Mr. Howell.

I am very pleased to offer my explanation as to how I obtained the results. This was my first year for breeding, and as I had one cock Canary, I also obtained a hen. As a beginner I was naturally over anxious to make a start, so I put my two birds together on February 17th. Before putting my two birds together, I fed them on nothing but Hyde's mixed seed, with a cold water bath in the cock's cage for fully two months previous (every day) of which he took very freely. My two birds were in the very pink of condition, for on the 24th February the hen laid her first egg, and never missed a day until she laid five, then she started to sit on them. I at once took the cock away, the hen fetched all the lot out, only they were not all out together. Three or four were born between the 11th and 13th, and the last bird was born on 14th March. Out of these five I only managed to rear three, but this was owing to the hen treading on them in the dark. Since my first nest I have never lost another bird, as I removed the eggs as laid, and then put them back on the third day. At this early date the nights were dark early, and it was also dark till late in the morning, but my business did not take me out until a late hour in the morning, and I did not return until late at night, sometimes half-past twelve, and in order that my young birds would not have long to wait for food I used to sit up until two or half-past, and very often three o'clock in the morning, during which time the hen bird and the cock as well would feed them. I always let the cock go to the hen when the young ones were coming out, not before, then again after the young ones had been fed. I used to draw the window blind up and pull the curtains well back, so that the stock birds could have light as early as possible in the morning. Their diet consisted of half a new laid egg to three solar biscuits, Hyde's mixed seeds, and a small piece of raw cabbage. I also used Parrish's chemical food in their water. These were all changed three times every day, morning, noon and night. This was the diet I used in my first nest, and continued the same right through the season, with the exception of the green food. When I gave up the cabbage I started with watercress, and dandelion, and made no other changes. My second nest the hen laid six eggs, of these she fetched four out, and I reared them all, in exactly the same way as I did the other three in the first nest. In the third nest the hen laid five eggs, and fetched them all out, and I reared them all in the same way. In the fourth nest my hen laid five eggs, fetched them all out, and I reared them in the same way. My hen was down on another nest on every occasion before the young ones were able to fly out of her last nest, and the cock bird fed them while she was sitting, and I always shut him away from the hen while sitting. The measurement of my breeding cage, which also acted as my flight cage, is 4ft. 2ins. in length, 1ft. 4ins. in height, and 1ft. wide, so you see the young birds had plenty of exercise. With regard to the egg food, I never took it away from the young ones until I saw them eating plenty of seed, and I knew that egg food was absolutely not wanted. After they were about a fortnight old I put six biscuits to half a hard-boiled fresh egg, instead of three as at first. In addition my success was largely due to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, out of which I have received very valuable information, and I think no beginner should be without it:—H. T. HOWELL.

Mr. Goodall.

I have had a cock Canary for the last three years. Early this spring a friend asked me to try my luck at breeding, if I would he would give me a hen, so I took it. It was then about the 16th of February. I hung her in a cage close by the cock, and he went very near wild trying to get at the hen, so I made a breeding cage and put them together. She was not long before she started building a nest, laid five eggs and hatched all five on March 27th. When they were ten days old she was pulling feathers out of the young ones, so I had to put them in a nest cage I hung them at the front of the breeding cage, and the cock fed them through the wires till the hen had built another nest, and laid again (five more). Then I put the young ones and the cock in another cage till she had hatched again, April 29th, and then I put him back again. I have had four nests altogether, five eggs in each, and only one addled egg in the lot, the last lot was hatched on July 11th. I have lost two young ones with having to take them away from the hen so soon, that leaves me with 17, and they are all doing well yet. When I started I said I knew nothing about Canary breeding, so my friend told me to take CAGE BIRDS and I should learn a thing or two. I saw your breeding competition, and my friend said if he were I he would send for a form, as he said I was sure to get a prize with having so much luck. I had the misfortune to lose my cock bird a week last Monday, he was singing on Sunday night and I found him dead in the cage on Monday morning. I should like some officials of some of the societies to see my birds and give me their opinion of them:—F. GOODALL.

"Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is always an interesting magazine, but the October issue offers unusual attractions. It opens with an agreeably written and instructive article on the Nightjar, from the facile pen of Mrs. E. Warren Vernon, whose portrait appears as the frontispiece. Mr. W. E. Taschemaker, B.A., gives an excellent contribution on the "Nesting of the Black Tanager and the Violet Tanager," which is aptly illustrated by two fine photographs taken by the writer. Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., the editor, ably deals with the subject of feeding and acclimatising of foreign birds, and "Aviculturist" gives the result of some experiences with the Green Singing Finch. A really representative number is completed by the Hon. and Rev. Canon Dutton, several items of correspondence, and the usual editorial notes.

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CHELTENHAM.

The Cheltenham C.B.S held their annual show on October 26th and 28th, in the Oddfellow's Hall; quite a nice place for a bird show, as the light by day is very good, and it is free from draughts. All the exhibits were nicely staged, and were well looked after by a good body of fanciers. We regret to have to chronicle the fact that entries showed a big drop from last year, and we attribute this partly from clashing with other shows and to Sunday intervening. The quality in most sections, however, was very good, many exhibits being put down that could hold their own in any company. The show was opened by W. Theobald, Esq., in a few well-chosen remarks. Mr. A. S. Treasure, the hon. secretary, had everything in good order, and, as usual, was the personification of tact, affability and courtesy. The assistant hon. secretary, too, is a good helper, while the stewards are all the best of fanciers, and it is a pity they were not found more to do. Messrs. Child, Collis, Hayling, Hills, Hands, Hamlin, Harvey, Kilminster, T. N. King, Lewis, Pounsett, Stevens, and Williams did everything required of them in first-rate style. We trust fortune will smile more favourably on this deserving fixture next year. Messrs. J. H. Payne and Robson judged.

The Canary Section.

CREST YELL. (2): 1, 2, King, leader even wing mk., well formed crest for a yellow, and good size, rare shaped body, with plenty of substance, 2 tritle thicker in frontal crest, but not the width, bit open in centre. CL. BDY. DK. (4): 1, Evans, good frontal crest, coming well to beak end, nice droop and radiation; 2, Simmons, good frontal crest, well filled sides, nice dip, close run; 3, Hands, thick frontal crest and good at back, not quite the expanse of the leaders; vhc, Grant. MKD. ETC. (8): 1, Tyson, real beauty, immense frontal with a beautiful wide, smooth back crest, grand droop and beautifully radiated, lovely quality, grand body; 2, King, good spread of crest, nice droop, not so long in frontal crest; 3, hc, Kilminster and Hooper, nice length and width of crest, rare shaped body; vhc, c, Simms. BUFF CL. BDY. (5): 1, Bale, fine, clear, heavy crest, well to beak end, good droop, beautiful quality; 2, Evins Bros., clear, very neat and pretty, but just beaten by the leader in weight and width of frontal crest; 3, King, grizzle, good frontal crest, open in centre, rare body; vhc, Kilminster and Hooper; hc, Tope. HENS (13): 1, 3, Greenwood and Burson, leader has a beautifully-formed crest, well filled in all round, neat centre, nice, leafy feather and good shaped body, 3 heavy frontal crest, good droop, nicely arranged; 2, Evins Bros, Green, magnificent frontal crest, long and heavy, nice droop and well radiated, not quite so neat in centre as the leader, close run; vhc, King; hc, Jones and Crest; c, Kilminster and Hooper. C.B. YELL. (3): 1, 2, King, winner good in entrance, and rise of skull, plenty of feather for the colour, rare size and shaped body, a good one; 2, beaten in skull formation, nice feather. BUFF (8): 1, Tyson, wonderful length of head feather ,well lashed, rare body, just a shade flat on head; 2, Kilminster and Hooper, good rise over beak, plenty of feather, massive, good in quality; 3, King, good shaped skull, nice body and quality of feather, not quite the length; vhc, c, Grant; hc, Tope. HEN (8): 1, King, pied tail green, grand shaped skull, plenty of head feather, of grand quality, nice shaped body; 2, Evins Bros., well feathered skull, wide in entrance, nice rise; 3, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper, good rise of skull, nice feather, shade long in beak; hc, Grant; c, Jones and Crest. CREST (bred 1907) (18): 1, Simmonds, mkd. right wing, well-formed, circular crest, nicely radiated, well-filled centre, good youngster; 2, vhc, King, close fitting crest, nice droop, fairly wide in frontal, promising; 3, Evins Bros., thick, heavy frontal, of good length, good droop, nice width of crest; hc, Tope; c, Crooks. C.B. (bred 1907) (17): 1, Mills, good entrance to skull, plenty of head feather, rare shaped body; 2, King, rare shaped skull, good, wide entrance, thick-set body, close run; 3, Tyson, green, rare length of head feather, not quite the skull formation; vhc, Tottle; hc, Hands; c, Evins Bros. NOVICE (14): 1, Mason, pied tail green, nice, circular crest, good frontal, good quality, promising exhibit; 2, Pooley, cl. body, thick crest, neat centre, nice width of frontal and droop; 3, Arney, neat crest, good droop, grand shaped body; vhc, Bishop; hc, c, Johnson. C.B. (9): 1, Pooley, rare rise of skull, good wide entrance, plenty of head feather, good body, excellent specimen; 2, Mason, not quite so wide in entrance or so heavily built, but good head feather, and smart all over; 3, hc, Miles, grand back skull, well lashed, thick-set body, must have pressed hard; vhc, Johnson; c, Arney. CINN. CREST (2): 1, 2, King, even going mk. leading, nice shaped crest, of good weight for this variety, 2 fair frontal crest. C.B. (2): 1, 2, King, nice entrance to a good skull which is well feathered, good body and quality of feather, 2 not so wide in entrance, big body. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Godley, winner stands well away, grand colour, nice shape, full of quality, and good skull, 2 nice colour and body compact in feather; 3, Lawrence, good one, but just loses in depth and brightness of colour. BUFF (3): 1,2, Godley, lovely colour, deep and sound and very bright, grand shape and quality, 2 good size and shape, well beaten in colour and feather; 3, Lawrence, again beaten in colour, very fair shape. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, Godley, good size and shape, nice colour and feather, bit unsteady, 2 good shape, lacks the depth of colour and bloom of the winner, both jonques; 3, vhc, King, nice coloured buff. HEN (4): 1, 2, Godley jonque, good shaped body, nice skull, sound colour, 2 good shape, bit flat in colour; 3, vhc, King, buff, very fair colour and size. NORWICH CL. YELL. (6): 1, Bywater, lovely quality and colour, good shaped body, deep chest, stands well over perch, nice head; 2, Godley, good quality and colour, nice back, not quite so cobby as the winner; 3, Wasley, nice shaped body, fair colour, not quite ready; vhc, Hirst; hc, Stephenson. No. 1, wrong class, a buff. BUFF (9): 1, Walton and Noakes, short, thick-set body, deep and nicely rounded chest, good back, full of quality; 2, Freer, lovely feather and quality, grand shaped body, good wings and tail, nice head and neck; 3, Stephenson, good shaped body, nice wing carriage, well mealed, beaten in quality, but will improve; vhc, Rossignol; hc, Rennie; c, Williams. TKD. ETC. (5): 1, Harvey, slight tick on wing and end of tail feather, good shaped body, rich, deep colour, well carried down flights and tail, nice quality, wins Sandiford's special; 2 Hulse, ticked on shoulder, lovely quality, level colour, nice shape, short in body, wings and tail, close up; 3, Lees, saddle and thigh mkd., hot colour, nice head, not quite so deep in chest, hardly fit; vhc, Houghton; hc, Williams. TKD. ETC., BUFF (7): 1, Wootton, mkd. wings, neck and rump, grand size and shape, brimful of quality, nice back, good head and neck, real good one; 2, Houghton, mkd. neck, wings and shoulders, nice quality of feather, rich under-colour, beautifully mealed, longer in flights and tail; 3, Walton and Noakes, tkd. over beak and wing mkd., nice shaped body, good feather and quality, well packed wings and tail, bit weaker in head; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Rennie. GREEN (3): 1, Oakeley, buff, beautiful quality of feather, nice shape, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Walton and Noakes, slashing shaped yellow, regular bulldog, loses only in quality of feather, should be a clinking stock bird; 3, Barnes, yel., nice feather and colour. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Bywater, rattling shape, beautiful quality, good head and neck, deep chest, gets well across perch, pale colour; 2, Wasley, hot colour, very nice size and shape, not quite fit yet; 3, Bellamy, nice shape and quality, good head; vhc, Brown; hc, Rennie; c, Drakeley. BUFF (11): 1, Walton and Noakes, tkd. left eye, grand shape, nice tight-fitting jacket of good quality, well braced wings and neat tail; 2, Hirst, clear, good shape, neat head, good wings and tail, good in colour and quality; 3, Stephenson, mkd. left wing, nice colour and shape; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Roden. HEN (13): 1, Wooton, yell., rare substance and shape, full head and neck, short wings and tail, good back, nice quality; 2, Hopkins and Allsop, good shaped buff, lovely head, good feather and quality, crosses wings a little at tips at times, yet close up; 3, Houghton, yell., mkd wings, tail and neck, beautiful colour and feather, nice shaped body, good head and neck, close run between these three; vhc, Harvey; hc, Freer; c, Thomas. YORKS CL. YELL. (8): 1, Mason, neck tkd., grand length, nice style and feather, well on leg, good wings and tail; 2, Lovell, stands well, good wings and tail, nice feather quality and length; 3, Halliday, good length, nice feather, not quite so good in carriage, not far behind, though; vhc, Ingham; hc, Smith; c, Sendall. BUFF (3): 1, Lovell, neck tkd., grand feather and stands like a guardsman, well filled in all over, good wings and tail, bit pale in colour; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, hot colour, good length, nicely filled in back, stands well, trifle slack at thighs; 3, Mason, nice back, good feather and stand; vhc, Warr; hc, Hirst; c, Fellows and Flynn. MKD. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Brayshaw and Jowett, mkd. eyes and left wing, nice length, feather and quality, good stand, pale colour; 2, Keegan, mkd. neck, hot colour, straight as a rush,long-sided, nice one; 3,Warr, mkd. wings, cheek and head, good feather, neat tail, only beaten in position; vhc, Ingham; hc, Hirst; c, Lovell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Mason, mkd. wings and neck, straight as a rush, lovely feather, neat head, nice, narrow shoulders and well-tied back, 3 wing and neck mkd., grand colour and quality, not quite so slim built; 2, Halliday, mkd. on back, straight as a pencil, good feather, not quite so finely drawn as the winner, but a grand Yorkie; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett; hc, Arnold. UNFLI. (11): 1, Hirst, yell. thigh tick, straight as a rush, slim built, lovely feather and quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Mason, mkd. root of tail, hot colour, bit longer, straight, good stand; 3, Halliday, grizzled on head, grand feather and position; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett; hc, Warr; c, Ingham. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Halliday, cap mkd., slim built, grand feather, stands well; 2, Bishop, nice stand, neat in feather; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, good length and position, pale colour; vhc, Fellows and Flynn. BUFF (6): 1, Hirst, neck tkd., grand stand, beautiful feather and quality, well braced wings and tail, not one of the longest, but very sweet; 2, Halliday, lengthy clear, nice feather, not quite so straight, yet a grand hen all over; 3, Mason, clear, good wings and tail, nice back, not quite so slim built, but close up; vhc, Fellows and Flynn; hc, Arnold; c, Coucb. SCOTS CK (4): 1, Lugton, heavy-shouldered yell., gets tail well under perch and head well down, nice drive; 2, vhc, Hannington, pied buff, good in shoulders, shorter in neck; 3, Summerbill. HEN (2): 1, Lugton, lengthy yell., nice head and neck, well turned; 2, Summerhill, green, gets tail well under, nice neck. BORDER CL. (10): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Fenwick, first nice feather and style, good shape, 2 nice shape and style, good carriage, hardly fit yet;3, buff,beautiful feather, good carriage; vhc, Gwilliam. TKD. OR MKD. (10): 1, Hawkins, tkd. left wing, lovely feather, nice jaunty carriage, buff; 2, Clark, neck tkd. yell., good shape, nice feather and quality; 3, vhc, hc, c, Lewis, eyes and wing mkd. buff nice shape, neat in feather. A.O.V. (2): 1, Ottery, yell Lancs. Plainhead, good length and position; 2, King, very fair pied tail buff Cinn. ROLLERS (12): 1,, vhc, Wilsden; 2, Netherwood; 3, Corkindale; vhc, c, Wirtle; these made a good and interesting class, and attracted considerable attention.

British Hybrids and Foreign.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, winner nice square cut blaze of good colour, well tanned chest and good carriage, 2 excels in buttons, good back, not quite so good in cut of blaze, still a close run; 3, Stevens, nice feather and style, fair expanse of blaze; vhc, White; hc, Stephenson; c, Jones. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Poulton, grand shape, rich-coloured breast, good cap and wing bars, very steady; 2, White, nice colour on breast, good feather, cap and wing bars. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Lovell, magnificently pencilled all over, grand featber, shape and colour, real gem of a Linnet; 2, White, beautifully-marked Siskin, nicely laced cap, in grand feather; 3, Green, splendid feathered and rich coloured Lesser Redpoll. HAWFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Jeffrey, Hawfinch, grand feather, nice cut bib, and well marked; 2, Bishop, nicely spangled, and good coloured Bramble, in fine feather; 3, Thomas, good feathered and well marked Reed Bunting; 2 vhc,Rogerson. MULES, LGT. (9): 1, Wasley, six-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary, exquisite feather, nice colour and well marked, in rare trim, wins "C.B." prize; 2, Lees, yellow Goldie-Canary, even wing mkd., beautiful colour and good size, will improve yet; 3, Hopkins and Allsopp, grandly feathered four-pointed buff Goldie-Canary, very smart; vhc, Tams and Sons; hc, Andrews; c, Tilley. A.O.V. MULE (8): 1, Tams and Sons, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rich colour, good feather and fair size; 2, Wasley, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, nice colour and feather, on the small size; 3, Tiley, Greenfinch-Canary, grand feather and good colour; vhc, Mills; hc, c, King. LARGE FOREIGN (4): 1, 2, ex, 2, 3, Rogerson (E.), Mealy Rosella, in grand feather and colour, Bulla-Bulla, good colour and condition, minus one back claw, Bloodwing and Rosella Parrakeets. SMALL (13): 1, hc, Millsum, Olive Tanager, in grand feather, very rare; 2, Thorne, magnificent Scarlet Tanager, very rich colour, good size and shape; ex, 2, Rogerson (Mrs.), good pair of Black-headed Gouldian Finches, in grand feather; 3, c, Rogerson (E.), beautiful ornamental Lorikeet, insplendid feather; vhc, Poole.

Selling and Members.

SELL. 40/- (Crest, etc.)(10): 1, Pooley; 2, Kilminster and Hooper; 3, Grant; vhc, Woodland; hc, Leonard, c, Hands. DITTO, 20/- (9): 1, Kilminster and Hooper; 2, King; 3, Hands; vhc, Osborne; hc, Oldham; c, Grant. C.B. 40/- (7): 1, Hands; 2, Cowpertwait; 3, King; vhc, Grant; hc, Leonard; c, Hayling. DITTO, 20/-: 1, King; 2, Hands; 3, Oldham; vhc, Miles; hc, Hayling; c, Kilminster and Hooper. NOR 20/- (10): 1, Barnes; 2, Jupe; 3, Stephenson; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Clark; c, Child. CINN. 20/- (2): 1, Hartup; 2, Godley. A.V. 15/- (7): 1, Rennie; 2, Sendal'; 3, Jupe; vhc, Hartup; hc, Miles; c, King. DITTO 10/- (7): 1, Jupe; 2, Rennie; 3, Gibbons; vhc, Pounsett; hc, Child; c, Harvey. MEMBERS' CREST (12): 1, 8, Hands, nice shaped crest, wide frontal, good shaped body, 3 even wing mkd., very thick frontal, good droop, we liked much; 2, vhc, Kilminster and Hooper, nice drooping crest, good shaped body; hc, Treasure; c, Roylance. C.B. (7): 1, Hayling, green, rare entrance to a good feathered skull, good shaped Roylance. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Child, unfl., nice shape and colour; 2, Stephenson, good feather and level colour; 3, Harvey, nice feather and head; vhc, Miles. BUFF (5): 1, Rogerson, good shape, nice quality of feather, well mealed; 2, Stephenson, hot colour, grand feather, stoutly built; 3, Hands; vhc, Harvey; hc, Child. MKD., ETC. (7): 1 Williams, buff marked head, neck and wings, nice colour, shape and feather; 2, Barnes, mkd. wiugs and head, nice feather and quality, good shape, yellow; 3, Gibbons, good clear; vhc, Child; hc, c, Harvey. HEN (6): 1, Rogerson, buff, grizzled on wing, good shape and feather, nicely frosted; 2, Child, buff, nice shape and feather; 3, Gibbons, beautifully feathered, buff, nice shape, wings well braced, we liked much, "C.B." second prizewinner; vhc, c, Harvey; hc, Stephenson. YORKS (3): 1, 2, 3, Hope, very fair team. BRIT. A.V. (4): 1, Stevens, very fair Goldie; 2, Pounsett, pretty Siskin; 3, vhc, Maddocks, nice feathered Bramblefinch. GIFT (2): 1, Price; 2, King. CHILDREN'S PET (5): 1, Kilminster, a very smart Crest; 2, Brown, decent yellow Norwich; 3, Edwards, nice pair of Zebra Finches.

CHIRNSIDE.

Held October 23 in Small Hall. Mr. Thomas Arnot Hawick judged all classes, and his awards gave general satisfaction. Exhibits were of a very high order, especially in Borders, which turned out strong. Messrs. Patterson and Shiell, secretaries, had everything in good order, and were well assisted by members present. SCOTCH FANCY COCK: 1, 2, 4, spl., Russell, grand cl. Buff, very erect, grand substance, shoulder, and drive; 2, Patterson, runs very close, rare stamp, determined drive; 3, vhc, fair size, good length of side. HEN: 1, 4, Renton, 1st Buff, well built, good depth of rib, fine shoulder and drive; 2, Patterson, Yell., a wee thinner, good top end; 3, vhc, Russell, Yell., grand size, look like a cock. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, 3, Patterson, 1st grand colour, rare type, stylish swagger, good quality; 3rd rare good one, fine quality; 2, Russell, good colour, nice back and wings, little open in front; 4, Cormack. HEN: 1, 3, spl., Patterson, 1st rare, fine, like wax, taking exhibit, rare head, well modelled back and wings; 3rd good type and quality; 2, spl., Johnstone and Young, another good one, fine jaunty carriage, good round back, well laid on wings; 4, Glass, another good one, fine style and quality. BUFF COCK: 1, Johnstone and Young, good one, fine colour and condition; 2, 3, Dippie, 2nd presses hard, grand fronted bird, nice action; 3rd good stamp; 4, Patterson, grand quality and rare stylish carriage. HEN: 1, vhc, Patterson, a little beauty, finely modelled, very stylish and fit; 2, 4, Russell, nice size, fine front, a good one; 3, Dippie, very stylish, plenty go in her, will improve yet. YELL. MKD.: 1, spl., 3, Patterson, 1st splendid colour, grand markings, stylish action, nice size, beautiful quality, correct size; 2, Johnstone and Young, well known winner, rare good style, colour, and markings, very taking exhibit; 3, three-pointed Cinn., marked eyes and wing, grand texture of feather, fine colour, scarcely ready yet; 4, vhc, Brown, good markings and quality, fine colour. BUFF MKD.: 1, vhc, Brown, 1st ideal, even marked, rare shaped eyes and wings, beautiful type, and very stylish in action, nicely modelled; 2, Patterson, another even, a good little bird for shape, colour and condition; 3, Johnstone and Young, even a shade larger, good quality; 4, Glass, tbin point, fine, taking style, good colour and quality. FOUL: 1, 3, Johnstone and Young, 1st marked wing buff, a real gem, excel in type, rare stylish swagger; 3rd another good yellow, fine colour, type and style, soiled in condition; 2, Cormack, one we liked, beautiful colour and quality, rare stylish go of her head; 4, Dippie. GIFT: 1, Brown; 2, Glass; 3, Patterson. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, 3, Patterson, 1st champion pair of Borders, Buff cock, Yell. hen (clears), feathered as smooth as glass; 3, graud pair of Scotch, rare shoulders and drive, grand size; 2, Johnstone and Young, Borders, Buff cock, Yell. hen, good, stylish pair, fails in condition to winners; 4, Glass, Borders, likely pair finely matched; vhc, Renton, Scotch.

MIDDLESBRO'

The above C.B.S. held its second annual exhibition October 26 in the Oddfellows' Hall. The room was large and lofty. Mr. A. Wake, the hon. sec., worked hard during the day, and his assistants worked splendidly after the wants of the birds. The room was packed during the day with visitors. In the Yorkshire section some fine birds were staged, Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, of Heighington, winning in the first three classes, with a clear yellow, clear buff, and yellow ticked, three very typical Yorkshires. Mr C. Thornton won in buff ticks and the hen class, with his gems. In the Norwich section some real good birds were staged; Mr. G. Harland's clear yellow was full of quality; Mr. D. Hope winning in cl buffs, and taking 1st and 2nd in unflighteds, with a couple of good ones. Mr. Marwood secured both 1st in the Mule classes, with two toppers, a Siskin Canary and Goldfinch-Bullfinch. Mr. W. Mundell, Bradford, and Mr. F. Marwood, Thornaby, were the judges, the former taking the Canary Section, the latter British, Foreign and the Mule Classs.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (20): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, blaze of colour, very steady, good head, wings, well braced, 4, Unfl., rich colour, well on leg, will make good bird another year; 2, Rand, pale colour, good wings and tail, very stylish; 3, Greenwood, rich Watts, c, Cooper. CL. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, on the strong side, nice quality, good colour, good head and back; vhc, Elliott; hc, chest, neat head, grand position; 3, rich colour, good wing carriage, piped tail; 2, Ware, very typical, well on leg, good head, clean cut; 4, Dixon, stylish, nicely drawn; vhc, Rev. Wilton; hc, Hanson and Son; c, Easby. TIC. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, thigh ticked, rare colour, full of quality, shown well; 4, Unfl., good head, well on leg, quality A1, bad wings, will be better when had a full mouit; 2, Barnwell, cl. ticked, shows a little frill at times, neat waist, very typical, nice boxey feather; 3, Barnes, cheek ticked, very stylish, grand qnality of feather; vhc, hc, Greenwood; c, Watts. TICK. BUFF (12): 1, Thornton, cheek ticked, stands like a guardsman, brimful of quality, good head, wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, cheek ticked, even colour, very stylish, good head, wings well braced very fine quality; 3, Barnwell, thigh ticked, very rich colour, full of quality, looking down when we saw it; 4, Watts, marked on head, a wee bit too strong, good wing carriage; vhc, Marsden; hc, Greenwood; c, Hanson and Son. HENS (26): 1, Thornton, ticked buff, straight as a pencil, feathered like wax, beautiful head, wings and tail; 2, Long, yellow, rich colour, feathered like a Java, neat head; 3, Cuthbertson, very typical; 4 vhc, Ware, yellow eye and wing marked, stylish, good neat head; hc, Greenwood; c, Watmough. GREENS (5): 1, 2, 4, Oliver; 3, vhc, Hanson and Son. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Harland, good head, round clean chest, short wings and tail, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, a beauty; 2, 4, Hill and Stewart, rich colour, good head, compact wings and tail, short, chubby, full of quality, true to type; 4, good substance, quality, nice round chest, full of colour; 3, Wake and Carr, not so good in colour, but lovely quality, good head and chest, chubby; vhc, Hope, hc, Pickering and Wright; c, Moore. CL. BUFF NOR. (14): 1, Hope, short chubby bird, correct type, full of quality, good head and chest, boxy feather, beautiful colour; 2, hc, Hill and Stewart, another good one, grand chest and head, short wings and tail; 3, Hesp, good head and chest, compact wings and tail, very chubby, fine quality of feather; 4, Freeman, fine quality, rich colour; vhc, Worthington Bros.; c, Wake and Carr. TICK OR VAR. (11): 1, Moore, thigh ticked buff, rare substance, full of quality, good head and chest, rich colour; 2, Harland, buff ticked, blaze of colour, short wings and tail, very chubby, good head and chest; 3, Wake and Carr, wing ticked buff, blaze of colour, good body and head, true to type; 4, Sedgwick, var. buff, typical, full of quality, rare colour, chubby; vhc, Hill and Stewart, a bird of promise, grand type; hc, Hesp; c, Whitworth. UNFLI. YELL. (23):1, 2, Hope, two toppers, brimful of colour, good heads and chests; plenty of substance, full of quality; 3, Middleton, plenty of substance, rich colour, good head and chest, true Norwich type; 4, c, Pickering and Wright; 4, wing ticked, rare substance, blaze of colour, good head and chest; vhc, Crosling; hc, Harland. BUFF (23): 1, Dalgetty, eye and wing, bit long on leg, full of quality, boxy feather, good head, clean on chest; 2 c, Pickering and Wright; 2, eye ticked, chubby, good head and chest, neat wing and tail; 3, Worthington Bros., eye ticked, rich colour, chubby, good head, short flights and tail; 4, Meynell, rare substance, good head and chest, quality; vhc, Hill and Stewart; hc, Wake and Carr. NOR. HEN (23): 1, Pickering and Wright, buff, full of quality, good head and chest, true to type; 2, Harland, yellow, full of colour, round head, good back and chest, short wings and tail; 3, Hill and Stewart, buff, short chubby, good head and chest, full of bloom, grand type, silky feather; 4, Dalgetty, yellow, shape and style, good head and body, grand quality; vhc, Worthington Bros., grand head, rich colour; hc, Boyle; c, Meynell. CIN. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Bentley, rich colour, good head and body, too loose in feather; 3, colour good, light on head; 2, Hill and Stewart, good head, rich colour; 4, Seely. CINN. BUFF.: 1, 3, Bentley, good head and chest, rich colour, full of quality, 3 nice type, would do with more substance; 2, Seely, good head, rich colour, good head and body; 4, Wilson; vhc, Harrison and Son. CREST: 1, Taylor and Smart vari., good droop, massive skull, good centre, plenty of feather; 2, vhc, Yeates, good skull, plenty of feather, good centre, nice droop; 3, Brown, clear body, grizzled crest, good centre, nice even droop, would do with more feather; 4, Rev. Bernard Wilton, even wing, dark crest, good body, plenty of feather, nice droop from centre; hc, c, Gibson. CREST-BRED: 1, Taylor and Smart vari., massive skull, plenty of feather, large body, good frontal, lashed well; 2, Webb and Orton, vari., large body, plenty of feather, broad skull, well lashed, good frontal; 3, c, Rev. Bernard Wilton, good head, well lashed, plenty of body feather; 4, Metcalfe; vhc, Gibson; hc, Garbutt. A.O.V.: 1, Wileock, evenly marked buff Border, feathered like wax, grand type; 2, Rev. Bernard Wilton, Golden Lizard, nicely spangled, very rich colour; 3, Williams, buff tkd. Border, full of quality; 4, Hanson and Son. SELL. 20/- (16): 1, 3, Wake and Carr; 2, Beaburn; 4, Bentley; vhc, Wheatley; hc, Axe; hc, Williams; c, Hanson and Son. SELL. 15/- Carr; 2, Meaburn; 4, Bentley; vhc, Wheatley; hc, ley; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Agar; c, Greenwood. SELL. 10/- (19): 1, Wheatley; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, Wilson; vhc, H. Wilson; hc, Gardner; c, Stevens. MEMBERS' YORKS. (20): 1, vhc, hc, Wheatley, 1st yellow, full of quality; 2, 3, c, Barnes, 2nd buff, typical, good head, 3rd vari. yell., blaze of colour; 4 Hughes, evenly mkd. yellow, lovely colour. MEMBERS' NOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gardner, 1st typical, good head and chest, 2 nice type, 3 short chubby; vhc, hc c Greenfield. A.V. HEN (7): 1, 4, vhc, 2, Gardner; 3, Greenfield. CAN. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Gardner.

Mr. Marwood's Classes.

CAN. MULE A.V. (15): 1, Maddison, Siskin-Canary, nearly clear, lovely specimen, Newcastle winner; 2, Marwood, evenly marked Goldfinch, shown in the pink; 3, Cuthbertson, Linnet Mule, good type, nicely shown; 4, Todd and Son, Goldie Mule; vbc, Jones; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Davidson and Boyd. HYBRID (8): 1, Maddison, Goldie-Bullie, grand shape and quality, shown well; 2, Boyle; 3, Dr. O'Neal; 4, Wilkinson and Danby; vhc, Rev. Bernard Wilton. LINNET (21): 1, Milburn and Flintoff, grand colour and markings, very steady; 2, Mojie, another good one, nicely staged, nut brown, nicely pencilled; 3, Pace, not quite pencilled enough like winner, but a very steady bird; 4, Thompson; vhc, Clement and Weedy; hc, King; c, Wildsmith and Hawkins; a very good class, many birds standing cardless that will win later on. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Clement and Weedy, rich blaze, nicely buttoned, very steady; 2, King, close up to winner, very steady, nice shine; 3, Robson, nice colour, well mooned and very clear tars; 4, Thompson; vhc, Axe. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Woods, 1st good cap, rich colour, breast and back A1, 2nd nice cap, very level, good breast; 3, Clement and Weedy, fine cap, wing and back, rich colour; 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; hc, Todd and Son. GREENFINCH: 1, Maddison, a gem, size, colour and shape, rich bloom, shown in the pink; 2, Featherstone, splendid colour, nice type, good head and chest; 3, Salmon; 4, Allison; vhc, Wake and Carr. SIS. TWI. OR REDPOLL (11): 1, Rev. Bernard Wilton, Redpoll, in the pink of condition; 2, Axe, Siskin, beautifully marked, nice bib; 3, Mallory; 4, Salmon; vhc, King; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Todd and Son. A.O.V. (11): 1, Axe, Hawfinch, shown in capital condition; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Bramble; 3, Salmon; 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Brown; c, Davidson and Boyd. A.O.V. SOFTBILL (LARGE) (5): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hoopoe, a beauty, very steady, and in the pink of condition; 2, Wilkinson and Danby; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 4, Hughes; vhc, Beseeby. SMALL (9): 1, Wilkinson and Danby; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Nicholson and Son; 3, Pattison. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, 2 Newbould; 3, Davidson and Boyd. MEMBERS —MULE AND HYBRID (13): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Butterfield; 3, Wills; 4, Wetherhead; c, Greenfield. BRIT. A.V. (10): 1, 2, 3, Hughes; 4, Salmon; vhc, Butterfield; hc, Wheatley; c, Wells.

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ARBROATH.

Scotch Fancy C.B.S. organised the finest ornithological show ever held in Arbroath, in the Wine Hart Hall, Kirk Square, on October 26. Since the inauguration of the Scotch Fancy Society a few years ago energetic efforts have been made to raise this annual exhibition, and the efforts of the members have been crowned with success. Considerably over 200 entries were staged, including three of the best known exhibitors at Scotch Shows. Besides the various Canary sections there were classes for British and Foreign Birds, which were all well filled. The hall is an ideal one for such a show, and the birds were well staged. The judges were—For Scotch Fancy, Mr Charles Berwick, St. Andrew's, for Norwich, Mr Alexander Wilson, Montrose, and for British, Foreign Mule, and Hybrid classes, Mr. Pellegrew, Glasgow; they had their work cut out for them, as a large number of the birds had been prize winners at earlier shows, but every bird was carefully handled, and their individual points fully weighed up; several of the earlier winners found themselves without a ticket. The judges' awards seemed to give every satisfaction. SCOTCH FANCY: YELL. FOUL COCK: 1, Black, good bird, well up, wants finishing; 2, Strachan, fair bird. 3, 4, Strachan; 3, a model, but too small. Cl. OR FOUL YELLOW COCK: 1, Merrilees, good hen, well shown; 2, Keill, good hen, but looking rusty, when we saw her, make a good stock hen; 3, Black; 4, Steven; vhc, and hc, Strachan. BUFF: 1, 3, Low, 1st, old winner, often described, looking well; 2, Black, a good exhibit, always ready, and looking well; 4, hc, Keill and Thoms. BUFF HEN: 1, Keill, well up, fine substance, free worker, and pronounced drive; 2, and 5, Strachan, good models of Scotch Fancy; 3, 4, Black, good birds, nice necks, and good reach, both work well; 6, Bowman. YELL. PIED OR GREEN COCK: A few clinkers here: 1, Carmyllie, a gem for style, free worker, throws body well back, grand shoulders, and reach, a gem of the first water; 2, Thoms, another good bird, in rare bloom; 3spl. and 5, Merrilees, two good birds, grand quality; 4, Shanks, good old bird, looking well; 6, Strachan, a nice hird, but small. HEN: 1, Black, grand style, rare driver, gets to work freely, nice reachy bird, well-known winner; 2, Low, nice active hen, plenty of substance, and fine style, good driver, in rare order; 3, spl., Carmyllie, good hen, looking well but not so well as when we saw her last; 4, Thoms; 5, Muir; 6, Strachan. BUFF PIED COCK: 1, Black, good bird, grand shoulder, in rare bloom, throws body well back, in right place; 2, Carmyllie, another good bird, pressing winner hard; 3, Strachan, good bird, nice head and neck; 4, Sadler, nice quality throughout, beaten in substance; 5, Shanks; 6, 7, Ross, two good birds, ought to be handled more. BUFF PIED HEN: 1, Keill, grand all over, rare depth throughout, throws body well back, grand shoulders, and reach, a gem of the first water; 2, Merrilees, good second, but scarcely so determined in drive, grand substance and quality, in rare bloom; 3, Strachan, small, but grand quality; 4, Thoms, good set of bird, but lacks style. SELL. COCK: 1, spl., Carmyllie, good old stager, might have won easily in own class; 2, Strachan, good buff green cock, in rare bloom, 3, Merrilees, another good bird at priee; 4, Ross, good bird; 5, Lowe; 6, Blair. HEN: 1, Merrilees, a good bird, in rare trim; 2, Kenneth, good stock bird; 3, 5, Strachan; 6, Ross; 7, Sadler. NOR. CAN. (10): 1, Davidson, grand substance, rare colour, deep level tone throughout, heads a good class with something in hand; 2, Lyall good bird, grandly fed, good showy exhibit; 3, spl., nice one in frame, good carriage and full of vigour; 3, Mitchell, another good bird, well staged; 4, McFarlane, lovely shape, put down in rare trim; 5, Brown; 6, Souter, two good birds, should be heard of yet. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Macfarlane, a champion, well shown, deep, level tone throughout, well finished; good front and wing carriage, head a good class; 2, Martin another lovely bird well shown, runs the first one hard; 3, Marr, nice size and good frame, put down in rare trim; 4, Harris, another good bird, well shown.

LEITH.

Leith O.S. annual show, held 26th Oct., in Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street. Entries numbered 240, a very satisfactory total. The hall is a nice place free from draughts, exhibits being staged along each side. Judges: Messrs. F. Dewar, and Thos. Knight. The Scotch Fancy classes were a little disappointing, only 23 entries in eight classes, but the Norwich, Borders, etc., were well above average both in numbers and quality. In the Border Buff Cock class it gave Mr. Dewar a hard nut to crack to spot the winner, which ultimately secured the B.F.C.C. medal. At close of show, the special prizes were presented by Mr. John Dobbie, one of the society's patrons, in place of Mr. W. Graham York, who had agreed to do so, but who was unable to be present. Mr. Dobbie, in a neat little speech on birdy matters, interspersed with a good deal of humour, thereafter presented the marble clock, given by Mr. Graham York for most points, to Mr. Wm. Alcorn, who had 100 points over the show, Mr. Wm. Finnis being runner up with 97. At the conclusion, Mr. Jas. Lumsden, president, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Dobbie for his services. SCOTCH FANCIES.—YELL. COCK: 1, 2, Calder. BUFF COCK: 1, Dalgleish; 2, Calder; 3, West. YELL., PIED OR GREEN COCK: 1, Dalgleish; 2, 3, 4, 5, West. BUFF COCK: 1, 2, 3, Carson. YELL. HEN: 1, Dalgleish; 2, Carson; 3, West, BUFF HEN: 1, Dalgleish. YELL., PIED OR GREEN HEN: 1, West. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Carson; 2, Calder; 4, West. NOR. YELL. COCK: 1, 2, 3, 7, Alcorn; 4, 5, 6, Finnis; 8, Carson. BUFF COCK: 1, 6, Buglass; 2, Alcorn; 3, 4, 8, Finnis; 7, Carson. A.O.V. COCK: 1, Finnis; 2, 3, 4, Alcorn; 5, 6, 7, Carson; 8, Buglass. YELL. HEN: 1, Buglass; 2, Caldwill; 3, 4, 5, Carson. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Finnis; 2, 4, 5, 6, Alcorn; 7, Carson: 8, Buglass. HEN: 1, 7, Bugiass; 2, Alcorn; 3, Carson: 4, 5, Finnis; 6, 8, Carson. CRESTED COCK: 1, Alcorn. HEN: 1, Finnis. CRESTBRED COCK: 1, Alcorn; 2, Finnis. BREEDING PAIRS: 1, 3, 4, Alcorn: 2, Buglass. BORD. FANCY.—YELL. COCK: 1, 7, Hook; 2, 4, 8, Brown; 3, 5, 6, Alcorn. BUFF COCK: 1, 7, Hook; 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, Brown: 6, Fiunis. YELL HEN: 1, 6, Brown: 2, 4, 7, Alcorn: 3, Hook; 5, Todd; 8, Finnis. BUFF HEN: 1, 5, 7, Hook; 2, 3, 6, Caldwell; 4, Finnis; 8, Brown. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 8, Buglass; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, West. EVEN MKD. OR VAR. COCK: 1, West; 2, Caldwell; 3, 4, Brown; 5, Finnis; 6, 7, Alcorn; 8, Todd. HEN: 1, Brown; 2, Hook; 3, 7, Alcorn; 4, Finnis; 5, Todd; 6, West. BRIT. AND MULES—GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 5, Layers; 3, Colbron; 4, Carson. LINNET: 1, Colbron; 2, 3, Moffat; 4, Barclay; 5, 6, Finnis; 7, Caldwell; 8, Carson. SISKIN: 1, Barclay; 2, 3, Moffat; 4, Colbron; 5, Caldwick. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, 2, Sayers; 3, 5, Barclay; 4, Colbron; 6, Brown. A.O.V.: 1, Sayers; 2, 3, Colbron; 4, Barclay. BRIT. HEN: 1, Moffat; 2, 3, 4, Barclay. DARK MULE: 1, 6, Barclay; 2, 5, 7, Sayers; 3, Moffat; 4, Alcorn; 8, Carson.

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HADDINGTON.

The Royal Burgh of Haddington, held their 21st Annual Show of Cage Birds, October 26. The Corn Exchange Lesser Hall, in which Cage Birds were staged, is in every respect an ideal building for a show. Mr Mark Binnie, President, Mr. Wm. Kirk, Vice President, and Mr. T. M. Douglas, Chairman. The duties of secretary and treasurer were ably carried out by Mr. D. Cockburn, who was well supported by the following well known fanciers, who composed the committee: Messrs. T. Young, J. Cockburn, T. Wilson, W. Spark, W. Murray, D.C. Murray, J. Black, R. Stewart, M. Gibson, J. Tinline, and A. Tithah. Entries totalled up 200, a little in excess of last year's. Quality throughout the show was of a high class, and many notable winners were on view. Scotch Fancies were well represented, and were carefully handled by the veteran, Mr. J. Hogg (Oakley). Borders were well handled by Mr. Peter McKenzie (Kelso), and he had a choice lot to deal with. Mr. A. Cochrane, Edinburgh, had the handling of the Norwich, etc. SCOTS YELL. OR FOUL COCK (8): 1, Lugton, good top end and reach, fine breadth and thickness, wins; 2, Johnstone, similar in build, rather sharper cut on top; 3, 4, Currie, fair size, good rib and tail; 5, J. Johnstone; 6, D. Allan and Son, 7, T. Patterson. HEN (5) 1, spl., R. Johnstone's massive shoulders, well rounded and good mover; 2, J. Johnstone, grand top and drive, straighter in rib; 3, Scott, slighter build, good action; 4, J. Scott, good mover, but plainer. BUFF OR FOUL COCK (8): 1, spl., R. Johnstone, good top, end, nice laid on wings and tail; 2, J. Johnston, broad shoulders and strong back, well ribbed; 3, Currie, heavy frame, rougher feather; 4, 5, J. Gordon; 6, G. Scott; 7, T. Patterson. HEN (6): 1, Smart, grand top, gets head well down, nicely turned rib and tail; 2, J. Patterson, strong lamed one, hardly so good in reach; 3, R. Johnstone, takes perch well, fine head; 4, J. Scott; 5, J. Johnstone; 6, J. Currie. PIED OR GREEN YELL. COCK (3): 1, R. Johnstone, large reachy bird, good frame and turn; 2, Farquhar, fine top end, long deep ribbed; 3, Burns, shorter reach. HEN (5): 1, spl., Smart, well up in size, good neck and shoulder, neat bead; 2, Lugton, very massive body, deep frame; 3, 5, G. Scott, hardly so well up in size, fine top; 4, J. Johnstone, shallow in frame, good head and reach. PIED OR GREEN BUFF COCK (9): 1, 5, Smart, former grand in head, very massive shoulders and grand back; 2, Lugton, lighter in build, good style; 3, Beveridge, green, takes perch well, fine top end; 4, J. Patterson, shorter body, not so quick action; 6, Gordon; 7, J. Johnston. HEN: 1, spl., and 2, Beveridge, former A1 style, finely rounded, shoulder, and rib, wins well; 2, larger frame, not quite so good in style, or nerve; 3, Lugton, good reach and size, but sluggish—4, Currie; 5, T. Paterson; 6, J. Gordon. BORD. CL. OR TICK. YELL COCK (14): 1, spl., Bennet, finely drawn body, well laid on wings, sound level colour; 2, J. Patterson, good front, neat head, a bit unsteady; 3, 6, J. Pearson, neat head, good back and wings, paler than winners; 4, McAdam, A1 position, well tapered; 5, Vay; 7, Gilchrist. HEN (10): 1, Gilchrist, good light feather, neat head and well moulded front, inclined to cross wings; 2, McAdam, finer drawn, grand set on head, presses winners close; 3, J. Patterson, feather A1, inclined to hug perch too close; 4, G. Linton, chubbier in body; 5, Johnston and Young; 6, C. Barrie; 7, D. L. Grant. BUFF COCK (18): 1, 4, Bennet, leading with his old champion foul, best of head and fronts, finely drawn; 4, chubbier in body, grand feather; 2, and Cup, Leitch, well proportioned, A1 feather, well put down; 3, Lumsden, type A1, trifle soiled; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Barrie. HEN (13): 1, and B.I.C. Medal, J. Patterson, sweetly moulded and rare bloom, wins well; 2, Leitch, another good exhibit, well finished; 3, Barrie, nice shape and neat head; 4, Gilchrist, fine feather; 5, Johnston and Young, 6, Grant; 7, Tinline. EVEN MARK (7): 1, spl., Bennet, finely balanced markings, sound colour and good type; 2, A. and J. Thomson, also good in markings, fails a little to winner in type; 3, Patterson, good eyes, grand feather; 4, W. Shearer, rather larger in body. UNEVEN OR VAR. (16): 1, J. Patterson, cinn. mark., nicely moulded, but unsteady; 2, A. and J. Thomson, good type, well laid on wings; 3, Leach, chubbier, neat head, good feather; 4, H. Nelson; 5, J. Hogg; 6, J. Brown, GREEN OR CINN (9): 1, spl., Bennet, very sound coloured grass, fine pencilling and gloss; 2, J. Patterson, grand type, and markings not so well up in lustre; 3, 6, A. and J. Thomson, former, strongly pencilled, best of type, trifle duller in colour; 4, Leitch, nicely pencilled, fails slightly in type; 5, Kerr; 7, J. Wood. SELL. BORD (7.6) (10): 1, Leitch; 2, Vay; 3, Bennet; 4, J. Patterson; 5, G. Linton; 6, Johnston and Young; 7, C. Barrie. NOR. CREST. (9): 1, spl., 4, Allan and Son, winner crest, dense feather, good even droop; 4, fair head, fails in front droop; 2, 6, Black, huff var. dark crest, nicely turned, not quite so well filled in centre; 3, Matthews, good body feather, slightly horned crest; 5, Miss Hogg. CREST-BRED (9): 1, 3, Black, former well cushioned head, finely browed; 3, good skull feather, bit flat on head; 2, Matthew, good sized body and long feather, smaller in head, nicely cushioned; 4, Miss Hogg, trifle pinched on brow feather; 5, Cheape; 6, Leitch; 7, Murray. PLAINHEAD (11): 1, spl., Little, the Selkirk winner, looking very fit, well up in colour, best of type; 2, Melrose, good colour, not so chubby; 3, Dickson Bros., very hot colour, good front, rather long in flights; 4, 6, Nisbet; 5, Bolton; 7, Pearson. A.O.V. (not classed) (2): 1, Fortune, good upstanding var. Yorks.; 2, Cheape, cinn. Yorks in grand feather. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, Cheape; 2, Fortune; 3, Paterson; 4, Workman; 5, Bolton; 6, Melrose. BRIT. AND FOR. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl., 4, Laidlaw, former best of caps and colour, good in wing bars; 4, sound colour; 2, Pendrigh, chubby make, good cap and bars; 3, Arrighi, steady, good colour, little rough below: 5, J. Fairgrieve. LINNET (4): 1, Watt, nicely mkd., good lo'd type; 2, Kerr, fine shape, hardly so sound in colour; 3, Workman; 4, Leach. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Aitken, very steady, rich colour, clear wing markings; 2, Arrighi, longer type, not so deep in colour; 3, Ross, splendid wing bars, loses in body colour; 4, Gordon, shorter in body; 5, Nisbet; 6, Robinson. GOLDIE (4): 1, spl., Pendrigh, splendid head and blaze, well toned body colour; 2, Dickson Bros., nice shape, rather flat on head; 3, Scott, not quite fit yet. SOFT BILL (5): 1, spl., Pendrigh, Redstart, nicely up in colour, good size; 2,, Nicholson, very fine Wagtail; 3, Pearson, Starling, very glossy plumage; 4, Murray, Lark. We were very sorry to see the winning Selkirk Bearded Tit, shown by A. and W. Linton, was found dead in its cage in this class. HARD BILLS (12): 1, Pendrigh, Hawfinch, well up in bloom, finely cut bib; 2, Ross, very fine Cirl Bunting; 3, Arrighi, Brambiefinch, A1 colour and markings; 4, Nisbet, Yellowhammer; 5, R. Nisbet; 6, Robinson; 7, Bowie. MULE (4): 1, spl., Arrighi, good sized light Linnet Can.; 2, McKenzie, grandly coloured Greenie Can.; 3, 4, Wood, also Greenie Can. HYBRID (1): 1, Arrighi, Linnet Bullie. FOREIGN (6): 1, R. Nisbet, well known crimson wing; 2, body; 2, vhc, good back skull, wide in entrance; 3, Maddocks, nice rise of skull; hc, c, Arrighi, Cuique Condor, 3, Leitch, Lemant Parrakeet, 4, C. C. Young, Green Cardinals, 5, Nicholson, 6, Leach. BOLTONIANY COL. (combined) (7): 1, 3, 4, Tinline, 2, Young; 5, Pringle; 6, 7, Fairgrieve. A.O.V. (combined), (3): 1, 6, G. Nisbet, 2, R. Nisbet; 3, 4, 7, Murray, 5, Young. GIFT (2): 1, 2, Black.

BUFF COCK (11): 1, McFarlane, no doubt a champion often described, 2, spl., and 3, Davidson, two lovely bird in nice bloom, running the first bird hard; 4, Lyall, good bird, well shown; 5, Irwin; 6, Martin; 7, Warden. BUFF COCK (3): 1, Low, a clinker, grand front and style, shot to carry rare quality throughout a bird to be proud of; 2, Harris, another good bird, grand bloom and colour, well shown, a close second; 3, Muir, grand bloom and colour, a well moulded bird, failing in size only; 4, Watt, good all-round hen, well shown. SELL. COCK (9): Some good birds here at the price, 1, spl., A. Souter; 2, Gove; 3, Muir; 4, Watt; 5, Hampton; 6, Mollison; 7, Grey. HEN (10): 1, spl., Souter; 2, Kemp; 3, Lyall; 4, Mitchell; 5, Grey; 6, Muir; 7, Watson. NON-FED COCK: 1, spl., Marr, splendid body and lovely head, fine quality of feather, well staged; 2, Porter, good bird, inclined to be low on perch, staged to perfection; 3, Macfarlane, another of this noted exhibitor's clinkers, well staged, rare bird; 4, Davidson, a lovely bird, as round as a ball, in pink of condition; 5, Harris, lovely bird; 6, Brown; 7, Martin. NON-FED HEN: 1, spl., Marr, rare hen, tight in feather, staged to perfection; 2, Martin; 3, Lyall, two good birds, running the first bird close; 4, Paton; 5, Napier. BRIT. GREENFINCH (13): 1, spl., Livingston, a champion, well staged; 2, Bald, another good one, staged to perfection, a close second; 3, Connacher, a beauty; 4, 5, Watson, two lovely birds, well staged. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Kenneth, a lovely bird, and staged to perfection; 2, 4, Hutton, two lovely birds, and well staged; 3, Watson, good bird; 4, Hutton, well staged bird. LINNET (11): 1, spl., Bamsay, lovely bird, tight in feather, steady, and staged to perfectiou; 2, Edwards, another lovely bird, makes a good second, well staged; 2, 3, McArdle, a nice exhibit; 4, Farquhar, nice bird, but not so steady as the leaders; 5, spl., McFarlane, a good bird, staged with eare; 6, Stewart, a good bird, but a little soft. BULLFINCHES (5): 1, spl., 3 5, Watson, three lovely birds, in the pink of condition; 2, 4, Laidlaw, two good birds and staged well, but the distance they had to travel seemed to have told against them. SISKIN REDPOLL OR TWITE (14): 1, spl., 5, Bald, two good birds and well staged; 2, 3, 4, Dickie and Smith, 3 lovely birds, and in the pink of condition, running the first bird close; 6, Hennan and Barry; 7, Jamieston. A.V HARD-BILL NOT CLASSED: 1, 2, 4, Crockatt, 3, good birds, and staged with this well-known exhibitor's best care; 3, spl., Watson, a good bird; 5, Farquhar; 6, Jamieson; 7, Christie. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, Crockatt, six good birds; 3, Eaton, a Wagtail winner of a special of 10/- for the best British bird in show, also 5/- for the best softbill, the donor (Mr. Crockatt) not competing. FOR.: This class was a good show; there were 20 entries, there ought to have been two classes here as small birds had to compete against large: 1, spl., Gowans, a Paradise Whydah, a lovely bird, put down in faultless style, and was largely admired: 2,——, Green Parrot, in lovely plumage; 3, Watson, Paradise Whydah, in pink of condition, well staged; 4, Coiville; 5, Blair: Java Finch; 6, Watson. MULES or HYBRIDS A.V.: 1, spl., 3, McFarlane, two lovely birds, well known winners, and often described; 2, 4, 5, 6, Watson, lovely birds, and well staged; 7, Gove.

GLASGOW SOUTHERN.

The Glasgow Southern (Confined) held their fourteenth annual show and competition of Scotch Fancy Canaries in the Grand National Halls, Mainstreet, Gorbals, October 26th. Hon. Vice-President, Mr. Ex-Councillor Audrew Motherwell, J.P.; President, Mr. G. Gray; Vice-President, Mr. Renwick; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. James Fleming. Judges: Messrs. John Arnot Sauchie, Wm. S. Greenock, Wm. W. Greenock, John Park Goran, David Black Goran, John Knox Springburn. There were 12 classes of Scotch Fancies, some close competition taking place, which gave the judges plenty to do in making their decision for the best bird in the hall, cup, and gold medal, and the best bird (opposite sex) gold medal. The much coveted cup and gold medal winner was a most popular one, it being Mr. James Calder's Yellow cock, first in its class, a grand bird, not been seen for some time, being a bird of no ordinary merit, and in its present form being as near as possible faultless. There was a large attendance. A few of the exhibits changed hands at good prices. In the unavoidable absence of their much respected Hon. President, A. Cameron Corbett, Esq., M.P., the Hon. Vice-President, Ex-Councillor Andrew Motherwell, J.P., very kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful winners in a few well chosen remarks. Secretary Fleming and members of committee are to be complimented on the excellent arrangements. The judges did their task to the entire satisfaction of all. YELL. COCKS (15): 1, spl., Calder, cup bird, gem, grand size, extra well set back, displaying shoulder and chest to advantage, nice drive, tight feather, tail well under, an easy win; 2, spl., Gray, nice shoulders, and drive, tail, sweeps nicely under perch, neat bird, shape small; 2, McCaig, nice size, good pose, nice reach and drive, good body; 4, Turnbull; vhc, A. Orr; hc, Fleming; c, spl., Jas. Orr; 8, spl., Hunt; 9, spl., J. Orr. BUFF (22): 1, Fleming, grand size and shoulders, good drive, clean frouts, splendid depth through, hard up, and well set, good bird; 2, 3, Gray, fair size, nice drive, clean front, shade thin through; 3, loose front, decided drive, fine pose; 4, spl., Renwick; vhc, 9, spl., McCulloch; hc, spl., Law; c, Winchester; 8, Shaunon. YELL. PIED COCKS (15): 1, 2, 3, spl., vhc, Gray, grand pose, good drive, nice shoulders, an easy first; 2, fine size, good style; 3, fine body, wing and tail; 4, Fulton; hc, spl., c, Blue; c, McLaren No. 2; 8, 9, McCulloch. BUFF (20): 1, Semple, typical all over Scotch Fancy, nice size, good depth through, wins easy; 2, 3, spl., 4, Gray, 2nd nice drive, good shoulders, erect and nice pose; 3, another good bird; vhc, c, Blue; hc, Calder; c, McCulloch; 8, Miller; 9, spl., Wilson. GREEN COCKS (4): 1, Baillie, fine pose, body, wing and keeps tail nicely under spar, an easy first; 2, Renwick, nice size, erect, good body wing and tail; 3, Miller, nice pose, fair size and drive; 4, Fulton. FOUL COCKS (16): 1, Gray, nice size and style, neat head, and good shoulders, tail takes nice sweep under perch; 2, Blue, very close on first, scarcely weight of winner, good bird, sure to improve; 3, vhc, McCaig, fair size, good reach, and nice shoulders; 4, Lang; hc, Semple; c, 8, Fulton; 9, Turnbull. YELL. HENS (22): 1, Montgomery, gold medal winner for best hen in hall, nice size and shoulders, wings nicely set, and lovely sweep of tail, good bird; 2, spl., vhc, Renwick, grand style, neat head, good body and wing, and neat pose, close on first; 3, 4, 8, 9, Fleming, nice team, 3rd good bird, nice shoulders, wing and tail; hc, spl., McCaig; c, Gray. BUFF HENS (28): 1, 3, McCaig, full front, decided drive and fair size, and nice action, good bird; 3, nice style, good bird, falls in size; 4, 2, vhc, spl., c, 8, spl., Gray, 2nd good all-round bird, shade small, neat, and good drive, falls in size only; 9, spl., Blue. YELL. PIED HENS (14): 1, Fleming, neat hen, plenty of style, grand pose, and in lovely feather, easy first; 2, 3, vhc, spl., Gray, 2nd erect, nice style, body, and wing, tail weeps nicely under, good reach, 3rd erect, fine body and wing; 4, spl., Renwick; hc, spl., 8, spl., Fulton; c, [illegible], McLaren. BUFF HENS (18): 1, Fleming, fine and erect, good shoulders, nice pose, tail well under, grand style all over, wins its place; 2, J. Wilson, not the weight of winner, but good style and plenty of action, should improve; 3, spl., vhc, G. Fulton, very neat and stylish, falls in substance to winners; 4, Blue; hc, Bullions; c, spl., 8, Baillie; 9, spl., McCaig. GREEN HENS (4): 1, 2, Fulton, nice bird, full of action, an easy first, little between second and winner; 3, Turnbull; 4, A. Orr. FOUL HENS (22): 1, Renwick, good size and shoulder, erect and good pose, a nice typical bird, wins easily, tail well under; 2, Portcous, fair size, nice reach and body, falls in size only to winner; 3, Chaplin, nice drive, body and tail, may improve; 4, Turnbull; vhc, Wilson; hc, McCaig; c, spl., Fulton; 8, Lang; 9, Calder. AMATEUR CLASSES—COCKS: 1, 4, Turnbull, yell. and foul; 2, 7, spl., McCulloch, buff; 3, Law, buff; 5, Hunt; 6, spl., Lochead; 8, Hunt; 9, spl., Stewart. HENS: 1, 3, 4, Turnbull; 2, McCulloch; vhc, spl., Law; hc, McGuillan; c, Stewart; 8, spl., Law.

STOKE NEWINGTON.

This pleasing little North London fixture was held in the Devonshire-square church schoolroom on October 29th and 30th, and was a most successful function. Entries came up fairly well, and the quality certainly showed an improvement on some previous shows. The exhibits were very nicely staged, and their wants well attended to by the committee. The Stoke Newington fanciers are a happy brotherly lot, and the officials mostly old stagers, in whose hands the society has made good progress. Mr. Morris (the chairman), Mr. Churchman (the vice-chairman) the secretaries, Messrs. Dowden and Niblett, all are staunch and true workers, and, with the committee, evidently have the best interests of the society at heart. The committee include such sterling fanciers as Messrs. H. A. Cooper-Bagley, G. J. Bone, J. H. Fox, C. L. Hatchett, W. Penton, A. Preston, E. G. Rhodes, G. Soame, J. C. Spence, and H. Sweetman, and a real good lot they are. Crests were not a big lot, but they furnished the winner of the challenge cup for the best youngster, and the special winner for best bird in the show, both falling to Mr. Farmer, Mr. Sweetman's Yellow Yorkie capturing the special for best of opposite sex to the Crest. Yorkshires and Norwich were each good, some excellent exhibits being shown by Messrs. Mead, Ford, Penton, Langridge, Williams, and Dowden. British too, were good, especially the Linnets. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION YORKS (6): All from Mr. Sweetman, and a really nice team, combining length, shape, style, and plenty of colour; winner takes special best opposite sex to Crest. CRESTS (6): All from Mr. Farmer, lot grand, wing marked crest, rare shape, size, and droop; takes special best adult in show; 2nd and challenge cup, very stout, beavy feathered Green Crestbred. MULES (6): 1, c, spl., Mortlock, the well-known yellow variegated, in grand trim; 2, vhc, hc, spl., Mead, very smart variegated buff, capital shape, fine head, nice colour and feather; 3, Chapman, shapely dark buff, good feather and colour. AMATEURS, NOR. (9): 1, 2, 3, spl., Langridge, three splendid buffs, very nice type, splendid colour, and neat, compact, silky feather; vhc, hc, c, Pike. NOVICE, NOR. (7): 1, 2, c, Williams, two yellows, very nice shape, capital colour, and good quality of feather; 3, vhc, hc, Ford, chubby, well made buff, good head and back, nice colour and feather. HEN (4): 1, spl., Williams, capital little buff, rare shape, colour and feather; 3, vhc, Dowden, deep chested long buff of nice colour; hc, Wells. YORKS. ADULT (7): 1, c, and two spls., Mead, very smart, stylish, cinnamon-marked yellow, rich colour, nice shape and feather; 2, Turner, very racy yellow, full of nerve and style, nice feather and colour; 3, Lacey, eye and wing marked yellow, very nice feather and shape, good carriage; vhc, Penton; hc, Wells. BRED 1907 (8): 1, 3, spl., Ford, wing marked and clear yellows, capital style, nice shape, good quality and colour; 2, Penton, grizzle-shouldered yellow, very smart typical bird, rare quality, and plenty of nerve; vhc, Mead; hc, Clarke. ADULT BUFF (5): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wells, wing marked and variegated buffs, nice shapely birds of good style. HEN (4): 1, Mead, rattling good buff, plenty of length and style, good shape; 3, Penton, very racy, wing marked yellow, nice colour and feather; vhc, hc, Clarke. SELLING, 15/- (5): 1, 2, hc, Langridge; vhc, c, Sweetman. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (2): 1, 2, spl., 2nd best British, Mortlock, two nice faced Finches, well buttoned, good bars, and CRESTS, A.O.V. FINCH (9): 1, Mortlock, splendid colour and shape, neatly marked, good cap; 2, Hudson, very nicely coloured, well sponged, close feathered Bramblefinch; 3, Hawkins, another smart Chaffinch, neatly marked, good colour; vhc, Dowden, hc, c, Hudson. LINNET (6): 1, spl., best British, Pipe, charming little chap, beautiful colour, very nicely marked, and as steady as a rock; 2, 3, Mortlock, capital shape, well marked, good feather, not quite up in colour; vhc, Penton, hc, Dowden; c,, Hudson. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, vhc, Hudson, very rich coloured, well marked steady Redpoll; 3, Dowden, another very shapely, well marked steady Redpoll. SOFTBILL (5): 1, spl. 3rd best British, Sweetman, very finely marked Thrush, grand colour, nice size and good shape; 2, c, vhc, Hudson, well marked, nice coloured, steady Lark; hc, Dowden; c, Scarff. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, spl., Miss Rimington, rich coloured, well marked red-headed Gouldian; 2, equally good black-headed Gouldian; 3, very nice Orange Bishop, capital colour and feather; c, Mortlock.

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GREAT HORTON.

Held annual open show of Great Horton Good Intent O.S., in the Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Oct. 26th, and was the fourth held under the Yorkshire Union rules. 21 classes were provided, and these attracted the enormous entry of 503, giving an average per class of 24. This is an entry that will take some beating, and the officials are to be congratulated on the success of their venture. Mr. Holden, the secretary, is very obliging, and was ably assisted by Messrs. Brook, president, Schofield, vice-president, and Hollas, treasurer, as well as by the strong committee. Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), judged, but in consideration of the magnificent entry, Mr. James Hartley's services were called into requisition. Mr. Halliday took all the open classes, the two Cock Selling classes, and the Novice Buff Hens; Mr. Hartley judging the hen selling classes and all the novice classes, with the exception of the buff hens. This we believe, is Mr. Hartley's first venture at judging an open show. The placings of both were well received. The morning proved very foggy and dark, many classes having to be judged by artificial light. CL. YELL. YORKS. (24) 1 and spl, Farrar, grand slim bird, splendid type, nice wing carriage, pipe tail, fine colour and quality, good start for a last year's novice; 2, Shackleton, nice length and well drawn, good style, grand colour and quality, close race; 3, Radley, unfl., very typical bird of good position; 4, Bailey and Swanger, fine quality, good shape and position; vhc, Towers; hc, Hill; c, Wilson. BUFF (20): 1, spl., Shackleton, good length, A1 shape, stylish, excellent quality, shines like satin; 2, Drake, big bird, good quality, fine position, looking well; 3, Taylor, fair size, best of head, well filled neck and good back; 4, Crabtree, grand shape, beautiful colour and quality, nicely drawn ont behind, very neat; vhc, Radley; hc, Tidswell and Greenwood; c, Wilson. TICK YELL. (17): 1, Gibbons, tick neck, grand length, good colour, nicely carried wings and good tail; 2, 3, and spl., Cruise, second unfli., tick thigh, lovely quality and type, nice position, stands well; 3, Tick cheek, good long bird, splendid position, two grand birds; 4, Drake and Son, tick wing, grand quality, nice colour, and all there for style; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Walsh. BUFF (15): 1, hc, and spl., Radley, tick cheek, beautiful quality, grand shape, stands well shows for all he is worth, a beauty; 2, Wilcock, big, long bird, rather stouter than winner, extra good quality, good head and neck; 3, Shackleton, tick, neck, grand shape, quality and position, beautifully carried wings and tail; 4, Wilson, tick, head, not quite as large, all there for quality, shape and position, stands like a soldier; vhc, Taylor; c, Ogden Bros. UNEV. MKD (20): 1 and spl., Ogden Bros., buff mkd. one wing, eyes and head, big, long bird, splendid colour, nice shape and quality; 2, Walton, yell. tic. wing, eyes and head, nice shape and quality, fair colour, stands well; 3, Rawnsley, buff mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand quality and shape; 4, Wood, fine drawn, shapely exhibit; vhc, Towers; hc, Self; c, Thornton. HEAVILY VARIEG. (20): 1 and spl., Shackleton, yell., good length, nice typo and colour, stands well up; 2, Gill and Picknp, another yell. of good length, with plenty of style, good shape and quality; 3, Ogden Bros., yell. again, nice typical bird; 4, Wright, buff, splendid position, especially good shoulders and tapers well; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Lewis; c, Denton. YELL. HEN (24): 1, E. Radley, tick. wing, long, slim, finely drawn, grand quality, nice position and style, looks like Skelmanthorpe winner; 2, Hollas, hardly as long, nice slim bird, good style and shape; 3, Knight, grand quality, good size and position, not far behind; 4 and vhc, Cruise, nice quality and shape, typical, close up; hc, Peel; c, Edmondson. BUFF (34): A big class, many of great merit to go cardless; 1 and spl., Crabtree, beautiful lady, grand shape, style and quality, exceptional colour, a gem; 2, Cruise, fine drawn hen, good style, lovely quality, nice piped tail; 3, Ogden Bros., unev. mkd., extra colour and quality, shines like silk, a grand Yorkie; 4, Hollas, lovely quality, nice shape and style, goods legs; vhc, Walsh; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Priestley. CINN. MKD., ETC., COCK (12): 1 and spl., Dobson, buff, mkd. wings, bead and cheek, grand quality and colour, nice position; 2, Bennett, yell. wings and head mkd., with another week or two will improve; 3, Wilcock, buff, nice racy bird, well drawn; 4, Smith, smart buff, nice colour and quality, lovely back and wings; vhc, olden; hc, Hall; c, Gooding. HEN (17): 1, Lingley, yell., good mkd. wings and head, lovely quality, very stylish, shows well; 2, Ogden Bros., buff, splendid quality, well up in position, a gem; 3 and 4 and spl., Hall, former a buff with best of wings, good head and colour, nice quality, very clean under; 4, buff, good long bird, nice quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Gaunt; c, Holden. SELL. YELL. COCK (£1) (26): 1 and spl., Hunt; 2, Peel; 3, Jeffreys; 4, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, Pownall; hc, Self; c, Murgatroyd and Son. BUFF (15s.) (34): 1, J. E. Clark; 2, Walton; 3 and vhc and spl., Schofield; 4, Maude Bros; hc, Drake; c, Riley. HEN (12s. 6d.) (23): 1 and spl., Young; 2, Dean; 3, Fergusson; 4, Mrs. Sunderland; vhc, Rushforth; hc, Brook; c, W. Frith. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (32): 1 and spl., Gill, unfli., grand, finely drawn, slim, nice quality and colour, neat wings and tail; 2, Beaumont, slim, grand shoulders, wings and tail, splendid position, nice quality; 3, Smith, well carried wings, pipe tail, nice quality and position; 4, Maude Bros., lengthy and well drawn, nice colour and quality; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Firth; c, Gudgeon. BUFF (22): 1 and spl., Newell, splendid type and position, feather like wax, very clean made, could hold his own in any company; 2, Holmes, grand length, nice quality and position, trifle stronger than winner; 3, Wilson, slim, shapely bird, extra good colour and quality; 4, Kitchling, long bird, nice back and tail, good quality; vhc, Lodge; hc, Ketteringham; c, Jagger and Ackroyd. TICK., ETC., YELL. (34): Coates, grand slim bird of good position, nice shape, red hot colour, tick. one wing, a beauty; 2, Shepherd, grand length, good shape and position, lovely quality; 3, Livesay, good position, nice type and quality; 4, Radley, tick. wing, good slim bird, neat wings and tail; vhc, Firth; hc, Slater; c, Jeffreys. BUFF (28): 1, Fortman, grand type and style, neat wings, pipe tail, lovely quality; 2, Shaw Bros., slim, shape and style good, beautiful colour and quality; 3, Townsend, unev. mkd., lovely quality and style, grand colour, bonney bird; 4, Townley, nice wedge shape, nice position and quality; vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Smith; c, Drake. YELL. HEN (36): 1 and spl., Townsend, tick, neck and eye, grand quality, beautifully frosted, red hot colour, best of heads, very smart; 2, Lodge, trifle longer, grand wings and tail, nice quality, position good, close up; 3, Taylor Bros., good, slim, well drawn, shapely and stands well up; 4, Beaumont, grand type and position, nice quality, neat wing carriage, close tail; vhc, Clegg, hc, Frankland; c, Horsfield. BUFF (41): 1 and spl., Suggitt, saddle mkd., grand quality and position, line colour; 2, Drake and Son, lengthy bird of nice quality, good style, grand back and head; 3, Townley, fine quality, extra good wing carriage, shapely and stands well; 4, Frankland, grand position, nervy, fine feathered, good shape; vhc, Denby; hc, Allen and Swaine; c, Bradshaw. NORWICH COCK (13): 1 and spl., Jeffreys, big bouncing buff bird of nice type and quality, rich colour, nice head; 2, Fortman, grand quality and colour, nice substance, nice wings and tail; 3, Lloyd, unev. mkd. buff, good chest, plenty of colour, nice exhibit; 4, Holmes, tick. yell., nice type and quality, good short wings and tail; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Clifford; c, Ball. HEN (11): 1, Dobson, buff, tick. head, extra good quality, fair chest, very neat; 2, Fortman, monster, grand quality and colour, marvellous substance for a yell., good one; 3 and hc, Greenwood, uneven mkd. buff, fair substance; 4 and c, Ball, nice type, good quality and colour, nice wings and tail; vhc, Lloyd.

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Annual show of Larkhall C.B.C., at Miners' Hall, Oct. 26th. 192 birds entered for 26 classes. Canary section judged by Mr. D. Hamilton; Mules: British and Foreign, by Mr. Geo. Wilson. COMMON COCK (12): 1 and spl, Pollock Bros; 2, Nisbet; 3 and 4, A. McKay; 5, Thomson; 6, McKay. HEN (14): 1 and spl., c, Smith; 2, Leggatt; 3 and 4, Nisbet; 5, Nimmo; 6, Brownlie. BOR. GREEN OR CIN. CK. : 1 and 2 spls., Hill; 2, McKay; 3, J. Graham. HEN (1): 1, McKay. YELL. COCK (8): 1 and spl., McCreadie; 2, Pollock Bros.; 3 and 4, McGhie; 5, Duncan; 6, Swan. HEN (3): 1 and spl., McCreadie; 2, Leggatt; 3, Alexander. BUFF COCK (3): All liens. HENS (6): 1 and spl., McCreadie; 2 and 4, Graham; 3, Paterson; 5, Swan; 6, Alexander. EN., ETC., C. OR H. (15): 1 and spl., 5, McCreadie; 2, Anderson; 3, 6, Alexander; 4, Rundell. NOR. PLAIN HEAD (11): 1, spl., Arnott; 2, Brownlie; 3, Smith; 4, 6, Nisbett; 5, Nimmo. CREST (8): 1, 3, McEwan; 2, 6, Arnott; 4 and 5, Donaldson. CRESTBRED (9): 1, spl., Nisbet; 2, spl., McKay; 3, Sinclair; 4, 6, Donaldson; 5, Arnott. SCOTS. FANCY (8): 1, spl., 2, 4, spl., 5, 6, Rundell; 3, Kirk. A.O.V. CK. (6): 1, spl., 3, Brownlie; 2, Sinclair; 4, 6, McKay; 5, McEwan. HEN (2): 1 and 2, Brownlie. MULE (9): 1, spl., Nisbet; 2, Brownlie; 3, Anderson; 4 and 5, Burns; 6, Clarkson. GOLD FINCH (4): 1, spl., Arnott; 2, Anderson; 3, Donaldson; 4, Burns. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Dixon; 2, Brownlie; 3, Thomson; 4, Arnott; 5, McKay. LINNET (13): 1, McCreadie; 2, Duncan; 3, Sinclair; 4, Brownlie; 5, Graham; 6, Clarkson. GREENFINCH (11): 1, 2 spls., and special for best Brit., Wm. Clark; 2, Brownlie; 3, Sinclair; 4, Clarkson; 5, Pollock Bros.; 6, Alexander. SISKIN (6): 1 and spl., Kirk; 2, Bruce; 3, Smith; 4, Brownlie. REDPOLL OR TWITE: 1, spl., Anderson; 2, 5, McKay; 3, Brownlie; 4, Pollock Bros.; 6, Alexander. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., Clark; 2, Alexander; 3, Arnott; 4 and 5, Brownlie. HEN FINCH (8): 1, spl., Burns; 2, Sinclair; 3, 4, Clark; 5, Duncan; 6, Kirk. MULING HENS (5): 1 spl., Clarkson; 2, Arnott; 3, Paterson; 4, Anderson; 5, Rundell. FOREIGN (4): 1, spl., 3, Brownlie; 2, Swan; 4, Smith; special for best Canary, Rundell. SCOTS. FANCY: Cup and spl., Brownlie.—GEORGE KIRK, Sec.

BAILDON C.B.F.A.

Members' show at Mechanics' Institute, Baildon, October 26th, being the 2nd show of the season. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction. Seventy birds were staged in eleven classes. CL. YELL. YORKS. CK: 1, c, Ellis; 2, Walsh; 3, W. Hodgson; vhc, J. Hodgson; hc, Mountain. BUFF: 1, vhc, Ellis; 2, hc, J. Hodgson; 3, Walsh; c, Pickard. TICK. BUFF: 1, 2, Walsh; 3, Ellis; vhc, W. Hodgson; hc, Ickeringill; c, Long. TICK MKD: 1, Walsh; 2, 3, Ellis; vhc, Holmes and Mann; hc, Mountain; c, Long. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, J. Hodgson; 2, Walsh; vhc, W. Hodgson; hc, Holmes and Mann; c, Ellis. BUFF HEN: 1, Holmes and Mann; 2, Ellis; 3, W. Hodgson; vhc, Walsh; hc, Farnish; c, Ickeringill. SELL. CK. (12 6d.): 1, vhc, Ickeringill; 2, W. Hodgson; 3, Walsh; hc, J. Hodgson; c, Dobson. HEN (10s.): 1, Ickeringill; 2, Walsh; 3, Mountain; vhc, J. Hodgson; hc, Holmes and Mann; c, Halliday.—F ELLIS.

HAYLE (Concluded).

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—Confined to the Western Division.—YORKS (9): 1, 3, 2, Mitchell, Yell., splendid size, shows itself well; 2, Buff, good, little stouter; 3, v, Mabbott, fine position, pair of good legs; v, Yell., little rough; h, Chirgwin, Buff, good head; c, Brooks. NORWICH (6): 1, White, Yell., sound in colour, nice type, very smart; 2, Carne, Buff, good colour and quality; 3, c, Phillips, sweet Yellow, carries wings well; r, Bouden, Var. Yell.; v, Mabbott.

CONFINED TO HAYLE.—NORWICH (12): 1, v, Kemp, Yell., gem for shape and quality of feather, good colour; vhc, Yell., hardly the shape of winner, but good; 2, c, Glanville, Tick Yell., good colour, little too long; 3, r, Paull, Buff, nice shape and quality, not so hot as some, but good; h, Thomas, Yell. NOR. NONFLI. (13): 1, 2, c, Buff mkd, capital head and chest, nice colour and size; 2, Tick-neck Buff; 3, c, Oatey, splendid type Yell., good colour, slim built; r, Veale, neat body and tail; v, Williams, tick Yell., fine length. YORKS NONFLI. (14): 1, spl, Oatey, Yell., good length and stand, good wings and tail, nice quality; 2, r, Ellis, Buff, plenty of quality, good style, neat wings and tail; r, good bird; 3, v, Williams, Yell., slim built, nice pipe tail; h, Veale; c, Angwin, tick Yell., grand bird, but wing hanging down. NOR. OR YORK NAT. COL. (26): 1, Angwin, Buff York, splendid feather and full of style, well on leg, straight as a gun; 2, Dale, Buff Nor., good type, quality and colour; 3, r, Ellis, Buff Nor., good back to chest; r, good quality of feather, nice carriage and colour; v, Oatey, Buff tick York, good wings and tail well cut; h, King, Buff Nor.; c, Kemp. BRIT. A.V. (13): 1, c, Maddern, Thrush, lovely spangling, tight as wax, in lovely condition; 2, Coombe, Bramble, good head and size; 3, Oatey, Bullie, lovely breast colour, fine cap; v, h, Rowe and Hancock, Siskin, grand bird, good bib, markings and colour; h, Bramble, better colour than second, but smaller head; r, Glanville, Goldie, fair chest and blaze. MULE (14): 1, Glanville, good colour and size, Greenfinch; 2, Symons, very heavy Var. Yell. Goldie; 3, Hollow, very heavy Var. Buff; r, Hollow, Yell. Green Goldie, small but neat; h, Pellow; c, Williams.

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COVENTRY.

Twenty-seventh annual show of the Coventry O.S., on Oct. 26th, proved a most attractive exhibition. The number of entries was up to the usual standard, whilst the quality of the exhibits was exceedingly good. In addition to the show of Canaries, Mules and British and Foreign birds, the pictures of a drawing competition (the work of boys attending the elementary schools of the city) were shown. The exhibition was opened by Mr. Ald. A. H. Drinkwater, before a good attendance. On the proposition of Mr. G. Peters (President of the society), seconded by Mr. F. W. Harris, Mr. Drinkwater was thanked for his kindness in opening the show. I must heartily congratulate the energetic and hardworking secretary, Mr. G. Turrell, and the Committee, Messrs. J. Corral, B. Lawrance, J. Tipping, J. Adkins, G. Coates, W. Davis, E. Reasby, and Geo. Clarke, for the able way in which they carried out the arrangements. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. NORWICH CL. YELL: 1, Sandiford, J., grand type and quality, hot even colour, nice level back, good wing carriage; 2, Mitchell, good type and lovely colour, in splendid condition, fails slightly in head and neck to winner; 3, Symonds and Son, good colour, nice wing carriage, hardly so typical as winner; vhc, Gilbert; hc, and c, Davis. BUFF: 1, Walton and Noakes, grand typo and quality, good head and neck; nice wing carriage, shown splendidly; 2, Mitchell, another clinker, good colour and quality, run the winner very close; 3, Jones, good type, large bird, hardly the quality of winners, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Whetstone; hc, Gilbert; c, Mrs. Jeacock. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, Sandiford, grand type and quality, good wing carriage, nice even colour throughout, hard to find the tick; 2, Davies, cap and wing mkd, very fair type, clean cut, grand colour; 3, Gilbert, very similar mkd., good type, grand colour, winners all red "hot 'uns"; vhc, Mason, hc, Lawrance; c, Davis. BUFF: 1, Eckersley, cap and wing mkd., very typical, short thickset hird of good colour and quality, wonderful good head and neck, easy winner; 2, Hall, heavily variegd., of good type, grand colour and quality; 3, Gilbert tick eye and wing, of grand colour and quality, not quite so typical as winner; vhc, Dent; hc, Gilbert; c, Lawrance. TICK., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, Eckersley, unfli., lovely young bird, grand type and quality, good wing carriage, clean cut, good head and neck, easy winner; 2, Adkins, nice quality and colour, very typical; 3, Walton and Noakes, lovely hen, short, chubby bird, nice quality, good head and neck, clean cut, not the colour of 2nd, but we rather preferred it; vhc, Mason; hc, Lawrance; e, Davis. BUFF HEN; 1, Jones, unfli., buff, good thickset bird, clear cut, good head and neck, nice wing carriage, rich colour; 2, Lawrance, good type and quality, nice head and neck, fails quality to winner; 3, Corrall, unfli., buff, trifle smaller, but of lovely quality, little gem; vhc, Whetstone, unfli., nice hen; hc, Adkins; c, Hatwell. UNFLI. YELL. (1907): 1, Hall, mkd left wing, grand type and quality, very rich even colour, clean cut, nice wing carriage, sweet bird; 2, Mitchell, variegd., good colour and type, only just fails quality to winner; 3, Eckersley, good colour and quality, perhaps a shade long; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Dickinson; C. Adkins. BUFF: 1, Mitchell, good large bird of good type and quality, good wing carriage and rich colour; 2, Whetstone, trifle smaller, but of excellent quality, very even in colour, nice bloom, sweetly pretty bird; 3, Jeacock, eye and wing mkd., good size, rich colour, very typical specimen, just beaten in qaulity by 2nd; vhc, Walton and Noakes, large and typical; hc, Harris; c, Corrall. TICKED, ETC., NAT. COLOUR: 1, Walton and Noakes, eye mkd., buff, of good type and splendid quality, nice wing carriage; 2, West, clear buff, of good type, fails rather in quality to winner; 3, Hewitt, good type and colour for natural yell., not quite the quality of feather to winners; vhc, Wright; hc, Herbert; c, Jones. CRESTED NOR.: 1 and 2, Wilks, varicg., buff hen, lovely veiney crest, large and drooping, looks like taking some stopping; 2, Green, with nice radiated crest, good droop and veincy feathers; 3, Peters, good large bird, nice drooping crest, but not the nice veiney feather of winner; vhc, Peters; hc, Harvey. CRESTBRED: 1 and 2, Wilks, first large green, wonderful head, good length of feather, nicely lashed; second varieg., similar, but not so massive; 3, Harvey, heavily varicg., nicely lashed, but not the bulk of winners. CINN.: 1 and 2, Cowley, good large buff, good colour and type, easy win, second yell., good type, only fails in colour; 3 and vhc, Exton, two buffs; 3, large feathery bird; vhc, rather smaller, but much better in feather. YORKS. YELL: 1, Burke, nice length bird, very stylish, good colour; 2, Sutton, rather feathery when we saw him, and was rather wild, making him rough; 3, Midgley, tick on wing, hardly so long, but carried his feathers much nicer; vhc, Richardson; hc, Paddock; c, Coton. BUFF: 1, Paddock, typical, long, stylish bird, good quality of feather; 2, Stephens, rather smaller, but very stylish; 3, Harris, nice lengthy bird, but not quite so fine in feather as leaders; vhc, Sutton; hc, Burke; o, Richardson. UNFLI.: 1, Sutton, splendid colour and quality, nicely drawn; 2, Coton, buff, good quality and colour, nice length; 3, Harris, nicely drawn yell., very good in colour, good wings, nice tail; vhc, Harris; hc and c, Treadwell. HEN: 1, Paddock, very stylish yell., nicely drawn, stands very erect, we liked much; 2, Sutton, good colour and quality, trifle stouter than winner; 3, Midgley, smaller, but good in quality and very stylish; vhc, Richardson; hc, Midgley. A.O.V.: 1, Symonds and Son, even mkd. buff, nice wing marks, slight eyes, good type and colour; 2, Exton, buff, cinn., pied tail, good size and quality. 3, Gilbert, even mkd. yell., unfli., rather wild; vhc, Gilbert. CANARY MULE: 1, Lawrance, Bullfinch and Canary, winner of the CAGE BIRD competition at Peckham, grand colour and quality; 2, Clarke, six pointed buff Goldfinch and Cauary, lovely quality and nicely balanced markings; 3, Lawrance, cl. Goldfinch and Canary, nice quality, rather small; vhc, Sadler; hc, Poole; c, Symonds and Son. A.O.V. MULE: 1, Lawrance, Linnet Bully, good colour and in splendid condition; 2, Lawrance, Greenfinch and Bullfiuch, rich colour, in fine condition; 3, Dickinson, nice Linnet Bully, not in the condition of winners. LIMIT CLASSES: 1 and 2, Tipping; 3, vhc, Wilkes. PAIRS FOR BREEDING: 1, Midgley; 2, Waring; 3, Cooper; vhc, Davis; hc, Judd; c, Harris. CLASS 22: 1, West; 2, Gilbert; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Cooper; hc, Symonds and Son; c, Davis. CLASS 23: 1, Adams; 2, Hall; 3, Harris; vhc, Cooper; hc, Symonds and Son; c, Dr. J. E. Sedgwick. CLASS 24: 1, Adams; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Cooper; hc, Lucas; c, Wright. SELL (30s.): 1, Wright; 2, Adams; 3, Judd; vhc, Dr. J. E. Sedgwick; hc, Jones; c, Rowley: (10s. 6d.): 1, Corrall; 2, Jones; 3, Chillingsworth; vhc, Clark; hc, Charlesworth; c, Sandiford. GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH OR BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, Dickenson, Bramblefinch, grand colour and lacings, very steady; 2, Barratt, Bullfinch, splendid cap, good colour; 3, Barratt, Bramblefinch, good colour and well marked, rather wild, but a fine specimen; vhc, Dallmann; hc, Mrs. Jeacock; c, Golby and Son. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Taylor, Siskin, nicely mkd; 2, Tipping, Chaffinch, very nice specimen, well mkd., tame him down a bit, Mr T... 3, Dickinson, Greenfinch, very steady; vhc, Mrs. Jeacock; hc, Dickinson; c, Goddard. A.V. INSECT: 1, Gilbert, Thrush, well mkd., shown in splendid condition; 2, Tipping, yell. Bunting, nicely mkd., very steady; 3, Poole, Redwing, in fine condition; vhc, Tipping; c, Gilbert. FOREIGN: 1 and 2, Tipping, Grey Parrot, in fine condition, second Green Parrott, also in good feather; 3, Hill and Towers.

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CHESTERFIELD.

The Chesterfield F.A. held their All England show on October 25th and 26th, under C.B.U. Rules. The Market Hall provided a magnificent room, grandly lighted, spacious, and free from draughts. The staging of the exhibits, which numbered upwards of 350, was carried out in masterly fashion, and every bird could be seen at a glance. The show-room was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, etc., and looked very attractive. This is the first occasion on which cage-birds only have been on view. In past seasons they have been amalgamated with the poultry, etc., a good move, we think, especially judging by the entries. The schedule was good, and the response gave every satisfaction to the officials, entries being a long way in front of last year. The President, Dr. J. K. Goodall, is a well-wisher of the society, and supports most liberally. The committee are a band of most willing workers, viz., Messrs. E. D. Gladwin, Black, Brown, Bradley, Chandler, Clarke, Dent, Dixon, Drake, T. H. Furness, B. C. Furness Fox, Housley, Hawkins, Hulley, Hibbert, Lodge, Lowe, Neal, Parker, Rawlins, Smith, Turner, Worne and Wilson, while the hon. auctioneer, Mr. Jos. Botham, and hon. treasurer, Mr. C. P. Short, are a couple of very useful officials. Mr. E. D. Gladwin, the chairman, is the right man in the right place, being a good fancier, ever ready to help. Messrs. J. J. Dooley and W. Hartley, act as secretaries, and are a couple of most energetic, courteous and obliging officials. The work they got through was done quickly and correctly. The stewards were Messrs. Worne, Drake, and Gladwin, a trio of excellent and enthusiastic workers. The catalogue opened with the Yorkshires, and a lovely lot they were. The Clear Yellow cock owned by Mr. Greenfield pleased greatly. The Yell. tick, the property of Mr. W. H. Walsh, was also voted a topper. Other exhibitors who had on view birds far above the average were Messrs. Drabble, Parkes, Hoyes and Barnes, Edmondson, Cockill, Hardaker and Sample, Lane, Stringer, Knowles, Hodgson, Goucher, Beard and Taylor. Norwich were well up in nnmbers, and for quality really superb. In several of the classes two sets of winners could easily have been selected, so even was the merit. The Clear Yell. cock, the property of Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, is a gem, and the Cl. Buff shown by Mr. W. Vardy found many admirers, and well it might, being a real "good 'un." Lovely specimens were also benched by Messrs. Sandiford, Sherrington, Robinson, Taylor, Critchley, Adnitt and Driver, Till, Hemming, Wilson and Fox, Hope, Hunt, and Woodhouse, and Lee. British made a grand display. Special mention might be made of Mr. Harrison's Bullfinch, Mr. Lockwood's Linnet, Mr. Henshaw's Twite, Mr. Hake's Hawfinch, and Mr. Walsh's Wryneck, five topping exhibits, and staged for all they were worth. Grand birds were also put down by Messrs. Hunt, Crowston, Milne, Gratton, Mason, Anderson, Edmondson, Dean and Jowett, Pitt, Bishop (T.), Bishop (H.), Holt, Smith, and Roslyn. The special winners were as follows:—Best York, H. W. Walsh; best 1907 York, W. Hodgson; best Nor. and best 1907 Nor., H. B. Wilkinson; best Nor. by member in open, Messrs. Wilson and Fox; others, Messrs. Seagrave, Wilson and Fox, Harrison, Lockwood and Abdy. Judging over in good time, and cards up promptly. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Plainheads.

YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, Greenfield, lovely feather and quality, very lengthy and of capital position, rare back and wing carriage, Hoyland winner; 2, Drabble, magnificent quality, nice tone of colour, capital position, grand wings and tail, well on leg, close up; 3, Hoyes and Barnes, good stand and length, well-filled back, and of neat wing carriage; 4, Edmondson, superb feather, stands nicely, good front and wing carriage; r, Parkes, A1 quality, very stylish, full of nerve; vhc, Wood, true Yorkie, splendid quality; hc, Goucher; c, Beard. BUFF (18), good lot: 1, 3, Lane, former of wonderful length, straight as a gun barrel, very leggy, in rattling trim, latter full of quality, upstanding, and of rare length, well-carried flights, neat in waist and tail, good third; 2, Stringer, superb feather and rich colour, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest, close up; 4, Hardaker and Sample, lovely colour, teeming with quality, delightfully mealed; r, Cockill, slashing feather, nice position, good outline; vhc, Goucher, rare quality; hc, Knowles; c, Wood. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Walsh, marked left wing, red hot in colour, slashing quality, capital position and length, looking as well as at the Palace, where he stood first, real topper; 2, Hodgson, thigh tick, unfi., beautifully drawn specimen, neat and narrow, stands like a guardsman, another year, with luck, should make a gem; 3, Drabble, thigh tick, superior quality and colour, grand back flights and tail, long-sided, good third; 4, Edmondson, thigh tick, unfi., promising youngster, A1 feather, lengthy and leggy; r, Knowles, very lengthy, grand type and quality; v, Hedworth, neat throughout; h, Lane; c, Greenfield. BUFF (12): 1, Hodgson, thigh tick, unfi., magnificent feather and colour, finely frosted, rare position and length, will be heard of again; 2, Knowles, marked left wing, A1 quality, slashing length and position, grand back and wing carriage, not quite ready, will improve; 3, Lane, ticked back of head, great length, stands erect and of capital feather, when tightened up a little more, should do some winning; 4, r, Beard, couple of very stylish specimens, former marked left wing, latter marked right wing and head, both well staged; v, Truman, good quality and type; h, Baxby and Presley; c, Hoyes and Barnes, good one, well shown. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Walsh, cl., ablaze with colour and of most excellent quality, beautifully drawn, and of rare length, perfect wings and tail; 2, Edmondson, marked right wing, tight as a Java, superb feather, shining like satin, delightful position, well on leg, very lengthy; 3, Drabble cl., stands as straight as a rush, feathered like glass, best of wing carriage, neat all over; 4, Hodgson, marked right cheek, exceptional length, slashing feather, A1 position, we much admired; r, Goucher, cl., stands finely, capital quality, will improve; v, Spencer, nice position and length; h, Taylor, good type; c, Lomas. BUFF (9): 1, Hodgson, cl., delightful salmon-hue colour, teeming with quality, straight as a pencil, magnificent damsel; 2, Edmondson, grizzled right wing, another really choice specimen, shown in lovely bloom, capable of doing well at any show; 3, Knowles, cap marked, slashing quality and colour, full of style, A1 position, beaten a little in length; 4, Drabble, cl., grand quality, good length and position, when handled draws shade thin in neck, still, a good one; r, Taylor, cl., beautiful colour, stands well; vhc, Goucher; hc, Emery; c, Bennett. No. 4, Hatton Bros., W.C. cl., Yell. NOR. CL. YELL. (20), grand class: 1, Wilkinson, hot in colour, silky texture of feather, very chubby, fine width of chest, best of wing carriage, Hoyland winner, a topper; 2, Sherrington, another lovely quality specimen, capital colour, size and shape, jaunty in carriage and all front, clean cut away very close up; 3, 4, Sandiford, couple of bonny exhibits, former fine depth of colour grandly moulded, well up in substance, in fine trim, latter full of colour, silky texture of feather, well across perch; r, Robinson, grand colour and feather, nice shape; v, Wilson and Fox, all type; h, Stead; c, Hope, fine size and shape, bit down, or would have been higher. CL. BUFF (20): 1, 3, Vardy, couple of topping specimens, winner, a bouncer, magnificent feather and colour, finely moulded and as tight as wax, broad chest, clean cut away, third red hot, and of superb feather, splendid type and of rare carriage, best of heads, neck and chest, both well staged; 2, Hope, looks like the Grimsby winner, hard to find fault with, pressed the winner, very little between them; 4, Taylor, soft, silky feather, capital colour and shape; r, Sherrington, shone like satin, nice substance; vhc, Till, nice colour and type, well put down; hc, Williams; c, Revill. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, v, Adnitt and Driver, two very typical specimens, former marked both wings and eyes, grand in colour and feather, fine shape, good in wing carriage, clean-cut, vhc full of quality and colour, nice type; 2, Vardy, marked neck, rare colour and of rich quality, well up in substance, shade longer in build than the winner, good wings, very bonny; 3, hc, Sandiford, former Var., all type, smooth as glass, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 4, Till, marked right wing, ablaze with colour, nicely feathered, good substance, rather long in barrel, well worth its place; r, Critchley, capital shape and quality; wc, Bettinson, mkd. buff. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, Wilkinson, marked head, lovely feather, exceptional colour and beautifully frosted, fine substance and shape, unfi., should make a topper another year; 2, Wilson and Fox, marked left wing and head, for shape all that one could desire, tight as wax, not quite the size of first, yet a taking specimen; 3, Hope, grizzled root of tail, nice shape and substance, superior feather, well mealed, lovely wing carriage; 4, Adnitt and Driver, grizzled cap, gem for type, capital feather and colour, clean under; v, Walker, nice shape and feather; h, Moakes, not big but sweet; c, Elliott. YELL. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Sandiford, winner a magnificent clear, model for type, smooth as a bottle, delightful carriage, not a monster, but all there otherwise; 2, Till, cl., teeming with quality and colour, very shapely, well across perch, close up; 3, Adnitt and Driver, cl., another bonny damsel, jaunty in carriage, rare feather and colour, A1 type; 4, Hunt and Woodhouse, cl., capital colour and feather, well up in substance, well shown; r, Critchley, grand one, well staged; hc, Vardy, very shapely; c, Revill. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Vardy, couple of sweet specimens, former marked both wings and eyes, noted International winner at Preston last year, looking grand, should do well again, fourth cl., slashing quality and colour, rare shape, nicely frosted, clean cut; 2, Sherrington, magnificent cl., gem for type, lovely quality, colour and meal, neat in wings and tail, smooth as a bottle, pressed hard; 3, Hemming, massive, heavy var., grand shape, and of capital feather, clean cut, valuable stock hen; r, Lee, cl., beautifully feathered, fine colour and meal; v, Hunt and Woodhouse, nice colour and shape; h, Ingram; c, Wilson and Fox.

Crests, British and Foreign.

CREST (9): 1, Hope, buff, marked both wings, D.C., rare substance, rich quality feather, crest large and as round as a rim, fine droop and centre, stood first at Grimsby, a gem; 2, h, Crookes, couple of grand ones, former buff, marked both wings, D.C., capital quality, and of nice size, crest neat in formation, not so large as winner, but of good droop and centre; 3, 4, Seagreave, former buff, marked both wings, D.C., rare feather, good size, crest of nice shape, good centre, latter cl. buff, excellent quality, good Norwich shape, crest not over large, but of very neat pattern; r, Peace, buff, almost green, A1 feather, nice substance, good in crest properties; v, Adnitt and Driver; c, Wiggington. CREST-BRED (8): 1, 4, Seagrave, two bonny birds, winner, buff bordering on green, massive in frame, excellent feather, great width of skull, well browed, in grand trim, fourth buff var., capital quality, good size and shape, nice skull, well lashed, shown in rare condition; 2, Hatton Bros., buff, thick neck, A1 feather, good shape, neat in head; 3, r, Crookes, both capital specimens, nicely staged; v, Sheldon and Hallam; hc, Pearce; c, Wiggington. A.O.V. (8): 1, Heliewell, buff, fur-pointed Yorkshire, rattling feather and colour, lengthy and of fine position, grand markings, one of the best; 2, 4, r, vhc Dent, nice team, second Yell. Green-Yorkie, very slim, stands beautifully, lengthy and well on leg, rare depth of colour, capital quality, fourth Yell. Cinn., fine depth of colour, good quality; 3, Moakes, four-pointed Yell. Nor., very shapely, good size; h, Truman; c, Nicholas. MULE, ETC. (13), rare class: 1, 2, Leigh, couple of his well-known specimens, former yell. lightly marked Goldie-Can., rare size, magnificent colour and feather, shown in capital form, latter Green-Bullie, well up in size, very shapely, nicely marked, staged well; 3, 4, Vardy, again a couple of well-known faces, third four-pointed buff Goldie-Can., looking as well as ever, fourth yell. Linnet-Can., dark, fine size, wonderful depth of colour; r, Walton, yell., var. Goldie-Can., capital colour and shape, not over big, but very neat; v, Pitts; h, Presley; c, Pogmore. SELL. (20/-) (13): 1, r, Wilson and Fox, former cl. yell. Nor., very cheap bird; 2, Taylor; 3, Ingram; 4, Bellamy; v, Spencer; h, Moore; c, Cockill. SELL. (12/6) (15): 1, Taylor, cl. buff Nor., hot, dirt cheap; 2, Baxby and Presley; 3, Smith; 4, Hedworth; r, Lee; v, Wilson and Fox; h, Bagnall; c Williams. BRIT.—GOLDIE (6): 1, Hunt, good in colour, nice substance and shape, well cut blaze, of good colour and size, A1 bars, well buttoned; 2, Milne, very shapely, good substance, not quite so rich in blaze as winner, equal in all other respects; 3, Walsh, very similar to second, not much between them; 4, Crowston, neat blaze, not over large, well shown; r, Gratton; v, Hexter. BULLIE (10): 1, Harrison, magnificent all over, rare size and shape, lovely breast colour, capital cap, dense and well polished; 2, Edmondson, equally as good, except perhaps wee bit behind in breast colour, a lovely specimen; 3, Anderson, another above the ordinary, capital shape, good in cap and breast; 4, r, Mason, two very neat exhibits, both of good feather, well staged; v, Smith; h, Hodgkin; c, Hemming. LINNET (16): 1, Lockwood, lovely shape, delightfully pencilled, nice size, steady as a top, put down in fine form, a gem; 2, 3, Henshaw, both grand ones, former magnificent nutty colour, good size and shape, nicely marked, third very shapely and of good size, both shown in up-to-date fashion; 4, Dean and Jowett, good in colour and shape, neat in pencilling, not quite so large; r, Crowston; v, Fairhurst; h, Wilson and Fox; c, Walsh. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, h, Henshaw, Twite leading, beautiful colour, fine size and shape, grandly marked, shown in rare form; 2, T. Bishop, Redpoll, fine substance, grand colour and markings, house-moulted, beautifully staged; 3, Pitt, Siskin, pretty as paint, lovely colour and shape, grandly pencilled, good bib and cap; 4, h, Bishop, Twite, good size and shape, nice colour, neat in markings, well staged; r, Lockwood; v, Walker; c, Hunt. A.O.V. HARD. (10): 1, Hakes, Palace-winning Hawfinch, looking well, a topper; 2, Smith, Crossbill, fine size and shape, beautiful colour, in really superb feather; 3 v, Lockwood, Bramble, capital colour, size and shape, delightfully tickled; 4, H. Bishop, Yellowhammer, lovely shape and colour, nice size, good head points, getting on in years; r, Holt, another grand Hawfinch, not the colour of winner certainly, yet a beauty; h, Edmondson; c, Chick. SOFTBILL (19): 1, 4, Walsh, Wryneck and Tree Creeper, former in slashing feather, and delightfully staged, latter fine size, shown in capital style; 2, r, Bishop (T.), spotted Flycatcher and Whitethroat, respectively, both in the highest possible condition, and benched in taking manner; 3, Milne, Pipit, beautifully spotted, grand colour, steady as a top, rare specimen; v, Roslyn; h, Bartholomew; c, Poole. FOREIGN (LARGE) (7): 1, 4, Abdy, couple of lovely Macaws, in grand feather; 2, 3, Colton, Pennant and King, in nice bloom, grandly put down; r, v, Baxby; h, Roslyn. SMALL (12): 1, Crowston, Whydah, in full feather, delightfully staged, a gem; 2, 3, Colton, pair of beautifully marked Parrot Finches, in full dress; 4, Tose, Russian Goldie, fine size and shape, not yet in full colour of blaze, nice one; r, Rombrolle; v, Bentley; h and c, Naylor. MEMBERS—YORK. COCK (8): 1, 2, Harris; 3, Baxby; 4, hc, Buck; r, v, Goucher. HEN (9): 1, L. Goucher; 2, 3, Harris; 4, Baxby; r, h, Pearson; v, T. Goucher; c, Buck. NOR. COCK (4): 1, 2, Wilson and Fox; 3, Dent. HEN (4): 1, 2, Wilson and Fox; 3, Naylor.

EBBW VALE.

The initial show of the Ebbw Vale and Dist. Canine F. and F. S., was held Oct. 23rd, at the Market Hall and Assembly Rooms, Ebbw Vale. The Committee is composed of a number of enthusiastic fanciers, who are not afraid of working all night, as must have been the case. The cage birds had the Assembly Rooms to themselves, the room being snug and free from draughts, but the light and ventilation might be better. In the interests of the society it is suggested that another time the cage birds might with advantage be staged in the Market Hall, either at one end or in one of the galleries. The honorary secretary, Mr. Richard Anthony, worked with heart, hands, and brains, and his efforts, and those of his colleagues were crowned with success. Shows get champion "gates" in these parts, £50 being taken at a Members' Show. Mr. J. North judged, and no grumbling was heard. YORKS. YELL. (17): 1, spl. for best Yorks, and 3, Bevan, typical birds of good quality and colour, position first class, wings and tail well folded; 2, Martin, splendid style, but inclined to cross wings; vhc, Price and Perry; hc, Davies, Jenkins, and Thompson; c, Castrie. BUFF (8): 1, Cleaves, tick, bird of excellent type; 2, Pryce, vari.—nice position and feather; 3, Castrie, similar bird; vhc,——; hc, Martin; c, Jones. HEN (6): 1, Jones, sweet yell., splendid quality and style; 2, Bevan, very nice buff; 3, Cleaves, yell. of good quality and feather; vhc, Colbourne; hc, Harris. NOR. YELL. COCK (7): 1, spl., for best Norwich and another spl. for best bird in Show: Harber, with a clear yell. of splendid type, size, colour, and quality, not yet quite fine; 2, James, tick. bird of rare colour properties, good quality feather, not so level; 3, Crutchley, tick. on head, nice type, colour and condition; vhc, Oriel; hc, Davies; c, Cox. BUFF (7): 1, Jones, nice type, colour and bloom; 2, vhc, Oriel, splendid class of Nor.; 3, Cleaves, good quality and type; hc, James; c, Denning. HENS (8): 1, Cleaves, tick. buff, of grand type, size and marking; 2, Denning, yell. of nice body-size and shape, trifle thin in skull; 3, Harber, large yell. fails in carriage of flights and tail; vhc, James; hc, Anstey, Oriel; c, Oriel. LANCS., SCOTCH OR BELGIAN (3): 1, 3. (2 withheld), well-known winning yell. Scots Fancy, birds of great quality and style; vhc, Farrow. A.O.V. (4): 1, James, splendid buff cinn., good size, colour and quality of feather; 3, (no name), another buff cinn. of crestbred type; vhc, Jones, green crestbred, plenty of feather. NOVICE (12): 1, D. Jones, fine big yell. Yorks. cock; 2, Thomas, slashing crestbred; 3, vhc, Eynon, good tick. buff; vhc, Jones; hc, Oriel; c, Cox, Anstie. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Collins, natty bird in perfect plumage; 2, White, possibly a better bird, but not yet ready; 3, Cleaves, same remarks apply; vhc, hc, Parry. BULLFINCH, GREENFINCH OR CHAFFINCH (6): 1 and 2, special for best Brit. bird, Jeffreys, splendid house-moulted Bullfinch, grand colour and perfection of plumage; 2, vhc, Bethell, Chaffinch in good trim, latter Greenfinch; 3, Powell, similar exhibit; hc, White, another good Greenfinch; c, Davies. LARK OR SMALLER (7): 1, special: Colbourne, Skylark in perfect feather, nice colour and steady; 2, Powell, Brambling, good colour and size; 3, Jones, Red-headed Redpoll, house-moulted, and in perfect condition; vhc, Williams, Siskin, nice feather and pencilling; hc, Cleaves, Tipping, No. 548, rarely seen hen Chimney Swallow. MULE (12): 1, Jeffreys, choice six pointed yell. Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Broderick, similar buff Mule; 3, and vhc, Davies, two large rich Jonque Goldfinch-Canary Mules; vhc and hc, Jones; hc, John Jones, Tippin. FOREIGN, SMALLER THAN CARDINAL (5): 1, Wheeler, Red and Black Tanager, in nice feather; 3, Jones, Redheaded Gouldian Finch; vhc and hc, Miles; c, Wheeler. SELL. (10s.) (5): 1, Jones, nice little Goldfinch-Siskin Mule; 3, and vhc, Jenkins; hc, Wheeler. AMATEURS' CLASSES—LARK OR LARGER (6): 1, withheld; 2, Colbourne, very nice Song Thrush, in perfect plumage and condition; vhc, Bevan, Skylark. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, withheld; 2, Date, nicely feathered bird; 3, Colbourne, wants time. NOR. CK (5): 1, withheld; 2, Genner, good stamp of yell; 3, J. Jones; vhc, Love; hc, Date. HEN (7): 1, and special for best Nor., and 2, Monks, two very nicely variegated yells., of good type and condition; 3, Love, tick. cap hen, of splendid colour and quality; vhc, Genner; hc, Date; c, Colbourne.

OXFORD.

The Oxford F.S. held their annual show in the Corn Exchange on October 23rd, and it was a grand success in every way, except in the number of entries, which came up rather poorly. The cage birds were tastefully arranged in a row down one side of the hall. Norwich classes were not large, two having to be cancelled, but there were some very good birds staged, especially in the unflighted Yellows. The Yorkshire classes were fairly well filled, and some very good birds were on view. Mules and Hybrids were an extra good lot, the light Mules, especially. Mr. J. A. Lees, winning the cup for best Canary or Canary-Mule exhibited by a member, with a good four-pointed Buff Goldfinch Canary, Mr. W. White winning cup for best British bird or Hybrid, with a grand young Siskin-Greenfinch, a bird that will make a good one. Crests were good, also British birds, but many of them will do better later. Mr. Moody, M.R.C.V.S., makes a most able and obliging secretary, and he was well supported in the cage bird section by Messrs. White, Levett, Lewin, Hemp, Cripps, and Lees, who gave the exhibits every care and attention. Mr. Roe judged, and gave entire satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL., cancelled. BUFF, cancelled. TKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Wootton, fine Var. Buff, good size, colour and condition; 2, vhc, Lees, saddle-marked Yell., grand colour and type, not so large as winner; 3, Mullis, Good Var. Buff; hc, Yates; c, Mrs. Stock. HEN (8): 1, spl, Wootton, large, clear Yell., good colour, shows herself grand; 2, Mullis, cobby Var. Buff; 3, Lees, Buff of good type and quality; vhc, Lewin, real nice Holt; hc, Benthin unfi., will make nice one; c, Hull. UNFLI. YELL (9): 1, 2, Lewin, leader a slashing clear, good front, beautiful colour and quality, we thought was worth the spl. covering the two unfli. classes, second another good clear, but not quite the quality or type of winner; 3, Kilby, good bird, tail damaged badly; vhc, Hall hc, Wootton; c, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Mullis, good clear, fine size and colour, well in front of perch; 2 Lewin, tkd. on neck, not quite so good in front as winner, but all there; 3, Lees, wing tkd., smaller than winners, but grand quality and shape, very short and well-cut away behind; vhc, Wootton; hc, Hall; c, Smith. YORK. YELL. (9): 1, spl, c, Hawes, excellent shape, beautifully drawn, very stylish and quickly claimed; 2, Burke, grand shape and length, good carriage and style, not quite so finely drawn as winner; 3, J. Hawes, slimmer than second, but crosses wings; vhc, Yates; hc, Smith; c, Horler. BUFF (6): 1, spl, J. Hawes, good shape and length, tight as wax, stands like a soldier; 2, Burke, better colour than winner, not so tight in feather or so finely drawn; 3, c, Hawes, a nice tkd. bird, but beaten here; vhc, Smith; hc, Horler; c, Cripps. CREST (5): Wilks, large bird, crest of good size, radiation and droop; 2, Grant, not quite so large, but a good one; 3, Fellowes, another good one. CREST-BRED (5): 1, Wilks, very big skull, wide entrance, head feather long and dense, in rare form; 2, Fellows, another big bird, but some way behind the winner; 3, Grant, good size and plenty of feather, of good quality; vhc, hc, Fifield. A.O.V.: Cancelled. A.V. (Novice): 1, spl, 3, Maisey, rattling good Buff, very stylish, good length and quality, put down in grand form; 2, Miss Gibbons, real good Yell. Nor., hardly ready, will do better later on; vhc, c, Hawes; hc, Benthin, nice Nor., shown in good form, but not quite through moult; c, Holiday, another good Nor. CAN. MULE (10), hot class: 1, 2 spls., 3, vhc, hc, Lees, winner grand four-pointed Buff Goldfinch-Canary good size and colour, nice flush face; 2, Andrews, eye tkd. unfli., another bird of exceptional merit, 3 very light Linnet-Canary, rather wild, not used to the game yet, vhc even wing, mkd. yell Goldfinch-Canary, these four took some separating; c, Fellowes, good six-pointed Goldfinch-Canary, put down in good style. DARK (6): 1, Poole, large Greenfinch-Canary, good colour and bloom, shown well; 2, vhc, Andrews, Linnet-Canary, grand colour and size, put down in grand form; 3, White lovely Siskin-Canary, a youngster, with another moult will make a topper; hc, Tonks; c, Grant. HYBRID (7): 1, spl, Tonks, good, large Greenie-Goldie, grand blaze and colour, wins; 2, Andrews, good Goldie-Bullie; 3, White, a beautiful Siskin-Greenfinch, in lovely feather, and shown in grand form; vhc, hc, Levett, former good Goldie-Greenie, second nice Linnet-Bullie. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Mays, very smart bird, nice, rich face, good body colour, in good condition; 2, Andrews, good blaze and colour, also in good condition; 3, Smith, paler in blaze, not quite so forward; vhc, Prior; hc, Gough; c, Elkerton. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, Mays, grand shape and breast colour, good cap, in grand condition; 2, 3, hc, White, three grand Bullies, will be heard of later; vhc, Andrews. LINNET OR GREENFINCH (5): 1, spl, Levett, grand shape, nice size, beautifully pencilled, shown in capital trim; 2, 3, Cripps, Linnet and Greenfinch, two sweet birds, also put down in good condition; vhc, Prior. SISKIN REDPOLL OR TWITE (9): 1, Bird, good-coloured Siskin, well staged; 2, Prior, grand Twite, nice, rich colour, three cocks, nice Redpoll; vhc, White; hc, Andrews, one of the best Mealy Redpolls we have seen for some time; c, Cripps. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLEFINCH (13): 1, spl, Mays, Bramble, lovely colour splendidly mkd., rare substance, in the pink of condition; 2, Palmer, Chaffinch, good in colour and markings, nicely shown; 3, vhc, Cocks, another good Bramble; hc, c, Levett. SOFTBILLS (5): 1, spl, real good Wryneck, shown in superb condition; 2, Mays; 3, Poole; vhc, Andrew; hc, Pearce. A.V. BRITISH (Novice): 1, spl, Holiday, very nice Goldfinch, grand blaze and buttons, shown in nice form; 2, Coppock, nice Bullfinch; 3, Rev. Long, Reed Bunting, in grand form, rather wild; vhc, Palmer; hc, Cripps. FOREIGN (LARGE): 1, spl, Levett, beautiful Grey Parrot, chatty, too; 2, Mrs. Marshall, Blue-fronted Amazon, grand bird, in lovely condition, very taking, will improve when developed; 3, Holiday, Indian Ring Neck, in good form. SMALL (6): 1, spl, Cooper, Whydah, in grand condition 2; Poole; 3, Rev. Long, Pekin Robin, very nice exhibit, shown in grand form; vhc, hc, Mrs. Wilsdon; c, Pinkin. SELL. (6d.): 1, Pearce, Var. Yorkshire; 2, Lees; 3, Grant; vhc, Mullis; hc, Miss Gibbons; c, Haines. (10d.): 1, Yates; 2, Levett; 3, Hawes; vhc, Holiday; hc, Mrs. Stocks; c, Miss Gibbons.

DARLEY DALE.

The fourth annual show in connection with the Darley Dale was held on Oct. 24th, in the large and well lighted pavilion of the Whitworth Institute, an admirable room for the purpose. The secretary, Mr. W. Eliott, with a good working committee, had everything well in hand. Mr. Gentle made a most painstaking steward of the Cage Bird Classes, which, although somewhat poorly filled in some cases, made a very attractive show and were the most admired section of the building. Mr. Roe placed the cards. YORKS. CK. (10): 1 and 4, Wall, leader good, yell., long, reachy bird, his 4th bird being a nice positioned buff, but hardly fit; 2, Hodgson, very neat buff, loses in length; 3, and spl., Slater fine quality, yell., but apparently past the prime of life; r, Foden, another buff of good mould; vhc, Simpson, nice exhibit, but wants a little more size; Mr. S., hc; and C. Wilson close up. HEN (8): 1, Hodgson, yell., nice position and colour; 2, Slater sweet buff, mealed like gossamer; 3, Simpson, long, reachy yell., loses in colour; 4, Wall, buff as tight as a Java; r, Foden, hard lines; vhc, hc C. Wilson, nice trio again running close. NOR. P.H. CK. (13): 1, 2, Nutt, buff and yell. respectively, easily deserved their places; 3, Pegg, loses in size and general quality; 4, Simpson; r, Dallman; vhc, Hodgkiss; hc, Gregory; c, Taylor. Hen, CREST OR C.B. MULE: All cancelled. FINCH (except Goldfinch) (8): 1, Cooper and Son, prettily mealed buff Grenie, but wee and small in head, still a taking bird; 2, nice Hawfinch, shown by Mr. Gentle, and steady; 3, Capennell, another Greenie; 4, Dallman, good coloured Bullie; r, Wilson, Bramblefinch; vhc, Capewell, another Bullie of good colour; hc, Cooper and Son, Chaffinch; c, Gregory, another Bullie. CANARY (radius of 8 miles): 1 and spl. 3, Gentle Bros; 2, W. Fawley; 4, Slater; vhc, Gentle Bros.

MANCHESTER.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Event.

Years roll on in ceaseless flow, and as they pass we scarcely realise how time is fleeing. It is only when some event of great importance is brought before us that we stop to think of the years that have flown. What has led us into this train of thought? The announcement on the catalogue that the show which was held in the Hulme Town Hall on October 25th and 26th was the twenty-fifth annual fixture of the Manchester and Northern Counties Ornithological Society. Many are the changes which have taken place since the first show was held, changes in the personnel of its officials, changes in its methods, and changes in the character of its exhibits. We can remember the time when Manchester always led off with a large number of classes for Belgians nd Scots, and how the judge for the same used to be brought down from Scotland to officiate. What a change is to be seen on comparing then and now! Not a Scot nor a Belgian in the show! Then, so far as Manchester is concerned, we have seen the rise and fall of the Crest Fancy. In the dear dead past we have seen class after class filled with Crests and Crest-breds of the highest quality, and great in numbers. To-day only a dozen members of the family are to be seen in the show. Not half of what one used to see in a single class, and we had no Crested Canary Club in those days. Cinnamons, too, were great in the days of yore, and even now they are fairly good in numbers. Lancashires and Lizards, the birds of the county, seem to have fallen on evil days. Why? They used to be popular. We remember the introduction of the Greens into the Manchester schedule. It was, at the time, thought to be a daring innovation. It succeeded, and the Greens have made their position in the schedule very secure. Yorkshires and Norwich are each far more popular in Cottonopolis than they used to be. Year by year they come in battalions, till now, were the Yorkshires and Norwich, including the Greens, taken out of the schedule, half the show would be gone. British have always, within our recollection, been a strong force at Manchester, and oft has it been given to us to congratulate the popular judge of the present upon his winnings. To-day he scores triumphs as a judge on the scene of his victories as an exhibitor.

The Pruning Knife of Time.

Leaving the past and dwelling upon the present, we find there is one thing never changes in connection with the great Manchester bird carnival, and that is its good management. At Manchester things always work with a smoothness and celerity which tell of splendid organisation and attention to detail. It was ever thus. Manchester lives and flourishes upon its good name in this respect. The executive has suffered from the pruning knife of time, some old and familiar faces greet us no longer, yet the old traditions are maintained, and the honour of the Manchester and N.C.O.S. most worthily upheld by the young hands who in days gone by were wont to sit at the feet of those who are now in the sere and yellow leaf, and not so active as of old. Even yet there are many amongst the Manchester officials who for more years than we like to count have assisted in its good work As we name the men of to-day, many of our readers will recognise amongst them the veterans of whom we speak. Mr. Bladon at the head is, notwithstanding his years, more keen and enthusiastic than many a youngster; the worthy Chancellor of the Exchequer still likes to be amongst the birds, but business and other cares prevent that great devotion to the fancy which characterised his work in other years. Then there are Messrs. A. G. Davis, F. W.Heaton, and T. Pease, all of whom have played a big part in the past, whilst such names as these and others who follow are connected with Manchester Show it must succeed. Amongst those responsible for this year's fixture were Messrs. Bleach, Burton, Booth, Nelson, Ashwell, Aspinall, Baguley, Cook, Coulson, Clarke, Fryer, Graham, Hindley, Steele, Stringer, and Walker, and they did not fail. Messrs. Lythgoe and Jones, the secretaries, and Mr. Raynes, the show manager, each played a big part in the carrying-out of the work, and to their tact, courtesy, and desire to please their patrons was due the great success which was again achieved. Manchester men know their work, and they do it. We were pleased to greet an old Yorkshire friend, Mr. Hardcastle, at one time secretary of the Shipton Fanciers' Society, but now holding the same position in connection with the Sale C.B.S. He was working like a Trojan.

The attendance, as usual, was great, and many were the fanciers who greeted us, complimented us upon the headway CAGE BIRDS has made, and wished us still further success. The one drawback in Manchester is the circumscribed space at the command of the committee, but they do their best with the resources at command, and locomotion was fairly comfortable.

Lancashires, with ten classes scheduled, only totalled thirty-one, and this after the previous week's grand display at Rochdale. Lizards also were down, only thirty-seven toeing the mark. There was much comment upon the paucity of entries in these two sections. Many were the guesses hazarded as to its cause, but no one could really say why the birds of the county were so few in number. The L.L.F.A. had its cups and medals in competition; why was competition so scarce?

A "Champion" Section.

Yorkshires were, as they say in the county of broad acres, "champion." The entry was good, the quality equal, and the competition very keen. The Yorkshire Canary Club's Challenge Cup, and other trophies, together with those of the Cinnamon Marked Club, had doubtless a lot to do with this big gathering. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger were the most successful exhibitors, they gaining a trio of firsts, besides other awards. The brace of Buff hens shown by the Bradford firm were the talk of the show. That good old fancier, Mr. Wilcock, scored with a gem in the Clear Yellows, whilst Mr. Binns's Buff is one of the best. Mr. Shackleton put down a grand team, but had the tantalising fortune to just miss first in no less than five classes. A wind's breath might have turned the scale the other way. Some remarkably fine exhibits were shown by Messrs. Haigh and Son and Spencer. The Cinnamon-Marks were hardly so satisfactory as the other classes, many of the birds being soft and slack in feather, and this influenced the awards considerably. Another week would possibly make a lot of difference. In the amateur section the exhibits of Messrs. Galling, Schofield, Wilkinson, Blackburst, and Davies were of high merit, and would have given a good account of themselves in keener competition.

The square-feathered variety, both of Yorkshire and the Norwich type, came up well, and a truly grand lot they were. This being the first big show of Greens since the sensational episodes of last season, there was much speculation as to what course events would take. So far as the judging was concerned, there was no putting of the fat in the fire, but we heard several fanciers rather warmly discussing these square-feathers. What a difference there is in the birds of to-day and those of good old Tom Rooney's time! In place of those big, slouching, coarse-feathered birds we have exhibits as graceful, as smart, as fine in feather, and as true to type as the Yorkshire and Norwich themselves. Maybe that deep grass-green tint, so beloved by the old school, has not been preserved in its original purity. Yet the Greens are still Greens, even if they have been through the refiner's hands. Very choice were the exhibits of Messrs. Gill and Pickup, Tempest, Clayton, Doughty, Dixon, Menson, Moss, Hadwin, Wright, Butterworth, Thomas Davies, Hawkes, Deacon, Walker, Ryno, Truegrove, Harrison, and Abbott.



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Mr. JONES. Mr. BLADON. Mr. RAYNES.

AT THE HELM.

The triumphant trio here represented bore the principal brunt of Manchester Show worries.

Wonderful Norwich.

Of the Norwich, what can we say? Truly they were a show in themselves. Talk about "blazes of colour," "balls of fire," etc., we had them here, and with this great depth of colour we had also size—size which, however, was not altogether unruly, but went hand in hand with type and quality. We are not going so far as to say that all the Norwich staged at Manchester were beau ideals of what the variety should be, and that no coarseness of feather or size was to be seen, because if we did we should perjure ourselves, and not speak the truth. The open section afforded friend Payne plenty of scope for his judicial capacity, and he came through the ordeal well. Mr. Bootb's handsome pair of Yellows were greatly admired, as was Mr. Hindley's Buff, which secured Messrs. Hyde's special. Amongst the Ticks, Mr. Evans's handsome pair came in for the most notice. Speaking of the winner, we heard one old-time fancier say—"You can't praise that bird too much. It's a wonder." Yet the other day it stood cardless at a show of far less importance than Manchester. The leaders in the Unflighted classes were beauties, and the name which headed the Buffs made us think of the time when another Lancashire Mercer was such a power in Norwich. Mr. Shaw's brace of seconds were unlucky in meeting two such top-sawyers as the winners, nevertheless their day will come. The hens were wonderful, the pick of the lot being genial Teddy Fox's Buff. Amongst the amateurs were some of the hottest we have seen for many a day. Colour evidently caught Mr. Roe's eye in several instances, at the expense of type. Taking the section through the quality was superb. Grand birds were put down by Messrs. Davies, Leeming, Connor, Walters, Massey, Marlow, Aiven, Sutton, Critchley, Turton, and Slater.

Of the Crests what can we say? The least said the better, so we pass them, and sigb as we think of the past. All that is best in the Cinnamon world was on view, and competition between the exhibits of Messrs. Dormer and Godley was very keen in the champion section. There is evidently hope for the Cinnamon yet. A little judicious fostering of the amateurs by the Cinnamon Canary Club will work wonders. Some of the exhibits in the amateur section here would not have disgraced themselves had they been in the open. Mr. Hargreaves put down some exceptionally nice exhibits, birds of good sound colour, with nice type and feather. Messrs. Yates and Walker's winners also were of rare merit, and the exhibits of Messrs. Massey, Wilson, Rukin, Wagstaffe, and Handt were of such a character as to show that all the good Cinnamons are not located at Rishton.

Grace and Style.

"The wee sma' yins" made a nice display, averaging over fifteen per class, and amongst them were some real gems. Colour feeding is not supposed to prevail in Border circles. "Not supposed to prevail." At that we had better leave it, as some of the exhibits got left here for being too warm. A Border is a bird of grace, style and type. Colour is merely a finishing point. What struck us most about the Borders was the lack of feather finish, many rare-shaped, stylish birds having to stand down because they were slack and puffy in feather. Mr. Aberdeen's sweet little hen, which won at Bolwich, scored again here, and well, too. Messrs. Hopper, Wilson, Poole, Lenthwaite, Wardleworth, Parkinson, Cribly, and Drinkwater staged some most exquisite exhibits.

A most charming collection were the Hybrids. British and Foreign, and Mr. Boulton fairly revelled in the task of allotting the prizes. In the Light Mules Mr. Williams had matters all his own way with a charming team. A very high degree of excellence was seen in the exhibits of Messrs. Coffey, Hindley, Leigh, Cherry, Howe, Gerrie, and Pryce-Jones in the Darks. Goldfinches were a very fine collection, and Mr. Axe's little charmer won cleverly, as did his Bullie. Markings and colour were to the fore in Mr. Boulton's selections in Linnets. Redpolls, Siskins and Twites were a very smart lot, and the three leaders well selected. Greenies were not strong, but the Brambles and Chaffinches came up well, and Mr. Hurst may shake hands with himself for securing the two top notches in such a class. Doncaster was to the fore again in A.O.V. Seed-eaters with a topping Hawfinch, whilst Mr. Woodall's Yellow Bunting, which came second, was very choice. Quality was well represented in each of the other classes, and the winners were noticeable for the magnificent manner in which they were staged. Very interesting were the Foreign classes, in which several of the Rochdale winners scored again. A good show was wound up by a strong members' section.

We cannot leave our review of this year's fixture without giving a special note to the new staging. It is a great improvement on that of past years, and the innovation was most heartily appreciated by visitors.

The total entry was 1,486, and not 1,350, as given in our columns last week. It was divided amongst the five judges as follows:—Mr. J. Bexson, Lancs, Lizards, Crests, members' Yorks, 137; Mr. C. A. House, Yorks, Yorks Greens, and Borders 398; Mr. J. H. Payne, Nor. Greens, Nor., members' Yorks and Nor., 355; Mr. J. H. Roe, amateur Nor., Cinns., Sell., members' Nor., 353; Mr. C. H. Houlton, Mules, Britisb and Foreign, 220.

Mr. Bexson's Classes.

LANCASHIRE YELL. COPPY. Only one entry, and that not present. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Garner very long stylish birds, with good head pieces and plenty of feather; 2, Barrass, would not stand, rare body and skull; 3, Butterworth, very heavy feathered bird of great substance; vhc, Oldham; hc, Naden. TICKED YELL. (5): 1, Rushton, stylish, long body, nice shaped Coppy; 2, Barrass, neat head, nice length and carriage of body; 3, Adams, nice shaped Coppy, not so massive in body; 4, Oldham, smaller, and not in such nice fettle; vhc, Garner. TICKED BUFF (10): 1, West, well feathered, nicely centred Coppy, big heavy body; 2, 3, Rushton, good bodies, nice style, not so well formed Coppies; 4, Nelson, big, well feathered bird, loses in quality and style; vhc, Garner; hc, Lowe; c, Barrass. HENS cancelled. PLAINHD. YELL. (5): 1, Rushton, big-headed bird with plenty of feather, a big massive body; 2, Nelson, not so massive, but nice length and style; 3, Barrass, fine big fellow, we liked as well as any; 4, Adams, plenty of feather and good body, but does not show himself; vhc, Naden. BUFF (4): 1, Swallwell, massive skull, well lashed, stout body; 2, Barrass, nice shape, length and carriage of body, not so massive in skull; 3, Garner, another good shapped bird very nice in front; 4, Vickers, long, well-feathered body, fairly broad in skull. Both TICKED CLASSES AND HENS cancelled. LIZARDS, GOLD (8): 1, vhc, Lawton, big bird with a lot of work, nice cap; 2, J. Dewsnap, more distinct in spangle, not so much size; 3, Lowe, nice shape and colour, well spangled; 4, Rukin, very neat spangle, nice colour and shape; hc, Hampshire; c, W. Dewsnap. SILVER (8): 1, Lawton, large, good body, plenty of work, but hardly so distinct as we like it; 2, vhc, Fisher, capital shape, good colour and well rowed; 3, c, J. Dewsnap, nicely rowed, good colour and shape; 4, Hamer, nice back, fairly good on shoulders; hc, Hampshire. BROKEN G. or S. (10): 1, 2, 4, Lawton, a Gold and two Silvers, the leaders both of nice size, with good spangle and capital colour; 3, vhc, J. Dewsnap, almost a no-cap, grand colour, shape, and spangle; hc, Hamer. HENS (11): 1, Hampshire, nice bodied Silver, just mooned in tail; 2, Rukin, the Rochdale winner, a gem; 3, W. Dewsnap, very fine Silver, capital colour and spangle; 4, Hamer, a no-cap Silver of nice shape, with good colour and rowing; vhc, Lowe; hc, c, J. Dewsnap. CRESTS (7): 1, 4, Radley, very heavy Crested Green, rare droop and radiation, capital centre, fine shaped body, fourth a Variegated nice-shaped Crest, but thin; 2, Godley, well-known, even marked, looking well; 3, Roberts, very shapely Grizzle, not in the best of form; vhc, hc, Murdoch; c Bowyer. HENS and both CREST BREDS cancelled. NOR. CREST (5): 1, vhc, Oldham, wing marked, nice shape and droop, well feathered body; 2, 4, Wilkinson, nice clear body, with good centre and droop, and a Variegated of nice character, but small; 3, Filton, wing-marked, very shapely, nice droop, very fair in frontal. MEMBERS' AMATEUR YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Lindsay, ticked on head, capital shape and style, neat in feather; 2, 4, c, Aspinall, very shapely and nice style, clear, hardly so well shown; 3, Hill, nice shapely Clear of nice quality; vhc, Jones; hc, Dooley. BUFF (18): 1, 2, 3, Lindsay, a clean sweep, three very typical, nice quality birds, well shown; 4, Aspinall, capital body, not so neat in head; vhc, Dooley; hc, Dickinson; c, Hill. HENS (21): 1, 3, hc, Dooley, sweet Buffs, stand well, showing type and style; 2, Hill, long, stylish, nice feathered Yellow; 4, Downing, nice style and quality, a bit stouter; vhc, Jones; c, Lindsay. CRESTS cancelled. N.C. YELLOW, only one entry, Ashmell, and that was marked "wrong class." BUFF (2): 1, 2, Ashmell.

Mr. Roe's Classes.

AMATEUR NORWICH YELL. (17): 1, 4, Massey, eye and wing marked, rare colour very deep and rich, nice shape, and good silky feather; fourth plenty of coulour, well served up, but rather langer; 2, hc, Grey, Variegated, capital colour and quality, nice shape; 3, Dunn, very showy, fine feathered bird of capital colour; vhc, Ridge; c, Leeming Bros. BUFF (21): 1, Davies, nice headed bird with deep chest and broad back, capital carriage, plenty of colour, well feathered; 2, Leeming Bros., very hot, heavily marked, big bouncing bird of nice tight feather; 3, Walters, plenty of colour, good substance and shape, smart carriage, nice quality of feather; 4, Connor Bros., not quite so stout in head, very shapely body, rich bright colour, well mealed, staged in good form; vhc, Emmett, very smart and shapely, capital colour and quality; hc, Eccles, c, Oliver. UNFLI. YELL. (22): 1, hc, Massey, fine bold bird, capital head, rare body, plenty of colour, beautifully feathered, and well shown; 2, Oliver, nice shape and style, great depth and brilliance of colour, not quite so compact in feather; 3, Marlow, a beautiful bird for colour, shape, and quality, but seemed a trifle out of sorts; extra 3, Sutton, grizzled on vent and tail, sound, even colour of great brilliance, well moulded body, nice wings and tail, loses somewhat in shape of head; 4, Bunting, Variegated, plenty of colour, nicely feathered; vhc, Barnes, grand shape of body, capital feather, a wealth of colour sound and level throughout; c, Makin and Walton. UNFLI. BUFF (32): 1, Critchley, heavily marked bird of splendid shape, carrying abundance of colour, and clothed in a nice silky, close-fitting jacket; 2,, Turton, another rare shaped, rich coloured Variegated bird, put down in good form; 3, vhc, Walker, eye, neck, and wing marked, grand body shape, somewhat narrow in head, plenty of colour, and nice quality of feather; extra 3, hc, Davies, a real beauty, we liked as well as anything in the class, grand chubby head, with good width and depth of chest, wings and tail short and well braced, full of quality, and put down in rare form; 4, Boothman, another most charming bird, short and compact in body, with good width and depth of chest, neat head, grand wings and tail, far better shape than some of the others, but not so hot in colour; extra 4, Walters, another most typical bird, full of quality, rare feather and style; c, Massey. HENS (29): 1, no name in catalogue, heavily maked Yellow, plenty of colour, capital shape, and nice silky feather; 2, Massey, a topping Buff, grand chest and back, neat head, well carried wings and tail, and good body feather; 3, Davies, very sweet Yellow, lovely quality, sound level colour, capital shape, and neat wings and tail; extra 3, Slater, another good Buff, plenty of colour and nice feather, not quite so chubby; 4, Walters, well feathered, shapely Yellow, nice even colour, carries herself well; vhc, Gaskell; hc, Bunting. CINNAMONS YELL. (7): 1, 3, 4, Godley, rare colour and size, winner best in shape and feather; 2, Dormer, not quite warm in colour, splendid shape and nicely feathered; vhc, Bladon; hc, Bentley; c, Quinton. BUFF (12): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, rare shape and size, nice sound colour, winner best in head; 3, Bentley, fairly good substance, nice shape, and very close and silky in feather; 4, Riding, shapely and nice size, sound colour, not so tight in feather; c, Wilson. UNFLI. YELL. (8): 1, 4, hc, Godley, sound colour, capital shape, plenty of size, might be tighter in feather; 2, 3, Dormer, former we liked very much indeed, splendid shape, grand soft silky texture of feather, which enveloped its body very closely and fitted like a glove, beautiful colour; third grand colour, shape, and feather, but smaller; vbc, Bentley, capital shape, colour, and style, beaten in size; c, Millhurn. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Dormer, a brace of beauties, rare shape, nice size without any coarseness, sound rich colour, beautiful feather; 3, 4, Godley, plenty of colour and size, good shape and style, but not so close in feather; vhc, Riding; hc, Quinton; c, Nelson. HENS, YELL. (13): 1, hc, Dormer, beautiful shape, deep rich colour, rare quality and fit of feather, nice size; 2, Riding, not such a bold hen, built on smaller lines, very shapely and neat, grand colour and feather; 3, c, Godley, very nice feather, great depth of colour, not quite so deep and broad in chest; 4, Wilson, very nice shape and size, good depth of colour, not so compact in feather; vhc, Bentley, nice bodied hen of most excellent quality, sound colour, runs a bit narrow in head. BUFF (8): 1, 2, hc, Godley, the leaders two fine big bouncing hens of rare colour, capital shape, very compact in wings and tail, and covered with nice silky close-fitting jackets, a brace of beauties; 3 Riding, not the richness and brightness of colour, but capital shape and style, nice size; 4, c, Dormer, splendid colour, and very high quality of feather, nice shape and size, just a trifle horny; vhc, Nelson, capital shape and colour, but on the small side. NOVICE YELL (9): 1, hc, Yates, fine big bouncing bird, capital shape and colour, well feathered; 2, Hindman, another good sound Cinnamon with plenty of size, capital shape and feather; 3, Wilson, very high quality of feather, rich deep colour, nice style, capital shape, a wee bit horny; 4 and Ramsden's spl, Rukin, a very hot member indeed, very fine and silky in feather, very nice carriage; vhc, Hargreaves, beautiful quality of feather, rare shape and style, not so much of him; c, Massey. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Hargreaves, very rich and deep in colour, capital feather, nice size, winner the best shape; 2, Wagstaffe, very shapely, grandly feathered, sound colour, not quite so much size; 4, Yates, very rich colour, beautiful feather, nice shaped body, fairlygood in head; vhc, hc, Walker, nice colour and shape, carries wings rather badly, fairly well feathered; c, Rukin. UNFLI. (15): 1, 2, Hargreaves, Yellow and Buff, splendid colour, beautiful quality of feather, plenty of size, but we preferred the shape of the second; 3, Yates, hot coloured Yellow, good feather, rather long in body; 4, vhc, Handt, two very useful Buffs, capital colour, shape, and feather, latter fails somewhat in head; hc, Clifton; c, Massey. HENS (15): 1, Walker, lovely compact Yellow, very shapely, nice size, sound colour; 2, Massey, another most charming Yellow, very rich in colour, capital shape, nice size, and tightly clothed in a coat of beautiful silky feather; 3, 4, hc, Hargreaves, third very nice shaped Bull of neat feather, good size and colour, fourth very hot Yellow, fairly good in feather; vhc, Wagstaff, capital Yellow for colour and quality, nice shape, falls somewhat in substance; c, Yates. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Hughes, very smart wing marked, good colour and shape, nice feather; 2, Spencer, shapely, nice coloured Variegated; 3, 4, Smith, nice shape

and feather; vhc, Boswell. BUFF (7): 1, Whalley, plenty of colour and nice shape, but crosses wings a bit; 2, Kinsey, good shape and colour, a bit sulky in head; 3, Spencer, capital shape and feather, nice colour; 4, Hughes, shapely, good in feather; vhc, Bruce; hc, Smith; c, Boswell. UNFLI. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Smith; 2, Boswell; nice trio, not much between them. BUFF (7): 1, c, Boswell, big shapely Variegated, nice colour and feather; 2, 3, Smith, good colour and quality, former best shape; 4, Whalley, nice stamp of Variegated; vhc, Bruce; hc, Creasey. HENS YELL. (3): 1, Boswell; 2, Spencer; 3, Hughes. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Hughes; 3, Boswell OPEN SELL. (30s.) (21): 1, Hayhurst; 2, Gray; 3, Dormer; 4, Knowles; vhc, Mrs. Sunderland, Roberts; hc, Leigh, Hindman; c, Lawton; 20s. (33): 1, Wilson; 2, Braybrook; 3, Bleach; 4, Crimes; vhc, Coulson; Knowles; hc, Walker, Waters; c, Butterworth; 12s. 6d. (37): 1, hc, Mldgley; 2, Brennan; 3, vhc, Marlor; 4, Braybrook; vhc, Hindley, Williamson; hc, Hampshire; c, Fox, Ballstow.

Mr. House's Classes.

YELL. (15): I, Wilcock, very neat head, rare shoulders and back, finely braced wings and tail, rare quality of feather, and stands like a soldier; 2, Shackleton, quite equal in shape, full of nerve, very nice carriage, very smart, clean and neat about the thighs; 3, Spencer, splendid shape, lovely quality of feather, but rather wild, rare head and back; 4, Bentley, capital shape, splendid carriage, nice colour, not so well put down; vhc, Broughton, good head, capital style and feather, capital in tail; hc, Slater; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (17): 1, Binns, beautiful silky feather, which fits close to a neat tapering body, and is carried on a good pair of legs, capital head, back, wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, very nicely moulded, with most exquisite feather, but does not get into position like the winner; 3, Wilcock, grand style, neat head, wings, and tail, rather stouter; 4, Haigh and Son, looked like the Rochdale winner, a topping Yorkshire in all points except head, which is a trifle too flat; vhc, Fortune, splendid shaped body, grand quality, needs length of leg to show off his other good points; hc, Pease; c, Broughton. TICKED YELL. (14): 1, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, a regular swell in every respect, lovely head, neck, and back, wings and tail well braced, stands as straight as a gun barrel, said to be the Palace winner; vhc, very sweet nervy bird of rare shape, bit open in front; 2, Wilcock, rare shape, plenty of style, stands well up, hardly so tight in feather, in form will take a lot of beating; 3, Biuns, rare swagger and style, beautiful shape, well carried wings and tail, fairly good in hand; 4, Shackleton, grand quality and style, rather stronger in build; hc, Riley; c, Gill and Pickup. BUFF (15): 1, Bailey and Swanger, for finish of feather and carriage, one of the best Yorkshires in the show, champion head, wings and tail, if anything a bit on the strong side, but his quality and nerve landed him ou top; 2, Shackleton, a wonderful bird when worked up, superb shape and quality, lovely silky feather, but is hardly tight enough yet; 3, Binns, rare shape and carriage, capital legs, hardly the quality of feather of leaders; 4, Broughton, beautiful carriage and lovely feather, neat body, needs just a bit more tail; vhc, Wilson, stands remarkably well, and is nicely finished, trifle wide at shoulders; hc, Slater; c, Coffey. HENS, YELL. (16): 1, Haigh and Son, much the neatest head and most erect carriage of any bird in the class, lovely colour and quality of feather, very neat wings and tail, needs a bit more length for her body; 2, Shackleton, longer, lovely quality of feather, rare nerve, but not so erect in carriage or so neat in head; 3, c, Bailey and Swanger, a topping bird in every respect, except that she was too shy to show her good points, and objected to being handled; 4, Higham, grand body and carriage, capital feather, fairly smart in wings; vhc, Broughton, grand length and shape, but drops tail slightly; hc, Gray, splendid body and style, bit flat on head. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, two of the best hens we have seen for a long time, very neat in head, with the best of backs, wings, and tails, as erect as a couple of Guardsmen, as tight as wax, winner shows just a bit more polish than her mate, first clear, second wing-ticked; 3, Shackleton, beautiful body, splendidly carried, rare quality and sheen, neat in tail; 4, Dooley, a real tip-top Yorkshire, superb shape and carriage of body, very high quality, grand legs, not quite ready, when fit should be heard of again; vhc, Broughton, grand shape and quality, just a trifle soft; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Nelson. CINN. TICKED YELL. (10): 1, Wilcock, very handsome head and wing marked, nice tapering body, well carried on a good pair of legs, capital colour and feather; 2, 3, Cooper, eye, neck, and wing, capital shape and feather, not quite so clever with his wings; third eye, check, and wings, rare shape and carriage, not so fine in feather; 4, spl best, 4th, Sutcliffe, beautifully modelled eye and wing marked, the best of feather, but not tight enough in wing carriage; vhc, Hirst, about the best bird in the class, but could only stand on one foot, having injured the other; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Dobson. BUFF (14): 1, Hirst, eye and wing marked, magnificent feather and carriage, nice shape and length; 2, Shackleton, eye and wing, lovely feather properties, and a good pair of legs, his wings are hardly ready yet, when fit will be a gem; 3, Taylor and Haigh, head, neck, and wing marked, wonderful shape and style, loses in marking, and a wee bit in feather; 4, Cooper, eyes, cap, and wings, another wonderfully finely drawn bird, well up on leg, good colour, neat in feather; vhc, Denton, rare shape, style, and feather, very hot in colour, and heavily marked; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Wilcock. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, Cook and Son, head, neck, and wing marked, very neat and tapering in body, rare carriage of wings and tail, splendid finish of feather; 2, Ogden Brothers, neck and wing marked, fairly clean and smart in feather, a trifle stouter in waist, very stylisb and nice head; 3, Neylor and Haigh, head, cheeks, and wings, a champion for stroke, feather, colour, and nerve, but she does not use her wings well; 4, Dobson, takes spl best 4th hen, cap, cheek, and wing marked with same fault as third, otherwise a beauty; vhc, Knowles, well drawn cap marked, nice quality, would not handle; hc, Wilcock; c, Bentley. BUFF (10): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing marked, most lovely quality and finish, grand shape and style, hardly as neat in head as we like, still her most excellent body pulled her through; 2, 3, Blackburn, eye and wing marked, better head than third, but not so clean cut at waist, capital carriage; third eye, head, and wing marked, grand shape and style, not put down in the best of trim; 4, Cook and Son, cap, cheek, and wing, nice shape, style, and feather; vhc, Ogden Bros., heavily marked, rare shape and style, needs burnishing to bring the gloss up; hc, Shackleton; c, Dobson. YORKS, N.C. (5): 1, Fortune, neat, stylish Yellow; 2, Burgess Bros., nicely feathered, showy Buff; 3, Nelson; 4, Neill; vhc, Gray. AMATEURS YELL. (16): 1, Galling, very handsome cheek ticked, well drawn body set on a long and stylish pair of legs, lovely wings and tail; 2, Schofield, a real topping Clear, and only wants preparing by a master hand; 3, 4, Blackhurst, a Clear of wonderful shape and feather, but is inclined to drop tail a trifle; fourth very handsome wing marked, lovely body and carriage, spoilt by a somewhat flat head; vhc, Wilkinson, rare shape, not so tight; hc, Dewsnap; c, Burgess Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Galling, a most worthy mate to the Yellow, stood well away in this class; 2, Wilkinson, eye and wing marked, a topping Yorkie, somewhat pale in colour; 3, Davies, nice shaped, stylish Clear, fairly good in front; 4, Burrows, shapely, nice feathered body, bit short on leg; vhc, Fitton, rare quality and style, rather too stout; hc, Farrar; c, Blackhurst. GREEN YELL. (30): 1, 3, Gill and Pickup, rich bright green colour, grand shape, full of style, capital feather; 3rd another picture for shape, colour, and feather, but would not stand; 2, Trimpest, wonderful type and nerve, capital colour, except on thigh, where it runs a bit light; extra 3, Clayton, grand shape and style, fairly good colour; 4, Doughty, capital colour and shape, and silky in feather; vhc, Helliwell, very handsome front, rare shape, colour, and quality; hc, Parker; c, Handley. BUFF (32): 1, Doughty, rare shape and style, capital legs, neat wings and tail, capital colour and feather; 2, Clayton, a real good body, but a trifle flat in head, splendid colour, shape, and quality; 3, Dixon, wonderful body, feather, and colour, but wings hardly ready yet; extra 3, Benson, real grand colr. and shape, nice silky feathers, needs tightening up; 4, Moss, capital shape, good carriage, bit bronzy on back; vhc, Wright, rare body and colour, but crosses wings; hc, Carlile. HEN, YELL. (23): 1, Dixon, beautiful even colour, carried well through, rare shape, carriage and quality, a gem; 2, Hadwin, very nicely shaped in head, and all there otherwise, a real champion hen; 3, Wright, grand tapering body, sweet head, rare colour, crosses wings a bit; extra 3, Moss, foul wing and tail, a model for type, colour, and quality, full of go; 4, Meadows, foul tail, lovely body and feather, just a little unsteady; vhc, Thomas, rare colour, shape and style, little rough at waist; hc, Benson; c, Eales; a wonderful class of hens. BUFF (19): 1, Butterworth, very sweet and neat, not a feather out of place, rare nerve and carriage, capital colour; 2, Thomas, splendid shape, feather, and colour, not so steady on perch; 3, Walker, for shape, feather, nerve, and style a real good Yorkshire, fairly bright in colour; 4, Folland, capital shape, rare feather and colour, also unsteady; vhc, Hadison, very neat and capital colour, but needs training in the art of deportment; hc, Casswell; c, Stewart. BELGIANS AND SCOTS cancelled. BORDERS.—YELL, (19): 1, Hopper Bros., very slim in shape, erect in carriage, and feathered like a Java; 2, Wilson, rare bodied bird, grand style and feather, hardly so well finished in head; 3, Poole, very neat head, grand wings and tail, grand shape and style, just a wee bit open in throat yet; 4, Moore, bonny wee bird, rare shape and style, fails just a bit in top skull; hc, Waters; c, Wardleworth. HEN (21): 1, Aberdeen, very sweet little lady, as fit as wax, possesscs a lovely figure, and carries it like a duchess; 2, Roberts, very sweet body, lovely feather and carriage, hardly so neat in head; 3, Wilson, grand shape, plenty of style, tight in feather, but needs sheen; 4, Harrison, bonny shaped Variegated of grand quality, not so clever on perch; vhc, Poole, capital body and feather, spreads tail a trifle; hc, Clinch. BUFF (21): 1, 4, Wardleworth, first a gem, rare quality of feather, neat, sweetly drawn body well posed on a nicely set pair of legs; fourth, capital type and pattern, loses in style; 2, Hopper, quite equal to winner in every point, except that he was not quite so well put down; 3, Aberdeen, ticked head, grand little bird, rare shape and feather, hardly so steady as he should be; vhc, Bulmore, grand shaped clear, needs tightening up; hc, Roberts; c, Davies. HEN (24): 1, 2, Hopper Bros., a real clever win, two most exquisite damsels, beautiful figures with the daintiest of carriage and clothed in garments of fine tight-fitting silk; 3, Leuthwaite, grand head, wings, and tail, rare legs, beautiful feather, neat and level in back; extra 3, Aberdeen, very smart little bird, grand shape and quality, but wants training; 4, Roberts, capital shape and style, not quite so clean cut in front; vhc, Bayley, shapely and stylish, not so fine in feather; hc, Hawkins; c, Poole. EVEN-MARKED cancelled. UNEVEN (15): 1, Parkinson, almost even-marked Yellow, rare shape, grand quality, a charming little bird; 2, Bancroft, neatly marked three-pointed, grand shape, feather, and style; 3, hc, Blackshaw, eye, wing, and tail Buff, nice type and carriage, hardly fine in feather; 4, Beaty, also even Yellow, grand shape and style, plenty of nerve, very pretty; vhc, Wilson, capital three-pointed Buff, with grand carriage; c, Hughes. GREEN ETC. (15): 1, Cubby, very firm shaped Yellow, capital position, charming colour, and rare feather; 2, Drinkwater, another Yellow, if anything a trifle finer drawn, wonderful position, but not so grassy in colour; 3, Hadwin, very neat Buff, capital shape, tight and silky in feather, stands well; 4, Blaikie, very sweet bird of grand colour, but rather unsteady; vhc, Haking, nicely modelled, good colour, steady in position; hc, Bulmore; c, Beaty.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR. GREEN YELL. (21): 1, vhc, Davies, grand shape, rich colour, good wings, and tail, full head and neck; vhc, nice shape and feather; 2, Hawkes, pied tail, throat, and head, beautiful colour, nice shape, good head and neck, a trifle slack at thighs; 3, Sunderland, short cobby body; good back, wings and tail, bright in colour; 4, Moss, good colour, neat head, good in shape; hc, Eyno, grand colour, slim built; c, Allen, good shape. BUFF (20): 1, hc, Moss, lovely shape and grand colour, good wings and tail, full clean head, grand quality and well marked; hc, nice quality; 2, 4, Ryno, splendid colour, nice shape and full of quality, close up; 4, grand shaped body, nice colour, not quite so neat in wings; 3, Deacon, grand shape and nice quality, deep full chest, good in colour; vhc, Harrison, grand colour; c, Jenkins. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 3, Walker, foul, grand shape and size, nice colour, good head and neck; 3, self, nice shape, good wings and neat tail, bright in colour; 2, 4, Ryno, nice shape and feather, good head, wings and tail, hardly so rich in colour as the leader, still, a close run; vhc, Sunderland, grand colour; hc, Isaac; c, Deacon, nice shape. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Trengove, splendid shape, beautiful colour, well marked, nice head, neck and wings; 2, Harrison, grand shape and full of quality, good in depth and purity of colour; 3, Abbott, good shape, feather and colour; 4, Moss, lovely quality, close up; vhc, Ryno, nice shape; hc, Davies; c, Isaac, good shape and feather. NOR. CL. YELL (13): 1, 2, Booth, winner, magnificent quality, rich deep colour, well extended down flights and tail, good shape, good wing carriage; 2, better in head, beautiful quality and rich colour, not quite so short in body; 3, Mercer, lovely quality and colour, nice back, good on chest; 4, Tweddle, lovely colour, nice back and wings, not quite fit; vhc, Coulson; hc, Shore; c, Bancroft. BUFF (20): 1, Hindley, beautiful shape, close as a Java, grand colour, well braced wings and tail, full of quality and nicely cut away; 2, Booth, beautiful colour and fine quality, nice back, thick set, a good one, and bad to beat; 3, Dent, lovely shape and feather, not quite so high in quality; 4, Hopkins, good shape and feather, nice wings and tail; vhc, Trengove, nice colour and quality; hc, Cook, nice quality, good back; c, Dickinson, grand quality and colour. TKD. ETC., YELL (9): 1, Evans, thigh tick, grand colour and full of quality, nice head and neck, good shaped body, good wings and tail, very smart; 2, Rennie, grand shape, short tail and wings, nice head and neck, beaten only colour; 3, Hayhurst, mkd. eyes and wing, lovely colour and quality, fine shape; 4, Eckersley, hot colour, wing mkd., nice shaped body; vhc, Booth, good shape and colour; hc, Crines, nice quality; c, Bancroft. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Evans, tkd. over beak, a real good one, full of quality, magnificent feather, grand back and front, sits well over perch, well packed flights and tail; 2, tkd. back of head, splendid shape, short flights and tail, tight feathers, not quite so high in quality; 3, Trengove, mkd. eyes and right wing, grand shape, rare head and neck, nice wings and tail; 4, Fox, mkd. eyes, neck and left wing, thick-set in body, nice colour and quality, close up; vhc, Twine, grizzled on back, splendid shape and feather, short wings and tail, pale colour, takes best, vhc, spl.; hc, Hayhurst, grand colour and quality; c, Tweddle. UNFLI. YELL. (26): 1, Hirst, beautiful type, full of quality, full head and neck, short, well packed wings and tail, level colour, but not hot; 2, Shaw, mkd. wings, wonderful colour, good shaped body, longer in wings and tail, fine quality of feather; 3, Townsend, nice shape, grand wings and tail, smart one; 4, Mercer, tkd. back of head, grand colour, nice head, shapely; vhc, Trengove, part of tail not quite down; hc, Lees; c, Twine. BUFF (25): 1, 3, Mercer, right wing mkd., grand shape, nice size, beautiful colour and well mealed, fine quality; 3, mkd. wings, grand quality and colour, nice back, not quite so full and round in chest; 2, Shaw, lovely shape, nice feather and quality, good wings and tail, clean cut, fine head and neck; 4, Wade, cobby body, hot colour, short wings and tail, wanted a tubbing; vhc, Royle, nice quality, good back; hc, Lees, good shape and quality; c, Rennie, nice feather. HEN, YELL. (20): 1, Booth, marked cheek, back of head and wings, grand shape and feather, short wings, grand back, level colour; 2, Mercer, clear, grand colour and shape, only just beaten in tightness, full of quality; 3, Coulson, mkd., eyes, wings and rump, good head, nice shape, excellent colour and quality; 4, Evans, mkd. neck, eye and wings, nice shape, bit hard in feather, but close up; vhc, Hirst, nice colour; hc, Dickinson; c, Hindley. BUFF (20): 1, Fox, clear, real beauty, sweet shape, rich undercolour and set off with a profusion of frosting, short well carried wings and neat tail, all quality, quite the "Belle of the Ball"; 2, vhc, Booth, grand shape and size, good feather, nice wings and tail, good rich undercolour; 3, Tweddle, fine shape, lovely quality, nice round chest, close up; 4, Trengove, mkd. eyes, good shape, well mealed, nice feather and quality, not quite so short in wings and tail; hc, Hirst, good shape and colour, a bit soft when judged; c, Hindley. NAT. COL. CL. (10): 1, Trengove, grand shaped and beautifully feathered vg., rare head and neck; yellow; 2, Twine, vg., buff, rare shape and feather, good wings and tail, full chest; 3, Godley, cl. yell., fine shape, tight in feather; 4, Rhodes, nice shaped cl., yell.; vhc, c, Croucher; hc, Hopkins. HEN (8): 1, 2, Raynes grizzle capped buff, fine shape, short wings and tail, good quality, nice hen; 2, clear buff, nice shaped body, not quite so close in feather; 3, Hughes, cl. buff, nice shape, pale colour; 4, Hopkins, cl. buff, good feather, smallish, but very typical; vhc, Croucher; hc, Lord; c, Dickinson. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Wilkinson, grand shape, beautiful colour and quality, good head, back and neck, class enough for the open; 2, 4, Hill, mkd. head, wings and neck, good shape and quality; 4, mkd. cap and wings, hot colour, fails size; 3, Fryer, hot colour, good shape, beaten only in quality of feather; vhc, McKail; hc, Kilvert; c, Steele. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Hill, beautiful shape, grand colour and quality, nicely mealed; 3, grand shape and colour; 2, Kilvert, grand quality of feather, good shape, not quite so high in colur; 4, c, Harding, nice quality and shape; vhc, McKail; hc, Fryer. UNFLI. (7): 1, Hill, clear buff, rattling shape, good colour and quality, short wings and tail, nice exhibit; 2, Harding, clear yell., splendid colour and good quality; 3, 4, Kilvert, nice shape and feather; 4, buff, full of colour and quality; vhc, Fryer. YEL. HEN (7): 1, 3, Kilvert, cl. yell., grand feather, nice back, good wings and tail, fat on chest; 3, good shape, paler in colour; 2, Hill, lovely colour and quality, thick set; 4, hc, Harding; vhc, Steele. BUFF (12): 1, 4, McKail, wing tkd., lovely shape, nice feather and quality, good wings and tail, nice hen; 4, good wide back, nice quality, too much fat on chest; 2, Hill, clear, grand quality of feather, shapely; 3, hc, Steele, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good shape and size; vhc, c, Harding. A.O.V. (1): 1, Hill, buff green, good size and shape. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. (17): 1, c, Halliwell, straight as a rush, grand quality, well on leg; 2, Minshull, grand quality of feather, slim built; 3, Dalzell, good stand, slim built; 4, Harrop, close up; vhc, Leigh; hc, Jackson. BUFF (13): 1, sp., Jackson, grand length and stand, good wings and tail, nice colour and quality; 2, 4, Dalzell, hot colour, trifle stronger in build; 4, slim built, just beaten in closeness of feather; 3, Harrop, nice feather, slim built, good tail and wings; vhc, Bleasdale; hc, Musgrove; c, Leigh. MKD. YELL. (14): 1, spl., Jackson, slim and straight, grand colour, well on leg, nice quality; 2, c, Worrall, nice colour and quality, stands well; 3, Harrop, all there for colour and quality, not quite so good in stand; 4, Dalzell, cheek mkd., good stand and feather; vhc, Bleasdale; hc, Kinsey. BUFF (12): 1, Dalzell, nice length, good shape and stand, full of quality; 2, vhc, Leigh, grand back, nice stand; 3, Worrall, slim build, nice back; 4, Bleasdale; hc, Jackson; c, McCann. HENS YELL. (9): 1, Dalzell, wing tkd., grand colour and quality, well on leg; 2, Musgrove, slim built, good feather, close up; 3, Bleasdale, mkd. wings and eyes, nice feather; 4, McCann, good colour and quality; vhc, Dalzell; hc, Harrop; c, Worrall. BUFF (14): 1, Bleasdale, lovely feather and quality, stands well; 2, Dalzell, straight as a dart, good colour, close in feather; 3, McCann, mkd. wings and head good stand, nice quality; 4, c, Jackson, nice coloured cin. mark; vhc, Kinsey; hc, Worrall. NOR. YELL. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Creasey, good shaped green, nice quality; 2, Whalley, clear, very fair shape and feather. BUFF (1): 1, Harding, fair shape and feather, neat carriage.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

This section of the show contained some lovely specimens of hybridisation, and competition in the Variegated and Dark classes was very keen. In the Clear, Ticked, etc., class, the two champion Clears of the day turned up looking grand. The Var. class produced three gems of the Gold-Can., Linnet-Can., and Green.-Can., all in A1 form. The Dark Goldfinch or Linnet class was very strong, and very keen competition resulted, the very finest points had to be looked for to separate them. The A.O.V. Yellows saw a really fine Yellow Greenfinch Canary winning very handsomely. The A.O.V. Buffs were led by an excellent Cinnamon Greenfinch Canary in the pink of condition. The A.O.V. Hybrids were once again led by that wonderful Gold Bull from Liverpool. The Canary-Bullfe had to play second fiddle to-day, but not disgraced by being beaten by such a wonderful Hybrid. A very good Linnet Bull secured third honours, with a pretty Green-Bull fourth. Quality in this section was paramount. The British classes, as usual, made a powerful display, and some marvellous exhibits graced the benches. Goldfinches are coming on apace, and a fine class of 18 resulted. Very good so early on, and I may say all the ticketed birds ran a tight race for their various honours. A little condition more or less made all the difference in their positions. Bullfinches were few, but they were ably led by the Newcastle winner in fresh hands; the runners-up are really very neat and pretty, but the leader is a treat. Linnets were very high class for quality, and the leader is a typical all-round gem, very evenly balanced throughout in all points. Siskins, etc., were very strong, and again that wonder of wonders, the Newcastle winning Redpoll, led a fine lot of birds to success, a good Twite and Siskin were second and third respectively. Greenfinches are not so numerous this year, but those turning up here were some of the best, and one with a tender foot threw its chance away, and this was Mr. A. Howe's well-known crack. The stewards said the bird arrived in that condition when onpacked. The Bramble, etc., class brought together a magnificent collection, and all the leaders were superb. A capital Hawfinch won in a strong A.O.V. class, followed by a splendid Yellow Bunting. The large British produced very keen competition, a fine Chough leading, with a grand Throsh second. The small Soft Bill class was a treat, some most charming exhibits appearing, a fine Hoopoe winning over the Newcastle winning Wryneck, whilst a perfectly conditioned Grey Wagtail secured third and another beautiful Wryneck fourth, running the second a very tight race for leading honours. The Foreign birds were not so numerous as usual, but the winners were in more exhibitors' hands than heretofore, a sign that new life is being grafted into this very attractive section. This is just as it should be. Many were disappointed at the Lytham Crack Tanagers being absent. Let us hope they are well, and that nothing serious kept them away after being entered.

WINNERS of specials were: Best non-colour-fed Brit. Seed-Eater, H. W. Axe; best Soft Bill, R. J. Howe; second best, H. J. Chick; best Foreign O. Millsum; best British (members), W. Downing; club medal, best Border, Hopper Bros.; best members' Norwich, S. Hindley.

YEL. AND CAN. HYBRID: 1, 2, Williams, with the two crack Clears. Where are all the evenly marked birds? Not ready yet is it? VAR. A.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, John Williams, a very large, brilliantly coloured 5-pointed Yell. Goldfinch-Can., leading, a gem in all respects; second, the crack Light Linnet-Canary, without a fault; third, pretty Var Greenfinch-Can., a Yellow, but just outclassed to-day by first and second; a fine trio still; 4, Hampson, a dark Var. Redpoll-Canary of good size, shape, feather, and lovely condition; vhc, Davies, a very neat, lovely feathered Var. Gold-Canary; hc, Jas. Williams; c, J. Williams. These Williamses are multiplying here surely; three of them! DARK GOLD. OR LINNET (19), very fine class: 1, 2, Coffey, first very fine, splendidly feathered Linnet-Canary, great size, and of the very best shape. In A1 condition; second, very nice sized Yell. Gold.-Can., wins his place to-day on condition; 3, J. Williams, smart shaped Yell. Gold.-Can., stoutly built, bright in colour, bit smaller in head and blaze than second, very promising; 4, Beswick, another very fine Linnet-Canary in splendid order, runs winner well up for leading honours; vhc, Best, very fine Buff Gold.-Can., grand face and good size, shape and condition; hc, Ridley, probably the finest Yell. Gold-Can. in the class, not quite ready yet; c, John Williams, decent Linnet-Can., a bit short yet. A.O.V. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Leigh, first is about the largest and most typical specimen of a Green.-Can. seen out for years, condition is wonderful; fourth is a rather pale Yellow Siskin-Can., very fine quality of feather; 2, Cherry, very smart, beautifully pencilled Siskin-Can., good cap and colour, quality and condition very neat indeed; 3, R. J. Howe, a charming conditioned Yell. Green.-Can, beaten in size only by winner; vhc, John Williams, Siskin-Can., not at its best yet; hc, Coffey; c, Lauder; a capital lot. BUFF (6): 1, Pryce-Jones, superb Cinnamon Green.-Can., perfect in shape, feather and condition; 2, Gurrie, fine Siskin-Can., big bird, a bit off in thigh feather, but a good bird withal; 3, John Williams, very large Green.-Can., full of quality in feather and condition; 4, Taylor, chubby Green.-Can., beaten in condition of feather; vhc, Marsden; wrong class No. 5. A.O.V. CAN.-BULL. (6): 1, 2, 4, John Williams, Gold-Bull, Can.-Bull, and Green-Bull, a fine trio, but the leader excels in all points; 3, Ward, very pretty Linnet-Bull, nice size, colour, shape and feather; vhc, Johnson. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Axe, very fine, well defined blaze, deep blaze, large well-balanced moons and bars, broad back, well tanned, good level breast, steady and silky in feather and condition; 2, Williams, equal to first in all points, except breast condition, well deserves his place; 3, Walsh, smart coloured Finch, bit narrower in skull, otherwise a good one and bad to beat; 4, Holt, fine face, well cut, broad back, well tanned, moonings well up, and in nice condition of feather; vhc, Jackson, beaten in breast a little; hc, King; c, Adams. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Axe, the Newcastle winner in fresh hands, is a fine specimen, and needs no comment other than it is a real gem; 2, 3, Walsh, pair of beauties when the leader is away, smaller than first, but very neat all over, second best body, third best head; 4, Howard, beaten in thigh, feather, and solidness; vhc, hc, Coffey. LINNET (15): 1, 4, Tams and Son, both typical of each other, first excellent in colour, head, markings, and satin condition of feather, steady as a rock, fourth nice condition but beaten in other respects; 2, King, capital chested bird, more of a Grey Linnet, beaten in head, rather larger body than first, splendid condition; 3, Walsh, nice size, colour, shape, and markings, hardly the body of leaders; vhc, Pickles, fine bird, splendid shape, of the greyer stamp, lovely feather; hc, E. Weedall. SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, HURST, monster Redpoll, Newcastle winner, fit to fight for a kingdom; 2, Hill, fine Twite, nice size, good shape, colour, and markings, and steady; 3, Howard, rare good Siskin for size, quality of feather, and markings, short of bib only; 4, c, Walsh, Siskin and Redpoll, in good feather; vhc, Weedall; hc, Kilner. GREENFINCH (8): 1, 3, Walsh, first immense size, grand colour, fine head, shoulders and body, rare feather, third smaller,

grand colour and condition; 2, Beaty, Buff, unfed, magnificent feather and condition; 4, c, Coffey, beaten in condition, good size, etc.; vhc, Pickles; hc, A. Howe; No. 5, same owner, looks like the crack Greenie, sitting dumpy with a tender foot, which unfortunately spoiled its chances. BRAMBLE, ETC. (21), a fine lot: 1, 2, Hurst, first an excellent Bramble, size, shape, colour, markings, and condition all there, second we'l known Chaffinch, in pink of condition; 3, Axe, splendid Bramble, only very slightly beaten in size; 4, Walsh, smart Chaffinch, beaten only in head properties; vhc, Coffey; hc, Hill; c, Matthews. A.O.V., SEED-EATER (16): 1, 3, Axe, grand Hawfinch leading, beautiful bib, fine size, shape, colour and bloom excelling; 3, lovely Yell. Bunting as tight as wax, well marked, and grand colour; 2, Weedall, most perfectly marked Yell. Bunting in grandest form all through; 4, Beatty, bonny Hawfinch, just beaten a little in the peach bloom; vhc, Chick, grand Yell. Bunting, runs former winners very close up, all three are grandly marked, etc.; hc, Jones; c, Hingley. A.O.V. LARGE (11): 1, 3, Chick, fine Chough and a very smart Magpie, both in grand feather and condition; 2, Axe, well-known champion Thrush, looking splendid; 4, Weedall, very pretty Redwing, rich colour, fine feather and condition; vhc, Pryce-Jones, nice sized Ring Ousel, bit open in feather when we saw it; hc, Mort, Thrush, grand shape, very tight; c, Howard, deep coloured Blackbird, medium size. A.O.V. SMALL SOFT BILL (13): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, first takes special best British, Hnopoe in lovely feather and condition, looks charming when erecting crest, second well-known Wryneck, travels well to now; 3, Hill, very tight conditioned Grey Wagtail; 4, Walsh, very pretty Wryneck, slightly smaller than first, but wonderfully tight in condition; vhc, c, Beaty, pretty black Redstart and Yellow Wagtail in nice form; hc, Mackwell, Gold Crest, bit off form. FOREIGN.—PARROTS, ETC. (9): 1, F. Howe, King Parrakeet, wins in tightness of condition and colours all through; 2, Cooper, name not given, grand condition pair of birds all through; 3, vhc, Millsum, good pair White-eared Conures, and a pair of Barnards, hen fails a little in plumage over beak; 4, Hollins and Son; hc, Beaty; c, Davies. FINCHLIKE, ETC. (11): 1, 5, Hollins and Son, leaders a grand pair of Black-headed Gouldians, large, lustrous in colour, and in superb condition; 2, F. Howe, perfect conditioned Paradise Whydah; 4, Davies, pair of Ruficaudas, tight as wax; vhc, Creasey, smart small Zebra Finch; hc, Leach, Red-headed Gouldian, good feather, beaten in tight condition by pair of Black-headed Gouldians; c, Millsum. ALL SPECIES TANAGERS: 1, 2, 3, Millsum, 1st Blue, 2 and 3, Superb, and Olive Tanagers, all in fine form, a grand team. Mr. Harrison's team (4) were absent. MEMBERS. — A.V. HYBRID (7): 1, Fryer, Var. Buff Gold.-Can., nice size, quality and good condition; 2, 3, hc, c, a pair of Dark Linnet-Can., second the best of the two; 4, Hill, Linnet-Canary; vhc, Marsden. AV. BRITISH (9): 1, Downing, well-spotted Thrush, nice shape, good colour and condition, steady; 2, Hill, good Grey Wagtail, well shown; 3, Dooley, decent Chaffinch; 4, Kilvert, nice Goldie, wants more colour in blaze to be a good one; vhc, Jackinson; hc, Lennie; c, Parker. NOVICE.—A.V. HYB.: 1, Whalley; 2, Bruce. A.V. BRIT. (10): 1, hc, Smith, Wagtail; 2, 3, 4, c, Whalley, Goldie Greenfinch, Mealy Redpoll and Bramble, latter void of spangle, colour, and length, Goldie very nice Finch all over; vhc, Kinsey, Goldie.

DYSART.

Third annual open show on October 26th in the Norman Memorial Halls, under the patronage of the Provost and Town Council of Dysart, the Scottish P.C., the Scottish B.B. and M.C., and the B.F.C.C., and they received their complement of entries. Scotch fanciers were first on the schedule, but unfortunately these were down in numbers a little. The quality throughout, however, was of a good order, the winners in many cases being outstanding specimens. They were under the jurisdiction of Mr. Hogg, and his awards were well received. Norwich followed, and were a show in themselves, such a collection of Plainheads being very seldom seen at a country show. The two outstanding classes of the show were the Unfighted, 33 cocks and 24 hens, and some coming champions were to be spotted among them, the winning cock being a gem, a Clear Yellow with a blaze of deep level colour, lovely shape, grand carriage, and the correct size—a beauty, and no mistake; and leading somewhat comfortable. Crests and Crest-breds, although not so strong in numbers as the Plainheads, were forward in quality, the leaders in each class being outstanding birds. The most notable defeat in this section was Mr. Reid's Green Crest hen, which has been clearly everything in front of her lately. A nest, Mr. R., would do her no harm, as they are bound to get run down if moved every week-end. Mr. Ferguson made the awards in these classes, and found the winners in the majority of cases well. One special feature of the judging was that Mr. Ferguson went for type and quality throughout, many of the monsters taking a back seat. We noticed that the birds having splendid round heads and tight feather and type were leading, and very little in his awards could have been found fault with, everyone being unanimously of the opinion that he had made a fine job. Borders were also under his eye, and were strong in numbers and full of quality. He again found winners to the general satisfaction. Many good birds were on view, some taking a back seat to new faces now appearing on the show bench. This variety in Fifeshire is going ahead by leaps and bounds, and the Border Kings will in a short time have to look to their laurels. Mr. Goodfellow judged the British and Foreign in his usual faultless manner, and also the selling classes. He had a grand entry all round, many good birds being on view in the various classes. Mr. McQuiston had present a grand team, and succeeded in beating the Glasgow winning Linnet with a gem for colour and well marked. Mules were large classes, and contained some good specimens, the winners being outstanding birds of their variety. The hall is a good one for a bird show, but the Scotch fanciers might have been in a better corner, we thought, as they were rather too near the draught of the doorway. The committee is composed of the right sort, Messrs. J. Davidson, H Bisset, J. Black, G. Harris, J. M'Gregor, R. Traill A. Kerr, J. Cook, P. Burt, D. Ness, T. Curran J. Hutchison, D. Baird, A. Watson, D. Walker, J. Williamson, G. Burt, A. Kerr, sen., A. Black, all genuine fanciers and hard workers withal, doing everything in their power to assist their affable secretary, Mr. Logan, a gentleman of sterling quality, who supervised the show, and had the satisfaction of knowing it to be a great success. The president is Mr. David Walker; the treasurer, Mr. John Hutchinson; and the vice-president, Mr. James Davidson.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. COCK (9): 1, Nairn, fine quality, nice size, good style, rather hollow in back, inclined to be a little straight on side, good all round Yell. cock; 2, Auchterlonie, in better feather, deeper across than winner, nice drive and good action, not such a large-framed bird, but grandly lilled on top; 3, Douglas, slimmer, but good style, neat shower; 4, Thomson, good showy bird; 5, Barrie; 6, Nairn. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wallace, grand size and quality for a lady, good all-round nervy specimen; 2, Danskin, good style and fine substance, slower than winner; 3, Farquhar, rather plain on top, but good quality throughout; 4, Clark, very soft when taking notes, but appeared a good bird; 5, Barrie; 6, Summers. BUFF COCK (6): 1, 3, Wallace, first a walk-over, grand size and plenty sub., good top end and fine reach, well put down; third, long-sided; 2, Thomson, good style, very showy; 4, Summers, good sub, and nice quality; 5, Braid. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Danskin, nice one, good quality throughout, fine thickness, nicely rounded on top; 2, 5, Thomson, very nice style, grand side, fails in thickness; 3, Hutton, good lengthy bird, fine drive; 4, Gillies Bros., plenty sub., grand across, but keeps head little too high up; 6, Nairn. YELL. PIED OR GREEN COCK (4): 1, Cairns, grand Green, fine quality throughout, very taking exhibit, somewhat poorly staged, however; 2, Black, Var. Yell., plenty size, not quite so showy; 3, Wallace, Var. Yell., fails somewhat in side and top to winner. HEN (3): 1, Thomson, good sub., nicely rounded top, fine drive; 2, Wallace, slimmer got up, but grand style, very free; 3, Grieve, longer shape and good style. BUFF PIED OR GREEN COCK (7): 1, spl, Wallace, grand all over, very free worker, nice top end, grand side and rare depth, good exhibit; 2, Beattie, another good one for style and quality, shade slower; 3, Braid, longer in side, grand frame; 4, Nairn, heavy built bird, plenty of it; 5, Cairns; 6, Moyes. HEN (6): 1, Wallace, Var. Buff, good quality, nice depth and fine length of side, gets to position fairly; 2, Cairns, nice one, good sub. throughout, grand top end and fine reach; 3, Gibson, slimmer got up, but plenty length, shade slow; 4, Douglas, nice stylish bird, but fails in substance; 5, Moyes; 6, Clark. SELL. COCKS (£1) (6): 1, Gibson, Var. Buff; 2, Hutton, Var. Buff; 3, Davidson, Buff Cl.; 5, Beattie, Var. Buff; 5, Thomson, Var. Buff. HENS (£1) (10): 1, Wilson and Campbell, Var. Buff; 2, Duncan, Buff; 3, Hutton, Buff; 4, Beattie, Var. Buff; 5, Rowe, Var. Buff; 6, Greene, Yell. CRESTED COCK (7): 1, Henderson, good one plenty top gear, fine lengthy feather, nicely groomed, coming grand down, lightly stobbed, will improve yet; 2, Shillinglaw, nice quality of Crest, leany and long, shorter in side than winner, but in grand bloom; 3, Findlay, nice substance and good shape rather thin in head feather, well groomed; 4, Reid, grand top, plenty of it, dense feathering, not quite ready; 5, Buchanan; 6, Brown; 7, Matthew. HEN (7): 1, Watt, Var., in lovely order, grand shapely bird, with nice top piece, not the largest, but not a feather out of place, staged to perfection; 2, Buchanan, lengthy feather, a shade rough in body; 3, 4, Reid, former good one, not the trim of winner, but grand head properties, latter another hot one, fine dense crest; 5, McLay; 6, Brown; 7, Arnott; CREST-BRED COCK (8): 1, McLay, slashing Cl., grand entrance and lash, clear win; 2, Sharp, Var., good cushion headed, grand sub. and quality, fails in entrance; 3, Arnott, Green, beaten behind, rather narrow-looking on sides; 4, Reid, Cl., good size and quality; 5, Matthew; 6, Findlay; 7, Shillinglaw. HEN (8): 1, Henderson, grizzle, good one, rare lashing and fine wide entrance, well put down; 2, Shillinglaw, Var., good entrance and sub., fails in length of feather; 3, Gillies Bros., good stamp, shorter in head than winner; 4, 5, Sharp; 6, Watt; 7, Brown. SELL. (£1) (10): 1, Kinnell and Brown, grizzle Crest; 2, Chalmers, Crest; 3, Sharp, Green Crest; 4, Arnott, Crest; 5, Brown, Crest-bred; 6, Shoolbraid, Crest. YELL. NOR. COCK (13): 1, spl for Norwich Club Medal, Chalmers, hot one for shape, very chubby, as round as possible, put down in rare bloom, gem for quality, lovely colour and grand style; 2, McInally, hot fed one, great colour, stronger made than winner, but fails in style; 3, Sloan, nice shape and good quality throughout, grand carriage; 4, Chalmers, larger made up, good feather, and well cut; 5, Watson; 6, McLay; 7, Hampton. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Watson, beauty, lovely colour and grand quality of feather, good wing carriage, nice size and shape; 2, Chalmers, good sturdy bird, grand carriage, very stylish, beaten in front by winner; 3, Wylie, good all-round, fine, full-fronted bird, grand back and wings, fails a little in finish; 4, Winter, plenty size, grand full-chested one, bouncing style eye tick; 5, Calderwood; 6, Howie; 7, Dempster. BUFF COCK (15): 1, Chalmers, good one, lovely quality for a Buff, grand size, and not a bit of loose to be seen, rare head, grand front and wing carriage, shows to perfection; 2, Jaffray, another good one, close up, hotter if anything in colour, but very little between them for type, good exhibit; 3, 6, Watson, well up in size and shape, nicely feather, but lacks the noble chest of winner; 4, Hampton, good bodied bird, fine carriage and feather; 5, Cameron, grand shape; 7, Carson. BUFF HEN (15): 1, 7, McLay, nice quality of feather, grand colour, well up in substance, looked a shade thin on neck, but grand front and back, well cut, nice and clear; 2, Sloan, well filled up, grand stamp, hot in colour; 3, Young, rare body and lovely feather, grand carriage, wants taper; 4, Smeaton, good one, lovely shape, grand wing carriage, well rounded, nice full front and well cut, worth her position; 5, Jaffray; 6, Wylie. YELL. OR BUFF VAR COCK (16): 1, Watson, heavy Var., a topper, as round as possible, rare head and body and lovely carriage, well cleaned out and teeming with quality, wins; 2, Harris, Buff, good shapely body, full and free, and grand style, shade narrow in head; 3, McLay, Vnr. Buff, grand shape, rather inclined to be heavy in head feather, but well rounded; 4, Muir, large Buff, a little plain compared to winner; 5, Gowans; 6, Howie; 7, McAnally. HEN. (12): 1, Watson, again leading with a beauty, great substance for a hen, not too large, but full of quality, very well rounded bird in grand trim; 2, Cameron, Buff Var., good stamp, fine feather and size, thin in front compared to winner; 3, Ireland, another Buff Var., good feather and size; 4, Smeaton, good all-round exhibit, well shown; 5, Chalmers; 6, Howie; 7, Thomson. UNFLI. COCK (33): 1, 3, 6, Ireland, first gem, Cl. Yell., blaze of deep pure colour, a masterpiece in colour feeding, grand shape, lovely size, full in front, well drawn and very stylish, heads a grand class nicely; third, grand size and style; 3, 5, Young, Var. Yell., good body, well rounded, plenty of substance, fails in style to winner; 4, Cameron, topping Var. Buff, grand shape and lovely feather, fails in wing carriage; 7, Muir. HEN (24): 1, 5, Young, first Cl. Buff, good one for a lady, gem for size and sub., lovely style, grand front and wing carriage, teeming with quality, well shown; 2, Muir, good Var. Yell., full face and well rounded, grand head and well filled up all round; 3, Mitchell, Var. Buff, grand shaped body and nice carriage, beaten in head; 4, Sloan, Var. Yell., good stamp, rather soft when taking notes; 6, Smeaton; 7, Howie.

COCK NON-FED (16): 1, Chalmers, buff, not the largest, but grandly built, very compact, showing all the properties of a good Plainhead, well put down; 2, 4, Smeaton, stronger made one, but fails somewhat in style to winner; 4, Buff marked, plenty shape; 3, Roberts, yell. var., good body and fine style, rather narrow in head; 5, Howie; 6, Sloan; 7, Hatton. HENS (22): 1, Harris, var., yell., grand shape, very round, fine and full in front, nicely tapered, good one all over, rare substance for a hen; 2, C. McLay, large yell., grand wing carriage, lovely headed, fails slightly in cut to winners; 3, Winter, var. yell., good all round well up in substance, teaming with quality; 4, White, another var., grand shape, splendid front; 5, Watson; 6, Trail; 7, Burt. SELL. (£1) (12): 1, Brown, Yell, cock; 2, Duncan, buff; 3, Loggan, yell.; 4, Mitchell, var. buff; 5, Calderwood; 6, Jaffray; 7, McLay. BORDER YELL. COCK (14): 1, Spence, head marked yell., in grand bloom, as clear and tight as wax, splendid front, lovely position, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Clark, longer in shape, but grandly tapered, very nice feathered bird, good quality throughout; 3, Hamilton, wing tick, great style, but draws in front a bit, well put down; 4, Craig, good body, rather unsteady yet, will improve; 5, Morris; 6, Welsh; 7, Forrest. HEN (7): 1, Bickerstaffe, check mark, grand position, very well drawn, stylish taking exhibit, all round, rare back and wing carriage; 2, McKenzie, in grand bloom, feathered like wax, shade drawn on neck, but lovely body, well placed; 3, Welsh, nicely tapered, good body and style, just fails in feather; 4, Matthew, small, but good stamp, nice front; 5, Hislop; 6, Harris; 7, Arnott. BUFF COCK (17): 1, Hutchinson, nice shape, grand body well tapered lovely position, correct stamp of a buff; 2, Linton, grizzle on back, might be improved a little, but a gem for type, grand moulded bird in fine condition, tight as a drum; 3, Spence, fair all round bird, rather inclined to draw, but grandly shown, rare wing carriage; 4, Walker, grand type and quality, just a shade soft; 5, Harris; 6, Deach; 7, Hislop. No. 12, Alexander, a topper passed for being suspected of having tasted the forbidden fruit. HEN (12): 1, Cargill, rather on the small side, but a gem for shape, grand headed bird, lovely wing carriage, neat body and finely drawn, nice order; 2, Forrest, nicely moulded, again rare round head, fine front and well cut, good 2nd; 3, Craig, stronger got up bird, not quite so neat in head and front as winners; good feather; 4, Kay, rather slimmer made—but grand shape, in fine order, good; 5, Kerr; 6, Smith; 7, Spence; No. 5, Johnston and Young, looks like a cock singing when taking notes. EVEN MARKS (4): 1, McKenzie, neat well balanced buff, grand type and quality of feather, wins easily today; 2, Bickers, nice stylish one, grand shape, fails somewhat in eye markings; 3, Hutchinson, good all-round made yell, again a little behind in eye marks; 4, Walker, buff, just fails in type and markings. UNEVEN (19): 1, McKenzie, buff, gem for quality, in rare bloom, lovely size, well drawn, fine front and taper shows well, wins; 2, Hunter, yell., nice shapely bird, good body and grand wing carriage, shows to perfection; 3, Cargill, grand type, splendid rounded body, well tapered, again in rare feather; 4, 7, Spence, var. buff, fails in style and finish; 5, Baird; 6, Alexander. GREENS (1): 1, Murray, typical good green, grand shape and style. SELL. 10/-: (15): 1, Hamilton, good yell., even mark; 2, Linton, clear buff hen; 3, Morris, buff; 4, Murray, buff green; 5, Alexander; 6, Smith; 7, Kay. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, Black, trio of Belgians; 2 yells. leading, and buff 3rd, all well up in size and substance, in grand condition; winner best in reach and side; 4, 5, Fortune, pair of good lengthy Yorks, put down in grand trim, outclassed here; 6, Boocock, Jonque Lizard, nice cap and lacing. COMMON (10): 1, 2, McGregor, var. yell. and var. buff, respectively, very typical specimens; 3, 6, Duncan, cin. hen, good colour; 4, Fisher, cin. mark; 5, Boocock; 6, Duncan. DARK MULE VAR. (14): 1, McQuiston, Jonque Goldie, fair size, but demon for colour, good deep blaze, in grand trim; 2, Pendrigh, Jonque Greenie, grand size and plenty colour, shade light underneath, in lovely order; 3, 4, Mather, 3 well fed Siskin, nice size and good markings, well staged; 4, good yell. Goldie, should make up; 5, Chalmers Bros.; 6, Bisset Bros. LIGHT (11): 1, 3, 4, Arrighi, leader Linnet Bullie hybrid, grand size and well up in colour; shows cross well; 3, Goldie-Bullie, wins on grand colour, deep blaze and front; 4, large buff var., Goldie mule, grand size and teaming with quality, lightly mkd.; 2, Mure, yell, var. Goldie, nice size and grand colour throughout; 5, Mather, Goldie-Bullie, fails in colour as yet, but a grand head and front, will improve; 6, Ness. LINNET (10): 1, McQuiston, topper for colour, grand tone and deep nut-brown throughout, nicely pencilled, fair size, in grand feather, rather low set; 2, Arrighi, the Glasgow winner, bouncer for size and markings, but completely in the shade to-day for colour, grand shapely Linnet; 2, Brown, neat one, shade pale in front, but well marked; 4, Calder, good pencilled bird and nice tone of colour, fails in chest to winners; 5, Boyle; 6, Kerr. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Kelly, gem for size, great depth of colour, splendid shape and position, shade rough in neck yet, easy winner; 2, Paton, nice tone of colour, well made bird, grand feather, fails somewhat in size to winner; 3, Calder, shade larger, nice type, beaten only in finish; 4, Cargill, good coloured one, fair size, but very wild; 5, Kerr, good natural colour, nice body lacks tail feathers. SISKIN (5): 1, Arrighi, the Glasgow winner leading easily, needs no comment; 2, Brown, nice size, well laced in side, dense cap, just fails in bib; 3, Paton, fine deep tone of colour, nicely marked, good laced cap, again failing in bib; 4, Calder, light conditioned bird, of good tone throughout, well laced; 5, Mitchelson, fails colour and condition, but well marked. REDPOLL OR TWITE (12): 1, McQuiston, superb Twite for size and colour, grandly mkd., teaming with quality, well put down; 2, Mather, large mealy Redpoll, bouncer for size, grand feather; 3, McGillivary Bros., good in every way, excelling rather in bib, but fails in quality of feather; 4, Ross, nice Twite, well laced, good size, beaten in colour; 5, 6, Calder. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, McQuiston, good one, dense sized blaze, grand collar and checks, nicely tanned, well up in size, in tip-top form; 2, Thomson, little behind in size of blaze, but a lovely tanned bird, also fails in size of front, in good trim; 3, 6, Ness, grand sized Finch, nice shape, and steady, rather dull in colour yet; 4, Wilson, and Campbell, good all-round Finch, beaten to-day; 5, Arnott. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Duff, nice one, lovely shape, full chested one, good dense cap, well up in colour, in very fine order; 2, McDonald, better in breast colour, but not so stoutly built, good cap and wings, could be shown to better advantage; 3, Thomson, nice type and quality, rather behind in colour yet; 4, Colville and Forsyth, grand shape and lovely cap, in rare trim, fails in size only; 5, Mackie; 6, Wilkinson. GOLDFINCH FOR. (8): 1, Davidson, teaming with quality, rare sheen throughout, dense blaze, of good size, very clear cut and well up in tanning, a beauty; 2, Winter, grand colours on body, well mkd. and nicely cut, fails to winner in face; 3, Arrighi, nice size, well up in colours; 4, Bisset Bros., plenty size; 5, Chalmers Bros.; 6, Chalmers Bros. BULLFINCH FOR. (5): 1, 3, Pendrigh, 1, topper for quality, as tight as wax, grand colour and markings, dense cap, and rare wing bars, in A1 bloom; 3, another hot-coloured one, plenty size, just a little soft; 2, McDonald, good one, lovely order, and very steady, only beaten in density of breast colour; 4, Nicolson, fails in size to winners; 5, Black. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Brown, leading with his well-known Missel Thrush, the stormer in tip-top order; 2, good coloured, steady Fieldfare, both Glasgow winners; 3, Gilmour, clinking Hawfinch, nice size and colour, teaming with quality, worthy of its place; 4, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, in first rate order. SMALL (11): 1, McQuiston, good corn Bunting, as steady as a rock, in superb condition; 2, Malcolm, sweet little Willow Warbler, in grand form, well staged; 3, Gray, Yellowhammer, nice one, the best in head markings, good colour and lacing throughout; 4, Storrar, well coloured Chaffinch, steady and in fine feather; 5, Kerr; 6, Paton. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 4, 6, Bisset Bros., leading with good yell. Budgerigar, 2, Grey Parrot, in fair good order; 4, Red-crested Cardinal, rather unsteady, but good colour; 3, Duff, large well mkd. green Budgerigar, in fine order; 5, Kerr, Saffron Finch, sweet wee exhibit in fine order.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Very successful members' show, Oct. 26th, at Victoria Hotel, Bolton Woods; about 40 birds staged in eight classes. Mr. J. Wilcox judged and gave great satisfaction. Awards.—CL. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, and spl, Dykes; 2, Boocock; vhc, Cooper; hc, Whittaker. TICK. BUFF: 1 and 3, L. Dykes; 2, Sheppard; 4 and vhc, Hutton. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Whittaker. BUFF HEN: 1 and vhc, Dykes; 2, Goodwin; 3, and 4, Shepherd. CINN. TICK., BUFF COCK: 1, Goodwin; 2 and 4, Dykes; 3, Shepherd; vhc, Boocock. YELL. HEN.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Hutton; 3 and 4, Shepherd; vhc, Whittaker. SELL., COCK (15s.): 1 Dykes; 2, Shepherd; 3, Whittaker; 4, Boocock. HEN (12s. 6d): 1, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 3, Skirrow; 4, Cooper. — E. SHEPHERD, Sec.

BELPER.

This year the Belper F.A. again added Cage Birds to their annual show, owing, we believe to the efforts of Mr. Geo. Elkins, who offered (if the committee would add a few classes) to take the sole charge and care of them; and right well did he discharge his duties. Although the classes were not large, none had to be cancelled, and some good quality turned up, and it should be encouraging to the committee to provide classes again next year. The exhibits were nicely staged and formed quite a nice little show of themselves. The secretaries, Messrs. J. W. Waterfall and M. M. Stillmann, carried out the arrangements with every credit to themselves. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. NOR. A.V. COCK (9): 1, A. Fox, grizzle headed buff, deserved his place, nice quality, well cut away; 2, J. W. Fox, cl. buff, loses in type and general quality; 3, Nutt, Yellow, little rough when we saw him; r, Shaw, clear buff, wants a little more colour; vhc, Nutt. HEN (5): 1, 3, Nutt, Yell., a bouncing dame, full of type and quality; 2, A. Fox, another undeniably sweet hen; r, Alton, var. buff, well up; hc, Shaw; vhc, Ribbit, junr. CANARY, A.V. (except crested) (4): This class should have been worded A.O.V.; consequently Norwich were entered, but the committee allowed the class to stand—wisely we think; 1 and spl, Elkins, cin.-mkd. yell. Yorks; 2, buff Yorks, shown by a young fancier, J. Hibbitt, junr.; 3 and r, Walker, well built buff Nor. and yell. Nor. respectively. MULE (8): Most interesting class; 1, Hodgkinson, Goldie-Bullie, nice little bird in fine form; 2, Poole, Siskin-Greenie, an attractive exhibit, showing a pretty pair of greenie wings; 3 and r, Swift, former sweet little Siskin-Canary, pretty as paint and steady as a rock, latter Goldie-Canary; vhc, Alton, Poole; c, Kinch; all Goldie Canaries. A.V. BRIT. (5): 1, Poole, Black cap, good cap and size, very steady; 2, Gentle Bros., Hawfinch, the Darley Dale winner; 3, Poole, Tree Pipit, well mkd. breast and good colour, but seemed unsteady; r, Hibbett, junr. Bullie, the first attempt by a wee boy, and very creditably shown. SELL. (10s.): 1, Smart, 4 point, Nor., surely not dear; 2, Gentle Bros, yell. Nor; 3, Cliffe, Grey Crest, we took to be a hen; r, Cliffe, Green Crest. NOVICE (limit 20s.) (5): 1, Elkins, yell. Yorks; 2, Spencer Bros, buff Nor; 3, Mrs. Elkins.

TAUNTON.

This annual show was held on October 23rd and 24th in the Corn Exchange, a very suitable building for a show. Only four classes stood, and two of these were amalgamated. The cause of this is not far to seek—no C.B.U. licences and no advertisements in CAGE BIRDS. We trust another year a little more consideration will be given to the cage bird section. The energetic secretaries, Messrs. Scott and Lodge, worked with a will that did them great credit Judge, Rev. Joyce. NOR. CREST AND P. HEAD (amalgamated) (11): 1, 3, Luxton, couple of good Plainheads, winner best shape and carriage, good quality feather, and fairly well cut away behind, staged very neatly, and deserved their cards; 2, Bale, a very useful Variegated Crest-bred, good body and skull, fine texture of feather, in excellent trim; 4, hc, Burgess and Son, very nice Crest-bred, about equal in size and quality of feather, capital head properties; c, Bohhett. YORKS. (8): 1, 3, Webber, winner Yellow, fair head and neck, nice carriage, and splendid feather, we preferred the third exhibit, sweet head and body, lovely feather and style, perhaps hardly so well put down as former bird; 2, Thomas, pretty Yell., fair length and stand, nice carriage of wing and tail, little loose in feather; 4, Broomfield, Tick. Buff, worthy of its card, staged about the best in the class; vhc, Cattle, grizzle mkd., of very fair merit; c, Gelling. A.O.V. cancelled. GOLDFINCH, BULLFINCH, OR MULE, A.V. (13): 1, Paul, Goldfinch Mule, not over large, but sweetly mkd, and in the best of feather and condition throughout; 2, 3, Jupe, Goldfinch, nice size, good square cut blaze, neat buttons, very steady; 3, pretty Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, good breast; 4, Doble and Bennister, light Goldfinch Mule; hc, Panting, Goldfinch; vhc, hc, Fellows; hc, Bowen; c, Richards. BRIT. A.O.V. cancelled. FOREIGN A.O.V. cancelled. CANARY LOCAL (14): 1, Bowerman, prettily marked Nor. Plainhead, good size and shape, neat head and full neck, and capital carriage, inclined to brow, hardly tight enough in feather; 2, vhc, Luxton, another good quality Nor. Plainhead of good size and equal merit throughout; 3, Broomfield, tkd. Yorks, of good length and style, nice feather, and good colour, rather slack at thighs; 4, hc, c, Bourne, dark Crest, not over large, but neat shaped Crest with good centre, very useful specimen, well shown; vhc, Watling.

BATTERSEA.

Compliments and congratulations were ripe on occasion of the second annual open show of the Battersea and Dis. C.B.A. held in one of the splendid rooms at the Town Hall, Oct. 24th and 25th. And those compliments and congratulations were deserved. Luck or ask, a splendid classification had been arranged; next, the list of specials was a long one and the division of them judicious; and thirdly, the entry was about 200 in excess of the previous year. Even these reasons did not constitute the basis of the chief praise bestowed on the worthy secretary, Mr. F. Easterling. It was to be found in the fact that the whole of the prize money was actually dispatched to the winners of the name on the first night of the show? One thing is quite certain, exhibitors at least, will not fail to note this excellent fact. Some had flatly stated that it could not be done. But it was done, and the effects will be felt in the future. The arrangements as to staging were excellent, and the light good. The Secretary acknowledges with thanks the help rendered by Mr. Rennie and other gentlemen, as well as by the Committee and other members, who one and all worked like Trojans to achieve success. The Committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Allen, Beard, Patter, Baker, Goodridge, Goodey, Gooch, Mabey, Lall, Maddison, Honeysett, and Tatt. As an instance of the herculean work accomplished at the last moment, it may be mentioned that after the date for closing, over 500 entries were taken, and Mr. Easterling accepted all fish that came to his net. Mr. Easterling made a special journey to Southend show on the Tuesday to whip up entries, and his persistent and well sustained efforts were rewarded with brilliant success. Birds from Plymouth and Southend were got up in time for the judges, and only one answered too late. During the evening of each day there was a large attendance of fanciers and of the general public. As to the exhibits themselves, it may be said that quality was to the front as well as quantity. In many of the classes competition was very keen, and the duties of the judges were not light. Crests and Crest-breds were not so strong in numbers, but some high-class birds were staged. Norwich Plainheads were a very level and good lot. As to the Yorkshires, they were numerous, stylish and fine in quality. Mr. Mundell may feel satisfied with the entry which faced him—upwards of 200 birds in eleven classes! Is not this evidence of the popularity of the Yorkshire in the South? Southerners have not had many years to wait before making a successful fight with the men of the County of Broad Acres. Some of the specimens shown at Battersea were Al. British birds were fairly large classes, and in many cases the quality was of a high standard. Males were few, and fairly good, and the Foreign class contained some very choice specimens. In the members classes exhibits were to be found so meritorious as to give ground for the belief that many of the members could whip outsiders. Mr. W. Mundell judged Yorkshires, and Mr. Robson the remainder.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

CRESTS (12): 1, hc, Slade, var. dark crest, large and leafy, not yet in full pomp, scarcely full length at sides, trifle open in centre, but smart; 2, Gale, Grizzie Crest, very neat and dense, well formed; 3, Horton, nearly green scarcely so heavy or massive in headgear as first, good bodied, just a little open in crest at centre; 4, Mitchell, cl body, crest of prevailing feather with cl. bodies neat; vhc, Mrs. Haysome, we thought must have pressed 4th hard; c, Radford. CRESTBRED (8): 1, Gale, nearly green, big bodied, rather long than stout, long flights and tail, grand head covered with dense long and wide feather; 2, Horton, heavily vargtd, wide at entrance, nice shape head, but scarcely so long in head feather as winner; 3, Scott, evenly mkd, very attractive in this respect, beautiful body feather, hardly so long in head feather or so dense as leaders; vhc, Mrs. Haysome, very neat vargtd., very fine build, if a hen a good one; hc, and c, Slade. NOR., YELL. CK. (15): 1, Boydon, vargtd, lovely feather and pleasing variegation, nice eye, neat head, feather fitting closely at chest, level in colour, short wings and tail, good one; 2, Miles, another charming bird, good head, bold chest, and all round smart exhibit; 3, Hodder, full of colour, looked like the Southend winner, nice quality, neat head, good chest, might be just a shade shorter in flights and tail; 4, Spall, good chest and head, rich colour; vhc, Hodder, neat, shapely, and possessing high quality of feather; hc, Rennie; c, Mrs. Elsmore. BUFF (18): 1, Hodder, fine type, cobby, well packed feather, good in under colour, flights and tail not too long, taking exhibit; 2, Priestley, shapely, rare head and neck, good quality; 3, Cooper, smaller, grand quality, not so rich in colour, but best quality of feather; 4, Wheeler, for quality and shape as good as any, soft, bloomy feather, rich under, perhaps a bit open at chest, may have kept it back; vhc, Ellis, sweet all round; hc, Marshall; c, Battison. YELL.HEN (10): 1, Ellis, grand shape, somewhat flat in that respect, but good one all round; 2, Rennie, fair for quality of feather, typical, good carriage, neat head and level back; 3, Miles, as well up in colour as some cocks, high quality of feather, trifle strong Norwich in beak; vhc, Matthes, possesses fine carriage and flow, just the quality to breed 'em, good one, we liked; hc, Eastering, rare type; c, Hodder. BUFF HEN (16): 1, Cooper, very chubby, full of quality, will be better yet; 2, Griffin, different stamp of feather, not so full of colour, good type; 3, 4, Hodder, two fine hens, either of which might, without injustice have gone up a peg by reason of their all round feather properties; vhc, Griffin, shapely, rich in quality, and deserving of all it got; hc, Jupe; c, Miles. UNFLI. (13): 1, Rennie, yell., large for that colour in an unfl. bird, very deep and rich in colour, when tightened up ought to make things hum; 2, Cooper, fine colour, beautiful feathers, shone like satin; 3, Bellamy, very neat, hardly so thickset, good colour, just a trifle pinched on head; 4, hc, Hodder, full of quality, wants time; vhc, Marshall; c, Wheeler. OPEN NOVICE. NOR. YELL. CK (6): 1, Barnett, lovely quality and colour, chubby body, neat head; 2, Schofield, good body, possesses quality and colour; 3, Hart, hardly so chubby, but nice feather all through; vhc, Baker and Gooch; hc Lack; c, Colman. BUFF. NOR. (10): 1, Kate, chubby body, fails trifle in head, rich under colour, nice one; 2, Schofield, a bird of fine feather, good in colour; 3, Rogers and Mazzoni, very smart, shorter flights, hardly full yet; vhc, Miss Croft; hc, Yeoman; c, Hart. HENS (9): 1, Barnett, yell., good quality, shapely in body; 2, hc, Hart, again of fine quality and colour; 3, Kates, bonny buff, typical, silky in feather and rich in colour; vhc, Lack; c, Mrs. Litchfield. UNFLIGHTED (8): 1, Kates, buff, typical, good colour under, well mealed; 2, Rees, silky feather, hardly so chubby as might be yet, nice under colour; 3, Acland, possesses colour and quality; vhc, Lack; hc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Schofield. SELL PAIRS (30s.) (13): 1, Wall; 2, Marshall; 3, Jupe; 4, Green; vhc, c, Sedgwick; hc, Easterling; (20s) (13) 1, Green; 2, Marshall; 3, Easterling; 4, Sedgwick; vhc, Mabey; hc, Rennie; c, Jupe. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Wickham, repeated its Southend triumph here. Not had—two firsts in three days—really pretty all through, rich in face, best of bars, buttons placed neatly, distinct in whites, steady, burnished; 2, vhc, Maxwell, hardly so rich in colour as yet, but a clean cut well defined little Finch; 3, Sidney, another full-faced Finch, with nice bars and body colour; hc, Francis; c, Vale. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Vincent, very lustrous and pure in colours, fine poll, nice breast, clean beak; feather well packed at rump and thighs; 2, Wyse, similar bird, just a trifle larger, but lacks the colour and lustre of leader; 3, Acland, quite another sort, as large as some natives of other climes, rich in colours, fine poll, dense and lustrous; vhc, Rouse; hc, Brooks; c, Wickham. LINNET (21): A hot lot that needed some sorting, 1, Hurst, rich nutty colour, shone like silk, close and waxy, well mkd, very steady and in fine pomp; 2 and 3, Lovell, two beautiful Linnets, not so rich and nutty as first, but fine shape and well mkd; 4, Vale, darker than 3rd, full of real Linnet character and nicely mkd.; 4, hc, Maxwell, trifle pale, distinct in marking, rare shape and very steady; vhc, Marshall, Prior; c, Prior. REDPOLL SISKIN, OR TWITE (12): 1, vhc, Hurst, beautiful little Siskin, very distinct in markings, rich in colours, and fine cap; 2 and 3, Goodall, grandly mkd, rich nutty coloured Twite in fine feather leading; 4, Maxwell; hc, Francis; c, Prior. A.O.V. HARDBILL (16): 1, Barwell, topping Bawfinch, large well mkd. and in fine feather; 2, 3, Prior, former grandly mkd. lustrous Brambling, latter richly coloured well pencilled yell. Bunting; 4, Miss Brammer, bonny Chaffinch, pert and lustrous, well sheened, nice breast colour; vhc, Vale, rattling Greenfinch; hc, Francis; c, Wickham. SOFTBILL (19): A heavy class to adjudicate upon; 1, Brett, great grey Shrike, real beauty, plumage magnificent, the black was dense and lustrous, the other colours soft and shimmering, lovely eye streaks; 2, Underwood, equally lovely Waxwing; 3, Jones, lustrous Cornish Chough, with rich toned beak colour; 4, Askew, well spotted, steady Song Thrush; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Lewis, Pool, Wither's Bros., hc, Cook; c, Carter. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, Lamb, 6 pointed Goldfinch-Canary, best of feathers; 2, Beard, very good light Linnet-Canary, well shown; 3, Heppel, Goldfinch-Canary; vhc, McMarnes; hc, Shaik. DARK (13): 1, Marshall, lovely dark Goldfinch-Canary; 2, and 4, hc, c, Lamb, Siskin-Goldfinch, very pretty; 3, Cutting, Redpoll-Greenfinch; vhc, Wyse; hc, Marshall. FOREIGN: 1, Maxwell; 2, vhc, Townsend; 3, vhc, Dewhurst; 4, Conway-Gordon; vhc, Cook; hc, Hodkin, Brammer; c, Wakeford. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—In these classes there was some excellent quality, but the entries were meagre, except in the Yorks Classes, which were better. CHAMPION SECTION—NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Sedgwick, typical and good feather; 2, vhc, Mabeys; 3, Goymer. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Easterling, two smart Nor., well staged; 3, Goymer. HENS (5): 1, 3, Easterling, shapely and good; 2, Mahey, very typical, fine quality; vhc, Beard. CREST (2): 1, 2, Slade. CRESTBREDS (2): 1, 2, Slade. GOLDFINCH (8) 1, Beard, bonny little Finch, clean cut and bright in colours; 2, Wall; 3, vhc, Goymer; hc, Easterling; c, Sidney. LINNET (6): 1, Slade, really fine specimen, both in colour and marking; 2, Beard, another pretty Linnet; 3, c, Goymer, good colour; vhc, hc, Easterling. BRIT (7): 1, c, Goymer, rich coloured, well shown Hedge Sparrow; 2, Allen, Starling, nicely spotted; 3, vhc, c, Easterling, rich coloured Brambling. NOVICE SECTION, NOR. YELL. CK (8): 1, 3, Baker and Gooch, nice quality, typical; 2, vhc, c, Sidney, loses in quality, good shape; c, Luff. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Barnett, shapely, rich undercolour; 2, Sidney, bloomy, nice quality; 3, Baker and Gooch; vhc, Luff; hc, c, Slade. HENS (12) 1, Luff, really high-class hen well posted; 2, 3, vhc, Baker and Gooch, worthy their positions, in respect of shape and quality, hc, Luff; c, Barnett. SELL (20s.) (10): 1, Luff; 2, hc, c, Slade; 3, Taw; vhc, Ralph.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS YELL. CK. (22): 1, Hedder, tick on cheek, grand position, long flight, good head and chest, piped tan, rich colour; 2, Webb, capped and wing ticked, nice shape, upstanding, full of quality, good head; 3 and c, Rennie, very long bird, full of quality, long flights and tail, rich colour, good head and back; 4, Hawes, brimful of quality, neat head, good wing carriage, clean on breast; vhc, Crisp, nice bird, wants little more handling; hc, Mabey; c, Jones. BUFF (22): 1 and 3, Mabey, 1st and 2nd special, this bird wins cup for best in York Section, well on leg, long flights and tail, neat round head, full of quality, gem, 3, very stylish, good colour, boxey feather, wing and tail good; 2, Warley, capital colour, rare length, beautiful quality, nice wing carriage; 4, Pattrick, lovely colour, style, good head, compact, lights shade on the strong side; vhc, Crisp, very stylish; hc, Burton; c, Wheeler. MKD OR VARIG. (21): 1, Crisp, cinn. markd. buff, full of quality, lovely colour, neat head, grand wing and tail, just trifle too stout; 2, Pattrick, varie. yell., rich colours, well on leg, long flights and tail, rare length; 3, Rennie, yell. eye and wing, full of quality, neat head, long flights and tail; 4, Hawes, yell. variegs., nice Yorkie, well on leg, good position, full of quality, good head and chest; vhc, Parrott, variegs. yell., very stylish; hc, Wheeler, buff cinn. markd; c, Webb. UNFLI. (27)) 1, Knight, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, grand wings and tail, fine position, very steady, buff; 2, Mabey, yell. grizzled on back, upstanding, rare quality of feather, good head very clean cut; 3 and c, Crisp, buff, rich colour, full of quality, stand well up; 4, Webb, yell., nice type, nice head; vhc, Hodder; hc, Hawes. YELL. N (17): 1, Hawes, pale colour, rare length, stand well, very steady, full of quality, cut clean away; 2, Wheeler, blaze of colour, good head, grand wing carriage; 3, Webb, pale in colour, long flights and tail, good head, bit loose in feather; 4 and hc, W. G. Webb, very steady position, neat round head, true Yorkie; vhc, Burton; c, Easterling. BUFF HEN (25): 1, Lovell, very stylish, full of quality, grand wings and tail, rare clr., but short of feather on thigh; 2 and c, Wheeler very rich colour, showing plenty of breed, nervy, very slim; 3, Jones, boxey feather, neat round head, good wing carriage, piped tail; 4, Pattrick, slashing hen, not quite ready; vhc, Parrot, even marked; hc, Fellows and Flyn. OPEN NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Bennett, capital colour, rare length, stylish, good wing and tail; 2, Whiteman, rich colour, typical, shows a little frill at time, very steady; 3, Allan, stylish, loose in tail; 4, Mrs. Bloomer, very typical; vhc, Martin; hc, Thorpe; c, Dobsen. BUFF COCK: 1, Hollbrook, rich colour, grand position, full of quality, carries wing well; 2, Scott, rich colour and position, rare length of flights, neat head, clean in chest; 3, Silverthorn, tick on head, superior bird, typical; 4 and vhc, Ralph, pale colour, rather on the stout side; hc, Allen; c, Thorpe. HENS: 1 and 2, Bennett, first yell., grand wings and tail, stylish, rare colour, neat head and very clear cut, second buff, brimful of quality, typical, nice wing carriage; 3, Rorke, tick on head, buff, well on leg, grand wing and tail; 4, Ralph, buff, full of quality and position, rare colour; vhc, Brooks, cinn. variegs. yell., good stamp, very stylish; hc, Stevens; c, Stone Bros. UNFLI. (1907): 1, Bennett, yell., good all round, nice head, typical, very steady; 2, Whittome, variegs. yell., rich colour, typical, good wing carriage, piped tail, full of quality; 3, Hollbrook, yell., nice length, well upon leg, showing good Yorks properties; 4, Whiteman, another yell., neat head, good wings and tail; hc, Neal; hc, Mrs. Gill; c, Found. MEMBER'S YORKS. YELL.: 1,4, and c, Easterling, first rare length and quality, fourth stylish, good flights and tail; 2, Best, nice typical bird; 3, Mabey, nice stamp. Buff (5): 1 and 3, Easterling, first rich colour, boxey feathey, third cinn. mkd., full of quality; 2 and vhc, Mabey, typical bird; 4, Best, very nice bird, slightly puffy. YORK HENS: 1 and vhc, Easterling, yell., full of quality, rare length, good wing carriage; 2 and 3, Mabey, both bulls, very boxey feather, nice position; 4, Best, good head, typical. NOVICE MEMBERS, YELL. CK (9): 1, Brooks, wing tick, rare length, superior stamp, rich tone, nice wing carriage, clean cut; 2 and hc, Allen, check tick, full of quality, grand position, very steady; 3, Stevens, tick head, well on leg, very stylish; 4 and c, Wall, check mkd., boxey feather; vhc, Ralph. BUFF COCK: 1, 2, and vhc, Allen, first gem, full of quality, grand head and wings, rich blaze, steady, second nice type and quality, wants little more time in show cage; 3, Stevens, cinn. mkd., grand position, bit on the strong side; 4, Wall; hc, Brooks. HENS: 1 and c, Allen, first buff, neat head, grand back, clean on chest, nice type; 2 and 3, Taw, second yell., good stamp, rich colour stands well, rare length, third buff tick, very stylish, rare length, nicely cut away; 4, Wall, yell., well up on leg, long flights and tail; vhc, Slade; hc, Holloway.

Special Winners.

The following gentlemen won the specials: — Diploma for best cock, Mr. C. Mabey, who also won the spl for best 1st; for best 2nd, Mr. H. Smith won; and for best 3rd, Mr. H. T. Jones; for the best hen, Mr. J. Howes wins; for best member's bird, Mr. F. W. Allen takes the award; for the best bird in the members' champion section, Mr. E. Easterling wins with a nice Buff; the cup for best Unfli. (1907), was won by Mr. C. Mabey.

POTTERIES.

Potteries and Dis. C.B.A. held their sixth annual show on October 23rd and 24th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent. The show room is a capital one, well lighted, and free from draughts. Special staging was provided, enabling visitors to see the birds to the best advantage. Entries did not come up to expectations considering the excellent schedule sent out, but the quality throughout was very good. Norwich classes contained some excellent specimens, staged by Messrs. Hall, Sandiford, Rathbone, Barker, and Abbot, Lingard, Pitchford, Roberts, Weaver, Clunn and Croucher. The winning Yellow hen was voted a clinker and Mr. Vardy said the unflighted classes would compare for quality with any he had seen this season, the winning Yellow (a member's exhibit) taking special for best Nor. in the show. Yorkshires were hardly so good as usual, still, a few good ones turned up, the most successful exhibitors in this section being Messrs. Hawley, Simcock, Dykes, Howes, Timmis and Goldstraw. Mules or Hybrids were a warm lot, and attracted considerable attention amongst visitors. The winner, a Goldie-Bullie, has a lovely face, and grand feather. British were also nice classes for quality, the winning Goldie and Linnet being much admired. The winner in 12/6 selling class fetched 22/-. Members classes contained many choice specimens, and the quality surprised not a few. In these classes was found the winner of CAGE BIRDS Competition, a very fine unfli. Yell. Yorkshire, shown by Mr. J. Simcock, the best second to Mr. J. Pitchford's unfli. Yell. Nor., and best third to same owner's Linnet-Bullfinch. Mr. J. Sandiford won spl. for most points in show, Hyde's fell to Mr. Pitchford, and Sandiford's to Mr. Hall. The management was everything that could be desired. The Chairman, Mr. T. Hawley, was in charge, and was assisted by a hard-working committee, including Messrs. J. Rathbone, J. Pitchford, R. Hall, W. Roberts, G. E. Goodall, T. Ibbs, H. Oakes, T. Evans, J. Edwards, W. Key, C. Birks, G. Hughes, H. Perrins, and W. Yates. Mr. J. Simcock fulfilled the duties of secretary in a most able manner. Yorkshires were judged by Mr. F. Bate, the remainder by Mr. W. Vardy. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Sandiford, leader very fine clear, splendid shape and colour, lovely feather, wins well, 2nd clear, very neat and compact, nice size and shape, hardly the quality, 3rd heavy Var., rare size and shape, grand colour and carriage, well placed; vhc, Barker and Abbot; hc, Weaver; c, Miss Blagg. BUFF (7): 1, Rathbone, hairy Var., grand size and substance, good colour and quality, well staged; 2, and c, Barker and Abbot, nice, compact clear, grand feather, good carriage and condition; 3, Weaver, short, thick-set clear, plenty of substance, grand colour and feather, close up; vhc, Emery; hc, Pitchford. YELL. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Sandiford, splendid clear, lovely shape and feather, grand carriage and condition, wins well; 2, Barker and Abbot, Clear, grand type, nice sweep, good carriage and quality, just beaten in colour; 3, Roberts, grand cobby type, wide, full chest, plenty of size, nice feather; hc, Clunn; c, Ibbs. BUFF HEN: Cancelled. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, spl, best Nor., Hall, marked left wing, splendid size and shape, lovely colour and quality, a gem; 2, Hyde's spl, C.B. prize, Pitchford, very fine Clear, grand type, superior quality, short and compact; 3, Croucher, good size and shape, nice colour and feather, hardly so short; vhc, Birks, good Clear; hc, Sandiford, grand class for quality. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Lingard, both Clears, grand size and shape, rare colour and quality, well staged; 3, Clunn, rare size, short and thick-set, grand quality and colour, hardly ready yet; vhc, Roberts; hc, Pitchford; c, Croucher. YORKS. YELL. (7); 1, spl, best Yorks., Hawley, splendid Clear, fine length and position, nicely drawn, grand feather, well put down; 2, Dykes, Clear, very racy, good position, well braced wings and tail, close up; 3, Goldstraw, tkd. head, good length and position, nice feather; vhc, Maitland; hc, Miss Blagg. YELL. HEN. (6): 1, Simcock, thigh tick, very typical, good length and position, rare colour and quality, well put down; 2, Rawley, Var. good length, well drawn, nice feather and position; 3, Timmis very typical, nice feather, not the length of leaders; vhc, Piggott; hc, Howes; c, Rohinson. BUFF HEN (6): 1, Dykes, tkd. left wing, lengthy, good position, nice colour and feather; 2, Hawley, nice type, good position, well drawn; 3, Timmis, good stand, nice feather; vhc, Henson; hc, Piggott. UNFLI. (7): 1, Howes, mkd. head, neck and wing, very lengthy, good quality and position bit wild; 2, Timmis, very neat, nice feather, not the length; 3, Dykes, good position, grand feather, well staged; vhc, Maitland; hc, Howes; c, Jellery. CINNAMONS: Cancelled. MULES (7): 1, spl, Tams and Son, very fine Goldie-Bullie, splendid colour, well shown, with a bit more size would be hard to beat; 2, Ward, grand Linnet-Bullie, rare size and colour, in fine feather; 3, C.B. prize, Pitchford, another very fine Linnet-Bullie, in grand feather, not quite the size of 2nd; vhc, Pitchford, Siskin-Greenie; hc, Hill, Var., Go die-Can.; c, Lilley. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Bower, fair blaze, nice shape and size, good bars and buttons, very stylish; 2, Tams and Son, grand square-cut blaze, good tans, nice condition, hardly the finish of winner; 3, Hunt, good blaze, nice tanning and condition, well placed; vhc, Alberton, hc, Osborne; c Rathbone. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Tams and Son, pair of very fine Linnets, winner grand size and shape, very sound in colour, in rare bloom, wins well, 2nd not quite the size, otherwise very good; 3, Ecclestone, nice Siskin, good size and markings, nice feather; vhc, Bower; hc, Osborne; c, Davenport. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, Bower, smart Yell. Bunting, good markings, very steady, in rare feather; 2, c, Poole, nice Blackcap, fine condition, well shown; 3, Pitchford, Song Thrush; vhc, Clowes, Bullfinch; hc, Wedge, Hawfinch. A.V., limit (22) (7): 1, Weaver, nice Clear Buff Nor.; 2, Yates, good pair of Cinnamons, very cheap; 3, Williamson, Var. Buff Nor.; vhc, hc, Wild; c, Emery. SELL. (12/6) (13): 1, Hall, cheap Buff Nor.; 2, Yates, pair Cinnamons; 3, Robinson, Buff Yorks.; vhc, Roberts; hc, Tams and Son; c, Thorp. MEMBERS' CLASSES —NOR. YELL.: 1, Rathbone, mkd. wing, rare size, good type and quality; 2, 3, Roberts, nice typical Clears well put down; vhc, Hall; hc, Oakes and Evans. BUFF: 1, Birks, good type, plenty of size and substance; 2, Hall, large, typical Var., make good stock bird; 3, Rathbone, Var., rare size and shape; vhc, Pitchford; hc, c, Roberts. YELL. HEN: 1, Rathbone, neat, compact Clear, nice type, should make up well; 2, Roberts, nice Clear very promising; 3, Ibbs, mkd. eyes and wings, nice type and feather; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Roberts; c, Hall. BUFF: 1, Oakes and Evans, good size and shape, nice feather; 2, Pitchford; 3, Ibbs, Var., very cobby, good quality; vhc, Roberts; hc, Ibbs; c, Birks. UNFLI. YELL: 1, Sandifords, Hall, grand type, splendid colour and quality, well shown; 2, Yates, mkd. head and wings, good size and shape, rare colour and condition; 3, Rathbone, nice Clear; vhc, Hall; hc, Roberts; c, Key. BUFF: 1, 3, Rathbone, nice, cobby pair, well put down; 2, Birks, rare size and shape, good colour and quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Key; c, Pitchford. YORKS. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hawley, capital trio, very typical, rare quality, well shown; vhc, Goodall; hc, Perrins. HENS: 1, Goodall, very smart, Clear Yell., good position, nice quality; 2, Hawley, neat Buff; 3, Simcock, Yell. UNFLI.: 1, C.B. prize, Simcock splendid Clear Yell. rare length and stand, lovely colour and feather, should do well; 2, Hawley, nice Clear Buff, very promising; 3, Simcock, Var., Yell., very stylish, grand colour and feather, good position; vhc, hc, 2, Hughes. BRITISH: 1, spl, Perrin, Chaffinch.

DUNSTABLE.

A highly successful event was Dunstable and Dist, F.S. 14th annual exhibition, in the Town Hall, on October 24th. To the energetic and fancier-like spirit of the committee, and the untiring efforts of Mr. E. F. Ball, the hon. sec., this result is mainly due. But then, Mr. Ball is an experienced fancier and knows the secretarial ropes to perfection. The Town Hall was taxed to its utmost capacity to hold all the exhibits, which included poultry and fur in addition to cage birds, but the stewards of our section made the best possible provision for the cage birds. Judging was carried out in an excellent light, and everything passed off satisfactorily in that respect. The list of specials was a good one, and the competition very keen. The members' cup was won by Mr. F. Webb, with a rich coloured Ticked Yellow Norwich Plainhead, of rattling shape, lovely quality, and well staged. The runner-up was Mr. F. J. Webb, with a very nice Yorkshire. For Hyde's special there were not enough competitors, so it fell through. Specials for best cage bird in the show and for best members' cage bird (cup winner barred) were won by Mr. E. Bloomfield with a very promising Crest that should improve as time goes on. This bird has a leafy, veiny crest of nice shape and good substance, well formed. The quality throughout was good, and considering the glut of shows just now, and the fact that Dunstable was limited to certain counties, the entry was a good one. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. CL. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Webb, good shape, fine feather texture, nice under-colour, well staged; 2, Goodall, close on the heels of first, and very much like it (a close race this), beautiful feather, nice colour and mealing; 3, Wilmot, typical bird of lovely flowing feather, neat head, very silky, but lacks the under-colour of the leaders; 4, Ward, fine type again, and nice quality, but inclined to be open just a little at shoulders; vhc, hc, Ward; c, Spall. A.O.V., CK. (13): 1, spl, 2, c, F. Webb, the leader a grand shaped Cl. Yell., fine head, high quality of feather, not the hottest, but all round a bonny bird; second another Yell., vgtd., full of quality and very warm and level in colour; third Gentle, Tick Buff, typical, nice under-colour and meal, a good one; 4, Pedder, Vgtd. Yell., a gold mine in a breeding cage; vhc, c, Ward. NOR. HEN, A.V. (9): 1, Goodall, Yell., charming, fine shape and ladylike deportment, feather very silky and colour good; 2, Gentle, Yell., tick on wing, not quite the substance, but equal in quality, a good one; 3, F. Webb, Buff of fine shape and nice quality; 4, Wilmot, another Yell., good body, but seems to fail a trifle in head to leaders, yet a sweet bird; vhc, hc, c, Ward. CREST or C.B. (9): 1, 2 spls. 3, 4, vhc, Bloomfield, rattling team, the winner taking specials as noted above; 2, hc, Kilpin, the former very stylish oval-crested bird with nice lay and droop, well packed centre, not so massive as some or leafy, but put down in rare order, and gave the winner a good race for honours to-day. YORKS. (14): 1, c, Sweetman, the winner a slashing Yorks, nice quality, colour, and style; 2, 3, 4, F. Webb, a good team, birds of style and quality; vhc, Sapwell; hc, Young. BRIT. A.V. (15), and a difficult lot to judge: 1, Osborn, Chaffinch, of the correct colours, not quite steady, but very beautifully mkd. and sheened, not yet at its best; 2, Timmis, very steady Goldfinch, not yet in full colour on blaze or up in bloom, but a good one when fully fit; 3, Smith, Pipit, nice markings and tame; 4, F. Webb, Yell. Bunting, steady, not quite so rich as some in colour; vhc, Goodall; hc, Eling; c, Wilmot. NOVICE (8): 1, Rhodes, very nice Buff Nor.; 2, no name, ditto; 3, Thring; 4, Dillingham; hc, Dr. Rose; c, Dillingham. CUP CLASS A.V. (members) (10): Cup, 3, hc, F. Webb, winner already described; 3, another Nor., but not the quality of first, yet good; 2, F. J. Webb, very smart Yorkie, good in quality and nice stand; 4, Sapwell, also a smart Yorkie; vhc, c, Ward.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

The fifth annual exhibition of the above Society was held in the Congregational Hall, on October 25th and 26th, and with the single exception of light, which is not over good, the room is a very suitable one for the purpose, being lofty, well ventilated, and spacious. The staging was well arranged, so that most of the birds on show could be examined without inconvenience to visitors, of which a goodly number, both local and from many of the Northern towns, were in attendance. The show was held under the patronage of the Northern Crest Club, Northern Yorkshire Canary Club, Border Counties, Norwich and Cinnamon Club, Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club, and had the patronage, as well as the support in the way of handsome subscriptions of many of the leading gentlemen of the district, and this, along with a capital entry of 050 exhibits and a splendid gate should put our South Shields friends on the best of terms with themselves, as the show was in every respect a grand success. Mr. Duke, the courteous, obliging, and hard-working secretary, had his part of the duties well in hand, whilst the staging and feeding were well carried out by a hard-working and enthusiastic committee. Where all did so well, it is hardly necessary to single out any individual, as all seemed determined to do the best possible to care for the birds under their charge. In the Norwich Plainhead section, six classes were provided, the response being 85, just over 14 per class. These classes, thought not so strong numerically as one would have liked to see them, contained quality of the highest order, many of the birds being splendid in type and brimful of quality, especially was this the case with the teams put down to Messrs. Grey, Godley, and Harland, the winners being capital specimens of the variety, while Messrs. Haigh and Son won with a typical youngster in the unflighted class. The Crest section was only moderate in numbers, but quality was of the best. Special mention might be made of the young Crest exhibited in the 1907 class by Mr. T. Taylor, which won the open special given by Messrs. Hyde. We were informed that having won the N.C.C. medal, it was not eligible to again compete until the club show. Had it not been so, it would have been quite capable of repeating its Newcastle performance. It is indeed a marvel and a credit to the skilful breeding. It carries an immense crest with no trace of the coarseness sometimes seen in this variety, good in shape all round, and particularly strong droop and frontal; it is well worth a long journey to see. Many other birds in this variety were magnificent specimens; the winners of Messrs. Armstrong, W. J. Taylor, Stoves, and Lister were all birds of great merit, and were worthy of much better competition. Cinnamons came up fairly well. Messrs. Godley and Dormer put down teams of splendid colour, and caried off most of the spoil. The Borders, with their neat and natty appearance, were fairly well represented with 31 in three classes. Messrs. Bennet, Currah and Son, and Hopper Bros. being well to the fore. Yorkshires, with 64 in five classes, were a nice lot, good birds being staged by Messrs. Ambler, Whiting, Wilcock, Cuthbertson, Stewart, Ellis, Richardson, and Groundill. Mules were only fair, Mr. W. J. Taylor capturing most of the prizes. Hard-billed British came up well, with the exception of Goldfinches and Greenfinches, Mr. R. J. Howe putting out a fine team, and standing first in three out of the five classes. Soft-bills were only fair, Mr. Howe again winning in both classes. Foreign were a nice lot, and greatly admired. The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Canaries), F. Marwood (British, Foreign, and Mules).

Norwich.

YELL (8): 1, A. Brown, good type, rare quality, well over perch, nice size and colour; 2, A. Grey, good quality, colour, and shape; 3, Godley, neat head, good carriage and colour, nice bird; 4, Rowell, nice shape and feather, not far behind; vhc, Harland; hc, Stanger; c, Winn and Hinde. BUFF (16): 1, Godley, grand type, lovely feather, neat wings and tail, good carriage, colour, and quality; 2, Hodgson, hardly the finish of winner, but very close indeed on its heels; 3, Rowell, fine type and size; 4, A. Grey, neat feather, nice chest; vhc, McGuinness; hc, Marshall; c, J. Gray. VARIE. (16): 1, A. Grey, marked eyes and wings, fine head and chest, nice colour and carriage, wins comfortably; 2, Harland, good head and wing carriage, nice quality; 3, Godley, lovely shape, hardly the size, nice quality, pressed hard; 4, W. J. Taylor, cap and wing marked, not far behind; vhc, Rowell; hc, Wilcock; c, Haigh and Son. HEN (19): 1, Harland, a real stormer of a yellow, will require some stopping, good size, shape, colour, feather, and carriage; 2 and vhc, A. Grey, both buffs, leader a gem for shape and quality, good carriage, fine head, chest, wings, and tail, hard lines to meet such a fine yellow as winner; 3, Dobinson, buff, lovely feather, full of quality, good hen; 4, McGuiness another buff, neat all over, nice wing carriage, fine quality, close up; hc, c, Godley. UNFLI. YELL. (19): 1, Haigh and Son, stoutly built, nice head and chest, neat wing and tail carriage, lovely feather, should make a good one another year; 2, Harland, another promising youngster, nice chest and head, wings well carried; 3 and 4, McGuiness, two birds of good type and quality, nice chubby shape; vhc, Hodgson, hc, Reid; c, A. Grey. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Godley, leader a grand bird, full of quality, beautiful type, feather, and colour, a beauty, 2nd, wing ticked, rather wild, good type and feather, will improve yet; 3, Dobinson, good bird, should do well yet; 4, Haigh and Son, good colour, capital shape, not quite tightened up; vhc, Reid; hc, Taylor; c, Dove.

Crests.

DARK (8): 1, Armstrong, also takes N.C.C. silver medal for best Crest or Crest-bred, wing marked, grandly shaped crest, neat centre, well filled, good size and droop, showing no signs of a split, staged in good form; 2, Bewick, fine frontal, neat centre, fairly dense in feather, fine bird; 3, Stoves, dense heavy crest, of good quality; 4, W. J. Taylor, nicely filled crest, neat shape and centre, on a smaller scale than leaders; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Currah and Son, c, No. 9, no name. HEN (5): 1, 4, vhc, W. J. Taylor, good team, first wing marked, nice shaped neat veiny crest, clear centre, good frontal; 2, Armstrong, marked wing, rather smaller, nice hen, though; 3, Lister, big crest, real good breeding hen. CRESTBRED 1907 (8): 1, 3, T. Taylor, leader wins Hyde's teapot, a regular wonder, immense size of crest, wonderful frontal, good all-round with neat, well placed centre, a champion, 3rd green, nice headpiece; 2, Dobson and Son, wins N.C.C. medal for best 1907 Crest, grizzled back, good dense drooping crest, good all-round and very creditable; 4, Lister, neat and shapely; vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, Richardson; c, Miller and Watts, had been bathing. A.O.V. CREST (8): 1, Stoves, nice dense crest, neat formation; 2, 4, Marshall, leader grizzle with neat centre; 3, vhc, Lister, No. 3 best bird in class, but almost blind, and was passed as such by the judge. CRESTBRED (8): 1, T. Taylor, big green, grand skull, abundance of feather of fine texture, nice beak, splendid entrance, well browed, well shaped body; 2, Bewick, lightly variegated, nice cushion-shaped head, dense heavy feather, grand entrance, good second; 3, Lister, nice shape and feather, good third; 4, c, J. Gray, plenty of feather; vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, Armstrong. HEN (7): 1, T. Taylor, variegated, fine headgear, heaps of feather, on a grand shaped head; 2, J. Gray, good clear, with plenty of feather, not far behind winner; 3, Marshall, variegated, good skull, grand head feather, close on heels of leaders, three grand hens; 4, vhc, W. J. Taylor, very nice birds; hc, c, Woodhouse. CRESTBRED 1907: 1, N.C.C. silver medal for best young Crestbred, Lister, grizzled on neck, grand cushion-shaped head, covered with dense broad feather, good entrance, fine shaped body; 2, Crawhall, marked neck and wings, grand entrance, heaps of feather of good quality; 3, Richardson, another good one, hard to separate, wonderful head feather, three grand birds; 4, Armstrong, nice shape and feather; vhc, hc, c, W. J. Taylor. CREST PAIRS (8): 1, Lister; 2, Dobson and Son; 3, Marshall; 4, Bewick; vhc, hc, W. J. Taylor; c, Armstrong.

Cinnamons, etc.

YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Godley, a splendid team, leader good shape, bold head, fine feather, sound colour, carried well through and nicely burnished, second shade better colour, but beaten in head and shape, third another warm one close up; 4, hc, Dormer, leader had lost some tail feathers, or might have been second, fine build, size, colour, and quality; c, Seeley. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Dormer, big finely built bird, grand sound cinnamon colour, rare back, a thorough Cinnamon; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Godley, another fine team, little to choose between second and third, both very sound in colour and brimful of quality; c, Ormston. UNFLI. (11): 1, Dormer, grand hot coloured young yellow, wins well, and will no doubt do the same again; 2, Scely, buff, nice colour, good shape and feather, full of quality; 3, vhc, c, Godley, leader, nice yellow, good colour and quality; 4, Todd and Son, nice exhibit, worth its place; hc, Taylor and Sanderson. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, Godley, a grand team, any of them good enough to breed winners with; 3, Dormer, nice yellow of fine shape, colour, and quality; hc, Rowell; c, Seeley. BORDER YELL. (10): 1, 3, Bennett, two clears, typical, well staged, feathered like wax, neat heads, capital wing carriage; 2, French, cheek ticked, beautiful shape and feather, close as wax; 4, Hopper Bros., a shade stouter built, lovely quality; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Currah and Son; c, Johnston. BUFF (12): 1, Bennet, cap and neck, grand feather and shape, staged in spotless condition; 2, Hopper Bros., ticked on eye, nice shape, clean as a new pin; 3, Hawkins, neat feather, capital shape and carriage; 4, vhc, French, two neat, natty birds in fine order; vhc, Rowell; c, Bowen. HEN (9): 1, Currah and Son, grandly marked, and in splendid fettle; 2, Dippie and Richardson, nice typical clear yellow, neat all over; 3, Hopper Bros., marked wing, eye, and cheek, neat bird, lovely feather, worth its place; 4, W. J. Taylor; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Bennet; c, Hawkins. SCOTS (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. J. Taylor, fair team, but no competition. Mr. Little's birds did not put in an appearance. YORKS YELL (9): 1, Ambler, grand shape, sweet head, neat wings and tail, beautiful position and carriage, an easy win; 2, Cuthbertson, shade stronger, good head, a good bird, but not quite ready; 3, Wilcock, a beauty for feather and colour; 4, Grieves, fine, long, good shaped bird; vhc, Stewart; hc, Thompson; c, W. J. Taylor. BUFF (7): 1, Ambler, slim, full of style, well on leg, feather as smooth as a glass bottle a typical Yorkshire; 2, Steele, good shape and feather; 3, Stewart, big hot colour, good shape; 4, Wilcock; vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, Mather; c, Harrison. TICKED YELL. (11): 1, Whiting, marked neck and wing, good shape, length, and carriage, straight as a pencil; 2, Wilcock, head and wings, slim, well drawn bird, very stylish, worth its place; 3, Ellis, good shape, should improve; 4, Chew and Stokoe, ticked on head, hot colour; vhc, Ambler; hc, Walsh; c, Slack. BUFF (8): 1, Ambler, grand position, well on leg, fine quality, grizzled on shoulder, wins well; 2, Wilcock, head ticked, fine length and shape, nice colour and quality; 3, Whiting, head marked, fine quality and style; 4, Ellis, marked head, hardly ready yet; vhc, No. 9, no name; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Stewart. HEN (15): 1, hc, Wilcock, grandly built, lengthy, yellow, well on leg, fine size and shape; 2, Cuthbertson, buff, ticked on wing, fine shape, feathered like a Java, good second; 3, Ambler, cheek ticked, yellow, of nice style and quality; 4, Stewart, neat feather and shape; vhc, Kent; c, Steele. UNFLI. (22): 1, hc, Cuthbertson, a buff, fine shape, lovely quality, full of style, grand carriage, ticked on head, a good one; 2, Richardson and Groundwell, nice wing marked yellow, wants a little training, good length, shape, and feather; 3, W. J. Taylor, nice well built buff, well filled back; 4, Chew and Stokoe, cheek ticked yellow, nice style; vhc, Stewart; c, Grieves. PAIRS A.O.V. (12): 1, Jobling; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, c, Godley; 4, Seeley; vhc, Slack; hc, Rowell.

Mules and British.

LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, W. J. Taylor, Canary-Bullie, Goldfinch-Canary, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and Goldfinch-Canary, all in nice condition and well placed, Nos. 1 and 2, Maddison, absent. DARK CAN. MULE (10): 1, 2, 4, W. J. Taylor, leader good Linnet-Canary; 2nd and 4th nice Siskins, good team; 3, Duke, Greenie-Canary, worth its place; vhc, Furlong; hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, McSally. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Stanger, nice square bright blaze, good tanning, neat buttons and bars, wins; 2, Maddison, good shape and colour; 3, Dunn, capital style and colour; 4, Duke, nice size and condition; vhc, Lawson; hc, Dickens; c, Telford. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 3, R. I. Howe, two toppers, nice cap, back, breast, and wing bars; 2, vhc, Laidlaw, good specimen, not much between first and second; 4, Foster, smaller, nice shape and colour; hc, Turner; absent Telford. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Howe, fine shape, colour, and condition, well selected; 3, Maddison, tight as wax; 4, Furlong, nice colour and sheen, worth its place; vhc, Hutter. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Howe; 2 and 3, Duke; 4, Furlong. A.O.V. (17): 1, Howe, fine Chaffinch, nice colour and markings, grand condition and steady; 2, Foster, Bramblefinch, not a big one, but grand colour, lacing, and condition; 3, Shepphord, Hawfinch, big and nicely marked; 4, Dippie and Richardson, Crossbill, fair condition; vhc, Page Bros.; hc, Wilson; c, Waters. LINNET (15): 1, French, fine size, stoutly built, well marked and steady, in fine order; 2, 3, Dunn, second good shape and colour, third shapely and well marked; 4, Howe, fine size, good markings; vhc, Telford; hc, Dixon; c, Rewick. THRUSH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Howe, Blackbird and Missel Thrush, leader fine bill and eye, dense bright body colour, a good one; second, nice markings and condition; 3, Smith, Song Thrush, nice shape and markings; 4, Wilson, we could not find; vhc, McGinn; hc, Dunn; c, Ace. SMALL INSECTIVOROUS (8): 1, 3, Howe, first good coloured Nightingale, grand condition and size, third Treecreeper, in nice order; 2, Lawson, Blackcap, a nice exhibit, wins special for best bird exhibited by a member; 4, Waters, Nightingale, nice feather and shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Foster; c, Telford. SKYLARK (8): 1, McVay, full of work, nice size, and fine condition; 2, Potts, grand colour; 3, Appleby, nice front, good colour, fine condition; 4, Dunn, another nice Lark, close up; vhc, Bage Bros.; hc, Simmons; c, Reid. A.O.V. (4): 1, Stewart, Yellow Bunting, well marked, nice colour, wins; 2, Lawson; 3, Taylor; 4, H. Taylor. FOR. LARGE (8): 1, A. Brown, with really good Mynah, in grand condition; 2, Hollins and Son, leader nice Ring Parrot, in grand colour and condition; 3, Gilroy, Amazon, in good feather; 4, Gilhespie; vhc and hc, McKenzie; c, Turner. SMALL (10): 1, Howe; 2, 4, Hollins and Son; 3, McKenzie; vhc, Turner; hc, Gilhespie; c, Taylor. SELL. 20/- (12): 1, Turner; 2, Bewick; 3, Taylor; 4, Woodhouse; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Walker; c, A. Brown. SELL. 15/- (19): 1, Crochatt; 2, Godley; 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Walker; vhc, Jobling; hc, Rowell; c, Crawhall. SELL. 10/- (14): 1, Turner; 2, McGinn; 3, Jobling; 4, French; vhc, Rowell; hc, Charlton; c, Taylor. MEMBERS, NOR. YELL. (16): 1, Charlton; 2 ,vhc, Alty; 3, Richardson; 4, bc, Taylor; c, Winter . BUFF (14): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Murrell; 4, c, Richardson; vhc, hc, Alty. TICKED (15): 1, vhc, Richardson; 2, Thompson; 3, Steel; 4, Alty; hc, c, Winter. HEN (14): 1, 2, 4, Richardson; 3, Peacock; vhc, Alty; hc, Thompson; c, Winter. NOVICE (11): 1, Charlton; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Murrell; hc, Newton. CREST (4): 1, Winter; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Woodhouse. HEN (4): 1, Taylor; 2, Winter; 3, Newton; 4, Duke. NOVICE (1): 1, Newton. CRESTBRED (4): 1, Winter; 2, 3, Duke; 4, Taylor. HEN (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Winter; 3, Woodhouse. NOVICE (1): 1, Newton. CINN. (5): 1, 2, 4, Taylor and Sanderson; 3, Winter; vhc, W. J. Taylor. BORDER YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, W. J. Taylor; 3, vhc, hc, Thompson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, vhc, Thompson. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, Duke. BUFF (5): 1, Thompson; 2, Taylor; 3, Steel; 4, vhc, Duke. TICKED (11): 1 Alty; 2, vhc, c, Taylor; 3, 4, Thompson; hc, Walker. HEN (7): 1, 2, Thompson; 3, Steel; 4, hc, Walker; c, Duke. BRIT. SOFT (3): 1, Lawson; 2, c, Telford. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Duke; 2, Lawson; 3, vhc, Telford; 4, Murrell. LINNET (12): 1, Murrell; 2, 3, Dixon; 4, Winter; vhc, Telford; hc, Watson; c, Steel. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Duke; 3, Steel. A.O.V. FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, c, Turner; 2, vhc, Lawson; 3, could not find; 4, Winter; hc, Gilhespie. MULE (6): 1, Murrell; 2, Watson; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Duke. FOR. (6): 1, 3, Gilhespie; 2, vhc, Turner; 4, Taylor. HYDE'S: Mr. Winter, special silver watch for best members, Lawson; special best Goldfinch, Duke; special best Linnet, Murrell.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN O.A.

The Scottish Metropolitan O.A. show was held in the Shepherd's Hall, Victoria Street. The entry was far short of what it has been, but this was compensated for by the quality of the exhibits, which was most excellent. Mr. McClure, of Glasgow, deservedly won the chief honours for the best young birds with his foul Buff cock, and the Yellow hen—admittedly the best young birds bred this season. The size of the exhibits was most satisfactory, that being a marked feature in the old birds shown. The hall was too obscure and small for an open show; the cages had a packed appearance, and the floorage accommodation was limited. The Clear and Foul specimens were classified together, which arrangement was received with disfavour, and was considered a mistake, both classes being strong in quality; the result was that many were unable to put in an appearance. The President, Mr. Wright, did his best for the interest of the society. Mr. McDonald is a first-rate secretary, and could, with ease, have managed a much larger entry. He is most courteous, and his good lady and household took an active part in the show. He deserves great credit for the admirable arrangements, and the one regret is that he had not a real open show to handle. A better committee than Messrs. Hope, Gorrie, Ballantyne and Meikie could not be brought together; they are all genuine and enthusiastic fanciers. The entries (including 14 Belgians) were 168, or an average of 10 per class. The judges, Messrs. A. Hamilton, Thos. Braid, D. Brown, J. McLennan, got through their work smartly, and almost without exception the awards seemed to be all that could be desired. YELL COCK, CL. OR FOUL (14): 1, King, champion, massive frame, erect, decided drive, nice droop, prominent shoulder, beautiful front and feather, long rib, wing and tail, graceful in movement, an easy win; 2, Hope, grand size, decided drive, good shoulder, side and wing, beautiful condition; 3, Allan, another beauty, correct type, fine action; 4, Graham, erect, fine drive, droop and shoulder; 5, McAdam, again nearing grand rolled-over type, in the best of company; 6, Brown and Whippet, splendid shape and substance; 7, Roger; 8, McClure; 9, Thornton; 10, Whitefield; 11, Wynnes. HEN (17): 1, McClure, perfect gem, erect, decided drive, grand free neck and droop, sweet body, good shoulder and front, smooth in feather, a beauty in lovely plumage; 2, McMillan, erect, decided drive, grand shoulder, body wing and tail, fine action; 3, Carlaw, beauty, fine size and style, really good all round; 4, Forrest, superior type, smart, good body, drive and droop; 5, McAdam, very stylish, good body, wing and tail, quick in movement; 6, Hope, in excellent company, good all over bird; 7, Blair, grand type; 8, McVie; 9, Dalgleish; 10, Young; 11, Wynnes. YELL. PIED COCK (9): 1, Forrest, grand type, extra well set back on perch, determined drive, grand neck and shoulder, long body, wing and tail, clean front, and rare depth of chest, wins easily; 2, Allan, another gem, but not quite equal in quality to winner; 3, Dalgleish, erect, fine droop, shoulder and body, quick; 4, Hope, grand size and type, ready in movement; 5, Grahame, really nice all-round exhibit; 6, Ballantyne, grand quality, and ready in action; 7, Blake, good size and style; 8, Hardie, fine stamp. HEN (15): 1, Allan superior model, erect, fine droop, neat head, plenty of neck and shoulder, good body and action; 2, Munro, grand stamp, solid, capital droop, nice head and neck, grand body, wing and tail; 3, 11, Roger, splendid position good body shoulder and action; 4, Carlaw, known winner, but varies in taking position, very typical and full of quality; 5, Niven, really fine type; 6, McEachern, fine stamp, wins here; 7, Petrie, grand size and type; 8, Briggs; 9, Blair; 10, Craig. YELL. GREEN COCK (6): 1, Headey, good reachy, typical exhibit neat and very proportionate, lovely plumage; 2, Fulton, neat and typical, grand plumage; 3, Hone, good style and size, smart in movement; 4, Begg, grand type; 5, 6, Strathearn, good stamp. Hen (4): 1, 2, Thornton, the well-known winner, lovely plumage, well circled and ready, 2 fine type, close in plumage; 3, Whitefield, good size and stamp; 4, Crosbie, good quality. CL. BUFF OR FOUL COCK (12): 1, 4, McClure, National Derby winner, in capital form, much admired for his droop and wonderful throughout style, best bird in hall, 4 well-known erect, decided drive, rare droop and shoulder; 2, Patterson, good exhibit; 3, Dalgleish, fine bird; 5, Roger, another good one; 6, Dohson, neat and typical; 7, McKay, finely-balanced in quality; 8, Allan; 9, Burgess; 10, Sinclair; 11, Allan. HEN (14): 1, Allan, neat, close feathered and typical, ready, and shows every quality it possesses; 2, McClure, well-known, grand size and substance, could easily have been first; 3, Patterson, very taking, stylish, good, all-round exhibit; 4, Hope, really superior exhibit, grand size and substance, nicely positioned; 5, Petrie, good size and substance; 6, McMillan, fine quality; 7, Russell; 8, Burgess; 9, Munro; 10, Adams; 11, Foulton. BUFF PIED COCK (12): 1, Dalgleish, large, erect, head forward, good droop, splendid shoulder, body and wing; 2, Hope, really good all-round exhibit, nicely circled; 3, Strathearn, erect, fine drive and droop, good body and action; 4, Grahame, neat and typical; 5, McMillan, good size and style; 6, King, fine size and substance; 7, Petrie, good stamp; 8, 9, Carson; 10, Meikle; 11, Whitefield. HEN (7): 1, Allan (Wm.), easy win, large, grand substance, erect, decided drive, good droop and shoulders, rare body, nice position; 2, Burgess, neat and active, erect, good drive, shoulder and body; 3, Allan (James), good style and graceful in movement; 4, Fotheringham, neat and typical; 5, Dohson, plenty of substance, fine tyne; 6, Forrest, wins here; 7, Brown and Whippet. BUFF GREEN COCK (8): 1, McMillan, grand size, erect, fine drive and droop, grand shoulder and body, rare style; 2, McNiven, well-known winner, in lovely plumage; 3, Fotheringham, fine reach, good body; 4, Hardie, neat and typical; 5, Patterson, model, nice position, and very graceful; 6, Roger, solid body; 7, Eagle, nice stamp; 8, McAdam. HEN (10): 1, 2, Strathearn, splendid couple, grand size and substance, really good Green strain; 3, Craig, fine top and good body and tail, too fresh; 4, McLeod, fine type; 5, Fotheringham, neat; 6, Henry, good stamp; 7, Forrest; 8, Eagle; 9, Grahame; 10, Hardie. BREEDING PAIRS (10): 1, King, champion pair, strong in every quality, ideal mating, worthy of close study; 2, McKay, another grand pair, but not the size of winners, smooth in feather, both typical; 3, Thornton, well matched, could do with more size, they are all that can be desired for style; 4, Forrest, likely pair, good quality; 5, Carlaw, neat, typical pair; 6, Henry; 7, Patterson; 8, Strathearn; 9, Carson; 10, Hope. SELL. COCK (9): 1, Dobson, good type, worthy of position; 2, McEachern, fine model, smart and active; 3, Briggs, good stamp; 4, McAdam, good quality; 5, Henry; 6, McVee; 7, Fotheringham; 8, Young; 9, Baxter. HEN (7): 1, Dobson, fine size and style; 2, Craig, good type; 3, Blake; 4, Baxter; 5, McAdam; 6, McEachern; 7, Sinclair. BELGIAN COCK (5): 1, 2, Fairley, good top, neat head, free neck, fair body, tail to perch; 3, Burgess, almost a Scotch Fancy; 4, 5, Vanderanwera. HEN (9): 1, McClure, best type in show, beautiful plumage; 2, McMillan, cross type; 3, Greig; 4, Wigley; 5, Forrest; 6, 7, Fairley; 8, 9, Vanderanwera.

WIMBORNE.

Cage birds were staged in the balcony of the Victoria Hall, with good top light and free from draught, just the hall for a cage bird show. This should be borne in mind another year by cage bird exhibitors, also that the committee paid full prizes money where there were only five entries in a class. The energetic secretary, Mr. W. St. Bell, is to be congratulated on the manner in which he carried out the arrangements for the show, backed up by the efforts of a hard-working committee, consisting of Messrs. E. Whitley, Baker, H. Mead, C. Cree, E. N. Driver, J. Fair, H. Goodland, W. T. Hoare, W. J. Jebbitt, F. S. Miller, H. Prosser, S. Thomas and A. H. Brown, assistant secretary. Mr. G. Bond judged, and we heard no adverse comment. NORWICH CL. YELL: cancelled. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl., Banhury, grand Buff, good size and wing carriage, nice head and chest, well mealed, wins; 2, vhc, Goodland, good type, wings, carriage and quality of feather, well worth its place; 3, Lowe, good type and quality of feather, rather larger than 2nd, little open on chest; hc, Cook. A.O.V. (9): 1, Lowe, grand variegated, yell. both wings and each side of cheeks marked, good head, nice quality, well fed; 2, Miss M. Thomas, neck tkd. yell. good type and quality, on the small side, or would be hard to beat; 3, Snell, tkd. on each wing, very nice exhibit; vhc, Farler and Clark; hc, Goodland; c, Baker. CRESTED (9): 1, spl, Mrs. Haysom, grand, even mkd. dark Crest, greater length of head, feathers coming well over beak, wins hands down; 2, Smith, almost Green, nice formation of crest, good droop, rather on the small side, good body; 3, Rudd Bros., variegated buff, dark crest, plenty of feather, good body, crest split on one side, or would have beaten 2nd; vhc, Wyatt; hc, c, Goodland; hc, Cox, Variegated dark Crest, full of quill; c, G. Hinds. CRESTBRED (5): 1, Mrs. Haysom, with her well-known Green, great length of head, feathers very dense, good body, easy win; 2, Cox, tkd. Buff, good quality, good size body, with plenty of feather, but not the head-piece of the winner; 3, Smith, another tkd. buff, good shape body, carrying plenty of feather, fails in head; vhc, hc, Goodland, large body, good length of feather, not ready yet. YORKS. (12): 1, Baker, good lengthy Yell., nice wing carriage and quality of feather; 2, Jupe, Buff, good length, nice silky feather, close on the heels of first; 3, Wyatt, H.R. Yell., good quality length and wing carriage, straight as a rush, will be hard to beat when ready; vhc, Banbury, J. Thomas; hc, Arnold and Thomas; c, Harris. Several birds in this class not ready; No. 664 tkd. on thigh. A.O.V. (10): 1, Wyatt, H.R., good Yell., tkd. on head, good length, and nice quality of feather, good wing carriage, not such a high colour as some in the class; 2, Arnold, saddle back Cinn., mkd. buff, good quality, feathers fair length, in good condition; 3, Adams, nice, slim Yell., good quality, length and wing carriage; vhc, Baker and Thomas; hc, Arnold and Oliver; c, Adams and Wyatt. DARK MULE (6): 1, spl, Carter, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good blaze, in nice condition, very steady; 2, Arnold, Goldfinch-Canary Mule, good condition, fair size, well shown; 3, Wyatt, looks like Siskin and Canary Mule, shown in good condition, very steady; vhc Parsons and Miss M. Thomas; c, Gerrey. GOLDFINCH BRIT (9): 1, Arnold large bird, good blaze, nice buttons, in good condition; 2, Herbert, very good Finch, but smaller than winner, not ready yet; 3, Carter, fairly good bird, nice face and wings, but little soft when judged; vhc, Comber; hc, Hinds; c, Baker. Not a very good class. A.O.V. BRIT. (smaller than a Lark included) (9): 1, 3, Messrs. Lean and Son, good Nightingale, very steady, shown in grand condition; 2, Miss Heywood; vhc, Hinds; hc, Parsons and Greenstock; c Carter. (Larger): Cancelled. ANY FOREIGN (smaller than and including a Cardinal) (5): 1, Carter, Gouldian, in good condition, wins; 2, Miss M. Thomas; 3, Mrs. Gooden Chesholm; vhc, Brain. (Larger): Cancelled. SELL. (20/-): 1, June, Buff Nor. Plainhead, good type, nice quality of feather, cheap bird; 2, Wyatt, almost Green Norwich Crest, good, large body, nice formation Crest; 3, Goodland, good Cl. Yell. Nor. Plainhead, well worth its place; vhc, Baker and Palmerino; hc, Palmerino; c, Wyatt, H.R.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

ROLLER CANARY BREEDING.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in CAGE BIRDS from Mr. H. Hailey on hatching in October, I write to say that I can break his record. I paired a couple of Roller Canaries together—Variegated hen and a Yellow male—in April, 1906. First setting of eggs was in September (never despair!); second setting, October. Both lots died a week old, I think through taking the male bird away each time. The third setting came off November 13th, two birds being hatched. I left the male with them, and two strong birds they have grown up to be. Does this break the record?

Poplar. E. DE PRADINES.

SOFT MOULT.

SIR,—Having read the paragraph in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS respecting the cause of the above complaint, I felt that I must write a few lines stating my own experience, having been a breeder of Crested Canaries for nine years. I leave home at eight o'clock in the morning, and do not return until nine o'clock at night, so am unable to feed my birds until after that hour. I can say that I have never had a bird go into soft moult, so that I cannot quite agree with "Old Hand," although I do not wish to infer that his suggestion is not good. This season I have reared 25 young birds, all of which are strong and healthy, cold-room bred. JAS. BROWN.

BORDER FANCIES IN SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me to draw the attention of Border Fancy breeders to the effort of the Swansea and District C.B.S. to popularise our little pet down in South Wales? After the excellent support we received last year we have extended the classification, and by the assistance of a few breeders of the wee gem we have been able to get a good list of specials together, hoping that our friends in the North will give us their support. I can assure them their most valuable specimens will have my greatest attention, and by the courtesy of our show managers I have secured permission to raise all birds for the North in time to catch the North express which leaves here 7 p.m. and arrives at Glasgow 6.45 a.m.

Swansea. D. JENKINS.

SEX OF THE ROSEATE COCKATOO.

SIR,—I notice in "Questions and Answers" columns of your issue of October 19th, your Mr. Page states that "sufficient data is not yet to hand, even at the British Museum, to form a correct opinion as to the outward sexual distinctions of this species." Now, if the Roseate Cockatoo is *not* the Rosy or Rose-breasted Cockatoo, I humbly apologise for interfering. But if they are all one and the same bird, Mr. Page and the British Museum must be about 23 years behind the times. Although Mr. Gedney bred the Rosy Cockatoo, he does not seem to have noticed the difference in the sex. It is 25 years ago that I had a pair in one of my aviaries go to nest, and I then noticed the difference in the sex, and, being frequently corresponding with Dr. Greene at that time, I told him about it He mentioned it in his "Parrots in Captivity," but did not state whence he got his information. I have found in my long experience with birds that practical experience is left unnoticed, unless a man has a string of letters after his name.

C. P. ARTHUR.

THE RIGHT CLASS FOR TANAGERS

SIR,—In your issue of October 5th Mr. Page told a correspondent that a Scarlet Tanager should go in a class for "Foreigners larger than a Cardinal." I have exhibited Scarlet Tanagers for many years, but never heard of such a thing before. In fact, if you refer to any of the old catalogues of the Crystal Palace Show you will find them entered in class "Not larger than Blue Robin," and there is a very considerable difference in the size of a Blue Robin and Red Cardinal, or Virginian Nightingale. I have always shown a Scarlet Tanager in class "not larger than Cardinal," and think Mr. Page must have written that answer without giving it that careful consideration which I am sure he usually does, for I find his answers week by week one of the most interesting parts of CAGE BIRDS. I may say I have over 30 Scarlet Tanagers now, every bird of which has been in my possession over six months, and some of them several years. I have seen it stated in print several times that these birds change colour with the seasons. Whatever they do in their wild state, they certainly retain their brilliant colour in captivity. I have kept one seven years, and it has never gone out of colour.

C. P. ARTHUR.

ALLEGED SHOCKING TREATMENT OF SHOW BIRDS.

SIR,—I sincerely hope no other fancier's birds shared the same fate as mine did on the return journey from Plymouth Show (held October 22nd and 23rd). On the 24th I sent my man to the station to meet the 10.40 and 11.43 a.m. trains, and I went myself to meet the 2.50 p.m. train, but no birds arrived. Having to go on to Bristol on important business I left a lad with a trap at the station to wait for the 3.22 p.m. train, by which the birds arrived. On opening one case, containing four cages and five birds, my wife was horrified to find all five of the poor birds dead, and the cages smashed all to atoms, lying on top of the birds. The birds had been dead some time. One bird had a splinter of one of the cages stuck into it. Of course, I at once took them to the stationmaster, who was as much horrified as my wife and self, as also were several of the railway officials at the sight. One Buff bird had won seven prizes for me. What I cannot understand is how on earth the cages were smashed and the birds all killed (the cages full of feathers), when the case containing them was intact. In fact, it was not scratched. It certainly looks to me like wilful damage. I can only say I should like to have been near my pets when it was going on. I hope my Bristol friend, Mr. Lovell's, birds reached home safe.

C. E. BROWN.

PROTECTION FOR CAGED BIRDS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to speak in the interest and welfare of our caged pets. Your correspondent, "On the Watch Tower," set me thinking hard on the subject of small cages, as used for Linnets and the like. Many times I have wondered if nothing could be done to stamp out the evil, and "On the Watch Tower," by his able remarks of condemnation against small cages, roused me to action. I sent a letter to the "Scarboro' Post," and I trust, Mr. Editor, you will copy it for me in your widely circulated paper, "C.B.," in the hope that someone will take the matter in hand and do a good work by bringing about the much-needed reform. Here is the letter:—"Sir,—Kindly allow me a little space in your paper to bring before the Scarborough Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. that it would be well for them to take in hand, and take steps to stamp out, a long practised form of cruelty—that of caging Linnets and the like in small cages. Surely to cage a bird in a space of 8 x 7 x 5 inches, and in many cases less, is an act of cruelty. I have a linnet in a cage 15 x 10 x 9 inches, and I'm sure that with the addition of freshly-gathered wild seeds and green stuffs I get him in season, added to his staple food, he is as comfortably off, and, during the winter months more so, than he probably would be in his wild state. What is wanted to remedy the evil of small cages is a Caged Birds' Protection League, formed by a body of Christian workers. Such a League could use a lot of influence in urging the Wild Birds Protection Society to extend their powers and fix a minimum size for Finch cages at 15 x 10 x 9 inches. And make it a fineable offence for anyone using smaller. This is a work that all who have the interest of bird life at heart could do their part by giving information to such League of any or all cases that come to their notice."

I would like to ask if there are any readers of "C.B." who could give their opinion as to the practicability of such a League as I suggest. If one is formed, I will do all I can in helping it on.

BIRD LOVER.

GOOD MANAGEMENT AT BATTERSEA SHOW.

SIR,—I think great credit is due to Mr. Easterling and his helpers for the able manner in which the Battersea Show was conducted last week. It was a pleasure to visit the show and see how well the birds were staged and cared for. There was a most agreeable temperature kept up throughout the show, which must been very beneficial to the birds, and prize money paid out on the first day of the show. This admirable way of conducting a show will conduce, I feel sure, to the lasting success of the Battersea Society.

J. HODDER.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. T. SMITH (GLASGOW).

SIR,—Kindly announce that the following additional subscriptions have been received:—Walter Gibb (Wishaw), 5s.; J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), 5s.; J. Avunot (Sanchie), 5s.; W. Menzies (Johnston), 2s. 6d.; C. Bell (Mayhill), 2s. 6d. It has been settled to have the presentation in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, on Friday, November 15th. Tickets 6d. each, which includes one refreshment. Tickets can be had from the joint secretaries. This takes the form of a smoking concert, and we shall be pleased to have a full audience. Any who still wish to subscribe to presentation will yet be in time.

A. PORTEOUS AND J. HOGG,
Joint Secretaries.
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THE JUDGING OF NOVICE YORKSHIRES.

Just a Reminder to the Judge.

SIR,—When he starts in the open with the Clears, about eight in each class, what pains he takes to see that none have a tick. Oh, how minutely he examines them; then he goes on to the ticked or unevenly marked class. Here he looks to be sure that no Clears go through, and he is so intent on the tick that he forgets that the unevenly marks are in the same class. Then he goes on to the next class at which he works with all his might and main. At last he comes to the novice classes, about twenty or thirty in each class. The Cream! The classes which make the show pay. Here he walks round them and picks about seven birds out, and, methinks, he says to himself, "I'll stick those seven anywhere, just as I pick them up," and in this way he judges the six novice classes, with twenty or thirty in each class, quicker than he judges the first two classes in open, with only eight or nine in each class. That is, he can judge 120 birds in novice sooner than he can judge 16 birds in open class. It seems very strange to me, but I have known birds win nearly every time out in open class, under different judges, then be shown in novice, and not get a card. Very strange indeed. Then, again, I have known birds shown in the novice class, and never get higher than a third prize, and oftener out altogether, but the very first time they are shown in open, where judges pay strict attention, or more so, to their duties, there they get first, and are claimed at catalogue price. Oh, how different things are now. That bird, which has been shunned and buffeted about in novice, and called too small for anything, now is exalted in open. The size is not to be compared to his gentlemanly appearance. Sir, on behalf of the novices, may I say we should be better satisfied if the judge would pay a little more attention to our specimens.—HENRY KAYE.

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PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR LEWISHAM, LEE & DISTRICT.

SIR,—I have been approached by several birdy friends that to fill a long felt want a Cage Bird Society is needed in Lewisham, Lee, Catford and district. Will any fanciers in these districts meet on Monday evening, November 4th, at eight o'clock, at 202, High Street, Lewisham, to see what can be done to form such a society?

F. W. SULLIVAN.

CAN PIGEONS SWIM?

SIR,—I have taken your interesting paper for a considerable time now, and have read very many strange doings of birds in it; perhaps the following will interest your readers, for what I saw was quite a surprise to me. A few days ago I was passing between two reservoirs near Stockport when I saw a Pigeon hovering over the water, and near the centre of one of them, at a height of five or six feet. I watched the bird for a minute or two, and it gradually got lower and finally settled on the water, put its head down as though drinking or picking something up, and then jumped up and flew away. It seemed quite accustomed to this sort of thing. At the time there was a breeze blowing and a nice ripple on the water. When the Pigeon settled on the water it placed its wings together in the usual way, and was carried on the top of three or four wavelets before it flew away. I shall be pleased to know, through your paper, if anyone can tell me whether this is an uncommon thing with Pigeons, as I have never seen anything like it before.

ROBT. G. CHILD.

HYBRIDS AND TAMING WILD BIRDS.

With Some Tales of the "Good Old Days."

SIR,—Surely the years 1886 and 1887 must have been glorious years for Hybrid breeders, according to some writers to your valuable paper and others, for during the last two years I have read of Chaffinch and Canary, Yellow Hammer and Canary, and many other crosses never seen or heard of nowadays. This week I read of the Robin-Canary cross having been got, but, again, that happened twenty years ago. A gardener I know tells me that when he was a youth he caught a winged Chaffinch in the garden and took it home, putting it in a cage with a hen Canary. This was in September, 1886. In the following May there were four eggs; all turned out clear. The following nest had four eggs, and three young were hatched and reared—very pretty, two fairly light. The first died at three months, the last two at eight and ten months old. Neither himself nor his father ever showed birds in their lives. I also know an old man who says he put two Yellow-Hammer's eggs under a sitting Canary and hatched a male and female, which were reared. The following season he again paired the male to a Canary. Result, four young reared, which he sold at 25s. each. Why then and not now? This year, from two pairs, Chaffinch-Canary, I have had 43 eggs, only one fertile, with a fully-formed chick, I would say, of twelve days' growth. Last year I had 47 eggs, and two fertile, but both died in the shell. I never separate them throughout the year. I also had a Yellow-Hammer cock paired with a Canary a dozen times in front of me, but the mating produced no fertile eggs. I notice one reader of your valuable paper anxious how to tame British wild birds. I find no trouble with nineteen out of twenty. Most people believe in a small box cage, and hanging it low where the people are frequently passing. My system is quicker, and saves them wasting their feathers. A newly caught bird I take home and provide with a cage 2ft. long, 15ins. high, 10ins. back to front, with plenty of sand and various seeds in small tins inside, and water also inside, and hang it up in a light corner for two days, where it can't see the outdoor surroundings. By that time it has settled from fright and shock. Then place it in an old cage of equal size, and, with the use of a spray, gently but thoroughly wet it, especially the wings and tail. Run any remaining water out of the cage, and place one of your tamest Canaries in along with it. Then, putting the cage on a table, or such like, spend 15 to 30 minutes talking to the bird, near by. It soon gains confidence, seeing no harm befell it when it was helpless and at your mercy. This treatment repeated for six or eight days generally tames the wildest of birds. Then hang them with the Canary in a position where they see the members of the family passing, which keeps them very steady. But don't forget to give them a bath or good spraying. The bath or spray should be used in the morning, not later than midday at this season of the year.

PETER.

Pass this Copy on to a Friend

EGGS IN SEPTEMBER.

SIR,—I have been very interested in reading the correspondence on eggs in September in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I thought perhaps my experience might interest some of your numerous readers. First of all, I must congratulate you on the rapid progress that CAGE BIRDS has made since I have taken it, just over three years ago, through a specimen copy coming to a brother bird fancier. I have lent some of my papers to others, and now they take them in regularly, and, like me, look forward to them every Friday. I paired up at the end of March and the beginning of April eight hens with three cocks. They are Norwich Crests, Crest-breds and Plainheads, and from the eight hens in the first round I had just forty eggs, from which 38 young ones were hatched and two died in the shell. I only had one bad feeder, and she was a Crested hen; she laid the smallest lot of eggs, only three, hatched three young, and let them die. Another hatched six young, three of them staying in the nest after they were feathered; so I took them out and found that they had their feet turned back the wrong way. I fixed their feet in cardboard, but they did not get on fast enough for me, and as I don't believe in having cripples in the bird room I killed them, getting the other 32 safely on the sticks. Out of the three cock birds I only had one feeder, and he would only feed the young from one hen, although he was paired to three of them; six of them therefore brought up their own young alone, and one let them die. My worst trouble was feather-plucking, with a few of the hens. As soon as the feathers began to grow they pulled them out for their second nest. I put the cock birds back to them, and gave them fresh nest boxes, together with building material, but that made matters worse. One hen, I noticed, was feeding a young one on the perch, and the cock flew straight at it and knocked it to the bottom of the cage, and started pulling it about.

I tried hanging them in front of the breeding cages, but the hens neglected them; so I took the cock birds out, except the feeder, and left the young ones to chance. The result was I had several birds without tails and with back feathers pulled out, and a lot of eggs laid in the bottom of the cage. Some of the hens brought up their young splendidly, and never pulled out a feather. In the second round I did worse, owing to the hens laying too quickly, dropping their eggs in the bottom of the cage. I had a lot of clear eggs, however, and the young ones came chiefly in twos and threes, with the exception of two hens, which had five and six. The Crested hen allowed hers to die just as in the first nest, but altogether I managed to rear 21.

On the third round I was served just the same with the plucking and clear eggs, although the Crested hen brought up two young ones from four. I then fixed a round piece of wood in the bottom of the nest box, so that she could not get down tight on them, and she brought them up. I believe nervousness was the cause of her letting the others die, as she was very young. Altogether I managed 18 in the third round, and two hens brought up nine of them, some of the hens having only one in a nest; but I let them bring them up as they hatched them out. This was about the middle of July, and all my large cages were overcrowded with birds, so I killed off my fowls and built a wire flight, turning about 40 of the young ones into it, together with six of the old hens. Two of those that had bred the most young were on with their fourth nests, and brought up 11 young ones between them, making me a total of 82 birds I was sorry then that I did not join your canary breeding competition. Out of the 82 birds the hen (with the cock bird to help her feed) brought up 20. They had two nests with six in each and two of four each, and on the third round she laid her three eggs, and started sitting when her young were just a fortnight old; so that I had two nests of young hatched in a month from one pair of birds. The cock bird finished feeding the young, and used to feed her while she was sitting, and her sister brought up 18 out of the total, two nests of five and two of four in each. It was the end of August when she finished her fourth nest, and then she was determined to have another, so I put a large Yellow cock Greenfinch with her, and she laid four eggs. I let her sit about a week and found they were clear, so I caught her and put her with the young ones in the outside aviary, and in the fourth week in September I found her with a nest and three eggs on a ledge behind the door. I caught her, threw her eggs out, and pulled out her tail feathers one at a time, and that started her off moulting. It was her sixth nest for the season, so one with the other they have not done so badly.

W. JOHNSON.

Many Letters Crowded out.

TROUBLES OF THE WANDSWORTH & DIST. F.A. OPEN SHOW.

SIR,—We announced some time ago that the above society would hold its annual open show at the Town Hall, High Street, Wandsworth, but on the Town Hall Committee of the Council sitting after the vacation, it declined to let the hall for the purpose of a fanciers' show. Application was then made for the Baths, but was again refused; a similar application for Munt's Hall, Clapham Junction, followed, but the proprietors declined. We also tried for our last year's hall, the Assembly Rooms, Wandsworth, but as they were let on a year's tenancy, we were again disappointed. We then sought the Assembly Rooms, Putney, with a like result. A very large borough like Wandsworth without a suitable place to hold a fanciers' show is a lamentable fact. We are inclined to think the Council are treating us very unfairly, particularly as they let the Town Hall for flower shows, and I do not think that we should make any more mess than a flower show. Other Town Halls are let for the purpose, then why not Wandsworth? We do not want to move out of the borough of Wandsworth, as it is called, but shall be compelled to if we cannot get a suitable place to hold our show. At our last meeting it was proposed to let an open show drop for this year, as the dates given for the holding of it, December 3rd and 4th, being so close, there would not be time, and a thing only half done is better left alone entirely.

W. SUMMERS,
Hon. Sec.

THE RECENT DULWICH SHOW

SIR,—I was never more surprised and disgusted to read of the alleged bad management at the late Dulwich Show. Mr. Reeves says in his letter that some of the birds were dead, and that he would not be surprised to hear of more dying after reaching their owners. I can say in one case he is quite right. Mr. Brundel (Norwich) entered three birds in the Lancashire classes, one of which arrived home in a very bad state of collapse, and died a few hours later. This was a young bird, which left Norwich in the pink of condition. I may say these birds did not reach home until late Saturday evening. I think every fancier should join with me in thanking Mr. Reeves for his letter.

Norwich. W. CURL.

ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH & PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—Your correspondent, J. E. Reeves, must have been in a very excitable and ungenerous mood when she penned the epistle of abuse and exaggerated statements re the late Dulwich and Peckham Show, published in your last week's issue, but my surprise and indignation were somewhat modified when, on referring to the list of exhibitors, I found our antagonistic critic was of the feminine gender. I felt inclined to ignore her brilliant effusion, but the charges brought, I venture to think, were the promptings of some disappointed exhibitor who, not wishing to gain the prominence that Mrs. Reeves now enjoys, persuaded her, and perhaps not unwillingly, to enter upon a war of words with the officials of the above Society. Hence my hesitation in replying to the same, knowing full well from experience (being a married man) that it will be quite impossible for me to obtain the last word in what I fear will be a lengthened controversy. But to the point. Your correspondent states that she saw hundreds of birds packed under the staging. Does she mean that these birds were not unpacked from their cases? I feel sure her eyes must have tremendous magnifying powers; why not have said that there were eleven hundred birds on the floor more than were entered? I can name several who personally saw that every bird was watered and fed when unpacked, and who were continually going throughout the show on the look-out for any bird that might have been overlooked. I might here mention that on the second day several fanciers, including myself, were in the hall early, and every bird attended to; and far from hearing that many birds arrived home dead, I have received numerous letters stating that the birds arrived home none the worse. Of course, as every exhibitor knows, occurrences such as that of a bird raving, or in a fit, or even dying, during a show do crop up, but, sweet madam, you cannot blame the officials for that. For the information of all, it may be said that four birds died during the show, two foreigners, one British (a Nightingale), and a Border, which arrived soft. Every attention was given to these birds; in fact, two were taken home by members, who used every effort to save them, but without avail. The bad light your correspondent refers to is what, if she is going to be an exhibitor this year, she will have to contend with at most shows held in the dark days of the forthcoming months. That our judges gave satisfaction I gain from the little adverse criticism heard. I can scarcely bring myself to believe that the C.B.U. representative said any such thing as stated, for he knows full well that whatever he suggested was carried out, and, having had the pleasure of knowing this gentleman for a considerable period, I feel sure that as a fancier, if he had seen any birds without water, he would not have waited to ask me or anyone else; he would have given it them himself. The Mr. C—— Mrs. J. E. Reeves refers to is quite capable of looking after himself; at least, that is my opinion, and he requires no lady champion. Further, if Mrs. Reeves can prove her statement that there were twenty birds absent from judging I will give, although not a rich man, £1 to the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund. I don't wish to infer that there were not one or two overlooked through someone's carelessness in one class, but the owners will be compensated in this case. Instead of an officer for the prevention of cruelty to animals being present, as your correspondent suggests, I think the officials required an officer for prevention to cruelty to human beings to protect them from being worried to death by irate exhibitors like your correspondent. However, I trust that if she has anything very bad to say against the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., when she attends her place of worship next Sunday, and asks for forgiveness for her sins, that our Society will be foremost in her thoughts when she repeats the words, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us."

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

P.S.—I have missed one point, namely, the statement that a female knocked over seven cages with her skirt. It seems most remarkable to all concerned that, despite exhaustive enquiries, no one else saw this catastrophe.

COLOURS FOR SHOW CAGES.

SIR,—This will be a question of moment to many fanciers just now in cases where the choice of colour to be used is not limited by the rules of cage bird societies. In every case where a regulation exists concerning the colour it should be observed by all right-thinking men, but when the individual is left freedom of choice, one is certainly justified in adopting a tint that will show up the colour of the exhibit to the greatest advantage, providing always that one avoids striking peculiarities which may give rise to charges of fraudulent motives. There is no question as to the wisdom of adhering as far as possible to uniformity of design and colour of show cages, but at the same time it cannot be denied that the regulation blues, which do duty for most, if not all, varieties of Canaries, fail to secure the same effect for the varied type and colours of British and foreign birds. Let one try the effect of a light neutral blue-grey for very dark plumed birds such as the Blackbird or Starling; for light grey-green, sometimes called a sage green, from the fact that it nearly resembles the colour of the under-surface of a sage leaf, for birds with light brown or cinnamon coloured plumage, of which the Thrush or Hawfinch may be given as a convenient type; and for birds with light, delicately pencilled greys harmonising with white portions of plumage a warm shade of autumn green will give a fine effect. One needs only to prepare a cage of each type and compare the effect of a bird of the variety it is intended for with the effect of the same bird in the ordinary type of cage to appreciate the difference. It is not easy to describe the exact tone of colour to use, but by giving the class to which a colour belongs it will not be very difficult to tell the exact tint which is most suitable by examining a colour card, which is issued gratis by any large firm of paint and enamel makers.

HATCHING IN OCTOBER.

SIR,—Kindly insert the following in CAGE BIRDS and add to the records of hatching in October. I have two pairs of my breeding stock of 1906 Norwich still breeding, thus making the sixteenth round this season. On September 24th the hens were set down on five eggs each, and on October 8th they hatched four and two youngsters respectively, the remaining four eggs were all fertile, but the young died in the shells. Both cocks are full in moult, and they are feeding the young splendidly on various kinds of seeds and the usual fare. When you take into consideration the long nights—6 p.m. to 6 a.m.—to be without food in a room full north, with no artificial heat, it is really wonderful how they survive, under such adverse conditions.

Norwich. J. W. KINGSMILL.

BREEDING IN OCTOBER.

SIR,—I should like to know whether the following is unusual. I finished breeding about two months ago, and put my old birds (Canaries) in an aviary together. Last week a couple started pairing up, and have laid, and the hen is sitting on three eggs now. I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, but have not read anything like this.

W. KING.

FOREIGN BIRDS BREEDING IN WINTER.

SIR,—How best to prevent foreign birds attempting to breed during the winter months is often a vexing question to aviculturists of all grades of experience, and one which has, so far, little, if any, satisfactory solution, save and except the method of making the best of an undesirable circumstance by heating the quarters occupied by the breeding birds to a temperature that will ensure the safety of at least the parent birds, whilst the breeding operations are going on, or removing the birds to comfortable quarters indoors if they should happen to be in an outdoor aviary. Needless to say, where this latter plan is adopted, the utmost precaution should be taken, and every effort made to employ a system of heating which can be relied upon for safety. Or rather I would say a system upon which the greatest reliance can be placed, for I would strongly urge one and all not to place absolute trust in any system whatever. Practically every system of heating is accompanied by risks, more or less, whatever might be said to the contrary, but in the best systems, amongst which a properly installed hot-water pipe apparatus must be given a foremost place, with ordinary care and attention the risks are very slight indeed. Notwithstanding this fact, I would treat every system with suspicion, remembering the terrible losses which occur from time to time in connection with heating. No doubt many who have never yet suffered from a catastrophe in this connection will think I am treating the subject too harshly, but still it is the only prudent and right view to take of the matter if one would wish to always avoid unlooked-for disaster. But this is digressing. The chief difficulty in controlling the breeding of foreign birds doubtless lies in the fact that the sexes are invariably kept together, often with plenty of congenial society, and under circumstances which are largely in favour of the species most affected setting about efforts to reproduce their kind; abundant food supply, cover, suitable nesting sites, and, of course, mates. Added to this in the case of newly-imported birds, it often happens that they have just passed through their natural period of rest, and the beginning of winter in this country is contemporaneous with the time when they should in the natural course of events begin to nest. This is a combination of predisposing causes which cannot be easily overcome, nor yet altered to any appreciable extent. In the case of newly-imported birds, especially where the species is valuable, and consequently experiments and running unnecessary risks is not to be thought of, to use heat as suggested as soon as the birds show signs of beginning to nest in earnest is the only safe solution of the difficulty. The birds themselves would suffer little or no ill result from their efforts, even though nothing tangible came of them, and by the next winter there is a fair chance that they may have partly, if not wholly, adapted themselves to the change of season, and may not give any further trouble on that score. In most cases this adaptation will take place, with perhaps a few exceptions, in the course of a very few years. Some of the hardier species that breed freely in aviaries have practically no definite breeding season at all, but just go on breeding at irregular intervals all the year round. The moult is about the only thing that deters them. Thus I have known the Java Sparrow with young in October and November; the Zebra Finch nesting at Christmas, or at any mild interval of a week or two during the winter they will begin nesting; and young Budgerigars I have known leave the nest in November in the midst of frost and snow, and this, too, in an outdoor aviary. These cases will usually occur among birds that are quite acclimatised and that have been bred in captivity, and the risk of losing the old birds is not so great. On the other hand, the young bred under such conditions, even if they do not succumb before leaving the nest, not infrequently make their appearance scantily feathered and puny creatures, which fail to make up into really strong and vigorous birds. It is not a bad plan to make a wholesale clearance and change of the nesting and roosting boxes in the aviaries occupied by these birds at the beginning of the winter, and once or twice repeat the change during the cold weather. This little disturbance of the receptacles the birds use for nesting very often unsettles them for a time, and deters them from nesting until they feel the tenure of their quarters more secure. Where such a method is feasible, changing the quarters of the birds at the end of autumn will also often suffice to put an end to breeding operations for the time being.

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PREPARING BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

ON Tuesday, October 8th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill delivered an excellent lecture before the members and friends of the Bingley O.S., his subject, "Preparing Birds for Exhibition," being very appropriate for the time of the year. It was greatly enjoyed by the fanciers present. Mr. Cowgill gave his ideas of treatment from the time that the birds were just nicely getting through the moult, and advised hanging on the show cages as soon as the moult had got up to the head, and more particularly so in the case of old birds, who, if they were run into the show cage and taken towards the light too suddenly were very liable to faint, whereas by letting them run in and out at will for a few days, this danger was very materially lessened.

FOR the first show or two, Mr. Cowgill likes to send the birds out without washing, if possible, as many birds were spoilt by being put through this process before being in dry feather—he preferred to be a week too late rather than a week too early. The lecturer then explained his methods of washing, and laid particular stress on the fact that for drying purposes he only used one cloth for each bird when being rolled up to dry before the fire, to be left in this for about twenty minutes, then placed in a clean cage to finish drying. But great care must be used so that they do not dry too quickly, as this, in Mr. Cowgill's opinion, is the cause of curled feathers, the blame for which is usually put on to the soap. The reason why one cloth only is used, is because it is impossible to wrap up the bird a second time without disturbing the feathers. Some birds, the lecturer stated, required to be washed a week before a show, others only two or three days, and some judgment had to be used here, as it was useless to put birds down except they were in good bloom, to show off their quality to advantage.

BROKEN flights next were dealt with, and here Mr. Cowgill's ideas are not in favour of wholesale flighting, but only in cases where absolutely necessary, such as a good bird for show having one or two flights badly damaged. Then a few on each wing should be taken out. Sometimes, he said, when a bird is nearly through the moult you will notice the length of wing is out of proportion to the size of body and length of tail. Such a one should have all the long flights taken out, and when this is done the perches should be placed very low down in the cage to enable the bird to get on to them easily, and so avoid danger of accidents. To flight a bird is no very easy matter, and requires much skill. The bird should be taken firmly in the hand, with the wing to be operated upon held firmly yet gently between the two middle fingers, and then the feathers be removed one by one with a quick pull.

THE lecturer dealt at some length upon the faults of birds, saying that many fanciers took too much notice of one fault only. Some, if a bird had a flat head, would look with disdain upon it, even if in other respects it was perfect, and would let it go at a ridiculous price, when at the same time, if well put down it would probably beat any other bird in the room. Further, sometimes a bird might have a fault, yet with proper treatment would be made into a good bird. He gave as an instance a yellow ticked bird purchased for 10s. This bird was a good one, except that down one side the feathers had nearly all grown the wrong way, causing the bird to have a rough appearance. These feathers, Mr. Cowgill said, he pulled out in an upward direction, and kept the bird on colour feed during the time they were growing. When through it was as smooth as could be wished, and won prizes at Huddersfield, Derby, etc., and was sold for £6.

ANOTHER good piece of advice given was upon condition. Breedy birds naturally are apt to show bare thighs and to be drawn in neck, and frilly at chest, and birds of this type should be kept moderately low in condition, as, if they get too high in condition, these defects are intensified. Stout birds require to be kept in much higher condition than the breedy ones, for the better condition they are in, the more racy will they look. Mr. Cowgill rattled on for about an hour, keeping the company of fanciers highly interested, and many will benefit by the advice so generously and freely given.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Cage Bird Traffic in the United States.

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The Popular Parrot

So far as is known, the first introduction of Parrots into Europe occurred in the fourth century B.C., when, it is related, one of the generals of Alexander's army, returning from India, brought with him specimens of the Ring-necked Parrakeet. These Parrakeets, which were called "Alexandrian Parrakeets," after the monarch in whose reign they were introduced, are still very popular with bird-fanciers and are so common in India that sailors continually bring them to Europe and America. They are docile, and while slow in acquiring speech, finally make excellent talkers. Roman writers inform us that they were not eaten in India, but were held sacred because of their ability to reproduce human speech.

African Parrots were brought to Rome in the time of Nero, from beyond upper Egypt, where they had been discovered by explorers. They were highly prized, both as pets and as table delicacies, by the Romans, who kept them in cages of tortoise-shell and ivory with silver wires, and often paid more for one than for a slave.

The earliest knowledge we have of the keeping of West African Parrots as pets in Europe dates back to 1455, when Senegal Parrots were first introduced. American Parrots owe their introduction into the Old World to Columbus, who carried a few back with him on his return from his first voyage to America. They were among the objects of interest when he made his formal entry into Seville on March 31, 1493. Five years later the Portuguese circumnavigated the Cape of Good Hope, subjugated a part of India, and reintroduced the Indian Parrots into Europe.

The most popular Parrots are the little green Australian Parrakeets, variously known as Shell or Grass Parrakeets, Budgerigars, or Love Birds. These birds, familiar on the city streets in the capacity of fortune-tellers and performers of tricks, are retailed in this country at 4 dols. or 5 dols. a pair. They are among the easiest of all foreign birds to breed and are raised in large numbers in Europe, from which source come many of the birds brought to the United States. In the year ending June 30th, 1906, we imported 5,387 to supply the demand, including a few of a yellow variety produced by the breeders of Belgium and France. Shell Parrakeets are easily transported from Australia, owing to their ability to exist for long periods without water, and have frequently been carried to Europe in sailing vessels, making a three or four months' voyage, without being supplied with water.

The Talkers in Chief.

Cuban Parrots have recently risen in favour and several thousand were needed to meet the year's demand. These medium-sized green, red, and blue birds with whitish crowns, make fairly good talkers, and sell at wholesale at 24 dols. to 27 dols. a dozen. Amazons from Mexico and Central and South America, which average 6 dols. apiece at wholesale, are favourites among the larger Parrots. They are known as blue-fronted, red-fronted, yellow heads, double-yellow heads, etc., according to the markings of the head. The Blue-fronted Amazons seem to be preferred in Europe; but the double-yellow heads make the best talkers, and when well-trained command prices ranging as high as several hundred dollars apiece.

The African Gray Parrots are unrivalled in ability to reproduce human speech, and have been popular pets in Europe since the Middle Ages. Unfortunately they do not stand transfer very well, and the great majority of the few imported die soon after arrival. The larger Parrots have not yet learned to talk when they arrive, and, as a rule, are disposed of at once to retailers. By these they are often taught by means of specially constructed graphophones, which automatically repeat for hours at a time, selected words, phrases, or songs.

Parrots often attain great age—Gray Parrots have been known to live ninety years. They display affection and intelligence, and make very interesting, albeit somewhat noisy pets. They should be allowed frequent liberty from the cage for exercise, where it is feasible; and they are much pleased and benefited by simple toys with which to relieve the tedium of confinement—an empty spool, a piece of tape fastened to the wire of the cage, or some similar object.

Macaws, large birds with glaring reds, blues, yellows, and greens in their colouration (and with voices to match) are secured in tropical America; a few Lories are brought from the Pacific regions; and many Cockatoos from Australia and the neighbouring islands. Of the last the Rose Cockatoo from the Moluccas seems to be preferred. Nearly three hundred were imported during the year. Both Macaws and Cockatoos are difficult to handle. Their powerful beaks are weapons not to be despised, and are used so freely that specially strong cages and perches are needed to withstand their destructive attacks. Macaws were greatly prized as pets by the Peruvians before the Spanish conquest.

The little Yellow-crested Cockateels from Australia seem to win less favour here than in England, where they are fairly common in aviaries, while but thirty or forty seem to be enough to supply our annual needs. They retail here at 8 dols. apiece and in England at about 2 dols. 50 cents a pair, a difference in price that may partly account for the difference in favour.

Some English Names.

The European birds ordinarily imported are sold at wholesale for 9 dols. a dozen, with two exceptions—Siskins, plain-coloured birds, which are usually secured for crossing with Canaries, and which bring only 6 dols. a dozen, and trained or "piping" Bullfinches, which command 15 dols. each. The handsome Goldfinches are easily first in popular estimation, as is shown by the fact that 5,000 are annually brought in. Of Bullfinches, 1,500, mostly untrained, entered during the year. More than a thousand each of Siskins and Linnets are imported each year and several hundred Skylarks and Chaffinches.

Song Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Black-caps show some degree of popularity; and so doubtless would the Robin Redbreast—the true Robin of our nursery tales and jingles—were it easier to keep alive in confinement. Nearly a hundred Nightingales are annually brought across the ocean, but very few ever again utter the song that has become so famous. Their silence is a mute but eloquent protest against their captivity, and serves to remind us that in caging a bird we do not necessarily cage its song.

Birds from the Orient.

The Orient furnishes several of the most popular cage birds—Java Sparrows, of which we imported 6,285 in the year ending June 30, 1906; Japanese Robins, of which 4,539 were brought in; Japanese Nuns of various kinds, which aggregated 1,780; and Strawberry Finches, of which 1,280 were needed to supply the demand.

Java Sparrows, also known as Paddy or Rice-birds because of their destructive work in rice fields, are hardy and breed freely in captivity. Their general colour is a soft bluish gray, set off by the red bill and conspicuous white marking about the face. A white variety has been produced in the Orient. These retail for 3 dols. 50 cents each, while the grays bring only 1 dol. 50 cents each. Pure Whites are not very common—in most white birds more or less of the blue-gray appears. Java Sparrows were among the earliest foreign birds imported both in Europe and the United States, and those procured for the trade are, like Canaries, chiefly cage-bred birds. The Japanese now breed these birds in large numbers. In order to increase production they raise the young by hand, feeding them with a sort of spoon cut from a thin bamboo splint. The old birds, thus relieved of the care of their young, are free to breed again at once.

Japanese Robins, usually called Pekin Nightingales by English aviculturists (who know our Cardinals as Virginia Nightingales), were imported to the number of 4,539. They are peculiarly coloured—dark and greenish with distinctive yellow and orange on breast, bill, and wings. They are easy to keep, possess a sweet and musical song, and have a song period of ten months, which contrasts favourably with those of most cage-birds—the Nightingale, for example, which, when it sings at all, is in song for only two months. (Our author has obviously never kept Nightingales or he would know that the majority of those that sing at all in captivity sing over the greater part of the year.—Editor, "C.B.") They are native in China, Japan, and India, and were first brought to England about 1866 and to the United States ten or fifteen years later. They retail at 4 dols. each.

Nuns are small birds of different species, such as black-headed, white-headed, and tri-coloured Nuns, the Spicebird or Chestnut Finch, and others. Most of them have more or less dark brown in the colouring. A pure white variety and a buff and white variety of one species—the Japanese Nun, also known as Bengalee or Mannikin—bear testimony to the assiduity of Japanese breeders.

An attractive singer that seems to be growing in popularity is the Shama Thrush from India. Its song suggests by turns those of Catbird, Bobolink, and Brown Thrasher, but contains some clear mellow tones not in the repertoire of those singers. A few Bulbul's are brought from India, mainly Red-vented Bulbuls, but including other kinds. These do not include, however, the famous Bulbul of Persia, the Oriental counterpart of the European Nightingale, and they add comparatively little to the total number of songsters imported. The Hill Minas of India, like Parrots, can be taught to talk, but very few are imported. These retail at 17 dols. apiece.

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BUN FLOUR.
A 1d. packet makes 15 delicious light buns with certain success, Almond, Lemon, or Vanilla.

WILD BIRD NOTES AND QUERIES.

Swallows and their Young.

When hand rearing birds we frequently find a difficulty in getting some species to peck. In the case of the swallow it looks to us that there can be no actual teaching unless the parent bird flies beside a young one, and catches insects while they proceed. The young ones are quite fully fledged (excepting the forks of the tail) when they leave the nest, and are apparently as large and almost as agile upon the wing as the adult birds, and so as they are so far advanced they may need little tuition, and the fact of a winged insect dancing before their eyes may cause them to snap at it in the same way and for the same reason that a perching bird will peck at a small beetle, simply because it is something alive and moving.

Nesting of the Marsh Tit.

The Tits build in holes, usually in trees, old walls, or buildings, but it is not generally known that the Marsh Tit will excavate a hole for itself, in the same manner as do the Woodpeckers. These little birds are very constant to one nesting site, and will return year after year to the same place. As they burrow a fresh hole each season, a tree that they patronised will, in course of time, become riddled with them. For lining, these birds appear to prefer the fur from wild rabbits, but vegetable down is often made use of. The sitting bird will hiss and bite at one's finger in quite a spiteful manner, and so closely does she sit that she can only be removed from the nest by force.

The Ancient Owl.

This is how the ancients studied the habits of the Owl: "Crafty is the mode in which the Owls fight other birds. When surrounded by a great number, they fling themselves on their backs, and fight with beak and claws, their bodies being closely contracted, and thus protected on all sides. The Kite will help them, from a natural kinship in robbery, and shares the combat." And again: "The great-horned Owl is of mournful import, and more to be dreaded than all other birds in auspices connected with the state. It inhabits waste places, and those not merely deserts; but dreadful and inaccessible localities, being a prodigy of night, making its voice heard in no manner of song, but rather groaning. So whenever seen in cities or in daylight it is a direful portent. It never flies where it lists, but is always borne along in a slanting direction."

Autumn Notes.

The woods in autumn are glorious. The leaves are remaining upon the trees longer than usual, and are gradually changing to autumnal hues. No two trees are alike, some one colour, some another, and so the whole makes the woodland beautiful. Acorns and berries are plentiful, and the Ring Doves, Pheasants, Jays, and Magpies are reaping an abundant harvest. Thrushes and Blackbirds search diligently among the fallen leaves, so engrossed in their work that one is upon them before they are aware of it. Among the smaller birds, roving parties of Tits are most conspicuous, flying from bush to bush, searching every leaf and twig, a noisy, merry lot. Many of these will make their way to the shrubberies and gardens surrounding houses, but the long-tailed Titmouse keeps mostly to the woods; he is quite the roving gipsy of bird land.

The Thievish Crow.

The Crow is an enemy to other bird life, and whether roaming the sides of the Scottish mountains, beating along the Welsh coast, or frequenting some isolated English farm, he is a bird to be dreaded for his daring thieving habits. He is particularly fond of eggs, and will patiently watch a sitting game bird until she leaves her nest, when he instantly carries off as many as he can. He does much damage round the poultry yards, clearing off a brood of promising chicks in a few days. Some birds, such as the Peewit, are careful always to leave one upon guard, and this watchfulness saves the contents of the nests, for although he is less powerful than the Crow, his cries bring other Peewits; these quickly unite, and by numbers and superior wing power drive the intruder from the district.

Albinism and Melanism.

Try as we will, we are quite unable to fix any definite rule regarding the occurrence of albinism and melanism in birds. It must be evident to the majority that some such rule must exist in nature, because these changes take place so frequently in certain directions that chance alone cannot account for them. From black to white is the change so frequently seen in the common Blackbird, while a white or mottled bird is more often seen than any other colour. Melanism occurs mostly in Bullfinches and Skylarks, the latter bird being also frequently found with plumage of cinnamon colour of various shades. In fact, this cinnamon colour occurs much more than we are aware of. I have often been told of such birds being observed by workers in the fields. Although one is inclined to think there is some affinity between cinnamon colour and white, we are unable to associate black with white, so that we remain as far from any definite line as to the cause of these variations as ever. Scientists tell us that the absence or presence of certain pigments are the direct cause of [illegible] should exist in certain birds [illegible] is a matter quite beyond us.

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SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE grand 1907 Song Thrush for Hardbills; what offers?—Robinson, postman, Harrogate.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, cock Goldfinch mule for Yorkshire or Norwich, sell 9/-.—18, Keen's Terrace, Mitcham.

EXCHANGE two cock Reed Buntings, for good cock Goldfinch; offers.—A. Weedall, 108, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

BLUE Bedlington dog, warranted quiet, good ratter and rabbiter, 15/6; offers.—Robertson, 187, Links-street, Kirkcaldy.

SIX Goldfinches, well on seed, also Parrot stand, exchange either lot for Canaries or offers.—Cridleford, Broomhills, Honiton.

FEW good stamp cock Finches, also clean cut cock Cheveral, sell or exchange common Canaries.—Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

WILL exchange 26 aviary birds, British and Foreign, Budgerigars, Canaries, etc., for gent's bike.—Heslop, Porton-place, Nottingham.

WILL give 1907 Greenfinch Canary Mule, good singer, for tame singing Goldfinch, or sell 7/6; approval (cocks).—J. Edwards, 9, Edward-st., Treharris.

EXHIBITION light Goldfinch mule, no time for showing, accept 25/-; approval if deposit; three-compartment trap cage, exchange for cock and hen Bullfinch, or two hens.—Brown, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

HAND-REARED Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, extra large, housemoulted cocks; sell, exchange hen Canaries or exhibition Softbills; approval.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE 2 Linnet mules, 4 Border hens, for 2 singing Canaries.—35, Grey-st., Carlisle.

1907, good Norwich and Yorkshires, exchange anything.—Greenwood, 7, Byerden-lane, Burnley.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for boots, size 9.—Fred Schofield, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, winner, sell £1; offers, exchange.—Tracey, Millburn-st., Kirkcudbright.

FIVE good hen Canaries, 1906, in exchange for a good hanging lamp.—Walter Oliver, Colley Gate.

TWO Norwich cocks, full song, exchange ½-in. mesh wire netting; offers.—Breese, The Aviaries, March.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length Scotch tweed, value 25/-.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

YELLOW Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each, exchange rod for spinning cigars.—Tredwell, Jubilee-terrace, Oxford.

SIX Yorkshire Canary hens to sell for 12/-; or will exchange for something useful.—A. Leaver 23, Holbech-st., Burnley.

CANARIES and Mules, outdoor bred, from 5/6 pair; exchange for good Rollers.—Matthews, 78, Barclay-st., Leicester.

EXTRA large Yellow Norwich cock, fed, good, 12/6, or exchange for buff cock, or hens.—Benton, Albion-st., Tamworth.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich Plainhead cock, value 30/-, for 18 or 19 ft. salmon fishing rod; approval.—A. G. Cameron, Kelso.

EXCHANGE pair of Yorkshires 1907, for good coachman's macintosh, on approval.—A. Simms, 107, Hindes-rd., Harrow.

EXCHANGE young Roller hens for Dunlop tyres, 28in. by 1½in., or good gas lamp, sell 2/6 each.—Higgins, North-rd., Brighton.

CREST cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, crestbred hen 4/6, songsters 5/-, hens 2/-, 2/6; exchange Foreigners.—Frost, 304, High-st., Watford.

EXCHANGE two young cock Canaries, clear yellow, for hair brush, embossed, silver back. — L. Crewe, Ettwall, near Derby.

EXCHANGE Roller Canaries for suit length or blankets, or Dunlop covers, or inner tubes; deposit —Bootmaker, George-st., Bury, Lancs.

EXCHANGE Norwich hen Canaries for Siberian hen Bullfinch (house-moulted), no rubbish—on approval.—Lee, 15, Clifton-st., Scarboro'.

FOUR 1907 singing cocks, yellows, clear and variegated; exchange for 1907 buff Norwich hen; hen sent first; sell £1.—Hart, 9, Harbour-rd., Larne.

EXCHANGE 4 Yo[illegible], 8 Norwich hens, for Gramophone and records, or best offers for lot.—C. Brown, Northern Grove, Maelgwyn-terrace, Llandudno.

EXCHANGE a pair of high-class cinnamons, for a 1907 crest, or crest-bred hen; must be good.—John Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Haworth, near Keighley, Yorkshire.

SALE, good grizzel crested cock, and large green crestbred hen, 30/-; exchange for good pair plainhead stock birds; approval.—McRobbie, 57, Earl-st., Scotstown.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, fed, sell £1, or exchange Exhibition Norwich cock or house-moulted cock Goldfinches; approval.—Thomas Lewis, Church-st., Narberth.

EXCHANGE large healthy 1906 Norwich cock, singing, for good healthy Norwich, Yorkshire or crested hen.—Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

NORWICH hen Canaries, eight good clean birds, suitable for muling, 2/6 each, would exchange for really good big Goldfinches, or Scotch Linnets.—64, Blandford-st., Baker-st.

BIG yellow-green muling hen. H. C. Johnstone; variegated yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/- apiece; exchange exhibition British hardbills.—Gibb, 96, Middleton-st., Ibrox, Glasgow.

GRAND Yorkshires for sale, from 15/- pair; exchange good crested hen, children's, ladies' boots, dinner or tea service; offers, anything. — Brown, 11, Melrose Avenue, Wood Green.

PAIR Cinnamons, 9/-, Yorkshire buff cock 8/-, common variegated hen 1/6, and young buff cock, 3/6, or exchange Cockateils, offers.—S. Turner, Wilsthorpe-rd., New Sawley, Derby.

CANARY hens, clear or marked, exchange for Gem Phonograph, Norwich show cages, new, or Hartz Roller cocks in song, or sell 2/6 each; 3 for 6/-.—L. Nicholls, Aviaries, Whitstable.

One pair of Norwich Canarics, yellow cock and buff hen, cost 15/-, sell 10/6, or exchange Britishers, Goldfinches or Siskins preferred, or anything useful.—Clowes, 23, Nunn-st., Leek, Staffordshire.

THREE Linnet mules (2 cocks), 4 1907 Norwich (3 cocks), 4 Sib. hens (bred mules), 3 1906 Norwich cocks (Mackley's strain). Will separate; stamp reply.—T. Turner, Cowpen, Belside, Northumberland.

EXCHANGE pure bred flat and wavy coated retriever pups, grand working strain, for 1907 singing Norwich cock Canaries; no rubbish given or wanted, or sell bitches 7/6, dogs 12/6.—Cadogan, estate agent, Crosskeys, Mon.

PRIZE-bred '07 Yellow Plainhead hen, exchange three-compartment breeder, forty by fifteen by ten, loose fronts, slide partitions, sand trays, or six Norwich show cages, good condition, sell 8/-; approval.—Mattock, Myland, Colchester.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

BUDGERIGARS.—Greens, 6/-, Yellows, 10/6 per pair, or exchange anything useful.—Robertshaw, Exchange-st., King Cross, Halifax.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

FINE Homer Pigeons, will exchange for Canaries. Thompson, 6, Neville-terrace, York.

SIX pairs of good homers, 2/6 pair, or exchange Canaries; offers.—W. Berry, Lyme Regis.

OFFERS Canaries; exchange Cuckoo clock, or sell 25/-.—Drummond, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

WHAT offers Canaries for 2 pairs of racing pigeons?—Packer, 54, Rhyl-street, London.

EDISON phonograph, 15 large records, sell 50/-; or exchange.—H. Williams, Aubergate, Derby.

MELODIAN, sell 5/-, or exchange 1907 cock Goldfinch Mule in song.—V., 61, Bedford Hill, Balham.

EXCHANGE Black Pekin bantams for British or foreign birds.—Law, Mines, Wynd, Forres, N.B.

NINE Norwich show cages, equal to new, exchange Canaries or boots.—Russon, 2, Rush-street, Burnley.

ROBINSON and Son, Easington, Co. Durham; will exchange prize and prize bred tans for Canaries and cages.

WHAT offer for four white Fantails, cage birds preferred.—J. Beasley, New-rd., Northchurch, Gt. Berkhamsted.

DARK Crested cock, on song, 10/6, exchange anything useful.—Goldsmith, Baythorne End, Halstead, Essex.

BLACK and tan terrier dog, beautifully marked, fit to win, 20/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

THREE new Yorkshire show cages, in case, 9/6, or exchange for Britishers—Sewell, 16, Seldom-street, Colne, Lanc.

SELL or exchange CAGE BIRDS from 1902 to date, no live stock wanted.—Higgins, 97, Brompton-road, Bradford.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, phonograph and records —cost £5; also lawn mower.—Wise, Bootmaker, Keswick, Cumberland.

SQUARE Parrot cage, new, 18 by 32in., for good Norwich cock, sell 17/6 cash.—Attaways, Athelstan road, Faversham.

MILITARY band flute, 4-keyed, 5/-, exchange 2 cock Goldfinches, not greys.—Staples, 41, Mansfield-road, Kentish Town.

STOCK cages, dozen fronts, exchange yellow Norwich cock, sell 15/-.—Sharp, Cemetery-road, Carlton, Nottingham.

SILVER lever watch, 16/-; keyless, 15/-; exchange for cock Canaries or singing cages.—Toward, 85, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

PIGEONS, Pigeons, Pigeons, 8/- per doz, or will exchange for common Canaries.—19, Chatham-st., Brownlow Hill, Liverpool.

GENT'S good free-wheel cycle, 40/-; lady's, 50/-, cash; bargains; exchange double, birds, poultry. 36, Fernhill-street, Liverpool.

HARMSWORTH Self-Educator, complete in 48 numbers, sell 28/-, or exchange Canaries.—P. Janssen, Crowle, nr. Doncaster.

CRESTED hen, good, 4/6; 3 Plainhead hens, 6/-; 240 "Hobbies" fretwork designs, 5/-.—Hicks, 18, Avondale-terace, Devonport.

1d.-IN-THE-SLOT ping-pong machine, cost 30/-, perfect, pays well; exchange singing cock Canaries. —Mayo, Bolsover, Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE 4 bantam pullets and 2 cockerels for 1907 Goldfinches, Linnets, Canaries, cocks; sell 9/- lot.—Gray, Orchard-street, York.

EXCHANGE full-bred Dalmatian bitch, 8 months, for Norwich Canaries, or sell 25/-; no rubbish.—Wooldridge, 18, Love-lane, Lye.

EXCHANGE camera and outfit, ¼-plate, for pair of Norwich Crests, or aviary; sell 12/6.—H. Bennett, Castle Green, nr. Stroud, Glos.

EXCHANGE for Canarics (or sell 16s.), ¼-plate hand camera, holds 12 plates (cost £2 2s.).—G. 41, Swaffield-road, Wandsworth.

GOOD Columber, broke to gun, bitch spaniel, about 2½ years; exchange birds or poultry; offers. —Long, 18, Prout-road, Clapton.

NORWICH cocks, 6/-, Persian kitten, 8/6; heavy silver curb albert, 30/-; exchange Pomeranian.—Dawson, 188, Tarngad-rd., Glasgow.

SIX 1907 working homers, exchange birds, phonograph, or anything useful.—Tom Keenan, 21, Crescent-road, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

LADIES' silver watch, pair gent's hoots, eights, exchange crest, Norwich or Foreigners.—Runacres, 76, Southwell-rd., South Lowestoft.

ROUGH-HAIRED fox terrier, good house dog; exchange Canaries, anything; offers.—Wilson, 55 High-street, Amble, Northumberland.

SILVER lever watch, 15/-; meerschaum pipe, 10/-; pair Crests, 12/-, bargain; exchange Goldfinches.—Moore, Castle Hill, Bampton, Devon.

150 Strawberry plants, finest grown, for Linnet Mule; offers, sell 7/6; stamp, particulars.—Gooday, gardener, North-street, Halstead, Essex.

BLACK-RED cock, pure, 1906, splendid stock bird, will sell 6/-; exchange cock Mule; aproval.—Bignell, 53, Winstanley-road, Battersea.

MEN'S Bluchers, sixes, for Yorkshires, hens, sell 12/6; 6 Twites or 6 Redpolls for Goldfinches or Bullfinches.—Burke, 11, Pickup-st., Blackburn.

AUTOHARP, electroplated teapots, cruets, table cutlery, direct from factory, in exchange for Canaries.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

LADY'S silver engraved watch, almost new, sell 15/-; pair bronze horse, new, sell 25/-, or Canaries. —Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

GENT'S pneumatic bike, good order, rim brake, sell £1 10s., or exchange common Canaries or anything useful.—Parker, Cross-street, Liversedge.

WANTED British Hardbills, give new 15ft. trout rod, reel, and line in exchange; birds to be sent first.—M. McKean, 20, Fullarton-street, Irvine.

60 "Japan's Fight for Freedom," sell £1; exchange Green Norwich Canary or anything useful. —Griffiths, Little London, Long Sutton, Lincs.

EXCHANGE pair horn-handled carvers, best quality, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE gent's watch, new, for good Roller cock in song, or sell 15/-, on approval.—W. Blake, Castle Curroch, How Mill, Carlisle.

MASTIFF Boarhound dog, 28 inches at shoulder, very massive brindle, magnificent animal, perfect guard, £2 2s.; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

GRAND Shepherd's dog, "Nigger," 18 months, £1; large pair Norwich, pair Yorkshire, 12/6 pair; useful exchange.—Pickering, Hallingas, Todmorden.

CHAMPION pedigree smooth fox terrier, three years old, suitable stud purposes, £2; exchange Canaries.—Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

IRISH terrier bitch, 4 months, make good guard; exchange women's or children's secondhand clothes; sell 6/-.—Groom, 19, Gordon-road, Hornsey.

WHAT offers in Canaries or good condition disc gramophone records, for dark suit length, value 25/-; stamp reply.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-street, Lowestoft.

TWO Norwich cocks, three hens, six cages, rack, and appliances; giving up fancy, £2 5s.; part exchange, poultry.—Stevens, 150, Elm Park-road Reading.

PURE white Persian cat (female), clean, what offers in Yorkshires; stamp reply, approval both ways.—Wilson, Hairdresser, Westoe-rd., South Shields.

CROSSBRED Pomeranian dog, 4 months, white, good house guard; five flying homers, one tumbler; exchange birds.—Weedall, 23, Siddorn, Winsford, Cheshire.

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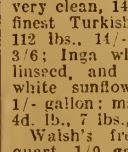
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LINNETS, Linnets, I have a grand lot of special selected cock Linnets for show, muling, and singing, large birds, 1/- and 1/6 each; Linnets through the moult, with red breasts, three 1/3, six 2/6 4/6 dozen. Larks, Larks, as big as Thrushes, three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- dozen; all birds sent out by me are warranted cocks; if you deal with me you will find me straightforward and honest; postcard sent before birds. P. Brade, birdcatcher, 89, Hammond-street, Preston, Lancs.

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BELGIANS from my strain winners; many firsts, gold, silver medals; approval.—Baker, Rolle, Quay, Barnstaple.

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TWELVE young hen Borders, clear and ticked; offers to Coon, Stannington House, Blyth.

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PRIZE-BRED Borders, all colours, from 7/6 a pair.—Apply, George Gass, Causeway-st., Moffat.

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YELLOW greens, cocks and hens, clear, yellow and buff hens, from 5/- upwards.—Mr. Kerr, 70, High-st., Haddington.

CHAMPION Border Fancy cocks, fit to win 7/6; hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval.—Mr. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

BORDERS, winners, clears, even, uneven marked See Brechin report; also matched pairs reasonable; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, fit to win; state wants; matched pairs, reasonable.—Thomas Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick.

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HIGH-CLASS Border fancies, cocks, 4/- each; six hens, 2/6 each; offers; wanted two Goldfinches, cocks.—W. Summers, 11, Wansbeck-st., Morpeth.

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CREST and crestbred cocks, guaranteed, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/-; hens 3/6.—Apply Teng, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

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1907 CREST cock, Crest-bred cocks, matched pairs for sale, including Newcastle winners.—McColl, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

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YELLOW and buff crest, crestbreds, show or stock, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, single or pairs, approval.—Harris, 13, Bleasby-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

STOCK birds, 1907, clear buff, crestbred cock, 1907, Green crested hen, from my winners, 32/6.—W. Gutteridge, grocer, St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

LARGE Green Crestbred cock, 15/-; large Green Crestbred hen, 12/6; large Green Crested hen, 15/-; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee-Mount, Halifax.

PURE Scifert Schoolmaster 10/6, sing anywhere; pair massive crests, 1906, Joyce's, good breeder, 12/6 —stamp reply.—John Harvey, Oakthorpe, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

WORTH notice. Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, sure winners, prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments; approval.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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OVERSTOCKED, high-class Crests, Crestbreds, about 30 to dispose of from 10/6; 5 feeding hens, 2/- each; approval.—Wm. Campbell, 3, Leisham-square, Alva.

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SMART evenly marked dark good-shaped Crested cock, second prize winner, 5/-; large grey Crested cock, lightly marked C.B. hen, pair, 40/-; clear C.B. cock, wing marked, dark Crested hen, pair 30/-; approval, deposit.—Mr. Rayling, 5, Moorend-terrace, Cheltenham.

LARGE clear Crest cock, 9/6; Green Crest hen, gem, 7/-; variegated ditto, 5/6; Yellow marked Crestbred cock, beauty, 7/6; Buff ditto, 7/6; massive variegated ditto, 9/6; variegated Yellow Crestbred hen, beauty, 9/6; Buff ditto, 7/6, all grand stock birds; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

BARGAINS, 1907 prizebred large feathery crests, and crestbreds, all colours, Barnett's, Joyce's, King's, Silk's strains; pairs, matched, breed winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, worth double; single birds cheap; week's approval, cash or deposit; some fit for show bench.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

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CRESTS and Crestbreds, same strain as my winners of many hundreds prizes and honours, including cups, medals, specials, etc.; only sent two shows this season, winning silver cup, two silver medals, nine specials, five firsts, six seconds, and four thirds; few pair stock birds left, cheap.—Smith, Royston, Alverstoke.

Mr MARSH invites you to call anytime and inspect his Norwich and Yorkshire Crest and Crestbred Cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6; Crested Cocks, from 20s. to £5; Hens, 15/-, 20s., 30/- each; sent seven days approval; carriage paid; cash or deposit.—Freemason Aviaries, Mereeren Street, Brady Street, Whitechapel Road.

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Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS, three grand cocks, father Manchester winner, bargain.—Thomas Crossley, Meal Bank, Kendal.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red leg, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. — T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

YELLOW and Buffs, cocks and hens, large; approval, exchange; also Yorkshire yellows and buff pairs.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

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ARTISTIC coloured plate of Yellow and Buff Cinnamon Canaries, by Mr. H. Normau, sent packed flat on receipt of three penny stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

1906 CINNAMON cock, perfect picture, show form (parents heavy winners, cost £6), splendid singer, 4/6; hen actual winner, 5/-; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

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MARY COOKE, Wavendon, Bucks, breeder champion Crest, pairs, 12/- upwards; approval, stamp reply.

FEW stylish Yorkshire Greens; also Norwich and Borders (cheap).—Hulsall, 20, St. James's-st., Southport.

TWO splendid 1907 grass-green cocks, Norwich type, 6/6 each.—Troke, 73, Holcombe-hurst-rd., Bournemouth.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 2/6, buff and marked Yorkshire hens, 3/-.—W. Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

TWO large Yellow and Buff Foul-Green Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-street, Lee-Mount, Halifax.

A FEW Yorkshire Greens to be sold cheap; stock or exhibition; may be seen on Sundays.—Apply J. Tempest, 87, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GREEN Crested cock, £6; ditto hen, 60/-; variegated cock, 40/-, 20/-; Crest-bred cock, 40/-, 20/-; ditto hens, 40/-, 20/-, 15/-.—Treasure, Grove Villa, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

NORWICH Greens, 1906, self buff cocks, 12/6; 1907 self yellow hen, 10/-; 1907 self and foul cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/- each; large birds; approval.—Malinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Halifax.

GRAND Yorkshire greens, 1906, buff cock, 10/6, 1907 buff cock 6/6, 1907 yellow cock, 7/-, buff or yellow hens, from 5/-, all 1907 bred.—P.O. or deposit. Ralph Haworth, 16, Peel-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

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PARISIAN CANARIES, 5/-, 7/6; Linnet, 12/6; Skylarks, 2/6, 30/-.—Wilkin, 17, Parliament Place, Liverpool.

GRAND Birds, Vulture-shaped, with plenty of frill, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 100/- each.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich. See my advertisement on page.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for show or stock, price reasonable; stamp reply. — West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE Yellow, Coppy hens, Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; approval.—J. Day, 35, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED, some 1907 clear yellow plainhead hens, state particulars, must be cheap, approval.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

I HAVE a few Lancashires for disposal, same strain as my winners at all the principal shows.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

London Fancies.

FEW stock London Fancies, cocks 8/6, hens 4/-; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

Lizards.

A FEW nice Lizards, 15/-, 12/6 pair; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

WM. WINNARD, Glynllivon Park, Carnarvon, has for sale a few pairs of good Lizards, gold and silver hens, from 5/-, cocks, 7/6, 10/6, up.

ON Sale, a large selection of Lizards and Lancashires for show or stock, prices reasonable, approval; inspection invited.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

Norwich.

FOUR Norwich hens, 3/6 each; offers.—William Summers, 11, Wansbeck-st., Morpeth

WILL exchange two good yellow hens for good yellow cock.—Denny, Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH, splendid buff cock, 10/6; clear yellow hens, 3/- and 4/-, bargain.—Wright, Limpsfield, Surrey.

NORWICH, good type and quality, cocks, 7/6; pairs, 10/6; approval; stamp.—Hons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

NORWICH—a few good birds for sale, cocks, hens; approval.—Cundy, 4, Third Avenue, Plaistow, Essex.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several nice pairs of Norwich from 10/- pair; single hens from 4/-.

HIGH CLASS Norwich colour-fed cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; pairs, 6/6.—W. Housden, 2, Dodinga, Birchington-on-Sea.

YELLOW cock 15/, buff cock 7/6, buff variegated hens 5/6 each.—Skinner, 51, High-st., Brechin.

A FEW grand stock and show birds for disposal, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/6.—Hammond, Chaloner-st., Ipswich.

FEW cocks left at 5/- each, grand hens 2/6 each. —Oakley, Coroner's Court, Warwick Place, Whitecross-st., E.C.

SIX Norwich songsters, this year's birds, in full song, 5/6 to 7/- each.—Brookes, Mytchett place, Frimley, Surrey.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

GRAND Norwich cocks or hens from 7/6, upwards; approval; cash or deposit.—Elrick, 46, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SEVEN pairs good large Norwich plainheads, mostly clears, also 1 pair crests £3 10s. lot, approval. Smithers, Hadlow, Kent.

A FEW good Norwich to part with, large birds, and healthy, natural colour, from 7/6.—Cowles 29, Dock Cottages, Poplar, E.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

MUST clear; two good large Yellow hens, also two good Buff cocks, a bargain, 18/6.—Mr. Lum Cock, Foundry, Hayle, Cornwall.

NORWICH cocks, clears, variegated, Yellows, and Buffs, 7/6, 8/6 each; pairs, 10/-; cocks in full song. —No. 88, Henley-rd., Ilford, E.

J. TRENGOVE, 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. High class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, good type and quality —pairs from 10/-; approval.—Roberts, 45, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

NORWICH, stock or exhibition birds, particulars sent; approval; also few good British and Foreign. —Acland, School House, Higham, Kent.

NORWICH Plainheads, fine 1907 birds, large, healthy; no rubbish, approval; cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 2/6. — Leawilson, Radford, Nottingham.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich, sure winners, prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments. — McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

WINNING strains, fed cocks, 7/6 upwards, hens from 3/6; non-fed cheaper. State requirements; approval.—Wm. Dale, Ropsley, Grantham.

1907 COCKS 7/-, hens 4/-, pair 10/6; cock, two hens, 13/-, carriage paid; wanted 1907 yellow green cock, exchange.—Turgy, Brookfield, Arnold.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks in song, cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6; approval; cash or deposit.—W. M. Dickenson, Corn Stores, King's Lynn.

H. JOWETT, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford, Yorkshire, has a few real good Norwich for sale; reasonable price; cash or deposit; approval.

NOTICE, my grand exhibition birds for disposal, also winners of the Norwich shows; state wants; stamp reply.—Daynes, junr., St. Miles, Norwich.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH, 4 pairs, good type, bred from prize winners; giving up fancy; two breeding cages; particulars.—G. Jackson, 26, Bridge-street, Morpeth.

OVER-STOCKED—must sell unflighted buff cocks from 6/- to 10/6, colour fed, good strain, approval, cash or deposit.—W. Stafford, 24, Stafford-st., Stockport.

FIVE variegated, one green, cocks, in full song, 6/-; five variegated, one green, hens, 3/-, or 8/- the pair. 1907 birds.—Isaac, Cefnuchaf, Llangeler, Llandyssil.

FORTY choice bred Norwich cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; pairs from 8/6; clean, healthy, reliable; approval.—Fred. Burchmall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

FEW good Norwich for sale, 7/6, 12/-, 15/-, upwards to £3; prizes won at Plymouth great show, two seconds, third.—W. French, 28, Seymour-avenue, Plymouth.

THREE 1907 Norwich cocks, 6/6 each, two 1906 yellow Norwich hens, 3/6 each; a house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, 10/6.—D. Howe, 101, Castle-st., Glasgow.

HIGH Class Norwich cocks 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, hens 1/9, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

WANTED unflighted yellow variegated Norwich hen, fit to win; exchange pair 1907 Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids and cash; approval.—Morrice, 37, Longate, Peterhead.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich show or stock, some from Green, own breeding, from 15/- pair, cold-room; approval, stamp.—Sidgwick Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

FIFTY prize-bred Norwich; must sell to make room for Britishers; exhibition or stock birds; some genuine bargains; lists sent.—J. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

GOOD Norwich cocks in song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/6 each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval.—Thompson, Esk-st., Longtown, Cumberland.

FORTY Norwich Canaries, clears and variegated, natural or colour fed, cocks from 5/6; hens from 2/-, approval.—F. Derry, 122, Teignmouth Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

NORWICH Vardy-Eckersley strain, two large cocks, 7/- each; three hens, 2/6 each; Yorkshires, pair standard length, 8/6; deposit.—Hughes, 94, Sydenham-rd., Smethwick.

NORWICH Plainheads, prize strain, cocks 5/- and 6/-; hens 2/- and 3/- each, yellow or buff, all 1907 birds; approval with pleasure.—Joseph Peate, Park Cottage, Welshpool, N.W.

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SUPERB enormous Norwich cock, grand songster, faultless show form, won numerous prizes, 10/-; younger ditto, 1st large class, 7/6; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

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BEDFORD Show, winner of team prize, 1 first, 4 seconds, 4 thirds; 3 reserves, for sale, from 10/- each; also pairs from 7/6; all bred from winners; approval.—Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

CHAMPION Norwich, giving up, few grand birds for sale, not colour fed, from best winning strain; cocks 10/-, hens 5/-; approval, deposit. Mrs. Sep. Bousfield, Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland.

E. D. OWEN, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeston, R.S.O., North Wales, has a few large Bullfinch shaped Norwich for sale, yellow and buff cocks, fed to perfection, reasonable price to clear.

FEW good unflighted and year old yellows and buffs for sale from 10/- each, bred from my noted winners, , type and quality a speciality.—Joseph Atkinson, Fayrestowe, Dalston-rd., Carlisle.

SIX pairs prize bred Norwich, Irons strain, most clear yellows and buffs, 10/, per pair, or nearest offer for the lot; non-fed, approval.—Bowerman, 2, Williams Buildings, Dry Dock, Bridgwater.

MARLEY'S champion Norwich. I have several magnificent birds to dispose of; see Walthamstow's report in keenest competition; reasonable prices; approval, stamp.—85, Manor-rd., Leyton, Essex.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. I have some grand stock birds for sale, and a few for our very best shows. One of the best strains in this country; approval. —T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

REDUCING stock, yellow cock, winner, £1; several unflighted yellow cocks, cheap, also yellow and buff hens, bred from winners, cheap; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit.—Ward, Spencer-st., Carr Vale, Bolsover.

MUST clear, whole high-class stock of 20 Norwich Canaries and 15 Goldfinch males. Some winners and promising youngsters. Either singly or collectively. Inspection invited.—R. H. Terry, 28, Overcliffe, Gravesend.

CHAMPION Norwich. Buy from a winning strain; my birds won again this year in keenest competition at Battersea and Dulwich; state wants; prices that won't frighten you.—F. Kates, 18, Kay-rd., Stockwell.

SOME grand yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, colour fed and cool win, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; typical matched breeding pairs, 7/6 upwards. Highest satisfaction guaranteed.—H. Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.

SELLING out; 14 pairs of choice Norwich; many winners, with cages, and all necessary accessories; no reasonable offer refused, either for pairs, or together.—Potter, Landsdown House, Fullerton-rd., Wandsworth.

GRAND prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, cocks, for stock or song, 5/6 and 7/6 each; hens, 3/6 and 5/6 each; show birds, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; same strain as my winners at Norwich; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

GRAND lot of Norwich for sale; over 100 to part with; good show and stock birds, single or pairs; inspection invited; can be seen any day; three days' approval.—J. Needham, Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

Mr. MARSH invites you to call anytime and inspect his Norwich Canaries: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, upwards; sent carriage paid; seven days' approval.—Freemason Aviaries. See Yorkshire Advertisement.

Mr. JNO. ALLEN has 100 good Norwich to dispose of, own breeding; they have been consistently bred for years, and no expense spared in improving them; business prevents much exhibiting; approval; stamp.—4, Bousall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

LOOK, special Norwich Plainheads, direct from breeder; guaranteed healthy and typical specimens for breeding or exhibition; pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; for exhibition £1 to £3; all honest value; approval.—W. Green, 43, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

MR. ECKERSLEY has now some grand unflighted and year-old Yellows and Buffs, quite ready, that he can spare, including birds bred from, or related to, his well-known Crystal Palace and other winners.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NORWICH clean-moulted, matched pairs, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages, 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied —S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

GRAND high-class Norwich Canaries for disposal, winners for local shows from 15/- upwards; songsters from 5/-, 5/6, 6/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Daynes, Hotpressers Arms, St. Miles, Norwich.

MUST sell cheap, not having room; one Plainhead cock, six Plainhead hens, one Crested cock, one Crested hen, three Crestbred cocks, one Crestbred hen; price from 5/- to 12/-; what offers for lot?—R. N. Beard, Ashurst Cottage, Plumpton, near Lewes, Sussex.

HIGH Class Norwich cocks in song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, 3/-, 5/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved. Stamp reply. — Stewart Brothers, Earthenware Stores, Surrey Street, Norwich.

HAVING to rebuild my bird-room, will clear my stock of large typical colour-fed Norwich from 7/6 to 40/- each; 26 hens and 28 cocks, Ticked and Clears, yellow and buffs, all young and healthy; approval; offers invited for the lot.—Young, Provision Merchant, Market-avenue, Oldham.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some of the right kind of Norwich and Cinnamons to part with. Those short chunkey ones with good head and neck, the ones that tell on the show bench; prices right; approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

ADVERTISER having purchased late Lord Sondes entire collection, must reduce number, so offers few unique bargains this week; several varieties; state wants; many winners; all faultless birds; smartest deep buff cock, fullest song, 5/-; hen, proved breeder, 4/-; see other advertisements.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

MASSIVE, clear buff cock, Seed's strain, real topper, extra stout, good wing carriage, large head, beautifully frosted, will take some beating, and can win his cost in a week, price only 21/-; extra large, 10/6 bred, clear yellow hen, breeder of great winners, can win at large shows, Baker's champion strain, price 12/6, dirt cheap, cost 35/- first order has them.—Address, George Cubley, Roman-villas, Long Sutton.

CHAMPION Norwich at following shows this season: Dulwich and Peckham, Plymouth, Southend, Battersea, and Welsh National, in the keenest competition; my birds have won 6 firsts, 4 seconds, 7 thirds, 5 fourths, etc., including special best Norwich Dulwich and Peckham, and other specials at Southend, etc.; I can spare a few grand birds at reasonable prices; approval; stamp reply.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

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A FEW to part with from 6/- upwards; approval; seen any time.—Dr. Sedgwick, 192, Queen's-rd., Peckham.

EXTRAORDINARY VALUE!

ARE you wanting reliable birds, either Norwich, Yorkshires or Crests, if so, I solicit one trial order, and invite comparison; I now offer exceptional value in typical Norwich cocks, singing, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; typical hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, pairs matched to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; few splendid Yorkshires, which will do any fancier good service; same prices as Norwich, travelling cages 3d. extra; week's approval; deposit; no better value obtainable; list, particulars free. R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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A MARVELLOUS COLLECTION TO SUIT ALL.
Pairs matched to breed Winners (no, not at 6/6 to 8/6) but at

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The best lot of Hens ever witnessed in one person's or company's possession, from **5/-** to **40/-.**

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High class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

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FOR CHAMPION NORWICH.

Some winners in the Keenest Competition to part with. All in **grand show form,** of **wonderful type and quality.** Yellow or Buff, Cocks and Hens, show birds, from **20/-** to **45/-** each; Champion stock pairs, **15/6** to **60/-** per pair. **This strain is known to be the finest to every fancier,** and needs no **bounce.**

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SANDIFORD'S FAMOUS NORWICH.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, &c., CRYSTAL PALACE, 1907.

1st Unlighted Yellows, class of 30 champions, all bred by me; also won just on **40** firsts last season. Blood will tell. This strain has cost me hundreds of pounds in cash, and I claim to have the best blood in the world. See wins already this season at Peterboro', Dulwich, Stoke, Chesterfield, Coventry, Leeds, etc. Won more prizes in Norwich this season than anyone in England. Have some marvellous prize-bred pairs from above winners at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; pair odd cocks and hens, Yellows or Buffs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; any on approval with pleasure. Send 1d. stamp for list of testimonials from winners I have supplied. They will surprise you. Mr. H. Ward, Charing, writes, Oct. 30th, 1907—"The cock Canary I had from you bred me three grand birds, which won 1st and special, 2nd and reserve at Ashford, Kent. See last week's CAGE BIRDS." Mr. Jarvie, Glasgow, Oct. 28th, 1907—Sir, Send six Norwich cages and a good Goldfinch for enclosed. Mr. Young won medal for best hen at City show; the Yellow hen he got from you is its mother." Mr. Cook, Wellingboro'—"Sir, very pleased with the Yellow Norwich cock, and also the way you despatched him. The Yellow hen you sold me has won me 1st and special Wellingboro', 3rd Burton. I bred from her a Buff hen, which was 1st in a class of 13 at Wellingboro', also 3rd at Crystal Palace in class 32." Mr. J. D. Hird, Macduff—"Sir, send me four cage fronts, 20 by 12. The variegated cock you sold me won 1st at all our shows round here." Mr. J. D. Jones, Pontordawe—"Sir, Norwich cock arrived safe; well pleased; he won 1st and two specials here." April, 1907. Mr. H. McIver, Livingstone Buildings, Port Glasgow, writes—"Sir, the Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of eleven against all colours at Greenock." Mr. Fisher Cardendon, Fife, March, 1907—"Sir, I took 1st, special, and 2nd at Cowdenbeath with birds I had from you." Breeders 27 years.

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Rollers & Singing Canaries.

GRAND St. Andreasberg Rollers, cocks, 7/6; hens 2/-, two 3/9; cold room bred.—Webb, Hillary-st., Walsall.

SEIFERT Rollers, 2 cocks 10/6 each, 5 hens 3/- each; 30/- lot; a bargain.—Morrall, Oswald-st., Redditch.

PURE Roller hens, young, cold-room bred, 1/6 each; approval willingly.—J. H. Barrett, 8, Borneo-st., Walsall.

GUARANTEED cock Hartz Mountain Rollers, in full song, 2/9 each, two 5/-.—Taylor, 12, St. Cyprian-st., Tooting.

ROLLERS, three 15 weeks, and 16-inch stock cage, sell or exchange; offers; letters only.—Darbyshire, Whitefield, Manchester.

ST. ANDREASBERG Rollers in full song 7/6, hens 2/-; also Norwich cinnamons, Yorkshires.—See British.—Enoch Tams, Longton, Staffs.

ST. ANDREASBURG Rollers, full song, own breeding, cold room, 7/6; hens, 2/-; approval.—Latham, 143, Ruby-st., Wolverhampton.

JUST imported Hartz Canaries, constant singers day and gaslight, seen and heard any time or sent to any address, 7/6.—Ward, 2, Hinton-rd., Herne Hill.

CANARIES, 50 for sale, ns bred, Rollers, good health and feather, cold room reared; best offer for lot.—8, Middleton, 18, Barleyfield., Walsall.

ST. ANDREASBERG Rollers, genuine, hardy birds - from outdoor birdroom, bred from imported birds, cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/-; approval.—Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

SEIFERT'S, Lester's, 30/-, cock 25/-, 6 young cocks 12/6 and 10/-, can be heard, Lot Sunday; 3 hens 7/6. Banks, Lock Manufacturer, Wood-st., Willenhall.

GENUINE Hartz Rollers cocks, full lovely song, day and gaslight, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6; satisfaction guaranteed; trade supplied.—Baines and Co., 71, Park-rd., Liverpool.

WORTH Notice, the finest St. Andreasberg Roller ever heard, day and night. All the sweet changes, price low; payments taken by instalments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, finest songsters obtainable; cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 1/6, 2/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned.—R. Woods, Woburn-avenue, Theydon Bois, Essex.

FEW handsome young Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, yellow or variegated, grand songsters, 3/- each, two 5/-; if not satisfactory money returned; cage included.—Veasy, 134, Tredegar-rd., Bow.

MR. MARSH offers his Hartz Mountain Rollers, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each, sent carriage paid; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited.—Freemason's Aviaries.—See Norwich and Yorkshire Advertisements

CHARMING Roller, direct from Leipsig, most finished Schoolmaster, Nightingale variations, no harsh notes, day, gaslight, cage complete, sacrifice, 10/6; approval; deposit; exchange for light mule, large, singing.—Webb, Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

SPLENDID singing Canaries for sale.—Norwich Roller cross, all guaranteed healthy, and cocks on song, sex guaranteed or money returned; 7 days approval, cash or deposit; cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; what offers for 6 cocks and 6 hens.—Brailsford, Radford-st., Mansfield.

FOUR pure St. Andreasberg Roller cocks (Seifert noted strain), cold room bred, now in full song, day or gaslight, with all the long rolls and delightful changes so well known in this noted strain; no better songsters living; accept 7/- each; full week's approval, on receipt of cash; also six hens, same strain, 2/- each.—Weston, Robins-lane, Langley, near Birmingham.

GARDNER'S ROLLERS.

Importer of these marvellous songsters, St. Andreasburg Rollers, pure notes, 10/6, 7/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed; seven clear days' trial with all Rollers at my risk.—Gardner, Roller Importer, Butler-st., Preston.

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I wish to inform all my customers that I have again got my splendid Hartz Mountain Rollers in full song; always gave satisfaction; prices 6/6, 7/6; all birds carefully packed to any address on receipt of P.O.—570 and 163, Ashton Old-rd., Openshaw, and 121, Cross-st., Gorton, Manchester.

SCHOOLMASTERS—THE BEST IMPORTED!

No other birds kept, satisfaction to all, that is my motto, Schoolmasters 10/6, 7/6, 6/6, few grand songsters, with broken notes, 5/- each; true Roller hens 2/-; testimony by every post; deposit and be satisfied, that is what I want.—Gardner, Roller Importer, Butler-st., Preston.

MAGNIFICENT SONGSTERS!

Our St. Andreasberg Rollers well deserve that name. By day and gaslight pouring forth their various changes, sounding their bell, harp, and gong notes, sweet silvery trills, etc., prices 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Schoolmasters, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval; deposit; lovely African Grey Parrot, £2 5s.; many testimonials.—Thomas Broxton, Orrell Post, Wigan.

FIRST CLASS SEIFERT BIRDS.

from my celebrated original strain, fine exhibition specimens, certain high prize winners, also first class breeding birds; prices from 10/- to 40/-; winners many gold and silver medals and other honours, highest references for good and prompt delivery; have now ready 300 this year's young birds; also a number of first class hens.—Emil Kaferstein, Leipzig, Neuschonefeld, Germany.

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HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS.

Large consignment just arrived, every bird stamped with German breeder original stamp. This season's bird, in good song, Trutes 5/6, Seifert 10/-; last season's birds 12/6 and 15/- each, schoolmasters from 20/- upwards.—Schomann and Baker, Rugby Chambers, Chapel-street, W.C.

REAL ST. ANDREASBERG

Rollers, first consignment this week of these beautiful Rollers, trained under Nightingale, Titlark, Woodlark, Waterbubble runs, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/- each; Hartz Rollers in grand song, daylight and gaslight songsters, 5/-, 6/- each; two 10/-; Hartz hens, 1/6 each, two 2/6; singing box cages 1/4 each.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 38, and 41, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

W. GIBBINS.

My first consignment of St. Andreasberg Rollers were sold out the day after arrival; my next lot are due 25th, and I am now booking orders. Same marvellous quality as the last. Must be heard to be appreciated; prices 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6; travelling cages free; also printed instructions for feeding, etc., with each bird; 7 days' approval on receipt of cash or deposit note.—Gibbins, 10, Medland-rd., Clapton, London.

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For Our Expected Consignment of CELEBRATED PRESTON CONTEST ROLLERS,

Which won so many contests last season, and gave universal satisfaction; only one price, 15/-; all on 14 days' trial at our risk. Deposit with CAGE BIRDS. Don't be misled, and buy only on these terms; no matter who you deal with. Send for list, post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

HARTZ MOUNTAIN

Roller cock Canaries, direct from Hartz, beautiful birds, only 3/9 each; 21/- a stick. Try one.—Varney, Stratford.—"The Elms, 18, Whitehouse Loan, Edinburgh, 1st, 1907.—Hummell arrived safely, and sings lovely; it is a pretty bird, and gives satisfaction.—N. Turnbull."—"2nd, 1907. Birds arrived, are singing well.—R. M. Lee, 79, Mill Street, Crewe."—"Broom, Newton Mears, Glasgow.—The birds arrived in good condition; I am well pleased with such value.—J. Broom."—"2nd, 1907, 32, Esson Road, Darlington.—Bird to hand. I like the song wonderfully well, and thank you for your prompt delivery and attention to my instructions.—H. Hutchison."—Send all orders to Varney, Straford, London.

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13, Kreuzerg. II. 2, Germany, wholesale and retail exporter of Roller Canaries. Export all countries; list published September 28th; Baron du Theil, in France, writes, 26th October, 1907: Birds (42) arrived safe; shall send large order in a few days.

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200 SINGING CANARIES.

We now have a splendid lot of Norwich, Yorkshire and Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canaries, all in full song, 5/6 and 6/6 each; hens 2/6 and 3/- each; cage 2d.; cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, sent on approval. J. Thorn, Bird Specialist, Plumstead Road, Woolwich.

WHY INCUR THE DANGER

of a bad bargain when you can purchase Rollers of the best quality from us on seven clear days' approval entirely at our own risk; our first consignment of pure Seiferts Rollers have just arrived from Germany with pure deep sweet soft bass rolls, water-bubble runs, etc., bell, harp, and gong notes, Nightingale, Woodlark and Titlark notes, perfect little music boxes, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 12/- each; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each, also our first consignment of Hartz Mountain Rollers, pure day and gaslight, with good loud clear song, 5/-, 6/- each, hens 1/6 each, 2/6 couple; proper made Roller singing cages 1/6 each, all on seven clear days' approval.—Parker and Wilden, Bird Merchants, 257-258, Farm Street, Birmingham.

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See what delighted clients say:—"Hy. Batchelor, 27, St. Helens-rd., Dorchester, Nov. 5th, 1907. The Cascade Roller is perfectly satisfactory." "Nov. 3rd, 1907. W. Montgomery, 74, Prince Albert-st., Crosshill, Glasgow. Cascade Roller to hand, quite safe and healthy; I am perfectly satisfied with him. He started to sing beautifully this morning. I will recommend you to all my friends." These letters are taken at random from the pile, and show conclusively the quality of birds sent. I don't want to use flowery language. I want you to put them to the test, free of charge, distance no object; every bird packed with seed and water in a splendid British Roller singing cage, with all necessary appliances; one price only, 10/-. The Cascade Roller does not perform those wonderful crackjaw notes that were never heard on land or sea; but for purity, sweetness, and true Roller quality they cannot be equalled under £2 2s. Terms cash with order, or deposit with CAGE BIRDS; seven days' approval.

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Real St. Andreasberg Rollers
(Seifert Strain), and
Pure Hartz Rollers.

Direct importer. The finest Seiferts strain from Germany, with pure Nightingale, Woodlark, Titlarks, Waterbubble, and bell notes; marvellous songsters; 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/- each; on approval. Now, hurry your orders up for first choice. Hens, same strain, 2/- and 2/6. Wholesalers, write for terms. Just a few testimonials picked from hundreds. These have come from birds I have sent hundreds of miles from Preston. Mrs. Downs, Chelmsford Road, Dublin, writes, Oct. 30th, 1907—"Thanks for the beautiful Roller. He arrived safely about 11 today, none the worse for the journey. He is a beautiful colour, and has a lovely voice. I like him well; he is singing over my head this moment. I want a nice cage for him; send on price of one." Mr. Glenny, Bachelors' Walk, Dublin—"Sir, am pleased with Roller, which arrived safe. He is singing continually night and day since he arrived. Scores of testimonials like this. If above not proof enough, send for catalogue and scores more testimonials. Mr. J. Patterson, Cork, Ireland—"Sir, I think it only right you should know that the Roller you sent me won the All Ireland Roller Singing Contest, held here November 8th and 9th." Mr. McConquodail, Greenock, Scotland—"Sir, received Roller and box cage safe; he was singing half an hour after I got him. He is the best songster I ever had. The cage is most suitable." Mr. H. Brooks, Wakefield, Yorks.—Sir, the Hartz Roller to hand. He is a splendid bird and sang under three minutes after caged. He sings in the gaslight; first thing in the morning. I have given twice as much for German Rollers not half as good as this from you." A few real Hartz Rollers—not Belgians, price 5/- and 6/- each; hens, 1/6, two 2/6. Proper singing Roller box cages, 1/6; enamelled inside and out, inlaid fronts, sand drawers; beauties, 1/10 each; approval with any; established 1879.

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Finest Rollers imported. To speak well of the Hummel is to gild refined gold. Testimonials from customers who say the Hummel is still singing as sweetly as when purchased four, five, six, and seven years ago. All Hummels have delightful deep, delicate bow roll, hollow roll, hollow bow roll, du pipe, hollow bell roll, grand round bass roll, vibrating hollow roll, and charming water bubble roll; one price only, 12s. 6d.; no fancy prices; Hummel hens, 3s. each; a beautiful pair of Hummels for 15s. St. Andreasberg Rollers, 5s. and 7s. 6d. each. Hummel Schoolmasters, 20s. each, better than can be obtained elsewhere at treble the price. Thousands of testimonials have been published by me in CAGE BIRDS from satisfied customers. I guarantee strictly honourable trading and satisfaction to all.—Varney, sole proprietor and importer of this remarkable Roller Canary. Twenty years advertiser.—Varney, Stratford, London.—Export a speciality. Nov. 1st, Hummel arrived yesterday, has sang sweetly ever since, I shall be very pleased to recommend you.—A. Richardson. "November 1st, 1907. 39, Belvedere Road, Taunton. — Seven years ago I bought of you a Hummel Roller. It was a lovely bird; it died to-day. Kindly send another.—W. Carver." "October 29th, 1907. The First Avenue Hotel, High Holborn. Hummel arrived; am well pleased with him. I shall have pleasure in recommending you. J. Waller, Esq." "November 2nd. St. Mary Abbey, Mill Hill, N.W. I am delighted with the Hummel; I would not part with him. He is also so beautifully tame.—F. Blackett." November 1st, 1907. I am pleased, indeed, with the Hummel Roller. Please find P.O. for another as good.—W. H. Stebbs, Esq." "7, Bank Street, Dundee. Received Hummel; it is a wonderful singer. Am highly pleased.—J. Ross." "3, High Street, Galashiels. I have a Hummel I bought from you two years ago; the bird is still wonderfully good.—A. Ramsey, Esq." "1, Avondale Terrace, Dartmouth. Received Hummel safe. I would not take three times the amount I paid you for him.—J. Stone." Varney, Sole Proprietor and Importer of Hummel Roller, Stratford, London

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7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, and up; **Hens,** same strain, **3/6** and **5/-.**

HARTZ COCKS, singing, **5/-, 5/9, 6/6** each: **Hens, 1/6, 2/-.**

Don't be gulled with fictitious names, they are simply absurd, and I defy contradiction; but send for best strains procurable in Germany. All on week's approval. Money back in full if not approved, or deposit with Editor if preferred.

Or send for New Illustrated Detailed List.

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St. Andreasberg Rollers, Pure Seiferts Strain. Imported direct by me from one of the most Reliable Breeders in Germany. Every Bird is Thoroughly Trained and in full Song. Prices—Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each; Pure Seifert Hens, 3/6 each.

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Cocks. Every Bird in Full Song, day and gaslight. Marvellous Songsters, 7/6 and 8/6 each. Real Hartz Hens, 2/- each.

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Cocks in full Song, **5/3, 5/9** each. A few Extra Good Birds, **6/3** each. Matched Pairs for Breeding Songsters, **7/6, 8/6** pair.

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For many years my Strain of Genuine Trained Rollers has been noted for its Purity of Song. Being specially trained, they have long water bubble ring, deep, hollow rolls, harp, bell, and song notes, etc., etc, and go through their full change of song by day and artificial light. Absolutely the Best and Cheapest ever offered. Cocks in full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6** each. A few Picked Schoolmasters, **12/6** and **15/-** each. Pure Roller Hens, **2/3, 2/6, 2/9** each. Neat and Comfortable Travelling Cages, **2d.** and **3d.** each.

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9, Blenheim Avenue, Barnsley, Nov. 2, 1907. —Kindly supply one of your special Rollers, for which I enclose P.O. The Canary you supplied to my father last season can actually say Pretty Dick, and other words, besides being a first class songster.—P. Winterbottom to Miss Storey.

Nov. 2, 1907. Leigh Road, Hindley.—Received bird safe; very highly pleased with him, and think he is excellent value for money.—T. Forshaw to Miss Storey.

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I HAVE several pairs good circle and nerve cheap.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

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SCOTCH fancy cocks, young and healthy, winning strain, from 10/-, or exchange household.—Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

—HAVE a few birds for disposal, yellows and buff; see last week's report; price from 20/-.—Longden, Eveline House, Smoity, Swansea.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale, yellow piebald cock, buff cock, yellow green hen, buff piebald hens; approval.—Thoms, 69, Watson-st., Dundee.

SOME Northern Beauties.—Exquisite coloured plate of Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries, post paid on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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A SPLENDID lot of these birds, including some that can win in very keenest competition; they have size, broad shoulder, plenty of nerve, and good drive —prices from 10/6 to 70/-; full illustrated list free. —W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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TWO clear yellow cocks, standard length, 10/6 each.—Pearson, Hairdresser, Maryport.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 4/6 each; on approval deposit. —Arthur Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe.

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Sweden, Nov. 1, 1907.—I received the two hen birds quite safe, pleased to say they are doing well.—R. H. to W. Rudd.

Hear again shortly.
265, Barton Street, Gloucester, Oct. 30, 1907.—Canaries received in good condition, for which accept my best thanks. You will hear from me again shortly.—Bert. Shellswell to W. Rudd.

Will send again.
115, Tylacelyn Road, PenyGraig, Oct. 29, 1907.—Received bird all right, and am highly pleased with it Shall send to you again.—D. Evans to W. Rudd.

Every Satisfaction.
Uplands, Alton, Hants., Nov. 2, 1907.—Bird arrived safely, and gives every satisfaction.—Miss English to W. Rudd.

Highly pleased with them.
31, Sea View Street, Grangetown, Sunderland, Oct. 31, 1907.—The birds arrived on Tuesday morning, and I am highly pleased with them.—J. Barrett to W. Rudd.

Repeat order certain, etc.
5, Townley Street, Burnley, Oct. 30, 1907.—The Roller arrived to-day. On taking the paper off cage I was surprised with the fresh appearance of the bird. I can assure you that you will have a repeat order in a few weeks.—W. Thistlewaite to W. Rudd.

A good bargain.
62, Jubilee Terrace, Tavern Road, Bonghton, Nov. 2, 1907.—Pleased to say pair of Yorkshires arrived safe. I am pleased with them, and consider them a good bargain; I expect to breed some good birds.—J. A. Clementson to W. Rudd.

Hartz 12 months ago.
Iron Stone Road, Chase Terrace, Near Walsall, Nov. 2, 1907.—The H.M. Roller I had from you 12 months ago is still singing from early morning till late at night.—J. Shenton to W. Rudd.

Quite satisfied.
15, Grand View, East Ardsley, Nov. 2, 1907.—Bird arrived quite safe. I am quite satisfied.—H. Boyce to W. Rudd.

Far better for money than expected.
East-End, Walsingham, Oct. 22, 1907.—Just a line to let you know I received birds all right, and am well satisfied. They are far better than I expected for the money.—R. Johnson to W. Rudd.

Greatly pleased.
Park House, The Green, Ealing, Nov. 4, 1907.—Miss Gilpin received the yellow hen, none the worse for its journey, and she is greatly pleased with it.

Good condition, etc.
Crewe, Nov. 1, 1907.—The bird arrived quite safe, and in good condition. I am very pleased with same.—J. Bennett to W. Rudd.

Fair way.
27, Oregon Street, Bootle, Nov. 1, 1907.—Bird arrived this day. Thank you for your fair way towards me.—J. Goulding to W. Rudd.

Sings splendidly.
94, Heaton Lane, Stockport, Oct. 30, 1907.—Please excuse delay in acquainting you of the safe arrival of Roller. Accept my congratulations for good specimen sent. Sings splendidly, and is in fine health and feather.—A. H. Harrison to W. Rudd.

Fairness and punctuality.
153, Gelli Road, Pentre, Rhondda. The bird and goods arrived quite safe on the 22nd inst. I am perfectly satisfied. He is singing very well. Everything was well packed; for which I give you great credit. Anyone that requires a bird I shall most certainly recommend to you, both for fairness and punctuality. I shall be giving you another order shortly.—G. Collard to W. Rudd.

Fair, businesslike, etc.
Somerstown, London, Oct. 24, 1907.—Yours to hand, just after I had posted first letter. Please note I wish to thank you very much for your fair and businesslike manner in which you have met me in this case, as I wish to purchase some more birds later on; shall send to you, and would not think of going elsewhere under any pretence whatever.—H. S. Cooks to W. Rudd.

Nicest pair ever seen.
13, Old Brewery Houses, Dowlais, Oct. 29, 1907.—I received the birds safe, and I am very pleased with them. They are the nicest pair of birds I have ever seen.—T. O'Shea to W. Rudd.

Well pleased again.
1, Mason Street, Stalyhridge, Oct. 29, 1907.—Birds arrived safely. I am well pleased with them. I shall be sending you another order in a few days.—A. Thorpe to W. Rudd.

Splendid condition.
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More than satisfied.
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Obliging, etc.
Glass House Hill, Codnor.—Bird arrived safe on Saturday morning, and is doing well. Wishing you every success. I also thank you for being so obliging.—G. Haywood to W. Rudd.

Good selection.
Toft House, Dunchurch, Oct. 21, 1907.—Bird safe to hand; please accept my best thanks for your good selection; it is a grand one at the price.—P. G. Casey to W. Rudd.

Every satisfaction.
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WANTED, "Harmsworth Self-Educator," clean and complete; exchange Canarics.—Hipwell, Naturalist, Wisbech.

WANTED, offers cash for 20 well-bred 1907 Norwich Canaries, mostly colour-fed.—Apply Harry Green, Long Buckby.

WANTED, surplus stocks Canarics and mules, all kinds sent, cheapest prices to A. Leitch, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries (no rubbish); exchange ladies' cycle; sell, £2 10/-.—Whitaker, 15, Palmer-st., Doncaster.

ANY quantity of Goldfinches, etc., wanted from catchers; highest price given.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltby-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, pair Zebra Finches; will give pair black Long-faced Tumblers, value 10/6, or offers.—Rae, Baker, Dalbeattie.

WANTED, good German Roller and cage; will give pair prize Black Nun Pigeons, value 25/-.—Frank Wood, Horsforth.

WANTED, any quantity of Norwich and Yorkshire hens; send lowest cash price to Willets, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

WANTED, all varieties Canaries and Mules; send particulars; will deposit; stamp for reply.—Thomas, Ambler thorn, Halifax.

WANTED, pair show crests, 1907, for seal cape or sell 50/-, approval.—Herbert Schofield, Fish Restaurant, Skelmanthorpe.

CASH offers for cock Hybrid Goldie-Linnet, this season's bird, a real gem.—Jowett, 28, Portsmouth Avenue, Bradford.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canarics, exchange trio modern Pile Game Bantams (Stretches).—35, Ayton-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED to buy any quantity, any variety; stamp reply; will deposit.—Hartley, Pleasant View, Ambler thorn, nr. Halifax.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries; exchange fine young Amazon Parrot and square cage, value 50/-. —H., 183, Church-rd., Hove.

CARNATIONS, Fine, strong, well-rooted plants, true stock "Old Clove" 3/6 per dozen; or exchange. —Hipwell, Naturalist, Wisbech.

WANTED, surplus stocks; large or small lots bought for cash or sold on commission.—Baines and Co., 71, Park-rd., Liverpool.

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange pair Scotch blankets or Tweed suit length; sell 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, a weekly supply of British birds, Linnets especially; please state prices.—Pennor, 7, Wimbolt-st., Greatmoor, Stockport.

WANTED, exhibition cock Bawfinch, fit for keen competition; on approval, deposit.—C. Coppock, Old-rd., Headington Quarry, Oxford.

WANTED, good suit length, also mackintosh, 40 inches chest; exchange high-class Yorkshire.—W. Hollings, 66, Ramsey-st., Scarborough.

COCK Goldfinches, Bullfinch pairs, Siskins, Linnets, will give good exchange.—Phillips, Saxonhurst, Westbury Avenue, Wood Green.

WANTED weekly supply Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Canaries, Mules, Parrots, up till March.—Baker, Herbert-street, Bedminster.

WANTED, a hen Green singing Finch, thoroughly acclimatised; no rubbish; state price.—P. W. Sumner, 14, Grove-lane, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OFFERS for eleven working Homers and Kestrel Hawk, some fit for show, Canaries or small birds preferred.—W. Larcombe, Glastonbury, Somerset.

WANTED, long Yorkshire hens and good Norwich hens and Crested hens; state lowest price for cash.—Speller, 66, Philip's-rd., Rye-lane, Peckham.

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Yorkshires and Norwich, 10/- per pair for good crests.—McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, Linnet Mule cock (Linnet notes); exchange piano-harp, good instrument; sell 10/-.—H. Randall, 10, Bradshaw's-terrace, Skirbeck, Boston.

COCK Canaries, exchange Norwich show cages and ease, cock Thrush in song, cock Skylark in song, and cages.—Young, Cago Maker, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol.

WANTED, Parrot and cage, Grey or Amazon, in exchange for Seraphone organette cost £3/18/0 and quantity of music.—35, Ayton-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, high-class Norwich and Crests and Cinnamons; also Lancashires; cash or exchange Yorkshires; sure winners.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, weekly supply Linnets, Goldfinches, Siskins, etc.; state price and quantity able to supply; all letters answered.—Wafters, 210, Bensham-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED, exhibition British birds; exchange high-class Yorkshires, whole-plate camera lens and stand or genuine oil paintings.—Decorator, 8, Victoria-rd., Redfield, Bristol.

WANTED, young sock Linnet Mules; exchange (single) 12-bore vertical fire breech-loading gun, in new condition, or sell 22/-.—Wood, 120, Worrington-rd., Notting Hill.

WANTED, 36 in. brass phonograph horn and one dozen Edison records; will give two pairs of pure-bred Yorkshires, also two pairs of aviary-bred Budgerigars, 7/-, or offers; approval both ways.—John Minikin, 4, Bronte-st., Keighley.

WANTED, fowls, rabbits, pigeons, Goldfinches, all common, having purchased gentleman's stock Canaries; cages 7/6 pair; British birds' cages from 1/- each, bargains; first P.O. get them; offers.—Long, 18, Pront-rd., Clapton.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists, cycle agents, and cycle repairs to send for 50-page wholesale catalogue of cycles and accessories; guaranteed cycles from £2 19s. 6d., and everything for a cycle at startling prices.—Smart, Cycle Factory, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

NATURAL HISTORY.

EGGS, from good mulberry-fed silkworms, 250 6d.; 1,000 1/-.—Leawilson, Nottingham.

BEAUTIFUL tropical butterflies, for ornamental purposes, collections, lists.—86, Irving-rd., Bournemouth.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

NINETY wild birds' eggs, about 40 species, all blown, perfect condition, 7/6.—Milne, Starkholmes, Matlock.

ANIMALS, birds, fish, stuffed and mounted; stuffed specimens for sale; price lists. — Oram, Naturalist, 10, Hastings-st., Leicester.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

LARGE cock Twites, 6d. each; selected, 1/-; or exchange.—Holker, Marsden-st., West Houghton.

WANTED, exhibition Foreign birds; exchange exhibition British.—Crearie, Carlingwark-st., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and trained Roller for Ringneck Parrakeet and cage.—Davies, Water Bailiff, Llangeler.

BLUE Bedlington dog, warranted quiet, good ratter and rabbiter, 15/6; offers.—Robertson, 187, Elms-street, Kirkcaldy.

WANTED, pure cock (Minorca or any black breed) in exchange for house-moulted British.—21, Chestnut-villas, New Malden.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 1907; exchange wire fronts; sell 9/6 each; approval; no rubbish.—R. Reynolds, Raunds, Wellingborough.

TWO Goldfinches, Chaffinch, cocks, house-moulted; exchange Foreign birds, or sell 10/- lot.—Ford, "Daphne," Elms-avenue, Eastbourne.

EXHIBITION Yellowhammer and Greenfinch, will exchange for sable toy Pomeranian, or what others?—Evans, 17, Cheapside, Middleton, Lancs.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, new clap-nets, complete for brace or glass ornaments; sell 12/-; approval.—Herbert Roberts, Islington, Halesowen.

COCK Linnets, 8/- dozen; hens, three dozen, 2/6; cock Blackbirds, Thrushes, 6d.; exchange four dozen cock Linnets, three Ferrets.—Watson, Bird Catcher, Littleport, Cambs.

TWO Bullfinches, two Chaffinches, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer cocks, cage-moulted; exchange hen Canaries; offers.—Foreman, Brickfield, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

TWO house-moulted Linnets, 4/- each; one house-moulted Redpoll, 4/-; gent's cycle, good, £2 10s.; or part exchange Norwich Canaries; no rubbish.—E. Wood, 422, High-rd., Leyton.

TAME Kestrel Hawk, handsome cage-moulted cock Blackbird and Thrush, five splendid cock Bullies, in beautiful plumage, 11/-; exchange Canaries, poultry. —Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

TWO hand-reared cock Blackbirds, one hand-reared cock Thrush, in song, 3/- each; 9/- the lot; exchange Goldfinch Mule, or anything useful.—McInnes, The Wall, Glastonbury, Somerset.

NORTH COUNTRY cock Linnets, caged September, 1/6 each, full song; or exchange anything; lady's cycle, exchange sewing machine; approval.—Bell Riddles Cottages, Stakeford, Northumberland.

TWO selected 1906 cock Goldfinches, Whitelegs, one cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet, choice birds for two selected 1907 large Yellow Norwich hens; no rubbish; or 12/- lot.—Morris, Athlone, Ireland.

COCK LINNET and Goldfinch hybrid, caught on Dunstable Downs last year, over moult and singing, price 30/-, or exchange 1907 cock Linnet Canary Mules.—W. Day, Highfield Cottages, Dunstable.

HOUSE-MOULTED Chaffinch, ditto Linnet, bred Mules, three 1907 Linnets, one Chaffinch, caged August, with cages, lot 12/6; exchange Buff Norwich cock or mandoline; approval; or give little cash.—7, Fulton-villas, Boundary-rd., Wood Green.

SPLENDID exhibition cock Goldfinch, 5/-; one twice house-moulted cock, 6/-; one large Peathroated, sure mulers, 6/- or 15/- the three; exchange for good, rough rat and rabbit dog and house guard, or pullets; offers.—Vale, Highfield Lodge, Lydney, Glos.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE three fine cock Goldfinches for pair Yorkshire or Norwich.—18, Keen's-terrace, Mitcham.

EXCHANGE large Crested cock, 15/-, for large Crested hen; approval.—Ingram, 3, Park-avenue, Paisley.

PAIR high-class Lops, five months, 21 inch, 6/-; exchange Norwich cock.—Dickinson, 152, East-st., Walworth, London.

TWO good hen Canaries in exchange for four hen Bullfinches, or sell 7/6.—F. Love, Main-st., Clackmannan, N.B.

NINE good Norwich cocks, from 5/-; hens from 9/-; or exchange talking Parrot and cage.—84, Haverigg, Millom.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshire cock, two hens, 25/-; exchange Cinnamon cock to value.—Andrews, West Bridge, St. Ives, Cornwall.

SPLENDID pair grand upstanding Yorkshires, Buff cock, Yellow hen, 12/6; exchange good razors.—Crowson, Swaby, Malford.

ONE good Yorkshire sock and two hens; exchange three good sock Goldfinches, or sell 12/6.—F. Love, Main-st., Clackmannan, N.B.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEWISHAM.

Usual Saturday evening contest held at the Coach and Horses, High Street. The birds were certainly disappointing, or it was the visit of the police which frightened them, especially the stern countenance of the inspector, who took full stock of the sports. Results:—1, Barber, 3 score 4 chalk; 2, H. Austin, 1 score 11 chalk; 3, Cartwright, 1 score 4 chalk; 4, E. Robinson, 1 score, 1 chalk. Eight pairs were eventually put on the nail.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing of Linnets held at the old bird house, King's Head, Shannon-street, when 22 of the best birds sung for four good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson. Some extra good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1st prize, Hardcastle; 2, Summers; 3, Tillotson; 4, Johnson. Judges, C. Cooper and T. Rineson.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet Singing Contest, for quality singing, held at the oldest bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, when 25 of the best birds in Leeds sung for four good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson. One bird, if he had sung in the match as he did afterwards, would have been easily first: 1, T. Johnson; 2, 3, J. Thompson; 4 was shared by J. Nicholls and J. Grant. Judges, C. Cooper, Chadwick, T. Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

First contest took place at the Crown Inn, North-street, York, when 22 Linnets were hung up for four good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some very good singing was heard, with the following result:—1st prize, J. Firth; 2, W. Wilson; 3, J. Stothard; 4, A. Kirby. Mr. Perry officiated as judge, and Mr. Stothard as timekeeper, giving every satisfaction.

CLUB REPORTS.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 2nd, Councillor D. R. Jones presided over a good attendance. Mr. T. W. Richards, Narberth, was elected vice-president. Six new members were elected. Messrs. Parry, 44, Ann's-street; T. H. Davis, 6, Caerelma; W. Williams, 28, Forge-row; J. Jones, 49, Llewellyn street; Portsmouth, 41, Brynmor-road, and J. Saddler, Glyndwr-cottage, Waunclyn, Trimsaran.—J. SIMON, sec.

DIPTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held October 25th, at which there was a large attendance to witness washing exhibition by a member, Mr. Jas. Stringer, Pelton Fell. Mr. Stringer showed amateurs how to make a bird look well and fit for the bench. All were well satisfied. The next two meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, and Monday, December 2nd.—MATT. MASON, Sec.

NORTHERN BRITISH B.M. & F.B.C.

Special meeting, held Oct. 30, at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, to consider application from Sunderland for the club patronage. There was a good number of members and the patronage was granted on condition Sunderland gave two classes for Foreign birds. We also enrolled 9 new members from Carlisle, Sunderland, Darlington, Crook and York. Anyone wishing to become members can do so on sending their names and addresses to 115, Stanhope Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—J. R. SLACK, hon. sec.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.B., ETC.

Monthly meeting held November 2nd, 122, Ingram-street. Fairly good muster of members present. Mr. Peter Pettigrew, president, in the chair. Messrs. Wm. Melrose, Hugh Anderson, Wm. King, D. S. Vallantyne, Wm. Wilson, John Moffat, and James Peters, were admitted members. Mr. Malcolmson then proceeded with his washing exhibition, showing the different positions and processes in washing, which was delightful to the young members. Mr. Malcolmson was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Young. A washing competition will take place at next meeting, Nov. 30 when three special prizes will be competed for. Mr. Malcolmson will give an exhibition of cage-making as well.—JOHN BOULSTON.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B. SOCIETIES.

Meeting of the Council held at the Victoria Hotel, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, on Nov. 2nd. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mr. John Gleaves, vice-president. The Council dealt with an objection by the Great Horton Good Intent Society to exhibit No. 23 in Class 16 at their open show on October 26th. A sub-committee appointed to examine the bird agreed that certain tail feathers had been cut. The Council ordered that the owner refund prize money won at the show, in addition to forfeiting all points. They also debarred the bird from competing during the next six weeks. An application by the Huddersfield Society for an extension of time for receiving entries for their forthcoming show, on account of the intervention of Christmas Holidays, was granted. It was decided that in cases where an assistant judge is required for the Yorkshire Classes, the same be selected from those already voted upon by the Union members, who have not received an engagement. A resolution by the Huddersfield Society, re railway charges, was placed on the agenda for next meeting.—FREDK. HAMMOND, hon. sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.S.

Meeting took place at headquarters, October 28th. A report of the meeting of delegates called to discuss the London definition of a novice and the proposed Federation was submitted by the Association's delegates, Messrs. R. L. Crisp and A. C. Burn, and adopted. Mr. R. L. Crisp was unanimously elected a delegate to formulate a committee for the London Federation. With one amendment, the Council's recommendation for the alloting of diplomas for the annual show was adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Shepherd for the handsome silver-plated cup, which was on view. The result of the draw for competition for the McGrutter Shield was Cinnamons, and failing three competitors as per rule, Crests and Crested-breds. The Yorkshire judging competition then took place, and attracted a brilliant gathering of forty-three and an entry of forty-six (21 Yellows and 25 Buffs) Yorkshires, this speaking volumes for the high esteem in which Mr. R. L. Crisp, the judge, is held. Speaking afterwards in that prepossessing manner and accomplished style, he held his audience spellbound whilst he imparted to them his great knowledge acquired by personal experience of the breeding of Yorkshires. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, to which Mr. Crisp suitably replied. The winners of the silver medals were P. G. Cooper (champion), A. C. Burn (amateur), and G. Bryant (novice). The special prize given anonymously for the most entries was won by Mr. W. Page with 11 entries. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very pleasant meeting.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dublin, The Rotunda, Upper Sackville-street.—Nov. 14 and 15th.—Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. 45 classes: Belg. 1, Scot. 2, Nor. 10, Yorks. 8, Non-fed 7, Brit. 10, For. 6, Gift 1, and 6 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good list of specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close early to Mr. W. WEBSTER, Warrenville, Blackrock, Dublin.

Inverness, The Music Hall.—Nov. 20th.—Judges, Messrs. J. Sandison and C. Ross. 41 classes: Scot. 3, Yorks. 1, Bord. 3, Nor. 1, Nat. Col. 9, Colour-fed 8, Mules 3, Brit. 8, Sell. 1, For. 3, Sing 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good list of specials Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 13th to Mr. ALEX. URQUHART, 86, Telford-road.

Hastings (S.N.P.C. and S.Y.C.C.), Central Hall.—Nov. 19th and 20th.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 16 open champion classes: Nor. 8, Crest 1, Crestbred 1, Yorks. 6, 6 open novice classes, Nor. 6, 30 members' and 6 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 12th to Mr. A. E. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl-street.

Southend, Kursall.—Nov. 19th and 20th.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 22 open classes: York. 6, Nor. 6, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, and 9 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 13th to Mr. B. P. T. JONES, "Cherhill," Lancaster Gardens.

Galashiels, Volunteer Hall.—Nov. 16th.—Judges, Messrs. W. Haddow, J. W. Bruce, G. Fulton, and P. McDougall. 33 open classes: Scot. 13, Bord. 11, Nor. 3, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 12th to Mr. ALEXANDER SMITH, 26, Halliburton-place.

Glasgow and West of Scotland (S.N.P.B.F. and Y.C.C. and S.B.B. and M.C.), Drill Hall, Taylor-street.—Nov. 15th and 16th.—Judges, Messrs. A. C. Cameron (Kelso), C. Campbell (Glasgow), Jas. Smellie (Kilmarnock), J. Bailey (Bradford), Parker Robinson (Barrowin-Furness), and James F. Dewar (Edinburgh). 75 classes: Nor. 19, Crest 5, Bord. 12, Yorks. 7, Cinn. 2, A.O.V. 2, Mule 8, Brit. 17, For. 3. Prizes, 15s., 10s., 5s., 4s., 2s., and a splendid list of specials. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 9th to Mr. J. BROWN, 97, Peterhill-road, Glasgow.

Nottingham and Notts (C.B.U., C.C.C. Cinn. C.C., N.B.H. and M.C., F.B.C., etc.), Mechanics' Lecture Hall.—Nov. 16th and 18th.—Judges, Messrs. W. E. Greeves, J. H. Payne, C. Houlton, Barker Clegg, and J. H. Roe. 73 open classes: Nor. 15, Crest 7, Crestbred 6, Lancs. 8, Lizards 6, Cinn. 4, Belg. 1, Brit. 16, For. 4, Gift 1, Sell 5, and 2 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Mr. G. E. WILKINSON, 9, Wellington-square, Park Side.

Gloucester.—Nov. 20th and 21st, Goddard's Rooms.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 16 open classes: Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 2, 1 novice and 1 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Mr. HUGH GUNN, Sandhurst-road.

Stonehouse.—Nov. 10th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. Chalmers. 19 open classes: Nor. 2, Bord. 2, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 10, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Nov. 12th to Mr. JOHN SORBIE, sec.

Keighley.—Nov. 21st, Albion Hotel.—Judge, Mr. J. Wilcock. 30 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 11, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, novice 5, and 13 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 16th to Mr. C. J. ROBINSON, 44, Cromer-st., May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

Leeds (C.B.U.).—Nov. 15th and 16th, Salem Lecture Hall, Hunslett-road.—Judges, Messrs. Battye and Robson. 49 open classes: Yorks 10, Nor. 12, Crest 2, Scot. 3, Bord. 4, Lancs. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Mule 3, Brit. 7, For. 3, and 5 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and good list of specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 11th to Messrs. WILKINS AND TOWES, "The Gardens," Oakhurst, Moortown.

St. Helens Recreation.—Nov. 23rd, Volunteer Hall, Mill-street.—Judge, Mr. G. Houlton. 25 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, 18 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 19th to Mr. J. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, 121, Morley-street.

Woodside and Bucksburn, in Burgh Hall.—Nov. 23rd.—Judges, Messrs. W. D. Milne and Geo. Finnie. 45 open classes: Nor. Fed 9, Unfed. 4, Nor. Nat. Col. 8, Crest 3, Green and Cinn. 6, Novice 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 3; good prize money and over 70 specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 16th to Mr. A. THOMSON, Secretary, 100, Great Northern-road, Aberdeen.

Honley.—Nov. 23rd, at the Rock Mills.—Judge, Mr. Mallinson. 7 classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 16th to J. T. HINCHCLIFF, Woodland View, Brockholes, near Huddersfield.

Weybridge.—CAGE BIRDS Competition, Dec. 4th and 5th in the Holstein Hall. Judge, Mr. Robson. 36 classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Brit. 4, For. 2, merit 25. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Birds entered for the L.C.B.A. Show will be forwarded on. Entries close Nov. 20th to H. E. PARROT, Sec., Grove-place.

Folkestone (C.B.U.).—Dec. 3rd and 4th, in the new Volunteer Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 48 classes: Nor. 9, Crest 4, Cinn. 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 3, Liz. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 8, Pairs 1, Novice 2, Sell. 5, Gift 1, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d., good list of specials. Entries close Nov. 18th to J. W. GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton-road.

Ayr.—Nov. 23rd, in the Pavilion, Dane Park.—Judges, Messrs. J. Smart and J. Goodfellow. 24 classes: Nor. 2, Crest 2, Bord. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Nov. 18th to J. THOMSON, Leitchton, Holmston-road.

Jedburgh.—Nov. 16th, in the Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. Alexander and A. Watson. 30 classes: Scots. 2, Nor. 2, Bord. 10, Sell. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 16th to A. FRATER, Market-place.

Perth.—Nov. 23rd, in the Co-operative Hall.—Judges, Mason, Adamson, Craig, Strachan, M'Lauchlan, Patterson, and Stark. 60 classes: Crest 11, Nor. 14, Scots. 12, Bord. 9, Brit. 8, Mules 3, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Excellent lot of specials. Entries close Nov. 10th to J. KERR, 6, St. Catherine's-road.

Chapel-en-le-Frith (C.B.U.).—Nov. 23rd, in the Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 10 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 16th to J. R. COOPER, Brookside.

Bristol F.A. (C.C.C., L. and L.F.A., and Cinn. C.C.), Drill Hall, Queen's-road.—Dec. 4th and 5th.—Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne. 57 open classes: Nor. 8, Crests 7, Crestbred 6, Cinn. 7, Yorks. 8, Lancs. 5, Bord. 2, Scot. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 6, Sell. 4, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entry fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 20th to Mr. G. T. H. MAGGS, 9, Trinity-street, Newtown, Bristol.

Selby (C.B.U.), The Armoury, Brook-street.—Nov. 21st.—Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 11 classes: Yorks. 5, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Canary (local) 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 13th to Mr. JOHN HY. DIXON, 77, Brook-street.

Egremont (C.B.U.), Market Hall.—Nov. 29th and 30th.—Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 27 classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Bord. 5, Mules 1, Brit. 6, Sell. 3, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 23rd to Messrs. WOODBURN and LUCAS, 46, East-road, Egremont, Cumberland.

Goole (C.B.U.), Market Hall.—Nov. 28th.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 9 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 2, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 21st, to Mr. GEO. BUTLER, 3, Henry-street, Goole.

Bournemouth (S.N.P.C., S.F.C.), Winter Gardens.—Nov. 26th and 27th.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 58 open classes: Nor. 12, Crests 3, Crestbred 2, Yorks. 13, Lancs. 2, Lizards 2, Bord. 2, Cinn. 1, Non-fed 1, Roller 1, A.O.V. 1, Limit 1, Stock 1, Brit. 8, Mule 2, For. 6, and 18 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 18th to Messrs. LEECH and JONES, 156, Holdenhurst-road.

Sligo (Y.C.C. and N.C. and P.H.C. of Ireland), Assembly Room, Town Hall.—Nov. 20th and 21st.—Judge, Mr. John M'Lay. 45 classes: Scot. 2, Crest 4, Nor. 7, Yorks. 10, Novice 4, Mules 4, Brit. 6, For. 5, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 9th to Mr. C. J. MULLIGAN, Holborn-street.

THE SHOWS.

CLEATOR MOOR.

Show held in the Market Hall on November 2nd. There were 14 Canary classes, two Hybrid, eight Brit., one For., and three Sell. classes—in all, over 200 entries, not quite up to last year's grand total, but still very good considering the geographical position not being surrounded by towns and cities on all sides. A good classification of Yorkshires brought together some fine birds, notably those of Messrs. Stewart, Douglas, Tweedie, Brown, Bradley, and Ferguson. Border Fancy classes contained 24 birds of high-class merit, and some of the cracks of Messrs. Ellwood, Dixon, Hopper Bros., Leavson, Wilson, Plaskett Bros., etc., were on view. Norwich, though not so numerous, were a very nice lot taken altogether, being best represented by Messrs. Younghusband, Wilson, Moffatt, Lowthian, Atkinson, Sumpton, and others. Hybrids contained some capital birds, shown by Messrs. John Dixon, W. M. Hill, Bertram and Bell, Johnston, and Percy Davies, while British were a very nice lot, though some of them will be much superior in finish and condition in a week or two; the winners were birds of exceptional merit. Messrs. Kearton and Winter accounted well for the Goldfinch class. Bullfinches brought three very fine specimens out amongst the lot, and Mr. Hill and Mr. Laidlaw had superior specimens. The Linnet class was once again the *creme de la creme* of the show, and 28 birds of rare good merit were staged. The winner turned up from the owner of last year's champion, and though this year's winner is not yet quite so perfect in finish and condition as the last year's winner, it is one which has all the essentials of a "top-sawyer." It took a lot of time to separate them, so near was the running, and some of the best birds in the class a week or a fortnight short of being ready. It is unusual not to have a fine display of Softhills here. By some unaccountable circumstance not known as yet, Mr. Walsh's big team of fine birds only arrived at the show at 3 p.m., after the judging, and if not the exhibitor's own fault it would be a good case for C.B.U. to bring home to the railway companies concerned in the transit. Mr. J. E. Byrne and his very able staff of workers and committee, did all in their power to make the exhibits happy, and the prompt manner in which they got through their work speaks volumes of praise for them, and fanciers would do well to keep in mind such liberal treatment. A fine list of specials was offered. Mr. A. Hirst judged Canaries, and Mr. Charles Houlton the remainder. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, James Stewart, 1 very finely drawn, upstanding, slim, typical bird, neat head, well-filled neck, well rounded, close fitting wings and tail, 3, beaten in wing carriage a little; 2, Bradley, not so good head as first, rare good style, position and carriage; r, Douglas, capital type, beaten a little in condition and finish through; vhc, Thompson; hc, Irwin. BUFF: 1, hc, Stewart, beauty all over, stands straight as a pencil, well wrapped up; 2, Irwin, bit coarser feather, stands well up, good carriage and nerve; 3, Coulson, rather larger, thicker through and not quite so tight in feather; r, Ferguson; vhc, Nixon; c, Tweedie. TICK. YELL.: 1, 3, Tweddie, 1 tick head and left wing, very stylish, grand position, shape and condition, 3, Cinn. var., very compact, stylish; 2, Ferguson, lovely quality, thigh tick, well on leg, grand position; r, Stewart, grand carriage and type, tick nape, A1 wings and tail. BUFF: 1, Brown, tick right wing, fair style and carriage, nicely up on legs, and in best of form; 2, vhc, Stewart, thigh tick, straight, upstanding bird, well filled in and correct type; 3, Tweedie, Cinn. varieg. A1 type, fine position and condition; r, Irwin, eye and wing mark, coarse in feather a little. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Stewart, grand bird in all points, tight as a Java, 3 well up on leg, thicker thighs; 2, Tweedie, tick head and wings, very neat body, upstanding, very tight, neat carriage, wings and tail; r, Irwin, tick wings, A1 type, not quite up to 3; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Douglas. BUFF: 1, 2, Stewart, most typical hen seen for some time, magnificent position and feather and condition, 2 almost equally as good, tick head, very breedy, A1 feather and condition; 3, Ferguson, well up on leg, little thicker in girth, nice feather and condition; r, Douglas, tick wing, slim, nice feather and condition; vhc, Brown; hc, Irwin. SELL. YORKS. (£1): 1, 3, Stewart; 2, Ferguson; r, Nixon; vhc, Douglas; hc, Brown; c, Irwin. BORDER YELL.: 1, Leavson, hen, A1 all over; 2, Wilson, slightly tick neck, A1 quality and condition; 3, Younghushand, also tick neck, very nice shape, quality and feather; r, Moore, bit coarser in feather, nice type and size; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Withington. BUFF: 1, vhc, Ellwood, small eye, tick bird, grand type, rare fitting wings and neat tail; 2, Dixon, larger cl., nice quality and condition; 3, r, Leavson, tick left wing, bit thicker type, nice feather; hc, Plaskett Bros.; c, Walker. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Wilson, grand shape, cobby, beautiful head well mealed, solid feather; 2, Todd, very chubby type, grand feather and condition; 3, r, Moffatt, longer body, big head, bit eyebrowed, nice feather and colour; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Lewthwaite; c, Whalley. TICK, ETC.: 1, vhc, Atkinson, tick eyes, nape and wings, left wing flights a bit off, grand bloom, quality and condition; 2, r, Moffat, tick right wing, a buff, A1 all over it, r, yell., nice type and quality; 3, Sumpton, big cobby buff, tick left wing, good size, fine feather and condition; hc, Wilson; c, Younghusband. UNFLI.: 1, Younghusband, rather long and big head, heavy, grand quality; 2, Lowthian, cl. buff, thick-set, lovely bloom and condition; 3, Wilson, cl. yell., grand type, bit nervous, which makes him cross his wings; r, P. Davies, chubby bird of rare type and quality. HENS: 1, hc, Moffat, eye tick, yell. grand hen all over; 2, Younghushand, cl. yell. of correct type, nice colour, size, quality and condition; 3, c, Atkinson, tick eye, fine feather, shape and condition A1; r, P. Davies, buff, coarser feather, nice shape, good bloom. HYBRIDS—LIGHT: 1, W. M. Hill, slight tick, excellent shape, feather and tight as wax; 2, Dixon, six-point yell., capital colour, quality and condition of feather. DARK: 1, 2, Dixon, grand pair of Linnet-Canary, 1 magnificently-feathered buff, splendid colour and shape, A1, 2 very large yell., very rich colour, bit open in feather or could have won; 3, Bertram and Bell, buff Green-Canary, nice shape, good colour and in fine condition; r, Johnston, rattling good buff Linnet-Canary, bit unsteady, or might have gone higher; hc, c, Percy Davies. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, r, Kearton and Winter, trio of good Finches; 2nd best, when all are finished, first best colour blaze, nice brown body, good moons and bars; r, faint Peathroat, nice size, shape, good moons and bars, and in nice condition; 3, Watson, rather smaller and narrower, nice colour, and moons; vhc, Whalley; hc, c, Carlyle. BULLFINCH: 1, W. M. Hill, fine size, substance, quality and condition, broad cap, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Laidlaw, pair of rich coloured birds, smaller than 1st; 2, best head; r, McNal; spoiled in colour, and too much hemp seed feeding LINNET (28): 1, Keogh, regular chubby Nor. type, beautiful markings, coming well up in colour and condition, wants a little time to get up gloss; 2, Kearton and Winter, grand shape, colour and marking, bit smaller, but very taking bird, 3, Fitzsimmons, big long bird, good head, very rich body colour, nice gloss, just wants more substance on chest to make it win; r, J. T. Kearton, very good head, nice colour and condition, fair size and shape; vhc, Iredale; hc, Kelly; c, Fitzsimmons. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Christian, very pretty Twite, nicely mark., medium size, excellent condition; 2, Kearton and Winter, very smart Lesser Redpoll; 3, Bell and Fisher, smaller Twite, in grand condition; r, Thompson, bonny Siskin, grand colour; vhc, Whalley; hc, Murnion; c, Barker A.O.V.: 1, Stewart, perfectly mark. Yell. Bunting, grandly fed, very glossy condition, nice size; 2, 3, Evans and Son, 2nd nice moulted Crossbill, in capital feather and condition; 3rd splendidly conditioned Sparrow, takes the perches in grand style, and mark. to perfection, many people did not know what it was, such a fine bird was it; r, vhc, Bell and Fisher, very fair Chaffinch, and a very dark Bramble; hc, Wilson; c, Brunton. SELL. 20/-: 1, Ellwood; 2, Moffat; 3, Dixon; r, P. Davies; vhc, Murphy and Jenkinson; hc, Younghusband; c, Wilson. 10/6: 1, Younghusband; 2, R. Sumpton; 3, Kearton and Winter.

YARMOUTH.

This Eastern fixture, which was not under C.B.U. rules, was held in the Winter Gardens, a splendid place for the purpose on November 6th and 7th, but the entry was not over good, only totalling 165 in the twenty-two classes scheduled. Although the entry was not great, some very choice birds put in an appearance, and quality was well to the front in most of the classes. Well versed in show management, the Yarmouth fanciers attend well to the exhibits, and nothing is left undone by the committee that can be done to ensure the welfare of the birds entrusted to their care. Mr C. H. Wells, the chairman, kept a watchful eye over all, as did his most able lieutenants, Mr. W. J. Benns, the vice-chairman, and Mr. C. L. Saul, the treasurer. The stewards of our section were Messrs. J. Shearman, H. J. Smith, and W. Tiptod and a better trio one could not desire. Mr. F. C. Davies, the hon. secretary, is a host in himself, and right well did he carry out the duties pertaining to his office. Mr. C. A. House made the awards, and we heard little grumbling.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Smith, beautiful shape, grand quality of feather, rare colour, staged to perfection; 2, 3, vhc, e, Claxton, grand shape, close, well-fitting coat, not the brightness of 1st, 3rd, good shape and colour; hc, Shearman. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, another beauty, and a fitting companion to the Yellow; 2, Francis, grand colour and splendid quality, nicely mealed; 3, vhc, Claxton, capital shape and feather, nice corn colour; hc, Mrs. Gaze. TICKED YELL. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Francis, nice shape and feather, beautiful colour; vhc, Smith; hc, Claxton. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, Smith, very shapely Variegated, well across perch, good colour; 3, Shearman, grand shape and feather; vhc, Francis; hc, Rice. HEN (8): 1, Smith, lovely colour, rare quality of feather, splendid shape, a Clear; 2, c, Claxton, ticked on rump, beautiful shape, grand quality, level, but not over-bright in colour; 3, vhc, Mrs. Gaze, ticked on neck, built on smaller lines, grand shape and feather; hc, Francis. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, withheld; 2, 3, Shearman, capital feather and shape, even, but not hot in colour; 3rd, fine big bird of good colour, needs tightening up; vhc, Ingram; absent, Gunnill. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Ingram, round level colour, splendid shape and rare quality; 2, hc, c Shearman, larger, good shape, but not yet tightened up; 3 vhc, Gunnill, capital shape and quality of feather nice rich colour. HEN (4): 1, withheld; 2, spl best Cinnamon, and best Yellow, vhc, hc, Shearman beautifully shaped hen, grand back and chest, neat head, lovely even rich colour; 3, Ingram shapely, nice-coloured Buff. CRESTS (6): 1, 2, hc, c, spl best Crest, and best Canary in show, Shearman, very heavy-fronted bird, grand droop and radiation, densely feathered, 2nd grand young Green, beautiful droop and shape, should prove a stormer next year; 3, Mitchell, clear body, dark, capital centre and radiation, neat formation; vhc, Irving. A.O.V. (13): 1, 3, hc, c, Shearman, leaders two grand Green Crest-breds, very little between them, 1st has it in shape and width of skull, 2nd in length of feather; 2, vhc, Murrell, two very stylish, well-medelled Yorkshires, grand feather. SELLING (15s.) (12): 1, 2, vhc, Quinton; 3, o, Claxton; vhc, Murrell, Marshall; hc, Stone, Murrell; c, Irving. MULE (3): 1, Thompson, nice 5-pointed Yellow, very shapely, rich colour, nice feather; 2, Claxton, rare coloured, dark Yellow Linnet, lovely feather, grand style; 3, Shearman, neat Varieg. Buff, capital feather and shape, nice colour; vhc, hc, c, Whittleton. AMATEURS.—NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Tiptod, 1st grand shape, colour, and quality, 2nd, rare stamp, but not ready; 3, Clarke, grand body shape, splendid colour and feather; hc, c, South. BUFF (9): 1, spl, vhc, Haylett, charming bird, rare colour and shape, superb quality of feather; 2, c, Tiptod, shapely body, rich colour, nice quality of feather; 3, Whittleton, grand shape, colour and quality, but wants tightening up TKD. (9): 1, 2, Tiptod, eye ticked yellow and variegated Buff, two grand shaped birds, capital colour and nice feather; 3, South, very hot Yellow, good quality of feather; vhc, Marshall; hc, Clarke; c, Whittleton. CINN. (12): 1, ex 3, South, rare shaped Buff, sound level colour, grand head and nice quality of feather, 3rd very nice yellow, capital colour and quality, tail not down yet; 3, c, Haylett, grand shaped Buff, nice quality, good size, not quite so level in colour; vhc, Whittleton; hc, South. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Tiptod, very pretty 4-pointed Buff Norwich, rare quality and colour, Pied Yellow Cinnamon of good shape and colour; 2, vhc, hc, c, Brown, well feathered, shapely, Variegated Crest-bred. HEN (10): 1, Haylett, very smart Clear Yellow, grand shape, colour and quality; 2, vhc, c, Tiptod, very nice shaped Buff, good colour and feather; 3, South, very smart Yellow, but tail not down yet; hc, Whittleton. BRIT. FINCH (13): 1, spl, 2, Mitchell, grand little Goldie, rich colour, good face and nice back, 2nd, rare shaped Bullie, capital cap, and good breast; 3, hc, Claxton, a capital cap, and good breast; c, Hipgrave. LINNET, marked; vhc, Sapsford; c, Hipgrave. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Claxton, very neat little Siskin, as tight as wax, very steady, nicely marked, rich colour, 2nd, big, shapely, well-marked Linnet; 3, Hipgrave, fine shaped, well marked mealy Redpoll; vhc, Collins; hc, Marshall; c, Barber. THRUSH, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Frost, very deep-coloured lustrous Blackbird, nice bill and eere, in fine condition; 2, Kidman and Woolston, well-spotted Thrush, capital colour, feather and shape; 3, vhc, South, beautifully mooned, nice shape and feather; hc, Smith; c, Claxton. A.O.V. (2): 1, Frost, rare coloured Shore-lark, grand feather and well marked.

NORWICH.

The Norwich Alliance All-England C.B.A. has added yet another to the list of splendidly successful shows standing to the credit of the "Ancient City." The exhibition held on November 2nd and 4th, in the very fine hall attached to the Assembly Rooms, was a shining example from start to finish of what can be accomplished by a society of standing, containing many tried "old hands" and a good leaven of young blood, one and all vieing with each other to ensure perfection of working. And that the show now under notice came as near perfection in point of management as one can hope to get, no unprejudiced observer could question. The officials had struck a happy idea in the arranging of the staging. This made things very comfortable for visitors, and ensured the exhibits being seen in the best possible light, some rows being arranged cross-wise from the windows, others lengthwise of the room. Every tier was covered with spotlessly white cloth, and the fine hall has never looked more attractive. The officials are most willing and obliging, and hard-workers every one. The birds are unpacked and despatched, fed and watered in the best possible style, there being no lack of stewards and helpers, always on the spot. The genial chairman, Mr. J. Stark, is a good leader, always busy, here, there, and everywhere, planning and arranging. The vice-chairman, Mr. J. Morrison, and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Freestone, also "take their corner" with the best of them when the work is about, though this is true of all the officials, including the trustees, Messrs. E. Clarke and A. Payne, and the auditors, Messrs. F. Cullington and H. Smith. It would be difficult to find any society better officered, Messrs. J. Barbee, H. F. Bartram, E. Bennett, A. Brewster, J. Calver, J. Carlton, A. Clapham, J. Cutmore, W. Daynes, W. Fish, E. Green, E. P. Gilbert, W. Havers, A. Holmes, W. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, T. Miles, J. E. Nicols, J. Parsons, E. Revell, A. W. Russell, F. Schulen, H. Seppings, R. Thompson, J. Thompson, and R. Wigger, who form the committee, are all good fellows, and true fanciers, genuinely interested in the advancement of the hobby of bird-keeping. The secretary, Mr. R Roll, we have had occasion to eulogise several times in the past, and it is sufficient to say that the present show served to strengthen the high opinion of everyone concerning his ability as a secretary and organiser. The arrangements were excellently conceived, and everything went on with clock-like precision. He offered, by the way, six prizes to the lads attending his old school, St. Mark's, Lakenham, for specimens of freehand drawings of birds. A large number of excellent drawings were sent in for competition, and they evidenced a great deal of skill, in some cases being quite works of art. Another scheme (of the committee's) which aroused great interest, was the presentation of a Canary and cage to the captains of the Norwich (the "Canaries") and Watford football teams, playing in the city on the day of the show, also to the scorer of the first goal. These were presented during the Saturday evening, amid a scene of enthusiasm.

At the opening ceremony, performed by Mr. F. J. Crotch, the chair was ably taken by Mr. Stark. Mr. Crotch remarked that it gave him great pleasure to say a few words on behalf of one of the finest fancies in the world. They in Norwich, in his judgment, did not value the Canary fancy as much as they should do. The citizens seemed to think more of things away than they did of things at home, but it could not be denied that Canary breeding was one of the best assets of the city. The birds were the embodiment of everything that seemed to be good. The society was maintained principally by working-men, and Canaries were a source of great income to the working classes. The citizens should weigh the fancy in the true balance, and then he felt sure the hall would be well filled with visitors.

The judges were Messrs. W. E. Greeves (Crests), Robson (open Canaries, Brit. and For.), Woollard and Freestone (amateur and novice classes), and they had the cards out in good time, while their awards seemed to meet with general favour. The quality put in front of them was of a very high order, especially in the Norwich and Crest classes, where some magnificent specimens were staged. The amateur Crests and Crestbreds were truly wonderful, and pleased Mr. Greeves so much that he generously gave several extra prizes out of his own pocket. The Mule and British sections were, unfortunately, extremely disappointing, very few putting in an appearance. One of the Linnets was catalogued as a "talker," but though we hung about patiently in the hope he might get on "speaking terms" with us, he declined to gratify our curiosity or to answer any questions. The attendance of visitors was excellent, and we trust the Norwich fanciers may find their show as great a success financially as it was in all other respects.

The Open Canary Classes.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (12): 1, 2, Morris, two grand ones, leader wonderful size, great width of chest, well rounded, clear-cut away behind, lovely head, wings and tail, finished off with rich colour and silky feathers, 2, a size smaller, but very thick-set and nicely moulded, neat and stylish, teeming with quality, rightly heads the class; 3, Brooks, typical in shape and carriage, neat as a new pin, very nice head, rare chest, not quite so hot as leaders; 4, c, Howard, fine-chested, good-headed bird, very smart carriage, full of quality, little longer in barrel; vhc, Bedwell, grand type and quality, little heavy in beak; hc, Revell. BUFF (9): 1, Cullington, wonderful colour and frosting, grand head and chest, very neat in wing and tail, excellent size and shape, fine all-round specimen; 2, Wright and Son, full of quality, chubby and well-cut, neat, nice meal, fine, bold head and chest, not quite finished yet; 3, Allen, good chested, built on hold lines, well-cut, needs tightening up a wee bit; 4, Miles, grand quality, good under-colour and frosting, nice head, somewhat slimmer than leaders; vhc, bc, Howard, two romping big birds, should improve; c, Brookes; No. 9, Morris, little soft when judged, hard lines, must have stood well in. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Boydon, mkd. head and wings, lovely size and shape, very warm in colour, silky coat, clean cut, carries itself in fine style, vhc, another very bold, typical bird; 2, Bedwell, mkd. head and wings, rattling good specimen, fine wide chest, well across perch, neat all over, shade paler in colour; 3, Howard, mkd., head and saddle, little slimmer in build, but all quality, very stylish and neat, clean-cut all over; 4, Brooks, tkd. head, same failing as last, otherwise very sweet, lovely head and wings, very silky in plumage; bc, Morris; c, Revell. BUFF (14): 1, c, Boydon, flashing big one, great depth of chest, neat and rounded, big, bold head, takes to perches well, full of colour, and has quality, mkd. head, wing and root of tail; 2, Brookes, not the great size of winner, but very close up, clinker for type, short, chubby, clean-cut, teeming with quality, fine carriage, mkd. wing and eye, pressed hard; 3, Wright and Son, mkd. head, neck and saddle, grand substance, rare wide, rounded chest, fine bold head, nice under-colour and frosting, well worth its place; vhc, G. Wright, a bird of true type, fine in quality; hc, Kirk. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Howard, wonderful big unflighted, great depth of chest, bold, well-rounded head, excellent silky, tight feather, remarkable hen, but inclined to drop tail a little, and has at present only about half her tail feathers; 2, 3, Morris, 2, a clinking, good clear, tight as wax, well-cut up, lovely carriage, not the wonderful size of winner, but beautifully proportioned, 3, mkd. head and wings, chubby, fine-shaped hen, grand texture of feather; 4, Brooks, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely quality, nice size, stands well across perch, neat and cobby; vhc, Revell, rare cheated hen; hc, c, Payne and Bennett, former nice-shaped body, hugs perch over much. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Morris, grizzle neck, slasher for size, round as an orange on chest, tight in feather, grand quality and style, 3, cap mkd., we liked well, not the biggest, but a clinker for type, well cut up, tight all over; 2, Wright and Son, short, cobby clear, well tucked up underneath, fine carriage, neat wings and head, full of quality, will improve yet in tightness of feather; 4, Brooks, plenty of substance, neat feather of good quality, rather heavier behind than leaders; vhc, hc, Payne and Bennett, former a sweet hen, not far off 4th's heels; c, Howard. PAIRS (9): 1, Miles, two very typical clears, both excelling in quality; 2, Morris, two more clears, nice hen mated to a bull cock of rare quality; 3, c, Payne and Bennett, hot clear, yell, ck., with a very sweet mkd. bull hen for a partner; 4, Sadd, cheek tkd., bull hen, nice and short, and a variegated yell. cock; vhc, Howard; hc, Revell. UNFLI. YELL. (16): 1, Morris, really grand, clear, very cobby and short in build, lovely wings and tail, bold head, best of quality, very hot colour, perfect carriage; 2, Parke, wing mkd., like wax in plumage, not a feather out of place, lovely colour and quality, good substance and shape, perhaps a shade longer in barrel than leader; 3, Howard, romping big clear, plenty of substance, well cut away under colour, not quite fined down yet; 4, Horth, very nice shape and style, excels in quality of feather, like silk; vhc, Stark, good one, not ready yet; hc, Wright and Son; c, Daynes, junr. (12): 1, Morris, gem of a clear, remarkable under-colour, well frosted on top, big, cobby, well-cut up, best of wing and tail carriage, very taking bird; 2, Parke, grizzled on skull, red hot for a buff, fairly well mealed, good size and substance, very fine shape and style; 3, Brewster, excels in quality, like wax, fine colour, good head, neat in wing and tail, just loses in substance; 4, Daynes, junr., neck mkd., another beauty for quality of feather, good carriage, neat head, like the last, a trifle slimmer than leaders; vhc, Bales, another good youngster; hc, Howard; c, Morrison. NON-FED YELL. (11): 1, Dingle, clear, rare good chest and head, fine colour, no suspicion of feed, grand wings and tail; 2, hc, T. and E. Wright, neck mkd., good, typical bird, has quality and size, fine carriage, trifle longer than winner; 3, Freestone, mkd. bead, wings and tail, short and well made, fine chest, excellent quality; 4, Stark, very curiously grizzled, fine substanee, very nice shape and quality; vbc, Rix; c, Howard. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Freestone, two very good ones, leader mkd. back of bead, grand size and shape, beautiful quality, wax-like in feather, 2, mkd. left wing, also of exeellent size and shape, and full of quality; 3, Stark, clear buff, looked like a grand hen, very stylish and sweet all over; 4, Bales, another splendid chubby hen, fine quality,; vhc, Brown; he, Eagleton; c, Mitchell. CREST YELL (7): 1, T. J. King, wing mkd., rare quality, good body and crest, nice expanse and texture, trifle short at front; 2, 3, Drake, almost green, good, big crest, somewhat flat, but neat, fine body, 3, very fair all-round bird; 4, Sadd, neat green, excellent quality; hc, Clapbam (2). BUFF (14): 1, 3, Tyson, the noted variegated, a topper, and improving every day, wonderful body, great expanse of crest, beautiful radiation and texture, well finished at sides, splendid frontal, 3, wing mkd., enormous expanse of erest, very round, but too flat in shape, excellent body; 2, Miles, the equally noted green, beautifully neat, well-drooped crest, heavily built up of thick, leafy feathers, beaten in expanse, fine body; 4, Drake, wing mkd., another grand exhibit, fine sweep of erest, extra good frontal, splendid texture, neat, plenty of body substance; vbc, Woollard, Mitchell, Shearman (particularly neat, promising young green), King; hc, Drake, Howard. BUFF HEN (9): 1, King, mkd. wings and tail, a beauty, fine, thick-set body, lovely, neat crest, beavy veiny feather, splendid expanse and droop, a shade oval in shape; 2, hc, Sadd, grizzle, very smart youngster, big, shapely headpiece, rare quality, neat, nice droop, well built frame; 3, Palmer, mkd. left wing, fine hen, grand, big crest on a splendid body, neat, good feather, trifle weak at left-hand side; 4, Woollard, very beavy fronted green, thickly built, wide, leafy feather, nice shape, plenty of body; vbc, Drake; hc, Sadd, Drake. CREST-BRED YELL. (7): 1, King, good sized variety, lovely quality of feather, and heaps of it, nice shaped skull; 2, 3, Clapham, both lightly variegated., excellent heads, well clothed all over, very good body substance; 4, Roberts, nice green, good wide head; vbc, bc, Drake. BUFF (17): 1, Brooks, really marvellous entrance, well lashed, grand quantity of excellent quality feather, extra big body, a clinking good one; 2, Palmer, wing and bead mkd., beaten in entrance, but a beauty at all points, lovely dome skull, plenty of brow and heavy reverse, thick-set frame; 3, Calver and Son, heavy variegated., a grand one for quality, heaps of feather, exceptionally good in head and body; 4, Tyson, splendid variegated., again wonderful size and feather properties, rare good bead, just beaten for width; vhc, c, Drake; vhc, Revell; vhc, c, King. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Tyson, rare bodied green, very stout, wide cushion skull, grand entrance and lash, well clothed; 2, Drake, variegated. close up, little flatter on top, grandly browed, extra good turn-back; 3, Mills, lovely quality, heaps of feather, massive frame, good wide head, failing a trifle in cushion; 4, Drake, little narrow on top, in all other points a splendid hen. PAIRS (5): 1, 2, Revell, two pairs of beauties, extra good grizzle crest, paired to an all-quality yell.green C.B., and a grand C.B. hen mated to a very fine Crest cock, big headpiece, trifle shield-shaped; 3, Payne and Bennett, good Crestbred, with a really fine Green-crested hen; 4, Calver and Son, another excellent couple, well matched; hc, Woollard. A.O.V. CAN. (16): 1, King, excellent Cinn. Crest, big body, lovely quality feather, nice sized headpiece; 2, c, Crow, leader very good, hot coloured, Jonque Cinn; 3, hc, Howard, four-pointed Buff Nor., good type and quality, trifle heavy at eyes; 4, Brooks, excellent Dutch frill, very fair size and substance, good rosette; vhc, Payne and Bennett, smart, correct coloured yell. Cinn. LIMIT, NOR. YELL. CK. (25/-) (16): 1, Roberts; 2, c, Stark; 3, Howard; 4, Thompson; vhc, Allen; hc, Hart. BUFF DO. (18): 1, Freestone; 2, Wright; 3, Clarke; 4, Stark; vhc, Hart; hc, Laccohee; c, Schulen. YELL. HEN (15s.) (18): 1, Schulen; 2, Revell; 3, Thompson; 4, Stark; vhc, Laccohee; hc, Roberts; c, Cullington. BUFF DO. (14): 1, Freestone; 2, Thompson, 3, Roberts; 4, Revell; vhc, Howard; hc, Campling; c, Wright and Son. CREST (50/-) (23): 1, Mills; 2, Howard; 3, Plane; 4, c, A. Thompson; vbc, W. Thompson, Palmer (2), R. Thompson, Roberts; hc, Crowe, Clapham, Payne and Bennett, Snowdon; c, Parsons. CREST-BRED (30/-) (15): 1, Howard; 2, Payne and Bennett; 3, Palmer; 4, Daynes, junr.; vhc, Parsons, Mrs. Galloway; hc, Hart, R. Thompson; c, Crowo, Dann. SELL. CREST (15/-) (16): 1, Curl; 2, Payne and Bennett; 3, Johnson; 4, Hart; vhc, Roberts; hc, A. Thompson; c, R. Thompson, Cullington, Carlton. PLAINHEAD (15/-) (16): 1, R. Thompson; 2, 3, Stark; 4, Cullington; vhc, Bartram; hc, Page; c, Morrison.

The Amateur and Novice Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Austin, good head and neck, well coloured all through, nice type, wins well; 2, Bolton, good head, neck, and chest, little longer in tail and flight, wins Ramsden medal for best fed bird in show; 3, Mrs. Gaze, good one, well up in colour and shape; 4, J. A. Alpe, another good one, for type and quality, little to choose with 3; vhc, P. Scott; hc, A. Page; c, W. Lang, junr., little to choose between these three. BUFF (10): 1, H. Piggins, splendid colour and quality, well mealed, best of flights and tail, good shape and size; 2, T. F. Smith, another good one, close up to leader, excellent body, well cut; 3, Scott, good head, neck and chest, little slack to-day; 4, Alpe, another good one, deserves its place; vhc, Lang, junr.; hc, Reeve; c, Burrows. TKD, ETC., YELL CK. (9): Williamoent, splendid colour and quality, good head, neck and chest, unfli., wins well; 2, Campling, thigh mkd., good head and neck, well coloured all through, little slim, will be better later on; 3, Plane, good one, wing mkd., well up in colour and shape; 4, Plummer, variegated, best of bead and neck, make splendid stock bird; vhc, Bale; hc, A. H. Smith; c, Mrs. W. Gaze. BUFF (14): 1, Fish, a gem, like box, full of colour, well mealed, fine shape and size; 2, T. F. Smith, mkd. eye and wing, splendid head and neck, a real good one; 3, Plummer, another good one, very close up to 2, excellent type and quality; 4, Parke, well up in size, a bit feathery, perhaps; vhc, Bales; hc, Mrs. Gaze; c, Fish; these three well deserve their places. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Baldwin, beautiful type and quality, little on the small side, yet a sweet hen; 2, 3, Robinson, good bead and neck, unfli., well fed, close up, 3, another good one, full of colour and quality; 4, Williment, well up to 3, good all-round bird; vhc, Morris; hc, Mason; c, Mrs. Gaze. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Robinson, good head and neck, well braced flights, short tail, grand carriage; 2, vhc, Fish, close run with 1, lovely head and neck, well up in type, full of quality; 3, Page, mkd. eye and wing; extra good one, quickly claimed at catalogue price; 4, Plummer, yet another good one, a fine lot of hens, these; hc, Daynes, junr.; c, Mrs. W. Gaze; very close run with these seven, good all-round class. PAIRS (12): 1, Fish, splendid pair, well shown, lovely buff cock and yellow hen, takes Rudd's medal for best yellow hen in amateur classes; 2, 3, Williment, two well-balanced pairs, little to choose between them; 4, Scott, another good pair, badly shown, cage not suitable; vhc, F. Schulen; hc, W. Mason; c, A. H. Smith. CREST YELL. (8): 1, W. M. Gaze, very promising young varieg. hen, fine body, big, neat crest, shade short at front, yet good for a yellow, lovely quality; 2, Gilbert, also a fine hen, good frame, nice, neat, shapely headpiece; 3, Pauling, cock, real good bird, well-shaped, expansive crest; 4, Snowdon, trifle small, yet very neat crest, niee droop and quality. BUFF CK. (26): 1, W. M. Gaze, wing-mkd. dark, a clinker, grand sweep of crest, lovely droop and wide frontal, neat, though not quite finished at centre, splendid hody; 2, Snowden, also a fine specimen, clear body dark, grand substance, topped by a big, round, neat crest of excellent quality, well drooped; 3, Cooper, wing mkd. dark, good frame, crest of exeellent size and quality, little loose at centre, could be improved in the staging, nice droop; 4, Mrs. Galloway, good chest, neat, round headpiece, slightly grizzled, fine texture of feather, little too long in body; vhc, Mrs. Walpole (thick-set Nor. type), Olden, Thorpe Bros., W. Thompson a trio of good ones; hc, Gilbert, Curtis, Holmes, Smith Snowden; c, Morris, Wicks, Pauling, Mrs. Crow, Pooley. HEN (24): 1, Mrs. Gaze, wing mkd. buff, very sweet bird, good, thick-set hody, fine, big, round crest, very veiny feather, neat and thickly built; 2, 4, Snowden, two more classy exhibits, 2, a splendid-bodied hen, expansive crest of good texture and droop, hardly so well finished at sides as winners, 4, has also a fine big round crest, little penny in centre yet; 3, W. M. Gaze, excellent frame, thick-set, particularly neat, nicely drooped headpiece, not far behind winner; extra, 3, 4. Pooley, well worth their places, though we certainly consider them marred by the colour-feeding they have had, former very hot colour, fine quality of feather, round, expansive crest, well built up, loose in centre yet, latter a splendid, big green, fine headpiece; vhc, H. Smith (2), Pauling, Coman; hc, Brown, Mrs. Galloway; c, Carlton, Holmes, Gilhert, Wicks. CREST-BRED YELL. (11): 1, Parsons, cap mkd., somewhat slim in hody, hut a grand one for feather, fine dome-sheaped skull, good entrance; 2, W. M. Gaze, lovely clear, good size and shape, splendid wide dome skull; 3, Snowden, rare good green, broad, rising skull, fine quality featber; 4, Carlton, good lightly varieg., smaller in bead, but excellent turn-over; vhc, Corke, Wicks (2), A. Thompson; hc, Smith. BUFF (20): 1, Mrs. Gaze, variegated., very warm exhibit, marvellous entrance, extra width of skull, nice rise, beaps of quality feather, fino body, wins hands down; 2, Ong, clinking good clear, fine size and shape, lovely wide cushion head, plenty of feather; 3, vbc, Pooley, colour-fed green, rare substance, grand texture of feather, very good head, close up; 4, W. M. Gaze, mkd. can and wing, lovely wide head, also excels in substance, not quite in form yet; vhc, Potter, Cooper, Holmes, H. Smith, A. H. Smith, Mrs. Galloway; he, Parsons, Carlton, W. Thompson, R. Brown; c, Alden, Coman. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Mrs. Gaze, wing and eye mkd., extra good wide cushion bead, well lashed and clothed, grand body, what a team this lady has; 2, Corke, sweet, lightly varieg., grand texture of feather, big body, wide rising skull, good one; 3, Mrs. Crow, clinking green, bold, good-shaped bead, finely clothed and lashed; 4, vhc, H. Smith, grand bodied green, fine shaped skull, good rise and brow; vhc, A. Thompson, Pooley; hc, Curtis; c, Snowden, Carlton. PAIRS (14): 1, H. Smith, very good and neat wing-mkd. dark crest ben, with a grand beaded green Crest-bred; 2, Mrs. Gaze, splendid grizzle-cock, fine headpiece, and a stout, well-feathered e.b.; 3, Crowe, two real smart ones, the crested partner being much above the ordinary; 4, Potter, good-headed e.h., mated to a smart Crest, very expansive, shade flat; vhc, Alden, Pauling; c, Crowe, Holmes, Snowden, Coman. A.O.V. (18): 1, W. M. Gage, excellent Jonque Cinn., good shape, substance and sound colour; 2, Daynes, another really fine Cinn.; 3, vhc, Deacon; 4, Mrs. Galloway, both these we unfortunately missed; hc, Daynes, junr.; c, Crow. NOVICE YELL. NOR. (Limit 20/-) (15): 1, 2, Robinson, full of colour and quality, win well, 2, nice head and neck, well coloured, unfli.; 3, Martin; 4, Alden; 5, vhc, T. F. Smith; hc, c, Green; all these were very close together, and good, considering the limit in price. BUFF (Limit 20/-) (8): 1, 4, Harrowven, hen full of quality and type, lack colour, just wins; 2, 3, 5, James Freeman, 2, a good one for type, little long in flight, others very good considering price; vhc, Smith; hc, Rush; c, Burm; all the birds in the Novice Classes were well staged, considering the owners must not have won any prize, or been breeders more than five years.

Hybrids British and Foreign.

GOLD-CAN. (9): 1, Brooks, mkd. head, wings and tail, very nice size, lovely silky plumage and colour, pretty exhibit, shown in rare trim; 2, Howard, nice lightly variegated., fine blaze, and body colour, full of quality, good size and shape; 3, Miles, variegated., excellent size and shape, plenty of colour, hardly so well put down as leaders; 4, c, Sheldrake, another pretty variegated., good quality, shapely; vbc, hc, Cullington. A.O.V. (2): 1, James, catalogued as 'Bramblefinch Canary," we made it an everyday Greenfinch-Canary, and a very fair example of the cross, good both in size, shape and colour; 2, Day, pretty Siskin-Canary, shapely and stylish, good, sound colour. BRIT. BULLFINCH (3): Cook, good one for size and shape, bold, well-rounded head, dense cap, good back and bars, very fair breast-colour, in nice condition; 2, Mitchell, big, well-built hen, rich colour, fine quality feather, good bird; 3, Cooper, in excellent trim, good polish on plumage, bold cap, little slimmer than winner. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Lang, junr., shapely, bold bird, well tanned and buttoned, full, square face, fine clear colour, carries a nice polish; 2, Cook, also a smart one, good-sized, well-cut blaze, excellent tan, wings and buttons, forward condition, not far behind leader; 3, Mitchell, rare bodied bird, rich in chestnut and well marked, size smaller in blaze; 4, Carlton, another good condition, fine-bodied bird, well-cut markings, just a wee small in face; vhc, Cullington; hc, Cooper; c, Clarke. A.O.V. SEED-EATER (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooper, clean sweep with a very fine team, charming Bramblefinch leads, clean-cut in markings, rich breast colour, dense, well-spangled hood and back, 2 rich-coloured Yellowhammer, very clear on throat and head, well pencilled back and wings, 3 good and artistically staged Reed Bunting, 4 big, shapely Crossbill, all in beautiful condition; vhc, Miss Hawes, a Linnet catalogued as a "talker"; he, Haggeth; two good Pied Linnets were left unnoticed, presumably as "wrong class." SONG THRUSH (9): 1, Cooper, big, bold, well-rounded fellow, excellent colour and markings, in the pink of condition; 2, 4, Cullington, former really remarkably hot in colour, not quite so chubby as winner, full of bloom, nice mooning, 4 also in grand condition, shapely, steady, well staged, little blurred in mooning; 3, Baldry, good size and shape, very sleek, nicely marked; vbc, Miles; hc, c, Carlton. SMALL INSECTIV. (2): 1, Cooper, very uncommon Blue-throated Warbler, not in good colour, interesting exhibit; 2, Mitchell, sweet Gold-crested Wren, looking well. LARGE (6): 1, Alpe, really fine Magpie, large, shapely, steady, bright in colour, well-cut whites, shown in good style; 2, 4, vhc, Cooper, pretty Redwing leading, very sleek and tight in plumage, excellent colour and markings, 4 smart Blackbird, not quite at its best yet, good size and shape; 3, hc, Cullington, fine Blackie, big, well-built, dense colour, nicely polished, good bill and eye-cores. FOREIGN PARRAKEETS, ETC. (8): 1, Cooper, very fine pair Blue Bonnets, big, shapely examples, not quite over the moult yet; 2, F. Howe, exeellent pair Yellow Budgerigars, fine size and colour; 3, Curson, charming pair Red Rosellas, rich colour, well put down; 4, vhc, c, Miles, real good Alexandrine, in beautiful feather; bc, George. PARROTS, ETC (1): 1, Wright, very fine Grey, good in both size, shape and colour. AVADAVATS, ETC. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Howe, grand Diamond Sparrow leading, one of the best we have seen, 3 a lovely Orange Bishop, vhc, equally good Nutmeg Fineher; 2, Fowell, perfect pair of White-headed Nuns, very prettily staged; 4, Meadows, Green Avadavats, beautiful couple, in A1 condition; hc, Miles. A.O.S. SEED-EATERS (6): 1, vhc, Miss Galloway, uncommon Scaly Brown Finch, very pretty bird, in lovely condition; 2, Fowell, excellent Green Cardinal, looking in grand order; 3, 4, bc, Miles, highly creditable trio, Cordon Bleus (two cocks, by the way), Pintail Nonpariels, and a Grey Cardinal, all in the best of condition.

CHIPPENHAM.

Show held in conjunction with the Chrysanthemum Show on Nov. 6 and 7, and proved very successful. Quality was very good indeed, the classes being well filled, both in Canaries and Brit. Some ideal specimens were staged. Foreign Bird class was a real good one, some very rare and attractive specimens being on view. Mr. C. P. Arthur exhibited a fine team and carried off premier honours with an Indian Magpie. The opening day was fine throughout, and the show was well patronized. Mr. Wills, the Secretary, was most courteous and obliging, and had excellent support from his committee. Judge, Mr. C. P. Telling, whose awards seemed well received. N. P-HEAD (11): 1, 3, Brown, winner cl. yell., nicely fed, beautifully built and cut away, best of carriage; 3, real good wing marked buff, nice shape and style, good chest, head and quality of feather; 2, Taylor, true Nor. for shape and style, also good size for a yell., pretty head and fulness of neck; r, Clark; vhc, Taylor, we make little between both huffs; hc, Weeks; c, Folwell. YORKS. (13): 1, Mrs. Garland, smart yell., well upon leg, showing good thigh, neat and well drawn; 2, Andrews and Biss, nat. yell., one of the best for style and shape, very steady; 3, Folwell, very smart moulded buff, not a feather out of place, good position bird, in spotless condition; r, Baker, very good quality tick. yell; vhc, Newman; he, Smith; c, Cooper. A.O.V. HYBRID, ETC. (5): no first awarded; 2, spl., Greenwood and Burson, vari. buff crestbred, nice size, wealth of good quality feather, capital head properties; 3, Weeks, prettily mark. Goldie-Mule, nice size and shape, and very steady, good colour and condition; r, Miles, buff vari., crestbred, good size; vhc, Judd; c, Law. BRIT. FINCH (13): 1, spl., Jones, grand Hawfinch, wonderfully good colour, nice bib, steady as a rock; 2, 3, Manley, Bramhle and Goldfinch, very distinct in markings and beautifully rich in colour; Goldfinch, nice blaze and good colour, will yet improve, lovely bloom; r, Reece; vhc, Weeks; hc, Judd. FOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, Arthur R. Henslow; vhc, Gillen; bc, Reece; c, Fishlock. SELL. (10/-) (17): 1, cancelled; 2, B. Miles; 3, Folwell; hc, Greenwood and Burson; c, Weeks. LOCAL YORKS. (11): 1, spl, 2, Cooper; yell. and buff respectively, both nice long slim birds stand on good legs, nice feather, winner A1, head wings and tail, and best position; 3, Shepherd, good quality yell., wants tightening up a bit, smart one for typo and neatness; vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Sheppard. BRIT. (7): 1, Humphries, yell. Bunting; 2, Davis, Thrush; 3, Wiltshire, Goldfinch; r, Slade; vhc, Wood and Son; hc, Cooper.

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MADELEY (Salop).

Held in the Auslice Memorial Hall, on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Cage birds were nicely staged on the pat form, and formed a great attraction. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged NOR. (30): 1, Brotherhood, ticked yell, rare type, colour, and quality; 2, Thompson, clear buff, nice quality and colour, good shaped body; 3, vhc, hc, Bailey, shapely ticked buff, fails wing carriage a wee bit; R. Machin, typical clear buff, rare quality. YORKS (15): 1, Jones, well drawn clear yell., nice type and position; 2, Potter and Bracey, yell., good length, fair type, fails wing carriage a bit; 3, Tranter, nice type and pose; r, hc, Johnson; vhc, Thompson. BRIT. HARD (5): 1, 2, Potter and Bracey, leader, very fine Bullie, grand breast and back colour, very dense and well cut cap, in grand form; 2, Goldie, nice size, grand flush, well up in colour, good buttons and taining; 3, Poole, good Hawfinch, absent (2) Pierce. SOFT: 1, 2, Brotherhood, leader very fine Nightingale, rare size and colour, in lovely condition; 2, well known Waxwing, very fine specimen, in grand form; 3, Poole, Gold Crest, looking soft when we saw it. LOCAL CAN. A.V. (14): 1, Thompson, very nice ticked buff Norwich, nice type, colour and quality; 2, Brewster, typical clear Yell Norwich; 3, Callear, rare quality uneven marked buff, fails wing carriage; r, Plant; vhc, Clayton; hc, Kearsley. A.O.V. (6): 1, Callear, very nice var. buff Goldie-Can. Mule; 2, 3, Pottis and Bracey, Goldie-Bullie, nice exhibit, shows parentage distinctly, will improve; 3, nice Goldie, hardly ready yet; r, Edwards; hc, Thompson.

MORECAMBE.

Held Nov. 6th in the Winter Gardens. Ample shelving against the wall in three or four tiers gives abundance of room to stage the birds comfortably. A very smart committee was composed of Messrs. J. Bailey, W. Wilson, W. Jackson, R. Bond, J. W. Wilkinson, Dr. Herd, T. Dixon, W. H. Pickles, Toole, Walker, and Satterthwaite, with Mr. J. H. Ireland an able and courteous secretary. A very liberal schedule had been drawn up, and competition was very keen throughout, high-class exhibits turning up to do battle for the spoil. The Nor. classes filled well, and some rare quality came out, Messrs. Sandiford, Haigh and Son, Dr. Herd, J. H. Ireland, Winn, Hinde and others taking their share. Yorks saw Messrs. Ambler Bros., Ogden Bros., Hawkes, Holmes, Dawson, and others accounting for the prizes. Borders made an excellent show, and Mr. Ferguson handled them in good style. Hybrids brought out some very smart birds, notably Messrs. Jackson and Bond's crack team, their clear Buff Goldie securing special best Hyb. and special best bird in show. The same owners' Siskiu-Greenfinch won the "Ireland" Cup for the best bird bred by a member—a charming bird, beautiful size, shape, colour and markings. Runner-up was a lovely Yell. Nor. hen, bred by Dr. Herd, a gem. It should be stated that Mr. Walsh had entered a big team of British, which for some reason or other failed to put in an appearance, also Mr. Senior's failed to arrive. Special for best Hardbill went to Mr. Axe's grand Bullfinch; Mr. Walker special for Sofe Bill with a good Nightingale; best for English Border Cup went to Mr. J. S. Wilson; best hen, Messrs. Hopper Bros.; best Scotch Cup, Messrs. Reid and Phillips; best hen, Mr. J. Brown. Mr. J. H. Ireland did his level best to make the show an ideal one, and fulfilled his part admirably; he is a great worker, and a most liberal fancier and enthusiast. Everything went off without a hitch. Mr. H. W. Battye judged Nor. and Yorks, Mr. Ferguson Borders, Sell., and A.O.V., and Mr. Houlton Hyhrids, Brit. and For.

Mr. Ferguson's Classes.

BORD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl, Wilson, cl., very compact type and quality, close fitting wings and neat tail; 2, Morrell, rather longer, nice body, wings and tail; 3, Lewthwaite, gem, well deserves all it got; vhc, T. C. Bennett; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Patterson. UNEVEN, ETC. (6): 1, Wilson, 4-point, grand exhibit for type and quality, tight fitting wings and tail neat; 2, spl, Reid and Phillips, 4-point, nice type; 3, Patterson, 4-point and cheek mark, grand feather and condition, smaller, very typical; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Meekly; c, Sloan. BUFF TICK. ETC. (13): 1, Aberdeen, nice feather, carriage and condition; 2, Houghton, cl., grand type and quality, feathered like a Java; 3, Hopper Bros., beautiful all over; vhc, Reid and Phillips; hc, Wilson. VAR. BUFFS (7): 1, Lewthwaite, typical, splendid carriage, feather and condition, very neat, 6 point and var. cheeks; 2, Brown, mkd. eyes, wings and head, smart body, lovely quality; 3, Wilson, mkd. wings and rump, another smart little gem; vhc, Moore; hc, Pearson c, Waters. GREEN, ETC., BORD. (13): 1, Hadwin, most stylish, neat, grand feather and condition; 2, Brown, very pretty Yell. Cinn., flowing with type and quality; 3, Cuhby, true Green, just lost on tight condition to-day; vhc, hc, Ellwood and Walker; c, Downie. HEN YELL. (13): 1, Brown, neat little lady, very prim and compact, lovely contour, 4 point; 2, Morrell, cl., very smart indeed; 3, Poole, little soft; vhc, Aberdeen; hc, Cuhby; c, T. C. Bennett. BUFF (14): 1, Brown, 4-point Buff, fine feather and conditions; 2, vhc, Hopper Bros, tick neck, grand type and beautiful feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Nixon, grand quality; hc, Patterson; c, Poole. SELL. BORD. (12s.): 1, Cubhy; 2, T. C. Bennett; 3, Moore; vhc, Waters; hc, Pearson; c, Clinch. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Sloan, Yell. Scotch; 2, Brown, good Buff Cinn.; 3, vhc, Vart, fair crest; hc, Phillipson; c, Gardner.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

HYBRIDS, CL., ETC. (7): 1, two spls., 2, Jackson and Bond, 1st, cl., nice size, shape, colour, quality, very tight condition, 2nd, 6-point Buff Gold-Can., nice size, colour, feather and finish; 3, Dixon, good heavy var.; vhc, hc, Varey. DARK (9): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, Linnet-Can., big bird, grand colour, shape and feather, 2nd, good Yell. Gold-Can., plenty colour, good blaze etc.; 3, C. Allen, very nice Yell-Green Can., fair size, good colour; vhc, Gardner; hc, P. Davies. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, 1st, lovely Siskin-Greenfinch, takes spl "Ireland" Challenge Cup, perfect gem all over, 2nd, pretty Linnet-Bullfinch, nice colour, feather and condition; 3rd, grand Greenfinch-Bullfinch. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Bower, grand finch in all respects; well known; 2, Dixon, rare size, clean-cut blaze, pale in colour, good moons and brown on body; 3, Axe, better colour blaze, narrower face than winner's. BULLFINCH 1, Axe, well-known champion; 2, Edmundson, smaller, hut a real beauty for cap, bloom and colour; 3, Pickles, good bird, paler, grand feather; vhc, Boyd; hc, Walker and Beach. LINNET (9): 1, Bower, grand size, good head, well mkd., fine colour and condition; 2, Jackson and Bond, grand shape, paler; 3, vhc, Pickles, 3rd, grand bird, fine chest; hc, Fisher; c, Thexton. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 2, Pickles, yell., grand finish all over, 2nd, Buff, nat. col., fine size and condition; 3, Lee, big bird, beaten in condition; vhc, Sherwell. A.O.V. HARDBILL (7): 1, Axe, Hawfinch, hardly looking so fine as at Manchester; 2 Edmondson, rattling good Bramble, nice size, colour and spangle; 3, Winn and Hinde, nicely mkd. Yellowhammer, good colour, feather and condition; vhc, Bower; hc, Shorrock. SOFT: 1, 3, Walker, 1-4, very light Gale, takes spl best Soft Bill, well shown; 3rd, good Yell. Wagtail; 2, E. Mason, tight Grey Wagtail. NOVICE BRIT.: 1, Duckett, Goldfinch, very shapely and good face; 2, 3, Mason, nice Starling and Sandpiper; vhc, Satterthwaite; hc, Lee; c, Walker and Beach. GIFT: 1, 2, Bailey and Wilkinson; 3, C. Hardy; vhc, Dr. Herd; hc, Dixon; c, J. H. Ireland. SELL. (15s.): 1, Dixon; 2, hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; 3, P. Davies; vhc, C. Hardy; c, Vart. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Pickles, grand team, Maroon Tanager heads a crack lot. LARGE: 1, 2, Burrows, Scarlet Macaw and Touraco, former leading, in best of condition, latter hardly ready yet; 3, Pyrah, very pretty Grey Parrot, in best of feather; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Miss Sheckleton; c, Parker.

Mr. H. W. Battye's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (17): 1, 3, Sandiford, nice colour, feather, capital shape and carriage; 2, Wilkinson, nice type, capital colour, takes Sandiford's spl for hottest bird; vhc, Bailey and Wilkinson; hc, Hardy; c, Haigh and Son. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Herd, leader nice quality and type, well carried wings and tail; 2, Sandiford, not quite as smooth in feather, hot colour, good shape; 3, c, Bailey and Wilkinson; hc, Winn and Hinde. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Sandiford, grand polish, full of quality, nice type, good hen; 2, 3, Herd, two grand shaped hens, nice colour, well burnished; vhc, hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; c, Winn and Hinde. BUFF (12): 1, Haigh and Son, a beauty, nice colour and meal, neat wings and type, nice one; 2, Sandiford, another good hen, not far behind; 3, Herd, nice quality and shape; vhc, Winn and Hinde; hc, Ireland; c, Bailey and Wilkinson. UNFLI. YELL. (13): 1, Sandiford, good size, grand shape all round, splendid head and wings, wins spl for best Norwich; 2, Haigh and Son, lovely colour and quality, nice type head and size, close up; 3, Ireland, fine colour, quality and shape; vhc, Axe; hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; c, Hardy. BUFF (12): 1, Sandiford, hot colour and size, well carried wings and tail; 2, Haigh and Son, very nice shape and carriage; 3, Wilkinson, lovely type, close up; vhc, Winn and Hinde; hc, Herd; c, Hardy. HEN YELL. (14): 1, Stead, nice colour, quality, shape and carriage; 2, Haigh and Son, compact, full of type, nice carriage; 3, Winn and Hinde, wing ticked, grand shape and quality; vhc, Sandiford; hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; c, Herd. NOVICE (7): 1, Keighley; 2, Hardy; 3, no name, No. 6; vhc, no name; hc, Duckett. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, Ambler, a gem, straight as a rush, feathered like wax, in fine condition, takes spl for best Yorks; 2, Binns, nice lengthy slim bird, good in head, feather and wings; 3, Ogden Bros., fine length and shape, grand style and carriage; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Holmes; c, Dawson. TICK., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Walsh, fine position, grand carriage of wings, nice legs, wins; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., leader bit low on leg, nice quality and shape, 3rd, varieg., nice shape and feather; vhc, Binns; hc, Whiting; c, Edmondson. BUFF (5): 1, Ambler, well known, ticked on shoulder, typical and stylish, in good trim; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., grand feather and shape; vhc, Whiting. GREEN (4): 1, Hawkes, nice colour and quality; 2, 3, Ireland, also of excellent colour and carriage UNFLI. (4): 1, Hawkes; 2, 3, Ireland. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, Walsh, good shape, fine length and style, grand feather; 2, hc, Holroyd, neat feathered Buff, nice type and quality; 3, Edmondson, neat head and wing carriage, splendid feather and condition; vhc, c, Amblers. NOVICE (13): 1, Mason; 2, Bradley; 3, Withington; vhc, Thompson; hc, Dawson; c, Burrows. NOVICE MEM. NOR. (5): 1, spl, 3, T. Dixon; 2, W. C. Keighley; vhc, hc, Satterthwaite. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, c, Houghton; 2, vhc, W. Wilson; 3, vhc, H. Harris.

PAISLEY, BURGH, TANNAHILL AND OLD COMBINED SHOW.

The twenty-third annual exhibition and competition of the Paisley, Burgh, Tannahill, and Old Ornithological Clubs was held on November 2nd in the George A. Clark North Minor Town Hall. There was a good entry of young birds, and the quality was well up to former years. A large number of people visited the show in the afternoon. The amalgamation prize for the best bird in show was won by J. Smith, of the Burgh Club, the second by H. Powell, of the Tannahill Club, and the third by J. Kennedy, sen., of the Old Club. The following is the complete prize list:—

BURGH CLUB: Judges, Mr. Wm. McGeachie (Newmilns), Mr. J. Ward (Shettleston). YELL. CK.: 1, spl., A. M. Baird. BUFF: 1, J. Hunter; 2, R. Price; 3, J. Smith; 4, S. Wham. YELL. HEN: 1, Alex. Baird; 2, W. Wilson. BUFF: 1, spl., R. Menzies; 2, spl., Smith; 3, spl., Hunter; 4, A. M. Baird. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, spl., Smith; 2, spl., W. Clark; 3, J. Morton. BUFF: 1, spl., Price; 2, spl., Alex. Baird; 3, spl., Morton; 4, Clark. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Price; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, spl., Clark; 2, spl., Wham; 3, spl., J. Hair; 4, Clark. FOUL CK.: 1, J. Kelly; 2, Price; 3, A. M. Baird; 4, Menzies. GREEN: 1, best bird in club, J. Smith; 2, spl., Wham; 3, spl., 4, Clark. FOUL HEN: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Kelly. GREEN: 1, Clark; 2, Price; 3, Morton; 4, Wham.

TANNAHILL CLUB: Judges, Mr. Alex. Nisbet (Galston), Mr. David Black (Govan). YELL. CK.: 1, A. Ferguson; 2, R. Fernie; 3, J. Price; 4, W. Urquhart. BUFF: 1, spl., Urquhart; 2, 4, Price; 3, A. McDonald. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Ferguson; 2, Hamilton; 3, Price; 4, Moore. BUFF: 1, spl., Hamilton; 2, 3, Fulton; 4, Powell. FOUL CK.: 1, spl., Pitchie; 2, Price; 3, Stewart; 4, Fulton. GREEN: 1, spl., Forsyth; 2, spl., Price; 3, Moore; 4, A. McDonald. YELL. HEN: 1, cup, Powell; 2, 3, Ferguson; 4, Urquhart. BUFF: 1, spl., Fulton; 2, spl., 4, Price; 3, Urquhart. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, 3, Moore; 2, Price; 4, Urquhart. BUFF: 1, spl., Price; 2, spl., Livingstone; 3, Allison; 4, Moore. FOUL HEN: 1, spl., Urquhart; 2, spl., P. Ritchie; 3, 4, R. Fernie. GREEN: 1, 2, spl., Fulton; 2, Moore; 3, Price; 4, McDonald.

OLD CLUB: Judges, Mr. Geo. Fulton (Partick), Mr. Jas. A. Stewart (Glasgow). SELL. CK.: 1, N. O'Donnell; 2, J. Kennedy; 3, McArthur; 4, D. Kennedy. BUFF: 1, spl., McArthur; 2, Donnelly; 3, G. Kennedy; 4, J. Christie. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, spl, 3, J. Kennedy; 2, McArthur. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, J. Kennedy; 2, O'Donnell; 4, Moore. FOUL CK.: 1, D. Kennedy; 2, Christie; 3, McArthur; 4, Moore. GREEN CK.: 1, spl., Paterson; 2, McArthur; 3, J. Kennedy; 4, Moore. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., 2, spl., Moore; 3, J. Donnelly; 4, O'Donnell. BUFF: 1, spl., Christie; 2, 4, McArthur; 3, O'Donnell. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, spl., Christie; 2, spl., J. Donnelly; 3, O'Donnell; 4, Christie. BUFF: 1, spl., 2, spl., J. Kennedy; 3, Christie; 4, McArthur. FOUL: 1, spl., 2, O'Donnell; 3, Moore; 4, McArthur. GREEN: 1, spl., Donnelly; 2, J. Kennedy; 3, Paterson.

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WALTHAMSTOW.

For a members' show solely, the annual event of Walthamstow F.S. will compare favourably with most others of its kind. The large hall at the Public Baths is an ideal place in every respect, and as to management, it goes without saying, that Mr. C. W. Mead and his excellent committee leave no stone unturned in order to please and secure success. The committee, too, consists of fanciers who have "been through the hoop"—many of them, to wit, Mr J. S. Clarke (chairman), Mr. C. A. House, Mr. C. Burton, Mr. E. J. Voss (a former secretary of the society), and many others Everything was in order, entries good, the stewarding A1, and, best of all, the reward was sure—a good gate. The cups of the society held solely for members were all in competition, and the event proved the wisdom of holding a members' show, apart from the annual open event. This year the cup for best bird was awarded to a very fine Crest-bred, the property of Mr. R. Farmer, and the award seemed to be a popular one. Yorkshires were a very nice show, and the Norwich mustered in force and quality. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. YORKS. CL. TKD. (8): 1, Jones, good feather and shape, shows plenty of leg and travels well; 2, Penton, also smart, a neat bird; 3, Morris Bros., very neat, grand quality; vhc, Forse; hc, Baldry; c, Meads. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Jones, both birds of good position; 3, Forse, nice one, full of nerve, fine drawn; vhc, Rolph. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, spl, Jones, stylish, quick-nerved, fine quality and good coloured specimen ,stands well; 2, Morris Bros., another gem, very stylish and nicely drawn; 3, Burbridge, typical specimen, hardly so finished as the two leaders, but a good one; vhc, Mead; hc, Forse; c, Morris Bros. HEN (13): 1, Forse, yellow, gem for shape and style, possesses quality in plenty; 2, 3, vhc, Jones, former buff, close-fitting feather, good model, stands up well, 3, a Cinn. tick, fine texture of feather; hc, Mead; c, Clarke. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Miles, bonny bird, full of quality and level in colour, typical and nice carriage; 2, 3, Marley, snapely, grand quality, as was also 3, a very neat one; vhc, spl, hc, Roberts; c, Williamson. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Marley, leader best shape, full of quality, rich undercolour; 2 Mein, typical and very smart bird; vhc, Carr; hc, Griffin; c, Williamson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Marley, winner a varieg. of that rich buff texture of feather, full of high quality; 2, Miles, varieg., rich tone of feather, neat shape, good colour; 3, Carr; vhc, Marley; hc, Watcham; c, Handscombe. BUFF (7): 1, spl, vhc, Miles, winner a bouncer, full of Nor. properties, wants his perches placing a little further apart; 2, Marley, very sweet, full of quality, level back and wing covering; 3, c, Griffin, another bird of high quality; hc, Williamson. HEN (8): 1, hc, Miles, yellow, of type and quality, rattling colour, and well shown; 2, 3, c, Marley; grand team of hens, one and all of shape and quality; vhc, Williamson. CRESTS (7): 1, spl, 3, hc, Farmer, the winner bird of merit, nice droop, dense, and neat centre, good body, 3 very pretty and well groomed; 2, c, Watcham, grizzle, plenty of feather, needs a little preparation; vhc, Miss Gilbert. C. BRED (7): 1, 2, cup, vhc, Farmer, leader rattling clear, 2, Green that will, with maturity, easily turn the tables on the winner; 3, hc, c, Watcham, nice head, well covered. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Morris Bros., steady, nutty coloured, well-marked Linnet; 2, 3, Marley, Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, respectively; vhc, Hellens; hc, Spowage; c, Willmott. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 3, vhc, Hellens, colour, shape and closeness of feather; 2, Marley, also very compact, but hardly colour of first. HARDBILL, A.O.V. (5): 1, Morris Bros., very nice Hawfinch; 2, Spowage, beautiful Brambling, ran the winner hard; 3, vhc, Marley, former pretty Siskin; hc, Hellens. SOFTBILL (7): 1, spl, cup, 2, Morris Bros., leader hearded Tit, in fine plume, and very steady, 2, a Flycatcher, in good feather; 3, vhc (2), hc, c, charming Pipit, rattling Thrush (that can win in its own class), a fine team. SELL. 15/- (4): 1, r, Watcham; 2, Forse. MULES, LIGHT (4): 1, spl, Morris Bros., Goldie-Canary, plenty of size, good feather; 2, Mead, very smart; 3, Baldry. DARK (7): 1, cup, 2, Morris Bros., leader Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very nice colour, 2, Linnet-Canary, large and nice feather; 3, vhc, Marley; hc, Mead; c, Spowage.

PORTSMOUTH.

Held in Drill Hall November 6th and 7th. This, the twenty-first annual, must be considered one of the best. Some of the classes failed in numbers, but they came up well in quality—we don't know when we have seen a nicer collection of birds at Portsmouth. Mr. Woodhouse, jun., took over the secretaryship, which his father had held for 20 years or upwards, and well he carried out the duties; we hope he will keep in harness as many years as his late father. He was backed up by a capital committee, which did all they could for the comfort of the birds. The entries were about 260, including members. The judges were Messrs. J. Robson (Canaries) and J. F. Hills (Brit., etc.). Catalogues with awards in margin were out by 2 o'clock.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1st withheld for lack of entries, not for merit, as 2nd, Miles, was a good representative of the breed, short in wings and tail, beautiful level colour, lovely quality; 3, Lowe, trifle long sided, still a very nice exhibit; vhc, Schneider, another nice bird; hc, Thomas. BUFFS (6): 1, Saunders, a gem for type, very good quality, not quite level in colour on flights, still will want a bit of beating; 3, Lowe (2nd withheld), lovely shaped bird, one of the very best, but we suppose he was kept back for his habit of crossing his wings at times, otherwise he was the winner; vhc, Stroud; hc, Miles, only loses in size. TICK, ETC. (12): 1, spl., 2, Strond, former grand ticked head yellow, 2nd almost an equally fine Buff, hard to separate; 3, Saunders, very taking exhibit, well merited his card; vhc, Lowe, red hot in colour, good shape; hc, Miles, we heard took leading position in London only last week, a good Norwich; c, Saunders. HENS (6): 1, spl., Stroud, yell., very big, free in feather, although she carries it well, has rather a "locky" appearance, but we suppose the judge satisfied himself on this; 3, Lowe, vhc, Miles, were two sweet hens, the type we admire, and many thought deserved more than they got; hc, Sanders. CRESTS (16): Really grand class. 1, spl., Marshall, very thickly thatched head, extra good frontal, very fair radiation; 2, Gale, very good grey, fine body and head, we like to see them encouraged; 3, Haysom, almost green, capital Crest, splendid frontal, we thought the same owners; vhc, 827, a splendid formed Crest, we take to be a hen, and a thorough good one; c, Gale. We made 834 quite one of the best, while 830 we also liked much. CRESTBREDS (16): Another fine lot. 1, Haysom, very massive, fine-headed bird, well lashed; 2, 3, Gale, rare head, nice cushion shape, plenty of feather; 3, another of the right sort, plenty of timber; vhc, Upton and Button; hc, Smith; c, Marshall. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, spl., Silk, most beautifully drawn bird, scarcely a fault; 2, Lovell, another very typical Yorkie, and well put down, as was also 3, Parrott, only loses a bit in length, excellent quality of feather; vhc, Burtenshaw, very nice; hc, Warr; c, Broome. BUFFS (7): 1, Warr, good bird all over, gets into position very quickly, a fine Yorkie; 2, Lovell, another of the right stamp, not quite the length of winner, rare stand; 3, Burtenshaw, capital position, very nice quality of feather; vhc, Broome; hc, Young; c, Joiner. HENS: 1, spl., Broome, truly a grand one, typical all over; 2, Lovell, ticked buff, another nice hen; 3, Parrott, also a first-class bird; vhc, Warr; hc, Broome; c, Parrot. A.O.V. (4): 1st withheld; 2, spl., Lowe, yell. clin., nice quality of feath r; 3, Silk, pretty, even marked yell. Nor., well balanced in marking; vhc, Morris; hc, Lowe, very pretty Lizard, we thought could have beaten the same owner's cinn. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): We could not follow the judge in this class. 1, spl., Carrier, certainly a very nice Goldfinch, as was also 2, Herbert; but 3, Carter, seemed to us the gem of the lot, simply streets ahead of anything in the class; vhc, Hooper, Lowe; hc, Hinde; c, Smith, Joiner. BULLFINCH (10): Nice lot of house-moulted birds. 1, spl., White, fine Bullie, beautifully got up, very steady; 2, Jupe, better colour, but not so large; 3, Prior, another excellent Bullfinch, many preferred; vhc, White, Fellows, Lovell; hc, White, Hedges; c, Carter. LINNET (10): 1, spl., Lovell, real gem, wins all the way, beautifully pencilled, nice nutty-brown, good wings; 2, same owner, not far behind; 3, Prior, another grand Linnet, and close up; vhc, Smith (2), good birds; hc, Long, Joiner. TWITE, ETC. (10): 1, spl., Prior, one of the best Twites we have seen; 2, Long, grand Siskin; 3, Young, very nice Redpoll; vhc, Carter, Long; hc, Botting, Hedges, Lovell. A.O.V. FINCH (13): 1, Prior, lovely Hawfinch, almost perfection; 2, Lean, Bramhling, very steady and good in markings; 3, Feltham, Chaffinch, sweet bird; vhc, Lowe, Kilhury, Loasby; hc, Prior, Joiner, Lean, Kilbury. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, spl., Carter, grand Spangled Starling, shown in A1 condition; 2, withheld; 3, Alderman, Thrush, nice condition; hc, Lowe, same variety, most beautifully spotted, we heard was one of the old Midland champions; vhc, Stevens, Lean, A.O.V. SMALL: 2, spl., 3, Lean, two fine exhibits, Wheatear and Chiffchaff, shown in excellent form; vhc, Hinds, Lean. FOREIGN PARROTS, ETC. (5): 1, withheld; 2, spl., Guy; 3, Crosbie, both nice exhibits; vhc, Barnes, Webb, Flowers. SMALL (8): 1, Millsum; 2, Hopwood; 3, Botting, three lovely exhihits, and did their owners credit. A.O.V.: 1, Wilford; 2, Cooper, 3, Learmouth; vhc, Wilford, Thomas, Downer; hc, Croshie. SELL. (20/-) (14): 1, White; 2, Lowe; 3, Marshall; vhc, Joiner, Saunders; hc, Clements, Ninness. DO. (12/6) (14): 1, Jupe; 2, 3, Saunders. MEMBERS and Local Classes contained some very good birds indeed; in fact, we doubt if there was a better Norwich in the show than the tick bird shown by Mr. Bickell, which soon found a new owner at catalogue price. CLEARS (10): 1, Saunders; 2, Lowe; 3, Ninness. TICK. ETC.: spl., 1, 3, Bickell; 2, Saunders. YORKS. YELLS. (14): spl 1, Joiner, good bird; 2, Chitson; 3, Jackson. A.O.V.: 1, Jupe; 2, Lavis; 3, Clements. A.O.V., CAN. (11): 1, spl, 2, 3, Marshall, excellent Crests. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Smith; 2, 3, Carrier; vhc, Jupe. BULLFINCH: 1, Carrier; 3, Lean. A.O.V.: spl, 1, 2, 3, Lean.

MARYHILL.

The thirty-first annual Scotch Fancy Show of the Maryhill and District O.C., held in the Burgh Halls, on November 2nd. Hon Presidents, Messrs. Bailie, A. McInnes Shaw, and ex-Bailie C. J. Cleland; President, Mr. Leslie K. McCormick; Vice-President, Mr. Thos. Stirling; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Cliff Bell. Judges, Messrs. Robert Finlay and Alex. Clark. Unfortunately, it was a poor show, so far as numbers went, most of the members having had an unfavourable breeding season. There were, however, a few grand birds on the bench. The coveted prize, the M'Innes-Shaw Cup, was won by Mr. Robert Baird, with his Yell. Foul Hen, 1st Derby, 3rd Paisley, and 1st City. This bird also won the Jardine Cup for best young hen. The medal for best young cock was also won by Mr. Baird with a Buff Foul Cock, brother to Yell. Foul Hen. During the afternoon Mr. Bailie A. McInnes-Shaw and Mrs. Shaw presented the prizes. The arrangements were excellent, and reflected credit on all concerned. YELL. COCKS (4): 1, 2, Young, nice pose, good drive, just to small side; 3, Stirling; 4, Usherwood. BUFF COCKS (5): 1, McCormick, good shoulders and drive; 2, Young, nice head and shoulders, thin below; 3, Bell, largest bird in class, hut rather wild; 4, Young; 5, Aitkenhead. FOUL, ETC., COCKS (6): 1, Baird, grand bird, shade small, extra well set, good shoulders, fine hack and drive; 2, Stevenson, another good one; 3, 4, Young; 5, Bell. BUFF PIED COCK (6): 1, Wilson, grand hird, good size, back shoulders and drive, very wild, think this best young cock in show; 2, Jardine; 3, Anderson; 4, Wilson; 5, Stevenson. YELL. HENS (2): Rather poor class. 1, Stirling, nice shoulders and drive; 2, Anderson. BUFF (3): 1, Jardine, splendid hird, hut small wings, finely set, clean front, nice drive; 2, 3, Young, good pair, much larger than 1st, good thickness, shoulders hard up, hut carry head high. YELL. PIED HENS (3): 1, Usherwood; 2, Ferguson; 3, Anderson. FOUL, ETC., HENS (7): Best young class in hall. all good hirds. 1, Baird, best young hird in show, grand size, hard up, good thickness shoulders and drive; 2, Usherwood, another good one, fails only in size to 1st; 3, Martin, larger than others, splendid shoulders and drive, hut thin under; 4, Baird; 5, 6, Young. BUFF PIED (4): 1, Martin, fair bird, nice neck and drive; 2, Stevenson, very wild; 3, Young, large, good thickness at shoulders, fine body, hut carries head high; 4, Ferguson, nice bird, hut small. SELL. COCKS (5): 1, McCormick; 2, Usherwood; 3, Stirling; 4, Paterson; 5, Wilson. HENS (4): 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Bell; 4, McCormick. OLD COCKS (8): Splendid class. 1, McCormick, neat head, good style, reach and body; 2, Bell, ran 1st very hard, larger, fine shoulders, hard up, good drive, runner-up for cup last year; 3, Jardine, another good one, fine body, neck and drive, last year's cup winner; 4, Geddes; 5, Martin; 6, Paterson. HENS (5): 1, Martin, grand hird, large, good thickness, shoulders well set, good drive; 2, Jardine, another good one, hut small; 3, Anderson, very stylish splendid action, hut small; 4, Usherwood, grand hird, nice head and shoulders, well up on others; 5, Paterson.

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Cage bird fanciers are to be congratulated on having such an enterprising paper as CAGE BIRDS. The show map you gave last week is particularly useful for exhibitors, and should be in all bird rooms. I trust your new venture ("The Poultry World") will be as successful as "C.B." I see you mention "The Fanciers' Gazette": this takes me back to the time I was a boy, and used to fetch it every week for my father, who was at that time a big Brahma breeder, as well as a Canary and British bird fancier.—A. S. TREASURE (Cheltenham).

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Cage Bird Members' Annual Show, this week,
Saturday, NOVEMBER 9th,
PLOUGH HOTEL, nr. CLAPHAM JUNCTION.
Show opens 3 o'clock. Admission 3d only. Catalogues 3d. **LILLEY. Hon. Sec.**

BROMSGROVE

ENTRIES SHORT.

EXTENDED

to Monday's post, **November 11th.** Cagebird Judge: G. E. Russell, Esq. Frank Jeffrey, Hon. Secretary, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

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GREAT ANNUAL MEMBERS' SHOW

at the "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., on **Wednesday, November 13th.**

LUTON C.B.S.

The 2nd Annual Open Show Nov. 13.

(Under C.B.U. RULES.)

59 Classes. **£1 1s.** cash special for best foreign bird (open), and heaps of other Specials. Judges: J. Robson, Canaries; J. Frostick, the remainder. Entries close November 6th. Schedules from **E. CHERRY, Sec. 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.**

QUEEN'S PARK

and District C.B.A.

Third Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds at **Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, N. Thursday November 14th, 1907.**

Judge: J. Robson. ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 9th. Sec. J. C. Birch, 68, Ashburnham Road, Willesden, N.W.

MATLOCK Fanciers' Society. 8th Annual Exhibition, Thursday, **14th NOV.** Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds J. N. Harrison, Esq., Judge. Fee 1/6. Entries very short; and will be accepted Monday morning's post.

A. H. Slator & F. Turner, Hon. Secs

CAMBRIDGE

November 12th, C.B.U. Rules.

1000 schedules sent out. 62 Classes and nearly 90 Specials.

At time of closing, entries don't average 4 per class.

Fanciers, rally round us. Don't let the best Show in Eastern Counties be a failure. Entries extended till 1st. post Sunday. Send birds along, will classify. T. S. Moore, Sec. 126-8, Newmarket Road.

MERTHYR TYDVIL

SHOW, NOV. 14. W.C.B.C. C.B.U.R. **(Palace of Wales).**

Entries extended to first post Monday, no later. Not a Cage Bird entered yet, Come along, boys, lets have them, Please help us, Cups, Medals, Money Specials, etc. Judges: J. H. Payne, slugging contest, Anthony (Aberdare), late London. **J. Thomas,** Secretary,

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LONDON & COUNTIES A.C.B.

ANNUAL AUTUMN MEMBERS' SHOW
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOV. 15th & 16th.
at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland St., W.
Judges:—Messrs. J. Mackley and J. Frostick.
R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.,
6, Old Burlington Street, W.

"THE SHOW FANCIERS ARE LOOKING FOR"

WHITEHAVEN,

(All prize money paid within four days)
NOVEMBER 15th and 16th, 1907.
Under C.B.U. Rules. E.V.W.B.F.C.C. and B.F.C.C. patronage. 46 Open Classes (no members' classes).

Special every class, some 2 specials. Judges: Mr. S. HADWIN, Norwich and Yorkshire; Mr. J. HOPPER, Keswick. Border Fancy; Mr. E. HOULTON. Mules, British and Foreign. Schedules ready.
W. J. DOUGLAS, 10, College Street, Whitehaven.

LEEDS

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY AND LEEDS ROLLER CLUB.

18th ANNUAL SHOW

(C.B.U. Rules)

NOV. 15th & 16th, 1907.

Judges, Messrs. Robson, Battye, Roehl & Netherwood; 58 classes of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds. Under the patronage of the G. C. A., National British Bird and Mule Club, S.F. C. C. (Bradford County B.B. & Mule Club), B.R.C.C, and Foreign Bird Club. **Prizes 10/- 6/- 4/- 2/-. Entries close November 11th.** For Schedules apply **WILKINS & TOWES, Oakhurst, Moortown, LEEDS.**

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND

GREAT OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

November 15th and 16th, 1907.

Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club Show. Under the patronage of S.N.P., B.F., Y.C. and S B.B. & M. Clubs 75 Classes. Five Money Prizes, all guaranteed. Entrance fee, 2/- Handsome Cup (to be won outright) for most points gained; and 10/- Special to runner-up in Canary section. Handsome Cup (to be won outright) for most points gained, and 10/- Special to runner-up in Mule, British and Foreign Classes. 10/- Special to best Yorkshire Canary in Hall, and hosts of other Special Prizes. Do not hesitate, but send for schedule at once and be convinced that this is the Show of the Season. Entries close first post Monday, 11th November.

J. BROWN, Secretary, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

INVERNESS ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOC.

27th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams, **November 20th.** Cage Bird Judges, Messrs. J. Sandison & C. Ross. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry money 1/6. Specials in every class. Entries close **13th November.** Schedules from **ALEX. URQUHART, 86, Telford Road, Inverness.**

BRISTOL

NOVEMBER 20th & 21st GREAT OPEN SHOW. CAGE BIRDS ONLY.

Under C.B.U. Rules. "Cage Birds" Competition. **Entries close November 13th.** Under the patronage of the York C. & E. & W. Border F.C. Clubs. Cage-Bird Fanciers, give us as Cage-Bird Fanciers your generous support, and enable us to have a successful Show. We desire to gain a reputation and intend to by giving, as Cage-Bird lovers, the best possible to exhibits trusted to us; by prompt payment of prize-money and specials; by no cancelling or amalgamating of Classes. **Enter from this before Wednesday, 13th Nov.** Schedule of Classification—Prizes **10/-, 5/-, 2/6, & 1/6,** with numerous specials (a great number by accident not being shown in Schedule). Entry Fee, **1/6.** Prize-money will be paid to exhibitors in attendance at Show on Thursday, remainder will be sent with clean cards a few hours after Show. Judges—Mr. C. A. House and Mr. H. Norman, with addition if necessary. **Open Competition. Crested Norwich**—Classes: 1, Crest. Cocks; 2, Crest. Hens; 3, Crest-bred Cocks; 4, Crest-bred Hens; 5, Crest or Crest-bred, bred 1907; 6, Crest or Crest-bred, Novice. **Norwich Plainheads**—7, Cl. Yel.; 8, Clear Buff; 9, Tick Mark. or Var. Yell.; 10, Tick. Mark. or Var. Buff; 11, Hens, Yel. a.v.; 12, Hens, Buff, a.v.; 13, Yel., a.v. unfli.; 14, Buff, a.v. unfli.; 15 a.v. non-fed Norwich; 16, Novice, a.v. Plain. **Yorkshires**—17, Cock, Yel. Cl. or Tick.; 18, Cock, Buff, Cl or Tick.; 19, Cock, Yel or Buff, Mar. or Var.; 20, Hens, Yel. a.v.; 21, Hens, Buff, a.v.; 22. Yel. a.v. nnfli.; 23, Buff, a.v. unfli.; 24, Novice, a.v. Yorks.; 25, a.v. non-fed Yorks. **Scotch Fancy**—26, Cock or Hen, a.v. **Border Fancy**—27, Cl. or lightly Tick. Yel. Cock; 28, Ditto Buff Cock; 29, Ditto Yel. Hen; 30, Ditto Buff Hen; 31, Unevenly mar. Yel. Cock or Hen; 32, Ditto Buff ditto; 33, Evenly mar. Yel. or Buff Cock or Hen; 34, Gn. or Cinn., Self or Foul, Yel. or Buff. **Cinnamons**—35, Yel. Cock or Hen; 36, Buff ditto; 37, a o.v. Can. **Mules or Hybrids**—38, Can.-Mule, cl. ticked, marked or var. (excluding Can.-Bullfinch); 39, Ditto, dark Goldfinch or Greenfinch; 40, Ditto dark Linnet, Siskin, Redpole or Twite; 41, A o.v. Mule or Hybrid (including Can.-Bullfinch). **British**—42, Goldfinch; 43, Goldfinch Greypate; 44 Bullfinch; 45, G'nfinch; 46, Linnet; 47, Ditto, field moulted; 48, Sis., Redpole or Twite; 49, Hens, a.v. hardbill; 50, Bramble-finch or Chaffinch; 51, A.o.v. hardbill; 52, Blackbird, Thrush or Starling; 53, A.o.v. softbill, smaller and including a Lark.; 54, A.o.v. s'bill, larger than a Lark; 55, Pied Albino or rare fd. bird. **Foreign Birds** (single or pairs)—56, A.v., larger than a Cardinal; 57, Ditto, smaller than and including a Cardinal. **Selling Class**—58, Pairs matched for breeding, a.v., price not to exceed £3; 59, Single or pairs, ditto ditto £1; 60, Ditto, 10s. **Surplus Stock Class**—61, Entry fee 6d. per bird. Prize cards only will be awarded in this Class, and Exhibitors are requested to fully describe their specimens and state price, including cage. Two or more birds may be entered in one cage, but entry fee must be paid for each bird, and if sold a commission of 6d. on each bird will be deducted from sale money.

EXHIBITORS, PLEASE NOTE.—1. To be held in the finest hall in Bristol for a Cage-Bird Show (selected by Cage-Bird Fanciers), being lofty, well-lighted from roof by day, and electric light by night, free from draughts and dirt. Special arrangements for covering birds by night and maintaining an even temperature during Show. 2. Bristol having the best possible train service, is therefore easy of access from all parts, thus ensuring prompt receipt and despatch of all exhibits. 3. Exhibitors may with confidence trust us with their most valued specimens. Special attention will be paid to the unpacking and repacking of all exhibits. Where special food is required please state. 4. Specimens from a distance will receive our best attention, and be returned by such means as may be best in the Committee's judgment. Any special instructions please notify. 5. **Full Prize Money and Specials guaranteed.** 6. **Exhibitors,** enter from this, and do your best to support our efforts.

Entries to **J. MUNRO, Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster, Bristol.**

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND, 4th Annual Show,

DUBLIN

November 28th and 29th.
ENTRY FEE, 1/6.
65 CLASSES FOR CAGE BIRDS.

JUDGE: H. W. Battye, Esq. 3 Cups and 45 Specials. Entries close Monday, November 18th. Schedules from **W. C. SHOLESICE, Hon. Sec., 117, Strand Road, Sandymount, Dublin.**

WHITBURN

and District Cage Bird Society.

2nd annual open exhibiton, and competition of C.B. will be held in the Town Hall Whitburn, on **Nov. 30th, 1907.** 40 classes, including 10 Nor. 9 Bor. 17 Brit. 2Mule or Hybrid, and 2 for For. Entry fee 1/6 each bird. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials for every class, including 3 medals. Entries close Nov. 25th. Judges Messrs. J. F. Dewar, and J. Kean Schedules from **Thos. Duncan, Manse Road, Whitburn, N.B.**

FOLKESTONE

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW, December 3rd & 4th, 1907.

Cage Birds 49 Classes. Under Cage Birds Union License and patronage of Kent Cage Bird Association. Entry fee 1/6. Full prize money; no amalgamation. **Entries close Nov. 13th to J.W. CAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton Rd. Folkestone.**

WEYBRIDGE

13th ANNUAL OPEN & MEMBERS' SHOW. Dec, 4th & 5th "C.B." COMP. SCHEME Judge, J. ROBSON. Numerous Spls. Entries close Nov. 20th. Kindly give us your support. One of the finest Halls in the Kingdom. Every care taken of all exhibits. Exhibitors wishing their birds to be sent to the L.C.B.A. Show please let me know and they shall be despatched early Thursday evening. Schedules now ready, apply H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge

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L.C.B.A.

19th ANNUAL EXHIBITION,
Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Dec. 6 & 7, 1907
(Under C.B.U. Rules)
The most Extended Classification. Good Prize Money. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Abundant List of Specials.

SOCIETIES' CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

The Roller and N.B.B. & M. Clubs' Shows in conjunction and under following Specialist Clubs' support:—S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., Yorks C.C. (Cup Competition), L. & L.F.A. (Lizards), E. & W. and Border Fancy, C.C.C. and F.B.C. Schedules will be sent only to exhibitors at the last L.C.B.A. and Crystal Palace Shows. All others please apply to—**TYSON & WADE, 169, Sloane Street, London.**

HURRY UP!

BLACKPOOL (LANCS.) SHOW.

November 15 and 16.

31 Classes (all open).
Judge: J. H. Roe (Derby).
Entries positively close NOV. 11th. Schedules from—

A. J. WINTERBOTTOM,
9, CLINTON AVENUE.

STONEHOUSE N.B. NOV. 16th.

Open Show. 18 Classes. For Cage Birds. Judge: Mr. A. Chalmers. Entry Money, 1/3. Prize Money, 10/, 5/-, 3/-. For Schedules apply—**JOHN SORBIE, Sec., 12, Lockhart Street, STONEHOUSE, N.B.**

CONSETT, Blackhill and Dis. P., Pig. R. & Cage Bird Show,

NOVEMBER 16th.

Judge: Cages Birds (27,) T. Dixon, Esq. 10 Silver Cups & Magpie Challenge Bowl. Prize money guaranteed. Entries close **Nov. 9th.** Schedules apply **W. H. HUTCHINSON, Jr., 21, PARK ROAD, CONSETT.**

DENHOLME & THORNTON C.B.S.

Y.U.R. Rules and Cinn. Mar. Y.C.C Patronage. **Sat. Nov. 16.** Mechanics Inst., Thornton. Judge, J. N. Harrison, Belper. F. W. Tomsett, Sec., 5, Perseverance Road, Mountain, Queensbury, near Bradford,

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MORPETH & DIST. ORNTH. SOC.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Annual Open Show, **Saturday, NOVEMBER 16th, 1907,** of Canaries, Mules and British Birds; 23 open classes. Special for Best Bird in each class, and 6 Guinea Challenge Bowl. Judges: Messrs. W. Vardy and J. Patterson. For Schedules apply A. DIPPIE, 13, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

GALASHIELS N.B. 47th Great Open Show

for PIGEONS and CAGE BIRDS

will be held NOVEMBER 16th, 1907, when the undernoted Specialists will judge:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Geo. Fulton, Partick, and John Dalgleish, Leith; Border Fancy Canaries, William Haddow, Hamilton; Norwich Canaries, British & Foreign Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Schedules from ALEX. SMITH, 26, Halliburton Place, Galashiels.

NOTTINGHAM SHOW

Under C.B.U. Rules.
November 16th and 18th, 1907.

75 Classes. Prize Money 22/- for 1/6 entry. 112 Valuable Specials. Five popular Specialist Judges. Entries close **Monday, November 11th.**

Hon. Sec., C. E. WILKINSON, 9, WELLINGTON SQUARE, NOTTINGHAM.

GRAVESEND Nov. 19th and 20th.

Cage Birds, 20 Classes. Judge: J. NORTH, Esq. Prize Money Guaranteed. Schedules ready. Entries close Nov. 12th **H. R. Jewise,** hon. sec

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits & CAGE BIRDS on November 19th & 20th

Entries close Nov. 13th. Judge for Cage Birds, T. Heath. **B. P. T. JONES, Hon. Sec., Cherhill, Lancaster Gardens, Southend-on-Sea**

HASTINGS U.C.B.S.

(Affiliated to C.B.U.)

Annual Open Cage Bird Show, Nov. 19th and 20th.

Judge: J. H. Payne; under the Patronage of the S.N.P.C. Champion and Novice Sections, and Champion Section of the S.Y.C.C. Prize money **10/-, 6/-, 2/-.** Entrance fee 1/6. Entries positively close Tuesday, November 12th. Schedules, apply **A. E. and J. H. GODDEN, Ceylon House, Earl Street.**

EASTBOURNE Entries close Nov. 12th. Open Show

of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Rats, Mice and Cage Birds.

Nov. 20th & 21st, 1907.

Good classification and Specials. Cage Bird Judge: G. Gardner. Schedules, etc., from **C. ATTREE,** Hon. Sec., **23, Taddington Road, Eastbourne.**

GLOUCESTER Fanciers' Society, 28th Annual Show

of P., Pgs R., C., C.B & M Open to Gloucestershire including Bristol, Wed. & Thur Nov. 20 & 21. Judge, J. H. Payne. Good Classification Entries close Nov. 11. Schedules, **Hugh Cunn,** Hon. Sec. Sandhurst Rd.; C. R. Smith, Assist. Sec., Ifra House.

TONBRIDGE POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS and CAGE BIRDS,

NOVEMBER 20th and 21st, 1907. Open to Kent, Sussex and Surrey. Entries close positively Nov. 12th. Judges—Poultry, Mr. Wm. H. Cook; Pigeons, Mr. A. Leith; Rabbits, Mr. M. Crust; Cage Birds, Mr. J. Dobson; Cats, Mr. M Crust. Splendid train service, no delay, main line, S.E. & C. Ry. Schedules now ready. P. W. BURTON, Hon. Sec., Guildford House, Albert Road, Tonbridge.

MARGATE OPEN TO ALL ENGLAND

Under patronage of the Kent County C.B. Association. No amalgamation. **Nov. 20th and 21st, 1907.** Judge: Mr. J. Hobson. Entries extended until the 13th Nov. Schedules, **W. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 28, Fort Crescent, Margate.**

Fanciers, are you aware THAT ENTRIES CLOSE FOR

SUTTON COLDFIELD

(Nov. 20th & 21st) on Sat. Next Nov. 9th. Hurry up, no entries received up to Monday evening. Grand room; Mid. and L. N. W. Railway service. Entry Fee 1/6. **Clock value 42/- for best in Show.** Send on and we will classify. **Hon. Sec. A. Geo. JONES, 110, Hill St, Street Erdington.**

NORTHAMPTON'S 30th ANNUAL SHOW.

Nov. 20th & 21st. Licensed to and held under the rules of the Cage Bird Union. First Prize, 10/-; Second, 5/-; Third, 2/6; Fourth, Card; Entry Fee, 1/6. To be 8 Entries or only Half Prize Money. No cancelling or amalgamating. Judge: G. Lawrence, Esq. 100 Nor. clr. or tick Yell. 110 ditto Buff. 111 ditto, uneven. mark. or var. 112 ditto, 1907 unlight. clr. tick. or uneven. mark. Yellow. 113 ditto Buff. 114 ditto, a.v. Hon. 115 ditto, clr. tick. or uneven. mark. Yellow or Buff, nat. col. 116 A.o. var. Plainhead Canary, nat. col., Crest-bred oxclud. 117 Cinnamon, Yellow or Buff, self-col. 118 Any var. Canary, Mule or Hybrid 119 A. o. v. Canary not spec. 120 Nor., any var., Yellow & 121 ditto, Buff, price not to ex. **£3.** 122 Any var. C. B., not to ex. 15/-. British Birds.—123 Blackbird or Song Thrush. 124 A. o. v., Starling or larger, to include Hawfinch. 125 Gold. or Bullfinch.. 126 Chaff., Bramble or Greenfinch. 127 A o.v. smaller than Starling, Hard Bill. 128 ditto, Soft Bill. Foreign Birds.—129 A.o.v. F B. larger than Cardinal. 130 ditto, smaller. Single or Pairs. 131 Glit Class, any var. C. B. (Prize money, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-, no entry fee). Kindly enter from this. **C. M. LARKMAN, 213, Wellingborough Rd., Northampton.** Entries close Nov 11th. Specials in Catalogue.

SELBY £5 Limit.

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits and Cage Birds

Thursday, November 21st,

Under C.B.U. Rules. Judges—Messrs. R. Stainthorp, Rev. W. F. Lumley, T. B. Mason, W. Mundell. Entrance fee 1/-. Entries close **Wednesday, Nov. 13th.**

JOHN HENRY DIXON, 77, Brook St., Selby.

MORRISTON AND DISTRICT

First Annual Show, held under C.B.U Rules, on **Thursday, November 21st, 1907.** Judge: J. H. Payne, Esq., Gloucester, Grand classification. Specials every class. Schedules ready. Entries close November 14th, 1907. Apply **DAVID JEREMY, Hon. Sec., Glanrbyd Cottage, Tanylan Road, Morriston, R.S.O.**

KIRBYMOORSIDE

(YORKS.) **Nov. 21st, 1907.** Entries Close Nov. 11th. Cage Birds Judge, H. W. Battye. Class 53, Clear Yellow or Buff Yorks. Canary; 54, Ticked or Variegated Yorks. Canary; 55, Canary A.O.V.; 56, Canary, any variety, local 6 miles radius; 57, Norwich, any variety (Plainhead); 58, British Goldfinch; 59, British Bullfinch; 60, British Linnet, Grey or Brown; 61, Mule or Hybrid, any variety; 62, Any other variety British Bird not named (Hawks and Owls excluded); 63, Selling, Bird and Cage, 10/-. Entrance Fee, 1/-. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Four Specials, value 15/-.

Reed and Calam. Secs., Kirbymoorside.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S. (affiliated to C.B.U.)

November 21st.

Judge: Mr. J. Wilcock, Bradford. Grand classification, including 8 Norwich classes, 8 Yorkshires, 3 Cinnamons, 1 any other variety or mule, 5 British, 1 novice Yorkshire, 1 Norwich, 3 limit classes. The showroom is an ideal one, none better. Prize money guaranteed. Schedules now ready from

C. J. ROBINSON, 44, Cromer Street, May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.

LOWESTOFT

And District C.B.S.

First Great Annual Show of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, under C.B.U. Rules (open to Suffolk), will be held in **The Public Hall, Lowestoft, November 21st & 22nd.** Entries close positively November 11th. Entrance fee—Members, 9d.; Non-members, 1/-. Now, Fanciers, "buck up," give us a good Entry; we will see that Exhibitors are properly treated in every respect. Anyone requiring a schedule, or information, please apply to—

GEORGE FRANCIS, South Wharf, LOWESTOFT.

HULL C. B. S. 13th ANNUAL SHOW

(Under C. B. U. Rules).

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd.,

Judges: Messrs. J. C. BARNES & O. HOULTON.

Cage Birds only; 40 classes; Novices specially catered for. Prize money guaranteed. Numerous Specials. Splendid room and railway connections. Under the patronage of N.B.B. & M.C. Entries close Nov. 18th. (No extension). Schedules from **Potter & Stamford, 178, Thoresby Street, Hull.**

SUNDERLAND 18th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

NOVEMBER 22nd and 23rd, 1907.

Judges: G. E. Russell and A. G. Cameron.

Under the Patronage of the Northern Crest Club. Norwich and Cinnamon Club and Cinnamon Club.

ALL CASH SPECIALS and held under C.B.U. rules. Schedules ready, apply—**F. W. GORDON, 23, Lisburn Terrace, SUNDERLAND.**

TAMWORTH Cage Bird Soc. First Annual Show **Nov. 30th,** Cottage Lane School. 14 Various. Judge, J. H. Roe, Esq., Derby. Sec. J. E. Brown, Crown Cottages, Wilnecote

BRISTOL December 4th & 5th.

Affiliated C.B.U.

Patronage and support of Crested C.C., Lancs. and Lizard F.A., and Chinmon C.C. Judges:—Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne. 67 Classes. Challenge Cups value £50. Specials value £15. Exhibitors, please note:—

1. The 17th Annual Show of a Society with the highest reputation.
2. The only Cage Bird Show held in the Rhio Drill Hall, Queen's Road, Bristol.
3. No hall in the Kingdom better lighted or more free from draught.
4. Practically all our Cups and Specials are **not** confined to members, but **OPEN TO ALL.**

Entries close November 20th.

G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec., 9, TRINITY STREET, NEWTOWN, BRISTOL.

OAKHAM

(£5 LIMIT) of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds, **Thursday, December 5th, 1907.** Don't forget the Best Managed Show in the Midlands. Popular Judges. Grand Classification. Entries close Nov. 25th. For Schedules, apply—**Needham & Nibbitt, King's Head, Oakham**

BOLTON

November, 22nd & 23rd, 1907.

Grand Classification, 22/- per class prize money. Good Specials & popular judges. Entries close Nov. 18. For schedules apply to—**J. Stringer,** Secretary, **27, James Street, Bolton, Lancs.**

EGREMONT (CUMBERLAND)

12th Annual Show Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules. Entries close **Nov. 23rd. WOODBURN & LUCAS, 46, East Road.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT £5 LIMIT. Nov. 23rd

(Affiliated to C. B. U.)

Judge: J. H. Roe. **F. CAMERON, Sec., Sydney St.**

OLDHAM NOV. 23.

15 Open Classes George Street School.

Judge: W. Bowyer, Esq., Leek. Schedules from—

A. ACKROYD, Sec., 52, Erio St., OLDHAM.

AYR SHOW.

The One Day Show of Scotland. Py., Pgn., C.B and Cts. **Sat. Nov. 23rd,** in Pavilion, Dam Park, Ayr. Judges: P., C. Sneddon, Kirkham, Yorks Pouters, John Tait, Edinburgh; Dragons, F. Smalley, Silverdale; All other Pigeon Classes, Ted Booth, Idle; Norwich and Border Fancy Canaries, George Swark, Carmyle; Other C.B. Classes, John Goodfellow, Edinburgh; Cats, Mrs. D. Simpson, Glasgow. Fanciers' Review Cup, Challenge Cups and numerous specials. Write for Schedules

James Thomson, Jun., Sec. Ayr.

WOODSIDE AND BUCKSBURN O.S.

25th Annual O. S. of Canaries, B. and F. C.B. in Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on **Nov. 23rd.** 45 Cl. Sched from **A. Thomson, Sec., 160, Ct. Northern Rd., Aberdeen.**

City of BRADFORD O.S.

27th Annual Open Show, Saturday **Nov. 23rd, 1907,** in the Feversham Street Council Schools (five minutes from Central Stations). Under Yorkshire Union Rules. Patronage of C.M.Y.C., B. & C.B.B.C. 34 Classes. Yorkshires, Norwich, British Birds & Mules. Judges: J. Greaves, Bradford; J. S. Clarkson, Halifax. Entries close Tuesday, **Nov. 19th.** Schedules with pleasure. Secretary, G. Stansfield, **1, Lonsdale St., Bradford.**

JEDBURGH P., P. & C. B.

Saturday Nov. 23rd. Poultry 21 classes. Mr, T. P. Gordon, Edinburgh. L. F. Tumblers. 13 classes Mr. A. Tod, Galashiels. Variety Pigeons, 24 classes Mr. D. Livingstone, Tranent. Border Fancies, 11 classes, Mr. J. Alexander, Lilliesleaf. British and Foreign Birds, 10 classes, Mr. A. Watson, Leith. Schedules from **A. Frater, Market Place.**

ST. HELEN'S RECREATION OPEN SHOW.

Sat., Nov. 23rd, for Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds, under C.B.U. Rules. Judge: C. Hulton, Esq., St. Helens. All prize money guar. **Shuffiebotkam, 121, Morley St.**

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Good classification, numerous Specials. Under patronage of YORKS C.O.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH, O.S.

Annual Show will be held in Co-operative Hall, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Under the patronage of S.P.C. and the B.F.C. Judges: **Messrs. Adamson, Craig, Strachan McLauchlan, Patterson and Stark.**

Splendid Classification and heaps of Specials. Schedules ready from—

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SIDMOUTH. December 5th. 17 Open Classes. C.B.U. Licence.

Canaries, Mules, British. Judge: Mr. Payne. Entries close November 26th. **F. FARRANT, Sec.**

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NOVEMBER 23rd. Entries close November 16th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6; Entrance, 1/6.

Schedule—CAGE BIRDS (£5 limit).

Judge: G. LANDON, Esq., Leicester.

CLASS		
49	Nor., Plain Head, Clr., Tick. or unevenly mkd,	Yel.
50	" " " " "	Buff
51	" " " " "	Unflighted, any colour
52	Yorks. Clr., Tick. or unevenly mkd.	Yel.
53	" " " " "	Buff
54	" " " " "	Unflighted, any colour
55	Mule, any variety	
56	British Bird, larger than a Lark	
57	" smaller "	
58	Foreign Bird, any variety	
59	Selling Class, not to exceed 12/6, including cage.	

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SUDBURY (SUFFOLK) NOV. 26th.,

Pl. Pgs. C.Birds, R. & Cvy. Show, the premier show of Suffolk. Open to Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, and Cambs. Judges, W. W. Broomhead, Rev. W. F. Lumley, C.E. Brooke, and A. Silver. 96 classes; numerous specials. Entries close Nov. 14th, to C.H. Row, 9, North St., Sudbury

LAUNCESTON (C.B.U. Rules,) Nov. 26th,

14 open classes. Popular judge, Mr. T. D. Deeble, naturalist, Plymouth. Schedules now ready. Entries close **Nov. 14th. F. BRIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

DOVER

Open to Kent. 39 Classes C.B. **Nov. 26 & 27.** En. close 14th. **HORREX, Cherrytree Av.**

BANBURY 19th Annual Show of

Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds (C.B.U. Rules), **Nov. 26th. and 27th.** Entries close Nov. 14th. Splendid Classification and specials to all classes. Prize money: 10/- 5/- and 2/6., Entrance fee 1/6. Schedules from **Hazlewood and Nelson, 68, Causeway, Banbury, Oxon.**

DERBY GRAND JUBILEE SHOW NOVEMBER 26th and 27th, 1907.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Judges—Messrs. BEXSON, ROE, ROBSON and SCOTHERN. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire G.C.A., Yorkshire C.C., Cinnamon C.C., Crested C.C. and N.B.B. and Mule Club. 50 Classes. Entries close November 20th. Schedules ready shortly. **W. H. BAMBEY** (BINNS & Co.), **Market Pl., Derby.**

DUNBAR 4th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and CAGE-BIRDS NOV. 27.

Judges: Poultry, J. L. Shankland; Variety Pigeons, D. Blair; Magpies, A. J. Currie; Homers, W. Crabbe; Scotch Fancy, A. Melrose; Border Fancy, H. Bennett. ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 18. Schedules, JNO. R. M'INTOSH,

CAMBRIDGE

NOVEMBER, 27th & 28th. GOOD CLASSIFICATION. LIBERAL SPECIALS.

Judges: Canaries and British, G. GARDNER, Esq. (G.G.); Foreign, H. T. T. CAMPS, Esq. (F.Z.S.).

Foreign Birds—ONE DAY ONLY—Nov. 27th. ENTRIES CLOSE NOV. 15th.

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November 27th and 28th.

Judges: Messrs. Payne & Robson. 53 Classes. No Cancelling. No Amalgamation. Full Prize Money. Fee 1/6. Sectional Points Specials. Open Competition. ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 20th. Send for Schedule to

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GOOLE £5 limit. (C.B.U. Rules).

Thursday, NOV. 28th. Judge: J. T. AMBROSE.

FIVE PRIZES IN EVERY CLASS. Schedules from—

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JARROW and DISTRICT 7th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

November 29 and 30.

(Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judges: Open Classes, J. H. Payne, Glos.; Members' Classes and Open Selling Classes, R. Bewick. Prize money—10/-, 5/-, 3/-. Two Cash Specials every Class, extra Specials, also Medal C J. Sandiford for hottest fed bird on Royal Red. Good classification; 64 classes. Also C.B. coupon scheme. Schedules ready. **Entries close Nov. 25. J. T. CARRICK, Hon. Sec., 44, Caledonian Rd., Jarrow.**

EARLSTON N.B. Poul., Pig., and C.B. Show will be held on November 30th. Judges, Border Fancy Canaries, W. C. Duncan, Esq., Coldstream; British Birds and Norwich, J. Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh. ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 25th. Schedules from J. Brockie 3. Janefield, Earlston, N.B.

LITTLEBORO' ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Lancashires, Yorkshires and Norwich P. Heads. C.B.U. Rules. Good classifications. Prize money, 22/- for 1/0 Entry. **November 30.** Schedules from J. R. Crossley, Sec., 28, Todmorden Road, Littleborough

ASHINGTON

& Dist. C.B.S. will hold their Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign (C.B.U. Rules) in Harmonic Hall, Ashington, on **Nov. 30th.** 28 classes. No cancelling. Prize money paid to exhibitors on the day of the show. Judge: J. Robson, of London. Schedules—**J. MILES, 9, Park Road, Ashington.** Entries close November 23rd.

DARLINGTON Cage Bird Society

Will hold their **3rd Grand Open Show on Sat., Nov. 30th** Under C.B.U. Rules. 46 Classes. 35 Open, 11 Members, 4 Money Prizes and Specials every class. **1/- Entry Fee 1/- Prompt Payment of Prize Money.** Specialist Judges—Canaries, J. C. BARNES, Esq., Sheffield. Mules, British, &c., J. WALSH, Esq., Blackburn. **The "Champion" one day show of the North.** Don't miss it. Get a schedule, ready Nov. 6th. Note, change of address from Nov. 1st, **E. BRUNSKILL, Hon. Sec., 59, Easson Rd., Darlington**

CASTLE DOUGLAS

OPEN SHOW, NOVEMBER 30th.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Judges—Poultry, W. Bentley, Timlets Henley, Huddersfield; Pigeons, A. J. Gladwin, Nottingham; Cage Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. **Entries close 23rd November.** Schedules ready. **J. C. BURNIE, Sec., 262, King Street, Castle Douglas.**

CITY OF DUNDEE

& Dis. Norwich Mule & Brit. Bird Assoc

OPEN SHOW NOV. 30th.

Judges: Messrs. Chalmers, Adams, Craig and Cochrane. Extensive classification. All specials open. Entries close on **Saturday 23rd.** Schedules now ready from—**ALEX. MILLER, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.** Cage Birds competition at this Show.

BRACKLEY Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats & Cage Birds. Dec. 3rd. Judges: Harrison, Calcutt & Poole. Entries Close Nov. 25th. Schedules from **W. G. Pollard, Hon. Sec.**

ROTHESAY (Buteshire) U.F.S. 7th An. Show. Dec. 4. Ents. close Nov. 27. Cagebirds, &c. Schedules from—**J. McCRONE, Lilly Oak Terrace, Rothesay.**

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

(Affiliated C.B.U.)

Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds on December 4th. Judge, Mr. H. W Battye. ENTRIES CLOSE November 27th. **H. C. Wilkins, Hon. Sec., 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.**

HAVERFORDWEST

DECEMBER 5th, 1907.

Affiliated to C.B.U.). **Thirteenth Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies.** JUDGES: Poultry, W. T. ATTWELL, Esq.; Pigeons,—HILL, Esq.; Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies, T. J. AMBROSE, Esq. Hon. Secs., **Phillips** and **Williams.**

ROTHERHAM C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules.)

Tenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds,

On Friday & Saturday, December 6th. & 7th.

Good Classification. Prize money guaranteed, 3/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/-. Special for every class. Judges—J. Bexon, Esq., Derby; W. Vardy, Esq., Hucknall Huthwaite. Schedule ready, apply **J. C. HAYES,** Secretary, **9, Florence Road, Masbro.**

WIGAN SHOW

of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds (under C.B.U. Rules).

In the Old Court Hall, King Street, on **Friday** and **Saturday, December 6th** and **7th, 1907.** Judge, R. Trengove. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Schedules now ready. **W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec., 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

ILKESTON and District OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW. (under C.B.U. Rules).

December 7th & 9th, 1907.

44 Classes. Grand Classification. No cancelling or Amalgamation of Classes. Numerous Valuable Specials. Judges: Messrs. R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton and J. H. Roe. Entries close Dec. 2nd. For Schedules apply—

THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, ILKESTON.

CHESTER SHOW

Under C.B.U. Rules.

December 11th, 1907. **8 Open Classes.** 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British Hard or Soft Bill. **Prizes 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- Entry Fee 1/6.** Judge: A. Wellings, Schedules from **A. J. RED, Hon. Sec., Abbey Buildings, Chester.**

CARMARTHEN

Under C.B.U. Rules. DECEMBER 12th.

Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Cgs., C., R. Judges: Messrs. T. H. Stretch, W. H. Cook, and C. Houlton. 27 classes for C. B's. Last year's Exhibitors will receive schedules; others please apply **JACK FRANCIS, Secretary.**

Show Advertisements, continued.

READING and District Cage Bird Society.

Annual Thirty-mile Radius and Members' Show of Cage Birds (comprising Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). **Palmer Hall, West St., Reading. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th** Entry Fee (non-members) 1/6 30 Classes. Record quantity Special Prizes (really worth having). Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Entries close Dec. 4th, none accepted later than Dec. 6th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/- and 2/6, guaranteed. For Schedules apply— **C. A. CHARLES, 4, TALFOURD AVENUE, READING.**

PORTH and DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

First Annual Open Show, Dec. 12th, 1907. (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judges—J. H. Payne and J. B. Evans. Grand Classifications. Specials every Class. **Entries close December 6th, 1907.** Schedules ready. Apply J. **CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.**

HARROGATE C.B.S.

(under the patronage of the B. & C. B. B. & M. O.).
ANNUAL OPEN SHOW will be held
DECEMBER 14th, 1907.
Judge: H. W. BATTYE. For Schedules apply—
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TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

TWITTERINGS.

Swansea show I won 4th in Norwich Yellow, not Pritchard; also 5th in Buff Norwich, not Hodder, writes Mr. G. L. HARBER.

We have got 84 specials, including 13 silver and plated cups, for our annual show, writes Mr. V. WYNN, Sec. of the City and Surburban A.C.B.

The business carried on by me at 95, Waterloo Street, Hull, writes Mr. H. Dean, has now been transferred to Miss Parker, at the same address.

Report of City of Glasgow show states that Graham was 4th in the Large British Bird Class, whereas I had that honour.—R. GILMOUR (Kircaldy).

Messrs. Ambler should be winners of Challenge Bowl A.O.V., not T. J. King, as in the Glouecster show eatalogue, writes Mr. W. G. WILLIAMS (Gloucester).

Wolverhampton Show: You credit Mr. Oldroyd with 2nd prize in Class 35, whereas I was 2nd, and I hold the card for same, writes Mr. A. HARPER (Bilston).

Had over 30 replies to my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS re Siskin, writes Mr. J. Esplin (Bonnybridge). Kindly say it is impossible to reply to all.

I wish to thank your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS for the result from my advertisement, as I sold all the birds I advertised, writes Mr. T. SUMMERS (Leeds).

Mr. Blaekie, St. Boswells, writes: In the report of the Dulwich and Peckham show the 2nd in the Border Fancy Yellow Cock was myself, not Mr. Thompson as reported.

In your report of Gloucester Show (Softbill Class), writes Mr. Charles Burrows (Stratford-on-Avon), you say 1st Poole, Lovely Wyneck, etc. This should have been Burrows, etc., owner.

Mr. P. McCarthy (Limerick) writes: With referenee to my advertisement in last week's CAGE BIRDS re "Linnet Wanted," kindly thank all who answered; am unable to reply to all, having received over 70 letters; undoubtedly CAGE BIRDS is a wonderful paper to advertise in.

The birds entered by Mr. Rowles and myself at Swansea, October 30th and 31st, were absent through some blunder on the part of the railway officials, writes Mr. Sydney L. Cocks (Peterboro'), as they were returned to Peterboro' about three hours after they were due at Swansea.

It was a very pleasant surprise on Friday morning, writes Mr. E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), on opening CAGE BIRDS to find my Yellow Norwich gracing the front page of our foremost fancy paper. I beg to thank you for the honour you have done me, and look upon it as practical encouragement. He is the only bird I reared out of a nest of three, and is much better and bigger than either of his parents, both coming from good exhibition stock.

Messrs. Bagshawe and Swarbrick, joint secs. of the Tideswell and District C.B. Improvement Society write:—The committee wish to draw readers attention to the fact that we have no connection with poultry and other sections. Some years ago we added poultry classes to our schedule, but owing to various grievances the whole of the cage bird fanciers left the poultry society. Amongst our members are many old and experienced fanciers, and exhibitors may depend on their exhibits having proper attention. The show will be held on December 7th, in the Bagshawe Hall, a well-lighted and commodious room, quite free from draughts. We trust that cage bird fanciers will rally round us on the occasion.

Report of the Battersea Show reads Linnot, H.C., Maxwell. My bird won the card.—E. R. TEMPLE (Chelmsford).

I shall be pleased to receive schedules of shows from secretaries, writes Mr. A. E. Bishop, 9, Barry Road, Worcester.

The report of Barnstaple Show gives 1st in the 21s. selling class to J. Symons; it should be Hammett and Son (Barnstaple).

Please note change of address to 77, Barton Street, Macclesfield, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, Secretary of the Macclesfield and District C.B.S.

We hear that the next Members' Show of the Macclesfield and District C.B.S. is fixed for November 30th, when Mr. W. Bowyer, Leek, will judge.

My bird was awarded H.C. in the Unflighted Yorkshire Class, Gloucester Show, writes Mr. W. H. Lohr (Carmarthen), not Lovell, as given in report.

Battersea Show report credit Mr. Mabey with cup for best Unflighted, whereas my bird secured that honour, writes Dr. J. E. Sidgwick (Queen's Road, S.E.).

The Blaydon-on-Tyne Show, writes Mr. D. A. Ogilvie, the Secretary, was a record one both for entry and gate, which was three times that of any previous show.

Gloucester Show report says Yorkshire Unflighted 2 and 4 Bailey and Swanger, writes Mr. E. J. Banks (Cardiff), which should be 2 Bailey and Swanger, and 4 Banks.

The Annual Open Show of the Hugglescote and District F.S. will be held in the National Schools, on January 1st, Mr J. N. Harrison, judge, writes Mr. F. Haywood, Sec.

The entries at Penzance and District Show, writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, Sec., do not average one per class. We must extend to Monday morning post, November 11 next.

Kindly inform your readers that I have removed from 50, Tivoli Place to 6, Hawes Road, Little Horton, Bradford, writes Mr. A. Brayshaw, of Messrs. Brayshaw and Jowett.

Owing to unforseen circumstanees the next monthly meeting of the Stoke Newington F.S. will be held on Tuesday, November 19th, instead of the 12th, writes Mr. GEO. DOWDEN.

I have read Mr. H. T. Davies' article on the Shama in your interesting supplement last week, and I ean second all he says about this bird as I have had one for years.—E. TARRATT (Stonehouse).

On a recount I find that Mr. Hodder won the speeial for most points in Open Norwieh Classes, at Dulwieh Show, writes Mr. Woolhouse, the show manager, and not Mr. Morris, as previously stated.

I hope exhibitors will send this popular fixture a bumping entry, writes Mr. Jewiss, the Secretary of Gravesend Show. The committee being all prominent fanciers, the exhibits are always well cared for.

Clapham and District Members Show at the Avondale Hall, London Road, Clapham, today. Grand entry, reeord number of specials. All fanciers in London invited.—S. Baker, Sec., 11, Foulser Road, Upper Tooting.—ADVT.

A sample of wild seed mixture reaches us from Mr. A. E. Cross (Knaphill), for which he has had many repeat orders from well-known fanciers, a fact which causes us no surprise, as examination shows it to be quite one of the best we have ever inspected.

At the recent Newtown St. Boswell's Show, the leading exhibit in the A.O.V. Brit., the property of Mr .G .MeWilliam attracted considerable interest. It is a Fieldfare, and has now won 47 cash prizes and is in his fifth show season, looking just as fit as ever.

Our first show held 30th October turned out a success, writes Mr. E. C. Parnell, Hon. Sec. of the Torbay O.S. Local exhibits were delivered same night, and others despatched by 9 a.m. train next day. After discharging all liabilities we shall have about £6 to start our next show with.

Mr. Brownlie (London) offers a special of a silver-mounted gent's umbrella for the Border classes in connection with the international contest at Gateshead Show, writes Mr. T. Taylor, the Seeretary, and I take the opportunity on behalf of my committee of thanking him for his handsome gift.

I wish to thank all exhibitors who supported me with entries on October 25th and 26th, writes Mr. J. J. Dooley, Hon. Sec., Chesterfield Show. I have received numerous letters thanking me for our prompt payment. All exhibits were got away in good time, and not a single complaint has reached me.

At Luton Show, November 13th (cage birds only), entries don't average one per class. We are compelled to extend until Saturday, November 9th, and ask fanciers to send their entries on, when I will classify. 59 classes and good specials in every class, with popular judges. Fanciers please help us.—E. CHERRY, Sec., 4, Peel Street, Luton, Beds.—ADVT.

Mr. W. F. Heaton (of Nantwich) has been ill of late, writes Mr. William Heaton, junr., and sailed on Saturday last on the "R.M.S. Lusitania" for the States. He hopes he will soon get better. Will secretaries please note he will be unable to fulfill judging engagements? Business as usual through myself, at 42, Princess Road, Moss Side, Manchester.

The entry of members' young birds for the forthcoming Derby Jubilee Show, made at a recent meeting of the club, was not a very large one, the members having again had a very bad season, writes Mr. W. H. Bamsey. It is to be hoped they will have better luck next year, when a silver challenge cup will be competed for as a points' special, the winner each year to be presented with a gold medal, and return the cup at the end of twelve months.

Mansfield Show is fortunate in having the services of that very enthusiastic British and Foreign Bird fancier, Mr. W. Roslyn, a true fancier in every sense of the word, and who makes a capital president.

Fanciers throughout Lancashire and Yorkshire are invited to hurry up with their entries for Blackpool Show. Good prize money and specials. Spend a week end at this famous resort and help to make the show a success.

The genial president of the Derby C.B.C. was elected a member of the Derby Town Council on Friday last by a majority of 220. Mr. Hill's enthusiastic admirers, we hear, carried him shoulder high from the Town Hall to the Liberal Club.

Report of Wolverhampton Show states that Mr. Tonks wins second prize in CAGE BIRDS competition with his 3rd prize Goldie-Greenie, which is incorrect, as my Bullfinch was the only 2nd prize bird entered in your competition.—G. OSBORNE (Wednesfield).



Mr. D. H. Tedstone.

Mr. D. H. Todstone (Brecon), is Hon. Sec. of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, the members of which presented him with a testimonial at Swansea Show, held on Wednesday last.

Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) and Mr. Booth (Hyde) will judge at Pendleton and Salford Open Show on December 13th and 14th, writes Mr. W. Jaekson, the Hon. Sec. Our schedules will be ready shortly, and there is a good classifieation.

At Mansfield Show was to be seen that well-known and highly-respected Crest breeder, Mr. W. Simms, of Sutton-in-Ashfield. He is beginning to look himself again, after his serious illness, and it was with pleasure we heard of his fast progress towards complete recovery.

Kindly thank all those who answered my advertisement last week as I had so many replies that it is impossible for me to do the same. I had answers from all parts of the country, which shows CAGE BIRDS is a valuable paper to advertise in.—W. SALMON (West Hampstead).

I was not showing at Norwich this year owing to the cutting out of three of the British Bird Classes, writes Mr. W. Lowne (Yarmouth), and I know of other exhibitors not showing for the same reasons. Last year with two elasses, one of Linnets and one Redpoll Siskin or Twite, they had 18 entries. Surely they might have put them together and given them another trial, as variety is what the public want, not all Canaries.

I see in last week's exeellent double number an aeeount of a washing exhibition supposed to be given by me, writes Mr. J. H. Winn, of Lancaster. Now I want to contradiet it, and say that it was put together by the secretary, and not by me. I might say there is searcely a thing he mentions except what is contrary to my method, which I will give you at some future date. Sickness in the house prevents me just at present.

Sligo Show exhibitors please note that the following specials are not ineluded in schedule, writes Mr. C. J. Mulligan, Secretary, as they came to hand too late:—Five shillings, presented by Mr. W. Tate (Belfast) for most points gained in Norwich Plainhead classes; silver medal with gold centre for best Yorkshire hen in show; and silver medal with gold centre for the best Norwich Plainhead hen in show, both presented by Mr. T. F. O'Reilly (Dublin).

The question of the open show was fully discussed by a large number of fanciers aud visitors present at Berwick Members' Show, writes "One who was there," and it is to be hoped that Berwick will regain her old position in the Canary world, as the society is composed of genuine fanciers. The equal of the hall secured cannot be found, and the train service is the best in the country between London and Aberdeen, so fanciers should remember this show on November 28th.

I have for a long time been trying to arrange cheap tickets for Bristol F.A. Show, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, the Hon Sec., and have only just succeeded in obtaining the concession, when it is too late to include a coupon in schedule. The great Western and Midland Railway Companies will issue return tickets at a fare and a quarter from any point within 60 miles of Bristol on production to the booking clerk of ticket of admission to our show. It remains for fanciers by availing themselves of this concession to show the Companies that it will pay them to continue it. I shall be glad to supply tickets to intending visitors, who will much assist by making early application.

Who's Who?

Who was that well-known Long Eaton fancier who journeyed to a certain Midland Show not knowing the samo had been cancelled, and transforred to a future date, and who had to return homo a wiser, but sadder man? His comments on the situation are said to have been warm enough to havo colour-fed a room full of Canaries.

A British Rara Avis.

A fino specimen of the Richard's Pipit (*Anthus richardii*) was eaught by a bird-catcher on the Denes, at Great Yarmouth, on October 21st, writes Mr. W. Lowne, the well-known naturalist, and is in my possession, much improving in feather, as it was not through the moult when caught. This is the first I have met with during the 26 years of my experience as an ornithologist.

London to the Fore.

The successes secured by metropolitan exhibitors were an outstanding feature of the recent Dulwieh and Peckham Show. In all departments fanciers residing in London provided outside fanciers with some hard nuts to crack—too hard in many instances. Even in Borders, Mr. Aberdeen, who is quite a young fancier, scored a first against the Northern cracks, and Mr. Brownlie put a fair number of prizes to the great City's credit. In the Norwich Plainheads, Messrs. Morris, Hodder, and Boydon scored very heavily. In Yorkshires, Mr. Crisp had a regular "field day" (four firsts and challenge shield), and Mr. Tyson stood first in both Crests and C.B.'s. Among the British and Foreign, Messrs. Maxwell Prior, Francis, Cook, and others well held their own.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Nov. 7 and 8.—**Greenwich** (J.R., J.Dt.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Preston O.S.** (J.C.B., P.R.)
*Nov. 8 a nd 9.—**Watford C.B.S.** (J.H.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Hinckley** (J.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Sheffield C.B.S.** (A.A., W.V., E.E.S., R.R.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Wallsend** (W.P.B., W.M., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 8 and 9.—**Warrington C.B.S.** (C.H., A.H.)
Nov. 9.—**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.** (D.L., J.P., Ax.C.)
*Nov. 9.—**Bo'ness** (J. Cn.)
*Nov. 9.—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J.Da., J.Str., J.Mn.)
*Nov. 12.—**Cambridge C.B.S.** (J.R., J.F.H.)
*Nov. 12 & 13.—**City of Wakefield O.S.** (J.C.B.)
*Nov. 13.—**Luton** (J.R., J.F.)
*Nov. 14.—**Morthyr Tydfil** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Leeds** (J.R., H.W.B., A.R., J.N.)
*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitohaven** (S.H., C.H., J.Hr.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.Se., J.Ba., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.Dh., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpoth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H.' B.C., J.H.R.)
Nov. 19& 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Soa** (T.H.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Invorness O.A.** (J.Sn., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margato** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Tonbridge & Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley & District C.B.S.** (J.Wk.)
Nov. 21 and 22.—**Lowestoft & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.M.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T., J.W.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.)
Nov. 23.—**Porth** (J.Sn., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P., J.Sk.)
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crock C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Dorby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundoo** (A.C., J.As., J.C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Woybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster)** (T.J.K., J.R., R.H., C.H., P.F.M.G., W.T.P.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tidoswoll.**
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9. **Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11.—**Chestor** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Roading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 12.—**Carmarthen.**
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14. **Gateshoad** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Se., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21,—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2, 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wtn., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.L.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11 —**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Jan. 31.— } **Great National (Crystal**
Feb. 1, 3 & 4. } **Palace) Show.**

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS.

Last year, at our open show, writes Mr. H. Schneider, of Winchester, was the first time I ever exhibited a bird. Naturally, I was unsuccessful, yet I noticed how it was done. Then I started taking in CAGE BIRDS, and I decided to get rid of all my old stock, and went in for a new lot. I was lucky enough to get hold of two good pairs of birds, well matched. Now, thanks to CAGE BIRDS (through which I have become quite an expert), I have been very successful. I give you my warmest thanks.

A correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" writes to that journal as follows.—"Paying a visit to a fashionable milliner in a fashionable street, I expressed my surprise at the number of delicate little osprey plumes in her window. 'I am surprised,' I said, 'after the Queen has asked her subjects to give up wearing them that you should still display them.' 'Madam,' she said, 'there are ladies who will insist upon having them.' I never wore one in my life, and always look upon them with detestation, and hoped their reign was done."

The new Plumstead, Woolwich, and District C.B.S. has arranged a nice little programme for its first season. Washing and cage making demonstrations, shows, and lectures. The rules are concise, practical, and eminently workable. The membership has now reached a total of thirty-two, and each meeting finds the number increased. Much enthusiam is being manifested by the members, and the Society seems to be meeting a much felt want in the neighbourhood. Mr. W. Pawley, 13, Olvin Road, Plumstead, is the hon. sec., and will be pleased to give any information concerning the Society.

Mr. Ernest E. Pass, of 9a, Carlingford Road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts, has just put on the market a useful speciality in the form of an improved drying cage, of which he is the sole manufacturer. It is fitted with zinc tank, tun dish, air valve, emptying tap, loose wire front and glass back, etc. All the fittings are of brass, and the tank can be emptied of water whilst the birds are in it. The price is 10s. 6d. There are others costing only 4s. 6d. each. Either would be worth a trial, Mr. Pass's productions being of the best.

"Storey's Price List" has just been issued. It is a nicely-arranged and well got up catalogue, with index, of the things supplied by Miss L. Storey, bird specialist, Crowle, near Doncaster. The front illustrations show Miss Storey's Yorkshire and Norwich Canary breeding room, and the Roller Canary training room. In her letter of introduction Miss Storey says that the sending of every bird and all appliances on approval is the method she relies on to ensure her customers being perfectly satisfied with their purchases. Roller Canaries are a leading line, while Yorkshires, Norwich, Plainheads and Crests and British birds are also a speciality. Besides birds, Miss Storey provides for the wants of birds, her breeding and show cages, aviaries, netting, and all manner of appliances being of the best quality, and cheap into the bargain. A price list may be had free on application.

Mr. J. Hill has been elected treasurer and myself secretary of the Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S. I may say that we intend bringing this Society to the front. It really ought to be one of the best societies going. I am fully aware of the valuable help to be had from your paper. I am only a novice, this being my first year's breeding (Norwich). I have obtained most of my information from your paper, and have got 18 young, all in the pink of condition from 4 hens and 2 cocks, and have been informed that I have six or seven extra good birds for the show bench, with which I intend having a "pop" this season.—WALTER ROSS, hon. sec., Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S., 69, George Street, Low Valley, Wombwell.

ALLEGED POISONING OF SHOW BIRDS.

TWO SENSATIONAL CASES IN SCOTLAND.

Having heard that four birds belonging to an exhibitor at the recent Arbroath Show were alleged to have died as the result of being given poison while in the show room, we at once requested the secretary Mr. J. S. Napier, to send us the particulars, and he has kindly forwarded the appended letter—(Ed. C.B.):—

"The birds supposed to have been poisoned at Arbroath Show are the property of the president of the Society, Mr. James Strachan, a well-known breeder and exhibitor of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Mr. Strachan had 14 birds in the show, and on the Sunday after the show four birds died, with every appearance of having been poisoned. Since then another has died; but as there were no other birds affected, it would seem to be a vile act of personal spleen. The case is now in the hands of the police, so it will not do to say very much about it. I may also add that Mr. Strachan has offered a reward of £10 to anyone who will give information which will lead to the detection and prosecution of the guilty party.

Another poisoning case is said to have occurred at the Broughty Ferry Show, which came off a fortnight before our Arbroath Show. The bird alleged to have been poisoned was the property of two well-known Dundee gentlemen, who while going round the show in the afternoon, saw a party handling one of their exhibits. Going up to the bird, it is said they saw it drink from the water-glass, then drop off the perch to the floor. One of them took it out of the cage, and it died in his hand. They put the water into a bottle and sent it to an analyst, who told them there was enough poison in it to have killed all the birds in the hall. There was no other bird interfered with."

Mr. C. Campbell will judge Novice and Limit Class in Plainhead section at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, November 15th, writes Mr. J. Brown, secretary. Class 17 should read "Limit Class Cock or Hen, any colour," not Novice and Limit as stated in Schedule; and "Special 94 is open to every exhibitor in Yorkshire classes.

Mr. F. Wyse, a member of the City and Suburban A.C.B., writes us from Flowerburn, Fortrose, N.B.:—I have been up the far North now ten weeks, but shall be returning to London very soon now, for the winter. I have been watching the wild birds here in the woods; there are no end of Chaffinches, Chiff-chaffs, White-throats, Tits, and Wrens, and several kinds I have never seen before. I soon got to know exactly what the majority of them were, by looking up CAGE BIRDS' plates and paper, which I get every week from our secretary, Mr. Wynn. I am very pleased to tell you I have found many readers of CAGE BIRDS up here, and they have told me a good bit of the doings of birds in these Northern parts. I forgot to mention that plenty of Siskins and Redpolls breed here in the Pine Woods.

Scarcely Scarce!

We not infrequently hear a cry raised as to the scarcity of judges. In this connection it is interesting to note that when revising the "Judges' Initials" for this season's list of guaranteed shows it was found necessary to add no fewer than fifty-two fresh names to that feature, over and above the number which appeared last year. The list of judges now bears a very formidable appearance, and this despite the fact that many names have had necessarily to be deleted therefrom.

Special Winners at Dulwich.

Mr. G. F. Woolhouse (Dulwich Show) writes: The winner of the Society's challenge cup for most points is Mr. C. W. Mabey (second time). The Goodwin trophy for runner-up, Mr. W. Morris. Silver rose bowl, best unflighted, Mr. Crisp. Most points in champion section, Mr. Mabey. Most points novice, Mr. J. Johnson. Second, Mr. Hollands. Mr. Waterman, special most entries in novice. Mr. Wall, runner-up. Mr. Brownlie, most entries open classes. Most points British (open), Mr. Maxwell; members, Mr. W. Francis. All birds were delivered to the railway company within four hours of closing show, and have received many letters from exhibitors stating their birds arrived home in good time. Mrs. Goodwin and local ladies' stall for the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children Fund realized £12.

Coventry's Youthful Bird Artists.

The drawing competition promoted by the Coventry O.S. in connection with their recent show, attracted a splendid lot of pencil pictures, no fewer than 340 efforts reaching our Mr. G. E. Weston, to be adjudicated upon. The merit was so level that the task of selecting the winning efforts was no light one. In opening the show, Alderman A. H. Drinkwater said: "I would particularly commend the effort to enlist the interest of the younger generation in birds, so that they may regard them as creatures of life and feeling and beauty. I am sure that every boy who has given thought and attention to the object of his drawing, will feel some admiration for the beautiful form of the bird, and have a better understanding of its place in the world The fact that 340 drawings have been sent in must be very encouraging to the society, and it is a special feature of their work which I hope will be crowned with further success."

OUR FOREIGN BIRD ESSAY COMPETITION.

THE RESULT.

We are pleased to be able to announce the complete success of our recent competition for essays dealing with the keeping of Foreign Birds. Not only was the entry good in point of number, but the judges appointed to select the winning article report that the standard of merit was exceptionally high throughout, and that it was only after prolonged consideration they were able to decide on the essay entitled to first place and our prize of One Guinea. This eventually fell to

Mr. H. S. Davies,
32, New Road,
Llandilo,
South Wales

for the paper entitled "Suitable Foreign Birds for the Novice Exhibitor," printed in our illustrated supplement of last week. We have to announce, however, that in view of the evenness of merit, and the general excellence of the efforts of those who competed, we shall publish from time to time the other essays, and pay for them, as stated in the original conditions, at our usual scale for such matter.

The judges, to whom our best thanks are due for their conscientious and extended consideration of the efforts of competitors, were Stanley M. Townsend, Esq., well-known as a lover and exhibitor of the rarer Foreign species, and honorary show secretary of the Foreign Bird Club, and Frank Finn, Esq., B.A., F.Z.S., whose name and writings will be familiar to all our readers.

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CLUB NOTICES.

Notices of forthcoming Society meetings are inserted free of charge, but they can only be inserted once, and should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free of charge on application to our Manager; secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Headquarters, 8 p.m. Balance sheet for last show.—D. Harwood, sec.

Atterclilfe and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. F. Gregory, and important business for Annual Show. —W. Richinson, sec.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F. S.—Nov. 12, New Inn, Belgrave, 8 o'clock. Table Show of Brit. Birds. Business ro Members' Show.—W. H. Riley, sec.

Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S.—Nov. 11, 8. Balance Sheet for Show.—J. W. Marsden, sec.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Nov. 9, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Classification for Show.—T. Clegg, sec.

British Roller C.C.—Nov. 12, King's Arms Tavern," 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., 8 p.m. "Musical Evening." Members please bring birds.—J. W. Morris, sec.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show, and other business. — F. Mitchell, sec.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30 p.m. Lecture by the Rev. R. P. Hudson, President.—F. E. Holden, asst. sec.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 11, Church Institute, 60 Paddington Street, Marylebone,W., 8.15. Washing Competition; 3 silver medals for Competition; interested visitors warmly welcomed. —V. Wynn, sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30 p.m.—Business connected with Open Show, Dec. 4, 1907.—H. C. Wilkins, sec.

City of Bradford O.S.—Nov. 9, Flying Dutchman. 8. Final Show arrangements. Members to be clear on books for specials.—P. Stansfield, sec.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Love's Hotel, 7. —W. Rutherford, sec.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 13, "Half Moon," 8. Important Show business.—E. Brunskill, sec.

Derby C.B.C.—Next meeting, Nov. 23, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, at 7 p.m. Agenda —Show arrangements, etc.—W. H. Bamsey, hon. sec.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Nov. 9, Club Room, Barley Mow, Wakefield Road, 8. Business important.—J. E. Hudson, sec.

Edinburgh Southern.—Nov. 13, Buchanan's Hotel, 8. Election of office bearers, and other important business.—J. Drysdale, sec.

Federation of C.B. Societies, Ashton-un-Lyne Centre.—Nov. 16, Hazel Grove, Stockport, 6.30. Coming shows.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Allotting of special prizes and other important business.—T. Taylor, sec.

Glossop, Hadfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Howard Arms, 8. Arrangement for Show and new rules, etc.—H. S. Waters, sec.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Nov. 9, Butcher's Arms, 8. Members' Show, Judge Mr. J. Hartley, and Business for Open Show.—S. Dean, sec.

Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.—Nov. 9, Royal Hotel, 7.30 Business, schedule, members to hand in their specials.—R. Gadsden, sec.

L.C.B.A.—Nov. 13, The Napier, 25, High Holborn, 8.45. Definition of a Novice for London. Question of federation, to he followed by a discussion on "Should Yorkshire Canaries be disqualified for over length." Committee meeting at 8. Very important.—T. A. Wade, sec.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table Show, A.V. Canary or Mule (except Norwich), Unfli. Open ditto, Novice, Judge Mr. T. Ride. Members' Show Business, etc.—J. Heighton, sec.

Leith O.S.—Nov. 9, in Lahour Hall, Smith's Place, 7.—Financial statement, election of office- bearers, etc.—G. Brown, sec.

Lewisham Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, 8. Headquarters, pro. tem, 202, High Street, Lewisham. Club Business, important. All fanciers welcome.—H. T. Lucas, hon. sec.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Nov. 14, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Washing Exhibition, and Competition; schedule for Members' Old Show will be ready.—H. Barratt, sec.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon, sec.

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 14, Headquarters, Final arrangements for Show.—F. Broadhurst, sec.

Middlesbrough, Tees-side C.B.S. — Nov. 9, Crown Hotel, 8.30 prompt. Report of Open Show and other special business.—A. Wake, sec.

Middleton O.S.—Nov. 11, Headquarters, 8. Show business, etc.—R. Cowherd, sec.

North London C.B.A.—Nov. 13, Library Hall, Stoke Newington, 8. Members' Judging Competition. Please help to make a success, also other important business.—R. P. Harper, sec.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Nov. 13, Cobden Hall, 8 Final meeting before show.—G. E. Wilkinson, sec.

Oldham and Dist.—Nov. 12, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Show business.—A. Ackroyd, sec.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. — Nov. 11. Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Lecture on Mule Breeding, by R. B. Fryer. Friends cordially invited. New members made at this meeting in time for Open Show.—W. Jackson, hon. sec.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 16, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Pay prize money in Members' Classes and settle Show business.—J. Simcock, sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Nov. 9, College Inn, 8. Show business.—J. C. Hayes, sec.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 11. Sale Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. T. Harrison, on Cage Bird Ailments, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle, sec.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 14, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, 8.—T. Bishop, sec.

South London C. and F.A.—Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E. Annual Show and other business.—G. A. Jeffery, hon. sec. (No date given.—Ed.)

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. First monthly show.—Members only.—A. E Morton, sec.

Stratford and East London, F.S.—Nov. 14, Workman's Hall, 8. Arrangements for Annual Show.—Sid. Sheldrick, sec.

Sunderland.—Nov. 9, Fawett Street Cafe, Smoke Room, 8. Final meeting before Show, and other important business.—F. W. Gordon, sec.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 10, Cross Keys Hotel, 7 Show business, important.—H. H. Bramham, sec.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 12, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Show business.—T. Duffield, hon. sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 9, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Special meeting.—E. W. Johnson, sec.

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Watford, November 8th and 9th.
Merthyr Tydfil, November 14th.
Luton C.B.S., November 13th.
Cambridge C.B.S., November 12th.
Morpeth, November 16th.
Inverness, November 20th.
Bristol C.B.C., November 20th and 21st.
Bolton and District O. and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
Sunderland, November 22nd and 23rd.
Crook C.B.S., November 23rd.
Dublin (Y.C.C. of Ireland), November 28th and 29th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
Weybridge, December 4th.
Bristol Fanciers' Association, December 4th and 5th.
Hartlepools, December 6th and 7th
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Tideswell, December 7th.
Abingdon (North Berks), December 7th.
Porth, December 12th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., December 14th.
Seaham Harbour, December 21st.
Wimbledon, January 8th. and 9th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.

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Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Strengthening the Yellow.

J.R.R.—If you are anxious to strengthen the yellow in your stock, I should strongly advise you to use green blood in preference to cinnamon. The latter would improve the quality of feather; that is, if the birds introduced were good in this respect, but it would not improve the colour. In selecting Greens, see they are of a good rich bronze shade of colour, and not the grassy Greens, as these are not colour producers such as you require. If you cannot procure good Greens, good heavily variegated Yellows will answer.

Poorly Since Breeding.

A Heron.—(1) Give the hen in drinking water fresh daily for a fortnight fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu, ten of Paregoric, and five of good whisky. (2) Let this hen have in a little egg food three times in one week as much Aromatic Confection as will lie on a threepenny piece. Then give in the drinking water, fresh daily for a week, ten drops of Tincture of Quinine, and after on alternate days for a fortnight. (3) Have you got hold of a lot of old stock that have seen the best of their days? It seems such is the case, and I feel strongly inclined to advise you to have a general clearance, for birds that are in the state you say yours are in are not likely to be of much use for breeding next season. Is the place you are keeping them in quite free from dampness and draughts?

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Redmite.

H.K. (Coventry).—If your cage is thoroughly infested with redmite, I should advise you to get a new one, and, before putting your bird into it, dust it well over with good insect powder. Then wrap the bird up in a strip of cotton about six inches wide, all except the head; you may dust the head as well, but don't wrap it up. Let the bird remain in the cloth five minutes, and then put it in the new cage. Do this in the daytime, as then the mites will be mostly in the crevices of the cage, and not on the bird's body. When you have done this, burn the old cage, as this will be the best plan, and the cheapest in the long run. Give the bird a bath on bright days, two or three times a week. Scald a few quassia chips, and put a half teaspoonful of the liquid in the bathing water.

Birds for Breeding.

J.E.H.—Very pleased with your frank and fully descriptive letter. It is a pleasure to reply to anyone who tries to make himself properly understood. In reply, I would not advise keeping the birds you describe, but rather selling them for songsters, if you can, buying a pair to breed with from some breeder whom you know. You might get a decent pair anywhere from 10s. to 30s. Much depends on the quality and standing of the breeder as to the price charged, but until you have had a little experience, I should not advise buying expensive birds. You may try my plan on the one you suggest, viz., buying two hens and breeding songsters for a season, and then try your hand on some better-class stock.

Food After Moult.

A. E. Price.—Try the following mixture: 1lb. best Summer Rape, 1½lb. Gold of Pleasure, ½lb. Inga, ½lb. Maw Seed, half a teaspoonful Pea bird. Each day give a liberal supply of clean, sharp, gritty sand, and give in drinking water, fresh daily, five drops of tincture of steel.

Preparing for Shows.

Anxious.—Stop the Hemp, Watercress, and mixture you are using in the water, and give only half the quantity of colour food, mixing half a teaspoonful of Maw Seed with the food and a little soft sugar. Give six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water fresh daily. There are many birds besides that are not through moult yet, and yours will probably come all right shortly.

A Squeaking Cock.

J. Kennealiy.—Keep the bird in a nice warm place, free from draughts, and give in the drinking water every morning 20 drops of Whiskey, 10 of Paregoric, and 10 of Glycerine. Give fresh every morning, and in the way of food White Seed in the hopper and a little milk sop about noon every day for a fortnight, well mixing with same a little honey.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. NORTH.

Asthmatical Hen.

Only a Novice.—You have nosed, or diagnosed, as the medicos would say, this disease with precision. Well-bred birds are very liable to develop it, and especially so at this time of year. In all probability there is a hereditary predisposition to it; a regime of too much food and too little exercise will complete the mischief. Add 10 drops of antimonial wine to drinking water. Discontinue seed of a fatty nature, such as hemp and maw, giving chiefly Canary seed and a very little German rape. Fruit, such as sweet apple; salad, such as watercress; vegetables, such as boiled carrot or beet root, may be given liberally, but not all of a heap, and the hen would do better in a 30in. breeding cage than in a cubicle, even if she had to rough it with a few other ladies.

A Withering Toe.

J.P.—It is difficult to advise in this case, as the toe has been already cut, but not sufficiently. All one can advise is in the way of relieving pain and to aid recovery of the wound, and for these purposes there is nothing more suitable or easier of application than the Fluid Extract of Witch Hazel, which can be bought at any chemist's, and applied with a brush once or twice every day. From my point of view, it does not appear to be necessary to cut it again. Try suggested remedy first, anyhow.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Hoarse When Singing.

C.H.—A very simple remedy for Rollers a little hoarse (if given in time) is a little fresh butter (not salty), chewed in the mouth into a little stale bread, and stuck on the perch end; or, better still, given in the finger drawer. Instead of the bread, a tiny piece of Osborne biscuit may be used. This "tip" is kept a sort of family secret by many old Roller fanciers. If a bird has a cold, however, it should be kept cosy, in a warm, even temperature, and be given a small teaspoonful of the following, fresh daily, well stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water: Best glycerine and honey, two ounces of each, well mixed together. A piece of sugar candy the size of a small nut dissolved in the water will often also cure hoarseness.

When to Buy.

Grapho.—The best time to buy young, home-bred Rollers, is after they have moulted, and been educated to produce a good song. This would vary with individual birds, of course, but you certainly could get some stock now, quite ready. Birds with a really good song, that is, fit to enter at a show, are always of considerable value, and you might pay from 20s. to 50s. for really good performers. Imported contest birds would cost you more, if guaranteed fit to win at the shows. If you don't want a finished contest singer, then the price would be very much lower. Every breeder ought to have at least one specially good old bird in his room to train the youngsters under.

Roller Moulting.

Snip.—Possibly the changeable damp weather is the cause of the trouble. The bird will get over it all right, seeing he bears it so well up to the present, and be quite fit to breed with the coming spring. Keep him strictly out of draughts, and give in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, fresh daily. Let him have a little good, soft food daily—Canary-bread, or some good patent food, as advertised in "C.B."

Very Hoarse.

A.R.S.—You did not give the medicine strong enough; one small teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of drinking water is the correct dose. Leave out the lemon juice. You must keep the bird very cosy and warm, covering the cage at night. It is quite correct to give the soft bread. Give the medicine for another ten days or so, the revised strength, and then let me know if there is no sign of improvement. It is very rarely that it fails, if proper attention is given to the surroundings of the patient. I presume you have had the bird some time, and know that his song is naturally good?

Several Matters.

Ceegee.—1, It is against the rules to give addresses in these columns, but if you sent your communication in a stamped envelope to the Editor, he no doubt would have it posted to the gentleman you name. 2, If the loud, noisy singing is part of the natural song of the Roller, you can do nothing to check it, and I advise you to get rid of the bird, as it will infect any high-class stock it comes in contact with—the best of birds will pick up freely the bad notes it hears. Canary seed doesn't alter a bird's song, and it is not a forcing enough food to make them sing louder. Rollers will sing more shrilly when the pairing fever is on them, but they sing good notes, and don't lapse into "chopping" and other abominable noises. 3, The canary seed seems very decent stuff, but I should not look upon it as best Spanish. 4, The rape seed is most certainly not genuine German "rubsen"—it has quite a hot, mustardy taste when chewed.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Canary Seed; Linnet Mixture.

Trombone.—1: I'm bothered if I could see much difference in the two samples of canary seed. Neither could be considered of really high quality, and I don't think you could go far wrong whichever you decided upon. Better is to be bought, undoubtedly. 2: A good seed mixture for Linnets would be canary three parts, teazle two parts, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one part each. A feed of maw seed and a little hemp can be given occasionally, as a change; also a good wild-seed mixture. Cracked hemp (fresh made every day) should be given freely to fresh-caught Linnets; likewise maw seed. Let them have plenty of ripe, seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed if you can get it, also thistle, etc., heads. I should say that where a door is always open, there is bound to be a draught.

Goldfinch Moulting.

Junior Dick.—A Goldfinch cannot be expected to get over the moult in a month. The blaze is always the last part to moult—just the same as in other species the head is the last spot. Further, the colour of the new blaze is always peculiar at first, just when the pen feathers are clearing out of it. This need not alarm you, however, for as the bird throws off the effects of the moult, his blaze will come up in colour (or "darken down," as many fanciers term it), and quickly turn to the deep scarlet it was before he struck into moult. If a bird seems very slow in getting rid of the last few "pens" in its face, the removal may be accelerated by gently brushing (or grooming) the blaze every day for a few minutes with a camel-hair tooth brush dipped in fairly warm water. Always brush downwards, the way the feathers lie, and keep the bristles out of the bird's eyes. After the pen feathers have disappeared, the blaze should be groomed daily with a corner of an old, soft silk handkerchief, which has had one drop of pure olive oil rubbed into it.

Linnets and Canaries Dying.

R. Howells.—You do not give any particulars to help one to form an opinion—no facts about the feeding, or anything. On the face of it, the case looks very like one of bird-fever, or other infectious trouble. Your best plan would be to send a dead body to our Mr. North for post-mortem examination (see rules). If you have had a bird suffering from fever at any time, then one's cages can become infected and communicate the disease to any further birds which may be housed in them. The best remedy, really, is to burn them and buy fresh. For replies direct note our rules.

Diet of Chaffinch.

E. A.—Green food and hemp seed make up a queer diet for a Chaffinch. As a matter of fact, hemp should be given but very sparingly indeed, as an occasional treat. Let the stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three parts each, linseed, sunflower, summer rape, and charlock one part each. Maw, wild seed mixture, niger, thistle, dandelion, etc., can be given now and again, as a treat, with a mealworm or two every day or so. A little ripe fruit is often relished. I have never found Chaffinches very keen on green food, personally, though sometimes they'll nibble at a sprig. All sorts of live foods (flies, etc.) they delight in.

Class for Siberians.

Siberian.—If the word British were not specified in the schedule of a show, then a Siberian Goldfinch would compete in the ordinary Goldfinch class. But where the latter obtains the class heading generally reads "Goldfinch, any Nationality." In most cases, where plain "Goldfinch" is set down, this comes directly under the section heading of British Birds, and where this is so, only English Goldies are eligible. When the Goldfinch class is restricted to British Finches, then all Siberians must go into the class for "Small Foreign Birds." Sometimes one gets a class especially for Foreign Goldies and Bullies.

Skylark's Peculiar Moult.

J. R. C.—Are you sure the Skylark has not broken the tail-feathers off short? If so the stumps would be noticed on examination, and these should be extracted, when the tail would be reproduced in about six weeks forward. Cases of erratic moulting are by no means uncommon, and it may be that your bird will go tail-less until the next moulting season comes round. Mix 3 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food amongst its daily allowance of soft-food, and gradually increase the quantity to 8 drops. Keep this up for a fortnight at least. The roughness of the body plumage can be put right, providing it is not due to some defect or other of the feather, by a course of the following treatment—often one trial is sufficient. Spray the bird, not too heavily, with water which has had the chill removed. When he is looking fairly wet, take a handful of fine, but gritty sand, and thoroughly dust it over him. Keep him in a warmed room, out of draughts, until quite dry again, and he has preened himself well. For getting Larks, and similar species into "exhibition form, this simple treatment, so far as the look of the plumage is concerned, cannot be beaten.

Goldfinch "Hung Up" in the Moult.

W.A.—You are making a very grave mistake in leaving the bird out-of-doors all day, especially seeing the damp, abominable weather we have been having. Take him into a warmed room, out of all draughts at once. Cover cage over at night. For one day dissolve in the drinking water as much sulphate of soda (get an ounce from the chemist) as will lie on a shilling. Repeat it after a day's interval on plain water. Let him have plenty of maw and niger seeds to eat. Have never used terebene in a bird's drinking water, and don't think I ever shall. I should certainly stop it. Write me again in 12 days' time. I think you will have found the symptoms you mention have vanished then.

A Queer State.

Z.W.V.—Trouble with insect pests, if at all severe (and it soon reaches this stage when neglected) will certainly cause birds to go bare in places, and even to look practically stripped of feathers. I believe it is established beyond question that one mite liable to infest birds can quickly destroy the web of feather. Birds in "soft moult" may either die, or they may reproduce the plumage again the same as in the ordinary moult, and be none the worse for the experience, although it usually weakens them. A confirmed feather plucker in an aviary, can soon render the plumage of other birds most unsightly. I have myself seen cock Bullfinches stripped by another cock Bullie of practically every feather except the tail and wing flights. And the owner all the time was puzzling his brains as to the cause of the apparent lapse from good taste of certain of his Bullies. Is your friend sure the birds were not being worried with mites or lice of some kind or other? Such things will sometimes multiply at an astounding rate among birds kept in warmed living rooms, and oft times entirely unsuspected by the owner of them. It would not stop birds from breeding, providing they were freed from the pest, of course. The new plumage may go the way of the old if the latter be not done.

Mainly About Bullfinches.

O. E. B.—1, and 2: You could keep a cock and hen Bullfinch and a hen Canary together through the winter in a good-sized flight cage. But your cage 18 ins. long by 8 ins. wide is really only large enough to make a stock cage for one bird—certainly not for three. I don't think for a moment the cock Bullie would mate with the two hens at the same time. It is probable he would not fertilize the eggs of either, for cock Bullies are not reliable breeders in captivity at the best of times. 3: The neglect of the bath is the cause of the dull, coarse-looking plumage. You can only spray the bird daily. Don't make him too wet, or the result may be serious. If in a larger cage, he might bathe freely. Bullies are very fond of the tub, as a rule. Bullies want plenty of wild seeds and berries (black, privet, etc.), to help the breast colour along during and after the moult. 4: Bullfinches do not sing, that is, in the sense that Linnets and Canaries sing, but only "pipe"—making a queer combination of sounds not unlike the melody emanating from a rusty gate hinge—a hinge, however, blessed with a rather uncommon percentage of more-or-less pleasing notes.

A Variety.

Byker.—Such a book as you enquire about will probably be published very shortly from this office. For three or four days well stir half-a-teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum, from the chemist), in two tablespoonfuls of the Linnet's drinking water, mixing it afresh every day. Give plenty of maw seed daily, and put a piece of cuttlefish, or old mortar, or even ordinary chalk, between the cage wires, for it to peck at. Roller hens are good breeders, as a rule, but you cannot expect to produce very large or handsome Mules from them, and especially from buffs.

Larks Breeding in Captivity.

J. T. Nuttall.—Yes; Skylarks have been bred in captivity, and accounts of the proceedings have appeared in CAGE BIRDS. One gentleman, living at Birmingham, had considerable trouble, he said, in supplying food on which the old birds would rear the young—gnats, flies, etc. I was shown a nestling Lark this summer, however, which I was told was bred in an ordinary rough-and-ready outdoor flight-cage, and which its parents reared, with others, on the ordinary food supplied to the species.

Canary Seed Sample.

W. W. H.—The canary seed looks all right, and tastes very well indeed. Have seen it bigger and holder, but this does not say that yours is not good enough to give to the birds.

A "Sick" Goldfinch.

H. Knight.—I think you are mistaken; the Goldie is not "sick" in the sense that you intend the term. No Goldfinch would have "vomited food on to the perch for the past three months" and still have kept in "lovely" condition. The vomiting, (or, rather, regurgitating) of the food is more likely to be the usual sign of breeding condition in the Goldfinch. To moult erratically is quite a common thing with captive birds, and you really need not be surprised at your Finch's conduct in not casting a feather as yet. You should try a sudden change of temperature for a spell—if kept in a cold room, transfer to a warm one, or vice versa. This is very effective, usually, in bringing on the moult.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Pekin Robin with Canaries, &c.

Pekin Robin.—I cannot gather from your query whether your cage is already fully occupied, but, providing they are not overcrowded, no harm will come of keeping these birds together; neither will the soft food for the Pekin harm the other birds, though there is a possibility of the Pekin taking more seed than is good for him. Diet for the Pekin: Soft food, either one of the mixtures advertised in our food columns, or equal parts of the following: Ants' eggs (good), sponge cake (crumbled), dried flies, crushed Osborne biscuits, and a few scalded grocers' currants; make crumbly moist for use. Also supply greenfood, ripe fruit, and two or three mealworms or other insects daily. You are likely to succeed better with six to eight birds in the cage than with a larger number; the cage must be kept strictly clean, and grit and cuttlefish regularly supplied.

Illness of Grey Parrot.

Beginner.—Give the bird for one day only one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize; repeat the dose as may be necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not loose. Get from your chemist following mixture: Ipecacuanha Wine, Oxymel of Squills, and Glycerine, in equal parts; take one teaspoonful of the mixture to each ounce of the drinking water, and let the bird have only this to drink for the next few days, with the exception of a few sips of clear water once a day. In the case of any running at the nostril developing, spray same with diluted Glyco-Thymoline twice a day, while trouble lasts. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, and its cage strictly clean. Unless your bird is very young, it will be better without the boiled maize, but don't make the change suddenly; gradually wean it from the maize as soon as you find it eating heartily of the dry seed mixture. I should recommend you to use the following mixture: 1 quart canary, oats, and 1 pint each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and always keep supply in the cage. Continue to tempt with ripe fruit, nuts, green food, and plain biscuits. It will ultimately take to them. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage. Do not give table scraps, sops, slops, or any kind of animal food. Report progress in about ten days.

Birds for Out-door Aviary.

Stanley.—You have ample accommodation for 40 birds the size of a Norwich Canary, but as you want some breeding results, I should advise not more than 10 to 12 pairs. As regards kind, I take it you have not had much experience with keeping Foreigners, and should recommend the cheaper and hardier kinds, such as Zebra, Ribbon, Sufous-tailed and Gouldian Finches, Spice Birds, Silver Bills, Java Sparrows, both White and Grey variety; also a few Waxbills such as Grey, Orange Cheeks, Golden-breasted, and Common and Green Avadavats. A pair of Diamond Dover (very small) would make a pleasing variety; they are almost certain breeders, and would not interfere with the smallest Waxbill. All the above would thrive on canary, millet and spray millet, with a few oats and a little "Paddy" rice, also green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing. A little of some good soft food mixture would be required when there were young to be fed, and regularly a few ants' eggs scattered in the aviary form a valuable addition to the aviary bill of fare.

What Parrakeet?

A.T.C.—Your bird is a Plum or Blossom-headed Parrakeet, and from its demeanour it is evidently a female. I see no reason why it should not breed with the Ring-neck; by all means leave them together, and there is a strong probability that you will get young, but you may possibly have to wait a twelvemonth for them, as your Blossom-head is evidently still immature. At any rate,

supply them with a log nest, or a nest box of suitable size with a concave bottom, and then, apart from attending to their wants, leave them to themselves. Hope you will have luck with them.

Sexing and Breeding of Budgerigars.

C.B.H.—The cock Budgerigar has a blue cere, that of the hen being brownish buff, when they are in breeding condition; the cere is the part surrounding the nostrils. Diet: Canary and millet, with a few oats once or twice a week, green food, cuttlefish and water ad lib., though they are but small drinkers; when they have young to feed, oats should be supplied daily. The cage should be of the box type, and a minimum size of 2½ by 1½ by 1½ feet; in exceptional cases I have known them to breed in quite a small cage, but such procedure is not to be recommended, as frequently the young, or some of them, do not develop properly, and in some instances are deformed. Having a cocoa-nut husk at each end of the cage and leave them to themselves; they require no nesting material. They should commence nesting in the spring, and usually then go on bringing up brood after brood till stopped by the moult. Sometimes, when only one pair is kept, they take a little longer to settle down to nesting.

Cardinals, Java Sparrows, etc.

M.F.M.—(1) Yes, the Red-crested Cardinal will agree with Budgerigars, Cockatoels, and Java Sparrows. (2) The White Java Sparrows will winter out of doors safely providing they have already been outside for most of the summer, and that your aviary gives ample space for exercise. The Red-crested Cardinal is a hardy species, and you need have no fear for this bird. Both species do well, both winter and summer, in my garden aviary, and are hardy and enduring, i.e., long-lived under these conditions. The Cardinal should have access to ripe fruit and a few mealworms or other insects, in addition to their other diet. As regards fruit, I have found banana, orange, apple and pear all equally favoured, providing it was ripe. It should not be given in any other condition.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (C. Harrison).—Inflammation of lungs and apoplexy, possibly of an infectious nature. See answer to B.J.J., pages 247 and 273.

Canary (E. Hulock).—Chronic softening of liver, feverishness, acute inflammation of lungs, and apoplexy. Follow advice given above, if necessary.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Addresses (Anxious).—The addresses you want are Mr. W. H. Shackleton, The Paragon Aviaries, Girlington, Bradford, and Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Sandy Lane, Alleston.

Foreign Bird Essay (A. Ladenburg).—The announcement made this week will answer your question. The article you mention is sure of securing insertion in the near future.

Society for Shildon (J.H.E.)—We shall be very pleased to help you if you will send your name and address, and let us know exactly what you would like us to do.

"Poem" in Broad Scots (J. Steel).—Your dialect is as strong as some of Scotia's mountain dew, and made our brain whirl like a laddie in a Highland fling. If our printers will stand it, and they happen to have a "braw laddie" on their staff, we shall hope to find the "poem" a corner one of these days.

Club Notice (H. T. Lucas).—If your society is holding meetings weekly until the end of the year, we shall, of course, willingly insert the notices of same in the usual column.

White Owl (Jaques).—Thanks for cutting you send us, for which we shall hope to find a vacant corner.

Cutting (H.T.L.)—We are extremely obliged to you for sending the cutting, and agree with all you say concerning the matter.

Our Coupon Scheme (E. Rogers).—Both birds in open and members' classes are eligible to compete for our coupon scheme prizes. As a matter of fact, many birds in members' classes have already annexed the cash at coupon shows.

A would-be Poultry Farmer (A. Livvenden).—As your query relates to poultry, we have handed it over to the editor of the "Poultry World," who will doubtless deal with it in the next issue. In the meantime, we should suggest your communicating with the town clerk of Southend-on-Sea, who will gladly supply many of the particulars you require.

The Care of Young Scotch Fancies

When the young come forth, the day before they are due a small dish containing egg food should be put into the cage. Always leave plenty of egg food in the cage overnight, so that the parent birds can feed the young at daybreak. While the hen is sitting it is well to disturb her as little as possible. After the third or fourth week the young birds can as a rule look after themselves so far as feeding is concerned, and when a month old can safely be transferred to another cage. They should be fed with egg food, also a little boiled rape seed mixed with it, and is at this stage they require all the attention you can bestow upon them. When the young are three days old a little green food will do no harm. I will now draw this paper to a close, but might warn the beginner not to work his hens too severe. A common thing is for a hen to have three or four nests in the season. If you wish to preserve them for future seasons I would advise you to stop them at three, and you may consider yourself lucky if you manage to rear one half of the birds you get produced. This season, so far as I am concerned, has been very disappointing, and no doubt there are others with similar experiences, the weather being far too cold.—J. RENWICK (Glasgow).

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Yorkshire Union held a delegates' meeting at Sandy Lane Show on November 2nd, the principal item being the objection by the Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S. to a bird in the novice classes for alleged clipping of tail feathers at their show on October 26th. The bird objected to was taken charge of by the secretary of the show, Mr. A. Holden, and was brought by him to the delegates' meeting. Three experienced fanciers were nominated to thoroughly examine the bird and give their opinion as to the alleged clipping. Their report was against the exhibitor, holding that the feathers plainly showed they had been tampered with. The owner disclaimed all knowledge of the matter, and this, we understand, had much to do with the sentence being very light, viz., to forfeit the prize-money (12s. 6d.) and points (7) gained at that show. The bird is to be suspended for six weeks. The latter part of the sentence has caused some comment in the Bradford district, many saying it is practically no sentence at all, in fact, only just the time he required to get the bird in good trim again.

BRADFORD CITY held a members' show on November 2nd, "birds to be staged at 8 p.m." But owing to the usual room being engaged by a party of Oddfellows, who refused to budge, thus allowing their "oddity" to prevail, the birdy men had to make shift with a smaller one. Thus they could only unpack about two or three classes at a time, and these had to be judged and then packed up again to make room for the next classes. This contretemps, however, will not occur again, as the Oddfellows were vested in a new order by the landlord, this being "The Order of the Push."

THE shows at present are receiving very good support from exhibitors. At Sandy Lane no less than 479 birds were staged, and at Bramley 468 were on view. The British and Mules, etc., at the latter show were a grand sight. A few from Bradford sent entries to Darlington. Altogether, therefore, last week-end was a lively time for the birdy men.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 11.—Gloucester—H. Gunn, Sandhurst Road.
" **11.—Northampton.**—G. M. Lorkman, 210, Wellingboro' Road.
" **11—Kirbymoorside.**—Reed & Calam.
" **11—Lowestoft**—G. Francis, South Wharf.
" **11—Blackpool**—A. J. Winterbottom, 9, Clinton Avenue.
" **11—Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Sq.
" **11—Leeds**—Wilkins and Towes, Oakhurst, Moortown, Leeds.
" **11—Glasgow**—(1st post) J. Brown, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.
" **12—Tenbridge**—P. W. Burton, Guildford House, Albert Road.
" **12 Gravesend**—H. R. Jewiss.
" **12—Hastings**—Godden, Ceylon House, Gore St.
" **13—Inverness**—A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.
" **13—Bristol**—J. Munro, Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster.
" **13—Selby**—J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook St.
" **13.—Southend**—B. P. T. Jones, Cherhill, Lancaster Gardens.
" **14—Morriston**—D. Jeremy, Glancbyd Cottage, Tanylan Rd.
" **14—Sudbury**—C. H. Row, 9, North St., Sudbury.
" **14—Dover**—Worrex, Cherrytree Av.
" **14.—Launceston.**—F. Bright.
" **14.—Banbury.**—Hazlewood & Nelson, 63, Causeway.
" **15—Cambridge**—W. Driver, 17, Sussex St.
" **16.—Loughboro'.**—F. Mee, 79, Nottingham Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

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A FEAST OF BIRDS.

A REMARKABLE SIGHT TO BE SEEN AT NORWICH.

On the occasion of the recent exhibition held at Norwich, a representative of CAGE BIRDS had the pleasure of spending a few hours with that bird specialist of world-wide repute, Mr W. Rudd, who showed him over the splendid bird rooms, aviaries, and workshops utilised in the course of the vast business done by him in every variety of the Canary family, and in bird room requisites and foods, to say nothing of the British birds, and birds from foreign climes. Mr. Rudd's is a personality that impresses one at once—his every word betokens the keen, up-to-date business man, just as every method he employs shows clearly that the best only is what he consistently endeavours to provide for his customers.

Mr. Rudd has extensive grounds and rooms at his large private residence in Park Lane, but it is at a specially fitted, very spacious and substantial house close by that the chief bird rooms, with workshops at the rear, are situated. To this we wended our way, and first of all had a peep at some interesting rarities reposing in glass cases in the office—the latter, by the way, typical of the whole building, very cosy and comfortable, yet designed to allow a great amount of work being got through at high speed. A wonderfully big Siberian Bullie made a fit companion for what at one time must have been a champion 4-pointed Goldfinch Canary Hybrid, of rare size and very lightly marked. There were several Pied Bullfinches here, two of which once belonged to the Royal family, coming direct from Windsor-Castle to Mr. Rudd, and also a grand black Bullfinch, dense jet black, and with a coat like silk. We also saw a splendid Crested hen, and many other rare and fine examples, all of which must have been a treat to look upon when in the flesh.

At the back of the private office is the general office, a roomy place wherein a staff of clerks deal with the heavy correspondence, and the proper despatching of the birds, etc., the latter under the watchful eye of Mr. Rudd himself. It is worthy of note that above the principal's desk, and along one side of this room are arranged the cages of the high-class Roller Canaries, where they can be seen and heard singing, and their qualities duly noted, thus ensuring customers getting exactly the bird they require, and one unquestionably in full song. A similar procedure, I may say, is gone through with all the Mules and every variety of Canary sold for songsters, so that there is no possibility of Mr. Rudd's customers, who want singing pets, getting anything not at the time of sale actually in song. Here, also, is kept the stock of books and periodicals issued or sold by Mr. Rudd, and these occupy a very considerable space.

Out in the workshops we saw every conceivable pattern of cage, both stock, breeding and show, in the course of manufacture, and a fine stock of seasoned wood, and other "raw materials." Any and every kind can be had to order, made in the best style and at reasonable prices. The number of travelling boxes ready at hand, made me stare—there were thousands and thousands of them stacked from floor to ceiling. A collapsible breeding cage (which folds up into about three inches depth!) and show cage are very ingenious and practical, and should be a boon to foreign customers.

The sight upstairs in the bird rooms, almost beggars description. We knew that we were bound to see a wonderful collection, but that it would be of such an extensive nature as was disclosed, we had never imagined. Mr. Rudd is specially proud of the fact that every bird he from time to time may advertise (and readers of CAGE BIRDS know what this means!), he has actually in stock at that moment. Others may go out and buy just as the demand requires. But that is not Mr. Rudd's way. He knows that by that method he cannot hope to give his customers exceptional value at a low figure—the rock on which he bases his whole business. He buys from the best breeders, frequently in very large quantities, and keeps the stock "in the pink of condition," awaiting customers' requirements. He lays himself out to supply either first-class show and stock birds, containing the best blood of the day, down to the good, but humble-priced pair, mated to suit the pocket of the working man, or the beginner in the hobby. Every room is beautifully fitted with stacks of first-class cages, and every floor laid with linoleum, while that the staff is made up of expert bird-keepers, the condition of rooms and birds alike give ample proof. We saw many show birds, including some dozen Crests to make any man's mouth water, one or two of the hens being real gems, fit to compete anywhere, while the Crestbreds were equally good, excelling in size, feather and skull. The show Norwich Plainheads, including a smart 4-pointed, and the Yorkshires are also particularly choice lots, beautifully colour-fed, and every one of standard type. As we passed from room to room high-class Scotch, Belgians, Borders, Lancashires (both Coppys and Plainheads), Lizards, Cinnamons, and some wonderfully good Dutch Frills, just imported direct from a celebrated Continental breeder, caught our surprised and delighted eyes. Mr. Rudd pays every attention to the selection of suiable stock birds, and breeding pairs properly mated. There were to be seen here hundreds and hundreds of desirable breeding hens, and typical breeding cocks in all varieties of the Canary tribe. Then there were Mules and Hybrids (including many grand light Goldie Canaries) a choice assortment of British for show and Moulting, and some splendid foreign birds, notably exceptionally fine Grey and Amazon Parrots. Mr. Rudd has a rarity in a charming cinnamon-coloured cock Linnet. Curiously enough, when we expressed our astonishment to Mr. Rudd at the extraordinary extent and variety of his stock, he only smiled and said: 'This is nothing. You just want to come and look round in a few weeks time, when I have completed my arrangements for coping with the breeding season rush." And so we bade good-bye to Park Lane, Norwich, which surely contains one of the most marvellous collections of birds ever gathered together.

IN THE COURTS.

A JUDGE'S "LOATHING."

Remarkable Address to the Jury.

At Reading County Court, on October 31st, Judge Russell delivered a remarkable summing up to the jury in a case in which John Iles, a Reading bird catcher and fancier, sued Police-Constable Hopkins for £25 for wrongfully and unlawfully stopping him, searching him, and arresting him and taking him into custody. The Prosecution said that on four occasions the police had prosecuted the plaintiff for offences alleged to have been committed in his calling, and on one occasion Iles successfully complained of a wrong done to him by a member of the Berks Constabulary, and was awarded £50 damages. In his evidence Iles showed that he was arrested by Hopkins and conveyed to the police station at Twyford, although he had informed the defendant that the birds he had with him had been in his possession for some months, and that he was delivering them to a customer at Twyford. His evidence was corroborated by two independent witnesses.—Addressing the jury Judge Russell observed (according to the "Daily Chronicle"), "You were summoned to hear this case, the verdict rests with you; but I will say what I have not said to a jury before, that if I had to decide this case I would, without the slightest hesitation, decide in favour of the defendant. The case presented to you for the defendant showed there was no imprisonment at all, and that, if you believe the constable, no such thing did occur. But, on the other hand, if you believe the plaintiff's version it is another thing. I may take a prejudiced view because Iles is a bird fancier. He belongs to a calling which I regard with the greatest possible loathing."—The jury disagreed. The case will be retried.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A Washing Competition.

A washing competition on 24th October at the "Bay Malton," Great Portland-street, W., proved an enjoyable and instructive display. The competition was divided into two classes—champion and novice—and two handsome silver-mounted pipes were offered by the association as prizes. The arrangements made for the washing were admirable Messrs. Williams and Morrison supplied the birds, and Mr. Williams the drying cages and implements. Upon the chairman calling for the names of the competitors, Messrs. Shakespeare, Bell, and E. Pretty entered as champions, and Messrs. Stacey, Orme, Hammant, and Hawes as novices. Messrs. Sam Smith and Oldaker kindly acted as judges. There was no denying Mr. Shakespeare's prowess and all-round ability in the washing art. It was an eye-opener to those who have not had the privilege of seeing him wash birds before. The dexterity with which he handles the bird, and the quickness and thoroughness of the washing called forth the admiration of all. Messrs. Bell and E. Pretty also gave a fine display, and deserve every credit for their performances. The turn of the novices then came, and though they lacked the long experience of the champions, the display all round was very creditable. Messrs. Stacey and Orme ran each other very close for premier honours, with Messrs. Hawes and Hammant hard on their heels. The judges declared Mr. Shakespeare the winner of the champion section, and Mr. Stacey of the novice section, the chairman congratulating each on their success in a few suitable remarks. The judges were then beseiged with questions all round. Replying to Mr. Hawes, Mr. Oldaker said it was very necessary to well rinse the bird after washing so as to remove all traces of soap, otherwise the feathers were liable to get stuck. This was especially important round the neck, as the feathers were very likely to get twisted, it being a most difficult job to set them right again. On the question of fatigue, Mr. Oldaker said that this entirely depended on the staying powers of each individual bird; some would stand washing easily, but others, with highly nervous natures, wanted most careful handling. If a bird became too exhausted, he advised rolling the bird in a soft cloth, laying it on the hand and holding it in front of the fire, tail to the heat. So long as the human could stand the heat it was all right for the bird. This often had a most beneficial effect on nervous birds, prior to their being transferred to the drying cage. Mr. Williams asked what was the best soap to use? Mr. Oldaker said he believed strongly in curd soap, but any soap, not too strong, was suitable, some more than others. Sunlight soap he would never advise using on account of the strong soda element in it, though in the case of an extremely dirty bird a little used judiciously would have a good effect. On the question of brushes versus sponges, Mr. Sam Smith said that in his opinion nothing was better than a good quality hair shaving brush, as it enabled one to work well into the feathers in a much shorter space of time than if a sponge were used. The President asked if rain water were good for use in washing? Mr. Oldaker said that if he could get pure clean rain water it would be a most excellent thing on account of its softness; soft water was better at all times, and he would advise Londoners to put a small quantity of washing soap powder into the first water, which has a very good effect in the softening of hard water. The President announced that several more "specials" and medals had come in for the autumn show, and there would be novel conditions laid down in the winning of the medals. He hoped all the members would make a big attempt to insure the success of the show. Hearty votes of thanks to Messrs. Williams, Morrison, Smith, Oldaker, and the chairman, closed the meeting.

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The Breeding Season and Its Results.

By W. EVINS.

A Paper read before the Exeter and Dis. C.B.S., on September 3rd.

(*Continued from page* 174.)

The position of a birdroom, to my mind, is not of any great importance, so long as there is plenty of light and air. Most fanciers advocate a south room, but from practical experience I would as soon have one facing north for the reason that the temperature does not vary much, and you have nearly a level heat night and day. We find a south room alters considerably, being high at mid-day, and dropping as much as 20 degrees in the night. Now these extremes cannot be good for our birds, and I have also found the red mite much more plentiful in the south room than in the north.

DOUBLE CRESTING.

We have done very little at this. I think it usually results in a lot of rough crests. We have only had two nests, and have reared five crests, four are very disarranged, but one is perfect in shape. I don't see that I have gained anything, as I have better crests than have come from crest and crestbred. Double cresting, in my opinion, will not increase size, but only tend to thicken the crest. An ideal pair to double-crest with, would be two very large thin crests, perfect in shape, and with a well-placed, neat centre. Unless the right material is used double-cresting is best left alone, as it will only result in disappointment. Dense crests should not be used for this purpose. Now the moulting season is getting on, fanciers must begin to have a look around their rooms, and select the birds they wish to retain for next year's breeding. Take the old birds first, and keep all those that have bred you good young ones, but see that they are in good health. Some hens, after one year's breeding, are ruined completely in health, and not likely to be of any further use. Cocks that have not fertilised many eggs, and hens that have been shy in laying, should not be retained, as they are likely to do badly again. Select from among the young ones the birds that are nearest to the ideal of the variety you go in for. Do not keep a poor-looking specimen because he came from good ones, or from birds you have paid a good price for. It is only by keeping the equals, and improvements on the old birds, that we are likely to make any headway in the fancy.

INTRODUCING NEW BLOOD.

Now is the time to find out if we need to introduce any new blood into the stock. If so, carefully decide on what you want, and get it. Go to a honest breeder, and pay a fair price, but do not expect to buy a good bird for little money. The end of October is the best time to purchase birds, most breeders will have a roomful, therefore you will have a good selection to choose from. Now to our younger members who are just taking up the fancy, I would say: Whatever variety you are going in for, get something decent to start with, remember good birds do not cost more to feed than common ones. Crests, to my mind, are the most interesting variety, and when you have any surplus birds to dispose of, they soon find a purchaser, and good prices can be obtained for good birds. I know of a breeder who refused £30 for a crested cock last year. Another fancier had an offer of £15 for a young crestbred cock, but would not part. These are only two cases within my own knowledge, and no doubt many more instances could be given. Good Crests and Crestbreds, from £5 to £10 apiece, are in great demand, and easier to sell than medium ones at about 20s. Anyone going in for Crests should first acquire a knowledge of how to breed birds, by keeping a few pairs of common Canaries. Then get a Crested Cock and two Crestbred hens to start with. Go to a reliable breeder and pay about four or five pounds. For that three useful stock birds should be obtained. You will not get birds that will do you any service at a less price. If you can pay more, all the better, so long as you get value for your money. Do not buy birds with a long pedigree which are nothing to look at. Crests, I consider, are worth exactly what they appear to be. A bad Crest is a bad Crest, whoever bred it, and is likely to produce bad ones. Therefore have a bird that is something to look at. More care is required in selecting a good Crestbred. Make sure he is bred from good Crests. In addition he should possess long, leafy feather, rising from the base of the beak, and the longer the better.

HOW TO FIND THE CASH.

Some of you will say how is a working man to find the money to purchase the necessary birds to commence with? To these I would say, there are many working men breeding good Crests, and what has been done can be done again, but remember success will only be obtained by going in for the right material, and hard plodding. When you have bred a good bird, a good plan is not to be tempted to part with it, at least, until you have bred a better one. There are many points to be considered in breeding Crests—size and formation is of course the first; a crest cannot be too large. Quality of feather is of great importance, one wide, leafy feather is worth three or four thin, narrow ones. Size of bird is another point which must not be overlooked. There are many good little 'uns about, but the good big 'uns are few and far between. Young fanciers should get all the information they can about birds, and gradually work up a system which will lead to success. Find out where you fail, and try to remedy same.

Birds of a Feather, etc.

All Corvine birds consort together and show a fondness for each other's company. Jackdaws are frequently found with Rooks, and a family of Magpies may occasionally be seen with them.

Do Swifts Roost on the Wing?

The roosting habits of the Swifts are somewhat mysterious. One never sees them retiring for the night in the same manner as other birds. They have been found clinging to the wall of a house, and the trunk of a tree, but these cases have been looked upon as quite unusual. During the summer and autumn one can frequently hear them overhead when it is too dark to see them; there certainly appears to be no reason why these powerful winged birds should not be capable of taking a certain amount of rest while hovering in mid air.

Signs of Migration.

As the summer passes we ocasionally notice signs of the impending annual migration of birds from our shores. In their passage to the coast, which they apparently perform in easy stages, birds will stay for a short time in any favourable spot. This accounts for our noticing strangers in the garden and along the country hedgerows. It must be an extraordinary instinct that causes a given species of bird to meet at the same place, coming as they do from all quarters. Along the downs, near the sea coast, one can see some wonderful sights of feathered life. One day it will be scores of the lovely little wood warblers, birds that we only meet occasionally in our daily rambles during the summer. They may be quite alone, or mixed with them will possibly be a dozen or so of Wagtails or Wheatears, and if one watches carefully these numbers will increase, or perhaps a certain species will vanish altogether, and in its place will be seen a huge company of tiny Wrens, or some other bird that we seldom see in flocks. It is this gathering of non-gregarious birds that so absorbs our attention; one feels never tired of watching them.

The Solitary Woodcock.

Few of our birds are more solitary in their habits than the Woodcock. The only time when they appear to associate with their fellows is during the period of migration. But as soon as the journey is over they evidently separate, and each bird sets off to its own particular haunt. The Woodcock is a big plump bird, with a long beak, and the eye set very high in the head. His plumage is beautifully mottled. On account of his size and plumpness his flight is somewhat laboured, but he is clever in threading his way between the branches in a wood. He does not fly far, but drops into the nearest, suitable cover. When in flight his long beak and head are carried pointing downwards. He feeds during the night, and remains securely hidden while daylight lasts.

THE SHOWS.

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EAST BOWLING & DISTRICT B.F.A.

A members' show was held on October 26th, when some past winners were staged. The entry was very good, 100 birds being placed on the show bench. Mr. W. Wharton officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Bottomley. BUFF: 1, Bywater; 2, Firth. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, 4, Varley; 2, Thompson; 3, Bottomley; c, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, vhc, Bleazard; 2, 3, Bottomley; 4, Firth; hc, Pounall; c, Thompson. YELL. HENS: 1, Bottomley; 2, vhc, Varley; 3, hc, Thompson; 4, Atkinson; c, Bywater. BUFF: 1, vhc, Thompson; 2, Bottomley; 3, 4, Varley; hc, Bywater; c, Bleazard. SELL. (15): 1, 3, Bleazard; 2, Thompson; 4, Firth; vhc, 8. Bleazard; hc, Varley. 12/6: 1, Atkinson; 2, Varley; 3, Firth; 4, Bleazard. NOVICE YELL. COCK: 1, spl, Clark; 2, Woolmer; 3, Johnson; 4, Gledhill; vhc, Warburton; hc, Hodgson; c, Sowden and Son. BUFF COCK: 1, vhc, Woolmer; 2, c, Warburton; 3, Johnson; 4 hc, Clark. YELL HENS: 1, 4, Warburton; 2, Johnson; 3, c, Palframan; vhc, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, c, Johnson; 2, 4, Warburton; 3, hc, Woolmer; vhc, Palframan. SELL. 1, Clark; 2, Gledhill; 3, Johnson.—J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

SWANSEA.

Seventh Annual Show, held Nov. 6 and 7, at the usual place, the Working Men's Assembly Rooms. The place is an ideal one. The committee and members as a body are mainly composed of working men, with years of experience in the Fancy. The exhibits were put down with extreme taste and the show as a spectacle was very pretty. The classification was liberal, particularly in Mules and British, and the committee were well rewarded by getting both quality and quantity.

The exhibits numbered nearly 500, and many cracks were represented by their best teams. The Norwich were a good section, the unflighted class sporting 27 birds, and not a poor one amongst them. Yorkshires were up to the usual standard, many cardless birds being fit to win in ordinary competition. Scots were fine, while Swansea is noted for Borders, and they rolled up in splendid fashion.

In Mules and British the Welsh reputation was well maintained, the classes being worth going a long way to see. The committee worked well together. Exhibits were nicely catered for, and placed in comfortable positions. Mr. Alf Hutchings, although new to the work of sec., showed his true worth, and for civility and despatch of his various duties he deserves the success which has attended him. Messrs. P. Jenkins and T. Gamage, the show managers, both of tried experience, did well, and everything worked as smoothly as possible.

Swansea has had the courage to bring out new judges, each one being a specialist in the variety he undertook. This turned out a complete success. The gentlemen who officiated were Nor., J. Pritchard; Crests, R. Waters; Yorks, T. H. Mellhuish; Scots. and For., J. H. Jones; Bor., D. H. Tedstone; Brit. and Mules, A. Howe. The awards gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Dummett, a blazer for colour, neatly clothed, best of wing and tail carriage, wins nicely; 2, Harber, excellent type for a yellow, staged in splendid order; 3, Eynon, bold, large specimen, splendid model, good headed one; 4, Jones; hc, Hutchings; c, C. Cheley. BUFF (7): 1, W. Bobbett, a marvel for size and quality, nicely rounded head; 2, Dymond, good quality of feather, splendid type; 3, Harber, pretty model of a Norwich; 4, Eynon; vhc, hc, Hutchings; c, Cheley. TKD. YELL: 1, Scott, shapely, splendid colour and size, neatest of wings and tail; 2, G. Slocombe, very typical, put down faultlessly; 3, Eynon, shapely, well groomed, nice style; 4, James. BUFF: 1, Eynon, good size, type, and quality; 2, Kirbey, very typical, staged with excellent taste; 3, Wootton, we liked for shape and substance, close up; 4, hc, Jenkins; vhc, Jones. HEN: 1, Harber, a gem for shape, feathered like silk; 2, Wootton, full chested, a marvel for quality; 3, Harber, extra good type, plenty of substance, the right sort; 4, Eynon; vhc, Jones; hc, Jenkins; c, Kirkbey. UNFLI.: 1, hc, Slocombe, a marvellous youngster, grand deep chest, excellent quality, grand colour; 2, Eynon, grand size and substance, neat short sided one, well staged; 2, Jenkins, clinking quality, nice size and type; 4, Thomas, typical, nicely feathered; vhc, Scott; c, Kirby. UNFED: 1, R. H. Jones, good type, and nicely feathered; 2, hc, Bowen, beautiful jacket, good short flights and tail; 3, Vyse, correct type, nice size; 4, Hitch; vhc, Owens. SCOTS: 1, 3, Longden, grand substance, good shoulders, reachy; 2, B. Davies, lovely style and shape, gets to work easily; 4, Lugton; vhc, Brown: hc, Lewes. BUFF: 1, Lugton, a real gem, moves very prettily; 2, 3, Longden, very characteristic Scot, best of position work with freedom; 4, B. Davies. A.O.V.: 2, 4, Davies, Belgian, nice back and shoulders; 3, James, big Cinnamon, rare colour. SELL. (30s.): 1, Rees; 2, Edwards; 3, 4, Kirbey. SELL. (20): 1, Dummett; 2, Williams; 3, Bradford; 4, Jones and Evans; vhc, Portman; hc, Bancroft; c, Ford and Son. SELL. (10s.): 1, Castree; 2, Midgley; 3, Jenkins; 4, Edwards; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Hockings; c, Gamage. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Parnell and Son, a gem, lovely style, quality and colour; 2, Morris, grand length, nice shape; 3, Walsh, close up, loses in length; 4, Williams; vhc, Creber; hc, Smith; c, Jones. BUFFS (13): 1, Smith, grand position, sweet head and front; 2, Walsh, longer, hardly fit, a grand bird; 3, 4, T. Williams, grand length and style; vhc, Negus; hc, Harrington; c, Mathews. TICK. YELL. (11): 1, Keegan, sweetly moulded, neck marked; 2, Negus, sweet shape, lovely quality and style; 3, Walsh, sweet style, shape and quality; 4, Hughes; vhc, Parnell and Son; hc, Jones. BUFF (9): 1, Walsh, grand length and style, sweetly drawn; 2, Harrington, nice head and neck, stands well; 3, Morris, great length, good position; 4, Smith; vhc, Evans; hc, Negus; 3, Taylor. HEN (16): 1, Shearn, Yellow, a gem, sweetly moulded; 2, Creber, Buff, lovely hen, good length, tip-top quality; 3, Morris, Yellow, wonderful length, full of bloom. UNFLI. (21), a grand class: 1, Shearn, Yellow, grand bird, much admired, grand quality, rare colour; 2, vhc, Smith, Buff, real good bird everywhere; 3, Portman, Yell., grand Yorkie, beaten only in length; 4, Evans; hc, Walsh; c, Griffiths Bros. UNFED (13): 1, Williams and Morgan, Yellow, good length, nice head and wings; 2, Williams, nice style, lovely quality; 3, Creber, Green, nice length, good back and colour; 4, Jenkins; vhc, Gamage; hc, Ford; c, Evans.

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YORK.

Show held on Nov. 5 and 6, in the Exhibition Buildings, in one of the best rooms for the purpose we have seen for some time; in fact, we could not wish for a better. The management, under the direction of the able Secretary, Mr. Boyle, and his assistant, Mr. Wand, well backed up by the energetic Chairman, Mr. Richardson, and a willing little band of stewards was really good, and we are only sorry to say the entry was hardly worthy of their efforts, but hope the gate will do something towards filling up the breach. The show was honoured by the presence of the Dean of York, he having kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony, which he did before a goodly company. The entry in Lululhead Norwich was only a little over 10 per class, while Yorks. were very little better.. Brit. came up fairly well, as did Mules and Hybrids, the quality throughout being excellent. Mr. Roe judged Nor., Cinn., Mules, and Sell., Mr. Battye the rest. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Wright, hot colour, good shaped body, not over fine in quality of feather perhaps; 2, Harland, better head, finer quality, equal in chest, we liked for 1st; 3, Wilson, bit thin and not quite full enough in head; vhc, Mennard; hc, Richardson; c, Boyle. TICK, ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Harland, grand colour, fine type and carriage; 2, Boyle, not quite so stout built; 3, Hope, nice bird. CL. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Boyle, good quality, shape, and colour, nice carriage; 2, Hope, longer flights and tail, bit too much fat on chest; 3, Harland, graud bloom, splendid feather, nice type, easy second; vhc, Mennard; c, Hunter. BUFF (8) 1, vhc, Harland, big lump of a bird, good head, body, and carriage, shows frill on breast; 2, Moore, good type and feather, stoutly built, nice carriage, must have pressed hard for first; 3, Hope, nice colour and shape, worth its place, good typical Nor.; vhc, hc, c, Gilson. HENS, YELL. (9): 1, he, Harland, good head, bit loose behind and at throat; 2, Moore, nice chubby hen, pale in colour, fine quality; 3, Mennard, long and fails in quality only, we liked; vhc, Pickering,; c, Sissons. BUFF (17): 1, Harland, good head and chest feather and carriage, wins; 2, c, Boyle, big leggy bird of nice colour and quality; 3, Hope, nice chest and feather; vhc, Haigh and Son, lovely quality; hc, Wright; No. 6, same owner, we liked better. UNFLI. YELL. (15): 1, Wright, good colour, feather, and type, grand carriage, nice silky feather, wins cup for best young bird shown by member; 2, Hope, cap mark, grand shaped body, splendid quality of feather, nice even colour, wee bit flat on head, but good one, worth its place; 3, Harland, good bird, lovely shape, quality, nice carriage; vhc, Pickering; hc, Shorney; c, Hallett. BUFF (19): 1 ,Smith, good deep chest, well over perch, neat head, colour and feather grand, good one; 2, Wilkinson, fine built bird, beaten for colour and quality; 3, Harland, nice type and feather, on smaller scale than leaders; vhc, Pickering; hc, Dalgetty; c, Wright. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Bentley, nice length, grand position and feather, well on leg with good carriage of wings and tail; 2, Davison, fine type and style, grand feather, execpt for being a bit open at throat; 3, Watts, grand colour, featber, and stand, hardly so compact in wings as we like; vbc, Precious; hc, O'Reilly; c, Chew and Stokie. BUFF (13): 1, Hodgson, nice slim typical bird of neat feather, wings, and tail, stands well, neat head; 2, Davison, nice head and back, wings and tail nicely carried wee bit loose under, or might have won; 3, Owen, tick back of head, grand feather and shape, capital position, beaten wing carriage, crosses at times; vhc, Brook; hc, Precious; c, Dukes. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Watts, fine lengthy ben, well up on leg and of good carriage; 2, Ackroyd, on smaller scale, but all there for position and style, nice shape and quality; 3, Cbew and Stokie, hot colour, nice stand and shape, beaten in quality and wing carriage; vhc, Owen; hc, Barfe; c, Richardson aud Groundwell. BUFF (13): 1, Yelland, head mark, fine position, good type and size, well on leg straight as a pencil; 2, Davison, nicely proportioned, beautiful feather, good head, back, wings, and tail carriage, close race for 1st; 3, Dykes, good build, fine feather and style, drops tail a bit or might bave gone up one; vhc, Owen; bc, Haigh and Son; c, Veitch . UNFLI. YELL. (19): 1, Chittenden, wing mark, fine long bird of extra quality, nice head, back, wings and tail, wins; 2, Watts, slim smart bird, nice wings, tail, and featber, straight as a rush, good second; 3, Davison, cheek tick, beauty for quality, nice type, but a bit soft when judged; vbc, Hallett; bc, Richardson and Groundwell; c, Veitch. BUFF (12): 1, Wainwright, long straigbt bird, nice head, well braced wings and tail, wins; 2, Dykes, bit short in body, lovely feather, neat head, very smart; 3, Haigb and Son, better body, but not so good in head or quite so neat in feather; vhc, Watts; bc, Blancbard; c, Veitcb. CINN. (7): 1, hc, Riding, leader good coloured yell., of nice shape and quality, wins well; 2, vhc, Richardson and Groundwell, 2nd nice shape, good colour; 3, c, Boyle, good coloured buff, bit long, but capital featber, our choice for 2nd. A.O.V. (6): 1, Hodgson, buff Belgian, nice shoulder, gets into position quickly, fair good bird; 2, Calam, Crestbred, fine head, plenty of featber; 3, Hope, Crest, nice formation, neat centre; vhc, Irving; Nos. 2 and 3 wrong class. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Duncan, grand bright blaze, nice polisb on body, medium size, in fine condition, regular swell, wins; 2, Axe, bigger by far, fine face, good stout body, but not tbe polisb on body or so good in tan as winner; 3, Maddison, nice tan, but beaten in condition; vhc, King; hc, Hunt; c, Boyle. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 3, Woods, two nice Bullies, grand caps, bars, and breasts of nice colour, leader steadier than 3rd; 2, Hunter, housemoulted, nice one, but not yet fit; vhc, White; hc, Kay; No. 2 absent. LINNET (16): 1, 2, c, Boyle, leader a good one, full of nice pencilling, nice colour, carries itself well, 2nd bigger markings on a tighter ground, in nice condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine size, bit long, good markings, but lacks finish; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Dunn; c, Boyle. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Taylor, grand fed Siskin, nice cap and lacing; 2, Duncan, very pretty, good-coloured Redpoll; 3, Axe, nice non-fed Siskin; vhc, Hunt, Twite. A.O.V. HARDBILL (14): 1, 2, 3, Axe, really grand team, any of them quite good enough to win, and bowever the three were placed, not mncb fault could be found; well-known Yell. Bunting leads to-day, in tbe pink of condition, showing splendid markings to the best advantage, but bard pressed by a grand Hawfinch, of fine size, wonderful condition, nice bill and capital colour, 3rd grand Bramblefinch, nicely laced, good colour, size, and in the best of condition; vhc, Shorney; hc, Sissons; c, Dale. SOFTBILL (LARK OR SMALLER) (3): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, Nightingale, big one in nice order, wins; 2, Binns, Nuthatch, in splendid condition; 3, Mackwell, Goldcrest. LARGE (7): 1, 3, Axe, with the well-known Thrnsh leading, in capital trim, not a feather out of place, wins comfortably, 2nd nice lustrous Blackbird, well shown, nice beak and eye; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hoopoe, very taking exhibit, but very wild and damaged tail; vhc, Carter, nice mark Thrush; bc, Dale. CAN. MULE (10): 1, Leigh, Goldfinch and Can., yell., mark wings, eyes, and back of bead, grand size and colour, wins; 2, Maddison, said to be the noted Siskin and Can. Mule but much more like a Goldfinch and Border Fancy cross, and many present seemed inclined to believe it to be this, saying it shows the characteristics of the Goldie much more than the Siskin. Evidently the judge was of a similar opinion, or he would have certainly placed it first in its class; 3, Sissons, dark Siskin and Can. Mule, nice one, showing parentage from both sides distinctly; vhc Shorney; hc, Taylor, Greenfinch; c, Dale. HYBRID (7): 1, Leigh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good size, shape, colour, and condition, wins; 2, Ward, Linnet Bullfinch, nice bird, in fair condition; 3, Boyle, Goldfinch-Siskin, very pretty and must have pressed hard for second place; vhc, Duncan; hc, Maddison; c, Wright. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, Taylor; 2, Humphries; 3, Bennison; vhc, Alderson; hc, Head; c, Whitehead. (15/-) (18): 1, Walker; 2, Riding; 3, Richardson; vhc, Smith; c, Hodgson. (20/-) (12): 1, Riding; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Calam; vhc, Irving; hc, Carter; c, Bentley. PAIRS (30/) (4): 1, Boyle; 2, Wright; 3, Chittenden; vhc, Gilson. FOR. (10): 1, 2, 3, Hollins and Son, good team; vhc, Boyle; hc, Poole; c, Dale. CAGE BIRDS Competition: 1, Axe; 2, Boyle; 3, Carter .

MARKINCH.

Thirty-fourth annual show of the Markinch O.S. was held on 2nd Nov. Cage Birds section had an entry of 330, much the same as last year, and were staged in the Masonic Hall, which was well lighted and was in every respect suitable for a Cage Bird show. The exhibits were well looked after by the President, Mr. W. Forrester, and a large committee, who spared no pains for the comfort of the birds and visitors alike, who turned up in large numbers despite tbe dull and cold day. In Mr. Geo. Mitchell the Society has tne right man in the right place, and one who gets through his arduous duties in a very efficient and businesslike manner. Tbe judge in tho Scotch Fancy classes was tbe veteran Mr. Webster, of Greenock, who seemed quite at home among his favourites . In the Norwich, etc., classes, Mr. Jas. Miller, of Riccartors, had a hard day's work in getting through the 33 classes—far too many for one man to tackle—but he worked like a Trojan and got through in good time. The awards seemed to give general satisfaction. SCOTCH CL. OR FOUL YELL. COCK (10): 1, Berwick, nice model, good reach and top end, grand mover; 2, Brown and Whitton, fine decided drive, well set up, nice length of side; 3, White, very fine bird, grand top end, nice reach and droop; 4, 6, Thomson; 5, Laing. HEN (6): 1, 3, Tbomson, pair of beauties, 1st grand model, hard up on top, stylisb, 3rd not much bebind; 2, Dunskin, grand reach and top end, nice wing; 4, Greins; 5, Barris; 6, Gilmour. BUFF COCK (4): 1, Shaw, fine free action, good drive and top, good depth through chest; 2, Allan, another good one, grand reach and droop; 3, Thomson, nice model, witb plenty of go; 4, Rukin . HEN (10): 1, 3, Thomson, grand substance, all tbere for style and action, 3rd hardly so big as winner, but good one; 2, Allan, nice reach, fine length of side, good top end; 4, Shaw; 5, J. Thomson; 6, T. Thomson. YELL. PIED, ETC. COCK (3): 1, Berwick, nice size, good top and reach; 2, Gilmour, good model, fine length of side, nice mover; 3, Rowe, good bird, fine free action, nice reach. HEN (5): 1, Gibson, very shapely hen, nice reach and droop; 2, Thomson, fine bird, good style and action; 3, Laing, good build and size; 4, Allan; 5, Bond. BUFF COCK (7): 1, Buchan, fine size, good top end, well set up, nice mover; 2, Beattie, good size for a Green, nice droop; 3, Bond, very sbapely, quick in action; 4, Laing; 5, Barris; 6, Lislie. HEN (9): 1, Allan, grand one, good thickness, fine free action and style; 2, Berwick, good top and reach, good model; 3, Kiddie, nice size and shape, good length; 4, Easton; 5, Brown and Wbitton; 6, Leslie. SELL. (COCK): 1, Gibson; 2, Rukin; 3, Tbomson; 4, Kiddie; 5, Buchan; 6, D. Buchan. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. COCK (3): 1, Forrest, grand size, fine bead and neck, grand quality and colour; 2, McNamally, good shape and size, but fails in colour to winner; 3, Ovenstone, fair bird, nice quality. HEN (6): 1, Martin, splendid shape and size, real model, wins easily; 2, Forrest, cl., good body and nice wings, nice colour; 3, Laverock, eye-mkd., nice bead, good chest and colour; 4, Dougal; 5, Barclay; 6, Lawris and Welsh. BUFF COCK (5): 1, Martin, winner, good shape, fine head and neck, grand colour and condition; 2, Lawris' and Welsh, grand, very typical, nicely mealed; 3, Laverock, tick on neck, fine substance, nice wings and tail; 4, Dougal; 5, McNamally HEN (6): 1, Dickson, good type, neat and compact, fine quality of feather; 2, Dougal, an all-round bird, but fails in quality to winner; 3, Fisher, nice head and neck, carries wings nicely; 4, McNamally; 5, Laverock; 6, Barclay. VAR. COCK (6): 1, McNamally, buff, neat head, fine neck and shape, grand colour and condition; 2, Nisbit, another buff, good size and shape, very nice on front; 3, Mattock, nicely got-up bird; 4, Laverock; 5, Dougal; 6, Robinson. HEN (2): 1, Adams, fine cobby bird, and a rare one for colour and quality; 2, Lawris and Welsh, buff var., nice head and neck, but fails in quality to winner. COCK (NON-FED) (3): 1, Davidson, grand nat. coloured buff, fine size, grand shape; 2, Fisher, good type and splendid quality; 3, Barclay, good colour and size. HEN (NON-FED) (7): 1, Davidson, even mkd. buff, A1 type and quality, neat wings; 2, Logan and Traill, clear, another good one for shape, nice colour and condition; 3, Adams, good type, very stylish; 4, Martin; 5, Dougal; 6, Smart. CREST COCK (5): 1, Henderson, nice crest, fine shape and well spread, good quality of feather; 2, Lindsay, grand body, fine crest and body feather; 3, Wilson, good one for size, nice wide crest, nice condition; 4, Reid; 5, Shillinglaw. HEN (5): 1, Lindsay, winner, good all-round bird, large and shapely crest; 2, Watt, fair bird, good body, just fails in crest to winner; 3, Reid, nice crest and good quality of feather; 4, ditto; 5, Summers. CRESTBRED COCK (7): 1, Easton, massive, fine head and grand body; 2, Summers, good one for substance, grand body, but not size of winner; 3, Smart, nice head, finely lashed, fails a little in body. HEN (3): 1, Watt, nicely lashed, fine back and good body; 2, Shillinglaw, good entrance, grand length of featber; 3, Henderson, nice lashing, fair entrance. SELL. (12): 1, Forrest; 2, Thomson; 3, Adams; 4, Cannon; 5, Irvin; 6, Davidson. BORDER, YELL. COCK (13): 1, Johnstons and Young, lovely var., good type and quality; 2, Bennet, cl., very typical, nice head and wing carriage; 3, Ewing, mkd. on bead, good back, nicely tapered; 4, Lumsden; 5, Hamilton; 6, Thomson. HEN (14): 1, A. and J. Tbomson, Cinn., even mkd., grand type, in pink of condition; 2, Johnstons and Young, good cl., finely got-up bird, nice quality; 3, Bennet, even mkd., good markings, grand quality, fine level colour; 4, Muir; 5, Barris; 6, Anderson. BUFF COCK (11): 1, J. Muir, head round as a marble, grand type and quality, well-filled-in back, fine wing carriage; 2, Bennet, A1 type, all tbere for quality and condition; 3, Arnott, good feathered bird, nice wings and tail; 4, Thomson; 5, Smith; 6, Linton . HEN (11): 1, Bennet, finely moulded, easy win; 2, Johnstons and Young, good type and quality, but beaten in finish; 3, Barris, nice front, back, and wings, little open in feather; 4, Hamilton; 5, Harper; 6, Bickerstaff. SELL (12). 1, Ewing; 2, Hennet; 3, Barris; 4, Lumsden; 5, Linton; 6, Johnstons and Young. CANARY MULE (DARK) (10): 1, Ross, well known Can. Bullie, in fine trim; 2, McQuiston, Goldie Can. Mule, grand size, fine condition; 3, McLaren, Linnet Can., large, good shape, rich colour; 4, 6, Davidson; 5, Watson. LIGHT OR VAR. (10): 1, Mrs. Lindsay, Goldie Can., nice size and shape, grandly coloured, fine condition; 2, Douglas, four-pointed Goldie Can., in fine order; 3, 5, Paton, Siskin-Can., nice exhibit, on the small side; 4, Niss; 6, Hamilton. HYBRID (3): 1, Douglas, looks like a Redpoll-Bullfinch, but wants little steadying; 2, Beattis, Goldie-Bullie, shows cross well, good one all over; 3, Douglas, Twite-Linnet, real good Hybrid, nice colour and condition, 4, Paton. LINNET (5): McQuiston, nice tone of colour, finely pencilled, well put down; 2, Watson, close up, good markings and colour throughout; 3, Hynd, fails only in colour and marking to winners; 4, Davidson; 5, Morrison. GREENFINCH (9): 1, McQuiston, grand size and shape, best of colour and condition; 2, Aitken, must have pressed, bouncer; 3, Livingstone, real good one, nice even colour, grand size; 4, Sharp; 5, Aitkin; 6, Martin. NON-FED (14): 1, Paton, mistake, hen, should have been in Class 110; 2, McQuiston, grand one for size, fine grassy green; 3, Ovenstone, big Greenie, not quite so good in colour; 4, Thomson; 5, Cannon; 6, Bald. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (11): 1, McQuiston, grand blaze, nice bars and buttons, well staged; 2, Thomson, smart one, but not so large as winner, still a good one; 3, 5, Niss, not so good in blaze, nice colour, well shown; 4, Russell; 6, Davidson. BRIT. (LARGER THAN LARK) (3): 1, McQuiston, Cornish Chough, lovely condition, nice bill and legs; 2, Bowis, grand coloured Hawfinch; 3, Watson, nice Missel Thrush, finely mooned. (SMALLER) 6): 1, McQuiston, finely mkd. Corn Bunting, in nice condition; 2, Easton, Grey Wagtail, put down in best of order; 3, Malcolm; 4, Spittal; 5, Mitchell and Hutt; 6, Chalmers. BRIT. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Mackis, nice size and shape, well-defined cap, rich breast colour; 2, 3, Watson, two beauties for sbape and colour; 4, Robinson; 5, Duff, 6, Beveridge. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Paton, fair sized Siskin, dense cap, nicely laced on tbighs; 2, McQuiston, good coloured Twite, well mkd., good size; 3, Russell, nicely fed Siskin, fine colour; 4. McLaren. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (FOR.): 1, McQuiston, large square-cut blaze, well up in colour, richly tanned; 2, McDonald, Bullfinch, grand cap and wing bars, deep crimson breast; 3, Davidson, another Goldie, but not the colour of winner; 4, McLean; 5, no name; 6, Robinson. FOR. (3): 1, Nesbit, Parrakeet, in grand plumage; 2, 5, Watson, Long-tailed Wbydab, rare plumage; 4, Ocwan. SELL. (MULES OR BRIT.) (6): 1, Arnott and Anderson; 2, Duff; 3, Chalmers; 4, Kinnell and Brown; 5, Watson; 6, Robinson. COMMON CAN.: 1, Davidson; 2, Waters; 3, Fisher; 4, 6, Duff; 5, Duncan.

NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS.

Newtown St. Boswells held tbeir first exbibition Nov. 2nd, in the New Hall under distinguished patronage, and a most successful venture it turned out. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Robert Robertson, who is a well-known and respected fancier, performed his duties in a whole bearted manner, and a hard day's job he had. He deserves great praise for the courteous and painstaking way in wbicb he managed things in general. Mr. John Black, as assistant secretary, rendered good service, as also the following fanciers who composed the committee:—Messrs. W. Dick, G. Inglis, T. Forsytb, J. Buchan, T. Curle, W. Turnbull, R. Laidler, M. Muldoon, G. Cochrane, J. Cochrane, W. Cockburn, A. Wood, A. Laing, J. Hume, R. Watson, T. Millar, J. Alexander, J. Clark, J. Blackie, W. Pbilip, W. Scott, R. Murray, and J. Hardie, as tbe old-established Hawick Ornitbological Society were not holding their exhibition this year, it was felt this would be a good opportunity of holding a good sbow nearly in the same district, as St. Boswells is very centrally situated, and easily reacbed from all parts. Entries came up well, and totalled 267. Scotch Fancies were fairly well represented, and some really good specimens were on view. Norwich were good in quality, and tbere were not a few good hot ones. The feature of the sbow, bowever, was the Border Fancies, witb 11 classes provided, they totalled 143 entries. Quality was splendid tbroughout, and some eye-openers were on view for the first time this season. The Border Fancy Club Medal was won by tbe well-known fancier, Mr. H. Bennet, Kelso, with a clear buff ben, teeming with quality, and with feather polished like a Java. Mr. John Watson, Selkirk, had the handling of the Borders, and Mr. M. Craig, Glasgow, the rest, tbeir awards giving general satisfaction, although a few of tbe Borders in the money were just a sbade on the beavy side for our ideal. The show was well patronised by visitors, and it was difficult to move about at nigbt time. We hope tbe Society bad a good draw of door money.

SCOTCH YELL. COCK (5): 1, spl., J. and W. Veitch, leading with a grand cl., fine top and decided drive, good square shoulders and deep rib; 2, Pringle, cl., very quick action, nice top, trifle thinner in body; 3, Dobson, Pied, fine head and shoulders, trifle narrower; 4, Dick, ratber smaller, good head and nicely turned wing; 5, Dodds. HEN (4): 1, J. and W. Veitcb, Pied of good reach and square shoulders, well filled in; 2, Dobson, cl., fine nerve and action, rather slimmer make; 3, Pringle, Pied, very free action, takes perch well, close on 2nd; 4, Craig, deep-ribbed, ratber shorter. BUFF COCK (3): 1, Dobson, Pied, A1 top and fine free neck, gets head well down, wins well; 2, Patterson, also a Pied, strong back and shoulders, hardly so well rounded as winner; 3, Pringle, cl., well filled in sboulder, inclined to be plainer. HEN (6): 1, spl., Dobson, clear leading, grand top and fine reach, gets well down; 2, Craig, shorter neck, massive body; 3, Patterson, finely rounded shoulder and rib, just a shade short in tail; 4, Dick, very good deep rib and tail, shade plain in top end; 5, J. Dodds; 6, J. Pringle. NOR. YELL. COCK (8): 1, Chalmers, well rounded head and short neck, real neat waist and well fed; 2, 6, Cameron, former hot colour, grand head, fails a little in depth of front to winner; 3, Brown, fine wing carriage and good head, sbade longer in front; 4, Hesketb, close feather and nice carriage, trifle weak on bead; 5, Alexander; 7, Dickson Bros. HEN (3): 1, Cameron, fine rounded head and body, well laid on wings, good silky feather; 2, Cbalmers, good colour, shade on slim side; 3, Pringle, fair head, good back, bit slack in front. BUFF COCK (9): 1, Cbalmers, rare depth in front, short cbubby body, well finished feather; 2, 5, Cameron, former good Bullie type, short neck and good head, just a shade long in tail; 3, Little The Selkirk winner hardly looking so fresh to-day, not so fully rounded as winners; 4 Dickson Bros., longer body, not so good wing carriage. HEN (5): 1, Chalmers, grand in bead and front, best of wing carriage, very level in colour; 2, Alexander, nicely rounded front, neat head, fails only in colour; 3, Hugbes, not so deep in cbest, narrower head; 5, Pringle. MULES, LIGHT OR VAR. (1): 1, spl., W. Lockhart, var. buff, good size body ,not up in blaze yet. DARK (4): 1, Goodfellow, grand yell., leading line position, good blaze; 2, McVittie, buff, good size, very broad blaze; 3, Miss Dalrymple, buff, shade smaller, good colour, 4, Dobson, fair yell., smaller; 5, E. Haig. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl., 2, Hesketh, Twite and Can. leading; 2, Linnet Can., good size and markings; 3, Gardner. BRIT. AND FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Goodfellow, line head and well up in blaze, long body, nice style, wins; 2, Brown, good wing bars and body markings, falls on blaze; 3, Hardie, fair bird, hardly up in colour. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, Laidlaw, chubby body, good cap and wing bars, distinct breast colour; 2, longer body, good depth of colour; 3, Weir, very chubby body; 4, Mather, clear cut cap and nice back; 5, Thomson; 6, W. Dick. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Goodfellow, sound colour, well defined wing bars; 2, Hesketh, duller body colour, close feather, neat body, 3, Gordon, good head and back, runs streaky below; 4, Laidler, thicker set bird, very hard feather LINNET, SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Hesketh, very neat, Twite, cl. in markings, good feather; 2, J. and R. Butler, Linnet, nice colour and pencilling; 3, Murray, Siskin, neat cap and wing bars, little rough on thighs; 4, McBain, good Linnet, bit unsteady; 5, Polson and Son; 6, Cormack. A.O.V. S.E. BRIT. (3): 1, Hesketh, well coloured Bramblefinch, good in markings; 2, Laidler, Yellowhammer, nice feather, shade dull in colour; 3, Gordon, Bramble, not so good colour. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl., 2, McWilliam, leading with his old favourite Fieldfare, grandly mark, fine colour; 2, one of the finest Song Thrushes we have seen, breast markings very distinct and level; 3, 6, Laidlaw, Meadow Pipit; 4, Kinghorn; 5, McBain. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, spl., Mason, leading with his pair of Redfaced Gouldians, one of the finest pairs we have seen, clearly cut colours and grand feather; 2, McWilliam; 3, The Hon. Katherine Scott. LARGE (3): 1, Miss Dalrymple, Green Amazon, in fine bloom. SELL. (except Borders), 12/6 (8): 1, Hughes; 2, Dick; 3, McVittie; 4, Bennet; 5, Gill; 6, Watson; 7, Ballantyne. BORDER (confined) (16): 1, Clark, good sound grass-green; 3, same cl. buff, correct type, fine bloom; 2, 7, Halliday, yell., well finished, neat head and tail; 5, Watson; 6, Dick. A.O.V. (confined) (6): 1, Watson, very fair dark crest, fine, lengthy, feather and droop; 2, Ballantyne, cl. Crestbred, nicely cushioned head, good body feather; 3, Dick, Pied Scot. Fancy; 4, 6, Miss Dalrymple, Buff Plainbead, rather lengthy; 5, Graham. BORDERS. CL. YELL. COCK (11): 1, spl., 4, Pearson fine upstanding specimen, neat head, ratber pale in colour, 4, not so neat in wing carriage; 2, A. and J. Thomson, good body, finely drawn, rather inclined to lift left wing; 3, Cormack, neat build, sprightly carriage, wings of tbe best, as good as winners; 5, H. Bennet; 6, Blackie. HEN (13): 1, Paterson, A1 head, back and wings, very jaunty style, just on stout side for yell; 2, Bennet, finer drawn, correct position, and steady, A1 feather, close up; 3, Rodger, good back and flights, takes nice stand, paler in colour; 4, Brockie, heavier body, good feather; 5, Tait; 6, Alexander; 7, Hardie. CL. BUFF COCK (11): 1, McKenzie, Selkirk winner, leading in fine form, just a trifle pale in colour; 2, spl., Mather, well placed and sbown well by a novice, good back and wings; 3, McLevy, heavier build in body, not so good in feather; 4, Reid and Pbilip, fair bird, good colour. HEN (12): 1, B.F.C. medal, 5, Bennet, former well finished beautifully mealed hen, tight as wax, very steady, wins well; 2, Gordon, similar type, hardly so good in finish; 3, Gilchrist, slimmer make, very neat, good featber, not so pure in colour throughout; 4, Alexander, good feather, neat head, well drawn front; 6, McKenzie. EVEN MARK. (8): 1, Arnot and Jamieson, markings very well balanced, just a shade heavy eyes, good type, hardly ready yet; 2, Patterson, neat eyes, good back and wings, rather slack in front; 3, spl., McKenzie, Selkirk and Dysart winner, very neat in markings, type of tbe best, close up with winners; 4, J. Tait, very neat yell., evenly balanced, not up in bloom yet; 5, spl., Cockburn; 6, Alexander; 7, W. Slater. UNEVEN YELL. (15): 1, spl., Patterson, cinn., mark, good, four pointed foul next, might have won to-day as an even, A1 feather; 2, Mrs. Robertson, good style and feather, shade longer body; 3, Johnstone and Young, A1 finish, very stylish, well laid on wings; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, good type, neat head, not finished on cheeks yet; 5, Brockie; 6, Alexander; 7, Bell. BUFF (14): 1, Patterson, again leading with a cinn. mark, neat in head, back and tail, fails a wee bit on chest; 2, McKenzie, Selkirk medal winner, splendid type and carriage, very steady and well staged, might have changed with 1st; 3, A. and J. Johnson, slightly heavier body, good feather, fine pipe tail, not so clean as winners. FOUL YELL. (11): 1, Brockie, leading witb his last year's champion, but we have seen bim looking sprightlier than to-day, good feather, and well moulted, but soft when taking notes; 2, McKenzie, very neat, good quality feather, sbade paler; 3, Reid and Philip, fine carriage, very nervy; 4, Bell, good head and back, slightly longer body; 5, Ben net, we thought as fine a bird as in the class, A1 feather, very level colour; 6, Service. BUFF (15): 1, spl., Beunet, lovely feathcr, shining well, neat bead, fine short wings and pipe tail, wins well; 2, McKenzie, close up, A1 type and feather, very neat head and tail; 3, Johnstone and Young, well drawn body, neat head, steady; 4, 6, A. and J. Thomson, good feather, not so sprightly; 5, Arnot and Jamieson. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, spl., Blackie, A1 type and pencillings, good under colour, could do shade brighter in body colour; 2, A. and J. Thomson, very fine style, pencilling of the best, good silky feather; 3, Brown, good Yell. cinn., fine level colour; 4, spl., Patterson, good sound colour, 5, Murray; 6, Bennet. SELL. trifle rough on front; BORD. (22): 1, McKenzie; 2, Watson; 3, no name; 4, A. and J. Thomson; 5, Tait; 6, Watson; 7, Arnot and Jamieson.

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LEICESTER HAND-IN-HAND.

The Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. scored yet another huge success at their Annual Show, which was held at the White Swan Hotel on Nov. 2, and 4. Not only were the entries good, but the quality was tip-top in nearly every class. The Norwich Plainheads were quite a show in themselves. Here we had birds full of quality, with abundance of colour and size and the correct type. We were pleased to see but very few of the coarse heavy feathered birds that were so prevalent a few years ago at many of the shows. For the first time a couple of classes were added for Yorkshires and several nice birds were put down. That old fancier, Mr. G. Lawrance (Coventry), staged a grand Canary-Bullfinch Mule and captured the special for best bird in the show. The selling classes were strong, many cheap birds being staged, and we have no doubt many changed hands. The exhibits were nicely arranged round the room, and down the centre, in tiers, and were at a convenient height for viewing, while the staging was nicely draped, the whole having a very spick and span appearance. We need hardly say that, with such a body of genuine and enthusiastic fanciers as is composed in the Committee, all the exhibits received the very best of attention, and were as comfortable as they would be in their own rooms. Once more Mr. C. Draper held the secretarial "ribbons," and he handled them with consummate ability, his genial smile bearing ample testimony to the fact that he felt his efforts had met their reward in having such a grand show. The names of the committee of management are Mr. A. W. Gibbons, who makes one of the best presidents we have had the pleasure of meeting, while he has good understudies in the Vice-presidents, Messrs. F. J. McCarter, C. W. Walton, Jno. Allen, and the committee, Messrs. V. Sarson, Geo. Lander, H. Noakes, J. Needham, W. Hales, A. Bent. The cards were placed by Mr. J. H. Payne, and we heard no grumbling.

Critique.

YELL. NAT COL. (10): 1, Hewitt, four-pointed, good shape and colour, nice flights and tail, very fair example; 2, Gopsill and Howkins, marked wings, nice shape and feather, good wing carriage, pale colour, hardly lit, feathers in pipo round cheeks; 3, Jones, clear, nice level colour, good head, trifle slack on chest, good quality of feather; vhc Dicken; hc, Herbert; c, Parker. BUFF (12): 1, Walton and Noakes, marked eyes, rattling shape, close as boxwood in feather, nice flights and tail, good quality, in good trim; 2, 3, c, Herbert, eyes and wing mkd., nice feather and quality, good full chest; 3, good colour, nice shape and quality, clean skull, bit open over back; vhc, West; hc, Hulse. HEN (14): 1, Hale, sweet-shaped clear buff of beautiful feather and quality, chest as round as a billiard ball, and as smooth, nice head, good wings and tail, nice win; 2, Sanders, yellow, grand shape, feather and quality, wings well braced and carried; 3, Brooks, buff, rattling shape, nicely mealed, good head and full neck, tight in feather; vhc, hc, c, Herbert. CL., ETC., YELL. (16): 1, Neale, wing ticked, red-hot colour and full of quality, nice wing carriage, good head and neck; 2, Stubbs, clear, beautiful shape, full of quality, good head and neck, trifle slack right wing; 3, Davis, beautiful colour, nice quality, good shaped body, good wings and tail; vhc, c, Hulse; hc, Hodder. BUFF (16): 1, 3, Walton and Noakes, beautiful shape, gets well across the perch, full of quality, deep chest, Cheltenham winner; 3, grand shape, deep chest, good wings, not quite so high in quality; 2, Needham, grand quality, lovely back, good wings and tail, good colour, cobby; vhc, Jones; hc, Mitchell; c, Waters. MKD., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Davis, marked head, eye and wings, splendid colour, rare head, nice feather and well up in quality, good shape, wins well; 2, Marlin, marked eye, neck and tail, lovely quality, nice shaped body, good in colour; 3, Edwards, saddle and tail marked, good colour, nice shape, well braced wings, nice head and neck; vhc, McCarter, hc, Fox; c, Ball and Sons. BUFF (15): 1, Wooton, marked eye, neck and wings, brimful of colour and quality, grand back, head and neck, short wings and tail, the Cheltenham winners; 2, 3, Fox, right eye and wing marked, magnificent colour, and quality, nice shape, good back and head; 3, marked eyes, neck, and left wing, grand shape, deep chest, beaten only in colour; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Dent; c, Lander. UNFLI. YELL. (13): 1, Waters, grand shape and beautiful colour, level, rich ,and deep, beautifully braced wings and neat tail, a good one; 2, Buswell, nice shape and beautiful quality, good deep chest, excellent feather and quality; 3, Harris, cap, wings, and tail marked, splendid colour, short cobby body fails only a little in wing carriage; vhc, Hulse; hc, Needham, c, Waring. BUFF (19): 1, Needham, grand in colour and shape, rare skull, wide and clean, good wings and tail, nice shape; 2, Walton and Noakes, eye ticked, grand shape, nice flights and tail, splendid back, just beaten in colour and quality only; 3, Stubbs, nice shape, lovely feather, good wings and tail, fine head and neck; vhc, Neale; hc, Jones; c, Stevens. HEN YELL. (12): 1, Walton and Noakes, sweet shaped unflighted, short wings and tail, good quality, nice head, back, and chest, a true Norwich; 2, 3, Nutt, both fine shape and substance, good heads and necks, nice quality and colour, just wanted an introduction to good soap and water to put a finish on them; vhc, Midgley; hc, Wooton; c, Edwards. BUFF (16): 1, Fox, grand shape, rich undercolour, well braced wings and tail, beautifully frosted, nice round head and good carriage, Manchester winner; 2, Jones, magnificent shape, plenty of front, good colour and mealing, bit slack over left shoulder, should make a "nailer" next year; 3, Searle, lovely feather, tight as a drum, good shape, nice head and neck, wings and tail well braced; vhc, spl., Walton and Noakes; hc, Stubbs; c, Needham; a grand class.

A.O.V. Canaries and Members.

CREST OR CRESTBRED (10): 1, c, Holmes, nice round crest, neat centre, and good shaped body; 2, Sayless, Crestbred, good entrance and head feather; 3, Hawkes, Crestbred, not quite so long in feather over beak, good back skull; vhc, hc, Osborne. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Thorpe, straight as a rush, stands well on a clever pair of legs, well drawn, grand feather and quality, bit pale in colour; 2, Walsh, hot coloured, wing ticked, good stand and style, excellent feather, neat wings and tail; 3, Harris, thigh tick, nice stand and style, not quite so lengthy, but a good bird; vhc, Foster; c, G. Jeffreys. BUFF (10): 1, Walsh, well drawn, stands grandly, good feather and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, G. Jeffreys, good stand, nice feather, wings and tail, not quite so long; 3, vhc, Harris, hot colour, good feather and quality, nice wings and tail, a bit short-sided; hc, c, Hickinbottom. A.O.V. (3): 1, Andrews, very smart and good feathered yellow Border, nice colour, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, Exton, two buff Cinnamons of good size and colour. A.V. PAIRS (30/-) (11): 1, Walton and Noakes, good shaped yellow Norwich cock, nice level colour, good quality, with a good ticked buff hen of nice shape and feather; 2, Shepherd, fine pair of Cinnamons, bouncing buff cock of good shape; 3, Lauder, yellow Norwich cock, grand colour and good size, with a nice feathered and good coloured ticked buff hen; vhc, Jones; hc, Harris; c, Edwards. SELL. (20/-) (21): 1, Walton and Noakes, very smart yell. Norwich, good feather, shape, and quality; 2, Hulse, good shaped buff, nice quality; 3, Needham, smart unlit. yell., good shape and quality; vhc, Hunt; hc, Davis; c, Harrison. SELL. (12/6) (24): 1, Cook, six-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary Mule, nice feather and markings; 2, Walton and Noakes, good coloured and shapely yell. Nor.; 3, Shepherd, nice feathered and shapely buff Cinn.; vhc, Jones; hc, Needham; c, Davis. MEMBERS (NOVICE). NOR. YELL. (41): 1, Hunt, grand feather, colour, and quality, nice shape, good wings and tail, romps in, a good one for a novice; 2, Freestone, nice shape, very decent colour and quality; 3, Fearn, very fair shape and feather, a bit unsteady; vhc, Kelsby. BUFF (13): 1, Blockley, good shape, beautiful feather and well up in quality, nice wings and tail, wins Hyde's special; 2, Freestone, marked wings, eye, and neck, grand colour, nice shape, fine bird; 3, Kilsby, marked head and wings, nice shape, only just beaten in quality of feather; vhc, Adcock; hc, c, Boniter.

Mules, British and Foreign.

CANARY MULE LIGHT (16): 1, Lees, four-pointed buff Goldfinch and Canary, grand feather, size, shape and colour, in nice order, smart exhibit; 2, Lander, six-pointed yellow, nice colour, bit heavy in eyes and wing markings, but a very taking Mule; 3, Cook, yet another pleasing specimen; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Andrews; c, Blower. DARK (17): 1, Lawrence, Canary-Bullfinch, beautifully feathered, grand colour, good shape and markings, nice size, in tip-top order, wins spl. for best bird in show; 2, Andrews, Jonque Greenfinch-Canary, good size, colour, and feather, hard lines to meet the winner; 3, Walton and Noakes, very pretty Jonque Siskin and Canary, grand colour and feather, nice markings, in good trim; vhc, J. E. Jeffreys; hc, Stevens; c, Poole. HYBRID (13): 1, Lawrence, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, beautiful colour, nice shape and feather, and well shown; 2, Freer, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice wing bars, good size and shape; will improve yet; 3, Andrews, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very shapely, fails a little in colour and feather. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Pawlet, nice square-cut blaze, good buttons, grand back and tanning, in excellent condition; 2, Andrews, nice feather and colour, not quite so square-cut in blaze, otherwise a smart one all round; 3, Riley, good feather, nice buttons, bright blaze, but a trifle narrow; vhc, Seal; hc, Heath; c, Pinsent. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Gopsill and Howkins, Siskin, beautiful feather, nice colour, cap, and markings, very smart; 2, Caunt, Twite, grandly marked, good colour and feather, very steady; 3, Chick, mealy Redpoll, beautiful markings, nice colour and feather, good bib, close up, vhc, Garton; hc, c, Andrews. LINNET (7): 1, Hunt, good nutty colour, nice feather, beautifully pencilled, sweet shape and style; 2, Hubbard, well pencilled at sides, not quite so distinct and bold on back, very nice shape and colour; 3, Flewitt, nice back pencilling, very fair colour, not so steady; vhc, Andrews; hc, Hill and Towers; c, Gamble. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Anderson, very rich colour on breast, nice cap and wing bars, steady as a rock, shapely and of nice size; 2, Bradburn, excellent feather, cap and bars, not the breast colour of the winner, but of good shape and very steady; 3, J. E. Jeffreys, shapely, taking specimen, good feather and colour; vhc, Draper. A.O.V. FINCH (7): 1, 3, Chick, grand Bramblefinch, good colour, beautifully pencilled back and head, in fine feather, well shown; 3, rattling good yellow Bunting, nice colour and feather, well marked; 2, vhc, hc, Hunt, Hawfinch, grand feather, well-cut bib, excellent size and shape; c, Hill and Towers. INSECTIV. (SMALL) (5): 1, hc, Chick, Wryneck, good markings and colour, very steady and well shown, nice bird; 2, 3, Pinsent, Redstart, fine feather, colour and markings, a bit on the small side; 3, Wheatear, grand size and well marked; vhc, Poole. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Chick, Cornish Chough, shines like satin, nice legs and bill, in the pink; 3rd grand Magpie, good colour, cut and feather; 2, Poole, Ring Ousel, grand size, feather, and condition, nice crescent and very steady, smart one; vhc, Sills. FOR. (11): 1, hc, Howe, beautiful Paradise Whydah, in the best of condition, good colour; 2, vhc, Sills, grand Bishop, in brilliant plumage; 3, Caunt, splendid pair of pin-tailed Nonpariels, in fine order; c, Poole.

AVONBRIDGE.

Avonbridge O.S. held their fourth annual show and competition in the Avonbridge Public Schoolroom on 2nd Nov., under distinguished patronage. President, Mr. John Cowans; Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Graham; Secretary, Mr. Vivian Young; Treasurer, Mr. Robert Gentlemen; Committee, Messrs. R. Binnie, G. Lamont, J. Whiteford, A. Coplaw, Isaac Whitefield, R. Dunsmore, M. McFarlane, and Arnott J. Shields. Judge, Mr. Kean, Edinburgh. There was a handsome silver cup given for most points over all sections, the gift of the ex-Vice-President, and a handsome gold-centre badge for the second most points over all sections. The silver cup was won by Mr. J. Shields, the runner-up being Mr. Dunsmore, jun., and winner of the gold-centre badge. Sec. Young is the right man in the right place, assisted by an able committee of fanciers. Everything was in the pink of condition and order, the entries exceeding last year's total by about 100—a very satisfactory result. And the quality of the exhibits all round was much better than in the previous year. For want of support there was no class for Scotch Fancies. There were 21 classes in the Cage Bird section. Border Fancies were a splendid turn-out, some typical Borders being staged, the quality being good. There was also a fine turn-out of British and Norwich. The A.O.V. Softbill class was also a fair exhibit. There was a very large turn-out of breeders and visitors to the show, being quite a gala day in the village. Owing to the smallness of the hall or schoolroom the accommodation afforded was fully taken up, and some little inconvenience was experienced by visitors in viewing the different exhibits. The room being divided into three sections for school purposes, made Sec. Young's task a rather difficult one. The show, however, was a pronounced success, and every credit is due to the Secretary and his able assistants. Mr. Kean's awards met with approval, there being little or no grumbling heard. YELL.PL. (4): 1, Sharp, var., lovely sizo and feather, grand quality, wins easy; 2, 3, Foster, nicely built cl. yell., nice feather and colour, good bird, 3rd cl. yell., nice head, smaller, good type; 4, Gordon, var. bird, fair type, shade small to winner. BUFF (4): 1, Foster, rare feather, lovely bead and wings, excellent quality; 2, 3, Pollock, 2nd not quite so large as winner, but nice typical bird, 3rd shade restless, cl. yell., nice stamp. A.V. PLAINHEAD (NAT. COL.) (3): 1, Gentlemen, nice shape, grand substance, nice thick-set body, and with lovely feather; 2, Anderson, excellent shape and feather, and nice quality; 3, Flood, Cinn. tkd. yell., nice shape and feather, fails in size to winners. CREST (9): 1, 2, Shields, 1st var. dark Crest, nice droop and quality of feather, wins well; 2nd var., nicely feathered and good quality, fails in crest to winner; 3, Foster, crest of fair size and droop, but lacks density to winners; 4, vhc, Heath, 4th rare substance of body, nice crest and droop, but not so shapely, good type; hc, Dunsmore. CRESTBRED (7): 1, Shields, grand head, plenty of feather and good sized body, wins easy; 2, Russell, good size and condition, nice head and shape, fails in feather to 1st; 3, Foster, shade smaller, var., good stamp; 4, vhc, Laing, not much to choose between 3rd and 4th; 6, Dunsmore; 7, Stannars. BORDERS, CL. OR TICK YELL. COCK (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Shields, 1st eye-marked, sweet, shapely bird, nice carriage and jaunty, fine feather, lovely quality, 2nd not quite so well up as first or so nice in bloom, but a nice typical bird and well worth its place 3rd, nice jaunty bird, built on good lines, neat head, wings and tail, close up, 4th cl. nice neat body, but barely so good in shape to winners. HEN (13): 1, hc, Shields, real model, sweetly moulded and lovely carriage, correct type of Border; 2, Russell, nice shape, fails in wing and tail to 1st; 3, McWatt, nice shape and colour, but not so nice in feather, in fine condition, lovely carriage; 4, c, Dunsmore, sweet and shapely, and nice quality; vhc, Gentlemen. BUFF COCK (15): 1, 2, Shields, 1st sweetly built, good colour, and grand quality, nice jaunty carriage, wins easy, 2nd tick, fine feather, lovely head and wing, grand quality all through; 3, Cairns, grand body and carriage, sweet bird, fails in head; 4, Arnott, bird of good average merit; vhc, Dunsmore; hc, Gentlemen; c, Peel. HEN (11): 1, 3, 5, Shields, nice type, nice wing and tail, in lovely feather, good type, 3rd grand stamp, will improve; 2, Muttor, lovely tick and carriage, good bird, close on first; 4, Gentlemen, nice body and carriage, but scarcely so shapely as winner; hc, Stannars; c, Paterson. A.O.V. COCK (10): 1, McWatt, cup winner at Falkirk, and wins his place handsomely here, looking well; 2, Lambie, sweetly moulded, grand type, nice head and carriage, good bird; 4, spl., 3, vhc, Shields, 3rd var. yell, nice body and wing, just fails in tail to second, 4th uneven buff, crosses its wings a shade, faulty in tail; hc, Arnott; c, Forrest. HEN (10): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Shields, 1st var. buff, grand shape, wings nicely placed, good style and well up, 3rd var. buff, nice shape, wing, and carriage, fails in head; 2, Lambie, grand unev. yell., lovely carriage and nicely set-up, in splendid condition, good bird; 4, Gentlemen, var. cinn., of good average quality; c, McWatt. SELL (7/6) (11): 1, Paterson; 2, 3, hc, Shields; 4, vhc, Dunsmore; c, Gentlemen. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (8): 1, —, nice square blaze, good tan body colour and buttons, an all-round good bird; 2, Raine, nice colour, loses only in blaze to winner; 3, Brownlee, just loses in body colour to second; 4, Cowie, good all-round bird; vhc, Russell; hc, Ben Brown; c, Gentlemen. BULLFINCH (BRIT.) (4): 1, Livingstone, very nice Bullfinch and in splendid feather, good breast, cap, and bars, very steady; 2, Campbell, not much between 1st and 2nd; 3, Gentlemen, nice and rich in colour, but scarcely so well mark; 4, Dunsmore, good cap and bars, not quite so rich in breast colour. LINNET (5): 1, spl., —, in grand feather and condition, lovely colour; 2, Campbell, nice markings, fine and steady, good colour, shade smaller than 1st; 3, Gentlemen, nice colour and condition, nice lacings, shade small to winner; 4, Flood, nice shape, shade dull in colour and markings to winner. REDPOLL OR TWITE (10): 1, Raine, Twite, good size and colour, well marked on breast and sides, in grand condition; 2, Livingstone, Redpoll, nice size, grand colour and markings, in splendid feather; 3, Bald, well marked and good coloured Twite; 4, Muir; vhc, hc, —; c, Black. A.O.V. FINCH (5): 1, Foster, vhc, hc, —; c, Black. A.O.V. FINCH (5): 1, Foster, Goldfinch, very rich bright colour, marking well defined, broad bright blaze, grand type; 2, Sharp, Bramblefinch, good size shape and colour, nicely marked at sides, well spangled on head and back; 3, Calder, Greenfinch, rich colour, good shape and fine condition, close up; 4, spl., Henderson, nice Bramblefinch, well laced, shade dull in colour, in fair condition; vhc, Henderson. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 1, Henderson, Yellowhammer, grand size and colour, splendid body markings and condition, well shown; 2, Strachan, lovely colour and markings, and staged in grand condition, loses in size to winner; 3, Gentlemen, another all-round good bird, but not so well marked as winners. MULE (10): 1, spl., Foster, yell. Greenfinch Mule, nice and rich in colour, in splendid condition; 2, McWatt, yell. Goldfinch Mule, good size, rich in colour, and shown in splendid condition of feather; 3, Sharp, var. Greenfinch Mule, rich and even in colour, nicely staged; 4, vhc, Gentlemen, 4th var. Goldie Mule, in excellent colours; hc, c, Alexander. HYBRID: 1 spl., Sharp, Bullfinch-Goldfinch, in lovely feather and marking, shown in beautiful condition; 2, Foster, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice colour and bloom, very steady. SELL (3): 1, Bald; 2, Johnstone; 3, Strachan.

SLEAFORD.

In connection with the annual show held under the auspices of the Sleaford F.A., a nice little display of cage birds was seen in the Corn Exchange on October 31st. The building is admirably adapted for the purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. The exhibits were limited to £3, and in some districts two or three of the winners would not have returned home. The arrangements were admirable, capable enthusiasts having charge of the arrangements, whilst Mr. H. Castle, the secretary, worked hard for the success of the venture, and ere this, each exhibitor will have received his prize money. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. NOR. YELL. (6): 2, Schofield, clear, nice colour, good colour and featbers; 3, Spray, heavily variegated, neat shape, nice colour, and head; 4, King, minus some feathers in its tail, which no doubt handicapped it, otherwise a good one; r, Atkin; vhc, hc, Wilson. BUFF (16): 1, Mackinder, clear, thick-set, nice colour and meal, in nice bloom; 2, 3, Spray, 2, good shape, nice colour, feathers close and compact, 3, marked head, neck and wing, nice chubby bird, not yet fined down; 4, Schofield; r, Atkin; vhc, Murrell, Shaw; a very nice lot. YORKS. (18): 1, 4, Murrell, leader, yellow, well-drawn, nice slim bird, of good colour and feather, 4, huff, loses shape; 2, Blades, buff, but for being a shade long in build, a real good one, nice length and feather; 3, Perkins, yellow, grand shape, long and slim, wings nicely braced and good pipe tail, rattling position, we like; r, vhc, Holroyd; hc, Taylor, a splendid lot for the limit. A.O.V. (9): 1, hc, White, winner dark Crest, of nice feather and formation, marked one wing; 2, we could not find, surely not withheld; 3, r, vhc, Edwards, leader nice, clear-bodied dark Crest, very fair, density of crest and frontal; 4, Peck and Fawcett, good Scotch Fancy. MULES (9): 1, Tams and Son, nice Goldie-Bullie, pleasing colour and bloom; 3, vhc, Murrell, variegated Goldie-Canary; 4, r, Dale. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 2, Turner, nice Goldie; 3, 4, King, Bullfinch, good colour and feather; r, vhc, hc, Emstead. A.O.V. (12): 1, Turner, nice Wagtail, in good feather: 2, Cragg, Barn Owl, in rare condition and feather, not usually encouraged as cage birds; 3, Peck and Fawcett, Bramblefinch, well spangled, and nice colour; 4, hc, (2) Turner, nice Wheatear, leading; vhc, Mackindes. SELL. 10/- (20): 1, Atkin; 2, Tams and Son; 3, Wing; 4, King.

I regret we have a Cinnamon Canary, Class 56, No. 7, gone astray from our late show. Will the exhibitor in whose case it was packed kindly return it at once so that I can forward it to its owner.—A. S. Treasure (Cheltenham Show).

GOVANHILL.

Govanhill and Dist. (confined) O.A., held their second show, and competition of Scotch Fancy and Norwich Canaries, in the Dixon Hall, Cathcart Road, November 2. President, Mr. Wm. Tennant; Vice-President, M. A. Buchanan; Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. Charles C. Watson, who worked nobly to make the show a success. The judges were Messrs. James Carlow, James Watson, for Scotch Fancy, and Andrew Malcolmson the Norwich. The club are to be congratulated upon their success in enrolling 35 new members during the year, and in adding two more classes this year, there being 8 classes for Scotch Fancy, and two for Norwich. The club have reason to feel satisfied at their success in the additions. Sec. Watson had the exhibits well staged, and had everything in apple-pie order. Scotch Fancies were a good class, some good birds being staged, the most successful winners being the Brothers Rennie, who had some typical birds forward. Norwich were a medium lot. The best bird in the hall was a foul buff, CK., belonging to Mr. R. Rennie, a bird of all-round merit, and an easy first in its class. The runner-up belonging to Mr. Wm. Wilson, was shown in lovely feather, but was a shade small to first, but a grand type. There was a large turn-up of visitors, ladies being much in evidence, the hall being at times a shade overcrowded. The Hon. Pres., Dr. Garey, presented the prizes to the successful winners, making a few racy remarks. The judges' task was rather prolonged, the result being that the admission of visitors did not take place till 3 p.m. instead of 1.30. The Committee have arranged to add two additional judges in future to the number, and thereby relieve the pressure, experienced on the present occasion. SCOTCH FANCY: FELL. CK. (14): 1, W. Rennie; 2, R. Rennie; 3, C. W. Wilson; 4, Houston; vhc, hc, Buchanan. BUFF OK., CL. OR FOUL (11): 1, spl., 2, R. Rennie; 3, hc, A. Wilson; 4, Michael; vhc, Houston; c, G. Wilson. PIED OR GREEN (11): 1, Buchanan; 2, spl., W. Wilson; 3, spl., R. Rennie; 4, spl., W. Rennie; vhc, Clark; hc, G. Wilson; c, Michael. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, spl., R. Rennie; 2, W. Rennie; 4, Clark; vhc, Peter Morton; hc, spl., Buchanan; c, Wilson. BUFF CL., ETC. (10): 1, 2, spl., R. Rennie; 3, spl., McCormick; 4, spl., Clark; vhc, A. Wilson; hc, Houston. PIED (12): 1, W. Rennie; 2, A. Wilson; 3, G. Wilson; 4, Clark; vhc, spl., W. Wilson; hc, M. Michael; c, Morton. OLD BIRDS CKS. (17): Clark; 2, R. Rennie; 3, Tennent; 4, McIntosh; vhc, Buchanan. HENS (16): 1, Tennent; 2, W. Wilson; 3, P. Morton; 4, R. Rennie; vhc, R. Keys. CKS. (19): 1, 7, spl., Ireland; 2, Edwards; 3, 4, spl., vhc., spl., Peters; hc, spl, Jeffrey. HENS (17): 1, vhc, Jeffrey; 2, c, Mitchell; 3, Valantine; 4, Thomson; hc, Ireland. AMATEUR'S COCKS: 1, B P., W. Wilson; 2, B. McCormick; 3, Yell., W. Wilson; 4, B., M. Michael; J. vhc, J. McMichael, B.; hc, yell, W. Wilson; c, Green, G. Wilson. HENS: 1, B., McCormick; 2, yell., W. Wilson; 3, yell Pied; 4, buff Pie, P. Morton; vhc, hc, c, J. McMichael.

KILMARNOCK.

Thirty-third Annual Show of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., held at Co-operative Hall, Nov. 2, when there were close on 500 entries. Messrs. J. Calderwood, C. Campbell, and J. B. Richardson judged. The Scotch Fancy Cup was won by Mr. John McDougall, the Crested Cup, Mr. J. Noble, Plainhead Cup Mr. W. Muir, Border Cup Mr. J. Smillie, Mule Cup Mr. R. M'Caw, Brit. and For. Cup Mr. A. Mackie. Medal given by Dean of Guild Munro, for most points for Canaries and Mules won by Mr. Muir, Cup by Mr. Allan Roberts won by Mr. John Noble, with young Crested cock, which also won medal given by Mr. J. King. The committee consist of Messrs. W. Muir, A. Mackie, W. Strathearn, W. Smith, J. Smillie, G. Adamson, A. Bowie, H. Train, and W. Watson. The Society possesses a valuable asset in Mr. R. M'Caw, the Secretary, who worked well to bring about the good results obtained. SCOTCH CLEAN, ETC., COCK: 1, 2, spl., Bowie; 3, 4, 5, J. M'Dougal. PIED OR DARK CK.: 1, Reid; 2, Templeton. CLEAN, ETC., HEN: 1, spl., Reid; 2, spl, Bowie; 3, Lyons; 4, spl, M'Dougal. PIED OR DARK: 1, Lyons; 2, M'Dougal; 3, 4, Templeton. CREST CK.: 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Noble; 5, Adamson; 6, Reid. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 5, Noble; 4, spl., 6, Reid. CRESTBRED CK.: 1, spl., 3, 6, Adamson; 2, spl., Reid; 4, Wyllie; 5, Noble. HEN: 1, Noble; 2, 3, Adamson; 4, Gardner; 5, 6, Reid. NOR. CL., ETC. COCK: 1, spl., 5, Muir; 2, spl., Watson; 3, Rae; 4, spl., Hutchieson; 6, Johnstone. BUFF CK.: 1, Latta; 2, Rae; 3, Cowan; 4, Samson; 5, Johnstone; 6, Muir. VARI. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, 3, Muir; 4, Johnstone; 5, W. G. Muir; 6, Hutchieson. BUFF CK.: 1, spl., 4, Muir; 2, Samson; 3, Hutchieson; 5, M'Fadzean; 6, Latta. YELL. HEN: 1, spl. 2, 3, Muir; 4, Rae; 5, Johnstone; 6, Hutchieson. BUFF: 1, Bowie; 2, spl., 5, Muir; 3, Cowan; 4, Johnstone; 6, Samson. VARI. YELL: 1, spl., 3, Muir; 2, Hutchieson; 4, Allan; 5, Willison; 6, Latta. BUFF: 1, 4, spl., Samson; 2, Johnstone; 3 M'Fadzean; 5, Muir; 6, Cowan. NON-FED: 1, Muir; 2, Jones; 3, Hutchieson; 4, Samson; 5, Gardner; 6, M'Caw. BOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Blair; 2, 6, Clark; 3, Cree; 5, Guthrie. BUFF: 1, Lee; 2, Dick; 3, Smellie; 4, spl, Samson; 5, Clark; 6, Murdoch; VARI. YELL. CK.: 1, spl., 3, Willison; 2, Smellie; 4, Jones; 5, Murdoch; 6, Strathearn. BUFF CK.: 1, Smellie; 2, 3, Murdoch; 4, Guthrie; 5, Jones; 6, Dick. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Blair; 2, 5, Murdoch; 3, Cree; 6, Willison. BUFF: 1, spl., Guthrie; 2, Blair; 3, Dick; 4, Rae; 5, Clark; 6, Jones. VARGTD. YELL.: 1, spl., 6, Samson; 2, Cree; 3, Willison; 4, spl., Smellie; 5, Jones. BUFF: 1, 6, Samson; 2, spl., Cree; 3, Smellie; 4, Strathearn; 5, Lennox. MULES, CINN., ETC.: 1, Murdoch; 2, Strathearn; 3, spl, Smellie; 4, Dick; 5, Kelly. LIGHT: 1, 4, spl., 5, Brown; 2, Cunningham; 3, Samson; 6, Garven. HYBRID: 1, spl., M'Caw. DARK GOLDFINCH: 1, M'Callum; 2, Wyllie; 3, Brown; 5, Samson. DARK GREENFINCH: 1, 4, Samson; 2, Caldwell; 3, 5, 6, Scoular. A.O.V.: 1, 2, spls, 3, 4, 5, M'Caw; 6, Gardner GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, spl., Johnstone; 2, spl., Cree; 3, 4, Brown; 5, M'Bride; 6, Cram. BULLFINCH CK.: 1, Brown; 2, Cram; 3, Rae; 4, Fisher; 5, Mackie; 6, M'Fadzean. LINNET CK.: 1, Cunningham; 2, 5, Fisher; 3, Parker; 4, Mackie; 6, Thornton. GREENFINCH CK.: 1, spl., Cunningham; 2, 6, Mackie; 3, Johnstone; 4, spl., Cram; 5, Kelly. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Cunningham; 2, 3, Mackie; 4, 5, M'Caw; 6, Smith. HARDBILL: 1, spl., Mackie; 2, 6, Caldwell; 3, Cram; 4, 5, M'Caw. SOFT.: 1, spl., 3, 4, Mackie; 2, Smith. BULLFINCH, ETC., HENS: 1, Mackie; 2, Dale; 3, Cram; 4, Kelly; 5, Johnstone; 6, M'Caw. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., Cunningham; 2, spl., Smellie; 3, spl., Guthrie; 4, spl., M'Caw; 5, Cram. NOT LARGER THAN CARDINAL: 1, Mackie; 2, 3, 4, Cram. VAR. CAN.: 1, spl., Cunningham; 2, spl., Wyllie; 3, M'Caw; 4, Thornton. NOVICE SCOT., ETC.: 1, Brown; 2, 3, spl., M'Callum. PLAINHEADS: 1, 4, 5, Latta; 2, 6, Ross; 3, spl., Murdoch. BORD.: 1, spl., 2, 4, 6, Lennox. SELL., 21: 1, Adamson; 2, Cram. 10/-: 1, 3, Lyons; 2, Lennox; 5, Garven; 4, M'Fadzean; 6, Willison. GIFT: 1, spl., Guthrie; 2, spl., Wyllie; 3, spl., Cram; 4, spl., Muir; 5, Muir; 6, Thornton.

BRAINTREE.

In a splendidly lighted hall, and under admirable conditions as to staging, the show of cage birds at the annual exhibition of the Braintree and Dis. F.S. was an excellent one. Notwithstanding a sad family bereavement, the secretarial duties were most efficiently carried out by Mr. F. A. Bumpable, who received an excellent backing from other members of the executive. The show was opened by the president (Capt. J. N. Harrison, J.P.), and there was a very large attendance during the afternoon and evening. The entry was a good one and the quality of a high order of merit. Members' cup, for best in show was won by Mr. Strutt with a very smart buff Yorkshire. Mr. J. F. Hills judged. NORW. (67): 1, 2, Outten, the leader a yell. of very rich colour, beautiful tone of feather, well packed wings and tail, nice wing covering, just a trifle long in tail, 2 a buff, typical, plenty of under-colour and nicely frosted; 3, Collicott, yell., fine feather, not so close together as first, but a bird of quality; vhc, Cassidan; hc, Turner, Wicker, Wilson; c, Puxley, Strutt (2). YORKS (11): 1, cup, 2, vhc, hc, Strutt, winner a neat straight well-packed buff, stands well and goes up nicely; 3, Parsons, neat, typical specimen; hc, Lucking (3), Clayden; c, Lucking. A.O.V. (4): 1, Collicott, very fine shapely crest, has substance, good body; 2, Bumpable, green crest, of fair shape and substance; 3, Surrey, grizzle, neat, but short; c, Herrieyen. A.O.V., 1907 (12): 1, Outten, yell. Nor., grand quality, fails just a trifle on head, otherwise excellent; 2, Clayden, another very decent Nor; 3, Collicott, crest neat and fairly good; vhc, Clayden, Puxley; hc, Wicker, Strutt; c, Lawrance. SELL (20s.) (7): 1, spl., Puxley; 2, Wicker; 3, Clayden; vhc, Outten; hc, Clift; c, Wilson. SELL (10s.) (7): 1, Collicott; 2, Strutt; 3, Clayden; vhc, Stammers, Temple, Puxley; hc, Wilson. MULES: (6): 1, Brown, light Godlie-Can., nice size; 2, Lawrance, smart Siskin-Can., in good feather; 3, Stammers, pretty variegated. Goldfinch Can.; vhc, Lawrence; c, Chippington. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, 2, Miss Runnacles, winner nice face, bars and colour; 3, Parsons. BRIT., A.O.V. (7): 1, Brunning; 2, Chippington; 3, Rogers. FOR., SMALL (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Row, the winners Blackheaded Gouldians, rich in colour; vhc, Poulter, Steward, Ridgewell; hc, Pannell; c, Steward. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, Steward, Seram Lory, rich in colours; 2, Spooner; 3, Wade; vhc, Brooks; hc, Canne.

BRECHIN.

Forty-fourth annual exhibition November 2nd, in the Temperance Hall, which is without doubt the finest in the district for a cage bird show. Mr. John Stirling (President), Mr. Geo. Walker (Vice-President), and Mr. Geo. Mitchell (Secretary and Treasurer), ably assisted by Mr. Wm. Aikenhead, had everything in readiness for the judges to start by nine o'clock. The light was not of the best, as the morning was very dull, but as the day got older things got brighter. The secretary must have worked very hard to pull together such a large entry, over 400 facing the judges. The Norwich were the outstanding feature of the show, some old winners coming to the front again, and we were informed that it was the best show of Norwich ever seen at Brechin. It was very pleasing to see such well-known fanciers as Mr. Wm. Aitchison and Mr. Colin Martin, from Edinburgh, and also Messrs. James Sandison and S. Will from Aberdeen; Milne, the British bird fancier from Keith; and many other familiar faces. The judges were Mr. Jas. Calderwood (Norwich), Mr. Wm. Mossie (Border Fancies), Mr. J. J. Watson (Brit. and For.), who made their awards in a masterly manner, and gave every satisfaction.

The Norwich and Borders.

YELL. COCK, 16/-: 1, cup best in show, Steven, rattling good type, rare chest, nicely carried wings, good one closely followed by 2nd, Davidson, wonderful colour, good type, best of quality, makes good 2nd; 3, Chalmers, not quite so large, nice level colour, best of wing carriage; vhc, Sandison; hc, Smeaton; c, Lyall. BUFF. COCK (16): 1, McFarlane, headed a grand class, real topper, right type, and possessing magnificent feather, hard to find a fault; 2, Davidson, another rattling good bird, little larger than winner, rare head and neck and lovely carried wings, best of type, and slashing colour, two beauties and no mistake; 3, Chalmers, not quite so typical as former, A1 quality, and nice level colour; vhc, Aitchison, true Nor. properties; hc, Watson; c, Steven. YELL. COCK (14): 1, Watson, Green, fine fronted, open in feather, looked little soft when taking our notes; 2, Mair, vargtd, grand substance and full of quality, round as a ball, our choice; 3, Chalmers, fine tone of colour, good shape and A1 quality; vhc, Mitchell, almost evenly marked; hc, McFarlane; c, Ritchie. BUFF COCK (20): 1, A. Harris, bird of good quality, bad wing carriage; 2, Davidson, nicely marked, big, bouncing bird, lovely shape and quality, grand colour, rare width of chest, best of wing carriage, easy 1st; 3, Marr, another good one, perfect shape, best of colour; vhc, Mitchell, not quite so large as winners, but worth its place; hc, Steven; c, Strachan. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Howie, stormer, best of type, grand colour, well up in size, fine head, neck and chest, good one; 2, McFarlane, fine 2nd, very shapely, good size and best of quality, not much between them; 3, Watson, another good one, well put down; vbc, Harris, teeming in quality; hc, Soutar; c, Strachan. BUFF (12): 1, Fraser, well up in size, grand colour, fair quality, could be a little stouter; 2, Thomson, very sweet, rare quality and width of chest, perfect wing carriage, we liked very mueb; 3, McFarlane, another of the right sort, grand front, best of quality and tip-top colour; vhc, Aikenhead; hc, Bennet; c, Aitchison. YELL. VAR.: 1, Watson, grand stamp of Ben, fine rich colour and best of quality; 2, Milne, nice level colour throughout, good type, just fails in quality; 3, Davidson, evenly mark, grand substance, superior feather, fine tone of colour; vbc, McFarlane; hc, Smeaton; c, Soutar. BUFF VAR. (12): 1, Howie, mark eyes and wings, magnificent shape, short, thick-set, of good quality; 2, Smeaton, runs winner hard; 3, Marr, good type and quality, pale in colour to winner; vhc, Fraser; hc, Aitchison; c, Chalmers. UNFLI. CKS. (26): A rattling good class; 1, Harris, yell., of rare colour and quality, fails in head; 2, Howie, mark on bead, also yell., very shapely and of nice quality, best of colour; 3, Pirie, buff marked on back of head, rich in colour; vhc, Davidson, good youngster; hc, Steven; c, Will. HEN (29): 1, 3, Howie, former yell., best of colour and teeming in quality; 3, Buff, also well up in colour and quality, just a shade on long side; 2, Mitchell, buff var., rare type, nicely carried wings and tail, must have pressed winner; vhc, Lyall; bc, McFarlane; c, Taylor. NON-FED (16): 1, Marr, big bouncing bird of grand feather; 2, Sbearer, another of the right sort; 3, Chalmers; vhc, Lyall; hc, Smeaton; c, Howie. SELL. COCKS (18): 1, Davidson; 2, c, Mitchell; 3, Clark; vhc, hc, Jaffrey. HEN (20): 1, Pirie; 2, Mitchell; 3, Jaffrey; vhc, Clark; hc, Warden; c, Burnett; some very fine BORDERS, CL., ETC., YELL. COCK (16): 1, 3, Craig, both finely drawn bodies, well laid on wings, sound level colour; 2, Lawson, nice shape and style, feather smooth as glass; vhc, Easson; hc, Simpson; c, Hamilton. BUFF (11): 1, Chrystison, Cl. correct size, and model for shape, A1 feather; 2, Auld, another good one, for type and quality, in best of order; 3, Shearer, just shade heavy at waist, but very hard to find fault otherwise, vhc, Easson, hc, Davidson; c, Craig. YELL. VAR. (9): 1, Falconer, tick on eye and both wings, a gem, excess in type, feather like wax; 2, Stirling, correct in shape and style, good one; 3, Logie, in the best of feather, very stylish, jaunty in carriage; vhc, Craig, hc, Harrison, c, Easson. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Craig, two gems, in wax like condition, very correct in shape, and rare feathered; 33, Shearer, very neat, in fine bloom; vhc, Sandeman; hc, Logie; c, Turnbull. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (15): 1, Logie, Cl., simply lovely feather and colour, A1 type, like boxwood in feather, rare wing carriage, grand hen; 2, Stirling, another smart one for neatness, very stylish; 3, Brownlie, very smart exhibit, little unsteady; vhc, Lawson; hc, Christison; c, Craig. BUFF (15): 1, Lawson, rattling good hen, model for shape, feathered like a Java; 2, Christison, another smart one for type and quality, well put down; 3, Aikenhead, very stylish, correct size, in the pink of condition; vhc, Craig; hc, Easson; c, Taylor. YELL. VAR. (7): 1, Logie, mark. both eyes, head and wings, little beauty, right type, splendid mover; 2, Craig, another gem of the first water; 3, Bell, would almost pass for even mark, finely moulded, grand style and A1 condition; vhc, Stirling; hc, J. Stirling; c, Walker. BUFF (12): 1, J. Stirling, tick, wings, correct in size and shape, lovely feather, good one; 2, Turnbull, very stylish, just falls in quality to winner; 3, Lawson, in rare good trim; vhc, Aikenhead; hc, Easson; c, Craig. EVEN MARK. (12): 1, Craig, buff in A1 order, nice loxy feather, well put down; 2, 3, Walker, both very smart and jaunty, nice carriage, best of condition; vhc, Simpson; hc, Sandeman; c, Bell. GREEN (3): 1, Shearer; 2, Hood; 3, Aikenhead. SELL. (7/6) (15): 1, Logie; 2, Stevenson; 3, Aikenhead; vhc, Craig; hc, Kerniley; c, Sandemau; (5/-) (15): 1, Mitchell; 2, Logie; 3, Crabb; vhc, Sandeman; hc, Lawson; c, Aikenhead.

Wild Birds, Mules, etc.

HYBRID (10): 1, Ovenstone, gem of a Canary-Bullfic, in lovely condition and rare colour, a good cross; 2, 3, McFarlane, two nicely mark. light Gordie Mules, yell. and buff; two grand exhibits, hard lines to stand back with such; vhc, Bald; hc, Seay; c, Grewar. GOLDIE BRIT. (7): 1, Jaffrey, well up in size and markings; 2, Fiddes, good colour, fails in size to winner; 3, Cullen; vhc, hc, c, Hutton. BULLFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, Watt, large, very cobby and shapely, good cap and bars, rich breast colour, wins; 2, 3, Douglas, not quite so large as winner, still two good ones; vhc, Cullen; bc, Black; c, Wilkinson. SISKIN (6): a rather poor class; 1, Byars, might have given way to 2; Bald—little gem, good colour, excellent cap and wings, well laced, staged to perfection; 3, Shearer, vhc, Barrie and Keenan; he, c, Cullen. LINNET (7): 1, Ramsay, lovely clear, rich colour, full of pencilling, in nice bloom; 2, McFarlane, darker in markings, still not a bad one; 3, Edwards, vhc, Davidson; hc, Burnett; c, Wilkinson. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Bald; 2, Connachan. VAR. BRIT. (3): 1, Crockatt, Waxwing, in pink of condition; 2, Milne Bros., grand magpie, staged to perfection; 3, Cumming, Stirling, very wild. FOR. (4): 1, Moreland, King Parrot, in the best of feather; 2, Gowan, Paradise Whydah; 3, no name, pair of yell. Budgerigars, vhc, Coats. SELL. (5/-): 1, Douglas, 2, Mitchell; 3, Porter; vhc, no name; hc, Carnegie; c, Hutton.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Blantyre and Dist. O.S. held their annual show in Mr. Blakely's Hall, a very suitable place, being well lighted and free from draught. The exhibits were of a very high order, especially in the Norwich classes, which turned out strong, the Scotch Fancy section, although few in number, were not back for quality, as the first prize, Buff Hen and cup winners, owned by Mr. Allan, was easily fit for stronger competition, being closely pressed by Mr. Hannah's Clear Buff cock, a gem for style, free worker, throws body well back, grand shoulders and reach, a nice drive, a gem of the first water, lost in size only to cup winner. The Norwich cup was won by the secretary, Mr. D. Berry, with a nice variegated buff hen, closely pressed for premier honours by Mr. Wilson with a nice clear yellow cock. The Border Fancy cup was won by Mr. White, with a yellow cock, the same owner's buff hen being runner up, which was some fanciers choice for premier honours in this section, as it was looking the better later in the day. Mules and British Birds made a good show, notably the winning Greenfinch belonging to Mr. W. Wilson, gaining premier honours, and well deserved his place. The following gentlemen judged:—Scotch Fancies, Mr. Allerdyke (Overtown), well known in Scotch Fancy circles; Border Fancies, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton), who judged the late City show and gave general satisfaction. Norwich and British and Mules were ably judged by Mr. G. Marlin, Hamilton. The following are the awards, which gave all round satisfaction:—SCOTCH. YOUNG CK.: 1st, spl. and 2, S. Hannah; 3, J. Allan. YOUNG HEN: 1st, and spl. and cup, 2 and 3, J. Allan. OLD CK: 1, 3, Allan; 2, S. Hannah. HEN: 1, Allan; 2 and 3, Hannah. SELL.: 1, spl. and 2, Hannah; 3, Allan. NORWICH, YOUNG YELL. CK.: 1, spl. and 3, W. Wilson; 2, D. Berry. BUFF CK.: 1, spl. Berry; 2, Taylor; 3, Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Berry; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, spl., and cup, Berry; 2, Wilson; 3, Taylor. OLD CK.: 1 and 2, Berry; 3, Taylor. HEN: 1 and 2, Berry; 3, Wilson. SELL.: 1, Wilson; 2, Taylor; 3, Berry. BORDER, YOUNG CK.: 1, spl., cup, and 2, White; 3, Taylor. HEN: 1 and spl., White; 2 and 3, Taylor. OLD BIRD: 1, White; 2 and 3, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, Hannah, with a nice Golden Lizard; 2 and 3, Allan, with two fine Norwich Cinns. HYBRID: 1, and spl, Wilson, nice dark Greenfinch Mule; 2 and 3, Walsh. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, and 3, Wilson, pretty Twite leading. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, White; 3, Taylor. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, for best British in show, Wilson; 2 and 3, Walsh. A.O.V.: 1, spl, and 2, White, a very good Bramble; 3, Walsh, nice Lark, our choice being very steady and well staged.

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LYE.

Fifth annual show in connection with now well-known and flourishing society was held in the Congregational Schools, a grand place for a show, plenty of top light. Exhibits were staged in a very nice height, so that the birds were seen to the best advantage. Mr. Green and his men, as hon. secretaries, had everything well in hand. Judging soon over, the show was opened by Alderman C. King, of Stourbridge. The room was packed to excess with visitors, so that success was again assured. The committee would be wise another year if they would see their way to advertise more in our CAGE BIRDS. They would then get a much larger entry. Our section turned up well, the class for British birds being of high merit. Mr. James, of Birmingham, judged. CANS.: 1, spl., Oakley, Buff Norwich bird, nicely shown; 2, 3, Fallows, yell. and buff Yorks, in order named, yell. neat head and neck, well balanced wings, good tail, 3 long way behind, frill on breast; r, Hingley, blue var. Nor.; vhc, Capewell. BRIT. AND FOR. (Amal.): This class caused some dissatisfaction amongst exhibitors, they not agreeing to the amalgamation. 1, spl, Hingley, very nice pair Black Goldfinch Finches, in splendid bloom, a credit to their owner, held same position at Wolverhampton last week; 2, vhc, Jones, Wryneck and Blackcap, both well known winners, need no further comment; 3, Bullingham; r, Hingley; c, Aston; vhc, Mrs. Hyrons. MULES: A fine class. 1, Hingley, very nice Goldfinch Bully, in good condition, nice col. face and breast, bit small; 2, 3, Bodley, Siskin Mule and a Goldie Bully in order named, both well known winners, and shown in splendid condition; vhc, Jones, light Goldie Mules.

DUNDEE LOCHEE O.A.

The Dundee Lochee O.A. held a very successful club show in the City Assembly Hall on November 2nd, and over 100 birds were staged, the quality being well above the average. Mr. Merrilees won the cup for young cocks with a bird of good quality, good top and drive; and Mr. Ramsay accounted for the Hen Cup with a gem, good size, grand top and gets her head well down. The judges were Messrs. T. Allison (Aberdeen), C. Berwick (St. Andrews), and Robt. Whitton (Broughty Ferry), and their awards were well received. The officials are a good lot of fanciers, and the birds were staged and the arrangements carried out in high-class style. YELL. PIED OR GREEN HEN: 1, Ramsay, the cup winner, good size, already described; 2, McGregor, another good hen, fine size; 3, Merrilees, a sweet hen, good top. BUFF: 1, 3 and 4, Merrilees, a good team, first good size and top, nice drive, third smaller, but all there for style; 2, McGregor, good size and thickness, nice drive; 5, McHaughton. CK., A. C.: 1, Low, the old champion, often described; 2, Maxwell; 3, Symons, useful bird. HEN: 1, D. Low, nice green hen, good neck; 2, Maxwell, good hen, nice drive; 3, Merrilees, good old hen, fine neck. CREST, CK., YOUNG: 1, C. Low, even mark., good spread for a youngster; 2 and 3, J. Wallace, two Greens, not far behind; 4, McDonald, nice Grizzle. CREST-BRED: 1, Wallace, good entrance; 2, C. Low, hardly finished, will improve; 3, Brown, good size and length of feather; 4, C. Low, nice hen; 5, McDonald. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, 5, McKenzie, well fed, good type, second buff, nicely mealed; 3 and 4, Milne, two serviceable buffs, good size. BORDER CK.: 1, Low, nice. HEN: 1 and 2, McKenzie, nice type, could have been better staged; 3, Low, good type. CREST: 1, Low, green hen, nice size and spread; 2, 3 and 4, Brown, hardly ready, will improve CREST-BRED: 1, 3, 4, Low, first good skull, nicely lashed, third good size, nice head; 2, Wallace, good substance; 5, Brown. HYBRID: 1 and 2, Nicoll, two good Goldie Mules, well fed; 3 and 4, Maxwell, both Siskin Mules. LINNETS, ETC.: 1, Routledge, nice Linnet leading, good size and pencilling; 2, McKenzie, nice Siskin, good size and cap; 3, 5, McDonald, good Linnet, fine colour; 4, Routledge, lesser Redpole, good markings. A.O.V.: 1, J. Nicoll, Bullfinch, good cap, rich breast; 2, 5, Routledge, nice Goldfinch, good buttons, fine square blaze; 3, J. Nicoll good Bullfinch; 4, Wallace.

AIRDRIE AND COATBRIDGE O.S.

The annual show of Scotch Fancy and Norwich Canaries, under the auspices of this enterprising Association, was held in the Trades' Hall, Airdrie, November 20th. The hall is admirably adapted for an exhibition, being comfortable and commodious. There was a grand turn-out in all the sections, and the quality was far above the average for a district show, exhibits appeared here that were likely to win in the keenest of competitions. Fanciers in the district are devoted to the hobby, and have succeeded in producing splendid style; what is wanted is size, and retaining the model they are working upon. Mr. Fairley, the president, is a born leader, he is highly respected, and carries the members with him; in the secretary, Mr. A. Murdoch, the Association are fortunate; he is most capable and courteous, and has a firm grasp of business. Both gentlemen were backed up by an energetic and hard-working committee. The arrangements were all that could be desired, and the event was much appreciated. The members have every reason to feel encouraged to go forward and improve their institution. There is likely to be an accession to the membership, and at the dinner a suggestion was put forth by one of the judges that classes might be added for Border Fancy Canarics. The show was well patronised, and everything passed off satisfactorily. The judges were Messrs. David Brown (Edinburgh) and Thomas Smith (Glasgow), for Scotch Fancy and Mr. Moreland (Falkirk) for the other sections. They were careful and painstaking, and did their best to place the exhibits in the order of merit. The judges expressed themselves well pleased with the quality and the show generally. In the Scotch Fancy section Mr. Main, of Coatbridge, won the cup with a meritorious yellow hen, and the runner up was an exceptionally stylish yellow green cock bred by Mr. J. Prentice. The cup in the Norwich section was awarded to Mr. D. Clark for a lovely crest cock.

YELL. COCK: 1, 4, Smith, first a nice free necked bird, erect, fine drive, body and shoulder in grand condition; 4, neat and stylish; 2, Buchan, erect, grand top, neat drive, smooth in feather, good body and wing; 3, Wyness, a really fine model; 5, Murdoch, good quality; 6, Russell. HEN, 1 and Cup winner, Main, a gem, erect, grand round prominent shoulder, determined reach, long free neck, neat head, good body, nicely circled, very smooth in feather; 2, Wyness, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, body and wing; 3, Main, nice stylish bird, good quality; 4, Prentice, neat, good type, 5 and 6, Prentice, a good pair, smooth in feather. YELL. PIED COCK: 1, 3, Smith, 1st erect, decided drive, good shoulders, body and wing, both stylish; 2, Wyness, pressed close on winner, fine model; 4, 6, Main, good quality; 5, Hamilton, good quality. HEN 1, Smith, an easy win, erect, fine reach, good body and wing; 2, 3, Fairley, erect, good style, plenty of cross; 4, Russell, good type. BUFF COCK: 1, Wyness, a really fine type, erect, grand solid square top, and decided drive, fine body and full of action; 2, Blacklock, nice type, round shoulders, fair drive, good body, 3, 4, Murdoch, good shoulders, nice drive, fine style; 5, Cross, good type. HENS: 1, 2, Wyness, erect, decided reach, good shoulder, body and wing; 3, 6, Hamilton, fine style and action, 4, Main, good style, 5, Cross. BUFF VARIED COCK: 1, 4, Wyness, fine variegated crest, stamp, good drive and shoulder, has a peculiarity, nice model; 2, Buchan, erect decided drive, good all-round type; 3, Russell, sweet style, quick and ready 5, Muhi, good model; 6, Hamilton. HEN: 1, Smith, well evenly, good size and substance, good quality all over, 2, Main, a smart, neat, typical exhibit; 3, Young, grand size and style, rare stock quality, 4, 5, Murdoch, good models, 6, Lyon. YELL CK.: 1, Young, erect, fine drive; neat head, nice shoulder and body, 2, Main, fine type; 3, Hastawne, nice stamp. HENS: 1, Hamilton, good all round type, quick; Hall-tone, fine type. GREEN CK.: 1, cup, Prentice, a model, more size, and he would be hard to beat, erect, decided drive, grand long neck, very neat head, shows to advantage; 2, Smith, nice type; 3, Reid, really good type. HENS: 1, 3, 4, 6, Russell; 1st, 3rd, and 4th good all round type, erect, decided drive, good shoulder and body; 2, 6, Berry, very nice size and style. GOLD PAIRS: 1, Fletcher, rare quality, full of merit, erect, decided in drive, prominent shoulder, good body and wing clean in front; 2, Murdoch, well matched cock, rare size and substance, hen full of style and quality; 3, Snedden, both good style and quality; 4, Hamilton, smart and stylish, rare action; 5, Prentice, nicely mated, good quality; 6, Reid. CREST OR C.B.: 1, cup, 2, D. Clark, 1st grand Crest, nicely shed, good size and substance; 2nd nice type; 3, J. Clark; 4, Renika; 5, 6, Fairley. HENS: 1, 2, 5, Clark, 1st, 2nd, good crests, fine body and substance throughout; 3, 6, Cunningham; 4, Fairley. PLAINHEAD COCK: 1, 6, Simpson; 2, 4, 5, Kennedy; 3, Boag. HEN: 1, Simpson; 2, Reid; 3, 4, 5, Kennedy. CREST PAIRS: 1, Renika; 2, Clark; 3, McLachlan; 4, Fairley.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Stratford-on-Avon F.S. held their Annual Open Show in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 5. This building is admirably adapted to the needs of a Cage Bird Show, being excellently lighted, roomy, and quite free from draughts. Stratford is the Mecca annually of a large number of Midland fanciers, and we noticed well known faces from Birmingham, and other towns. The conduct of the show by Messrs. A. M. and W. H. Bailey, secs., was excellent; they were backed up by a hard-working and painstaking committee, consisting of Messrs. Mather, Archer, J. Bush, F. Bush, Edge, Jackson, Smith, Bider, Hoyles, Wyatt, Berry and Savage. The chairman, Mr. Mather, opened the show before a distinguished gathering. Entries were not over numerous, but the quality of the exhibits was excellent, and the competition very keen. The classes for Crest, Crest bred, Norwich hen, Mules, and selling were cancelled, and the four Yorkshire classes amalgamated into two. In Norwich, Messrs. Irons and Symonds and Son were to the fore, and in Yorkshires Messrs. Paddock, Burke and Churchill staged some typical birds. Mr. G. E. Russell judged and gave general satisfaction. NOR. PL. YELL., ETC.: (6) 1, Irons, splendid ck. of good quality, nicely braced wings, good head and neck, wins well; 2, Symonds and Son, shade hotter in colour, nice quality, fails to leader in wing carriage; 3, Broadhurst, vari., of fair quality, good head and neck, inclined to cross wings, when we saw him; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Mullis; c, Maillet. BUFF (8): 1, Symonds and Son, big bouncing bird of good colour, good head and neck, rather hollow at shoulders; 2, Irons, grizzled on back, beautiful quality bird, nice back and front, looksd a bit rough at thighs when judged, or might have won; 3, Lees, nice chubby bird of good quality, fails somewhat in head to 2; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Broadhurst; c, Mullis. UNFLI. (11): 1, Broadhurst, var. yell., hot colour, good size, and shape; 2, Irons, tick head and eye, nice quality exhibit in good bloom, excellent size and feather; 3, Lewin, good shaped yell., nice quality, bit loose in wing carriage; vhc, Mullis; hc, Wells; c, Hall. YORKS. (amalgamated) (11): 1, spl., Paddock, cl. buff of nice type and quality, stands well up on leg; the Coventry winner; 2, 3, Burke; 2, yell. of good size, nice back, wings and tail, another Coventry winner; 3, buff, nice quality bird, very fair, head and front; vhc, Richardson; c, Churchill. UNFLI. and HEN (amalgamated) (5): 1, hc, Churchill, yell. hen of beautiful quality and position, wins well; 2, Paddock, another nice yell. hen, good stand, very stylish and breedy; 3, c, Sutton, yell. cock, good length, quality and position; vhc, Peach. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Davis, Goldfinch of good size, nicely cut, square blaze, good mooning and rich coloured breast; 2, Gilbert, Bullfinch, in good trim, little more colour will make into real good one; 3, Poulton, another Bullie, rather better in colour, nice size and shape; vhc, Howe; hc, Burrows; c, no name. CLASSES 86 TO 89 (amalgamated) (6): 1, Burrows, Wryneck, nice taking exhibit, shown in good form, easy win; 2, Miss Hopwood, Meadow Pipit, another very taking exhibit, in nice feather, good 2nd; 3, vhc, Gilbert, Bramblefinch of good size, shown in faultless trim; bc, Dale. SOFTBILL (7): Gibbins, Chough, in good feather; 2, 3, Gilbert, Thrush of nice shape and good markings, and Blackbird in nice bloom, well shown; vhc, Archer; hc, Parsons. FOR. (11): 1, Howe, the well known King; 2, Mrs. Flower, Weaver in nice condition; 3, vhc, Gibbins; hc, Flower.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Fourth Members' Competition Show of this season, held Nov. 2, at head-quarters, the Flying Dutchman Hotel, 90 birds being staged in 7 classes. On account of our show being held in the evening of the day, when a Yorkshire Union Open Show took place. Mr. J. S. Clarkson assisted the appointed Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor, in placing the cards and their awards met with general approval. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Lingley; 3, 4, hc, Ludbrook; vhc, Stansfield; c, Wharton Bros. BUFF: 1, hc, Stansfield; 2, vhc, Wharton Bros.; 3, Ludbrook; 4, c, Lingley. YORKS. HEN: 1, vhc, Lingley; 2, Stansfield; 3, c, Ludbrook; 4, hc, Wharton Bros. NOVICE CLASSES—YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, hc, Pollitt; 2, Westcott; 3, Plowright; vhc, Ramsden; c, Horsfield. BUFF: 1, Horsfield; 2, Roberts; 3, Bateman; 4, Pollitt; vhc, c, Fortnam; hc, Hellewell. HEN: 1, vhc, Hellewell; 2, 3, Horsfield; 4, hc, Bateman; c, Pollitt. NOR. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, vhc, Byard; 4, hc, Plowright.—P. Stansfield, Secretary.

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ALNWICK.

Third annual show of the Alnwick and Dis. H.S., was held in the Town Hall, Alnwick, November 2nd. It is a pity this society could not see its way clear to increase the classification, their prize list being quite a novelty, and with better classification the show should make a name for itself. Some splendid exhibits were staged, giving the judge some trouble to sort out the winners; but such was done, evidently to the satisfaction of all. In the Canary class, Messrs. Thompson Bros.' Buff Scotch Fancy cock had hard lines in meeting a Clun. of exceptional merit, and might have won, had it shown itself off as well when judged as it did in the afternoon, when we took our notes. Everything was in apple-pie order under the secretarial direction of Mr. Thos. Tennant, who worked hard for the success of the show. Let us see a few more classes another year, with an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and so make Alnwick the show of the North. Mr. A. Hay, Berwick, judged. CANARY (30): 1, spl, and spl for best in show, Atkinson, Clnn. grand deep colour, nice type, not a feather out of place, but hard pressed by 2; spl, Thompson Bros., Cl. Buff Scotch Fancy, rather lazy when judged, grand drive, and gets tail well under, could have won if it had showed itself; 3, spl, Miller, Cl. Buff Nor., lovely head and body, close up, but broken feather in tail told against it; r, spl, vhc, hc, Rennison, grand trio of Nor., r, grizzle cap Buff hen, takes spl for best bird confined to Alnwick; c, Weatherhead, Cl. Buff Border, a grand class, several birds standing cardless, worth a ticket at any show. A.O.V. (except Linnet) (21): 1, spl., Atkinson, grand var. Buff Goldie Mule, grand size, nicely marked and in pink of condition; 2, spl., Rennison, Bramblefinch, graudly spangled, the best of polish and condition; 3, Heslop, Goldfinch, grand blaze and nut-brown back, nice bars; res., Miss Wood, var. Buff Goldie Mule; vhc, Knox, Bramblefinch; hc, Robson, Goldfinch; c, Paxton and Luke. LINNET (23): 1, spl., 2, Atkinson, 1st nice size, nutty-brown, fine pencilling, steady as a rock, 2nd falls a trifle pencilling; 3, Pringle, grand colour, but shows rather a bad claw on left foot; res., vhc, Robinson, r the largest in class but very wild; hc, Robson; c, Miss Robinson.

SANDY LANE.

Annual Open Show, held on Nov. 1st and 2nd, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and the patronage of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C. Entries totalled 479, and the number of exhibitors 141. The open classes had an average of 16 per class, and the novices an average of 23 per class. The room is a good one for a show, but not by any means too big for the great influx of visitors, and at times it was hard work to get near the exhibits. Mr. R. Butcliffe officiated as judge, and being expert on Cinnamon marks would no doubt be very gratified at the excellent entry in these classes. The secretary, Mr. Buckle, is a hard worker, and was ably assisted by the President, Mr. Wilson, the vice-Presidents, Messrs. Drake and Shaw, the Stewards, Messrs. Coates, Edmondson, Shaw, and Watmongh, and a whole bodyguard of willing assistants. Some grand specimens were on view, amongst the most noticeable being Shackleton's cl. yell, Bailey and Swanger's tick. buff, Wilcock's uneven-marked, Milburn's heavily vari., Dyson's unfli. buff, Wadsworth's buff hens, and Hartley's cinnamon marked buff hen. In the Novice classes some grand birds were put down, many out of the cards being good enongh to win at some open shows. A grand innovation at this show was the providing of refreshments, which was greatly appreciated by many of the visitors.

The Open Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (14): 1, spl., Shackleton, grand type, quality aud colour, rattling good style and leugthy; 2, Bailey and Swanger, not quite length of winner, rare style and quality, stands well up, very neat; 3, Ogden Bros., nice lengtb, good quality and type; 4, Wilcock, good coloured, leggy; vhc, Singley; hc, Wilson; c, Cooper. BUFF (11): 1, Dyson, slim, typical, good style, lovely quality, good one; 2, 3, spl., Shackleton, former nice quality and colour, good type, grand back, wings and tail, latter long, nice drawn bird, extra good position; 4, Towers, not quite as long, nice type and quality of feather, stands well; vhc, Wadsworth; hc, Wilson; c, Bailey and Swanger. TICK. YELL. (13): 1, Cibbons, tick. neck, very long-sided bird, A1 type, nice quality, splendid front; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, lovely quality, typical and good colour, nice carried wings; 3, hc, Bailey and Swanger, grand type and position, lovely quality, beautifully moulded; 4, Shackleton, tick, head, lengthy, nice colour and quality, splendid back, wings and tail; vhc, Drake and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Bailey and Swanger, grand type, lovely quality, nicely frosted, full of colour, a gem; 2, Wadsworth, nice type and quality, good style and position, not quite so good in colour; 3, Wilcock, tick. wings and head, nice length, position and style, good quality, neat pipetail; 4, hc, Wilson, tick. cheek, plenty of type, well up on legs; vhc, c, Shackleton. UNEVENLY MARK (11): 1, Wileock, yell. mark. wings and eye, good lengthy bird of nice type, position and quality, very leggy; 2, Walton, yell., nice back, neat wings and tail, good quality; 3, 4, Murgatroyd and Son, 3rd buff, mark wings and eyes, splendid shape and position, nice quality and very steady; 4, yell., good stylish bird, fine position, grand quality; vhc, Spencer and Son; hc, Towers; c, Wood. HEAVILY MKD. (more dark than light) (11): 1, spl, Millburn, grand lengthy yell., full of colour, very stylish and nice quality; 2, Armstrong, buff, grand type, nice position and style, lovely quality; 3, Shackleton, yell., good length and position, nice shape and quality; 4, Ramsden, typical yell., nice colour and quality, grand back, wings and tail; vhc, Dodson; hc, Gibbons; c, Sykes. UNFLI. YELL. (23): Grand class, 1, spl., Bray and Charlesworth, tick. cheek, nice type and position, lovely quality, very clean, not a feather out of place; 2, Elam, rather stronger built, red-hot colour, nice shape, good chest; 3, Shackleton, slim, neat drawn, nice shape and style; 4, Cruise, nice length and quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Blakey; hc, Cibbons; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Dyson, tick. cheek, beautiful quality, A1 position and shape, well on legs, very clean at front, good one; 2, Bray and Charlesworth, good shape, neat, stylish, fine quality, stands well, close up; 3, Mrs. Sunderland, good shape, stylish, lovely quality and colour; 4, hc, Wilson, nice shape and style, very neat; vhc, Helliwell; c, Bailey and Swanger. YELL HEN (19): 1, 2, spl., Helliwell, 1st, tick. wing, very straight, nice type and style, lovely feather, well moulded; 2, trifle smaller, very similar to winner, two grand ladies; 3, Cruise, nice quality and type, good head, nice round back, stands well; 4, Walsh, plenty of colour, trifle stronger; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Shackleton; c, Knight. BUFF HEN (24): 1, 2, spl., Wadsworth, 1st, grand quality and style, good type, stands well up; 2nd nicely drawn, good position, neat wings and tail, shows few pens on head—when ready will be a gem; 3, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, tick. wing, neat in type, good style, nice quality; 4, Ogden Bros., unevenly marked, grand typical lady, full of colour and quality, good shoulders, nice wings and tail; hc, Murgatroyd and Son; c, Cruise. CINN. TICK. ETC., YELL. COCK (14): 1, spl., Wilcock, tick. wing and head, splendid type, good length, grand quality and colour, straight as a gun barrel, wins; 2, Cooper, mark. wings, eyes and cheek, not quite so long, very neat type, well drawn out and nice quality; 3 Hirst, good quality, fair type, nice position; 4, Dobson, long, well-drawn bird of nice position and fine in quality; vhc, Ogden Bros., hc, Slater; c, Brayshaw and Jowett. BUFF (22): 1, spl, Shackleton, mark. wings and eyes, lovely quality and colour, good back; 2, Cooper, mark., one wing, eyes and head, grand type and style, nice back, wings and tail, stands well; 3, Ogden Bros., nice typical bird; 4 Chittenden, nice type and quality, well filled in at neck; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hirst; c, Moss and Son. YELL. HEN (16): 1, spl., Lingley, mark. wings, cheeks and head, good shape and style, stands well up, nice quality; 2, Taylor and Haigh, mark. wings and head, nice colour, and quality, typical, good back and well carried wings; 3, Wilcock, nicely marked, lovely quality and shape; 4, Cook and Son, nice shapely hen of good quality and position; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Hirst; c, Moss and Son. BUFF Hen (21): 1, spl., Hartley, mark. wings, eye and head, lovely type, style and position, feathered like wax, grand wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Blackburn, mark one wing and eye, splendid type and A1 position, nice quality, slightly soiled; 3, Shackleton, tick wing, stylish, nice quality; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett, grand quality and colour rather stronger; vhc, Cook and Son; hc, Blakey; c, Ogden Bros. STOCK, £6 limit (12): 1, spl., Young, unfli., grand long slim bird, nice colour and quality, a yell.; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, Buff, nice length, very straight, nice back, good quality; 3, Ackroyd, ycll., stylish, good quality and position; 4, Drake, grand, lengthy and stylish, nice quality; vhc, Pollitt; hc, Lingley; c, Ingham. SELL., £1 (12): 1, spl., Greenwood; 2, Simpson; 3, Jeffreys; 4, Edmondson; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Radley; c, Schofield. 15/- (25): 1, spl, Watmough; 2, Schofield; 3, Ingham; 4, Young; vhc, Whitwham; hc, Robinson; c, Whitaker. HEN, 12/6 (22): 1, spl., c, A. Young; 2, Watmough Bros.; 3, Schofield; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Appleyard; hc, Smith.

The Novice Classes.

NOVICE CLASSES.—YKS., CL. YELL. (17): 1, spl., Livesey, unfli., neat type, grand quality and length, good wings and tail; 2, Gill, stylish, well drawn bird, nice quality, good wing carriage, pipe tail; 3, Robertshaw, lovely quality and colour, stylish and typical; 4, Casey, nice drawn, typical—all four grand specimens; vhc, Smith; hc, Lodge; c, Holmes. BUFF (21): 1, spl., Coates, grand type and stands well, beautiful colour and quality, straight as a rush, a gem; 2, Walker, trifle stronger than winner, length, nice type and position, good colour and quality, well carried wings, and nice pipe tail; 3, Newell, paler in colour, splendid type and position, feathered like wax, claimed at catalogue price, £4 4s.; 4, Coates, slim, neat featber, and nice position; vhc, Clegg; hc, Frankland; c, Kitchen. TICK., ETC., YELL (31): 1, spl., Lodge unev. mark., grand length, nice shape and style neat feather, straight as a rush; 2, Livesey, nice lengthy bird, fine position, lovely back; 3, Pollitt, unev. mark., nice type and position; 4, Pratt, tick cheek, very neat and stylish; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Townley c, Bennett. BUFF (30): 1, spl., Frankland, tick neck, lovely quality and style, stands well, correct type, very clean front; 2, Townsend, unev. mark, lovely type and position, extra quality, good length; 3, Townley, well drawn out, neat shape, good quality and nice position; 4, Fortnam, lengthy, nice type, good positton, fine quality; vhc, Holmes; hc, Wood; c, Lodge. YELL. HEN (33): 1, spl., Miller, einn. mark, grand type, stylish, nice quality, good one; 2, Wood, grand position and type, lovely back, wings and tail; 3, Shaw Bros., slim, shapely, well up in position; 4, Ferguson and Son, grand type and quality, lovely wing-carriage; vhc, Lodge; hc, Holmes; c, Helliwell. BUFF (27): 1, spl., Suggitt, splashed back, typical, stylish, nice position, and splendid quality; 2, Helliwell, lengthy, nice type and quality, very good back, wing and tail; 3, Wood, nice slim bird, grand type and feather, stands well, very clean feather, no frills here; 4, Townley, neat, slim, good shape and quality, nice style, good wing and tail; vhc, Lodge; hc, Drake and Son; c, Hainsworth. NOR. COCK (12): 1, Holmes, Buff big slashing bird, nice quality, red-hot colour, trifle flat on head, still a good one; 2, vhc, hc, spl., Jeffreys, Buff, nice size, grand chest, nice colour and quality, good head; 3, Greenwood, Yell., nice quality and colour, rather long, not yet in condition, should improve; 4, c, Lloyd, unev. mark Buff, nice substance, good colour and quality. HEN (11): 1, spl, Mottram, grand quality, lovely type, one of the chubby sort, A1 substance, nice colour, looking well: 2, Dobson, nice quality and colour, neat shape, not quite substance of winner; 3, Greenwood, grand chesty bird of neat type, nice quality; 4, Naylor, nice type, short and chubby, nice quality, hardly fit; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Ball; c, Hammond.

BROUGHTY FERRY.

The Brougbty Ferry C.B.S. held their club show in the Good Templar Hall, on November 2nd, and over 100 birds were staged, the quality being good. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. Mr. W. Keill won the special with a nice buff Scotch Fancy Hen, good size and top, and always ready, R. Whitton being runner up with his Dark Crest Cock, with grand substance, a fine veiny crest of good size. The management was carried out on good, up-to-date lines, and in Mr. R. Whitton, the Society has a very good and capable secretary. SCOTCH YELL. CK.: 1 and 2, Curtis. PIED: 1 and 4, Keill; 2 and 3, Muir. BUFF OR FOUL: 1 and 3, W. Keill; 2 and 4, Carmyllie 5, C. Wilson. BUFF PIED, ETC.: 1, A. Curtis. YELL. OR FOUL HEN: 1 and 3, Keill; 2, A. Curtis. PIED OR GREEN: 1, Muir. CLEAR FOUL BUFF: 1, 2, and 3, W. Keill; 4, Kennith; 5, C. Wilson. PIED OR GREEN: 1, Keill; 2, Sadler. YELL. CK. OLD: 1, 2, Carmyllie; 3, Curtis. BUFF: 1, 4, Carmyllie; 2, Keill; 3, Sadler; 5, Curtis. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, and 5, Carmyllie; 3, Curtis; 4, Kennith. BUFF: 1 and 4, Carmyllie; 2, Keill; 3, Ross. CREST CK.: 1, Whitton. HEN: 1 and 2, Whitton. C.-B. CK.: 1, Whitton. HEN: 1 and 2, Whitton; 3, Ross. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Whitton. CREST-BRED: 1 and 3, Whitton; 2 and 4, Ross. PLAINHEADS: 1 and 2, Henderson; 2, S. Duncan. BORDER YELL. CK: 1 and 2, Sadler; 3, Dargie; 4, C. Wilson. BUFF: 1 and 3, Sadler; 2, Dargie; 4, C Wilson. YELL. HEN: 1 and 2, Sadler; 3, C. Wilson; 4, Ross. BUFF: 1 and 2, Sadler; 3, Ross. COCK: 1 and 3, Sadler; 2, Ross; 4, C. Wilson. HEN: 1, Sadler. GOLDFINCH: 1 and 4, C. Wilson; 2 and 3, Kennith. FOR. GOLD: 1, Henderson; 2, C. Wilson. LINNET: 1, Kennith; 2, Henderson; 3, Keill; 4, C. Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2 and 3, C. Wilson; 4, Henderson. A.O.V.: 1, Kennith; 2, 3 and 4, C. Wilson. MULES: 1 and 2, S. Duncan.

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BEDFORD.

The fifth annual show of the Bedford and Bedfordshire C.B.S. was held in the Town Hall on October 31st, and was an unqualified success. Between three and four hundred birds faced the judge, who was of opinion that many of them were good enough to compete at our best shows. Norwich plainheads were a very fine lot, and must have caused the judge considerable trouble in selecting the winners, especially as there were over 20 in several of the classes. The hardworking committee, consisting of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Gentle, Keech, Wilmot, Millard, Sharp, Corrie, Markham, Gould, Smith, and the very excellent hon. secretary, Mr. E. T. F. Wiggins, had the allair well in hand, the birds being staged and ready for the judge at 10 o'clock. A string band was in attendance, and W. A. Attenborough, Esq., M.A., J.P., played selections on his cornet. This gentleman also opened the show, and gave an interesting address on his experiences in ornithology, not only in England, but also in other parts of the world. There was a capital attendance, and no doubt when the committee come to balance up, the financial side will be found to be satisfactory. We must not forget to mention the excellent show of Foreigners, which were indeed a nice little lot. Mr. Timeous' superb Tanager, and Mr. Cooper's Blue Bonnets (first in their respective classes), were especially fine, while most of the others came in for much admiration. There were special prizes in all the classes. Mr. J. Robson judged. NOR. CL. YELL. (22): 1, Gentle, very fine, large bird, excells in head and body, and good colour throughout; 2, Millard, teeming with quality, grandly made bird, beaten in substance only; 3, Osborn, fine large bird, of the right stamp, hardly so good in head as winners; 4, Millard, another good one, wants another fortnight before he is in his prime; vhc, Wiggins, Osborn, Griggs; hc, Markham, Grlggs. TKD., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Millard, rare size and type, full of quality, an easy winner; 2, Markham, not quite so cobby as winner, otherwise a really good all round specimen; 3, Mortimer, rare bird, with grand head, perhaps a wee bit long; vhc, Osborn, has good head and general appearance, not quite so hot as winners; vhc, Markham; hc, Corrie, Osborn; c, Gentle. CL. BUFF (21): 1, 3, Markham, 1, really a very fine bird, with good typical head, body, wings and tail, one of the best we have seen this season, 3, similar to first, just beaten in colour; 2, 4, Keech, two splendid type, full of quality, beautifully mealed, hardly so tight as winner; 4, excellent quality, nice type; vhc, Gentle, Mortimer; hc, Millard, Mortimer; c, Sharp. BUFF (21): 1, Litchfield, rare size and quality, correct type, and will improve yet; 2, Centle, tight as wax, and full of bloom, beaten only in size; 3, Wiggins, very nice bird of excellent quality, shade smaller than winner; 4, Osborn, good quality bird, carries wings rather too high; vhc, Keech, Markham; hc, Millard, Wiggins, c, Smith, Keech. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 2, Keech, 1, very fine marked bird of rich grand colour and correct type; 2, lovely clear of superior quality, we rather preferred this to winner; 3, vhc, Corrie, another grand hen of the right stamp; res., Centle; vhc, Swann, Corrie; hc, Wiggins; c, Mortimer. BUFF HEN (22): 1, Corric, big bouncing hen, should make a rare stock bird; 2, Gentle, anotber fine big bird, not far behind; 3, W. Smith, nice quality and type; 4, Litchfield, very smart hen, beaten only in size; vhc, Keech, teeming with quality and grandly mealed; vhc, Could, excellent type; hc, Keech, Litchfield; c, Osborn. NAT. COL. CK. (10): 1, Keech, typical marked yellow, quality wins here; 2, 3, Gentle, two excellent Buffs; res., Sharp, rare big yellow, of nice colour; vhc, Osborn; bc, Titmas; c, Could. HEN (9): 1, Keech, quite a lady, lovely quality and correct type; 2, Osborn, very smart buff; 3, Keech, another good buff; res., Gentle; vhc, Markham; c, Bigwood. CREST (15): 1, 2, res., hc, c, Mrs. Galloway, with a very fine team, 1, a Crestbred with a splendid broad skull, and an abundance of body feather; 2, nicely formed Crest, with good centre, and well radiated; 3, Smith, also a good Crest of rare dimensions, and plenty of body feather of the right sort; vhc, Bennett; c, Bloomfield; we liked very much Mrs. Galloway's hc bird, a clear Crested Yellow of superior quality of feather, and very nicely formed crest. YORKS. (4): This was the only class in the show that was a failure. Where were the Luton fanciers? 1, res., Webb, very nice long yellow of true York. type, and an equally good buff; vbc, Common; hc, Fawcett. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (12): 1, Bloomfield, smart varieg. Goldfinch Mule (quite an old friend); 2, Gentle, very good yellow cinn. of rich plumage; 3, Finedon, dark Mule, nice bird, but hardly ready; res., hc, Wilmot, fair Lizards; vhc, Wiggins, fair cinn.; c, Page. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Sadd, good one, in rare condition, with very nice blaze, quite steady; 2, 3, Wilmot, two excellent Finches, the 3rd bird is no doubt the best in the class, but is hardly through moult, this bird will be heard of again; res., Titmas, bird of lovely quality; vhc, Hermon; hc, Timæous; c, Arnold. BULLFINCH (8): 1, 2, Wilmot, 1, a well made bird of nice size, with well formed cap, tight in feather and very steady, 2, brighter coloured than 1st, but hardly so steady; 3, res., vhc, Mrs. Gray, 3, a bonny bright coloured cock, which Mrs. Gray had been successful in rearing in her aviary, the other two were hens, mother and sister of the former. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, 3, res., Wilmot, 1, smart Siskin, nicely laced; 3, rich coloured lesser Redpoll; res., good coloured Linnet; 2, Wiggins, Linnet of good colour, and well marked on breast; vhc, Could; hc, c, Swan. SMALL (12): 1, 2, W. Smith, 1, Yellow Wagtail, in nice condition, 2, an equally good Tree Pipit; 3, Fawcett, rich coloured Chaffinch; res., Swan, nice Yellow-hammer; vhc, Barfoot, good Wheatear, badly staged; hc, Swann; c, Fowkes. LARGE (7): 1, Wiggins, very fine Magpie; 2, res., Prole, two Thrushes, in excellent plumage; and well marked; 3, Flint, another good Thrush (not much between the three Thrushes); vhc, Wilmot, capital Hawfinch; hc, Smith; c, Osborn. FOR. SMALL (21): This was undoubtedly the class of the show, the brilliant plumage of many of the exhibits creating great interest; 1, 2, 4, vhc (3): Timæous, grand team, 1st, superb Tanager, in brilliant plumage; 2, Red-headed Couldian, tight as wax, and in grand fettle, 4 pair of Diamond Sparrows, equally good, vhc's, Black-headed Gouldian, White Java, and pair of Ruficaudas, all well worth their cards; 3, Mrs. Gray, lovely pair of Pekin Nightingales; vhc, Miss Calloway, pair of white-breasted Waxbills, Cooper (2), Paradise Whydah, and Grass Finch; hc (2), Miss Galloway, Zebra and Dufresnes Waxbills, Mrs. Galloway; c, Mrs. Galloway; Fawcett. LARGE (12): 1, Cooper, 2, rare pair of Blue Bonnets, looking better than ever to-day, an easy win; 2, vhc, (2), Timæous; 2, pair of excellent yellow Budgerigars; vhc, Scarlet Tanager, and Red Rump Parrakeet; 3, Churchman, excellent African Grey Parrot; res., Cooper, good Red-Rump; vhc, Mrs. Ashley, Indian Rock Parrot, regular chatterbox, even had the audacity to say to your reporter "Who are you?" hc, Common; hc, Miss Harpur, Grey-winged Ousel in prime condition (hard lines to-day), c, Fawcett. SELLING 12/6: 1, Keech; 2, Wiggins; 3, Centle; res., Bloomfield; vhc, Wilmot, Griggs; hc, Markham. PAIRS 17/6: 1, Wiggins; 2, Keech; 3, Gentle; res., Swann; vhc, Corrie, Griggs; hc, Could, Markham. AVIARY OF 12: 1, Keech, Nor. Plainheads; 2, Smith, good Crest; 3, Wiggins, Plainheads; res., Osborn; vhc, Smith; hc, Gould; c, Markham. STUFFED (14): 1, Nicholls, Kingfisher; 2, Young, Hummingbirds, etc.; 3, Gibson, Pike; res., Ailey; vhc, Young (2), Clifton; hc, Nicholls; (2) c, Murrell. PLASTER CASTS (13): 1, Myers; 2, Peder; 3, res., and c, Barker; vhc, Elwes, Bennett. NOVICE CLASS (19): This class was an eye opener, several of these birds being good enough for open competition; 1, Grigg; 2, Bellett; 3, Mortimer; 4, Summerfield; res., Arnold; vhc, Harmer, Barfoot, Mortimer; hc, Swann; c, Gilbert. AUCTION CLASS (starting price 5/-): 1, 2, Wiggins; 3, res., Centle; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Keech. TEAM OF 6 PLAINHEADS: 1, Gentle; 2, Millard; 3, Markham.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Held in the Drill Hall on October 31st. The entries came up well, and constituted a record, numerically for this society, while quality was well to the fore. The Norwich and Yorkshire classes contained many birds of high merit, and the competition was very keen. Mr. C. E. Brown took the special for best in the former section with a ticked Buff, a well known winner. In the latter, Mrs. Garland won with a very smart and stylish clear Yellow, after a hard tussel with Mr. Lovell's ticked Buff. The cage bird exhibits were nicely staged at one end of the hall, and they were thoroughly well attended to by a good committee of genuine fanciers. Mr. G. W. Read, the popular and energetic hon. secretary, had everything well in hand, and was most obliging and courteous. The arrangements reflected credit on all concerned. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, which were well received. NORWICH CL. (9): 1, Brown, hot colour, nice quality, good shape and head, flights well carried and neat tail; 2, Robinson, Buff, beautifully mealed, lovely quality, good head and neck, not quite stout enough in body; 3, Norris, Yellow, nice feather and quality, good head, nice chest; vhc, Ind; hc, Broomfield; c, Luxton; No. 9, Taylor, ticked on thigb, one of the best in the class. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, 2, Brown, leader Buff, ticked right wing, beautiful quality, nice back and head, good shape and rich colour, the well-known "Cherry Blossom"; 2, unfli. Yell., marked eyes, neck, and right wing, lovely colour and quality, grand feather and good shape; 3, hc, Norris, thigh tick, nice shaped body, neat head, good level back, rare quality, and well frosted; vhc, Jupe; c, Fowler; No. 8, Taylor, no tick, good bird, looks like a case of wrong labelling. CREST (8): 1, spl., Greenwood and Burson, pied tail green, grand frontal crest, well to beak end, good droop, nice wing feather; 2, 3, Ind, both marked right wing and very close together, leader slightly the best arranged crest; vhc, Bishop; hc, Roylance; c, Burgess and Son. C. B. (7): 1, Greenwood and Burson, variег., good length of head feather, good entrance and back skull; 2, Ind, clear, good length of feather on back skull, but beaten in this respect over beak, nice shaped skull; 3, Roylance, Yellow, good feather for this colour and fair shaped skull; vbc, Chivers; hc, Burgess and Son. YORKS., CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl., Garland, grand quality of feather, straight as a rush, and stands like a Cuardsman, well on leg, good wings and tail; 2, Lovell, good colour and quality, nice stand, straight as a pencil, not quite so narrow at shoulders as the leader, still close up; 3, c, Wilkins, stands well, close feather, neat head, not quite so good in colour; vhc, Bishop; hc, Riching; c, Horler. BUFF (7): 1, Garland, nice quality of feather, well on leg, good colour; no 2nd awarded; 3, Keegan, good position and shape, shorter in body, pale colour; vhc, Barry; hc, Lovell; c, Andrews and Biss. TKD. ETC. (9): 1, Lovell, ticked on neck, stands well, straight and stylish, good feather and quality, nice wings and tail, pale colour, buff; 2, Keegan, neck marked yell., lovely quality and colour, tight-fitting jacket, good staud, beaten only in wing carriage; 3, vhc, Parsons, wing ticked yellow, good stand, slim built, neat head, nice feather, pale colour; hc, Cilling, Wilkins; c, Garland. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Pound, nice bars and buttons, good featber, rich blaze, but not quite square enough in cut; no 2nd awarded; 3, Rosier, square blaze, but not up in colour, good back and chest tanning, good feather; vhc, Bishop; hc, Buckland; c, Nicholls. BRIT. A.O.V. (10): 1, Hopwood, Blackcap, splendid feather and colour, and well defined cap, might be staged better; 2, Manley, Bramblefinch, grand colour, and well spangled, nice feather; 3, vhc, Reece, siskin, nice markings, good size, fair cap, will improve yet; vhc, c, Tremlett; c, Richards. FOR. A.O.V. (4): 2, Rossiter, nice feathered and good coloured Amazon Parrot; 3, Bache, Amazon Parrot, good size, not quite so good in colour and feather; vhc, Jones. MULES (7): 1, Paul, four-pointed Goldfinch Canary, buff, nice colour, feather and quality, but heavy in markings; 3, Bennett, marked eyes and tail, nice feather, pale colour, same parentage; vhc, Shorney; hc, Richards; c, Knight. SELL 20/-: 1, Reece, nice pair of Yellow Budgerigars; 2, Jupe, vari. yell. Nor.; 3, Prince, smart buff-Yorks.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Burgess and Son; c, Manley. DO 10/6 (5): 2, Luxton; 3, Jupe; vhc, Bennett; hc, Read; c, Wilkins. DO. 7/6 (6): 2, Jupe; 3, Wilkins; vhc, c, Read; hc, Beal. SURPLUS STOCK (15): 1, 2, 3, c, Spafford; vhc, hc, Mills. MEMBERS' NOR A.V. (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Lake, clear buff, grand shaped body, nice colour and quality; 2, yellow, thick-set body, level colour, nice quality; 3, hc, c, Read, vari. buff, nice shape, not quite fit. YORKS. A.V. (5): 1, 2, 3, Lake, lengthy buff leading, good stand; 2nd a Green, good colour; 3, buff, nice length; vhc, hc, Harris. BRED 1907 (8): 1, Read, clear buff Norwich, nice shape, grand feather and quality, rich undercolour and well mealed, nice wings and tail; 2, vhc, Lake, yell. Nor., nice colour; good head; 3, e, Pugsley, very decent crestbred; hc, Knight. LOCAL CAN. NAT. COL. (6): 1, 3, Knight, grand feathered buff Nor., good shape and quality; 3, yell. Nor., level colour, close in feather; 2, Pugsley, buff Nor. neat in feather, good shape; vhc, Clark; hc, Richards; c, Tozer.

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DARLINGTON.

Canary and British Bird Association held their Second Annual Show in the Corn Exchange, Nov. 2. The room is very lofty, well lighted and free from draught. The Hon. Sec., Mr. R. S. Block, had the birds staged in good time, and all cards were placed by 1.30 p.m. The committee, who helped in the management of the show were Messrs. Hawkins, O'Connor, Wilcock, Sutton, Cooper, Tolson, Wildsmith, Clear, Cuthbertson, etc. In the Yorks. section some beautiful birds were staged. Mr. J. Cuthbertson's Cl. Yell. taking 1st in open classes, 1st, best Members, and winning the bowl for best Members' bird. Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, of Heighington, took 1 and 2 in the Buff classes, with two beauties; also 1st in yell. ticks. In the Unfli. Messrs. Long, Green, and Bolton, were the winners, with some typical birds that will pay for keeping over another year. Norwich were a grand lot, Messrs. Hill and Stewart, Hesp, Carter and Dalgetty staging some typical birds. In the Hybrids, Mr. T. Marwood, live pointer Goldfinch Canary, won; this bird is a marvel, we heard that it was eight years old, and it looks like a young one, feather like wax, and as lively as a kitten. The Britishers turned up well. Messrs. Duncan's Goldfinch, Wildsmith and Hawkins' Linnet, and Barwell's Bramble were grand birds, put down in the pink of condition. We were pleased to see that good old fancier, Mr. T. Cleminson, present. Mr. W. Mundell judged.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, J. Cuthbertson, racy bird, full of quality, rich colour, long flight and tail, grand position, won bowl for best Members' exhibit; 2, Rand, straight as a pencil, grand wing carriage, nice piped tail, somewhat badly shown; 3, G. W. Cuthbertson, slim lengthy bird, rich colour, well on leg, not steady; vhc, Stephenson, very typical, but rather stout; hc, Cooper; c, Fowler. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 2, G. W. Cuthbertson, 1, stylish superior bird, good head, nice wing carriage, very steady; 2, smaller, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, lovely head, grand wings and tail; 3, Thornton, pale colour, nice position, long flights and tail, shade strong; vhc, Peacock; hc, Towler. TICK. (11): 1, G. W. Cuthbertson, buff, thigh tick, grand position, neat head, good wing carriage; 2, Barnwell, blaze of colour, long flight and tail, good head, well cut away, grand type; 3, Carter, buff, pale colour, stands well, very good wing carriage, clean on breast; vhc, J. Cuthbertson, yell. vari., long flights and tail, rich colour; hc, Bolton; c, Rymer. HENS (17): 1, Kemp and Son, very slim and stylish, hot colour, feather like marble, grand wings and piped tail, a gem, yell.; 2, Barnwell, real beauty, full of quality, fine position, fails to winner in length, yell.; 3, Long, buff, well up on leg, long flights and tail, very stylish; vhc, Thornton, buff, grand position; hc, Balfe; c, Dodsworth. UNFLI. (20): 1, Long, whig tick, yell., full of quality, go head, long flights nad tail, well up; 2, Green, a gem, buff, not so long as winner, good head, grand wings and tail, very stylish, teeming with quality; 3, Bolton, cinn. mark. yell., very typical, superior type, good head; vhc, Kemp and Son, hc G. W. Cuthbertson; c, Elliott, very fine class of unfli. Yorkshire, some nice birds out of cards, 14 to wild. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Hill and Stewart, 1, rich colour, good head, clean crest, short flights and tail, true Nor. type, teeming with quality; 2, good quality bird, true to type, but on the small side; 2, Hesp, big bird, good head and chest, rich colour; vhc, Cleminson; c, Elliott. BUFF (7): 1, Carter, good head, grand back, short wings and tail, grand bird, rather badly staged; 2, Hesp, pale colour, nice type, chubby, would not show itself; 3, hc, Hill and Stewart, rich colour, full of quality, bit on the light side for a Nor., wants little more substance, vhc, Siddle and Dawson; c, Humphrey. TICK. (5): 1, Hesp, yell. tick., good head, clean round chest, good neck, abundance of quality; 2, Humphrey, buff tick on head, rare colour, full of bloom, short flights and tail, very chubby; 3, Slack, thigh tick buff, true to type, wants little more substance; vhc, Holland Grainger; hc, Barnwell. HENS (9): 1, 2, Hill and Stewart, 1st, buff tick, full of quality, good head and chest, full in neck, short flights and tail, a true Nor.; 2, yell., good head, rich colour and quality; rare type; 3, Crosling, tick, buff, chubby, good wings and tail, grand type; vhc, hc, Dalgetty; c, Hesp. UNFLI. (9): 1, Dalgetty, buff eye and wing, feathered like wax, true type, good head, short wings and tail, rare colour; 2, Cleminson, yell., rich colour, good head and neck, rich quality, fails in tail; 3, Siddle and Dawson, buff, cheek marked, good head, rich colour; vhc, Holland and Grainger; hc, Crosling; c, Humphrey. A.O.V. (11): 1, Webb and Orton, green crest, plenty of feather, good centre, nice droop; 2, Hill and Stewart, yell. cinn., good head, rich colour, good stamp, true Nor. type; 3, Elliott, green Yorkie, well up on leg, typical long flights and tail; vhc, hc, Rev. Bernard Wilton; c, Siddle and Dawson. MULE (12): 1, Marwood, the five-pointed Goldie Can., a gem, big, bold, rich-coloured; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, yell. Linnet and Canary, looking well, grand size and shape; 3, Todd and Son, bonneing Greenie Canary, not quite ready; vhc, Duncan; hc, Heseldine; c, Carter. LINNET (13): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand type, very steady, nicely mooned, rich nut-brown, a gem, 2, vhc, Dean and Jowett, 2nd nicely mooned, true to type, very steady, face a little in colour; 3, Todd and Son, another good one, nicely pencilled, rich colour, very steady; hc, c, Stamp. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (9): 1, Duncan, Goldie, good square blaze, rich bars, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Siddle and Dawson, Bullie, good cap, rich breast, in fine trim; 3, Simpson, Goldie, good blaze and bars; vhc, Hearton; hc, Dean and Jowett; c, Wade. GREENFINCH, ETC. (19): 1, Barwell, Bramble, rich nut-brown, nicely spangled, good head and chest; 2, Axe, Bramble, nicely spangled, good head and chest, not quite so deep in colour as winner, very steady; 3, Lawson, Greenie, good size and shape, rich bloom; vhc, Foster; hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Mallorey, fine Redpoll, in pink of condition; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, rich colour, nice bib, well laced, good cap; 3, vhc, Carter; vhc, Axe; c, Foster. A.O.V. FINCH (6): 1, Axe, Hawfinch, dense bib, rich colour, good size, and shown in best of condition; 2, Winter, Hawfinch, good size, not quite so rich in colour; 3, Barwell, another excellent Hawfinch; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. SOFTBILL (5): 1, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hoopoe, shown in grand condition; hc, Starling, nicely spangled, might have been a little higher in the cards; 2, Binns, Nuthatch, grand condition; 3, Cooper, Waxwing; vhc, Mackwell. SELL., 20/- (11): 1, Hill and Stewart; 2, Wilcock; 3, Parnaby and Dent; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Fullerton; c, Richmond. 15/- (19): 1, Webb and Orton; 2, Green; 3, J. Cuthbertson; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Rev. Bernard Wilton; c, Slack. 10/- (14): 1, Cleminson; 2, Slack; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Carter; hc, Kemp and Son; c, Stevens. MEMBERS', YORKS. (13): 1, 3, vhc, J. Cuthbertson; 2, Cooper; hc, Wilcock; c, Sutton. NOR. (7): 1, J. Cuthbertson; 2, 3, Oliver; vhc, hc, O'Connor; c, Black. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 2, vhc, Cooper; hc, Sutton; c, Robinson.

MANSFIELD.

First open show of Mansfield C.B.C. took place on Nov. 1 and 2, under C.B.U. rules. The Victoria Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, commends itself to us as being a most suitable place, being nicely lighted, fairly spacious, free from draughts, and in close proximity to the station. Excellent classification was provided. Entries totalled 330, staged in capital style. Nor. Plainheads made a nice display. Outstanding birds were the clear Buff cock owned by Mr. W. Vardy, the tick Buff of Mr. W. Twine, and the yellow hen of Mr. W. N. Midgley. Other exhibits of high merit were benched by Messrs. Winterbottom, Deverill, Butler, Marshall, and Vaughan, Adnitt and Driver, Moakes, Beardall, and Walker. Crest and Crestbreds were not over numerous, but for quality were all that one could desire. The Buff Var. D.C., shown by Messrs. Riley Bros., was voted a topper, and also the yellow Crestbred owned by Mr. H. Marshall. Other notable exhibitors were Messrs. J. Gilbert, T. Smith, C. and H. Twine, G. Brown, and A. Mason. Yorks. were few but nice, several possessing true characteristics. Neat birds were shown by Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, Green, Shilling and Stringer. Mules, Cinns. and Lizards supplied several choice creatures. The Buff Goldie-Canary (almost clear) shown by Messrs. Tams and Sons we liked, and the Goldie-Bullie, same owner, found many admirers. British were a magnificent lot, not a feather being out of place; in delightful bloom. Slashing exhibitors were Messrs. Roslyn, Milne, Duncan, Mason, Sparkes, Hoshaw, Pitt, Osborn, Goode, and Leam and Stinson. Special mention might be made of the Greenie staged by Mr. W. Henshaw, and the Gold Crested Wren benched by Messrs. Leam and Stinson. Foreign, with their gaudy dress, gave tone to the exhibition, praise being due to Messrs. Roslyn, Baker, and Wormall for the manner in which they staged their choice ones. Members' classes contained a goodly number of specimens of exceedingly high merit, many of which could run a tight race in the upper circles. Grand ones were shown by Messrs. Jackson, Seagrave, Barwise, Millott, Sparkes, Wormall, Meeds, Sadler, and W. Roslyn. Mr. W. Roslyn is president, and the vice-presidents are Dr. A. Hunnard, J.P., Alderman D. H. Maltby, J.P., Messrs. W. Cooper, J. Whitaker, J.P., F.Z.S., and W. J. Chadburn—all generous supporters. Mr. T. Garnham acts as treasurer, and the committee of management consists of Messrs. J. Sparkes, W. Barwise, J. S. Hinchliff, H. Meeds, H. Seagrave, J. Smith, F. Stansall, T. Sadler, A. Wormall, J. Jackson, H. Morley and F. Somerton. Mr. J. H. Duckworth, the worthy secretary, is the right man in the right place, working like a Trojan, always ready to assist, keeping well on top of his duty, much of the honour certainly belongs to him for so excellent an exhibition. Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Richards had the placing of the cards, and we heard no grumbling. NOR. CL. YELL (12): 1, Vardy, capital colour, full of quality, nice size and shape, good wing carriage, clean cut, sweet specimen; 2, Winterbottom, superior feather, rattling shape, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 3, Deverill, slashing colour, soft silky feather, good substance, worth its place; vhc, Moakes, A1 quality, good type and colour; hc, Hare; c, Twine. BUFF (20): a grand class; 1, 2, Vardy, couple of grand birds, winner, rare substance and shape, splendid head and neck, best of wing carriage, second red hot in colour, rich silky feather, well up in size, A1 type; 3, Butler, wonderful quality and type, showing good substance, nice carriage, beaten a shade in colour, good 3rd; vhc, Revill, slashing shape, beautiful quality; hc, c, Beardall and Walker. TICK YELL.: (9) 1, Marshall and Vaughan, mark. left wing, magnificent quality, well up in colour, rare type and of nice size, clean cut, very bonny; 2, Adnitt and Driver, mark. wings and eyes, warm in colour, nicely feathered, very shapely, close up; 3, Vardy, mark. neck, superior feather, nice shape and colour, good carriage, worth its place; vhc, c, Beardall and Walker, A1 feather and colour, shade long, H. Mason. BUFF (16): Good class; 1, Twine, grizzled saddle, Burnley winner, slashing shape, grand feather, well frosted, rare head and neck, a gem; 2, Moakes, mark. head, red hot, delightfully mealed, capital shape, not quite so large, put down in fine style; 3, Adnitt and Driver, var., very cobby, slashing feather, good colour and meal, thick neck, well cut away; vhc, Beardall and Walker, large, nice feather; hc, Vardy; c, Marshall and Vaughan. YELL. HEN (15): Good class; 1, Midgley, cl., magnificent feather, smooth as glass, true Nor. shape, capital carriage and of good substance, charming damsel; 2, Adnitt and Driver, cl., shade more size than winner, rattling quality, nice colour and carriage, a beauty; 3 and he, Beardall and Walker, couple of good ones, former unfli., rare colour and quality, fine shape, not over big, but very good, hc, cl., fine substance, A1 feather; vhc, Moakes, nice colour and feather,; c, Butler. BUFF (14): 1, Vardy, noted mark. bird, one of the best hens we know, a real model, will want stopping; 2, Adnitt and Driver, mark. both wings, another topping specimen, grand shape and size, splendid jaunty carriage, not so far away; 3, vhc, Butler, both cl., former rich colour and frosting, very shapely, nice size, clean under, very choice, vhc good feather and colour, nice substance; hc, Marshall and Vaughan; c, Leam and Stinson. UNFLI. YELL. (13): 1, Vardy, cl., soft silky feather, grand shape, fatthig head, nice neck and front, should make up well, 2, Adnitt and Driver, mark. wings and eye, warm colour, feather tight as wax, good shape; 3, Butler, cl., ablaze with colour, fine substance, good shape; vhc, Haigh and Sons, capital colour and feather, very shapely, neat all through; hc, Midgley, well up in size; c, Leam and Stinson. BUFF (21): Rare lot; 1, c, Beardall and Walker, grizzled head and tool of tail, the Hoyland winner, looking grand, found many admirers, a very hot, A1 type; 2, Smithurst, mark. wings and eyes, lovely colour, covered over with nice meal, capital shape and carriage, neat exhibit; 3, Butler, cl., massive in build, A1 type and quality, nicely frosted, well worth place; vhc, Moakes, beautifully feathered, good body shape; hc, Hare. PAIRS (14): 1, 3, Beardall and Walker, couple of well matched pairs, former yell. mkd. cock and cl. buff hen, both capital quality, good feather, rare substance, should produce something worth looking at, latter yell. var. cock and tkd. buff hen, cock good size and colour, hen nice size, looks capable of "hitting on"; 2, Vardy, var. size, cock and cl. buff hen, cock fine shape, size and colour, hen lovely type feather, very close on the heels of winners; vhc, Smithurst, yell. cock and mkd. buff hen, nicely matched; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Butler. CREST YELL. (3): 1, 2, Gilbert, crest green, lovely feather, nice shape and substance, crest round and of lealy feather, good in size and radiation, well drooped, nice centre, second, var., larger bird, crest nice and round, but shade hairy, good size and droop, neat centre; 3, Smith, mark. left wing, D.C., capital quality and shape, crest. BUFF (4); 1, Riley Bros., var., D.C., fine substance and quality, crest large and as round as a rim, beautiful droop and centre; 2, Twine, cl. body grizzle crest, massive body, showing abundance of feather, very neat; 3, Brown, almost green, slashing quality, crest round and of good droop, good 3rd; vhc, Nuttall. YELL CRESTBRED (2): 1, 3, Marshall, tick neck, magnificent quality, wonderful size, slashing skull well browed, a topper, 3rd cl., capital feather, nice shape, beaten in substance. BUFF (6): 1, Twine, var., monster, superior quality, wonderful width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection, a gem; 2, Smith, mark. wings and head, A1 quality, massive in body; 3, Marshall, almost green, abundance of feather, good in body, shade, good 3rd; vhc, Nuttall. FLI. YELL. (13): 1, Vardy, cl., soft silky feather, grand shape, fatthig head, nice neck and front, should make up well, 2, Adnitt and Driver, mark. wings and eye, warm colour, feather tight as wax, good shape; 3, Butler, cl., ablaze with colour, fine substance, good shape; vhc, Haigh and Sons, capital colour and feather, very shapely, neat all through; hc, Midgley, well up in size; c, Leam and Stinson. BUFF (21): Rare lot; 1, c, Beardall and Walker, grizzled head and tool of tail, the Hoyland winner, looking grand, found many admirers, a very hot, A1 type; 2, Smithurst, mark. wings and eyes, lovely colour, covered over with nice meal, capital shape and carriage, neat exhibit; 3, Butler, cl., massive in build, A1 type and quality, nicely frosted, well worth place; vhc, Moakes, beautifully feathered, good body shape; hc, Hare. 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BUFF (4); 1, Riley Bros., var., D.C., fine substance and quality, crest large and as round as a rim, beautiful droop and centre; 2, Twine, cl. body grizzle crest, massive body, showing abundance of feather, very neat; 3, Brown, almost green, slashing quality, crest round and of good droop, good 3rd; vhc, Nuttall. YELL CRESTBRED (2): 1, 3, Marshall, tick neck, magnificent quality, wonderful size, slashing skull well browed, a topper, 3rd cl., capital feather, nice shape, beaten in substance. BUFF (6): 1, Twine, var., monster, superior quality, wonderful width and rise of skull, lashed to perfection, a gem; 2, Smith, mark. wings and head, A1 quality, massive in body; 3, Marshall, almost green, abundance of feather, good in body, shade, good 3rd; vhc, Nuttall. FLI. YELL. 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shape, well put down; 2, vhc, Sparkes, both Lancs., nice size, capital markings, steady and shows well, little between them; hc, Goode; c, Mason. SIS., RED OR GREENIE (16): 1, 3, Henshaw, former one of the best Greenies we have seen for many a day, a real topper and staged for all he was worth, third, Redpole, capital colour, good size and shape, well pencilled, good third; 2, Pitt, Sis., pretty as paint, well up in size, lovely shape and colour, grandly marked, a beauty; vhc, Smith; hc, Sparkes; c, Adnitt and Driver. FINCH OR BUNTING (9): 1, Sparkes, Bramble, great size, rare shape, beautifully marked, capital feather, taking specimen; 2, Osborn, Chaffinch, in good order, nice size and shape, well marked, one we liked; 3, Goode, Bramble, rather better colour than winner, but beaten in size and shape; vhc, Stringer; hc, Smith; c, Hare. SOFT BILL (8): 1, Leam and Stinson, Gold Crested Wren, in nice condition, put down well, admired; 2, hc, c, Roslyn, nice trio, lovely Thrush, well spotted and of capital colour, and shape, leading, he grand Starling, beautiful sheen, c, Wagtail, all three birds staged delightfully; 3, vhc, Milne, Redstart and Pipit respectively, both in slashing form and splendid specimens, put down in style. FOR. LAR. (3): 1, vhc, Baker, Amazon Parrot, leading, in full dress, looked well; 2, Wormall, beautifully feathered and well shown; 3, hc, c, Roslyn, Mynah, not quite ready. SMALL (5): 1, 2, hc, c, Roslyn, Red-headed Cardinal, answering for first honours, one that has fought many battles and won many victories; 3, vhc, Wormall, Budger and Green Singing Finch, both in good form and shown well. MEMBERS' CLASSES NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Jackson; 2, Seagrave; 3, Sadler. BUFF: 1, Seagrave; 2, Jackson; 3, Sadler; vhc, Braillsford; hc, c, Ludlam. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Seagrave; 2, Barwise; vhc, Jackson. BUFF: 1, and spl., Barwise; 2, Sadler; 3, c, Hinchliff, vhc, Smith; hc, c, Seagrave. PAIRS: 1, Seagrave; 2, Jackson; 3, Sadler; vhc, hc, Hinchliff. YELL. HEN: 1, Seagrave; 2, Jackson; 3, Hinchliff. BUFF: 1, Seagrave; 2, vhc, Hinchliff; 3, Braillsford; hc, Sadler; c, Smith. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Seagrave. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Seagrave. CREST HEN: 1, 2, 3, Seagrave. CREST PAIRS: No entry. YORKS YELL: 1, Millott. BUFF: No entry. HEN: 1, Millott. STOCK: No entry. BRIT., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Millott; 2, Sparkes; (smaller than Lark), 1, 3, Sparkes; 2, Roslyn. LARGER: 1, 2, vhc, Roslyn; 3, Barwise. FOR. (smaller than Cardinal): 1, 2, Wormall. LARGER: 1, Meads; 2, Roslyn. SALE: 1, Somerton. HYBRID: 1, Barwise; 2, 3, vhc, Millott. GIFT: 1, Sadler; 2, Stansall.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

The 19th Annual Club Show, held November 2nd. Entries were considerably down in numbers, owing to the bad breeding season experienced in this old and romantic seaport town, which still receives more than the usual storms that prove disastrous to the Canary breeding fancier. Scores opened the programme, but only 14 faced the judge. Some, however, will make themselves known in stronger competition. The Cupwinner was found in this section, and proved to be a yellow pied cock, the property of Mr. Newbiggin, a very large bird for a youngster, grand frame, fine lengthy side, good top end, with grand reach, and very free worker, won on its remarkable action, which should make it a frequent winner. It was closely followed by a gem of a buff Hen, grand depth throughout, lovely reach and nice length of side, throws itself well back on leg, and drives to perfection, grandly filled up on back and shoulders, but rather slow in action, which put it back to-day; with handling will greatly improve, the property of that well-known breeder, Mr. J. Elder. Messrs. Gardner and Middlemiss had on view some nice specimens, which were only beaten in size for specials. Norwich contained some nice ones; there Mr. Marshall supplied the spl. winner, with a good var. buff hen, shown in grand form, combined with size and quality. Borders were the strongest show, and some toppers were on view, this being the residence of that well-known English exhibitor, Mr. J. Smart; he had one of his extra strong teams out, and accounted for the majority of the spoil, capturing spls. for best in section, with a gem of a Foul yellow hen, put down in fine order, body perfection, size correct, position and wing carriage, A1, head a picture, one of the best I have seen out this season. His winning yellow cock is also well up for type, grand shape and rare position, but rather badly frayed on wings. Greens were a good lot, Mr. Marshall winning in the Cocks with a good buff green, well pencilled and sound in colour, and Mr. Lugton in hens, with a smart Jonque, grand markings and shape. Mules were nice, Mr. Elder accounting for all the prizes with a good team of darks, but inclined to be a little wild. The show was judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), and we did not hear a single grumble. Mr. Elder held the secretarial reins, but as he has had over 20 years' experience at this game, words can hardly describe his business-like methods. To sum up, he was par excellence. He was ably assisted by Mr. Gardner as steward, and other members contributed their share to make the show what it is hoped it will prove to be, a financial success.

SCOTCH FANCY.—YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Gardner. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Middlemiss. HEN: 1, spl., best hen, Elder; 2, 4, Newbiggin; 3, Middlemiss. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, spl, best in show, Newbiggin. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Newbiggin. BUFF PIED CK.: 1, Elder. HEN: 1, Newbiggin. NOR. P.H. PIED CK.: 1, 2, 3, Marshall, jun.; 4, 5, Gardner. HEN: 1, spl., 2, Marshall, jun. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, spl., 2, Smart; 3, 4, 5, Marshall, sen. HEN: 1, 2, Smart; 3, Lugton; 4, Gardner. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Smart; 3, 6, r., Marsball; 4, Lugton; 5, 7, Marshall, sen. HEN: 1, 2, Smart; 3, 4, R. Marshall; 5, Marshall, sen. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, 3, Smart; 2, 4, 5, Marshall, sen.; 6, R. Marshall. HEN: 1, Smart; 2, Gardner. BUFF PIED CK.: 1, 2, Smart; 3, R. Marshall; 4, 5, 6, 7, Marshall, sen. HEN: 1, Smart. FOUL CK.: 1, 2, Smart; 3, 5, 6, Marshall, sen.; 4, R. Marshall; 7, Gardner. HEN: 1, spl., 2, Smart; 3, Lugton; 4, R. Marshall; 5, Gardner. GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Marshall, sen.; 2, Lugton. HEN: 1, Lugton; 2, Middlemiss; 3, 5, Gardner; 4, Marshall, sen. LINNET MULES: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Elder. GIFT CK.: 1, Smart. HEN: 1, Gardner; 2, 3, Elder; 4, Marshall, jun. BORD. BREEDING PAIR: 1, Lugton; 2, Smart. MULING: 1, Smart.

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BRAMLEY.

Bramley and District O.S. held their second annual open exhibition on November 2nd, under the C.B.U. rules. The Good Shepherd's Schoolroom, in which the exhibits were staged, possesses nice light, is roomy, and free from draughts. Grand entry of 467 was obtained, comprising a magnificent lot of Yorkshires, which was to be expected, Bramley being so near to the "hot-bed" (Bradford) of this graceful variety; also a fine array of Norwich, which were voted a superb collection. British added to the attraction of the show, and one could select several topping specimens. In the Yorkshire section magnificent specimens were shown by Messrs. Cawgill, Spencer, Furnar, Radley (E.), Bearpark, Hodgson, Chew and Stokoe, Haigh and Son, H. Radley, Hewson, and Denton. Other exhibitors who were represented by birds far and away above the average were Messrs. Yelland, Widdop, Kemp and Son, Cartwright, Cooper, Taylor, Gibbons, Hardaker and Sample. The Ticked Yellow Norwich owned by Mr. J. Sandiford was a real gem. The Clear Buff, shown successfully by Mr. D. Hope, one was bound to admire, as also the Clear Buff hen staged by Mr. F. Coventry. Meritorious specimens were those, the property of Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson, Tweddle, Mennard, Haigh and Son, Stead, and Waters. In the British classes were birds in full bloom and beautifully staged. Mr. H. W. Axe's Hawfinch appeared in his best clothes, and looked quite a dandy. Mr. F. King's Goldfinch was voted a "good 'un," while other grand ones were benched by Messrs. Thorpe, Thompson, Almond, Hukes, and Mrs. C. Hunt. Novice classes provided good numbers and rare quality, many of which could hold their own. Mules provided a capital "mixture," some toppers being present. Mr. J. D. Leigh had two of his choice ones, Greenie-Bullie and Yell. Marked Goldie-Canary, standing first and second, and right well did they deserve their position. In the variety class, Mr. D. Hope (Bull) won with a magnificent Buff, marked D.C., a well-known winner. Grand exhibits were those belonging to Messrs. Parkes, Hallet, Galling, Shoesmith, Farrar, McDade, and H. Porter. Special for best Yorkie shown by a member went to Mr. A. Tate, his Buff Cinn. Mk. doing the needful. Norwich ditto was captured by a Clear Yellow shown by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson. The president is Ald. G. Peckover, a very generous supporter of the club. Vice-presidents are Dr. G. Bennie, and Messrs. A. Riley, C. Mathers, A. Smith, A. Tate, A. Chew, W. Bennett, and J. Sowden. All assist beneficially. The Committee of Management are a band of most willing and practical fanciers, who know how to control an open show as it should be controlled. Great praise is due to the following for the manner in which they manipulate:—Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson (chairman), A. Tate (vice-chairman), B. H. Wilson, H. Parker, W. Winn, A. Chew, J. Hargreaves, A. Dale, J. Houldsworth, E. Craven, and E. Fletcher. The worthy secretary is Mr. Jas. Metcalfe, the right man in the right place, and one who is always on the move, doing all in his power to bring matters to a successful issue. Bramley is lucky in having such an enthusiastic worker in their midst. Judging was over in good time, and cards displayed promptly by the stewards, all of whom are practical fanciers, doing their work in a most business-like way. Mr. J. C. Barnes judged Yorks and Nor. and Mr. Beswick the Brit. and Mules, and their awards gave general satisfaction. YORK YEL. (15): 1, Cowgill, clear, slashing feather, nice tone of colour, beautifully drawn, A1 position and length, well on leg, a beauty; 2, Spence, thigh tick, full of quality, straight as a rush, capital wings and tail, lengthy and leggy, close up; 3, Farrar, clear, grand colour and feather, stands well, good back and wing carriage, very bonny; vhc, Hardaker and Sample, unfli, nice wings, pipe tail; he, Ormondroyd, unfli, promising; c, Gibbons. BUFF (20), a nice class: 1, Bearpark, clear, lovely salmon tinged colour, delightfully frosted wonderful length and position, stands well, one of the best; 2, Hodgson, clear, tight as a Java, stands like a guardsman, fine position, beaten a little in length, yet a beauty; 3, Radley, tick neck, slashing quality, full of nerve, rare stand, worth its place; vhc, Taylor, clear, another true Yorkie, feathered to perfection, one we liked; he, Kemp and Son, stylish; c, Chew and Stokoe. YELL. HEN (24): 1, Chew and Stokoe, clear, lovely colour, fine position, showing breed, rare back and flights, well on leg; 2, Farrar, mark wing and head, rare quality, good length and position, stylish and of beautiful wing carriage, close up; 3, and ex. 3, Radley, with a couple of true Yorkies, former mark wing, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil leggy, worth her place, ex. 3 clear, more lengthy, A1 quality, capital back and flights, not far away; vhc, Gibbons, clear, very lengthy, superior quality; he, Hodgson, longest in class; c, Bearpark. BUFF (20), a good array: 1, Farrar, tick back of head, model for type, smoothly feathered neat and narrow, lengthy, best of wings and tail, a topper; 2, Yelland, tick neck and head, smooth as box, stands beautifully, rare length, very close on heels of winner; 3 Waddup, tick neck, full of nerve, splendidly feathered, stands well, leggy, good third; vhc, Taylor, longer than first three, good in position; he, Radley; c, Chew and Stokoe. YORK. YEL. UNFLI. (15): 1, Haigh and Son, clear, hot in colour, magnificent feather, rare position and length, stands on clever legs, one of the first water; 2, Radley, clear, rattling length and type, good back and wing carriage, well on leg, just beaten in quality; 3, Yelland, clear, similar to second, good enough to win at most shows; vhc, Cooper, capital colour and length; he, Atkinson; c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFF (23), a grand class: 1, Radley, clear, magnificent feather, splendid position and length, lovely back and wing carriage, a topper; 2, Kemp and Son, thick tick, feathered like a Java, slashing position, very lengthy, fine stand, ran winner close; 3, Haigh and Son, clear, straight as a rush, smooth as glass, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; vhc, Bearpark, A1 quality, nice length; he, Radley, E., sweetly moulded; c, Chew and Stokoe. CINN. MK. YELL. (6): 1, Hewson, mark wings and head, ablaze with colour, teeming with quality, rattling position and length, 2, Cartwright, wonderful length, superior colour and quality, stands well, close up; 3, Haigh and Son, mark wings and eyes, paler in colour, but rare feather, good position and length; vhc, Chew and Stokoe, red hot, silky feather very lengthy; he, Bedforth, capital feather; c, Farrar. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Denton, couple of clinking specimens, former mark right wing and neck, lovely colour and feather, delightful length and position, a charmer; second, mark back and head, fine colour, covered with rich meal, slashing type; 3, spl, Tate, mark wings and head, grand colour and position, A1 feather, nervy and leggy, worth its place; vhc, Spence, typical, nice quality; he, Holdsworth, neat and well shown. NOR. YELL. (17): 1, 2, Sandiford, couple of toppers, winner eye tick, full of colour, soft silky feather, wonderful substance and grand type, second clear, rare quality and colour, beautiful shape, rare size, clean cut very close up; 3 and c, Wilkinson, short and thick set, capital colour and feather, tight as wax, not quite the substance, yet a very bonny specimen; vhc, Tweddle, rest feathered in class, lovely colour, wee bit longer in wings and tail; he, Hope, clear, fine type; c, Wilcock. BUFF (15): 1, 3, vhc, Hope, trio of gems, first clear, size and shape, excellence in quality and colour, magnificent wing carriage, will be heard of again; third clear, rattling colour, covered over with nice frosting, slashing type, good size and well cut away, one we very much liked; vhc, clear, very typical; 2, Tweddle, clear, slashing feather, A1 colour and meal, beautiful type, showing fine substance, as meritorious as first almost; he, Wilson and Fox; c, Sandiford. YELL. HEN (18), a rare lot: 1, 3, Sandiford, winner a model for type, feathered to perfection, delightful carriage, not a monster, but a charming damsel, third unfli., hot in colour, A1 quality, very shapely, nice size, should make up well; 2, Mennard, larger than first, really magnificent hen, slashing quality, wee bit longer in build, yet good enough for any company; vhc, Woof, fine size and shape, nice feather; he, Cosgill, nil type, paler in colour; c, Woodhouse, Bros. BUFF (15), a good lot; 1, Coventry, clear, quite a "lady of the lake," unbeatable for quality, slashing shape, perfect wing carriage, gem of gems; 2, Thackray, mark left wing, larger than above, capital type, good carriage, wee bit behind in quality, but lovely; 3, Tweddle, clear, unfli, feathered to perfection, magnificent shape, nice substance and carriage, close up; vhc, Waters, good shape, very promising; he, Clarkson; c, Haigh and Son. YELL. 1907 (17): 1, Hope, mark right wing and head, full of fire, teeming with quality, magnificent shape and carriage, an eye opener; 2, Stead, clear, ablaze with colour, soft silky feather, grand shape and substance, A1 wings and tail; 3, Haigh and Son, clear, slashing quality and colour, very shapely, good head, neck, and chest; vhc, Townsend, rare feather, good size; he, Sandiford; c, Waters. BUFF (21): 1, Waters, clear, wonderful shape, thick throughout, rattling quality, good colour, showing nice meal, clean cut away, should do well on the bench; 2, 3, Wilkinson, couple of true Norwich, second cap mark, lovely quality and colour, grand shape and size, will make a good one another year with luck, third grizzled root of tail, rare feather and shape, rattling wing carriage, well staged; vhc, Woodhouse Bros., good in type and quality; he, Coventry. GREEN (11): 1, spl, 3, Richmond, Yorkies, former rich tone of colour, fine length, neat and narrow, excels in position, a gem, third good in position and length, rare wing carriage, stouter in build, yet very taking exhibit; 2 Royle, Nor., rare quality, capital colour and substance, very shapely, good carriage, must have pressed for premier place; vhc, Hill, Nor., capital feather and colour; he, Bean, Yorkie, good type and quality; c, Hellewell, Nor. A.O.V. (9): 1, Hope, buff mark both wings; 2, D. C., massive in build, beautiful feather, crest large and of delightful formation, rattling droop, neat centre, a beauty; 2, Sm.V., clear yellow Belgian, grand feather, fine size, lovely action, full of nerve, well put down; 3, Calam, Buff Crestbred, A1 feather and substance, nice skull properties; vhc, Hill, Lizard, full of neat work; he, Moody; c, Hodgson. SELL. (20s.) (12): 1, spl, Bearpark; 2, Townsend; 3, Clarkson; vhc, Oliff; he, Ormondroyd; c, Calam. (12s. 6d.) (27): 1, spl, Hellewell; 2, Farrar; 3, Wilson; ex 3, Ducker and Twigg; vhc, Hewson; he, Ormondroyd; c, Ferguson. BRIT. GOLD (9): 1, spl, 3, Haig, winner grand blaze, fine size, well cut, beautiful bars and buttons, very shapely, capital substance, third neat blaze, not quite so well up in colour, good wing bars, nice buttons; 2, Thompson, nice shape and size, good face, lovely condition, rattling bars and buttons, very close on the heels of winner; vhc, Hunt; he, Axe, one we liked; c, Fowler. LINNET (20), a rattling class: 1, Thorpe, nice size and shape, well pencilled, steady as a top, shown beautifully; 2, spl, 3, vhc, he, King, a fine quartette, second our choice for premier honours, better colour than winner, equal in size and shape, pencilling clear and distinct, a gem, third good colour and shape, nicely mark, in rare form; c, Thompson. HARDBILL (23), a rare class: 1, spl, 2, Axe, his noted Hawfinch holding the reins, closely followed by magnificent Yellowhammer, both topping specimens, well known; 3, Almond, Bramblefinch, capital size and of good shape, delightfully tick, shone like satin, well worth its place; vhc, Hakes, Hawfinch, choice, choice specimen; he, Hill; c, King. MULE (12), a nice assortment: 1, spl, 2, Leigh, couple of well-known faces, former Greenie-Bullie, well up in size, capital quality, nice markings, real gem, latter yellow, lightly mark Goldie-Canary, fine size, slashing colour and quality, very shapely, one of the best, 1st Chesterfield; 3, Wilson, yellow, dark, Greenie-Canary, capital colour, good size, splendid quality, fine specimen; vhc, Goodings; he, Wainwright; c, Dale. NOVICE YORK YELL. (36), a warm lot: 1, 3, vhc, Parkes, capital trio, winner clear, tight as wax, lovely outline, grand back and wing carriage, lengthy, stands well, third clear, straight as a rush, good quality, rattling back and flights, shows thighs well, worth its place; 2, Galling, clear, rare length and stand, good wings and tail, A1 quality and colour, wee bit thin in neck, still very bonny; ex. 2, Hoyes and Barnes, clear, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, one we liked; ex. 3, Hallet, thigh tick, lovely feather, stands delightfully, well filled back, nicely shown; he, Fowler; c, Smith. BUFF (25): 1, Farrar, clear, feathered like a Java, fine long drawn specimen, stands beautifully, could run well in any company; 2, Shoesmith, mark wing, straight as a gun barrel, wonderful length, grand wing carriage, bit penny, when ready will do some winning; 3, McDade, clear, capital feather, nice colour and meal, stands well, good back and flights; ex 3, Porter, clear, beautifully feathered, rare length and position, leggy, and in fine trim; vhc, Cook, very typical; he, Robinson; c, Clapham. NOR. YELL. (21), a nice lot: 1, 2, Stead, both clears, very similar in every respect, couple of grand feathered birds, full of colour, of good size and shape; 3, Galling, tick neck, fine substance, good type, deep chested, bit open in feather, still good one; vhc, Ross; he, Wood; c, Duckett. BUFF (25), a good class: 1, Duckett, clear, beautiful shape, soft silky feather, grand wings and tail, clean cut away, a beauty; 2, Walker and Scrivener, mark both wing and head, capital colour and quality, good substance, close up; 3, vhc, Stead, both clears, former red hot, full of quality, good type and size; ex. 3, c, Thorpe, tick neck, nicely feathered, grand colour, good shape and size, worth its place; he, Hallet.

A New Hat Ornament.

While shooting in one of his meadows, at Newington, Doncaster, Mr. George Grooby, cattle dealer, was somewhat startled to find a white Owl alight upon his hat. Putting up his hand, the bird flew away, but he shot it, and found it to be one of the large and rare Owl species. He is having the bird stuffed.

BLACKBURN.

The 11th Annual Show of the Blackburn and Dist. C.B.S. was held Nov. 1st and 2nd, in the Orange Hall, Richmond Terrace, Blackburn, a good room for the purpose, but rather small for a show of this importance. Entries came up well, numbering nearly 500. We were sorry to see the Crest Class cancelled and cannot understand why Crest fanciers come forward so badly. Norwich were a very level lot, size, type, colour and quality being pre-eminent in every class; the specimens staged by Messrs. Hirst, Seed, Edward Trengove, and Wade being birds of exceptional merit; Yorkshire classes were well filled, the specimens staged by Messrs. Barton, Hirst, Hilliary and Knowles, being gems of the first water. Cinnamons made a good show, the principal winners, though being, as usual, Messrs. Godley and Bormer. The British Bird Section (under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C.), although not strong in numbers, was all there as regards quality, especially the birds of Messrs. Ward, Bower, Murdo, Kilner, Hunter, Almond and Fuderwood. In the Novice and Members' Classes the birds of Messrs. Tetley, Gregson, Barnes, Marsden and W. E. Seed showed great promise and several held their own in the Open Classes. We were very pleased to see the show was well patronised by the public, there being a grand attendance whilst we were there. Amongst those present we noticed Messrs. Trengove, Seed, Parkinson, Cook, Hartley, Hayhurst, Godley and Ridings. The Secretary, Mr. Marsden, a very courteous and obliging gentleman, had everything well in hand, and received able assistance from Mr. Fairclough, Ass't. Secretary, Mr. J. Lyons., Chairman; Mr. R. Haworth, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. S. Tweddle, Treasurer; who were mainly responsible for the success of the show. The judges were Messrs. J. H. Roe (Canaries), and J. Walsh (British Mules and Foreign), and their awards were well received.

The Norwich and Cinnamons.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl., Hirst, clear good quality and colour nice type and size, good head, neck and chest, well staged; 2, Seed (T.), another clear, red hot colour, grand size, rare head, neck and chest, all front, must have pressed hard; 3 Todd, marked head, back and wings rare colour, good quality and type, nice size; 4, Trengove, marked head, wings and root of tail, rattling colour and quality, good size and shape, fails a little in neck; vhc, Marlor Bros.; he, Tweddle; c, Beswick. BUFF (14): 1, spl, T. Seed, with the noted winner, "Little King II.," often described, needs no comment; 2, Hayhurst, tick on head, big, bouncing bird grand quality, rare shape hardly the colour of leader; 3, Edwards, clear, grand colour and quality, good head, neck and chest, well packed flights and tail; 4, Wade, eyes and wing marked, another grand Norwich, fine shape and substance, splendid quality, beaten only in colour; vhc, Todd; he, Haworth; c, Bee. YELL. HENS (20): 1, Edwards, exceptionally hot coloured hen, plenty of size, nice shape, good head, neck and chest; 2 Todd (we believe, a mistake, should have been No. 2, Senior and Hartley), big, bouncing hen, grand chest, nice short flights and tail, good colour and quality, could be better in neck; 3, 4, spl., Trengove, two very nice hens, both grand quality and type; 4, a little patchy in colour, otherwise a grand hen; vhc, Bee; he, Cooper; c, Godley. BUFF HENS (23): 1, spl., Trengove, marked head and wings, grand quality and type, nice size, good head, neck and chest, well packed wings and tail; 2, Cook, clear, magnificent quality and type, nice colour, splendid carriage, not at its best yet; 3, Senior and Hartley, another rattling hen, rare quality and shape, grand head, neck and chest, not quite so high in colour; 4, Tweddle, Newcastle winner, grand quality and colour, good head, neck and chest, very close up; vhc, Parkinson, still another grand hen, lovely quality; he, Caldwell; c, Shore, a grand class. UNFLI. YELL (14): 1, he, spl., Trengove, marked head and wings, rattling colour and size, fine head and neck, and chest, good quality and carriage; 2, Senior and Hartley, clear, grand quality and type, nice rich level colour, a true Norwich; 3, Marlor Brothers, another clear of extra good quality, nice size, grand shape and style, good chest, not quite so good in head; 4, Hirst, Manchester winner, looking well to-day, a good bird all through, perhaps not so rich in colour as those above it; vhc, Counsell; c, Shore. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, spl, Wade, Accrington and Burnley winner, grand substance, fine head, short, thick full neck, grand chest, nice colour and quality; 2, Tetley, clear, grand size and colour, rare head, neck and chest, stands well across the perch, seems a little weak on legs; 3, Huggins, another clear, grand youngster, splendid type, extra quality, well mealed, close up; 4, Trengove, another clear, equally good in type and quality, grand, rich level colour, well packed wings and tail, worth its place; he, Hirst; c, Seed (R.). CINN. YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Godley, leader grand colour and size, rare shape and feather, a real good one, 2 nice size and shape, sound in colour, good type, not quite so good in head; 3, Dormer, nice rich colour, good shape, beaten a little in substance and quality; 4, Riding, grand substance, good Norwich type, nice quality, level colour, but not quite depth of leaders; he, W. E. Seed. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, he, spl, Godley, with a very fine team, leader grand quality and type, rare size, very rich in colour, grand head, neck and chest; 2 equally good in type and quality, grand size and colour, hardly so bold in head, 3 nice size and colour, good type, beaten in quality; 4, Dormer, rare colour and quality; vhc, Haworth; c, Riding. HENS (13): 1, he, Dormer, yellow, grand Norwich shape, fine head, neck and chest, sound, rich Cinn. colour, splendid quality, a gem; 2, 3, spl, Riding, with a pair of beauties, third an unflighted yellow, the proper Cinn. stamp, extra short and cobby, all front, grand colour, perhaps hardly the quality of winner; 4, vhc, Godley, good feather and colour; c, Tweddle. UNFLI. (13): 1, vhc, he, Godley, yellow, grand size and colour, very deep and rich all through, good Norwich type, not yet so tight in feather as we like to see them; 2, 3, 4, c, spl, Dormer, fine team, all possessing good Cinn. properties, and well up in colour and quality.

Yorkshires, Hybrids and British.

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (15): 1, spl, Burton, clear unfli., beautiful quality, rare colour, grand length, well up on leg, nice stand, a well-staged gem; 2, Lane, another clear unfli., straight as a pencil, shines like silk, grand position, nice back, wings and tail, very close up; 3, c, Binns, again a typical Yorks., grand length, extra quality, stands well up, well worth its place; 4, Hirst, rare length and position; fine quality, nice style; vhc, Knowles; he, Sutcliffe and Son. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Hirst, lovely salmon colour, grand length and position, well carried wings and tail, fine quality, one of the right sort; 2, Knowles, slight tick on wing, extra length, beautifully drawn, splendid quality, grand back, wings and tail, neat head, hardly the position of leaders; 3, Riley, grizzle on neck, nice length, grand quality, straight as a rush; 4, Lane, clear, grand length and quality, little thick at waist, still a grand one; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; he, Wear; c, Lane. YORKSHIRE HENS (21): 1, spl, Hilliary, clear yellow, grand length, beautiful quality, nice back wings and tail, a bonny hen; 2, Wear, yellow, brimful of quality, very straight and stylish, grand type and position, nice back, wings and tail, close up; 3, Hirst, unfli. buff, slight grizzle on neck, lovely quality and colour, nice length, grand narrow back, neat head, nice pipe tail, and stands to perfection; 4, vhc, Burton, yellow, marked on head, grand quality, nice colour, rather broad on shoulders; he, Leonard; c, Knowles. CINN. MKD. (10): 1, Knowles, yellow, marked neck and wings, rare length, magnificent quality, nice colour, well-filled in back, nicely carried wings and tail, nice position, wins well; 2, 3, spl, Greenwood, 2 buff, marked head and wings, good length and position, neat head, and very stylish, beaten in quality, 3 wing marked yellow, beautiful quality, grand carriage and style, well-drawn, close up; 4, c, Sutcliffe and Son, eyes and wing marked buff, stands like a soldier, feather like wax, nice round back, nice length, a grand bird, we rather preferred to 2nd; vhc, he, Hirst. A.O.V. Can. (8): 1, 4, spl, Smith, yellow and buff Scotch Fancies, respectively, good position and drive, nice shoulders; 2, Hindman, foul buff Cinn., grand size type and colour; 4, Parkinson, lightly varie. buff Border, exquisite quality, grand type, and very smart; vhc, Dormer; he, Senior and Hartley; c, Millburn. SELL. (30/-) (13): 1, spl, Dormer, pair Cinns.; 2, Senior and Hartley, pair Nor.; 3, Crossley, pair Yorks.; 4, Wade, pair Nor.; vhc, Huggins; he, c, Godley. SELL. (20/-) (20): 1, spl, Crossley, yellow Yorks.; 2, Hindman, buff Nor.; 3, Godley buff Cinn.; 4, Walsh, Crest; vhc, Taylor; he, Caldwell; c, Beaty. SELL. (12/6) (25): 1, spl, Wear, buff Yorks.; 2, R. Seed, buff Nor.; 3, Hargreaves, buff Cinn.; 4, J. Taylor, buff Yorks.; vhc, Mellor; he, Jos. Cook; c, Senior and Hartley. OPEN NOVICE, NOR. AV. (24): 1, spl, Tetley, buff unfli., stood 2nd in champion class, claimed at catalogue price, £2; 2, he, Southworth, clear yell. unfli, grand head neck and chest, rare size and colour, good bird; 3, Bretherton, buff, lovely colour and meal, nice head, neck and chest; 4, c, Barnes, yellow unfli., grand colour and feather, good head, neck and chest, rather unsteady; vhc, Hall. YORKS. (16): 1, Gregson, yellow, grand length and colour, grand-shaped body, good quality and stand; 2, Schofield, unfli. yell., nice length, good position and quality, well staged; 3, vhc, spl, Proctor, buff, good length and type, beautiful quality, but not so neat in wings; 4, Crossley, yell., not far behind; he, Marsden; c, Lighthown. MEMBERS' NOR. (21): 1, 2, spl, Barnes, 1st described in Open Novice Class, 2nd we could not find; 3, Hindman, unfli. buff, marked wings, nice size, good colour and substance; 4, Roberts, yell. unfli., nice size; vhc, Jos. Cook; he, Porter; c, Thompson. YORKS. (17): 1, 4, c, spl, Marsden, leader clear yellow, grand quality, nice length and position, and shown in A1 style, 4 buff, very typical specimen, and well deserves its place; 2, Proctor, yellow tick on neck, beautiful quality, nice position and length; 3, Vignole, another yell. unfli. very straight and stylish, grand type; vhc, he, Proctor. A.O.V. OR MULE (19): 1, 4, spl, Seed (W. E.), yell. Cinn. leading, good type and quality, grand colour; 2, Hindman, big, bouncing buff, Cinn. good colour, quality and type; 3, Proctor, yell. Cinn., good, sound colour, nice type; vhc, Wright; he, Hindman; c, Roberts. GIFT (6): 1, spl, Tweddle; 2, Barnes; 3, Haworth; 4, Hindman; vhc, Walsh; he, Kilner. HYBRID (OPEN) (8): 1, Ward, noted Linnet-Bullfinch Unique II., looking well, in grand bloom and condition; 2, 3, 4, spl, Cunningham, 2nd lightly marked Linnet Canary, grand quality and condition, 3 Goldfinch-Greenfinch, not quite in full colour, 4 dark Goldfinch-Canary, grand quality and colour; vhc, Beswick; he, Jeffreys; c, Smith. GOLDFINCH (BRIT.) (7): 1, spl, Bower, nice blaze, good size and tan, good buttons and moons, and very steady; 2, Holden, equally good in blaze and size, not far behind; 3, Jeffreys, very nice buch, seemed a little down; 4, Tetley, nice size and blaze; vhc, Crompton; he, Beswick; c, Heywood. LINNET: 1, spl, Bower, grand pencilled, rich colour, very light in feather, wins; 2, Haworth, another good Linnet, just fails in markings to winner; 3, Tootle, larger bird, fair colour and markings; 4, vhc, Watt, smaller, but nicely pencilled; he, Wilson; c, Hunter. GREENFINCH (8): 1, spl, Murdo, grand size and colour, splendid feather and very steady; 2, c, A. Rowe, fine head, grand colour and condition, very close up; 3, Almond, very nice, but hardly as good colour; 4, Beaty, non-fed, magnificent quality and condition; vhc, Wright; he, Hunter. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Kilner, Siskin, good colour, nice quality and markings, good cap; 2, Wilson, Twite, nice size, good shape and markings; 3, Jeffreys, Siskin, nice dense cap, good colour and markings; 4, Eccles, another nice Twite, nice size and colour; vhc, Hunter; he, Wilson. REDPOLL (7): 1, 4, spl, Hunter, leader grand size, good colour, well laced, 4 hardly as good quality; 2, Holden, nicely laced, grand colour, and well staged; 3, Kilner, very nice one, but hardly the size of leaders; vhc, England; he, Fairclough; c, Waterworth. A.O.V. HARD (12): 1, c, spl, Almond, Burnley winner, Hawfinch, beautiful bib, nice size, good bars, in fine bloom; 2, Kilner, Meadowbunting, in beautiful condition, and very steady; 3, Wilson, splendid marked Yellowhammer, as tight as wax, and rare colour; 4, Underwood, Crossbill, in fine order; vhc, Watt, nice Bullfinch; he, Bower, Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL (7): 1, spl, Underwood, with his noted Waxwing, often described, grand exhibit; 2, Mort, well-spangled Thrush, in grand trim; 3, Crompton, Nightingale, beautiful plumage, and very steady; 4, vhc, Beaty, yellow Wagtail, nice shape and colour, very graceful movements; he, Crompton; c, England. BRIT. NOVICE (14): 1, spl, Hunter, Wagtail, grand quality, type and colour; 2, Holt, very nice Hawfinch, well shown; 3, he, c, Philpott, Yellowhammer, well marked, and very steady; 4, Adams, good coloured Bramblefinch; vhc, Hunter, Challinch. FOREIGN (6): 1, 3, 4, spl, Pickles; 2, Beaty; vhc, he, England. PET BIRD CLASS (6): 1, 4, spl, Feeles; 2, Fairclough; 3, Deacon; vhc, Hindle; c, Riley.

SHIPLEY O.S.

First winter members' show of Yorkshires on Oct. 29. Mr. R. Halliday judged, and his awards were well received. 80 birds faced the judge. YELL. (6): 1, Feather; 2, Sowden; 3, Towers. BUFF (5): 1, Grange; 2, Towers; 3, Sowden. YELL. MARK (1): Long. BUFF MARK (6): 1, Crossland; 2, Long; 3, Feather. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Long; 2, Grange; 3, Hudson. BUFF HENS (10): 1, Crossland; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Long. CINN. MARK COCK (8): 1, Grange; 2, Hudson; 3, Dobson. HENS (6): 1, Grange; 2, Sowden; 3, Whitfield. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, Crossland; 2, Grange; 3, Whitfield. BUFF. (10): 1, Leeming; 2, Long; 3, Crossland. VAR. (4): 1, Stubbs; 2, Dobson; 3, Bradshaw. SELL (12s. 6d.) (6): 1, Grange; 2, Dobson; 3, Kendell. (10s. 6d.): 1, Feather; 2, Long; 3, Leeming.—H. DOBSON, Sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all Insects, harmless to everything else.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT.

The Rochdale Good Intent Show was held on November 2nd in the Parish church schools, which are very conveniently situated as regards railway facilities. Of the bowdoom itself we cannot speak too highly, it being everything that a committee could wish for—grandly lighted from top, perfectly free from draughts, plenty of floor space, and with the one exception of the staging being a little low, was a perfect room. The committee are fortunate in being able to secure such a room, and we were informed they intend securing it again for next year's show. A goodly number of visitors attended, among many others whom we fail to remember, being Mr. Green, that enthusiastic fancier of the Lancashire, who held his ground on the show bench in this, one of the strongholds of the saints of the Canary tribes, Messrs. Garner, Booth, Broughton, Preston, Hampshire, and Collinge. The management was really first-class, and in Mr. Sam Clayton the society has a secretary who is a thorough master of his work, and carries it out in workmanlike manner—obliging, but firm in his actions. He is the right man in the right place. He had able assistance from Messrs. Horsman and Gaskill, as stewards, while Messrs. Leach, Lord, Law, Lees, Holden, Banks, McCormick, and Silway, who formed the committee, vied with each other in their efforts to make things run smooth and well. We must not forget the ladies, who provided teas for visitors in true hospitable Lancashire fashion, and at a reasonable price; we hope they did well financially. Coming to the exhibits, the schedule opened with six classes for Lancashires, and these brought together a nice total of 67, giving the excellent average of 11 per class. In this section we were pleased to see a decided improvement on some years ago in the manner the birds were put on the show bench, many of them being spotlessly clean; there were not so many dirty ones as we have seen on former occasions in the Lancashire classes. The teams of Messrs. Hardy, Green, Lowe, West, Mills and Adams were a credit to all of them, while in the two novice classes Messrs. Jones, Brooks, Oldham, Riseley, Laycock, and others put some down that would have stood their corner in the champion classes. Lizards, with four classes, had an entry of 39, and some grand spangle backs were on view. The teams of Messrs. Dewsnap, Rukin, Butterworth, Turners, Hampshire, Martin, Smith and Sellars were grand specimens, full of delightful spangling, beautiful colour, neat shape, and jaunty carriage; they were indeed a pretty sight both to the casual visitor and the experienced fancier. Crests with one class introduced us to a couple of good ones, put down by that well known breeder, Mr. J. Collinge, he capturing 1st and 2nd with ease. In Crestbreds Mr. Hardy performed the same feat with a couple of good ones. Yorkshires were a grand lot, and well displayed their type, style, and quality, with 103 in six classes—an average of over 15 per class. This section did well, and birds of superior type and quality were staged by Messrs. Ogden Bros., Broughton, Cuthbertson, Binns, Greenwood, Faulkner, Wilkinson, Clayton, Norris, and Beseoby. Norwich, with four classes, had 46 entries, and though quality and type were well represented, the numbers were hardly satisfactory. The team put down by Mr. Booth was grand, he taking most of the spoil. Good birds were also staged by Messrs. Beswick, Wrigley, Braybrook, Lees, Hindley, and Greenwood. The A.O.V. was a nice class, while the Selling and the one British classes were distinctly good. Probably the society may see their way another year to extend their classification in this section. We hope the show will prove as great a financial success as the committee are worthy of, as they are all genuine fanciers. Messrs. H. W. Battye and R. Barras, judged and gave every satisfaction.

Mr. Barras's Classes.

LANC. COPPY YELL., ETC. (9): 1, spl., Hardy, neat well spread Crizzle Coppy, fine length, and stand clean and well staged, wins; 2, F. J. Green, all the way from London, neat cl., standing on grand legs, grand length and shape, not far behind; 3, Adams, more massive, but more open in coppy, hardly so neat as leaders; 4, he, Mills, grizzel coppy, hardly so heavy in feathers; vhc, Horsman; c, Rowbottom. BUFF (12): 1, Garner, great length, good shape, and stand very neat and clean, well staged, good one; 2, Hardy, grizzle back of head, not quite so heavy in coppy and hugs perch; 3, 4, spl., Mills, both grizzle on head, both neat feather for this variety, fine length and shape; vhc, he, West; c, Adams. YELL. PLAINHEAD (11): 1, Hardy, masterpiece, big massive bird, clothed with an abundance of fine feather, of grand head and neck, stands well; 2, Lowe, big fine bulky bird, hardly the length of 1st, and not the finish, good bird though; 3, 4, spl., F. J. Green, 3rd good skull, though not the width of leaders, 4th grand length and carriage, slimmer in build. BUFF (9): 1, Hardy, regular bulldog, immense head, thick neck, well lashed, and nicely staged; 2, Green, another giant, hardly the condition or so good in head properties, good nevertheless; 3, 4, spl., West, both long, fine built birds, grand in feather, but beaten heads by leaders; vhc, Turner; he, Rowbottom; c, Hartley. NOVICE COPPY (13): 1, Jones, nice, neat, cl. yell. coppy, grand condition, fine length, stands well, nicely staged; 2, vhc, spl., Riseley, leader grizzled coppy, fine long bird, stands well, hardly so good in head or so well staged; 3, he, Laycock, 3rd tick, back of head, stands well, plenty of feather and fine length; 4, Smith and Sellars, fine build and size, dark coppy, nicely spread; c, Oldham. PLAINHEAD (13): 1, c, spl., Brooks, yell., grand head, fine length, well built, good carriage and condition; 2, vhc, Oldham, buff, big massive bird, good skull, not so well staged, or must have pressed hard on winner; 3, Whitworth, nice head and carriage, bit thin in comparison to leaders; 4, Riseley, another romper for size and skull, worth its place; he, Entwistle; a good class of Norwich birds. LIZARD CL. CAP GOLD (10): 1, Turner, hot colour, well rowed, full of work, and nice ground colour, grand specimen; 2, vhc, spl., Hampshire, flat in colour, in nice order, and teeming with work all over, well rowed; 3, Garner, good colour, hardly so good on back, and fails a bit, wings and tail tips nice condition; 4, Lowe, nice one, we liked for 3rd place, nice Lizard; vhc, Hampshire; he, Nuttall; c, T. Holt. SILVER (11): 1, c, Butterworth, nice warm colour, good shape and size, nice rowing, fine condition; 2, he, Hampshire, looks like a hen and has not much colour, grand spangling all through, more distinct than first, really good Lizard and well worth its place; 3, 4, spl., Dewsnap, third good ground colour, nice colour, not so nicely rowed as leaders, fourth we liked for third place, nice specimen; vhc, Martin, good class. BROKEN CAP GOLD (7): 1, 2, spl., Rukin, in mass of spangling, not much cap, fine colour, well rowed, good one, second plenty of work, hardly so neat in rowing as first; 3, Turner, grand back, fine condition, not the colour or finish of leaders; 4, Dewsnap, another dark cap, not quite so distinct in rowing; vhc, Leach; he, Holt; c, Woodhead. SILVER (11): 1, spl., Dewsnap, another beauty, full of grand work all through, wins; 2, Hampshire, lacks colour and not quite so distinct in spangling on back as leader, still a good bird; 3, Martin, again behind in colour, nice backed bird and worth its place; 4, Smith and Sellars, not so distinct in rowing; vhc, Butterworth; he, Brierley, we liked fourth; c, McKimm. CREST NORWICH (7): 1, 2, spl., Collinge, leader heavily vargtd. with good sized crest, well formed, fair centre, good droop, wins easy, 2nd wings and breast, nice lovely crest hen, and though not so massive as first, still a nice one; 3, Fitton, one wing and breast, nice centre and formation, fails to leaders in frontal; 4, Radcliffe; vhc, Law, grizzle crest, we made a good fourth; he, Carr. CREST-BRED (12): 1, 2, spl., Hardy, leader lightly vargtd., fine entrance, good skull, heaps of dense feather, 2nd like dome shaped head, good feather, not so good in entrance; 3, Collinge, yell. vargtd., good one for a yell., nice entrance and skull, might have gone up one; 4, Mussey, light mark, beaten entrance, plenty of feather; vhc, Radcliffe; he, Smith; c, Ogden.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL. (11): 1, 4, spl., Ogden Bros., fine length, colour and carriage capital, carriage of wings and tail, grand condition; 2, Cuthbertson, neat feather, nice colour, not quite the length, stands well and pressed winner very hard; 3, Spencer, grand head, wings, and tail, hardly the length of first or the style of second, three grand birds, any of which might have won; vhc, Broughton; he, Binns; c, Ashworth. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, spl., Broughton, first nice feather, wee bit on strong side, fair, nice position; 2, Beseoby, beautiful quality, fail to first in head and tail carriage; 3, Jackson, slim, neat in feather, might be neater in wings, nice style; 4, Faulkner, hot colour, good feather, bit strong and plain in shape; he, Brooks; c, Binns. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, spl., Ogden Bros., first thigh tick, fine length and shape, grand head, wings, and tail, on clever legs, good bird, 2nd vargtd., good type, feather, and position; 3, Norris, eyes and wing, long, straight bird, beaten quality and style; 4, Beseoby, cap mark, nice shape and quality, bit weak in head; vhc, Cuthbertson; he, Spencer; c, Ashworth. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Broughton, vargtd., nice head, back, wings, and tail, capital type, nice position and style; 2, Ogden Bros., neck tick, lovely feather and carriage, might be little better in head; 3, Clayton, wee bit strong, hardly so stylish as leaders, still worth its place, fine feather; 4, Binns, nice style and length, bit loose underneath; vhc, Norris; he, Wilkinson; c, Cuthbertson. UNFL. (29): 1, spl., Binns, yell., tick back of head, exceptionally steady, shape and position excellent, good feather, nice length, well up on leg; 2, Wilkinson, buff mark eye and wing, fine shape feather, length, position, and condition, stands well and pressed hard on first; 3, Faulkner, yell., fine long straight bird, not quite equal to leaders in position and quality of feather; 4, Pullan, nice slim buff, neat wings and tail, nice narrow back, bit weak in head; vhc, Greenwood; he, Broughton; c, Beseoby; strong class. HENS (24): 1, spl., Cuthbertson, buff, tick on wing, nice head, back, wings, and tail, lovely feather and well on leg; 2, Greenwood, thigh tick, yell., nice medium size, smart, leggy, and typical, good quality, good second; 3, Faulkner, nice shaped yell., hardly so well drawn as second, good hen, though; 4, Norris, clear buff, fine length and style, fails a bit on head; vhc, Greenwood; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Brooks. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, 2, spl., Booth, with two splendid specimens of grand size, shape, and quality, leader chubby body, good head and chest, second not so stout built, but full, better quality; 3, Lees, unfl., nice quality, type, size, and carriage, good one and should make up well, grand bright colour, carried well through, takes Sandiford's special for hottest-fed bird; 4, he, Greenwood, good head, beaten shape of body, bit long; vhc, Beswick; c, Garner. BUFF (15): 1, Booth, a beauty, nice neat, hot colour, lovely quality of feather, shape, head, chest, and carriage grand, wins easy; 2, Hindley, fine type, grand quality of feather, smooth as glass, good second; 3, vhc, spl., Beswick, nice feather and carriage, bit thick behind, fine type all else; 4, Lees, unfl., extra good quality, nice type and colour out-classed for size in present company, very promising; he, Braybrook; c, Clayton. TICK, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Booth, leader a big bouncing, heavy vargtd., grand shape all over, feather and carriage, excellent wins, latter unfl., typical as any in class, deficient in tail feathers, or would have been higher; 2, 3, spl., Wrigley, leader mark eyes, cheek and wings, fine shape, carriage, and condition, bit long flights and tail, good colour, third, thigh tick, good shape, beaten feather, wild, which spoiled its chance a little; he, c, Lees. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Beswick, thigh tick, lovely type and quality, nice short wings and tail, cobby and good; 2, Braybrock, lightly vargtd., nice shape, not quite so neat and cobby as leader, neat feather; 3, Booth, fine, big, well built bird, almost got to big grand colour and shape, but frilled breast; 4, Garner, nice bird, but beaten here; vhc, Hindley; he, Gaskill; c, Schofield. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (12): 1, spl., Hyde's spl., Helliwell, even mark., buff Yorks.; 2, Massey, Scots, fancy; 3, Rukin, yell. cinn.; 4, Johnson, dark Goldie Mule; vhc, Law; he, Bank; c, Gaskill. SELL., 20/- (23): 1, spl., Radcliffe; 2, Braybrook; 3, Whitworth; 4, Law; vhc, Hampshire; he, Butterworth; c, Howarth. 12/6 (25): 1, 2, Fitton; 3, Butterworth; 4, Braybrook; vhc, c, Greenwood; he, Adams. BRIT. (22): 1, 2, spl., Walker, leader Nightingale, not one of the biggest, but well shown, very steady, fair colour and condition; grand 2nd, Yell. Wagtail, fine size for a yell., steady, and in the best of condition; 3, 4, Law, leader Goldfinch, in fine colour, grand face, neat buttons, in fine order; 4th big, finely mark. Missel Thrush, in good trim; vhc, Gaskill; he, Johnson; c, Massey. GIFT (4): 1, spl., Horsman; 2, Lees; 3, West; 4, Collinge. CAGE BIRDS' Competition: 1, Beseoby; 2, Adams; 3, Lees.

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OSWESTRY.

Oswestry P. and F.A. Show held in the Cross Market Hall on October 31st. The cage bird section came up stronger than last year—about 30 more entries throughout. The classification was not very extensive, being held in conjunction with poultry, pigeons, rabbits, etc.; nevertheless, some 250 birds or more graced the benches. The open classes contained some lovely Norwich, most typical, and excelling in quality. Yorkshires were very grand, particularly the Yellows, and far and away the strongest classes; the winners were great, and the Yellow which won special best Yorkshire is a treat. Hybrids, light and dark, produced some of the present day champions, the clear buff from Liverpool winning special for best bird over this section. The dark class brought out Gold-Bull (2), Green-Bull (2), Canary-Bully, Green Can., Linnet-Canary, etc., and again the Liverpool champion Gold Bull led the way, followed by pretty Canary-Bully and Green-Bull respectively. Britishers were very good, but not quite so numerous as usual. The winning Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Nightingale were superb, and fit to battle for a kingdom. The runners-up in most cases were well up, and some very tight competition resulted. Foreign birds were led by a nice pair of Conures. The local champion section was well patronised by a good entry of high-class exhibits, and as usual some good Norwich, Yorkshires, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches turned up. The novice section was well filled by some very promising birds, and a little perseverance and coaching up should bring some of the birds well to the front, notably several fine Goldfinches. A good number of birds in each section were soon chimed, which speaks well for the quality and value of the exhibits. Lots of cash, specials, medals, cups, and various articles of value were given, and fanciers lucky to win had quite a field day. A fine list of patrons is secured for the support of this annual event, and a regular Derbylike day is looked forward to every year for miles around. A fine set of officers and committee carried out the arrangements, and, with such names as Major Bull, Messrs. A. Gough, G. Inglis, G. H. Finney, Hughes, Lloyd, England, Bert Gough, etc., with Dr. Cartwright (chairman), Messrs. Morris Smith (vice-chairman), R. E. Hughes (treasurer), G. A. George (hon. sec.), and last, but by no means least, G. A. Doody, as secretary, it was no wonder that success obtained. Mr. Doody is a master man in carrying out all his work in the most up-to-date and finished style. Mr. A. Gough judged the local classes, and Mr. Chas. Houlton judged all open classes, and their awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Turner, var., thick-set typical bird, fine neat head, compact wings and tail, very rich level colour, put down in fine condition; 2, vhc, Brotherhood, slashing big bird, fully long enough, grand head, full of colour and quality; 3, Lover, cl., looks like a hen, very chubby, typical Nor., grand feather, carriage and condition; r, Jenkins, var., body, grand type, trifle heavier, feather round thighs, otherwise a gem; he, Callear; c, Wells. BUFFS (11): 1, spl., best Nor., Turner, var., very cobby, feathered like a Java, lovely bloom all over, fine head, neat wings and tail, and of good size, well deserves special; 2, Parry, very compact, typical shape, trifle looser in feather, and hardly so large as 1st, still a beauty; 3, Brotherhood, cl., finely built, grand feather, colour, etc., bit coarser in tail only; r, he, Rigby, var., smaller, bit loose about thighs, otherwise well up; vhc, Crand; c, Jones and Owen. YORKS. YELL. (23): Really good class. 1, spl., best Yorks., Brotherhood, very stylish, finely drawn, typical Yorkie, grand position and well up on legs, neat head, wings, and tail close fitting, rich colour, and very tight in condition; 2, 3, Parry, heavy var., splendidly rounded off in shape, well drawn out, lovely feather and position, like a pencil; 3rd cl., much like winner, but hardly so well finished in feather and condition to-day; r, he, Williams, H. W., nice cl., good style and feather, beaten a little in tail; vhc, Butler, grand quality, well rounded off, fine feather and condition; c, Salisbury. BUFFS (13): 1, r., Parry, rare size, well up, stands firm, and carries head, wings, and tail well very fine in feather and condition; r. var., neck, beaten in head, nice carriage, and feather; 2, Salisbury, very neat and typical, smaller than first, but very compact feather and condition; 3, Edwards, grand quality, well on legs, medium size, silky feather, and stands firm; vhc, Johnson, beaten a little in condition; he, Cockhill; c, Hampson. HYBRIDS LIGHT (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, J. Williams, champion cl. in great form, an unev. Yell. Gold Can., and another cl., smaller, but all in superb colours, feather and condition; r, Leigh, var. Gold Can. Yell., very light, splendid size, colour, shape, and feathered like wax; vhc, Callear; he, F. Jones, jun. DARK (8): 1, 2, r, Williams, 1st the very grand Gold-Bull, champion of to-day, improved since Manchester, grand colour and bloom; 2nd medium size Canary-Bullie, grand colour and condition—yell.; r., Green Bullfinch, grand size and colour, beaten little in feather and finish; 3, Leigh, very grand Green Bull, A1 for colour, and very level, broad chest, and splendid feather throughout, a gem; vhc, Lover, lovely cl. Green Can., yell. apparently, and looking in fine feather and condition; he, Ford and Williams, pretty Gold-Bull, but a lot smaller than first; c, Horn, good sized, well shaped buff Linnet-Canary, in splendid feather. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): Not so many as usual in this stronghold. 1, spl., Titchard, grand broad made Finch, big, well-defined blaze, broad head, rich colour blaze, grand moonings and bars, plenty of rich chestnut brown on body, deep and well across breast, feathered like wax, good one. 2, Jones, fine size blaze, very rich colour and well cut, but wee bit open on top, grand body, brown, good-sized, even moons and bars, and rich, glossy feather and condition; 3, Tams and Son, smaller, but a grand in all other respects; r, Potter and Bracey, shows a bit of white on top of blaze, grand big faced bird, deep colours, moons and bars, clean cut and well feathered body; vhc, W. Williams, duller blaze, grand colour body and markings and condition; he, Yates; c, Jones. BULLFINCH (4): 1, spl., Inglis, capital size, grand broad black cap, good black wings and tail well wrapped up, bit pale in breast colour, grand colour on back, and in best of feather; 2, Potter and Bracey, smaller, but much richer colour, and in very good feather; 3, Lover, very fine hen in nice condition; r, Parry, beaten in condition. LINNET (9): 1, spl., Tams and Son, grand size, colour, shape and markings, very steady, and in lovely glossy feather; 2, Titchard, equally large, splendid markings, beaten in colour and finish in condition a very little, still a good one; 3, Jones, very like winner for shape, but not quite so glossy and finished yet as 1st, fine shape and markings; r, E. Weedall, smaller but grand shape, markings, feather, and condition; vhc, he, Yates, very cobby pair, rather small, but grand colour and markings; c, Horne, pale colour, big bold bird. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, spl., Brotherhood, very fine Nightingale, in splendid condition, well shown; 2, E. Weedall, very smart Redwing, splendid colours, size and markings, steady and well shown; 3, Poole, pretty Gold Crest Wren, not quite in tight condition, or might have won; r, Pearce, very fine Missel Thrush in faultless trim, and well shown; vhc, Titchard, good coloured Yellowhammer, medium size, hardly so clear in head markings as some of the "cracks." FOREIGN (7): 1, spl., Poole, grand pair of Violet-eared Conures, in splendid form, well shown; 2, 3, r, Byrne, 2nd a beautiful large Lemon Crested Cockatoo, in grand feather and condition; 3rd fair-sized Blue-front Amazon, in good feather. SELL., 10/6 (13): 1, 3, Parry, both good cheap Yorks., 1st grand Buff; 2, Wells, A1 quality and shape of Nor. var. Buff; r, E. Weedall, very useful Yell. Nor., nice shape, etc.; vhc, Salisbury; he, Jenkins; c, Inglis. LOCAL CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, Inglis, 1st very large, big-chested bird, nice colour, etc., 2nd grand, medium size, shape and quality, neat wings and tail; 3rd tick., nape of neck, better quality of feather; vhc, Lloyd; r, he, Giles. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Inglis, with a very strong team, leader excelling in type and quality; 2nd built on same lines as 1st, shade smaller; 3rd natural colour, grand type, quality and condition; r, Butler, very small, but grand quality; he, Lloyd. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Butler, with a pair of this gentleman's well-known gems, as pretty as paint; 2rd very smart, and tight in condition; 2, Hughes, var., very breedy, well up on legs, bit high in shoulders, grand style; r, Bailey; vhc, c, Lunt; he, Duddlestone. BUFFS (6): 1, spl, Hughes, grand all round bird, very slim and tight in condition; 2, Butler, longer type, A1 position, and well finished through; 3, Duddlestone, very stylish, natural coloured bird; vhc, c, Herbert NON-FED (12): 1, spl., 2, Inglis, long Yell. Nor., A1 type of health and condition; 2nd pretty cl. Buff fine condition and feather; 3, Duddlestone, very stylish and typical Buff Yorks., splendid stand and condition, easy 2nd; r, Lloyd; vhc, Bailey; he, c, Byrne. HYBRID LIGHT (11): 1, spl., Inglis, small four-point, almost even mark Gold Canary, pale in colour, but lovely shape and exquisite feather; 2, 3, G. H. Finney, six-point var. Yell. Gold Canary, small, but grand ground colour and quality for a Yell.; 3rd var. Buff, much behind former two; r, Giles; vhc, Major Bull; he, Johnson. DARK (7): 1, 3, Butler, very fine Yell. Linnet Can., in grand colour, good size, shape and condition; 3rd very fair Yell. Gold Canary; 2, he, Inglis, bonny big Green Canary, fine shape and beautifully feathered; vhc, Bryan; r, G. H. Finney. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 2, Finney, first soon claimed, nice size, big lean cut blaze, nicely mooned, good tan, rich, glossy, but wee bit long and narrow on chest; 2nd more compact and better set, shade smaller in blaze; 3, Lloyd, good body and nice size, good moons, bars, and body brown, beaten in size of blaze; r, Thomas, good moons, good bird when ready. BULLFINCH (3): 1, r, Inglis, 1st rare size and bloom; r, well beaten; vhc, Roberts, moderate bird. BRIT. (5): 1, spl., W. Castle, really very pretty Hawfinch, grand colour, bib and bloom, very fair size, and steady and well shown; 2, Mrs. Roberts, nicely spotted Thrush; 3, Miss Morris, good conditioned hen Bramble; r, Inglis; vhc, Finney. SELL., 7/6: 1, vhc, he, Inglis; 2, Giles; 3, Butler; r, Jordon; c, Hughes. NOVICE.—CANARY COCK (14): 1, Groves, Buff Yorks., excelling in type and position, well up on leg, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Mrs. Dales, very neat Buff Nor., good shape and condition; 3, Mrs. Hughes, grand type and rare feather; r, Mrs. Cotton; vhc, Mrs. Thomas—how these ladies are taking to the Fancy here; keep on—he, Lawrence; c, Peters. HENS (10): 1, Hughes, good Buff Nor., well put down; 2, r, Thomas, Buff Yorks, grand style and quality; 3rd, Griffiths, same breed, finely drawn; vhc, Jordan; he, Duddlestone; c, Master John Bull. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, Hughes, bonny Finch, fine clean cut blaze, bright colour, good wing bars, rich body, brown colour, lost some of moons centre of wings; 2, F. Finney, void of moons on wings, nice shape, size, colour, good blaze and condition; 3, Giles, rather smaller, but grand flush, clean cut, very deep and good moons and bars, soon claimed at 7/6 by two or three; r, Regers; vhc, Master John Bull; he, Giles; c, Roberts. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Master John Bull, fine type, good cap, wings and tail, bright back colour, nice condition, pale breast; 2, Mrs. Hughes, deep colour, smaller; 3, Jordan, rather narrow in head, and paler breast colour, nice feather; r, Taylor; vhc, Giles; he, H. Finney; c, F. Finney. £1 1s. special for best in local classes, won by G. Inglis. 5/- for best bird by member who has never won a local first prize, R. O. Lloyd. Challenge cup, for most points, won by G. Inglis, now for three years in succession.

TREHARRIS.

Cage Bird Section, held October 31st, in the Galleries of the Public Hall. Owing to not being under C.B.U. Rules, and also to there being so many shows clashing, entries were not numerous, but quality in some instances was tip-top. The Committee would do well to cater more liberally for the Cage Bird Section, and engage a popular judge. The galleries are a suitable place for staging the exhibits, light being good. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Davies, is an ideal one and most obliging, backed up by a hard-working committee. Mr. J. Breeze, Nelson, Glam, judged. YORKS. (13): 1, 2, and Cup, Williams, thigh ticked yell. leading, well drawn, nice position for a Yorkie, little long in feather; 3, loses length and colour, yell. again; 2, Beran, another yell, cl. good length and type, loses quality; res. and vhc, Evans head tick., yell. leading, good length and quality, not quite ready; 11 and 12, Carter, wrong class, two topping Nor. NORWICH: 1, 2, res. vhc, Eynon, 1, cl. buff, nice type and quality not quite ready; 2, cap and wing mark, yell., lovely quality, type and colour, will improve, might have won; res., buff, wing and neck marked, good quality bit long in barrel; 2, Anstee, wing, cap and neck mark, buff, nice quality loses head and neck. A.O.V. CANARY (2): 3, Anstee, cinn. mark, Nor., might have been wrong classed. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, withheld; 3, H. S. Davies, Llandilo, the noted Lorrie in tip top form; res, Castree, Ring Ouzel, good size, distinct crescent, very steady, will be heard of again; vhc, Williams, very fair Bramble.

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

The fourth annual show of this society was held in the Co-operative Hall on November 1st and 2nd. The room is well lighted on both sides by large windows, not too high up, which is sometimes the case in large halls. A comfortable temperature can be maintained in any kind of weather, and there is ample floor space. The show had the patronage of the Northern Crest Club and the Northern Yorks C.C., and the entries were 500, which is 50 more than last year. Mr. Godley (Rishton) and Mr. W. J. Taylor (Newcastle) each sent a large team, and had a close run for most points, Mr. Godley scoring 85, winning the special, and Mr. Taylor 81 points. Norwich had 89 in nine classes, and amongst them were some real good ones. Crests were a great success, 87 in nine classes, and the quality was excellent. Mr. T. Taylor's (Gateshead) young Crest "King Edward," won the bronzes for the best bird in the show. It is a wonderful exhibit, and is the best young Crest ever bred about the district. It is quite as great a surprise as Mr. Toward's "King of the Season" was in his day. He has a larger crest than any of the old birds, with perfect formation, not a feather wrong, good centre, and lovely droop. Mr. Lister's young Crest-bred is also a grand bird. The Crest-bred cock class was the best we have seen for some time. Yorkshires and Borders were good, and Mules and Hybrids excellent. Mr. J. Maddison put down some grand ones, and took most of the prizes. British and Foreign were also good. The show was formally opened at 3 p.m. by the Hon. President, F. Simpson, Esq., J.P. He takes a great interest in the society, and in a short speech congratulated the show committee on having such an excellent oxhibition. He said he considered it was a very nice hobby for men to take up, and hoped they would go on making progress by having a larger entry next year. Col. C. W. Napier Claver ing also said a few words, and Mr. Ogilvie, hon. sec., suitably replied. Mr. T. S. Crawhall acted as chairman. The Blaydon fanciers are fortunate in having such an able, courteous, and energetic secretary as Mr. Ogilvie. He was splendidly assisted by good stewards, who gave every attention to the exhibits. The arrangements were first-class. The judges were Mr. J. Robson and Mr. J. Trengove.

The Critique.

NORWICH CL. YELL (6): 1, spl, vhc, Cowling, good colour and size, nice deep chest; 2, Harland, longer bird, nice wings, good quality and colour; 3, Grey, shapely bird, good head and chest, just looses in wings; hc, Godley; c, Blayfock. CL. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Grey, grand head, wings, and tail, good shape, a topper, though a bit out of condition; 2, Dove, nice cobby bird, not quite the size of first, very smart shape; 3, Godley, good head, better colour than leaders, shade longer build, close up; vhc Guinness, sweet head, grand quality; hc, Grey; c, Blaylock. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (5): 1, Grey, good size Variegated, grand colour and quality; 2, McGuinness, ticked on check, better head, not quite so large as first, grand wing carriage, we liked; 3, spl, vhc, Taylor, third good size, not too well shown; hc, J. Gray. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Harland, first good deep chest, nice size and type, ticked on rump, second tick on back of skull, good head, nice quality, not quite the depth of leader; 3, hc, Taylor, third nice stamp, good head and wings; vhc, McGuinness, very taking shape. HEN, YELL (6): 1, spl, Cowling, very large bird, good wings, grand head and neck; 2, Harland, similar bird, clear, grand chest and colour, nice feather; 3, Godley, Clear, grand quality, splendid shape, all three good ones; vhc, Grey; hc, Bewick; c, Winter. HEN, BUFF (8): 1, spl, Grey, Clear, good in every way, size, head and chest, nice meal; 2, Godley, Clear, sweet shape, not quite the size of first; 3, McGuinness, nice head, good wings and shape, not so deep in colour; vhc, Johnson; hc, Lowery; c, Brown. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, spl, 2, McGuinness, both Clears, ablaze with colour, grand shape and quality; 3, Gibson, dark cap and wing marked, shade hotter colour, nice wing carriage; vhc, Harland; hc, Moore; c, Flint. BUFF UNFLI. (16): 1, spl, Bean, nice shape and size, ticked on head, fine quality; 2, Godley, Clear, large bird, nice head, tight feather; 3, Robson, Clear, good colour and size, deep chest, hardly ready; vhc, Taylor, good bird; hc, Bertram; c, McGuinness. NAT. COLOUR (18): 1, spl, hc, Hayes, first Clear Yell., grand colour and size, good type; 2, Grey, Cl. Buff, fair good head, graud shape, a bit small; 3, McGuinness, Clear Yell., grand colour, nice type, might have gone higher; vbc, Godley, grand Yellow, good size and colour, bit longer in body; c, Lee. DARK CREST BUFF (9): 1, spl, Godley, large bird, marked wings, crest large and well centred, lifts a bit over left eye, but grand bird; 2, Stoves, N.C.C. spl, good body, marked on wings, nice large crest, good centre and droop; 3, Bewick, heavily Varieg., rather smaller body, grand quality crest, good centre and droop; vhc, Armstrong, grand-sized crest, good droop and frontal; hc, Lister, best frontal crest in class, good-size centre and droop, a few pens in centre yet, Newcastle first; c, Hands. CREST HEN (9): 1, spl, Armstrong, beautiful dark crest, grand quality, nice veiny feather, a gem; 2, Routledge, fine dark crest, mkd. wing, larger bird, but not so trim in crest; 3, Lister, grey crest of good size, nice droop and centre; vhc, Pearce, good drooping crest, loses frontal; hc, Godley, good-size crest, loses centre; c Taylor. CREST (bred 1907) (8): 1, spl, 2, T. Taylor, "King Edward," marked wings and neck, with dark green crest of great size, splendid centre and radiation, grand body, grand quality feather; 2, nearly green, some way behind leader, yet nice crest, good centre; 3, N.C.C. spl, Lister, dark crest, larger crest than second, beautiful veiny feather, should have been second; vhc, Blaylock, good crest, nice droop, and good back crest; hc, Routledge; c, Morgan. A.O.V. CREST (8): 1, spl, Lister, grand grey crest, good-size body, some thought defective in sight; 2, Marshall, dense crest, good centre and droop, good-sized body; 3, A. Lister, another Grey, larger body than second, fine crest, but penny in centre; vhc, Marshall, fine crest; hc, Stoves; c, Hands. CREST £3 LIMIT (12): 1, spl, hc, W. J. Taylor, first Vgtd. dark crest with good droop, cheap; 2, Currah and Son, dark crest of fine quality and droop, good centre and back; 3, Winter, nice round crest, good centre and droop; vhc, T. Taylor; c, Almond. CREST-BRED, CK. (17): 1, Lister, heavily vgtd. well-clothed skull, very large body, fine quality; 2, spl, vhc, T. Taylor, nearly green, larger skull, good body, beaten length of feather; 3, Godley, similar skull to first, bit pinched in front, but tremendous lashing, good feather all over; hc, Stoves; c, Boyd; No. 7, dark cap, grand skull, good body; a grand class. HEN (10): 1, spl, Armstrong, Buff marked, grand quality, good reverse; 2, Marshall, heavily vgtd., nice veiny feather, good back skull; 3, Pearce, vgtd., good head, dark cap, we liked; vhc, Gray; hc, W. J. Taylor; c, Dobson and Son. CREST-BRED (bred in 1907) (5): 1, spl, N.C.C. spl, Lister, Buff ticked on neck, grand size, wonderful head, could beat many old birds; 2, Richardson, vgtd., good size body, fine head properties; 3, Crawhall, Buff marked, nice size and good feather; vhc, hc, W. J. Taylor. PAIRS (9): 1, spl, Lister, Vgtd. Crest-bred cock of good size and feather, with dark crest hen, fair good crest but pens in centre yet; 2, Armstrong, very fine Crest cock, green, good size and droop, lovely dark capped Crest-bred hen, veiny feather, our choice to-day; 3, Dobson and Son, dark Crest hen, good droop and centre, let down by the C.B. cock; vhc, grand pair; hc, Lister, c, Bewick. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, spl, Godley, with a good quartette, grand size, colour and quality; vhc, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Godley, 1, lovely head, all grand type; hc, C. Taylor and Sanderson. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Stebbings, marked wings, eyes and neck, long racy bird, well drawn, good feather; 2, Cuthbertson, ticked left wing, good quality, nicely carried wings, pipe tail, just a wee bit thin in neck; 3, Davison, good big bird, paler colour; vhc, No. 6, hottest fed bird in class, and the biggest, not yet lined down, and unsteady; hc, Carr; c, Ellwood BUFF (8): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, splendid racy bird, feather like wax, good legs, well piped tail, good wing carriage; 2, Carr, nice build and feather, crosses wings slightly; 3, Stebbings, a big Bonneing bird; vhc, Davison, smaller, but better quality and colour, good wings, loses a bit in position; hc, Mather; c, Carr. HEN, YELL. (5): 1, spl, Wilcock, wing ticked, unlighted, nice quality feather, good colour, splendid wings and tail; 2, Cuthbertson, nice breedy hen, stands well, good wings, piped tail, waxy feather; 3, Davison, a large hen, very racy, good wings, well carried, nicely packed tail; vhc, Carr; hc Langlands. HEN, BUFF (5): 1, spl, Carr, splendid hen, nicely drawn, free from frill, good wings and tail, stands well; 2, Cuthbertson, slightly longer hen, well-filled back, tightly packed tail, excels in position, bit loose in front; 3, Wilcock, good quality and position; vhc, No. 4 wants a wash; hc, W. J. Taylor. UNFLIGHTED (16): 1, Cuthbertson, wing ticked yell., long, nicely-drawn bird, good head and neck, excellent colour; 2, 3, spl, Ellwood, 2, nice stylish Yellow, good colour and feather, stands well; 3, ticked Buff, feather like wax, fine colour, well filled neck; vhc, Taylor, good Yellow, long and splendid position, seemed to feel the cold; hc, Carr; c, Richardson. BORDER YELL. (8): 1, spl, Bennett, Clear, sweet head, grand shape and style, lovely feather; 2, 3, Wilson, 2, Clear, shade longer bird, very smart shape, better colour than first, very jaunty, 3, even marked eyes and wings, smart bird, looked too strong in chest, but appeared to be soft; vhc, Bennet; hc, c, Ellwood. BUFF (14): 1, Hawkins, very nice Clear, nice quality, perhaps a shade strong; 2, Currah and Son, smart little lady, even marked eyes and wings, nice feather; 3, Jordan, Cl. Buff, neat wing carriage, nice head; vhc, Jerdan; hc, Wilson, good one; c, Bennet; No. 14, Bennet, must have been missed, good enough for a first. PAIRS (9): 1, Jobling, grand pair of Norwich; 2, 3, spl, Godley 2, two good Cinns. 3, Norwich, very fine pair; vhc, Wilcock, Yorks; hc, Rischorough, grand pair Lizards; c, Grey, Norwich. SELLING (30s) (6): 1, spl, Taylor, Crests, cheap pair; 2, Bewick, Cinn.; 3, Bates Bros., Nor.; vhc, Carr; hc, Winter; c, Godley. SELL. (20s.) (14): 1, spl, Dobson and Son, good Grey Crest; 2, Carr, Crest-bred; 3, W. J. Taylor, Belgian; vhc, Bewick; hc, Brown; c, Boyd SELL. (15s.) (8): 1, spl, Crawhall, neat Crest; 2, Godley, Cinn.; 3, Hanson, Crest-bred; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Bates Bros.; c, Carr. SELL. (10s.) (12): 1, spl, Newman; 2, Bates Bros.; 3, Goldie; vhc, Turner; hc, Carr; c, Taylor. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, 2, 3, spl, Maddison, I, Canary-Siskin, almost clear, the Newcastle bowl winner, grand feather, full of life, a gem; 2, wonderful Goldie-Bullie, grand size and sheen, very large, good coloured blaze, a beauty; 3, Linnet and Canary, lightly marked, grand size and A1 order; vhc, c., W. J. Taylor, Goldie-Bullie; hc, Ellwood. DARK (12): 1, spl, 3 Maddison; 1, Yellow Greenfinch Canary, splendid colour and size; 3, Buff Greenfinch-Canary, larger than first, but not so attractive, Newcastle winner; 2, W. J. Taylor, Yellow Siskin-Canary, nice bird; vhc, same owner, large Yellow Linnet-Canary; hc, Johnson; c, Cuthbertson. BRIT. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, Maddison, nice Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons; 2, Curry and Gardner, very large Bullfinch, good colour, nice cap; 3, hc, W. J. Taylor, 3, Goldfinch, hardly so good in blaze as first, but a fine one; vhc, Lockey. O.A.V. FINCH (10): 1, spl, vhc, Maddison, 1, fine Bramble; 2, Shepherd and Son, nice steady Hawfinch; 3, W. J. Taylor, really good Greenfinch; hc, Turner; c, Porteous. LINNET (12): 1, 2, spl, Dunn, 1, nice shape, good markings, fair colour; 2, larger and better coloured, nicely pencilled; 3, Dixon, grand size and markings; vhc, Stamford; hc, Joicey; c, Maddison. SOFT-BILL (5): 1, spl, Shepherd and Son, Missel Thrush, grand plumage, steady as a rock, a beauty; 2, Bates Bros., Song Thrush, good shape and well-spangled breast; 3, Forster and Watson, Song Thrush, grand feather, well marked; vhc, Lockey; hc, W. J. Taylor. FOREIGN SMALL (5): 1, Porteous, Superb Tanager, a beauty, glistening with every move; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Hollins and Sons, 2, a pair Finches in grand order, 2, Whydah, Paradise, in splendid order; hc, Mackenzie. LARGE (8): 1, Mackenzie, Pennant Parrakeet, wonderful colours; 2, spl, 3, Hollins and Sons, a couple of beauties, all colours, in grand order; vhc, W. J. Taylor; hc, Porteous; c, Mrs. Aiston. MEMBERS.—NOR. YELL. CL. OR MKD. (5): 1, 2, McGuinnes; 3, Blaylock; vhc, Jolinson; hc, Tremble. BUFF, CL. OR MKD. (7): 1, W. J. Taylor; 2, Johnson; 3, McGuinness; vhc, Tremble; hc, Blaylock; c, Carr. HEN (11): 1, Bean; 2, Johnson; 3, hc, McGuinness; vhc, Blaylock; c, Tremble. NAT. COLOUR (7): 1, Blaylock; 2, E. Clarke; 3, Johnson; vhc, c, J. W. Clarke; hc, Lee. CINN.: 1, 2, W. J. Taylor. YELL. CREST-BRED: 1, Routledge. CREST CK., good quality here: 1, Blaylock; 2, Hands; 3, W. Morgan; vhc, Brown; hc, Rickaby; c, Tyson. HEN (6): 1, Tyson, good-size Crest, with splendid droop and centre (a good class altogether); 2, Routledge; 3, Hands; vhc, Taylor; hc, Ogilvie; c, Rickaby. CREST-BREDS, CK. (extra good) (8): 1, 2, Routledge, Greens, good heads and feather; 3, Morgan, vhc, Crawhall; hc, Tyson; c, Taylor. HEN (5): 1, 2, Routledge; 3, Taylor; vhc, Hands; hc, Tyson. GREY CREST: 1, Hands; 2, Taylor; 3, Tyson. YORKS. CK. A.V. (6): 1, Davison; 2, Ellwood; 3, Fletcher; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Carr. BUFF (7): 1, Ellwood; 2, Carr; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Davison. HEN (7): 1, Carr; 2, vhc, Crawhall; 3, hc, Davison; c, Ellwood; the Yorkshires were a nice lot. BORDER A.V. (11): 1, Lee; 2, 3, Ellwood; vhc, Lindsay; hc, c, Taylor. PAIRS (6): 1, Rev. Rickaby; 2, Tyson; 3, Hands; vhc, Morgan; hc, Taylor; c, Brown. MULE: 1, Maddison; 2, Vallans; 3, Vallans. FINCH OR BUNTING (8): 1, Maddison; 2, vhc, Clarke; 3, Taylor; hc, c, Whinham, jun. LINNET: 1, Maddison; 2, Clarke; 3, Tyson. CREST OR C.B. AMATEUR: 1, Vallans; 2, Dixon; 3, vhc, hc, Clarke. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gibson; 3, Bean; vhc, Tremble; hc, Lee; c, Elliott.

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MAIDSTONE.

When one considers that the area of the Maidstone Fanciers' Society's Show is restricted to six miles, the local enthusiasts must be congratulated upon the result of their efforts, which were to be seen in the Corn Exchange on November 1st and 2nd. The show altogether had the excellent entry of over 800, towards which the cage bird section contributed 113, and for such a show the array of merit was good. The most level classes were those for Yorkshires, but the best bird in the show came from amongst the Crests, and the winner of Messrs. Hyde's special was the winner in the Norwich class. The British were not numerous, but amongst them were one or two very fine specimens, notably Mr. Jenner's Redstart and Mr. Terry's Goldfinch. Arranged on top of the Rabbit and Bantam pens in a good light, the cage birds presented a very nice appearance, and added interest to the show. All the arrangements were ably carried out by the committee, of which Mr. G. Barney is chairman, and Mr. Paul Lancaster vice-chairman, the other members being Messrs. E. F. Todman, R. Woodhams, B. Harvey, E. E. Frowd, W. Curtis, A. Stanley, A. Mecoy, and F. J. Whibley. All of these know how to work a show, and they do it in good form. Messrs. Day and Hayman, the secretaries, are a capital pair of officials, and worked hard and long to ensure the success of the fixture, whilst the president of the society, Mr. G. Tyrwhitt-Drake, was keeping a watchful eye over things generally. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NORWICH (7): 1, Hyde's spl., Andrews, large, shapely yellow, grand head, not one of the hottest, but a true Norwich; 2, Jenner, much more colour, grand quality, nice head; 3, vhc, Hills, very nice shape, ticked yellow, level colour and good quality; res., hc, Lambert. NON-FED, CL. (8): 1, hc, Hood, very nice shaped yellow of good feather; 2, 3, Moon, nicely feathered buff and a yellow, of good shape; res., Jenner; vhc, Conway; c, Froud. TICKED (13): 1, spl., Lambert, very handsome, neck ticked yellow, capital shape, and grand feather; 2, Jenner, grand bodied buff, rare quality; 3, res., Moon, very smart yellow, nice feather; vhc, Andrews; c, Harvey. CREST (7): 1, spl., and spl. best bird in show; 3, res., Jenner, varicgated, large well drooped crest, neatly centred and nice quality, 3rd very nicely feathered green Cresthred; 2, Conway, green Crest, not quite so large, but very nicely drooped and radiated; vhc, Mrs. Downer. YORKS. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, c, Lambert, capital shape and carriage, fine quality of feather, neat wings and tail; 2, Jenner, long, slim racy buff, handles well; 3, res., Fisher, capital shape, length, and nerve; hc, Terry. YELLOW (10): 1, spl., res., hc, Lambert, ticked on head, grand little fellow, capital shape, full of nerve and grand quality; 2, Jenner, non-fed wing ticked, splendid shape, length, and carriage; 3, vhc, Andrews, very neat, check and wing ticked, grand shape and feather; c, Terry. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl., Jenner, well spangled, nice shaped, Silver Lizard; 2, 3, res., vhc, Miss Smythe, leader a nice shaped buff cinnamon, and a close-feathered, good-coloured green. PAIRS (8): 1, 3, spl., Jenner, two very useful pair of Crests; 2, Hills, rare quality pair of Norwich, grand colour; res., Conway; vhc, hc, Terry; c, Miss Smythe MULES (12): 1, 2, 3, spl., Jenner, variegated buff, a dark buff goldie, and a Twite Canary, a very nice team, good feather, and nicely shown; res., Hills; vhc, Hood; hc, Foord. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, vhc, spl., Terry, nice bright blaze of good shape, good back and capital bars; 2, Jenner, grand bodied Finch, not up in blaze yet; 3, Leavey, very nice shape and colour, well feathered; res., Harris; hc, Wiffen; c, Hood. A.O.V. LARGE: 1, Maxted, capital Blackbird, rare shape and colour, well feathered. SMALL (3): 1, 2, spl., Jenner, 1st charming Redstart, grand colour and marking, and shown very fit; 2nd rich coloured, well-marked Linnet; 3, Terry, another very nice Linnet, but wants handling. FOREIGN (9): 1, spl., Miss Smythe, very smart pair of Budgerigars, grandly marked, capital colour; 2, Jenner, pretty little pair of Zebra Waxbills, nicely marked, and in grand trim; 3, Day, large, well marked Ring-necked Parrakeet; res., Foord; vhc, Woolgar; hc, Crump. SELLING, 10/ (8): 1, hc, Moon; 2, Andrews; 3, res., Conway; vhc, Froud; c, Jenner.

KENT COUNTY (DOVER).

The second annual show of the Kent C.B.A. (under C.B.U. rules) held in the Templar Hall, Dover, October 30th and 31st, was a great success. Entries numbered 300. Quality was of the best. The hall was well lighted, and the birds were staged at a comfortable height. Congratulations are due to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. Sanderson, and the other members of the committee upon the excellent arrangements. Judging was over in good time, prize cards up, and catalogues of awards on sale in the hall very shortly afterwards. Special for best bird in the show was won by Mr. Brett's beautiful great grey Shrike, recently described. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL. COCK (8): 1, spl., Taylor, bird of nice soft silky feather, rare shape; 2, spl., Marshall, hotter in colour, nice exhibit; 3, Bayley, nice type and carriage, neat head; 4, Meades; vhc, Moore; hc, Gibbs; c, Gwyn. BUFF COCK (7): 1, spl., Jones, gem for quality, good undercolour, well frosted, short flights and tail; 2, Marshall, sweet, nice carriage and flow, fine silky feather, good type; 3, Reeves, good quality, nice colour, hardly so typical; 4, vhc, Gibbs; hc, Bayley; c, Gwyn. YELL. TKD, etc. (7): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader tick back of head, silky feather, well up in colour, good type, wants little tightening up, third not so chubby, but very close; 2, Gwyn, very heavily variegated, very beautiful feather, nice head, chubby body, short wings and tail; 4, Jones; vhc, Taylor; hc, Moore. BUFF (9): 1, Jones, tick back of head, fine shape, feather of rare quality, good one; 2, Meades, wing and eye tick, typical; 3, Taylor, lovely feather, good shape; 4, hc, Gibbs; vhc, Marshall; c, Gwyn. HEN (4): 2, spl., 3, Gibbs, very sweet and typical yellow, leading followed by an equally shapely Buff, both rattling hens; vhc, hc, Moore. HENS, TKD, etc. (4): 2, hc, Gibbs, formed tick, yellow of lovely feather, good colour, and shape; 3, Reeves, variegated, typical and possessing quality; vhc, Moore. COCK, 1907 (17): 1, Marshall, Buff texture, level colour, good head, neck, and clean chest, should give an even better account; 2, Jones, also a Yellow, richer in colour, nice short wings and tail, close race; 3, Reeves, Buff, very typical, nice undercolour, good wing carriage; ex 3, Berry and Mitchell; 4, Gibbs, vhc, hc, Gwyn, c, Taylor. HEN, 1907 (5): 1, Gibbs, variegated yellow of correct shape and fine quality of feather; 3, Berry and Mitchell, variegated Buff, thick set and of fine quality; vhc, Taylor; hc, Eade; c, Abbott. NAT. CLR. (8): 1, 3, Holness, winner Yellow, of quality and level in colour; third Buff, rather slack in feather and pale in colour; 2, Reeve, most shapely; 4, Cook; vhc, hc, Boncey; c, Johnson. CRESTS (4): 2, Broad, var. dark Crest, well up in size; 3, Jenner, smaller but neat; vhc, Campany; hc, Sarjeant. C.B. (8): 1, Broad, variegated, wide head, dense and long head feather, wins; 2, Jenner, turns back well; vhc, hc, Campany; c, Broad. CRESTS, 1907 (4): 2, Broad, neat frontal; 3, Schays; vhc, Campany; hc, Jenner. YORKS CL. YELL. COCK (4): 2, 3, Gibbs, first named a slasher, well up, full of go, best Yorkie in show; 3rd also stylish, but not so well modelled; vhc, hc, Abbott. BUFF C.B. (4): 2, vhc, Rayner, winner shapely and nice feather, trifle sluggish; 3, Austen, stands well, but trifle too much neck. YELL. TKD., etc., or CL. (6): 1, 2, Reeve, both stylish, rare quality; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Campany; c, Sarjeant. BUFF (3): 2, spl., Gibbs, full of fire, tick on eyes, racer; 3, Austen, also good position, feather, and colour; vhc, Hendry. YORKS., 1907 (7): 1, Reeve, charming yellow variegated, fine drawn, should make a topper; 2, Lockett, tick yellow, stylish; 3, Gibbs, full of go; vhc, Gibbs; hc, c, Campany; c, Abbott. HEN (5): 1, 3, Reeve, leader good clear, stands well, and full of quality; 3rd cinnamon tick; vhc, Reeve; hc, Lockett; c, Austen. BOR. FANCY CL. YELL. (4): 2, spl., hc, Dr. Bowes, jaunty, level, best of quality; 3, vhc, Lockett, neat, not quite so finished as leader. BUFF (6): 1, spl., 2, Dr. Bowes, former waxlike in feather, very jaunty, and clear cut; second very similar; vhc, hc, Lockett; c, Abbott. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, 3, Dr. Bowes, the winner with splendid closely fitting feather, very jaunty, and beautifully shown; 2, Miss Mustead, variegated yellow, sweetly pretty; vhc, hc, Lockett; c, Campany. LIZARDS (5): 1, spl., Abbott, silver, with rich ground colour and level rowing; 3, vhc, Campany; hc, c, Jenner. A.O.V. (6): 1, Gibbs, even marked buff Norwich; 2, Langley; vhc, Broad. CAN. MULE LIGHT (4): 2, vhc, hc, Ward, leader 5-pointed yellow Goldie-Canary, very fine in feather and lustrous face; 3, Mrs. Ivatt, bonny buff. DARK (7): 1, Marshall, grand dark Goldfinch-Canary, shown in tip-top fettle; 2, Marshall, Greenfinch-Canary, also good one; 3, Ward, another rich coloured Goldfinch-Canary; vhc, Eade; hc, Langley; c, Rayner. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, vhc, Wickham, "Invicta" leading, well known; 2, Shaw, also a beauty, not so lustrous quite as winner; 3, Eastmead, fine face, hardly so rich in chestnut; vhc, Matthews; hc, Marshall; c, Heritage. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Kew, rattling breast colour and poll; 3, Wickham, lost ground owing to slackness of thighs; vhc, Matthews; hc, Abbott; c, Rayner. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, Kew, two beauties, little to choose; 3, Miss Unstead, larger, but lacks colour; vhc, c, Curd; hc, Matthews. LINNET (10): Grand class. 1, spl., Marshall, nutty, well mkd., lustrous; 2, hc, Pankhurst, leader well after the winner; 3, 4, Wickham, two rattlers; vhc, Kew; c, Shaw. SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (7): 1, Pankhurst good coloured Redpoll; 2, 3, Wickham, Siskins, possessing rich colour; vhc, Langley; hc, Unstead; c, Ward. A.O.V. SEEDEATER, SMALL (3): 2, Wickham, Hawfinch, again; 3, Acland, good yell. Bunting; vhc, Brett. INSECT, SMALL (3): 2, 3, Brett, Shorelark and Wheatear respectively. A.O.V. BRIT (5): 1, 2, spls., 3, vhc, Brett, great grey Shrike, often described, and charming Thrush; 2, Heritage, lovely Waxwing; hc, Acland. PAIRS A.V. (5): 1, Broad, Crests; 3, c, Gibbs, Norwich Plainheads; vhc, Miss V. Conway Gordon; hc, Campany. NOVICE CL. (12): 1, 4, Austin; 2, Shaw; 3, Rayner; vhc, Johnson; hc, Berr und Mitchell; c, Chandler. HEN (7): 1, spl., Rayner; 2, Cook; 3, Berry and Mitchell; vhc, Austin; hc, Wright; c, Ross. SELL., 25s. (7): 1, Moore; 2, Gibbs; 3, Bayly; vhc, Boncey; hc, Taylor; c, Eade. 20s. (9): 1, Acland; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Taylor; vhc, Bayly; hc, Gwyn; c, Gibbs. A.V. HEN 15s. (6): 1, Acland; 2, Boncey; vhc, Taylor; hc, Rayner; c, Ross. 10s. (13): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Boncey; vhc, Reeve; hc, Lockett; c Taylor. EXTRA STOCK COCK (19): 1, 2, vhc, Sanderson; 3, hc, Eade; c, Ross. HEN (9): 1, Reeve; 2, Eade; 3, vhc, Ross. GIFT (5): 1, Reeve; 2, Lockett; vhc, Ward. TOR. LARGE (5): 1, spl., 3, Miss Conway Gordon, beautiful Jery winning; vhc, Mrs. Woodbridge; hc, Mrs. Jay; c, Acland. SMALL (4): 2, vhc, Miss Conway Gordon, Olive Tanager leading; 3, Miss Austead, African Golden-breasted Bunting; hc, Miss Unstead.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

First monthly show held in the Lowther Chambers, when 74 birds faced the judges, competition being very keen in several classes. Yorkshires were judged by Mr. T. Barfe, Pateley Bridge, the remainder by Mr. J. Bousfield, Knaresboro, and their awards gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, hc, Head; 2, Barrett; 3, Hewson; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Walker; c, Brown. TICK. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Barrett; 3, Hewson; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Head; hc, c, Barnwell. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Duncan; 2, hc, Head; 3, Hewson; 4, Ireland; vhc, Brown; c, Barrett. TICK., ETC., HEN: 1, Cryer; 2, Hewson; 3, Bennison; 4, Lealman; vhc, Walker. YELL. NOR.: 1, c, Gregg; 2, 3, 4, hc, Ascough; vhc, Carline. A.O.V. CANARY OR MULE: 1, vhc, Duncan; 2, 3, 4, Lamb; hc, Barnwell; c, Thwaites. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Duncan; 2, Lealman. SISKIN, LINNET, OR REDPOLE: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Duncan; 3, Lamb; 4, Barnwell.—G. H. BARNWELL, Sec.

PAIGNTON.

Members' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Redwood, grand shape and quality, level colour; 2, Jeffery, nice shape; 3, Bastard, hot colour. BUFF (3): 1, spl., Redwood, grand shape, feather and quality, we heard the Exeter winner, should have been in the open; 2, Fox, nice shape; 3, Daw, well mealed. HEN (7): 1, spl., Redwood, grand shape, feather and quality, rich undercolour; 2, Bastard, buff, tkd. on head; 3, Mugford, nice quality. NON-FLI. YELL. (4): 1, spl., Redwood, fine shape, lovely quality, good head and neck, would probably have won in open; 2, Bastard, hot colour; 3, Jeffery, nice colour, longer in harrel. BUFF (3): 1, Redwood, lovely colour, nice back, good shape; 2, Jeffery, good feather; 3, Daw. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl., 3, Parnell, good pair, winner smart and stylish, neck and thigh tick, 3rd nice length and colour; 2, Hodge, grand stand and well feathered; vhc, Bastard. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Parnell and Son, winner nice colour and stand, good wings and tail; 2nd good colour, nice wings; 3, Heathman and Son, pale colour, good length. HEN (4): 1, spl., 2, Parnell and Son, winner fine positioned buff, good feather and quality; 2, nice colour, narrow shoulders; 3, Hodge, pale colour; vhc, Heathman and Son. NON-FLI. YELL. (2): 1, spl., Hodge, slim built, straight as a dart; 2, Vines, hot colour. A.O.V. (3): 1, Bastard, buff, cinn.; 2, 3, Webber, buff, green Nor. NAT. COL. (8): 1, spl., 2, hc, c, Berry, good team of Yorks.; 3, Innes, yell. green Yorks.; vhc, Fletcher. DK. (7): 1, spl., 3, Fox, nice feathered buff Goldie Canary; 2, Fletcher, jonque, nice shape; vhc, Hodge; hc, c, Collings. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, spl., Shepherd, nice feathered Goldfinch, good blaze and tanning; 2, Stevens, Bullfinch; 3, Webber, nicely pencilled Linnet. JUNR. NOR. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Jeffery, good shaped buff, and a hot coloured var. yell.; 3, Bastard, yell. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Bastard, cl. buff and cinn. mkd., winner best in stand.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CITY OF GLASGOW SHOW.

SIR,—I sent two entries to the above show, enclosing with my entrance money sevenpence for catalogue, which, according to schedule, would be sent as early as possible after the awards had been given. I received my birds back at 10.30 on Sunday, but no catalogue. I wrote a letter to Mr. Muir drawing his attention to it, but up to the present he has not even replied to my letter. I don't know what he thinks, but I think it is rather shabby after you send them entries to be treated this way. I think when you send sevenpence for catalogue (which in my opinion is far too much), you ought to know the results before you get your birds back again. Hoping this letter will bring an answer to mine of the 20th.

T. H. COOPER.

[We hardly think 7d. is too much for such a catalogue as the City of Glasgow.—Editor, C.B.]

MULES FROM HEN BRITISH BIRDS.

SIR,—Last breeding season I thought I would try and rear young Siskin Mules from a hen Siskin and a cock Canary, which I did with great success. First of all I paired up the two birds in the beginning of the season, but the hen never laid until nearly the end, although she was building her nest and pulling it out all the season. She laid an egg in the bottom of the nest pan. After I had built her nest with hair and feathers, she pulled it out and broke two eggs. After that I took the nest and glued three pieces of cloth in the pan, which she could not pull out, and then she laid two more eggs, sitting on them herself. She reared the Mules as good as any hen Canary could have done, feeding them herself. I reared both birds (cocks) all right. They are finer than if I had paired a cock Siskin and hen Canary. Has such a thing happened before to other readers, for some bird fanciers can hardly believe that I reared them from a hen Siskin.

W. J. C. HEARD.

THE LITTLE OWL.

Sir,—After the large number of these, both young and old, taken this year from this district, they are still very numerous, and can be seen at night from 8 to 12. They can be heard in all directions, plainly showing that there are still plenty about. A friend, who had been at night near the woods, told me that they were there in abundance. I am glad to hear of this, for they are most useful birds, and no doubt in time they will be plentiful all over England. At the present time they are plentiful in Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire, and Cambridgeshire. As they are such prolific breeders, they are sure to become numerous. From what I have seen of them in cages they are great pets and easily tamed, not at all like the larger family. I expect before long to see them grace the show bench. They are often met with in the daytime both flying about and on trees, a friend of mine seeing three on trees a few days ago. This shows that they do not always keep in their holes during the day. They do not seem to be at all shy. Would continual inbreeding have any effect on them? They most certainly do inbreed with a vengeance, and nest after nest is taken yearly from the same holes and nesting places.

T. H. KINCH (Ramsey).

THE SEX OF ROSEATE OR ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOOS.

SIR,—After reading Mr. Arthur's letter in your last issue, I looked up Greene's "Parrots in Captivity" to refresh my own memory, and for the benefit of your readers I reproduce the paragraph in question: "There is no difference in size or colour between the sexes, but the female can always be distinguished at a glance from her mate by her eye, which is chestnut brown, the iris of the male being jet black." I may say I have never kept this species, neither do I expect to, at any rate while I live in London; the noise of the Roseate is certainly more than my neighbours would stand, and the "powers that be" indoors I am sure would not. I would remind readers that the above sexual distinction would only apply to adult birds. In reference to Mr. Arthur's plaint re practical knowledge, I would remind him that to-day practical knowledge is valued almost before any other. Some, perhaps much, of it is lost, because published in papers without an index, and so it remains untabulated; and the human memory-box is a frail concern without some such help. Personally I have always esteemed Mr. Arthur's practical articles, and they have always received an interested and careful perusal at my hands. That I have on more than one occasion acknowledged Mr. Arthur's practical knowledge is well known to the Editor of "C.B.," in common with others, and Mr. Arthur himself must also, I think, be aware of the fact.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

THE JUDGING OF NOVICE CLASSES AT YORKSHIRE UNION SHOWS.

SIR,—I was glad to see Mr. Kaye's letter in your last week's number, as I think it is a question that wants taking up, re the judging of the Yorkshire novice birds in the Yorkshire Union shows. Here is a judge who has to judge a show of between three and five hundred entries. He commences his task between nine and ten o'clock, and takes the open classes first. By the time he gets to the novice classes it is dark, and the officials have to light the gas. What chance has the poor novice with classes with 30 and 40 birds in? I think, for my part, with entries like the Yorkshire Union shows get, they ought to run a separate judge for the eight novice classes alone.

C. S.

NEW SOCIETY FOR LEWISHAM.

SIR,—A very successful inaugural meeting was held on November 4th at 202, High Street, Lewisham, the headquarters pro tem. of the above society, some enthusiastic fanciers attending, letters also being read from others unable to attend. Mr. Lugg took the chair, and the business of the proposed society proceeded at a brisk pace. Officers for the remainder of the year were appointed, and a committee was formed, the subscription being fixed for this year at 1s., and entrance fee nil. All members joining after December 31st next will pay 1s. entrance fee and an annual subscription of 3s., payable first meeting night in January next. Now, then, Lewishamites, join now and make this society a success. Don't delay till January.

H. THOS. LUCAS,
Hon. Sec., pro tem.
16, Hereford Gardens, Longhurst Road, Lee.

AN OLD DISCOVERY MADE ANEW.

SIR,—That there is nothing new under the sun is an old, old axiom which is brought forcibly to my mind by seeing a supposed new discovery given to fanciers regarding the real nature and botanical identity of that much-discussed seed, Inga, and the plant that produces it. The new discoverer has evidently grown the plants from seed in the past summer, and publishes the result as something quite new. Surely honour should be given where it is due, and in this case it is, I believe, due to my old friend, the late E. P. S. Elfick, who was probably the first, in this country at least, to make this discovery and to publish the information for the benefit of fanciers, which he did something like ten years ago. He grew the plants in his garden at Deal, from seeds, and these were subsequently identified and named by the authorities at Kew Gardens, and the supposed new facts now published are precisely the same in substance, if not in words, as those given by Elfick so many years ago. Therefore let us not neglect to pay this well-deserved tribute to his memory.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CHARGES FOR CARRIAGE.

SIR,—I should like to know the experiences of some of the exhibitors re railway charges. I will give you mine for the last two weeks. By the Great Northern I sent a Paradise Whydah to Peterborough Show, cage and case weighing 10lbs.; carriage there 1s., return 1s. 6d. By the Midland I sent a Parrakeet to Caterham, cage and case weighing 24lbs.; carriage there 1s., return 1s. 8d. Another I sent to Dulwich, cage and case weighing 22lbs.; carriage there 9d., return 1s. 9d. Of course, I went to inquire the reason of the officials and to pass a few remarks, but I could not get any satisfactory answer, except that they charge for collection at the other end, and that the companies have been "had" so much by reason of the birds dying en route that they have ordered to charge an extra 50 per cent. on all small birds. But if anything should happen to them, you cannot claim anything more than the magnificent sum of 5s., unless insured. What I want to know is, how is it the charges are so much heavier for the return journey? It was exactly the same last Season. I have not had the pleasure of sending a bird to a show yet that has come back for the same charge as that for which it was sent. I may say I sent one to Grimsby, and they have forgotten to charge at all for the return journey as yet. I am sending a pair of Parrakeets to Manchester. Package, etc., will weigh 24lbs. I inquired the price of carriage yesterday, and on the Great Northern the charge is 1s. 11d. This company call a Parrakeet a large bird, but on the Midland they call the same bird a small one, and their charges are 3s. each way, so with 6s. carriage, 2s. entrance fee, 7d. catalogue, and if I should be so successful to get a first prize, I shall be doing myself a bit of good. I have been told the C.B.U. were going to try and alter all this sort of thing; I am certain there would be some grand entries at most of the shows if the charges were at all reasonable for the carriage of the birds.

Luton. H. H. COOPER.

GREYPATES AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Being an exhibitor at the recent Welsh National Show, held at Swansea, I exhibited a Greypate in the Greypate class. I see in catalogue it was marked down "wrong class." I beg to differ. It was not in the wrong class, which I will willingly prove to any competent judge by sending bird for him to see for himself that he is a Greypate. He has got his baby song on him now. He was hatched out June, 1907, and hand-reared by self. Report says: "Wing bars colour fed." I am not going to say whether he has been colour fed or not. Any exhibitor has a perfect right to give any food he might think fit to try and improve the beauty of plumage. As to his "white legs," being hand-reared the legs always come more or less white. Anyone who has hand-reared Britishers can prove this. I am inserting this for the benefit of other fanciers as well as myself.

WM. LEWIS.

ALLEGED UNFAIR PRACTICES AT A MIDLAND SHOW.

SIR,—At a certain Midland show, held last week, one of the committee entered some birds in a selling class, in which they took first prize. Immediately the prize-tickets were up, someone went to claim the birds, but was told that they were already sold, having been purchased by the exhibitor himself! Now, sir, I wish to ask if a man can buy his own property? As a matter of fact, the birds were worth many times the value fixed for the class; and this disgraceful transaction was to help to swell the exhibitor's score of "points." This same committee-man actually won a prize at the same show last year with a bird which he had purchased only a few days previously; although one of the rules at that time was to the effect that all exhibits must have been the property of the exhibitor at least three months prior to the show. Since then this rule has been abolished—apparently, to favour this extremely selfish individual. I understand that if he continues in office next year some of the other officials intend to resign. But that would be a pity. Why is the offender not "drummed out of camp?"

SELLINO-CLASS.

ALLEGED SHOCKING TREATMENT OF SHOW BIRDS.

Is it a Case for the C.B.U.?

SIR,—In common with a large number of other bird lovers, I was horrified upon reading in CAGE BIRDS this week the revolting particulars contained in the letter signed "C. E. Brown," alleging that five of the writer's birds arrived home from Plymouth Show dead, with the cages smashed all to atoms, and I sincerely hope the unfortunate owner will at once place all the facts of the case in the hands of the C.B.U. Council, with a request that the matter should be probed to the very bottom. Indeed, I think it is imperative that the C.B.U. should promptly have a thorough investigation made into this case, especially seeing that the first object of the Union, as laid down in the book of rules, is "The protection of the interests of exhibitors generally, and the suppression of cruelty to cage birds." Should the Union authorities fail to obtain satisfaction from the railway company concerned, then its solicitor should invoke the assistance of the Board of Trade, which Department, I feel certain, would cause a full inquiry to be made into the matter. If the Union would take up this unfortunate affair it would, in my opinion, confer a more lasting and real benefit upon the fancy at large than to keep, with monotonous iteration, dangling Rule 17, like the Sword of Damocles, over the heads of Cage Bird Societies and fanciers generally. I hope C. E. Brown will keep fanciers informed through the columns of the Press (which I feel sure will be thrown open in an important case of this sort) as to his success or otherwise in this matter, and all lovers of our feathered pets will hope that the perpetrator of this heinous offence, if brought to book, will be very severely punished.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

SIR,—In last week's issue of your esteemed paper Mr. C. E. Brown, of Bristol, gave particulars of the lamentable loss he sustained through an accident to one of his cases returning from Plymouth Show on October 24th last. He says that the cages were smashed, whilst the outer case seemed to be undamaged. Thinking, perhaps, that under these circumstances some readers may be inclined to suspect that the damage was done prior to delivery to railway company at Plymouth, I should like to make it plain to your readers that, so far as our Society was concerned, the birds were, when they left the exhibition hall, perfectly safe. On reference to the checking out card, I find that they were packed by one of our oldest and most experienced members, himself a well-known Norwich exhibitor. The cages were packed in a hamper, and I believe it is quite possible to almost flatten out a hamper and afterwards to right it again without leaving much trace of its being damaged. I am assured by the G.W.R. parcel officials at Plymouth that the birds were sent away from Plymouth on October 24th at 8.20 a.m., so that there must have been considerable railway delay—as Bristol is on the main line—and the train reaches that place at 12.2, and Mr. Brown did not get them until 3.30. As to Mr. Pool and other exhibitors, I have had but one complaint, and that was a case of railway delay.

THOS. POPE,
Hon. Sec., W.C.O.S. (Plymouth).

SIR,—I think it a serious matter for Mr. Brown's birds to come home dead from Plymouth Show. We sent two exhibits to Plymouth Show, which closed on Wednesday night, October 23rd. We received our birds back on Friday, the 25th, at 11 a.m., going to the station three times on Thursday and once on Friday morning. Bramblefinch came nearly dead. The other, being a Starling and a stronger bird, stood the exposure better. We sent one to Manchester a few weeks ago, and that one came home dead in its cage. Not much encouragement to send birds to shows, this.

LEAN AND SON.

DO HAWKS DRINK?

SIR—Quite recently some one asked me if hawks drank water. The common idea is that these birds require nothing to drink because their food mostly contained blood and is generally soft. It is some years since I possessed any of these birds, but I have had several at different times, and well remember one Kestrel (which was picked up in a field with a broken wing, and afterwards became exceedingly tame) that was very fond of its bath, and whenever it was supplied with one would take a good drink of water before bathing. Doubtless Hawks generally drink but little, and can possibly go some time without water, but that they do drink is quite evident.

W. E. SMITH.

SOFT WATER FOR BATHING.

SIR,—The value of baths for keeping a bird's plumage in perfect condition is pretty well understood, but I doubt whether sufficient importance is placed upon using only clean soft water for the bath. There is absolutely no comparison between an ordinary supply from a main and clear rain water, if the latter is filtered, so much the better, otherwise it should be allowed to stand until it is quite clear. The latter will preserve the quality and bloom of the feather, which "hard" water only too often helps to destroy. Many fanciers living in town, are at a disadvantage in this matter, as soft or rain water is not always to be obtained. But even they may procure an excellent substitute at any time by filtering and well boiling the water before use. Boiling causes it to deposit a large proportion of the mineral salts which are the cause of the "hardness" and thus materially soften it, whilst if one then stirs in a little oatmeal and allows the water to stand until the next day, then pours off the clean water, it will be practically equal to the best rain water for the bird's shampoo.

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A SWIFT SEEN IN OCTOBER.

SIR,—On October 30th I saw here at Billingshurst a Swift. It was flying in company with a few Swallows. I have never seen a Swift before at this season of the year, and I have been a careful observer for nearly 30 years. Has any other reader seen the like so late?

HUGH J. WADEY.

THE CLASS FOR SCARLET TANAGERS.

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. Arthur for calling my attention to the careless error which occurred in my reply to a querist in your issue of October 19th on above subject. Owing to working at great pressure, I failed to check over my query column for one or two weeks, consequently I had failed to note the error. I can only say my intent was to say "Foreigners smaller than a Cardinal"; that is, of course, answering the query according to the prevailing custom. I can only hope my apparent carelessness has not caused H. B. T. any annoyance, and if by any chance he should have so entered and been disqualified, if he will send me the catalogue of show concerned and the amount of his carriage, I will send him a P.O. for the amount. W. T. PAGE.

PROMPT PAYMENT BY THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—We have heard a lot just lately about prompt payment of prize-money, but how is this for being bang up to date? I entered four birds at the Welsh National Show last week, and was lucky enough to get into the money. I paid a visit to the show on the first day, and before leaving I was asked to take my prize-money home with me, and also that of all my fellow-Cardiffians who had likewise been successful. This, of course, I was very pleased to do, and was able to hand the cheques to all those fanciers present at the meeting of the Cardiff C.B.S. on Thursday night, really before the Welsh National had closed their show. After this, surely some of those who, I hear, had their doubts as to the stability of this new society (and for this reason boycotted the show) ought to be convinced that these men intend going on with the objects which prompted them to form the Welsh National Society, viz., better classification and increased prize-money. I understand they have suffered a big loss on their first venture, but I sincerely trust that next year they will have a bumping entry and come out well on the right side.

E. J. BANKS

ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH & PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. C. F. Woolhouse, he is quite out of his reckoning in saying that he expects it was a disappointed exhibitor urging Mrs. Reeves to write. Not so; it was I, Mr. J. E. Reeves, who suggested sending the letter, to let the Fancy know how their birds were treated. Mr. Woolhouse says his indignation was somewhat modified when he found that your correspondent was of the feminine gender. May I ask if he is in the habit of addressing all married women as "sweet madam"—a very ungentlemanly way of addressing another man's wife, and for which I shall expect him to apologise. It is not very gentlemanly for him, either, to hold his own wife up to ridicule. He asks, Were the birds unpacked? They were, and stacked under the staging and on the floor, as he well knows. He says he feels sure Mrs. Reeves' eyes must have tremendous magnifying powers; why not admit that he made a muddle? I say again that the champion classes and the Borders were the only classes staged when I left after five o'clock. The rest of the birds were in a mixed-up condition. He refers to bad light; does he think it fair, judging till ten o'clock at night? He denies that the C.B.U. representative complained to him on this point. He says that he can scarcely believe what the representative said. Well, there are two of us he told it to, and he said it was not a nice thing to have to do, to report a sister society, and we remarked that it was his duty, and he should do it without fear or favour. Now your correspondent says that Mr. C—— is quite capable of looking after himself. I quite agree with him on this point, but he says that if I can prove there were twenty birds absent from judging he will give £1 to the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund. I am going to do my best to win that £1, and trust the judges will help me in the matter. Mr. Woolhouse cut it very fine when he said he did not wish to infer that there were not one or two overlooked. In Class 23 there were five marked absent, and on going over the catalogue I find over forty marked absent. I am sending cage numbers for exhibitors to see for themselves. He says the owners will be compensated; how can he do this? These birds should have competed for the prizes, and might have won first. His advice to Mrs. Reeves I think he needs for himself. The complaint is not against the Dulwich and Peckham Show, but against the management. By the way, he does not dispute the fact that the water was knocked over the birds, which should not have been on the floor at all. The birds I mean were under the table at the far end of the hall (British birds). As for the birds that were knocked over, I can bring proof of this, and I trust any visitor that saw this incident will also make it known in the Fancy Press. He does not deny that some schoolboys were trying their hand at staging the Crests and Crest breds, mixing the classes 16, 17, 57, 59. Here are the numbers marked absent: Cage number: 373, 447, 448, 449, 455, 456, 461, 464, 464a, 473, 476, 483, 488, 492, 499, 504, 529, 557, 597a, 606, 609, 615, 616, 622, 643, 656, 667, 673, 684, 723, 878, 879, 931, 932, 933, 954, 958, 963, 988, 991, and 1,007. He must know that many fanciers send many miles to these shows, trusting him, as a fancier, to look after the birds. See how he has carried out his trust! Many fanciers spend all their spare time getting their birds ready for the shows, and to get them spoilt before the season has hardly begun is very hard lines. Now, 41 absent is a record for his show, and I have been over the catalogues of the National Shows at the Crystal Palace for some years back, and cannot find half that number absent, although the entries are nearly twice the number of his. I trust he will pay up and look big.

(Mr.) J. E. REEVES.

WAS IT IN ITS RIGHT CLASS?

SIR,—Allow me to call your attention to Brighton F. and F. annual show. According to C.B., October 26th, in the A.O.V. class, someone gets first and special with unevenly marked Norwich. There appears to have been a class for "Var." Nor. Don't you think the judge should have "wrong classed" this? C. P.

THE PRESENTATION TO MR. THOS. SMITH.

SIR,—These further subscriptions to the above have been received:—Mr. Hunter, Wishaw, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Gray, Glasgow, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Beattie, Dundee, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Kean, Edinburgh, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Buxter, Glasgow, 2s. 6d. The presentation takes place on November 15th in Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are now in the hands of the under-noted:—Mr. Rennick, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moonie, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Clif Bell (May Hill), Mr. Hogg (Oakley), Mr. Wright (Greenock), Mr. Bullions, Mr. Hart (Paisley), Mr. Baxter, Mr. Maxwell (Laverston), and A. Porteous. We thank all who have subscribed, and will be pleased to see a large turn-out on the 15th. We are desirous of specially tendering our thanks to you for the favour granted us by acknowledging subscriptions in your valuable paper, and we can say with all truthfulness that it will do much to enhance your journal here, as mention has been made of same in the various notes received from subscribers.

A. PORTEOUS and JAMES HOGG,
Joint Hon. Secs.
67, Nithsdale Street, Strathbungo, Glasgow.

BREEDING RESULTS IN THE JARROW DISTRICT.

SIR,—Breeding results amongst members of the Jarrow and District C.B.F.A., considering the bad season, are very satisfactory. Mr. George C. Hagen commenced with 11 pairs of Yorkshires, and had 79 young ones, some very good show specimens amongst them, which will be heard of again. Mr. William Hornsby, who is a very keen fancier and an old hand with an experience of about 50 years, had very good results. Commencing with six pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires, he was able to breed 49 young birds. Mr. R. Thompson commenced with six pairs of Norwich and Borders, resulting in 26 young. Mr. J. Medcalf, who is a novice, commenced with two pairs, which resulted in breeding 12 young. Mr. J. Richardson had some good fortune, too, with his team of seven pairs of Norwich, breeding 50 young, some real good ones. Mr. C. W. Alty, another good Norwich breeder and exhibitor, out of his team of five pairs bred 32, some of which will be heard of again. Mr. W. Thompson, another old and true fancier and exhibitor, out of a team of three pairs of Yorkshires and two pairs of Norwich, was able to breed 32, Mr. H. Maughn, with eight pairs of Borders and Cinnamons, breeding 20 young. Mr. W. Bowen, from five pairs Borders and Norwich, had 12 young, and Mr. J. T. Carrick (eight pairs Yorkshires) 23 young. Mr. R. Sanderson, another old fancier and exhibitor, out of his 14 pairs Cinnamons, Crests, Norwich Plainheads, secured a total of 28 young. Mr. B. Blore's team of three pairs of Borders bred 17 young. Mr. J. Campbell (five pairs of Yorkshires) breeding 19 young. Those I have mentioned are only a few of the members of the Jarrow and District C.B.F.A.

J. T. CARRICK, Hon. Sec.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

Canary Notes in Brief.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

AT THE END OF THE MOULT.

This term, of course, is intended to be applied individually and not collectively, as it is extremely doubtful if any fanciers ever did or ever will have a stock of birds that all began or ended their moult simultaneously. Therefore during the progress of the moult one needs to keep a sharp eye on the birds, not only to vary the strength of the colour food as required, and as we have already pointed out, but to add a little of some preparation of iron to the water or soft food, which is primarily intended to act as a kind of mordant to the colouring matter in the feathers, and make it more permanent, but has also a good effect in bracing up the bird generally and tightening the plumage. For this latter reason iron should not be given in the early stages of the moult. When the birds appear to have cast a good part of their head feathers and the colour food is reduced in strength for the last time, will be time enough to give iron.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

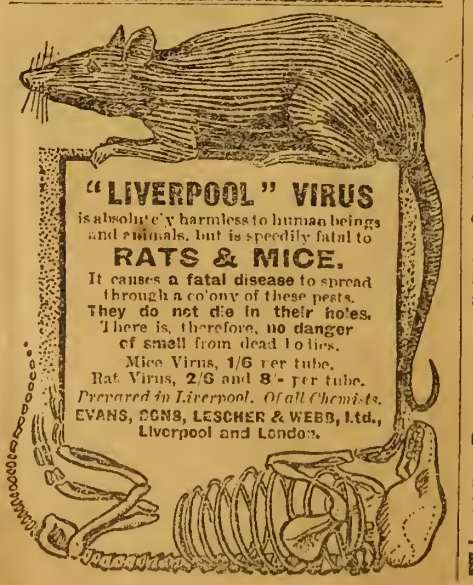
Don't take the birds off colour-food too soon is by far the most important "don't" of the present time. Remember that for some time after a bird appears quite fine and has ceased dropping feathers, there are many quills left to develop which may cause a bird that is level in colour to become patchy a little later on. The colour-food in a weak form must be continued until the latest shed feathers are fully grown, which will be from a month to six weeks after they are shed. At any rate it is not safe to quite drop the colour-food in less than a month after the feathers have ceased dropping off.

THE DREGS OF THE MOULT.

To a certain extent this term should be a meaningless one, as with healthy and robust birds the after effects of the moult should be practically non-existent. But this ideal state of things is too often wanting, and the dregs are not infrequently an important matter. Weakness is very often the cause of a lagging moult, and where this is the case one will generally find that frequent bathing is almost invariably followed by the birds becoming wheezy. In all such cases the birds should be kept in a warm corner of the room until the moult is left well behind, and the bath should only be given on bright sunny days, in the morning, and even then, if the water be very chilly to the touch, a little warm water may be added with great advantage—not enough to make it perceptibly warm, or cause a vapour to rise, but just enough to remove the sense of chilliness—otherwise I would withhold the bath altogether in such cases, notwithstanding its great utility for strong and healthy birds.

TO TONE THE SYSTEM.

If the birds are down in condition, as they usually will be in the cases outlined, good generous feeding will be of more service than drug treatment, which should always be avoided if possible. A small spoonful of egg-food daily, with a goodly proportion of yolk of egg, or even a little finely chopped yolk of egg without any other admixture, is an excellent conditioner either for Canaries or soft or hard billed British, but care must be taken that it is always freshly prepared. A sprinkling of maw or a little scalded rape may be added for British Finches to get them to take it more freely, as many of these birds, especially when caged alone, do not take kindly to any kind of soft food. A little insect food for the seed-eaters is also invaluable as a pick-me-up. Where the weakness is at all pronounced a few drops of emulsionised cod liver oil mixed with the egg food is of very great benefit, and it may also be used as a substitute for insect food where the latter is not readily obtainable.



THE FORM OF IRON TO USE.

Perhaps it will be best not to write the "best form," as many fanciers have their own particular idea on the subject, and will stick to their convictions even though they be reposed in the comparatively useless and out-of-date rusty nail in the drinker. The pure sulphate of iron is, perhaps, as serviceable as any, and the form I rather prefer—but it must be accompanied always with an aperient on account of its constipating effect. A few drops of pure glycerine stirred in the drinker at the same time as the iron will suffice to counteract this effect, which is common in greater or lesser degree with all forms of iron. Failing the use of sulphate I should unhesitatingly give first place to the syrup of phosphate—more commonly known as chemical food, or Parrish's Chemical Food, which may be bought at a few pence per ounce at almost any chemist's or druggist's shop. The saccharated carbonate of iron—which is an impalpable powder—may be given in the soft food, and if readily eaten will help the colouring process. But although this preparation is strongly recommended by some users, my experience is that Canaries will not readily eat any food containing it. Of course if one adopts the practice of removing the seeds whilst colour-feeding, the birds have no option, but this practice of compelling the birds to eat that which they would gladly reject, is one which I neither advise nor countenance.

THE STAPLE DIET.

As my last remark will show, I am no advocate of removing a bird's seeds at any time. Even when colour-feeding is in progress the seed-box should always be kept replenished with good, sound Canary seed, of which the birds should always have an unlimited supply. (If they will not eat the "feed" voluntarily and with relish when the seed is at their disposal, rest assured there is something wrong with the "feed.") Now when the moult is nearing the end, and one begins to give iron two or three times a week, a pinch of linseed should also be added to the dietary. It is a good plan to give this as often, and to alternate it with the iron, when it will serve a two-fold purpose, i.e., to put a gloss on the new plumage, and to help the aperient effect of the glycerine in removing the constipation which otherwise arises from the use of iron.

LINSEED AND DYSENTERY.

Although fanciers are not very generally agreed as to the value of linseed as an article of diet for Canaries, there is no question about its utility towards the end of the moult to act as a kind of natural feather polish. In some quarters it has long been accused of setting up dysentery, or something which is called by that name, but whether it is identical with that complaint as it affects mankind need not concern us here. Personally I think there is very little ground for the assertion. It is not unlikely that simple looseness of the bowels whilst colour-feeding is in progress may have been mistaken for the more serious complaint. If used injudiciously, or in too large quantities, it will certainly cause undue looseness, which is more or less pronounced according to the individual and the circumstances under which it is kept. For example, it will generally be found that during a spell of warm weather, or with birds kept in a heated room, linseed will have a decidedly more relaxing effect than under the reverse condition. In such circumstances it is best to limit the supply to a few grains per bird, and to accompany it with a few grains of hemp, or a pinch of maw seed, which will help to counteract its purging qualities. If too much looseness still exists, the quantity of linseed given is excessive, and should be withheld until the droppings return to a normal condition, and then given in smaller quantities. But do not attempt to make it a permanent article of a Canary's diet, or even at any time a perceptible portion of it. It is, indeed, a seed to be used purely as an occasional tit-bit. A piece of cuttle-fish is also a very good preventative of looseness arising from any relaxing item of food.

KEEPING UP THE COLOUR.

In all the colour varieties, and especially specimens that have been properly fed, one must not forget to supply a wee bit of colour food at least once a week all through the show season if they would have their birds finish up the season with a good warm tone of colour. This, and preserving them from strong sunlight, are the only secrets for the preservation of a good colour until the end of the show season.

BEGINNERS read THE ANNUAL

British Birds.

A Lecture given before the Pendleton and Salford O.S., Sept. 23rd.

BY BARKER CLEGG.

It gives me great pleasure to speak a few words under the wide and fascinating title of British Birds. By this subject is readily understood for your purposes as an Ornithological Society, the birds termed insectivorous and seed eating. We in England have a greater variety of visitors than all other countries, being so situated geographically as to render our island a winter resort to the birds; we have high latitudes in winter, and the reverse in the spring and summer, for the birds from the tropical countries, where the heat is so intense. All the birds we cage are therefore "Strictly British," and it is the generally accepted idea, that if a family or variety promulgate their species in our islands, they are British.

Growth of Interest.

There are many writers on British birds who have included specimens of which we have no record as to British breeding. We have about 60 varieties of summer visitors, and 40 of winter visitors. There are some splendid publications dealing with British birds which show what a growth of interest there has been since the appearance of Yarrell's publication in 1840. We have many good and cheap books to-day that will assist us in gaining a knowledge of this subject, and there is also our weekly CAGE BIRDS, which enables us to ask for any information required. Of course you will not want me to occupy your time by discoursing upon the natural habits of British birds at any great length. I presume the idea of a society man is to procure a good specimen, and then be able to exhibit the same and win.

How to Successfully Exhibit.

You all know that success in many cases depends on the purse; still if you are determined to take up with British birds, you may become a successful exhibitor at a moderate cost, the time and trouble of attending your specimens being the main asset. Let me advise you in the first place not to take up Britishers, unless you can find a suitable place in which to keep them—a place with plenty of light and fresh air, and with no artificial heat. The best room is that where the window can always be open, covered with a wire in the warm months, and in bad wintry weather at dark with strong canvas. The birds must have plenty of fresh air, if you want them to keep healthy and in good plumage. Supplying yourself with the birds is the first consideration. It is astonishing, sometimes, how easy you can become the possessor of a grand bird. I remember some twenty years ago I sold a gentleman some Canaries; he was so pleased with them that he told me if I would accept it, he would send me a pretty little Goldfinch, which had been caught in his garden. Of course, I accepted it. The little fellow arrived, and turned out a good singer. I moulted him in a flight cage along with some Canaries, and noticing the beautiful plumage, style and size that he had developed, I caged him in a separate box cage, and felt quite proud that I was the owner of such a grand bird. Looking out for a suitable show, I ventured to exhibit him for the first time at Carnarvon show, 100 miles journey. After anxiously awaiting the result, you may be sure I was delighted when I knew he had won 1st prize in a class of twenty. The bird also won several other prizes, but I lost him through an accident in my bird-room. I could tell you many other stories of fanciers I have known unexpectedly becoming winners in British birds exhibits.

Hardbills.

We must now turn our attention to the methods of procuring and keeping them in health, etc.; commencing with the Finches or Hardbills, which is a large family, and includes some beautiful plumaged birds, such as Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Hawfinch, Greenfinch, Sparrow and Crossbill. These so-called seed eaters at certain periods partake of insects, larvae, fruit and berries; hence it is necessary to study this point, so that you may supply food suitable to the bird that you have in confinement. The best time to take Finches is after the frost has destroyed all the insect life on country-sides, as these birds then begin to feed off the ground, that is, by picking up the seeds that have fall'n from the weeds. The term we use in reference to newly-caught birds is "meating off." If the birds are taken when there is plenty of food to be found, they are certainly in good order, but it is heartbreaking to know that 90 per cent. of them die. It is only the experienced fanciers who know the class of bird and the district they come from, who are able to meat off these early-caught birds successfully.

The Species Considered.

GOLDFINCHES: Supply these with egg-food and a variety of seeds, thistle, etc., that is, if you take them when feeding off the ground. As an exhibition bird we must have shape well proportioned, head fairly large, wide skull, wing bars large and bright, buttons regular. One of the greatest features is the blaze cut square, but the most important of all is shape, style and activity. Never let a Goldfinch get mopey; he must be active. If he is in the habit of getting on the wires, keep him off. He must show himself well off.

BULLFINCH: This is not so popular as an exhibition bird; there are few shows that make classes for them alone. Of course, we all know you have at times to show against foreigners. Give him plenty of food, plenty of raspberries, blackberries, black currants, etc.

LINNETS: These are becoming very popular. You must have a large one for a show specimen; small ones are of no use. He must be in good plumage, a very rich brown. Very easy to moult. Do not forget the bath; if he will not bathe, spray him. We have three acknowledged varieties of Linnets—brown Linnet, Redpoll, and the mealy Redpoll, all belonging to the one family.

BRAMBLEFINCH: This bird is not truly British, he is, in a sense a relative to our Chaffinch; his habits being the same. Found in the Hebrides, he only comes to our country when the weather is severe. Makes a splendid exhibition bird, the plumage being very rich. Colour-feed him a little, and it will have a beneficial effect.

CHAFFINCH: This bird is thought more of by the Germans than by us. They teach him to whistle tunes, and it is said they can whistle the Rhine song better than does the Bullfinch. A bird whistling this song will easily fetch 16s. 8d., and one whistling various tunes will sometimes fetch as much as a cow. He makes a splendid exhibition specimen, and looks well in a cage. You have very often to show this bird with other specimens.

YELLOWHAMMER: This makes another nice show bird. Country people know him by his calling, "A little bit of bread and no cheese."

Softbills.

It was here that Mr. Clegg stated that he remembered the first Nightingale shown in Manchester, and, what was more, after the show was closed, he had the pleasure of hearing it sing.

WAGTAIL: This is another bird coming into prominence. They want a great deal of time and trouble. Feed them on mealworms, worms, ants' eggs, spiders, and some egg-food. Egg-food and ground dog biscuit makes a splendid softbill food.

WAXWING: This is not a British bird, and has never been known to breed in England.

WARBLER: This is a delicate bird. Feed on plenty of insect food. A heated room does not do for them, but they cannot stand the cold; it should be about 55 degrees throughout the winter.

SEDGE WARBLER: It is perhaps interesting to note that this bird bred in Peel Park, Salford, in 1861. Forty different species of British birds built their nests and reared their broods in Peel Park at the same time.

REDBREAST AND REDSTART: Another very interesting family. The Robin in America is called the blue bird, and our Thrush is the American Robin Gold Crest. He is an exceedingly pretty bird, and is better at liberty. He is never very successful, and I should advise you not to go in for him.

COAL TIT: You cannot keep this bird in health, and your chance is not worth the trouble.

LARKS: These are mostly kept as songsters. As an exhibition bird, the Lark does not pay his way. Very few shows make classes for them.

WHEATEAR: This is a bird which has been exhibited successfully. It is easy to keep, and you can very often fend them somewhere about the money. They will eat hemp seed and canary seed, supplied with a soft food as well.

At the conclusion of the lecture the chairman, Mr. O. Stringer, declared the meeting open for discussion. Numerous questions were asked and answered, among them being "Will you please tell me a good Thrush food?"

Answer: Ground puppy biscuits damped with chopped lettuce, celery or grated carrots, with occasional mealworms, ants' eggs and dried flies. One member stated he had kept a Thrush for over twelve months on bread and milk alone, and at present it was in the pink of condition. Time was now getting short, and the chairman, with a few well-spoken words, thanked Mr. Clegg for his very able lecture, Mr. Clegg suitably responding.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

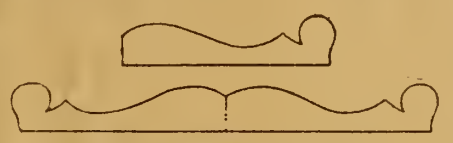
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 151.

MAKING CAGE PEDIMENTS.

Sent by W. Hardie, 129, High Street, Dumbarton.

Here is a method for making any kind of design for the top part of cages, or for removable show cage fronts. It would be very easily acquired by anyone who, like myself, makes his own show cages. The idea is



To make Cage Pediments.

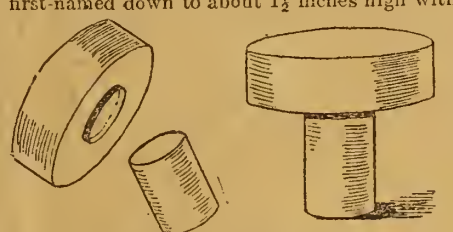
simply to take a piece of paper the same breadth of the piece of wood to be cut, then double it in two, and with a pair of scissors start and cut your design from the centre. Then open it out and lay it on wood and mark it off with pencil. It is then easily cut out with pocket knife or fret saw.—W. HARDIE.

No. 152.

A USEFUL DRINKING TROUGH.

Sent by V. Freeman, 88, Oliver Street, Kingsley Park, Northampton.

I have found the following answer very well in large flights for drinking troughs. You take two tins, say one a treacle tin and the other a cocoa tin. You then cut the first-named down to about 1½ inches high with



A Useful Drinking Trough.

a pair of shears (or scissors will do, if your wife does not see you). Then make the edges smooth with sand paper. Take the lid off cocoa tin and solder in on the bottom of the one cut down, as shown in Fig. 1. You will find that it keeps any dirt that accumulates on the bottom of cage or flight from getting into the water. It also looks very neat when enamelled.—V. FREEMAN.

NOW READY.

"YORKSHIRE CANARIES:

How to Breed, Manage & Exhibit.

By H. W. BATTYE,
President of the Yorkshire Union.

This work, which deals fully with the Yorkshire and its sub-varieties, should be in the hands of every breeder of Yorkshires. It gives instruction upon Pairing, Breeding, Moulting, Exhibiting, and how to treat both in health and disease.

Illustrated by Messrs. H. Norman & A. J. Simpson.

Price, post free, 1/2 from—

"CAGE BIRDS," 154, Fleet Street, London.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Rare Feathered Birds.

A reader, E. J. Langford, sends a note of a Cinnamon Blackbird, curiously marked with splashes of white, having been captured at Loughborough, together with a white Robin, at Gerrard Cross Common, Bucks. No doubt both birds will in time be exhibited at some of the shows.

Wasteful Birds.

A little flock of Stormcocks was feeding greedily upon the hedgerow berries, although grubs and worms and beetles are still plentiful everywhere. The Thrushes take no heed of to-morrow; sufficient is the daily feast for these fine bold birds. Why not leave the berries (they will keep), and feed upon the insect food? It is just the same with the Starlings and Blackbirds, the windfalls of the orchard are eaten voraciously, although if left alone they would afford food for weeks, when the fat grubs and beetles are snugly tucked away for fear of frost. Possibly the Thrushes and Starlings are tired of such food, and fruit and berries come as a welcome change. Nature's great storehouse is full, and even with wanton waste there should be enough and to spare, for the harvest is plentiful.

The Birds of Yorkshire.

The big county of Yorkshire is rich in wild birds, for it possesses miles of arable land, vast tracts of moors, hills, and dales, and an extensive coast, in a word all that birds desire. A work recently published upon the subject tells us that, excluding rare visitors, the country has a list of 325 birds, and of these about 125 are native. Many which once were well known have quite disappeared, of these the Greylag, Goose, Shag, Avocet, Hoopoe, Montagu's harrier, and marsh harrier, were the largest. Many well-known summer visitors to the South barely reach Yorkshire; of these the Nightingale, Wryneck, and Reedwarbler are most interesting. It is pleasing to know that the gentle cooing of the Turtle Dove may be heard in some of the woods of the country, and in the clearings the matchless Woodlark pipes his mellow note.

Rooks and Walnuts.

Rooks are very general feeders, and will eat almost anything that it is possible for a bird to digest. Just now they are particularly keen after the walnuts. We have several fine old trees in the park, and the birds are constantly seen flying away with one of the nuts. How they manage such a huge beakful is hardly discernible; possibly they pierce the outer shell with the beak, and carry it in that way. Taking the dainty to some quiet spot they eat it at their leisure—that is, providing their companions do not follow them and want to share in the find. It would be interesting to watch one of these birds opening a walnut. How do they accomplish it? My tame Magpie used to hold it with his foot firmly to the ground, and hammer away at the centre until he split it in halves. Experience had taught him where to try and pierce it.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

***"His Master's Voice."**

Our Linnet is nicely marked, and is a sweet singer. My father reared him by hand. One day he got away, and father called him as he did when feeding him, and he knew the voice, flew on to the wall, and was caught and put in the cage.—Sent by MABEL BOUCHER, 25, Wellington-street, Lincoln; age 9.

A Tame Redpoll.

My brother has a Redpoll which is very tame. We call him Dick, and he will follow us about like a cat. He never tried to fly away, but flies about the garden. We have had him for five years. One day we forgot to feed him, and he flew away, but after a time he came back.—AGNES JACKSON (aged 9), 16, Bilston Road, Wolverhampton.

***The Bramblefinch.**

My father keeps a lot of canaries, and I help him in his bird-room. I have a Bramblefinch. I got it when it was very young, and it was so wild that I thought I should never be able to tame it. After I had had it a short time it was quite tame, and it will eat off my hand, it is very fond of flies and other insects. I catch flies for him, and he comes to the cage wires and pecks them off my fingers. He is a very beautiful bird; he has a loud song, but not sweet; if he gets a good moult. I shall enter him in your show. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.—Jane Richardson, age 12, 15, Stanley Terrace, Morpeth.

****The Wild Birds' Repast.**

Feeding wild birds in winter is a pleasant pastime. The severe frost at the beginning of the year caused flights of Chaffinches, Linnets, Redpolls, and the impudent Sparrow to leave the woodlands and seek their food around our place. We get some of our father's Canary seed and scatter it in a sheltered nook in the garden. We then retire behind a privet hedge and view the scramble. How nimbly they hop about, and with keen delight pick up their fare! Some of the big ones try to bully the lesser ones. It is a rare treat to see the varied species of Hardbills while they dine. JOHN C. ANDERSON (age 13), Hillside Cottage, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

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MAINLY CANARIES continued.

SPLENDID high-class Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

TWO pairs 1907 Norwich Canaries clears, 1906 Crested hen, ticked, 15/6 lot; part exchange; approval.—J. Menden, Tisbury.

EXCHANGE good pair of Lizards for good pair of Plainhead Norwich; must be good quality.—H. Hall, 105, Vincent-st., Macclesfield.

LARGE Yellow Norwich cock, 1906, good, 15/-; or exchange four common singing cocks; offers.—Jones, Renwick terrace, Walsall.

GRAND pair Yorkshires for four Norwich show cages and case, sell 15/-; splendid Norwich; stamp particulars.—Blain, Glastonbury.

MONSTER Lancashire Coppy cock, winner; also two pair large Crest; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

SALE or exchange 18 Canaries, mostly hens, for anything useful, clothing or boots preferred.—Richardson, Hockham-st., King's Lynn.

A FEW prize bred Yorkshires for sale cheap; or exchange for good gent's cycle; stamp reply.—Wm. Cooper, Kington Langley, Chippenham.

EXCHANGE five young Roller Canaries for Goldfinch Mule and Linnet Mule, as used to the field.—Brown, Delph Cottage, Delph, Brierley Hill.

GOOD pair of Cinnamon hens, 10/-; exchange for good yellow or buff Norwich cock; or offers.—J. Manchip, 50, Camden-rd., Bridgwater, Somerset.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, two hens, exchange for boy's boots, clothes, anything useful. — Herbert Schofield, Fish Restaurant, Skelmanthorpe.

EXCHANGE pair good Borders for good large cock Siskin or cock Goldfinch, house-moulted.—Fred. Hawkins, 146, Saltwell-rd., Gateshead.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Borders for large colour-fed exhibition cock Mule, or sell 10/6.—R. Glendinning, 9, Myreslawgreen, Hawick, N.B.

EXCHANGE 1907 Yellow Sib. hen for Goldfinch for exhibition or muling; no rubbish wanted.—McCubbin, Argyle-st., Motherwell, Lanarkshire.

WILL give 1906 Buff Yorkshire hen and 2/- cash for good Green or marked Norwich hen Canary.—Plested, jun., Highfield-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.

WILLIAM BARKES, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will exchange a pair of Norwich Canaries for large cock Goldfinch and German hen; Bullfinch on approval.

FOUR cock Canaries, 1907, one cock Greenfinch, bred mules, pair Redpolls, 25/- lot; or useful exchange.—G. E. Jowett, Meedham-st., Codnor, Derby.

ONE pair of Norwich, two Norwich cocks, one German hen, three double breeding cages, five box cages, sell 45/-.—E. Ellis, 8, George-st., Morecambe.

TWO cock Linnets, Yorkshire hen; exchange for three good Bullfinch hens, 1907; Sib cocks, 6/6; or offers; exchange.—Street, 29, Claremont-rd., Highgate.

THREE pair Norwich Canaries, three hens, 28/-, or exchange Cinnamons, Rollers, or offers; no rubbish; yours first.—Brough, Greenwich, Ripley, Derby.

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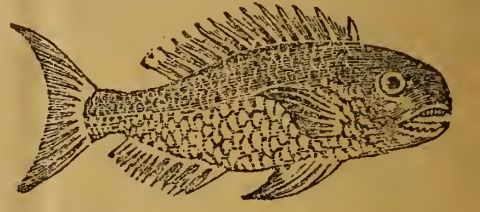
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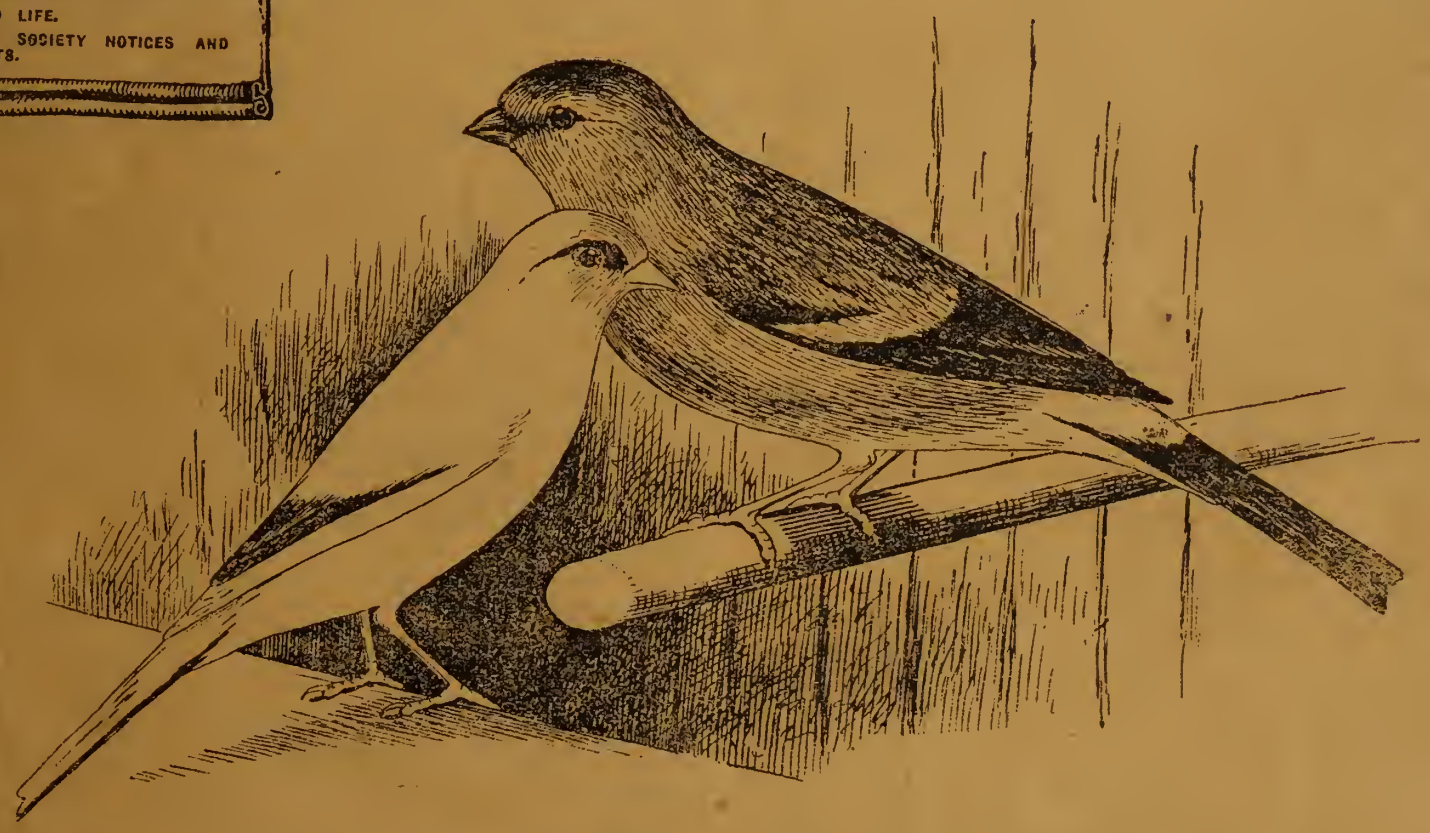
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I send out on aproval, entirely at my own risk. If not approved of, then all you have to do is to send them back. I'll replace them or refund your money in full. I have large stock English Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; three, 4/-; six, 7/6; 14/- dozen; extra selected large cocks in full colour and perfect health and feather for singing, showing, or muling, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-; three, 2/6; 7/6 dozen. Linnets, Linnets. There is no man in England who can supply you with better Linnets than I can. All my Linnets I guarantee to have nut-brown wings and back. Rose Redbreast cannot be beat, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen. Selected large cocks for singing, showing, or muling, 1/- three 2/-, six 3/6, with new cage 6d. extra. Hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen. Cock Chaffinches, 6d.; three 1/3; six, 2/3; 4/- dozen. Hen Chaffinches, six 1/-, 1/6 dozen. Cock Greenfinches 4d., 2/- dozen. Redpoils 10d. pair. Large upstanding cock Lark, 8d.; three, 1/6; six, 2/3; 4/- dozen. Cages. Buy direct from the maker; made from best white pine. Linnet or Goldfinch cages, 6d., 9d. each; 4/6, 5/-, 6/- dozen. Lark cages, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 dozen. Single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each. Double trap cages, 10d., 1/- each. Notice.—I am open to buy any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers for cash; highest price given.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-road, Birmingham.

WALSH, Bird Specialist.

English Cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; 3 for 5/-; Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; 3 for 2/-; English Cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; 3 for 5/-; Hen Bullfinches, 1/- each; Large Redbreasted Cock Linnets, 9d. each; 3 for 2/-; 6 for 3/-; Cock Chaffinches, 1/-; Cock Twites, 1/- each; Cock Yellow Buntings, 1/- each; Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each; Cock Skylarks, 1/- each; Cock Chiff Chaffs, 5/-; Cock Lesser Whitethroats, 7/6; Cock Greater Whitethroats, 5/-; Cock Meadow Pipits, 2/-; Cock Thrushes, 3/6.; Cock Blackbird, 3/-; Cock Starliag, 2/6; Cock Crossbills, 5/-. Please note, none but sound healthy birds sent out.

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Extra Large Well-marked Cocks at 7/6, 8/6, and 10/- each. Sure to please.

REAL GIANT SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES,

Wonderful size and colour. Just the sort for Mule Breeding, 5/6, 6/6 and 7/6 each.

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The King of Songsters. Warranted Cocks, 3/- each. 3 for 7/6. Few selected Birds, nicely on song, 5/- each

Specially made Woodlark Cages, all complete, 5/- each

Selected specimens, perfect in size, shape, colour, and markings. Sure to moult out winners. Please note these birds are selected by a practical Expert and Judge, and you can rely on them doing you some good. Prices—Hawfinches, 15/-; Siberian Goldfinches, 12/6; English Goldfinches, 5/-; English Cock Bullfinches, 5/-; Hen Bullfinches, 2/6; Linnets, 3/6; Twites, 2/6; Greenfinches, 2/6; Yellowhammer, 2/6; Chaffinch, 2/6; Woodlark, 5/-; Skylark, 2/6; Meadow Pipit, 5/-.

EXHIBITION SPECIMENS,

Including all my Winners, for Sale—none Reserved.

See Reports of all the Leading Shows. Wryneck Perfect, 35/-; Lesser Whitethroat, 12/6; Skylark, 20/-; Meadow Pipit, 10/-; Greater Whitethroat, 10/-; English Cock Redpoll, 5/-; Goldfinch, 20/-; Brown Linnets, 20/- and 30/- each; Greenfinch, 17/6; Reed Bunting, 10/-; Hen Meadow Bunting, 10/-; Linnet Mule, 30/-; Variegated Goldfinch Mule, 25/-; Siskin Mule, 20/-. All the above are in Perfect Order and ready for immediate Exhibition

ACCLIMATISED FOREIGN BIRDS, &c.

Yellow Budgerigars, 14/- pair; Green Budgerigars, 7/- pair; Orange Cheek Silverbills and Green Avadavats, 4/6 pair; Red Avadavats 3/6 pair; Java Sparrows, 3/6 pair; Mannikins, 3/6 pair; Crimson Bishops, 10/6 pair; Cock Snowfinch, 7/6; Hen Mules, 1/6 each, 3 for 4/-. Strong Healthy Canaries, cold room bred, 5/- each; Hens, 2/-; House-Moulted Cock Linnet and Hen Goldfinch, have bred this season, 10/- pair. Please note, all birds are sold subject to your approval. Inspection invited. Patronized by all the leading Exhibitors and Fanciers in the Country. Please note, we don't profess to give you anything, only good value for your money.

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WALSH, Bird Specialist, BLACKBURN.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, CANARIES, PARROTS.

Notice, I send out on approval entirely at my own risk, to any part Great Britain, and claim to have largest stock in West of England, in song before sent out; if not giving the fullest satisfaction you return them and have your money back, cash or deposit; warranted English cock Goldfinches, full colour, 1/6, three 4/-; six 7/6, 14/- twelve, hens 7/- twelve; extra selected large birds, will make winners, songsters, light mulers, 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-, 17/- dozen; two-year-old call bird Goldfinch, 4/-, red-breasted cock brown Linnets, three 1/3, six 2/-, twelve 3/6; thirty-six 9/6; two-year-old call-bird, Linnet, 3/-, cock Greenfinches 6d., three 1/- 1/6 dozen; cock Redpoll, three 1/3, six 2/-, 3/- dozen; cock Skylarks, 9d., three 1/6, six 2/-, 3/6 dozen; cock Woodlarks, King Songsters, 2/-, three 5/-; twelve 12/-, two-year-old Goldfinch mule, sings pure note, 7/6, 1900 mules 5/- each, three 13/6, six 24/-; pair Linnets, pair Goldfinches, pair Greenfinches, pair Redpolls, grand cage, lot 7/6, Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, 4/-, three 11/0, six 22/-, twelve 42/-, hundred £17; hens, 2/-; six 10/-, 18/- twelve, hand-reared cock Brook-Thrush, 3/6, 4/6, full song; Linnets and Goldfinches, call cages, made best white pine, 6d., 4/0, 5/6, 6/6, twelve, open Norwich show cages 1/- each, twelve 9/-; penny tin fountain, sixpence dozen; thirty-six 1/3; 4/- gross; box birdlime, best in the world, 4d., 7d. ½ lb., 1/- ½ lb., 1/0 lb., Talking Parrots, amusing pets, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, one comes out of his cage on your shoulder, speaks 100 words, £3 10s., worth £7.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

DESPITE THE MANY

assertions to the contrary, I am the originator of approval system in connection with wild birds, and during the whole 16 years of trading have never dealt on any other terms. I send everything, I sell on approval at my risk, on CAGE BIRDS deposit system, and guarantee every satisfaction or money returned in full. If you want sound, healthy stock at a fair price, give me a trial; but if you want fresh-caught weeds, don't apply to me, as I will not supply them. Genuine Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, big bold birds, in pink of health and condition, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 8/6, or 16/- dozen. Specially selected larger cocks, for show or muling, and in splendid song, 3/- each, three 7/6. Few superb specimens, fit for keenest competition, 4/- and 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/- each, three 2/6. Two-year-old white-legged cock, guaranteed bred Mules last season, 7/6. Grand large cock Brown Linnets, with nut-brown backs and red breasts, three 1/6, six 2/6, or 4/- dozen. Specially selected cocks, in song, 1/- each, three 2/6. These Linnets are guaranteed exactly same as supplied by me to contest singers, fanciers, and dealers throughout Yorkshire, etc., and which are often re-sold by them at big prices. Absolutely incomparable for size and song. Splendid clean-moulted cock Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/- each; exhibition specimens, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- each. Few very large, steady, rich-coloured hens, for show or breeding, 1/6 each; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, six 1/6. Specially selected Yellow Greenfinches, for show, 1/- each, three 2/-; cock Chaffinches, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Grand lot Snow Buntings, in perfect health and feather, cocks 1/6 each; hens, 1/- each, three 2/-. Few extra large light-coloured and well-marked cocks, for show, 2/0 each. These show specimens are picked from several hundreds, are almost white, and are kept in special steadying cages so as to be ready for immediate shows. Grand cock Skylarks, all big, plump cocks, not half hens, three 1/6, six 2/6, or 4/- dozen. Few singing nicely, 1/6 each. Two-year-old cock Goldfinch Mule, used to catching, pure Finch notes, and in full song. This is a regular "bell slammer," and just the bird for trick Finches, price 10/-. Expected next week, the first consignment of real Siberian Goldfinches, and, as in former seasons, I have already secured a grand lot; price for ordinary specimens, 4/6 each. Special exhibition specimens, 7/6 and 10/- each. These are the genuine Siberian Finches, imported in single wicker cages, not merely picked Russian birds, and my exhibition specimens will be real deck-sweepers, with full complement of show points, and as I have supplied hundreds of winners, I know exactly what to send out. Cock Siskins, 2/- and 2/6 each. Few well-marked Yellow cocks, with full bib, etc., 3/- and 4/- each; hens, 1/- and 1/6 each. See following few letters recently received and unsolicited. "14, Marine-terrace, Skinningrove, Yorks.—Sir,—Last lot Linnets I got from you were beauties, and as large as Larks. Please send another six, as your birds sell well here; they are far better than those that come from Lancashire. Yours, C. Hart." "65, Faraday-road, Northwich, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Bird arrived safely. I am greatly pleased with it, and shall be pleased to have further dealings with you in the future. Yours, J. Murphy." "Morgan-row, Cwmbach, Aberdare.—Sir,—Cock Linnet arrived safe; he pleased me in every way. I have had Linnets from dozens of dealers before, but this is the boldest, sweetest, and prettiest I have ever had. Yours, D. Thomas." "Church-road, Mitcham, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived safe, and am well satisfied with them. Yours, F. Tutty." "22, Kay-street, West Stanley.—Sir,—Thanks for birds received all right, and very satisfactory. I am quite pleased with them. Yours, J. Hutchinson." "Middlesbrough, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied. Yours, J. Moody." "Colcorton, Nov. 2nd.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in grand condition. I have never before had such value for the money. Yours, W. Richards." "Chapel House, Witton-le-Wear, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied with them. H. Hill." "75, Sellar-street, Abbeydale, Sheffield, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Please send three more Goldfinches. I was delighted with the 'lash you sent. Yours, A. Macefield." "Hilldrop, Oxted, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinch you sent me few weeks ago has turned out a beauty. Please send another, also a Linnet. Yours, A. Wright." "West Newton, Aspatria, Nov. 5th.—Sir,—Goldie arrived safe and well, and I am greatly satisfied with him. Yours, J. Clarke." "Canniepairt, Tayport, Scotland, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in good condition, and I am highly pleased with them. Yours, J. Robertson." "21, Belgrave, Wilnecote, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Linnets arrived in splendid condition. I did not expect such birds at the price. Please send following. Yours, D. Hare." "2, Testerfield-terrace, Lobmill, Todmorten.—Sir,—Please send following birds. The last Linnet I got from you has won several first prizes. Yours, Moore and Son." "4, Odell-street, Old Kent-road, London.—Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and I am highly delighted with them. I would not part with them, for they are a marvel at the price. Yours, E. Alderman." "21, Market-street, Tredegar. — Sir, — Received selected Linnets, and am very pleased with them. Two of them are singing now. Wishing you every success. Yours, A. Selvey." Please note all birds are guaranteed properly netted in county of Worcester, and are well caged, steady, and properly on hard seed before being sent out, and are sent on approval at my sole risk. Inspection cordially invited any time. See "Roller Canary" and "Appliance" columns for further advertisements.

W. CORE, 131, Cooch Street, Birmingham.

COCK LINNETS AND LARKS.

If you don't want birds straight from the field and half hens, send to me; our name too good to allow us to send rubbish, 27 years this address. Beautiful Lancashire cock Linnets, 10d. and 1/- each, three 1/9, six 2/3, twelve 4/-, marvellous large cock Larks, 8d. 10d. each, three 1/0, six 2/-, twelve 3/6; caged off singing, 1/- and 1/6; Linnet supplied by me won 2nd class of 50 contest singers at Black burn, see other advts. This address 27 years.

J. SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancashire.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

SOME high-class young Belgian Canaries for sale; in pairs or single.—Apply John Walmsley, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

TWO Buff cocks, two Buff hens for disposal for Yorkshire crossing; cheap; approval.—W. Baker, Reform-street, Barnstaple.

HIGH-CLASS, big, heavy shouldered Belgian Canaries, 1907, for sale. Moderate prices. — Vanderauwera, Hoefyzerstr, 50, Ghent-le deberg, Belgium.

Border Fancy.

CARDIFF, Nov. 27th; two classes for Borders. HIGH-CLASS Border fanciers; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

A NUMBER of Crested cocks, bred from winners, for sale.—James Black, 32, Market-st., Haddington.

CAN spare few pairs of high-class Green Borders, reasonable; approval.—Metcalfe, Brython-st., Liverpool.

BORDERS, Green and Cinnamon, fit for show, also evenly-marked Buff cock.—Percy West, 31, Buchanan-st., Leith.

CHAMPION Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; winning strain.—Walker D. Stirling, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.

FEW high-class Cinnamon Canaries, Dormer's strain; prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton Godstone-road, Purley.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, Clears, and Marks; five cocks, 5/-; eight hens, 3/- each.—Watson, Clarilaw, Newtown, St. Boswells.

PRIZE and even marked bred Borders, all colours; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; approval.—Aikenhead, Painter, Brechin.

CHAMPION Border Fancy cocks, fit to win 7/6; hens 5/6 each; ten days' approval.—Mr. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

TO DEALER.—80 red-fed Cinnamons, mostly unflighted and over moult, large and good; what cash offers?—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

FEW really good Borders, Greens, Clears, and Marks, singles, pairs well matched; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

SMART uneven cock, winner several prizes, latest 2nd Gloucester with nice Yellow hen, price 12/6 pair.—Wright and Hyslop, London-road, Carlisle.

PAIR foul-marked Broaze Green 1907 Border Fancies, 7/6; Clear Yellow Border hen, 3/6; Plainhead hens, 2/6.—Hervey, 30, Rectory-road, Hornsey.

COLOURED plate of Border Fancy Canaries sent post paid, carefully packed, on receipt of four 1d. stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FINE selection of exhibtion Borders, in perfect condition, also carefully selected stock pairs, 12/6; state wants; approval.—Tulloch Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.

FEW good Borders, Buff Green cock, 7/6; Yellow Green hens, 5/-; Yellow hens, 3/6; Buff marks Yellow marks cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—Studholme, Dryfe Bridge, Lockerbie.

BORDERS.—About 30 good Clears and Marks from Patterson's and Alexander's; even marked strains direct; cocks from 6/6; hens from 3/6.—Young, Reston, Berwickshire.

BORDERS, champion prize strain. In pink of condition, fit to win; Buffs, Yellows, variegated cocks, 5/- to 7/6; hens, 2/6, 4/-; grand value; approval.—Rea, Bell View, Cockermouth, Cumberland.

FOR immediate disposal: giving up Borders.—8 cocks, 10 hens, prize-winners; Buffs, Yellows, and Greens; together with 3 show cages; £9 the lot.—Beaty, Strathnarn, Elm-grove, Alderley Edge.

EXHIBITION Borders; this season my birds have won 20 firsts, silver cup, and two B.F.C.C. medals; I have a few first-class show and stock birds for disposal; all bred from my own well-known strain; many winners supplied every season.—McCredie, 23, Jerregles-st., Dumfries.

FINE selection of Borders for stock and Exhibition, Yellow, Buff and variegated, Bennett's and Jeukin's strain, unsurpassed for quality and price; cocks 7/6 to 15/- each; hens 4/- to 10/6 each; pairs 10/6 to 21/-.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O., North Wales.

Cinnamons.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

THREE 1907 Cinnamons, Green cocks, 5/- each; grand type.—Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

1907 YELLOW Cinnamon cock, 8/6; 1907 Buff broken green cock, Cinnamon bred, 10/-.—Maynell, see Mules.

WANTED, good pair Cinnamons; exchange typical Norwich; no rubbish.—Brown, Kingsweston, Shirehampton.

PAIR Cinnamon Canaries; price 15/-; also three odd hens, 3/6 each.—William Owen, 13, Church-street, Woolwich.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red-fed, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. — T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, matched pairs, 15/6; cocks from 10/6; good healthy birds.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

GRAND large 1906 Yellow Cinnamon ben, 30/-; also few grand cocks and hens, 10/- to 15/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Halifax.

WANTED, typical pair Cinnamons, must be good birds, exchange large buff Lancashire plainhead cock, now in show form; sell 35/-.—Cowans, Wooler.

YELLOW cock, Buff hen, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; Yellow cock, two Yellow hens, 22/-; separate; approval, deposit; stamp reply.—Demain, Brook-st., Clitheroe.

W. YATES, London-rd., Chesterton-Staffs., has some good Cinnamons for disposal, including 3rd unflighted at Manchester, and a few other winners; stamp reply.

BEGINNERS read THE ANNUAL.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW good Crests, from 15/- pair; approval.—Campany, Odo-road, Dover.

CARDIFF, Nov. 27th; two £10 limit classes for Crests; two £5 limit for Crestbreds.

EVINS BROTHERS can spare several pairs of well bred Crests, 20/- upwards, from our winners.—High-st., Exeter.

PEDIGREE Crests from 15/- pair; large Crestbreds, fit for show, 15/-.—Moist, 7, Cambridge-st., St. Thomas, Exeter.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, champion winning strain, pairs from 10/6; also odd birds.—Whittle, 50, Stocks-st., Ashton, Preston.

EXCHANGE small pair of Buff Pekin Bantams for pair Crest breeders or offers.—Apply 70, Lawson-street, Southport.

GRAND large Crested cocks, bred from our winners, 15/- to 60/- each; approval.—Burgess and Son, Eastover, Bridgwater.

GRAND lot Crests and Norwich, show or stock, prices cheap, stamp reply.—Laithwaite, Rigby-lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton.

CHEAP for cash.—High-class Crests and Crestbreds, breeder relinquishing fancy.—Apply W. Sunley, 8, Fermo Park-mansions, Hornsey.

GIVING up Crests and Yorkshires; prizo birds from 15/-; seen any time by appointment.—Stevenson, Victoria Laundry, Hammersmith.

ENORMOUSLY crested Canary cock; win seven shows; extra quality, 10/-; can win back cost when shown.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

BARGAINS for cash, High-class Crests, Crestbreds; old breeder relinquishing fancy; exchange entertained.—Spicer, 118, Queen's-rd., Watford.

LARGE Green 1907 Crest-bred hen wanted; heavy-browed, healthy bird (no wagtails); deposit.—Philip Blackie, 51, Morrison-street, Edinburgh.

YELLOW and Buff crest Crest-breds, show or stock, 15/- to 80/-, single or pairs; approval.—W. Harris, 13, Bleasby-street, Sneinton, Nottingham.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has grand lot Crests this year, state wants; see Cheltenham, Gloucester, Norwich reports, winner over 7,000 prizes.

GRAND Crest and Crest-bred Norwich Canaries off Joyce and Sharp's strain; 15/- per pair.—Nicholson, 85, Eveline-street, 2 up off Dunchattan-street, Glasgow.

LARGE Green Crestbred cock, 15/-; large Green Crestbred hen, 12/6; large Green Crested hen, 15/-; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee-Mount, Halifax.

VARIEGATED Crestbred cock, 10/6; ditto Crest cock, 15/-; few pairs for breeding, 21/-; from very best strain.—Burrough, Clarence-rd., St. Thomas, Exeter.

CREST and Crestbred, five pairs Wallace's strain, also three Plainhead cocks, young, large, healthy birds; cheap.—Sandersou, 16, Montgomerie-st., Port Glasgow.

OVERSTOCKED, high-class Crests, Crestbreds, about 30 to dispose of from 10/6; 5 feeding hens, 2/- each; approval.—Wm. Campbell, 3, Leishman-square, Alva.

WANTED, large yellow Crestbred cock from double Crests, must be extra good in head points; exchange 1907 Crest, cock, pure Joyce, or sell, 60/-.—Cowans, Wooler.

CRESTS. The best Yellow and Buff Crests living; tremendous success; 50 show birds for sale; also grand stock.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdeangardens, Southfields.

WORTH notice. Grand lot Crests and Crestbreds, sure winners; prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

LIGHTLY-MARKED Buff C.B. cock, double Crested Green hen, 16/6; fine clear Buff C.B. hen, large abundance of feather, 10/6; Green Crested hen, 6/6.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

BARGAINS. Well-bred stock, beautiful marked Buff, Crested hen, 30/-; large Green Crested cock 30/-; also one Crested and one Crestbred, cocks, £1 5s. each.—Huggett, 85, Bridge-st., Warrington.

CRESTS and Crestbreds. Largest collection in England for sale; prices to suit everyone; see page 335 last week's CAGE BIRDS; copyright illustrated list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

YELLOW Variegated Crest-bred cock, 1907, 35/-; Yellow Crest-bred hen, 1907, 35/-; Yellow Variegated Crest-bred hen, 1906, 40/-; from winner; healtby; approval.—J. Memmott, 43 Meersbrook-road, Heeley, Sheffield.

PRIZE-BRED Crest cock, beautiful 1907 bird, 20/-; very large Buff 1907 C.B. hen, 17/6; nice Grizzle Crest hen, 10/-; Green Crest hen, 8/6; Yellow C.B. cock, 7/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some grand Crests and Crestbreds to part with, the kind that need no puff. Give me a trial and be convinced; prices right, approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

LARGE variegated dark crest cock, beauty, 7/6, massive green crest hen, 8/6; ditto 7/-; variegated ditto, gem, 5/6; massive variegated crestbred cock, 9/6; feathery variegated crestbred hen 7/6; yellow ditto, grand skull, 9/6; all grand stock birds; approval willingly.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

MUST sell; fine chance for beginners; variegated Crestbred (1907) and Green Crested hen (1906), 21/-; variegated Crestbred and Green Crested hen, both 1907 17/6; approval, deposit; I took second at Sheffield, Nov. 8th, warranted same blood (Barnet's).—Porter, Fulwood-rd., Ranmoor, Sheffield.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Fanciers and exhibitors, now is your opportunity to procure some of the finest Crest and Crest-breds in the fancy, bred from my unbeaten winner; also a grand collection of Plainheads and Yorkshires, stock pair from 20/-.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe-street, Plymouth, Breeder of Champion Crests and Crest-breds.—A large clear Buff Crest-bred cock, winner two firsts and specials, judges Robson and Payne, £7; also few nice pairs, win first and special, Exeter, £10; several Crests and Crest-breds; all birds sent on approval to known fanciers.

BARGAINS through illness.—1907 large feathery Crests and Crest-breds, high-class, prize-bred, best strains; 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; guaranteed worth double; will breed winners; single birds cheap; no better in England at double my prices; week's approval, cash or deposit; easy payments taken.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

CHAMPION Crests. I have some grand Crests and Crestbreds for sale, having had three fanciers breeding for me with my stock birds, all of the very best quality. I don't exhibit now, I breed for my customers to win, and I sell them birds to breed their own winners, and reasonable. Best blood in the fancy; 30 years breeder, and judge of over one hundred shows; Approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, has a large and varied stock of champion bred Crests and crestbreds for sale, no order too large or too small; you can all be suited from 12/6 to £30 each; satisfaction given in every case; state wants and the price you wish to give on approval.

Mr MARSH invites you to call anytime and inspect his Norwich and Yorkshire Crest and Crestbred Cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; Hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6; Crested Cocks, from 20s. to £5; Hens, 15/-, 20s., 30/- each; sent seven days approval; carriage paid; cash or deposit.—Freemason Aviaries, Mercerou Street, Brady Street, Whitechapel Road.

SPECIAL! Special! Why not give me a trial? I am constantly receiving really flattering, unsolicited testimonials and repeat orders from delighted customers. I have the right sort of heavily-feathered Crests and Crestbreds, and invite enquiries for either odd cocks or hens, or specially matched pairs from 5/- to £5. Can guarantee satisfaction to all, and will willingly send any bird on approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HAVING had a most successful season can offer following exceptional value in highest class crests, crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster even marked dark crest cock 15/-, massive variegated ditto, grand crest, 15/-; monster variegated dark crest hen 14/-; heavy feathered clear crest hen, splendid crest, 13/6; massive clear body, dark crest hen, 11/-; monster variegated crestbred cock, 16/6; yellow variegated ditto, beauty, 13/6; massive heavy feathered clear ditto, buff, 13/6; variegated ditto, grand head, 13/6; monster variegated crestbred hen 15/-; heavy feathered, lightly marked ditto, 12/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

SILK'S FAMOUS CRESTS.

Some choice birds for disposal, fit for keenest competition; many noted birds bred and sold by me last year; one of the finest strains obtainable; stock pairs from 30/-; show birds from £2; approval.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION CRESTS.

We have to dispose of the pair exhibited by us at Norwich Show, and were awarded third prize: a bargain, £5; also Crest-bred cock, second prize, 30/-; Linnet, another bargain, £1; equally cheap; send for our catalogue.—Payne and Bennett, 73, Knowsley-road, Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

SPLENDID collection ready to send out at moment's notice; some giants and heavily-frilled birds amongst them, clear and variegated; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

CRESTED Yellow cock; bargain; 5/6: exchange.—Banks, 104, Garthorne-road, Forest Hill.

TWO large Yellow and Buff Foul-Green Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-street, Lee-Mount, Halifax.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich hens, also Cinnamon-marked hens, 10/- each; young, healthy birds.—Rogerson, Fleurville, Cheltenham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for sale, stamp reply.—Naden, 18, Boyd's-st., Rochdale.

COPPY and Plainhead hens, also Coppy cocks 12/6 and 15/- each.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for show or stock, price reasonable; stamp reply. — West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

PURE prize-bred Lancashires from 10/6 each; see free illustrated price list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BUFF Coppy cock, 15/-; Buff Plainhead hen, 10/-; bred from winners.—Adams, 17, Baron-street, Rochdale. 1907 birds.

JAS. LAW, 76, Merefield-st., Rochdale, has few pairs 1907 Lancashires to dispose of, related to my winners at Crystal Palace, Burnley, Rochdale, etc.

WANTED, pair Lancashires; will exchange Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, show condition, or sell 25/-; cock mules, Linnet or Goldfinch Canary, 7/6 each; wild bird note approval.—Phillips, Horsey-lane Aviaries, Bridgwater.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

London Fancies.

FEW stock London Fancies, cocks 8/6, hens 4/-; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

Lizards.

SOME good Lizards; price reasonable; approval.—Campany, Odo-road, Dover.

A FEW nice Lizards, 15/-, 12/6 pair; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

WM. WINNARD, Glynllivon Park, Carnarvon, has for sale a few pairs of good Lizards, gold and silver hens, from 5/-, cocks, 7/6, 10/6, up.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards; see illustrated list (copyright), before deciding elsewhere, free receipt of address.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SUPERB Lizard-Canary cock, 1906; invaluable; show or stock, 6/-; ditto hen, fit win, splendid breeder, 5/-; approval anywhere.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

EIGHT Gold Lizard cocks, clear and broken, Lowe and Holt's strain, 7/6 and up; 1906 Silver hen 3/6; exchange part for good Grey Parrot, about 25/-.—Holmes, Gas-st., Lincoln.

ON Sale, a large selection of Lizards and Lancashires for show or stock, prices reasonable, approval; inspection invited.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

Norwich.

CARDIFF, Nov. 27th; six classes for Norwich.

BREEDER has a few pure bred cocks for sale, 6/- and 7/6.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

BUFF cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.—Sharn, 6, Parker-st., Newark, Notts.

EIGHT Norwich cocks and 9 hens for sale reasonable, or exchange.—Soutar, Nursery House, Brecbin.

I HAVE some rare good birds, non-fed, reasonable, stamp.—Barnes, 3, Redland-st., Malpas-rd., Newport, Mon.

NORWICH, good type and quality, cocks, 7/6; pairs, 10/6; approval; stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., North ampton.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st., Launceston, has several nice pairs of Norwich from 10/- pair; single hens from 4/-.

TWO large buff Norwich cocks, 6/- each; hens 3/- each, 1907.—Mrs. Newark, 2, Queen-st., Hadleigh, Suffolk.

HIGH-CLASS typical Norwich, grand birds, 10/6 pair; approval; cash or deposit.—Horsley, Butcher, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich colour-fed cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; pairs, 6/6.—W. Housden, 2, Dodinga, Birchington-on-Sea.

WELL-BRED Yellow-Green Norwich cock, 1907 bred, full song, 7/6, carriage paid.—Dower, Penryn, Cornwall.

GOOD Norwich; 7 pairs; 12/6 to clear; cocks; honestly worth more.—Graverstock, 10, Poulett-road, East Ham.

WANTED, Norwich show cages; exchange winning Norwich to value.—C. Brown, Kingsweston, Shirehampton.

SIX Norwich songsters, this year's birds, in full song, 5/6 to 7/- each.—Brookes, Mytchett-place, Frimley, Surrey.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

HANDSOME cocks in full song, 4/-, 4/6, hens 2/6, pairs 6/-, 6/6; grand value, approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

SPLENDID Norwich cocks, clears 4/-, colour-fed 5/-; satisfaction or money returned.—Hicks, Outfitter, Holsworthy.

FOR SALE.—5 Norwich hens (cold-room bred), 12/6; clear Buff hen, 5/-.—J. Tomlinson, 49, William-street, Derby.

FOUR large 1907 cocks, warranted fine feather, full song, 4/9 each, 18/- lot; approval.—Payne, 136, Willow-st., Leicester.

FOUR Buff Norwich cocks, one Yellow, 6/- each; four Buff hens, one Yellow, 3/- each.—Glanville, Penpol-terrace, Hayle.

GRAND Yellow Norwich cock and five hens, two Crests; 30/- lot; offers.—Wm. Thomson, Parkgrove, Parkneuk-st., Motherwell.

CLEARING. Pair Norwich winners, 12/6, not quarter cost; single cocks from 5/-; hens, 3/- to 10/-.—Beard, Llandrindod.

SALE, two cocks and eight hens, Norwich 1906 and 1907 birds; 24/-, or nearest offer.—Huntingdon, Thornley, R.S.O., Durham.

GRAND 1907 yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; buff cock, ticked yellow hen, 8/6. — Reed, Ivesley-cottages, Waterbouses, Durham.

TEN good stout young Norwich cocks, clear, yellow, in full song, 7/6 each; worth 10/-, approval.—134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH cocks, 6/-; hens from 2/-; Yorkshire hens, 2/6, 3/-; steady Bullfinch hens, 2/-.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, green cocks, 6/-; Cinnamon-marked hens, 4/-.—W. Wascler, 21, Louisa-st., North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

WANTED, unflighted Norwich Yellow variegated hen; fit to win; others not wanted; cash.—Thomson, 266, Allison-street, Glasgow.

MARLOR Bros., Norwich; from their winning strain, 12/6, 15/- pairs; see show reports; deposit.—Clare-street, Denton, Manchester.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-, hens 2/6, 3/-, pairs 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize bred stock.—approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

J. TRENGOVE, 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. High class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, good type and quality—pairs from 10/-; approval.—Roberts, 45, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

I HAVE got several pairs of good colour-fed Norwich to part with, from 8/-; can be seen any day.—Nixon, 35, North-road, Brentwood.

A FEW good Norwich cocks to part with, large birds and healthy, natural colour from 7/6.—G. Cowles, 29, Dock Cottages, Poplar, E.

HEALTHY Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; variegated Buffs, Cinnamons, own breeding.—Miss Swanwick, East Bridgford, Nottingham.

FINE large, healtby Norwich Plainheads; no rubbish; cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens 3/6; pairs 15/6; approval.—Leawilson, Radford, Nottingham.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, sure winners, prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BUFF cock, yellow hen, 20/-, yellow vari. cock, buff hen, 15/-; odd birds cheap; approval; deposit; stamp reply.—Demain, Brook-st., Clitheroe.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks in song, cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6; approval; cash or deposit.—W. M. Dickenson, Corn Stores, King's Lynn.

COCK Canaries, 4 yellow, 2 buff, colour-fed, Cooper Bros.' strain, 10/- each; also 2 buff hens, 5/- each.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

157 PAIRS of large Norwich for sale, 8/6 pair; 1906-7, as bred; or reasonable offer for lot accepted.—E. Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, 9/-; separately, cock 6/6, hen 2/6; also three-compartment breeding cage, 28 long, 18 high, 5/-.—12, Bankton-rd., Brixton.

T. H. DENT, 16, Langton-st., Preston, a few good ones for sale; same as my winners Newcastle, Sheffield, Warrington, etc.; approval; stamp reply.

MR. NICHOLS has a few pairs good Plainheads, colour-fed, beautiful quality, 7/6 to 20/- pair; approval with pleasure, deposit.—44, Clapham-rd., Lowestoft.

FEW good Norwich for sale, 7/6, 12/-, 15/-, upwards to £5; prizes won at Plymouth great show, two seconds, third.—W. French, 28, Seymour-avenue, Plymouth.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, the best obtainable for stock and exhibition, from 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

FOR sale, strong young healthy Norwich Canaries, cold room bred; ten cocks, eight hens; any reasonable price accepted; giving up.—Marsh, Brigstock, Thrapston.

NORWICH hens, three clear yellows, one variegated yellow, two buffs; cold-room bred; guaranteed 1906, 3/- each, lot 16/-.—Hulme, 114, Nansen-st., Seedley.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, warranted good songsters, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens from 2/6; own breeding.—Hyde, 163, Junction-rd., Upper Holloway, London, N.

THREE pairs Norwich and large four-compartment breeding cage, 20/- lot, or 6/6 pair; (one pair cost 12/6, Rudd's).—H., 246, High-street, Rochester, Kent.

BARGAIN, six Norwich Buff hens and one variegated, 2/6 each; also Buff cock, 4/6; or 21/- the lot; good stock birds; approval.—Thompson, Three Gates, Belper.

CLEARING out high-class colour-fed Norwich, grand stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; approval, deposit.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

NORWICH, 4 pairs, good type, bred from prize winners; giving up fancy; two breeding cages; particulars.—G. Jackson, 26, Bridge-street, Morpeth.

FIVE pairs 1907 Norwich cocks, 4/-, hens 2/- each; pairs 5/6; genuine, healthy, what offers for lot; approval. C. Clannett, 8, Colville-st., Middlesbrough.

WORTH attention.—Handsome Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval anywhere; deposit; list particulars free.—R. Hanford, Derby.

FOUR healthy young Norwich cocks, 4/-, 4/6; singing clear yellow 1906 cock, 6/-. approval, cash, stamp reply.—Bridgetoad, 48, Newcommon-rd., Wellingborough.

HIGH Class Norwich cocks 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, hens 1/9, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich show or stock, some from Green, own breeding, from 15/- pair, cold-room; approval, stamp.—Sidgwick Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

I HAVE a few good Norwich for sale, off winners, and some that can win from 7/- upwards; approval, deposit.—James Thompson, Frame-lane, Dawley, Shropshire.

NORWICH cock Canary, Palace Cup strain, won 1st, special; show form; win anywhere; 8/6; hen, proved breeder, 4/-, cost 15/-.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale; single or pairs; from 10/6 per pair upwards; bred from first prize winners; cash or deposit.—Walter Muddiman, High-street, Long Buckley.

NORWICH Plainheads, prize strain, cocks 5/- and 6/-; hens 2/- and 3/- each, yellow or buff, all 1907 birds; approval with pleasure.—Joseph Peate, Park Cottage, Welshpool, N.W.

EXHIBITION ticked yellow Norwich cock, 1907, colour-fed and a sure winner, 25/-; even-marked yellow hen, a model, 7/6; approval.—Jas. F. Robinson, Heathwaite, Windermere.

COMPULSORY sale through illness. Exhibition Norwich, Woolhouse's strain, cocks from 15/-; hens, 4/-; see report Dulwich, Battersea; approval.—Rees, 36, Silvester-rd., East Dulwich.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each; clears or variegated; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred. Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

NORWICH, all this season's hens, three yellows and one variegated buff, 10/- the lot, or offers; three variegated buff cocks, 15/-, would divide.—Palmer, 28, Dyer-st., Cirencester.

SUPERB, extra large, colour-fed Norwich cock, won Palace; originally purchased as youngster from Rudd; ideal show form; 15/-; can win pounds.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

MR. WOOLVEN, Manor House, Uckfield, Sussex, wishes to dispose of his surplus Norwich; large Yellow cock and Buff hen, 12/6; Buff cock, 10/-; Yorkshire Buff cock, 10/-; approval.

C. ROBERT'S champion Blackpool Norwich, noted for size, type, and quality; reasonable prices; show birds from 30/-; stock birds from 12/6, all on approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

FEW typical Norwich, unflighted, related to my Manchester winner (see "C.B." report), mostly buff, cocks, 8/6 to 15/-; hens from 6/-. H. Boothman, 8, Kettering-rd., Levenshulme, Manchester.

MARLEY'S champion Norwich. I have several magnificent birds to dispose of; see Waltbamstow's report in keenest competition; reasonable prices; approval, stamp.—55, Manor-rd., Leyton, Essex.

J. A. PEGG has all his birds for sale, both show and stock; some grand matched pairs from 10/- to 30/-; show birds, 20/- each; these need no puff; approval with pleasure.—2, Portland-st., Leek.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. I have some grand stock birds for sale, and a few for our very best shows. One of the best strains in this country; approval.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-road, Nottingham.

J. NEEDHAM, champion Norwich for sale, good show and stock birds, single or pairs, single birds from 10/-, pairs from 15/-; three days' approval.—Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

FOR SALE.—My whole stock of prize and prize-bred Norwich Plainheads; healthy and in the best of condition and all accessories; no reasonable offer refused.—A. D. Sprules, 119, Choumert-road, Peckham.

NORWICH Plainheads, direct from breeder, from 12/6 pair; also Crests from 20/- pair; approval; cash or deposit; lists free.—Gostling, Breeder and Exhibitor, Saxmundham, Suffolk. (Late of Norwich.)

SPECIAL! Special! Some grand typical plainheads that can win, 15/- to £2 each; selected breeding pairs, properly matched, 7/6 upwards. Please read my advertisement under Crests.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CINNAMON marked Norwich breeders; grand 1906 clear, pink-eyed Buff cock, 25/-; few grand Cinnamon marked, clear, and Cinnamon bred cocks and hens, 7/6 to 15/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, winners, and bred from winners; Yellow variegated cock, winner, and Buff hen, 50/-; Buff cock and Yellow variegated hen, winner, 50/-; Buff variegated hen, 30/-, worth double.—Hendry, Glamis-rd., Forfar.

Mr. MARSH invites you to call anytime and inspect his Norwich Canaries: Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, upwards; sent carriage paid; seven days' approval.—Freemason Aviaries. See Yorkshire Advertisement.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has 100 good Norwich to dispose of, own breeding; they have been consistently bred for years, and no expense spared in improving them; business prevents much exhibiting; approval; stamp.—4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

MR. ECKERSLEY has now some grand unflighted and year-old Yellows and Buffs, quite ready, that he can spare, including birds bred from, or related to, his well-known Crystal Palace and other winners.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NORWICH clean-moulted, matched pairs, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages, 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH Plainhead; a bargain; unflighted clear Buff cock, 17/6; two clear Buff hens, 10/6 each (Henton's strain); two 1906 clear Buff, two clear Yellows, three Yellow marked hens, 8/6 each (Irons's strain); approval.—Lockwood, 2, Percy-st., Fartown, Huddersfield.

WILLIS BROWNE, winner of 1st, special, 3rd Dulwich; silver cup, two silver medals, two guinea special, three 1sts, specials, etc., etc., Clapham, has for sale 10 cocks, 9 hens, Yellows and Buff, same strain; price reasonable; stamp, deposit.—19, Park-avenue, Mitcham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. Four unflighted Buff cocks, one each year old Buff ticked yellow and clear Yellow cocks, 10/6 each; several clear and marked hens, Yellow or Buff, 5/- each; all extra large birds and colour-fed; approval.—James Bunting, 62, Black lane, Macclesfield.

HIGH Class Norwich cocks in song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved. Stamp reply. — Stewart Brothers, Earthenware Stores, Surrey Street, Norwich.

J. EVANS, breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards, hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs matched for breeding 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; travelling cages 3d. extra, seven days' approval; deposit.—19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some of the right kind of Norwich and Cinnamons to part with. Those short chunkey ones with good head and neck, the ones that tell on the show bench; prices right; approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

HIGH CLASS Norwich, few grand 1906 and unflighted birds for sale, comprising buffs and yellows, clears, ticks, and variegated, A1 type, quality and colour, all bred off first class stock; prices from 10/- upwards; good value offered; state requirements; stamp reply.—Frank Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

LOOK! Grand high-class Norwich Plainheads, direct from breeder, guaranteed healthy and typical specimens, can win, £1 upwards; properly matched breeding pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; hens a speciality, 4/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, upwards; all honest value; approval.—W. Green, 48, Marlborough-road, Norwich.

HAVE a splendid lot of Norwich for disposal. There is no better strain living. I have supplied scores of winners to the leading exhibitors, as well as winning hundreds of prizes myself during last 20 years; pairs from 10/-; single cocks from 7/6.—E. White, Shepherd's Station, Newlyn East, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Norwich. This season at good shows my birds have won 12 firsts, 10 seconds, 7 thirds, 5 fourths, and several specials, including L. and P. O.S. Championship Diplomas for best Norwich at the Palace last week—won by a young buff I bred this year. I can spare a few grand stock birds at reasonable prices.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

EXHIBITORS.—Lightly variegated Yellow cock, winner second, 22/-; ditto, winner third, 20/-; large Clear Buff cock, reserve, large class, 20/-; also Clear Yellow cock, grand size, quality and colour, can win, 60/-; few 1907 cocks, bred from above birds, 10/- upwards; hens, 6/6 to 25/-; bargains; approval; deposit.—Muscott, Tremont-road, Llandrindod. See Yorkshires

LARGE typical Yellow Norwich cock; winner three prizes, 25s.; four unflighted Yellow cocks, two unflighted Buff cocks, toppers, 15/- each; four pointed, even marked Buff cock, wing-marked Buff cock, 10/6 each; choice hens, 10/6 to 21/-; two natural colour cocks, 5/6 each; the above are in show condition, bred from my noted winners, first, specials, Buckingham, Banbury, Watford, Rutland, Stratford, Oxford; five prizes three entries, Abingdon last week; C.B. and special, best Canary; see reports to-day's issue; approval receipt P.O.—Lewin, 58, Marlboro'-road, Oxford.

TO breeders requiring infusion of new and high-class blood into their stock have now the opportunity of obtaining it by writing me per return; I have the following to part with: an immense Buff, wing-marked cock, wide skull, grand quality feather, typical Norwich, good feeder, Sandiford and Godfrey's strain, 25/-; another equally good one, neck ticked, has bred some beauties this season, price 25/-; a nice compact clear Buff cock, bought direct from Midgley, full of colour and quality, 21/-; a very grand deep rich clear Buff cock, Sandiford's, has also bred some grand youngsters, 25/-; another clear Buff, grand head, splendid feather, and correct type, 21/-; a heavily-variegated Buff, bought direct from Beardall, 21/-; I am parting from these solely from want of time to give to them; they are in pink of condition and perfectly healthy; also a few year-old hens, Buffs and Yellows, and a few promising unflighted.—Cannon, Hemel Hempstead.

WRIGHT AND SON,

84, Heath-rd., Norwich; winners medals, specials, etc., at Crystal Palace, Norwich, and leading shows, have grand lot of Norwich Plainheads at fair prices; bred from show birds; cocks, 5/6 and 7/6; show birds, 15/-, 20/-, to 60/-; hens, 3/6, 5/6, to 20/-; approval.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Mr. Geo. Harland has some grand unflighted birds for disposal, all his own breeding, and related to this season's winners (see reports); pairs properly matched, to breed winners from 25/- to 60/- pair; aproval, stamp; no odd hens.—63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

SIZE WITH QUALITY AND SHAPE.

Mr. Hulse has all his show and stock for sale from 10/- a pair; large yellow hens, unflighted from 10/-; yellow cock, 2nd, Great Harwood and Cheltenham; another vhc, Leicester, 35/- each; buff 15/-; vhc, Great Harwood; room wanted; call or write.—73, Chatsworth-st., Leicester.

High-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

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149, DUNCOMBE STREET, WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.

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Some winners in the Keenest Competition to part with. All in **grand show form,** of **wonderful type and quality.** Yellow or Buff, Cocks and Hens, show birds, from **20/-** to **45/-** each; Champion stock pairs, **15/6** to **60/-** per pair **This strain is known** to be the **finest** to **every fancier,** and needs no **bounce.**

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A MARVELLOUS COLLECTION TO SUIT ALL.

Pairs matched to breed Winners (no, not at 6/6 to 8/6) but at

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The best lot of Hens ever witnessed in one person's or company's possession, from **5/-** to **40/-.**

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THE AVIARIES, NORWICH.

GRAND prize-bred Norwich cocks for stock or songsters, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, show specimens 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval; dealers supplied.—T. Palmer, 275, Dereham-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

If you require **good birds,** bred from winners, give us a trial; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/-, 10/- each; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 10/-; pair, well matched, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 20/-; show birds from £1, winners at local shows; approval, or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed.—Payne and Bennett, 73, Knowsley-rd., Norwich.

SANDIFORD'S FAMOUS NORWICH.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, &c., CRYSTAL PALACE, 1907.

1st Unflighted Yellows, class of 38 champions, all bred by me; also won just on 40 firsts last season Blood will tell. This strain has cost me hundreds of pounds in cash, and I claim to have the best blood in the world. See wins already this season at Peterboro', Dulwich, Stoke, Chesterfield, Coventry, Leeds, etc. Won more prizes in Norwich this season than anyone in England. Have some marvellous prize-bred pairs from above winners at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; pair odd cocks and hens, Yellows or Buffs, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; any on approval with pleasure. Send 1d. stamp for list of testimonials from winners I have supplied. They will surprise you. Mr. H. Ward, Charing, writes, Oct. 30th, 1907—"The cock Canary I had from you bred me three grand birds, which won 1st and special, 2nd and reserve at Ashford, Kent. See last week's CAGE BIRDS." Mr. Jarvie, Glasgow, Oct. 28th, 1907—Sir, Send six Norwich cages and a good Goldfinch for enclosed. Mr. Young won medal for best hen at City show; the Yellow hen he got from you is its mother." Mr. Cook, Wellingboro'—"Sir, very pleased with the Yellow Norwich cock, and also the way you despatched him. The Yellow hen you sold me has won me 1st and special Wellingboro', 3rd Burton. I bred from her a Buff hen, which was 1st in a class of 13 at Wellingboro', also 3rd at Crystal Palace in class 32." Mr. J. D. Hird, Macduff—"Sir, send me four cage fronts, 20 by 12. The variegated cock you sold me won 1st at all our shows round here." Mr. J. D. Jones, Pontordawe—"Sir, Norwich cock arrived safe; well pleased; he won 1st and two specials here." April, 1907. Mr. H. Melver, Livingstone Buildings, Port Glasgow, writes—"Sir, the Norwich I had from you won 1st and special in class of eleven against all colours at Greenock." Mr. Fisher Cardendon, Fife, March, 1907—"Sir, I took 1st, special, and 2nd at Cowdenbeath with birds I had from you." Breeders 27 years.

J. SANDIFORD, CANARY BREEDER, PRESTON, LANCS.

Rollers & Singing Canaries.

FOUR pure Seifert hens, good healthy birds, 6/-.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

GENUINE 1907 Hartz Roller cock Canaries, 3/6 each; bargain.—196, Ballspond-rd., London.

GRAND St. Andreasberg Rollers, cocks, 7/6; hens 2/-, two 3/9; cold room bred.—Webb, Hillary-st., Walsall.

MR. HAYWARD has pure Seifert Rollers for sale, cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; hens, 3/- and 4/-; approval.—Melksham.

BARGAIN.—Grand St. Andreasberg Roller cock; also four hens; 9/- the lot.—Pinner, Redding-lane, Wednesbury.

GUARANTEED cock Hartz Mountain Rollers in full song, 3/- each, two 5/6.—Davis, 12, St. Cyprian-st., Tooting.

TWENTY Roller hens, Seifert strain, healthy, aviary bred, 2/- each, 35/- lot, approval.—Philpott, 55, Southfield-st., Worcester.

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GRAND slim Yorkshires, some winners, from 5/-; also Rollers; cheap; must sell.—Trederwen, Weighton-road, Anerley.

ABOUT 30 prize bred Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-.—Allen, Saddler, 9a, Simpson-st., Battersea.

REMOVING, must clear; cocks from 5/- each; three pairs at 15/- each.—Ransom, 15, Sandmere-rd., Clapham, S.W.

YORKSHIRES, buff cocks, hens, yellow, buff and cinnamon marked, cocks 7/6, hens, 3/6.—Seeney, 286, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

TYPICAL colour-fed Yorkshires, matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards.—A. Pullan, 14, Kirkburn-place, Bradford, Yorks.

NOTICE to amateurs.—Try my Yorkshires at 7/6 and 10/- a pair; cash or deposit.—H. Pitts, 147 West-street, Bedminster.

GOOD pair of Yorkshires, double breeder, lot 12/6; genuine; approval, deposit.—Irons, 75, St. Bernard's-rd., East Ham.

YORKSHIRES. M. Cooper, wholesale dealer, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire, some lovely birds from best breeds; stamp reply.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks; see report in Fancy papers, South-West London Show.—R. McLaughlin, 131, Atheldene-rd., Earlsfield.

SIXTEEN Yorkshires for sale; take 56/- the lot; pairs from 7/- to 8/- cash, or deposit.—Hudson and Dawson, Tong Park, Baildon.

I HAVE three pairs of Yorkshire Canaries for sale, 15/- a pair; nice healthy birds.—C. Gale, Stables, Kingsweston, Bristol.

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TWENTY pair of good Yorkshire Canaries for sale, from 10/- a pair.—Apply, Smith, Claremont-terrace, Greengates, Bradford.

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YELLOW cock Cinnamon hen, double breeder, 12/6; Buff cock, ticked hen, double breeder, 17/6.—Simon, Mayo-street, Cockermouth.

TWO Buffs, one Yellow (cocks), two Cinnamon hens, 18/-; or exchange for good second-hand Brussels carpet.—Humphries, Harlow.

YORKSHIRES, splendid type and quality, for exhibition or stock; price low; approval.—State wants to Sendell, 15, Theobald-st., Swindon.

YORKSHIRES, some grand stock or show birds; prices reasonable; inspection invited.—B. Martin, 14, Oppidan's-mews, Primrose-hill, N.W.

GRAND Yorkshires. Only two stock 1906 pairs left, 9/6; lot, 18/-; six young cocks, 6/-; lot, 30/- (quick).—Bradley, 34, Peace-st., Bradford.

COCKS from 6/6, hens from 2/-, pairs matched 7/6, from Knight's strain; few winners cheap.—Hawes, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

AS I am reducing my stock to about eight pairs, I have a lot of good birds for disposal.—H. Knight, 20, Adam and Eve Mews, High-st., Kensington.

EIGHTY typical Yorkshires; cocks from 5/-; hens from 4/-; pairs from 8/-; cash or deposit.—Priestley, 121, Caythorne-road, Bradford, Yorks.

A FEW pairs of prize-bred Yorkshires, 21/-, 17/6, 15/- a pair; also odd cocks and hens; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

STRONG healthy 1907 Yorkshires; Greens, Clears, Variegated cocks (guaranteed), 5/6; hens, 2/6; seen any time.—37, Windbourne-road, St. Michael's, Liverpool.

NOTICE, grand lot Yorkshires, sure winners, prices reasonable; payments taken by instalments.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

CHAMPION Yorkshires for stock and exhibition; no better obtainable; cheap; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES.—Grand slim birds, Yellow or Buffs; cocks, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; matched pairs, 7/- upwards.—Wiles, 6, Oxford-row, Park-lane, Leeds.

HANDSOME prize bred Yorkshires, cocks 5/-, 5/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6; pairs 8/-, 9/-; grand quality; no better blood anywhere; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, from exhibition stock; own breeding; cocks from 5/- upwards; hens 3/- upwards.—Oates, 44, Woodhall Terrace, Thornbury, Bradford, Yorks.

TWO smart young Yorkshire cocks, prize-bred, beautiful leather; Yellow-Buff, 14/6 each; also pairs, 10/6; cold room; approval.—Smith, 50, Montague-rd., Uxbridge.

MABEY'S champion Yorkshires, same strain as my winners at Dulwich, Plymouth, Battersea, Palace, S.W. London; hens, 10/-; cocks, 15/-.—5, Ancrley-street, Battersea.

FOR stock, nice Buff cocks and hens; Bailey and Swanger's strain; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/- upwards; approval; state wants.—G. Swift, Wards-end, Starkholmes, near Matlock Bath.

TO Novice Exhibitors.—Show Yorkshires; reasonable; state requirements; appointment preferred; all purchases washed for exhibition gratis.—David Hall, 134, Branksome-road, Brixton.

TEN pairs grand Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; cheap; 10/- pair; or sell reasonable altogether; offers; approval; can be seen by appointment.—Green, Aviaries, Street, Som.

H. SWEETMAN, breeder and exhibitor, high-class Yorkshires, offers matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 8/6; hens, 4/6; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—68, Princess Mayrd., Stoke Newington.

80 high-class Yorkshires, cocks 5/-, 10/-, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, pairs 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, co'd room bred, seven days approval; cash or deposit, or sell altogether.—Pickles, 5, Wardman-st., Keighley.

TICKED Yellow cock, winner 1st, special, 25/-; clear Yellow cock, winner 2nd, 21/-; ticked Buff hen, reserve, 12/6; Buff hen, non-fed, 5/6; bargains; approval, deposit.—Mussett, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

WINNERS in all colours for sale; also few extra good birds, excelling in type and quality; prices from 12/6; see reports Coventry, Stratford, etc.—Paddock, All Saints'-road, King's Heath, Birmingham.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries; the finest lot I ever had, all in the pink and teeming with quality; cocks from 7/6; hens, 6/6; pairs, 12/6, upwards; 4 days' approval; 25 year breeder.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, related to our winners at Halifax, Windhill and Shipley, Skelmanthorpe, and Sandy Lane; prices reasonable, satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit.—Bray and Charlesworth, Underbank, Holmfirth.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, best blood procurable, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed.—Greenwood, Colne-road, Crosshills, Keighley.

OSWESTRY Show, read report last week's CAGE BIRDS. For speedy clearance of my surplus stock, am prepared to sell at half their value; matched pairs from 10/6, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/6. — Parry, Oak Bank, Rhos., Ruabon.

MR. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 upwards; sent seven days' approval; cash or deposit.—Freemason Aviaries, Mercer-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd.

ALL my winning Yorkshires for sale; see Manchester and Sale reports; at Sale, 5 firsts, 2 seconds, 3 thirds, 2 fourths, special for best Yorkshire, also special for best bird in show; will sell in one lot, or separate; state wants; stamp reply.—Bleasdale, 24, Stephen-st., Urmston, Manchester.

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Few pairs high-class birds for disposal, both Cinnamon marks and dark-eyed, bred from winners; pairs, 15/-; cocks, 10/-; approval.—J. Sheard, Sackville-street, Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

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Grand birds for exhibiting, 10/- to £5 each; pairs specially selected for breeding winners, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; lovely songsters, 5/- and 7/6.—Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

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Yorkshires. In consequence of my removal from Hanwell, and pressure of business, I have a number of really good birds for disposal at moderate prices.—J. Keyes, "Fair View," Murray-rd., South Ealing.

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All must be sold; cages and appliances; 60 high-class Yorkshire Canaries, Cinnamons, marked and clears, including birds that can win; have not exhibited last year, but have supplied many winners; exhibition specimens, £3; stock pairs to breed winners, 15/- and £1; or would sell in one lot, cheap, to effect speedy clearance; approval.—Wooler, Groger, Shelf, near Halifax.

YORKSHIRES



Cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 up. Hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6 up. Pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards. Cage 3d. extra. The above Birds include clear, green or cinnamon marked and variegated, also whole greens and cinnamons, and the value is unapproachable; undoubtedly the largest and best collection in England. See p. 335 last week's "Cage Birds."

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I have undoubtedly the Largest Stock in Norwich, large, chubby Cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; grand matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Travelling cages 3d. All birds on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit. I have a very large stock of Breeding Cages; with every 12/- worth I am giving a cage free, size 24x12, loose front, water bottle, seed box, nest pan, two perch holders, &c. I am compelled to give away these cages for want of room.

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TWO Yorkshire cocks, two Crested, three Crestbred, one Yorkshire, and three Norwich hens; prize cards sent; no reasonable offer refused.—Read, Severn-rd., Weston-super-Mare.

TWO Norwich Greens, cocks, good breed, very stout Bullfinch type, full song, 6/6 each; also pair Yorkshire uneven, Green Yellows; what offers in exchange for, any or lot, 16/-.—Hall, Red Lion, Epworth, Doncaster.

REMOVAL.—Must clear all my stock of high-class Yorkshires and Norwich at half prices; every colour in stock, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; thirty Roller and Norwich Cross cocks, grand songsters, 4/- each; six for £1; song cages 1/-.—Broadbent, Canary Specialist, 69, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

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CLEARING last lot Canaries, grand massive dark crest cock, father winner seven 1sts, 50/-; variegated Crest-bred hen, splendid skull and head feather, 30/-; vhc pair class, Dover, large, typical, splendidly bred Yellow Plainhead cock, Buff ditto, 10/- each; accept 85/- to clear in one lot; real genuine bargain; approval willingly.—Gordon, Longley House, Rochester.

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"A Feast of Birds."

See this page and heading in last week's Cage Birds.

Such indisputable facts are worth your attention, and by appointment you can see the same. I say by appointment, because my place is not a 6d. Bazaar, nor a shop for people to walk in and out, and look round as they please, nor are my assistants allowed to stop work for such a purpose. Personally I will give every facility, and fullest tram route with pleasure to anyone who wishes to pay a visit.

Kindly read the following up-to-date facts. For others see last week's "Cage Birds," also, page 325.

Satisfaction.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Nov. 3, 1907.—Glad to inform you that the birds arrived here safely, and I am well pleased with them.—J. Bryson to W. Rudd.

Every satisfaction.

Pine Cottage, Three Bridges, Sussex, Nov. 6, 1907.—Received Bullfinch with every satisfaction. — S. Penning to W. Rudd.

Worth Double.

16, Willis Street, Poplar, London, Nov. 6, 1907.—Received bird safe. He is a beauty and well worth twice the money. He at once started to sing.—J. Brisk to W. Rudd.

Pleased with Cage.

Newtown Store, Bo'ness, Nov. 9, 1907.—Cage arrived all safe, very pleased with it.—R. Grant to W. Rudd.

Done much good.

Kent Road, Harrogate, Nov. 8, 1907.—Miss Stanton is greatly obliged to Mr. Rudd for the Asthmarine which has done the Canary much good.

Very pleased, etc.

Chaddesley Terrace, Swansea, Nov. 7, 1907.—The birds arived safe, and I am very pleased with them.—S. Morgan to W. Rudd.

Sings Splendidly.

60, "C" Square, Aldershot, Nov. 5, 1907.—I think it is due to you to say that the bird you sent me sings splendidly now; I am more than pleased.—Sergt. C. Price to W. Rudd.

Beauty for Money.

Cayton, Cardiff, Nov. 6, 1907.—Just a line to thank you for the way in which you supplied me with the birds. I think the mule a beauty for the money.—W. Collins to W. Rudd.

Two Splendid Pairs.

Eccleston Road, Orrell Lane, Walton, Nov. 4, 1907.—The birds purchased from you are two splendid pairs of Borders.—W. Lees to W. Rudd.

Most Sincere Thanks.

Dyson Holme Farm, Oughtibridge, Nov. 6, 1907.—Bird arrived quite safe. Please accept our most sincere thanks for so beautiful a bird.—T. Lawson to W. Rudd.

NOTE.—All Amateurs should try **my Special Matched Pairs of Prize-bred Norwich Plainheads** at **10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/-** per pair; **Crested** ditto, **15/- 20/- 25/- 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/-.** These are **Best Value** ever offered. Travelling Cages in all cases 3d. extra.

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CARDIFF, Nov. 27th; four classes for Hybrids.

WANTED, hybrid; note advertisement under Foreign.—P. Edwards.

SIBS., my old Palace light Linnet, muling strain, 5/-. E. Sims, Warminster.

TWO cock Linnet Mules, 4/- each.—H. Honeywill, 4, Gt. East-st., Newton Abbot, Devon.

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CARDIFF, Nov. 27th; three classes for Foreign.

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WANTED, surplus stocks of Norwich colour-fed for cash; see British for Enoch Tams, Longton.

WANTED, two cock Canaries; exchange pen black roscomb Bantams.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

WANTED, long Yellow Lancashire hen; exchange Goldfinches; on approval.—R. Pinnell, Warminster.

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NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for colour fed Yorkshires and Norwich, 10/- per pair, for good crests.—M'Kcand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, Canaries, C.B. and Crests, cheap, and sent on approval carriage paid, and must be good birds and natural colour.—Purvis, Bird Dealer, Airdrie.

WANTED, Goldfinch Mule, exchange pair of Norwich Canaries, also twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, sell 6/6.—H. Bailey, Cefn, Ruabon, North Wales.

WANTED, Crest-bred cock or two Yellow hens; exchange highly pedigreed Scotch Terrier bitch, 10 weeks; sell 20/-.—Clark, 199, Holborn-street, Aberdeen.

WANTED, Canaries, cages; exchange shot and shell; cost 7/6 dozen; 2/- bottles marking ink; dozen new Edison records; stamp.—West, Grocer, Didsbury.

WANTED fowls, pigeons, rabbits, common; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, British birds, Bullfinches, and Larks' cages.—Loyd, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

WANTED, high-class Norwich and Crests and Cinnamons; also Lancashires; cash or exchange Yorkshires; sure winners.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, Cuckoo clock, side ornaments, for marble clock, exchange Canarics or sell 12/6 per pair. Offers. — Greenharn, 164, Oakbank. Mid-Calder, Midlothian.

WANTED, good Yorkshire Canaries; exchange black Pomeranian bitch, age two years, weight 9lbs.; good breeder; sell 30s.—Tomkinson, 70, Childers-street, Doncaster.

WANTED, St. Andreasberg Roller cock, good songster; exchange cock Linnet, proved Muler, and typical Norwich Buff hen.—Edwards, 236 Albert-road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WANTED, pair Dunlop tyres 28in. by 1¼in.; also photographic enlarger; exchange Crests, Crest-breds mutual approval; sell from 15/- to 40/- each.—Maddocks, Cowley Manor-gardens, Cheltenham.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists, cycle agents, and cycle repairs to send for 50-page wholesale catalogue of cycles and accessories; guaranteed cycles from £2 19s. 6d., and everything for a cycle at startling prices.—Smart, Cycle Factory, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

BIRDS to-day, cash to-morrow. I want every description of live-stock from a Wren to an elephant, Norwich, Yorkshires, Scotch Fancies, Canaries, wild and house-moulted British and Foreign birds, rats, cats, mice, rabbits, monkeys, mongoose, etc.—William Wilson, livestock auctioneer and specialist, 247, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

4,000 CANARIES WANTED.

Wanted 4,000 Canaries, as follows, for export: Norwich cinnamons, Lizards, Crests, we are the largest buyers for export in Norwich, annual sale, 40,000.—J. Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich.

NATURAL HISTORY.

FRYETT, Taxidermist; surprising lists, 1d.; catchers' movable wing decoys ready.—Brampton, Suffolk.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

SPLENDID stuffed owls, 2/6 each, Sedge-Warblers, Whitethroats, Flycatchers, Sand Martins, Wheatears, Willow-warblers, Goldfinches, etc., 1/- each; wanted dead squirrels. Meredith, Croftholme, Camrd., Cambridge.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

EXCHANGE Bullfinch and show cage for Canaries.—Shaw, 97, Shore-street, Gourock.

LARGE cock Twites, 6d. each; selected 1s.; or exchange.—Holker, Marsden-street, Westhoughton.

WILL take 6 hens or Canaries for Thrush and cage, Lark and cage.—Long, 18, Prout-road, Clapton.

EXHIBITION cock Siskin, house moulted, take 4/6; approval; deposit.—Farier, 11, Spring-lane, Weymouth.

FOUR hen Bullfinches, sell or exchange good cock Goldfinch.—Foreman, Buckfield, Woodham, Mortimer, Maldon.

SELECTED LINNETS and large Yellow Greenfinches, 1/-, 1/6 each.—Henshaw, 24, Wesley-street, Cotmanhay, Ilkeston.

COCK Linnet, guaranteed twice house-moulted, exchange clean double-breeder and fittings.—Pudney, 89, Dongola-rd., South Tottenham.

1907 cock Thrush and hand-reared Skylark; what offers in Norwich hen Canaries.—George Johnson, 2, Box Mill Lane, Halstead, Essex.

THREE splendid cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; or exchange for young cock Canary.—Bridger, 13, Perryfield-road, Crawley, Sussex.

BULLFINCHES, 4 pair; cocks, 1/6; hens, 9d.; exchange for Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, Canaries.—Bramley, Townsend-street, Cheltenham.

FINE cock Bullfinches, 1/6; hens, 1/-; wanted, good Light Mule; exchange winning Yorkshires.—George Potter, Broseley, Shropshire.

1907 EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, good blaze and buttons; will exchange for 2 good 1907 cock Canaries.—Hawkins, Churchyard, Hitchin.

EXCHANGE good clean Bullfinches for cock Goldfinches or Norwich Plainheads; approval both ways.—J. Baker, Blanchcroft, Melbourne, Derby.

EXHIBITORS! Gold-crested Wren, with artistic show cage, can win, 30/-; or exchange winning Hardbills.—Chas. Mackwell, hairdresser, Keighley.

LOUD singing cock Skylark in bow-fronted cage, 5/-; exchange for cock or two hen Canaries.—Fred Whiting, 1, Ravensbury-cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch note, used to catching; 12/6 on approval; or exchange for Goldfinches.—Crossman, 53, Arundel-street, Northampton.

SIX two year old house-moulted Linnets, used catching, 3/- each; four large cock Linnets, or Greenfinches 1/0; exchange.—Pullen, Sloane-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Bullfinch cock, ditto Linnet, hen Canary, for Norwich cock and hen.—The address is Holman, Headlands, Knottingley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE three good siskin mules, cocks, for exhibition Hawfinch cock, or Goldie, or will sell for 6/6 each, on approval.—Thomas, 23, Treharne-rd., Cacran, Maesteg.

WANTED, good exhibition Linnet and Goldfinch; exchange phonograph and ten records, value 35/-; approval both ways.—Robinson, 3, Boswell-street, Bootle, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE two twice house-moulted Goldfinches, ready for exhibition or muling, for good young trained Roller schoolmaster, sell 15/-; approval.—G. Preece, Sellack, Ross, Herefordshire.

A BARGAIN.—Cock Linnet, hen Greenfinch, both house moulted, ten field-moulted cock Linnets, two metal tray box cages, 8/- the lot; approval.—Aitken, 609, Springburn-road, Glasgow.

WHAT offer in cash, 1907, exhibition mules, warranted cocks, or anything useful; 10 grand cock Goldfinches, 1 pair Green Yorkshires, 6 yellow or marked Canaries.—Arthur Wood, Market Welghton, Yorkshire.

WARRANTED large Red-breasted cock Linnets, 3, 1/-; 2/6 dozen; Bullfinches 2/- pair; cock Chaffinches, 3, 1/-; also a dark-crested Goldfinch Mule cock, 6/-, or exchange Woodlark Siskin cocks.—Richards, 2, Roseberry-road, Exmouth.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

FIVE Canaries, 2 cocks, 3 hens, 15/-.—J. Dale, Pottergate, Helmsley.

TWO Norwich cocks, five hens, sell 25/-, or exchange.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

SIX hens, three cocks, Canaries, 25/-; part exchange.—Dwight, Vale, Chesham, Bucks.

YELLOW Norwich hen, 5/-, exchange cock Goldfinch.—Dempster, 12, Galloway-st., Paisley.

ACETYLENE cycle lamp, cost 10/6; offers; exchange.—149 Cowbridge road, Canton, Cardiff.

TWO Norwich hens, prize bred; exchange Norwich cock, 1907.—Miller, Craven-street, Barnoldswick.

TEN strong healthy Canaries, 2/- each, exchange toy dog, Yorkshire preferred.—Sumsion, Old Bridge, Bath.

GREEN pair Crests and breeding cage, 21/-; Norwich do., 8/6, exchange.—Beavin, 72, New Park-st., Devizes.

GOOD type Yorkshire cocks 6/-, hen 3/-, exchange anything useful.—11, Bute-st., Moston-lane, Manchester.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/6; exchange something useful for house.—Hay, 24, East-street, Chichester.

SALE or exchange offers.—6 cocks, 2 hen Canaries, 23/-; 3 hens, 4/-.—Harding, Tailor, Pilton, Barnstaple.

THREE pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 10/- pair, exchange Parrot, Amazon preferred.—Sumsion, Old Bridge, Bath.

GRAND Yorkshire buff marked cock, sell, 10/6; approval; exchange Yellow hens.—Hayes, 261, Uttoxeter-rd., Longton.

CRESTED cock Canary, 10/-; or exchange for good house-moulted Goldfinch.—Gibson, Aberhargood, near Cardiff.

THREE Yorkshire cocks, non-fed, 6/6 each, or exchange for pair of good Norwich.—Large, 38, Fleet-rd., Hampstead, London.

EXCHANGE three grand Goldfinches, or brass lamp, for Norwich or Yorkshires.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

GOOD clear yellow Norwich cock, fed, 25/-, or exchange for buff Norwich hens.—Harrison, 353, Humberstone-rd., Leicester.

GRAND typical pair Yorks., 20/-, exchange Lancs, Norwich, gramophone; offers; approval.—Foshury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

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THE SHOWS.

KIRKCALDY.

Annual Show, held Nov. 9th, in the Pioneer Hall, and secured an entry of 400. Scotch Fanciers opened the programme, but unfortunately were down in numbers, though the quality was A1, some outstanding specimens being on view. Mr. McLellan had forward a fine team, and secured a goodly share of the spoil. Mr. Wallace captured 2 spls. with his yellow hen, a good one, grand size and style for a lady. The show on the whole in the Fancy section was grand, and fanciers were pleased to see such high-class specimens doing battle for premier honours. This variety was judged by Mr. Low, of Dundee, a great breeder and successful exhibitor of the Bird of Circle, and his awards were well received, as he spared no pains to get the various winners. The Norwich Crest and Crestbreds came under the eye of Mr. Patterson, and he secured a grand entry, many noted winners again meeting and contesting the various classes. After carefully weighing up their respective points, he found the majority of the winners to the satisfaction of the exhibitors. Borders were also under his jurisdiction, and again he had plenty to face the music, so many that Mr. Cochrane gave him assistance in some of the classes. The quality of these sections throughout was of a very high order, the winners in many cases being difficult to separate. However, after the task was o'er, very little could be found fault with. British Mules, etc., were judged by Mr. Cochrane, who had a fine varied collection. Hardbills were strong in numbers, and teeming with quality, and again satisfaction prevailed after the cards went up. The Mule section put on view two rarities, in the shape of two Siskin Mules, an almost clear and a var. yell., which have been unearthed in a Fifeshire village. The var. mule is a gem, fine size and a topper for colour, which should make up a good one, being very lightly marked, cap and neck only. Scotland can produce tho rare mules seemingly. The cups for members were won respectively by Mr. G. Arnott's 3rd prize Crestbred, a good one, all round, and Mr. Wilson's unfighted buff Norwich, a gem for shape, perfect in wing carriage, and put down in cfinking condition, a gem without a doubt, and a very popular win. The hall is an ideal one for a show, well lighted, clean, and free from draught, while the management was all that could be desired. The hard-working committee were ably assisted by a young lady fancier, Miss McNally, who came in for more than the usual share of congratulations on the manner her rather irksome task was performed. Tho society have secured as sec. and treasurer, an ideal gentleman, to whom labour is a love. Everything under Mr. Wilson's supervision was in applepie order, and the show of 1907 should prove to be one of the most successful ever held in Kirkcaldy.

The Scotch, Borders and Crests.

SCOTCH CL. YELL. (3): 1, Auchterlonie, in tip-top form, lovely feather, deep colour, well filled in and rounded shoulders, nice length of reach, very taking exhibit; 2, Barrie, very stylish, good length of side and reach, prominent shoulders; 3, Bain, nice side, very fair top end and substance. CL. BUFF CK. (4): 1, spl., McLennan, massive stylish bird, grand depth across, nice top end; 2, Wallace, good and lengthy, nice substance and quality, very good action; 3, Cairns, very good exhibit; 4, Gilson, nice all round bird. YELL. PIED CK. (3): 1, Cairns, grand substance and quality, free action, very good shoulder, fine reach; 2, Watson, nice substance, good style. BUFF (3): 1, Wallace, rare length of side, very well built, grand across, plenty reach and action; 2, McLennan, grand top end and reach, stylish, nice exhibit; 3, Ramsay, stylish bird, very fair substance. GREEN OR FOUL CK. (4): 1, spl., McLennan, massive green, teaming with quality, very finely built, nice lengthy reach, free in action; 2, Gilson, buff foul, plenty size, good substance and quality of feather; 3, Cairns; 4, Barrie. CL. YELL HEN (8): 1, 2, spl., Wallace, very stylish, grand action, fine top end and drive, rare reach, massive bird for a hen; 2, Ramsay, another bouncer for size, good frame and length of side; 3, Auchterlonie, very stylish, full of action and grand drive; 4, vhc, spl., Thomson, good action and size; hc, spl., Barrie. BUFF (6): 1, spl., McLennan, topper, grand all over, very free, stylish bird, well put down; 2, Thomson, good quality throughout, very fair style, nice lengthy bird; 3, Maxwell, again nice action—fairly well built; 4, Hutton, fine style, free; vhc, Gilson; hc, Bain. YELL. PIED (5): 1, spl., McLennan, plenty of substance, rare shoulder, grand depth across, in lovely order; 2, Ramsay, very stylish, fine free action, rare top end and reach; 3, Thomson, good top-ended bird, nice substance and quality; 4, Watson, fine quality throughout; vhc, Barrie. BUFF PIED (5): 1, spl., McLennan, again to the fore with a bouncer for size, combining all the essential qualities; 2, Wallace, plenty of style and fine length and reach; 3, Cairns, good all round exhibit; 4, Gilson, very free; vhc, Bain. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Ramsay, foul buff, grand shape, plenty of substance, good reach and shoulders; 2, Miss Wallace, green, and a hot one, very fine, rare style, grand driver, and full of nerve, must have pressed closely; 3, Thomson, yell. foul, nice stylish bird; 4, Maxwell, another fair all round exhibit, good style; vhc, Hutton; hc, Gilson. SELL. (£1) (5): 1, Hutton; 2, 4, Gilson; 3, Duncan; 5, Thomson. BORD. YELL. CK. (13): 1, spl., Craig, gem for type, feather like wax, rare wing carriage, splendid front, grand action, very typical; 2, vhc, Ewing and Hamilton, nice colour, lovely shape and quality of feather; 3, Miller, well tapered, grand body and style, rare wing carriage; 4, Peters, good bodied bird; hc, Hutchison. BUFF CK. (15): 1, 3 spls., McKenzie, 3-pointed, in grand bloom, exquisite feathering, grand back and wing carriage; 2, Craig, 4-pointed, good body, fine style, very fair taper; 3, Arnott, nice bodied bird, well drawn; 4, Muir, good quality of feather and nice style; vhc, Morris; hc, Linton. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Craig, gem for feather, rare taper and front, grand quality throughout, very well staged; 2, McKenzie, foul mark, nice style, grand body; 3, Peters, good feather, nicely rounded in front; 4, Barrie, will improve; vhc, Bickerstaff; hc, Brown. BUFF VAR. (15): 1, spl., vhc, McKenzie, sweetly made hen, grand shape, lovely head and wing carriage, rather rough in feather; wins on type; 2, Bickerstaff, 4-pointed, good all-round bird, nice front, well drawn, in tip-top form, fine front; 4, Walker, good feathered bird, nice shape; hc, Peters. CREST CK. (10): 1, 3 spls., Henderson, grand top piece, plenty of feather, properly laid on, nice centre, rare radiation, grand body; 2, Reid, nicely headed, dense feathering and well groomed; 3, Shillinglaw, good all-round top piece, not quite ready; 4, Fiudlay, feather of fine length; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Buchanan. HEN (10): 1, spl., Watt, in grand trim, tight as wax, fine head, nice dense feather of good length and well groomed; 2, 4, Brown, grand length of feather, rare frontal, splendid on sides, 4, nice conditioned bird, very fair length; 3, Buchanan, very nice headed bird, dense feather, of rare length, and well centred, but in poor condition; vhc, Arnott; hc, Reid. CREST (bred 1907) (10): 1, Findlay, green, fine top piece, grand length of feather, well centred, put down in masterly fashion; 2, Watt, very densely feathered, head nicely finished; 3, Reid, another topper for head gear, grand length; 4, Lile, nice quality all round; vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Lindsay. CRESTBRED CK. (9): 1, 3 spls., Matthew, good one, grand head, very wide entrance, noble skull, very good lashing; 2, Kemp, grandly lashed, rare length of feather, very nice entrance; 3, Bury Cup and 4, Arnott, leader, lovely quality; teeming with condition, nice lash, good exhibit; 4, another good all-round exhibit; vhc, Sharp; hc, Laverock and Sumners. HEN (6): 1, Shillinglaw, noble entrance, very broad headed bird, well lashed, carried nicely back; 2, Henderson, grizzle, splendid lashing, fine quality; 3, Watt, nicely lashed, staged well; 4, vhc, Sharp, good clear, well up in head properties; hc, Buchanan. CRESTBRED (1907) (7): 1, Reid, green, good one for a youngster, fine length of feather, grand quality, nice deep entrance; 2, Brown, clear, again good in entrance, nice length of feather; 3, Shillinglaw, nice exhibit, good head; 4, Arnott, grandly lashed; vhc, Sharp; hc, Pile.

The Norwich, etc.

CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, spls., hc, Steele, lovely shape, fine full-fronted bird, grand quality of feather, nice size, beautifully staged; 2, Wilson, blaze of colour, deep in shade, fine front, good carriage, rather longer in side than winner, wins Ramsden's medal; 3, Miss Millar, large, plenty of substance, nice in shape, grandly fronted; 4, Carson, nice quality of feather; vhc, Dempster. BUFF (12): 1, Dempster, lovely style, rare headed one, fine full front, well drawn, grand order; 2, Smeaton, another topper, close up, grand size and colour, nice and round in front; 3, Ranken, good quality of feather, fails only in front to winners; 4, vhc, Steele, grand shape and size; he, Miss Millar. VAR. ETC. CK. (8): 1, Miss Millar, huff, grand shape, lovely colour, wonderful carriage, rare wings and tail, well staged; 2, Steele, hot fed yell., very nicely feathered; 3, Dempster, good all round exhibit; 4, vhc, Nesbit, very nice quality; hc, Matthewson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl., Matthewson, gem for shape, nice size, well rounded, plenty of substance, lovely feather and condition; 2, hc, Dempster, regular blaze of colour, very fine feather, good style and carriage; 3, Steele, nice all round bird, fine front and carriage, just lacks quality of winner; 4, Logan, shapely, well rounded; vhc, Laverock and Sumners. BUFF (8): spl., Smeaton, good 'un, lovely shape and colour, very closely feathered, well balanced wing carriage, rare style; 2, Steele, lovely body, grand front, nice wing carriage; 3, Wilson, plenty size and substance, well moulded; 4, hc, Mrs. Dickson, another good one; vhc, Dempster. VAR., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Logan, nice model, finely rounded, full of quality; 2, Laurie and Welsh, good shapely bird, fine feather; 3, Steele, in tip-top form, grand carriage; 4, Dempster, hot-fed Yell., nice size. UNFLI. CK. (11): 1, 2 spls., Matthewson, heavy var., good one, grand substance, rare back and wing carriage, finely finished, well put down; 2, Marshall, clear Buff, good front, well up in wing carriage; 3, Miss Miller, nice quality of feather, heaten only in shape; 4, Laverock and Sumners, in grand order; vhc, Ranken; hc, Steele. HEN (10): 1, cup, 2 spls., Wilson, Buff, hot one for quality, lovely waxy feather, well rounded front, beautifully cut, nice and short in flights, grand shape all over; 2, 3, 4, Miss Miller, 2nd well-fed Yell. var., good body properties; 3rd clinking feathered Buff, nice shape; 4th good all round Yell., grand trio; vhc, Allan; hc, Mrs. Dickson. NON-FED YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Hunter, leader var. Yell., nicely moulded; 3rd bouncer for size, great front, not in quite such good trim; 2, Dempster, again plenty of substance, good chest, well rounded, finely drawn; 4, Matthewson, nice clear; vhc, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, 4, spl., Smeaton, good one, grand shape, lovely quality of feather, grand front, gem for carriage; 2, spl., Miss Miller, another gem for quality, very stylish, grand position and carriage; 3, Davidson, fine quality throughout; 4, Miss McNally, Green, splendid bodied bird in rare trim; vhc, Dempster; hc, Marshall. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Hunter, good var., fine carriage, plenty of sub.; 2, Dempster, good type. NON-FED BUFF HEN (11): 1, 3 spls., Miss Miller, very shapely, buff var., full-fronted, nicely drawn, in A1 order; 2, Steele, also var., fair size, grand feather; 3, Todd, clear, good shapely bird, nice order; 4, Davidson, finely rounded front; vhc, Cameron; hc, Burt. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, Buist, grand Jonque Cinn., well laced, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Fortune, Yell. and Buff Yorks respectively, both well drawn and in tip-top form; 4, Hunter, Yell. Yorkshire, fine carriage and position.

British and Foreign.

GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl., Pendrigh, rare bloom, dense blaze, lovely nut-brown colour throughout, nice tanned cheeks, teeming with quality, very well put down; 2, Thomson, larger, fairly tight in feather, good expansive blaze; 3, vhc, Ness, very fair face, nice size and condition; 4, Conkie, nice one, grand shape, and well up in colour; hc, Calder. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl., Anderson, in grand trim, fine deep breast colour, gem for cap, dense and expansive; 2, Mackie, again in lovely order, grand cap, good colour, just a shade smaller; 3, Thomson, nice and shapely, grand size, well marked; 4, Simpson, good deep coloured one; vhc, Pendrigh; hc, Beveridge. LINNET (10): 1, spl., Arrighi, in tip-top form, grand shade of colour, beautifully pencilled, an easy win; 2, Calder, large bouncing Linnet, in very fine order; 3, hc, Brown, rather smaller, but in tip-top form, nice colour, well up in markings; 4, Howie, different tone of colour, well up in size and markings; vhc, Duncan. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Paton, nice and shapely, good colour, fine size, in grand order, best in wing bars; 2, Arrighi, large, very decent, grand colour, and in very fine feather; 3, Simpson, good Finch, in nice order; 4, Calder, beautiful shape and size; vhc, Cameron; hc, Storrar. SISKIN (7): 1, spl., Barclay, hot-fed one, grand size, well laced, nice cap, lovely condition; 2, Arrighi, another topper for size, magnificent bib, must have pressed; 3, Paton, nice size, grand condition; 4, Mather, in grand order, splendid size; vhc, Brown; hc, Ramsay. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, spl., Munro, Twite, fine size, good colour, well marked, in grand trim; 2, Neish, good Redpoll, fine shape, nice markings, grand size and condition; 3, Arrighi, Twite, good dense colour, fairly well up in size; 4, Mather, large Mealy, good markings; vhc, Conkie; hc, Malcolm. LARGE (4): 1, 3, 4, Brown, leader the noted Missel Thrush, in grand order; 3rd clinking Blackbird, rare size, grand eye and bill, dense colour throughout; 4th nice Fieldfare, good colour and markings; 2, Pendrigh, Hawfinch, nice size, well up in colour, fine bib and head, nicely put down. SMALL (12): 1, spl., vhc, Pendrigh, gem of a Redstart, grand size, lovely markings, in rare bloom; 2, Brown, very finely feathered Bramble, good dense breast, well marked; 3, Malcolm, charming little Willow Wren, looking very fit; 4, Mitchell and Hunt, large shapely Yellowhammer, well marked, very fine colour; hc, Storrar. CL., ETC., MULE (10): 1, 2, Cunningham, good four-pointed Buff Goldie, nice size, in grand order; 2nd var. Linnet, very lightly marked, head and wing, nice size and quality of feather, rather unsteady; 3, hc, Paton, 3rd gem of a Yell. Siskin Canary, marked on cap and neck, fine size, good quality of feather, should make up a good one; hc almost a clear Siskin; 4, Lindsay, good Yell. Goldie, grand size and colour; vhc, Duncan. DARK: 1, Ross, well-known Canary-Bullie, looking well as ever; 2, Mather, good Goldie-Bullie, coming into grand colour, fine size and quality; 3, Pendrigh, Jonque Greenie, rare colour, fair size; 4, vhc, Cunningham, large shapely Goldie-Greenie, worthy of place; hc, Buchanan. FOR. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Davidson, easy winner, well up in colour, good dense face, grand cheeks, rare size, lovely condition; 2, Mather, another large one, coming well up in colour, grand shape; 3, Hunter, nice Finch, not quite so forward yet; 4, Traill; vhc, Logan; hc, Keiner. FOR. (6): 1, spl., Nesbit, grand crimson wing, shown in perfect condition, easy win; 2, Beveridge, Crested Cardinal, in fine bloom, grand size, well staged; 3, Lister; 4, Leach.

GRANGEMOUTH.

Grangemouth O.S. held their ninth annual show in the Rechabite Hall, which is well lighted from three sides. There was a very large entry for all the sections, owing to a points cup being given Messrs. J. M. Aitken and T. Leitch deserve great praise for the able manner they got through with their work, and the staging of the exhibits, in which they were ably assisted by an efficient committee, headed by Mr. D. McFarlane, the President. Mr. A. Chambers (Kirkintilloch) made the awards in Scotch fancy and Norwich section, Mr. D. Gardner (Bathgate) in the remaining classes, and as a whole they were very favourable received. Mr. D. Maxwell had a runaway victory in the Scotch fancy section; Messrs. D. McFarlane and J. Walls divided honours in the Crested section; Mr. D. Smart led the way in Plainheads; Mr. J. M. Aitken in Borders; Mr. James Ovenstone in Mules or Hybrids; Messrs. Miller and Eddie in British; and Mr. J. McPherson in Foreign. SCOTCH, YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Maxwell, grand team, 1st nice top end decided drive; 2nd good length of side, grand mover. BUFF (7): 1, Niven, Falkirk cup winner, a beauty, hard up on top, fine free action; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Maxwell, 2nd not far behind, nice top end, decided drive, fine wings; 3rd clear, all there for style. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 6, Niven, grand reach, nice top end, fine free action; 2, 3, 4, 5, Maxwell, 2nd grand mover, decided drive; 3rd hardly so big, nice action. PAIRS (4): 1, Niven, clear Yellow cock, Piebald hen, grand pair; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, J. M. Aitken. CREST CK. (5): 1, 4, McFarlane, 1st Green, nice round well-centred crest, not finished yet; 2, Walls, good grizzle crest, fine body; 3, 5, Veitch. HENS: 1, Walls, grand body, nice crest; 2, Miller and Eadie, neat grizzle; 3, 4, Veitch, nice droop. CRESTBRED CK. (10): 1, Walls, clear, fine broad skull, grand lashing; 2, Veitch, fine heavy var.; 3 (no name), grand entrance; 4, 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, McFarlane. HENS (10): 1, 2, McFarlane, 1st grand entrance, good lashing, plenty of size; 3, Walls, very good substance. PAIRS (10): 1, 3, McFarlane, 1st Crestbred cock, grand entrance, plenty of size and feather, Crested hen, well rounded crest, nice centre; 2, Ovenstone, grizzle crest and crestbred hen, very nice couple; 4, 6, Miller and Eadie; 5, Walls. NORWICH YELL. CK. (17): 1, 2, 6, Smart, 1st grizzle, tick on head, fine head and neck, nice even colour; 3, 5, Ovenstone; 4, Miller and Eadie. BUFF (20): 1, 3, 5, Smart, 1st typical bird, grand colour, short flights and tail; 2, Miller and Eadie, nice feather, larger than winner; 4, Scaife; 6, McFarlane. YELL. HENS (15): 1, 5, Smart, Falkirk cup winner, very large, good head and neck, nice round chest; 2, 4, Ovenstone, good size and shape; 3, McFarlane, nice type, smaller; 6, Anderson. BUFF (17): 1, 3, Miller and Eadie, 1st grand body; 2, Smart, not quite the size of winner, better head; 3rd wing marked, fine feather; 4, Ovenstone; 5, McFarlane; 6, Veitch. PAIRS (15): 1, 5, Miller and Eadie, yellow cock and buff hen, former fair good one, fine big hen, grand colour; 2, 3, 6, Ovenstone, 2nd choice buff cock and yellow hen, both teeming in quality and red hot colour; 4, Smart. BORDER, YELL. CK. (15): 1, 4, Wilson, marked wings and head, nice jaunty carriage, not a feather out of place; 2, Reid, another good one; 3, Herd, nicely tapered, good head; 5, Mathie; 6, Aitken. BUFF (18): 1, J. M. Aitken, wing mark, nicely moulded; 2, Reid, correct size; 3, Aitken; 4, 6, Herd; 5, Mathie. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Aitken, like a piece of silk, a beauty, not a feather out of place, grand carriage; 2, 3, Herd, nicely tapered, good feather; 3rd nice head and carriage; 4, Reid; 5, Smart; 6, Veitch. BUFF (18): 1, J. M. Aitken, lovely carriage, fine, drawn out, grand feather; 2, 3, 4, Herd, 2nd nice body, good in feather; 3rd correct shape; 5, Aitken; 6, Reid. PAIRS (16): 1, Herd, tkd. yell. cock buff hen, pair of beauties, well matched; 2, Mathie, buff cock, yellow hen, good in feather, nice carriage; 3, Smart, buff cock, yellow hen, good all-round pair; 4, J. M. Aitken; 5, Reid; 6, Veitch. HYBRID PAIRS (17): 1, Menzies, grand large yellow Plainhead, nice level colour, and Russian Bullfinch hen; 2, 3, Scaife, Greenfinch cock, and Bullfinch hen; 3. Buff Plainhead and Bullfinch hen; 4, Aitken, Goldfinch cock, Greenfinch hen; 5, Ovenstone; 6, Aitken. HYBRID (11): 1, 2, 3, 5, Ovenstone, 1st Canary-Bullie, well-known face, in the pink of condition, very tame; 2nd Greenie-Bullie, our choice for 1st, well put down; 3rd Greenie-Canary, fine level colour; 4, 6, Menzies. LINNET, ETC. (27): 1, Ferguson, nicely pencilled on breast, good colour, very steady; 2, Scaife, Greenfinch, red hot, nice shape; 3, McFarlane, nice Linnet, hardly so large as winner, well pencilled; 4, Ovenstone; 5, 6, Miller and Eadie. A.O.V. HARDBILL (12): 1, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie, 1st nice Siskin, no bib; 2, 3, Ovenstone, hen Bullie, rare size and cap; 3rd Goldfinch, grand blaze, nice cheeks, and tan, good wings and buttons; 5th good Bullfinch. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Miller and Eadie, 1st Greater Spotted Woodpecker, in good order; 2nd Yellow Wagtail, fine colour; 3rd Blackbird, nice one; 4th nice Shore Lark; 6, McPherson. FOREIGN, SMALL (14): 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, McPherson, 1st Combasoo, nice condition, taking exhibit; 2, Reid, Goldfinch, nice markings. BUNTING, ETC.: 1, Ovenstone, Yellowhammer, fine large bird, lovely lacing, good eye markings; 2, 3, 6, Miller and Eadie, 2nd Bramblefinch, good size, dense cap and marking; 3rd Blackheaded Bunting, nice marking.

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QUEENSBURY.

Queensbury Show held on Nov. 9th, under Yorkshire Union Rules, proved a great success. Twenty-four classes were scheduled, the total number of entries being 426 and the number of exhibitors 144. Mr. A. Ambler was the official judge, but in view of the large entry, and the fact of its being only a one day show, and scheduled to open at 1 o'clock, it was decided to engage Mr. T. Bennett as an assistant, a good morning's work being allotted to each. Mr. Ambler judged Classes 1 to 12, Mr Bennett taking 13 to 26, and the awards of both were well received. Some of the cracks were absent, probably being engaged in the run for the Y.C.C. Cup at Sheffield. In the Novice Classes some grand birds were on view, the winners in all classes being of excellent merit. Mr. Jagger is the right man in the right place, and makes an obliging secretary, nothing being too much trouble for him to do. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Myers, Smith, Swaine and Allen, as stewards. In the evening all birds were packed up and sent away by 7.45, so as to reach home on the Saturday night. YORKS. CL. YELL. (16): 1, spl., Shackleton, slim, good type and colour, nice quality, splendid position, well staged; 2, Ogden Bros., nice length and position, good quality; 3, Cooper, long raking bird, nice quality, well up in position; 4, Cruise, grand typ and position; vhc, Bentley; hc, Lingley; c, Bailey, and Swanger. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Drake, grand lengthy bird, nice quality and colour, well carried wings; 2, Shackleton, lovely type, grand position, nice quality; 3, Bailey and Swanger, good colour and quality, typical; 4, Wilcock, shapely, good quality, rattling colour; vhc, Wilson; hc, Haigh and Son, c, Crabtree. TICK. YELL. (13): 1, hc, spl., Cruise, great length, good type, well drawn out, style and position, A1; 2, Mrs. C. M Sunderland, another lengthy one, grand colour and quality; 3, Gibbons, straight as a rush, good length, Sandy Lane and Gt. Horton winner; 4, Bailey and Swanger, very fair length, nice type and quality; vhc, Shackleton; c, Priestley. BUFF (10): 1, hc, spl., Wilcock, tick. wing and head, very long, typical; quality and style; 2, Shackleton, not quite length of winner, but grand type and quality, good position; 3, Walsh, red-hot colour, nice shape, grand style, must have pressed hard; 4, J. Wilson, nice type, good position; vhc, D. Wilson; c, Radley. UNFLI. (17): 1, 4, spl., Bray and Charlesworth, yell. leading, lovely quality and type, nice style, shows well; 4, buff, nice length, good type and quality; 2, vhc, Radley, buff, splendid type and quality, neat and stylish; 3, Elam, good length, nice colour and quality, lovely back and head; hc, Murgatroyd and Son; c, Towers. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Radley, tick wing, grand, slim, nicely drawn, extra good quality and style; 2, 3, spl., Cruise, 2 grand ladies, very much alike, nice length, grand quality and type; 3, perhaps trifle stronger; 4, Wilson, slim, nicely drawn, very neat; vhc, Hollas; hc, Gibbons; c, Wilcock. BUFF (19): 1, spl., Walsh, grand quality, typical and lovely position, nice exhibit; 2, Murgatroyd and Son, grand type, well positioned; 3, Cruise, lengthy and nice type, grand feather, stands up well; 4, Radley, lovely quality; vhc, Towers; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Wilcock. UNEVEN MKD. (14): 1, 4, Bailey and Swanger, yell. leading, grand colour, lovely quality and type, good legs, stands well; 4, buff, good quality, nice size and stylish; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., 2nd grand co'our and quality, neat type, good position; 3, nice length, stands well; vhc, W. H. Shackleton; hc, F. Shackleton, nice quality, length and style; c, Watmuff. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Wilcock, grand length, lovely type and quality, stands well, wins; 2, vhc, spl., Cooper, slim, fine drawn, well up on legs, fair quality; 3, Dobson, nice length and type, nicely feathered; 4, Wharton, nice slim bird, neat wings and tail; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Hirst. BUFF (14): 1, spl., c, Denton, lengthy, typical, good quality in fine trim; 2, Cooper, good substance and type, grand back, lovely colour, close up; 3 Hirst, neat, slim, grand positioned bird of good quality; 4, Shackleton, grand quality and colour; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Elam. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl., Wilcock, neat type, good quality, very clean made, stands well; 2, Dobson, nice shape, well up in position, good quality; 3, Lingley, slim, well-drawn out, nice quality and style; 4, Hall, splendid position, nice shape, splendid quality; vhc, Priestley; hc, Cook and Son; c, Hirst. BUFF (16): 1, Shackleton, very lightly marked, lovely type and quality, grand position; 2, hc, spl., Sutcliffe and Son, very fair length, nice quality, good markings; 3, Blakey, tick wing, grand and typical, good quality and style; 4, Ogden Bros., fairly heavily mkd., neat shape, nice quality; vhc, Hartley; c, Wilcock. A.O.V. (9): 1, Haigh and Son, Yell. Nor., nice type, good substance, grand quality, fine colour; 2, 3, spl., Radley, crested and crestbred in order named, fine and large, plenty substance and feather; 4, Sykes, Foul Green, good length, nice quality and position; vhc, Murgatroyd and Son,; hc, Helliwell; c, Dean. SELL. (41) YELL. YKS. (22): 1, spl., Greenwood; 2, Edmondson; 3, Simpson; 4, A. Jowett; vhc, Lister; hc, W. Jowett; c, Waterworth BUFF (15/-) (25): 1, spl., Tinckler; 2, Smith; 3, Lister; 4, Hall; vhc, Schofield; hc, Hollas; c, Fowle. HEN (12 6) (24): 1, spl., Taylor Bros.; 2, Fowle; 3, Young; 4, Newell; vhc, Hartley; hc, Tomsett; c, Myers. NOVICE CLASSES, LIMIT £4 4s. YORKS. CL. YELL. (20): 1, spl., Myers, nice length, lovely type and quality, grand shoulders, stands well; 2, Greenwood, excellent quality, well drawn out; 3, Smith, grand length, nice quality; 4, Morris and Shackleton, long, well drawn out, good shape; vhc, Maude Bros.; hc, Ackroyd; c, Liley and Rotheray. BUFF (26): 1, spl., Wilson, splendid shape, grand colour and quality, stands well, a good bird; 2, Robertshaw, nice length, good type and position; 3, Jagger and Ackroyd, all there for quality and type; 4, Frankland, good shape and stylish; vhc, Tinckler; hc, Crowther; c, Lodge. TICK. ETC. YELL. (22): 1, spl., Frankland, lovely type and quality, rich colour, splendid position, a gem; 2, Townley, grand length and type, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Drake and Son, slim, neatly drawn, nice quality; 4, Cawthra and Son, grand quality, true type; vhc, Lodge; hc, Firth; c, Mann. BUFF (16): 1, spl., Shaw Bros., good quality and colour, neat shape and style; 2, Townley, slim, good shape and correct style; 3, Fortnam, nice shape, position good, straight; 4, c, Lodge, fine length and stylish; vhc, Townsend; hc, Frankland. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (32): 1, spl., Townsend, grand type and position, excellent quality, full of colour; 2, Taylor Bros., very fair colour, grand length, correct type and style; 3, Miller, cinn. mkd., nice type, grand quality; 4, Pratt, good shape, stylish, grand position; vhc, Hall; hc, Dunn; c, Simpson. BUFF (32): 1, spl., Cawthra and Son, grand quality and type, beautiful wings and tail, stands well; 2, Myers, nice length, good quality, shapely, fine position; 3, Robertshaw, lovely quality and colour, nice type; 4, Drake and Son, very good type, nice length; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Townley; c, Bailey. NOR. CK. (12): 1, spl., Mottram, buff, grand substance, nice colour and quality, typical; 2, Jefferys, another buff, plenty of size, rich colour; 3, Lloyd, yell., nice type, splendid quality; 4, hc, Holmes, buff, grand colour and substance; vhc, Naylor; c, Ball. HEN (10): 1, spl., Mottram, buff, of grand quality, correct type, chubby, nice colour; 2, Naylor, nicely built buff, lovely quality, fine substance; 3, Hammond, uneven mkd. buff, grand thick-set hen, correct shape, nice quality; 4, Robson, beautiful quality, very neat; vhc, Greenwood; hc, J. Holmes; c, Ball.

LUTON.

The second annual show of the Luton and Dis. C.B.S., held Nov. 15, in Corn Exchange, a spacious and well-lighted room, when over 400 birds faced the judges. Mr. Robson took the Canaries and Mr. J. Frostick the Brit. and For. classes. Several of the classes were short of entries, but instead of cancelling these, the committee decided to let them all stand (Aviary class excepted), and give half prize money. There was a good attendance of visitors in the afternoon and evening, and we hope the committee will be able to report a financial success. The committee is certainly to be highly congratulated upon the management, everything working smoothly and the show being well arranged. It consists of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Bennett, chairman, T. A. Reddall, vice-chairman, L. Titmus, treasurer, H. Cooper, J Ward, F. J. Webb, Parkins, Horwood, Dullingham, Letchfield, and Aldridge. Mr. C. Cherry makes a thoroughly capable secretary, one ever courteous and obliging to all.

Open Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Irons, good colour, excellent quality, nice short wings and tail, good sweep of chest; 2, Dring, smart bird of nice quality, good body properties; 3, 4, Hodder, two very big birds of good type, excellent carriage, close up; vhc, Rennie. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Irons, full of bloom, rare type, sound in colour throughout; 2, 4, Cooper, 2nd excellent orange Buff, good head, wings and tail, fine shape; 4th, fine big bird, nicely mealed; 3, vhc, Hodder, 3rd nice cobby bird, fine head and chest, good style; vhc, hc, Dring; c, Kilby. TKD, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Irons, 1st grand Yell., mkd. head and wings, excels in type, colour and quality of feather; 2nd, grizzle Buff, in prime condition, well made throughout; 3, Rennie, smart Yell., mkd. head, typical, full of quality; 4, Cooper, tkd. Yell., full of bloom, fine shape, size smaller; vhc, Kirk; hc, Hodder, grand stamp of bird; c, Felce. UNFLI. (10), excellent class: 1, spl, Irons, grandly made Buff, rare substance, typical throughout, teeming with quality; 2, Kilby, equally good Yell., in rare fettle, quality A1; 3, Rennie, smart Buff, well made, full of quality; 4, Cooper, excellent Buff, beautifully mealed; vhc, hc, Hodder; c, Fennell. YORKS CL. YELL (2): No 1st and 2nd prizes; 3, Rennie, nice quality, well drawn, good colour; 3, Hodder, nice and slim, well feathered. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, Burton, typical stand, very nice head, wings and tail, correct length, 2nd similar, rich colour; 3, hc, Broome, long one, with rare pair of legs, stylish and well built. TKD, ETC. (7): 1, 2 spls, Warr, tkd. Yell. of correct length, excels in colour and position; 2, Hodder, similar bird, grand type, full of bloom; 3, Sweetman, very long, beaten only in quality; 4, Broome, well made, nice one; vhc, hc, Linsey. UNFLI. (6): 1, spl, Hodder, typical Buff, tight as a Java, excellent position, well braced; 2, Sweetman, long Yell., well drawn, good type; 3, Rennie, very fine Buff, true Yorkie properties, close up; 4, Warr, mkd. Yell., good type; vhc, hc, Linsey. CRESTS (7): 1, 2 spls, Mrs. Hayson, Green, very fine large Crest, good frontal and centre, abundance of body feather; 2, Mitchell, not far behind, very good bird, with nicely made crest; 3, 4, vhc, Mrs. Galloway, 3rd well formed, fairly large crest; 4th clear, charming crest, lively quality; hc, Morris; c, Mitchell. CREST-BRED (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Hayesom, big Green, well browned, abundance of body feather; 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Galloway; 2nd, excellent broad head, nicely browed, rare stock bird; 3rd, another good headed bird, not far behind; 4, Bell, good skull, well browed; hc, Morris. VAR. (4): 1, spl, hc, Ingram, very nice Cinn., little more Nor. type in it would comp'ete lovely bird; 2, Andrews, pretty Bord. Yell in prime condition; 3, no name, nice green Nor. CAN. MULES (10): 1, spl., hc, c, Andrews, very smart Buff Goldfinch, tkd. eyes, otherwise clear, shown in faultless condition; 2, vhc, Lees, light mkd. Linnet, very choice specimen; vhc, very good one; 3, Morton, dark Linnet, very rich colour; 4, Gunnel, Siskin, in grand condition. HYBRIDS (7): 1, Ward, choice Linnet-Bullie, rare size, colour and condition; 2, hc, Andrews, very fine Goldfinch-Bullie, excellent blaze, good colour; 3, Gunnell, rare Redpoll-Greenfinch, rich plumage; 4, vhc, Pitchford; c, Miss Thomas. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, Mitchell, 1st nice square blaze, good body colour; 2nd very smart, clean Finch, brilliant blaze, nicely mooned; 3, Andrews, very fine, large bird, good blaze and colour, close up, hardly so steady; 4, Mays, smart one, in excellent condition; vhc, Harris. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Anderson, very fine bird, good colour, well defined cap; 4, Andrews, nice size, beaten only in breast colour; vhc (no name), good one, not so well staged. HARDBILL (8): 1, spl., Withers, excellent Hawfinch, rich plumage, fine condition; 2, 4, Mays, very smart Bramble, grand rich colour, well shown; 4, Hawfinch, full of bloom; 3, vhc, Andrews, bonny Siskin, beautifully laced, good cap; hc, Carnt. SMALL INSECTIV. (5): 1, spl., Withers, smart Whitethroat, in prime condition; 2, Miss Hopwood, very nice Warbler; 3, Warren-Vernon, rich-coloured Stone-Chat. LARGE (2): 3, spl., Dell, well-spotted Thrush. COCKATOO, ETC. (5): 1, spl., Cooper, well known Blue Bonnets; 2, Miss Gordon, Ceram Lory, lovely colour and condition; 3, Howe, King Parrot, in fine trim. SEEDEATERS (20): Wonderful class containing choice specimens; 1, spl, Mrs. Warren-Vernon, really superb pair of Queen Whydahs; 2, hc, Mrs. Galloway, Black-faced Serin, rare bloom; 3, vhc, Howe; 3, excellent Paradise Whydah; 4, Timacus, excellent pair Diamond Sparrows; c, Millsum. WAXBILLS (14): 1, spl., Howe, Violet-eared Waxbills, superb colour; 2, Miss E. M. Galloway, pair of Dufresne Waxbills, in excellent condition; 3, Miss E. C. Galloway, choice Blue-breasted Waxbills; 4, Meadows, handsome pair of Lavender Finches; vhc, Warren-Vernon; hc, Meadows; c, Heavers. INSECTIV., ETC. (16): Another wonderful class; 1, spl., De Von, King-bird of Paradise, in gorgeous plumage, very much admired, takes guinea spl. for best Foreign in show; 2, 3, Mrs. Warren-Vernon, Bronze-headed Troupial, in brilliant plumage, and very rare pair of Sibias; 4, hc, Millsum, grand Blue Tanager; vhc, Miss Harper; c, Miss Gordon.

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OLD SHILDON WORKMEN'S CLUB AND INSTITUTE.

First annual exhibition of Canaries and British held November 9th in the Club Buildings. Messrs. Grey Bros. officiated as judges, and complimented the members on the splendid collection of exhibits. Entries numbered 84. MEMBERS' (19): 1, spl., 2 ex. spl. for best in show (the Pike Pease bowl winner at Darlington), J. Cuthbertson; 2, Mackrall; 3, Richardson; 4, Orton; 5, Ridley; 6, Webb, 7, Waines; 8, Bradley; 9, Hughes; 10, Harrison; 11, Boddy; 12, Livesay; 13, Anderson; 14, Young; 15, Longstaff; 16, Ainsworth; 17, McNaughton; 18, Dodston; 19, Dunn. OPEN, CLASS 1 (19): 1, Holmes; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Ridley; vhc, hc, Parnaby; c, Hunter. CLASS 2: 1, spl., ex. spl., Orton; 2, Webb; 3, Livesay; vhc, hc, Wheatley; c, Shipton. CLASS 3, A.O.V. (except For.): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Smurthwaite; vhc, hc, Sykes; c, Ainsworth. CLASS 4 (19): 1, spl., ex. spl., Foster; 2, Hughes 3, Heslop; vhc, Parnaby; hc, Bowes; c, Dunn.—THOS. BODDY, sec.

MONTROSE.

The Montrose C.B.S. held a highly successful Annual Show in the Corn Exchange, Hume Street, 9th Nov. This building is admirably adapted for such an exhibition, being high in roof and well-lighted. The staging was also very good, and fanciers had a splendid opportunity of seeing them without handling. We were sorry to hear that the entries were somewhat back from last year. Mr. John Clark, the Secretary, had everything in perfect order and managed to pull together close upon 200 entries. He was backed up by a hard working committee. Mr. W. B. Mackie, Aberdeen, judged Nor., and Mr. James F. Dewar, Edinburgh, Mules, Brit., and For., and their awards gave all-round satisfaction. YELL. COCK (8): 1, Forrest, red hot colour, full of quality, nice wing carriage, good head and neck; 2, Jamieson, another hot fed one of good quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Lawrie, good colour, not quite so good shape; 4, Stephen, some preferred, rattling good type, rare chest, A1 colour, fine head and neck; 5, Lyall; 6, Harris; 7, Marr. BUFF CK. (7): 1, McFarlane, one of the right type, rare head and neck, grand wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, Stephen, nice type, good colour and quality; 3, Garden, well up in size, nice fronted bird, best of colour and quality; 4, McLaw, very sweet; 5, Turnbull; 6, Duffers. VAR. ETC. YELL. COCK (8): 1, Harris, good shape, nice feather, well up in quality; 2, Marr, grand type, best of colour, nice head, will improve yet; 3, Dunn, good size and colour; 4, Scott, not a bad one, hardly finished; 5, Strachan; 6, McFarlane; 7, Malloch. BUFF (11): 1, Bishop, grand size, nicely mkd., good all-round bird, wins; 2, Strachan, another good one, teeming with quality, rare colour, well turned out; 3, Garden, almost a green, good front, well up in size; 4, Harris, teeming with quality, well placed wings and tail; 5, Stephen; 6, Marr; 7, Roberts. CL. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Harris, best of colour and quality, not a bad hen; 2, Forrest, another grand coloured one, very fair substance; 3, McFarlane, good stamp, rare head and neck, nicely carried wings; 5, Souter; 6, Ritchie; 7, Jamieson. BUFF (10): 1, McFarlane, one of the right type, looking a little soft to-day, closely followed by 2, Thomson, not quite so large as winner, but well proportioned, A1 feather, shining like glass, best of wings and tail, very sweet; 3, Aikenhead, very nice type; 4, Thomson, very sweet hen, perfect wing carriage; 5, Jaffrey; 6, Duffers; 7, Wilson. VAR. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Bishop, rich level colour, splendid type, good head and neck, closely followed by 2, Milne, one of the right build, tip-top colour, very fair in quality; 3, Crosbie, very smart; 4, McLean; 5, Gove; 6, Strachan; 7, Garden. BUFF (9): 1, Harris, correct type, stylish and best of colour and quality; 2, Garden, nice level colour throughout, good substance, best of quality, nice short wings and tail; 3, 7, Kemlo, former excels in quality and type; 4, Gove; 5, Porter; 6, Souter. NAT. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Piric, rich colour, well up in size, splendid quality, good head and neck; 2, Hampton, presses winner closely, not much to choose between; 3, Mitchell, chubby, good quality; 4, Roberts; 5, Davidson; 6, Hay; 7, Smith. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Porter, best of type, well up for size, nicely staged; 2, 6, Roberts, former teeming with quality, nice size; 3, Whyte, nice quality; 4, Smith; 5, Dunn. NAT. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Smith, in the pink of condition, well put down; 2, Harris, true Nor., grand chest, good head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Lyall, well balanced hen and nicely staged; 4, Strachan; 5, Grosbie; 6, Malcolm son; 7, Whyte. BUFF (10): 1, Gove, A1 shape, excellent quality, turned out in tip top condition; 2, Smith, another good one; 3, Duffers, good type and teeming with quality; 4, Scott; 6, Roberts; 7 Hampton. UNFLI. CK. (18): 1, Warden, rattling good colour, best of quality; 2, Mitchell, another hot fed one of good type; 3, Pirie, good quality; 4, Burris; 5, Malcolmson; 6, 7, Garden. HEN (16): 1, Malcolmson, clinking good hen, closely followed by 2, Garden, best of type and colour, perfect wing carriage, well staged; 3, Mitchell, very sweet hen of the right stamp; 4, Thomson, 6, Jaffrey; 6, Dunn; 7, Harris. SELL. (15/-): 1, Jaffrey, very cheap one; 2, 7, Bowman; 3, Ritchie, 4, Mitchell; 5, Davidson; 6, Warden. MULES, ETC. HYBRID (7): 1, McFarlane, wins with a nice Goldie-Canary in beautiful conditions, staged to perfection; 2, Bald, dark Goldie Mule, well up in size and colour, 3, 5, Watson; 3, Linnet-Bullie, nicely turned out; 5, Goldie-Canary, rare colour; 4, Kemlo; 6, Warden; 7, Milne. GOLDFINCHES (7): 1, Dunbar, of good size, nicely cut, square blaze, best of mooning, rich colour; 2, Warden, very rich colour, good blaze, not a bad one; 3, Smith, nice square cut blaze, good buttons; 4, Anderson and Ewen, another large one, grand colour, well put down; 5, Wilson and Campbell; 6 7, Hutton. BULLFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 4, Warden, almost a clean sweep, winner very rich coloured breast,, nice cap and wing bars, steady as a rock; 2, not quite so rich in colour, good shape, very steady; 3, Black, excellent feather, cap and bars; 5, Whyte; 6, Wilkinson; 7, Colville and Forsyth. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Bald, grand size and colour, best of condition, wins; 2, Smith, well up in size and colour; 3, Sharp, real good one; 4, Warden, 5, Brannan; 6, Mitchell; 7, Milne. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Ramsay, two good Linnets, winner nice tone of colour, finely pencilled, well put down; 2, McFarlane, rather darker in colour, very well up in size; 4, Wilson; 5, Farquhar; 6, Wilkinson; 7, Davidson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Byers, grand size, good dense cap, A1 colour and nice wings; 2, Cobb, tip top colour, nicely staged; 3, Brown; 4, Ferrier; 5, Russel; 6, Dunbar; 7, Davidson. VAR. BRIT. (6): 1, Mitchell nice Bramblefinch; 2, Dunbar, Hawfinch; 3, Watson; 4, Cumming; 5, Anderson and Ewen. FOR. (21): 1, 4, Watson, 1, Longtailed Whydah, in perfect plumage, beautifully put down; 4, a gem of a Nonprill, staged to perfection; 2, Irvine, green Cardinal, in perfect plumage; 3, Gowan, Whydah, 5, 6, 7, Scott. SELL. (5/-) (12): 1, Warden, yell. cock, soon found a new owner; 2, Kemlo, var., make a good stock bird; 3, Colville and Son, 4, Lumgair; 5, Hampton; 6, Colville and Forsyth; 7, Milne.

EVESHAM.

Annual show held Nov. 13, in connection with the Evesham Chrysanthemum Society, in the Town Hall. It was a great success, and the surroundings of beautiful blooms helped to make a most pleasing exhibition. We think if the Executive would widen their classifications, even greater success would certainly follow. The Yorkshires were staged in too low a position, but with this exception everything was admirably arranged and managed, reflecting great credit on the secretary, Mr. G. Witts, and all concerned. Mr. Poole judged; there was no grumbling at his decisions. NOR.: 1, 2, Houghton, nice cobby var. buff, good head and neck, grand front and sheen, in fine bloom; 2nd another var., good bird, nice substance; 3, vhc, Lewin, nice quality buff, good head and back, scarcely so cobby as leaders; vhc, Hall; hc, Moore; c, Rowland. YORKS: 1, Maisey, buff, good size, quality, and position; 2, Fallows, tick yell., nice lengthy bird, good stand, fine quality; 3, Paddock, tick buff, good lengthy bird, full of quality, excellent position; vhc, Bishop; hc, c, Churchill. A.O.V: 1, Moore, green Crest, very nice exhibit, good radiation and droop, rich veiny feather, wins easily; 2, Midwinter, buff Crestbred, good size and feather, nicely lashed; 3, Bishop, green, fine body, fair sized Crest, of good droop; extra 3, Hall, yell. cinn., good sound colour, nice head and neck, excellent quality; vhc, hc, c, Roylance. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, Baseley, splendid cobby Bullfinch, with good cap and breast, very steady; 2, Witts, shapely steady Goldfinch, not yet up in colour; 3, Wilton, another good Bullie, nice colour and shape. CANARY (6 miles' radius): 1, Sadler, var. buff Crestbred, good size and substance; 2, Burlingham, yell, non-fed Nor., nice type and size; 3, Eccles, gold Lizard, good quality, very well spangled; vhc, Sadler; hc, Andrews; c, Haines.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON.

This society held its annual members' show at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, on November 9th. Entries were 50 more than last year, and this notwithstanding that the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Lilley, stuck tenaciously to a fixed date for closing. There were 210 entries, and this number taxed the capacity of the show room to its utmost. The light was good, and the arrangements wholly satisfactory; but this is not to be wondered at, seeing that "the man at the helm," Mr. W. Lilley, has had many years' experience in the Fancy, and knows how to preserve a smiling face to cover a stern and practical will. The show committee, who ably assisted Mr. Lilley were: Messrs. Harris, Graham, Mabey, Miller, M'Laughlin, Burgess, and Prout, and each and all of these showed their interest in a practical way. The increase in entries was made up chiefly in the amateur and novice sections, a cheering sign of the times, for it is here that the Fancy looks to find its men of the future. Brit., too, showed an increase. The British bird fancy is on the up-grade, and the South-West London Society is no exception to the general rule. A large number of fanciers visited the show. Amongst other points of interest was Mr. Mabey's strong team of Yorks, with which he accomplished the creditable feat of winning the Yorkshire cup outright with 152 points. In the Plainhead section Mr. Boydon fought Mr. Miles and others successfully, and annexed the cup with 68 points, although he had something to do to accomplish the win. Mr. Miles sending a rattling team. In Crests and Crestbreds, our old-time friend, Mr. W. Lilley, won Mr. Grant's cup outright in the champion section, and the win was a decidedly popular one. Mr. Mason came a good second, securing "Ally Sloper's" watch. Mr. Mason's team was a credit to him. In the amateur and novice classes, Mr. Palmer won the quilt given by Mr. Lilley for most points in Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. Gale taking Mr. Harris's silver medal. Mr. Vale won the spl. for most points in Brit. classes. He is an old and accomplished fancier of British, and staged a rattling fine team in his accustomed style. Mr. McLaughlin also won a spl. for British. Mr. J. Robson judged. The other class special winners appear in the prize list. It may be said with truth that in most cases the competition was keen. CHAMPION CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Miles; 2, spl., Boydon; 4, Brownlie; vhc, Harris. YELL. MKD., ETC., CL. (4): 1, 2 spls., 3, 4, Boydon; 2, Miles. CL. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Miles; 2, 3, Boydon; 4, Harris; vhc, Brownlie. TKD. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 3, Boydon; 2, Harris; 4, c, Brownlie; vhc, hc, Miles. HENS (8): 1, 2, Boydon; 3, 4, Miles; vhc, Easterling; hc, Brownlie; c, Harris. UNFLI. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl., Boyden; 2, spl., 3, Brownlie; 4, Miles; vhc, Easterling. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Brownlie; 3, Miles. HENS UNFLI. (4): 1, Brownlie. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl., 3, 4, Mabey; 2, Easterling. TKD., ETC., YELL. CKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mabey. CL. BUFF CKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mabey. TKD., ETG., BUFF CKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Mabey; 4, Easterling. HENS (4): 1, 3, 4, Mabey; 2, Easterling. YELL. UNFLI. CKS. (5): 1, 2 spls, 2, 3, Mabey; he, Mabey. BUFF (4): 1, spl., 2, Mabey; 4, Easterling. HENS, UNFLI. (4): 1, spl., 2, 3, Mabey; 4, Easterling. CRESTED CKS. (5): 1, spl., 4, Mason; 2, 3, vhc, Lilley. HENS (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lilley; 4, Mason. CREST B. CKS. (6): 1, 2, Mason; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Lilley. HENS (2): 1, 2, Lilley. AMATEUR AND NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CL. YELL. CKS. (3): 1, 2 spls., Burgess; 2, Graham; 3, Thomas. YELL. TKD., ETC., CKS.: 1, Burgess. CL. BUFF CKS. (4): 1, Burgess; 2, Graham; 3, Palmer; 4, Thomas. YELL. UNFLI. CKS. (2): 1, Thomas; 2, Burgess. BUFF (6): 1, Graham; 2, Burgess; 3, Thomas; 4, Palmer; vhc, Slade. HENS, UNFLI. (3): 1, spl., Thomas; 2, Graham; 3, Burgess. YORKS. CL. YELL. CKS. (3): 1, Peek; 2, Graham; 3, Wall. YELL. TKD., ETC., CKS. (7): 1, spl., McLaughlin; 2, Gibson; 3, c, Wall; 4, vhc, Slade; hc, Cutting. CL. BUFF CKS. (3): 1, 3, Prout; 2, Ralph. BUFF TKD., ETC., CKS. (3): 1, Slade; 2, Pocock. HENS (11): 1, spl, Pocock; 2, 3, Wall; 4, M'Laughlin; vhc, Ralph; hc, c, Peek. UNFLI. YELL. CKS. (7): 1, M'Laughlin; 2, Peck; 3, Wall; 4, vhc, Slade; hc, Gibson; c, Prout. BUFF (5): 1, 2 spls., Wall; 2, M'Laughlin; 3, Graham. UNFLI. HENS (10): 1, 4, Peck; 2, Ralph; 3, c, Miller; vhc, hc, Slade. GUESTS (6): 1, vhc, Gale; 2, 3, Palmer; 4, Slade. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Gale; 2, 4, Palmer; 3, vhc, hc, Slade. A.O.V. (2): 1, spl., Pocock; 2, Lilley. SELL. (9): 1, 2, Mabey; 3, Wall; 4, Ralph; vhc, Thomas; hc, Palmer; c, Slade. BRIT., ETC., GOLDFINCHES (6): 1, 2 spls., Wall; 2, Cutting; 3, Vale; 4, Slade; vhc, M'Laughlin; hc, Burgess. BULLFINCHES (2): 1, Wall. LINNETS (4): 1, spl., Vale; 2, Slade; 3, M'Laughlin; 4, Pocock. BRAMBLINGS, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Vale; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Slade. A.O.V. S.E. (3): 1, spl., Vale; 2, Cutting; 3, M'Laughlin. HYBRIDS: 1, spl., Cutting; 2, Vale. MULES, LIGHT (2): 1, Vale; 2, Cutting. SOFTBILLS (2): 1, spl., Vale; 2, Cutting.

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Annual Show will be held in Co-operative Hall, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Under the patronage of S P.C. and the B.F.C. Judges: **Messrs. Adamson, Craig, Strachan, McLauchlan, Patterson and Stark.**

Splendid Classification and heaps of Specials. Schedules ready from—

JAS. KERR, 6, ST. CATHERINE'S ROAD, PERTH.

LAUNCESTON (CORNWALL)

under C. B. U. License. **26th. Nov.** 14 open classes. Judge, T. D. Deeble, Esq., naturalist, Plymouth. **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entries very short. Fanciers, please help **F. BRIGHT, Hon. Sec.** Accept to Monday's post.

DOVER Open to Kent. 39 Classes C.B. **Nov. 26 & 27.** Ent. ext. 18th. **HORREX, Cherrytree Av.**

BANBURY November 26th & 27th.

Owing to shortness of entries we have been compelled to **EXTEND ENTRIES to MONDAY'S POST, Nov. 18th.** Now, Fanciers, send us good entries, and don't let our 10th Annual Show be a failure. Prize money guaranteed, and specials to all classes. Apply for Schedule at once. **Hazlewood and Nelson, 63, Causeway, Banbury, Oxon.**

DUNBAR 4th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons and CAGE-BIRDS NOV. 27. Judges: Poultry, J. L. Shankland; Variety Pigeons, D. Blair; Magpies, A. J. Currie; Homers, W. Crabbe; Scotch Fancy, A. Melrose; Border Fancy, H. Bennett. ENTRIES CLOSE NOV. 18. Schedules, JNO R. M'INTOSH.

DERBY

GRAND JUBILEE SHOW
NOVEMBER 26th and 27th, 1907.

Affiliated to the C.B.U. Judges—Messrs. Bexson, Roe, Robson and Scotheen. Under the patronage of the Yorkshire G.C.A., Yorkshire C.C., Cinnamon C.C., Crested C.C. and N.B.B. and Mule Club. 50 Classes. Entries close November 20th. Schedules now ready.
W. H. BAMSEY (Binns & Co.), **Market Pl., Derby.**

CAMBRIDGE

NOVEMBER, 27th & 28th.
GOOD CLASSIFICATION. LIBERAL SPECIALS.
Judges: Canaries and British, G. GARDNER, Esq. (G.G.); Foreign, H. T. T. CAMPS, Esq. (F.Z.S).
Foreign Birds—**ONE DAY ONLY—Nov. 27th.**
ENTRIES EXTENDED TO NOV. 19th.
W. DRIVER, Sec., 17, SUSSEX ST.

CARDIFF

C. B. U. S. Y. C. C.
Nov. 27th and 28th.

Please remember that entries for the Eleventh Annual Show close next Wednesday. If you have not received Schedule, apply at once. See this week's review,
W. Sampson, Langland House, Llanishen Street.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED

Under C.B.U. Rules.

Grand Open Show in Corn Exchange, on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.** 28 open classes. Under the patronage of the Border Fancy Club, English and Welsh Border Fancy Club, and Border Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club. Judges: Mr. W. Bell, Jedburgh; and Mr. R. S. Berwick, Chester-le-Street. Entries close Nov 22. The finest centre for International competition. Schedules **Smart & Hay**, 36, Main Road, Tweedmouth.

WOOLWICH

FANCIERS' SOCIETY. ANNUAL OPEN SHOW
of P., P., R., C. & C.B., 28th & 29th Nov. (cats 29th only).
DRILL HALL, Beresford Street, WOOLWICH.
Prize money guaranteed Extensive classification. Judges: Poultry, Messrs. W. H. Cook, F. W. Ashby, R. J. F. Nalsh, E. Denyer and W. H. Weaver; Pigeons, Messrs. G. A. Pelling, J. Barnard and A. Houghton; Rabbits and Cage Birds, G. Gardner, Esq.; Cats, The Lady Decies, Mrs. Balding and Sir Claud Alexander. Entries close 19th Nov. Schedules from **Chas. D. Reed, "Penta," Burcharbro' Road, Abbey Wood, Kent.**

JARROW

& District C.B. Fan. Soc.

First Annual Open Show of all Cage Birds (under C.B.U. rules), NOV. 29 & 30. Judges, J. H. Payne, Gloucester; open classes; R. Bewick, Chester-le-street, open selling classes and members. Prize money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-, Ent. fee 1/6. Cash spl. every class, 1 to 39, also additional spls.; medal by J. Sandiford for best clrd. bird fed on Royal Red Feed; C.B. coupon scheme; Hyde's spl.; the N.C.C. will give 3 mdls., 2 for yng. classes, 1 best any age. Entries close Nov. 25. **T. CARRICK, 44, Caledonian Rd., Jarrow.**

TAMWORTH

Cage Bird Soc. First Annual Show **Nov. 30th**, Collage Lane School. 14 miles radius. Judge, J. H. Roe Esq., Sec., **J. E. Brown**, Crown Cottages, Wilnecote.

WHARTON

WINSFORD & DIS. F.S. 3rd Annual O.S.
of P. Pgs. R. and C. B. on **Sat. Nov. 30th.** Judges, T. R. Kemp, H. A. Moore, H. Tams. R. Such will give Special value 5/- for best C. B. in show. Schedules and entry forms, **Hon. Sec. R. OLLIER, 363, High St, Winsford.**

EARLSTON

N.B. Pon., Pig., and C.B. Show will be held on November 30th. Judges, Border Fancy Canaries, W. C. Duncan, Esq., Coldstream; British Birds and Norwich, J. Goodfellow, Esq., Edinburgh. Entries Close Nov. 25th. Schedules from J. Brockie 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.

LITTLEBORO'

ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.

Lancashires, Yorkshires and Norwich P. Heads. C.B.U. Rules. Good classifications. Prize money, 22/- for 1/6 Entry. **November 30.** Schedules from J. R. Crossley, Sec., 28, Todmorden Road, Littleborough.

CASTLE DOUGLAS

OPEN SNOW, NOVEMBER 30th.
Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Judges—Poultry, W. Bentley, Timinets Honey, Huddersfield; Pigeons, A. J. Gladwin, Nottingham; Cage Birds, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. **Entries close 13rd November.** Schedules ready. **J. C. BURNIE, Sec., 262, King Street, Castle Douglas.**

DARLINGTON

Cage Bird Society

Will hold their **3rd Grand Open Show on Sat., Nov. 30th.** Under C.B.U. Rules. 46 Classes. 35 Open, 11 Members, 4 Money Prizes and Specials every class. **1/- Entry Fee 1/- Prompt Payment of Prize Money.** Specialist Judges—Canaries, J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. Mules, British, &c., J. Walsh, Esq., Blackburn. **The "Champion" one-day show of the North.** Don't miss it. Get a schedule, now ready. Note, change of address from Nov. 1st, **E. BRUNSKILL**, Hon. Sec., **50, Easson Rd., Darlington.**

ASHINGTON

& Hirst C.B.S. will hold their Second Annual Open Show of Canaries, British and Foreign (C.B.U. Rules) in Harmonie Hall, Ashington, on **Nov. 30th.** 28 classes. No cancelling. Prize money paid to exhibitors on the day of the show. Judge: J. Robson, of London. Schedules—**J. MILES, 9, Park Road, Ashington.** Entries close November 23rd.

BRACKLEY Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats & Cage-Birds. Dec. 3rd. Judges: Harrison, Calcutt & Poole. Entries Close Nov. 25th. Schedules from **W. G. Pollard, Hon. Sec.**

ROTHESAY (Buteshire) U.F.S. 7th An. Show. **Dec. 4.** Ents. close Nov. 27. Cagebirds, &c. Schedules from—
J. McCRONE, Lilly Oak Terrace, Rothesay.

TAVISTOCK, DEVON.

Eleventh Annual Open and Local Poul., Pig., C.B., Rab., Cats, and Cavies, Limit, Open £10, Local £2, December 4th, Popular Judges. £110 and Specials.—A. R. GLANVILLE, Hon. Sec., 12, **Abbey Mead, Tavistock.**

BRISTOL

December 4th & 5th.
Affiliated C.B.U.

Patronage and support of Crested C.C., Lancs. and Lizard F.A., and Cinnamon C.C. Judges:—Messrs. T. Heath and J. H. Payne. **67 Classes.** Challenge Cups value **£60.** Specials value **£15.** Exhibitors, please note:—

1. The 17th Annual Show of a Society with the highest reputation.
2. The only Cage Bird Show held in the Rifle Drill Hall, Queen's Road, Bristol.
3. No hall in the Kingdom better lighted or more free from draught.
4. Practically all our Cups and Specials are **not** confined to members, but **OPEN TO ALL.**

Entries close November 20th.
G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec., 9, TRINITY STREET, NEWTOWN, BRISTOL.

OAKHAM

(£5 LIMIT). Not a single entry! Fanciers, rally round and give us a bumping entry. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds, **Thursday, December 5th, 1907.** Novices, now's your chance! Entries close Nov. 25th. For Schedules apply—**Needham & Hibbitt, Secs., King's Head, OAKHAM.**

L.C.B.A.

19th ANNUAL EXHIBITION,
Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Dec. 6 & 7, 1907
(Under C.B.U. Rules)
The most Extended Classification. Good Prize Money. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Abundant List of Specials.

SOCIETIES' CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

The Roller and N.B.B. & M. Clubs' Shows in conjunction and under following Specialist Clubs' support:—S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., Yorks C.C. (Cup Competition), L. & L.F.A. (Lizards), E. & W. and Border Fancy, C.C.C. and F.B.C. Schedules will be sent only to exhibitors at the last L.C.B.A. and Crystal Palace Shows. All others please apply to—**TYSON & WADE, 169, Sloane Street, London.**

BELFAST

Ulster Ornithological Association's 15th Annual Show will be held on
DECEMBER 6 and 7 (Open to Ireland only).
47 classes for Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, Hybrids, Mules & British Birds. Judges: Mr W. Thornton (Edinburgh) and Mr. A. Willings (Prescot). **Prize Money, 20/- per class and numerous Specials. Entries close NOVEMBER 30th, 1907.**
ROBERT TRIMBLE, Secretary, 11, Waring Street, BELFAST.

CUPAR

FIFE, N.B.

20th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in Corn Exchange on DECEMBER 7th, 1907.

Judges: Scotch Fancy Canaries, Messrs. E. G. Wright (Edinburgh), and C. Berwick (St. Andrews); Norwich and Variety Classes, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Border Fancies, Henry Bennet (Kelso); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr). 48 Classes. 80 specials. Entries close December 2nd. Schedules now ready—
WILLIAM RUDDIMAN, Secretary, Hillbank, CUPAR, FIFE.

KILMARNOCK

Ornithological Cage Bird Society. **"CAGE BIRDS' PRIZE SCHEME."** Great Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Crest, Norwich, Borders, Mules, British & Foreign Birds.

Dec. 7th, 1907. ART GALLERY HALLS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK. Under the Patronage of Scottish Plainhead, Border Fancy, British Bird & Mule Clubs. **"CREST CLUB SHOW" will be held in conjunction. Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class.** Cups. Gold Medals. 126 Valuable Specials. 68 Classes. Schedules now ready.
Secy., Wm. Watson, 49, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock.

KELSO, N.B.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Cats.
DECEMBER 4th,
Judges: Messrs. T. P. Gordon, T. Preacher, J. W. Bruce.
Exhibitors at Kelso (1906), Selkirk, Haddington, Galashiels, Border and Scottish Plainhead Lists (1907), will receive Schedules, others please apply—
T. O. BENNET, 63, Roxburgh Street.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.
(Affiliated C.B.U.)

Open Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds on December 4th. Judge, Mr. H. W Battye. ENTRIES CLOSE November 27th. **H. C. Wilkins, Hon. Sec., 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.**

KING'S LYNN

OPEN SHOW

£5 Limit. **Dec. 4th.** 102 classes. Under C.B.U. rules. 110 specials and cups. P. Pgs., Bs., Os., Cage Birds. Judges: F. Jackson, S. B. Wallis, J. Mackley. Write for Schedules. Entries close Nov. 28th, **S. W. Hawk, Hon. Sec, London Road, King's Lynn,**

SIDMOUTH.

December 5th. 17 Open Classes. C.B.U. Licence. Canaries, Mules, British. Judge: Mr. Payne. Entries close November 26th. **F. FARRANT, Sec.**

HAVERFORDWEST

DECEMBER 5th, 1907.
Affiliated to C.B.U.). **Thirteenth Annual Show. of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies.** Judges: Poultry, W. T. ATTWELL, Esq.; Pigeons,—HILL, Esq.; Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies, T. J. AMBROSE, Esq. Hon. Secs., **Phillips** and **Williams.**

ABERDEEN

ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
December 6th and 7th, 1907.

The best classification in Scotland, no cancelling or amalgamation. Abundant list of excellent Specials, and under the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club. Entries close 2nd Dec. Schedules from **W. B MACKIE, 85, Fonthill Road.**

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

(C.B.U. Rules.)
Tenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds,
On Friday & Saturday, December 6th. & 7th.
Good Classification. Prize money guaranteed, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/-. Special for every class. Judges—J. Bexon, Esq., Derby; W. Vardy, Esq., Hucknall Huthwaite. Schedule ready, apply **J. C. NAYES**, Secretary, **9, Florence Road, Masbro.**

WIGAN

SHOW
of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds (under C.B.U. Rules).
In the Old Court Hall, King Street, on **Friday** and **Saturday, December 6th** and **7th, 1907.** Judge, R. Trengove. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Schedules now ready. **W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec., 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

CARLISLE & Dist. C.B.U.

December 6th and 7th.

Thirty-second Annual Open Show (Cage Birds only). 54 Classes, Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Judges, Mr. J. Thomson and Mr. Parker Robinson, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Entries close Dec. 2nd. Schedules apply **W. THOMAS, 23, Petterll St., Carlisle.**

DON'T FORGET

FORRES

21st Annual Show
Of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams,
WILL BE HELD ON
Sat., Dec. 7th, 1907. Popular judges.
Schedules from **Wm. CUMMING, 4, Nicholson Pl., Forres.**

SANQUHAR

Public Hall, **Dec. 7th, 1907.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits. Judges, C. Sneddon, Kirkham, Lancashire, and Henry Maldment, Low Row, Carlisle (for Poultry). Alex. Crawford, Beith, for Pigeons, and John Calderwood, Dumfries, for C. B. **Wm. MOFFAT, 15, Buccleuch Rd., SANQUHAR.**

ILKESTON

and District OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW. (under C.B.U. Rules).
December 7th & 9th, 1907.

44 Classes. Grand Classification. No cancelling or Amalgamation of Classes. Numerous Valuable Specials. Judges: Messrs. R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton and J. H. Roe. Entries close Dec. 2nd. For Schedules apply—
THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, ILKESTON.

READING

and District Cage Bird Society.

Annual Thirty-mile Radius and Members' Show of Cage Birds (comprising Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). **Palmer Hall, West St., Reading. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.** Entry Fee (non-members) 1/6 30 Classes. Record quantity Special Prizes (really worth having). Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Entries close Dec. 4th, none accepted later than Dec. 6th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/- and 2/6, guaranteed. For Schedules apply—
C. A. CHARLES, 4, TALFOURD AVENUE, READING.

CHESTER SHOW

Under C.B.U. Rules.

December 11th, 1907. **8 Open Classes.** 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British Hard or Soft Bill. **Prizes 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6.** Judge: A. Wellings, Schedules from **A. J. RED, Hon. Sec., Abbey Buildings, Chester.**

FANCIERS! PLEASE DO NOT OVERLOOK

CARMARTHEN

(Under C.B.U. Rules.) (Dogs, P., Pgs., Cgs., C., R.)
December 12th.
27 classes for Cage Birds. Judge: C. Houlton, Esq. For schedules apply **JACK FRANCIS. Secretary.**

CANTERBURY

37th Annual Show,
December 11th & 12th.

Open to Kent. No Amalgamation. C.B.U. Supported by the K.C.C.B. Association. Good classification. Judge—Mr. J. Dobson. Prompt payment of prize money. Entries close Dec. 3rd. **J. W. SARGEANT**, Hon. Sec.

PORTH

and DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

First Annual Open Show, Dec. 12th, 1907.
(Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judges—J. H. Payne and J. B. Evans. Grand Classifications. Specials every Class. **Entries close December 6th, 1907.** Schedules ready. Apply **J. CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.**

MELBOURNE

FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION 14th Annual Show,
December 14th. Seven Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. H. ROE, Esq. Entries close Dec. 7th. Write for Schedule to—
J. HICKLIN, Hon. Sec., **Melbourne, Derbyshire.**

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

GATESHEAD

& DIST. C.B.S. DECEMBER 13th & 14th. (C.B.U. rules.)
Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (guaranteed). 74 open classes, 25 members. Valuable specials galore. 10 gns. Chall. Cup, gold mdls., &c. Under patronage Nat. B.B. & M.C., B. & W.B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C. international contest, Clu. C.C., Crest C.C., N.C.C., B.C.N. & C.C. cup show, Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Northern B.B. & M. & F.B.C. Popular Judges: Messrs. Vardy, Robson, Gardiner, Weston & J. S. Wilson. Schds. (ready shortly) sent to last year's exhibitors, others apply **Taylor and Grieve, 68, Edward St.**

HARROGATE

C.B.S.

Under C. B. U. Rules. (Under the patronage of the B. & C. B. B. & M. C.).
ANNUAL OPEN SHOW
Saturday, December 14th, 1907.
Judge: H. W. BATTYE, Esq. Send for Schedules and give us a good entry. To **GEO. HY. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec., 6, Providence Terrace.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT

Cage Bird Society.

Annual Show Dec. 14th, 1907. (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Junge: J. Bexon Esq., of Derby. Good classifications numerous specials, prize money guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 10th. C.B. comp. Schedules from the Hon. Sec. **A. EMERY, 239, Shobnall St., Burton-on-Trent.**

SEAHAM HARBOUR & Dis.

C.B.B.A. First Annual Open Show, DECEMBER 21st 1907'
(Under C.B.U. Rules). Grand Classification and all guaranteed money specials for each class and extra specials for each section. H. W. Battye, Esq., will judge. Entries close Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1907. Schedules from **J. M. NICHOLSON**, Sec., **7, Sophia St., Seaham Harbour.**

Nolloa! Nolloa! Nolloa!

WILLINGTON

Quay & Dis. Fanciers' Society.
First Annual O.S. of Cage Birds, Pig., R., & Cav. held Dec. **26th.** Judges, Messrs. Allaway, Jardin, & Moses. Schedules ready apply to—**W. T. Winter, Palmer's Terrace, Willington Quay.**

The Tivyside Fanciers' Association.

CARDIGAN.

Date fixed for next show, **Jan. 15th 1908.** Secretaries, please note, don't clash. Look out for further advertisements.
J. EVANS. SECRETARY.

TWITTERINGS.

I have removed, writes Mr. J. W. Bancroft, from Bolton to 19, James Street, Sale, near Manchester.

I won he in Buff Marked Yorks Class at Cleator Moor Show, writes Mr. G. Shackley (Harrington).

Brechin Show, Buff Var. Cocks should have read 1 John Stirling, 2 John Craig, writes Mr. John Stirling.

Fanciers should see splendid classification at Dublin (Y.C.C. of Ireland). Entries close November 18.—(Advt.)

Fanciers should see splendid classification at Cambridge, November 27th and 28th. Sec., D. Driver, 17 Sussex Street.—(Advt.)

In Jedburgh Show schedule, Class 67 should read evenly-marked, and not unevenly-marked, writes the secretary, Mr. A. Frater.

Our exhibition was a grand success, writes Mr. J. Wilson, the secretary of Kirkcaldy Show, the entries beating all previous records.

Your last double number, writes Mr. Geo. Dowden, Secretary of the Stoke Newington F.A., was a real topper, good luck to you.

Entries are awfully short at Selby Show, held November 23rd, writes the secretary, Mr. J. H. Dixon, and I trust fanciers will help.

Entries for Inverness Show, on November 20th, writes Mr. Alex Urquhart, secretary, if posted on Saturday, November 16th, will be received.

Entries for Northampton Show will be accepted first post Saturday, November 16th, as they are very short, writes Mr. G. M. Larkman.

The cage bird section of the Gloucester Fancier's Society Show is not under "Cage Bird Union" Rules, writes Mr. Hugh Gunn, the hon. sec., as the Union would not grant our show a licence.

The Bolton and District Progressive C.B.S. has been broken up, we hear, owing to lack of interest on the part of the majority of the members.

Am glad to say that the results from my last two week's advertising have proved most satisfactory. Kindly repeat.—S. Martin (Rochester).

Kindly note that Gorgie Cottages, Edinburgh, will be my address on and after November 10th, writes Mr. Jas. Mackie, late of 60, Dundee Street.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Nash, Chesham. They were too numerous to reply to individually.

We hear from the secretary of the Dover and District F. and F.S., Mr. A. S. Howes, that entries for Dover Show are extended to the 18th (Monday).

All exhibits at the late Preston Show were in railway company's hands before 7.30 p.m., and prizes paid out by the Wednesday, writes Mr. J. W. Cleminson, the hon. sec.

An excellent sample of wild seed mixture reaches us from Mr. T. Smith, 22, Highfield, near Headington, Oxford, which should find acceptance amongst lovers of British birds.

We are cancelling Classes 202 and 205, writes Mr. C. D. Reed, secretary Woolwich Fanciers Society. The list of specials on page 19 of schedule are for members of this Society only.

The secretary of St. Helen's Recreation F.S., Mr. J. Shufflebotham, appeals to cage bird fanciers to support their show with their entries, with a view of further catering for them another time.

Mr. John Waters, of Altrincham, won six specials, five 1sts, two 2nds, six 3rds, and four 4ths, in Borders at the recent Sale Members Show, making the highest number of points throughout the show.

At Norwich Show my two birds took extra 2nd and extra 3rd respectively in Class 48 Crested Buff Cocks. This was a very strong class, and the birds were bred by myself.—JOHN CORKE (Lowestoft).

Dulwich and Peckham Show, Class 29, Goldfinch (Brit.) 4th prize, was won by me and not Mr. Baker, writes Miss F. Brewer, East Dulwich. Through a printer's error in catalogue my number should have been 474.

I am glad to say membership is rapidly increasing, writes Mr. H. Thomas Lucas, secretary of the Lewisham and District C.B.S., and numbers 21, besides a number of promises. This result is distinctly gratifying.

We only have, at time of writing, 20 entries in 11 cage bird classes, write Messrs. Reed and Calam, secretaries of Kirbymoorside and Dis. Show, and are forced to extend the date of entry to first post Monday, November 18th.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN NOBLE.

Fanciers throughout Scotland will hear with regret of the death of Mr. John Noble, of Easthouses, Dalkeith, which occurred on the 11th inst., the result of an accident. Deceased was the only son of Mr. Jas. Noble, of Scotch Fancy fame, and was himself an ardent devotee of the bird of circle, and latterly of the Border Fancy. His cheery demeanour made him a favourite with all with whom he came in contact. His sad and sudden demise has cast a gloom over the Fancy in this district, and much sympathy is expressed for his sorrowing wife and children and aged parents.—J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

In addition to other classes in connection with the Leigh and District C.B.S. Open Show, writes the secretary, Mr. A. Parks, there will be an open class for Linnets, to be shown in their hop cages. Prizes are 8s., 4s., 2s., and entry fee 1s. per cage.

Accept my very best thanks for the excellent illustration of my bird in your last issue, writes Mr. R. L. Crisp. It does your artist great credit. I might mention at the same show (Dulwich) I had also the distinction of winning the cup for the best unflighted bird.

Several mistakes crept into the report of Walthamstow Members' Show, writes Mr. Forse, the secretary. Yorks. Tick., etc., 2nd, hc Forse; Yorks. Hen, 2nd Jones, 3rd Penton vhc, Morris Bros., hc, Jones, c Clarke, Mead; Nor. Hen, bc Mein; Softbill 3rd, vhc, bc, (2), C. Baldry.

Diss Show, writes the secretary, Mr. Gooderham, will be held in one of the finest halls in the Eastern Counties. It is lighted with the electric light, and warmed with hot water pipes, and fanciers need not be afraid of sending their most valuable birds, as they will be under my personal supervision.

Come to-day and visit the London and Counties A.C.B. Autumn Members' Show at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W. (private entrance in Clipstone Street), a few minutes' walk from Portland Road, Euston Road, or Oxford Circus tube stations. Motor omnibuses pass the door.—(ADVT.)

The Cockermouth Fanciers' Society, despite the fact that they have been declined a C.B.U. license, have adbered to the excellent classification for their cage bird section, and they ask us to appeal to fanciers to give them all possible support, so that their old-established show may be as big a success as ever.

The Tamworth and District C.B.S., being a young society, would be pleased, writes Mr. J. E. Brown, the hon secretary, if the secretaries of clubs within the 14 miles radius would persuade some of their members to help to fill up the classes at their show. All exhibits will have the strictest attention and care.

The London and Provincial O.S. have decided to offer for competition at the Palace National Show their usual challenge cups, and no less than 40 5s. cash specials, competition restricted to members of the L. and P.O.S. Exhibitors desirous of joining the Society for 1908 should apply without delay to Mr. H. Lambert Brown, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E.—ADVT.

Mr. J. Munro, hon. sec., Bristol Show writes: Entry received for Novice Class 16, with no name or address.

I made four entries for Sheffield Show, writes Mr. Stephen Tweddle (Blackburn), but received a postcard from the secretary informing me that the birds did not arrive until after noon on the Friday—too late for judging. As they were handed in at Blackburn Station at 5.30 on the Thursday evening, the delay is quite unaccountable.

Exhibitors remember Crook Original Cage Bird, Rabbit and Pigeon Society's Show, November 23rd. Splendid classification. Numerous specials. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. Any fancier not having received schedule kindly apply. Entries taken up to Tuesday morning's post, November 19th, A. Bowes, sec., Wilson Street, Crook.—ADVT.

We hear from Mr. David Jeremy, secretary of the Morriston and District C.B.S., that only one entry has been received for the show to be held November 21st, and that the Society has been compelled to extend entries until first post Monday, November 18th. There are 45 specials in 28 classes, and prize money will be paid promptly.

Mr. Peter McQuiston gained special for most points in British section at Dysart Show, October 26th, writes Mr. J. Logan, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. Wallace most points special. Kindly thank all fanciers for the support they gave to Dysart. I may add that CAGE BIRDS was the only paper we advertised in, which I think helped greatly to bring a good entry.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. H. Noakes (Leicester), of the well-known firm of Nor. Plainbead exhibitors, Messrs. Walton and Noakes, has to undergo the ordeal of an operation this week-end. His many friends will join in wishing him a speedy and successful recovery. He had been looking forward to attending Nottingham Show on Saturday next.

Notwithstanding we had a loss at Greenwich Show, all prize money to open exhibitors has been paid, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. Geo. Hill. All cards were up by two o'clock, and catalogues with awards to hand at four o'clock. The ball we decided to have again next year, it being one of the finest in London, very large, splendid daylight, and electric light by night, heated by steam, and free from draughts.

Lowestoft Show, November 21st and 22nd. Suffolk fanciers please note entries for the above show are very few up to the time of writing. Please help us with a few entries; will accept same up to first post Monday morning, November 18th. Prize money guaranteed. No classes will be cancelled or amalgamated. G.E. Railway Co. will run excursions to Lowestoft from Norwich, Yarmouth, Gorleston-on-Sea, Ipswich, Harleston, Bungay, and intermediate stations.—GEORGE FRANCIS (Hon. Sec.), South Wharf, Lowestoft.—(ADVT.)

Theft from Sheffield Show.

At Sheffield Show on Saturday last, November 9th,, some evil-disposed person stole an exhibit from its cage. The said exhibit was staged very near to where the gate-keeper stood, so that whoever the miscreant he was not without pluck of a sort. Pity he was not caught red-banded, and made an example of.

Proposed Welsh C.B.C. Show.

It has been decided to take a ballot of the whole of the paid-up members (only paid-up members will have a vote) as to the advisability of holding a club show; also as to how many entries they are prepared to guarantee. Any member who has not paid his subscription should send on at once, or he will not receive a ballot paper (which will be posted on the 18th).—D. H. TREDSTONE, Hon. Sec.

A Promising Outlook.

The outlook for our forthcoming show on December 13th and 14th, writes Mr. T. Taylor, secretary of the "Palace of the North" Gateshead and District C.B.S., is exceptionally hopeful, many very valuable specials having been offered and accepted, which should prove a source of great attraction to exhibitors. The Mayor and Mayoress have very kindly intimated their willingness to open the show, and Councillor Thubron has promised his support, while Mrs. Hannay, Heworth Hall, has written offering a valuable prize and intends, if possible, to be present at the opening ceremony. I believe the Mayor intends to exhibit in one of the classes, and we sincerely hope that his exhibit "will catch the judge's eye."

More Sensational Mules.

Scotland, the "land of sensational Mules," still upholds her reputation! There have been unearthed two gems in the shape of light Siskin-Canaries. Number one is a yellow, being, we hear, well up in size, marked on back of neck and cap (the pure Siskin lacing being distinctly visible), all the rest of the body being clear. Number two is almost quite clear, being slightly grizzled on the shoulder. But it is a shade smaller in size and pale in colour (though a yellow), and probably a hen. These birds were bred this season in a mining village in Fifeshire, and have been purchased by an enthusiastic young fancier, C. W. W. Paton, of Thornton, Fifeshire. The price paid was not an exorbitant one, and the breeder, our informant tells us, now realises he has missed a good thing in not holding them a little longer. Both were on view at Kirkcaldy show, and were held to be undoubtedly genuine specimens.

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City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
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Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
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Abingdon (North Berks), December 7th.
Porth, December 12th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
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" **20—Derby**—W. H. Bamsey, Market Place.
" **20—Weybridge**—H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.
" **20—Bristol**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.
" **22—Berwick**—Smart & Hay, 36, Main Rd., Tweedmouth.
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ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 17—Hanley—C. J. Robinson, 44, Cromer St.' May Bank, Stoke-on-Trent.
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" **18—Loughborough.**
" **18—Selby**—J. H. Dixon, 77, Brook St.
" **18—Launceston.**—F. Bright.
" **18—Kirbymoorside**—Reed & Calam.
" **18—Dover**—Horrex, Cherrytree Av.
" **18—Bristol**—J. Munro, Pretoria Villa, St. John's Lane, Bedminster.
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" **19—Burton-on-Trent**—(first post)—F. Cameron.
" **19—Cambridge**—W. Driver, 17, Sussex St.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting is sorted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager, secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Nov. 21, usual time and place. Business, secretary's report on recent show. J. S. Napier, sec.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—Nov. 16, Bull Head, 8 p.m. Show business.—L. Haithwaite, sec.

Bingley and Dis. O.S.—Nov. 19, Co-op. Assembly Rooms, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. E. Townley, all interested parties hearty welcome. — A. Livesey, sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Nov. 19, Temperance Hall, 8 Discussion on Cage birds.—J. T. Harding, sec.

Blackburn Linnet Singing A.C.—Nov. 30, Headquarters, Old Red Lion Hotel, Snig Brook. Annual Feather Show (members only). Birds to be staged at 2. Also general meeting, Nov. 16, business important.—R. Hayhurst, sec.

Bolton and Dist. O. and R.C.S.—Special, Nov. 18, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, 8. Members and fanciers requested to attend for the purpose of closing entries.—J. Stringer, sec.

Bradford East O.S.—Nov. 19, Park Chapel Schools 8. Members' Judging Competition; 4 money prizes. —H. Hills, sec.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Maskell's, 8.—W. Sampson, sec.

Civil Service F.A.—Nov. 19, Ye Olde Bell, 11, Noble Street, Gresham Street, E.C., 12 noon to 9.30. Annual Show.—A. Watson, hon. sec.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Nov. 19, Nag's Head, 7.30. Revising Rules; will members make special effort to attend.—J. C. Heaton, hon. sec.

Crook O.C.B.S.—Nov. 20, 7. Final Show meeting. —A. Bowes, sec.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Nov. 20, George Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for Open Show, and other business.—R. S. Black, sec.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Royal Hotel, 8. Important business.—B. Cook, sec.

Dysart C.B.S.—Nov. 23, Normand Hall, 7.30. Show business and election of office bearers; full attendance requested.—J. Logan, sec.

Garston B.B.A.—Nov. 20, Wellington Hotel Rooms, 7.30. Novice Washing Competition, and allotment of specials for old show.—A. Wilkinson, sec.

Glasgow and Western Counties N.B. and F.B.C.—Nov. 16, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 6.30. Committee meeting.—J. W. Adam, sec.

Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Headquarters, 7.30 prompt. Important.—F. Sharples, sec.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Nov. 19, Royal Oak Hotel, 8. Business for open show.—J. Pownall, sec.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. — Nov. 19, White Swan Hotel; important business.—C. Draper, sec.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Arrangements for Washing Exhibition. —A. Parks, sec.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 19, 202, High Street, Lewisham, 8. General discussion of future plans; all fanciers welcome.—H. T. Lucas, sec.

L. and P.O.S.—Nov. 21, "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 8. Members' judging competition will be held. Members kindly bring some birds to help to make classes. All fanciers welcome.—H. L. Brown.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 20, Crow Keys Hotel. Second Members' Show. Entries close Saturday previous, at 2.15.—G. Jeffery, sec.

Manningham C.B.A.—Nov. 18, Headquarters, 8. Washing Competition, by Mr. W. A. Cowgill; good attendance requested.—E. Kemp, sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Nov. 20, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for Table Show.—A. Wake, sec.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Nov. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Members' January Show business, etc.—E. H. Jones.

Otley and Dist. O.S. — Nov. 19, Queen's Head Hotel, 8. Business very important.—W. Dawson.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Nov. 21, Windsor Castle, Harrow Road, W., 8. Report of Ananias Show and distribution of prizes.—J. C. Birch, sec.

St. Helen's O.S. — Nov. 18, George Inn, Water Street, 8. Business urgent for open show.—T. Vose.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Nov. 16, Station Hotel, 6.30. Members' Show; meeting after. —J. M. Nicholson, sec.

Shipley O.S.—Nov. 19, Victoria Hotel, 8.15. Important show business.—H. Dobson, sec.

Southport and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 21, Thorpe's Rooms, Neville Street, 7.30. Completing business for show.—E. Riley, hon. sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Members' show and other business.—R. Bennett, sec.

Stockport B.F.A.—Nov. 19, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Important: Allotting specials and choosing Federation team.—W. Stafford, sec.

Stoke Newington F.A.—Nov. 19, Headquarters, 8. Payment of prize-money and arrange date of annual dinner.—G. Dowden, sec.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Next meeting Nov. 19, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Members' spls. and final arrangements for show.—F. Gordon, sec.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Horse Shoe Hotel, Wombwell, 7. Arrangements for Christmas Show, and other important business.—W. Poss.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—Nov. 18, Elephant and Castle, 8. Important business.—J. Netherwood, sec.

Western Counties O.S.—Nov. 18, Boro' Arms, Bank Street, Ilfracombe, 7.30. Show statement.—Thos. Pope, sec.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Nov. 16, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' Show, Judge Mr. S. Dean.—E. W. Johnson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 18, Adelphi Inn, 8.—Wm. Ridge, sec.

Willington Quay and Dist. F. and F.S.—Nov. 21, Turk's Head, 7.30. Business important.—W. T. Winter, sec.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—Nov. 21, Albert Hotel, Llandudno, 6. Committee meeting.—A. T. Johnson, sec.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. Payne.

Heating for the Winter.

A. E. R.—Providing your room is a dry one, your Canaries will go through the winter all right. Canaries can stand cold, but not dampness or draughts. For those which you say have colds, give in drinking water, fresh daily, two large tablespoonfuls of water, fifteen drops of syrup of tolu, five drops of paregoric, and five of good whiskey. Keep birds covered over at night with a warm cloth.

A Swollen Foot.

M. C.—Should advise you to bathe the foot in a little tepid water, then dry with a little cotton-wool or some kind of soft material. Then apply with a camel-hair brush a little colourless tincture of iodine. I think if you do this for a few days the foot will soon be quite well again.

Loss of Feathers.

A. J.—As you do not say under what conditions you are keeping your bird, I am, of course, handicapped in replying in a satisfactory manner. If you are keeping it in a window, or in a warm place immediately above the gas, remove it at once to a place quite out of the way of any draughts, and at night cover over with a warm cloth. Give in the water, fresh daily, ten drops of tincture of quinine for three or four weeks. Three times a week give small teaspoonful of egg food, to which add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue for several weeks. You may also give occasionally a small piece of sponge cake on which put a few drops of best sherry.

A Heavy Drinker.

Young Novice.—Give your bird, in a little egg food, say a small teaspoonful, as much aromatic confection as will lie on a threepenny-piece three times a week. In drinking water put ten to fifteen drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, and if the bird is not very much better by then, write again. Your feeding is correct.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. Battye.

Asthma.

Cavendish.—Am afraid your bird is too far gone to cure, but you might try following in drinking water: ten drops each of antimonial wine and tincture of henbane. Take the drinking water away at night and give fresh each morning; also make a small pill with a little butter and hot cayenne, and push it down its throat. I have known this do wonders, but don't often recommend it as you may choke the bird. If it does not seem to get it down throat, throw bird up and let it fly, this will generally cause it to swallow the pill, which will quickly dissolve. Try above, and if not better in a fortnight, kill the bird. Should be pleased to know how the bird fares.

Sneezing.

A. Jones.—Your feeding is good, and I should advise you to mix a little honey or fine sugar in the milk sop. For two days also mix with sop six drops of syrup of buckthorn and afterwards in place of that, six or eight drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue for a week, taking away all other food at night and returning it after the bird has had a feed from the sop in the morning. Also take away the water at night, and give fresh every morning, well mixing with it ten drops of the following: equal parts tincture of lobelia, syrup of squills; and in addition ten drops of good Scotch whiskey. Continue this till your bird is better; keep free from draughts and cover up at night.

A Lump on One Side.

W.S.W.—Am afraid you cannot do much for your bird, as you say it has a lump inside its mouth. This being the case, you cannot treat it as if it were outside. I think as good a plan as you could try, would be to bathe it as frequently as you can with warm milk on the inside, and paint it lightly with tincture of iodine perhaps. A surgeon might be able to cut the growth away, but if the bird is not a valuable one, I don't think I should go to the trouble of having this done; but if you are acquainted with one you might ask his opinion. This kind of thing is very difficult to deal with, and it is very doubtful if a cure can be effected.

A Severe Cold.

T.G.—Cover the cage down to the top of the seed box at night until the bird has thoroughly finished the moult. Keep him free from draughts and give in the drinking water, fresh every morning, twelve drops of the following mixture: equal parts of tincture of Lobelia, paregoric and whiskey. Your bird will probably get all right by this treatment in the course of a few weeks.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. Greeves.

Wheezy Crests.

Old Amateur.—I have found the best remedy for wheezing to be Syrup of Tolu. Either give direct into beak, or mix six drops with egg-food. In addition add 10 drops of whiskey to drinking water. In my opinion it is not contagious, at the same time the bird should be kept in a separate cage. Your hen that laid only one egg, from the description you give, is evidently out of sorts, what she requires is a tonic; try the Syrup of Tolu and whiskey first to get rid of wheezing; afterwards, to a little egg-food, every other day, add six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. The dropping of flight feathers is caused through bad moulting. I doubt now whether you would be able to improve them. You might try bathing daily in tepid water. It would in no way interfere with its breeding, nor is it likely to be transmitted to young.

Enlarged Oil Gland.

Mona.—As you have already done what is usually recommended, I should advise you to bathe it well with water as warm as the bird can possibly bear, twice a day. Then dry with a soft cloth, and put a little vaseline over the part affected. I have found prepared chalk, as much as will lie on a sixpence, mixed with a little egg-food a cure for diarrhoea, when all the usual remedies have failed. If this does not stop it, give him lime water to drink, which can be procured from any chemist.

BORDERS

Answered by J. Patterson.

Ailing Birds.

Burger.—There is very little wrong with your birds, and the trouble is caused more through draught than poor ventilation. See reply to "T.W." Feed on the finest Canary seed, and every alternate day give a third German rape seed; on the other, half-a-teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of maw seed added, and mix three drops of chemical food through it. Give in water fresh daily, five drops tincture of quinine. Should their bowels not be open, give once a week 10 drops syrup of buckthorn, and a small piece of boiled carrot; if relaxed, a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea. Keep covered over with some thin cotton.

Various Matters.

T. W.—Sorry I was from home last week. Please excuse delay. Your trouble is from the bottom of door; all ventilation should come from above, and I would advise you to nail a piece of wood on the outside so as to keep all draught away when door is shut. You speak of a flue, and I take it to mean a chimney. If so, you have plenty of ventilation coming from it, and don't worry about the window. Are you sure there is no draught coming up from the scullery below? If so, you will find it around the skirting boards, which fill up with putty. Regarding wiring your door, I don't care for that. Your better plan would be to have the upper panel made the same as the under part of a stable door window, to push along and open and close, just as the weather or temperature changes.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "Schoolmaster."

Several Matters.

In Doubt.—I don't think there can be much doubt about this matter. You frightened the bird so thoroughly that it had a fit. I don't suppose it will recur; but be careful for a time how you handle the bird's cage, or even approach it. When you want to clean out the cage, or scrape the perches, run the bird gently out into another age until those operations are concluded. Feed generously with a little egg-bread daily; also dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh daily) as much citrate of iron and quinine crystals (from a chemist) as will just cover a threepenny piece. Keep the latter up for 10 or 12 days; (2) I don't think you could go far wrong in buying two (or even one) good imported cocks. Everything, of course, depends on their song, and that can only be judged by hearing them. It is just as difficult, however, to get really good hens (that is, from a good strain) as it is cocks. Faulty birds (singing their tours more or less faulty) are not objectionable. What one must never have are "choppers," and birds singing bad notes, for these spoil otherwise good birds, hence their exclusion from shows. When getting too loud (or free) in song, this can be remedied by closing the song-box doors, or covering down the cage.

Wheezing Night and Morning.

A.M.M. Anxious.—You must keep this bird out of all draughts, and guard as much as possible against extremes of temperature by covering the cage warmly at night. Feed on nourishing food, including a little maw seed and egg-bread every day. Put a cube of fresh suet between the cage wires. Get a chemist to mix you one ounce of oxymel of squills, glycerine, and ipecacuhana wine, and well stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, for 10 to 14 days, and longer, if not cured at the end of that time. You could certainly try one or other of the advertised remedies, if you so choose. But you must persevere for some time, whatever you use.

More Wheezing.

Cymro.—For one day dissolve as much sulphate of soda as will just cover a shilling in two tablespoonfuls of water, and give this to bird to drink. Then carefully follow the treatment advised "A.M.M. Anxious" this week, which should eventually succeed in bringing the bird back to proper singing condition.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "Old Judge."

Drooping Wings.

H.S.—It is really impossible to say why your bird droops his wings. You say he is in good health and sings well, therefore the drooping of his wings is simply a trick, seeing he only does it when at rest. If his breathing was hard and laboured, you might be alarmed, but I see no cause for any worry yet.

Swelling on Body.

Cantab.—You might try the effect of painting the lump every day for three days with tincture of iodine, using a camel hair brush for the purpose. Miss two or three days, and then paint again every other day till the lump is reduced. The great thing to watch is that the skin is not broken. Should it show signs of breaking, stop the painting at once.

Deformed Claw.

Fens.—You can do nothing with the bird's claw to make it keep in position. It should have been fastened back whilst the bird was young, and the bones and muscles not set. If you keep its claws cut short and use a triangular perch, instead of a flat-topped one, the bird may be able to grip it better. Don't leave the edges of the perch too sharp, round them off just a trifle.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

In an Aviary.

Tringa Canuta.—I really do not see any reason why you should in the winter stop the flow of water which supplies the stream running through your outdoor aviary. What made you think of doing so? I should leave it running just sufficiently to prevent the service pipe getting frozen. The trouble in an outdoor aviary during severe frost is to keep a supply of water therein free from a coating of ice; you stand a far better chance of doing so with running water than the fancier who has only the large dish, or large shallow receptacle ordinarily used. I don't know what part of the country you hail from, but as the aviary faces south, and is so well sheltered, I fancy you would winter Yellow Wagtails in it all right, and you would probably succeed with Blackcaps, too; much depends on the conditions and on the feeding. As regards the waders, personally I should try Ruffs and Reeves, Little Stints, Redshanks, Avocets, and Dotterels, in order named (if you can get them). They make lovely inmates for any suitable aviary.

Goldfinches; and Birdroom.

A.E.R.—Though difficult from the particulars you supply to gather exactly what is the matter with the Goldie, it seems to be nothing very serious, or he would not sing sometimes. I suggest you get an ounce of dandelion juice (taraxacum) from the chemist, and stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for two days, fresh daily. Afterwards give two further half-teaspoonful doses with intervals of a day on plain water in between. Let him have plenty of maw seed every day, and a pinch of niger. The sketch of outdoor bird-room you enclose is of the usual type, and I think you will find it answer admirably. The window is a good size; one or two of the panes should be made to open outwardly, for use in the summer. The ventilator at top you will, of course, make to open or close, as may be required. Mind you have the flooring raised well from the ground. You will find the ventilation amply sufficient, especially if you have a wired frame made to fit in the outer door-frame—for use in the height of summer with the inner door left wide open.

Family of Three.

Nancy.—I did not discover any weed with your letter, so cannot say whether shepherd's-purse or not. Did you forget to enclose it? Goldie Mules are often very vicious when turned amongst other birds, especially those previously used to occupying a castle of their very own, so to speak. Otherwise, there is no reason why your three birds should not thrive in the Crystal Palace pattern aviary (at least, until the breeding season comes round). You need not be afraid to try the experiment; you could separate them before any damage was done. The Goldies would, no doubt, know how to take care of themselves.

Keeping Show Goldies Together.

Goldie.—A cage, 20 by 16 by 10 inches, would hold two birds the size of a Goldfinch well enough, though, at the same time, none too large as the stock-cage for a single bird. You will, however, be ill-advised to attempt to keep two show Goldies together in it (or any other cage) assuming them to be in high (show) condition. Goldies are pugnacious and quarrelsome at almost all times with their own kith and kin. When feeling in good form, they are specially prone to bicker with and peck at each other. A heakful of feathers plucked out of the blaze is a sad disaster, of course.

Show Items.

White Rat.—For spraying birds with after hand-washing them (or just before sending to a show), well stir one good teaspoonful (not more) of finest quality glycerine into a pint of clean soft, or boiled, water. You can spray them the day before, also on the morning of the day you pack them to go away (assuming you are not doing the latter in the early morning). Don't wet them too heavily. A Lark with the hind claw broken would not be disqualified, though the defect might handicap him when in competition with equally good birds. Some judges are more particular than others concerning such minor defects.

Bullfinch's Beak.

Mr. Push.—You don't quite make yourself clear. If the feather at base of the beak is rough (worn away), you cannot remedy it. If, however, the roughness described is on the beak itself, then you should carefully and gently draw a very fine nail-file over it (direction, from head to tip of beak only), afterwards polishing it with a corner of a silk handkerchief on which a spot or two of olive oil have been dropped. I have used a little "Monkey Brand" soap with success also, for a similar purpose. You must use your discretion, however, for, as I have already said, you really do not explain the trouble clearly.

Show Cage for Thrush.

J. Scott.—An inch or two either one way or the other makes little difference in the show-cage of a Song Thrush. It should be somewhere about 24 inches long, 12 deep, and 16 to 20 high. There are many patterns, some box shape, with inside sloping "ceiling," some with the slope outside as well, others partly open at top, like a Crest show-cage. You want to visit a show, look round, and so suit your own taste. The perches should screw to the cage back, and be of a length to just miss the front wires. Nothing beats either a very light blue or green for the inside and wires.

In an Outdoor Aviary.

Ambitious.—You could comfortably house 30 to 40 small birds in your aviary 12 feet long by 8 feet wide. If you desire breeding results, however, it will be necessary to restrict the number of inmates—though, if you use Canary hens only (the easiest and most certain way to proceed), you can keep more than if you are using hen British birds. You must just please yourself as regards keeping cock birds only, or otherwise. If you put in couples, see each species equal so far as the sexes are concerned—not two cock Chaffinches and only one hen, and so on. You will make a mistake if you try to mix soft and hard-bills—stick to the latter. I don't quite see how you can make a collection of Finches in an aviary like yours pay the expenses of their upkeep. If you stick to hen Canaries, and chance to breed some good Mules—an hitherto unseen cross, for example—you might achieve something towards that end. It is a dubious chance, however. Of the list you send, I should discard the Skylark, the Tree Sparrows (or the hen), and two of the Bramblefinches, likewise all the hens, and add a few more cock Goldies and Linnets and a couple more Bullies. It might also be well worth while turning in half a dozen very large hen Bullfinches.

A Supposed Cold.

R. H. W.—I don't think for one moment your Bullfinch really has a cold, consequently the cough medicine was hardly likely to do any good. I have often puzzled over the "gasping" you describe, and believe it to be merely a symptom of liver disorder, probably due to over-feeding and restricted opportunity for exercise. Your best plan is to give half-teaspoonful doses of dandelion juice in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for two or three successive days; then a few further doses on alternate days. At the same time, change the diet thoroughly, offering plain canary seed, with some maw and teazle only, though one or two thistle-heads would be allowable, and ripe seeding shepherd's-purse. Also offer a little made insectivorous food daily (a first-rate brand), and a few small mealworms. Let the hen have a good fly round a large room every day. Write again after giving this treatment a lengthy trial, and let me know how she is progressing. Sorry to hear you were so unlucky with the fertile Bullie eggs. I might add that the average Bullfinch is not long-lived in captivity.

A Batch of Brevities.

Linnet-Green Singing Finch (Dunster).—I should not think it impossible to breed Hybrids between a Linnet and a Green Singing Finch. Still, the breeding of Foreign birds is not a strong point of mine, so I will hand over your query to Mr. Page, our Foreign bird expert, for answer in next week's issue.

Mate for a Linnet (W. Coates).—You can certainly pair a Green Crested hen with a Cock Linnet if you choose. She would be an unusual mate, however. Few fanciers care to breed Mules with Crests—the headpiece is usually poor, and the birds have a forlorn, ragged look. Possibly, too, they might be rough in feature. As songsters they would be as good as other Linnet-Canary Mules.

Cheveril Goldfinch (Mnler).—Judges differ in opinion as to the proper place for pied, or otherwise mis-marked birds. Some give them prizes in the ordinary classes; others (amongst whom I am one) will not accept them in the same. Rare-feathered birds conform to no standard; therefore how can one rightly place them amongst birds which are to be judged according to fixed (more or less) standards? The right place for all freaks is the "Rare-feathered Class"; the next best one the class for "All other British birds not previously mentioned."

Blackbird's "Nasty" Habit (E. Taylor).—I have heard it said that the habit of Thrushes eating the excreta arises from poor or more or less improper feeding. Have had no trouble from it with the larger Softbills I have kept. Do you give your birds a sufficiency of live food, mealworms, etc., a good enough staple diet, containing a fair proportion of meat-meal, a portion of grated raw carrot, fine-minced greenstuff, cold boiled mashed potatoes, etc. (varied)? If you omit these things, then the habit may arise out of the same.

Goldfinch Moulting Badly (H.J.B.)—Your only chance is to keep the bird in a box cage in a very cosy corner of a warmed room, covering front of cage warmly over at night. Under these conditions the moult will probably be completed all right. Feed him on plenty of maw, hemp, rape, canary, and niger seeds. You must be careful afterwards not to suddenly expose the bird to a low temperature—gradually "cool him off," or, better still, keep him in a warmed room until next spring comes round. You should let him have a few thistle heads frequently if you have any by you.

From the Thresher (J. E. Jones).—The sample of wild seed got from the threshing machine is really excellent. But I cannot pretend to name the kinds of which it is composed. I do not suppose anyone could do so. There are many seeds—known as "bird rapes"—that the most expert seed specialists cannot differentiate (unless sown, and seen in plant form). Goldfinches are not the keenest among the Finches for "wild seed mixture," but enjoy picking it over nevertheless.

Concerning Berries (N.Y.Z.).—It is only a week ago that I gave lengthy instructions for the keeping of berries through the winter—or for so long as they may be kept. Could you not look it up? Hawberries are good for any birds that care to eat them. They certainly do not contain the colouring properties possessed by ripe privet berries, however.

Thrush Weak on Legs (F. W. Stubbs).—You do not tell me how you are feeding the bird. I suspect, however, on a food containing insufficient nourishing properties. If so, you can depend that in this lies the root of the trouble. I recommend you to use a stock food of repute, and serve it always with a little of some vegetable ingredient or other; likewise to offer live food as liberally as possible. Get a bottle of tasteless cod-liver oil from a chemist, and commence by well mixing 5 or 6 drops amongst its daily food supply, gradually increasing the quantity to not quite a small teaspoonful. Keep this up for a week or two, and you ought to see an improvement.

Rape Seed and Goldfinch Moulting (Yorick).—In my opinion the rape seed you send is of excellent quality, and quite suitable to give to British birds. In last week's issue you will find an answer concerning moulting, etc., of the blaze of Goldfinches, which will give you the information you seek. I don't think hay saffron is of much use in the drinking water; I would sooner add a few drops of Parrish's Chemical Food.

Skylark not Moulting (Bird Lover).—No; it is not an uncommon occurrence for a Skylark to miss a moult. One of the biggest winners out last season was a bird which had failed to moult in the previous autumn. Your bird may drop into moult next spring; but is more likely to jog along in his old clothes until next autumn.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Birds for Finch Aviary.

H. V. Johnson.—In an aviary about one-third larger than yours, I have kept Grey, Pope, Green, and Yellow-billed Cardinals with small Finches and Waxbills out-of-doors all the year round, and so far (covering a period of some years) the Cardinals have not harmed any of their smaller fellow captives. So as to vary your series, in addition to the Cardinals, I would recommend you to get a pair of Diamond Doves; these are a lovely and diminutive species, and also free breeders; also a pair of small Quails, Harlequin or Chinese for preference. Of course, you must not put birds out-of-doors at this season, but all the birds named will thrive out-of-doors all the year round if put out at the beginning of May. I cannot hold out much hope of the Cardinals breeding, unless you can command an unlimited supply of live insects and can be at hand to give them some, every hour or so, during daylight, that is, when they have young to feed. At other times, seed mixture, soft food, ripe fruit, and two or three mealworms per bird daily, will keep them in robust health. There is not much difference in the Glossy Starlings, save size and sheen; their plumage is glistening black, with a lovely sheen, varying from steel blue to green, and bronze and greens, blues and purples. You must not keep more than one pair of such birds in your Crystal Palace cage.

Ring-neck Not Talking.

"Green Isles."—(1) Your bird should have talked 'ere this. At the same time, I should not care to say it will not, would not, or could not. Have you ever taken any trouble in training it? As you have had it so long, I presume it is tone; make a pet of it, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and also try by constant repetition to teach it such things as you want it to say, at first only a word or two; no other method, apart from this perseverance and unlimited patience. The market price is variable for these birds. I have seen them offered for 5/-, and often at 7/6, but an acclimatised specimen, even if not a talker, should be worth 10/6 to 15/-; (2) This query our rules do not permit me to answer. You must write to several, that is your best method, and then make your choice. I consider a healthy bird in good feather should not be lightly parted with.

Grey Parrot Losing Feathers.

Mrs. Coxon.—You must tell me how you have been feeding the bird before I can give you definite help. In the meantime, make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts, for one day; follow on with a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; well

colour its drinking water with same, and continue this for a time. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage. If the bird is pulling out its feathers, spray the parts affected with quassia solution every other day, keeping the bird carefully out of draughts till dry. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk; slops, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Parrot with Swelling.

W. W. Re your friend's Parrot, I cannot advise as to food, etc., till I am informed what kind of Parrot it is. As to the swelling under the eye, as the bird is tame and will let you handle it, foment the swelling twice daily with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, if it should not yield to this treatment and appears still soft and to contain humour, then carefully lance it, and afterwards cleanse with warm water and anoint with a little clean vaseline, zinc, or spermaceti ointment, which-ever happens to be at hand. Make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom Salts for one day. Be careful to keep the bird out of all draught.

Parrot with a Growth.

"Elsie."—It is very unsatisfactory attempting to advise in such cases without seeing the bird, and it is for the best to call in a vet., who can usually give prompt relief and save the bird needless suffering. However, if you still wish to treat it yourself, dissolve 20 grains of chlorate of potassium in two drachms of glycerine, and wipe out the bird's mouth with this mixture twice or oftener daily with a feather or small camel-hair brush for the purpose. Use a fresh portion of the mixture and well cleanse the feather or brush for each occasion. Also touch the point of the growth with tincture of iodine. Apply the iodine on a part of the growth where the bird will be unable to lick it off. If you follow this treatment, report progress in a fortnight's time.

Parrot with Inflamed Eyes.

R. West.—It is always best when referring to a previous reply to enclose same if possible. I do not remember the case fully. However, the best thing to do with the eyes is to foment them with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, keeping the bird carefully out of all draught. When a bird has been troubled with the running at the nostrils for some time, as I think was the case with yours, it does not immediately yield to treatment. Continue to use the glyco thymoline and also, when the nostrils become at all blocked, dip a small feather in olive oil, and carefully and gently pass this up the nostrils if possible use a fresh feather for each occasion. Do not let it have its water continually in the cage, but offer it a few sips of the following two or three times a day, stirring the water up on each occasion: 5 drops of tincture of opium. Use only a cock, glass, or china drinking vessel.

Parrot Picking Itself.

A. C.—As you tell me neither the kind of Parrot nor how you have been feeding it, I can only give you a preliminary reply till you supply these particulars. In the meantime, spray the parts it is in the habit of picking every other day with quassia solution; keep a piece of cuttlefish in cage; make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parish's Chemical Food for the next month.—Give an aperient (see other replies) for one day only, repeating same after an interval of three days. You might with advantage supply it with a piece of wood to chew up and cotton reels to play with.

LEGAL.

Answered by A BARRISTER.

Compensation.

Curley Jim.—Your friend can claim compensation from his employers if his injuries were sustained through an accident arising out of and in the course of his employment. The amount to which he is entitled is half his weekly wage during the time he has been incapacitated; but he ought to notify his employers both of the accident and the claim. (2) His claim against the 'bus company would be for the negligence of the motor-'bus driver; and the onus would lie on him to prove that the 'bus which knocked him down was owned by the company. He had better consult a solicitor.

Complying with Regulations.

E. Barker.—It depends on the Association to which you affiliate your society. It is not a matter of law so much as complying with the regulations of the Association.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Pekin Robin (D. G. S.).—Chronic softening of liver, feverishness, and acute pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Dealers' Names (Hardie).—It is contrary to our rule to give the names of any particular dealers. You ought to have little difficulty in making a selection from our advertisement columns.

Singing Contests (M. Booth).—In times of severe pressure like the present moment, it sometimes happens that items have to be left out. You can rest assured, however, that no favour is shown to anyone. We are always anxious to please every reader, or section of readers, without distinction.

Condensed (J. E. Reeves).—We really cannot—and we say it with all respect—see that the effectiveness of your letter suffered in the condensation. The list of cage numbers, in our opinion, answered every possible purpose. We are very severely pushed for space at this time of the year.

Cuttings (C. Spink).—Accept our thanks for cuttings. We will certainly utilise should space permit.

Distributing Specimen Copies (T. Harrison).—Many thanks for your kind offer to distribute specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS. This is the sort of practical help we appreciate, and a bundle of copies has been duly despatched to you.

Photos (A. A. Asbury; S. M. Clayton).—Thanks for your kindness in sending the photographs, which we shall hope to use in one of our special numbers.

Suggestion to Exhibitors (H. T. Davis).—We shall be very pleased to receive the letter you mention.

Club Notice (T., Duffield).—Your club notice did not reach us until Thursday—too late for insertion.

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ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

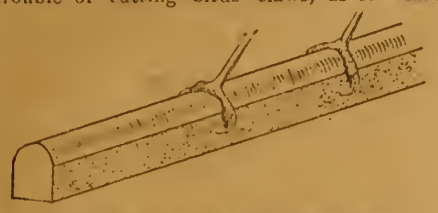
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 153.

A PERCH AND CLAW FILE.

Sent by G. C. James, 41, Henriotta Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

Enclosed is a rough sketch of a perch which I have used for some time, and which has great advantages. This perch saves the trouble of cutting birds' claws, as it wears



Combined Perch and Claw File.

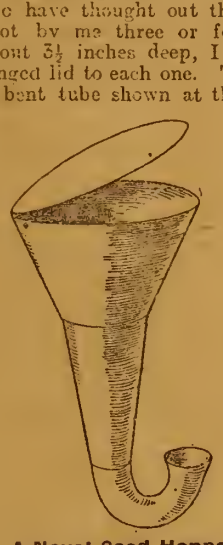
them short in about two or three weeks. It can then be removed and replaced by ordinary perch. Any size can be made to suit the bird's grip, always having top rounded and smoothed off, and the sides covered with very fine sand paper.—G. C. JAMES.

No. 154.

A NOVEL SEED HOPPER.

Sent by W. Fenn, Green Lane, Wilnecote, Tamworth.

I have tried many places for a seed-saving feeder, but cannot get one that answers my purpose, so have thought out the following. Having got by me three or four tin tundishes, about 3½ inches deep, I started and made a hinged lid to each one. Then I made the small bent tube shown at the bottom of



A Novel Seed Hopper.

the sketch, and which opening I widened out a bit to give the birds better facilities when eating. I then joined the small bended part to the other, forming the seed fountain. The fountain holds enough seed for four or five days, and the lid keeps it quite clean, which is a good point in keeping birds healthy. I think this is an advantage, as when it is filled with seed it fills the small bent tube just full, and the bird eats from it and the husks drop on the cage bottom. They do not stop in the feeder and fresh seed follows down until practically empty. I think readers will understand my sketch and explanation.—W. FENN.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet contest for quality singing held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, when 18 of the best birds in Leeds sung for three good prizes by Mr. W. Tillotson, first prize bird, singing beautifully running notes with plenty of turns. 1st prize, J. Grant; 2nd and 3rd, T. Stead. Judges, C. Cooper, T. Hineson.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

Prince Albert Inn Linnet Association met on November 3rd to compete for three good prizes by Mr. J. R. Saynor; 16 birds competed. Judges, B. Jackson and G. Towers. 1st prize, H. Allen; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3, G. Atkinson. Also a contest held November 10th, when some real good Linnet singing of very best was heard; 19 birds competed for three specials. Bird room was literally packed with visitors and friends, more than delighted to hear such quality singing, birds being in such splendid fettle. Once more Mr. Allen's birds completely ran away with the handicap:—1st and 2nd prize, H. Allen; 3rd divided between H. Allen and J. Chippendale. Judges, B. Jackson and W. Hinoson.—E. Wood, hon. sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 22 birds were hung up for four good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some good singing was heard before a good company. 1st prize, Firth; 2nd, Stothard; 3rd, Wilson; 4th, Lambert. Mr. Perry officiated as judge; Mr. Stothard as timekeeper; both giving every satisfaction.

LEWISHAM.

Fanciers rolled up in big force to hear contest at The Coach and Horses, High Street, Lewisham, November 9th. Scoring was better all round, the quality of song improving every week. Best scores were: Lob, 3 by 16; E. Robinson, 2 by 6; Iron, 2 by 2; Barber 1 by 17; Hill, 1 by 16; finishing with eight pairs being put on the nail.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE

RUMOURS have been flying around this last few weeks that an exhibitor of Cinnamon Marks has been guilty of a dishonest practice, to wit, knowingly showing a cock in hen classes. These rumours reached a climax on Saturday last at the Queensbury Society's headquarters, where the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. held a meeting to enquire into an objection brought forward by Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, against Messrs. A. Cook and Son for "knowingly exhibiting a cock in hen classes at shows held under the patronage of the Club." Several witnesses were present and gave evidence, coupled with correspondence produced.

MR. HIRST (per letter) stated that at Manchester Show, while looking over the birds, he noticed the winner in the Cinnamon Marked yellow hens singing as lustily as possible, and that he drew the attention of several visitors to the fact. Mr. Hirst wrote the C.M.Y.C.C. secretary, Mr. R. Garnett, and asked for the subject to be brought forward. After a long wait the junior partner in the firm of Messrs. Cook and Son attended the meeting, and was examined at some length by the chairman, Mr. J. Greaves, and committee. The bird was said to be a year old (therefore its sex known). Had it been a young bird the offence would not have created such an impression, it being so very easy to be mistaken with a youngster.

ONE of the witnesses brought forward, Mr. T. Hall, stated that he sold the bird as a cock, and a certain cock; and another witness stated that Mr. Cook, jun., had told him he was feeding the bird on millet seed to keep it low in condition. Mr. Cook, jun., told the meeting that the bird was a hen, and had laid eggs, but on being acquainted of the witnesses' statements, eventually acknowledged that the bird was a cock, and that they had bred with it as a cock. In his remarks he made several accusations against the witnesses for illegal showing, but was told to make his complaint to the secretary of the C.M.Y.C.C. in writing.

THE sentence passed is: "To be suspended to the end of the C.M.Y.C.C. official year, March 31, 1908, and to forfeit all points gained so far this season." Of course, as the several Yorkshire Canary Clubs in various parts of England, and the Y.C.C. of Ireland, are under agreement to recognise each other's decisions, the offenders will not be able to exhibit at any shows held under the patronage of these various clubs. Probably the affair will be brought before the Yorkshire Union, as the bird, it is said, was shown and won at two of the shows held under the Y.U. rules, viz., Halifax and Windhill, and the disqualification may take effect with the Y.U. also.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Blackpool** (J.H.R.)
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*Nov. 15 and 16.—**Whitehaven** (S.H., C.H., J.Hr.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Glasgow & West of Scotland** (A.G.C., C.C., J.Sr., J.Ba., P.R., J.F.D.)
*Nov. 16.—**Consett.**
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels** (J.Dh., G.F., W.H., J.W.B.)
*Nov. 16.—**Morpeth** (W.V., J.P.)
*Nov. 16 & 18.—**Nottingham** (J.H.P., W.E.G., C.H., B.C., J.H.R.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Hastings United C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Southend-on-Sea** (T.H.)
Nov. 19 and 20.—**Guildford.**
Nov. 20.—**Inverness O.A.** (J.Sn., C.R.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Margate** (J.R.)
Nov. 20 & 21—**Northampton Good Intent O.S.**
*Nov. 20 and 21.—**Bristol C.B.S.** (C.A.H., H.N.)
Nov. 20 and 21.—**Tonbridge & Dis. F.A.**
*Nov. 21. **Morriston & District C.B.S.** (J.H.P.)
*Nov. 21.—**Hanley & District C.B.S.** (J.Wk.)
Nov. 21 and 22.—**Lowestoft & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.M.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T., J.W.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.)
Nov. 23—**Perth** (J.Stn., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P., J.Sk.)
Nov 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundee** (A.C., J.As., J.C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster)** (T.J.K., J.R., R.H., C.H., P.F.M.G., W.T.P.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster C.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.**
Dec. 7—**Dupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. M.O.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)

Remainder unavoidably held over.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Oakengates.—Nov. 27th, Town and Market Halls.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, and 2 local classes. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s 6d. Entries close Nov. 21st to R. LAWRENCE CORBETT, Commercial Chambers, Oakengates, Shropshire.

Keynsham.—Nov. 30th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. Burton Barnes. 4 classes: Brit. 2, Canary 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 25th to H. W. G. BELSTEN, West View.

County of Pembroke (C.B.U.).—Nov. 27th, Covered Market House, Pembroke Dock.—Judge, Mr. J. Blackey. 13 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, Brit. 8, Hyde's 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Nov. 20th to THOS. HAY, 13, Owen-street, Pembroke.

Isle of Thanet.—Nov. 20th and 21st, Hall-by-the-Sea, Margate.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 27 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 2, Yorks. 2, Pairs 2, Mule 3, Sell. 4, Brit. 6, For. 2, and 4 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close Nov. 19th to W. J. JONES, 29, Fort-crescent, Margate.

Oldham (C.B.U.).—Nov. 23rd, George-street School.—Judge, Mr. W. Bowyer. 16 open classes: Lizard, 4, Lancs. 5, Nor. 2, Yorks. 5, and 32 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 19th to A. ACKROYD, 52, Eric-street, Charlesfield.

City of Hull (N.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov 22nd and 23rd, Corn Exchange, Market Place.—Judges, Messrs. Barnes and Boulton. 33 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 5, Yorks. 4, Cinn. 2 A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Gift 1, Novice Nor. 2, Novice Yorks. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 8 members' novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 18th to POTTER and STAMFORD, 178, Thoresby-street.

Berwick.—Nov. 29th, Corn Exchange Hall.—Judges, Messrs. W. Bell and R. S. Bewick. 28 open classes: Scot. 4, Nor. 5, Bord. 7, Sell. 3, Mule 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 22nd to SMART AND HAY, Main-road, Tweedmouth.

Edmonton.—Dec. 5th, Town Hall, Fore-street.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 15 members' classes. Prizes, specials. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close, Nov. 25th to A. BURGESS, 111, Pembury-road, Tottenham.

Derby (C.B.U., Y.G.C.A., Y.C.C., Cinn.C.C., C.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 26th and 27th, Athenaeum Rooms, Victoria-street.—Judges, Messrs. Bexson, Roc, Robson, and Scothern. 50 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 6, Yorks. 10, Greens 4, Cinn. 4, Lizards 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 4, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 20th to W. H. BAMSEY (Binns and Co.), Market-place.

Brackley.—Dec. 3rd., Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. G. Poole. 9 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 3s. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 25th to W. G. POLLARD, Banbury-road.

City of Bradford (Y.U.R., C.M.Y.C., and B. and C.B.B. and M.C.).—Nov. 23rd, Feversham-street Council School, Leeds-road.—Judges, Messrs. Greaves and Clarkson. 26 open classes: Yorks. 16, Nor. 3, Sell. 4, Brit. 3, and 8 novice (confined) classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 15th to P. STANSFIELD, 1, Lonsdale-street, Barkerend-road.

Tavistock.—Dec. 4th, Market Place.—Judge, Mr. F. W. Dowdell. 12 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, and 6 local classes. Prizes, 7s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Nov. 23rd to A. R. GLANVILLE, 12, Abbey-mead.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 30th.—Judges, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and J. Walsh. 35 open classes: Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Bord. 3, Crest and Crestbred, Cinn., Pair, A.O.V. 1 each, Sell. 3, Mules 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, 11 members'. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 25th to E. BRUNSKILL, 50, Easson-road.

Earlston.—Nov. 30th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. Duncan and Goodfellow. 21 classes: Bord. 9, Nor. 4, Brit. 8. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 25th to J. BROCKIE, 3, Janefield, Earlston, N.B.

City of Dundee (S.B.B. and M.C., and S.P.C.).—Nov. 30th, Gymnasium, Ward-road.—Judges, Messrs. Chalmers, Adams, Craig and Cochrane. 45 open classes: Crest 6, Nor. 13, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 11, For. 4. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 23rd to ALEX. MILLER, 3, Park-avenue.

Cardiff (C.B.U.).—Nov. 27 and 28th, Cory Hall.—Judges, Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Robson. 47 open classes: Nor. 6, Crests 4, Yorks. 7, Scot. 2, Bord. 3, Sell. 3, Mules 4, Brit. 15, For. 3, and 6 novice members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 20th to W. SAMPSON, Langland House, Llanishen-street.

Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.—Nov. 28th and 29th, Rooms of Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland, 6, Stephen's-green, N., Dublin.—Judge, Mr. W. H. Battye. 66 (confined) classes: Yorks. 10, Non-fed 6, Novice 6, Sell. 6, Nor. 6, Crest 4, Belg. 2, Scot. 5, Brit. 14, Gift 1, For. 6. Prizes, 10s., 8s., 5s., 4s., 2s 6d., 2s., and specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. and 1s. Entries close Nov. 18th to W. C. SHOLEDICE, 117, Strand-road, Sandymount, Co Dublin.

City and Suburban (C.B.U.).—Nov. 22nd and 23rd, St. Marylebone Church Institute, 59 and 60, Paddington-street, W.—Judges, Messrs. Robson and Prior. 69 members' classes. Entries close Nov. 18th to V. WYNN, 22, Park-lane, London, W.

Castle Douglas.—Nov. 30, in the Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce. 24 classes: Scots 2, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 6, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 23rd to J. C. BURNIE, 262, King-street, Castle Douglas.

Reading, Palmer Hall, West-street.—Dec. 11th.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 22 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Crests 1, Crestbred 1, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 2, and 8 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and good list of specials. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4th to Mr. G. A. CHARLES, "Homeville," 4, Talfourd-avenue, Earley, Readiug.

Canterbury.—Dec. 11th and 12th, Lower Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 35 open classes: Nor. 8, Crest 2, Yorks. 6, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1, Non-fed 1, Local Can. 1, Sell. 4, Mules 2, Brit. 5, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 3rd to J. W. SARGEANT.

Chester (C.B.U.).—Dec. 11, Corn Exchange, Eastgate-street.—Judge, Mr. Wellings. 8 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, and 29 members' classes. Prizes (conditional), 15s., 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 7th to A. J. RED, Abbey Buildings.

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STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

The Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S. held a very nice show on November 9th in the Temperance Hall. The entry was a good one, though a bit uneven, some classes being very well filled, while others could have done with more. The class of the exhibits throughout, however, was of the highest, and the many friends and visitors who paid the show a visit were well repaid. We heard many expressions of pleasure at the trim state the officials had the room in, the latter being a really fine place for a fixture of this nature, and also with the good way in which the birds were staged and fed and looked after. Foremost in this good work were the chairman, Mr. F. Marwood, and the vice-chairman, Mr. A. Wake, both tried fanciers of the right stamp. They had a very fine committee behind them in Messrs. Nicholson, Yeates, Pace, Ducas, Freeman, Whitworth, Burton, Hanson, Cookman, Agheson, Sanford, Baker, Angel, Baines, Metcalfe, Johnson, Bean, Cox, Croft, Murray, Ingram, Robinson, Darno, Thornton, Simpson and Wallace, who one and all worked well together, and left nothing undone. The secretary is Mr. J. W. Lowes, who proved himself a very able man for the position, and one who knows how to carry out a show to the best advantage. He is very popular, on his merits, being affable to all and most obliging. The great success these fanciers' efforts met with was well deserved—the show was full of people the whole time. The room was closed prompt at 6 in the evening, and all birds were packed and in railway company's hands by 7 o'clock—extra good work this, with 450 exhibits. The sugar bowl for best in show was secured by Messrs. Nicholson and Sons' grand glossy Starling. Mr. Marwood (Thornaby), with his Song Thrush, a beauty, won the special for members' best. Hyde's teapot went to Mr. Freeman, who also took Ramsden's medal, while Mr. E. Cowling captured Sandiford's medal. The judges were Messrs. J. Stanger (Nor., Cmns., and Crests), J. Bailey (Yorks.), and J. Maddison (Hyb., Brit., and For.). Their awards right through seemed to please everybody.

(Owing to the discreditable action of a reporter, who after the show was over wrote to say he could not attend, we are unable to give a detailed critique of Messrs. Stanger and Bailey's classes.—EDITOR *C.B.)*

Mr. Stanger's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Harland; 2, and Sandiford's spl., Cowling; 3, spl., 4, vhc, Hill and Stewart;; bc, Wako and Carr; c, Bowron and Hemmings. BUFF (14): 1, Cowling; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, spl., 4, vhc, Hill and Stewart; hc, c, Mennard. TICK. ETC. (13): 1, Pillar; 2, Harland; 3, spl., 4, Wake and Carr; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Hill and Stewart; c, Jones. HEN (16): 1, Cowling; 2, spl., 3, 4, Hill and Stewart; vhc, Lowes; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Pickering and Wright. UNFLI. (14): 1, Hill and Stewart; 2, Cowling; 3, spl., vhc, Pickering and Wright; 4, Harland; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Knaggs. CRESTS (12): 1, spl., Hands; 2, Taylor; 3, Brown; 4, Lee; vbc, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, Gibson; c, Hall. CRESTBRED (8): 1, spl., Taylor and Smart; 2, Graham; 3, c, Gibson; 4, vhc, Yeates; hc, Rev. B. Wilton. CINN. YELL.: 1, Hill and Stewart; 2, spl., 3, Bentley; 4, vhc, Seely; hc, Yeates. BUFF (7): 1, spl., 3, Bentley; 2, Dixon; 4, Seeley; vhc, bc, Gardner; c, Mrs. Turner. MEMBERS' CLASSES, NOR. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, spl., 2, 3, hc, Freeman; 4, Burton, vhc, Wake and Carr; c, Acheson. BUFF (15): 1, spl., 2, 3, Wake and Carr; 4, Whitworth; vhc, Burton; bc, c, Freeman. HEN (13): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, vhc, Freeman; 3, spl., 4, hc, Whitworth; c, Hanson.

Mr. Bailey's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL., 1, spl., Cooper; 2, Rand; 3, Woodhead. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Mountain; 2, Woodhead; 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hanson; c, Ferguson. TICK. ETC. (6): 1, spl., 3, Barnwell; 3, Ormondroyd; vhc, Broadley and Son; hc, Hanson. HEN (12): 1, spl., Long; 2, Wear; 3, Holmes; 4, Williams; vhc, Mountain; hc, Broadley and Son; c, Barnwell. UNFLI. (18): 1, spl., vhc, Long; 2, 4, Wear; 3, Mountain; hc, Cooper; c, Elliott. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl., Hodgson; 2, Williams; 3, Summerville; 4, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, Elliott; hc, Young; c, Oliver. SELL (30/-) (18): 1, spl., Bentley; 2, Pillar; 3, Stevens; 4, Dixon; vhc, Baines; hc, Gardner; c, Wake and Carr (15/-) (15): 1, spl., Stevens; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, Yeates; 4, Mountain; vhc, c, Bentley; hc, Winn. (10/-) (7): 1, spl., Henderson Bros.; 4, Sheppard; vhc, Dixon; hc, Hanson. MEMBERS' CLASSES, YORKS. UNFLI. (5): 1, Hanson; 2, spl., 3, Cookman; 4, vhc, Johnson. HEN (3): 1, spl., Hanson; 2, Johnson. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., 2, Metcalfe; 3, vhc, Yeates; 4, Hanson. PAIRS (13): 1, spl., Whitworth; 2, Hanson; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Johnson; hc, c, Freeman.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

HYBRID (5): 1, Wilkinson and Danby, Redpoll-Greenfinch, grand colour and condition, well shown, a very nice exhibit; 2, Hinglcy, Siskin-Redpoll, nice colour and markings, good condition; 3, Atkinson, Goldie-Greenie, good size and colour; 4, Carter, looks like Redpoll-Twite cross, nice colour, very good feather and condition; vhc, Wilton, nice Goldie-Greenie, scarcely up in colours yet. CAN. MULE (19): 1, Marwood, 5-pointed buff Goldie, well-known winner, looking well for his age; 2, Todd and Son, dark buff Greenie, grand size and colour, in tip-top condition; 3, Jones, dark yell. Goldie, good size, colour, and condition; 4, Hands, very nice var. buff Goldie, capital colour and condition; vhc, Lowery, very pretty var. Linnet mule; hc, Graham; c, Atkinson. LINNET (21): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, fine bold upstanding bird, grand size, excellent colour, in perfect condition, well shown; 2, Milburn and Flintoff, very fair in size, rich colour, lovely shape, extra well pencilled on back and breast; 3, Mogie, best shaped bird in class, good size, similar in colour to second, wants time; 4, Hill and Stewart, very nice, well shown, beaten only in size by leaders; vhc, Todd and Son, nice shape, colour, and markings; hc, Dunn; c, Henderson. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Thompson, good size and shape, grand coloured, clean cut blaze, clear and distinct, in shining condition; 2, hc, Simpson, stylish, good coloured blaze, nicely cut, tanning and wings good; 3, Axe extra good in wings, good tan, grand condition; 4, Robson, nice blaze and breast, good colour; vhc, J. Thompson; c, Scarth. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 4, Woods, 1, grand size, shape and colour; 4, big bird, good shape and colour; 2, vhc, Laidlaw, smaller, good colour, grand condition, well staged; 3, Simpson, nice style, fairly rich colour and condition; hc, Clement and Weedy; c, Morton. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Salmon, big thick-set bird, good colour and condition; 2, vhc, Nicholson and Son, equally as good in all points except size; 3, Todd and Son, good size, shape and colour, cage very small; 4, Robinson, good all-round bird; hc, Cooper; c, Davidson and Boyd. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Foster, Bramble, rich colour, distinct spangling, shining condition, hard to beat; 2, Reeks, Chaffinch, fine size, good and distinct in colours and grand condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Bramble, good size, colour, and spangling, one well put down; 4, Hughes, Chaffinch, size, shape and colours good; vhc, Cooper; hc, Pain; c, Carter. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, c, Salmon, Siskin, good size and colour, nice cap, grand laced thighs, well shown; 2, Carter, Redpoll, regular little swell, good colours, well marked, splendid condition; 3, Taylor, good coloured Twite, nice markings; 4, Todd and Son, Siskin, nice size and shape; vhc, Wilton, pretty Redpoll, very fair condition; hc, Mallory. A.O.V. SEED-EATER (8): 1, Shepherd and Son, Hawfinch, fine big upstanding bird, grand colours, clean cut bib, steady as a rock; 2, M. Thompson, Yellowhammer, good sized, grand colour and markings, very steady; 3, Axe, Hawfinch, smaller, very bright in all colours, in tip-top condition; 4, Salmon, Yellowhammer, fine size, shape and colour, yellow scarcely clear enough; vhc, Foster; hc, Dixon; c, Marwood. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, 2, vhc, 1, Marwood, Thrush, big bird, good shape, beautifully spangled breast, grand condition, wins special for best bird shown by a member; 2, Redwing, splendid colour, markings, and condition; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Starling, very big, upstanding bird, grand sheen and spangling; 4, Wilkinson and Danby, really nice Thrush; hc, Hughes. A.O.V. SOFT (7): 1, 3, hc, Nicholson and Son, 1, Grey Wagtail, grand size and colour, in perfect feather and condition; 3, Blackcap, grand condition, well shown; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hoopoe, in fine hard condition, but unfortunately has the half of its tail feathers broken; 4, Wilkinson and Danby, fine big good coloured Nightingale; vhc, Marwood. FOR. S.E.: 1, Mackenzie, Pennent Parrakeet in lovely colour and condition; 2, Davidson and Boyd, very big Siberian Goldfinch, splendid colour and condition; 3, Nicholson and Son, Crimson wing. SOFT-BILLED: 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, 1, Glossy Starling, really grand hird for size, colour and condition, wins Bowl for best bird in show; 2, superb Tanager; 3, Scarlet Tanager, scarcely up in colour yet. MEMBERS' CLASSES, HARDBILL (12): 1, 2, c, Wake and Carr, 1, Bullfinch, house-moulted, fine size, shape and colour; 2, Linnet, good size and colour, fairly well marked; 3, 4, Atcheson; 3, Bramble, good colour and spangling; 4, big Yellowhammer, colours good; vhc, Lowes, hc, Hanson. SOFT (4): 1, Nicholson and Son, Blackcap, nice bird, good condition; 2, 3, Lowes, 2, Pipit, grand colour, very steady; 3, Robin, fine, healthy condition, but had damaged tail a little.

HUCKNALL TORKARD.

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., of which the Duke of Portland is President, held their 14th Annual Exhibition on Nov. 8 and 9. This year the venue was changed to the large room over the Coffee Tavern, a very suitable place, the show being just large enough for the room and the room just large enough for the show, besides being very comfortable. Hucknall, being situated in the heart of one of the richest coal fields in the world, it is no wonder the vast majority of the exhibitors are miners, and these hard-handed sons of toil are surpassed by none and equalled by few in their enthusiasm as fanciers, and there could be no surer proof that appearances are often deceptive than the fact that, hard as their labour and rough the life they are compelled to lead, yet in the handling of small birds they are "nulli secundus." The faultless way in which they wash and groom their exhibits and the staging thereof has filled many a fancier (whose hands ought to be more fitted for the work) with envy. The whole district is a great stronghold of the Norwich Plainhead, and, with Crests, may be said to represent the Fancy for miles around. Quality at Hucknall is always assured, and in Nor. quantity is well maintained. Another feature of the show is that there are no members' classes; they do not believe in them, and if their birds are not good enough to beat any outsider, then they take their beating like men and fanciers. There is always a great gathering of the clans at Hucknall, and many knotty points are discussed (if never settled) and much good fellowship is displayed. Amongst the many familiar faces we noticed Mr. R. Rhodes, paying attention to the Crests, Mr. Nutt (Clay Cross), Mr. Cowperthwaite and Mr. Cottings (Nottingham). The show was remarkably well managed, thanks to the officials and committee being practical fanciers, the secretaries, Messrs. Ashury and Pepper were well on top of their business, nothing was too much trouble for the stewards, and the treasurer, Mr. Pass, was ready, money-bag in hand, to pay all exhibitors who were present at six o'clock on the Saturday evening. Numerous useful and ornamental specials were tastefully arranged on a table for the visitors to see, and some ladies were evidently breaking the tenth commandment at the sight thereof. Messrs. J. Driver and G. Marshall placed the cards, the former taking all classes except Crests, and Crestbreds, and their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. Several birds of superlative excellence seemed to stand out from the rest, notably Mr. Vardy's yellow unfli., and Messrs. Beardall and Walker's unflighted buff, the Yorkies rent by Mr. Wall being also excellent. NORWICH NON-COLOUR-FED YELL. (5): 1, W. Twine, clear yell, nice type and well shown; 2, hc, leader capped and flighted, a true Nor., latter heavy var., rare stock bird; 3, Wagstaffe, a 4-point, good contour; vhc, Pepper, another clear. BUFF (5): 1, Doxey and Bowne, nice typical wing marked bird; 2, Beardall and Walker, very close up, fine type and quality; vhc, W. Twine, good bird, all quality. YELL UNFLI. (12): 1, spl., Vardy, massive yellow, lovely type, a blaze of colour, well ahead of all; 2, Smith, nice bird for type and size; 3, vhc, W. Twine, former took Sandiford's medal, a regular salamander for colour; hc, Severn, good quality bird, rather oddly marked; c, Ingram. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Beardall and Walker, 1st a bird to be remembered, good all round, from beak to tail; 2, T. Twine, sweet huff, lovely colour, very shapely body; 3, Smithurst, nice body and style; vhc, Pepper; c, W. Twine, both all quality. CLEAR YELL (10): 1, Severn, true Nor., all over; 2, 3, Vardy, excellent examples, uncomfortably close up; vhc, Ingram, not yet at his best; hc, c, Nutt. CLEAR BUFF NOR. (9): 1, 3, Vardy, beyond criticism, grand shape, quality and colour; 2, Revill, grand colour, not quite so well frosted, good type, grand bird, and belonging to quite a young fancier; vhc, Severn, hc, Drakeley; c, Wagg; all good, remarkable class. TICK. ETC YELL. (10): 1, Vaughan, good wing-marked, thick-set and shapely, full of quality; 2, 3, Vardy, small tick, and grizzled saddle, both birds well put down, shining like satin, fine type; vhc, hc, Beardall and Walker, both good; c, Severn, right stamp again. BUFF: 1, vhc, Twine, real Nor., grand shape and feather; 2, Birch, capped bird, very good type; 3, Severn, almost clear and all there at every point; hc, Wagg; c, Collings. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, Beardall and Walker, two bouncing dames of rare size and feather, good ones from a strong stable; 3, vhc, Nutt, both apparently clears and grand ones for shape and style; hc, Severn; c, Vardy; grand class. BUFF HEN: 1, hc, Vardy, 1 a light var., gem, sweet shape and colour, silvered like gossamer; 2, Nutt, another sweet, Nutt hen, fails only in colour; 3, Severn, rare shape, very close up; vhc, Collings, nice quality; c, Nutt. GREEN ETC. (9): This class brought out some grand birds for the breeding room: 1 3, Vardy, both fountains of colour, and possessing both type and quality; 2, Drakely, broken green of good build; vhc, Beardall and Walker, real good stock bird, not too dark; hc, c, W. Twine. YELL. DK. CREST (3): No 1st or 2nd: 3, Gilbert, a clear win, best in vein, droop and general build; vhc, same exhibitor; hc, Cowperthwaite, not yet at its best. BUFF (2): No 1st and 2nd: 3, 2 spls., Gilbert, leading well again with smart exhibit; vhc, Simpson. LIGHT OR GRIZZLE CREST (6): 1, Riley Bros., fine light crest, well radiated; 2, Simms, good crest, but not so much of it; 3, Gilbert, nice grizzle crest; vhc, hc, H. Twine; c, Mellors. CREST UNFLI.: 1, Smithurst, not yet at its best, but a fine taking exhibit; 2, F. Jacklin, best crest to-day, only loses in general build; 3, Wbyatt, smart one, close up; vhc, Simms; hc, Riley Bros.; c, C. Twine. CRESTBRED (10): 1, Jacklin, bonny bird, great length of feather; 2, Haywood, close up to winner in general properties; 3, c, Simms, good one, of right mould; vhc, Smithurst; hc, Gilbert. YELL. CRESTBRED: 1, Haywood, large bird, full of timber, plenty of feather; 2, Marshall, tight race with 1st, rare body and head; 3, c, Smithurst, nice substance, well clothed; vhc, Brown; hc, Hayes. BUFF (9): 1, Cowperthwaite, grand size and feather, fine head; 2, Simms, good head, excellent body; 3, J. Twine; vhc, Haywood; hc, Richardson; c, Whyatt. YELL. HENS (2): No 1st and 2nd: 3, Smithurst; vhc, Riley Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Simms, rare body, lots of feather, grand hen all round; 2, Smith, well up, good in build, carries a lot of feather; 3, Ingram, ought to do better in time; vhc, Hayes; hc, Haywood, a good class. YELL. CREST-HEN (3): No 1st and 2nd: 3, Cowperthwaite, nice hen, good veiny feather and radiation; vhc, Simms; hc, Riley Bros. STOCK CREST-PAIR (6): 1, Simms, a useful-looking pair, deserved their place; 2, 3, Whyatt, both good; vhc, Riley Bros.; hc, Jacklin; c, Davey and Bowne. NOR. PAIR (15): One of the grandest classes in a good show: 1, Beardall and Walker, fine pair, the hen a picture; 2, spl., Severn, bouncing cock and neat hen; 3, Pepper, quality all there, nice size; vhc, Vardy; hc, Asbury; c, Vaughan. HYBRID (5): 1, vhc, Vardy, the old 4-pointed buff Goldie Mule, looking as well as ever; 2, 3, Leam and Stinson, leader 4-pointed buff, fresh as paint, and a large dark Goldie Can; hc, Bailey. BRIT. (10): 1, vhc, Milne, nice steady Whitethroat; 2, hc, Leam and Stinson, fine Goldcrest, the Mansfield winner; 3, Hexter, fine Goldie, colour well forward, good bars and buttons; c, Bailey, another Goldie, and a good one. YELL. YORKS (10): 1, 2, Wall, clear wins both, good length, position and quality; 3, hc, Thorpe, typical and neat; c, Truman. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Wall, beautiful huffs, light as boxwood, and coming well into position; 2, Truman, we took to he the old cin. mark which has done good service and can win still; vhc, hc, Mason; c, Halliday and Armstrong. 30/- LIMIT (17): Not a waster amongst them, I, Jacklin, crest and P.H., useful pair; 2, Beardall and Walker, grand pair of P.H., quickly claimed; 3, Severn; vhc, Jacklin; hc, c, A. Mason. SELL CREST (20/-): 1, Marshall, good dark; 2, A. Mason, light crest, well up; 3, Simms, fine stock bird; vhc, Whyatt; hc, J. Jacklin. SELL. CREST BRED (15/-) (8): 1, 2, F. Jacklin, good size, plenty of feather; 3, Richardson, quality here; vhc, Marshal; hc, Simms; c, Richardson. NOR. SEL. (12/6) (20): Wonderful class, some good change for 12/6, of which the visitors took due advantage, and there was quite an array of claimed cards: 1, Collings, clear yell., smart bird; 2, Pepper, neat buff; 3, H. Twine, bonny yell.; vhc, hc, Severn; c, J. Jacklin.

WAKEFIELD.

The City of Wakefield O.S. held their first annual open show on Novemher 12th and 13th in the Corn Exchange, than which a more convenient place one would have a task to find, being exceedingly spacious, lofty, well lighted, and cosy. The show room was very tastefully decorated with floral festoons, chrysanthemums, palms, etc. The staging had been very carefully and well thought out, and all the benches were neatly draped with red and white muslin. The entries totalled 315. The schedule issued was excellent, with 22s. per class prize money, specials in every clase, and cup for best bird in the show. Fanciers should note this, and not forget Wakefield another year. The Yorkshires and Norwich made a fine display, especially as regards quality. The Mules and British were a choice assortment, and the Foreigners a decided attraction. The novice classes, as is often the case, filled well, and provided more than one specimen quite capable of holding its own in higher circles. The Roller class was set apart in a side room, and during the time the show was on, these sweet choristers were to be heard singing in no half-hearted manner. The members' classes contained some very capital birds, and one could pick out several good enough to show in the warmest competition. Hyde's special went to Mr. P. Parker, his Yell. Yorkie doing the needful. The hon. president is E. A. Brotherton, Esq., M.P., who officiated at the opening ceremony in a very appropriate and encouraging manner. The chairman is Mr. S. Sheard, and a better man could not hold the position. He has heart and soul in the welfare of his society. The hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Blackhurn, is a useful and able official. The worthy secretaries are Messrs. Netherwood and Keeley, both true fanciers, exceedingly courteous and obliging, nothing being too much for them to do, and a more enthusiastic couple could not run in harness. They worked like Trojans. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, assisted by Mr. F. Oldroyd, in the Roller section. We heard no grumbling at their awards.

The Open Section.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl., Farrar, magnificent feather, nice colour, capital position; 2, Lawton, lengthy and well on leg, capital feather and wing carriage, not far behind; 3, Wilcock, hot colour, good length and stand. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Hardaker and Sample, straight as a rush, beautiful hack and wing carriage, lengthy and leggy; 2, Lawton, capital quality and colour, longer than winner, but behind in position; 3, Wilcock, nicely feathered, grand colour, well mealed, good stand and length; 4, Taylor, A1 quality, capital position; v, Radley; h, Wainwright; c, Brook. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, spl., Wilcock, marked both wings and eye, rattling feather, colour, position, and length, A1 wing carriage, well on leg; 2, Broadley, marked neck, fine long-drawn specimen, stands beautifully; 3, Lawton, marked check, hot colour, silky feather, good type; 4, Richardson and Groundswell, marked left wing, superior feather, very lengthy, good stand; v, Hardaker and Sample; h, Hodgson; c, Dawson. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Hodgson, thick tick, tight as a Java, lovely quality and colour, stands like a Guardsman; 2, Schofield, marked wings, neck and eyes, beautifully feathered, lengthy, and well on leg, close up; 3, Kemp and Son, thigh tick, very lengthy, rare quality, beaten a little in position; 4, Wilcock, marked neck, A1 feather, stands well, good wings and tail; v, Hewson; h, Moss and Son; c, Brondley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl., Kemp and Son, cl., hot colour, wedge shaped, lovely feather and position, a beauty; 2, Hodgson, marked neck, slim, and of good length, teeming with quality; 3, Wilcock, exceptional length, A1 colour and feather, well filled back; 4, v, Farrar, marked right wing and head, superior quality, full of style; h, Rapson. BUFF (9): 1, spl., Farrar, ticked head, feathered like glass, long slim-drawn bird, standing straight up on clever legs; 2, Schofield, cl., smooth as a bottle, wonderful legs, ran winner a tight race; 3, Moss and Son, cl., fine colour and feather, grand type; 4, Wilcock, cl., rare quality, nice length; v, Moss and Son; h, Hodgson; c, Radley.—CINN. MKD. CK. (6): 1, spl., Hewson, Yell., marked wings, head, and tail, magnificent colour and feather, grandly drawn, rare stand; 2, Wilcock, cap marked, big winner last season, hardly ready yet; 3, Hardaker and Sample, Yell., marked wings and head, nice colour and quality, good position and length; 4, Taylor, buff, marked left wing, good type and length, well on leg, by all appearances a good hen; v, Brook. HEN (4): 1, spl., Wilcock, Buff, both eyes marked, feathered like a Java, lovely stand, lengthy, grand wing carriage; 2, Dawson, Yell., marked back and head, lengthy and slim, good in colour, and feather; 3, 4, Richardson and Groundswell, Yell., Hy. mkd., longest in class, nice position. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, 2, spl., Mitchell, winner cl., short and thick-set, jaunty carriage, capital colour and quality, nice size; 2nd marked wings and head, hot in colour, clean cut, close up; 3, Stead, cl., rare colour and quality, good head and neck, neat specimen; 4, Riley, lightly var., good in colour, nice feather and shape; v, c, Wilkinson; h, Turner. BUFF (6): 1, spl., 3, Hope, grand ones, 1st cl., wonderful shape, fine size and carriage, superior quality; 3rd cl., very shapely, A1 wing carriage; 2, Turner, marked wing and head, bouncer, beautiful colour, showing nice meal, grand shape; 4, v, Waters, cl., lovely feather, just beaten in substance; h, Mitchell. UNFLI. (7): 1, spl., Hope, marked wing and cap, ablaze with colour, very shapely, and of capital substance, clean cut; 2, 4, Wilkinson, former, Buff, cap marked, grand feather, well up in size, good shape; 4, cl. Buff, A1 quality, nice size and shape; 3, v, Waters, cl. Buff, cobby, and of rare quality and colour; h, Mitchell; c, Thackray. HEN (3): 1, spl., Thackray, Buff, marked left wing, fine substance and quality, nestly mealed, grand type, well cut; 2, Hope, cl. Yell., unfli., rattling colour and feather, very shapely and promising; 3, Stead, cl. Buff, capital shape, nice substance. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl., Hope, Buff, marked wings D C, rare substance, very shapely, grest large, round, and of beautiful droop and centre, a gem; 2, 3, Hardy, former Buff var., latter Buff almost Green, both of wonderful size and shape, with lovely skulls, and lashed to perfection; 4, Smith, Ycll. Belgian, grizzled on back, capital quality, fine size, grand shoulders, nervy; v, Fielden; h, Smith; c, Edwards. ROLLERS: 1, Wilsdon; 2, Hesling; 3, c, Netherwood; 4, v, Whitaker; b, Collins. MULE (7): 1, spl., 2, Leigh, winner Yell., lightly marked Goldie-Can., one of the best, latter Greenie-Bullie, also well known, winner takes special for best in show; 3, Wainwright, Buff, four-pointed Goldie-Can., capital feather, good size and quality; 4, v, Edwards, Lin.-Sis., good in quality, nice size and shape, lovely condition; h, Taylor; c, Wyatt. BRIT. GOLDIE (6): 1, spl., Axe, shapely, rare size, grand colour of blaze, lovely bars and huttons, beauty; 2, Riley, good size and shape, nice square blaze, neat bars and well buttoncd; 3, Kelsey, nice size and colour, hardly deep enough in blaze yet; 4, Edwards, well staged; v, Harridge; b, Collins. BULLIE (4): 1, spl., Sheard, aviary moulted, capital size, good shape, nice cap and breast colour; 2, Bennett, very shapely, nice feather; 3, Collins, nice shape and size, wants time; No. 3, Axe, w.c. LINNET (12): 1, spl., Axe, magnificent shape and colour, fine size, delightfully pencilled, in tip-top trim; 2, Thorpe, another rattling specimen, hardly the size of first, yet equal in all other points; 3, Robinson, again a lovely bird, shown in grand form; 4, Rawling, very shapely, good size, grand markings; v, Nelson; b, Isherwood; c, Race. HARDBILL (5): 1, spl., 2, Axe, Hawfinch and Yellow Bunting respectively, both too well known to need farther comment, shown in delightful fashion; 3, Edwards, lovely Yellowhammer equal to second for size and shape, not quite the colour; 4, Axe, nice Bramble, good quality, very shapely; v, Edwards. SOFT (4): 1, spl., Axe, noted Thrush, looking as well as ever, one of the best of its species; 2, Law, Missel Thrush, in good feather, and nicely staged; 3, 4, Sheard, Blackbird, in nice condition. FOR. LARGE (10): 1, 2, 3, h, Hollins and Son, magnificent team, all in capital feather, and staged finely; 4, Sheard, white Cockatoo, in good form; v, Allott; c, Heptinstall. SMALL (7): 1, spl., Crowston, cock Whydah, in the best possible trim; 2, 4, Hollins and Son, Black-headed Gouldians leading, in lovely bloom; 3, Sheard, Scarlet Tanager, nice condition;

Novice, etc., Classes.

YORK. YELL. (13): 1, spl., Clark, thigh tick, extra long, rattling quality and position, well on leg; 2, Holmes, cl., warmer in colour, grand stand, good wings and tail; 3, Galling, marked neck, straight up, lengthy, capital hack and flights; 4, Roobottam, cl., feathered beautifully, A1 type, very stylish; v, Walker; b, Bennison; c, Radley. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Dawson, marked right wing, lovely colour, straight as a rush, well on leg; 2, Bracewell, cl., very lengthy, capital quality, good back and wing carriage; 3, Ducker, cl., good position, rare length, stands on clean legs; 4, Walker, cl., beautiful feather, full of nerve, good length; v, Roobottam; h, Clarke; c, Blakey. HEN (13): 1, spl., Roobottam, cl., buff, grand colour, lovely position, nice length, a gem; 2, c, Bracewell, yell, ticked over beak, soft silky texture of feather, long drawn, close up; 3, Whitaker, cl., yell., stylish, good length, A1 quality; 4, Blakey, cl. buff, rattling type, superior feather; v, Galling; h, Simpson. NOR. (12): 1, spl., Emerson, cl. yell, bouncer, rare depth of colour—capital shape and quality; 2, Thorpe, buff, ticked neck, A1 colour, well up in substance, grand quality; 3, h, Stead, cl., yell., rare feather and of rich colour, very shapely; 4, Galling, yell., ticked neck, A1 colour and quality, shapely; v, Stend; hc, Robinson. HEN (3): 1, Duckett, buff, tick head, well up in size, good colour and feather, very shapely; 2, Mason, cl. buff, good shape; 3, Gregg, cl. buff, bouncer; SELL. (20/-) (11): 1, Edwards; 2, F. Taylor; 3, A. Taylor; 4, Radley; v, Richardson and Groundswell; hc, Parker; c, Clark. CHILD'S CLASS (6): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Isherwood; 4, Smith; v, Parkes; h, Bennison. MEMBERS YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, Parker; 2, 3, Parkes; 4, Scott; v, Jones; h, Sharp; c, Barden. BUFF (10): 1, Rothwell; 2, Talbot; 3, Holroyd; 4, Barden; v, Sharp; h, Parkes; c, Burgon. HEN: 1, 2, Parkes; 3, Talbot; 4, Scott; v, Barden; h, Rothwell; c, Jones. NOR. (12): 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, c, Talbot; 4, Isherwood; v, Parkes; h, Midgley. PAIRS (0): 1, h, Parkes; 2, Hinley; 3, Talbot; 4, Hinley; v, Jones; c, Scott. LINNET (8): 1, Atkinson; 2, Isherwood; 3, Smith; 4, Bennington; v, Rothwell; hc, Walker. GOLDIE (4): 1, Sheard; 2, 3, Bennington; 4, Smith A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 4, Isherwood; 3, v, Sheard; h, Bennington; c, 3, Netherwood; 4, hc, Meadows. MULE (4): 1, Talbot; 2, Smith; 3, Taylor; 4, Atkinson.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL.

BO'NESS.

Annual show of the Bo'ness C.H.S. was held on 9th Nov. The Society, which is only in its third year, has striven hard to make their annual exhibition one of the foremost in Scotland, and they have succeeded beyond all expectations, a fact which speaks well for the enthusiastic manner in which the officials and committee do their work. As long as they have two such fanciers at the head of affairs as Mr. W Whyttock, the enthusiastic president, and Mr. F. M'Gillivray, the very excellent secretary, the Society may look forward to still greater success in the future. The management was really of the best. The Drill Hall, in which the show was held, is not too well lighted, but as it is the only hall big enough for the purpose, the Society cannot help themselves. They could, however, impress upon the proprietors the necessity for putting in a few roof lights, which would at once make this hall second to none for a Cage Bird Show, as it is well adapted in every other respect. Entries totalled 490, an increase of 30 compared with last year. This is very gratifying considering the many shows held that day. Norwich classes were judged by Mr. C. Campbell, Stirling, who had ten classes, with an entry of about 80, many of which were birds of great merit and fit for the keenest competition. Scotch Fancy classes were judged by Mr. J. Carlaw, Falkirk, whose classes, although short in quantity, were of the best quality. The Border Fancy section was in the able hands of Mr. Andrew Gilchrist, Coldstream (who was out for the first time as a judge), taking the place of Mr. Duncan, who was unable to travel. Mr. Gilchrist, who had no easy task, acquitted himself with credit, as his awards gave general satisfaction. His choice for the B.F.C.C. medal, a yell. hen, belonging to Mr. Brockie, was a bird for type and quality with which no fault could be found. Mr. Logan had the biggest task in spotting the winners in the Brit. and Mule classes, as they were about the finest collection seen at any show this season. The Magpie which secured the special for the best Brit. was a magnificent specimen, in grand plumage, and in the pink of condition. During the afternoon the show was well patronised by the public, who turned up in large numbers. The judges' awards seemed to give satisfaction, as no grumbling was heard.

Canary Classes.

CREST COCK (6): 1, Esson, very good, wing mkd., D.C., nicely radiated, excellent size; 2, McNaughton, grizzle crest, mkd. on wing, nice full crest; 3, Heath, heavily variegated, good droop; 4, Esson; 5, Shillinglaw; 6, Sneddon. HEN (4): 1, Chalmers, mkd. wing, D.C., good size and shape; 2, Heath, heavily var., very fair crest; 3, Sneddon, cl. body, crest of fair size, good feather; 4, Laing. CRESTBRED COCK (11): 1, McNaughton, cl., grand size, finely lashed, nice quality of feathers; 2, Shields, var., grand entrance, good size and shape; 3, Russell, green, best head in class, fails only in body, a good bird; 4, Esson; 5, Sbillinglaw; 6, Davie. HEN (8): 1, 3, Johnstone, leader good wide cushioned head, well lashed, grand substance; 3 broad skull, good size; 2, Esson, cl. good head, grand feather and body substance; 3, 4, Shillinglaw; 5, 6, Laing; 7, McNaughton. PLAINHEADS, CL., ETC. (14): 1, 2, Sloan, two good ones, 1st a buff, good size and quality, good head; 2nd yell., grand head and body, capital colour and shape; 3, Martin, buff, full of colour, nicely mealed, fine size; 4, Simpson; 5, Meikle; 6, Sneddon; 7, Reid. HEN (8): 1, Sloan, cl. buff, good bead and neck, nice chested; 2, Simpson, grand yell. cl., fine level colour, nice quality of feather; 3, Henderson, grand size and shape, fails only in colour to winners; 4, Martin; 5, Chalmers; 6, Sneddon; 7, Reid. A.O.V. (5): 1, Sloan, wing mkd. buff, good substance and shape, nicely mealed; 2, Martin, var. yell., hot coloured, fine quality of feather; 3, Chalmers, ycll., var., nice type and quality, must have pressed hard; 4, Sloan; 5, Sharp. NON-FED COCK (6): 1, Chalmers, cl. buff, grand one for size and shape, easy win; 2, good shape, nice quality of feather; 3, Miller, eye and wing mkd., good head and body; 4, Grant; 5, Sneddon; 6, Witherspoon. HEN (5): 1, spl., McGillivray Bros., cl. Buff, excellent size and shape, good substance, fine head and neck; 2, Martin, eye and wing mkd., yell., fine type, good quality and size; 3, Reid, tkd. yell., real good one, fine carriage; 4, Dewar; 5, no name SELL. (15): 1, 5, Sloan; 2, Moreland; 3, 4, 6, Johnstone; 7, Whyttock. SCOTCH FANCY CL., ETC. COCK (4): 1, Graham, plenty of substance, fine drive and top-end, rare length of side; 2, Bishop, slimmer got-up, nice reach, fine depth across, good top; 3, Henderson, good one, nice free action; 4, McCormick. YELL. PIED, ETC. COCK: 1, Graham, pied, grand one for size, fine erect position, get head well down, very nervy; 2, Petris, another good one for size and substance, nice drive; 3, no name, good style and action; 4, McCormick; 5, Grant; 6, Miller. BUFF, ETC., COCK (7): 1, Bishop, massive substance, grand drive and top end, fine and free in action; 2, Henderson, fine square shoulders, nice length of side, good top, splendid reach; 3, Easton, good exhibit, magnificent reach, fine mover; 4, Petrie; 5, Hoggan; 6, Stirling. BUFF PIED, ETC., COCK (6): 1, spl., Petrie, pied, good size and back, nice drive, good top end; 2, Graham, nice one, fine drive, well rounded shoulders, gets position quick, close up; 3, spl., Easton, fair bird, nicely positioned, good length of side. CL. YELL., ETC., HEN (3): 1, Smith, grand size and substance, well-shouldered; 2, 3, Henderson, two birds of good stamp, 2nd rare one for position; 3rd fine reach and top, nice length of side. YELL. PIED, ETC. (3): 1, Petrie, pied, grand size, nice depth through chest, good top end, grand style and action; 2, Grant, grand substance, gets into position quickly; 3, Henderson, good style, fine free action, fair length of side. CL. BUFF, ETC., (5): 1, Petrie, good substance, rare drive and top end, fine square shoulder; 2, no name, slimmer build, but grand top, length of side; 3, 5, McCormick. 3rd good size, ready action, grips perch well; 4, Yule. BUFF PIED, ETC. (2): 1, Graham, very shapely, good quality, fine action, wins well; 2, Sneddon, pied, splendid reach and top, nice length of side. BORD. FANCY, CL. ETC., COCK (11): 1, spl., Shields, grand colour and feather, fine wing carriage; 2, Brockie, fine bead and well filled in back, nice jaunty carriage; 3, Hislop, excellent colour, good type and quality; 4, Wilson Bros.; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Summers. HEN (15): 1, spl., B.F.C.C. medal, Brockie, sweet ben, finely moulded, excellent wing and tail carriage; 2, Shields, fine type and quality, nice pipe tail; 3, Bruce, capital bead and front, good wing carriage; 4, Dunsmore; 5, Peel; 6, Russell; 7, Pnrvis. BUFF (18): 1, Shields, good shape and colour, nice front, rare carriage, fine wing; 2, Smart, finely drawn, good quality and colour, well put down; 3, Hislop, nice type, quality and condition all there; 4, Gentleman; 5, Peel; 6, Cairns; 7, Johnstone and Young. HEN (10): 1, Munnoch, fair type and quality; 2, Peel, nice close feather, good colour, splendid taper; 3, Mitchell, grand type, fine boxwood feather, some thought might have won; 4, Yule; 5, Gentleman; 6, Witherspoon; 7, Wilson Bros.; a rather poor class. EVENLY MKD. (3): 1, spl., Smart, buff, fair markings, nice type and conditiou; 2, Thomson, yell. clun., good markings, fine type and quality; 3, Peel, splendid marks, feather, and type. UNEVENLY MKD .(14): 1, Brockie, check and wing mkd., grand type and quality, fine wing carriage; 2, Smart, grand level colour, nice type and quality; 3, Thomson, yell. var., lovely quality and condition; 4, Wilson; 5, Sinclair; 6, Purvis; 7, Laidlaw. GREEN OR CINN. (5): 1, Dickson, nice grass green, fine lacing, good type; 2, Anderson, fair type, grand colour and pencilling; 3, Summers, fine lacing and depth of colour; 4, Thomson; 5, flood. SELL (11): 1, Johnstone and Young; 2, Gentleman; 3, Smith; 4, Workman; 5, Sinclair; 6, Brown; 7, Anderson. COMMON (15): 1, Bruce; 2, Hunter; 3, Meddon; 4, ,spl., Halley; 5, spl., Sinclair; 6, Meikle; 7, Nimmo.

Other Classes.

GOLDFINCH FOR. (14): 1, spl., Goodfellow, large clean-cut blaze, nicely buttoned, richly tanned, well staged; 2, Dick, nice colour and feather, very fair blaze; 3, Sharp, good one for size, not quite in bloom yet; 4, Livingstone; 5, Marshall; 6, McGregor and Boyd; 7, Hally; grand class. BULLFINCH, FOR. (4): 1, Macdonald, big one, grand breast colour, beautiful cap and wing bars; 2, Jackson, splendid cap, nice breast colour, fine condition; 3, Williamson, somewhat paler in breast, but good cap and bars. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl., Raine good square cut blaze, nice buttons, A1 condition; 2, Hay, similar to first, good wing bars, rich tanning; 3, McGillivray Bros., good clear blaze, nice wing bars and buttons; 4, Bishop; 5, Bell. BULLFINCH (13): 1, spl., 2, Laidlaw, two beauties for colour and size, rich coloured breasts, grand condition; 3, Jackson, best of condition, nice cap and wing bars; 4, Corbett; 5, Bullin; 6, Gentleman; 7, McDonald . LINNET (Housemoultcd) (15): 1, spl., Hay, nice colour, grandly pencilled, well put down; 2, Wason, deeper tone of colour, wonderful lacing, good bloom; 3, Boyd, nice birds, just a little weaker in lacing; 4, Workman; 5, 7, McGregor and Boyd; 6 Parker. WILD LINNET (8): 1, McDougall, grand size, fair lacing; 2, spl., Dewar, good Linnet, not staged to the best advantage; 3, Laing, nice colour condition; 4, No. 8, excellent colour, very unsteady; 5, Raine; 6, Bullin; 7, Ford. SISKIN (Colour-fed) (8): 1, spl., Sloan, good cap, colour, and lacings; 2, Alexander, larger, very fair cap and nice lacings; 3, no name, very nice cap and wing bars; 4, Bishop; 5, Bald; 6, Richardson; 7, McGregor and Boyd. NON-FED (6): 1, spl., Ferrier, good big Siskin, dense cap, grand lacing; 2, Paterson, nice bib, fair cap and lacing; 3, Laing, real good one, nice cap, fair lacing; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Reid. LESSER REDPOLL (14): 1, spl., Bullen, lovely Lesser, splendid colour and lacings; 2, Livingstone, many thought was in wrong class, more like a small Mealy, but good; 3, McGillivray Bros., similar shape and colou to winner, nice lacing; 4, Scotland; 5, Hally; 6, Brownlie; 7, McDermaid. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, McGillivray Bros., fine big Mealy, nice bib, plenty of lacing; 2, spl., Bishop, good coloured Twite, capital wings; 3, spl., McGregor and Boyd, another Mealy, grand colour and lacings; 4, Raine; 5, Dewar; 6, Bald. GREENFINCH (Colour-fed) (13): 1, Aitken, the Markinch 2nd, grand size and colour; 2, Alexander, good shape and colour, fine condition; 3, Goodfellow, another bouncer for size and sbape; 4, Showler; 5, Aitken; 6, Livingstone; 7, Nicol. (Non-fed) (14): 1, Thompson, rich grass green, good size and shape; 2., Bald, topper for size, good, shapely, and rich in colour; 3, Bruce, grand one, all round, close up; 4, Chatmoss; 5, Bald; 6, Meikle; 7, Aitken. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (15): 1, 2, spls., McGillivray Bros., Chaffinch, excellent size and shape, lovely colour, fine condition; 2, Sharp, Bramble, well spangled, nice rich colour; 3, Sinclair, another Chaffer, fairly large, good colour; 4, Hislop; 5, Paterson; 6, no name; 7, Aitken. BRIT. HEN (10): 1, Livingstone, Redpoll, good size and shape, nicely laced for a hen; 2, McDougall, Yellowhammer, very fair in size and condition; 3, Moreland, Greenie, on the small side, but fine condition; 4, Hamilton; 5, Fulton; 6, Bald; 7, Richardson. A.O.S. SMALL (11): 1, Hendry, lovely Yellow Wagtail, in the pink of condition; 2, Lawson, another Yellowhammer, nice colour and feather, well marked; 3, McDiarmaid, pied Wagtail, grand condition, well staged; 4, Wilson; 5, Easton; 6, Gray; 7, Strachan. LARGE (6): 1, 2 spls., Livingstone, Magpie, in grand feather and condition; 2, Fulton, Fieldfare, shown in faultless condition; 3, Richardson, dense coloured Blackbird, nice bloom; 4, Gilmour; 5, McGillivray Bros.; 6, Boyd. FOR. (6): 1, Wilson, Parrot, in the best of condition; 2, Gibson, lovely feathered Paraquet 3, Bruce, Gouldian Finch, in rare bloom; 4, 6, Law; 5, Lawson. MULE, LIGHT, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Bruce lightly var. Linnet Mule, very good size and colour; 2, Douglas, four-pointed Goldfinch and Canary, grand size, excels in colour; 3, Alexander, Greenfinch Canary, good size, very fair colour; 4, Sharp; 5, Gentleman; 6, Alexander; 7, Scotland. DARK (10): 1, spl., Dick, large Linnet and Canary Mule, colour and condition excellent; 2, Goodfellow, grand Goldfinch and Canary Mule, rich body colour, nicely staged; 3, no name, another Linnet-Canary, good bird, very fair finish; 4, Sloan; 5, no name; 6, Scotland; 7, Ramsay. HYBRID (5): 1, spl., Douglas, splendid Greenie-Bullie, nice size and colour; 2, McDonald, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rich colour, splendid feather, in fine condition; 3, Sharp, Greenie-Bullie, rather on small side, nice colour and condition; 4, Douglas. CLASS FOR BOYS (10): 1, Boyd, good coloured Greenfinch; 2, Johnstone, fine Mealy-Redpoll; 3, Hamilton; 4, Gibb; 5, Royd; 6, Meikle.

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Borders.

CL. YEL. CK. (13): 1, 3, spl., D. Jenkins, Clear buff, real model in every way, extra good in type and quality; 2, D. Jenkins, built on similar lines; 3, Aberdeen, another of the right stamp, very good type and quality, will improve; 4, E. M. Evans, sweet shape, nice jaunty mover; vhc, Brownlie; hc, W. Jenkins; c, Hammercot. HENS (12): 1, Brownlie, rare type and quality, nicely cut, in fine trim; 2, Hammercot, tight race, lovely shape and style; 3, Aberdeen, good type and quality, nicely built; 4, D. Jenkins, would have been higher, only had lost a few feathers out of back; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Trott; c, E. M. Evans. TKD. BUFF CK. (19): A grand class, 1, D. Jenkins, grand all-round bird, fine quality, nice colour, well finished off; 2, Wright and Hyslop, good type, fine bloom, a taking bird, marked on head; 3, O'Connell, fine quality, tight feather, good in carriage; 4, D. Jenkins, another smart exhibit; vhc, Roberts; hc, Hockings; c, Hammercot. HENS (16): 1, D. Jenkins, a real lady, lovely shape and style; 2, (no name), grand Border all over, well filled up, and nice finish; 3, D. Jenkins, again a fine exhibit, splendid type and quality; 4, Aberdeen, neat jaunty, well finished; vhc, O'Connell; hc, E. R. Roberts; c, Trott. UNEVEN MKD. CK. (10): 1, D. Jenkins, ticked on head and wings, nice round head, well filled in neck, fine quality and type; 2, O'Connell, cinn. marked, all type, feather like silk; 3, Evans, ticked head, eyes and wings, another of the right stamp, hard lines to meet the winners; 4, O'Connell, a real gem, no doubt would have been higher only for damaged tail; he, Wright and Hyslop; c, Arnot and Jamieson. HEN (13): 1, D. Jenkins, ticked on eyes and wings, like a bit of boxwood, a tip topper; 2, 3, L. Hughes, yellow, fine type and quality, nicely moulded; 3, Buff, built on similar lines, but not quite the finish of the former; 4, Arnott and Jamieson, nice colour and type, good quality; vhc, O'Connell; hc, Roberts; c, Hammercott. GREEN (15): 1, 3 spls., Hockings, yell., deep ground colour, clear and defined markings, fine type and quality, one of the best; 2, spl., D. Jenkins, grand border type, very fine feather; 3, vhc, c, Hockings, fine quality, good markings, neck in pen feathers; 4, Arnot and Jamieson; hc, O'Connell. EVEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Brownlie, Cin. fine type and quality, feather as smooth as glass, nicely finished off; 2, Hockings, evenly-marked buff a Border all over, nice markings and quality; 4, O'Connell, another typical neat bird; Nos. 2 and 3 absent. No 4, Hockings; passed for being coloured.

Mules, British and Foreign.

MULES, CL., ETC. (6): 1, Roderick, grand-sized yell., shows blaze and bars to perfection, wins well; 2, Browning, eye and wing mkd. buff, of superb size and finish, staged very nicely; 3, Hockings, another good yell., not quite substance or colour of leaders; 4, James; vbc, Jeffries. BETWEEN TWO BRIT. (5): 1, spl., Browning, Linnet-Bullie, lovely, shapely specimen, sound breast colour, nice cap, very sweet exhibit; 2, Shearn, grand Goldie-Bullie, again plenty of size and expanse of blaze, very close up; 3, 4, spl., Jenkins, Linnet-Greenfinch, nice size, good feather. DK. GOLD. (11): 1, spl., D. G. Lewis, good-sized yell., not quite up in face, otherwise in good trim; 2, 4, vhc, Jones, 2nd another grand yell., little further up in face; 4th good yell. youngster; 3, Browning, buff of nice size, well defined marking, in very good feather; bc, Thomas; c, Palmer. DK. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Jones, stands right away, quite a youngster, will make a stormer in time, well put down; 2, 3, W. Slade, 2nd great sized yell., nice front and finish throughout; 3, Spools, the Linnet cross very nicely, in rare feather, plenty of size; 4, Roach; hc, Vyse; c, Miss Mabbet. A.O.V. (10): 1, Browning, lovely coloured Greenie Mule, plenty of size, was put down in the pink of form; 2, 4, Jeffries, 2nd good-sized Siskin Mule, good eye marks, nice colour for a buff; 3, Lewis, Greenie Mule, nice colour, plenty of substance; vhc, Jones; hc, Portman; c, Heal. GOLDFINCH (23): 1, spl., Williams and Morgan, rare blaze, and tans buttoned very nicely, in grand bloom for the time of the year, will want beating later; 2, ex. 4, 4, D. G. Lewis, leader well known, another one possesses wealth of blaze, fit to win in any show, latter in wonderful bloom; 3, Prosser, also bigh-class one, beautiful polished face, nice tans and back colour; vhc, Kirby, Hurst; hc, Treharne, Gamage; c, Bancroft; a rare good class. BULLFINCH COCK (8): 1, 2 spls., Russell, rare good-sized one, nice breast and cap, a wonder for condition, staged with lovely taste; 2, Richards, also a very large specimen, good frontal, and bars, remarkable quality of feather; 3, Norton, typical, of rare size and colour, close up to former; 4, Morgan, cobby one, very steady, shows well; vhc, Gamage; hc, Treharne; c, Jeffries. HEN (11): 1, Jeffries, very trim little lady, neatly cut cap, well polished, wins nicely; 2, Browning, again a nicely-staged one, grand size, extra steady; 3, Jones and Evans, very hard fight with leaders, we thought a sweet exhibit; 4, Glover, very typical, immense cap; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Gamage. LINNET (20): 1, Hurst, solid, nutty coloured one, laced in striking fashion, polished like a bit of mahogany, very trim and fit for the time of the year; 2, spl, Jeffries, shapely specimen, very solid in colour and well marked, put down like a new pin; 3, Lovell, wealth of deep pencilling, very solid in front, good back colour, shows flights prettily; 4, Portman, bigh-class exhibit, fit for anything, laced excellntly; vbc (2) Thomas; bc, spl, Jenkins; c, A. J. L. Taylor. SISKIN (8): 1, Hurst, beautiful size and proper shaped one, nice cap and bib, very clear win; 2, Jeffries, very nicely coloured specimen, good eye marks and nicely laced at sides, plenty of size; 3, Russell, trim exhibit of beautiful shape, well feathered and well staged; 4, Bird, also a good one, lovely polish; vbc, spl, Gamage; hc, Jenkins. LESSER REDPOLL (15): 1, Nicholas, plenty of colour, very good bib and well laced, a marvel for polish and general finish; 2 spls (2), D. J. Prosser, very steady little Poll, nice size, rare colour, featbered in splendid fasbion; 3, Bancroft, also good, a real topper for colour, close up; 4, B. Prosser, nice polish and well staged; ex 4, Babbett; vhc (2), c, P. Jenkins; bc, Miss Mabbett; c, J. Richards. TWITE, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Hurst, good sized Mealy Redpoll, well laced rigbt up to centre, staged in superb fashion, good win; 3, spl, Russell, grand coloured Twite, immense size, well laced at thighs; 4, Gamage, Twite of nice size, good colour and marking; vbc, P. Jenkins. YELLOWHAMMER (6): 1, spl, S. J. Nicholas, perfect picture, good bead markings, nicely worked on cbest and thighs, fed to perfection; 2, Jenkins, another beauty for size and shape, fails little in colour; 3, Hurst, very good specimen, good colour, nicely marked; 4, Gamage, youngster of nice size, not quite cl. enough in bead markings yet; vbc, Bobbett; bc, Heal. BRAMBLEFINCH (10): 1, Hurst, well known, nice sized and spangled one, good bood and frontal, put down in fine order; 2, Jenkins, also very choice exbibit, nice front colour, well spangled, put down in fine form; 3, Cocks, we liked mucb, good size and colour, splendid sheen throughout; 4, W. Lewis, very fine exhibit, nicely spangled, colour well extended down chest, vhc, Ford and Son, another good one; hc, Williams; c, A. E. Taylor. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Hurst, good big, well-coloured, nice blue head and neck, wins well; 2, Cocks, large sized, good colour and substance, devoid of the snipey appearance often seen in a Chaffie; 3, Gay, grand exhibit, good chest and shows very nicely; 4, vhc, hc, Gamage, grand size and substance; hc, Gill. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Jeffries, good size and colour, wedge-shaped head, throat feathers twisted when we noticed him; 2, 3, S. J. Nicholas, the well-known Silver King, probably best Buff on show to-day, staged in lovely feather; 3rd, another nice quality Buff, very pure in colour, nice size; 4, Gamage, good sized Yell., not through moult; vbc, D. G. Lewis; bc, E. Palmer; c, Jenkins. A.O.V. SEED-EATER: 1, 2 spls, 3, vhc, Gamage, good sized Hawfinch, lovely quality feather, good bib, bars, wins well; 2, Dymond, another Hawfinch of smaller size, good bib, staged very nicely; 3rd, Reed Bunting, good cap and bib, in nice bloom; 4, Ford; hc, Jenkins; c, Ray. HEN (4): 2, D. J. Prosser, Bramble, nice sheen, good colour and size; 3, Jenkins, Reed Bunting, in good feather, well staged; 4, Ford and Son. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (9): 1, Price, grandly spangled Thrush of rare colour and size, wins well; 2, Ford, Blackbird, good sound black, nice bill and cere, in grand feather; 3, Costree, nice exhibit, well staged; 4, W. Lewis; vhc, spl, O'Connell; hc, Davies; c, Cullen. SELL. BRITISH (10s.) (3): 2, D. J. Prosser, good Bramble, nicely spangled, extra size, a bargain; 4, W. Lewis, nice specimen, good enough for open competition, claimed; hc, Bancroft. FOR. GOLD, ETC.: 3, Roderick, Goldfinch, splendid sq. blaze and good tans, only exhibit, too late for judging. LARGE (4): 1, vhc, Davies, well known King Parrot, staged in beautiful order, good win; 3, Mrs. Taylor, Cockatoo; hc, Griffiths. SMALL (2): 2, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, well known; 3, Davies, pair of Waxbills.

HINCKLEY.

The Hinckley and Dis. F. and F. S. held their 15th annual show in the Drill Hall, which is a very suitable hall for the occasion. The staging for cage birds was at one end of the room in four tiers, the birds making a very nice display. The arrangements at Hinckley are well-known to be all that can be desired. The secretary, Mr. A. Pickering, who is an ideal workman, had everything well in hand, and with the aid of a hard-working committee, everything passed off well. The officers, to whom credit is due, were: President, Mr. S. H. Pilgrim; vice-president, Mr. R. E. Hill; bon. treasurer, Mr. F. Osborn; Committee: Messrs. A. Colldge, R. Culley, H. Hewins, R. Hill, D. McNaughton, E. Sutton, T. Towers, W. Warner. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. NAT. COL. (18): 1, Mason, Cl. buff, large bird, good head and neck, nice even wings, shown in faultless condition; 2, Walton and Noakes, eye mkd buff, good type and quality, Coventry winner, runs leader close; 3, Bellamy, nice quality—on the small side compared with winners; r, Porter; vbc, Needham; hc, Weaver; c, Herbert. CLEAR, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Davis, good type, nice head and neck, full of colour, excellent wing carriage; 2, Hathaway, nice even colour, clean cut bird with good head and neck; 2, c, Growdridge, large, very fair quality; r, West, sweet little bird, slightly on small side; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Dent. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Walton and Noakes, large bird of good type, full of colour, grand quality, nicely cut behind, rather inclined to cross wings; 2, Mrs. Russell, another large one of good type, splendid head and neck, nice level colour throughout; 3, Needham, typical nice clean cut bird, close up; r, Blockley, good type and quality; vhc, Freer; hc, Gilbert; c, Hathaway. VAR. AND YELL. HEN classes cancelled. BUFF HEN (11): 1, Midgley, Cl. grand type and quality, short wings and tail, a splendid exhibit, wins well; 2, Weaver, good type and colour, fine wing carriage, very fine head; 3, Walton and Noakes, typical good colour and wing carriage; r, Adams, large bird, fails only in quality; vhc, Searle; hc, Freer; c, Adcock. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Growdridge, grand type and quality, well-carried wings, nice clean cut, well-fed; 2, Mason, mkd wings and heads, grand type and colour, full of quality; 3, Buswell, excellent stamp, nice even colour, clean cut; r, Hunt, mkd eyes, wings and neck, smart little bird, well fed; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Johnson; c, Adkins. BUFF (14): 1, Needham, grand type, superior stamp, nice short wings and tail, good head and neck, splendid colour; 2, Walton and Noakes, tick eye, full of Nor. quality, nice wing carriage, both birds in same position at Leicester; 3, Weaver, mkd neck, fair type, grand quality, fails only in colour to winners; r, Adams, typical; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Lucas; c, West. YORKS. CK. (10): 1, 2, Dykes, 1st, yell., good length, nice level colour, splendid wing carriage, nicely drawn; 2nd, buff, grand quality, level colour, good position, like wax, lovely wings and tail, some preferred this of the two; 3, Churchill, very stylish, grand lengtby bird, nice colour, good bead, wings and tail; r, vhc, Sutton stylish, excellent colour; bc, York; c, Fysh. HEN (8): 1, Sutton, Cl. Yell., excellent position, nice head, wings and tail; 2, Bishop, var. yell., lengthy bird, nicely drawn, fine colour; 3, Dykes, buff rich colour, nice wings and tail, looks like a cock; r, Churchill, lengtby, fair quality. A.O.V. (6): 1, Bisbop, beavily var. Crest nice drooping headpiece, capital broad skull; 2, Symonds and Son, even-mkd. buff Nor., good colour and quality; 3, Exton, buff Cinn. of good quality; r, hc, Bromfield; vhc, Nicholas. MULE (12): 1, 3, Lawrance, the noted Canary-Bullfinch leading, looking better than ever, followed by Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand coloured specimen; 2, Tonks, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good colour, nice condition; r, vhc, Cook, six-pointed Goldfinch-Canary nice quality, well balanced markings; bc, Hunt; c, Symonds and Son. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Dall, Bullfinch, grand type, good colour, nice cap wonderfully steady; 2, Seal, Goldfinch, grand colour throughout, good blaze, bars and moonings, very steady; 3, Barwell, Goldfinch, very similar, not quite the polisb of 2nd, bnt still an excellent stamp; r, Gilbert, fine Bullfinch; vbc, Hill and Towers; bc, Barratt; c, Growdridge. LINNET (9): 1, Hunt, rich nutty-brown, grand quality, lovely pencillings; 2, Hubbard, trifle smaller, good colour, nicely marked; 3, Hill and Towers, very nice thick-set bird, excellent colour and markings; r, Porter; vhc, Starbuck; bc, Walker; c, Pilgrim. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Tonks, very fine Siskin and Mealy Redpoll, same position at Wolverhampton; 2, Caunt, typical Twite of grand colour, very nicely marked; r, Dewis. A.O.V. (9): 1, 3, Barwell, beautifully sbown Hawfincb and Bramblefincb, two good specimens, tbe former held same position at Wolverhampton; 2, r, Hunt, Bramble, good size, grand colour, nicely marked; vbc, c, Gilbert; bc, Barratt. FOR. (8): 1, Caunt, pintailed Grassfinches, in splendid condition; 2, vbc, bc, c, Porter, nice pair Cuttbroats leading; r, Hill and Towers; r, Hackett. SELL. (15/-): 1, Freer; 2, Dallman; 3, Mrs. Russell. (25/-): 1, West; 2, Adkins; 3, Denny.

WALLSEND-ON-TYNE.

Third annual show held November 8th and 9th It proved a record for entries, 100 in advance of last year, and many well-known exhibits were on view. Norwich opened the programme, and although slightly down in numbers, contained some of the cream of the Fancy, the Plainheads being a lovely lot, birds of great size, but well moulded, the Bulfs being especially waxinko in feather and level in type. The classes must have given the judge some trouble to separate the winners. Mr. Gray had on exhibition some of his favourites, and accounted for a goodly share of the spoil, scoring in three classes, and making himself felt in the others; his Bulls were the outstanding feature. Mr. Godley had also present a grand team to uphold his reputation, and was well among the winners, landing on two occasions with a grand Yellow hen and a sweet Buff unfighted, both in clinking order. Mr. Brown accounted for the Yellow class with a gem for quality, colour, and shape. Mr. Rowell's winner in the mkd. class is a lovely-headed bird, containing plenty of substance. The non-lighted classes held many outstanding birds, but Mr. Robinson secured the "plum" in the Yellows with a beauty for colour and size and quality. Crests and Crestbreds are always a special feature at Tyneside shows, and to-day saw the usual regular "gathering of the clans," some great specimens being present. Mr. Lister was the only exhibitor to score twice in this variety, and he did it with a topping Crested cock, exceedingly well put down, and a beautiful young Crestbred. Other leading honours were secured by Messrs. Dobson and Son, McColl, Bewick, and Appleby, with birds of exceptional merit. The members' classes were keenly contested, Mr. Hermiston having down a grand team ,which secured for him the R. J. Dees Challenge Cup (carrying along with it a beautiful gold medal), for most points in members' classes. These varieties were judged by Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), and his awards were well received, very few adverse remarks being heard from the large gathering of fanciers present.

In the Yorkshire section some very typical specimens were staged, Mr. Stewart put down a grand team of birds, his winning yell. hen a topper, well on leg, grand position and full of nerve. Mr. W. G. Cuthbertson staged some fine birds, his unfl. yell., which won the Members' Cup being a good bird, and another year should make a name for its owner. Mr. Rhodes' yell. hen was just the type of bird we like to see, full of nerve and quality, and a straight as a rush. Mr. Crawhall put down some typical birds, full of quality and type.

The Border, Mule, British and Foreign sections brought together a grand lot of birds, well in advance of previous years, and some toppers for quality were to be seen. Borders led, and were well represented, but unfortunately many good birds seemed to have been spoiled in the hard washing, which compelled them to take, in some instances, a back position. Some of the Border "cracks" had out teams, and accounted for a good few of the prizes, Mr. Gilchrist being the most successful, scoring on two occasions, with a very nice var. yellow cock and with a good even-marked Buff hen, put down in marvellous feather. Mr. Smart secured leading honours in the Yellow class, with a very neat all-round cock; Mr. Hawkins, in Bulfs, with a sweet positioned bird, of good quality. Mr. Rowell won in var. Buffs with one of rare quality. The gem of the section was considered by many to be the winning Yellow hen, the property of Mr. French. Correct size, grand in head and body, and with lovely carriage; she is a gem. Mules made a nice collection, Mr. Maddison having out a grand team in Lights, the winner being the almost clear Siskin, while Mr. Taylor accounted for the Darks with a topping Siskin, fed to perfection and of grand size and marking. The British were a show in themselves. Linnets made the strongest and best class in the show, Mr. Dunn scoring with a good one, not the largest, but of nice type and ground colour, and exceedingly well pencilled. The Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Siskins, etc., were also very fine. Larks, as usual, were a strong lot, the winner, the property of that well-known fancier, Mr. Alloway, being a beauty and well staged. The Softbills made a nice collection, the Large class being headed by a grand Starling, and the Smalls by a good Nightingale. The large class of Foreigners was headed by that gem of a Mynah, the property of Mr. Brown. The members' classes were especially good, Mr. Johnstone accounting for all the Border classes with some beauties, and secured the special for most points. Britishers were a fine collection, the best turning up in the lovely Bullfinch belonging to Mr. Allison. Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream) judged these classes, and his awards on the whole were very well received.

The exhibition was held in the Co-operative Hall—a very good place, being nicely lighted and free from draughts. The genial chairman, Mr. McDonald was, as usual, very busy supervising the arrangements to the great assistance of Mr. Johnstone, the newly-found jewel of a secretary, who had his hands full of clerical work, and got through it in fine style. He was ably assisted by Mr. Cox. These two gentlemen have the welfare of the Society at heart, and that they long may fill their positions is the desire of all. The committee, which is composed of such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Evans, Cockburn, Hopkinson, Preston, Taylor, Langlands, Reeves, Thompson, Haickney, Hedden, McGinn, Hembergh, were all at their respective posts, and as stewards, etc., worked well and in harmony, securing for the Society an all round successful show. Mr. Ronald, the worthy vice-chairman, also gave his kindly assistance towards the management. Mr. Hyslop, the hon. treasurer, was busily compiling his list of specials and cash for the successful exhibitors, and he and Messrs. Harper and Chaister were very confident their duties would be the production and auditing of a favourable balance sheet. The show on the first day was visited by a large number of fanciers, many of whom attended the Dinner, and judging from the eloquent speeches made, all were unanimous that the Cage Bird Fancy is now well on the road towards a great future in the Tyne district..

Mr. W. P. Barnes's Classes.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (17): 1, Brown, beautiful shape, grand front and taper, hot deep colour, teeming with quality, fine size; 2, Cameron, good body bird, fine substance and quality, only just fails in head to winner; 3, c, Grey, nice stamp, good feather, nice front and colour; 4, Hermeston, nice size and quality, shapely and good carriage; vhc, McKay; hc, Godley. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Grey, leader bonneer, grand shape and lovely feather, beauty for meal, grand cut and style, well filled up in neck, good head; 2, Dove, good quality, nicely made body, excellent substance; 3, Rowell, shapely, very fair front, nice wing carriage; 4, Godley, nice fronted bird, good style; hc, c, Hodgson. TICK, ETC (14): 1, vhc, Rowell, leader rare substance, grand body, fine and full, well tapered, lovely chest and head, rounded all over, in fine bloom; 2, Grey, heavily var., good round body, fine carriage, nice neck and head; 3, French, plenty of size, nice quality of feather, fails only in body to winners; 4, Stanger and Herdman, in rare feather; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Taylor. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Godley, gem of a lady, grand head and neck, hot colour, rare size, sweet moulded one, well put down; 2, Bewick, good all round, excellent substance and shape, smart carriage; 3, Cameron, sweet head, grand shape, lovely quality, rare wing carriage and pipe tail, some thought could have gone up a peg; 4, Grey, rare big 'un, good head, nice chest, perhaps, rather longer in feather, well placed; vhc, Wilson; hc, Ronald; c, Appleby. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Grey, grand cl., exquisite type and quality, noble deep rounded chest and rare taper, well carried wings, works well when handled; 2, Dobinson, grand head, well rounded, shade longer than winner, rare size for a hen; 3, Dr. O'Neal, tick on cheek, scarcely the size of winners, but very typical, a good all round hen; 4, Ronald, nice Bullfinch-shaped one, lovely carriage, beaten by winners only on head; vhc, Reid; hc, c, Taylor. UNFLI. YELL. (10): 1, Dobinson, nice quality of feather, good head and neck, grand colour, well up in size, teeming with quality; 2, Hodgson, another beauty for colour and quality of feather, grand shaped body; 3, Stanger and Herdman, nice shape and quality, very stylish, and neat as a new pin; 4, Reid, good head, nice all round for shape and size; vhc, McGinn; hc, Taylor; c, Rowell. BUFF (15): 1, Godley, beauty for shape and colour, good round headed one, grand front, well tapered, nice wing carriage, rare pipe tail, well put down and wing mark; 2, 4, Dobinson, 2nd, fine, bouncing bird, larger than winner, but not quite so compactly built, 4th, good size and colour, tkd on head, grandly feathered; 3, McKay, nicely mkd, grand shapely body, good feather; vhc, Cameron; hc, McGinn; c, Dippie and Richardson. NAT. COL. CK. (13): 1, vhc, Hayes, leader large shapely yell., rare substance, nice head, well carried wings, good deep sound colour, wins well; 2, Brown, buff, bit smaller than winner, but grand head, and rare taper, very fine position, in rare bloom; 3, Godley, Cl. yell., well up in size, good colour and full of quality, beaten only in substance; 4, Christie, Cl. buff, good head, nice front and size; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Flack. HEN (9): 1, Grey, bonny buff, good all round, grand head and front, very deep chested, great size, good quality; 2, Stanger and Herdman, Cl. buff, smaller, but good headed bird of the right type; 3, Taylor, little larger buff than second, good head and body, carries plenty of feather; 4, Brown, another good slashing buff; vhc, c, Richardson; hc, Green. CREST (10): 1, Lister, rare body, plenty substance and grand quality, combined with lovely top piece, rare radiation, dense leafy feather of grand length, beautifully rounded and groomed; 2, Bewick, another with rare lengthy top piece, grandly centred, comes well down all round, fine frontal; 3, c, Taylor, good all round, grand body, fine sweep of crest, neat; 4, vhc, Winter, smaller, but well built and nicely groomed; hc (no name). DO. BRED 1907 (7): 1, 2, Dobson and Son, leader grand one, fine lengthy feather coming well down, level all round, grand texture; 2, fine frontal, good dense feather, fails only on sides to winner; 3, spl, best 1907 N.C.C. bird, Hands, green, nice top piece, fine leafy feather of grand length, excellent body; 4, Lister, grand texture of feather, just beaten in length; vhc, hc, Taylor. CREST HEN (5): 1, McColl, topper for a lady, very fine, dense feather, beautifully centred, grandly drooped, nice body, well put down, worthy of keenest competition; 2, Lister, grey crest, rare size and plenty of substance, fine length of feather, grand centre; 3, Taylor, plenty feather of the right quality, nice frontal; 4, Younger Bros., good all-round exhibit; vhc, Ternent. CRESTBRED (8): 1, 2, spl, best N.C.C. Club, Bewick, grand lashing, fine length, carried well back, nice entrance, fine, full bodied; 2, cushion headed, grand centre, fine entrance, shade shorter in lash; 3, Crawhall, dark cap, good entrance, finely lashed; 4, Hutchinson, noble entrance, great width, feather fairly long; vhc, Lister; hc, Taylor; c, McColl. CREST-BRED (BRED 1907) (9): 1, Lister, hot one, grand headed, wide entrance, rare length of feather, carried well back; 2, spl, best Crest-bred N.C.C., spl, Currah and Son, fine head, very nicely got up, good entrance and length of feather; 3, Hutchinson, Green, good entrance, very fair lashing; 4, Crawhall, could not find when taking notes; vhc, McColl; c, Ternent. CREST-BRED HEN (7): 1, Appleby, wins on entrance, very good frontal, plenty of feather, carried well back, nice quality; 2, no name, fine cushion head, nice wide entrance, fair length of lash; 3, vhc, Taylor, slightly narrower in skull, but well up in length of feather; 4, McColl, good all round hen; hc, Currah and Son.

Mr. W. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, Stewart, full of quality, nerve and position, grand wings and tail, wins; 2, Rhodes, good head, long flights and tail, position A1, just shade on strong side; 3, Cuthbertson, blaze of colour, good stamp, neat head, fine wings and tail, wants little more handling to make steady; 4, Mrs. Dees, very typical, full of quality; vhc, Carr, hc, Heddon; c, Taylor. CL. BUFF (73: 1, Stewart, blaze of colour, full of good quality, neat head, grand position, shown in pink of condition; 2, Stanger and Herdman, rare colour, position and feather, good head, neat, compact wings and tail; 3, Langlands, very stylish, with good flights and tail, neat head; 4, vhc, hc, Taylor. No. 1, Cuthbertson, wrong class, this bird is very typical and full of quality, would have been in the money, but is slightly ticked on legs. YELL. OR BUFF TICKS. (9): 1, 3, Stewart, buff, well on leg, long flights and tail; 3rd, buff, full of quality, very stylish; 2, Cuthbertson, type and quality A1; 4, Hedden, blaze of colour, wing tick; vhc, hc, Rhodes; c, Taylor. HENS (14): 1, vhc, Rhodes, perfect body, yell., grand type, brimful of quality, neat round head, pair of good wings, compared tail, wins; vhc, grand type; 2, 4, Stewart, fine stamp, good head, long flights and tail, yell., 4th, buff, blaze of colour, full of quality; 3, Cuthbertson, buff, grand type, well on leg; hc, Kent; c, Davison. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. 1907, (20): 1, 3, hc, Cuthbertson, 1st, wing tick, grand position, good head, wings and tail, wins Members' Cup; 3rd, blaze of colour, nice position; 2, Rhodes, wing tick, full of quality, good head, grand position; 4, c, Ellwood, long, typical, grand quality, not quite ready; vhc, Crawhall. BRIT. CL. ETC. 1907, (13): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, 1st, cheek tick, superior type, rare colour, very neat head, grand wing carriage; 2nd, grizzled head, rare quality position; 3, Carr, rich colour, quality, typical; 4, Cockburn, capped head, position and quality, long flights; hc, Taylor; hc, c, Ellwood. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, Chapman; 1st yell. Scotch Fancy, full of nerve and reach; 2nd, buff do., very nervy; 3, Heddon, green Yorks, typical rich grass green; 4, Bell, Scotch Fancy; vhc, Bewick; hc, Seely; c, Taylor. PAIR FOR CREST BREEDING (7): 1, Lister, crest; 2, vhc, Bewick; 3, McColl; 4, Dobson and Son; hc, c, Taylor. OTHER PAIRS (9): 1, Godley, Nor.; 2, Hemerston, Nor.; 3, Jobling, Nor.; 4, Kent, Yorks.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Rowell; 2, Dobinson. SELL. PAIRS (30/-) (13): 1, Dobinson; 2, Carr; 3, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Hands; vhc, French; hc, Winter; c, Taylor. (20/-) (12): 1, French; 2, Rutherford; 3, Godley; 4, Johnston; vhc, Bewick; hc, Dormer; c, Rowell. (15/-) (25): 1, McGinn; 2, Winter; 3, Woodhouse; 4, Carr; vhc, Godley; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, McNeil. (10/-) (20): 1, Johnston; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Taylor; vhc, Bates Bros.; hc, Joy; c, Woodhouse. MEMBERS' YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, vhc, Cockburn, well on leg, long flights and tail; 2, Crawhall, typical, rare colour; 3, 4, Taylor; hc, Mowell; c, Allison. BUFFS (9): 1, vhc, Heddon; 3, 4, Taylor; hc, Evans; c, Allison. HENS: 1, 2, 3, Crawhall, three typical ladies, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, c, Cockburn. A.O.V. (8): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hyslop, four Lizards; 2, 4, Taylor; c, Roy.

Mr. J. W. Bruce's Classes.

BOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Smart, nice col., feathered like wax, grand style, well tapered, beautiful wing carriage; 2, Chapman, a topper for shape, well drawn, good frontage, grand size; 3, Walker, nice bodied, grand carriage, just inclined to be little flat on head; 4, Cox, finely drawn, very stylish; vhc, Johnston; hc, Hopper Bros.; c, Hymers. BUFF (7): 1, Hawkins, grand position, lovely mover, very finely fronted, nicely drawn, carries wings well; 2, Gilchrist, nice type, very fair position, stylish mover; 3, Jordan, good type, nice and shapely, correct size and make; 4, Rowell, grand feather and condition; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Markwell; c, McDonald. YELL. YKD., ETC. (7): 1, Gilchrist, grand bodied, uneven, lovely front and position, fine balanced wings, well drawn; 2, Walker, good type, fine fronted, very showy, nice size and position; 3, 4, c, Taylor, 3rd nice order and feather, 4th good body, position and feather; vhc, Rowell; hc, French. BUFF (6): 1 Rowell, well rounded, shade stout, but grand quality of feather, nicely drawn; 2, Walker, good position and nice feather, very fair in head; 3, Taylor, good feather and nice style, well shaped; 4, Hopper Bros., good quality, nice thickness, not quite finished; vhc, Johnston; hc, McQuillan. HEN CL., ETC. (14): 1, French, lovely bodied, round as possible, very neat head, finely carried wings, grand style, good one all over, Yell.; 2, Gilchrist, Buff, marvel for feather, just like wax; fair front, good head, grandly positioned; 3, Walker, very good body, fine taper; 4, vhc, Ellwood, Buff, nice shape and feather; hc, Dippie and Richardson; c, Hawkins. TICK, ETC. (14): 1, Gilchrist, even Bull in grand trim, good markings, nicely balanced, plenty of weight in body, but very nicely finished off; 2, Smart, Yell fowl, gem for colour, rare body and style, a shade nervous, will do some winning yet; 3, Voy, good feathered, uneven Buff, nice size and quality; 4, Cox, Buff, good order, nice shape and taper; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Chapman; c, no name; Nos. 12 and 13 soft when judged. MULES, LIGHT, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Maddison, leader the sensational lightly var. Siskin Mule, in very nice order, nice size and quality, well put down; 2nd, Goldie Bullie Hyb., well up in colour, good size, in grand trim; 3rd, var. light Linnet Mule, mkd. on breast and head, fine size, good order, creditable team, well put down; 4, vhc, hc, Taylor, leader Greenle-Bullie in grand colour; c, McDees. DARK (10): 1, 3, 4, Taylor, leader Jonque Siskin, grand size, rare good markings, deep coloured; 3rd, another Siskin, if anything better in cap than winner, but slightly slimmer got up, good body markings; 4th, nice Linnet Mule, fair size, nicely marked, all in tip-top form; 2, vhc, Maddison, good Jonque Greenie, fine size, grand colour, in rare bloom; hc, Dickens; c, Melville. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Bell, nicely coloured, good cap and wing bars, in fair order; nice size; 2, Curry and Gardner, close up for colour and size, good feather; 3, Melville, nice breast colour, fine size, very steady; 4, Taylor, good shape and size, nice colour and condition; vhc, Ellis. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Stanger and Herdman, grand bodied Finch, very clean, cut on cheeks, good nap and body colour, large expansive blaze of good colour, steady and in grand order; 2, Robson, dense crimson blazed, very fair head, good nut-brown on chest, in fine order; 3, Maddison, nice Finch, good shape and colouring, well cut, hardly up in colour yet; 4, Rutherford, another good Finch; vhc, McDees; hc, Johnston; c, Haickney. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 2, Maddison, bouncing Jonque in tip-top form, grand shape, plenty of him, nice wing bars, splendid colour; 2nd shade smaller, but again a beauty for colour and shape; 3, Markwell, good condition, very fair, size and colour; 4, Rutherford, good size and colour, nice condition; vhc, Furlong. LINNET, a grand class (20): 1, 4, Dunn, leader good, grand nut-brown colour throughout, teeming with quality, very steady and beautifully staged, nicely marked; 4th, also good one somewhat similar in shape and size, in grand bloom; 2, French, shapely Finch, somewhat larger than winner, but not quite so sound in colour, very fair breast, a grand fighted bird; 3, Stanger and Herdman, hot one for quality, grand condition, teeming with life, good colour throughout, rare whites; vhc, Nutall; hc, Ronald; c, Brown. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Shephard, Siskin, very good cap, nicely marked, splendid hib, well up in size, in grand order; 2, Irvine, Twite, good colour, and well laced in front, very fair flights; 3, Maddison, hot-fed Siskin, fails only in cap to winner, really nice feather and condition; 4, McQuillan, nice all round Redpoll, fine size, good order; vhc, Furlong. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, hc, McVay, tip-top Chaffinch, very steady, well up in colour, good dense breast, nice cap, rare whites, grand wing bars; 2 4 Sheppard and Sell, good Bramble, nicely spangled, deep in colour, good breast, very pure in white; 4th, Bramble, well up in size and markings; 3, Stewart, good large Yellow-hammer, grand colour, very nicely laced, well put down; vhc, Wilson; c, Taylor. LARKS (16): 1, vhc, Allaway, topper for size and colour, grand deep tone throughout, very nicely marked, rare wings, splendid breast markings, a gem and no mistake; 2, c, King, large and shapely, very nice breast markings, good back and wings, in grand order; 3, Laws, very taking exhibit, exceedingly well marked; 4, Page, plenty size, very shapely, again well laced; hc, McVay. SOFTBILL LARGE (9): 1, Porteous, tip-top Starling, grandly spangled, in lovely condition, a gem for quality, well staged; 2, McGinn, grand Song Thrush, fine size and colour, well staged, very fair breast; 3, Mrs. Woodhouse, steady, well conditioned Waxwing in lovely feather, nice size; 4, King, Song Thrush, well spangled; vhc, Charlton; hc, Taylor; c, Shephard and Son. SMALL (6): 1, Waters, nice sized, good coloured Nightingale, in splendid condition, very steady, beautifully staged; 2, Welch Bros., Tree Creeper, fair size, nice markings, in very fair condition; 3, Wilson, very nice Robin, well up in size and colour; 4, Taylor, Pied Wagtail. FOR LARGE (9): 1, Brown, grand Mynah, great size, lovely condition, shining like a piece of silk, well staged; 2, Porteous, good King Parrot, fine size, in good order, deep dense colour throughout, good 2nd; 3, Hermiston, rattling good Amazon, in grand bloom; 4, Winter, in very fine condition; vhc, hc, Thompson; c, Taylor. SMALL (9): 1, no name, grand superb Tanager in clinking condition, lovely exhiblt, well staged; 2, Mason, clinking pair of Red-head Gouldian Finches, hen in grand order, cock just a little off when judged; 3, Watson, Paradise Whydah, in very good trim, fine size and colour; 4, vhc, Walton, pair of black-head Gouldian in very fine trim; hc, Melville; c, McKenzie; a good class.

Members' Classes.

The members' classes were keenly contested in many cases. The principal prize-winner in the Norwich section was Mr. Hermiston, who secured the Norwich special with a gem of a Yellow, fine shape, lovely size and grand colour. In the Border section Mr. Johnston accounted for the special with a tip-top Cinn. tick, shown in nice condition, grand head, and rare style, fine body and nicely tapered. Mr. Allison won the British special with a gem of a Bullie, dense coloured breast, rare size and cap, and put down in grand bloom, a beauty and no mistake, well staged. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, spl, 3, Hermiston; 2, c, Taylor; 4, vhc, McDonald; hc, McGinn. BUFF (7): 1, Hermiston; 2, 3, McGinn; 4, Ronald; vhc, Davison; hc, Roy; c, Deaglo. YELL. MKD. (6): 1, McGinn; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Roy; vhc, Davison; hc, Ronald. BUFF (5): 1, Davison; 2, Roy; 3, Hermiston; 4, vhc, Taylor. HEN (9): 1, Ronald; 2, Davison; 3, McGinn; 4, Roy; vhc, hc, McDonold; c, Taylor. CREST (9): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, 4, Crawhall; vhc Roy; hc, McColl. CREST-BRED (7): 1, vhc, Crawhall; 2, no name; 3, 4, Taylor; hc, McColl; c, Roy. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Johnston; vhc, McDonald; hc, Ronald; c, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Johnston; 2, Taylor; 3, Evans; 4, Appleby; hc, Richardson; c, Simpson. HEN (13): 1, Johnston; 2, Simpson; 3, Ronald; 4, McGinn; vhc, Cox; hc, c, McDonald. MULES, LIGHT (3): 1, Mrs. Dees; 2, 3, Craig. DARK (5): 1, 3, Hermiston; 2, Evans; 4, Hyslop; vhc, Preston. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, McGinn; 2, Mrs. Dees; 3, Ronald; 4, Johnston; vhc, Haickney; hc, Taylor; c, Preston. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, Allison; 2, Hackney; 3, Melville; 4, Taylor; vhc, Ellis. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Appleby; 2, Markwell; 3, 2, Haickney; 4, Ronald; vhc, Hyslop; hc, Barnes; c, McQuillan. LINNET (14): 1, Cockburn; 2, Markwell; 3, Ronald; 4, Barnes vhc, Richardson; hc, McQuillan; c, Hyslop. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Johnston; 2, McQuillan; 3, Ronald. A.O.V. FINCH (6): 1, vhc, Taylor; 2, Ronald; 3, Johnston; 4, Barnes. LARKS (3): 1, 2, Appleby; 3, McQuillan. SOFT BILL (6): 1, McGinn; 2, Simpson; 3, Taylor.

LEAMINGTON.

The Leamington Fanciers held their 4th annual show on November 7th, in the Drill Hall. The show was held last year in the Winter Hall, which is a larger hall for the purpose; therefore the classes had this year to be cut down to suit the new place. The portion occupied by the Cage birds was not very large, the entry being rather poor. This is owing probably to so many shows being held at about the same time, and also to the fact that there was a 2/- entry fee. The arrangements, however, as is usual here, were of a most satisfactory character, reflecting very great credit on the officials. The chairman was Mr. A. H. A. C. Hunt, vice-chairman, Mr. R. Moore; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Potter; Committee, Messrs. P. L. Stanley, G. W. Hassall, G. A. Moss, H. Wilks, G. Hall, W. W. Abbott, G. Wildsmith, W. Hems, C. E. Kent, A. Onslow, R. Powell. The able sec., Mr. F. T. Pritchard, worked well and deserves every praise. The show was opened by the president, Alderman J. Bennett (Mayor), who said that during the last two years he had had many duties to perform, most of them pleasant, but none had been pleasanter than those of the character of this. Although the entry was small, some very fine specimens put in an appearance in the Cage bird section. Mr. J. Bastock judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC. (Amalgamated) (7): 1, 3, vhc, Gilbert, splendid team of mkd birds; 1st, grand type and quality, good head and neck, nice even wings; 3rd, lovely colour and quality, hardly so thick-set as winner; 2, Groom, Cl. Yell., good type, nice level colour, good wing carriage; hc, Weaver; c, Lawrance. UNFLI. (6): 1, spl, Lawrance, tick eye, grand colour, good head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2, 3, Hall, 2nd, buff, good type, nice level colour, slightly pinched in head; 3rd, grand colour and quality; vhc, Mallett; hc, Lees; c, Tipping. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Wright, good large bird, splendid colour; fine type, nice wings; 2, Groom, not quite so typical, good wing carriage, very good colour; 3, Loden, tick back of head, nice quality, good wing carriage. CRESTS (7): 1, 2, spl, Wilks, lovely hen, the Coventry winner, in faultless condition; 2, vhc, King, even-mark, dark Crest, nice drooping crest of veiny feather; 3, Peters, green, large bird, with good drooping crest, very fair feather; hc, Hall. CRESTBRED (6): 1, 3, c, Wilks, 1, green, wonderfully large head, good length of feather, nicely lashed, wins well; 3, grand young bird, good length of head feather; 2, vhc, King, var. good size and type, nicely lashed; hc, Moore. YORKS. AND A.O.V. (amalgamated) (11): 1, King, wing mark Cinn. Crest, good size and type, well radiated crest, nice droop for Cinn.; 2, Collier, unfli. wing mark yell. Yorks, good colour, typical; 3, hc, Hawes, Yorks. buff tick head, grand quality, nice wing carriage, good tail; vhc, Taylor; c, Hodgson. MULE (6): The quality in this class made up for the small number; 1, 2, r, Lawrance, 1st, the well-known Canary-Bullfinch, looking well; 2, Linnet-Bullfinch, grand colour, good size and type; 3, Lecs, four-pointed Goldfinch and Canary, grand quality, fair size, good markings; hc, Poole, (the commended bird in this class was the Wolverhampton winner). BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, Poole, Nuthatch, good colour and quality, nicely mkd; 2, vhc, Tipping, Meadow Bunting, splendidly mkd and staged in grand form; 3, c, Gilbert, Bramblefinch, good colour, well mkd, and in nice condition; hc, Garrett. LARGE (7): 1, 3, Gilbert, 1st, Blackbird, lovely sheen, very steady; 3, Thrush, well spotted and in nice condition; 2, Poole, Ring Ousel, fine, large bird, well shown; vhc, Tipping; hc, Hodson. SELL. (20/-), PAIRS (4): 1, 3, Hall; 2, Wright; vhc, Gabb. SINGLE (21/-) (6): 1, Wilks; 2, King; 3, Hawes. (10/6) (5): 1, Hall; 2, Bellamy; 3, Wilks. AMATEUR CLASSES: NOR. AND A.O.V. (amalgamated) (11): 1, Brooks, yell. Nor., nice type and quality, good colour and wing carriage; 2, Bull, buff Nor., good type and quality, nice wings and tail; 3, c, Symonds, buff, good quality, fails only in substance to second; vhc, Loden Bott; hc, Moore. NOR. UNFLI. (11): Loden, Bulf, good type, grand colour, very even throughout, rather wide in tail; 2, A. Bull, eye and wing mkd yell., grand colour and quality, very typical; 3, hc, Hott, grand quality, nice even colour, very pretty bird. LOCAL CANARY (10): 1, spl, Rawlins, fair green Crest; 2, hc, Brooks, unfl. yell. Nor.; 3, c, Truman, var. buff Nor.; vhc, Garrett. BRIT AND FOR. (10): 1, Jennings, Goldfinch, very steady, fair blaze; 2, Cleaver, green Parrot in good condition; 3, Redley, nice Thrush; vhc, Bayley; hc, Payne; c, Knight. MEMBERS, CANARY: 1, Wilks; 2, Hall; 3, Gilbert. BRIT. OR FOR.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Tipping.

WARRINGTON.

The twelfth annual show of the Warrington and District C.B.S. was held November 8th and 9th, in Drill Hall, Bath Street, a very large and spacious hall, lighted from the roof and by electricity. A thousand or fifteen hundred birds could easily be staged. The day was very dull, and it rendered birds of colour difficult to judge. There were 46 open classes, with four money prizes and a cash special per class for a 1s. 6d. entry fee, which was well responded to by a magnificent entry of over 500 birds. Twenty four members' classes were provided, but half of these failed to receive an entry—the remaining twelve classes contained 46 birds, so that, in round numbers, about 600 birds were staged. This must be counted a great success when we consider the number of important fixtures arranged for this week. Open Yorkshire classes brought together some wonderfully smart "straight 'uns"; nine per class is rather an awkward average for the funds. Norwich came up in slightly larger numbers, and some real gems were put down. Greens came up in most magnificent style, and were par excellence the feature of this show, there being the fine total of 168 birds in eight classes—four Yorkshire and four Norwich averaging over twenty per class—truly a great triumph for the Greens. Owing to the difficult light, etc., prevailing, some of the minor lights in the Yorkshire Greens shone, and some of the usual electric sparks were put out for the day. Interest is kept keenly alive in these classes in consequence. The Norwich Greens are truly making great strides towards perfection, and here was to be seen some marvels of type, colour, and neatness. More of the cracks appeared here, and on the whole Mr. Hirst found most of them. The Green Club members give proof that they are very much alive this season. Borders contained some very pretty typical birds of fine quality, while the Crest, etc., class saw a marvellous Crest-bred (H. F. Hardy) winning. It is a treat. Hybrids in two classes saw some noted cracks, and the Britishers and Foreigners came up well. The Open Noviee Canary—York hire and Norwich—classes were really excellent both in quantity and quality. About the best Yorkshire in show was to be seen here in the Yell. cock class. The three Yorks classes brought out 45 birds, and many of these would make rings round some in the champion classes. Nor. also found some rare cobby birds, flowing with quality, the three classes bringing out 52 birds. Linnet-singing class brought forward ten real beauties in their "hoppers," and it is very creditable to the owners to find these birds so perfect in all round condition. As tight as wax and steady to a degree in most instances. We heard it said that the members' classes would be better left for a purely members' show, so as to give all members a chance of making them successful. Mr. W. R. Knowles the popular chairman, Mr. J. Emmett, the very able secretary, and Mr. J. D. Leigh, a most excellent and courteous show manager, with a good staff of workers, including Messrs. J. Hampson, J. Potter, Stout, Johnson, Walters, Cowell, Dukes, Kinsey, Tyrer, Langley, Morison, Bowers, Billington, etc., kept the business well posted, when once the staging was complete, Mr. H. Cawley lending Mr. Hampson a willing helping hand. Mr. A. Hirst judged the Canaries, and Mr. C. Houlton the Brit. and For., their awards giving every satisfaction.

The Canary Classes.

YORKS. YELL CK. (9): 1, 3, Knowles, first tick wing and cheek, very long, slim, and breedy, good legs and feet, neat wings and tail, tightly wrapped up, 3rd, Cl., very fine quality, hardly so well posted as 1st; 2, Gill and Pickup, mark neck and wings, shorter, well up on legs, nicely rounded, positions well, beaten on back a little; 4, Bedforth, rather thin in neck, finely drawn, well up, and good contour; vhc, Riley; hc, Cawley; c, Perry. BUFF (9): 1, c, Knowles, tick left wing, very fine indeed, lovely feather, neat throughout; 2, Thomas, rather more substance, well rounded, stands up well, and carriage good; 3, Boote, tick neck, grand quality, finely drawn, stylish carriage, very tight condition; 4, Riley, tick neck, full of style and quality, beaten in position a little; vhc, Gill and Pickup; hc, Carson. YELL. HENS (11): 1, Brooks, Cl., breedy, rather high shoulders, well up on legs, neat head, wings and tail, finely drawn; 2, 4, Knowles, tick on head, grand Yorkie all over; 3, Cinn., tick right wing, well posted, fine position and neat head, etc; 3, Bedforth, Cinn., tick head, very fine, beaten in shape all through by 2nd; vhc, Perry; hc, Carson; c, Boote. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Knowles, Cl., colour, quality and condition A1, positions well; 2nd, rather breedy, paler and well beaten by 1st; 3, Cawley, splendid shape, very round and nicely drawn out, well filled all through and stands up in grand position; 4, Carson, shorter, nicely rounded, and stands well; vhc, Riley; hc, Boote. UNFLI. (7): 1, Knowles, heavy Cinn. var., finely drawn out, rare colour and quality, neat head, wings and tail, stands up well; 2, Cawley, Cinn., tick wing, most typical and finely drawn, well up and grand quality, position and condition; 3, Riley, very hot colour, breedy body, beaten in head by former; 4, Brooks, heavy mark, longer and thicker, grand feather, and stands up well; vhc, Benson; hc, Perry; c, Gardner. NOR. YL. CK. (8): 1, Barker and Abbott, tick neck, grand substance, fine head, rare colour and quality; 2, 3, Todd, 2nd heavy var., very cobby, lovely colour and quality, tick right eye, good type, smaller, rare feather; 4, Wellings, longer, heavy mark, very good quality and colour in fine condition; vhc, Fenney; hc, Mather; c, Greenwood. BUFF (10): 1, Todd, grizzle back, a wonderfully good type, size, colour, bloom and quality of the very best; 2, Hall, heavy mark, very thick set type, quality and condition superb; 3, Barker and Abbott, beaten somewhat in tail and finish, good shape, etc.; 4, Dent, paler, beautifully mealed, nice type and condition; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Royle; c, Hindley. YELL. HENS (10): 1, R. Seed, heavy mark, rather long, fine head, good colour and feather; 2, Dent, dark tail, very good shape, cobby, fine colour and feather, bit open condition; 3, hc, Barker and Abbott, Cl., small, but grand type and feather; 4, Todd, Cl., longer, fine condition and quality; vhc, Bloor; c, Hindley. BUFF (14): 1, Hindley, Cl., bold bouncing bird, fine bloom and feather, type A1; 2, Dyer, not so smart condition as first, good shape and feather when tight; 3, hc, Barker and Abbott, splendid shape and quality, real good hen; 4, Walker, very like 3rd, very neat; vhc, Cawley; c, Mercer. UNFLI. (17): 1, Hall, very smart Yell., all over a beauty; 2, Dyer, very cobby Buff, flowing with bloom and condition; 3, Simpson, Yell. of very neat type, rare colour, nice size; 4, Wilkinson, Buff, gives way to 2nd in shape a little, very fine feather and condition; vhc, Royle; hc, Hindley; c, Bloor. YORKS. GREEN YELL. (27): 1, Fielden, very slim in type, nice even colour, fair beak and legs; 2, Vernon, paler in colour, grand type, well drawn, little more condition sounder might have done the trick; 3, Helliwell, foul tail, fuller in type, lighter in legs and beak, grand colour and feather; 4, Tempest, finely drawn, good colour and quality, light in beak, tight condition; vhc, Doughty; hc, Clayton; c, Wilson. BUFF (25): 1, Moss, very stylish, fine colour level, fairly dark beak and legs, good back, nice condition; 2, Rowlands, very deep colour all over body, lighter beak and legs, well drawn out, stands to position well; 3, Benson, dark beak, grand colour, good type, nice position and condition; 4, Tempest, foul wing, fine shape, fair good colour, lighter legs and beak, nice feather and condition; vhc, Deacon; hc, Doughty; c, Hughes. YELL. HENS (26): 1, Benson, rich colour, fine in type, shade light beak and legs, good position and feather; 2, Hughes, grand bird all over it, little or no fault; 3, Clayton, capital colour and type, bit soft in condition, or might have stood up; 4, Eales, foul tail, very good colour, shape, back marks, beak, and legs; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Thomas; c, Deacon. BUFF (21): 1, Martin, big self, deep level colour, fair good style, quality and condition; 2, Jennings, finer type, nice colour, lighter legs and beak; 3, Deacon, grand type and colour, darker beak and legs, fine style, quality and condition; 4, Rowlands, fine shape, deep colour, grand quality, nice size, and only fails to-day in tail; vhc, Doughty; hc, Gill and Pickup; c, Hadwin. NOR. GREEN YELL CKS. (17): 1, Harrison, big self, broad head, heavy feather, plenty colour and condition good; 2, c, Deacon, very fine set type, tick nape, full of colour and quality, good beak and legs; 3, R. Davies; smaller, grand colour and quality and condition; 4, Ryno, self, capital type, colour and feather; vhc, Abbott and Barker; hc, Hawker. BUFFS (20): 1, 3, Ryno, all out a good pair, 3rd smaller, grand level colour, shape, and finish all over; 2, c, Deacon, foul throat, very big chubby bird, rare colour throughout and best of condition; 4, R. Davies, fine head, good colour and quality, nice size and A1 shape; vhc, Walker; hc, Hadwin. YELL. HENS (13): 1, Deacon, a type and colour of beauty in all respects; 2, c, Isaac, smaller, nice in type and colour level, full of condition; 3, hc, Ryno, lighter in beak and legs, larger, good in colour and shape and feather; 4, Walker, bigger and longer, good head, grand colour, etc., all there; vhc, Hadwin. BUFF (15): 1, Ryno, self, very deep colour all over, shade narrow head, otherwise a real gem; 2, Deacon, foul throat, real Nor. Green for colour and type all over it; 3, Harrison, foul tail, rich colour, nice shape and good condition; 4, Abbott and Barker, foul throat, very cobby, grand colour and condition; vhc, Andrews; hc, R. Davies; c, Walker. YELL. BORD. (6): 1, 2, Blackshaw, like wax, 2nd soft condition, bit neat type and feather; 3, 4, Bayley, 3rd very good Green, 4th Cl., both excelling in quality and condition; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, J. H. Davies. BUFFS (9): 1, Andrews, real gem in all essentials; 2, 3, Blackshaw, tick head, grand quality and type, very tight condition, smaller, but very compact and smart finish; 4, hc, Bayley, very smart Cl. Buff, a gem; vhc, c, Murray. CREST, ETC. (12): 1, 3, 4, Hardy, immense var., Crest-bred, massive broad cushion-shape head, wide entrance, nicely raised dome skull, wealth of feather from head downward; 3rd, nearly Green Crest-bred, beaten in size, etc., all over it; 4th, very neat, good size Crest, well centred, good droop and formation, well filled; 2, Simpson, wing mark dark Crest, good size crest, fair centre and droop; vhc, hc, Green; c, Leigh. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Green, 1st good Yell. Cinn., 2nd broken cap Gold Lizard, nice size, good spangle; 3, vhc, Hampson, Yell. Cinn., foul wing and tail; 4, Billington, Yell. Cinn., good colour and condition. SELL. (30s.) (8): 1, Knowles; 2, Walters; 3, Gardner; 4, Brooks; vhc, Simpson; hc, Simpson; c, Fitton. (20s.) (13): 1, Leigh; 2, Jacks; 3, Marsh; 4, Potter; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Gill and Pickup; c, Fitton. (12s. 6d.) (13): 1, Wilkinson; 2, vhc, Whitaker; 3, Knowles; 4, Walker; hc, Mercer; c, Abbott and Barker HYB. LIGHT (5): 1, Leigh, lightly mark Yell. Gold.-Can., large, plenty colour, bit soiled, good shape; 2, Hampson, heavily var. Redpoll-Cau., grand condition; 3, Law, fine big heavy var. Yell. Gold.-Can., rare colour; 4, J. Davies, var. Buff Gold-Can., nice feather; vhc, J. Davies. DARK (13): 1, 4, Leigh, very fine Yell. Green-Can., excelling in colour, quality, and condition: 4th, nat .col. Yell. Siskin-Can., fine size, shape and feather; 2, 3, Coffey, very large Yell. Gold.-Can. in pink of form and a large bouncing Buff Linnet-Can. in faultless feather; vhc, Julian; hc, Grice; c, Weedall.

British and Foreign Classes.

GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Bower, now well known winning Finch, looks grand, travels well; 2, Beatty, grand size, rare clean cut blaze, deep body colour, nice mottles and bars, beaten only in breast, some more crushed hemp and sunflower to fatten wanted; 3, Frangleton, rather narrower and smaller, but grand colours, etc., right through; 4, Owen Bros., very fine bird, bit uneven in blaze; vhc, Law, beauty for shape and clean cut blaze, bit brick red, or could have done better; hc, A. R. Jones; c, Weedall. LINNET (16): 1, Bower, well known beauty; 2, Billington, larger body, wants educating and handling to make grand one; 3, Beatty, smaller, but grand colour and markings and condition; 4, J. H. Davies, very nicely mark, but beaten in finish; vhc, Cowell, hc, Pickles; c, Hallas. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Pickles, nice size, grand feather, shape and bloom and glossy finish; 2, Coffey, smaller, remarkable colour and glossy condition; 3, Bowers, good Buff, fine feather and condition; 4, Law, very big, bit dull in feather and condition; vhc, Mr. Watt, smaller, grand colour and condition; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Bower, grand mealy Redpoll; 2, Weedall, very large Siskin, shade light in cap and minus bib, all else grand; 3, 4, Hampson, smart small Twite and charming Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Coffey; hc, Murray; c, Law. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Hampson, very grand Chaffinch leading, and small perfectly spangled and coloured Bramble, both in splendid feather and condition; 2, Almond, fine Bramble, shade light in colour, all else A1; 3, Owen Bros.; good coloured Chaffinch, just beaten in wings to-day; vhc, Weedall. A.O.V. SEED (8): 1, 3, A. R. Jones, really good Hawfinch first, splendid bloom, level feather, good size, shape and condition: 3rd very nicely marked yell. Buntiug, good condition; 2, D. Jones, real beauty of a Bullfinch, for shape, feather and condition; 4, Hampson, good Hawfinch on the small side, grand colour, feather and condition; vhc, Beatty; hc, Almond; c, Wellings. SOFTBILLS, LARGE (6): 1, Axe, well known Thrush, in perfect condition; 2, Mort, another Thrush, in perfect condition, and runs 1st close race, a real eye-opener; 3, Brotherhood, very tight Waxwing, only weakness in left wing, time will put right; 4, vhc, Wellings, fine Blackbird, fine body and colour, good eye, and when beak clears will be a good one; hc, Oakes. FOREIGN (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Pickles, grand team, with the exquisite Maroon Tanager leading, most rare and beautiful: 2nd lovely pair Grassfinches: 4th fine pair Masked Finches, and vhc pair of double-banded Finches: 3, Hall, perfect Budgerigars, splendidly shown; hc, Johnson, Grassfinch; c, Hallas, pair Saffronfinches, cock fails in tail condition

OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL CK. (15): 1, Cavanagh, clinker and no mistake, cut as clean as by a machine, about best in the show (a cl.), grand; 2, Papayanni, tick, eye, wing and neck, beaten in quality and contour; 3, Dukes, very finely drawn cl., rare upstanding type, in splendid fettle; 4, Stout, similar in build, a cl., well upon legs, neat head, etc.; vhc, Galling; hc, Halliwell; c, Fletcher. BUFF (15): 1, hc, Coffey, A1 all over, like a real gem of a Yorks.; 2, Fletcher, beaten in wings, fine length, etc.; 3, Potter, grand bird all over it, hardly a fault; 4, c, Williams, spreads tail little, all else very nice; vhc, Leigh. HENS (15): 1, Stout, lovely cl. buff, very round and well filled in, finely drawn, splendid feather and position; 2, vhc, Wright, cl. yell, of correct type and position, quality excelling right through; 3, Fletcher, grand style and carriage; 4, Braecgirdle, also very fine; hc, Mirfield; c, Bennett. NOR. CK. (16): 1, Oliver, cl., very smart shape, good head, wings and tail, nice colour and condition; 2, Hillmen, rare type, beaten in quality and carriage; 3, Williams, thick-set type, A1 feather and condition; 4, Emmott, tick, head, pretty shape and feather, nice colour and condition; vhc, Bunting; hc, Wilkinson; c, Fletcher. BUFF (25): 1, Bowen, tick, eye and wings, very smart, cobby shape, capital bloom and coudition; 2, Walker, nice type and quality, gets down on heels a bit; 3, 4, Emmott, cl., on the small side, but full of quality, type and condition; 4th eye tick, very smart feather, good shape; vhc, Lofthouse; hc, Wilkinson; c, Critchley. HENS (16): 1, vhc, M. Bowers, fine big cl. buff of the best shape and condition; 2, 3, Hillmen, clear yell. also, fine in type; 3rd heavy mark, back, buff, grand shape and feather; 4, Boothman, cl. buff, beaten just in finish; hc, Williams; c, Wilkinson. LINNET SINGING (10): 1, P. Clare, gem for size, shape, colour, markings, quality, and glossy coudition; 2, R. Clare, equal in all except breast colour and deep markings, fine head; 3, Tyrer, very massive, fine head, rare deep colour, bit dull, and stands across perch bit too low; 4, Bowers, lovely colour, markings, and feather, beaten in size only; vhc, Thompson, very large, good markings; hc, Leah; c, Robinson; all shown in the singing "Hop" cage.

Members' Classes.

YORKS. COCK: 1, Knowles; 2, Johnson; 3, Stout. HENS: 1, Knowles; 2, Johnson; 3, Stout. HYBRIDS DARK: 1, Leigh; 2, vhc, E. Houghton; 3, 4, Billington. NOVICE, YORKS. COCKS: 1, Stout; 2, Tyrer; 3, Dukes; vhc, Langley; hc, Kinsey; c, Cowell. BUFFS: 1, Stout; 2, Kinsey; 3, Dukes; 4, Tyrer. HENS: 1, Langley; 2, Potter; 3, Kinsey; vhc, Tyrer. UNFLI.: 1, Potter; 2, Langley; 3, Kinsey; vhc, Cowell. NOR. CK.: 1, Walter; 2, Houghton; 3, Kinsey; 4, Morison; vhc, Tyrer. HENS: 1, Houghton; 2, Walters. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Walters; 3, Houghton; 4, Emmott; vhc, Morison. HYBRID: 1, Houghton. BRIT.: 1, Houghton; 2, 3, Mort. HYDE'S SPECIAL WINNER: J. Potter. CAGE BIRDS Prize Competition Awards: 1, J. D. Leigh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 2, R. Hall, yell. unfil. Nor.; 3, J. Bower, Brit. Goldfinch. Hampson Challenge Cup won outright by A. Stout, second year in succession, with team of six birds.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Annual Autumn Show held in the Egyptian Court, Crystal Palace, on November 6th and 7th. This year the show was confined to members. Entries numbered 420. Great interest was caused by the appearance of two new Canary-Bullies, bred by the exhibitor, Mrs. H. S. Askham. Messrs. Crockett, Cooper, Mays, Maxwell, and Miller were represented by their well-known teams in the British and Foreign bird classes. The show was well attended, and a brisk business was done in sales, there being quite a demand for high-class Nor. Plainheads. Judges: Messrs. S. Cook (Brit. and For.), R. L. Crisp (Yorks), J. Dobson (Cinns, etc.), and T. Heath (Nor. Crests, etc.).

NORWICH CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Hodder, birds of beautiful quality and substance, 2nd fails only in head to winner; vhc, Dring. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hodder, good birds of about equal merit; 3, Dring, nice quality and type; vhc, Dring; hc, Day. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Boydon, big, bold specimen; 2, Tringham. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Boydon, 1st good bodied bird; 2, Day, same remark applies; c, Males. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Brownlie, a model, not over large, but of grand type and quality; 2, Hodder, also very good in type and quality; 3, Easterling; vhc, Matthes; c, Hawke. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Hodder, both models, type and quality perfect; 3, Woolhouse, could have changed places with vhc, Brownlie, nice bird; hc, Saunders; c, Muscutt. HENS (11): 1, 2, Hodder, handsome young ladies, of beautiful quality, type and substance; 3, Tringham, also good, fails only in size to winners; vhc, Dring; hc, c, Bellamy. NOVICE YELL. (3): 1, Richardson, good in type, colour and quality, quickly claimed at £3; 2, Young, nice bird. BUFF (3): 1, vhc, Richardson; 2, Welch, both good and typical. TICK YELL. (6): 1, Brooks, nice quality; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, good quality and colour. BUFF (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Hollands, two nice ones. UNFLI. YELL (9): 1, spl, Ramsden's medal, Richardson, real bonny bird, grand quality and colour, claimed at £5 10s.; 2, Brooks, nice type; 3, Hollands, good type and colour, fails a shade in size; vhc, Welch; hc, Litchfield. UNFLI. BUFF (7): 1, c, Richardson, neat, good quality and colour, hard pressed by 2, Young, grand bird, not priced in catalogue, or would have been claimed; 3, Hollands, typical; hc, Hodson. HENS (11): 1, Young, beautiful type, teeming with quality; 2, Richardson, short, thick-set hen, a model; 3, Bellinger, also good, but smaller; vhc, Welch; hc, Hollands; c, Martin. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Ramsden's medal, hc, Mabey, fine quality and colour, 2, c, Wilcock, nice long bird, good position; 3, Warr, good style and quality; vhc, Males. BUFF (11): 1, Warr, good length, nice type and colour; 2, vhc, Wilcock, nice length, shape and quality; 3, Mabey, neat and stylish; hc, c, Gladwin. UNFLI. (11): 1, Mabey, saddle mkd. yellow, good length, plenty of style; 2 Easterling, soft when we saw it; 3, Gladwin, beautiful colour and quality, good style and shape. HENS (12): 1, Wilcock, grand bird, good position and style; 2, Easterling, Cinn. tkd. yell., good colour and quality; 3, Mabey, smaller, but stylish; vhc, c, Gladwin. NOVICE YELL. (8): 1, Simpson, good length, shape and colour; 2, Picard, nice type and quality; 3, Reed; vhc, Reed; hc, Couzens. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Reed, two nice birds, of type and quality; vhc, Picard; c, Waterman. UNFLI. (12): 1, 3, vhc, c, Picard, gem, A1 shape, very stylish, beautiful colour and quality; 2, Simpson, nice shape and carriage; hc, Simpson. HENS (4): 1, Waterman, 2, Simpson; hc, Couzens. CRESTED COCK (4): 1, Horton; 2, Pooley. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Horton, good crest, well staged; 2, Pooley, nice quality. CREST-BRED CK. (4).: 1, 2, Horton, two nice birds; vhc, Pooley. HENS (3): 1, 2, Horton. NOVICE CRESTS: 1, Lazarus; 2, Anson; c, Griffith. CREST-BREDS (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Litchfield, very good exhibits; vhc, Lazarus. CINN. (7): 1, Saunders, good Yellow; 2, Carter, good type; 3, vhc, Hawke; c, Pretty. LANC. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Green, with his well-known team, staged well; c, Laskey. LIZARD (3): 1, 2, Green, nice birds, well shown. A.O.V.: 1, Hawke, nice Belgian; 2, Brownlie, good Cinn. tkd. Border. LIMIT (3s.) (26): 1, Young, good pair Nor., very cheap, quickly claimed; 2, Lazarus; 3, Hawke. LIMIT (20s): 1, Martin; 2, Pooley; 3, Bellinger. MULES LIGHT (3), 1, Lamb; 2, Cooper., DARK (7), 1, 3, Lamb, Canary-Bullie, somewhat rough in feather; 2, Maxwell, Siskin Mule, perfect condition, good colour and quality; vhc, Illingley. A.O.V. (7): 1, Cooper, Chaff-Bramblefinch, beautiful condition, well staged; 2, Maxwell, Gold Bullfinch, perfect colour and condition; vhc, c, Lamb, Linnet-Bullie, model, beautiful colour and quality.. NOVICE: 1, 2, Mrs. Askham, Canary-Bullie, take to be a hen, grand size, beautiful markings, perfect feather and condition, the best Hybrid in the show; 2nd, another Canary-Bullie, smaller than winner, a gem for quality, condition and feather; vhc, Carter. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Maxwell, bonny birds, good all round, in capital colour; 3, Mortlock, good one, not quite so clean cut in blaze; vhc, c, Mays; hc, Greenway. BULLFINCH: 1, Mays, beautiful rich coloured bird, full of quality, nice shape; 2, Crockatt, another shapely bird, darker in colour; vhc, Carter; c, Newley. LINNET: 1, 2, Crockatt, winner a gem, will be heard of again, 2nd bigger, but lacks the bold markings of his companion: 3, Mays, very shapely, tight and neat in feather; vhc, c, Maxwell. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Mays, winner a good, beautifully marked Twite, 3rd a bold Redpoll, nicely striped, good wing bar; 2, hc, Maxwell, bouncing Siskin, good rich colour, capital wings and cap; 4, Greenway; vhc, Hawes. A.O.V. FINCH: 1, 2, 3, Mays, Hawfinch Bramble and Yellow Bunting, good rich coloured birds, shown in this exhibitor's well-known style; vhc, Greenway; hc, c, Maxwell. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Mays, bonny Thrush, very shapely, good clear markings; 2, Maxwell, another good Song Thrush; c, Crockatt. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, 2, Mays, grand Treecreeper and Gold Crest; 2, vhc, hc, Maxwell, well known Creeper, all beautifully shown. MIGRATORY: 1, 2, vhc, Maxwell, good Black Redstart leading, rich-coloured Yellow Wagtail taking second place; 3, Mays, lovely little Lesser Whitethroat; hc, Crockatt. LARGE: 1, 2, Crockatt, fine feathered Chough, Waxwing, a beautiful bird, being 2nd: vhc, Maxwell. PIED, ETC.: 1, Lamb, really good Cinnamon Redpoll. FOREIGN: 1, 2, Mrs. Cooper, two good pairs of Budgerigars, yellow birds taking premier position. PARROTS, ETC.: 1, 2, c, Mrs Cooper, varied Lorikeet, in lovely colour and feather, a good first, a Barnard Parrakeet second; vhc, Miller. A.O.S.: 1, Maxwell's now well-known Wall Creeper, looking fit and well; 2, 3, Mrs. Cooper, lovely pair of Rufous-tailed Finches and pure white Javas; vhc, Miss Hopwood; hc, c, Mrs. Miller.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Members' show, Nov. 8th, at the Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton; 90 birds were staged. Mr. Albert Holden, Great Horton, judged and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, vhc, Oddy; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Lewis; hc, Wright and Son; c, Philipson. BUFF: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, G. Grayshon; 4, Fielding; vhc, Clegg; hc, Wharton; c, Hirst and Cawthra. TICK, ETC., YELL. COCK: 1, Thornton; 2, Oddy; 3, Wood; 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, c, Wharton; hc, Ogley. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Fielding; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Bennett; vhc, Thornton; hc, Wharton. CINN. MRK. YELL. COCK: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Thornton. BUFF: 1, S. Grayshon; 2, Clegg; 3, Wood; 4, Mellor. HEN YELL.: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, Wood; 3, G. Grayshon; 4, Mellor; vhc, Oddy; hc, S. Grayshon; c, Fielding. BUFF: 1, Cawthra and Son; 2, G. Grayshon; 3, Greig and Pearson; 4, Philipson, vhc, Ogley; hc, Jessop; c, Clegg. CINN. MRK. YELL (Bennett: 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, G. Grayshon. BUFF: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Lewis; 3, Smith. CANARY OR MULE: 1, Bennett; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Lewis. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Lewis; 2, Clegg; 3, 4, Fielding; vhc, Wharton. SOFT: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Hartley; 3, Jessop. SELL.: 1, Hirst and Cawthra; 2, Smith

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SHEFFIELD.

Sheffield annual All-England show took place on Nov. 8th and 9th, under C.B.U. rules. The schedule issued was a very good one, and entries totalled 823 in 34 classes. The function took place in the Temperance Hall, which is nice, light, fairly spacious room, and free from all objectionable draughts. The staging of the exhibits was accomplished in very neat style, and every specimen could be observed at a glance. The patronage of the Yorks C. and Nor. Plainhead C. had been obtained, which brought together the cream of the "long and slim" and "short and thick" varieties. The Yorkies provided a rare treat, with birds of wonderful length, and feathered to perfection—a most select collection, though not numerous. Many envious eyes were cast upon the clear yellow, the property of Mr. W. H. Shackleton, which is a gem of the first water. The ticked yellow shown successfully by Mr. J. Wilcock also found a host of admirers, likewise the buff hen owned by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, a bewitching damsel. The Nor. Plainheads made up a good display; indeed, a finer has not been seen in Sheffield for a very long period. Mr. W. Booth's clear yellow was voted about the best in the open section, though the yell. tick, staged by Mr. J. Evans, and the buff hen so delightfully staged by Mr. S. Cook, came in for much admiration. Crests and Crestbred containing a few topping specimens, and provided one with an object lesson in what to breed for. The Crested cock, shown by Messrs. Norwood Bros., is one of the very best; also the Crested hen, the property of Mr. G. Colledge. Hybrids were very few in numbers, and only, unfortunately, of moderate quality. The British provided visitors with a pleasing assortment, while the Foreign, although not numerous, created no little stir, especially amongst the lady visitors. The special for best true pair, large Foreign, was gained by Mr. H. H. Cooper's Blue Bonnets, and that for Small fell to Messrs. Colton and Dawn's Parrot Finches. Ramsden's medal went to Mr. R. W. Mercer; Sandiford's was captured by Mr. F. Till.

The Members' Classes filled well, and the grand total of 711 birds was obtained. Five silver cups were for competition; the most important the large challenge cup, presented to the Society by Messrs. Mappin and Webb. At the two previous shows Mr. J. C. Barnes had been successful, and only needed to again come out on top to capture it outright. This he did, with a magnificent team of birds, and so is now the proud possessor of this handsome and valuable cup. The other four cups were for Norwich, Yorks, Crests, and British (not to be won outright). This year's winners were Councillor T. Hemmings (Nor.), W. Bingham (Yorks), J. Evans (Crests), and P. Walsh (Brit.). Most points throughout Norwich section went to Mr. J. C. Barnes (182), followed by Mr. H. W. Walton (69 points). Sandiford's medal went to Mr. J. C. Barnes, who also won two specials for unlighted Nor. Ramsden's medal fell to Mr. H. Taylor. Other special prize winners were: Messrs. Richardson, Bradshaw, Drabble, Evans, Siddall, Champion, Bingham, Bower, Moore, Spencer, Lindsay, Hemmings, Savoury, Walton, Somerfield, Walsh, Bishop, Coates, and Baxby.

The Committee of Management consists of well-known and practical fanciers in Messrs. Kelley, A. Bradshaw, Fletcher, Crookes, Menmott, Brewerton, Lindsay, C. Bradshaw, Lyons, Spencer, Tow, Barnes, Drabble, Walton, and Thorpe—with such a list like this, no wonder the exhibition was well managed. Mr. W. Oxley acts as treasurer, and a more genial member the Society does not possess. The auditors are Messrs. W. H. Dyer and R. Barker. The stewards were Messrs. R. Colton, T. Dawn, R. W. Fletcher, A. Somerfield, and H. Lindsay, five fanciers that know the proper working of a show, and who deserve great praise for the exertions they put forth. The worthy secretary is Mr. T. Bishop, who keeps the welfare of his Society ever before him, and a more courteous and obliging fancier it would be difficult to find. He worked like a Trojan, and much of the credit for the success of the function certainly belongs to him. The judges were Messrs. W. Vardy, A. Ambler, R. Rhodes, and E. E. Smith, who got through their work in capital style, and whose awards appeared to give satisfaction all round.

Yorkshire Classes.

CL. YELL. (5): 1, Shackleton, magnificent quality and colour, wonderful length, straight as a gun barrel, a topper; 2, Bailey and Swanger, beautifully feathered, grandly drawn, exceptional position, very close up; 3, Greenfield, straight as a rush, slim and upstanding, we admired; 4, Wilcock, capital length and position, A1 quality, worth its place; vhc, Beard. BUFF (5): 1, Shackleton, wonderful length, teeming with quality, stands like a guardsman, well filled back, capital flights and tail; 2, 4, Dyson, couple of true Yorkies, former grand feather and colour, very straight, tight as a Java, stands well, must have pressed; 4th A1 quality, nice colour, good type, showing thighs well; 3, Bailey and Swanger, feathered to perfection, delightful position, stands cleverly, wee bit behind leaders in length, yet full of character; vhc, Wilcock, well up, good length. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Wilcoek, mkd. wings and eye, great length, nice feather, fine colour, straight up, showing plenty of leg; 2, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, former thigh tick, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, lovely back and wing carriage, behind a little in length; 3, Dyson, thigh tick, magnificently feathered, very lengthy and slim, perfect back, flights, and tail, a topper, which some preferred; 4, Sunderland, mkd. right wing and head, fine long drawn specimen, rare position and quality; hc, Shackleton; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (5): 1, Bailey and Swanger, mkd. left wing, lovely salmon tinged colour, superb quality, fine length, well up on leg, one of the best; 2, 4, Wilcock, mkd. neck, straight as a pencil, lovely outline, grand length, capital carriage of flights, little stronger in build; 4th thigh tick, well up in position, rattling quality, lengthy; 3, Shackleton, thigh tick, smooth as marble, rich colour, covered with neat frosting, a beauty; vhc, Ogden Bros. HEN (9): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, couple of "belles," former grizzled neck, huff, smooth as glass, very straight, long-sided, splendid back and flights, one of the best we have seen for many a day; 2nd clear yell., wonderful length, beautifully drawn, neat and narrow: 3, 4, Shackleton, again two charming damsels, former yell., very racy, soft, silky feather, capital position; 4th clear buff, fine lengthy specimen, A1 quality; vbc, hc, Wilcock; c, Yelland. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, 2, Shackleton, winner clear, feathered to perfection, position of the best, lovely back and wing carriage; 2nd mkd. wings and about head, red hot, fine length, superior quality, delightful position, 3, Bailey and Swanger, clear, as though chisled out of marble, magnificent quality, very slim, exceptional length, perfect position, some preferred; 4, Greenfield, thigh tick, capital feather and colour, very lengthy, rare type; vhc, Sunderland, warm colour, good stand; hc, Beard; c, Yelland. BUFF (11): 1, Dyson, cheek mkd., tight as a Java, lovely length and position, best of backs, rare wing carriage, well on leg; 2, Sunderland, clear, magnificent colour and quality, fine length and stand, perfect wing carriage, very close up; 3, Bailey and Swanger, mkd. cheek and eye, straight up in position, rattling quality, not far away; 4, Yelland, mkd. face, exceptional length, stands nicely, good flights and tail; vhc, Wilcock, mkd. eye, A1 quality, good stand; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Beard. SELL (15/6) (7): 1, Robinson; 2, Orbell; 3, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; 4, Simpson; vhc, Lindsay; hc, Spencer; c, Brewerton.

Norwich, Crests, etc.

CL. YELL. (9): 1, Booth, wonderful substance, magnificent quality and colour, lovely head and neck, all front, stormer; 2, Trengove, very similar in every respect bar colour, where it is a shade behind, still one that will beat more than beats it; 3, Mercer, bouncer, fine depth of colour, capital shape, jaunty in carriage; 4, Bishop, superb feather and colour, very shapely, well up in size, not far behind; vhc, Dent; hc, Wrigley; c, Coventry. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, Cook, two grand specimens, winner magnificent shape and size, short and thick right through, superb quality, delightfully mealed, gem; 2, Dent, magnificent colour, fine substance and type, nicely frosted, not quite the quality of above, yet capable of winning at majority of shows; 3, Booth, capital colour, superior feather, well mealed, good size; 4, c, Hopkins, A1 quality and colour, very shapely in body; hc, Peplow. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Evans, winner mkd. wings, head, and neck, an eye-opener, ablaze with colour, soft silky feather, massive in build, lovely carriage; 2, Wrigley, mkd. wings and about head, well up in size, rich quality, capital colour, fine shape; 3, Wilcock, thigh tick, rattling type, A1 quality, good wing carriage; 4, Stubbs, thigh tick, all there for shape, colour, and quality, neat carriage; hc, Till; c, Seagrave. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Evans, two noted exhibits, 1st cap mkd., lovely colour and meal, wonderful substance, perfect wing carriage; 3rd mkd. over beak, a marvel, hard to find fault with, quite equal to winner, both real models; 2, Trengove, mkd. left wing and eyes, capital colour and feather, fine shape and substance, grand specimen; 4, Wilcock, mkd. wings and eyes, soft silky feather, rare colour; vhc, Barraclough. YELL. HEN (14) nice class: 1, Cook, mkd. wings and about head, well up in size, grand depth of colour, very shapely, best of wing carriage; 2, Dent, clear, full of colour, teeming with quality, lovely shape and size, clean cut, must have pressed; 3, Booth, mkd. left wing and head, capital shape, excellent in quality and colour, clean cut; 4, Till, clear, round as a ball, soft silky feather, all type; vhc, Townsend, bonny shape; hc, Mercer; c, Hopkins. BUFF (14), nice lot: 1, Cook, clear, magnificent shape, rare substance, fine size, grandly feathered, capital colour, covered with nice meal; 2, Waters, clear, unfli, smooth as glass, all type, not the biggest, but one of the best, should come out well another year; 3, Stubbs, tick neck, good substance, wee bit fat on breast, which rather spoils outline; 4, Evans, clear, rare quality, good colour and frosting, sweetly moulded; vhc, Booth, model for type; hc, Trengove; c, Mercer. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, Trengove, mkd. right wing and head, ablaze with colour, wonderful shape, one of the best, will be a hard nut to crack; 2, Waters, clear, short, and thick-set, lovely carriage, most promising youngster; 3, Mercer, mkd. head, very shapely, good quality, capital wings and tail, clean cut; 4, Lees, clear, lovely colour and feather, well up in size; vhc, Bowyer, very cobby; hc, Bishop, bouncer, good in colour; c, Barraclough. BUFF (17), good class: 1, c, Mercer, mkd. right wing, head, and root of tail, exceedingly warm, richly feathered, grandly mealed, best of type, clean under, a beauty; 2, 3, Bowyer, former clear, hot colour, grand feather and shape, rattling head and neck, deep-chested, very honny; 3rd mkd. neck, full of quality and colour, very shapely and stylish; 4, Bishop, clear, rare feather, model for type, not over large, hut grand one; vhc, Stubbs, typical, lovely feather; hc, Lees. SELL. (15/6) (5): 1, Townsend; 2, Brewerton; 3, Turner and Bailey; 4, Gentle Bros.; vhc, Lindsay. CREST COCK (12): 1, Norwood Bros., buff, mkd. left wing, magnificent quality, good substance, crest large, round as a rim, nice droop and centre; 2, Radley, huff, almost green, lovely leafy feather, fine size and shape, crest large, veiny, beautiful radiation, droop and centre, stood 1st Manchester, Burnley, and Rochdale; 3, Crookes, buff mkd. wings, capital feather, crest neatly formed, with nice droop and centre; 4, Bowyer, buff, almost green, crest of nice size and shape; vhc, Colledge, fine clear body, grizzle crest, clinker when fully ready; hc, c, Brown. HEN (11): 1, Colledge, buff, almost green, rattling quality, very shapely, good size, crest large, beautiful radiation, lovely droop and centre, beauty; 2, 3, Norwood Bros., both clear bodies, former not quite so massive in build as winner, but of excellent feather, crest nice shape, neat droop and good centre, well packed; 3rd superior feather, crest large, round, leafy; 4, Tyson, clear body, grizzle crest, lovely feather, very shapely crest, grand frontal; vhc, Simpson; hc, Radley; c, Brown. CRESTBRED (16): 1, Calver and Sons, huff, almost green, wonderful substance, with abundance of feather, slashing skull, great width, browed to perfection, catalogued at £5 5s., and claimed; 2, Bowyer, yell. var., lovely feather grand Nor. shape, capital head; 3, Tyson, buff mkd. left wing, rare substance, beautiful feather; 4, Radley, buff, almost green, good in quality, nice body shape; vhc, Colton and Dawn; hc, Norwood Bros.; c, Simpson. HEN (9): 1, Seagreave, buff, almost green, fine quality, rare substance, lovely head points, wins; 2, Dobson and Son, buff, mkd. wing, tail, and head, very shapely, capital quality, not quite so large, but one of great merit; 3, Peace, yell., almost green, A1 quality, good skull and lash; 4, Radley, buff, lightly mkd., superior quality, nice size of body; vhc, Crookes; hc, c, Norwood Bros. CREST OR C.B. (1907) (13): 1, Wayte, buff, mkd. both wings, slashing quality, very shapely crest, nice size, round as a hoop, delightful droop, centre rightly placed, claimed at catalogue price, £10; 2, Dobson and Son, huff, mkd. wings and back, A1 quality, good substance, crest of rattling formation, capital droop and centre; 3, Moore, buff, almost green C.B., good quality and shape, nice rise of skull, fair width, should come out very decently another year; ex. 3, 4, Brown, buff, almost green, capital quality, excellent crest, neat centre, nice droop; 4th buff, mkd. both wings, rare feather, crest very neat, not over large, but nice one; ex 4, vhc, Radley, former huff C.B., capital quality, good skull; nice shaped body; hc, Colton and Dawn; c, Crookes. SELL (£2) (5): 1, Crookes; 2, Dobson and Son; 3, Radley; 4, Memmott; vhc, Colton and Dawn. HYBRID (6): 1, Somerfield, dark yell. Grecnic-Canary, beautifully feathered, lovely colour; 2, vhc, Swift, both Siskin-Canary, nice size and shape, former the better in colour, both well staged; 3, Gregory, dark Linnet-Canary, good shape and size, nicely mkd., well put down; 4, Howell, dark Linnet-Canary, very shapely, good substance; hc, Charles.

British and Foreign Classes.

GOLDIE. ETC. (6): 1, Harrison, Bullie, pretty as paint, not a feather misplaced, nice cap, good breast colour, well shown; 2, Walsh, Goldie, capital size and shape, well cut blaze, grand colour, neat buttons, good wing bars, only caged a few days, we heard, very steady; 3, Axe, Goldie, grand colour, very shapely, good size, nice face, bars and buttons, worth its place; 4, Howe, good Goldie, similar to third; vhc, Milne. No. 5, Axe, Bullfinch, w.c., passed as being a Siberian, seemed very large specimen, and many felt inclined to endorse judge's decision. LINNET (12), good lot: 1, Henshaw, lovely shape and size, beautifully pencilled, distinct, steady as a top, delightfully staged; 2, Fairhurst, another capital specimen, well up in size, good in colour and markings; 3, Axe, magnificent colour, fine shape and substance, grandly mkd., shows well, many preferred; 4, Robinson, A1 colour, very shapely, nice size, neatly pencilled; vhc, Proctor; hc, Charles; c, Milne. GREENIE (8): 1, 4, Henshaw, winner looks like Mansfield 1st, wonderful specimen, one of the best seen out for some time, shown in faultless trim; 4th nice size and colour, a bonny Finch; 2, Howe, well up in size, rattling shape, rich colour, fine bird all over; 3, Bloodworth, good shape, nice size; vhc, Howard; hc, Orbell; c, Greenfield. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Lockwood, Siskin, lovely colour and markings nice size and shape, good cap, staged in fine form; 2, 3, Henshaw, Redpoll and Twite respectively, both good feather, nicely marked, well shown; 4, Axe, Siskin, well marked, good size and shape, very neat; vhc, Bishop. A.O.V. (15): 1, 2, Axe, two noted exhibits, Hawfinch leading, with a magnificent Yellowhammer in close attendance looking as well as ever; 3, Chick, Bramble, good size, delightful colour, beautifully ticked, shown in capital style; 4, Greenfield, Chaffinch, nice size and shape, good colour; vhc, Wilson; hc, Lockwood; c, Howell. SOFT (7): 1, 2, 4, Milne, capital trio staged in up-to-date style, Pipit taking premier honours, steady as a top, beautifully mooned, lovely colour and shape; 2nd magnificent Redstart; 4th Grey Wagtail, much admired; 3, vhc, Walsh, nice Gold-crested Wren; hc, Muckwell; c, Myers. LARGE SOFT (11): 1, 2, Chick, Chough, fine dense plumage, shone like satin, capital beak and legs, well shown; 2nd Magpie in good order; 3, vhc, Axe, Thrush, fine size and shape, grandly mooned, rare colour, shows well; vhc, lovely Blackbird; 4, Bloodwood, Missel Thrush, nice colour, good mooning; hc, Walsh; c, Meyers. FOR. LARGE: 1, Colton and Dawn, Crimson Wing, in splendid bloom; 2 and spl., Cooper, pair Blue Bonnets, in highest possible trim; 3, Baxby, Parrot, capital feather; 4, Cushing, Redrump, in delightful condition; vhc, Curson; hc, Mrs. J. E. Williamson; c, Abbott. SMALL (6): 1, spl., 3, 4, Colton and Dawn, good team; 1st lovely pair Parrot Finches; 3rd Crimson Finch, in rare trim; 2, Crowston, Paradise Whydah, perfect feather, a gem.

(Members Classes Next Week.)

GILLINGHAM.

We have a most successful entry this year, was the verdict, pronounced by one of the responsible officials of the Gillingham and Dis. F.S. to our representative, while standing surrounded by exhibits in the Public Hall, on November 7th. And, he added, the chief increase is in the Cage Bird section, where we have 50 more than last year. It is easy to discern whether things are on the upward or downward grade, by the countenance of a Show secretary or manager, and at Gillingham it was sunshiny enough. Messrs. C. V. Burlton (hon. sec.) and J. Lancaster (assistant sec.), with the able manager (Mr. Thos. F. Ramsey), had every arrangement well in hand. Judging commenced early, and was completed in excellent time, cards being up quickly. Much help was rendered by an excellent band of committeemen and stewards: Messrs. C. Wray, senr., J. Hide, H. Perkins, H. Baker, G. Grimsby, H. Gordon, C. Burrows, E. Legg, F. Tayler, A. Wimble, H. Wray, S. Pike, S. Wray, F. McCarthy and J. Nobbs. The show was opened by Alderman J. R. Featherby, J.P., the president, who spoke encouragingly and approvingly of the efforts of the Society. The quality of the exhibits was first-rate generally, and it would be invidious to particularise, although British were exceedingly strong and meritorious. The subscription bowl for British was won by Mr. Wickham, with his well-known Goldfinch, which came into his possession in exchange for the modest sum of 30/-; it is a beautiful bird. Other specials also fell to its share. Nor. made a good show, and we were pleased to note the advance of Border Fancies in the popular favour in the South. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL (8): 1, Taylor, very full-pointed bird of excellent Nor. substance, nicely carried wings, level back, silky feather, not a blazer in colour, but a good all round Yell; 2, Lugg, unfli. bird of good quality, stout body but little weak in head; 3, Gibbs, good quality, trifle slack in feather, and carried tail wide to-day; 4, Ward, very promising unfli; vhc, Stewart; hc, Kilby; c, Gibbs. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Gibbs, very similar, both typical and well shown, nice under-colour; 3, Kilby, full of quality opened a bit at chest, but a very good one; 4, Lugg; vhc, Stewart; hc, Reeves. TICK, ETC. (6): 1 2, Gibbs, tick Buff, leading, dapper, full of quality and under-colour, var. yell. of silky feather and good type; 3, Kilby, grizzle-tailed yell., of lovely quality, good shape, but looked slack at thighs as if it had been wild in cage; 4, Gibbs, tkd. yell., as good as any when well, looking a trifle slack to-day; vhc, Taylor; hc, spl, Lancaster, yell., well packed up, good shape and quality; 2, 4, vhc, Broad, leader, a shapely Buff; 3, Reeve, best quality of any, but carried wings badly across. YORKS. (5): 1, Gibbs, well-known yell; 2, 3, vhc, Wheeler, fine team, want little more training, grand position and quality; 4, Gibbs. CK. MKD.VAR. (7): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader, a tick. buff, nice position and quality; 3, tkd yell, might have gone down a peg later in the day when warmth had done its work with 4th; 2, Reeve, heavily var., full of nerve, finely drawn, good one, needs tightening up a bit, and then!; 4, Wheeler, slashing yell., slack at time of judging, but "told tales" later, when warmed up; vhc, hc, Casemore. HEN: 1, 2, Wheeler, two clippers, beautiful buff leading; 3, Reeve, very waxy in feather, just a bit thin in neck to winners. BOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Seiraride, leader, very jaunty and stylish, none too close in feather; 2, Lockett, neat, tightened up better than either 3 or 4; 4, Bowes, as good as anything in class for style, but seemed limpy and open in feather as did several others when judging commenced, but told a different tale towards evening. BUFF (5): 1, Bowes, looked like the Kent County winner, very jaunty, clean modelled and waxlike; 2, Lockett, very sweet, but little soiled; 3, vhc, Sciranac, former lovely feather, but sitting thick at judging; 4, Strickland. TICK MKD. VAR. (6): 1, Bowes, Kent County winner, buff tick one wing, little gem; 2, hc, Seiranac, former, evenly mkd. yell, neat style; 3, Unstead, var. yell., very sweet; 4, Lockett, yell.; vhc, Strickland. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Gibbs, well known even-mkd. buff Nor.; 2, Taylor, similar variety. MULES, LIGHT (7): 1, spl, Ward, six-pointed yell. Goldfinch Can., plenty colour, nice feather; 2, Wheat, buff var. of same cross, large, bold, close feathered bird; 3, Eastmead, lovely yell. var. Goldie Canary, large and good; 4, Ward; vhc, Casemore; hc, Miss Unstead. DARK (6): 1, spl, Taylor, Siskin-Greenfinch, in nice fettle; 2, Wheat, very nice, large, good coloured Linnet Can., in beautiful feather; 3, Eastmead, buff of same cross, large and good; 4, Ward, Goldie-Can, fails size; vhc, Lugg; hc, White. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Cup and 2 spls, 3, Wickham, winner, a grand Finch, big, square, well-cut lustrous blaze, markings well put on and chestnut rich, good bars and buttons; 3, another good Finch, not in full colour yet; 2, Casemore, not so wide, square cut or rich in blaze as first, but a good one; 4, Acland, will give a better account by and bye; vhc, Eastmead; hc, Casemore; c, Richardson. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Wickham, very rich in breast colour, might bo just a trifle stouter, but very deep ebony poll, which shone and shone again; 2, Carter, better Finch in some respects than first, but showed stockings a little too much; 2, Young, nice, but not so lustrous; 4, Martin, hardly steady enough, looked like a fresh caught one; vhc, Andrew; hc, Woodcock. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Pankhurst, best feather; 2, Osborne, will do well some day, rare shaped Finch, bit unsteady and slack yet; try sunflower seed; 3, 4, Miss Unstead, both very good, but lack colour of second; vhc, Fossett; hc, Acland. LINNETS (13), a lovely lot: 1, Pankhurst, said to be the Rochester winner and Dover second; a clinker for shape, colour, marking and steadiness; 2, spl, Wickham, another topper, just a little curled at throat, but a really high-class Linnet; 3, Carter, paler but typical, steady and in fine bloom; 4, Webb, another nice one for shape, well marked; vhc, Pool; hc, Wickham; c, Harris. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Acland, bonny and shapely little Siskin, well marked, with nice cap and bib; 2, Pankhurst, nice rich coloured Redpoll; 3, vhc, Wickham, both Siskins, very good in colour; 4, Webb; hc, c, Miss Unstead. A.O.V. SEED EATER (5): 1, spl, Wickham, Hawfinch, good colour and steady, 2, Osborne, rich coloured, sheeny, lustrous, and well marked Chaffinch, lovely breast colour, not yet at its best; 3, Brett, Hawfinch, larger than first, but pale rin colour; 4, Acland, very nice yell. Bunting, very steady and glossy in plumage; vhc, Fossett. INSECT. (4): 1, Brett, Shorelark, well-known; 2, Fossett, very nice feathered Nightingale, bit thin in body; 3, Miss Hopwood, Nuthatch in good feather; 4, Webb, Blackcap, not in the best of trim. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, Brett, great Grey Shrike, beautiful exhibit, needed a rest; 2, Lugg, magnificent Starling, glistening with lustre; 3, Acland, Missel Thrush, grand depth of colour, but had slightly damaged shoulders; 4, Eastmead, large and well spotted "storm cock," if it was a little better colour would take beating; vhc, Webb; hc, Eastmead. NOVICE A.V. (5): 1, spl, Lancaster, typical buff Nor.; 2, Miss Unstead; 3, Carter, Goldfinch Can. Mule; 4, Ward. SELL (15/-) (4): 1, Acland; 2, Wickham; 3, Chandler; 4, Casemore. (10/-) (4): 1, Casemore; 2, Chandler; 3, Whent; 4, Lancaster. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, 3, Miss Conway Gordon; 4, Price. A.O.V. (5): 1, Young, Atlas Weaver; 2, 3, Miss Conway Gordon, Pekin Robins and a Tanager; 4, hc, Miss Unstead.

HYSON GREEN (Notts.)

The Hyson Green and District C.B.S. (Nottingham) held a splendid Members' Show on Oct. 26, the entry, we believe, constituting a record. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. A. Ernest Garton, the hon. sec., and his enthusiastic committee. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged, and his awards were generally approved. CL. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Hill; 2, Sharp; 3, Banks. BUFF (7): 1, Hill; 2, Bramley; 3, Daverill. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Birch, 2, Burtin. BUFF (11): 1, Birch; 2, Hill; 3, Paling. VAR. (7): 1, Newman; 2, 3, Hill. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, Thompson; 2, Hill; 3, Bertie. BUFF (16): 1, Hill; 2, Barnes; 3, Sharp. HEN (7): 1, Bertie; 2, 3, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, Hill; 2, Deverill; 3, Paling. STOCK PAIRS (10): 1, Paling; 2, Sharp; 3, Birch. UNFED (10): 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Bertie. YELL. D. CREST (1): 1, Coupertwait. BUFF (4): 1, Burrows; 2, Hodgkinson; 3, Wolfe. LIGHT CREST (1): 1, Coupertwait. HENS (7): 1, Coupertwait; 2, Wolfe; 3, Holmes. YELL. CRESTBRED (4): 1, Brown; 2, Coupertwait; 3, Rollings. BUFF (10): 1, Coupertwaite; 2, Bertie; 3, Brown.

PORTOBELLO.

Fourth annual show of the Portobello C.B.S. was held in the Masonic Hall, on November 2. About 300 birds were staged, and Mr. James Patterson Chirnside, judged, his awards being very favourably received. Cup for best young bird in show and another for best Nor. P.H. went to Mr. Wm. R. Dunn. Cups for best Border Fancy went to Mr. Thomas Miller; best Yorkshire, Mr. Alex. Neilson; Crest or Crestbred, Mr. Alex. Crerar; Scotch Fancy, Mr. James Laird, and for Mules, Mr. John Newlands. At the close of the shows, the Cups and Specials were presented by Mrs. John Balfour, in introducing whom, the chairman, Mr. Daniel A. Cormack, in a racy little speech, traced the history of the Society, and complimented the members on the great success of the show. Baillie Carmichael also addressed those present, and Mr. Alex. Clark moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Balfour for her presence and support, Dr. Balfour replying on behalf of his wife.

BOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Miller. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Leach; 3, Matthew. YELL. HEN: 1, Miller; 2, Wilson; 3, Leach. BUFF: 1, Miller; 2, Leach; 3, Hogg. GREEN: 1, Leach; 2, 3, Mitchell. NOR. P.H., CL. ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Dunn; 2, Bell. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Dunn. TICK OR VAR.: 1, 2, 3, Dunn. YORKS. CL. ETC., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Neilson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Neilson. TICK OR VAR.: 1, 2, Neilson; 3, Anderson. CRESTED: 1, Crerar; 2, Arthur; 3, Laird. CRESTBRED CK.: 1, 3, Arthur; 2, Crerar. HEN: 1, Laird; 2, Arthur; 3, Matthew. SCOTCH: 1, J. Laird; 2, J. Laird; 3, J. Dempster. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 3, Newlands; 2, Leach. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Leckie; 2, Matthew; 3, Anderson. A.O.V., BRIT.: 1, Wilson; 2, Leckie; 3, W. Dunn, Jnr. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Leckie; 2, Leach. NOVICE: 1, 2, W. Dunn, Jnr.; 3, Bell. OLD BOR.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Bell. NOR. P.H.: 1, 2, Dunn; 3, Matthew. YORKS.: 1, 2, Neilson; 3, Anderson. CRESTED: 1, 2, 3, Matthew. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, Matthew; 2, Crerar. SCOTCH CK.: 1, Buchan; 2, Laird; 3, Bell. HEN: 1, Bell; 2, Laird; 3, Dempster.

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PRESTON.

Preston O.S. held their annual exhibition on Nov. 8th and 9th. The Assembly Rooms provided capital accommodation for the exhibits, being exceedingly spacious, finely lighted and devoid of draughts, a more convenient and adaptable place could not easily be found. The show was under the C.B.U. Rules. The patronage of the Yorkshire C.C. was obtained, (for Members residing outside Yorkshire), this encouraging a grand display of the "long and slim" variety. The schedule issued was of a most enterprising character, and CAGE BIRDS' great prize competition was also in force. Entries totalled close on 600, and for the manner in which the birds were staged (every one to be seen at a glance), great praise is due to those responsible. The catalogue opened with the Norwich Plainheads, and a most magnificent lot they were. Colour, feather, size and type one saw in almost every class throughout the section. Crests (Crestbreds void), although rather few in numbers, provided one or two rare exhibits. Cinnamons were not numerous, but of capital shape, and grand cinny colour. Yorkshires, the birds of "Grace and Beauty," quite charmed one when going over them, being a really magnificent lot. Borders, as pretty as paint, and full of life and action, made a pleasing show. This was the first time we understand that the "Bantams" had been catered for here. Of Mules and Hybrids (the "mixtures") several choice ones were on view. Our "national songsters," were strongly in evidence, and most of them appeared in full bloom. Foreign, as usual, gave the finishing touch to the exhibition. The Novice classes brought forward many most pleasing birds; more than one quite capable of running well in the upper circles. Hot competition was the order, 198 birds in 8 classes, giving an average of practically 25 per class. Hyde's special went to Mr. T. Dunn; Ramsden's colour-food special found an owner in Mr. S. Seed; Sandiford's Cups fell into the hands of Messrs. A. Hirst and J. Bailey. CAGE BIRDS' prize competition specials went to Dr. R. Herd, with a fine yellow Nor. hen, and to Mr. W. H. Pickles with a grandly pencilled Linnet. The "Lord Stanley" Challenge Cup was gained by Mr. S. Seed, his dark-tailed buffrighted buff Norwich, answering to the call.

The show was opened by the Mayor of Preston, W. Ord, Esq., whose remarks were of a very encouraging and most appropriate kind. Sir Jas. D. Hoghton, Bart., was also present, and by what one heard, enjoyed his visit immensely. Another very familiar face was Mr. E. Baker, from far-off Cowes. How the birds draw him, acting like a magnet! The genial chairman is Mr. W. Haworth, vice-chairman, Mr. W. Lewis, treasurer, Mr. J. P. Leeming, and auditors, Messrs. F. R. and J. Brown. The committee are all well-known fanciers, Messrs. Blackhurst, Coventry, Heap, Curwen, Hopkins, Lambert, Sherrington, and Wallace, and right well did they do their duty. The Show committee, Messrs. Haworth, Leeming, Blackhurst, Cleminson, Heaps, Curwen, Knowles and Parkinson. Each and everyone proved himself a hard and enthusiastic worker. They know the requirements of an open show. Last, but by no means least, comes the worthy hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Cleminson, who was assisted by a good understudy in Mr. J. T. Swarbrick. Both officials are most excellent, courteous and obliging, always on the move, having the Society's welfare at heart, and much of the success of the show was certainly due to the great exertions they put forth. The Judges were Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. P. Robinson (Barrow), the former taking Nor., Yorks, Crests, Cinns and Novice classes, the latter, Bord., Brit., Mules and For., and their awards appeared to give general satisfaction. Stewards were the Rev. S. E. Cleminson, M.A., and Messrs. W. Lewis, J. Leeming, F. Coventry, T. H. Cooper, T. Seed (Bolton), Heathcote and Blackhurst. Judging was over in good time, and cards displayed quickly—management throughout par excellence. The Rev. Cleminson proved himself a most useful official.

Mr. J. C. Barnes' Classes.

NOR. YELL. (14): 1, Hirst, Cl., bouncer, magnificent shape, full of colour and quality, lovely wing carriage, clean cut, a gem; 2, Sherrington, Cl., very close on heels of winner, staged in the pink: 3, 4, Sandiford, grandly feathered, rare colour and shape, well up in substance; 4, hot colour, very shapely and of good substance, well put down; vhc, Counsell, good type, nice size; he, Seed; c, Bailey and Wilkinson. BUFF (16): 1, Dr. Herd, wonderful substance, rattling shape, fine head, neck and chest, round as a ball; 2, Seed, noted "Little King," not looking quite so well to-day, deserves a rest; 3, Hunter, well up in size, slashing quality and colour, splendid type, very close up; 4, Tweddle, A1 feather, best of wing carriage, shown in capital style; vhc, Cleminson, nicely moulded, rare colour and feather; hc, Godley; c, Curwen. MKD. YELL. (11): 1, Sandiford, marked right eye and thigh, slashing quality and colour, finely moulded, perfect wing carriage, stood 1st Bramley, week previous; 2, Marlow, var., full of colour and quality, fine shape and substance, lovely head and neck; 3, Winter, marked both wings and head, wonder for size, splendid shape, good third; 4, Godley, lovely var., ablaze with colour, A1 type, one we liked; vhc, Herd, nice feather and shapely; hc, Senior and Hartley; c, Bailey. BUFF (9): 1, Senior and Hartley, marked wings and head, fine quality, colour and meal, grand shape and size, a beauty; 2, Hayhurst, mkd head and thigh, very shapely and of nice substance, lovely feather and colour; 3, Turner, slightly var., beautifully feathered, sweet shape, not one of the biggest but one of the best; 4, Winter, marked wings and eyes, rich silky texture of feather, good in size and of nice shape, worth its position; vhc, Curwen, well put down; hc, Wade; c, Sherrington. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Sandiford (J.), Cl., well-known winner, often described, very sweet, but not a giantess, still, one that catches the eye; 2, Herd, Cl., red hot, superior quality, lovely shape, A1 wings and tail, clean cut away, nice substance, close up; 3, Senior and Hartley, larger than two previous, excellent shape and colour, hardly the quality, yet a bonny damsel; 4, Sandiford (G.), fine-sized hen, good in shape and colour, not far away; vhc, Seed, rattling feather and shape; hc, Sherrington; c, Godley; No. 14, Herd, good one, but dropping in moult. BUFF (16), good lot: 1, Tweddle, Cl., magnificent shape, lovely feather and colour, delightfully frosted, a charmer; 2, Sherrington, little between them, had this won no one could have grumbled, a beauty; 3, Dr. Herd, great substance, beautiful shape, not quite so rich in feather, yet a real "good 'un"; 4, Cleminson, good quality, colour and meal, rare head, neck and chest; vhc, Sandiford (G.); hc, Sharples; c, Hinde and Winn; No. 8, Hirst, very much down, or would have been in the money. MKD. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Winter, almost green, unfed, marvel for substance and shape, rich, silky texture of feather, magnificent damsel; 2, Raynes, marked wing and eye, fine size, excellent quality, clean cut, one we liked; 3, Marlow, var., another rare sized hen, A1 quality and colour, neat shape; 4, Cleminson, marked left wing and thigh, soft, silky texture of feather, shapely, and of nice size, vhc, Curwen; hc, Hinde and Winn. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Cleminson, lovely trio, former var., lovely salmon tinged colour, covered with beautiful frosting, delightful shape; 2, var., larger in build, capital colour and quality, not quite so cobby; 4th, marked head, rare substance, nice shape and feather; 3, Aitchison, marked eyes, A1 type, rattling colour and feather, clean cut, good third; vhc, Leeming Bros.; hc, Bailey. UNFLI. YELL. (18): grand class: 1, Senior and Hartley, Cl., ablaze with colour, feathered like a Java, beautiful thighs and tail, one of the very best; 2, Cleminson, Cl., very similar, shown in delightful trim, a beauty; 3, Hunter, marked wings and eyes, fine substance, grand shape, very promising youngster; 4, vhc, Hirst, couple of nice specimens, former, Cl., teeming with colour and quality, round as a ball, but for tail broken would have gone up one; hc, Herd; c, Godley. BUFF (16): 1, Seed, grizzled tail, almost hot enough to set his cage on fire, beautiful shape, nice size, feathered to perfection, a gem; 2, Coventry, marked left wing, rattling exhibit, not quite so warm in colour, but about equal in other respects; 3, Hunter, marked wings and eyes, rare size and shape, grand colour and quality, very close up; 4, Marlow, marked right wing, bouncing, rattling colour and feather; vhc, Godley, good shape and quality; hc, Hirst; c, Herd. NAT. COL. BUFF (9): 1, Winter, var., wonderful size, grand shape and quality, rare head, neck and chest, good carriage; 2, Raynes, marked right wing, soft silky texture of feather, good colour, nice type and size; 3, vhc, Hopkins, couple of neat birds, third, marked neck, capital quality, very shapely, good wing carriage; 4, Curwen, mkd wings and head, A1 quality, well up in size, not quite so cobby; hc, Sherrington; c, Coventry. CREST (6): 1, 2, Godley, winner buff, marked wings, D.C., fine substance, crest large and as round as a rim, beautiful droop and centre, a topper, second, buff Cl., good in size and feather, crest of neat radiation, somewhat penny in centre yet; 3, Edwards, marked left wing, D.C., good feather and shape, not over big, crest neat and of nice droop; 4, Stringer, heavy mkd D.C., A1 quality, neat formation, good droop and centre; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Lacy. YELL. CINN. (6): All shown by Godley, first and second stood out by themselves, great depth of colour, beautifully polished, fine size, couple of gems. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Godley, first best colour, second close up as regards shape and size, third, good shape; vhc, Tweddle, good substance and shape, requires depth of colour; hc, Meadowcroft. YORKS., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Broughton, beautifully long drawn specimen, neat and narrow, stands like a guardsman; 2, Towers, capital feather, clinking position, lengthy and of grand wing carriage; 3, Ogden Bros., true Yorkie, feathered like a Java, stands finely, not quite length of above; 4, Burton, good length and stand, A1 wings and tail, showing thighs nicely; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Binns; c, Lane. BUFF (8): 1, Hirst, delightfully feathered, rattling length and position, best of backs and wing carriage; 2, c, Lane, two nice specimens, former, capital quality, straight as a rush, very lengthy, good in flights and tail; 3, Towers, A1 feather, stands grand, capital wings, good third; 4, Broughton, all type, excels in quality; vhc, Cuthbertson, rare quality and length; hc, Binns. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Ogden Bros., thigh tick and var., respectively, former rare length, delightful position, well on leg, a charmer, third, rattling feather, good stand, lengthy, capital carriage; 2, Cuthbertson, thigh tick, fine, long drawn specimen, straight as a pencil, feathered like glass, pressed hard for first place; 4, Burton, thigh tick, another stylish exhibit, full of quality, A1 stand, good length; vhc, Clegg; hc, Hodgson; c, Lane. BUFF (7): 1, Thornton, marked left eye, smooth as a bottle, stands firmly on a clever pair of legs, in rare fettle; 2, Towers, marked wing and eyes, long drawn bird, superior feather, shows thighs nicely, close on heels of winner; 3, Burton, marked head, very lengthy, good stand, nicely carried flights; 4, Broughton, lightly var., lovely, soft, silky feather, capital position, good length of leg, one we liked; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Hodgson; c, Cuthbertson. YELL. HEN (7). 1, Broughton, marked neck, tight as a Java, delightful position, very lengthy, grand carriage of flights and tail; 2, Hodgson, marked cheek, feathered like wax, straight up, good length, best of backs and wings; 3, Ogden Bros., Cl., longest in class, good feather, nice wings and tail, not quite so neat in position, yet well worth her place; 4, Burton, marked about head, A1 quality, well up in position, grand wings, good legs, not far away; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Cuthbertson; c, Eastwood. BUFF (8): 1, Ogden Bros., marked wings and about head, grand quality, fine upstanding bird, lovely back flights and tail; plenty strong enough, yet a good specimen; 2, Broughton, marked wing and eyes, smooth as glass, capital length, close up; 3, Cuthbertson, Cl., A1 quality, grand type, well on leg, not quite so lengthy as first two, but well worth her place; 4, Burton, Cl., fine, long drawn hen, slashing quality, showing breed, lovely back flights and tail, one we liked; vhc, Hopkins; hc, Hirst; c, Hodson.

Mr. P. Robinson's Classes.

BORDERS, YELL. COCK (6): 1, Hopper Bros., cap marked, feathered like a Java, grand colour and shape, very sweet; 2, Lewis, Cl., grand quality, rattling shape and size, neat throughout; 3, Simpson, marked wings and right eye, pretty as paint, full of action, A1 quality, well shown; 4, Cleminson and Curwen, Cl., feathered grandly, fine shape, bonny specimen; vhc, Houghton; hc, Hopkins. BUFF (10): 1, Simpson, marked wings and head, gem for quality, delightful shape, perfect carriage of flights and tail; 2, Parkinson, marked left wing and head, grand type, rare quality, in fine fettle; 3, Hopper Bros., Cl., excels in quality, nice size, shade longer in build, good third; 4, Harris, marked left wing and eyes, good type and size, quick in action; vhc, Harrison; hc, Cleminson and Curwen; c, Parkinson. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Hopper Bros., Cl., regular charmer, delightfully feathered, lovely colour, size and shape, shown in the height of condition, hard to beat; 2, 4, Jones, couple of very bonny damsels, former Cinn. mkd left wing and head, teeming with quality, sweetly moulded; 4th, marked wings and eyes, capital feather and colour, good shape; 3, Parkinson, marked both wings and eyes, not a feather misplaced, fine shape; vhc, Harrison; hc, Lewis. BUFF (7): 1, Harrison, marked left wing and eye, very shapely, capital colour, put down in rare fashion; 2, Simpson, marked wings and eyes, rattling shape, good quality and colour, best of wing carriage; 3, Hopper Bros., marked wings, eyes, and tail, slashing shape, feathered grandly, in rare trim; 4, vhc, Cleminson and Curwen, marked wings and eyes, superior quality, A1 shape, nice size; hc, Lewis; c, Houghton. A.O.V. (9): 1, Hindman, foul-tailed Cinn., grand depth of colour, fine size and shape; 2, 4, Philipson, couple of Lanc. Coppys, showing great substance and length, coppy of good size and shape; 3, Senior and Hartley, Yelk. 4-pointed Yorkie, capital colour and feather, grand markings, in rare trim; vhc, Law; hc, Wagstaff; c, Enstwood. MULES (6): 1, Tams and Son, Buff, almost Cl. Goldie-Can., rare quality, nice size and shape, the Mansfield winner, looking grand; 2, Issott, dark Lin.-Can., capital size and shape, fine colour and quality, well shown; 3, Kay, Greenie-Can., good quality, very shapely; 4, Jackson, Lin.-Can., dark, well up in size and good shape; vhc, Heaps; hc, Blackledge. LINNET (13): 1, Tams and Son, rich colour, good substance and shape, beautifully pencilled, steady; 2, Howarth, another splendid specimen, rare colour and shape, well up in size; 3, Pickles, showing good pencilling, clear and distinct, nice colour and shape, not quite so large; 4, Wilson, good shape and size, nice feather, well shown; vhc, Heaps; hc, Leeming Bros.; c, Dean and Jowett. GREENIE (8): 1, 3, Hunter, former fine size and shape, magnificent colour, a beauty; 3rd, very shapely, good size, wee bit behind in colour; 2, Pickles, equal to winner in every respect except colour; 4, Coventry, good colour and shape, well clothed, not quite so large; vhc, Almond; hc, Middleton; hc, Clegg. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Wilson, Twite, capital colour, good size and shape, beautifully marked, somewhat wild; 2, Hill, Twite, not much behind, well shown; 3, Heaps, Redpoll, nice shape and size, well marked, steady; 4, Hopkins, Twite, grand colour, size and shape, neat in markings; vhc, Cleminson and Curwen; hc, Parkinson; c, Hunter. HARDBILL (12): 1, 4, Almond, Hawfinch and Bramble respectively, former of fine size and shape, graud colour and markings, nicely cut bib; latter well up in substance, good body colour, finely tickel; 2, Johnson, Bramble, lovely colour and quality, fine size and shape, delightfully marked, shows to perfection; 3, Hinde and Winn, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, good colour, well mkd. head; vhc, Lees; hc, Hunter; c, Senior. FOR. SEEDEATER (8): 1, Pyke; 2, Pickles; 3, hc, Watson; 4, Howe; vhc, Hohlen. BUDGERIGARS (6): 1, Howe; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Pyke. SELL. (20s.) (21): 1, c, Senior and Hartley; 2, Wagstaff; 3, Crossley; 4, Hindman; vhc, Binns; hc, Sandiford. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (21): 1, Riley; 2, Senior and Hartley; 3, Robinson; 4, Boadrick; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Pyke; c, Bailey. GIFT (9): 1, Cleminson; 2, Fergusson; 3, Curwen; 4, Senior and Hartley; vhc, Godley; hc, Howarth; c, Swarbrick.

Open Novice Classes.

YELL. NOR. CK. (23): 1, Wallace, Cl., ablaze with colour, soft silky texture of feather, grand substance and shape, a beauty; 2, Hopkins, Cl., well up in colour, nice quality feather, good size, shade longer in build; 3, Dunn, Cl., great substance, good in colour, well over perch; 4, Dixon, ticked root of tail, very shapely and of rare feather and colour; ex 4, Lingard, full of colour and quality, nice shape and substance; vhc, Leeming Bros.; hc, Park; c, Wearden; No. 18, Hall, w.c., Buff; No. 1, Meadowcroft, w.c., Yorkshire. BUFF (30): 1, 2, Leeming Bros., lovely specimens, former bouncing var., rare quality and colour, slashing shape, could hold its own in most company; 2nd, marked head, capital feather A1 colour, nicely covered with meal, sweet shape; 3, Issott, Cl., hot in colour, soft silky texture of feather, very shapely; ex 3, Thompson, Cl., ablaze with colour, good shape and substance, nicely shown; 4, Dixon, excellent type, not quite so deep in colour, good one; ex 4, Halsall, capital shape and colour, clean sweep; vhc, Rowbotham; hc, Hill; c, Wearden. YELL. HEN (18): 1, 2, Cooper, winner marked left wing, lovely colour and quality, sweetly moulded, nice size and carriage, a gem; 2nd, Cl., hotter colour, capital feather, well up in size, just beaten in finish; 3, c, Wearden, Cl. soft silky feather, short and thick set; 4, Lingard, Cl., unfli., very warm in colour, grand shape, with another year should make a good hen; vhc, Waddington; hc, Ashness. BUFF (29): 1, Lingard, cap marked, round as a ball, capital colour, covered with frosting, sweetly moulded; 2, Cooper, Cl., another bonny damsel, lovely feather and colour, beautiful shape; 3, c, Wearden, var., short and thick set, superior quality and colour, showing neat meal; ex 3, Dunn, Cl., A1 quality and colour, very shapely and of good substance; 4, Schofield, rare feather, good colour and type; ex 4, Peak, very similar to 4th; vhc, Wallace; hc, Ibbs. YORK CK. YELL. (31), hot class: 1, vhc, Riley, ticked neck, wonderful length, well on leg, feathered like wax; 2, Parker, Cl., upstanding and of good length, A1 feather and colour; 3, Robinson, marked both wings and head, good colour and feather, lengthy and leggy; ex 3, Mason, ticked neck, lovely feather, good colour and position, stands on clever legs; 4, Hudson, ticked neck, A1 quality, good position, lengthy, shown in the pink; ex 4, Hill, Cl., stands finely, superior feather, well on leg; hc, Wood; c, Schofield. BUFF (26): 1, Riley, Cl., wonderful length, magnificent feather and colour, richly frosted, grand position, a clinker; 2, Robinson, marked wings, lovely colour, straight up, very long, not far away; 3, Shaw Bros., Cl., nicely feathered, A1 position, full of style; 4, Mason, marked both wings and head, capital quality and colour, lengthy and well on leg; ex 4, Blackhurst, Cl., grand feather and colour, straight as a rush; vhc, Carey; hc, Loughly; c, Mulliner. YELL. HEN (20): 1, Higham, Cl., lovely colour, feathered like wax, long drawn, neat and narrow, stands beautifully; 2, Blackhurst, Cl., another very choice damsel, little divides them; 3, Wood, Cl., full of colour, and quality, stands nicely; 4, Bailey, Cl., full of style and nerve; vhc, Riley; hc, Crossley; c, Cowell. BUFF (21): 1, Wood, Cl., feathered like glass, grand back and wing carriage, standing on clever legs; 2, Galling, Cl., good quality and colour, capital position; 3, hc, Blackhurst, Cl., stylish and of nice feather, good position and length; 4, Parkinson, Cl., capital feather and colour, upstanding, good one; vhc, Fergusson, No. 2, Meadowcroft, w.c., Yellow. A.O.V. (10): 1, 4, Hindman; 2, Sherrington; 3, Dunn; vhc, c, Salisbury; hc, Hill.

SCARBOROUGH.

Scarborough F.S. Show held November 6th, this being the second time the society has included cage birds. Members should be encouraged to add more classes, as with five classes they secured 84 entries. The arrangements, under the able secretary, were very good, and everything passed off satisfactorily. YORKS. (15): 1, 3, Dixon, former good stock yell., hot and rather strong; 2, Watts, not quite so large, but nice type and feather; 4, Hunter, nice buff; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Dodsworth; No. 3 very nice typical buff, might almost have been in prizes. NOR. (16): 1, 2, 4, Hunter, 1st a large unfli. yell., even mark, good hot colour; 2nd good buff, grand shape, trifle loose in wing carriage; 4th nice tick. buff; 3, Hesp, good yell., deserves place; vhc, hc, c, Smith. CREST OR C.B. (22): 1, spl., Mrs. White, nice var. crest, good droop and feather; 2, spl., best Crestbred, Carbutt, good big bird, grand head, plenty of feather; 3, hc, Watson, moderate crest; 4, Clarke, nice Crestbred; vhc, Garwood; c, Nicholson. BRIT. SMALL (23): 1, Hollings, grand Goldfinch, in lovely condition, last year's winner; 2, 4, Mrs. Wright, very good Bullfinch; 4th grand Yellowhammer; 3, Dixon, nice Linnet; vhc, F. Smith; hc, Sawdon; c, Batty. LARGE (8): 1, Warrener, well spotted Thrush; 2, Allan, Pied Blackbird; 3, Wainwright, good coloured Hawfinch, in grand condition; 4, Swan, Thrush; vhc, Mrs. Harrison; hc, Matson; c, Hutchinson.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BODMIN.

The fifteenth annual show of the Bodmin and District Association was held in the Market Hall and Public Rooms on November 6th, and, while regretting there was a slight falling-off in the entries of cage birds, yet there were, in all sections, over 1,000 entries, and the efforts of the committee were crowned with success. The quality in our section was very good, many exhibits being put down that could hold their own in any company. The management of the show was all that could be desired, and the energetic and pain-taking secretary, Mr. A. E. Jago, must be congratulated upon the way he carried out his important duties, being courteous and obliging here, there and everywhere, always to be found when required. He was backed up by a large and enthusiastic committee of fanciers, who attended to their duties in the most praiseworthy manner—any exhibitor sending valuable specimens here may rest assured that every possible care is taken of them. The committee deserved to be well supported with entries, because there is never cancelling or amalgamation of classes, and full prize money is paid. The weather being ideal, there was a record attendance, the gate money amounting to £115. Cage birds were staged at the bottom of the market hall, being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. R. B. Tope judged, the awards on the whole being well received. Judging was over before one o'clock, and everything worked with cluck-like precision.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (9): 1, c, Kemp, good round chest, neat wings and tail, slightly flat in head; 2, E. White, fine quality feather, good head, compact wings and tail, a typical Norwich; 3, W. Spillman, good substance, rich colour, full of quality, we preferred to win; vhc, Strout, good head and chest, nice wing carriage; hc, Rickeard, good bird. MARKED (4): 1, spl., Spillman, marked on back and side of neck, round chest, short wings and tail, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, a gem, pressed winner hard for best bird special; 2, Bailey, marked both eyes and wings and back of head, good type and quality, grand wing carriage; 3, White, Grizzle, left side of neck and tip left wing, nice colour and quality, clean cut, shown in good condition; vhc, Glanville. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Kemp, good type and quality, well frosted, nice head and chest; 2, White, nice even colour, good wing carriage and clean cut, feathered like boxwood, perhaps a bit on the small side; 3, Veale, capital type and quality, short flights, pressed winner hard; vhc, Coad, good head and chest, nice quality; hc, Spillman, good colour and type, slightly browed. MARKED (6): 1, Spillman, grizzle head, true Norwich type, well mealed, short flights and tail, a topper and credit to its owner; 2, vhc, Rickeard, ticked left eye and wing, good head and neck, round chest, typical specimen; 3, Veale, grizzle back, grand quality and type; hc, c, White, nice head and neck, good wing carriage, feather. HEN (6): 1, Spillman, clear yellow, very chubby, good head and deep chest, sound even colour, the kind of hen to breed from; 2, Tottle, ticked eye and rump, good head and full of quality, another typical hen; 3, vhc, White, buff, grizzle neck, and marked left wing, well frosted, capital type and quality; vhc, yellow marked head, neck and wings, nice head and chest, even colour; hc, Trevenna, good colour and typical; a good class. NON-FLIGHTED (8): 1, spl., F. Collins, cl. yell., neat head, good wing carr., round chest, clean cut, lovely feather, stands well across perch; 2, Tottle, buff, ticked wing, good colour and quality, well packed wings and tail; 3, Spillman, yellow, grizzle head, nice deep chest, good Norwich type, some preferred; vhc, White, buff, good type, nice head and neck, well mealed; c, Oatey. CREST (5): 1, spl., vhc, J. and J. Symons, splendid leafy Crest, good even droop and centre, dense feather; 2, 3, Ryder, green, large crest, well radiated, good spread and frontal; 3rd marked wings, dark crest, well formed and plenty feather; hc, Prisco tt, descent crest, little more open in centre. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, spl., Parnell and Son, grand quality, neat head, and well filled neck, upstanding slim bird, well drawn, wins well; 2, Thomas, nice straight bird, well packed wings and tail, loses in colour to winner; 3, Ellis, ticked neck, nice length; vhc, Pincombe, cinn., mkd. eyes and wings, well drawn,, close fitting wings and tail, stands well; hc, c, Lashbrook and Sons, good position, full of Yorkie properties. BUFF (9): 1, Lashbrook and Sons, ticked neck, fine style and carriage, well on legs, good typical bird; 2, Parnell and Son, very stylish, and tight in feather, pressed hard; 3, Wills, fine length and position; vhc, Oatey, good upstanding bird, not so brilliant in colour; hc, Thomas, good position and very typical; c, Ellis. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, c, Biddick, Scotch Fancies, fine nerve and action, good shoulders and body, wins easily; 2, J. and J. Symons, Crestbred, good skull and well lashed, plenty of feather; 3, vhc, Burton, Yell. Cinn., sound colour and size, bit loose in feather. HYBRID (6): 1, spl., and spl. for best bird in show, 2, vhc, F. Collins, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, plenty of size, nice colour and quality, good markings, capital specimen; 2nd six-pointed Goldie-Can., nice size and quality, shown in good condition; 3, c, R. Browning, nearly clear Goldie-Can., slight tick on each eye and rump, little on small side, but good condition and well shown; hc, Edwards, good yellow Siskin Canary Mule. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, spl., W. Ellis, good size, very steady, nice square cut, blaze; 2, Lock, good body and tanning, just beaten in size of blaze; 3, c, Wall, nice clean cut blaze, good tanning and moonings, hardly ready yet; vhc, Webb, nice Finch, wants time; hc, Nile. SMALL (6): 1, spl., W. Thompson, Wryneck, good size and markings, shown in faultless condition; 2, Priscott, Bullfinch, nice broad black cap, good black wings and tail; 3, Nile, Bramblefinch, capital size and shape, fair markings; vhc, Wills, Linnet, nice markings; hc, Toogood, no one seemed to understand what it was, but we thought a Pied Linnet; c, Lockhart. LARGE (6): 1, spl., 2, W. Thompson, well known Cornish Chough, in good condition, but does not yet possess the sheen and colour of last season; 2, Woodpecker, shown in faultless condition; 3, Harris, nice Thrush, well mooned, in good condition; vhc, Sandy; hc, Muller; c, Woolcock, Wood Pigeon. CAGE OF FOUR (6): 1, J. and J. Symons, four good Crests; 2, Gaved, four Plainheads, two yellows and two buffs, good type and quality; 3, Thomas, four Yorkshires, all typical birds and even-balanced; vhc, Caved, four lightly-marked Mules; hc, Goad; c, Wills. FOREIGN, LARGE (5): 1, spl., Mrs. Tremlett, King Parrot, grand specimen; 2, Cooper, fine Blue Mountain Lorrikeet; 3, Scott, Green Parrot; vhc, Mann; hc, Edwards. SMALL (1): J. Woolcock, Paradise Whydah, grand specimen. SELLING, 15/- (14): 1, Bailey; 2, Thomas; 3, Ferrill; vhc, Collins, Omondroyd; hc, Stephens, Webb; c, Biddick, Bronze Mule, Watson. SELL., 7/6 (12): 1, Ferrill; 2, Glanville; 3, White; vhc, Coad, Richards; hc, Oatey; c, Russell. LOCAL, YORKS. (5): 1, spl., hc, Wills, yell., stands well, nice head and neck, good quality; 2, vhc, Pincombe, yell., nice slim bird; 3, Lobb, yell., pressed winners hard. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl., 3, Wall, nice square cut blaze, good size and tan, well mooned, the best Goldfinch in the show; 2, Kendall, neat blaze, and steady; vhc, Potter; hc, George.

ABINGDON (North Berks.)

Fourth Annual Open Show, held on Nov. 7th, in the Corn Exchange, a most suitable building, being well lighted and free from draught. Held under C.B.U.; the entries were not quite so numerous as last year's, due probably to the number of shows being held, but the quality was well above the average, this compensating for the two or three classes cancelled. Everything possible for the comfort of the exhibits was carried out, in fact, the arrangements were admirable in every respect. Mr T. Bowen, the hon. secretary, worked hard for the success of the show, and has a good word for all. He was well supported by the committee, of whom Mr. Frank R. Jackson is chairman, with Messrs. C. Pearce and W. Barnett, stewards. The CAGE BIRDS Prize competition prizes were awarded to 1st Mr. A. Lewin, Unlli. yell.; 2nd, Miss Gibbons, Nor.; 3rd, Mr. C. Osborn, very nice Chaffinch. For the nine special prizes offered competition was very keen, that for the best bird in Show, given by the President, and the best in Open Brit. Classes, being awarded Mr. P. F. M. Galloway's charming Goldcrest, a magnificent specimen, richly deserving all it got. Mr. A. Lewin's cl. yell. unlll. Nor. secured special for best Canary in open classes; this bird is a gem of the first water. Mr. C. Pearce exhibited two handsome Thrushes, one of which was awarded two specials. It was understood that these two birds were reared from one nest; the leader was 2nd at the late Palace Show. Mr. A. L. Loder exhibited a grand Black Redstart, which unfortunately damaged its plumage, otherwise it would have won hands down. Foreign bird classes also contained some grand specimens, notably Mr. G. W. Leaver's Paradise Whydah. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. NOR. PLAINHEADS (7): 1, Lewin, buff of rattling type and colour, hardly lined down yet; 2, Yates, another buff of nice colour and feather, just loses in chest; 3, and "C.B." spl., Miss Gibbons, yell., good colour, nice head and wing carriage, longer behind; res., Dale; hc, Holliday. UNFLI. (8): 1, "C.B." special, Lewin, cl. yell. of grand shape, nice soft feather, hot level colour, a good one; 2, Lewin, tick. side of neck, nice colour and feather, wings well packed, good type; 3, Jupe, dark tailed yell. of grand colour and feather, rather on small side, jaunty carriage, unlike so many Nor. that lug the perch; res., Loader; vhc, Midgley. YORKS. (9): 1, Maisey, buff, nice shape, feather, and position; 2, Hawes, buff, long bird with wings nicely braced and tail well packed, just lacks style and position of leader, needs little training; 3, Smith, yell., draws thin in neck, but for style, leg, and position a treat, should be a valuable stock bird to get, nerve, style and carriage; res., vhc, Yates. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4) 1, Gough; 2, Tebbutt; 3, Holliday; vhc, Hobbs; all just fair and lacking rather in colour and bloom. A.O.V. FINCH (6): 1, 3, Pearce, winner Chaffinch in beautiful feather and steady, only needs more colour to be a bouncer; 3, Hawfinch, big bird, well marked, lacks colour and not yet in bloom; 2, Hobbs, very smart Bramble, in rare feather; res., "C.B." spl., Osborne, Chaffinch; vhc, Marshall. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (5): 1, 2, spl., Pearce, two topping Song Thrushes, leader best colour and mooning; 3, Loader, just loses in mooning; r, Winter. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, spl., best cage bird, Galloway, leader beautiful little Fire-crested Wren, in perfect feather, beautifully shown; 2, Tree Creeper, perfect feather, very steady, both grand exhibits; 3, Loader, nice Lark; vhc, Tebbutt. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 3, r, Leavers, grand Long-tailed Wydah leading; 2, Mrs. Billett, Green Budgerigars, in perfect feather. LARGE (6): 1, Millsom, pair of rare Paraquets, in grand feather; 2, Miss Horsley, Blue-fronted Amazon, nice colour, well shown; 3, Taylor, Scarlet Macaw, loses in condition; r, Mooring; vhc, Miss Bultree, Miss Winter. SELL. (12/6) (17): 1, Mrs. Billett; 2, Jupe; 3, Mrs. Stock; ex-3, Yates; r, Miss Gibbons. MEMBERS, CANARY (7): 1, 2, r, spl., Pearce; 2, 3, Loader. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Pearce; 3, Loader; r, Ivey; hc, Hemming, Slater.

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

This year the committee of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. secured the Borough Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich, for their show, and a splendid acquisition it was. The building is fitted with the newest arrangements in electric lighting, and is heated by means of steam radiators, so that the temperature was even and genial. The hall, too, is lofty, well lighted, free from draughts—an exceptionally good one for such a show and the exhibition was held under the rules of the C.B.U. At opening time the arrangements having been duly completed, the show presented a very pretty effect, and redounded to the credit of all who had taken a hand in the work of staging and management. One particularly wise arrangement was that the tiers of cages were neither crowded in the matter of rows nor set too close together; the result being that the visitors who thronged the hall on the opening night were able to move to and fro and view the birds with comfort and pleasure. Too frequently the reverse is the case. There is not enough gangway space, consequently discomfort and inconvenience ensue to visitors. Mr. Hill, the hon. secretary, and his helpers avoided this, and as a result the number of visitors (represented by a £7 10s. gate), came, saw comfortably, and went away pleased. Entries were not quite so numerous as last year, but the quality was excellent in the Nor. classes In the Members' section quality was highly meritorious. We hear that the Society has thus early secured the hall for next year's show, a gentleman deeply interested in the welfare of the Society having promised to defray the cost of hire of same. Mr. S. Stiddolph is the president, while the vice-presidents are Sir T. Dewar, M.P., Dr. Sidgwick, Messrs. J. W. Rennie, and R. Glendining. The chairman is Mr. C. Meades, and as previously notified, Mr. G. Hill is the courteous and enthusiastic hon. sec., who carries out his duties with marked ability, and deserves a bumping show every time. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries; and Mr. Dewhurst Brit. and For.

Open Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl., Hodder, frequently described, has shape, fine feather, colour, and quality; 2, Spinner, beautiful feather, fascinating tone of colour, rather longer in barrel, wings, and tail; 3, Rennie, another fine quality bird; vhc, Cranfield; hc, Hill; c, Lowe. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Hodder, grand shape, wants some pegging back in any company; 2, Rennie, charming feather, scarcely so stout as first, but really good; 3, Spinner, fine fronted, goose-like texture of feather, but just a trifle heavy at thighs; vhc, Munday; hc, Cranfield; c, Spooner. TICK OR YELL. (9): 1, 2, spl., Rennie, tick yell., said to be the Manchester 2nd, massive body, good quality, a good big one; 2, Cranfield, lovely quality of feather, buff bird of quite a different type to 1st, good all round; 3, Holliday, tick buff, lovely under-colour and meal, differing again, but excellent; vhc, c, Hodder; hc, Holliday; No. 2, Spinner, tick yell., lovely bird for quality, and although not large, has carriage, flow, and Norwich points in plenty. HENS (10): 1, spl., Spinner, thick set, level, grand fronted lady, with queenly carriage and style; 2, Hodder, lovely feather, well-nigh evenly mkd. yell., not quite so short in body, but would not hundreds like her! 3, Rennie, very neat and pretty, but not quite so chubby as others; vhc, Daniell; hc, Woolhouse; c, Brownlie. NOR. 1907 (12) one absent: 1, spl., Spinner, grand quality, nice type, very bloomy on good under-colour, opens just a trifle at chest; 2, Woolhouse, has fine quality and rich nice colour; 3, Brownlie, pale in colour beside some, but really lovely feather and of good type, an attractive bird, as was also the same owner's unnoticed bird, which some liked as well as any; vhc, Rennie; hc, Males; c, Thomas. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (8): 1, spl., Austin, Goldfinch, wide blaze, good shaped Finch of clean cutting, needs time to perfect blaze; 2, Baker, smaller, but fair coloured Goldfinch; 3, Vincent, Bullfinch, nice shape, good poll, steady, we liked; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Leaney; c, Lloyd. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, spl., 2, hc, Evenden, leader a fairly well mkd. Linnet, good stamp; 3, Rouse, rich coloured, well mkd. Twite, a bird that pleased us; vhc, Austin; c, Rouse. A.O.V. SEEDEATER (8): 1, spl., Rouse, fine Hawfinch, fairly good colour and steady; 2, Rouse, well mkd., nice coloured Yell. Bunting, in good feather; 3, Brammer, beautiful feathered Chaffinch, nice sheen, well cut markings; vhc, Stubberfield; hc, Hawes; c, Carter. CAGE BIRDS: spl., Miss V. Conway Gordon, with a Bramblefinch. INSECT. (8): 1, spl., Gardner, Lesser Whitethroat; 2, Baker, Nightingale; 3, Rouse, Thrush; vhc, White; hc, Jarrett; c, Dell. FOR. (8): 1, Mrs. Partridge, pretty Black-headed Gouldian Finch; 2, Miss V. Conway Gordon, one of the large Tanagers, well staged; 3, c, Mrs. Partridge-good pair of White Javas, nice and pure in colour; vhc, hc, Hodgkin. MULES (5): 1, spl., 2, Marshall, leader truly good dark Goldfinch-Canary, large, bold, wide in face; 2, dark Greenfinch-Canary, might perhaps be more waxlike in feather; 3, Evenden; vhc, Thomas; hc, Weavers. SELL. (20/-) (12): 1, S. Sidgwick; 2, Richardson; vhc, Rouse; hc, Johnson; c, Marshall. (35/-) (12): 1, Lowe; 2, Richardson; vhc, Glendinning; hc, Weavers; c, Marshall.

Members' Classes.

CHAMPION SECTION—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Meades, bird of fine quality and rich colour; 2, Rennie, beautiful feather. BUFF: 1, spl., Marshall, has quality, but trifle long in wing, still very good type; 2, Meades, good quality again. TICK ETC.: 1, spl., Rennie, possesses fine feather; 2, Marshall, small, neat; 3, Meades, shapely, clean waisted, we liked much. HENS (7): 1, spl., 2, Marshall, two rattling good buffs, about equal in merit; 3, Meades, yell., nice quality, sweet little hen; vhc, Rennie; hc, Daniell.; c, Sidgwick. NOR. 1907 (6): 1, cup, 2 spls., Richardson, bonny bird, lovely shape, quality, and colour; 2, Marshall, also beautiful bird, lovely buff texture of feather, rich level colour, smooth as glass and well packed; 3, Meades, beautiful quality, good flights; vhc, Rennie; hc, Sidgwick; c, Parnell. With regard to cup competition, we understand that the exhibits of members competing in the open classes were not judged for the cups. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, cup, spl., Edwards, slashing bird, extra long, grand quality, stands up well; 2, Rennie, pretty and stylish, good length; 3, Done, nice one, good stand; vhc, Lowe. BUFF (3): 1, spl., Rennie, quality, style, and good stand, one tail feather not yet quite down; 2, Edwards, smart in action; 3, Lowe. MKD. OR UNFLTD. (4): 1, Edwards, stylish var., plenty of rudder; 2, Done, good position, scarcely the length; 3, Cobley. HENS (3): 1, Rennie, lovely quality; 2, Done, stylish, plenty of leg; 3, Edwards. YORKS, 1907 (3): 1, Edwards, nice position, plenty of size, just trifle free in feather; 2, Rennie, neat, not so big as winner, but very good; 3, Lowes. CREST OR C.B. (6): all entries and consequently all prizes and honours to Mr. Johnson, leader being a grand bodied bird, mkd. one wing, with neat crest, fine frontal; 2nd grey crest, fails only in length of crest feather, but dense; 3rd yell., good Crestbred, nice skull for a yell. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl., 2, c, Johnson, three Lizards, leader a silver, nice ground colour; 3, vhc, spl., hc, Lowe, former an evenly mkd. buff Nor. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Johnson, Goldfinch, fairly good face, bars, and buttons, rich in chestnut; 2, Marshall, another good Goldfinch, not quite so lustrous; 3, hc, Johnson, Bullfinch, in an abnormally small show cage, very little larger than a common back cage, needs discouraging, a nice Finch; vhc, Allison; c, Daniell. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Johnson, good Linnet, nice colour; 2, 3, Simants, pretty Linnet and Siskin respectfully; vhc, Marshall, real good Linnet, steady and well shown; hc, Glendinning; c, Allison.

ECCLESHILL B.F.A.

Members' show on Nov. 2nd, at Fountain Inn. Judge, Mr. S. Webster. CLASS 1: 1, Clark; 2, 4, Wilcock; 3, vhc, Sparks; hc, Mortimer. 2: 1, 2, Wilcock; 3, Lee; 4, Mortimer; vhc, Smith. 3: 1, Mortimer; 2, 3, Wilcock; 4, Ellsgood. 4: 1, 2, Wilcock. 5: 1, 2, Wilcock. 6: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Clark; 4, Smith; vhc, F. Clark; hc, Lee; c, Wilcock. 7: 1, Ellsgood; 2, Hargreaves; 3, J. Clark; 4, Hardcastle; vhc, hc, Wilcock. 8: 1, 2, Wilcock. 9: 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, Wilcock; vhc, Smith. 10: 1, 2, 3, Wilcock; 4, Clark. 11: 1, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Wilcock; 12: 1, 2, 3, Jas. Wilcock; Wilcock gained most points in open classes and H. Hargreaves Idle most points in Novice Classes.—W. ASHWORTH, Sec.

CLYDEBANK.

Clydebank and Dist. O.A. twenty-first annual show of Scotch Fancies, held Nov. 9th in Lesser Town Hall. Clydebank has a thriving working population, and it is very encouraging to members to have practical support, headed by Lord Overtown. Were this spirit emulated generally, it would be a strong stimulus to carry on the work. In the afternoon exhibitors and visitors thronged the hall. Members turned out 168 birds, the quality being scarcely equal to that of last year; but there were some very fine exhibits. The chief honour, the Cup, was won by Mr. J. Bowman with a really good Buff Pied hen, the prize for the best cock being gained by Mr. R. Prentice with a nice Buff cock. Many well known fanciers were present in search of stock, and several sales were effected, but the best were retained. That course is in vogue all over, the demand for Scotch Fancies far exceeding the supply. The president was in evidence, and to his tact in a great measure the success of the society is due. The secretary, Mr. Kirkwood, is a splendid worker, he and his committee presenting most excellent arrangements, everything being in apple pie order. The judges were Messrs. W. Thornton, Edinburgh; D. Black, Govan; J. Watson, Glasgow; and W. Williamson, Renton, who did their utmost to place the exhibits in proper order of merit.

YOUNG BIRDS, YELL. CK. (7): 1, Ross, tidy hard up bird, nice thin neck and neat head, fine body and drive, won easily; 2, 3, Prentice, erect, fine reach, neat beads, good body and action; 4, Bowman, smart and nice type; 5, Monteith. HEN (6): 1, Prentice, nicely positioned, smart, close in feather, wins easily; 2, J. Bowman, very typical, well up, good reach and body, very sweet; 3, A. Bowman, neat and typical; 4, Ross, good stamp. YELL. PIED. CK. (7): 1, Ross, smart cross type, grand shoulder and reach, stiff in body; 2, Bowman, erect, fine round shoulder, decided drive, nice neck and head, taking body and front; 3, 4, Monteith, close in feather, full of action. HEN (10): 1, 3, A. Bowman, 1st erect, firm reach, good shoulder and body, active; 3rd, typical and smart; 2, J. Bowman, sweet style, fine action; 4, 5, Ross, good fair exhibits; 6, Neil. BUFF CKS. (7): 1 and best cock, 3, Ross, fine size and substance, good fair style, nice action; 3rd, nice size, bit nervous, requires handling; 2, W. Prentice, long and reachy, grand body, rather restless; 4, J. Bowman, good type, very smart; 5, Monteith, good stamp. HEN (9): 1, Prentice, plenty of substance, grand body, erect, nice drive and action, wins easily; 2, Kennedy, good follower, creet, fine shoulder and drive, good body and action; 3, spl, W. Prentice, erect, fine reach, neat head, good body, quick in movement; 4, Neil, good stamp, quick in action; 5, Kirkwood, close in feather; 6, J. Bowman. BUFF PIED CK. (9): 1, Neil, wins easily, erect, good droop, plenty of top, fine long body and wing; 2, R. Prentice, similar in type, really good all through; 3, J. Bowman, sweet model, proportionate, quick in movement; 4, Bowman, fair good type; 5, Monteith; 6, Collins. HEN (10): 1 and cup, J. Bowman, grand type, erect, decided drive, good shoulder and body, nicely circled, would be hard to beat if she gripped perch firmer; 2, Kennedy, another fine hen, erect, fine reach and action; 3, R. Prentice, nice model, smooth in feather, quick and ready; 4, Ross, smooth as glass, good plumage, smart; 5, Blair, nice type; 6, Neil. FOUL CK. (13): 1, Blair, hard up, nice head and neck, good droop, shoulder and body, lots of action; 2, spl, c, Ross, smooth in feather, 2nd very fine type, both could do with little more size; 3, 5, Kyneston, 3rd very promising exhibit; 4, Monteith. HEN (11): 1, Kyneston, easy win, erect, fine drive, neat head, long neck, nice shoulder and body; 2, J. Bowman, good second, fine style, smooth as a bottle; 3, Kennedy, good all-round type; 4, 6, Ross, both equal to positions; 5, Dean. GREEN CK. (10): 1, 3, Kennedy, 1st typical model, rare qualities, full of action; 3rd, another nice exhibit, but not so typical; 2, Ross, wins here in good company for style, fine plumage; 4, Neil, fine bloom and close in feather; 5, A. Bowman, rare colour, nice action; 6, Tibbald, good type. HEN (7): 1, 2, Monteith, much liked, erect, decided in droop, fine shoulder, fair body and wing; 3, J. Bowman, smooth in feather, smart and ready; 4, 5, Dean, both nice type; 6, Maxwell. OLD BIRDS, YELL. CK. (16): 1, Ross, rich in plumage, very erect, determined in drive, nice top and good body, quick, wins easily; 2, Collins, very fine model, grand solid body, wiry, well knit together, beautiful plumage; 3, Blair, good all round smooth in feather, ready in action; 4, 5, Maxwell, good type; 6, Bowman. HEN (9): 1, Ross, nice, free, throughout type, fine neck, neat head, good body, ready; 2, J. Bowman, good stamp and very ready; 3, Bowman, nice stamp; 4, Prentice; 5, Neil. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Kirkwood, grand substance, erect, good droop, fine size and body; 2, Bowman, nice size, good droop, shoulder and body; 3, Sharp, good typo and size; 4, Wilson, fine size and stamp; 5, 6, Prentice. HENS (12): 1, Kennedy, erect, fine drive, good shoulder and body; 2, Bowman, nice type and size; 3, Bowman, wins here, good stamp; 4, Collins, solid and quick in movement; 5, Bowman.

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MR. CLARK'S RETIREMENT.

SIR,—The Linnet men of Leeds know that Mr. Wood is only a recruit in Linnet singing, that he knows nothing about a Linnet, and that he is to be excused. As for his old bird man, he must also be a recruit, or he would know different, as the Kingshead was a bird house for over twenty years. I hung a bird myself in 1893, fourteen years ago, and I can get a prize any time I take my birds out, either for singing or for showing.

JAMES CLARK.

[This controversy, we think, may now very well close.—EDITOR.]

A BRAMBLEFINCH-CANARY HYBRID.

SIR,—I should like to state, for the benefit of the general body of fanciers, especially those who attended at Norwich Show, that the bird exhibited by me as a Bramblefinch-Canary was bred by myself in the ordinary breeding cage, and paired up in the usual way. So this leaves me without any doubt as to its parentage. GEO. R. JAMES.

St. Ives.

(Our reporter at Norwich Show wrote:—"1, James, catalogued as 'Bramblefinch Canary,' we made it an everyday Greenfinch-Canary, and a very fair example of the cross, good both in size, shape, and colour." Mr. James is a well-known fancier, and we gladly publish his interesting letter concerning the exhibit.—EDITOR.)

ALLEGED CURIOUS HAPPENING AT WARRINGTON SHOW.

SIR,—Being an exhibitor at Warrington Show, held November 9th, I visited same, and found a very good exhibition. After having viewed the exhibits, I left the show to have some tea. You can imagine my surprise when I returned and found that my bird, No. 1 in Class 24 (Selling, 20s.), had been taken from its cage and replaced by another! I immediately made a search, and to the surprise of many, found my bird in Class 25, No. 5 (Selling, 12s. 6d.), an entry belonging to Mr. W. Mercer, of Prescot. How it got there still remains a mystery. When questioned on the matter, Mr. Mercer denied all knowledge of same. And there the matter stands. My reason for penning these few lines is to show that we need to be ever on the alert; also to try and bring the offender or offenders to justice. For if things like this are allowed to pass unnoticed it will not be safe to send our best birds away.

W. WILKINSON.

COCKERMOUTH SHOW AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—My last letter you could not publish owing to its excessive length. Perhaps it was too long for one issue, but the bulk was correspondence I had copied for me, as I was too busy to give individual attention to it; otherwise it would have been summarized. Our impression of Mr. Lythgoe's first letter informing us that the two shows should stand was that no meeting of the C.B.U. Committee had ever been held to consider the matter—that it was the decision of one or a few individuals. His reply bore out that impression, for he states that the matter was settled by correspondence. Now we consider that such matters are of too much importance to be settled by such means, and that a national union like the C.B.U. should have more businesslike methods of conducting its affairs. It will readily occur to your readers why business by correspondence is unsatisfactory, especially in a case like ours, where a correct decision could not be arrived at without the possession of many details. Then we object to the tone of Mr. Lythgoe's letter, in which he draws an invidious distinction without any data between —— Society and Cockermouth. That portion of his letter I characterised as impertinent, and am still of that opinion. It was an attempt to belittle our Society, which, for number of entries, annual income, local support, broad classification, and good management, will compare with any similar institution in the kingdom. As I told him, we are not effete, but progressive, and we resent his remarks and the attempt to injure us by holding two shows on the same date most strongly. Another point we desire to make is that statements in his letters are contradictory—that is the mildest form in which I can describe them. As your space is limited, I will say no more. I think your readers will agree that as original members of the C.B.U., we should have had preference over a Society which applied for affiliation less than three months ago. That is our complaint, and though the C.B.U. deny us that preference, we look to the fanciers of the country to give it. Your advertising columns of to-day show that we have over 40 classes for Cage Birds—a bumper entry will be the best reply to the C.B.U.

GEO. OGLETHORPE,
Chairman of the C.F.C.

DATES OF KENT SHOWS.

SIR,—Would it be possible for all show secretaries next year in Kent and thereabouts to combine and fix dates, so that we do not get them all on the same dates? This year we had Tonbridge, Hastings, and Margate all on the same days, and in consequence the classes do not get filled, and the winners have to be content with half prize money. Surely it would be fairly easy to arrange so that each should get a chance of support B.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR WALKLEY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A great number of bird fanciers in Walkley and District, Sheffield, are desirous of forming a purely Amateur Cage Bird Society to further the interest and gain knowledge in matters concerning the keeping and caring of caged birds. All those interested are invited to send in their names, so that the matter can be brought to a definite ending, and a thorough working society be started. EDGAR BROADBENT.

23, Langsett-road, Sheffield.

THE ALLEGED POISONING OF SHOW BIRDS AT BROUGHTY FERRY.

SIR,—With reference to the "Twittering" appearing in last week's CAGE BIRDS about a bird being poisoned at Broughty Ferry Show on October 12th, surely the writer must be wrongly informed, as I have heard nothing of a bird belonging to any Dundee gentlemen being poisoned at our show. Nor am I aware that any other bird was poisoned. As I have had no complaint from any exhibitor to that effect, I can only come to the conclusion that the report is not correct.

CHARLES MUIR,
Secretary Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—I saw it was announced in your paper hat Mr. R. L. Crisp had won with his Yorkshire the challenge shield for best bird in the show; also bowl for the best young bird at the recently-held Dulwich Show. Now, I know for a fact Mr. Vardy, who adjudicated on the Norwich Plainheads, went home before they had finished judging, and these specials had not been awarded. Now, I fail to see how Mr. Crisp's bird could have won them fairly, as there was no one to stand up for the Norwich. I should like to hear what other fanciers think about this.

W. MORRIS.

P.S.—I might also mention that I lost my best clear Buff after coming home from Dulwich Show.

(We understand that as Mr. Vardy had to leave in the evening to judge another show, he left the interests of the Norwich Plainheads in the hands of Mr. E. Baker (of Cowes) so far as the above specials were concerned.—EDITOR.)

ANOTHER INDICTMENT OF RAILWAY COMPANIES.

SIR,—At this time of year we read a good deal about mismanagement and neglect on the part of show secretaries and committees; what I have to relate, I am happy to say, is quite the reverse of the generally accepted idea that show managers want your entrance fees and nothing else. On the Tuesday evening I despatched two cases containing six birds, for the Swansea Show by the same train as that by which I sent my birds to the Welsh National (Swansea) the previous week, of course expecting them to arrive as on previous occasion, early on the Wednesday. You can imagine my feelings when, at 1.30, I received a wire from the show secretary informing me of the non-arrival of my birds. By this most thoughtful action I was able to set forces at work at each end of the line, and it was with great satisfaction some hours later I learned that my birds had arrived, and were being well cared for. Had it not been for this prompt action on the part of Mr. Hutchings, goodness only knows what my losses might have been, as my birds had then been nearly 20 hours without nourishment. Knowing my birds were safe, I next thought of compensation, so I wired on the hope of getting the judge's opinion. In this I was more fortunate, and I learn I would have had an easy first, two seconds, and two thirds, while the sixth bird was too soft to enable the judge to form an opinion. By the above you will see I not only lose the prize money and specials, but at least 29 points in club specials in W.C.B.C. and 10 points in E. and W. B.F.C. competitions. It is my intention to try and recover some portion of my losses from the railway company. I have always been treated most fairly by show secretaries, but it is these small courtesies that seldom come to light that shows a fancier's true worth. It speaks volumes for the management when the secretary notices that some birds are missing at one o'clock on first day of show, especially when he had 560 birds to look after.

H. W. SHELDON.

Pass this Copy on to a Friend

NEW SOCIETY FOR COVENTRY.

SIR,—We have formed a new society in Coventry, called the Coventry Goliva Cage Bird Society. We held our first meeting on November 4 at headquarters, Chequer's Hotel, Little Park-street, when we enrolled 20 members. Anyone wishing to join can receive information from the secretary.—J. Blackshaw, chairman; W. H. Bray, secretary, 12, Berry-street, Coventry.

ALLEGED SHOCKING TREATMENT OF SHOW BIRDS.

SIR,—I beg to convey, through the columns of our fancy paper, "C.B.," my heartfelt thanks to Mr. J. B. Waterman and hundreds of other fanciers who have written me letters of sympathy re the above. I may say I immediately wrote the C.B.U. secretary, and received an answer from him last week (which I prefer to keep to myself for a time). I also immediately put the matter in the hands of our hon. solicitor, who is going thoroughly into the case. I may say J.B.W. may rest assured that I am not going to let the matter drop, and shall certainly inform brother fanciers (as the case goes on) through the fancy press. C. E. BROWN.

P.S.—I am having the read birds set up, and they will be on view at our Bristol C.B. Fanciers Show on November 20th and 21st.

AN ALLEGATION AGAINST JUDGES.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in CAGE BIRDS to call the attention of exhibitors to an evil practice of judges. One of our best known judges of British birds officiated at a certain show last week, and immediately the judging was over the exhibitors and friends flocked, as usual, around the birds. One exhibitor of British said to the judge, "What do you think of this Yellowhammer?" The judge said, "It is a grand one; the best I have ever seen." The exhibitor then said, "Yes, it has already got a first and two seconds to its credit this year, being beaten on one occasion by a Finch belonging to Mr. A." The judge replied, "Yes, this is Mr. A.'s Finch which I have given first to-day." "Oh, no, it isn't," said the exhibitor, that Finch belongs to Mr. B."; upon which the judge replied, "Oh, I've been thinking all along that it was Mr. A.'s bird." Now, sir, what I want to point out is that, in my opinion, there is far too much of the evil practice of judges looking out for the birds of their friends, and awarding them prizes whether they are worth it or not The sooner the exhibiting fanciers take courage to expose such fraudulent practices through the columns of your valuable paper the sooner we may expect the C.B.U. to take the matter up with the object of trying to put a stop to them. FAIRPLAY.

CHARGES FOR CARRIAGE.

SIR,—In the past I have been the victim of excessive railway charges in the return journeys from shows of my birds, very similar in character to those enumerated by Mr. H. H. Cooper. Complaints made to the local railway officials were either treated offhandedly or else completely ignored. After one particularly bad case, where the railway charge was not only double, but 6d. added for special delivery, I took a receipt from the carman, and enclosed that, with the address label, to the general manager of the company, giving particulars of size, weight of package, etc., and claimed the overcharge. The effect was excellent; a week after a courteous railway official called with the excess, including the special delivery charge, and hoped things would be satisfactory in the future, etc. I waited expectantly for my next package from a show; it came—usual result, extra charge 9d. this time. More general manager, more apologies, and refundings. Eventually, after about half a dozen cases like this (always quoting in my letters to the general manager the "registered numbers" of the previous cases), I succeeded in getting the proper charges made for my packages. I have only to whisper "general manager" at our local station now to send them flying about like—well, not like railway officials.

Brixton. DAVID HALL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Cooper, Luton, I can quite sympathise with him on the charges, viz., more for the return journey than the forward. I will endeavour to explain this. The recognised charge is 50 per cent. more for a bird in cage than for an ordinary parcel; a parcel weighing (very) 6lbs., and going 12 miles, would cost 6d.; a bird in cage, weighing 6lbs., and going the same distance, 9d.; the extra 50 per cent. is not on the birds, but on cages, they being fragile goods. The reason of the carriage being more on the return journey is that the railway people, not knowing the exact distance by memory to the stations from which the birds were forwarded, charge the highest rates or distance to save the trouble and time of looking up their books, and because of the rush caused by so many coming at the same time from the show rooms, which alone entails a lot of extra work. With regard to the remark made to Mr. Cooper by the company's officials that the higher charge is for the carriage at the other end, this cannot be correct, as it covers the cost of delivery as well as of collection, with the exception of outlying country villages, which have no shows as yet. Still you have the remedy in your own hands, by asking the company's officials the distance and by not paying more than you did when you forwarded. Of course, this only applies providing the cage weighs the same on return. If the officials persist in overcharging, take a receipt and report at headquarters. I think, however, the Cage Bird Union should take it up. I should state that all cage birds come under the same scale, i.e., 50 per cent. over and above the ordinary carriage. I am sorry to have to write under a non-de-plume, a thing I seldom do, but being a railway man, I must.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

SIR,—Having read Mr. H. H. Cooper's letter under the above heading in CAGE BIRDS, I, like others, find myself of the same opinion, that shows would have better support if it were not for the heavy charges for carriage to and from shows. I sent a bird to Plymouth Show, to be forwarded direct to Battersea Show. The cost from here to Plymouth was 1s. 5d., from Plymouth to Battersea 2s. 11d., from Battersea to Mountain Ash 2s. 9d., with a broken cage in the bargain. There was a hole knocked through the zinc shutter in front of cage, and the bottom was splintered to pieces. This is the kind of "careful handling" our birds get when we pay 50 per cent. extra on the cost of carriage. Again, after you have gone to the expense of paying entry fees and carriage, your bird gets second prize, sometimes third, the first and second prizes being withheld owing to short entries; perhaps there are only four or five birds in the class, and who can blame the show committees when the majority of them are working men like myself, who can ill afford to pay ten or twenty shillings to help pay the debt of the show? Ye gods! this is honour at any price, and the sooner this extra charging business is thrashed out the better it will be for all concerned. The railway companies will take perishables at a very low rate; why cannot they take small birds at the same rate? They don't take up any more room than some perishables. Take cycles, for instance; you can send a "bike" from Land's End to John O'Groats for nearly the same price as it would cost you to send a decent-sized Thrush show cage from here to the Palace and back. I hope other fanciers will take this matter up.

A. IDRIS JONES.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY FROM THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Why do show managers advertise to send birds back by early trains on their schedules, then, when we send them our specimens, never think any more of their promise? I think show managers ought to be very strict on these matters. I, for one, sent six birds to Queensbury Show, and I also asked them if they would be good enough to let me have my birds back as early as possible. But, alas, all in vain! My birds did not arrive at Skelmanthorpe at 10 o'clock on Saturday night, the last train down. So I and a friend had to walk to Shipley, a distance of three miles, to catch the 11.10 p.m. train down. Here we were also disappointed. But the porters were exceedingly good, and wired to Huddersfield for us; and there the birds were, missed the last train down. They also informed us that the birds did not arrive in Huddersfield until 10.50 p.m. So we had to retrace our steps to Skelmanthorpe, then be off again the same three miles on the Sabbath Day—the Day of Rest. Not much rest for me and my friend! But what could we do? Could we leave our pets adrift and rest in peace? No; we could not leave the birds to be nearly starved to death in the porters' cold, draughty rooms. Sir, I am sure it is very unthoughtful of show managers. They do not try to oblige exhibitors as they should, for I feel sure that they could prevent a lot of this unnecessary labour.

HARRY LODGE.

UNIFORMITY OF SHOW CAGES.

SIR,—Lately at Shows one notices in the bottoms of bird cages a thick layer of sawdust, another of oat husks, another of sand, and another of canary seed. Now, if uniform cages are necessary, why not a uniform layer of something at the bottom? Canary seed is clean, and ensures the bird having enough food, so why not every cage alike.

B.

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS FOR YOUR BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE.

ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH & PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—I do not wish to enter into the correspondence about the Dulwich Show, but must call attention to the fact that my Hybrids, Nos. 615 and 616, which appear in Mr. Reeves' list, were really absent, as I was prevented sending them to the show at the last moment. —— M. H. ASKHAM.

SIR,—There is unfortunately some ground for the strictures which have been passed upon the management of the recently held Dulwich and Peckham Show, but there were extenuating circumstances, and I think when these are explained a lot of the misunderstanding that recent correspondence in your columns has given rise to will be removed. In the first place, arrangements had been made to secure possession of the show hall early on the day preceding the exhibition, so as to have everything in apple-pie order by the time the birds arrived. To the consternation of the committee, however, it was found at the last moment that the hall would not be disengaged until 9 p.m. By the time the show arena had been cleared of piles of chairs, etc., it was well on 10 o'clock, and the erection of the staging occupied about two hours. Meantime, birds from a distance had been unpacked in an ante-room, carefully watered and fed, and as quickly as the classes could be arranged the cages were placed on the benches. Then the committee unfortunately found themselves confronted with a further difficulty, as owing to a large influx of late entries—an experience not unknown to most show officials—the staging was discovered to be insufficient. This trouble, however, was speedily overcome, and by dint of hard work and very much self-sacrifice everything was got into order by the afternoon of the first day. Owing to the hitch in the arrangements, several birds could not be found in time for judging, and were in consequence marked absent in the catalogue. It will thus be seen, I think, that the committee were the victims of a series of adverse circumstances for which they were not wholly responsible, but the experience is not likely to be repeated, and the officials of the Dulwich and Peckham Society will do their best to retrieve the good name it has enjoyed in the past for the excellent management which has characterised its fixtures, and which has been held up as a pattern throughout the fancy. I notice that allegations have been made that the exhibits at the show were not properly fed and watered, but this statement is absolutely incorrect, for I imposed the duty upon myself of going over every bird, and seeing that it was well provided with food and drink. I was sorry to find many exhibitors had sent leaky water tins, but I made two special journeys home in order to supply new ones from my own room. On the evening of the second day of the show I personally saw that every bird was well supplied with water, so that it could have a good drink if it so desired prior to being packed up for the return journey. I hope this will reassure those fanciers who kindly entrusted their feathered pets to the care of those who undertook to bestow upon the birds "the same careful attention that would be given them by themselves," that their confidence was not misplaced. I notice it has been stated the staging of some of the exhibits was entrusted to some boys. Of course, this is absurd, though several young lads, sons of the officials, were found extremely useful, as they are at all shows; after all, they are the material out of which will be evolved the fanciers of the next generation. Amongst officials whom I saw working like Trojans during the show were Messrs. R. Brownlie, B.F.C.C.; W. Hodson (hon. secretary), Wall, Cranfield, Wetenhall, Norris (of Roller fame), Morris, Rogers, Dr. Sidgwick, Goodwin, Warley, Brooks, Rees, Harry, Meredith, Garlick, and Lugg. I am informed that amongst the visitors who lent a helping hand were Messrs. E. Baker (Isle of Wight), W. H. Howe (Wellingborough), F. J. Green (Redhill), and A. W. Warr (Hastings). It will thus be seen that the birds were in the hands of good, practical, and respected fanciers, and I may add that all the exhibits were packed and on the rail in a little more than three hours from the hall being cleared of visitors at 8 p.m.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.
(Trustee Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

A lengthy letter from Mr. Woolhouse, the Show Manager has had to be held over.—Ed.

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(*Continued from No. 303.*)

THE LIST OF QUESTIONS.

PURCHASING AND PAIRING.

(1) If you were asked to advise a beginner as to the purchase and pairing of birds to breed exhibition Yorkshires, what advice would you give?

INTRODUCING FRESH BLOOD.

(2) In matching the following year, would you recommend the introduction of fresh blood? Give reasons for and against.

DOUBLE-YELLOWING AND DOUBLE-BUFFING.

(3) Are you of opinion that any advantage is to be gained by double-yellowing and double-buffing?

EFFECT OF DOUBLE-YELLOWING.

(4) There is a general impression that double-yellowing results in a reduction of size. Is this your opinion? Do you think that the difference is in feather only, or does it affect bone or substance?

CHOICE OF COLOUR.

(5) Do you prefer breeding with a yellow cock to buff hen, or vice versa?

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?

(6) Do you recommend that the cock be taken from the hen whilst sitting? If so, when would you put him back, and what are the advantages or disadvantages of such a course?

TWO WIVES OR ONE?

(7) Are you opposed to the use of two hens to one cock? If so, please state why.

FEEDING THE YOUNG.

(8) How do you feed from hatching up to six weeks old?

EARLY BIRDS OR LATE BIRDS.

(9) In your opinion are the best results obtained in the latter part of the breeding season or in the early part?

TOO OLD AT ——?

(10) At what age do you consider Yorkshires breed their best specimens?

THE CHICK IN THE SHELL.

(11) What is the longest period that fertilised eggs may with safety be kept from under the hen?

INFLAMMATION IN YOUNG BIRDS.

(12) How do you account for the so-called inflammation of the bowels from which so many young birds die? How may it be avoided, and what remedy do you recommend when it does occur?

TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA.

(13) What, in your opinion, is the best method of training young Yorkshires to get them steady and used to the show cage?

WHO IS TO BLAME?

(14) Is it your experience that the hen is responsible for type and quality, and the cock for colour and size?

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

(15) Do you consider that classes should be provided at all large shows for even-marked birds?

TICKLISH!

(16) What is your opinion of the present standard as laid down by the Y.C.C.?

THE VALUE OF PEPPER.

(17) Do you not think that a well-fed, even-coloured bird should take more than a five-point precedence of an unfed bird equal in other respects?

WE WONDER!

(18) How many years would it take, commencing with the Belgian, Norwich and Lancashire birds, to breed birds similar to the winning Yorkshire of to-day?

Mr. J. Wilcock replies:—

(1) Buy some extra good stock birds off an experienced breeder and exhibitor. You may have to pay more for them, but they will be the cheapest in the end.

(2) Yes; if you do not get fresh blood you may breed your birds too much akin. You may breed with half cousins, and this is near enough for birds not too small for show bench.

(3) I do not care to breed with two of the same colour, but if I did so I should prefer two Yellows, as I believe you get them rather shorter in feather. In double buffing you increase feather and substance.

(4) In double yellowing, I think you get them shorter both in feather and substance.

(5) I prefer a good big Yellow cock and a Buff hen full of style and quality, though I do not think colour makes much difference.

(6) It is best, as a rule, for he will sometimes upset nest and eat the eggs. If the hen will not sit you might let the cock be with her, letting him stay if she then sits all right. If a good feeder he will be of much use, but some hens will not feed with the cock.

(7) No.

(8) Egg food, consisting of hard boiled eggs and bread soaked in water as soon as the hen has hatched first egg. Squeeze water from the bread and mix with the egg to a paste, together with a little maw seed; dandelion or watercress as green food. When the young leave parents give as above until they begin to colour feed, when it should be stopped.

(9) The early part. In the latter they are rather less in size.

(10) Two or three years.

(11) Never kept them longer than eight to 10 days.

(12) Either through draught, bad seed, or too much egg. Best remedy is to get bowels opened as quickly as possible. Give a drop of castor oil, feed on crushed hemp, and put a little treacle in drinking water.

(13) When four or five weeks old put a show cage before the one in which they are kept, and let run in and out all day. Now and then, when any are in the show cage, lift up and gently play with. This will make very steady.

(14) Yes.

(15) No; out of every thousand even marked birds shown, not one is honest. Classes should be open to even or unevenly marked birds, and judges should go for best Yorkshire, and not for the best marked.

(16) The present standard is all right.

(17) No; five points are enough; if equal in all other respects, the coloured one should win, as it will have cost its owner more money and trouble.

(18) It might take eight or 10 years, or even longer, as they would keep throwing back.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill replies:—

(1) Go in, say, for four hens and two cocks, costing about £3 the two sets. Purchase from a reliable fancier, and leave the selection entirely to him.

(2) Not if birds bred from the stock are satisfactory; if lacking size, position, or quality, introduce fresh blood to remedy same. From these I should work up strain of my own.

(3) Yes, from both courses.

(4) Double yellowing, in my opinion, affects bone substance and feather, and should only be resorted to when birds are too strong in build or have too much feather.

(5) Have no preference, having found results equal.

(6) Take the cock away when the hen has laid third egg, putting him back when the young are about 18 days old. I find, as a rule, the hen works better alone but if she began to neglect I should put cock back and try the difference. Some hens feed better if the cock is with them.

(7, 17) No.

(8) With three parts stale bread to one of egg and one of Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Bird Cage Food. Give plenty of hemp seed and green food, chiefly dandelion, watercress, or chickweed, after three days old. On taking away give egg food as above, with crushed hemp and rape seed.

(9) Second round, best results.

(10) Two years.

(11) Four to five days.

(12) In many cases through sour food or stale water. Keep cage and food vessel thoroughly clean, see that every particle of table food is removed before giving fresh, give fresh water twice a day during hot weather, and quinine and iron as a tonic twice a week. In first stages give as a remedy two or three drops castor oil, and if no better on following morning give a milk sop with a little composition added. Have found this treatment to work wonders.

(13) Hang show cage in front of the ordinary, placing some seed in the locker or a sprig of green food in the wires. Keep the cage on for two or three days, so as to get them thoroughly used to running in and out, after which run them out in the usual way, taking every care not to frighten. To get them to stand well for the show bench run out whenever you go into the room, and handle them as much as possible.

(14) Not altogether, but as a rule.

(15) Yes.

(16) Drawing is too long from thigh to head, also in neck, and ought never to have been sent out, seeing the standard is 6¾ inches for length and the one submitted 7 1-16.

(18) Could, I think, produce a fair specimen in about six years, though I have never tried.

(To be continued.)

Variations in Birds.

Abstract of a Lecture Recently delivered before the L. & P.O.S.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

The subject of variations in birds is of the highest importance to all fanciers, who are indeed the only people who can be said to have scientific knowledge of the subject—that is, knowledge based on observation and experience; for it is by working upon variations that all results in the Fancy have been obtained.

Divisions of Variations.

We may divide variations in birds into two classes; those which may be called spontaneous, and those which are induced by circumstances. The former may be divided into two categories—individual variations, or the difference between one bird and another (such variations forming a continuous series), and abrupt or discontinuous variations, in which the varying individual presents a wide difference from others of its kind.

Examples of induced variation are familiar to everybody in the colour-fed Canary and those Bullfinches which become black by the use of hemp seed. Spontaneous and natural variation is, of course, familiar to all fanciers, for it is on these that one places the value of show birds. I may instance the Goldfinch as a bird which may vary much individually, whilst in the Java Sparrow the individual variations are almost imperceptible. There must be some difference, however, or the birds would not be able to distinguish their own partners.

Examples of abrupt or discontinuous variations may be found in such variations as the white Blackbird, Cinnamon Sparrow, etc.

These abrupt colour variations generally fall under three heads, the white, or more or less complete albino, the black type or melanistic, and the pallid type, which may be either grey or cinnamon. Such birds as the yellow Canary and the Budgerigar seem to represent the albino forms of Green birds, since white Canaries are almost unknown and white Budgerigars completely so. Intermediate variations between the albino and normal form are of course common, being the pied specimens of which the London Sparrow furnishes numerous examples. It is notable that intermediate forms between cinnamon and grey varieties, and the normal type seem very rarely to occur, although the pale or pallid form may be varied with white. Thus, in the little Japanese Finch, the Bengalee (*Uroloncha acuticauda*), you may get dark brown and white, which is the normal form with the addition of white feathers, and cinnamon and white, but not a mixture of dark brown and cinnamon.

Albino Variations.

For a bird to be a complete albino, the eyes, bill and feet should all be devoid of pigment, which results in the eye becoming pink; and this may happen in the pale or cinnamon variety, but, as you are all well aware, this is not always the case; for instance, white Jackdaws and white Java Sparrows do not have pink eyes, while white Blackbirds do. This is a point of some practical importance for the fancier to consider in buying an albino bird; for albinism is not always permanent; but the albino, on a bird's moult, may revert to the naturally coloured form. Such a change, however, appears only to occur in specimens in which the beak, feet and eyes retain the natural colour. I have never known a case of such reversion in a pink-eyed bird, i.e., in one which had flesh-coloured bill and feet. A converse change may also take place; that is to say, a normally-coloured bird may become partially white, generally on advancing age, which looks as if the phenomenon were analogous to grey hairs in our own species and in domestic animals. It is to be noted that in albino varieties any red colour found in the type is pretty certain to be retained; thus I have seen a white Goldfinch with the usual red face, and everyone is familiar with the beautiful pink-breasted white Bullfinch which was exhibited at the Crystal Palace this year.

Induced Albinism.

A peculiar form of induced albinism, and one not to be passed over without notice, is the whitening of the dark legs of our Finches in those specimens that have been in confinement for some time. It is most remarkable that this should take place, because, as everybody knows, the legs of the green Canary, although the bird is born and bred in confinement, do not become white, neither do dark-legged Foreign Finches change the colour of their understandings.

Another familiar phenomenon is the disappearance of the carmine-red colour in the Crossbill, Linnet and Redpoll; the same thing occurs in the nearly related Rose Finch, which from a carmine-red bird moults into a brown one with a touch of old gold in its plumage. A very little known species of the same group—the splendid scarlet Sepoy Finch of the Himalayas—moults into a bright yellow when in captivity.

Examples of melanism in birds are of this induced character in many familiar cases, such as in the Bullfinch and the Skylark, but, of course, poultry and pigeon keepers are familiar with birds which are black from birth, and black forms also occur among wild birds, especially in the case of some Hawks and Eagles. Generally speaking, melanism is much rarer in birds than albinism. Thus, no one has ever succeeded in astonishing the world with a black Canary.

Curious Varieties.

Another very curious and important form of colour variation must be here alluded to; it is when a variety is produced which is neither black, white nor pallid, so much as one which shows a distinct alteration of pattern. A most familiar case of this is what is known as the Japan Peacock. In this bird, which is known to be produced as a sport from the ordinary Peacock, the wings are black, with purple and green edgings to the feathers instead of the usual speckled colour. Nevertheless, these birds are born white, and only assume a dark plumage as they grow. The hens of the variety always remain white, with cinnamon quills, and with a black tail and a greater or less amount of black splashing or peppering on the upper surface. These birds will breed true if paired together; if crossed with a common Peacock, intermediate forms are not produced, but the offspring follow one parent or the other. Another case is in the now rare dark-throated form of the Gold Pheasant. In this bird the throat is sooty and the shoulders black, whereas the common Gold Phoasaut has a buff throat and red shoulders. The centre tail feathers in the dark-throated form are also striped like the side ones; whilst in the Gold Pheasant the centre feathers differ from the rest by being spotted. The hens of this variety differ from the common Gold Pheasant by being much darker in the ground colour, and especially in having the side of the face black; the chicks are also darker.

These forms have occurred in domestic types, but some time ago a very remarkable example of the Little Owl appeared in the wild state in Italy. Normally, this Owl has very light eyes and plumage mostly barred. In the new variety, which was found to be produced by parents of the ordinary kind, the plumage was more streaked and the eyes dark, and thus it had the appearance of an altogether distinct species, and might have given us some idea of how species arise, had the whole family not been exterminated by local ornithologists.

(To be continued.)



The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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CHAPTER XI.

True Finches, Buntings, and Grosbeaks. (*Fringillina*).

Dr. Sharpe, in the British Museum Catalogue, vol., xii., divides this family into three sub-families, as follows (the figures denote the number of species in each genus):—

FRINGILLINÆ:—Fringilla 5, Procarduelis 2, Carduelis 2, Chrysomitris 27, Callacanthis 1, Loxomitris 1, Acanthidops 1, Acanthis 5, Montifringilla 18, Rhodopechys 1, Rhynchostruthus 1, Rhodospiza 1, Erythrospiza 2, Petronia 6, Passer 26, Poliospiza 3, Alavio 1, Serinus 30, Sycalis 5, Pyrrhopkctes 1, Carpodacus 26, Pyrrhospiza 3, Loxia 2, Pyrrhula 10, Pinicola 2, Propyrrhula 1, Uragus 3.

EMBERIZINÆ:—Urocynchramus 1, Pyrrhulorhyncha 3, Emberiza 34, Miliaria 1, Fringillaria 7, Melophus 1, Pleetrophenax 2, Calcarius 3, Rhyncophanes 1, Chondestes 1, Calamospiza 1, Zonotrichia 9, Cyanospiza 4, Porphyrospiza 1, Haplospiza 2, Amphispiza 3, Poorspiza 14, Junco 11, Spizella 8, Poœcetes 1, Passerculus 4. Ammondromus 9, Melospiza 4, Peucœa 4, Passerella 2, Hœmopilla 10, Chamœospiza 1, Pyrgisoma 7, Saltatricula 1, Atlapetes 2, Pipilo 8, Embernagra 10, Coryphospiza 2, Emberizoides 1, Spiza 2, Pseudochloris 7, Neospiza 1, Phrygilus 9, Idiopsar 1, Spodiornis 1, Xenospingus 1, Dinca 3, Coryphospingus 2, Lophospingus 1, Schistospiza 1, Tiaris 1, Rhodospingus 2, Paroaria 6, Gubernatrix 1.

COCOTHRAUSTINÆ:—Geospiza 9, Camarhynchus 5, Cactornis 4, Chloris 3, Eophona 2, Chamœproctus 1, Cocothraustes 2, Hesperiphona 2, Mycerobas 1, Pyenorhamphus 3, Pheucticus 6, Hedymeles 2, Guiraca 6, Oryzoborus 7, Loxigilla 6, Neorhynchus 2, Piezorhina 1, Spermophila 36, Dolospingus 1, Melopyrrha 1, Catamblyrhynchus 1, Phonipara 4, Volatinia 1. Amaurospiza 3, Pyrrhuloxia 1, Cardinalis 2.

It will be obvious that in the scope of this work it will be impossible to note every genus, and in many cases only sufficient notice can be taken for purposes of identification. This family should have a diet, of mixed seeds, canary, rape, millet, hemp, sunflower, oats, paddy rice, maw, etc., unlimited green food, and some live insects such as garden and hedgerow will produce, supplimented by meal worms. A saucer of some good soft mixture (vide second chapter) should also be in the aviary, or cage. If any young should be reared, an unlimited supply of insects would be necessary, as the young would be fed largely on these for the first fortnight of their existence. I have found green food (general garden weeds) an important element in the rearing of the young of this family.

THE TEYDEAN CHAFFINCH (*Fringilla teydea*).—This is an extremely rare species, but has been bred in this country by Mr. E. G. B. Meade-Waldo. He found it to be extremely pugnacious, the song of the male, which never fed either its mate or young, being similar to that of our Chaffinch, but of greater volume and more prolonged. It is a native of the Island of Teneriffe, and is of a fine and handsome appearance, and it is certainly regretable that this and the following species are not freely imported, as both species are very handsome and full of character.

Adult male: above slate blue; lesser wing coverts, leaden-blue, median coverts, blackish, broadly tipped with bluish-white, greater coverts, blackish, edged externally with leaden-blue, lighter at the tips; bastard wing, primary coverts and quills, blackish, edged with dull blue, with a small spot at base of outer webs, forming a white patch (termed a speculum); tail feathers blackish, edged with blue, the two outer ones tipped with ash-grey and edged with white at tips of inner web; crown of head and sides of face, dull slate-blue, with a small white spot on upper and lower eyelids; under surface pale bluish-grey; centre of abdomen and under tail coverts, white; beak, horn colour, the lower mandible almost white; legs and feet horn colour. Total length, 7ins; tail, 3 1-8th ins. During the winter or off-season, the male is much browner, nearly the whole of its plumage being obscured with ashy-brown tips, which as in our native Chaffinch are shed or drop away as spring approaches; very probably a few of the wing-coverts are moulted.

Adult female: Above, olive-brown; wing coverts, primaries and quills, olive edged with grey; tail feathers dusky, edged with grey; head, olive; sides of face and under surface, pale ashy-grey; throat and ear coverts, brownish; under tail coverts, white; beak, horn colour, lower mandible much paler than upper; legs and feet, horn colour. Total length, 6¼ins.; tail, barely 3ins.

MADEIRAN CHAFFINCH (*Fringilla Maderensis*).—Some years ago I saw a pair of this fine and rare species in Dr. Butler's bird room, and very fine birds they were too, looking perfectly happy and contented in their roomy box cage; he informed me that their song was of greater volume and more varied that that of *F. cœlebs*. So far this species has not bred in captivity, principally I think from want of opportunity, specimens seldom coming to hand.

Adult male: Above, dark slate-blue, with the lower back and rump greenish-yellow; lesser wing coverts, black, with grey outer edges; median coverts, white, forming a conspicuous wing-bar; greater coverts, tipped with white, and quills outwardly edged with yellowish-olive; forehead, black; head and neck, dark slate-blue; sides of face, throat and chest, fawn colour, merging into white on the abdomen; breast and sides of body washed with pink; beak: upper mandible, slate-grey, lower mandible, white; legs and feet, light horn colour. Total length, 5⅝ins.; tail, 2⅞ins. The winter plumage of the male is but little duller than its summer garment, being more olive yellow above, and the hues of its lower surface not so pure; the bill is pale brown

Adult female: Much duller than the male; above, ashy-olive, with the lower back and wings greenish yellow; sides of face, throat and chest, ashy-grey; neck and sides of body washed with brown.

There are several other desirable species to which owing to exegiences of space only a passing notice is given.

F. moreleti: Similar to *maderensis*, but lacks the pink on the lower breast, and the under surface is washed with pale rufous.

F. canariensis: Similar to *maderensis* and *morcleti*, but has the yellowish-green of the upper surface restricted to the lower back and rump; has no black frontal bands, and is more fulvous than *morcleti* on the under surface of body and sides of face.

F. spodiogenys: Above, mostly yellowish green, the green being deeper on the lower back and wings; upper tail coverts, grey; lesser wing coverts, black edged with bluish-grey; median coverts, white; greater coverts, black, tipped with white; remainder of wing feathers, black, the quills edged with pale yellow; forehead, black; crown of head, sides of face and neck, slate-blue; coral streak, black; the under surface, vinous pink.

THE YELLOW THROATED ROCK SPARROW (*Patronia petronella*).—This is a handsome aviary bird, and one very likely to breed in captivity. It is a shy bird in a state of nature, only frequenting the towns for nesting and roosting purposes. The courting display or love dance is very similar to that of *Passer demesticus*, but looks very beautiful with the brilliant yellow feathers of its throat spread out fanwise. During the breeding season it should not be associated with birds smaller or weaker than itself; at other times they are amiable enough in any company. These birds both hop and run.

Adult male: Upper surface, including wings and tail, brown, mottled with black on the upper back; middle and greater coverts tipped with buff and margined with ruddy brown; quills edged with ruddy brown; tail feathers edged with whitcish-brown; crown, rich dark brown; eye streak, cream colour; under surface, brown, with abdomen and under tail coverts, white; a patch of rich canary yellow adorns the throat; beak, horn colour; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 6½ ins.; tail, 2⅜ ins.

Adult female: Slightly smaller and the area of yellow on the throat smaller and not so rich in colour as that of the male. Total length, 6¼ins.; tail, 2⅜ins. Eggs: Clutch usually 4, of a pale greenish-blue, thickly mottled and lined with brown and grey, somewhat variable in size and colour. Habitat: According to Stark, from Cape Town to Damara Land, eastward through Cape Colony and Natal into the Transvaal, northward to the Zambesi and Nyasaland.

(*To be continued.*)

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

POINTS FOR NOVICE EXHIBITION.

Now that the show season has once more got fairly under way, it may not come amiss to devote these few brevities to a variety of minor matters which may be of much interest to the raw recruit in the exhibition world. The more advanced exhibitor will not require such trivial knowledge, neither will he, let us hope, begrudge the space devoted to the latest recruits on the bottom rung of the ladder.

A NOTE ON WASHING.

The actual process of washing and preparing of birds for show has already been very fully dealt with by competent authorities, but there is one little item that generally gets overlooked, although it is of considerable importance in turning out a bird in the best possible condition. It is the character of the water used for washing, its "hardness" or "softness" having a very considerable effect on the result. In some districts the only available water supply is extremely hard, and this not only requires the use of more soap to clear away the dirt, but has a more wearing and injurious effect upon the web of the feather than "soft water." If the water is at all "hard" it should be "softened" by allowing it to boil a few months before using, and then dissolving a little borax powder in the first and second bowls of water. This will render even the hardest water beautifully soft, and aid a great deal in removing dirt without injury to the feathers, but it will be best for the beginner to omit it from the last bowl in which the bird is finally rinsed, for the simple reason that with very soft water it is much more difficult to thoroughly rinse all trace of soap out of the feathers—a matter of the very greatest importance.

PREPARING THE CAGES.

These, of course, must be washed and made scrupulously clean inside before a newly-washed bird is placed in them. If the cage has been packed away for any length of time pay close attention to the inside portion of the wires. Neglect this and you may probably find a beautifully groomed bird smeared and smudged soon after it is placed therein. But whilst paying the strictest attention to all points concerning cleanliness and a suitable colour of dressing inside to contrast with the tone of the bird, be careful to avoid anything which could possibly be construed into distinctive marking, as this may place both yourself and the judge in a false position. Pay attention to any rules you may find in the schedule as to the covering allowed on cage floors, and when finally despatching the bird do not forget to send along a water tin on the cage, but do not leave water in it. Send it along empty; it will, or should, be filled at the show.

MINOR DEFECTS.

The question often arises as to the effect of minor physical defects upon a bird's chance of winning, and it is a somewhat moot point as to whether they should handicap a bird. It is a question that must of necessity be largely left to a judge's discretion, but in a general way it may be taken for granted that such defect will tell against a bird more or less according to the nature of the defect and the purpose of the bird. Thus, a bird, we will suppose, has twisted claws which prevent it grasping its perch properly, if it equals in all other typical points its competitors, the defect, being probably the result of some accident, should be only a slight detriment, yet, as the bird was otherwise no better, but only equal to, its competitor, it would suffice to put it in second place, whereas had it stood away from the rest in superior typical qualities it might with justice be given prior place. On the other hand, if the birds were competing in a class for breeding pairs, this defect should be given far more weight, and if it is sufficiently pronounced as to impede the bird's movements, such claws should be a disqualification. It is well to bear in mind always that a judge can only consider the birds placed before him on their merits, and as the prizes are conferredly given for the best and most perfect birds brought together, it is only natural to suppose that a physical defect, even though it does not alter or interfere with a bird's typical points, must of necessity handicap it when placed in competition with birds having no such defects. It is best for the novice to keep such birds at home unless they possess some quite superlative merits, and even then he should be prepared to lose.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

A Vanishing Species.

Improved drainage has been the cause of many species failing to continue to nest here. One of these is the Ruff, so called from the frill or ruff of feathers round the neck. This is at its full beauty during the breeding season, and therefore many are shot upon the Continent for setting-up purposes. I once had the opportunity of examining about forty skins of this species, and among them I failed to find two exactly alike; so much do they vary, that a flock of them has a very patchy, almost piebald appearance. At one time they bred regularly upon the marshes and swamps of the East Coast,, but it is doubtful if any manage to do so now, although possibly a few pairs try each season.

Blackheaded Gulls.

The Blackheaded Gulls now seen upon the ploughed land, always appear to be somewhat out of place. We generally associate these birds with the sea-shore and rolling waves. An old notion prevailed at one time that to see these birds inland was indicative of bad weather, and there might be in days gone by, have been some reason to think so, for it was only occasionally during the autumn and winter that we saw them; but now they appear to have increased so much that the different flocks have to spread themselves over the country to get a living, so that we note them regularly each year They feed much as does the familiar Rook, and it is a good thing for the latter birds that they do not nest In a similar manner, or our dark feathered birds would get pushed out.

A Rare Warbler.

Nearly every season we get reports of the nesting of that rare summer visitor, the Marsh Warbler. Nesting chiefly occurs in the West of England, and it was not until last season that a nest was found in Norfolk, a district that one would think well adapted to the wants of this species. Probably it has occurred before, but it has not been located. The bird has the same shy habits of the more familiar Reed and Sedge Warblers, with a rather bolder and more prolonged flight. Like many other marsh birds, it sings a little by night as well as by day. The nest located in Norfolk was found in a tussock of long sedge grass, and was placed well above the ground; the eggs are somewhat similar to those of the Reed bird, but are more decidedly marked with greenish-brown, and darker markings of purplish-black.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

The Selfish Greenfinch.

Greenfinches are extremely selfish. An old cock bird of this species has been seen after drinking his fill, to stand in the middle of the water and defy, with open beak, every other bird that came to drink.—A. JACKSON (aged 12), 16, Bilston Road, Wolverhampton.

*The Beautiful Bullfinch.

The Bullfinch is one of the most beautiful British birds; its bright red breast makes it look quite majestic. Its song is more of a deep whistle; if taught carefully it can imitate most tunes. When wild you can only hear its note when close by. The female and male never part throughout the whole year. They may be seen wandering together in the hedgerow in search of food in the depth of winter, even when the snow is on the ground.—Sent by H. S. WELCH (aged 14), The Palace School, Bewdley, Worcestershire.

*Doctoring the Birds.

My father has a little Budgerigar which has not been well lately. Father gave it some magnesia first, but it did the bird no good, so he gave it some castor oil. You would, perhaps, wonder how he could give a bird castor oil, because it would not open its mouth like a human being. Father got a stick and put it into the bottle of castor oil and touched the bird's bill with it. The bird grabbed at the stick, and by so doing it got the castor oil. Father has always given his birds castor oil when they have been ailing, and he has brought many a bird round when we have thought it was quite done for.—FLORRIE CORNWELL (aged 14), 21, Bamboo Terrace, North Shields.

**A Pet Kingfisher.

My father gave me an extraordinary bird. It is not much larger than the Swallow; the legs are disproportionately small, and the bill exceedingly long, the crown of the head and the coverts of the wings being of a deep blackish green spotted with bright azure. The whole underside of the body is orange-coloured; a broad mark of the same passing from the bill right past the eyes. Beyond that is a large white spot. The tail is short, and consists of twelve feathers of a rich deep blue. The feet are of reddish yellow. Father calls it a Kingfisher. It will eat little fishes which my brother catches for it, and which we put in a shallow bath; it flies over its prey and dives down to catch them.—Sent by SISSIE SPENCE (aged 12), 8, South Carnaby Street, Leeds.

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MAINLY CANARIES continued.

EXCHANGE two pairs Canaries for fowls; anything useful. J.C., 26, Eden-road, Walthamstow.

C. E. MILLER will exchange grand Roller for large Siberian Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or Siskin; approval. See Roller advt.

FIFTY CAGE BIRDS, 42 7d. parts Wright's poultry book, coloured plates; exchange 1907 Norwich.—Pitt, Newsagent, Uxbridge.

NEW pair flap nets, hand made, complete, six yards, 4½ ft. deep, 15/-; offers, Norwich. 2, Middle Entry, Church Street, Tamworth.

SPLENDID high-class Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—H. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries for pair men's boots; three for acetylene lamp.—Skelden, 113, Gerard-crescent, Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE grand large pure-bred Norwich cock Canaries for [illegible], Dalgleresser, Donisthorpe, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

ANDREASBERG Roller Canaries; cocks, full song, 8/ pair; or exchange Budgerigars or anything useful.—Taylor, 2, Cross-street, Lye.

SIX pure Selferts Roller hens, 3/ each; or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich.—Phillips, 2, Grosvenor-street, Ladywood, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE fed Norwich for boots; children's or adults; letters for particulars.—Saml. Clacke, Victoria street, South Normanton, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE grand singing Norwich cocks for good Yellow Norwich hens, or sell 5/- each.—Clarke, Church-street, Yarmouth, Morayshire.

SIX pairs Yorkshires and six breeders, roteplete, £5; exchange anything useful; no live stock.—Ridgway, 6, Penn-street, Moston, Manchester.

FIVE Harlz cocks, two 1906 and three 1907, 20/- the lot; or exchange for good pair Yorkshires.—John H. Nuttall, 14, Peel-street, Haslingden.

PAIR Yorkshires, 10/-; two Roller hens, 5/-; exchange boots, clothing, anything useful; offers.—Weedner, Cemetery road, Lye, Stourbridge.

CLEAR buff Norwich hen, 1/-, exchange Sib. hen, Siberian hen Bullfinch, or clean double breeding cage.—Smithson, Sunnymede, Crossgates, Leeds.

TWO Border hens, Greenfinch, Chaffinch cocks, house moulted; exchange Siberian Goldfinch or foreign birds.—John Lawrie, Anderson-lane, Buckhaven.

EXCHANGE two unflighted buff Norwich cocks for unflighted clear yellow Norwich cock, must have fine feather and quality for stock.—Harland, Postman, Whitby.

EXCHANGE Mountain Roller cock for Yellow Plainheaded Norwich cock; will give little cash for 1907 large bird.—Address, Alex. Stewart, 14, South Land-st., Buckie, Banffshire.

CANARIES, 12 young, 8 cocks, 4 hens; cocks, 3/6; hens, 1/6 each; 5/- pair; or exchange lot for gent.'s mackintosh.—Apply J. C. Attwood, Tilly-cottage, Valy-road, Lye, Stourbridge.

NORWICH cock, 12/6; cock Siskin Mule, 6/6; new electric alarm clock, cost 17/6; wanted, men's boots, Edison Gem Phonograph, or what offers?—Wine, Dairyman, Rowbarton, Taunton, Somerset.

EXCHANGE large 1906 Yellow Norwich or Yellow saddle-marked cocks, cost 12/6 each, for 3-compartment new cage and young cock Mule Finch. notes. Approval, no cards.—Cliffe, Hamptonwood, Penley, Ellesmere.

THREE pairs Norwich Canaries, 4 pairs Yorkshires; sell 6/- pair or exchange talking Parrot, fancy Pheasants, or foreign birds; 1st. clean plaintain seed; what offers?—Brown, Foundry, Burnham Market, Lynn.

SIX pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 7/6 pair, or 40/- lot; two 1907 old English game cocks, white legs, bred from winners, 5/- each; or exchange anything.—Mr. Harry Appleyard, Huddersfield-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS Crest, Crestbred, best blood in England, 20/- to £5 the pair; Norwich plainheads, 10/6 to 50/- the pair, or exchange for toy Pomeranian or Yorkshire terrier puppies, on approval.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

SALE or exchange 30 pairs Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens 2/6; or 6/- pair of 1907 bred; large crestbred cock, 12/-; grand pair cinnamons, 20/-; exchange for 1907 yellow cinnamon green hens, two yellow Norwich plainheads; must be good; approval.—Lay, 65, Norwich-rd., Lowestoft.

BELGIAN cock, yellow, good worker, and healthy, 15/-; Scotch Fancy Yellow Piebald hen, year bred, 15/-; four young Crest-bred cocks, healthy 24/-; two Crest-bred hens, 4/6 each; three Border feeding hens, 2/6 each; stamp reply.—David Ross Baker, Stainely-buildings Long-lane, Broughty Ferry.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL exchange finger-tame Rosey Cockatoo for four Norwich show cages and case; particulars.—Cranston, Thomas-street, Carlisle.

LARGE green Amazon Parrot, 7 years old, splendid talker, grand plumage, also large cage; sell cheap, £4; or exchange common fowl. — Gregson, Hightown-rd., Wrexham.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, commencing to talk, sell 25/-; or exchange Pomeranian or Yorkshire terrier; bitch preferred. — Sheppard, 122, Holmesdale-st., Grange, Cardiff.

HANDSOME Allidrox King Parrot, sell £3; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, anything useful; very highly commended, Mansfield, November 1st, 2nd show.—Baker, Cambridge-street, Mansfield.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

ROOK rifle, 2 bore, cost 15s.; exchange British birds.—W. Hill, Mansion-street, Hinckley.

EXCHANGE 38 parts "British Printer" for British birds.—23, Cyril-street, Warrington.

TWO Dutch Hoes, prize-winners, 8/-; exchange anything.—Miller, Craven-street, Barnoldswick.

FITTER'S rachet brace; exchange two British show cages.—Pickett, jun., Lorne-road, Dorchester.

TRAVELLING cages to hold 3 birds, 1/6 per doz.; exchange Canaries.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

EXCHANGE banjo-mandoline for Parrot or good air gun; sell 20/-.—113, Dalmain-rd., Forest Hill, S.E.

EXCHANGE 115 CAGE BIRDS, 12 plates, to date, for Norwich or Roller cocks.—Pier, 47, Blakes-rd., Peckham.

NEW full size Scotch blankets, 20/- per pair.—Hen Canaries wanted.—Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill.

FOR Sale, a grand pair of brown red Bantams, or exchange for good Yorkshires.—104, Fisherton, Salisbury, Wilts.

TWELVE half-grown wilde rats, clean and healthy—offers, sale or exchange.—Manning, 151, Norroy-rd., Putney, S.W.

120 Nos. CAGE BIRDS, to date, offers, Goldfinches, Bullfinch, hens, Canaries or sell.—Bell, 30, Jorcy-st Pelaw-on-Tyne.

PAIR Sandow's grip dumbbells (men's), and book, cost 15/-; sell or exchange.—Soothy, 73, Harrison-st., London, W.C.

24 CAGE BIRDS, coloured plates, 3/-, some framed 9d. each; exchange birds. Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

FOX-TERRIER dog, four months, 10/-; exchange Canary, anything useful.—Mycock, Church-st., Smallthorne, Staffs.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, any breed, phonograph and 16 records; sell 14/-.—Potter, Middlewood-st., Hulme, Manchester.

GRAMOPHONE and 20 records, perfectly new, cost £7; sell £4 or offers exchange.—Watt, James-street, Pittenweem.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred hen Bantams for hen Canary Crest, or sell 6/-.—G. Ware, 113, Embankment-rd., Plymouth.

SIX volumes of the History, Reign of George III., by Robert Bisset.—Mr. J. Whittaker, Custom House terrace, Conway.

WHAT offers in British for 94 CAGE BIRDS and 15 coloured plates. P. Fawcett, 4, Church Gates, Churchtown, Southport.

A VERY smart Whippet bitch; sell 12/6; or exchange for common fowls.—W. Lanham, Derby-road, Ripley, Derbyshire.

GENUINE offer.—25 Edison 1/6 records, just as new; what offers? or exchange.—Mr. or Mrs. Vernon, jun., South Molton.

HARMSWORTH Self-Educator, Familiar Wild Birds, complete, sell 25/- lot, or nearest offer.—Locke, 25, Newnham Ter., Harrogate.

FOR sale, mandoline harp, good, cost 39/-; will sell 29/-, or exchange Zonophone records.—W. Kennesion, Longparish, Hants.

QUARTER PLATE Lancaster stand camera, with all accessories, 30/- cash; or useful exchange.—J. Rowe, Torrington, N. Devon.

TWO pairs of prize bred Yorkshire Canaries, exchange Pullets, or anything useful.—Bate, 45, Shepherd's Lane, Dartford, Kent.

EXCHANGE a big strong rough-haired Airedale dog, 17 months, for Canaries, or offers.—Ward, 10, Willis-st., Darwen, Lancashire.

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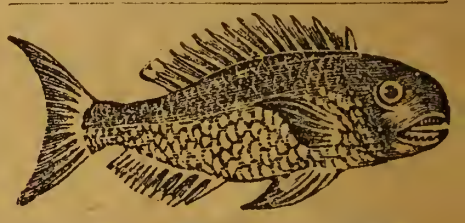
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Specially selected cocks, in song, 1/- each, three 2/6. These Linnets are guaranteed exactly same as supplied by me to contest singers, fanciers, and dealers throughout Yorkshire, etc., and which are often re-sold by them at big prices. Absolutely incomparable for size and song. Splendid clean-moulted cock Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/- each; exhibition specimens, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- each. Few very large, steady, rich-coloured hens, for show or breeding, 1/6 each; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, six 1/6. Specially selected Yellow Greenfinches, for show, 1/- each, three 2/-; cock Chaffinches, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve 4/-; exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Grand lot Snow Buntings, in perfect health and feather, cocks 1/6 each; hens, 1/- each, three 2/-. Few extra large light-coloured and well-marked cocks, for show, 2/6 each. These show specimens are picked from several hundreds, are almost white, and are kept in special steadying cages so as to be ready for immediate shows. Grand cock Skylarks, all big, plump cocks, not half hens, three 1/6, six 2/6, or 4/- dozen. Few singing nicely, 1/6 each. Two-year-old cock Goldfinch Mule, used to catching, pure Finch notes, and in full song. This is a regular "bell slammer," and just the bird for tricky Finches, price 10/-. Real Siberian Goldfinches, I have already secured a grand lot; price for ordinary specimens, 4/6 each. Special exhibition specimens, 7/6 and 10/- each. These are the genuine Siberian Finches, imported in single wicker cages, not merely picked Russian birds, and my exhibition specimens are real deck-sweepers, with full complement of show points, and as I have supplied hundreds of winners, I know exactly what to send out. Cock Siskins, 2/- and 2/6 each. Few well-marked Yellow cocks, with full bib, etc., 3/- and 4/- each; hens, 1/- and 1/6 each. See following few letters recently received and unsolicited. "14, Marine-terrace, Skinningrove, Yorks.—Sir,—Last lot Linnets I got from you were beauties, and as large as Larks. Please send another six, as your birds sell well here; they are far better than those that come from Lancashire. Yours, C. Hart." "65, Faraday-road, Northwich, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Bird arrived safely. I am greatly pleased with it, and shall be pleased to have further dealings with you in the future. Yours, J. Murphy." "Morgan-row, Cwmhaslh, Aberdare.—Sir,—Cock Linnet arrived safe; he pleased me in every way. I have had Linnets from dozens of dealers before, but this is the boldest, sweetest, and prettiest I have ever had. Yours, D. Thomas." "Church-road, Mitcham, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived safe, and am well satisfied with them. Yours, F. Tutty." "22, Kay-street, West Stanley.—Sir,—Thanks for birds received all right, and very satisfactory. I am quite pleased with them. Yours, J. Hutchinson." "Middlesbrough, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied. Yours, J. Moody." "Colcorton, Nov. 2nd.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in grand condition. I have never before had such value for the money. Yours, W. Richards." "Chapel House, Witton-le-Wear, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied with them. H. Hill." "75, Sellar-street, Abbeydale, Sheffield, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Please send three more Goldfinches. I was delighted with the last you sent. Yours, A. Macefield." "Hilldrop, Oxted, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinch you sent me few weeks ago has turned out a beauty. Please send another, also a Linnet. Yours, A. Wright." "West Newton, Aspatria, Nov. 5th.—Sir,—Goldie arrived safe and well, and I am greatly satisfied with him. Yours, J. Clarke." "Canalo-pairt, Tayport, Scotland, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in good condition, and I am highly pleased with them. Yours, J. Robertson." "21, Belgrave, Wilnecote, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Linnets arrived in splendid condition. I did not expect such birds at the price. Please send following. Yours, D. Hare." "2, Tenterfield-terrace, Lohmill, Todmorten.—Sir,—Please send following birds. The last Linnet I got from you has won several first prizes. Yours, Moore and Son." "4, Odell-street, Old Kent-road, London.—Sir,—Birds arrived safe, and I am highly delighted with them. I would not part with them, for they are a marvel at the price. Yours, E. Alderman." "21, Market-street, Tredegar.—Sir.—Received selected Linnets, and am very pleased with them. Two of them are singing now. Wishing you every success. Yours, A. Selvey." Please note all birds are guaranteed properly netted in county of Worcester, and are well caged, steady, and properly on hard seed before being sent out, and are sent on appro. at my sole risk. Inspection cordially invited any time. See "Roller Canary" and "Appliance" columns for further advertisements.

W. CORE, 131, Cooch Street, Birmingham

THIRTEEN TO THE DOZEN.

HANDSOME lot of aviary birds, 2/6 and 3/6 doz. Splendid cock Canary in new drawing cage complete for 7/6.—Heslop, Bird Stores, Nottingham.

COCK LINNETS AND LARKS.

If you don't want birds straight from the field and half hens, send to me; our name too good to allow us to send rubbish, 27 years this address. Beautiful Lancashire cock Linnets, 10d. and 1/- each, three 1/9, six 2/3, twelve 4/-, marvellous large cock Larks, 8d., 10d. each, three 1/6, six 2/-, twelve 3/6; caged off singing, 1/- and 1/6; Linnet supplied by me won 2nd class of 50 contest singers at Blackburn, see other advts. This address 27 years.

J. SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist, Preston, Lancashire.

ALL BIRDS AND CAGES

I send out on approval, entirely at my own risk; if not approve of them, all you have to do is to send them back. I'll replace them or refund your money in full. I still hold the largest stock of English Worcestershire cock Goldfinches in Birmingham, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; extra selected large cocks, in full colour and perfect health and feather for singing, showing, or muling, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; hen Goldfinches 1/- three 2/6, 5/- dozen. Linnets. Linnets. There is no man in England who can supply you with better Linnets than I can. All my Linnets I guarantee to have nut-brown wings and back, rose redbreast, 8d. each, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; selected large cocks for singing, showing, or muling, 1/- three 2/-, six 3/6; cannot be beaten; with new cage, 6d. extra; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches 6d., three 1/3, six 2/3, 4/- dozen; hen Chaffinches, six 1/-, 1/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches 4d., 2/- dozen; Redpolls, 10d. pair; large upstanding cock Larks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- dozen. Cages. Buy direct from the maker; made from best white pine, Linnet or Goldfinch cages, 6d., 9d. each, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- dozen; Lark cages, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 dozen; single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; double trap cages, 10d., 1/- each. Notice. I am open to buy any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers for cash; highest price given.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WALSH, Bird Specialist.

English Cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; 3 for 5-; Hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; 3 for 2/-; English Cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; 3 for 5/-; Hen Bullfinches, 1/- each; Large Redbreasted Cock Linnets, 9d. each; 3 for 2/-; 6 for 3/-; Cock Chaffinches, 1/-; Cock Twites, 1/- each; Cock Yellow Buntings, 1/- each; Cock Greenfinches, 6d. each; Cock Skylarks, 1/- each; Cock Chiff Chaffs, 5/-; Cock Lesser Whitethroats, 7/6; Cock Greater Whitethroats, 5/-; Cock Meadow Pipits, 2/-; Cock Thrushes, 3/6; Cock Blackbird, 3/-; Cock Starling, 2/6; Cock Crossbills, 5/-. Please note, none but sound healthy birds sent out.

HAWFINCHES. Large Cock Hawfinches, 7/6 each.

GENUINE GIANT SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES, wonderful size and colour. Just the sort for Mule Breeding, 5/6, 6/6 and 7/6 each.

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The King of Songsters. Warranted Cock Woodlarks, 3/- each; 3 for 7/6. Few selected Birds, nicely on song, 5/- each. Specially made Woodlark Cages, 5/- each.

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Selected specimens to moult, for Exhibition. Perfect in size, shape, colour, and markings. Sure to moult out winners. Please note these birds are selected by a practical Expert and Judge, and you can rely on them doing you some good. We have now the following ready: Hawfinch, 20/-; Siberian Goldfinches 15/-; English Goldfinches, 5/-; Bullfinches, 5/-; Hen Bullfinches, 2/6; Linnets, 3/6; Redpolls, 2/6; Greenfinch, 2/6; Chaffinch, 2/6; Yellow Bunting, 2/6; Twite, 2/6; Skylark, 2/6; Woodlark, 5/-; Titlark, 2/6.

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Including all my Winners, for Sale—We have now the following varieties ready for immediate Exhibition: Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Twites, Bullfinches, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Wrynecks, Lesser Whitethroats, Reed Bunting, Meadow Bunting, Crossbill, Goldfinch and Linnet Mules.—Prices quoted on Application. Kindly state wants. Patronized by all the leading Exhibitors. All birds sold subject to your approval. Telephone, 947.

WALSH, Bird Specialist, Regent St. and Cable St., BLACKBURN.

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Belgians.

SOME high-class young Belgian Canaries for sale; in pairs or single.—Apply John Walmsley, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

FEW 1907 birds for sale, including 1st Barnstaple, 2nd Nottingham, etc.; approval; reasonable.—Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

HIGH-CLASS, big, heavy-shouldered Belgian Canaries, 1907, for sale. Moderate prices. — Vanderauwera, Hoefyzerstr, 50, Ghent-le deberg, Belgium.

Border Fancy.

HIGH-CLASS Border fancies; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PRIZE Borders, few winners for sale cheap to clear.—John Ewing, Westfield, Dalkeith.

EXHIBITION Yellow Border cock, £1; Cinnamon Border cock, 10/-.—Lunn, Spalding, Lincs.

—TYPICAL Borders, prices reasonable, stamp reply; approval.—Hislop, 114, Baker-st., Stirling.

FOR sale, a few pairs of prize-bred fancies at 10/- a pair.—Reid and Philips, Cannon-st., Selkirk, N.B.

CHAMPION Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; winning strain.—Walker and Stirling, 21, Bridge st., Brechin.

TWO pairs good borders, yell., 16/-, or exchange melodeon, approval, deposit.—W. Scott, Phoenix yard, Morpeth.

NINE cocks, nine hens, clears and marks, single or in pairs; how much for lot?—Murdoch, 10, Burnside-st., Kilmarnock.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, Clears, and Marks: five cocks, 5/-; eight hens, 3/- each.—Watson, Clarilaw, Newtown, St. Boswells.

PRIZE and even marked bred Borders, all colours; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; approval.—Aikenhead, Painter, Brechin.

FOR sale, Yell. and Buff cocks, 6/- to 10/-; hens, 3/- to 7/-; pairs, 10/- upwards; approval.—Chapman, 16, Oxford-st., Newcastle.

BORDERS, show condition, clear buff cock, 7/-; ditto, hen 4/6; greens; others cheap; approval. Cairns, Sandridge, Innerleithen, Scotland.

FEW really good Borders, Greens, Clears, and Marks, singles, pairs well matched; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

COLOURED plate of Border Fancy Canaries sent post paid, carefully packed, on receipt of four 1d stamps. CAGE BIRDS, 154 Fleet Street, London E.C.

FINE selection of exhibition Borders, in perfect condition, also carefully selected stock pairs, 12/6; state wants; approval.—Tulloch Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.

THIRTY prize-bred Borders, fit to win, clears, foul, and variegated; McKendlie and Craig's select pairs from 8/6; state wants; approval; stamp reply.—John Reid, 16, Kelvin-st., Grangemouth.

FOR Sale, number of Borders, show and stock birds, clears, greens and marks, the same strain as my winners at Glasgow. See Glasgow and West of Scotland report.—William Haddow, 100, Townhead-st., Hamilton. Approval; stamp reply.

ABERDEEN, 207, Thorold road, Ilford, has some typical Borders for sale, including Buff cock 3rd Manchester, 1906; Buff cock, 1st Morecambe, 15/-; Buff cock, 2nd Welsh National, 12/6; Buff cock, 2nd Swansea, 12/6; Yellow cock, 3rd Swansea, 12/6; also few variegated hens.

BORDER Fancies, clear yellow cock, with clear buff hen (can win); also variegated yellow hen, 1907, cold-room bred from Johnston and Young's prize strain, £1 lot, or exchange for anything useful; winning Hawkesh preferred. Particulars, M. Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

SELF yellow cinnamon cock, winner; self buff cinnamon cock, winner; cinnamon marked cock; a few pair of self greens, cocks and hens, and a few good stock birds for sale, same as winners at all leading shows; no rubbish; approval; stamp.—C. Cubley, 30, Edward Street, Carlisle.

CHAMPION BORDER.

Exhibition birds, all colours; have sold three medal winners this season; many more fit to win; speciality in properly selected pairs; approval.—Patterson, Grocer, Chiswick.

Cinnamons.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ALL my Cinnamons on sale from Godley's strain. Tweddle, Baliaclava-st., Blackburn.

NORWICH type Cinnamons, two unflighted cocks, three hens, 25/- to clear.—Exton, 31, Charnley-rd., Leicester.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red-fed, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

FEW high-class Cinnamon Canaries, Dormer's strain; prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Gedstone-road, Purley.

SMART colour-fed 1907 Cinnamons, cocks, 10/6; hens, 4/6; pairs from 12/6.—Mrs. Peters, Panton Rectory, Wragby, Lincs.

SMART unflighted Buff Cinnamon cocks, ditto hen, also 1905 Yellow cock; lot, 15/-; approval.—Cranston, Thomas-st., Carlisle.

TWO Buff Green cocks, bred from Cinnamons, 1906 large birds, 10/- each; approval, deposit.—Newson, Hairdresser, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GRAND large 1906 Yellow Cinnamon hen, 30/-; also few grand cocks and hens, 10/- to 15/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Halifax.

TWENTY years Cinnamon breeder; 30 birds for sale, including Coventry, Leicester, Ruckley winners.—J. Exton, Westcotes-drive, Leicester.

J. B. HENDERSON, Sunnylands, Gourdon, has for disposal two yellow, two buff, 1907 Cinnamon hens, Dormer and Yates' strains, splendid type and colour, slightly small-sized, 4/- each; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons for sale, cocks, hens, best strain, English stamp; reply, approval with pleasure.—Roberts, 44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

CINNAMONS, grand quality and colour, three pairs yellow cocks, buff hens, 25/-; pair buff cocks, 12/6 to 20/-; approval, deposit.—Hawke, 37, St. Margaret's-rd., Tottenham.

SOME grand young Buff Cinnamons, cocks and hens, from the same strain as my winners at Plymouth and Penzance shows, from 7/6 upwards; approval; stamp reply.—W. Medlin, 84, Marlborough-rd., Falmouth.

Crests and Crested Norwich.

BRISTOL Show, Dec. 4th and 5th.—Wanted, 20 entries for Cinnamon, Crest, and Crest-bred Classes.

GOOD class crest, crestbred and plainhead Norwich, from 7/6; giving up.—Slater, 22, Salford-rd., Streatham Hill.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, champion winning strain, pairs from 10/6; also odd birds.—Whittle, 50, Stocks rd., Ashton, Preston.

GRAND large Crested cocks, bred from our winners, 15/- to 60/- each; approval.—Burgess and Son, Eastover, Bridgwater.

GRAND lot Crests and Norwich, show or stock, prices cheap, stamp reply.—Laithwaite, Rigby-lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton.

EXHIBITION green crested hen, with show cage complete, will accept 12/6; bargain.—Dixon, 48, Waterloo rd., Smethwick.

BARGAINS for cash. High-class Crests, Crestbreds; old breeder relinquishing fancy; exchange entertained.—Spicer, 118, Queen's-rd., Watford.

YELLOW and Buff Crest Crestbreds, show or stock, 15/- to 80/-, single or pairs; approval.—W. Harris, 13, Bleasbury-st., Sneinton, Nottingham.

A FEW well-bred Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, from own winners; singly or pairs; approval.—Ingram, 76, Fernley-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OVERSTOCKED, high-class Crests, Crestbreds, about 30 to dispose of from 10/6; 5 feeding hens, 2/- each; approval.—Wm. Campbell, 3, Leishman-square, Alva.

BUFF C.B. cock, 12/-; two Green Crests, hens, 5/6 each; large heavily-feathered clear Buff C.B. hen, 10/6; grand quality.—Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe-street, Plymouth, can spare a few good stock pairs in Crests and Plainheads; see Bristol show reports and Penzance; approval to known fanciers.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds; with birds of this strain I have won hundreds of prizes; approval.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, S.E.

GREEN Crested cock, £6; ditto hen, 60/-; variegated cock, 40/-, 20/-, crestbred cock, 40/-, 20/-; ditto hens, 40/-, 20/-, 15/-.—Treasure, Grove Villa, Tivoli, Cheltenham.

CRESTS. The best Yellow and Buff Crests living; tremendous success; 50 show birds for sale; also grand stock.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

VARIEGATED Crestbred hen, monster yellow, dark Crested cock, double compartment cage, 28 by 16, sliding partition, joiner-made, almost new, lot, 15/-.—H. P. Stagg, Alnwick.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, has a large and varied stock of champion bred Crests and crestbreds for sale, no order too large or too small; you can all be suited from 12/6 to £30 each; satisfaction given in every case; state wants and the price you wish to give on approval.

SILK'S FAMOUS CRESTS.

Some choice birds for disposal, fit for keenest competition; many noted birds bred and sold by me last year; one of the finest strains obtainable; stock pairs from 30/-; show birds from £2; approval.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION CRESTS.

We have to dispose of the pair exhibited by us at Norwich Show, and were awarded third prize; a bargain, £5; also Crest-bred cock, second prize, 30/-; Limit Class, another bargain, £1; equally cheap; send for our catalogue.—Payne and Bennett, 73, Knowsley-rd., Norwich.

NEVER BEFORE

have I been open to give such value in Crests and Crestbreds as at the present time. You cannot judge by the price; it is only by having same on approval and comparing them with anything you have ever had before at the same or a similar price. Please state requirements, or send for full list. You will have the selection from an immense collection, and prices to suit the pockets of all.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

SPLENDID collection ready to send out at moment's notice; some giants and heavily-frilled birds amongst them, clear and variegated; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Fancy.

GOOD pair of Norwich Greens, 10/6; also other Norwich bargains; state wants.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, buff cock, 4th Newcastle, he, Manchester, 35/-, others 7/6 to 15/-; approval.—T. Carlile, 137, Rake lane, Liscard, Cheshire.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

Lancashires.

COPPY and Plainhead hens, also Coppy cocks 12/6 and 15/- each.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

PURE prize-bred Lancashires from 10/6 each; see free illustrated price list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

JAS. LAW, 76, Merefield-st., Rochdale, has few pairs 1907 Lancashires to dispose of, related to my winners at Crystal Palace, Burnley, Rochdale, etc.

COLLEDGE, Kilburn, Derby, having bred 50 this season, has most of them for disposal; first and second cross Lancashire yellow, or buff, 20/-; Crestbreds, from 10/-.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GIVING up Lancashires; chance of a lifetime for beginner; clear Buff Plainhead cock, 18/-; clear Yellow Plainhead cock, 18/-; ticked Buff Plainhead cock, 20/-; all three cocks are bred from Rochdale and Manchester winner; three Buff Coppy hens, one with clinking head, 20/-, 10/6, and 7/6; one Buff Plainhead hen, 12/6; clear Yellow Norwich, hen bred 1907 from winners, and will make winner; only wants seeing, 15/-; few young Norwich cocks from 7/6; few young York. cocks, 6/6; Yorkshire Toy brood bitch, 6 lb. weight, grand pedigree, £2; would exchange any above for common Canaries or other varieties.—Hibbert, 30, Lancashire-hill, Stockport.

Lizards.

WM. WINNARD, Glynllivon Park, Carnarvon, has for sale a few pairs of good Lizards, gold and silver hens, from 5/-, cocks, 7/6, 10/6, up.

I AM through business compelled, not having time to devote, to dispose of all my Lizards, Fisher's strain, namely, 10 1907 Gold and Silver cocks and hens, also one set 1906, one pair 1906, breeders; stamp particulars; will sell in one lot; inspection invited.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

GOOD-bred Norwich, singles or pairs; stamp reply.—Brain, Glastonbury.

NORWICH cocks from 6/-, hens, 3/-.—W., 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, London.

FIVE pair of Norwich Canaries; sell 25/-.—W. Lanham, Derby-rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

SEVERAL strong young hens, suitable muling, cheap.—Troke, 73, Holdenhurst-rd., Bournemouth.

NOTICE, grand singing Norwich cock, 3/6; approval.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

ROWDON, 10, Highweek-st., Newton Abbot, Devon, three hens, two unflighted, one yellow, two buffs, lot 7/6.

H. BAILEY, Tower-st. Launceston, has several nice pairs of Norwich from 10/- pair; single hens from 4/-.

CLEAR Sib. hens, one yellow, 2 buffs, 5/-, 7/6 each.—T. Wand, 2, Highfield terrace, Highfield-rd., Chesterfield.

TWENTY Norwich Plainheads for sale, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-.—Davies, 402, Wargrave-rd., Earlestown, Lancs.

HARTZ Canary Cock (1906), fullest song, recent winner, 4/6; hen, 2/6, approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

CHAMPION Norwich, have 30 pairs for disposal, cheap, to clear.—Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; cash or deposit.—Welby, Hallaton Rectory, Uppingham.

MATCHED pairs, 25/- to 30/-; odd Buff hens from 10/- each.—Lugg, 5, Longhurst-rd., Lewisham. By appointment.

FOR Sale, two Norwich cocks, in full song, with four cages, including a breeding cage; a bargain; sacrifice £1 the lot.—Lowe, 82, Buchanan-Gardens, Willesden, N.W.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval. Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

HANDSOME 1907 clear yellow cocks, two singing nicely, 6/6; approval willingly.—Chas. T. Cole, Taverham, Norwich.

TWO grand clear buff hens, two variegated, one Cinnamon, cold-room, healthy, 11/6; genuine bargain.—Gibbs, Sandy.

WHAT offers, 40 good strong Norwich Canaries, outdoor aviary bred, 1907 birds, will divide.—Burling, Linton, Cambs.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads for sale, cocks 6/-, hens 3/- each, good value; approval.—Walsh, 19, Walsh-st., Blackburn.

WANTED two pair Plainhead Norwich, give good exchange in black-pied Carrier.—Howard, Factory-rd., Royston, Herts.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

GOOD Norwich for disposal, Trengove's and Booth's strains; state wants. Hardcastle, Harley-rd., Sale, Manchester.

TWO Norwich cocks, 6/6 each; eight hens from 2/- to 3/6 each.—Charles Butchart, 293, Swanston-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

FEW large typical Norwich to spare, reasonable approval with pleasure; state wants.—F. C. Agar, 157, Church-st., Whitby.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Yellow cocks from 10/-; Buff hens, 4/-; stamp reply.—Robt. Brown, 33, Leamington-st., Rochdale.

NORWICH Canaries (single or matched pairs); also breeding cages, loose fronts, fittings.—3, Myrtle-rd., Boundary-rd., Walthamstow.

SACRIFICE two Buff and Cinnamon marked hens, 2/3; and Buff Green cock, 6/- each.—Baker, 47, Upper-grove-st., Smethwick.

TWENTY good young cocks, mostly yellows, 6/- to 10/- each; what cash offers for lot?; approval; deposit.—Hawke; see Cinnamons.

MARLOR Bros. [illegible] from their winning strain, 12/6, 15/- pairs; see show reports; deposit.—Clare-street, Denton, Manchester.

J. TRENGOVE, 7, High-st., Ruhton, near Blackburn. High class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.

TYPICAL Norwich for sale, good type and quality—pairs from 10/-; approval. Roberts, 45, Haywood-st., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

THREE Variegated Yellow hens, cross Crest and Plainhead, clean and healthy, 4/6 lot.—Solley, Netherton, Maryport, Cumberland.

TYPICAL hens, two ticked buffs, four clear yellow, 6/- each, approval.—Sandiford's strain—direct. E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

TWO pairs 1907 Norwich, 11/- per pair, cocks, 2nd, 3rd, Leyton, selling class.—Burbridge, 111, Hitchamrd., Lea Bridge, Leyton.

ABOUT 50, mostly bred from winners, cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6; or in one lot.—Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

THREE real good Norwich hen Canaries, real good, large, buff birds, 6/6 lot.—W. Copeman, Gamekeeper, Toftwood Common, Dereham.

WANTED, offers in Norwich for English lever watch (silver); excellent timekeeper; just been cleaned.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

I HAVE got 170 Norwich cocks, all in song, 6/- each, from show parents; hens to match, 2/6 each; 8/- pair.—Heslop, Bird Stores, Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale, lovely type and quality, pairs from 10/- to 15/-; approval.—Roberts, 45, Haywood-st., Shelton-st., Stafford-shire.

THREE pair Plainhead Norwich, 8/6 pair; two 1906 Yellow hens, 5/- each; two hen Goldfinch Mules, 2/-.—Struth, Dundas-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

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PAIR Norwich Canaries, 9/-; separately, cock 6/6, hen 2/6; also three-compartment breeding cage, 28 long, 18 high, 5/-.—12, Bankton-rd., Brixton.

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HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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WANTED, two large typical 1907 Yellow Norwich Plainhead hens; give £1 each for good birds.—Dalley, Poplar Villa, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

COLOUR-FED Norwich cock, cup strain, 1906 bred—won seven prizes (cards sent), 10/-; can win pounds, approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

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NORWICH cocks, cold-room, 1906, 6/6, 1907 5/6; splendid songsters; cock and hen, 7/6; exchange pullets or dog.—Dalley, 228, Bunbury-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

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CHAMPION Norwich, giving up, not colour-fed, large buff cock, 10/6; ticked buff hen, 5/6; buff cock, 7/6; yellow hen, 4/6; approval.—Lees, Dawlish-rd., Bournbrook.

EXHIBITORS, grand buff Norwich cock, first, spl. Ryde, 25/6; four-pointed buff cock, first, spl., Ryde, 25/6; both with show cages; stamp.—Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

T. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale; see reports last week, eight first, one second, one third, and seven specials; approval; stamp.—Ivey-rd., Northampton.

CLEAR buff cock, eye tick and wing marked cock, ticked eye cock, prize winners of first feather show, 5/6 each, approval.—W. Richardson, Westwood, Ebchester.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City rd., Norwich.

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NORWICH Plainheads, direct from breeder, from 12/6 pair; also Crests from 20/- pair; approval; cash or deposit; lists free.—Gostling, Breeder and Exhibitor, Saxmundham, Suffolk. (Late of Norwich.)

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GOOD pair of Norwich green Canaries, must be large and good quality, good price given for suitable birds; must be on approval.—R. Rees, Alexander Place, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

WANTED, singing cock Goldfinch mule (pure Goldfinch notes). Exchange pair green Budgerigars.—Randall, 10, Bradshaw's Terrace, Skirbeck, Boston.

FOUL Green Norwich Cock, ditto hen, 20/-; pair Borders, 12/6; buff cock and Yellow Norwich hen, 15/-; gold medal 17/6; wanted, cock Goldfinches, or winning Norwich; offers.—Atkinson, Marketplace, Guisborough.

NOTICE. I will give 4/- each for cock Linnet Mules and cock Goldfinch mules, 12/- dozen for hen Mules, 18/- dozen for hen Canaries, any quantity up to 100; no German hens.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

WANTED, coachman's knee apron, black waterproof, good; will give in exchange a pair good Norwich Plainhead, chubby birds for Stoke, part Silk strain, Yellow cock, Buff hen; sell 12/6.—Aslett, 225, High-rd., Streatham, London.

WANTED, singing cock Canaries, British and foreign birds, cages, etc., in exchange for boots and shoes, leggings, mackintoshes, table cutlery, and electroplated goods, drapery, carpets, furniture, etc. —stamp for reply, confidential, real genuine offers; rubbish refused.—The well-known Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

4,000 CANARIES WANTED.

Wanted 4,000 Canaries, as follows, for export: Norwich cinnamons, Lizards, Crests, we are the largest buyers for export in Norwich, annual sale, 10,000.—J. Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BEAUTIFUL tropical butterflies for ornamental purposes, etc.—Lists, Ford, Entomologist, South bourne, Bournemouth.

SITUATIONS.

A young married couple would like to get a situation in a bird shop with view to buying the same —apply Ivy Cottage Gisburn.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

NEST of three Linnet Mule; exchange cock Linnets.—Jones, Vine Cottage, Bagilt, Flintshire.

EXCHANGE 12 selected Twites, cocks, for good Goldfinch cock. R. Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse-rd., Rotherham, N.B.

TEN Roller hens, cocks, Bullfinch, Chaffinch; best offer, or part exchange.—Smith, 2, Winfield Mount, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

TWO cock Goldfinches, cage moulted and warranted in song, 2/6 each, or exchange.—J. Hubbard, 17, Park st., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE three dark Goldie Mules (singing) for Border show cages and case, or best offer.—Robinson, Barnfoot, Ecclefechan.

EXHIBITION cock Wheatear, winner, 5/-; hand-reared Pied Wagtail, feed from hand, 5/-; exchange.—W. Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

WILL exchange Bullfinch cock and new show cage for cock Budgerigar or cock Bramblefinch and Siskin.—Elliott, Fairford, West Stanley.

EXCHANGE seven Linnet Mules, one cock guaranteed, for two cage-moulted cock Goldfinches for muling.—Burton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

H.C. Greenfinch and Linnet, two Norwich, one Yorkshire hens; exchange Budgerigars or offers.—Burgess, 14, Fontarabia-rd., Battersea.

SALE or exchange, two cock Finch mules, two cock Linnet mules for cock Goldfinches and Linnets, or sell 4/6 each.—Bray, Melbourne-st., Tiverton, Devon.

1907 VARIEGATED Goldfinch mule, pure Finch notes, 10/-, or offers in 1907 Norwich hens or cock Goldfinches; approval.—G. Fellowes, 43, North Parade, Aberystwyth.

GOLDFINCH, three times house-moulted and hen Canary, breeders of light mules, accept 15/-, or exchange for three yellow Norwich songsters; approval each way.—A. Parke, 20, Essex-rd., Lowestoft.

APPROVAL, exhibition British Bullfinch cock; exchange moulted Siberian Goldie, large Cinnamon, exhibition Border, Siberian Bullie hen, or Goldfinch or Linnet mule, wild, song.—Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

WHAT offers in large Goldfinches, for three Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, one Bullfinch, all cocks, house-moulted, steady, in good feather, four hen Canaries, feeders; sell, 15/-.—J. Sault, 10, Craigrd., Ynyshir, Pontypridd.

ONE cock Linnet, one Linnet mule, last season bird, one cock siskin, has bred with hen Canary; exchange for two light marked crest cock Canaries, or sell for 12/-; or best offer.—George Learmouth, Flint Hill, Depton.

AVIARY, 8ft. long and table containing Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet and Greenfinches, cage moulted, with various cages and sundries, sell or exchange for anything useful.—Small, 69, Lordsmead-rd., Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, 8/6; cock Goldie, cock Redpoll for exhibition, 5/6 and 3/-; three cock Brown Linnets, 6/-; two cocks one hen Bullfinches, 5/-; cock Bramblefinch, 3/-, can win; six young cock Canaries, 30/-; four hens, 8/-; four show cages and travelling case, 7/6; approval; exchange entertained.—Horsey, 8, Shcen Gate-terrace, Mortlake.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WILL give Cinnamon for records (new), or sell.—Write Thos. Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

GIVE young Crest hen for yellow Norwich cock, sell £1.—Sharp, Cemetery-rd., Carlton, Nottingham.

GRAND pair Crests wanted, good marked Buff Border cock or Rollers.—Hughes, Haulfan, Penygoes, S.O.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, seven Yorkshire hens (1907), sell 30/-; or useful exchange.—Burton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

BARGAINS! 1907 Rollers, cocks 4/-, hens 2/- couple; exchange Pullets or Bantams.—Darbyshire, Whitefield, Manchester.

C. E. MILLER will exchange grand Roller for large Siberian Goldfinch, Bullfinch, or Siskin; approval. See Roller advt.

SPLENDID glass square aquarium, 14 in. high, 12in. long, 8in. wide, cannot possibly leak, price only 7/-, package free, will exchange for a pair of Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

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CLUB REPORTS.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS & DIST. F.A.

This association much regret being unable to hold their autumn show this year, owing to the deficit on their Dog and Poultry Shows held last year, which, to a very great extent, has been subscribed by the members of the executive. It is hoped to make the association more attractive than ever next year, and the executive solicit the indulgence of the members. A general meeting will be held on the 27th inst. in the Friendly Societies' Hall, Tunbridge Wells, at 8 p.m., when a general public debate on any section of the Fancy for which we cater will take place. A members' show of all sections (except dogs) will be held December 11th—with value and cash prizes.—HARRY G. WHIBLEY, hon. sec.

BATTERSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Nov. 6th at Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender-road, when a good attendance of members took part in a judging competition, cards being placed by H. Davis. Close on forty birds were staged. Mr. Potter won 1st, Mr. Luff 2nd, Mr. Barnett 3rd, and two members tied for a prize given by the secretary for those furthest away from judge. After paying prize money, the vice-chairman, Mr. T. Goymer, in the course of a few chosen remarks, said that the late secretary thought it fit to present the chairman, Mr. S. Wade, with a small token of appreciation for the services rendered to this society, and hoped that for years we should have the pleasure of his company. The present consisted of a beautiful silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed. Mr. Wade, in thanking the members, said it had always been a pleasure to him to do anything for the benefit of this society, and deeply regretted that he had had to give up his birds. Votes of thanks to Mr. Davis for judging, and the chairman for presiding, brought a most interesting meeting to a close.—F. EASTERLING, sec.

THE CINNAMON MARKED YORKS C.C.

Committee meeting November 9th at the Grand Arms Hotel, Queensbury. Mr J. Greaves (President) presided, the meeting being well attended. A letter from a member to the secretary complaining of another member showing a rock in hen class, knowing it to be a cock, was considered. It was decided to suspend the member in question from showing at any club show before March 31st, 1908, all points already gained by him to be struck off.—R. GARNETT, hon. sec.

W. MIDDLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 4th, Mr H. Smith presiding. Mr. Carson reported what had taken place at the meeting—which he had attended as one of the delegates—with regard to the proposed federation of London societies. A very interesting bird washing exhibition, given by Mr. H. Davis, Battersea, was greatly appreciated. During the drying process, there was a judging competition for Yorkshire Canaries, Mr. H. Davis acting as final judge, while Messrs. Colman and Smith supplied the birds to be adjudicated on. Result was as follows:—J. Carson, 11 points; P. King and F. Piper, 8 each; F. Found, 6; S. Jordan, G. J. Warley, Mrs. A. M. Collins, and H. Smith, 5 each; A. Lupton, 4; P. Rorke, 3; W. H. Colman, 2. A vote of thanks was accorded by acclamation to Mr. Davis.—W. H. COLMAN, hon. sec.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

General meeting held at Swansea on Nov. 6th. The chairman, Mr. T. L. Castree occupied the chair, with the assistance of the vice-chairman, Mr. T. H. Melvish. There was a record attendance. New members elected: Messrs. D. Jones (Dowlais), H. Rodrick (Croudare), R. Treharne (Maesteg), W. Lewis (Haverfordwest), E. R. Roberts (Penygroes), D. L. Eynon (Aberdare). It was decided that birds sold or bought at a show should not come under general rule 13. The secretary read a letter from H. S. Tibbs, hon. sec. Toronto C.B.S., who wished to exchange medals. It was unanimously decided to accept the offer, as it was thought that we should continue to show a brotherly spirit with our cousins across the water. Discussions took place upon various subjects by Messrs. T. H. Melvish, J. H. Jones, F. G. Eynon, D. S. Longden, B. Davies, R. Thomas, and others. A vote of thanks was accorded the Swansea C.B.S. for providing the room free of charge. Members should pay their subscriptions at once, or they will lose all points gained (see rule 2). Any fanciers joining now can compete for specials offered at Llanelly. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Press.—D. H. TIDSTONE, hon. sec.

EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Meeting held in Reigo-street Hall, November 7th the President, Mr. Ballantine, in chair. The President intimated the death of an esteemed member, the late Mr. John Nichol, who, he said, had been a keen fancier and a hard worker. It was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to the widow. The secretary then read the financial statement, which showed the club to be still in a flourishing condition, with a fair balance for prize money. Office bearers for the incoming season: President, Mr Thomas Ballantine; vice-president, Mr. William Morris; secretary, Mr. John Thomson; committee, Messrs. H. Mackay and J. Blackie; auditors, J. Bowman and W. Whitefield. Mr. Gorrie's proposal that members' books be cleared by September instead of October, to enable the secretary to get on better with the show business, was deferred till another meeting. A discussion took place regarding the levying of members 2s. each for the purchase of specials for the show, but the matter was left over till a summoned meeting. It was decided to have a smoking concert as last year. The following were elected as extra committee: Messrs. Denholm and Jas. Thomson.—JOHN THOMSON, sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, "The Napier," High Holborn, October 31st. Present: Mr. Trower (in the chair), Messrs. Dewhurst, Silver, Dobson, Maxwell, Cooper, Plumbridge, and Carr. A letter was read from Miss Reeves thanking the committee for the honour conferred upon her by awarding her the gold medal for breeding the Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid. Notification was given of the postponement of Wellingborough Show. Letters were read from the secretaries of the L.C.B.A. show respecting the wording of the schedule for the British bird classes; it was proposed by Mr. Cooper, and seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that all species be considered British which are classified as such in the N.B.B. and M.C. list. Mr. Trower very kindly promised to guarantee a Continental class at the L.C.B.A. Show, and Mr. Cooper proposed, seconded by Mr. Silver, that the wording in the schedule read: Any species of Continental bird not included in the N.B.B. and M.C. list. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Trower for his generosity. The following kindly offered to look after the interests of the British birds and Hybrids at the L.C.B.A. Show: Messrs. Trower, Silver, Dewhurst, Maxwell, Cooper and Carr. New members elected: Mr. G. Lawrence, 6, Bishops-street, Coventry; Mr. P. Walsh, 59, Hawksley-avenue, Hilsbrow, Sheffield; Mr. A. P. Hurst, Salisbury Pier Head, Liverpool. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE and CARR, joint secs.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual meeting held at Nottingham show, the president in the chair. The secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Scottish Plainhead Club, to the effect the contest between us was off, owing to the Scotsmen having fixed their date on the same day as our club show at Nottingham. In answer to a question, the secretary replied that one of the conditions was that the contest was to take place in December in each year; this they had evidently overlooked, and as the date could not be altered, it was declared to be void. The secretary then stated the result of the voting by the members on the drawings sent out for the best model:—Mr. Norman's 55 votes, Mr. Paddock's 24, Mr. Lydon's 14. It will be seen that only 93 voted out of 150 members. This is surely to be regretted after the complaints we have had; we are entitled to a better return. Mr. Fox (Long Eaton) said he had not voted as he did not consider any of the three sent out were any better than our old one, and he was under the impression that whichever we selected it would not have any effect on the judges. He regretted to say that some of the new men, who were coming to the front as judges were "going the way of all flesh," and he doubted very much whether several of the birds that were winning to-day were not 7in. in length. The secretary thought the best way was to have them measured, and if found to be over 6½in. to have them disqualified at the shows held under our rules. The discussion was continued by Mr. Clegg and others, and with a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting terminated.
J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

THE SHOWS.

GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND.

The first open show of the above society was held in the Drill Hall, Stirling Road, on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th November. It proved a great success, the executive being rewarded by a bumping entry all round. Scotch and Belgian Fancies were not catered for. A Scotch show looks rather vacant without the bird of circle. Yorkshires and Cinnamons were a new venture in the programme (of shows in the West), and were under a specialist judge, and, on the whole, received a fair entry. Still, seeing that the prize money was high, it was naturally expected that these varieties would have turned out stronger than they really did. Some grand specimens were down from England. Mr. Bailey, of Yorkshire fame, judged these varieties, and his awards were well received all round. Norwich Plainheads were a superb collection, some real gems being staged, the quality throughout was of a very high order, and the judge had a very difficult task separating the various exhibits. It was late in the evening ere the judge got through his heavy task, and as he minutely weighed up every specimen, before awards, and as his entry was a climber, it was not expected he would finish till late. That go-ahead body, the Scottish Plainhead Club had allotted to them four classes, and they secured a bumping entry, many gems being staged, honours here were well distributed. This section was a show in itself, and the judge is to be highly complimented upon his splendid awards. We did not hear a single grumble. They were under the jurisdiction of that great Scottish breeder of Norwich, Mr. A. G. Cameron.

Crests and Crest-breds were a grand collection, the best that has been brought together this year. The Crests were grand, rare headed birds, beautifully groomed, and teeming with quality, but the Crest-breds were a superb collection. Mr. C. Campbell judged in his usual well-known style, and left little to be desired.

The Mules and Hybrids came up well. This section, on the whole, was grand, and exceedingly interesting to students of hybridism. Messrs. Parker Robinson, and J. H. Dewar judged, and their awards were considered highly satisfactory all round.

Borders were present in force, and no mistake. This gem of the Canary tribe has come to stay with a vengeance, and they always, as a rule, pay any exeentive who cater for them with good classifications. The coveted B.F.C. medal was secured by that well-known West of Scotland breeder, Mr. W. Haddow, of Hamilton, and right well did he uphold his stable's reputation. A gem all round, fine stamp, and grandly feathered, put down in masterly fashion, a picture of an all-round Border Fancy, upholding his reputation in the best of company that could be gathered together. Mr. Smellie, of Border Fancy fame, judged, and his awards were well received—no complaints, when we left, and not likely to be any.

British and Foreign were the show of the season, grand variety, large entries, and prizes well divided. Foreigners were grand, the Tanagers sent by Mr. Harrison being greatly admired, still, the class in this section was the Goldfinches, which contained some champions, the leader being a gem.

The hall is an ideal one for a show, but on this occasion the clerk of the weather took a turn, by giving a rather sharp, frosty morning, which caused a few of the birds to feel chilly, and they looked a little out of sorts, but later on they picked up all right. The management was all that could be desired, when such names as Messrs. Erskine, of British bird fame (Softbills), Craig (of Hardbills), Crawford of Nor. fame, Chalmers of ditto, and McLay of Crest-breds appear, fanciers have every faith in their birds being well looked after. The staging was splendid, but we thought some baize might have been hung at the back of the Borders, to keep them warm. Mr. Brown makes an ideal secretary, and was ably assisted by his stalwart assistant, Mr. M. Craig, who is a host in himself at any time. Glasgow societies rejoice in having grand presidents, and the West of Scotland have secured a worthy representative in Mr. Eastman, full of joke, combined with business, he did his best by supervising and conducting the show and visitors around their first venture. The committee are composed of genuine fanciers, who vied with one another to bring the show to a success. This being the West's first open show, the entry they received was beyond their expectations, and fully upheld the saying that Glasgow is an ideal place for an exhibition; the show should prove to be a financial success, as it was well patronised the first day by visitors and fanciers.

In conclusion, we should like to record one little grumble. Despite the assistance we had rendered the show beforehand, our representative was not allowed to hang up any bills inside, owing to a monopoly granted to another firm. Societies cannot exist without being given fair play, or without offering fair play to others. So let the committee of the Glasgow and West of Scotland bear this in mind. The office bearers are as follows:—President, Mr. R. Eastman; Vice-President, Mr. W. Abercrombie; Treasurer, Mr. J. Ferguson; Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. Craig; Secretary, Mr. J. Brown; Committee, Messrs. McLay, Henderson, Easton, Erskine, Ward, Chalmers, Brown, Whitelaw, M'Phail, Thaw, M'Callum, Sloan, Scott, Young, Griffiths, Reil, Brown, Crawford, Graham, Gibb, J. Graham, Paterson, Smith, Tannock, Simpson, Thomson, Watson, Heudry, Taylor.

The Norwich Plainhead Classes.

That coveted special, a handsome cup, presented by Mr. M. Craig, assistant secretary, for most points gained in classes 1 to 47 (to be won outright), was secured by Mr. E. Godley, with 56 points, in Canary sections only. The special prize of 10s. for the runner up was won by Mr. H. Bennett, of Kelso, with 47 points, in the Border classes. Open miniature goblet presented by Mr. Ramsden, for be t-fed bird moulted on Ramsden's pine pepper, was won by Mr. Ireland with his unflighted yell. ck. (out of tickets), best coloured The gold enamelled medal, for the best Norwich Plainhead shown by a member, was won by Mr. J. Sandiford, with a yell. hen of grand size, a perfect bouncer, and a blaze of colour. The Association are to be congratulated on this, their first open show for 14 years. Every care and attention was bestowed on the exhibits. CL. OR TICK YELL. CK. (15): 1, 3, spl, Sandiford, 1st cl. yell, grand size and shape, nice, close feather, rich colour, lovely quality, 3 neat and nicely moulded, nice size, rich in colour; 2, Chalmers, a shade better in colour than first, similar shape, shade longer in flights and tail, good one, close up; 4, spl, Millar and Eadie, 4, tick on head, nice, rich colour, nice shape and feather, loses in size and style; vhc, Johnstone; hc, McLay: c, Sloan. BUFF CK (21): 1, Chubb, nice exhibit, good size and shape, very rich in colour, grand quality of feather, tip-top condition; 2, spl, Martin, a typical all-round bird, good size rich in colour, will improve; 3, Watson, lovely quality of feather, barely so rich in colour, nice size and shape; 4, Millar and Eadie, rich in colour, nice substance; 5, spl, Stone; vhc, spl, Chalmers; hc, spl, Watson. VAR., ETC., YELL CK. (13): 1, spl, hc, Sandiford, 1 grand shape, close, compact feather, nice colour, and quality, 4 a yell. of grand quality, not quite the size, but real good birds; 2, Dunn, nice size, good, hold head, close, good feather, promising bird, excellent quality, close on winner; 3, Chalmers, similar build to winner, a shade slack at thighs, otherwise a real good one; 4, Chubb, nice size, quality and shape, not so rich in colour; 5, Ferguson; vhc, Smeaton; c, Winter; spl, A. Harris. BUFF (23): 1, 5, Howie, 1st green buff, good head, neck and wings, grand quality, nicely finished; 2, McLay, similar stamp to 1st, grand substance, shape and body; 3, Calderwood, nice body, shade thin at neck, good carriage and quality; 4, Winter, buff green, good head and neck; vhc, Ferguson; hc, Gray; c, Watson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (19): 1, spl, Sandiford, cle. nice shape, good head and neck, fine wings and tail, grand quality and colour; 2, Millar, good substance, nice chest, grand feather, and rich colour; 3, spl, Watson, fair size and quality, nicely placed wings, not quite so rich in colour, typical style and shape; 4, Howie, nice shape and size, good wings and tail, rich colour, a good 4th; 5, spl, Mackie; vhc, Chalmers; hc, spl, Marchant (Novice); c, Winter. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Millar, cle. buff, lovely head, good neck, grand chest and quality, nicely moulded, good flights and tail, nicely feathered; 2, McLay, cle. of excellent size and shape, shade smaller than winner, perhaps, good wings and tail, very close on 1st, grand bird; 3, spl, Frazer, lovely quality, nice head and neck, good in shape; 4, spl, Henderson, nice size and colour, good chest, lacks condition; 5, Godley; vhc, spl, Sloan; hc, Calderwood; c, Smeaton. VAR., ETC., YELL. HEN (8):1, Scaife, var., nice, rich colour, good head, grand, silky feather, shown in lovely condition; 2, Watson, good size, shape and quality, neat head and wing carriage, little between 1st and 2nd, very close race; 3, Sandiford, var., hen of excellent quality, nice wings, fine action, could have done better; 4, Crawford, substance and quality A1, just fails in size to winner; 5, hc, Davidson; vhc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; hc, Davidson; c, Easton. VAR. OR GREEN BUFF HEN (11): 1, Smeaton, green buff hen, of grand substance and carriage, good head and crest, wins easily; 2, spl, Ireland, var. buff, of nice quality, neat head and plenty of substance and style; 3, Frazer (novice), var. grand substance, wings and tail perfect; 4, Howie, buff green of fair quality and size; nice shape, may improve; 5, Sloan; vhc, hc, Chalmers; spl, 57, A. Smith. NON-FED CK (18): 1, spl, Chalmers, cle. buff, good size and shape, nicely set, grand substance; 2, spl, McLintock, yell. grand head and neck, fine substance, nice exhibit; 3, Smeaton, buff, shade narrow on head, grand front, good carriage, sweet bird; 4, Howie, shade rough in feather, good size and cut; 5, Sloan; vhc, Winter; hc, Calderwood; c, Roberts. NON-FED HEN (19): 1, Muir, buff, tick both eyes and wings, lovely head and chest, shown in grand condition; 2, Martin, yell, fine carriage, good front, shade narrower on head; 3, spl, McLay, inclined to be a shade browed, nice chest and carriage; 4, Shearer, nice exhibit, good head, back and tail, could have done better; 5, Winter; vhc, Young; hc, Harris; c, Easton. The next classes, 11, 12, 13 and 14, were strictly confined to members of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club. UNFLIG. YELL. CK (22); 1, spl, Jarvie, grand head and chest, in lovely condition, smart youngster; 2, 5, spl, J. Ferguson, 2 nice bird, grand head, full chest, all quality; 3, Harris, fair bird, nice front, good in feather; 4, P.40, G. Mitchell, good wings, flat on head, grand body; vhc, Davidson; hc, spl, Ireland; c, Muir. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, 3, Harris, good head and wings, nice condition, well placed; 2, spl, Mabon, good head, well on leg, typical, should improve; 4, spl, vhc, spl, Sloan; 4, good head and front, nice one all round; 5, spl, Howie; hc, Ferguson; c, spl, Steven. UNFLIG. YELL. HEN (20): 1, spl, Sandiford, grand exhibit, perfect model, winner of medal; 2, spl, Winter, very nice front and head, good carriage; 3, spl, Muir, fine head, fair chest, good carriage; 4, McLay, good front and head; vhc, spl, hc, spl, Sloan; c, spl, W. B. Mackie. BUFF (26): 1, Aitchison, a real model, lovely head, neck and back; 2, Ferguson, shade dull to 1st, nice chest and feather, should improve; 3, spl, W. G. Muir, shade small, nice head and front, good shape; 4, 5, Sloan, 4th excellent feather, good chest; vhc, c, Jarvie; hc, spl, Bunn. NOVICE CK. (37) (open to exhibitors who had not won a first prize in open competition): 1, spl, 2, Jarvie, yell., grand exhibit, lovely depth of colour, nicely staged, 2 good bird, also; 3, Nisbet, very fair bird, nice head and chest; 4, Edwards, fair bird, good front, looked soft a trifle; 5, Crawford; vhc, Paterson; hc, Tannock; c, Powell, junr. HEN: 1, Crawford, yell, grand size and shape, head and wing marked; 2, Scobie, buff, nice bird, good head and front; 3, Graham, nice yell, good bloom, fine front; 4, Heath, buff, good bird, fine shape; 5, McAulay; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Smith, c, Hutchison. LIMIT 30/-: 1, 2, Ireland; 3, McLeod; 4, Smith; 5, Ferguson; vhc, Griffiths; hc, Sloan; c, Jarvie. DITTO (15/-): 1, vhc, Downs; hc, Griffiths; c, Winter. HEN, 15/-: 1, Erskine; 2, Murray; 3, Jaffrey; 4, Sinclair; 5, Easton; vhc, Ireland; hc, Jeffrey; c, Davidson.

The Crests, Yorkshires and Cinnamons.

CREST CK. (18): 1, 4, Noble, 1, grand body, plenty substance, rare quality, lovely crest, finely radiated dense leafy feather of good length, nicely rounded and groomed, 4, smaller but well stayed; 2, Godley, fine body and substance, rare crest, grandly radiated, well staged; 3, Reid, very nice body, grand crest, well groomed in lovely condition; 5, McPhail, large, grand substance, good quality; 6, largest in class, good substance; 7, Henderson; 8, Cairns. HEN (17): 1, Cairns, splendid size, rare quality, lovely crest, perfect radiation in fine bloom, good substance; 2, 7, Adamson, 2, fine substance, large crest, round, nicely shaded, good quality; 3, Mackie, good shape, fine crest, well groomed, in lovely order; 4, Noble, good sized crest, well centred, nice droop and formation; 5, Reid, good crest and body, nicely groomed; 6, Godley, crest, fair size, and neat; 8, McPhail. CRESTBRED CK. (19): 1, McLay, rare substance, fine lengthy feather, coming nicely down, lovely condition; 2, Mackie, nice frontal, good dense feather, grand body; 3, Godley, good size and quality, nicely staged; 4, Young, fine texture, good body and style; 5, Reid, good all round; 6, Cairns, rare quality and size; 7, Mc Naughton; 8, McPhail. HEN (12): 1, Noble, nice quality, good frontal, plenty of feather, in lovely condition; 2, Adamson, good lash and body, in fine plumage; 3, Young, grand type, well put down and wins here; 4, Watt, good all round; 5, Dick, fine order; 6, McNaughton, tidy and well staged; 7, Cairns; 8, McPhail. SELL. (15): 1, McNanghton, excellent quality, worth the money; 2, Mackie, wins here; 3, Smart, good type; 4, Miller and Eadie; 5, Sanderson; 6, Edwards; 7, Tweedie; 8, Wyllie. YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, two spls, Cuthbertson, long and stylish, upstanding and steady, beautiful quality; 2, spl, Broughton, good size and style, well set on leg, rich quality; 3, Armstrong, smaller, but typical, good quality, lovely feather; 4, Halliday, lovely colour, nice stamp and quality; 5, Wilson, good stylo and quality, upstanding, well built; 6, Wilman, slim and neat, fine quality; 7, McDougall; 8, Braidy. BUFF (6): 1, Cuthbertson, smart, in lovely plumage, stand well up, steady; 2, Wilson, nice and large, fairly neat, good quality; 3, Fortune, typical and steady, lovely quality; 4, Broughton, lovely, typical Yorks, fine quality, steady; 5, Wilman, long, upstanding, full of merit and style; 6, Gibb. TICK ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Mason, rich colour, lengthy, upstanding, fine type and quality; 2, Cuthbertson, grand type, colour and condition, upstanding, very close run; 3, Fortune, nice pied, fine condition, really excellent quality; 4, Wilson, well moulded, fine quality; 5, Broughton, grand type and style; 6, Eastman; 7, Mitchell; 8, Crawford. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Halliday, both typical, full of merit, fine colour and steady; 2, Cuthbertson, neat and typical, rare quality, very smart; 4, spl, Broughton, good colour and type, rare style; 5, spl, Wilson, smart one, nice colour and type; 6, Armstrong, fine carriage; 7, spl, McDougall; 8, Eastman. CL. ETC., HEN (7): 1, Broughton, very smart, perfect plumage, grand type, steady, rare carriage; 2, Wilson, good quality and type, nicely built, well up; 3, Cuthbertson, very neat, full of merit, fine positioned; 4, Gibb, just a trifle smaller but very neat and typical; 5, Samuel, smart and finely staged; 6, McRobbie, stylish, good colour; 7, McDougall. BUFF (6): 1, Broughton, mkd. eye, neck and wings, fine position, well drawn, excellent quality; 2, Halliday, grand type and quality, beauty, pressed hard; 3, Wilson, fine colour, typical good stand; 4, Cuthbertson, well built, capital carriage and plumage; 5, spl, Simpson, well staged, good quality and style; 6, Samuel, lovely type and colour. SELL. YORKS (7): 1, Mason; 2, Gibb; 3, spl, Fortune; 4, spl, Martin; 5, 6, McRobbie; 7, Simpson. CINN. CK. (18): 1, spl, Dormer, lovely plumage, rich colour, fine size and quality, nice carriage; 2, spl, 4, 5, Godley, a show in themselves, 2, fine size and full of quality, presses hard, 4, 5, both beauties; 3, Pains and Son, rich in colour and markings, fine quality and carriage; 6, Strachan, good type; 7, Fyfe, neat, capital feather; 8, Scott. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, also 2 spls, Godley, grand team, shapely and fine in plumage and colour all well staged; 3, 5, Dormer, splendid couple for type, quality and style; 6, Ewen and Anderson, fine size and substance; 7, Ferrie, nice type; 8, Hamilton.

Border Classes.

YELL. CK.: 1, Bennett, good type, nice tone of colour, splendidly drawn, very fair front, good head, grand wing carriage; 2, spl., Brown, rather sharply cut behind, but a very good bodied one, nice back and wing carriage; 3, Paterson, good fronted bird, well tapereo, fine carriage, splendid style; 4, Robinson, rather stronger got-up bird, good quality of feather, very fair taper and finish; 5, Hyslop, good-fronted, nicely rounded and well tapered; vhc, Lawson; hc, spl., Eastman; c, Clark. BUFF (27): 1, B.F.C. medal, Haddow, grandly built one, correct size and strength for a buff, rare back and wing carriage, very finely drawn underneath, finely rounded on front, good head properties, tightly put down; 2, Leitch, close up for type, lovely shape, grand carriage, very nicely fronted, rather dirty in plumage, but grand quality; 3, Eastman, nice bird, little soft when taking notes; 4, spl., Henderson, good feathered one, nice wing carriage and taper; 5, Muir, good stamp, lovely feather, a fine one; vhc, Cockburn; hc, McCredie; c, Clark. CL. YELL. HEN (18): 1, Bennett, easy winner, a gem, correct stamp all over, grandly rounded on front, lovely, graceful taper, best of heads and wing carriage, nice colour, well put down; 2, Henderson, good stamp, but very fair carriage, colour, and quality, well-rounded, nice condition, good fronted bird; 3, Hadow, rather longer, nice feather and good carriage, well drawn; 4, Calderwood, a good one, well drawn, rare stamp, in grand order; 5, Robinson, nice shapely bird, good quality of feather; vhc, spl., Brownlie; hc, Watt; c, Paterson. BUFF (26): 1, Bennett, again to the front with one of his gems, for quality of feather beautiful, wary wings, and lovely stamp, rare front, splendidly drawn, and grand carriage, very showy; 2, Paterson, lovely quality, rare position, grand wing carriage, splendidly tapered; 3, Henderson, rather longer in side than winner, but very good stamp, fine carriage; 4, Gilchrist, grand body and position, very showy specimen of correct stamp; 5, spl., Findlay, nice stylish bird, rather slim got up, good feather; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Gordon; c, Eastman. EVEN MKD. YELL. (6): 1, spl., Duncan and Logan, well known winner, a gem all over for markings, well balanced in wings, good typical specimen, in nice order, easy win; 2, Nelson, fine type of a bird, grand body and carriage, very fair eye markings; 3, Robertson, nice quality, grand moon, very showy; 4, Cubly, good marked bird, fine eyes and wings; 5, Gill, nice quality throughout, grand body. BUFF (7): 1, Haddow, in grand feather, fine moulded bird, nice front, rare carriage, well tapered in tip-top form, wins A1, must have been pressed by 2nd, Gilchrist, the Wallsend winning hen, lovely markings all round, a good one; 3, spl., Calderwood, lovely type and feather, grandly drawn, fine carriage; 4, Findlay, again in rare bloom, beaten in markings only; 5, Shearer, fine shapely bird, nice front and carriage; vhc, Watt; hc, Bickerstaff. UNEVEN, ETC., YELLOW (12): 1, spl., Paterson, a gem for colour and shape, as round as possible, lovely head, well filled up in neck, and grand body; exceedingly well tapered off; 2, Haddow, paler in colour, nice size and shape, just lacks the polish of winner; 3, spl., Cree, good feathered one, fine style, and grand wing carriage; 4, Faleoner, grand bodied bird, lovely feather, wants working up a bit, should greatly improve; 5, Watt, again in rare feather, good front and carriage; vhc, Nelson; hc, Whitelaw; c, Johnstone and Young. BUFFS (19): 1, McCredie, a topper for type, regular Border all over, grandly drawn, and a beauty for style, feathered to perfection, well staged; 2, Clark, beautifully feathered, rare back and wing carriage, well tapered off; 3, Eastman, good quality of feather, very nice in body, fine wing carriage; 4, Cree, grand body, lovely finished bird, fine head, rare front, splendid back and wings; 5, spl., Sinclair, shade stronger got up, but very well rounded; vhc, Leitch; hc, Gilchrist; c, McGhee. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, spl., Bennett, in lovely feather, grand colour, rare round body, nice head, good wing carriage; 2, Gilchrist, a gem for position, lovely front, grand wing carriage, one of the Guardsman's breed, well rounded all over, fails to winner only in quality of feather; 3, McCredie, lovely feather and grand shape, fails only in position; 4, Haddow, a wing tick, fine quality throughout; 5, Colley, grandly shaped, rare quality of feather, very well drawn; vhc, Hislop; hc, Bickerstaff; c, Haddow. BUFF (12): 1, Cubly, good one, correct size, finely drawn, well rounded in front, A1 head, grand back and wing carriage, splendid position, feathered like wax; 2, Bennett, another grandly feathered gentleman teeming with quality, good position, well tapered; 3, spl., Brown, sweetly moulded, very stylish, hardly so well finished in feather; 4, Duncan and Logan, rare feathered one, very round; 5, spl., McCredie, good as any for quality, rare shape, but inclined to draw a little on front; vhc, Gilchrist; hc, Hislop; c, Johnstone and Young. GREEN, ETC. (17): 1, Johnston and Young, best Yell Cinn. seen for some time, a gem for colour, very distinct markings, lovely type, deep in ground colour; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, yell. green of right tone of colour, well spangled, grand type, fine condition; 3, spl., Hislop, buff cinn., grand shape, and very nicely spangled, correct size, finely drawn; 4, McMillan, good yell. green, markings; 5, Laurie, nice yell. cinn., good type; vhc, Dickson; hc, Gordon; c, Cobly. SELL. (20): 1, spl., Bennett; 2, Brownlee; 3, spl., Pearson; 4, Muir; 5, Clark; vhc, c, Nelson; hc, Boyd.

The Hybrids.

CL. TICK, ETC., MULE (4): 1, Duncan and Logan, noted clear, rare quality and shape, perfect plumage, a beauty, wins easily; 2, spl, 4, Paton, lovely Siskin and Canary, both out of one nest, light and good shape and quality; 3, Cunningham, well known winner, good quality and type. VARGTD. MULE: 1, Leigh, lovely vargtd. well-known winner, good type and plumage; 2, Cunningham, another well-known winner, often described a gem; 3, Dr. Galloway, beautiful Siskin Mule, full of merit, lovely plumage; 4, spl, 6, 8, Arrighi, three beauties, full of real merit; 5, Duncan and Logan, another well-known face; 7, Menzies. DARKFOLD, ETC. (22): 1, 2, Duncan and Logan, Goldie and Linnet, lovely condition, wins easily, grand size, type and quality; 3, Hamilton, really nice Linnet Mule, fine colour and quality, well staged, excellent size and shape; 4, Lauric, smart Goldfinch Mule, good quality and colour, very shapely; 5, Cunningham, nice type and quality; 6, Dick; 7, Martin; 8, Buchanan. DARK GREENFINCH (16): 1, spl, Leigh, big one, lovely condition and shape, full of quality, splendid plumage; 2, spl, Arrighi, another grand Mule, fine quality type; 3, Pendrigh, good size and type, rich, level colour, close up; 4, spl, Samuel, nice size, good condition; 5, Duncan and Logan, smart one, grand type; 6, Hogg, another grand one; 7, Dr. Galloway; 8, Tait. A.O.V. CANARY (14): 1, Fraser, charming Siskin Mule, full of merit and style; 2, Tait, Redpoll, of exceptional quality, fine size and shape; 3, Leigh, smart Siskin, grand quality, big and shapely; 4, spl, Hesketh, smart Twite, rare type and quality; 5, McCaw, good stamp of Mule; 6, Ball, Twite, fine bird; 7, Wright; 8, Dr. Galloway. BULLFINCH HYB.: 1, spl, Duncan and Logan, fine Greenie-Bullie, nice size, rich plumage, good type and quality, wins; 2, 3, 5, two spls, Arrighi, 2, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, fine blaze, good size and shape, full of quality; 3, an exceptionally fine Linnet-Bullfinch, large, shapely and grand quality; 4, 7, Mather, two nice Goldie Bullies, good size and blaze; 6, Graham, Canary Bullie, hard lines for this variety well marked; 8, Calder, Greenie Bullie, mild in colour but a fine type. A.O.V. HYB. (13): 1, Douglas, Goldfinch Redpoll, of exceptional merit and style, parentage of both very pronounced, lovely plumage; 2, Ovanston, superior Goldfinch-Greenfinch, well marked, in lovely condition, rare size; 3, Ball, Bramble-Chaffinch, cross nicely mkd.; 4, Davey, Linnet and Redpoll; 5, Faleoner, smart Greenfinch and Siskin; 6, Buchanan, very smart; 7, Cunningham; 8, Edwards. SELL. MULE, ETC.: 1, spl, McCrnistone; 2, Ferrier; 3, 7, McCaw; 4, Muir; 5, Murphy; 6, Davidson; 8, Wilson.

British and Foreign Classes.

GOLDFINCH BRIT. (21): 1, spl., 2, spl., McQuiston, pair of usual topping Finches, leader a beauty, dense solid blaze, well cut, large, and expansive, fine nutty tinge on cheeks, nice size and grand polish throughout; 2nd not quite so dense in face, but plenty of it, grand cheeks, splendid fronted bird, a week or so and will take some stopping, well staged; 3, Pendrigh, good crimson face, graud back and wing flights, rare quality of feather; 4, spl., Craig, another well up in face, grand shapely bird, rare style; 5, Findlayson, larger Finch, good all-round in colour, and fine front; vhc, Calder; hc, Raine; c, Thomson. BULLFINCH BRIT. (19): 1, McQuiston, teeming with quality, good, dense, large expansive cap, grand solid breast colour, tight as wax in feather, nice shape; 2, 3, Laidlaw, grand shape, fine full fronted bird, well up in breast colour, grand back and wings, nice cap; 3rd another topper for shape, grand cap, well up in colour; 4, Ferrier, grand shape, well built, beaten only in breast colour; 5, Muir, dense coloured finish, rare feather, good head; vhc, Jackson; hc, Cochrane; c, Corbett. LINNET (20): 1, Cooper, lovely fronted bird, grandly laced, fine and even, well continued down to neat, nice size, grand tone of colour, in fine bloom; 2, spl., Henderson, grand Linnet, rare polish, shining like satin, grand back and wing carriage, fine tone of colour; 3, Arrighi, the City winner, still leading for size, put down in grand trim, worth its place; 4, 5, Cassidy, good shaped one, nice ground colour grand size, full of life; 5th grandly laced, rare front, splendid wing flights; both in grand bloom; vhc, Calder; hc, Colboru; c, Cochrane. FIELD-MOULTED (16): 1, McDougal, very nicely marked Linnet, rather pale in colour, very soft when taking notes; 2, Calder, well shaped one, fine front and size, good depth of colour, rare spangle, looks a likely bird; 3, Barclay, large size, steady, good ground colour, well up in markings; 4, spl., Muir, good colour and size, well pencilled, neat in wings, in grand bloom; 5, spl., McQuiston, shade smaller, but in grand trim, very nicely marked, full of quality, must have pressed; vhc, Scott; hc, Taylor; c, Scobie. LESSER REDPOLL (21): 1, Nicholas, at topper, lovely tone of colour throughout, grand size, well marked, rare breast, good quality of feather, steady and well staged; 2, Allan, grandly laced, fairly clear on breast, good colour and shape, again in grand feather; 3, Arrighi, a grand bib, very distinct, and fine tone of colour, fails only on finish; 4, Brownlie, again a good bibbed bird, fails just a little in markings, but finely finished, nice size; 5, Martin, grand quality of feather and fine front, beautiful shape, and lovely tone of colour throughout; vhc, Martin; hc, Gow; c, McGillivray Bros.; a grand class. LARGER (19): 1, spl., McQuiston, his well-known winning Twite, again to the fore, put down in grand condition, dense colour throughout, fine size, lovely markings, beauty for wing flights, a credit to owner; 2, spl., McGillivray Bros., bouncing mealy Redpoll, enormous size, splendidly laced in front, very fine depth of colour, a marvel for quality of feather, well placed; 3, spl., Cooper, Twite well laced and forward in colour, nice size and shape, again, well put down; 4, spl., Mather, another mealy, plenty of size, teaming with quality, fails in front to winner; 5, Erskine, hot-coloured one, fine size and markings; vhc, Arrighi; hc, Ward; c, Martin. SISKIN (18): 1, Barclay, wins on its dense colour, finely laced on side, neat cap and bib, tight as wax, exceedingly well put down; 2, Arrighi, another gem, in fact, some preferred, lovely cap and bib, well laced, fails only in depth of colour, again in clinking form; 3, spl., Baid, grandly feathered, well up in colour, good bib and cap; 4, Cunningham, grand shape, fine front, again, good in colour; 5, Erskine, hot-fed, well up in size, grandly finished; vhc, Todd; hc, Cochrane; c, Henderson. A rare lot. FED GREENFINCH (13): 1, 3, Aitken, leader a bouncer, grand size and lovely shape, deep full chested bird, rare head, lovely wings, deep yell., expansive bars, in marvellous condition, nice tone throughout; 3, also good in size, well fed, deep toned Jonque green; 2, spl., Baid, hot-fed one, nice shape, good carriage, grandly finished

off, falls only in size; 4, Gow, plenty of size, rare style and steady; 5, Cunningham, nice all-round Finch; vhc, Living-tone; hc, Colleton; c, spl., Johnstone. NON-FED (Cls. 1, Nicholas, wins with something in hand, very stylish, rare size, lovely front, fine wings, grand back, put down in marvellous condition; 2, Menzies, extra deep coloured Finch, lovely tone throughout, fine shape and steady, good fronted bird, just falls a little in feather; 3, Allan, another stormer for colour, deep level shade throughout, beautiful quality; 4, spl, Thomson, rare quality of feather, lovely sheen, also well built; 5, Graham, again well up in colour and size; vhc, Ward; hc, Bald; c, Bald; n clinking class. CHAFFINCH (15): 1, Adams, a beauty, grand quality throughout, deep in breast colour, rare slate blue head, nice wing bars, combined with plenty of size, steady, well staged, in lovely condition; 2, spl., Livingstone, a topper for size, rarely fronted, lovely wing bars, n good one, well-known winner; 3, Reid, well staged, very steady, fine quality of feather, good colour throughout; 4, spl., Cullen, a topper for colour, deep in breast, rare shape, grand head and wings, a taking exhibit; 5, Henderson, plenty size, good in colour; vhc, Nesbit; hc, Sinclair; c, Law. BRAMBLE-FINCH (18): 1, Longden, dense colour throughout, very fine head, rare laced back, grand breast, finely cut underneath, beautiful quality of feather, lovely sheen, rare size; 2, Arrighi, another well marked bird, finely laced, nice breast, cleanly cut, in grand bloom; 3, spl., Erskine, densely headed, finely marked, good lacing throughout; 4, Cochrane, plenty size, very fair lacing and colouring of winners; 5, Craig, thought by some a good second, grand Bramble, all over, full of quality, well marked, deep colours; vhc, Mason; hc, Anderson; c, Connachan. YELLOWHAMMER (15): 1, Martin, good one, rare colour, deep throughout, grandly laced, fine back, lovely shade on breast, good head markings, well staged; 2, Henderson, close up, again, good in size and colour, but not quite so clearly marked on breast, finely headed; 3, Creadle, bouncer for size, rather darker tone, but well spangled, in rare form, a good one; 4, Baird, hot fed, lovely shape, tip-top condition; 5, Nicholas, again had plenty colour feed; vhc, Gray; hc, Mather; c, Edwards. VAR. BUNTING (8): 1, Miller, Corn Bunting, slasher for size, steady, inclined to be sombre in appearance, nice colour and lacing—2, spl., Smillie, a good Black-headed Bunting, nice size, grand markings, steady and in tip-top condition; 3, spl., Arrighi, very taking Bunting, nice mark, fine colour and steady, beautifully staged; 4, spl., McQuiston, well known Corn Bunting, a gem for colour and markings; 5, Scott, a Tree Sparrow, nicely staged, grand feather and markings; vhc, Baird; hc, Renwick; c, Scott. BRIT. SOFT-BILL—SMALL (11): 1, Montagne, Crested Tit in grand condition, fine size, carries rare top hat, taking exhibit, staged as near to nature as possible; 2, Pendrigh, Best Redstart out this season, grand size and a demon for colour, beautifully put down; 3, Nisbet, Blackcap, in very good trim, fine size and quality, nice cap, lovely body colour; 4, spl., Nicholson, good Yellow Wagtail, fine size and plenty colour, again well staged; 5, Taylor, Nightingale, good deep, nut-brown tone, very steady; vhc, c, Erskine; hc, Wilson. LARGE (13): 1, spl., McQuiston, Cornish Chough, in very fine condition, good dense colour, rare beak and legs, grandly staged, livelier looking than at the City Show; 2, Gilmour, best Hawfinch, some think, in Scotland this season, a gem for size, markings and quality of feather, exceptionally well put down; 3, spl., McWilliam, City winning Fieldfare, in usual A1 order, grand bird throughout; 4, Brown, topping Blackbird, rare shape, dense colour, good eye, ere and bill, well staged; 5, Brown, well known Missel (the Stormer), fit as ever, best of his variety travelling at present, some thought; vhc, McCallum; hc, Ward; c, Clarke. A grand class throughout. BULLFINCH HEN (10): 1, spl., Buchanan, grand bloom, tight as a drum, lovely quality of feather, grand size, good chubby bird, fine front, dense large cap, well put down; 2, Livingstone, rather darker tone, but very good quality of feather, grand back and wings; 3, spl., Henderson, good all-round Finch, beaten only on size and finish; 4, Pendrigh, nice coloured one, well-marked, good cap; 5, Brown, nice looking soft, when taking notes; vhc, Clarke; hc, Diddes; c, Jardine. BRIT. HEN (17): 1, Moreland, Yellowhammer, grand exhibit, very steady, well marked, nice colour, plenty of size, put down in rare condition; 2, spl., Bald, well known hen Greenfinch, grand size and colour, teeming with quality; 3, Craig, Bramble, in lovely feather, plenty size, nicely spangled; 4, spl., Richardson, Hawfinch, good, fine quality of feather; 5, Chalmers, hot fed Twite, good size, lovely tone of colour; vhc, c, Erskine; hc, Buchanan. FOR. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, spl., Arrighi, rare size, grand shape, dense blaze, plenty of it, very pure in whites, fine tanning on chest, deep colour, wing flights, in extra good feather, well staged, a gem; 2, spl., McQuiston, good dense coloured bird, rich throughout; 4, shapely Finch, good frontal, well cut cheeks, and quality of feather; 3, spl., Pendrigh, grand deep colour, and nice shape; 5, Dick, lovely quality of feather, well up in colour; vhc, Hetherington; hc, Davidson; c, spl., Winter. SMALL (10): 1, 3, Harrison, leader a Bluish Tanager, and 3, Greenish Tanager, both in grand feather, inclined to be sombre in appearance, very nicely staged; 2, c, Manson, pair of Paradise Whydahs, cock in full colour, rare lengthy tail, nicely put down, hen in fine order; 4, spl., 5, Alston, pair of good Parrot Finches, nice colour; 5, pair of Rudifus Finches, in grand condition, nice showy birds, well staged; vhc, Arrighi; hc, Pendrigh; c, Manson. LARGE (9): 1, spl., 3, spl., Harrison, leader white-throated Tanager, in lovely bloom, grand feather, nicely put down; 3, Magpie, Tanager, very showy, good companion of his English brother, in fine feather; 2, spl., Alston, pair of many coloured Parrakeets, cock a gem for colour, both in grand order; 4, Nesbit, well-known Crimson Wing, again in grand feather, beautifully staged; 5, Morcland, winning City King Parrot, fit as ever; vhc, Wilson; hc, Cumming; c, Craig. A good class of interesting exhibits.

HAWORTH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held Nov. 16th, judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the awards are as follows: YORKS. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, spl, 2, Booth; 3, Widdop; vhc, Pettit; hc, Taylor. BUFF: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, 3, Widdop; vhc, hc, Booth. TICK, ETC. YELL. CK: 1, spl, Widdop; 2, vhc, Booth; 3, Sunderland. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Widdop; 2, Taylor; vhc, c, Booth; hc, Widdop. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Booth; 3, Sunderland; vhc, hc, Widdop. BUFF YORKS. HEN: 1, spl, 2 Widdop; 3, vhc, Booth; hc, Taylor; c, Pettit. A.O.V. CAN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Booth; c, Sunderland. NOR. COCK: 1, spl, 2, Booth; 3, vhc, Widdop; hc, Sunderland. HENS: 1, spl, 2, Booth; 3, Sunderland; vhc, hc, Widdop. SELL. C.B.: 1, spl, Pettit; 2, Taylor; 3, Booth; vhc, Widdop; hc, Sunderland; c, Taylor. Booth wins Cup and 1st money special; Widdop 2nd; Taylor 3rd, and also special for best bird in show.

H. W. HOWKER, Secretary.

CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge C.B.S. held their Sixth Annual Open Show on November 12th in the Corn Exchange, one of the finest halls in the Kingdom for a show, having a grand top light so that every exhibit could be seen to advantage. It is also kept at a nice temperature being filled with hot water pipes. The Secretary, Mr. T. S. Moore, is an ideal hard working manager, and his committee are thorough fanciers; every attention was paid to the exhibits under their care. The show was held under the patronage of the B.H. and M.C., and the C.C.C.; consequently it brought together birds of exceptional merit, especially in the Crest and Crestbred classes. Norwich were also numerically strong and some grand specimens were to be seen cardless, having met their superiors. The 21/- special for best current year Crest or Crestbred was won by Mr. C. L. Quinton with his grand crested hen; special value, 5/-, Mr. J. Tyson, best Crest. Another special value, 5/-, Mr. A. E. Brookes. Novice: 5/- cash, same conditions, Mr. J. Mason, for best Crest; 5/- cash for best Crestbred, won by Mrs. E. L. A. Crow; silver challenge cup for best young Canary shown by a member, also silver medal, Mr. W. Linsey. Hyde's special was won by Mr. J. Blackie; Ramsden's medal by Messrs. Symonds and Son, and Sandiford's by Mr. G. Cooper. CAGE BIRDS Competition, won by Mr. A. E. Brooks, with his winning Crestbred; 6/- cash won by Mr. J. Hampshire, pair of Lizards; 4/- cash won by Mr. E. S. Lugg, with his young yellow Norwich. 1st, most points in show, Mr. A. E. Brooks; 2nd most points, Mr. W. Linsey; 3rd, Mr. H. Riding. For most points in Open Canary Section, Mr. A. E. Brooks, Cambridge; Brit., Mr. C. Prior; and Local, Mr. W. Linsey; 2nd, local, Mr. E. Smith; 3rd, Mr. A. E. Brooks. For most points in the Local Novice Section, Mr. Skinner. Mr. J. Robson judged the Canary and Mule Section, and Mr. J. F. Hills the British, both having a heavy day's work. It would be well another year if the executive could see their way clear to appoint an extra judge for the Selling and Local classes, it being only a one-day's show. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Irons, good size, colour and quality, well braced wings, good head and neck; 2, Symonds and Son, big bold bird, not quite the quality and carriage of winner, but a grand one; 3, hc, Brookes, most typical in class, short and cobby, nice feather; v, Bedwell; c, Handley and Son. BUFF (12): 1, spl., Rennie, lovely colour and frosting, excellent shape and quality; 2, Frances, cobby, very close up; 3, Irons, slashing big bold bird, good head, takes perch fairly well; v, Cullington; h, Richardson; c, Cooper. TICK., ETC. (15): 1, spl., Rennie, thigh tick, yell., nice size, lovely warm colour, good shape and carriage; 2, Stroud, another yell., close in feather, good shape; 3, c, Brookes, buff, marked right eye and left wing, good head and chest, nice quality and shape; v, Irons; h, Francis. HEN (27): 1, Irons, eyes and wing mkd., yell., beautiful shape and quality; 2, Cooper, clear buff, well up in size, good round head, well braced wing, neat tail; 3, Marshall, smaller, but a very nice hen; h, Stroud; c, Brookes. YELL. BRED 1907 (22): 1, spl., and Sandiford's medal, Cooper, clear yell., really a grand exhibit, fed to perfection, lovely short quality of feather, wonderful size for a yell., best Nor. in show; 2, Midgley, nice shapely bird, smaller, very fair colour; 3, Lugg, very similar to 2nd, close up; v, Rennie; h, Irons; c, Richardson. BUFF (20): 1, Irons, tick, on head, nice shape and carriage, well carried wings and tail, good quality and colour; 2, Muscutt, clear, good head and neck, nice feather, rather longer; 3, Cooper, grizzled tail, nice cobby shape, full of colour and quality; v, Richardson; h, Brooks; c, Watts. CREST CK. (8): 1, 2, spl., Tyson, var., rare big, expansive crest good radiation, splendid frontal, a wonderful exhibit; 2, Mills, green, lovely drooping crest, not quite so expansive, but still a grand one; 3, Quinton, var., very neat, good frontal, nice texture of feather, another grand one; v, Haysom; h, Brookes; c, Evins. HEN (11): 1, C.C. spl. for best current year C. or C.B., Quinton, wonder, neat crest of lovely veiny feather, beautiful droop, lovely shaped crest, really a marvellous exhibit; 2, Evins Bros., nearly green, grand neat big crest, good body and feather, a good one; 3, Tyson, Grey, rare good frontal, plenty of feather of quality; v, King; h, Palmer; c, Brooks. CREST-BRED CK. (7): 1, 3 spls., Brooks, wonderful entrance, well lashed, good feather, very fine body substance, a grand one; 2, Tyson, var., good size, nice dome-shaped head; 3, King var., good size, nice shaped head, well lashed; v, Palmer; h, Mills; c, Radford. HEN (8): 1, Radford, rare-bodied bird, good shaped skull, very good entrance, well lashed; 2, Tyson, another green, very similar to first, not quite so good in head properties; 3, King, again a green, very much the same as second; v, Evins Bros.; h, Brookes; c, Irving. CREST NOVICE (13): 1, 2 spls., Mason, good body, nice round crest, nice feather and droop; 2, Crow, thick-set body crest of nice veiny feather, not quite so expansive, but grand; 3, Gale, good body, crest, fairly expansive; v, Clifton; h, c, Johnson. CREST-BRED (11): Crow, nice cushion-shaped head, well lashed with good quality of feather; 2, Gale, another fine-headed bird, very fair entrance, well lashed; 3, Johnson, fair-sized body, plenty of feather; v, c, Mason; h, Mayhew. YORK. CL. ETC. YELL (7): 1, spl., Harris, thigh tick., rich colour, rare length, grand position, rather easy win; 2, Gray, clear, grand bird, loses only in position and length; 3, Murrell, fine length and stand; v, h, Edmondson. CL. ETC., BUFF (6): 1, Harris, grizzled right wing, good position, neat head, well carried wing, nice tail, very stylish; 2, no name, nice length, good quality of feather, grand position; 3, Burton, neat type, nice quality and length; v, Jupe; h, Gifford; c, Linsey. MARKED, ETC. (5): 1, spl., Rennie, eyes and wing marked, good length and style, well up on leg, nice colour and quality; 2, Murrell, var., rare length and position, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 3, Gray, var., lovely feather, good position, grand back and wing carriage; v, Walsh. HEN (11): 1, 2, Hudspeth, 1, Cl. Yell., well up on leg, nice length, and quality, neat head and neck; 2, cl. buff, another shapely bird of good length and quality; 3, Rennie, cl. yell. splendid length and colour, clean on chest, nice pipe tail; v, Gray; h, Linsey; c, Murrell. BRED 1907 (10): 1, spl., h, Harris, cl. yell, fine quality, neat head, good back, well carried wing and tail; 2, Walsh, yell. tick, left wing, nice tone of colour, clean cut, good position and quality; 3, Rennie, cl. buff, smart upstanding bird of good length, well packed wings and tail; v, Gray; c, Reeves. CIN. (10): 1, spl., 2, Riding, yell., rich colour, good size and quality, nice shape and head; 2, good type, size and quality, lovely cin. colour; 3, Brookes, nice size and colour, not quite so neat in feather; v,h, Tams and Son; c, King. 1907 (9): 1 2, Riding, yell and buff, respectively, on same lines as winners in adult class; 3, Clifton, yell., well up in size and colour, nice youngster; vhc, Ingram. GREENS (9): 1, spl., 2, c, Riding, both yells. of good Nor. type, winner excels in size and head; 2, h, Gifford, Yorks, yell., good length, nice grass green colour; v, Linsey. PAIRS (for breeding): (7): 1, spl, Francis, bonny pair of Nor. clears, buff cock, rare quality, short and thick, good size and shapely hen, 2, Hampshire, smart pair of clear capped Lizards; 3, v, Brookes, good green Crestbred and equally good grey crest, useful pair; h, Sedgwick; c, Miles. BORDERS, YELL. (9): 1, h, Riddlio, cl., shapely bird, nice jaunty carriage fine feather, colour and quality, 2, 3, c, Aberdeen, 2, very similar in build, not quite the depth of colour, 3, another clear, not much between; v, Hawkins. BUFF (11): 1, sp., 2, Blaikie, 4-pointed sweetly pretty shape, lovely boxey feather, correct type and carriage; 2, cl., lovely head and wing, rare quality; 3, Aberdeen, clear, nice type, lovely feather, good quality all through, close up; v, h, c, Hawkins. DUTCH FRILLS (4): 1, spl., 2, 3, v, Brookes, nice team of this var., all same owner. A.O.V. BRED 1907 (8): 1, spl., Evins Bros., var. crest, rattling good body, nice round crest, good centre and droop; 2, Mills, another var., close up, equal in body, expansive crest; 3, Sidgwick, 4-pointed buff Nor., good shape and feather markings; v, King; h, Hampshire; c, Quinton. A.O.V. (7): 1, King, clun. crest, rare size of body, heavy crest for this variety, good feather; 2, Hampshire, well spangled Gold Lizard, nice size; 3, h, Brookes, very smart 4-pointed yell. Nor., nice feather and markings; v, Symonds and Son; c, Gostling. SELL. (15/-) (22): 1, spl., Allen; 2, Rogers; 3, Lees; v, Stock; h, Rennie; c, Cook. PAIR (30/-) (15): 1, Radford; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Midgley; v, Riding; h, Cullington; c, Rennie. CAN. MULES LIGHT, ETC. (9): 1, spl., 3, Lees, yell., marked on wing, very fair size for yellow, good colour; 3, var. Linnet, good shape and size; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, smart 4-pointed buff, very fair size, lovely quality, short feathered bird, some thought might have won; v, Brookes; h, Cook; c, Brown. DARK (9): 1, Tams and Son, grand Goldfinch Bullfinch, looking thick when we saw it; 2, Marshall (no note); 3, Cook, Greenfinch Can., in nice feather; v, Pye; h, and c, James. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (23): 1, spl., Hopkins and Son, nice square-cut blaze, good buttons and tanning; 2, Carter, nice clean cheeks, blaze rather smaller, but very good back and wings; 3, Prior, fine back and wings, nice tanning on crest, will improve; v, Tams and Son; h, Carrier; c, Howe. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Edmondson, large, rich colour, in rare condition, deep coloured crest, splendid dense cap, easy win; 2, Mays, real good house-moulted specimen, nice colour, fair size, in lovely feather, very steady; 3, Prior, similar to winner in shape and size, very fair colour, v, Cocks; h, Bone; c, Chapman. GREENFINCH (12): 1, 2, Howe, 1 very large, rich colour, in fine condition; 2, equal in all parts except size; 3, Cocks, another large bonny Finch, loses only in colour; v, Johnson; hc, Bye. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (20): 1, Prior, good colour, well marked back and head, lovely glossy feather; 2, h, Cocks, Chaffinch, nice size and feather; 3, Lean and Son, Bramble, a fine bird, very fair feather; v, Howe; c, Osborne. LINNET (19): 1, spl., Howe, grand size, shape and colour, very steady, wins rather easily; 2, 3, Prior, smaller, darker shade, very nicely ticked; v, Tams and Son; h, Hurst; c, Mays. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, h, Hurst, mealy Redpoll, good size and markings, nice feather; 2, Prior, Twite, well marked on Crest, and sides, nice size and condition; 3, c, Lowne, smart Siskin, nice cap and bib, in good feather; v, James. FINCH, HEN (8): 1, spl., Rowles, Hawfinch, good colour and feather, well shown; 2, Mays, Bullfinch, very fair specimen; 3, Williams, nice Bullfinch; v, Prior; h, Carter; c, Gawthorpe. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, v, Lowne, Bearded Tit, in lovely feather, artistically shown; 2, h, Mays, sweet little Gold Crest, beautifully shown in faultless condition; 3, Howe, Tree Creeper, nicely marked, well shown; c, Rountree. LARGE (11): 1, 2, spl., Howe, 1, Shrike, in rare good condition; 2, Chough, very dense in plumage, not one of the biggest, but well worth its place; 3, Cullington, Blackbird, nice size, grand feather, good bill and ere; v, Mays; h, Rowe; c, Lugg. JUVENILE CLASSES. CAN. (3): 1, spl., Young, very fair buff Nor., 3, Newman, another buff Nor.; v, Cartwright. BRIT. (8): 1, v, Stamford, very good Yellowhammer, well shown; 2, spl., Hinson; very fair Goldfinch; 3, no name, h, Macintosh; c, Unwin.

MORPETH.

The Morpeth O.S. held their Sixth Annual Show on November 16 in the Town Hall, an ideal place, well lighted, nice and cosy and free from draughts. The morning was cold and frosty, and made a few birds appear a little thick, while about mid-day it rained in earnest, but we were pleased to note this had not kept the visiting public from putting in an appearance, as the gate proved a record, over £2 more than any previous year. This would come in handy to make up for the slight falling off in entries, principally caused by so many shows being held on the same date; also that they have cut down one or two classes this year. The President, Mr. Floyd, was present during the afternoon, looking well and smiling his best, as usual. They are fortunate in having a practical fancier to preside over their meetings, and are also happy in their selection of their vice-presidents, Messrs. Dixon, Grey, Aikinson and Marshal. Their chairman, Mr. Cowling, is also one of the right sort, we found him here, there and everywhere. Mr. Dippie is an ideal secretary, quiet, cool and with everything at his fingers' ends. He carried the work out well, and satisfactorily, everything passing off like clockwork. He was ably assisted by a hard-working committee. The quality of the exhibits was of a very high order all through, some outstanding specimens heading each class. Plainheads led the way, and found Mr. Cowling heading the list with a splendid team, which does great credit to him, as he is quite a young fancier. We were sorry to find our friend Mr. Grey's birds absent, as owing to some misunderstanding we heard he had severed his connection with the society, for this season, at least. Borders all over were of exceptional merit and the contest was very keen. The British section was small in numbers, but the quality was there, and no mistake. CAGE BIRDS Competition result:—1, Dippie, Border; 2, Seely; Cinn. Nor.; 3, Dippie, Border. Mr. Rowell won both cups for open and members' most points, which now become his own property. The judges, were Mr. W. Vardy (Hucknall), Norwich and Yorks., and Mr. Patterson (Chirnside), Borders and Varieties. Their awards seemed to give general satisfaction, no grumbling being heard.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NORWICH CL., ETC. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Cowling, 1, charmer for shape, true Norwich all over, grand colour and quality, beautiful shaped head and cobby front, nicely carried wings, wins; 2, 3, vhc, Rowell, grand size, nice colour and shape, a shade down in condition, ticked on neck; 3, in better form, nice wings, grand colour and quality, good head; vhc, another of good stamp, but not forward in condition yet; c, Myres. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Cowling, rare level colour and shining with condition, cobby in shape all over, good one, beautifully mealed; 2, Rowell, another good one for shape, good front and style; 3, Floyd, fails in colour, but a gem all over, rare wing carriage; vhc, Godley, good colour and quality. HEN (14): 1, vhc, Cowling, good yell, leading, marvel for shape, rare head and neck, bold front, well carried wings, fine colour and condition; 2, Lackey, buff, shade pale in colour, again good in head, neck, and front, very steady and showy; 3, Rowell, good stylish bird, shade thinner front. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, Jobling, ticked on rump, nice shade of colour, very even through, good head, fine condition; 2, hc, Rowell, ticked wing, good colour and quality, fine front; 3, Lackey, good stamp, beautiful shaped head and front, scarcely ready yet; vhc, Floyd, beauty for shape and steady, shows well; c, Scott. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Godley, beauty for shape, lovely head and front well filled, nicely laid on wings, rare texture of feather, lovely metal; 3, ticked on wing, nice front and good level colour, a shade smaller 2, Miles, grand shaped head and bold front; vhc, Scott; hc, Cowling; c, Lackey; a good class. YELL CINN. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, pair of beauties, lovely colour, quality and condition, former best in colour, but longer in flights, latter grand shape; 3, hc, Seely, grand shape, a wee smaller, good colour and quality, fine wings. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Godley, a beauty leading, finely proportioned, lovely head, bold carriage, in spanking trim; 2, just a shade duller, fine colour, and shape; 3, good head and front; vhc, hc, Seely, shade smaller, but grand colour and condition. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Godley, leader in tip-top form, rare level colour, nice shaped head and front, wings carried to perfection; 2, another good one, lovely type, colour and condition; 3, Seely, buff, nice wings and body, fine colour and condition. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, Heddon, long, well drawn, nice level colour, teeming with condition, well put down; 2, Rowell, just a shade smaller—fine colour, quality and condition; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, grand head and neck, fine level colour; vhc, well drawn; hc, Middleton. BUFF (5): 1, c, Heddon, rare size, well drawn, fine colour, quality and condition; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, equal in every point, lovely head, well marked front; 3, just a wee shorter, in fine trim; vhc, Steel, good size, fine colour.

Mr. Patterson's Classes.

BORDER YELL. (10): 1, Chapman, model for shape, beautiful quality, well put down, fine head and front; 2, Bennet, better colour and in spanking trim, fine back and wing, rare condition; 3, McKenzie, nice one, but a shade soft to-day, nice head, well rounded all over; vhc, Smart, grand quality, in good condition, rises a little on legs; hc, Cox, spoiled in wash; c, Rowell; r, Glass. BUFF (12): 1, McKenzie, clenr and a real gem, lovely texture of feather, rare colour, could not find a fault on him; 2, Bennet, ticked head and cheek, fine colour and quality, put down by a master hand; 3, Glass, rare head and back, runs a close race; vhc, Smart, ticked wing, in good form; hc, Irving; c, Chapman. YELL HEN (6): 1, Bennet, leading with a gem of the first water, marked both eyes, and one wing, lovely colour and quality, polished to perfection, greatly admired; 2, Smart, clear, Newcastle winner, grand one, shade thinner drawn in head. fine colour, quality and condition; 3, Dipper, good stamp all over, fine wings, and well rounded; vhc, Fuller, nice hen for shape; hc, c, Rowell. BUFF HEN (12): 1, Bennet, another beauty, marked cheek and wings, lovely head, and graceful free neck, rare modelled back and front; 2, McKenzie, grizzle back, a shade stronger built, fine colour and quality, well put down; 3, Chapman, cinn. marked eye, head and wing, beauty for shape, colour and condition; vhc, Glass, grand modelled head and front; hc, Cox; c, Rowell. A.O.V.: 1, c, Chapman, raking Scotch Fancy, rare size, great length of side, long, well circled back, tail well under, clear yell: 2, hc, Rowell, green crest, well put down, crest nice and round, well centred, good size; 3, Dixon, evenly marked Plainhead, grand markings, good size, fine colour and condition; vhc, Fuller. SELL. (12/6) (11): 1, Rowell; 2, McKenzie; 3, Taylor; vhc, Richardson; hc, Myers; c, Fuller. HYBRID (2): 1, 2, (names not in catalogue), uneven Goldfinch Canary leading, good size, rare colour and blaze, fine-marked eyes, in good condition; 2, Gouldie-Greenie, fine size, shows cross well. BRITISH LINNET (14): 1, Dunn, good one, in prime condition, splendid size, good pencilling, carried well down, steady, and shows whites well; 2, no name, a shade smaller, well finished, very steady, well defined markings; 3, hc, Rowell, larger and in fine condition, pencilled to perfection, a little open in breast; vhc, Souter, nice colour, fine carriage; c, Miles. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (7): 1, Robson, Goldie, nice one for condition, well cut blaze, very expansive, nice mooned wings, steady and well shown. 2, Allison, Bullie, true Britishers, nice size, good coloured front, grand head, in very fine condition; 3, Maddison, Goldie, good one when ready, scarcely up in blaze, deep body colour, good moons and buttons; vhc, hc, Nicholson, Bullfinch, large size, good head, nice body colour. A.O.V. HARD. (5): 1, Maddison, splendid Bramblefinch, rare size, in lovely condition, staged as only a master hand can put one down, lovely spangling; 2, Miles, Hawfinch, good size, well cut bib, good wing bars, scarcely the colour we have seen them; 3, Robson, Buff Siskin, in rare trim, steady and gentle, shows well; vhc, J. Myles, Chaffinch, good size and finely marked; c, Ellison. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Welsh Bros., Treo Creeper, well shown and at home with his artificial surroundings of plush and bark, greatly admired by all, grand condition, and evidences the great care of its owners. We heard one visitor term it a "Bat," and his listeners went their way believing him; 2, Ellison, starting very steady, well shown, nicely arranged; 3, Taylor, Song Thrush, nicely spangled; vhc, King Lark, well shown; c, Dippie.

Members' Classes.

In the members' classes the competition was very keen, and some creditable exhibits were put down in all sections. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, c, Cowling; 2, Richardson; 3, Scott; vhc, Floyd; hc, Seely. BUFF (12): 1, Myles; 2, hc, Cowling; 3, Richardson; vhc, Lackey; c, Rowell. TK. OR MKD. (7): 1, 3, Rowell; 2, Richardson; vhc, Cowling; hc, c, Floyd. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Dixon; 2, 3, Rowell; vhc, Cowling; hc, c, Richardson. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Dippie; 2, Marshall; 3, c, Floyd; vhc, Rowell; hc, Richardson. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Seely; 2, hc, Rowell; 3, G. Seeley. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Seely. HEN (4): 1, vhc, Seely; 2, 3, Rowell. CREST (2): 1 2, Rowell; C.B. (2): 1, 2, Rowell. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Cowling. BUFF (3): 1, Rowell; 2, 3, Seely. HEN (3): 1, 2, Cowling; 3, Rowell. BORDER YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Rowell; 3, Graham. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Rowell; vhc, Graham; hc, Richardson. HEN (10): 1, vhc, Rowell; 2, c, spl., Dippie; 3, Myles; hc, Graham. A.O.V. (6): 1, Rowell; 2, Graham; 3, G. Seely; vhc, c, Seely; hc, Richardson. MULE (1): 1, Miles. LINNET (10): 1, no name; 2, 3, Rowell; vhc, c, Miles. HARDBILL (5): 1, Miles; 2, vhc, Dippie; 3, Floyd; vhc, J. Miles. SOFTBILL (1): Dippie. NOVICE BORDER (4): 1, Lackey; 2, Summers; 3, Marshall. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Myers.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

City of Birmingham (C.B.U.).—Dec. 4th, Crown Hotel, Station-street.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 13 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 2, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, and 15 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 27th to H. C. WILKINS, 7, St. Martin's-lane.

Denny and Dunipace.—Dec. 7th, Town Hall, Denny.—Judge, Mr. Allan Chalmers. 21 classes: Scot. 2, Crest 4, Nor. 2, Bord. 8, Brit. 5, For. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 2nd to A. FRANCE, 63, Herbertshire at, Denny.

Sandbach.—Dec. 7th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Calderwood. 14 classes: Bord. 8, Nor. 2, Crest 1, Common 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 1s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 2nd to Mr. MOFFAT.

Caithness.—Dec. 4th and 5th, Rifle Drill Hall, Wick. 35 classes: Scot. 2, Nor. 4, Crest 7, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Lanes. 1, Colour-fed 2, Cinn. 1, Common 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Brit 5, For. 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 3s., 1s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 28th to D. PRIMROSE, 26, Bridge-street, Wick.

Wigan (C.B.U.).—Dec. 6th and 7th, Old Court Hall, King-street.—Judge, Mr. J. Trengove. 28 classes. Yorks. 9, Nor. 9, Crest 2, Sell. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 3, Gift 1, For. 1, and 9 members' and novice classes. Prizes, CAGE BIRDS' Competition, 10s., 5s., 3s., and spls. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 30th to W. RIDGE, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

Shipley (Y.I.R.).—Nov. 30th, Institute, Saltaire. —Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 19 classes: Yorks. 13, Brit. 3, Sell. 3, and 8 novice classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and spls. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 26th to H. DOBSON, 6, Caroline-street, Saltaire, Shipley.

North London.—Nov. 29th and 30th, Library Hall, Church-street, Stoke Newington.—Judges, Messrs. J. Robson and S. Cook. Champion section, 21 classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Crest 3, Mules 4. Amateur section: 18: Nor. 7, Yorks. 8, Crest 3, Novice section, 20: Nor. 7, Yorks. 8, Crest 2, Mule 1, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, splendid list of spls. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 23rd to R. P. HARPER, 26, Brighton-road, Stoke Newington, N.

Thornton.—Dec. 14th, Public Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Black and Goodfellow. 33 classes: Scot. 10, Nor. 8, Crest 4, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, Mule 3, For. 1, Novice 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 7th, to JAMES MOSES, Belmont House.

Cradley Heath.—Nov. 27th and 28th, Whitley Memorial Schools.—Judge, Mr. W. V. Witton. 3 classes: Can. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close first post Nov. 23rd to H. GRAINGER, Compton-road.

Border C.S.—Dec. 4th, Corn Exchange, Kelso.—Judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce. 22 classes: Nor. 6, Bord. 7, Brit. 5, For. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 27th to TULLOCH C. BENNET, 63, Roxburgh-street, Kelso, N.B.

North Woolwich.—Dec. 19th and 20th, Three Crowns Music Hall.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 5 open classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 1 members'. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 9th to A. E. KNIGHT, 56, Constance-street, Silvertown, E.

Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire.—Dec. 7th, Co-operative Hall, Bank-street, Alexandria. —Judge, Mr. Williamson. 12 open classes: Brit. 4, Nor. 2, Crest 2, Rollers 1, Scot. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 30th to NEIL CAMERON, 28, Main-street, Alexandria.

Ealing, Hanwell, etc.—Dec. 4th, "Bell" Hotel, The Mall, Ealing.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 15 classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Dutch Frills 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Mules 1, Gift 1, Sell 2. Prizes on sliding scale. Entrance fee, 6d. Entries close Nov. 28th to WALTER BIRD, 6, Broughton-road, West Ealing.

Aberdeen.—Dec. 6th and 7th, Ball Room, Music Hall.—Judges, Messrs. M'Farlane, Pettigrew, and J. E. Donald. 48 open classes: Nor. 15, Cinn. 3, Crest 5, Belg. or Scot. 1, Novice 2, Bord. 4, Sell. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 3, Pair for Breeding 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 16 local classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 30th to W. R. MACKIE, 85, Fonthill-road.

L.C.B.A. (C.B.U., C.C.C., Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., F.B.C.).—Dec. 6th and 7th, Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster.—Judges, Messrs. T. J. King (Crests), R. Halliday (Yorkshires and Sell.), J. Robson (Norwich, Lanes., and Liz.), Bettich (Roller), C. Honiton (Hyb. Brit.), P. F. M. Galloway (Brit. Insectiv.), W. T. Page (For.). 99 open classes: Crests and C.B. 11, Novice 2, Yorks. 8, Novice 6, Nor. 8, Novice 6, Lanes. 2, Lizards 5, London Fancy 1, Bord. 7, Roller 3, Mules 9, Brit. 20, For. 11, and 59 members' classes. Prizes, 12s., 8s., 4s., 2s., and splendid list of spls. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 25th to Messrs. TYSON and WARE, 165, Soane-street, S.W.

Cupar.—Dec. 7th, Corn Exchange, Cupar, Fife. —Judges, Messrs. Wright, Berwick, M'Kay, Bennet, and M'Quiston. 46 classes: Scot. 8, Nor. 6, Crest 5, Bord. 7, Common 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mules 1, For. 2, Sell. 6, 2 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and splendid list of spls. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 2nd to W. BUDDIMAN.

Leighton Buzzard.—Dec. 10th, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.—Judge, Mr. J. C. Wilmot. 8 open classes: Nor. 3, Crest 1, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close early to A. and W. PAGE, 76, North-street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Retford.—Dec. 4th, Corn Exchange and Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. Mason. 14 members' classes. Entries close Nov. 27th to ROBINSON and WATERFIELD, 87, Carolgate, Retford.

South London Columbarian.—Nov. 27th.—Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. 5 members' classes. Prizes on sliding scale. Entries to G. A. JEFFREYS, 30, Grange-road, Bermondsey.

Dartford.—Dec. 10th and 11th, Conservative Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Enfield. 8 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, and 4 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 30th to A. LAMBERT, 119, East Hill.

Bannockburn.—Dec. 7th, New Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Kean and Morland. 28 confined classes: Prizes, 4s., 2s., 1s. Entries 30th to Wm. WAGE, Brace-street.

Oakham.—Dec. 5th, Poultry Hall.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Cladwin.—7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and 2 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Nov. 25th to NEEDHAM and HEWITT, King's Head.

Falmouth (C.B.U.).—Dec. 6th, Polytechnic Hall. —Judge, Mr. F. W. Dowdell. 14 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 2, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 8s., 3s., 2s. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries close Nov. 29th to W. J. MILLIN, sec.

King's Lynn.—Dec. 4th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. J. Mackley. 18 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 2, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Mules 3, Brit. 2, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and 2 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 28th to S. DENNY HUNT, 29, London-road.

Matlock.—Dec. 10th, Manor Hall.—Judge, Mr. Wills. 2 classes: Brit. 1, Can. 1. Prizes, 3s., 2s., 1s. Entrance fee, 6d. Entries close Dec. 10th to H. H. HILL, Bridge-street.

Ridderminster.—Dec. 11th and 12th, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. H. Forsyth. 7 classes: Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1. Good prizes. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4th to T. A. JONES, 25, Mill-street.

Ilkeston (C.B.U.).—Dec. 7th and 9th, Victoria Hall, Bath-street.—Judges, Messrs. C. Houlton, J. H. Roe, and R. Rhodes. 38 open classes: Nor. 9, Crest 8, Yorks. 5, Cinn. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 8, For. 2, Sell. 1, Gift 1, and 6 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 2nd to THOS. SADLER, 5, King-street.

Chesterfield.—Dec. 11th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Dec. 2nd to BUTTLE and DYER, secs.

Linlithgow.—Dec. 7th, Victoria Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Patterson. 22 classes: Crest 2, Nor. 5, Bord. 6, Common 1, Brit. 6, Mules 2. Prizes, 11s., 6s., 3s. Fee, 2s. Entries close Nov. 30th to PETER WALKER, 226, High-street.

Carmarthen (C.B.U.).—Dec. 12th.—Judge, Mr. C. Houlton. 26 open classes: Nor. 2, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Bord. 1, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 2, Mule 3, Brit. 9, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close December 3rd to JACK FRANCIS, secs.

Mairkirk.—Dec. 7th, Temperance Hall.—Judge, Mr. D. Holden. 12 open classes: Bord. 10, Brit. 1, For. 1, and 2 confined. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 4th to J. C. TORBITT, Bridge-street.

Cockermouth.—Dec. 6th and 7th, Tweed Mill. —Judges, Messrs. J. S. Wilson and Jno. Wilson. 43 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 7, Bord. 8, Belg. 1, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 11, For. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and CAGE BIRDS Competition. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 1st to JAMES GRAHAM, 21, Mayo-street.

Malton, Norton.—Dec. 26th, Corn Exchange.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 19 classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, Mule 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, and 1 Local. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 19th to GEO. M. HORSLEY, 25, Vine-street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

Perth (C.B.U.).—Dec. 12th, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Hannah-street.—Judges, Messrs. Payne and Evans. 31 open classes: Lizard 1, Nor. 5, Crest 1, Yorks. 5, Scot. 1, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 8, For. 2, and 9 Local. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 6th to J. CHALLENGER, 37, High-street, Cymmer, Perth.

Jarrow (C.B.U., N.C.C., CAGE BIRDS Competition).—Nov. 29th and 30th, in the Mechanics' Institute.—Judges, J. H. Payne and A. R. Bowick. 39 open classes: Nor. 5, Crests 8, Cinn. 3, Bord. 4, Scot. 1, Yorks. 4, Mules 2, Brit. 7, For. 3, Sell. 3. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Prize money, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Exceptionally good lot of specials, mainly in cash.—Entries close Nov. 25th to J. T. CARRICK, sec., 44, Caledonian-road, Jarrow.

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LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Nov. 16th. Councillor D. R. Jones, presided. Classification, patronages, etc., were the chief business, making a total of 76 classes, under patronage of Green C.A., Southern Yorkshire C.C., English and Welsh B.F.C.C., Border Fancy C.C., Welsh C.B.C., and British Roller C.C. Three new members were elected, Mr. T. Williams, 78, New Dock Road; Mr. R. Evans, 5, Sandy Gate Terrace; Mr. J. Williams, Dolan, Llanelly. J. SIKON, Sec.

WASHING EXHIBITION AT CLAPHAM.

Good muster of members of the Clapham and District Open C.B.A., assembled at headquarters on November 4th to witness a washing exhibition given by our chairman, that well-known all-round fancier, Mr. W. H. Vale. Four new members were nominated and six elected. Mr. Vale commenced his exhibition by placing the back of his left hand in the first bowl of hot water, remarking that in one could do that it was about the right temperature to commence with. The second bowl of water was rather cooler, while the third was nearly cold. He then made a good lather in the first water, and proceeded to wash the first bird—a Norwich—which had just come from an outdoor aviary. He placed the tail of bird on the edge of the bowl and proceeded to sponge with the lather, afterwards doing the back and neck, explaining at the same time that unless the neck were washed thoroughly clean, when the bird was dry the dirt would be most conspicuous. He turned the bird over and washed its chest, after which he paid attention to its head, first sponging the feathers towards the beak, and afterwards backwards. The bird was then rinsed in the second bowl of water, and sponged finally in the third. Mr. Vale wiped the bird for a minute or two in an old silk handkerchief that he always uses. The bird was then almost dry, hardly requiring to be wrapped up when put into the drying cage, the handkerchief being almost entirely wet. The second bird went through the same routine, and during the process we were told that in the last rinsing water many fanciers put a small quantity of glycerine in the water with a view to putting a gloss on the bird. Several questions were asked and answered, one in particular being the use of the shaving brush. This, the exhibitor said, he never used unless a bird were exceptionally dirty. In seconding a vote of thanks to Mr. Vale proposed by Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Yeoman related some of his experiences, causing much amusement at his own expense. Mr. Vale replied in a few well-chosen words. The remainder of the evening was taken up with a discussion on the proposed Federation. Our delegate, Mr. Yeoman, gave a detailed account of the proceedings of the last meeting. Upon Mr. Adamthwaite's amendment being explained and put to the vote, not a single member was in favour of it, consequently it was quashed. Our delegate was instructed to bring forward at the next Federation meeting this association amended definition of a novice, which is: "A novice is one who has not won three first prizes at one or more shows in novice members' classes"; "an amateur is one who has not won three first prizes at one or more shows in amateur members' classes." The meeting was brought to a late close after a vote of thanks to the chairman.—S. H. W. BARER, hon. sec.

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LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Meeting November 2nd at Rochdale Good Intent Show, when a large gathering of members took place, Mr. John Nadin (president) presiding. Mr. F. J. Green suggested giving medals for competition at future shows, having brought with him some splendid samples, one in particular, which had the standard model of a Coppy and Pilhead embossed thereon, being considered A1. The matter will come up for further consideration before the L.C.A. give their support another year, members present being unanimously of opinion that the medals will create more energy amongst the younger fanciers. Mr. Green also approached us with regard to the guaranteeing of a class at L.C.B.A. Show, but as we had already given our word to guarantee at Middleton, which is being held on the same date as the L.C.B.A., it was impossible for us so to do. The guarantee due to Rochdale O.S. was passed. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Middleton Show at 6.30 p.m.—JAS. LAW, hon. sec.

BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Annual dinner, prize distribution and concert, held Nov. 7th, at headquarters, the Unicorn Hotel. A considerable number of members and friends sat down, the President, Mr. W. J. Golding occupying the chair. After dinner the concert, the best the Association has ever held, was proceeded with. The Canary Cup was presented to Mr. H. Frost by the President, who congratulated him on making it his own property. The Canary classes at the show were quite a feature, and it was universally declared to be the best show of Cage birds seen at the Queen of Watering Places, for many a long day. The success of the Association was proposed, and the Secretary in responding, mentioned that the year's work had been most successful, that the loss on the annual show had been greatly reduced, and that the Challenge Cup had been increased in value to over £50. He also mentioned that the cash balance had gone up. Hearty votes of thanks to the President, artistes, etc., terminated a very pleasant evening.

WASHING COMPETITION AT BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A good muster of 42 fanciers assembled at Park Chapel Schools on November 5th, to witness a Washing Exhibition by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the well-known Yorkshire judge. The proceedings were watched with keen interest all through and many questions were asked, to which Mr. Cowgill answered with satisfaction. Mr. Cowgill uses three bowls of water, and three Badger hair brushes. He puts nothing in the water, although, if the water he said, were hard, he would use a little borax in the first tot. One interesting wrinkle was that before proceeding to wash the bird, he dips his finger in the lather and rubs it over the feathers at top of the beak, a place that has always a tendency to show dirt; this softens it while he is washing the body, etc., so that the head does not require so much rubbing. He afterwards wraps the bird in one cloth and puts it before the fire for twenty minutes to dry. Mr. Cowgill put three birds through in a remarkably short space of time Mr. W. Laycock, a novice member of the Society, volunteered to put one through the wash. This being only the third bird he has washed, he made a champion effort, and one that was appreciated by the company. Mr. W. Cruise then put the last bird through, in somewhat the same manner as Mr. Cowgill had done previously, taking the opportunity, while the birds were drying, to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Cowgill, which Mr. G. White seconded. Mr. A. Holden, secretary of Gt. Horton Good Intent, supported on behalf of the visitors, and the vote on being put to the meeting was carried with loud acclamation. Mr. Cowgill suitably responded to the vote of thanks, and this brought a most instructive meeting to a close.—H. HILL, Secretary.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Weekly quality Linnet singing contest held at King's Head; 17 of the best birds sung for three good prizes. Owing to the dark weather there was a poor attendance of birds, but very good singing was given before a crowded house. 1st prize, F. Galley; 2nd and 3rd shared between J. Nicholls and T. Stead. Judges, T. Crane and C. Cooper.—T. SUTHERS, hon. sec.

YORK.

Weekly contest at the Brown Inn, North Street, when 71 birds were hung up in pairs to sing for five good prizes, given by Mr. J. Smith. Some very good quality singing was heard before an excellent company. 1st prize, J. Stothard; 2nd, A. Watson; 3rd, W. Wilson; 4th, M. Smith; 5th, T. Lambert. Mr. Perry kindly officiated as judge, and Mr. Mason as timekeeper, both giving every satisfaction. J. SMITH.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Nov. 25—**Jarrow**—T. Carrick, 44, Caledonian Rd.
" 25—**Brackley**—W. G. Pollard.
" 25—**Whitburn**—Thos. Duncan, Manse Rd.
" 25—**Karlston**—J. Brockie, 3, Janefield.
" 26—**Sidmouth**—F. Farrant.
" 26—**Tamworth**—J. E. Brown, Crown Cottages, Wilnecote.
" 26—**Diss**—H. J. Gooderham, 9, Sunnyside
" 27—**Rothesay**—J. McCrone, Lilly Oak Terrace.
" 27—**Bigham**—R. C. Wilkins 7, St. Martins Lane.
" 28—**Kings Lynn**—S. Denny Hunt, 29, London Rd.
" 30—**Watford**—C. A. Edwards, 14, Prince St.
" 30—**Dartford**—A. Lambert, 119, East Hill.
" 30—**Belfast**—R. Trimble, 11, Waring St.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Nov. 24—1st post; **Weybridge**—H. E. Jarrott, Grove Place.
" 25—1st post; **Cardiff**—W. Sampson, Langland House, Manishen Street.
" 25—**Castle Douglas**—J. C. Burnie, 262, King Street.
" 25—**Goole**—G. Butler, 3, Henry Street.
" 26—**Bristol**—G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown.
" 26—**Darlington**—E. Brankill, 50, Eason Road

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Walthamstow F.A., Wallsend and Mid-Tyne; Bo'ness; Kirkcaldy; Cambridge; Morecambe.

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W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

J. C. BARNES, 143, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley Nottingham Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Wasdington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 11, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

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J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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DECEMBER 5th, 1907.

Affiliated to C.B.U.). **Thirteenth Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies.** JUDGES: Poultry, W. T. ATTWELL, Esq.; Pigeons,—HILL, Esq.; Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies, T. J. AMBROSE, Esq. Hon. Secs., **Phillips** and **Williams.**

SIDMOUTH. December 5th. 17 Open Classes. C.B.U. Licence. Canaries, Mules, British. Judge: Mr. Payne. Entries close November 26th. **F. FARRANT, Sec.**

FALMOUTH **CAGE BIRD SHOW Under C.B.U. Rules.**

Open Cage Bird Show. **Dec. 6th.** ENTRIES CLOSE Nov. 29th. Schedules now ready from **W. J. Medlin, Hon. Sec., 84, Marlborough Rd., Falmouth.**

WIGAN **SHOW** of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds (under C.B.U. Rules). In the Old Court Hall, King Street, on **Friday** and **Saturday, December 6th and 7th, 1907.** Judge, R. Trengove. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Schedules now ready. **W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec., 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

MUIRKIRK Annual Show of Cage Birds on **DECEMBER 7th.** 10 Classes for Border Fancies, 2 for British Birds. Lots of Specials. Judge: David Holden, Muirkirk. Entries close December 4. Schedules from Jas. Torbett, Bridge St., Muirkirk.

CARLISLE & Dist. C.B.U.

December 6th and 7th.

Thirty-second Annual Open Show (Cage Birds only). 54 Classes, Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Judges, Mr. J. Thomson and Mr. Parker Robinson, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Entries close Dec. 2nd. Schedules apply **W. THOMAS, 23, Petterll St., Carlisle.**

DARTFORD **(KENT). Dec. 10 & 11.** Rabbits, Pigeons, Cage Birds.

Judges: F. Biggs, A. E. Enfield and Dr. Tressider.

ENTRIES CLOSE November 30th.

A. Lambert, 119, East Hill, Dartford.

BOURNEMOUTH Short in all Classes. Will accept Entries till last post November 23rd.

Send at once we will classify. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and C. E. Silk. Hon. Secs. Messrs. Leech & Jones, 156, Holdenhurst Rd.

ECCLES and DISTRICT C.B.S.

2nd ANNUAL SHOW,

Under C.B.U. Rules.

NOVEMBER 30th.

Open 15 miles from Eccles Town Hall, for Canaries and British Birds. Prize money 10/-, 6/-, 4/- in all classes except British Birds. All prize money guaranteed to classes with seven or more entries. Entrance 1/6. Classes: Yorkshire, 4; Norwich, 4; Crest and Crest Bred, 1; British, 1; Mules, 1. Judge: Mr. J. Trengove. Schedules from **A. WHEATLEY, Hon. Sec., Grapes Hotel, Pool Green.**

WHITBURN and District Cage Bird Society.

2nd annual open exhibition, and competition of C.B. will be held in the Town Hall Whitburn, on **Nov. 30th, 1907.** 40 classes, including 10 Nor. 9 Bor. 17 Brit. 2 Mule or Hybrid, and 2 for Fur. Entry fee 1/6 each bird. Prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Specials for every class, including 3 medals. Entries close Nov. 25th. Judges Messrs. J. F. Dewar, and J. Kenn. Schedules from **Thos. Duncan, Manse Road, Whitburn, N.B.**

"THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST" one day Show in the North will be

THE DARLINGTON C.B.S. Show

(C.B.U. Rules) **Sat. Nov. 30th, 1907,** in the Corn Exchange. Opened by The Mayor: Councillor C. W. STARMER, J.P. **46 Classes. 35 Open. 11 Members.** Four Prizes, **8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-,** for 1/- Entry Fee. **Specials Every Class.**

Expert Judges: Messrs. J. C. BARNES and J. WALSH.

The Champion one day Show in the North. Schedules ready. Be sure to get one. Owing to unavoidable delay in issuing Schedules **will accept entries up to Wed. morning, Nov. 26.** Hurry up and give us a Bumper. Excursion from Hull, Scarboro', Malton, York, Northallerton, etc. **E. BRUNSKILL, 50, Eason Rd.,** (Secretary).

CITY OF DUNDEE

& Dis. Norwich, Mule & Brit. Bird Assoc.

OPEN SHOW NOV. 30th.

Under the patronage of S. P. C. and S. B. B. and M. C.

Judges: Messrs. Chalmers, Adams, Craig and Cochrane. Extensive classification. All specials open. Entries close on **Saturday, 23rd.** Schedules now ready from—**ALEX. MILLER, 3, Park Avenue, Dundee.** Cage Birds competition at this Show.

DISS, NORFOLK. GREAT EXHIBITION OF CAGE BIRDS.

DEC. 3rd, 1907.

CANARIES, MULES and BRITISH BIRDS. 25 Classes. Entries close NOV. 26.

Judge: J. ROBSON. SCHEDULES READY. Apply to

H. J. GOODERHAM, Hon. Sec., 9, Sunny Side, Diss.

WEYBRIDGE

13th ANNUAL OPEN & MEMBERS' SHOW. Dec, 4th & 5th "C.B." COMP. SCHEME. Judge, J. ROBSON. Numerous Spls. Every care taken of all exhibits. Exhibitors wishing their birds to be sent to the L.C.B.A. Show please let me know and they shall be despatched early Thursday evening. Please give us your support; entries accepted if posted Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Schedules apply H. E. PARROTT, Grove Place, Weybridge.

BRISTOL December 4th and 5th.

Entries very short.

Now Fanciers help us—you know us.

Accept up to Tuesday, 26th, first post.

G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown, Bristol.

COCKERMOUTH F. S.

C.B.U. & B.F.C.C. Rules & Pat. **THIRD GREAT OPEN SHOW.** One of best managed in the North, on **Dec. 6, & 7, 1907,** in one of the largest, driest, & warmest halls in the kingdom. Poul., 40 Cl (O.E.G. speciality), Bantams 13, Pig. 18, C. B. 42. **£120 in Prize Money and Specials.** Jud.: J. S. Wilson, Esq., Workington, for Can., J. Wilson, Esq., Solicitor, Workington, Member of the B.B.M.C., for British and Foreign Birds. **Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 with Certificates** for best bird in each section and special prize cards. Entries close Dec. 2nd, to **JAMES GRAHAM, Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

L.C.B.A. 19th ANNUAL EXHIBITION,

Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Dec. 6 & 7, 1907

(Under C.B.U. Rules)

The most Extended Classification. Good Prize Money. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Abundant List of Specials.

SOCIETIES' CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION.

The Roller and N.B.B. & M. Clubs' Shows in conjunction and under following Specialist Clubs' support:—S.N.P.C., S.Y.C.C., Yorks C.C. (Cup Competition), L. & L.F.A. (Lizards), E. & W. and Border Fancy, C.C.C. and F.B.C. Schedules will be sent only to exhibitors at the last L.C.B.A. and Crystal Palace Shows. All others please apply to—**TYSON & WADE, 169, Sloane Street, London.**

BELFAST

Ulster Ornithological Association's 15th Annual Show will be held on **DECEMBER 6 and 7** (Open to Ireland only).

47 classes for Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, Hybrids, Mules & British Birds. Judges: Mr W. Thornton (Edinburgh) and Mr. A. Willings (Prescot). **Prize Money, 20/- per class and numerous Specials. Entries close NOVEMBER 30th, 1907.**

ROBERT TRIMBLE, Secretary, 11, Waring Street, BELFAST.

HARTLEPOOLS

C.B.S. (C.B.U. rules) **DEC. 6 and 7.** Patronage Y.C.C. Nothing less than 1,000 this time, please! 47 classes. 60 graud spls. 9 Yorks., 9 Nor., 2 Novice classes. Judges: Messrs Battye and Maddison. **Excursions** on Sat. 7th from Leeds, Darlington, Crook South Shields, Sunderland, &c., &c. Schedules ready, from **ERNEST WOODHEAD, 38, St. Paul's Rd West Hartlepool.**

CUPAR FIFE, N.B.

20th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in Corn Exchange on DECEMBER 7th, 1907.

Judges: Scotch Fancy Canaries, Messrs. E. G. Wright (Edinburgh), and C. Berwick (St. Andrews); Norwich and Variety Classes, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Border Fancies, Henry Bennet (Kelso); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr). 48 Classes. 30 specials. Entries close December 2nd. Schedules now ready—

WILLIAM RUDDIMAN, Secretary, Hillbank, CUPAR, FIFE.

KILMARNOCK

Ornithological Cage Bird Society. **"CAGE BIRDS' PRIZE SCHEME."** Great Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Crest, Norwich, Borders, Mules, British & Foreign Birds.

Dec. 7th, 1907. ART GALLERY HALLS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK. Under the Patronage of Scottish Plainhead, Border Fancy, British Bird & Mule Clubs.

"CREST CLUB SHOW" will be held in conjunction. Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class. Cups, Gold Medals. 126 Valuable Specials. 68 Classes. Schedules now ready.

Secy., Wm. Watson, 49, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock.

HAMILTON Cadzow Oaks' Ornithological Society,

Annual Open Show.

Of Norwich, Crests, & Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Cage Birds will be held in the Town Hall, Hamilton, on **Saturday, December 14th, 1907,** Norwich Plainheads, 12 Classes; Crests, 2 Classes. Judge; Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen, Border Fancy, 13 Classes. Judges: Mr. Jas. Smillie, Kilmarnock and Wm. Haddon Hamilton. Mules, British and Foreign, 22 Classes. Judges: Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, and Mr. R. Farmer, Secretary of the S.B.B. & M. Club, 132 Specials, 2 Cups and Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Prize Money, **10/-, 5/-, 2/6,** entry fee, 1/6 per Bird. Open Specials free. Schedules can be had from **Richard Gadsden, Secretary, 19, May Street, off Bothwell Road, Hamilton.**

ROTHERHAM C.B.S. (C.B.U. Rules.)

Tenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds,

On Friday & Saturday, December 6th. & 7th.

Good Classification. Prize money guaranteed, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry 1/-. Special for every class. Judges: J. Hexon, Esq., Derby; W. Vardy, Esq., Bucknall, Huthwaite. Schedule ready, apply **J. C. HAYES, Secretary, 9, Florence Road, Masbro.**

ABERDEEN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

December 6th and 7th, 1907.

The best classification in Scotland, no cancelling or amalgamation. Abundant list of excellent Specials, and under the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club. Entries close 2nd Dec. Schedules from **W. B. MACKIE, 85, Fonthill Road.**

TIDESWELL Cage Bird Improvement Society.

Annual Show Dec. 7th. (Under C.B.U.)

For Cage Birds only. Prize money **10/-, 5/-, 2/6.** Entrance Fee 1/6. Cup for open classes. Judge: A. G. Davis, Esq. Schedules now ready. Entries close December 2nd. **Secs BAGSHAWE & SWARBRICK, Sherwood Road, Tideswell, Buxton.**

Don't forget Cage Bird Coupon Competition.

MIDDLETON O. S.

Show on Dec, 7th. 14 open classes. Judge: A. Hirst, Accrington. Schedules from, **R. Cowherd, 107, Higher Wood St. Middleton.**

SANQUHAR

Public Hall, **Dec. 7th, 1907.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits. Judges, C. Sneddon, Kirkham, Lancashire, and Henry Maidment, Low Row, Carlisle (for Poultry). Alex. Crawford, Blith, for Pigeons, and John Calderwood, Dumfries, for C. B. **Wm. MOFFAT, 15, Buccleuch Rd., SANQUHAR.**

DON'T FORGET

FORRES 21st Annual Show

Of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sat., Dec. 7th, 1907. Popular judges.

Schedules from **Wm. CUMMING, 4, Nicholson Pl., Forres**

ILKESTON and District OPEN CAGE BIRD SHOW.

(under C.B.U. Rules).

December 7th & 9th, 1907.

44 Classes. Grand Classification. No cancelling or Amalgamation of Classes. Numerous Valuable Specials. Judges: Messrs. R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton and J. H. Roe. Entries close Dec. 2nd. For Schedules apply—

THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, ILKESTON.

WATFORD Open to 20 miles radius

15th ANNUAL SHOW

Of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules. **Tuesday, December 10th,** Clarendon Hall, Watford. Judges: F. J. S. Chatterton, C. A. House, and Geo. Gardner. Entries close Nov 30th. Hon. Sec.: **CHAS. A. EDWARDS, 14, Prince Street, Watford.**

CHESTER SHOW

Under C.B.U. Rules.

December 11th, 1907. **8 Open Classes.** 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British Hard or Soft Bill. **Prizes 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6.** Judge: A. Wellings. Schedules from **A. J. REED, Hon. Sec., Abbey Buildings, Chester.**

READING and District Cage Bird Society.

Annual 30-mile Radius of Reading, and Members' Show of Cage Birds (Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). **Palmer Hall, West St., Reading. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.** Entry Fee (non-members) 1/6. 30 Classes. Record quantity Special Prizes (really worth having). Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Entries close Dec. 4th, none accepted later than Dec. 6th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/- and 2/6, guaranteed. For Schedules apply—

G. A. CHARLES, 4, TALFOURD AVENUE, READING.

CANTERBURY 37th Annual Show,

December 11th & 12th.

Open to Kent. No Amalgamation. C.B.U. Supported by the K.C.C.B. Association. Good classification. Judge—Mr. J. Dobson. Prompt payment of prize money. Entries close Dec. 3rd. **J. W. SARGEANT,** Hon. Sec.

FANCIERS! PLEASE DO NOT OVERLOOK

CARMARTHEN

December 12th.

(Under C.B.U. Rules.) 26 classes for Cage Birds. Judge: C. Houlton, Esq. No amalgamation. Full prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, if 5 entries. Entries close Dec. 3rd. For schedules, apply **J. FRANCIS, Sec.**

MELBOURNE **FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION 14th Annual Show,**

December 14th. Seven Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. H. ROE, Esq. Entries close Dec. 7th. Write for Schedule to—

J. HICKLIN, Hon. Sec., **Melbourne, Derbyshire.**

FRASERBURGH Ornithological Show.

Will be held **December 17 and 18.** Schedules from **A. GRANT, 76, Broad Street, Fraserburgh.**

PORTH and DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

First Annual Open Show, Dec. 12th, 1907.

(Under C.B.U Rules.) Judges—J. H. Payne and J. B. Evans. Grand Classifications. Specials every Class. **Entries close December 6th, 1907.** Schedules ready. Apply J. CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth. Ent. 1/6; prize money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S.

16th Annual Open Show, Dec. 13th & 14th 1907. Under C.B.U. 70 Classes. 100 Specials; Judges, Messrs. Battye, & Booth. Schedules ready shortly. W. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 17, Caton St., Old Trafford, Manchester.

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

GATESHEAD & DIST. C.B.S. (C.B.U. rules.) **DECEMBER 13th & 14th.**

Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (guaranteed). 74 open classes, 25 members. Valuable specials galore. 10 gs. Chall. Cup, gold mdls., &c. Under patronage, Nat. B.B. & M.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C. International contest, Cln. C.C., Crest C.C., N.C.C., H.C.N. & C.C. cup show, Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Northern B.B. & M. & F.B.C. Popular Judges: Messrs. Vardy, Robson, Gardner, Weston & J. S. Wilson. Schds. (ready shortly) sent to last year's exhibitors, others apply **Taylor and Grieve, 68, Edward St.**

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Hurry Up Fanciers.

(Under C.B.U. Rules). B. & C.B.B. & M.C. patronage. Fourth Annual Open Show. **Sat. Dec. 14.** Judge: H. W. Battye. Good Specials, good classification. Send at once for Schedule and give us a good entry. Apply **C. H. BARNWELL, 6, Providence Terrace.**

BURTON-ON-TRENT Cage Bird Society.

Annual Show **Dec. 14th, 1907.** (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judge: J. Bexon Esq., of Derby. Good classifications numerous specials, prize money guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 10th. C.B. comp. Schedules from the Hon, Sec. **A. EMERY, 239, Shobnall St., Burton-on-Trent.**

TREDEGAR SHOW. DEC. 27.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. £125 in Money, Cups and other Spls. Schedules ready—Sec., J. TURNER, Glanyrafon House, Sirhowy.

SEAHAM HARBOUR & Dis.

C.B.B.A. First Annual Open Show, DECEMBER 21st 1907.

(Under C.B.U. Rules). Grand Classification and all guaranteed money specials for each class and extra specials for each section. H. W. Battye, Esq., will judge. Entries close Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1907. Schedules from **J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec., 7, Sophia St., Seaham Harbour.**

MALTON (YORKS.) 12th Annual Show of Cage Birds. Dec. 26 (Boxing Day). Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. (Entries close Dec. 19th, certain). Schedules from **Geo. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.**

THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

The following Shows are held under Cage Bird Union Rules and may be supported by members of the Union.

Members are warned that they are prohibited from exhibiting at any show not appearing in this list, and which has not the Union's Rules published in the Schedules:—

Nov. 26.—Launceston (License).
" 27.—Pembroke Dock (License).
" 27, 28.—Cardiff.
" 28.—Goole (License).
" 28, 29.—Woolwich, F.A.
" 28. 29.—Jarrow.
" 29, 30.—Tregre nont (License).
" 30.—Eccles.
" 30.—Darlington C.B.S. (License).
" 30.—Wharton and Winsford.
" 30.—Ashington and Hirst.
" 30.—Littleborough.
" 30.—Tamworth.
" 30.—Hu hwaite and District (License).
Dec. 3.—Diss.
" 3, 4.—Folkestone (Licence)
" 4.—City of Birmingham.
" 4.—King's Lynn (License).
" 4, 5.—Bristol F.A.
" 4, 5,—Stockport B.F.A.
" 5.—Sidmouth (License).
" 5.—Haverfordwest.
" 6.—Falmouth (License).
" 6.7.—Hartlepools.
" 6, 7.—Rotherham.
" 6, 7 —Carlisle.
" 6, 7.—Cockermouth.
" 6, 7.—Wigan.
" 6, 7.—L.C.B.A.
" 7.—Middleton.
" 7.—Tideswell C.B.S. (License).
" 7, 9.—Ilkeston.
" 10.—West Herts (License).
" 11.—Chester.
" 11.—South Metropolitan.
" 11, 12.—Canterbury (License).
" 12.—Porth (License).
" 12.—Carmarthen (License).
" 13, 14.—Gateshead.
" 13, 14.—Pendleton and Salford.
" 14.—Burton-on-Trent (License).
" 14.—Harrogate (License).
" 17, 18.—Wellingborough.
" 20, 21.—Leigh and District.
" 21.—Seaham Harbour.
" 21.—Tideswell, poultry, &c. (License).
" 26.—Marazion (License).
" 26.—Truro (License).
" 27.—West Bromwich (License).
" 27.—Tredegar (License)
" 28.—Crook (License).
" 28—Baildon (Licence).

Licenses will be granted to approved Shows on application to the Secretary, who will also be pleased to hear from societies wishing to affiliate.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

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TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

TWITTERINGS.

Fanciers should see classification at Weybridge Show. Sec. H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.—(Advt.)

I find your paper, CAGE BIRDS, a great help to me, a novice, writes Mr. H. Spencer (Shepherd's Bush).

Many thanks for Coupon Prize, 10s., writes Mr. H. Warren Vernon (Teddington). I shall hope to win more yet.

Belfast (December 6th and 7th). 47 classes and a host of specials. Sec., R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

Mr. D. Jenkins' winning Buff Border Fancy at Swansea Show, has now, we hear, won fifteen first and special prizes.

Splendid specials at Weyhridge. Fanciers should communicate with the sec., H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.—(Advt.)

I have removed from 22, Manchester Road, Hyde to 73, Mansfield Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, writes Mr. Harry Foden.

Owing to scarcity of entries at Folkestone Show, they will be accepted till 25th inst., writes Mr J. W. Gambrill, the hon. sec.

Leamington Show report credits Loden with 1st, 3rd, and vhc, writes Mr. A. J. Soden; it should read Soden, myself being the winner.

The commission on the sale of exhibits at the London and Counties Show held last week was, we hear, sufficient to pay the judges' fees.

It was I who won 3, 4, vhc, hc in the British at South-West London Show, not Slade as reported, writes Mr. R. McLaughlin, Earlsfield.

Weston-super-Mare Show: Foreign vhc should have been myself, with a Siberian Goldfinch, and not Jones, writes Mr. J. J. Brain, Glastonbury.

We have engaged Mr. E. Hawthorn (Llandrindod Wells), to judge Rollers at Llanelly Show on January 14th, writes Mr. J. Simon the sec.

I have read CAGE BIRDS this last two years, and it is the best in the market, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, hon. sec. Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.

The new society in Coventry, writes Mr. G. Turrell, hon. sec. of the Coventry C.S., is not composed of, neither does it include any members of the C.C.S.

If the subscriber who sent us 3d. for a plate of Norwich Canaries will also send us his name and address, we shall be pleased to complete his order by return.

My address in future will be Sessay Wood, Pilmore, York, writes Mr. Thomas E. Nicholson, late of Hesk. I hope to show later when I get my aviary into working order.

I won 1st and special in Buff Green Yorkshires at Warrington Show, writes Mr. P. Clayton, Halifax, but owing to a mistake in catalogue it was accredited to Mr. Moss.

Fanciers should not forget Derby's Jubilee Show, writes Mr. W. H. Bamsey, the hon. sec. Entries are very short indeed, and I will accept to next Saturday's post, November 23rd.

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of Coupon Prize won by me, writes Mr. C. Osborn (Winston). My only wonder is that far more do not go in for your scheme.

Entries total 424, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. of the City and Suburban Show, including nearly 130 British birds, so that we look like having a very representative display.

I am shipping Canaries to Toronto, Canada, this week through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Taylor, Bradford. This speaks well, he says, for its circulation abroad.

It may be interesting for you to learn that my Goldie, vhc Palace, was sold to a man at the West Coast of Africa from report given in your paper, writes Mr. J. Kershaw, Llanrwst.

We have received an advertisement offering to exchange two pairs of Canaries for fowls, but the sender unfortunately omits to attach his name and address. Will he kindly rectify the omission?

Kindly thank all those who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. S. Denny, Burton-on-Trent. They were too numerous for me to answer. I had replies from all over the place.

Exhibitors at our last show and at Bramley, Chesterfield and Hoyland this year, writes Mr. J. C. Hayes, sec. Rotherham Show, will receive schedules this week end. Hope fancy will give us a record entry.

We regret to learn that that old and respected fancier, Mr. J. North, was not well enough to keep his appointment to judge Gravesend Show this week. Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford) was called upon to fill the vacant post. Fanciers will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Frank Pearson and Mr. George Knowles, of Rotherham, have joined in partnership, and will exhibit in future as Pearson and Knowles, Rotherham.

The handing over of the prize money and specials won at the London and Counties A.C.B. Show on November 23th, is to be made (vide "Club Notices") the occasion of a social evening, to which friends are invited.

Entries will be accepted up to and including November 24th, for the Y.C.C. of Ireland Show, to be held on the 28th and 29th inst., writes Mr. W. C. Shol dice, the hon. sec. Any entries after 24th inst. will be too late for acceptance.

We are holding a two-day show instead of a one-day, writes Mr. T. Clegg, sec. Bradford (West) C.B.A., as we can have the schoolroom for December 20th and 21st, the school breaking up for the Christmas holidays on December 19th.

Mr. R. Moore, of Coxhoe, writes that he has had the pleasure of seeing a pure Albino Yellowhammer, a buff, and clear as any Norwich Canary, which was bred this year and now is in the possession of Mr. R. Kell, of West Cornforth.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. H. West, Barnstaple. They were too numerous to reply to individually, which speaks highly of your paper. I have always had good results from CAGE BIRDS.

My birds arrived from Cambridge Show early the following morning, writes Mr. Geo. Francis, Lowestoft, properly packed (I sent them in brown paper), and looking fit for the next show. The committee, I think, are deserving of high praise for such promptitude.

Fanciers see the splendid classification at Jarrow First Annual Show and rally round and give us a bumper. Schedules ready; specials in every class, and additional specials, nearly all cash. Entries close 25th November. J. T. Carrick, sec., 44, Caledonian Road, Jarrow.—(Advt.)

I am neither a member nor an exhibitor, writes Mr. Cowper, therefore may he allowed to say how pleased I was at the excellent management seen at the Wakefield O.S. Show last week, which I attended. For a first show it was grand, and the officials deserve all praise.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Weedner, Stourbridge, as I had so many replies that it is impossible to communicate with all. I had replies from all parts of the country, which shows that CAGE BIRDS is a very valuable paper to advertise in.

Arrangements have been made, writes Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, sec. Bristol Show, whereby birds entered for both our show on December 4th and 5th and the L.C.B.A. on December 6th and 7th, will be forwarded direct by early train, if exhibitors will send labels for the L.C.B.A. with their exhibits.

At the recent Glasgow Show the yellow Norwich hen shown by that well-known fancier, Mr. Sandiford, of Preston, secured the medal given by the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club for best Norwich in the show, in addition to first prize. This makes the ninth first prize in succession that the bird has won.

Apropos of our recent reference to English-grown Canary seed, a correspondent, Mr. Wm. Simpson, of Londonderry, writes sending a sample of Canary seed gathered in that locality. It is a very fair seed, and our correspondent assures us that wild birds have been seen feeding on it all through the autumn.

Mr. J. C. Barnes wishes to heartily thank the many friends who have sent congratulations on his winning the challenge cup at Sheffield Show on November 8th and 9th outright (three years in succession). He thinks the latter fact no doubt accounts for so many fanciers sending along friendly expressions.

Messrs. Slade, Simmonds and Tyson have already won one of the 21s. specials of the Crested Canary Club, and therefore are not entitled to compete for any more during the current show season (ending with the Crystal Palace Show next February). There are still seven more in competition.—JOHN TYSON, sec.

There is a slight omission in your excellent and prompt report of the show of the Welsh National Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. Sciranac (London, S.W.). Your able reporter has taken note of my two Borders, 2nd and 4th in Class 29, but he does not give me the credit of ownership, and I am proud of my success in such high-class company. I cannot resist making a grateful allusion to the successful manner in which the Welsh National has evidently been managed, and is thus bound to secure the appreciated support of exhibitors in the future. As a matter of fact, my birds returned before I expected them, and as fresh as they left.

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The Derby "Jubilee" Show is to be opened on Tuesday, November 26th, at 2.15 p.m., by Mrs. H. H. Raphael, of Allestree Hall, the wife of the member for South Derbyshire.

Kindly thank all applicants for birds advertised last week, writes Mr. D. Pigg, Hemel Hempstead; they were very quickly sold. Have had to return money, and am unable to reply to all.

Our show on November 2nd, writes Mr. S. M. Clayton, secretary of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., was a splendid one. Birds were cleared away by 8.30, and all prize money paid first post Monday.

An Ox-Eye (Great) Tit was exhibited at the recent Morpeth Show by Mr. Dippie, writes our representative, who informed me that he reared two of them under a Border hen. Many noted experts say this cannot be done; how does this fit in? Perhaps Mr. Dippie may favour readers with his method, also an account of how his friend brought up a Skylark under a Canary.

Kindly thank the officials of the Hucknall C.B.S. for the way they returned my exhibits from their show, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, Ilkeston, as I received them the same night and in the pink of condition. I also received my prize money on the Monday. It is a pleasure to show with these chaps, as they get things settled up so quickly.

It will be welcome news to the Novice members of the Cinnamon Canary Club that Mr. O. Handt (a new member) has placed the sum of £2 with the secretary in order to see a better entry of Cinnamons at the forthcoming Palace Show, and he proposes 20s., 12s., 8s., for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most Novice points in Cinnamon classes, donor not competing.

Mr. John Wilson, of Workington, was for the second time returned at the head of the poll in the recent Town Council election. Mr. Wilson is a well-known exhibitor of British birds, having gained successes at many shows, including the Palace. He is a member of the N.B.B. and M.C., and judges the British and Foreign classes at the Cockermouth Show, on December 6th.

A treat for all lovers of birds will be the City and Suburban Society's Annual Show held to-day and to-morrow (November 22nd and 23rd), at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, off High Street, Marylebone, W. Easily accessible by rail, tube or motor-bus. Grand entry, both for numbers and quality, in Canaries, British and Foreign. Forget it, and you will regret it.—(Advt.)

At the recent Merthyr Show, that well-known local auctioneer, Mr. H. Seymour Berry, for the first time tempted the visitors to "bid up" for the selling and gift class exhibits. We are glad to learn that his efforts resulted in a goodly shower of the "golden eggs" the proverbial goose laid, which, doubtless, was more pleasing to all concerned than showers of the eggs of the barn-door fowl, however "goodly" they might have been.

I received cheque safely and beg to thank you, writes Mr. H. S. Davies (Llandilo). I feel pleased at having won the Foreign Birds Essay Competition. It came to me as a perfect surprise, as I did not think of winning, but simply set down my own experiences, thinking that they might prove a little useful to some novice friends. I can certainly tell you that had I known two such well-known experts as Messrs. Townsend and Finn were going to adjudicate on the essays I would certainly have thought more than once before sending. My sole intentions were to help other young fanciers, as I have been helped by our worthy friend CAGE BIRDS in the past.

A Wonderful Linnet.

I am sorry to report the death of my old favourite Linnet, which took place last Sunday, writes Mr. Geo. P. Pickering. I had him caged 21 years and 11 months.

Hybrid "No-Eggers."

Kindly accept thanks for giving my Canary-Bullie a place on the frontispiece of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mrs. M. H. Askham, Surbiton. I was very pleased to see her picture. It may interest you to hear my birds are samples of what can be done without any kind of egg food, for my birds have never tasted it.

Famous Fieldfare Changes Hands

I have disposed of my Fieldfare to Messrs. A. and W. Sinton, of Jedburgh, writes Mr. G. McWilliam, of Carlisle. It is just like parting with one of the family. I hope he may be as successful in his new home as he has been in the five years during which I have been exhibiting him.

Crests at Nottingham.

Mr. W. E. Greeves (Wrentham) writes: As always was, Crests and Crest-Breds at Nottingham were of the first order, and the best in the country. To win there is a guarantee to win anywhere. Although not so large in numbers as formerly, or rather the last two years, the high standard of Nottingham was the same.

Ormskirk Surprises Us.

Mr. T. H. Tiffen, hon. sec. Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., sends us the following cutting from the "Ormskirk Advertiser": A Canary (of the clear Norwich breed), belonging to Mr. Jeremiah Pooles, of the Union Workhouse, Ormskirk, is now about to hatch its twelfth sitting of eggs, within twelve months. The eleven previous sittings have produced forty-five birds, and so far not a single egg has proved unfertile. Such a record must be a remarkable one in the feathered world, at least so far as cage birds are concerned, and naturally the bird in question has been the object of much interest amongst local Canary fanciers.

SPECIAL LITERARY

SUPPLEMENT TO "CAGE BIRDS."

Many Articles of Great Interest, with Numerous Illustrations and a Lovely Coloured Plate.

The Management of the Birdroom.

Lecture before the Pendleton and Salford O.S., Oct. 14th.

By W. A. BLADON.

In these enlightened days, when so many people are writing on all sorts of subjects and on matters relating to birds, continually brought before us by the Fancy papers, I find it very difficult to put together anything which will prove either instructive or interesting; but inasmuch as the subject for our consideration is of the utmost importance to the well-being of our feathered pets, I venture to bring before your notice a few simple things that are necessary to fanciers who have a real desire to keep their stock in good health and condition.

What to Avoid.

I am of opinion that 9 out of every 10 of the ailments our Canaries are subject to, arise from the neglect to abide by, or the ignorance of a few simple rules which I think only want to be more widely known to be universally followed, and the observance of which will often save the lives of birds which have perhaps cost their owners many pounds of hard cash and many years of intelligent breeding.

Some years ago a writer in one of the Fancy papers said: It is curious, but it is true, that it is not always or even most often the novice that offends against the simplest laws of hygiene, but often those breeders of long standing, who have been at the game for many years, and who know how to produce winners. They are exceedingly careless in their management, and don't seem to care two straws whether their gems come from a clean room, well arranged and ventilated and fitted with well-made cages or not. No one need have a badly made cage, nor need his birds come from a dirty, unhealthy place, full of draughts, and fitted with cages which are inches deep in a sort of composition of dirt, husks, and mouldy egg-food. Can birds be expected to be healthy in a room of this description? They would if kept under such conditions be swarming with insects.

I have been in rooms where the birds have been A1, but where everything else have been less than 5th rate. A hasty glance at the birds has been quite sufficient to make one glad to get out of the room, aye, and out of the house, for you can smell some folks' bird-rooms at the front door.

There is nothing more horrible to me than to see the water, that some of the poor birds have to drink. I have been in some rooms where seeds have actually germinated in the water; it has been so long unchanged. The water ought to be frequently changed.

It costs nothing to keep the room right. To my mind birds lose half their charms if kept in a badly ordered room. But on the other hand, if you keep the cages and surroundings clean, they are always charming and a treat to behold. This class of breeders to which I have referred, scoff at modern ideas about health, and well boast that they can clean out their birds in ten minutes, where a careful man takes an hour. But, depend upon it, sooner or later outraged Nature takes the law into her own hands and produces a fever, or some other dire disease, and before anything can be done, the room is cleared out.

What to Do.

I would like you to particularly remember three things: The first essential in any bird-room, which has the slightest pretence to being well regulated, is absolute cleanness. The second essential is a good supply of pure water and good seed; and the last, but no means least essential, is a good system of ventilation, with an immunity from draughts, the most fatal of all conditions.

I will now endeavour to show how these essentials may be attained. In the first place, dirt most frequently arises from overcrowding, by which I do not necessarily mean too many birds for the room, but too many for the owner to give proper attention to. It is clear that if a man who has only time to attend to, say, five or six pairs of birds, insists on keeping double the number, the birds must suffer, and the direct result will be a smaller average of young birds per pair.

It is not at all uncommon to hear complaints from breeders who, after beginning with perhaps two pairs and getting about eight or ten young from each pair, have gone in for six or eight pairs, and have found they could not manage more than an average of two or three per pair, the reason being that they only expended the same time on the eight or ten pairs that they previously devoted to two pairs. Therefore I strongly advise keeping rather fewer pairs than you have time for than too many.

Every fancier, of course, has his own way of attending to his birds, but everything should be so ordered as to make cleanliness as easy as possible. There should be no complications. Single cages are the easiest to manage, being disinfected if required.

How to Feed.

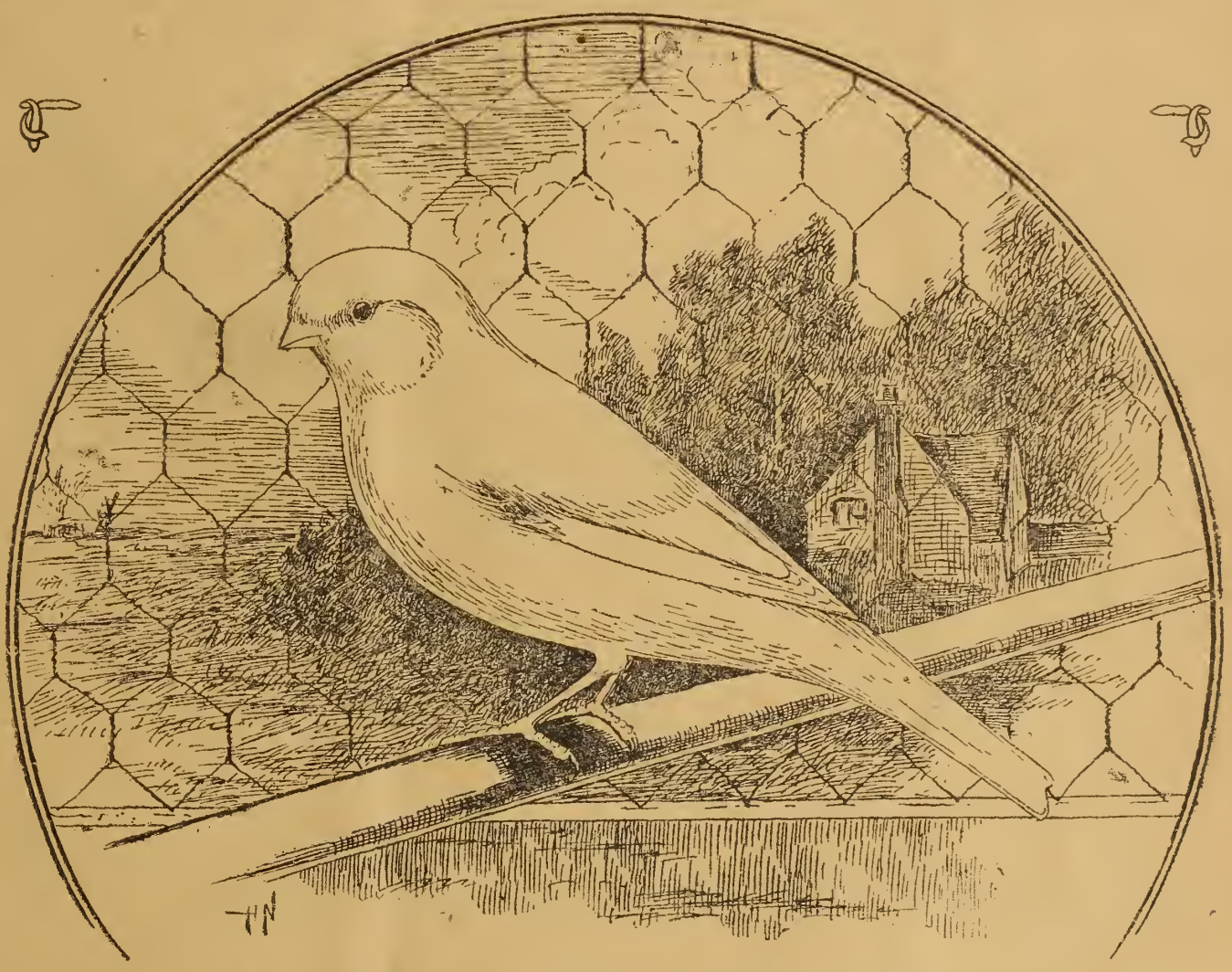
All seeds supplied to high-class birds must (not should) be of the very best. Canary seed should be of good size, plump, and sweet in taste; the small and red rape should be free from sharpness, and all seed should be carefully sifted before used. The seed hoppers must be emptied and cleaned every two days; it is surprising how soon dust accumulates in the hoppers if at all neglected. And the soft-food dishes should be frequently washed; a mere dry "wipe" is not sufficient.

When the breeding season is on, scrupulous cleanliness is even more essential, especially when young birds are about. Egg food must be given quite fresh as often as possible, and the dishes kept quite sweet and clean. Green food, of whatever kind, must be given dry and in small quantities at a time, and when giving fresh, take care to remove every particle of the last instalment that may be left about the cage, because if you don't, it is like getting a season ticket to diarrhoea, and a host of other troubles.

Water should be supplied in roomy glass vessels, not in closed-up fountains, which soon become foul, especially in warm weather. Fresh water must be given every day. Filling up glasses without emptying them first is a bad form of laziness, which will in time bring its own punishment. The water glasses should be washed in warm water at least twice a week, as they cannot be kept too clean. The water given to birds should not be too hard, and must be very sweet and pure.

One of the points which constitutes an integral part of a good bird-room, but a point which is lacking in the majority of rooms, is a good system of ventilation, without draught. The best way of securing this is undoubtedly by bringing in the fresh air either through the doorway or through a ventilator, low down in one of the walls, on the opposite side of the room to that nearest the cages, and carrying off the foul and heated air through the roof, where a place has been specially made for the purpose. This can always be arranged, but as by far the larger number of fanciers have to manage with a room in the house, and the landlord objects to having holes cut in his doors and walls, the ingenuity of the breeder has to be brought to bear upon this point. If there is a fireplace in the room, the front may be covered with ½in. netting, as this helps materially to keep the air pure. The rest must be managed by the window. A good plan is to replace one of the panes by a ventilator, with a two-sided cone outside to catch the currents of air, and a slide inside, made to open and shut. Or, if a sash-frame, a piece of wood 3in. wide fixed against the bottom rail of the lower sash; this will allow a current of air to pass between the meeting rails.

There must also be plenty of light, but the direct rays of the sun are not necessary or even beneficial; good roomy cages and a temperature that varies as little as possible go to make up a typical bird-room. Mr. Bladon, at the conclusion of his lecture, was asked a good many questions, which he answered with promptitude. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought the meeting to a close.



A NOTED WINNING YELLOW NORWICH CANARY.

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My Wryneck, and How I Treat It.

Practical Hints from a Practical Fancier.

By CHAS. BURROWS.

In writing these notes for readers of CAGE BIRDS—more especially for those who are just taking up the hobby of keeping Softbills—I intend to be plain. If I speak of the bird's leg I shall call it the leg, and so on, because I want to be of use to beginners.

My Own Beginning.

When I first started keeping British birds some years back now, I knew next to nothing concerning their requirements. I had to "sneak" my knowledge from one and the other—there was no CAGE BIRDS printed in those days. Neither, I must add, was the competition so keen at the shows, for any ordinary bird in good feather and condition could win, and we well know this is not so to-day.

A Mr. Smith of this town (Stratford-on-Avon) was in those days a most successful exhibitor of British Birds, and I never missed a chance of paying him visits—when he would have me. I well remember his speaking of "migratory fever" and the like, and wondering what it all meant! And often when looking at his aviary of bright-coloured Hardbills I would say to myself, "I will achieve the same as this yet." Well, and so I have.

Easily-kept Beauty.

Now for the Wryneck: it is a most beautiful bird, and quite easy to keep in comparison with some other smaller Softbills. My first Wryneck was hand-reared by myself, and the only one that lived out of a nest of five—because, I believe, I fed on hard-boiled egg and soaked ants' eggs. This food will not do. If anyone cares to rear this species from the nest, egg must not be given oftener than one day in five; it is "poison" to Wrynecks, old or young, given in large quantities.

To safely rear these birds you must visit the fields and gather the live ants' eggs from the ant-hills, which are plentiful at the time the young Wrynecks are ready to be taken. With these, and the help of any small insects you may come across, a few well-cleaned gentles and a little biscuit food, you will not loose a bird.

Childhood's Home and Food.

A wooden lard bucket is a splended thing to rear the nestlings in. Put a string net over the top, and cover the bottom with about two inches of coarse sawdust. As they get older, do away with the sawdust and give them the fine dry soil from the ant-hills, full of live ants and eggs. The birds will then soon be busy with their long tongues. Nothing beats the lard buckets to keep the youngsters in until quite able to find for themselves. Remember this point, however: they must be thinned out as they grow, leaving two only in each bucket.

The Budding Show Bird.

The next thing is to select out the largest and best marked bird, and give him special attention, with a view to making him into a show bird. There can be no question that this is the time to help him to grow—and it is only good food and attention that will do it. The same rule applies to Wrynecks as to all other birds: they must be kept clean. The live ants' eggs and the ants themselves will do wonders now. Give them in a tin, soil and all, just as collected. The bird will soon manage the sorting over, and enjoy it, too.

Mealworms, small beetles, and gentles will all be useful. Mealworms are expensive, so I use as few of them as possible. On the other hand I give gentles without stint; in fact, for 9 months out of the year my softbills have always gentles to go to. But these must be perfectly dry and clean.

Other live-foods my birds always have and enjoy are beetles and crickets. These you can get the year round. I have two beetle traps. One I place by an engine in a flour mill, and can always rely upon a supply from it of crickets and beetles. The other I have at a bakehouse, and with good results, too. Any baker will be glad to let you set your trap to catch his beetles, etc. There are always more small ones than large, and some very small. These I give to the Wrynecks, Redstarts, and the like, the larger ones going to a Shrike. The latter bird takes them in his claw and feeds like a Parrot.

You May Feel Too Chirpy.

Be sure and kill the crickets before you take them into the kitchen, or you will be "chirped" out of it! I know from experience. There are three months in the dead of winter when these beetles and crickets are most valuable. It is nearly everybody's aim to keep their Softbills as cheaply as possible through the winter, and I never use any of the ordinary stock food. I find it just as cheap my way, with the help of gentles, etc., and so much better. The Wryneck I feed on dry ants' eggs, just as purchased; but they are of the very best quality. When sending the bird to shows I always forward a supply with him, and a few gentles or mealworms. He is always in the best of condition on this food. The ants' eggs I get are a splendid sample.



Mr. Burrow's Well-known Winning Wryneck.

Troubles Surmounted and Not Surmounted.

A trouble met with in keeping Wrynecks is that as they get older, the top part of the beak grows over the bottom part, in the absence of the natural means for rubbing it off. A sure way of preventing this is to keep a piece of coarse sandpaper, about one inch wide, round each perch, close to the cage front, and fastened with small tacks underneath. The bird will then soon do the needful. But this means must be provided for it as soon as the overgrowth appears.

Another trouble, and one which up to now I have been unable to surmount, is the soft-moult Wrynecks are thrown into by sending them out to shows. They are at times in very warm show-rooms for two days, or thereabouts, and then have to make a long journey home in the cold. This does the mischief. As a result you find your bird dropping feathers when he has perhaps only a few months before fully moulted out.

The old bird may be easily caught when sitting on her nest, but not after the young are hatched. I know of one being caught off the nest and carried some distance to a farmhouse, where she went through the process of inspection by the whole household before being liberated. She returned to her nest, however, and hatched out the young. This nest was in an old railway sleeper used as a post and gone decayed down the middle. Just before the young birds were able to fly, they ran up and down the hole like so many rats.

Interesting Facts.

The Wryneck, during the spring and summer, is more often heard than seen, being of a shy nature. Anyone who has once heard its call-note will always know it again. Many times during this last summer I have heard the bird, but only on one occasion have I seen it.

The specimen I am showing this season is an extra good one, and as steady as a rock. Up to the present he has been little or no trouble, and always in tip-top condition. His wins are at follows: 1st and spl. Burnley, 1 and spl. Oxford, 1 and spl. Gloucester, 1 and spl. Stratford-on-Avon, 1, Chalfont St. Giles, 2nd Peterboro', 2nd Cannock, and 2nd Woodstock, all within a few weeks.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE GOLDEN ORIOLE.

The Golden Oriole belongs to a family of birds having many points of affinity with the Starlings, and with the Crows and Thrushes. The members of the family are mostly brilliantly clad, yellow and black and crimson and black being the prevailing tones. The Golden Oriole, as is conveyed by the name, rejoices in a beautiful suit of gold and black, to which bill and irides lend a touch of red. This pleasing colouration has its sad side, however, so far as the bird's connection with the British Isles is concerned, for it unquestionably constitutes its "death warrant" whenever it lands upon our shores—the unusual brilliance of the bird invariably leads to a charge of shot finding a lodging in its body, a result as deplorable as it is annoying to all true bird lovers. If it were not harassed and slaughtered as soon as seen, the Golden Oriole would, to all appearances, become one of our regular breeding birds. Indeed, that it has nested with us, in spite of persecution, the presence of immature specimens observed at odd times seems to clearly prove. *O. Galbula* is not unknown in most parts of England and Ireland, but is a very uncommon straggler into Scotland—to the Scilly Isles, and in Cornwall, it is a regular Spring visitor.

CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

We not infrequently hear of birds of the larger breeds becoming "groggy" after the moult. This is doubtless due to a certain extent to the system being overtaxed in producing their massive frames, perhaps on a diet which is more suitable for the production of "light-weight" varieties. These large varieties should invariably be fed more liberally with nourishing food during the period of growth than their small relatives. A larger proportion of rape should be added to the staple seed diet, or scalded rape may be given separately more frequently, and a little very coarse oatmeal, or rolled oats, or even a few short white oats given whole are also useful; and crushed groats and buckwheat is sometimes given as a little "extra," thrown in on the floor of the flights, and is doubtless of some value as a change. Exercise is an important item, and must not be overlooked. In these cases, again, cuttle-fish has a very decided value, as it provides a large amount of material for building up their massive frames. This method of treatment is infinitely better than having recourse to drug treatment. Still, when the weakness becomes apparent it is best to give a course of chemical food to help them temporarily over their trouble. But do not rely solely upon this as a permanent cure, but adapt the diet to the needs of the birds and pin your faith to that.

BIRDS BITING THEIR FLIGHTS.

A poor description this surely! Yet it will be sufficiently clear to those who have trouble with those badly-behaved Goldies, for it is these birds that are the offenders oftener, perhaps, than any other single species—who are constantly drawing the ends of their flights through the beak, until the extreme tip of the feathers become worn down to the shaft and twisted into a curl. Even when the web is not destroyed, it is curled and completely disfigured, so that it cannot always be made temporarily presentable by bathing and manipulation. In some cases it is due to the irritation set up by insects; in others it is the natural result of keeping an active and restless bird in too small a cage; while in practically all cases it soon develops into a habit that it is extremely difficult to eradicate.

As soon as one notices the habit beginning, the bird should be put into a fair-sized cage, a few short pieces of string being tied about the wires for it to unravel, and the tips of the flights smeared with something distasteful, but harmless, to the bird. Dipping the extreme tips in eucalyptus oil and then stroking as much away as will come off with the thumb and finger, is about the best thing I know, because most birds simply detest this oil. Its odour and taste are both very tenacious and lasting, so that it need only be applied about twice a week, and even if the bird consumed a trifling quantity it could do nothing but good. Neglect the habit at the beginning, and the best show bird may be utterly ruined

IMPERFECT FEATHERING.

Most fanciers have met with imperfect feathers at one time or another, which are popularly believed to be injured by red mite. They appear most prominently in the wings and tail and show very plainly when the new feathers are beginning to grow, having the appearance of being barred across the web with narrow dark streaks. If one of these feathers is held up to the light it will be seen that the web is imperfect, where these streaks occur, so that the light shows clearly through them. This probably first gave rise to the belief that they had been "nibbled" by mite. But it is doubtful whether this pest has anything to do with the feathers. The mite may indirectly help to produce them at times, but the chief cause is probably a chill, causing a check in the growth during the quill stage, or when the sheath is just peeling off the feathers. The bird's being weak and temporarily out of condition may also be a predisposing cause, and it is in this connection that red mite may play an indirect part in the matter, as these troublesome insects very soon drag a bird down in condition whilst the moult is in progress. Taking this chief cause in view, such feather should be fairly scarce this year, owing to the equable temperature that has mostly prevailed, and my experience is that they are not so common as usual. Of course, a bird that is badly affected is ruined for competition whilst they last, which under natural conditions would be until the succeeding moult. But either in the case of chills or weakness the remedy is obvious. The cause must be removed—chemical food is the best remedy for the weakly subjects—and then at the end of the moult the long feathers in the wings and tail may be carefully removed, when they will grow again in a perfect state. It goes without saying that this must be done, and the new feathers allowed to grow to maturity before the colour-food is discontinued.

Familiar Foreign Cage Birds for Beginners.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

(Concluded from page 210)

Almost forgotten.

I find I have been forgetting two delightful little birds, excellent both indoors and out—the Zebra Finch and the Bronze Mannikin. They are both very small—about Wren size—and the latter at first looks almost all black, except for some white below the breast. Closer inspection, however, will show the back to be dark brown, and reveal a green gloss in parts of the plumage. The sexes are alike, but the young are all light brown. Unlike other Mannikins, this species will breed well.

The Zebra Finch is, I believe, called in France the "Mandarin Sparrow," and somehow the name suits him, although he is Australian, and not Chinese. The gay patchwork style of his plumage and his lively self-assertiveness, suggest it at once. The general plumage is grey, with the bill and feet red, and some black and white bars at the root of the tail; but the cock's cheeks are bright orange, and he has a finely-pencilled breast and a chocolate band mottled with white along the sides. This bird breeds as freely in an outdoor aviary as the wild Sparrows do outside.

What's in a Name?

Another free breeder is a rather larger bird—the Cutthroat, sometimes called by the absurd name of Ribbon Finch by squeamish people. As the cock has a blood-red band from ear to ear, the sanguinary title commonly given is appropriate, however ghastly. The general plumage is of a light fawn, pencilled with black. The Cutthroat is rather a quarrelsome bird, and should not be kept along with small delicate Waxbills and so forth. In habits, like the Zebra Finch, it is rather Sparrow-like.

Curiously enough, few of the many Finches imported have any very close relationship with our British Finches or the Canary; but two of them come very near the latter bird—the Grey and Green Singing Finches. Both are very small, especially the latter, which is a little drab streaky creature with a wizened anemic look; but if you can pick out a cock, you get a very excellent songster. The Green Singing Finch is variegated with green and yellow, the hen being somewhat duller than the cock. It does not sing so well as the last, but is much more presentable.

The Solitary Softbill.

The Pekin Robin being, as I remarked some time back, the only really abundant softbill in the trade, this section does not call for much comment, and I have incidentally dealt with the treatment of this bird in the previous articles in this series. Two points, however, may be adverted in connection with this charming bird. The first is, that the idea that you cannot get any cock nowadays is incorrect; there are some to be picked up, but only about one in every four birds you buy, and the best way to sort them is to cage them all separately, when, if there are any cocks, they will soon sing in answer to the calls of their comrades.

The second point about the Pekin is that he is almost a certain homer, if he has a mate in captivity. You can let him out even in a London backgarden if you have a call-bird to lure him back, and you need not wait to let him learn the locality, as you have to do with pigeons. He knows his way about better than any bird of his size I know, and if this were more generally known the poor despised hens might find a sale as homers. In both sexes, however, this is a very pretty bird, with his coral bill, orange-streaked wings, and large mild black eyes. But when you decide to buy them, be early and avoid the crush. Most of our dealers let Pekins deteriorate sadly.

Parrots as Aviary Birds.

One does not often see the large Parrots treated as aviary birds, and it needs extra strong netting to keep them in. But as anyone may see who goes to the Zoo nowadays, they do remarkably well in aviaries. The species I should recommend to the beginner are the common Blue-fronted Amazon—the usual "Green Parrot"—and the even commoner grey and pink Rose-breasted Cockatoo or "Galah." Public park managers might well stock their aviaries with these, rather than with a lot of puffy, bad-bred domestic pigeons. Blue and yellow Macaws, by the way, have bred well in France in an aviary.

The Blithe Budgerigar.

Parrakeets, however, are the best of aviary birds, with their brilliant colours and active movements; besides which, so many breed well. The lively little Budgerigars are so well known as the fortune-telling birds that I am sure I need not describe them here. I may, however, mention that a yellow variety is now regularly bred and sold. Budgerigars are as hardy and prolific as sparrows. They need no nesting material, and the ordinary cocoa-nut husks are good nests for them. They are particularly jolly, lively birds, and the best of all aviary inmates.

The very common grey-headed Love Birds—of which the hen is all green, without the grey head, although similar in size—are not such nice birds, being wilder, more spiteful, and not nearly so ready to breed. Blue-winged Love Birds are nice little things, only the cock has blue on the wing, the hen being all green.

Some Common Parrakeets.

The Cockatiel—that pretty soft-grey Parrakeet with orange-red patches on the cheeks—comes next to the Budgerigar as a breeding bird. It has been known to lay even in a cage in a shop window. It is also an excellent bird for the aviary, as it is not spiteful like most Parrots. The hen is distinguished from the cock by her barred tail and duller head.

The Red Rump is a Parrakeet of rather smaller size, and with very different colouring; the male, green with a red patch on the back; the female, drab. This also breeds well, as does the gorgeous Rosella, as big as a Dove, and coloured red, green, blue, yellow, black, and white, both sexes being thus attired. Here is a bird well worth breeding and taking into the Fancy. It is not only handsome, but may with patience learn to talk.

Doves and Pheasants:

So far, our old friend the common collared Dove holds the field in this department, and, personally, I like him the best of all. The species is delicately coloured and graceful in form, with a pretty note. As for breeding, the great difficulty is to stop it. The only other dove really common is the barred Zebra Dove, much smaller, and a bird with very few recommendations, in my opinion. Doves are, of course, seed-eaters, and need soft food.

Pheasants are taking us dangerously near poultry; but I cannot forbear winding up this short series without a recommendation of the golden bird, the most gorgeous creature in the world, and a nice aviary tenant. He will live mostly on the floor, and pick up spilled seed, though, of course, he should have corn as well. If you want to get such a bird cheap, buy a few eggs and set them under a tame bantam, and you will have the satisfaction of rearing your own stock.

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A SUCCESSFUL YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

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The idea of holding an open show for this year was dropped altogether so as to give the members, many of whom had never been in a cage bird society before, a chance of learning a few of the wrinkles it is necessary to know before launching out into keen competition. In this respect the officials are to be congratulated on their efforts, for it was quite evident at the last show that some of the members had benefited by the lectures, etc., given by prominent breeders and exhibitors. A series of five shows was arranged, and the president kindly consented to give two gold medals, one each for Champion and Novice Sections, and also a nice donation towards the money specials. This, with the generosity of Mr. A. Farrar, who made a present of a gold medal, another medal from the Society, and £4 in money specials, gave the members a splendid send-off. The competition has been decidedly keen so far, especially among the novices, and some rare sport has been witnessed.

The entries for the three shows that have been held so far, average just over 77 birds per show, not a bad start for a new society, and in all probability the next two shows will see more still, as both will very likely top the century. A remarkable feature about the last show was that in two of the classes the novices carried off premier honours. These shows have been very instructive to the members, and many of them have shown good progress in the exhibition of their birds.

For the social welfare of the members a few rambles to country places were arranged during the summer time, which proved very interesting to all those who took part in them, and this idea is one that will not have to drop, as the ladies had some very enjoyable outings, and are loud in their praises of the catering. Special mention must be made of the first ramble, as Mr. H. J. Chittenden accompanied us, and the information he gave us about wild birds made the outing all the more interesting. The members were so well suited with him, that we got a promise from him to open our winter syllabus of lectures on October 1st, with his experience with Hybrids and British Birds, a most fascinating lecture. Then again the number of members and friends (110) who went on the rambles was very encouraging. We look forward to increased interest in this respect; and another fact we must not lose sight of is they have done much towards paving the way for friendly intercourse. They have, indeed been a decided success, and I, for one am satisfied that they achieved results which might have otherwise have taken years to accomplish.

As for the more serious business that we have to face during the winter months, a suggestion was made that we should try and run a winter syllabus of lectures and social evenings during the winter session, and a sub-committee was formed, comprising the two vice-presidents and secretaries, to draw this up. The result has been splendid, and it only remains for the members to give the same support as they have done at all previous meetings, and they will have the satisfaction of writing success behind this feature as well.

The syllabus is a varied one and will take a lot of beating, as some of the most successful breeders and exhibitors are giving us the benefit of their experience in the cultivation of Canaries. Then there is a washing exhibition by one of our well-known Yorkshire judges; a smoking concert that will take a rather novel form; a judging competition; a washing competition; and last, but not least, a supper and concert in connection with which we are having the distribution of prizes, won at our members' show. The latter event we want to make a really successful affair, as it will mark the first milestone in the history of our society, a year's work which we have a right to be proud of. There will be a capital concert, and during the interval the prizes will be presented.

In concluding this article I should like, on behalf of the society, to thank all who have so willingly helped us in our efforts. Their ready help and interest have made it all so much easier for us. Perhaps at some time fortune will favour us with the opportunity of showing our approval of their efforts.

A large number of our members are new beginners in the Fancy, and that is one reason why we are making such a bold bid to interest them with arranging lectures, etc. They are coming forward splendidly, as each lecturer will admit who has been amongst us. The many questions and the deep interest taken in the lecturer's remarks, all augur well for the next upward move we shall make, namely: Affiliation to the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies. This will mean increased responsibilities in the general welfare of our society, but we look forward hopefully to that event, and although there are societies in it which have been together for years, we hope to rank alongside them and make one more strong link in the chain of unity that binds the great Union of Societies together.

I would also like to thank Cage Birds for the manner in which it has dealt with us, for its courtesy in dealing with our correspondence, and interest it has always shown in our proceedings. It demands the highest praise we can bestow. In return for this kindness, I hope members will patronise Cage Birds whenever they can do so, for I feel sure its staff take the deepest interest in all that appertains to the welfare of our feathered pets. May it live long and enjoy increasing prosperity is my sincere wish.—H. Hill.

AN AVIARY OF BIRDS OF PARADISE.

In the Zoo new bird-house they recently had no less than five species of Birds of Paradise, including hens as well as cocks of the little "King" bird. They all look like doing well; two, indeed, those kept in the insect house, have been there for years, and the others have been brought over under the care of that excellent avieulturist, Mr. Goodfellow. I saw the food which had been given to these in the cages they came in, and it consisted of biscuit or bread, egg, ants' eggs, dried flies, and fruit. They are really quite easy birds to keep.—

F. Finn, F.Z.S.

The Management of Some Rare Insectivorous British Birds.

By S. W. BIRCHLEY.

Having received a number of queries lately from one part of the British Isles and another, and feeling I cannot do too much to encourage this most fascinating hobby, I have come to the conclusion that to write a few lines in our paper, CAGE BIRDS, will be my wisest plan, as the matter can then be kept and referred to from time to time if required.

Their Superiority Upheld.

For the life of me I cannot think how it is so many ardent fanciers ignore the beautiful insectivorous birds, and go in for "Hardbills" in preference, for where "Hardbills" have only one thing in their favour (viz: they are more hardy generally), the "Softbills" are far more fascinating, more docile, and more beautiful to look upon. Out of the 537 applications I had for my birds (when I was compelled to relinquish the Fancy through removal), not a quarter of them were applications or enquiries for the beautiful species I am dealing with.

Why this is, I cannot say, as there is no getting away from the fact that the "softbilled birds" at any show are the whole and sole attraction. And mind you, they are in those cases attractive to the rank outsider, who in all probability cannot tell the difference between a Stonechat and a Robin. In my poor opinion the reason for the popularity of the Softbill birds is their delightful movements from perch to perch, their great silkiness of feather, and last, but not in any way least, their magnificent colours. As far as I am concerned, I would lay myself out to do anything in my power to further the exhibiting of these delightful pets, and if anything can be suggested which I am in a position to do, I shall be only too delighted.

I have made a life-long study of these birds in their wild state, and have never regretted—or shall regret—the hours spent in quest of the haunts and foods of these species. Can any reader tell me that the song of the Hardbill is to be compared with the delightful little chorus that comes from the Lark, the Meadow Pipit, and the Nightingale, and others?

No end of fanciers have said to me, Your birds are beautiful; how do you keep them in such a condition? Well, the whole fact is this, it is astounding what you can do if you only try, and when once you have "got your hand in," if you do not forsake your Hardbills you certainly will not forsake your Softbills.

I run round my birds (I have nearly 70 all told) in a remarkably short space of time. How is this? you ask. Because I have got quite used to the job; it works like clockwork! Exactly, the same thing applies to others, and I find them very little, if any, more trouble than Hardbills. I openly admit that their menu is, perhaps, more varied, and costs a little more. But what of that, if you are winning sufficient to pay for their keep?—which you should have no difficulty in doing if you have a few at first, and keep them in perfect condition.

Advice to the Uninitiated.

I advise a beginner to start with such birds as the Redstart, Meadow Pipit, Tree Pipit, Wheatear, Lesser Whitethroat, Redbacked Shrike, Blackcap, etc. I mention these because they are cheapest to obtain and fairly easy to keep, and, withal, if they are good specimens of their respective species they will invariably be in the money; that is, of course, providing they are nicely staged and in good condition. I shall most earnestly watch the reports of the shows, and every fancier who tries his luck with these attractive little mites will have my hearty wishes for his success. Below I endeavour to give a few lines of instructions as to the feeding of almost every small Softbilled Britisher, from the Gold Crest to the Wryneck.

In the first place, the greater portion of these birds are migratory, they come here in the Spring of the year and leave in the fall. But what I particularly want to point out is the right time for obtaining your birds, viz., the Autumn—at any rate when the breeding season is over, as you will invariably find that birds caught in the Spring and Summer pine and die, they being at that time either in the midst of their matrimonial affairs, or at nest.

With regard to their mating off, place your bird in a gauze-fronted cage as long as possible, and with plenty of perches. Serve, say, a dozen live mealworms in a shallow vessel, and put water by the side of the food. If you find he does not eat the mealworms an hour after you have placed them in the cage, I should advise you to adopt this plan, viz.: Cut three or four mealworms in half, and by means of a pointed match stick, very carefully open the mandibles and place the pieces of mealworm (one at a time) as far back in the throat as possible, and allow the bird to swallow them. He will soon become reconciled to captivity. When once he is well on mealworms, make up a little soft food consisting of dried flies, ants' eggs, and biscuit, all of the best possible kind; add a little hard-boiled egg and grated raw carrot, and place in the cage with the mealworms on the top. You will find that by gradually reducing the number of mealworms he will slowly but surely take to this diet and keep a picture of health if properly attended to.

In watering your bird, you will find that by dipping the finger of the right hand in the water and just touching the side of the bill with it, the moisture of the mouth will draw the water in. This is the kindest way possible to administer it, as it does not make the bird pant as other methods do. I have caught and reared nearly sixty birds this summer, and have only lost three.

The Interesting Hoopoe.

Taking the Hoopoe as a cage bird, I really know no more interesting and beautiful bird among our larger species than this, although it is only very rarely seen in this country. Some countries are well favoured by its occasional visits, for one was shot at Cranham, a few miles from here, quite recently, and it has also been seen in the Forest of Dean, where it is reported to have bred. But how far this statement is true I cannot say. It is a thousand pities these rarer birds are destroyed by powder and shot. It seems to me that immediately they cross from the Continent to our shores, they are practically shadowed to their death.

I have kept one for several months, in perfect health, and was very loath to part with it at the time I disposed of my stock, for it was a very fine specimen, and one that had a great future before it on the "bench." It is very necessary that the tray of this cage should be deeper than that of the ordinary cage, so as to provide good depth of material for the bird to thrust its bills into; otherwise it will be likely to injure its bill when continuously hammering the bottom of the cage.

Some say that it is wise to give it its food under this material, but I cannot altogether hold with the argument, as the bulk, if not the whole, of the food is of a live nature; hence, if its owner is not a man of unlimited means, it becomes a most expensive bird to keep. I have experimented a good deal on my late charge, and after carefully watching the bird as regards health, I found nothing that would keep it so robust as "live food," viz., small earthworms, gentles, mealworms, etc. If given in a round tin, some 1½in. to 2in. deep, in the bottom of the cage, free from any covering, he would pick them up as he wanted them, give them a crack with his beak, and toss them up in the air and catch them far back in the throat . It is really wonderful that he never misses one; although I have watched him for half-an-hour at a time I have never known him to miss. I cannot record that I have ever seen this bird drink, but at the same time I don't think it is at all advisable to leave the bird without water, as it may be necessary at times for it to have some. One peculiar thing about the Hoopoe is the wonderful silkiness of its feathers, and although this bird will not bathe, he keeps himself in superb condition by continually wallowing in the sawdust or sand which lies at the bottom of his cage.

The stock cage should not be less than 30in. long by 18in. wide, and 27in. high, with perches half-way between top and bottom. Have no perches but the two centre ones, as he is a bird that loves to roam about a lot, and if other perches are in his way, he may damage his delicate plumage.

Another Rare Visitor.

Leaving the Hoopoe, I will next endeavour to give you a few lines on the Golden Oriole, which is also a rare bird in this country, although I have heard that one has been seen for two summers in succession at Minsterworth, about 5 miles from Gloucester. As to the correctness of this report, I cannot definitely speak, but this was made known to me by a gentleman who can be relied upon for accuracy. I have heard it said that it loses its beauty in confinement, but if properly catered for and kept clean, I really cannot hold that this argument will apply, as my specimen was probably 10 shades lighter when it left me than on the day when I purchased it (I openly admit I colour-fed it) and was then a beautiful colour

One thing I find the Oriole is subject to, if not carefully watched, and that is, swollen feet. Unless plenty of vegetable matter is placed at its disposal, it is sure to suffer more or less from this disease. With the exception that it is rather a dirty bird in the cage, I know nothing against it as a pet. I should strongly advise its keeper to clean its tray at least every two days, as it is apt to drag its tail when walking, and hence soil it if the cage is at all dirty.

One very peculiar thing I have noticed about this beautiful bird is that it is not an advocate of the bath, for although I have given it baths frequently, it did not seem to enjoy the thought of a tubbing, and had I kept him, I should have resorted to hand-washing, as I had to do with my Shrike, till I taught him the way to attend to his own toilet

As regards food, I found this bird very fond of all insect life, particularly mealworms, and he can be got very steady by offering them as a "tit-bit." As a staple food, you can hardly beat the ordinary Softbill mixture, but on no account forget the supply of fruits, such as ripe pears, bananas, strawberries, cherries, etc., in season.

The Great Grey Shrike.

Lastly, but not least, I will speak of the Great Grey Shrike, a bird I am particularly fond of, and the two I have had in my possession have been excellent specimens.

It will be noticed that the beautiful clear white and dense black are not perfect on the younger birds, but as they get older, so the colours get more pure. As a rule, a three-year-old bird is as pure as one can desire. I have heard and read that this bird is most difficult to steady, but for my own part I have found him just the reverse. The specimens I had proved to be most docile and quite fearless until it came to the "tubbing." This they did not like; but I persevered, and as a result they ultimately bathed themselves rather than be so treated by me.

The diet of this species should consist of practically all fresh meat, viz., small birds, mice, and a small portion of beef; too much of the last-named is apt to cause fits by the over-heating of the blood. When you are compelled to resort to such "big game" as Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc., I advise you to peg them on a nail (projecting out of the perch), as he cannot lift up such large bodies. I have read that the Shrike never holds his food in his claws. This I can flatly contradict, as not only the Great Grey Shrike, but also the Redbacked Shrike, are apt to do so, if they get something that is small enough to hold with comfort; for instance, a small mouse, or a bird's head, either of which they will hold in this way, as apparently to their mind it is too hard work to pull at the nail when they have such dainty morsels to deal with.

Truly marvellous is the quickness of the eye of this species. Try him with a live mouse, and before it is barely inside the cage, "Jack" has him by the scruff of the neck and he is dead in a "tick." You will need to keep the Shrike very clean, as, like the Oriole, he is apt to be dirty in his cage. Otherwise, I consider him as perfect a pet as one could desire to keep.

In concluding this article, I hope that anyone who endeavour to try their luck with these birds, will meet with ultimate success. I am hoping to commence again in the Fancy at an early date, when it will be my endeavour to succeed in placing on the show-bench such species as the Rose-coloured Pastor, Kingfisher, Dipper, etc.



A RARE VISITOR.
The Hoopoe (*Upupa epops.*)
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HONOUR TO A GLASGOW BIRD LOVER.

Presentation to Mr. T. Smith, Secretary of the Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A.

On November 15, the members and friends of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A., met in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street, Glasgow, and honoured their Secretary, Mr. T. Smith, by presenting him with an excellent likeness of himself, and a gold watch for his daughter (who acts as his housekeeper). Mr. R. Wright, the esteemed President, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Hart, the Honorary President, Councillor Hogg and Mr. Renwick, Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Fleming, Secretary Southern Albert O.A. Mr. Maxwell (Falkirk), Mr. Strathcarn (Alloa), Mr. McClure (the noted breeder and prizewinner), Mr. Baxter, the well-known judge, and the guest of the evening.

The chairman apologised for not being up to the mark, having had an attack of influenza, and having sustained a shock in the passing away of his dear friend, Mr. H. Chalmers, of Greenock. He stated he could not, however, keep from appearing to honour his colleague, the Secretary, with whom he had stood side by side since the inception of the Open Derby.

Councillor Hogg, of Oakley, was called upon to make the presentation, which he did in admirable style, his speech being very neat and racy, and interspersed with lively anecdotes. He paid very high compliment to the manner in which Mr. Smith had discharged the duties of Secretary, having borne almost the whole weight and burden of the carrying on of the Association. Tracing the rise of the Society, he told of the "hue-and-cry" which years ago was heard all over the country about the decay of the Scotch fancy canary, and of the different state of things which now existed. He had greater opportunities than most men of gauging the failing of the fancy, and this year he had not heard a single remark as to decay; on the other hand it was "where can I buy a good Scotch fancy?" The demand greatly exceeded the supply, which he regarded as a most pleasing turn in the career of the Scotch fancy canary. He ascribed this pleasing state to the energy of their guest that evening, who not only conducted the affairs of the Derby, but was very ready with his pen to help the fancy at large. Mr. Hogg closed by paying a high tribute to Mr. Smith, who had done the work without pay or fee, and therefore it was right and proper that he (Mr. Smith) should be recognised. He felt sure that Mr. Smith would be pleased with the portrait, and that his family would prize it as a heirloom. He then gracefully handed over the picture with his best wishes of the donors, and the hope that Mr. Smith would be long spared to look upon it.

Mr. Smith in reply said:

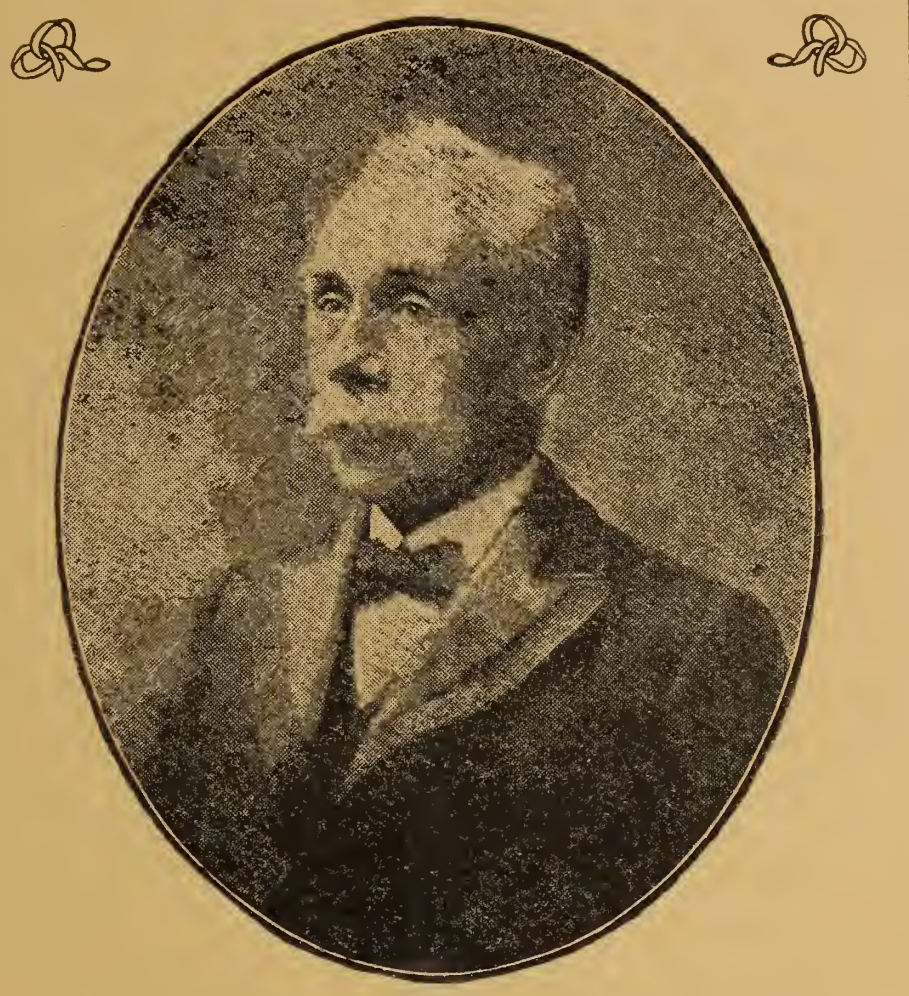
Mr. Chairman, Councillor Hogg, and gentlemen, I am overwhelmed with all the kind things that have been said. To be honoured by any association is a great thing, but to be honoured a second time within the space of four short years is in my opinion far too great a kindness to shower upon any one individual. Had my feelings willed it we should not have been here, but I had to bow to the stronger will of your committee—they would not listen to any words of mine—and I am here a pressed victim of your boundless generosity. I have not distinguished myself sufficiently to justify such a handsome portrait; the only reason is that I have endeavoured in my humble way to carry out the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. Ten years ago several gentlemen realising the danger in which the Scotch fancy Canary stood, came to the conclusion that an aid to the preserving and developing of that noble bird, which has been brought to its present perfect state by much care and thought, would be to bring about a show of young Scotch fancy canaries at the opening of the show season. Accordingly, to our worthy friends you owe far more than to me; I refer to our Honorary President, Mr. Hart; the President, Mr. Wright; and the Vice-president, Councillor Hogg; and others. This work was entered upon earnestly, and as the outcome we had on the 21st September last, the largest and finest collection of young Scotch fancy Canaries ever brought together. The success of that day was in itself ample reward for services rendered.

Judges sometimes make a mistake, but I do not recollect this at the National Derby Show. I think that is the chief cause why we have had an agreeable and contented membership. Our membership in Scotland covers a wide area. The Executive have always done their utmost to run the Show on sound lines. The Scotch fancy canary has passed through a crisis, particularly in the exhibition world, but there are the fullest signs of its survival.

It is not the production of good birds and the adding of members that will keep our favourite cage bird alive, but bringing to the annual show the product of our labours—each member doing his utmost to further the best interests of the Association.

Since December, 1903, as I have taken the time recorded on this beautiful gold watch, I have been reminded of your kindness, and as I shall daily come into contact with this speaking likeness, I shall be doubly reminded of the generosity of a wide circle of friends; and so long as I am spared I shall highly prize these treasures. The handsome gifts are endeared most of all by the kindly feeling behind them. I sincerely thank the donors and friends who have contributed to this red-letter day in my life, and I recognise in it a call to labour on—my experience is that work is not weariness, if work is loved.

Not content with what has been done, in your goodness you enhance the pleasure of this event by recognising my daughter. This beautiful watch will encourage her and help to reduce the little disputes we sometimes have as to the number of inmates of our home.



MR. THOMAS SMITH, Secretary Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A.

It is well-known that fanciers delight in being surrounded with company. I would have preferred Miss Smith to have come forward herself, but by your arrangement you have excluded the fair sex from the gathering.

On Miss Smith's behalf I have to thank the donors most sincerely for the very handsome present; it will be prized and treasured as her richest possession.

Mr. Fleming ably and eloquently proposed the toast of the visiting friends, coupled with the name of Mr. Fulton. Mr. Fulton said he was taken at a disadvantage. He had no knowledge of birds but having known Mr. Smith for thirty years, he had pleasure in testifying to the high esteem in which he was held by a large circle of friends. He gracefully returned thanks on behalf of visiting friends, whom he was pleased to say were enjoying themselves.

Mr. Porteous proposed the toast of the artists, Messrs. A. and G. Taylor, Sauchichall Street, and voiced the opinion of those present in saying it was a perfect likeness.

A most enjoyable evening was spent with song and sentiment, by Messrs. Cough, Baird, Donaldson, Einslie, Lantry, Muir and Joliffe, the meeting closing by the hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman for the able manner in which he had presided. The success of the event was due to the indefatigable efforts of the joint secretaries, Councillor Hogg and Mr. Porteous, and was held to reflect every credit upon them.

Hints to Novice Exhibitors.

By J. C. BARNES.

Now that the show season is with us again, a few hints may be useful to novices with reference to various items which one must attend to minutely if success is to be attained on the show bench. Having had the privilege of visiting many shows during the winter months, observing at the same time the many errors made by new beginners, I wish to draw their attention to a few of the latter. Competition nowadays is so very keen that no stone should be left unturned towards achieving success—your motto should be: "What's worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Curled Neck Feathers.

First, I think most important of all is the washing of the birds for exhibition. I have often seen grand birds standing cardless because their toilet had been ill-done. In the majority of cases, I have noticed that the neck feathers have been either curled or very rough in appearance. This is brought about by the fancier holding his fingers too tightly round the neck of the bird when washing, and when neck feathers are once disarranged in this manner, it takes a deal of rectifying.

When tubbing your birds, therefore, take heed. Hold the bird firmly by the body, but not so tightly as to injure it. Keep the neck as free from pressure as possible. A bird that has its neck feathers curled is a kind of eye-sore, and stands a very remote chance in decent competition. Birds should be washed at least 5 days before being shown.

Soap and Bathing.

Another mistake often made by the beginner is to leave a certain amount of soap in the bird's plumage, and by so doing to cause the feather to appear some what elogged and wavy, spoiling the finish of the bird. After you have washed your birds, do not be afraid to rinse them well with fresh clean water; it will not hurt them, providing you allow them breathing space.

It is always advisable to spray the birds every morning previous to the show day, as this assists in clearing away any soap that might possibly have been left in the feather; it also acts as a conditioner.

Many birds appear slack and rough about the thighs. In most cases this can be made right by the bath, the pan being hung to the cage front. Bathing is a conditioner and a tightener, and the amount of good resulting will repay you for your trouble.

On Acquiring Condition.

It is the usual thing to assist Nature somewhat with exhibition birds, in order to secure that high condition necessary for the show bench.

Some fanciers favour solids, others liquids. A little maw seed mixed with the ordinary egg and bread, or egg and biscuit, at the rate of half a teaspoonful per bird every day, is most useful. Another recipe, which I can strongly recommend, is as follows: 1 gill best port wine, ½lb. honey, and ½oz. citrate of iron and ammonia. Place the wine in a saucepan, heat it, and put in the honey; stir well until dissolved, and then add the citrate of iron and ammonia. Mix well together, and see that all the citrate has dissolved. When cool you can bottle up, corking well; it is then ready for use at any time.

I give this mixture in the following manner: To the ordinary egg-food add just enough to make some fairly moist, but not over-wet. To each bird give half a teaspoonful every other day. The wine is strengthening, and the citrate stimulating, the honey acting nicely on the bowels. You can give this with every faith, and you will find that, when the birds have been treated to this tit-bit for a short time, they will appear in the best possible trim. It can be given to all varieties of birds with equal advantage. It is not fattening, so that such birds as Yorkshires, which are required to be kept slim, will take no harm from it whatever. I have used this mixture for a long period now, and find it most efficacious.

Concerning Dirty Cages.

Dirty cages tell very much against a show bird. I fancy I can hear someone say: "Oh, it's not the cage they judge; it's the bird." That is all well and good. At the same time, if you were to have two birds of equal merit before you, one in a nice clean cage, with clean perches, etc., and the other in a dirty, neglected cage, with soiled perches and the like, which, think you, would have the preference? Most certainly the one that appeared clean; hence my warning against dirty cages.

Good birds deserve good cages, and even inferior birds look better when staged well. A man who has quality specimens and stages then in a lackadaisical style, reaps a poor reward (for which he is not to be pitied). Stage your birds well, it will pay you.

The fixing of cage labels is an item over which there should be more uniformity. I have seen labels fastened to cages in all manner of ways; some tied on the top, others on the right side, others on the left, etc. The best way is (say you are showing Yorkshires), on the top wire of the cage over the waterhole. If you are exhibiting birds in a box-cage, such as Norwich, Crests, Cinnamons, and so on, tie the label on the left, on the wire cross-bar, about three wires from the side of the cage.

On no consideration colour your perch ends; let them be free from any such markings. Suspicion is often aroused in cases of this kind. Steer as clear from such objectionable matters as possible. In very few cases nowadays, I think, are perch-ends coloured for a certain vile purpose, and when showing honestly one is touched on a very tender spot when attention is drawn to your "embellishment" by someone who perhaps "thinks things."

Use for the bottom of your show cages Canary seed only. Do not use husks, sawdust, sand, or chaff.

Be above board in all you do; act straight, and keep a clear conscience. Try to win by all means, but win fair.

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THE LIST OF QUESTIONS.

PURCHASING AND PAIRING.

(1) If you were asked to advise a beginner as to the purchase and pairing of birds to breed exhibition Yorkshires, what advice would you give?

INTRODUCING FRESH BLOOD.

(2) In matching the following year would you recommend the introduction of fresh blood? Give reasons for and against.

DOUBLE-YELLOWING AND DOUBLE-BUFFING.

(3) Are you of opinion that any advantage is to be gained by double-yellowing and double-buffing?

EFFECT OF DOUBLE-YELLOWING.

(4) There is a general impression that double-yellowing results in a reduction of size. Is this your opinion? Do you think that the difference is in feather only, or does it affect bone or substance?

CHOICE OF COLOUR.

(5) Do you prefer breeding with a yellow cock to buff hen, or vice versa?

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?

(6) Do you recommend that the cock be taken from the hen while sitting? If so, when would you put him back, and what are the advantages or disadvantages of such a course?

TWO WIVES OR ONE?

(7) Are you opposed to the use of two hens to one cock? If so, please state why.

FEEDING THE YOUNG.

(8) How do you feed from hatching up to six weeks old?

EARLY BIRDS OR LATE BIRDS.

(9) In your opinion are the best results obtained in the latter part of the breeding season or in the early part?

TOO OLD AT ——?

(10) At what age do you consider Yorkshires breed their best specimens?

THE CHICK IN THE SHELL.

(11) What is the longest period that fertilised eggs may with safety be kept from under the hen?

INFLAMMATION IN YOUNG BIRDS.

(12) How do you account for the so-called inflammation of the bowels from which so many young birds die? How may it be avoided, and what remedy do you recommend when it does occur?

TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA.

(13) What, in your opinion, is the best method of training young Yorkshires to get them steady and used to the show cage?

WHO IS TO BLAME?

(14) Is it your experience that the hen is responsible for type and quality, and the cock for colour and size?

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

(15) Do you consider that classes should be provided at all large shows for even-marked birds?

TICKLISH!

(16) What is your opinion of the present standard as laid down by the Y.C.C.?

THE VALUE OF PEPPER.

(17) Do you not think that a well-fed even-coloured bird should take more than a five-point precedence of an unfed bird equal in other respects?

WE WONDER!

(18) How many years would it take, commencing with the Belgian, Norwich and Lanshire birds, to breed birds similar to the winning Yorkshire of to day?

Mr. H. W. Battye replies:

(1) Select a man in whom confidence can be reposed, and he will tell honestly what is necessary to be known of the ancestry of the birds required. He should be known to breed a fair average of typical birds. Tell him what you can afford to spend on, say, two to six pairs, which I should select as follows:—Buff hens, in which you might sacrifice a bit of size if extra good in style, figure, or position, and cocks big enough to make up for what the hens lacked in size, even if they were not so fine in feather. One of each pair should be ticked or marked, as nothing ruins colour of birds more than running clears together. Make a special point of having birds well upon legs, as this is of vital importance. Best type, the closest of silky feather, and all else needful to make up a good Yorkshire will not atone for lowness on leg.

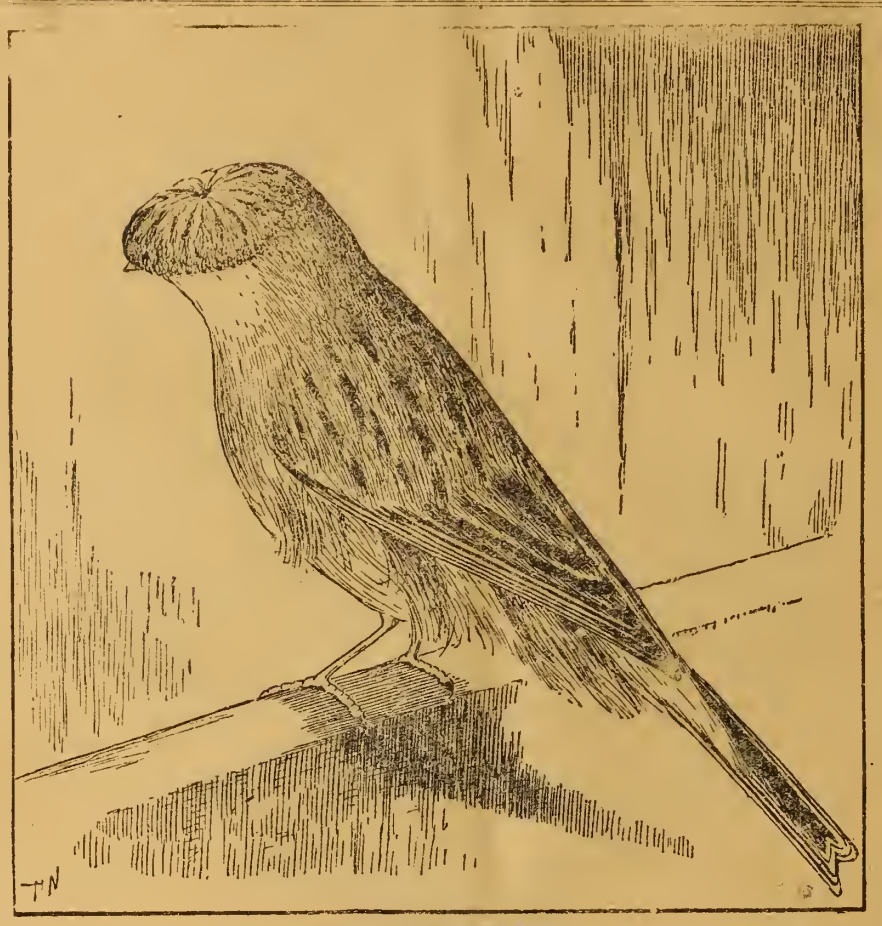
(2) If your pairs are, for the most part, unrelated, as they should be, it is not necessary to introduce fresh blood for some time. Carefully note good and bad points each pair produce the first year, and cross them in such a way as to remedy weaknesses. For instance, should a youngster from one pair be a bit thin in neck and a little stilty on leg, and one from another pair a bit bulky all through for length, they would very probably, if crossed, produce young with the good points of both parents, but some might combine the bad, and these should be got rid of at any price. If one of the pairs' youngsters should show any of the above or other faults to an abnormal degree, I should discard from that pair the one I thought responsible for them, and next season introduce a different mate from the young of another pair.

(3) No; the disadvantages outweigh any possible advantages.

(4) I do not think double yellowing exactly reduces size, but it certainly produces a thinness of web-feathering on quill, and has also a tendency to produce harsh or coarse feather, which gives an appearance of thinness in neck and body.

(5) I have a sneaking fancy for a yellow cock and buff hen, but difference in results is probably more imaginary than real.

(6) I recommend taking cock away while the hen is sitting, putting him back if necessary when the young are from 5 to 8 days' old. I never allow my breeding



A TYPICAL CREST.

Member of the team so successfully shown by Mrs. W. Gaze (Aldeby).

cocks to feed young, as I believe it is harmful in regard to breeding robust stock.

(7) No; that is the way I run mine, and I am perfectly satisfied with results. No statements of theorists will alter my way of working, which I have proved to be the best.

(8) I give the hen egg food and crushed hemp from the day the first egg is hatched, or even the night before it is due. The egg food is composed of the whole of egg, and the hemp I crush through a mill set so as just to crack the medium sized seeds. This, along with white Canary seed, is the food I give during the first 4 or 5 days, when I start giving a little green stuff (young washed dandelion or lettuce) 4 or 5 times a day. When the young are from 5 to 6 weeks' old, I sprinkle a little summer rape on top of the white seed in the hopper, as they will crack this a day or two sooner than white Canary seed, and in this way I continue to feed, increasing the amount as the birds grow older. I make my egg food thus:—To one egg, one slice, an inch thick, of plain home-made white bread, with the crust off; put through a mill separately, and then rub well together in the hands. After passing through the mill a second time, sprinkle a little fine dry castor or table sugar over it.

(9) In the first round, though occasionally it can be improved upon as regards [illegible] by changing the cock when the two birds do not seem to hit it off. The third round is, in many instances, not worth rearing.

(10) Age is immaterial if birds are good, sound, and healthy.

(11) Cannot say, as I have not thoroughly tested the matter.

(12) It is often brought on by eating tainted food left on cage bottom and elsewhere. Prevent by thoroughly clearing away all food at least once a day, or if this is not practicable, never let soft food vessels remain empty, when the birds will not be tempted to pick from the bottom. Again, some youngsters gorge themselves with egg food and so upset their bowels. A draught may cause similar symptoms. Often a little boiled milk sop in place of egg will greatly benefit. If the bird can eat seed, give freely of main seed, which is the best thing to give a bird just being weaned from egg food, and might with advantage be used oftener than it is in moderate quantities.

(13) Run them daily in and out of show cages, which should be constantly handled gently with the birds therein. Talk to them and get them accustomed to seeing people by leaving them in a living room. There is no royal road to this point, but patience and perseverance are sure ways. Some are much harder to get steady than others.

(14) Yes; I have known instances that suggest the contrary; but I have no reason to dispute the general correctness of the theory.

(15) Yes; personally I should like to see them at all shows, but I fear that financially they would prove a failure.

(16) It is not for me to express my opinion on this question, yet I think a re-adjustment of some points might be an advantage.

(17) Not if the unfit is as even in its colour as the well fed birds.

(18) I cannot say; much would depend on kind of birds used, and at the present day there is no necessity to wade through the details of process.

Messrs. Holroyd and Broadley reply:

(1) Begin with 4 pairs obtained from two reliable dealers, two pairs from each, being guided by them as to pairing.

(2) No; beginner with 4 pairs will not require fresh blood for 3 or 4 seasons, provided, of course, he is successful in rearing a decent number of young, for if suitable birds for pairing are produced, changes can be rung on them without any addition of fresh stock. My objections to fresh blood at this stage of a beginner's career are that I do not approve of him having too many mixtures to work with so early; also I fail to see that any real good can accrue.

(3) In some instances; but it depends on what the birds have been bred from, and a knowledge of this can only be gained from experience. Double yellowing is preferable.

(4) The difference, in my opinion, is in feather only.

(5) Have had good results both ways, and find one to work as well as the other.

(6) It is a matter for individual judgment. I leave with the hens all cocks not mischievous, as I find they are less noisy than when taken away, and also a great help to the hen whilst feeding. In some instances they induce hens to feed, who otherwise would do nothing but sit on young. Without doubt, when both feed the youngsters come out better and stronger.

(7) Yes; since one cock cannot well help to bring up two lots of young at same time, and it often happens that both hens want to nest at the same time.

(8) With ordinary egg food, along with dandelion, lettuce, or, for choice, watercress, boiled rape seed (very little of the latter if the weather be hot) and, three times a week, a little mixed seed. On leaving the nest I give boiled milk sop, and egg food, until they get on seed, when I gradually reduce the soft food.

(9) The early part.

(10) During first three years, though fine specimens are sometimes bred when the cock has reached 6, or even 7 years, and is paired with a young hen.

(11) Have kept them six days, carefully standing them on end and turning them night and morning, and they have hatched all right. They may be kept much longer, I think, if turned regularly.

(12) It may arise from colds caused by draughts, but I think the most common cause is overeating, especially of soft food and lack of exercise. Guard against these carefully, and adopt following treatment: put into the drinking water as much alum as will cover a threepenny piece; allow birds to become hungry before feeding, and feed sparingly. In order that they may have exercise, place in a flight cage for a fortnight after they have left the parents a week, keeping them meantime in an ordinary cage. I find paraffin or turpentine very good, applied lightly (to the parts affected) with a feather. These means will go far to prevent inflammation.

(13) Hang a show cage in front of the ordinary cage and allow the young birds to go in and out as they please for a few days. While they are doing this go quietly to the cage, talk to them, scratch the bottom of it, and thus accustom them to your being about. But on no account make any attempt to take the cage off the hook until they have become quite used to it and to yourself. After that it is merely a matter of persevering practice.

(14) Good points are required in both, but I prefer plenty of quality in the hen.

(15) No; as in my opinion there is not one even-marked bird in a thousand bred (sometimes there is one made), and should there happen to be one, it ought to go into the uneven-marked class, the best bird to win irrespective of markings. Type and quality should predominate on show bench.

(16) So far as I am concerned the standard is all right, but one is often apt to wish that the judge would adjudicate in accordance with it.

(17) No.

(18) Kindly ask me something easier.

(To be continued.)

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The Breeding of Hybrid Parrakeets.

By C. P. ARTHUR.

There is probably no more fascinating branch of aviculture than the breeding of Hybrids. Although this has been in vogue now for many years, as between British Finches, the breeding of foreign Hybrids is almost in its infancy. I believe I was one of the first to breed Parrakeet Hybrids in this country.

Having successfully bred the Mealy Rosella for the first time in England, I was tempted to try a cross with the Mealy and Red-headed Rosella, and was very proud of being successful at the first attempt. One of these young Hybrids I exhibited at the Foreign Bird Show held Oct., 1891, at Preston, under the auspices of the United Kingdom Foreign Bird Society (now defunct). My exhibit won 1st in its class, bronze medal for best bird bred by exhibitor, and a silver medal, value 21s., given by the late Mr. Joseph Abrahams, for the best bird in a certain number of classes—surely something to be proud of. I believe I wrote an account of the breeding of these Hybrids, but am not quite sure.

The Adelaide-Rosella Cross.

Being then so much taken up with Budgerigar breeding, which was at that time a very profitable hobby, I dropped breeding the larger Parrakeets, except Cockatiels, until last year, when I noticed in one of my largest aviaries (30ft. long) a cock Adelaide Parrakeet feeding two hen Rosellas. I then determined to have another try at Hybrid breeding. I put up two boxes (as described in my article on Cockatiels in CAGE BIRDS), with about an inch of fine sawdust on the bottom, and hollowed out at the back. One hen at once commenced to lay, laying in all six eggs, each of which was hatched, and the birds successfully reared.

The other hen worked hard clearing out all the sawdust and laying, but then threw out all her eggs at the same time. So I got a piece of plank 1½in. thick and cut it to fit in the bottom of the box, first hollowing out the back part with a carpenter's gouge to keep the eggs from rolling about. I also softened some pipe-clay by the use of water, bringing it to about the consistency of butter. With this I made up some false eggs and dried them, putting one in the nest and taking out the real ones as soon as laid. The first egg she managed to throw out, but I replaced it. I substituted another false one for the second egg.

She had then, I supposed, laid her batch—for she began to sit on the two false eggs (she had laid altogether ten eggs). As I found she was sitting closely on the false ones, I took them away and put back her own. These two she hatched, rearing her young with true parental instinct. So I got two young Hybrids extra by my stratagem.

I think this was very good luck—to get eight young from the two hens. I should say the hens in my case lay on alternate days, and sat for three weeks, as near as I could judge. The cock fed both hens assiduously for a week or ten days, but did not enter the nests; but after that time he went into both nests and fed the young himself.

Noisy Youngsters.

The young are rather noisy when being fed. When first hatched they are covered with grey down, have yellow bills, and large ungainly-looking heads. They left "home" when about five weeks old, but the parent birds continued to feed them for quite another month. They have quite a curious way of squeaking if anything disturbs them when in the nest. A person entering the aviary, or merely knocking against the outside, is quite sufficient to start the whole lot squeaking one against the other.

I should think in their native country anyone could easily tell if there were any young Parrakeets in a tree by hammering the trunk, for if the tree contained any young Rosellas, Pennants, or Cockatiels, they would at once make themselves heard.

Soon after the young left the nests, the hen that hatched the six on sawdust, went to nest again, laying four more eggs in the same box, hatching them, and rearing three young.

A Pleasant Surprise.

All these eleven Hybrids were purchased by Mr. Hamlyn, the well-known naturalist, to whom an explanation is here due. I sold him these birds as crosses between a Pennant Parrakeet and Rosella. These are the facts of the case. A few years ago I bought a consignment of so-called young Pennant Parrakeets from a dealer in France. They were thin in nest feather, and all alike in colour. But when they came into full colour I noticed that two were different to the rest—one I took to be a Pennant, but paler in colour, and the other I felt sure must be a Yellow-rumped Parrakeet, which it has since proved to be, having bred Hybrids with a Rosella this year. I had a visit a few months ago from Mr. D. Seth-Smith, the well-known authority on Parrakeets, and he then assured me that what I thought was a pale-coloured Pennant was really a good specimen of the Adelaide Parrakeet. Now, as this bird is the father of the eleven Hybrids which I sold to Mr. Hamlyn as Pennant-Rosella Hybrids, I trust he will accept my explanation, and correct any error of description to his customers who purchased them.

As the Adelaide is very much rarer than the Pennant, I should think it ought to increase the value of the Hybrids, rather than lessen it. I have tried the same parents this year, though unfortunately with no result, both hens persistently laying in the same box and breaking the eggs. One young one was hatched, but lived only a fortnight.

An Unfortunate Incident.

This Spring I put the cock Yellow-rumped Parrakeet into an aviary with two hen Rosellas, and he soon paired up with each of them, but they both took to the same box. When Mr. Seth-Smith was here he advised me to try deeper boxes, so that the hen would have to go down into the nest, and the eggs would then not be so likely to get dragged out. So I had some made, and took one into the aviary, when one of the hens rushed into the box I was trying to take down to replace with the new one.

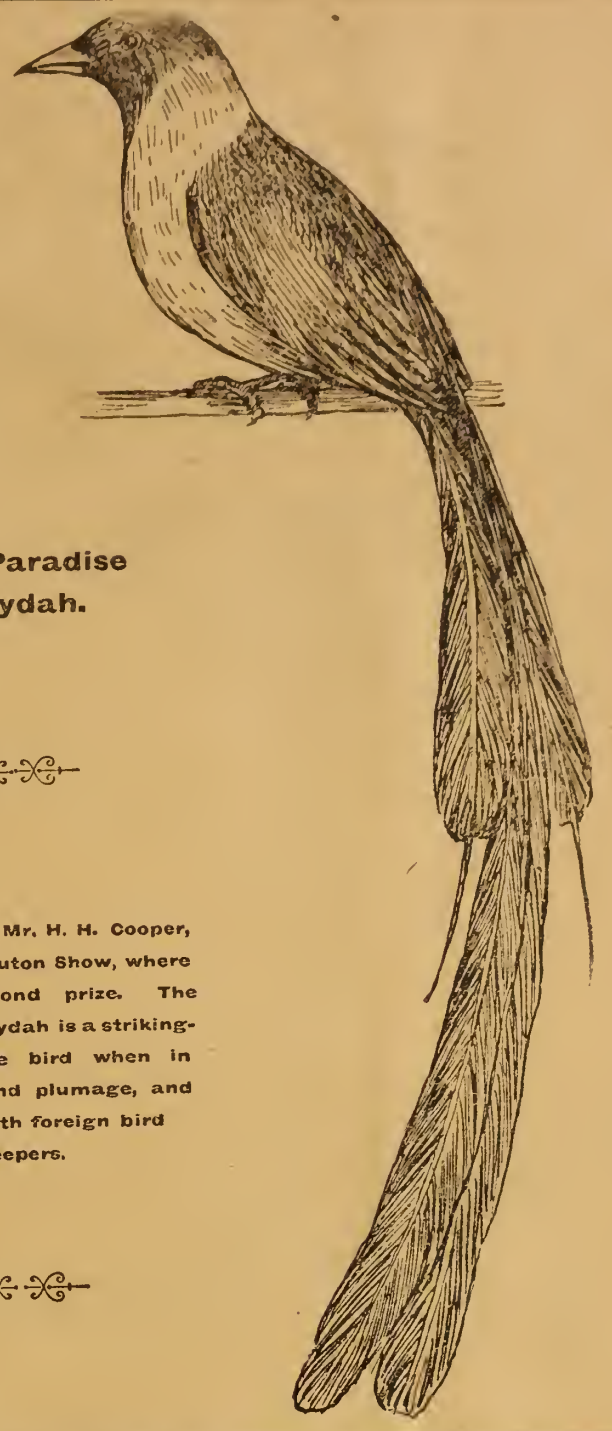
I took the old nest down and put it on the ground with the hen still in it, and was on the ladder hanging up the new one, when my daughter came to the outside of the aviary and said, "Father, someone is waiting in the shop to see you." "Let them wait," I replied, thinking I would finish my job so as not to have to disturb the birds again. It was some minutes before I had finished, then, snatching up the box I had taken down, I came out, put the box down outside, and ran into the shop.

It was not until about two hours afterwards that, passing the aviary, I noticed only one of the hens. Thinking the other must have gone into one of the boxes, I went in to see if she were trying the new one; but, alas! she was probably miles away by then. When I found out that I had, in my hurry, been fool enough to put the nest-box out of doors with the hen in it, I felt I badly wanted someone to come and kick me! Thirty shillings would not have bought that bird when in the aviary, as I was expecting her to lay daily.

Some Valuable Observations.

The other hen laid her first egg two days later in the old-shaped box that I had left hanging up. She laid five eggs, four of which she hatched, and reared three fine young ones, which are now over three months old. Strange to say, these three are all alike, but in the case of the Adelaide-Rosella Hybrids, there were no two alike.

The food the young were reared on was chiefly white millet for the first fortnight, with plenty of flowering groundsel. After that, the old ones partook freely of the other seeds supplied, namely, canary, hemp, and sunflower; but although I kept a constant supply of crumbled sponge-cake in the aviary, I do not think they touched it from first to last. Neither do I think these birds would have been at all likely to have reared their young without the fresh green-food daily while they were in the nest.



The Paradise Whydah.

Exhibited by Mr. H. H. Cooper, (Luton), at Luton Show, where it won second prize. The Paradise Whydah is a strikingly handsome bird when in full color and plumage, and popular with foreign bird keepers.

The young of all the large Parrakeets, when hatched in an aviary, seem terribly wild, or perhaps I should say, timid, when they leave the nest, and will dash wildly about when anyone enters the aviary. So it is best to keep the seed vessels near the door so that these can be replenished without entering. Even then one must move gently: for the slightest sudden movement may mean a broken neck to one of the birds you have been so long and anxiously waiting to see, as they will fly against boards with just as much force as against wire netting until they get used to their surroundings.

Next Season's Attempt.

I hope this article will induce fanciers to try other crosses, as I intend doing myself. I have put up for next season, Yellow-rump and Rosella, Adelaide and Rosella (two pairs), Mealy Rosella and Rosella, Rosella and Mealy, Many Colour and Red-rump, and hope to acquire more couples before the Spring. I find that it is advisible to let each pair have an aviary to themselves: for although most of them will agree fairly well together at other times, some of them are perfect demons when nesting, if there are any other large Parrakeets in the same enclosure.

I should have said that the young Yellow-rump-Rosella Hybrids closely resemble young Pennant Parrakeets, and are not at all like young Rosellas, so that no doubt when they come into adult plumage they will be more like the Yellow-rump than the Rosella. I believe the Yellow-rump to be at present very scarce in this country.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. D. H. TEDSTONE, (Hon. Sec. Welsh C.B.C.)

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by members of the Welsh C.B.C., at the late Swansea Cage Bird Show in a room kindly provided by the members of the Society. A good number of members from far and near came together. The Chairman, Mr. T. L. Castree, in drawing our attention to the most important matter of the meeting, viz., the presentation to our able secretary, spoke of the rapid progress made by the club. He called upon Mr. Melhuish, the first president of the club, to make the presentation to Mr. Tedstone, which he did in a very able manner, giving us a very humourous speech, and again dealing with the club's rapid progress. This, he said, was the result of the very hard work on the part of the secretary. He then handed over the marble timepiece to Mr. Tedstone, stating that he wished him health and strength, and hoping he would long remain secretary of the Welsh C.B.C. Mr. Tedstone, responding, thanked the members very much for the grand present, which, he said, spoke volumes. He was more than pleased to think that the members thought so much of the very hard work he had done, and which was all done for love of the fancy. Although the club was not so strong in numbers as he would like, he was determined to do his best to get every fancier in Wales to join, so that the Welsh C.B.C. might turn out to be one of the strongest combinations of really true fanciers. He then presented Mr. B. Davies with a fountain pen, which he thought was well earned, Mr. Davies having carried through the work in connection with the presentation, assisted by a good working committee. Mr. Davies then thanked Mr. Tedstone, and stated that Mr. Tedstone's services to the club were of a most progressive character. Not only had the members patronised the movement, but there were a few of the most prominent gentlemen in Wales who had also given their hearty patronage, such as Messrs. D. A. Thomas, M.P., Sidney Robinson, M.P., and others. Mr. G. T. Jones Brecon, a well-known Welsh bard, then gave a song which he had composed for the occasion, the song being a most humourous one. It was sung very effectively, the members joining in the chorus. This closed an enjoyable evening.—"ONE WHO WAS THERE."



SOME OF THIS SEASON'S WINNERS.

1. British Goldfinch. 1st Welsh National and Plymouth, &c. (Mr. C. Prior, Brentford).
2. British Bullfinch. 1st Manchester (Mr. H. W. Axe, Doncaster).
3. Unflighted Yellow Norwich. 1st Norwich, &c. (Mr. W. Morris, Stoke Newington).
4. Uneven-marked Yellow Yorkshire. 1st Sandy Lane (Mr. J. Wilcock Eccleshill).
5. Eye-Ticked Goldfinch Mule. 1st Nottingham (Mr. W. Andrews, Olney).
6. Varied Lorikeet. 1st Dulwich (Mr. C. Cooper, Brixton).
7. Lightly Variegated Crest-bred. 1st Dulwich (Mr. J. Tyson, London, S.W.)

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, November 2nd, writes Mr. W. Moore, Sevenoaks, as replies were too many to answer through the post.

The reason I did not send my birds to Chester Moor and to Morecambe, writes Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn, was because I had sold several of those entered.

The Committee of Wolverhampton Show wish to thank all the gentlemen who have written congratulating us over the splendid arrangements and the good condition in which they received their birds back. All birds were packed and at the station by 10.30 p.m.—F. HOWES, Secretary.

Kindly accept best thanks for placing my Yorkshire on front cover of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Edwards, Bromley. The bird has since won cup for best Yorkshire at Greenwich and Deptford. I have been a regular reader of your paper since the first year, and like many others would not like to be without it, as what you can't see in its pages it is useless looking for elsewhere. The last double number was worth many times its price.

As an old subscriber let me say that I still consider CAGE BIRDS to be the ideal bird paper, and what is most surprising, it keeps improving in birdy matter and coloured plates. It certainly ought to be in the hands of every lover of birds. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS every success.—C. E. MILLER (Uttoxeter).

We have received the balance sheet of the fourth annual show in connection with the Haylo F.A., which shows a balance in hand of £8 11s. 10d. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Paull, writes: I regret the very stormy weather on the show days, which greatly interfered with the attendance, the show being a record for exhibits.

Mr. A. T. Johnson, secretary of the Vale of Conway and District F.A., writes: It has been arranged to hold a members' show at Conway, on Easter Saturday, April 18th.

Kindly thank all those fanciers who sent along entries for the Cambridge and Cambridgeshire Show, and so enabled us to have such a splendid show, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, sec. 400 of the 624 came in after my appeal for entries.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Hume Chalmers.

Mr. Smith writes: "By the death of Mr. Hume Chalmers, of the White Sheaf Inn, Greenock, the Scotch Fancy Canary ranks have lost a warm friend. Now that he has gone, those who appreciated him recall his genial smile and kindly sayings. He was for many years a keen breeder and exhibitor, and at the date of his passing away was the president of the Greenock Derby and secretary of the Robbie Burn's Club. He was ever ready to help, and he will be missed by a very large circle of friends, fanciers, and most of all by his family, for whom there is wide-spread sympathy."

Thanks for courteous reference to the absence of my Tanagers from the Manchester Show, writes Mr. J. H. Harrison, Lytham. It was a great disappointment, but could not be avoided. Am glad to say, however, that all my birds are well.

We hear from the Secretary, Mr. G. A. Charles, that a special feature in connection with the Reading and District C.B.S. Show, to be held on December 11th, will be the large number of specials offered, which will doubtless incite record entries.

We hear that at the Tredegar Show, on December 27th, cage birds will be staged in the judges' room of the Town Hall, a very suitable building. An excellent classification is provided. The show will be held under C.B.U. Rules, Mr. Gladwin acting as judge.

Allow me to congratulae you on the production of the coloured plate of the Spanglebacks, writes Mr. William Beard Hollingwood. I think it is the best plate you have ever published.

Your recent splendid special number should meet with the appreciation such a fine effort deserves. Your supplement is especially interesting to Dulwich and Peckham members owing to the most interesting and clever depiction of the Borders shown at our late show, which I feel sure will popularise the "wee gems" down south.—E. F. WOOLHOUSE (Dulwich).

We had a splendid show of Foreign birds, writes Mr. E. Cherry, sec. of the Luton and Dis. C.B.S. At least a quarter of them would have taken 1st at any other show. Amongst the most notable was Miss D. De Von's Bird of Paradise, in excellent show condition, and splendid feather; also a pair of Sibias, belonging to Mrs. Warren Vernon. That lady also showed a Night-Jar, but it had to take a back seat through having no tail; nevertheless, a very interesting exhibit.

I read with very great interest the account of "The Aviaries at Elsenham," in your well got up supplement issued last week, writes Mr. W. Young (Barnstaple). It is very rarely I sell a bird, but in September last I advertised in your valuable paper a pair of Parrakeets. I received many applications, but they went to Sir Walter Gilbey, at Elsenham. Therefore you can understand why I was so pleased to read about his aviaries. I consider the supplement splendidly got up. It will take a lot of beating; the paper, blocks, and type I consider grand. Being a foreign bird fancier I can fully appreciate the lovely coloured plate, "A Dainty Trio," given to us with CAGE BIRDS on the 26th ult. I compliment you on this grand production; also on the coloured plate received with last week's issue.

How gratifying to the Border Fanciers to receive such an exquisite supplement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Wardleworth, Altrincham. Your artist, Mr. H. Norman, deserves the highest commendation on the Border plate. The bird of mine depicted in the sketch is as perfect in every point and detail as if formed by nature.

Since the circulation of schedules, writes Mr. W. Sampson, sec. Cardiff C.B.S., I have received from Messrs. Fellows and Flyn, £1 to be awarded to the exhibitor scoring most points throughout the show, excluding classes with less than 8 entries, and also selling classes. This is in addition to the 10s. 6d. special for six highest birds, and 10s. specials for most points in each section. I have extended the date of entries closing, to first post November 25th, and trust fanciers will rally round.

The Skylark in China.

It is said that the Chinese so thoroughly tame the Skylark that they can take the bird into the fields and allow him to soar. While chatting with friends they will often let their pets out for a run, calling them back again when they are ready.

The "Model" Norwich Plainhead

At the annual meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club, at Nottingham Show, last Saturday, the sketch of a model, submitted by Mr. H. Norman, was adopted by 55 votes, Mr. Paddock's drawing getting 24, and Mr. Lydon's 14 votes. One member was of the opinion that models had no effect on the judges, and that many of the winning birds to-day were right over the standard length (6½ inches). The secretary suggested having them measured at all shows held under N.P.C. Rules, and disqualified if it was found correct.

Specials at Gloucester Show.

Mr. Wilcox won the British bird challenge bowl for the most points, with four very nice exhibits. The challenge bowl for A.O.V. Canary was won by Messrs. Amblers, securing four 1sts in Yorkshires. The special for best Canary in show went to Mr. Houghton's marked buff Norwich, a grand one, which also won the special for best member's Canary in show, Hyde's special, and CAGE BIRDS' competition 1st prize. Sandiford's cup for hottest-fed bird was also won by Mr. Houghton with a red-hot clear yellow. CAGE BIRDS' 2nd prize was won by Mr. Wasley, and their 3rd prize by Mr. A. Williams.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Tame Goldfinch.

I have a cock Goldfinch whose blaze is a bright red. He has a jet black mark round his head. His back and breast are brown. On his wings he has a massive golden-coloured patch, and his large wing and tail feathers are spotted with white. He sings very prettily, nearly all day, and will come and take hemp seeds out of our fingers.—Sent by D. BLOWERS, 8, Albert Square, S.W.

**A Skylark Friend.

My father has a hand-reared Skylark, which is very tame, and which will come into the bow of the cage chirping when he hears what you have to say. When father comes out in the morning to throw some corn, he will jump to the front of the cage and flap his wings with delight, as he takes chewed corn from his mouth. Sometimes we put him a sand-bath in the cage, which he takes quite freely to, and when he is in the bath we lift the cage about. He sits in the bath quite contentedly and chirps as if to say, "Why don't you go away?" We have got him so very tame and he looks very smart. I think it would be very hard if we had to part from our little friend.—WILLIE BROOKSBANK, Lower Bridge Street, Goole, Yorkshire.

The Thrush.

The Thrush is my favourite bird. I have one which I reared last year on sifted barley meal, mixed with crushed hemp seed and a boiled egg. He is now in full song.—BERNARD HALL (aged 14), 60, Fairoak-avenue, Newport, Mon.

*Lark Catching.

No bird is so easily netted as the Lark. He generally starts from the ground just before the lower edge of the net touches him, and invariably mounts perpendicularly. This characteristic propensity to ascend at once may be observed by any person who "treads up" a lark in a field, and is satisfactorily illustrated by releasing, at the same moment, a newly captured Lark and a Sparrow from a cage or hat within the precincts of a room. While the Sparrow flies off horizontally, dashes himself against the window, and lies almost stunned from the shock, the Lark will almost always mount upwards to the ceiling, and flutter there for a time, in vain efforts to reach the sky, before he attempts any other mode of exit. But this habit is fatal to him in the netting season. He would generally be able to escape as, indeed, the Bunting or Clod Bird, the Sparrow, and the Linnet constantly do, by flying straight forward; but ascending, as he does, directly from the ground, the moment his wings have touched the upper part of the net, it is suffered to drop suddenly and his capture is rendered inevitable.—FRED COLLARD (no age given), 22, Claremount-street, Stapleton-road, Bristol.

OUR GREAT COUPON SCHEME.

We are offering at certain Shows this season Extra Prizes to the value of

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A list of these Shows is given below. Intending Competitors must apply to us for a Coupon to fasten on their Entry Forms. Every Coupon bought from us will entitle one bird to compete for our prizes. The price of the Coupon is 6d., and only birds entered for our prizes will be eligible. Prizes are offered for the Best First Prize Bird, Best Second Prize and Best Third Prize.

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Exhibitors must note that coupons will not by themselves entitle them to exhibit.

OUR COUPON SHOWS.

Bolton and District O. and Roller C.B., November 22nd and 23rd.
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Crook C.B.S., November 23rd.
Dublin (Y.C.C. of Ireland), November 28th and 29th.
Jarrow, November 29th and 30th.
City of Dundee Norwich, etc., November 30th.
Weybridge, December 4th.
Bristol Fanciers' Association, December 4th and 5th.
Hartlepools, December 6th and 7th.
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Kilmarnock, Dec. 7.
Tideswell, December 7th.
Abingdon (North Berks), December 7th.
Perth, December 12th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., December 14th.
Scalham Harbour, December 21st.
Wimbledon, January 8th and 9th.
Llanelly, January 14th, 1908.

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*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Bolton O. & R.C.S.** (J.T., J.W.)
*Nov. 22 and 23.—**Hull** (J.C.B., C.H.)
*Nov. 22 & 23.—**Sunderland** (G.E.R., A.G.C.)
Nov. 23.—**Perth** (J.Stn., M.McL., G.F.A., D.C., J.P., J.Sk.)
Nov. 23.—**The Original Crook C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Bournemouth C.B.S.** (T.H.)
*Nov. 26 and 27.—**Derby** (J.B. J.R., J.H.R., J.H.S.)
*Nov. 27 and 28.—**Cardiff** (J.H.P. & J.R.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Woolwich F.S.** (G.G.)
Nov. 28 and 29.—**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (H.W.B.)
*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundee** (A.C., J.As., J.C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster)** (T.J.K., J.R., R.H., C.H., P.F.M.G., W.T.P.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.** (A.G.D.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9.—**Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11.—**Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 12.—**Carmarthen.**
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.S.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14. **Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.—Nov. 26, New Inn, Belgrave. A Smoking Concert, members and friends invited. W. H. Riley.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Round How Inn, 7.30. Table Show, and other business. — J. Mitchell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Nov. 26, New Inn, Show business. A. Emery.

Ashton-u-Lyne A.D.O.S.—Nov. 26, P.S.A. Room 9 prompt. Entries for Members' Show, and selection of Federation Team, etc.—H. Foden.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Nov. 25, Church Institute, 69, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Cage-making Demonstration, by Mr. A. W. Curtis, and payment of prize money; interested visitors invited.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Nov. 26, Coffee Tavern, Important business.—Netherwood and Keeley.

Darlington C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Half Moon, 8. Final arrangements for Show on the 30th.—E. Brunski.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 27, Headquarters, 8.30. Special Show business; selection of judges, schedule, etc. J. J. Mollett.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Nov. 28, The Hern Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8. Smoking Concert and Presentation of specials; concert arranged by W. R. Wall and A. E. Rogers. Fanciers welcome.—W. Hodson.

Federation of C.B. Societies, Ashton-u-Lyne Centre.—Nov. 23, Oldham Show, George Street, 6.30.—A. Ackroyd.

East Bowling and Dist. C.F.A.—Nov. 23, Barle Mow, Bowling. Show judging at 3 o'clock, by Mr. J. Chittenden. Also special meeting to arrange for a "Smoker," Nov. 30.—J. E. Hudson.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Nov. 30. Meeting, balance sheet of annual show, and other important business.—A. Holden.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Nov. 25, "The Brewers," Church Street, Greenwich. Smoking Concert and Distribution of Prizes. Friends invited. Geo. Hill.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Nov. 27, Lockart Cafe, Ormond Street, 7.30 prompt. Special summonsed committee meeting; final before the show. J. T. Carrick.

Lancashire Canary Association.—Dec. 7, Middleton Show Room, 6.30 prompt. Important business.—J. Law.

Leicester C.B.S.—Nov. 13, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table Show, Nor. Buff Hen Unfl. (Open). Judge, Mr. Gibbons. Washing Competition by Mr. J. Heighton.—J. Heighton.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 26, 202, [illegible] Street, Lewisham, 8. Discussion on Management of stock during show season. Fanciers welcome. H. T. Lucas.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Bird-in-Hand, 7. A lecture will be delivered by Mr. Portsmouth. J. Simon.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Nov. 28, "The Beaumont," Great Portland Street, W., 8.30. Prize money and specials won at Autumn Show presented to winners, and social evening. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited.—R. J. Pretty.

Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov 25, Oddfellows' Hotel, 8. Important business.—W. Jenkins.

Metropolitan Assn. of C.M. and K. Breeders—Nov. 28, Headquarters, the "Crown" Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8. Distribution of prizes; all fanciers heartily welcomed.—A. J. Head.

Middleton C.S.—Nov. 25, Headquarters, 8. Show business.—R. Cowherd.

N.S.S. and M.C.—Nov. 28, "The Napier," High Holborn, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Nov. 25, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Business, election of committeemen.—John Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Textile Dining Room, Shaw Road, 8 p.m. Payment of prize-money to members.—A. Ackroyd.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Nov. 25, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Washing Exhibition by G. Stringer. Friends invited; Members' subscriptions must be paid up to entitle them to members' specials at Open Show.—W. Jackson.

Sale Open O.S.—Nov. 25, Sale Hotel, 8. Late Show Report. Question Night, to be opened by Mr. A. Leigh.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Stratford and East London F.S.—Nov. 26, Workman's Hall, Romford Road, 8. Final arrangements for Annual Show. Members must return Your Stock Show tickets at once.—S. L. Sheldrich.

Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.—Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Finish business connected with Open Show.—A. Hutchings. (No date given.—Ed.)

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Nov. 27, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8. General Question night.—H. G. Whibley.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—Nov. 28, Station Hotel, 7.30. Report on Annual Show and other business.—J. Johnston.

Warrington and Dist.—Nov. 28, Blue Bell, 8. Prize money for Nov. Show.—Jas. Emmett.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 19, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Selection of judge, etc.—T. Duffield.

Witney and Dist. C.B.S. — Nov. 23, Horse and Groom Inn, 7.30. Meat Pie Supper, all welcome.—E. W. Johnson.

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid double number that was issued last week. Also on the remarkable reprodnction of the photo of our member. It is, without doubt, one of the best efforts you have ever made, and for value is unsurpassed, the coloured plate alone being well worth the money. I have heard nothing but praise about your paper during the week, and I feel sure that you have scored another great success, which has, undoubtedly, been well earned. With best wishes for the future welfare of CAGE BIRDS.—H. HILL, secretary of Bradford (East) O.S.

SHOW DATES FIXED, continued.

Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
*Dec. 17 and 18.—**Wellingboro'.**
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wn., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.H.)
*Feb. 7, 8, 10 & 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**"Old Judge."** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards **Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**"Schoolmaster."** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Parkand Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

How Many in a Cage?

R. Lawrence.—You may keep your birds as you have them now, two in a cage, or in the flight. They will do during the winter months kept either way; but I think that, as you are a novice, and can only tell the sex by song, your best way is to put them in twos in cages. About the end of January you will have to part the cocks from the hens. By then you will have sexed each bird.

A Broken Leg.

H. R. L.—If the bird is going on as well as you say it is, you should be able to remove the bandage in three or four days, when the leg should be set. In removing the sticking paper you will have to exercise great care, or you will be likely to break the leg again. I should advise you to bathe the leg in tepid water until the paper is thoroughly saturated. It will then easily come off, and you will run no risks.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Dear at any Price.

Novice 999.—You might try, in place of the paragoric, six drops of glycerine along with the water; but, evidently, your two birds are in a bad way, and I don't think they will run through the winter. You can only make it a little easier for them by keeping them in a warm place. Keep the temperature as even as possible, covering up at night. There are some things dear at a gift, and from what you write I should say these birds were. Wheezy birds are seldom of any good to anyone, especially as breeders and feeders.

All of a Lump.

G. Dear.—Stop giving castor-oil. This is far too searching a thing to give Canaries, and has killed more birds than ever it cured. Am not surprised at your losing birds if you have been using castor-oil as you say. Perhaps you have been using unsound seed. Try a change, and don't be put off with any kind of rubbish; cheap seed is an abomination. See that it is clean and free from dust; give this in seed hopper, and three times a week give a little egg food, well mixing with it a few drops of chemical food. Sprinkle a little maw seed over, and on the days you do not give the egg food give half-teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two parts good summer rape and one part maw. Boil the drinking water at night, and give fresh every morning, and to each tablespoonful of water add five drops of good Scotch whiskey. Try this treatment for two weeks, and if not better write again.

Breeding Cages.

A. A. East.—There are various patterns as well as different sizes of nest pans. The square or box pattern should be fully five inches across and two and a quarter deep; the round pattern anywhere from four to five inches across and two inches deep. There is no standard size or shape, but personally I prefer the latter and would recommend them for use, putting in a lining of soft material, as Canaries, speaking generally, are not good nest builders, and when they have built a nice nest will often pull out the whole lot and lay their eggs in the empty nest box. Small Canaries, such as Border Fancies, do not require as large a nest, as, say, Lancashires, still I prefer a good sized nest if properly shaped, to a small one.

Diet for Singers.

A.B.—The best diet for your Yorkshire Canaries, in order to keep them in good song, is plain, clean, sound, white canary seed as a staple food in the seed hopper. Give half-teaspoonful of the following every other day: two parts good summer rape seed and one part good maw seed; or you might, once a week give a little egg-food in place of the mixed seed. Let the bird have a good supply of sharp, gritty sand, fresh, at least once a week, and clean water daily.

Feeding of Show Birds.

Fountain.—Your feeding, from description, is quite correct, and I do not see how you can improve on it; but if your birds are long and coarse in feather naturally, their feeding will not make them tight and smooth; it may improve, but they must be bred with a good quality to begin with. You might in addition to the mixed seed diet, give a little boiled carrot between wires two or three times a week, and let them have a bath any morning when the weather is bright and dry. You do not say whether you are giving the seeds you name mixed or separate. I should advise giving the white by itself in the seed hopper, mixing the other together, two parts summer rape, two parts Gold of Pleasure, and one part maw.

BORDERS

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Illness of Cock.

Jas. Henderson.—Your excessive feeding on hemp seed has disarranged the stomach and bowels. I am afraid the liver is affected also. See if bowels are enlarged; if so, mix six drops each pure turpentine and best olive oil, bathe with tepid water, dry, then dip your finger in the mixture and gently rub from stomach to vent. Feed on plain seed only for one week, and let him have a little milk sop daily. Give in water 10 drops tincture of aconite fresh daily. After the week feed on plain seed as a staple diet, and add a third German summer rape one day. Next day half a teaspoonful egg food, with a pinch of maw seed added; mix well through it five drops chemical food, and give in water 10 drops tincture of quinine until well. Only give pinch of hemp seed now and again as a special treat.

Price of Birds.

Novice.—It will depend on the class of bird you intend to go in for. You will see by our advertisement columns how the price varies. Good stock pairs should cost from 15s. to 30s.; show birds dearer. (2) Those cheap pairs are only cross-bred mongrels, and dear at any price. (3) The Border Fancy is a distinctive breed of its own, and not a cross between a York and small Norwich. Many birds that win are far too thick with no freedom in neck, which is going away from the true and only type. I may give a short article on this point with a few drawings shortly, which may help you.

Housing Accommodation.

Drumossie.—Am afraid the shed will be too cold as it stands. You could help it by nailing two uprights, one at top and bottom, three inches thick. Then cover this with match-boarding ¾in. thick, fill in between with sawdust, and line with felt inside, paper or whitewash. You had better raise it on four corner posts, two feet from the ground, to keep out damp and the vermin pest, which would be sure to trouble you. (2) Birds, as a rule, never thrive in kitchens; the temperature varies so much, and I think I would try and make your wooden house as comfortable as possible, and they will do better. See reply to novice re price.

Advice on Pairing.

Bolton.—You state "h marked"; do you mean head marked birds? If so, you are quite right, as this is very difficult to breed out. You must not use any when pairing up, and run your mind back over their predecessors and discard any breed from such birds. I should advise you to keep trying for a good evenly marked bird. For clear breeding, select the most typical hens you have got, and pair them up to a cock—birds that have plenty of colour and condition. Let one of them be a ticked bird, and never mind a head marked bird in this variety, they look nice—yellow cock to buff hen, or vice versa; don't try and double cross unless you are quite sure of your stock birds. For green breeding discard all with light throats, breasts, and underflue, and see they are well pencilled down back and breast, even down to the vent. The safest way is to use only birds green or cinnamon bred, and only use a heavy variegated bird to tone down the bronze-coloured wings when you see it is required. The self cinnamon hen has the same tendency, and also improves the colour and texture of feather. But do not go too deeply into this cross, or you will spoil your distinct pencilling and grass green shade of colour.

LIZARDS.

Answered by BARKER CLEGG.

Is it a Broken Cap?

T. Smith.—No; the very slight tick in the small feathers at the entrance, not running into the falling feathers of the cap, would not constitute a broken cap. The same rule would apply to the bird having an eye-lash over one eye and none over the other. They would be eligible for clear cap classes. Certainly, if competition were very close, these would be considered against them. Yes. Better left in; you would disfigure the bird by removing them, and probably lose your chance of success altogether.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Wheeziness.

P. Yaldwin.—You do not say how long your bird has been bad. The symptoms point to asthma, but if it is of long standing I am afraid nothing will do it any permanent good. Try six drops each paregoric and glycerine in wineglassful drinking water for one day, and 12 drops chemical food the next day. Continue these alternately for a few weeks, or until the bird is all right. If you do not find any improvement in a fortnight, you may give it up as a bad job. A small pinch of cayenne in water about twice a week will also be found beneficial in this cold foggy weather; also half-teaspoonful maw seed every other day.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

For Songsters.

Magpie.—Well, I shall certainly vote for the Roller as the best singing Canary—that is, when you get a good one. For some people, however, they are not sufficiently loud-voiced, the shriller, fuller-toned Norwich being preferred. Loud, shrill notes, of course, are a very serious fault in a Roller with any pretensions to "class." The best cross I could recommend you would be a Yellow Norwich cock to two Buff Roller hens, and a Buff Roller cock to two Yellow Norwich hens, the progeny to be trained as far as possible under a good singing Roller. You could pair up the young from these matings, and would get a team or a capacity, good coloured songsters, with nice voices and notes. The Norwich should be chubby birds, but not too large.

A Mixed Lot.

John Cornwall.—Some of your questions are a little out of my line. You certainly are not feeding your Roller correctly—canary two parts, summer rape one part, should be the daily fare. As a change, give once a week a feed of packet mixed seed; also now and then a half-teaspoonful of some good egg-bread, a little ripe fruit (apple, pear, or orange) and a sprig of green food—not all at once, but varied. Stop the niger and hemp. These birds are best kept in a cage to themselves. No one could tell you what seeds to give your aviary birds without knowing what those birds are. You do not say—"mixed birds" is too vague. The hen Canary and Linnet that are moulting should have about half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food (obtainable from the chemist) stirred into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water fresh daily, for a fortnight or three weeks. Give them plenty of good grit, and cuttlefish to peck at.

"Chopping" and Buying.

Young Roller.—I don't see any reason why CAGE BIRDS deposit system should not be adopted when buying from Germany, providing the seller be agreeable. There is no difficulty in getting birds over safely, providing they are packed properly and consigned by the most direct route (the latter depends on where you live, though a fast mail-steamer route is generally best). Yes, you would necessarily have to depend largely on the seller's word being correct, as a bird could hardly be expected to reproduce its best song for a day or so after arriving; it would rest on the length of the approval term (if any). There is no reason why a bird five months old should not be on full song, though that period is on the short side. "Chopping," the sound so detested by Roller fanciers (no really good Roller utters it) is the shrill string of notes sounding like "yap, yap, yap," uttered by the ordinary Canary, with the bill wide open, in ear-splitting fashion. It is called "chopping," because the song is cut (or chopped) up into single notes, instead of being produced in tours made up of perfectly modulated and connected notes, as with all Rollers worthy of the name.

Sample of Canary Seed.

Greenhorn.—The sample does not represent real Spanish by any means—it is far too small for that—nor does the price call for Spanish. I should say it is Turkish. Though very small, it looks fairly plump, and is apparently well harvested I can see nothing about it to cause me to think your Canaries would not thrive on it.

Diet for Roller,

A.B.—I have often advised on the feeding of Roller Canaries, and if you had looked up recent issues you would have found the information easily. As to staple food, give Spanish canary seed (two pints), genuine German summer rape seed (one pint), well mixed. Once a week give a feed of song mixture (any good maker's packet mixed seed will do) for a change, and every few days a half-teaspoonful of maw seed, the latter in a finger-drawer. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of prepared egg-bread, or one of the good advertised Canary foods, or Canary breads. A sprig of tender young green-food frequently is good; also a slice of ripe apple or other fruit. A small piece of sweet orange is a very good thing indeed, in my belief, to help keep the voice

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Sea Sand.

F. W. Thornley.—I have used sea sand myself and never discovered any ill effects therefrom. I have also seen it used by some of our most successful exhibitors, and never have I heard of any such effects as you mention. You say the water at Weston-super Mare is muddy. It occurs to me that the foreign matter in the mud may be responsible for the symptoms exhibited by your birds. Still it may be that the salt has been the cause of the irritation, birds, like human beings, are differently constituted, and some people are much effected by the use of salt. If it is so with human beings, why not with birds? Anyway, the experiment, either from some peculiarity about the sand used, or the constitution of your birds, has failed, and I should advise you not to repeat except you can obtain your sand from a shore where mud is unknown, because sea mud as a rule contains the sediment of sewage which is sent into the sea from our towns and villages round the coast.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sex of Woodlarks.

Cabinet.—It is difficult to sex Woodlarks, the cock and hen being so very much alike in plumage, unless one has had considerable experience with the species. Dealers (and catchers of the species) do not often err, however. The hen is the better-looking of the two, contrary to the general rule with British birds. She is the richest in colour, and the best pencilled (marked), the pencilling being quite appreciably denser and heavier (thickly streaked), on the breast of the hen than on the cock. The latter is said to have the longest spur (hind-claw), but I never can see any difference here; also the longest wing, this being quite true, just as it is in the Skylark, though not to the same pronounced extent. You want to pick an alert, bold, "cheeky" bird, looking with suspicion on those with the richest colour and blackest pencilling.

Feeding a Goldfinch.

H. Eveleigh.—Your method is fairly correct, and calculated to ensure the Goldie's good health. You want, however, to gradually leave off the niger in the stock mixture, and give a small teaspoonful daily in a finger-drawer, or separate vessel of some kind. Then give once every two days, with maw-seed in between. I never give old-caged Goldfinches niger seed, as a regular thing. It is a rattling good "pick-me-up," of which a little now and then serves to keep them in a good humour. You always want to have some appreciated dainty to fall back on when a bird shows signs of "going off colour" a little. If you give birds every known seed and delicacy as a regular thing, then you deprive yourself of this useful aid. I suggest a stock mixture of hemp, two pints, teazle two pints, canary and linseed one pint each. The wild seed you describe is plantain (or rat's-tails). This is very useful, but not one of the most liked so far as Goldies are concerned, they prefer thistle and hardheads. The most appreciated green-food now is flowering heads of groundsel, if you can get it. Goldie's will nibble at most other kinds, however, and often at a piece of ripe fruit. For description and illustration of hardheads (knapweed), consult the article on "Wild Seeds" which appeared some few weeks ago in our columns.

Inga Seed and Other Things.

Yum Yum.—There are several reasons why inga (or niger) seed is unsuitable for regular use with caged British birds. It is very oily and heating (forcing), and is passionately liked by most seed-eaters. They will gorge themselves on it to the exclusion of other seeds, and this in time is likely to lead to an upset of the liver, with probably serious consequences. It also leads to much waste of other seed, as the birds throw the stock mixture all over the cage-floor, etc., looking for the grains of niger. It is valuable with fresh-caught Finches, because they get on to it readily, and it has excellent nourishing properties; and it is excellent to give freely towards the end of the moult, because of its stimulating (conditioning) properties. I think this answers your questions. Inga seed is like fire—a good servant, but a bad master. You ought (to have no difficulty in getting teazle and charlock; any seedsman can easily get them, even if not stocked. Soft water, providing it is clean and pure, is the best possible thing to give birds to

Concerning the Robin.

Robin.—It is mainly a sentimental reason, I fancy, that keeps the Robin from becoming a widely-kept cage pet. The average person does not like to see Bobbie behind the bars of a cage—a sentiment with which I have a more than sneaking sympathy. Still, the Robin is usually capable of being made into a delightful pet, singing his very beautiful song freely to his owner. The best way is to hand-rear a nest, or get a cock very young, and let him hear the song of the wild Robin. I know a friend who amuses herself every year by doing one or the other of these two things, letting her red-breasted friend have his liberty every spring, so that he may mate and add to the store of his kind. She could tell some interesting stories if she only would. Adult-caught Robins are often very intractable. The species is not difficult to cater for. The cage required is one of the usual type used for the smaller Softbills. The stock food must be a good insectivorous food (many are advertised in our columns), prepared in the usual way, with a little of some vegetable ingredient. Live food must also be frequently supplied, mealworms being the mainstay of this side of the menu. There is no "legal reason" why the Robin should not be kept in captivity.

Show Chaffinch; Singing Linnet.

Scutcher, Oldham. — Some house-moulted Chaffinches are singing now, especially "forced" birds, for contest singing; but the majority are not. I was listening to some out-of-doors yesterday, and they could hardly call "pink, pink." The spring is the beginning of the song season of the Chaffie, when in a state of nature. The show Chaffinch needs to be as big and bold a bird as possible, with a broad, well-rounded chest, and wide skull. In colour they differ remarkably. Some are a sort of chocolate colour; these look very rich and usually carry plenty of bloom (sheen) on plumage. They are not my own ideal, however, being too much of a sameness all over—no colour contrasts—and too suggestive of "pure sweet pepper." I prefer the bird with a fairly deep cinnamon brown breast colour, deepening to reddish-brown on the back, and blue cap, with well defined black streak across the base of the upper mandible. Such a bird will show the wing and tail markings to perfection. I like to see good, well-defined whites (the patches on the wing butts), but don't place too much stress on them, as they are so easily produced by judicious faking, viz., the removal of surrounding feathers, a practice much too common. I always leave birds unnoticed that I entertain suspicion of in this respect. Sprightly carriage, closely-fitting wings and tail are essentials. No; contest Linnets are not called on to sing for so long without a stop—that only applies to Larks. Linnets have to sing certain turns of song only, and the bird which produces the highest number of these "good songs" in a certain period (say 10 or 15 minutes) is the winner. The best bird is thus the one which turns out "good songs" the fastest over the given period. The procedure is too long to describe here. I advise you to attend a contest; also read articles on the subject which appeared last year in CAGE BIRDS.

An Exhibition Hawfinch.

Constant Reader.—Exhibition Hawfinches are not by any means all alike; there is a certain necessary latitude in fact, in all species exhibited. The winning Hawfinch at the last Crystal Palace Show, for instance, was quite a medium-sized one, yet in the opinion of the judge this was more than counterbalanced by his wonderful colour and polish, combined with excellence of markings. As a general rule, however, it is safe to say a show Hawfinch needs to be as big as possible, consistent with quality of feather. The ideal colour is as near a rich reddish chestnut as possible, deepening on the back and to brownish on the head. The chest and shoulders must be very broad, and the head bold and wide, set on a short, thick neck. A narrow-headed bird, on one "hammer-headed," as it is termed (narrow either at front or back) is to be avoided. The wing markings must be rich and well defined, especially the bar, and those peculiar looking blue-black wing feathers with the metallic sheen. The bib is a most important marking. It should be a perfect V shape, clean cut to a point, and dense, solid black in colour—the wider and bigger the better. A common failing with otherwise good Hawfinches is to run pale in colour on the forehead—such birds are generally, however, on the pale side in colour all over. A Hawfinch will certainly thrive in a large cage in an outdoor bird-room. It should have plenty of good sunflower seed. The haw is the fruit of the Hawthorn (the shrub which bears the "May-blossom").

Feeding a Bullfinch.

P. Blackshaw. Your Bullfinch should do well on the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each, sunflower one pint, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint each. As variety offer daily a pinch of one or the other of these things (in a separate vessel): Maw, niger, hemp, wild seed mixture, thistle and dandelion; also give thistleheads, hardheads, milk thistle, shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, blackberries, privet berries, buds from hawthorn hedge, fruit bushes, etc., as may be in season, some suitable ripe fruit (banana, pear, apple, cherry, orange, etc.), and a small mealworm or two, now and again. This will give you a pretty varied menu to ring the changes upon, and so afford that variety which will keep the bird in good health and condition. Always remember that Bullies are great fruit, bud and berry eaters by nature.

Brevities.

Wintering Birds (Fen).—Providing the half of the greenhouse is as free from damp as you tell me it is from draught, then I have no hesitation in saying that the British birds you name will winter in it all right without recourse being had to artificial heat. They ought to be in big flights,

however, where they can get plenty of whig exercise, and have oily heating seeds (hemp, lin seed, sunflower, maw, niger, rape) literally. If you see any of the Canaries looking mopy and miserable, presumably under stress of the weather conditions, then you must at once remove them indoors.

Bare Patches on Mule (F. J. S.).—Catch the Linnet Mule once daily, and anoint the bare spots on its body with a tiny smear of paraffin oil, using the finger-tip to do it with. Be gentle, and rub the way the feathers lie (or should lie, rather) only. Discontinue immediately you perceive, or feel, any new feathers coming through.

Unseemly Conduct (Benjy).—The unseemly and unreasonable behaviour of your cock Goldfinch in trying to feed the hen Canary he was paired to last season, may only be his way of assuring her of a continuance of his favour—or, as likely as not, she, the jade, tempts him to doing it. Anyway, it is pretty plain that while she is about, no other charmer will be likely to suit him. Of course, there is plenty of time to separate them ere the next breeding season is with us; occasionally, however, hen Canaries, especially if kept in living rooms and too well fed, will go to nest with the Christmas pudding—that is to say, of course, while we are eating it.

In an Aviary (W. Baker)—I think your cock Goldie and hen Greenie would be quite all right left in the large aviary (14 by 6 by 4 feet). The only question is whether he would not be likely to mate with one or other of the hen Canaries in preference to the hen Greenfinch (or even with both, Goldies being notorious polygamists in captivity). Of the other ways, No. 2 is better than No. 3, a warm living room being particularly unsuitable in the summer. Goldies in large aviaries are not so prone to smash the eggs as when confined in cages.

A Greenfinch and a Bullfinch (Anxious).—Treat your Greenfinch with paraffin oil, exactly as advised "F.J.S." in this week's issue. Your Bullfinch you should keep in a box-cage, in a cosy corner of a heated living-room, covering the cage-front at night. For two days stir half-a-teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum), from the chemist, into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, and repeat once or twice, after a day or so's interval on plain water, if it seems necessary. Both birds should be fed well—let both have sunflower seed in plenty. You must make absolutely certain they are not being pestered by red-mite.

About Woodlarks (Woodlarks).—I don't suppose there would be any difference between the song of an English-caught and a Continental-caught Woodlark, though as a matter of patriotism I should plump for the former. The difference in the sexes is explained in the reply to "Cabinet" this week. I don't know where you heard or read the "information" to choose the best coloured and looking specimen, but whoever imparted the same either misunderstood you, or did not know what he was talking about.

Eating Their Excreta (Anxious Enquirer).—If I am not mistaken, I answered this query in last week's issue. Have not a copy by me at moment of writing, but if you turn to my column, I feel sure there appears a reply concerning Thrushes and Blackbirds eating their excreta.

Pairing in an Aviary (Old King Cole).—You, too, seem to be a "jolly old soul," despite your misfortunes. It is certainly extraordinary that the hen Canary should have had four nests and 15 eggs, all infertile, in an aviary containing so many male British birds—they must hold rigid views concerning married fidelity, judging by the way they stuck to their own wives! I think your idea of putting the two Bullies and the cock Goldie and two hen Canaries together in the small aviary next spring, is the right one, and it should lead to success.

Feeding an Owl (J. B. Foster).—You do not say what species the Owl you have trapped is, but I can safely say that it must have flesh food if it is going to live and thrive in captivity—for instance, mice, Sparrows, and other small birds, beetles, pieces of rabbit, the "innards" of fowls, etc., raw beef or mutton, etc. If you cannot undertake to provide these things, you should certainly let this useful creature have its liberty at once.

Bullfinch with "Asthma" (C. M.L.B.).—I answered this (or a very similar) query last week—turn up the answers there. I don't think it is "asthma" at all; hence the inefficiency of the bronchial mixture. If you feel certain it really is bronchial troubles, then keep the bird warm and cosy (covered up at night), and try the lately-boomed cure "B.P. Solution of Coal Tar," obtainable from the chemist—5 or 6 drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily.

Chaffinch Not Singing (J. H., Cwm).—Look up another answer this week, which deals with the song of the Chaffinch. You are correct in assuming that wild Chaffinches are not now in song. Your feeding seems to be excellent, and your young cock Chaffie is certain to break into song later on. It would be better if you could manage to let him hear the family melody, as produced from the throat of a free-singing old bird.

Foods of Goldfinch (Frenchman).—The food of the Goldfinch is dealt with in another reply this week. The essentials to "show condition" are an early and quick (favourable) moult, and a free-bathing bird. A Goldie which is late breaking into moult is badly handicapped; and a bird which does not tub himself freely comes out deficient in bloom—unless the owner helps by spraying him daily, though this is by no means a perfect substitute. I should not give hemp very plentifully until the moult is drawing to a close; it is held to have a darkening effect on the plumage. Plenty of thistle and hardheads should be provided.

More About the Goldfinch (A. G. H.).—Two other replies this week will afford the information you seek. In addition, I gave the other query a lengthy reply dealing with slow moulting of the blaze, and how to treat it. It is certainly hard lines the bird persistently declines to bathe. Have you tried him in a large cage, containing a bath and another bird, which uses the tub freely? This method often succeeds in inducing the one to emulate the splashing exploits of the other. When you want advice, put explicitly the points you desire it upon—a vague general question is difficult to deal with.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Cockatoo Pulling its Feathers.

F. M.—I fear your bird has been improperly fed, and till I know how you have been feeding I can only advise at a venture. At any rate, the bird must have a bath, and to be quite secure against parasites, spray it every other day with quassia solution, taking the precaution to keep it out of draughts till dry. Give it an aperient, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonsful of water, letting it have only this to drink for one day; after an interval of three days repeat the dose. When not giving the magnesia, for the next month make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. Diet: a seed mixture of oats, wheat, hemp, dari, maize, canary and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Also give, not altogether, but so as to keep a varied diet, such ripe fruit as it will eat, green food, boiled potato (dry), plain biscuit, and raw carrot. Do not give table scraps, slops, or any kind of animal food. However you have been feeding, change to above diet as soon as possible, but do not let the change be too sudden. However, if you have been giving slops, these must be stopped at once—recovery of plumage in such case is not rapid, and the treatment must be persevered with.

Grey Parrot Ill.

No Name.—It is very difficult to advise you in such a case; while you cannot let the bird starve, milk sop is a most unwholesome diet for a Grey Parrot, and as soon as you can get it on to boiled maize do so, again weaning it from this on to the seed mixture as early as possible. Note: the boiled milk should be made fresh twice daily, and the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day. The food vessels should be thoroughly cleansed for each occasion. Give the bird three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in the milk sop or over the boiled maize at intervals of three days. Keep the bird in a warm room and out of draught. You had better write again on seeing this, sending me full particulars as to how you have been feeding the bird. Let her get quite hungry before feeding her, so as to induce her to take more wholesome food. If it is troubled with intervals of weakness, let it have a few sips of water containing a few drops of brandy.

What Bird?

W. M. S.—Your bird is the Grey-headed, Lavender-headed, or Madagascar Lovebird; the plumage of the hen is similar, but she lacks the grey head of the male. Diet: Canary, millet, spray millet, oats, green food, cuttlefish, and water, *ad. lib.* Personally, I should hardly call this an exhibition bird, but if it is in finest condition it might possibly catch the judge's eye. It should be entered in the class for "Budgerigars and all Lovebirds," or if exhibited at a show when the classification was limited to Seedeaters and Insectivorous, it should be entered as Seedeater. If the classes were for Hardbills and Softbills, it should be entered as a Hardbill.

Parrot with Swollen Tongue.

T. F. Huddersfield.—From the details you supply, I cannot even guess at a possible cause, unless it has been chewing up splintery wood, and has got a splinter fixed in its tongue, in which case, of course, it must be removed. You had better let a vet. see it, if it still lives when you see this reply. If there had been an address on your query, I should have dropped you a postcard, as it came to hand just too late to appear in last issue. If it still lives, and you require further advice, write at once with fullest details, including how you have been dieting the bird.

Another Feather Puller.

Binks.—Spray the parts it is in the habit of picking with quassia solution every other day. Keep the bird carefully out of draught till dry. Make its drinking quite saline for one day only, with Epsom Salts, repeating the dose as may be necessary to keep its bowels moving freely, but not watery loose. On the days you are not giving the salts, make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and small Indian maize; get a quart of each, well mix, and it will last some time. Also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (monkey nuts will not harm the bird, but shelled walnuts are better), green food (lettuce is best at this season), cuttlefish, and water, *ad. lib.* You must persevere with this treatment, as feather-picking is a vice not readily given up, once a bird becomes confirmed in it.

Parrot Passing Worm.

Beginner.—I do not remember the details of my previous reply; but you cannot do better than continue the treatment already advised, with the addition of, say, three doses of areca nut powder, as much as will lie on a sixpence, with a day's interval between each dose. The best way to administer it will be on a piece of biscuit, madeira cake, or something similar that the bird will eat, *slightly* damp it with water and sprinkle the powder on same. Possibly the bird will be left a little weak after the trouble has passed; if I have not already advised a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, you must put it on same for a month at least; you will see directions in several replies to other querists in this issue.

What Parrakeet?

Ignoramus.—Yes, your supposition is quite correct; it is a Quaker Parrakeet. We are always glad to help our readers, and you are quite right in not desiring to keep a bird if you don't know how to keep it. However, the treatment of the Quaker is about as easy as any of the Parrakeets. Let it have a staple mixture of canary, hemp, oats, dari, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts, green food (I find this species prefers lettuce to anything else), cuttlefish, grit, a little plain biscuit, and water *ad. lib.* It should be able to take a bath in warm weather daily, every other day will do at this season, but you must keep it out of draught till dry. It is a hardy species, and will thrive on above treatment if it is kept free from draught, and its cage gets a daily clean.

A Talking Mynah.

F. Edwards.—These birds are most interesting, and their articulation is clearer than that of a Parrot. Certainly, carefully remove the tail feathers, say, two every other day till the whole are removed. If the bird is healthy it will not harm it at all, and they will soon be reproduced. Yes, it should have a good chance of catching the judge's eye when it is in full feather, providing, of course, it is perfect in every way—that is, no claws missing, etc. If the bird was mine, and as loquacious as you state yours is, I certainly should not accept less than £5 for it. As regards diet, give ripe fruit, table scraps, and some good soft food mixture; a good mixture consists of two parts crushed puppy biscuit, and one part each dried flies, ants' eggs, and mashed potato. A few mealworms daily, and also such beetles, spiders, earwigs, etc., as you can capture should be given.

Parrot Not Growing its Feathers

Tail.—I presume you are feeding this bird as advised in this column regularly. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish bone in its cage and put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food; for directions see other replies in this issue. I cannot advise the keeping of two Parrots in one cage, unless as youngsters they had been together from the beginning, and even then, when fully adult, I have known them have to be separated, to save them from tearing one another to pieces. Read carefully other replies *re* Grey Parrots, and you should be in no difficulty as to dieting your bird.

Illness of Grey Parrot.

T. B.—Pass a small feather that has been dipped in olive oil, gently and carefully up the nostrils when they become blocked, also spray same with diluted glyco-thymoline at intervals till relief is given. It will do no harm if a little of the solution be swallowed. If the bird will let you handle it, give it four drops of tincture of opium in the morning, and repeat the dose again in the evening. Two doses should be sufficient to give relief. Till the bird has recovered, do not leave the water in the cage, but let it have a few sips two or three times a day. If the bird will not let you handle it, take away its drinking water overnight, and then in the morning put five drops of tincture of opium in a tablespoonful of water, and let it have only this to drink for two days; of course, it would require a fresh lot for the second day. After the cold has yielded, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. For directions see other replies in this issue.

Parrot not well.

M. Wright.—Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water for one day only, repeating the operation after an interval of three days. Spray its nostrils twice a day with diluted glyco-thymoline. Get from your chemist the following mixture: oxymel of squills, Ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, in equal parts, and put one teaspoonful of this mixture in two tablespoonsful of water, and let it have only this to drink for a few days. Keep it warm and out of draught, and feed as advised to other querists in this and past issues. The bird is in a very bad condition, and you had better report progress in a week's time.

Linnet—Singing Finch.

Dunster.—I see no reason why you should not succeed with this cross; of course, as with many others, success may not attend the first effort, but I certainly think you should ultimately succeed with it. As regards diet, supply food in two hoppers, one containing your usual Linnet mixture and the other a mixture of canary and millet. Neither bird will take harm from eating any portion of the other's mixture. Of course, you will supply green food, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing. The Green Singing Finch has crossed with the Canary, and also with the Grey Singing Finch. Shall be interested to hear the result of your experiment.

Causes of Feather Eating.

P. W. M.—I have never suggested that there were not other causes than "injudicious feeding" for the annoying habit of feather eating or plucking; but I do maintain that seven-eighths, if not more, of the cases that have come to my knowledge over a long period have arisen from that cause; *ennui* is responsible in some cases, and in others it is shear vice. I do not anticipate your bird will persist in it; a valuable Hawkhead I have, which is now in perfect feather, when the moult started about this time last year, pulled all the feathers off the underparts, till only down was left; and I should say that yours will duly come right; at the same time I should continue the use of the quassia solution so as to make sure about the parasites, every other day for a fortnight; this will also make its plumage bitter and distasteful to the bird. If it appears in a heated condition, give it two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia at intervals of three days; see other replies for directions. Your diet is perfectly satisfactory, and I should say its temporary vice would soon be checked.

Grey Parrot's Indigestion.

G. H.—It is a bad case of indigestion. Keep the bird warm and out of draught; for one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia over its boiled maize. Do not leave its drinking water in the cage; let it become thirsty, and then let it have a few sips of water, into which you have put two drops of laudanum to, say, a tablespoonful of water. The next day dissolve five grains bicarbonate of potash in one ounce of water, and the bird have only this to drink till relief is given; of course, a fresh quantity must be dissolved daily. You must continue the boiled maize till you can get it to eat a dry seed mixture. Canary seed is very wholesome for it, if it will eat it in quantity, add to it a little hemp, wheat and sunflower seeds; I shall be very much surprised if it does not soon take to this. I am certainly of the opinion that the diarrhœa has been caused by a little of the maize getting into some corner, has gone sour, and been eaten by the bird. The vessel containing such foods as boiled maize should be scalded out daily. Have you tried it with ripe apple and grapes?

Parrot with Ragged Feathers.

R. Ellis.—Of course, the bird continuously spreading out its feathers against the wires of cage, has contributed in a measure to the ruggedness, but I am of the opinion the bird is troubled with parasites, and I should advise spraying it every other day for a fortnight to make sure of this; it will do no harm, at any rate, so long as you keep out of draught till dry. Simply leave out the dari and oats from the mixture, as this particular individual does not care for them. From the appearance of the feather sent, I do not think the bird has moulted yet, and after a year's use the tail and flight feathers are more or less ragged, especially with such individuals as are fond of fluttering against sides of cage. There is no disease as far as I can see, only probable signs of parasites and "wear and tear." After the moult the feathers would, I should say, be fine and nominal. If it is the bird's first year in this country, it may not moult till next year. Read other replies on this topic and compare with your own case.

What Birds?

Zebra.—Your query came too late for last issue, and I cannot now give you a definite reply. You have some small and uncommon species of the *Tanagridæ*, but just what particular species I cannot say at the moment, but shall hope to do so next week. It is the size of the birds that constitutes the chief difficulty of the query. I presume you have not underestimated this in the case of the smallest bird? The diet advised is satisfactory, but I should also give a mixture of crumbled sponge cake, dried flies, and ants' eggs, made just crumbly moist, about equal portions of each. I should also give sand on cage bottom, but if they have been deprived of this for awhile it must be only given a very little at a time till they get accustomed to it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (C. Griffiths).—Chronic softening of liver, feverishness and acute pneumonia, ending with apoplexy.

Grey Parrot (C. W. Armstrong).—Well established disease of liver, malnutrition, feverishness, pneumonia, a great many Grey Parrots go off in this way.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Photograph (J. Pearce Sampson).—If the photograph proves suitable for reproduction in our columns, we shall be delighted to print it.

Show Report (S. H. W. Baker).—Your report was "crowded out," the very severe pressure of space being responsible for this. You have our best thanks for the courtesy extended to our representative, and best wishes for your society's success.

Eulogy of Show (Claud).—We are always glad to give praise where praise is due, and the show you now enquire had full justice done to it in our report. Consequently, as it mainly repeats what we have already said, we do not feel justified in publishing your letter, seeing how much matter we have waiting patiently to get into our pages.

Back Numbers (F. Burgess).—The back numbers you want containing the articles on weeds and seeds are Aug. 17 and Sept. 7, post free, three pence.

Caged Birds and Consumption (F. C. Parker).—This old scare of Dr. Tucker Wise's was exploded long ago, but the medico-scientific rag of the "siftings" order periodically dish it up to "shock" their readers. It has yet to be proved that Canaries and similar small birds ever suffer from consumption. Authorities quite good enough for us say they do not.

Partnerships (Pearson and Knowles).—We have a distinct recollection of your letter reaching us, and can only assume our printers mislaid the copy. It shall certainly appear this week, and we very much regret the delay.

On Friday (Grocer).—You should have no difficulty in getting CAGE BIRDS on the Friday, and the fault must lie with the newsagent. Will you let us know his address if the delay continues?

Paper, etc. (T. Pope).—Your paper and report reached us too late to deal with this week, but shall have our attention in next issue.

Distributing Specimens. (A. E. Pudney).—Many thanks for your kindness in giving away specimen copies to likely subscribers. As we have said before, this is just the kind of practical help we like.

Paper (J. T. C.).—Paper safely to hand, for which accept our thanks. Shall hope to publish it in the near future.

Trumpet Blowing (Preston).—We cannot see that any good purpose would be served by the publication of your letter. Readers can always refer to the report of the show.

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

A Blend of Canary Blood.

Mr. Norman's coloured plate of some Hybrids with Canary blood in them, which accompanies this week's Double Number, will, I think, command the admiration of all lovers of birds, and especially those devoted to the fascinating pursuit of Mule-breeding. Nothing of its kind has, I venture to say, ever been placed before the Fancy that can approach it for correctness of colouring and delineation, combined with artistic effect. All the birds have evidently been studied and painted from winning specimens of the various varieties depicted.

The Jonque (yellow) dark Siskin-Canary shows the blend of parental characteristics and colouring to perfection; and this may be said with equal truth of the four other Mules seen on the plate. The rich colour and white edging to the wing-flights of the Linnet, the striking characteristics which the Goldie never fails to impart to any cross in which it enters, and the influence of the Greenfinch on the shape of its progeny, will be revealed to even the least discerning eye. What would not the enthusiastic Mule breeder give to produce two such grand birds as the lightly-marked Greenie and the four-pointed Goldie? I think he would be tempted to "give his ears," as the old saying has it. If it were not for the risk of sacrificing my chances in the matrimonial market, I know I should feel tempted to offer mine.—G. E. WESTON.

Sparrow Hawk's Interesting Encounter.

For some time I have kept a male Sparrow-Hawk, writes Mr. W. Greenhalgh, sometimes on leash and stoop and sometimes in a compartment of an outhouse. The other night my boy brought home a bustling little Pekin Bantam cock and an old English game spangled Bantam hen. They were put into a compartment next to the Hawk for the night. Next morning when the doors were opened the Bantam cock went for the Sparrow-Hawk with great ferocity. He knocked the Hawk "all over the shop" at every charge, and celebrated his victory by vociferous crowing. The Hawk never once became the assailant, but he stood his ground and met each impetuous charge with "a right and left" from his sharp talons, delivered with the celerity and agility of an accomplished pugilist, and never once tried to use his powerful hooked beak. At each stroke the Hawk merely grasped a "handful" of the Bantam's feathers. Had he been able to "hind on" to a limb with his talons, the combat might have ended otherwise, but the Bantam cock was too alert to give his opponent that advantage.

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NOTTINGHAM.

Another grand Annual Show.

Once again this great carnival of birds, the "Palace Show" of the Midlands, held November 14 and 15, leaves its mark in the history of the Cage Bird World. Every year we are treated to an assembly of the feathered tribes that for quality and value, cannot be excelled at any show. Being practically the greatest "nursery" in the Kingdom for the Crested Canary, it is no wonder that every year (as a rule) we see superb arrays of Crests and crestbreds, far away eclipsing in quantity and quality even the great Palace Show itself. Our report last year spoke of the super-excellence of the Crest classes and the praise then given was justly merited. This year what is our duty? Well! although the total in entries is less than last year, on the whole the high class of the Crest section is well maintained, with nearly all the exhibits of first-class merit. True, one or two of the cracks failed to respond to a most liberal classification, still, merit was in abundance. Messrs. Norwood Bros. came out with a strong team, and the rest of the spoil was shared by G. Colledge, T. J. King, W. Bowyer, Goode, Peace, Eley, Onion, Radley, Piper, Mills, White, Edwards, Hayes, Bemrose, Bowers etc.—evidence of an extending field of crest breeders here.

British Birds created very strong competition, and some of the highest class specimens seen this season fought battles for supremacy. Messrs. Hurst, Axe, R. Howe, Chick, Andrews, Hunt, Goode, Ride, Hakes, Lewis and Dymond, Pawlett, Barnes and Hedworth accounted for most of the prizes. Goldfinches were very good. Bullfinches few, but good, and Linnets for the nonce a small class, but good also. The North Country shows this week had big entries in Linnets, which no doubt accounted for the small entry here. The A.O.V. class saw a wonderful Hawfinch win somewhat easily. Mr. Hurst's crack Bramble for some reason or other was marked absent. The insectivorous classes were a real study, and many and varied both large and small—were the charming species on view, all in magnificent plumage. The winning Wryneck and Chough were in the pink of condition, as also the winning Thrush. Mr. Hakes put down a superb Albino Blackbird in its class, really grand. The Canary hybrid classes were only fairly representative, probably owing to the classification, as some crosses had no class wherein to be shown. The "Pairs for Hybrid Breeding" class was very interesting and instructive. The Foreign Section was a real treat in many respects. The Pair of Silver-eared Mesias, shown by Mr. Harrison—the best pair ever exhibited, we were told—are magnificent in colour and condition. The Violet Eared Waxbill of Mr. F. Howes is simply perfection, while the large foreign were very fine, and were led by a very good Scarlet Macaw. The Novice Norwich and Crests were far above the usual run of novices' birds. There was the usual Talking Parrot Competition, the prize to be awarded by the committee.

The Special Prize List was so stupendous that it actually covered 7 pages of the schedule. The value was extraordinary and fanciers who don't send here do miss a treat in specials, and no mistake. Titled personages grace the list of Patrons, and the officials comprised Messrs. R. Rhodes (chairman), G. C. Ley (vice-chairman), committee, Messrs. T. Barker, H. J. Chick, J. H. Northage, J. Bertie, J. Goode, J. Onion, A. Onion, L. Burrows, T. Haywood, F. Cooke, F. Walters, F. Holbrook, hon. treasurer, Mr. Rhodes; hon. auctioneer, G. H. Scotton. The hon. sec., Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, we have often eulogised in the past. Truly he is a wonderful fellow at his work, meeting every requirement in quite an ideal way. His committee work like machinery, one and all tackling their work manfully. Messrs. R. Rhodes, G. C. Ley, and J. Northage are an invaluable trio and have the success of the Notts. Society and its Shows at heart, and spare neither time, trouble or expense to this end. Great credit is due to the rest of the Committee for their active services, which led to so fine a success. The Mechanics' Hall is a beautifully lighted room, and most suitable, one we have often described. The staging arrangements this year were on the rack principle, a great improvement on the ordinary tables, besides allowing the visitors much extra space. The top of these tiers was decorated with very choice plants, and the whole nicely draped, so that the room presented a very charming and cosy appearance. A large case containing the very valuable cups, silver plate, and suchlike articles (being some of the special prizes offered) was a great attraction, and many envious eyes gazed that way. A great concourse of fanciers came from all parts for miles around, many from very long distances. Lancashire men were much in evidence—the Norwich Plainhead Club Show and meeting, and the Lancashire and Lizard Show bringing them up in force. The show on the whole made a pretty picture, crowds of admirers of the foreign birds, ladies particularly, came and went, and took great interest in the Talking Parrots. The gate was very little less than last year on the first day, and it is hoped the 2nd day will create another record. The Judges were:—Norwich, Mr. J. H. Payne; Crests, Mr. W. E. Greeves; Lancs. and Lizards, Mr. R. Clegg; Clns. and Sell., Mr. J. H. Roe; Hyb. Brit. and For., Mr. Chas. Houlton.

The Norwich Plainhead Club Show.

Entries came up well in the ten classes, having a total of 171. The quality was first-class, many gems of the first water being staged. The competition in most of the classes was very keen, and very little divided the placed birds. The special for best in this section went to that well-known winner of Mr. Evans', the ticked buff "Sign of the Cross." The special for best opposite colour to winner of gold medal fell to Mr. Vardy's buffighted yellow, a real good youngster which, with luck, should make a name for itself. This exhibitor also staged another gem in the winner in the unevenly marked yellow class, a bird full of quality, and rich in colour. Another grand youngster was Messrs. Beardall and Walker's winner in unflighted buffs, a true Norwich in shape, and combining with plenty of size, all the good qualities of the variety. The winners in the hen classes were simply grand, and it would be a tough job to find their equal. We hardly knew which to admire the most, and had we to choose one, it would indeed be a case of "How happy could I be with either were t'other dear charmer away." The five Amateur Classes averaged just under 25 per class, and we doubt if ever a better lot has been staged by amateurs—what struck us most forcibly was the excellent quality of the birds in the unflighted classes, a good sign this, as it clearly shows the young breeders are advancing. There is one thing certain, the amateurs—or, perhaps, to be correct, we should say the majority of those that exhibited on this occasion—do not require much teaching in the art of colour feeding, as many of the exhibits were almost, if not quite, equal to those in the open classes. Altogether we should say the Norwich F.C. Show of 1907 must be set down a great success.

NOR. CL. YELL (16): 1, Booth, rich, deep, solid colour, well extended down flights and tail, good shape, gets well over perch, flights well packed, and tail closely folded; 2, Bishop, grand size and shape, good head and full neck, wings and tail well braced, not quite so high in quality; 3, Trengove, good-shaped body, nice head and neck, full quality, short in wings and tail; 4, Morris, grand shape, nice quality, full, clean head, short wings and tail, a bit patchy, which let it down; vhc, Shore, good colour, good in feather; hc, Nutt, nice shape and quality, a bit groggy on its "pins"; c, Vardy. BUFF (11): 1, Bishop, short thick body, deep and nicely rounded chest, short wings and tail, full neck, lovely quality; 2, Booth, hotter in colour, grand quality, nice back, wings and tail, not quite so deep in chest, but close up; 3, c, Vardy, grand feather and quality, shade long in barrel, good substance, nicely mealed; 4, Walton and Noakes, full of quality, nice shape and colour, good back, neat tail, crosses wings a little at tips; vhc, Edwards, grand quality and colour; hc, Whetstone. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 4, Vardy, thigh tick, lovely colour right through from end to end, and full of quality, good shape, neat wings and tail, good head and back; 2, 3, Beardall and Walker, 2 marked eye and right wing, grand shape, nice quality, good head, not so good in wing carriage, 3 a topper for shape, good chest and back, nice feather and quality; vhc, Shore, grand quality and colour; hc, Evans; c, Barraclough. BUFF (19): 1, Evans, ticked over beak, rare size and shape, grand silky feather, full head and neck, rich under-colour, grand back, good wing carriage, takes gold medal for best in open section, well-known winner; 2, vhc, Beardall and Walker, grand shape and full of quality, nice head, neck and back, fails only a little in wing carriage, vhc grand colour; 3, Eckersley, marked head and eyes, grand type and full of quality; 4, hc, Fox, marked eye and right wing, feathered like boxwood, grand colour and quality, slightly faulty in head, nice shape; c, Noakes. UNFLIG. YELL. (25): 1, Vardy, fine size and shape, grand colour and quality, good head, short wings and tail, nice texture of feather, a gem, takes silver medal; 2, Whetstone, grand quality of feather, good shape, very fair wing carriage, and nice in colour; 3, Morris, good shape and quality, excellent colour, good wings and tail; 4, Treugove, marked head, eye and left wing, hot colour, nice quality, good body, wings and tail; vhc, Evans, grand type, fails trifle in feather; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Mercer. BUFF (25): 1, Beardall and Walker, marked head and rump, a stormer for shape, as thick as a Bullfinch, lovely under-colour, and grandly mealed, short, well packed flights and tail, well across the perch, A1 quality, a gem; 2, Morris, clear, splendid colour, grand wing carriage, good shape, nice and full in head, nicely mealed, a good one; 3, Walton and Noakes, eye ticked, grand type, good colour and wing carriage, close up; 4, Adnitt and Driver, grizzled on head, grand shape, nice colour and quality, not quite so clean as thighs; vhc, Mercer, grand feather and colour; hc, Raynes, grand one, had a feather or two out of tail; c, Bowyer. HEN YELL. (20): 1, 3, Nutt, first a clear, A1 shape and size, deep chest and full neck, good wings and tail, grand quality and level colour, a clinker, 3 marked wings, grand shape and quality, chest full and nicely rounded, close feather; 2, Adnitt and Driver, lovely shape and full of quality, good wings and tail, rich colour, not quite the substance of winner; 4, Beardall and Walker, nice shape, good colour and quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Vardy, grand shape and quality; hc, Irons; c, Walton and Noakes, splendid shape, pale colour. BUFF (19): 1, Beardall and Walker, regular stormer, wonderful size and shape, grand feather and quality, chest as round as a billiard ball, good wings and tail, profusely mealed, as fresh as new paint, a beauty; 2, 3, Vardy, marked cheeks and wings, beautifully feathered, nice shape, most lovely back, good wings and tail, rich under-colour, very smart, 3 clear, grand body, plenty of front, nice feather and quality, bit heavier behind; 4, Nutt, rattling shape, nicely frosted,, good head and neck, not quite so close in feather; vhc, Fox, beautiful under-colour, grand back, wings and tail, nice head and neck, good quality, Manchester winner, not looking quite so well; hc, Evans; c, Mercer. NAT. COL. COCK (16): 1, Irons, buff, grizzled root of tail, fine shape, grand feather and quality, wings and tail well braced, rare stock bird; 2, Fox, yellow, grand shape and quality, nice back, wings and tail; 3, Trengove, variegated, splendid quality, nice rich colour, beautiful head; 4, Beardall and Walker, buff, marked on breast, nice feather and quality, good shape; vhc, Walton and Noakes; hc, Freestone; c, Twine. HEN (10): 1, Hale, clear buff, beautiful feather, close as boxwood, nice shape, good wings and tail, neat head, wins well; 2, Freestone, good-shaped yellow, nice feather and quality, good flights and tail; 3, 4, Raynes, grizzle capped Cinn. mark, nice shape and feather, good size, 4 clear buff, grand feather, good flights and tail; vhc, Tyler; hc, Hales, c, Irons. AMATEUR CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, 4, Davies, magnificent colour, full of quality, nice shape and style, just a shade weak in head, 4 heavily marked, beautiful colour and feather, nice head, bit long in tail; 2, Massey, marked left wing and eye, beautiful quality and good shape, nice wings and tail, fairly rich and solid in colour; 3, vhc, Coventry, grand colour and shape, nice head, not quite so high in quality as those above it, vhc nice colour and quality; hc, Marlor, grand quality, nice head; c, Crimes. BUFF (18): 1, Massey, grand shape and well up in colour, nicely mealed, good head and chest; 2, 3, Davies, lovely quality, tight fitting jacket, grand back, 3 marked wings and tail, beautiful quality, nice chest, close up; 4, Oldham, neck ticked, grand colour, beautiful feather and shape; vhc, Crimes, grand shaped variegs.; hc, Coventry; c, Fowler. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (28): 1, 2, Davies, left wing marked, grand shape, full of quality, rich colour, rare head, smart exhibit, 3 marked wings, splendid colour and full of quality, not quite so tight in feather; 2, Lees, lovely colour, good wings and tail, nice back, thick set; 4, Johnson, marked right wing, wonderful colour and quality, nice head, bit slack at thighs; vhc, Crimes, beautiful type, good feather, nice wings and tail, flat in colour, or would take some beating; hc, c, Massey, nice quality, level colour. BUFF (24): 1, Lees, grand in quality, nice colour and frosting, good shape, wings well packed and tail closely folded; 2, Mason, grand colour and quality, nice back, wings well braced, bit longer in body, perhaps, but close up; 3, 4, vhc, Davies, 3, neck ticked, grand shape, colour and quality, 4 variegs., good shape, nice feather and quality, close up; hc, Barnes, nice colour and shape; c, Alton. HENS (35): 1, Coventry, clear buff, good shape, rich under-colour, grand feather, nice head and full neck, a real good amateur exhibit; 2, vhc, hc, Davies, yellow, marked eye, neck and left wing, grand shape and full of quality, nice wings and tail, good back, bit twisted at nerk to-day, vhc, yellow, magnificent colour, nice quality of feather; 3, Paling, clear buff, grand shape, nice clean skull and good neck, good feather and quality, beaten only in depth of under-colour; 4, Hill, yellow, grand quality and shape, nice head, wings and chest; c, Massey. SELL. NOR (20): (16): 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Bishop; 3, Collings; 4, Moakes; vhc, Fox; hc, Birch; c, Riley. PAIRS (30/-) (10): 1, Birch; 2, Moore; 3, Mackender; 4, Collings; vhc, Moakes; hc, Lee; c, Fox. CINNAMON YELL. (8): 1, vhc, hc, Godley, grand size, shape and colour, good skull, grand back, good flights and tail; 2, Yates, grand shape, fairly well burnished and good in colour; 3, Dormer, grand colour, size and shape, perhaps not quite so good in feather; 4, Riding, good-shaped body, nice colour, beaten only in head and neck; c, Cowley. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Godley, leader grand size, colour and quality, nice back, well burnished, rare good one, 2 also good size and colour, not quite so clean in skull, 3 lovely colour and quality, nice head, fails a little in wings only; 4, c, Dormer, grand shape and feather, good back, falls a little in skull, perhaps, but very close up; vhc, Yates; hc, Riding. UNFLIG. (9): 1, vhc, Godley, jonque, good size and shape, full of colour and quality; 2, 3, Dormer, buff, good size and shape, nice quality, nicely marked on back, good skull, 3 yellow, well up in colour and quality, shapely; 4, Cowley, rich coloured jonque, nice shape, not so full in head; hc, Bexon; c, Yates. HENS (8): 1, Dormer, jonque, grand shape and size, splendid colour and quality; 2, vhc, Riding, jonque, nice shape, colour and size; 3, Cowley, jonque, shapely, good feather, not so level in colour; 4, hc, c, Godley, buff, very nice shape, feather and quality. BELGIAN A.V. (5): 1, Davies, yellow, good head, neck and reach, long sided and good shoulders, makes plenty of use of its tail; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Horrill, good topped buff, nice head and neck, fine straight back and tail, 3 yellow, good straight back, neat head, pulls well, 4 buff, nice top, straight in back and tail. GIFT (8): 1, Onion; 2, Goode; 3, Cottingham; 4, Cooke; vhc, Rowson; hc, Kirkham; c, Hill.

The Lancashires and Lizards.

The Lancashire numbered only 40 in 8 classes. Surely there is something not working correctly in the Lancashire Fancy. Here there was an extended classification, good special prizes, and a specialist judge, and the fancy responded in such a poor manner. We are afraid our Nottingham friends will be very reluctant to again offer such a classification. We noticed the absence of several good birds, which might easily have been expected to compete here—that is, if they wanted to face good competition. Anyhow, if the numbers were small, the quality was fairly good all round. CL. YELL. COPPY: 1, King, nice formation of Coppy, plenty of substance, not the best of position, otherwise a very good bird; 2,3, Lee, better position, but short of substance, nice condition, good head; 3, split in coppy, otherwise of nice quality and type, very fair size; 4, Garner, plenty of substance, shade weak in coppy, only a young bird, and later will show to better advantage. CL. BUFF: 1, 3, Garner, grand head, with beautiful flowing coppy, plenty of substance, nice position and carriage, 3rd nice frontal, slight break, very nice substance and stand; 2, King, very fair all-round bird, fails a little to winner in head properties, nice substance, good carriage; 4, Oldham, well up in size, very fair length and position; vhc, Rushton. CL. YELL. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, Rushton, winner grand bird, bold head, thick neck, well carried wings and tail, good back, plenty of substance, nice position, 2nd nice head and neck, very fair substance, stands well; 3, Garner, good head and neck, a bit short of substance, but a right one for position; 4, Nelson, grand head, nice substance and length. CL. BUFF: 1, King, grand head and neck, plenty of substance, clings a little to the perch; 2, Garner, good, upstanding bird, only just beaten in head and neck, very close up; 3, Rushton, typical bird, nice substance and stand; 4, Vickers, another bird of good character, nice head and neck, hardly length enough; vhc, Oldham; hc, Nelson. TICKED COPPY, grand class: 1, 2, hc, Rushton, 1st yellow, abundance of fine frontal coppy, lovely head and neck, nice feather, good position, 2nd buff, grand coppy, head and neck, plenty of substance, close run; 3, Lee, yellow, nice frontal coppy, very typical, excellent style and position; 4, Vickers, close run with a buff, of good quality, beautiful frontal coppy, good head and neck; vhc, Whipp; c, Nelson. TICK PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, Oldham, 1st yellow, grand head and neck, nice substance, good position, 2nd very fine bird, beaten in position a trifle; 3, Garner, yell., good head and neck, nice position and carriage, close up; 4, Vickers, plenty of substance, good head, but stands too close to perch. COPPY HEN: 2, 4, Garner, 2nd fair frontal coppy, nice style, fair substance; 3, Vickers, nice carriage, but not big enough for a buff. PLAINHEAD HENS: 1, Lee; 2, Whipp; 3, Nelson; three grand hens, all yellows, winner excels in all properties, there was not much to choose between 2nd and 3rd; 4, Vickers, very nice buff; vhc, Garner; hc, Rushton.

The Lizards numbered 68 in 6 classes, and the competition was keen throughout. The visitors were much impressed with the high standard of quality exhibited by these birds, it being the finest show of Lizards seen for some time. Mr. Clegg, who made the awards, on this occasion, gave every bird his careful consideration, and his awards seemed generally satisfactory. GOLD, CL. CAP (11): 1, Lawton, nice cap on a good, bold head, rich, level ground-colour, clear and distinct spangle, good breast markings; 2, Rukin, nice cap, clear, bold spangle, very distinct, fails a little on one side in ground colour, otherwise a grand bird; 3, 4, Whipp, 3rd nice quality of mark, rich in ground colour, 4th a smart bird beaten only in quality of work; vhc, Hampshire; hc, c, J. Dewsnap. SILVER (13): 1, 2, Whipp, 1st, a grand bird, clear and distinct spangle, rich ground-colour, breast work in profusion, 2nd not quite so good in ground-colour, but bold in spangle, very neat, a good one; 3, hc, J. Dewsnap, 3rd plenty of work, good shape, very fair in colour; 4, Hampshire, another good bird, nice moons, standing well out, breast marks good; vhc, hc, Lawton. GOLD BROKEN CAP (9): 1, hc, Lawton, 1st, grand bird, tip-top in spangle, sound ground colour, with plenty of breast work; 2, vhc, Whipp, 2nd warm in colour, nice and bold in spangle, a close run; 3, J. Dewsnap, patch cap, well up in colour, plenty of work, trifle short of volume in the rowing; 4, Rukin, good colour, good amount of work throughout, but rather too fine; c, Hampshire. SILVER (13): 1, Hampshire, sound in ground colour, bold in spangle, and plenty of it, distinct breast marks, and an old bird at that, an instance of remarkable preservation of show properties; 2, vhc, J. Dewsnap, 2nd clear and distinct spangling, very good in ground colour, a fine bird; 3, W. Dewsnap, plenty of work, but not uniform in distribution, nice shape and ground colour; 4, Fisher, nice moons, but inclined too much to centre, very fair bird in every other respect; hc, Lawton; c, Ollerenshaw and Son. GOLD HENS: 1, 2, Rukin, 1st, clear cap, good spangling, rich ground colour, very good black, 2nd broken cap, close on winner, excels at all points; 3, Whipp, clear cap, with some good spangling, but not quite extended enough, rich ground colour, fine shape; 4, hc, J. Dewsnap, 4th nice, sound colour, very fair work; vhc, Fisher. SILVER HEN (14): 1, 4, Hampshire, 1st grand hen, good, sound colour, plenty of work, one of the right sort, 4th very fine work, but rather irregular; 2, Fisher, another real good hen, may fail to winner in spangle a little, but a grand one; 3, Whipp, nice bird, very bold work, rather lighter in ground colour than leaders; vhc, Lawton; hc, J. Dewsnap; c, Ollerushaw and Son.

Crests and Crestbreds.

NOR. CRESTED A.V. YELL. (6): 1, Bowers, grand variegated Crest of fair size, good formation and nice quality; 2, Colledge, dark tail and marked one wing, large body of nice quality, and well shown, crest a little thin; 3, Alex. Onion, heavily variegated, neat crest, but slight break at side; 4, Cooper, crest a little thin, good body, very nice type; vhc, J. T. King, not yet ready; hc, J. Gilbert. BUFF DARK CREST (11): 1, Bowyer, massive, heavily variegated bird, with a large crest, nice droop, and quality of feather, not quite so dense as some, but a good bird and well shown; 2, J. Bowers, variegated, crest large, but fails a little in density of feather, large good-bodied bird; 3, Norward Bros., close up with 2nd, may be a shade smaller, but has a well-made crest; 4, Evans, equally good in shape and quality, but not quite so large; vhc, Colledge, Norwood Bros.; hc, J. T. King, W. H. Bale; c, W. Brown, F. G. Ball. BUFF, CLEAR OR GREY CREST (7): 1, Colledge, a grizzle, with a perfect formed crest, nice droop, dense in feather, of nice quality, on a grand, massive body; 2, Norwood Bros., an immense crest with a heavy frontal, centre a trifle too far back, and not quite so circular as winner, but still a grand specimen; 3, Ball, very similar, but not so large, has a grand body; 4, J. T. King, dense feathered grizzle crest, slightly broken at sides, not quite finished, will still improve; vhc, J. Onion; hc, c, Evins Bros. HENS, A.V. (9): 1, 4, Norwood Bros., 1st clear body, dark crest, a big hen with a grand body and large crest, nice veiny feather, but a trifle thin, which causes it to wave about, but quite the lady and a show bird all over; 4th clear body, dark crest of nice formation, but loses in size; 2, Piper, heavily variegated, with a large dense feathered crest, immense frontal, but weak at back, which slightly tilts, this slight fault shows to a great disadvantage on such a grand frontal; 3, Colledge, nearly green, dense, well-made crest, but not quite the quality of 2nd; vhc, J. T. King; Evins Bros.; hc, Davis. PAIRS, MATCHED (5): 1, Norwood Bros., green, with light tail, large bird, heavily feathered, with a nice circular crest of good size, with a lightly-marked crestbred, well-clothed head, and heavily browed, grand stock pair; 2, Wolfe, another monster crested bird, marked wings, crest hardly equal in size to winner but well made, with a heavily variegated crestbred, fair head, useful pair; 3, Wood John, crest good in shape and feather, good body, nearly green, with an equally good crestbred; 4, Cowportwaite, a very taking crest, lovely veiny feather, but not so dense as winners, with a big crestbred with fair head feather. NOR. A.V. YELL., YOUNG BIRDS 1907 (8): 1, Bemrose, heavily variegated with a very neat crest, wins 21/- special for the best young yellow crest; 2, Cooper, a bird with a larger body, marked wings, crest not ready, will make a useful bird later on; 3, Colledge, clear yellow dark crest, weak at sides, nice body; 4, Goode, nice, heavily-variegated crest; vhc, Mills; hc, J. T. King; c, Bemrose. BUFF, YOUNG BIRDS 1907 (16): 1, Peace, wing marked, thick-set youngster, with a large, densely-feathered crest, very fine centre drooping well all round back, well filled in, takes the C.C.C. 21/- special, also special for best Crest in the show; 2, Brown William, green or nearly so, large crest of nice formation, lacks droop of winner; 3, Davis, clear body, dark crest, a very promising youngster, with a good moult another year will make a grand bird, but must be shown in better condition; 4, Goode, heavily variegated behind winners in size; vhc, J. T. King, Mills; hc, Jacklin, Colledge; c, (2) Alex. Onion. SELL. £2 (11): 1, Hayes, wing marked with a good body, crest large, well filled in at back; 2, Goode, a green, hardly so good in body, but not much to choose in crest; 3, Wayte, a bird with nice quality of feather, well radiated crest and fairly thick, quickly claimed; 4, Wood, heavily variegated, runs 3rd very closely, hardly so big; vhc, c, Onion; hc, Northage. DITTO £1 (5): 1, Goode, big body, very full neck, crest a bit narrow at sides; 2, Edwards, a fair-sized crest with nice frontal and good quality, fails in body, which is thin; 3, White, a good quality crest, with a nice amount of feather, but loses in radiation; 4, Cooper, neat crest, good body, nearly green; vhc, Onion; hc, Kirkham; c, Wolfe. CRESTED BRED YELL. COCK (10): 1, J. T. King, a large, nice cushioned head, with plenty of feather of nice quality, and well shown; 2, 3, Bowyer, heavily variegated, head if anything larger than winner, but not so shapely, but a good bird; 3rd better made head than 2nd, but scarcely the density of head feather; 4, Cooper, heavily variegated; vhc, Wayte; hc, Eley; c, Forman. YELLOW HEN (4): 1, Eley, grand big hen, with a good head and plenty of feather; 2, Wolfe, not such a big bird, but a nice stout-made one, behind winner in head properties; 3, Cowportwaite, useful bird, lightly variegated, well made head but not in condition; 4, J. T. King, head has narrow entrance, fair amount of feather of nice quality. BUFF COCK (11): 1, Radley, heavily variegated, a monster in size, very large head, wide and nicely arched with a wealth of head feather, far ahead of any other Crestbred in the show; 2, Bowyer, big bold bird, very heavily feathered head; 3, J. Onion, clear, another big one, heavily built throughout, dense head feather, well browed; 4, Cowportwaite, lightly marked, very fine quality of feather, plenty on head; vhc, Colledge, Norwood Bros.; hc, Eley; c, Davis. BUFF HEN (13): 1, Piper, lightly marked saddle, a big head with plenty of feather; 2, Evans, a bird of nice quality feather, heavily variegated behind the winner in head qualification; 3, Norwood Bros., lightly marked, rather small head, but shapely and well feathered; 4, Goode, heavily variegated, loses in condition only; vhc, Davis; hc, Evans; c, Evins Bros. YELL. UNFLIG. (18): 1, Goode, heavily variegated, big, bold bird for a youngster, nice cushion head, plenty of feather; 2, Colledge, heavily variegated, smaller, but fairly well up; 3, Jacklin, heavily variegated, not much to choose between this and third; 4, Wayte; vl, big bird, stout body, fails only in head; vhc, Cooper. BUFF (17): 1, Mills, heavily variegated, grand youngster, nice and big, full of quality, has a grand head, with an abundance of feather, nicely browed; 2, Evins Bros., marked left wing, another smart youngster, not quite the head feather of winner; 3, Moore, heavily variegated, well clothed head, good formation, slightly horned, has a good, stout body; 4, J. T. King, variegated, nice made head and short beak; vhc, Roberts, Mills; hc, Wolfe, Crow; c, Goode, Wayte; Alex. Onion. CREST-BRED SELL. (£2) (17): 1, White, clear, splendid head, good length of feather, well browed, nice quality; 2, Radley, heavily variegated, lot of body feather, bit flat in head, but nicely browed and well shown; 3, Norwood Bros., clear equally good, headfeather; 4, Holmes, heavily variegated, similar stamp of bird to others; vhc, Jacklin, Good; hc, J. Onion, Hayes; c, Wayte, Hayes. NOVICE CREST (15): 1, Mason, big green bird, with light tail, well made throughout, large crest, nice formation, could win in good company; 2, 4, Lazarus, marked right wing, has very large, dense crest, with good frontal.

4 variegs., has a nice, heavily feathered crest, good frontal; 3, Crow, nice drooping crest, well filled in front, a fine centre, well shown; vhc, Mason, Johnson; hc, c, Hodgkinson, Johnson; c, Mason. CREST-BRED (16): 1, 2, Johnson, green, nice typical head, plenty of feather, slightly horned, has a grand body, 2, clear, good head, fair amount of feather on it; 3, Barker, yellow green, and in its class would stand well, good bird all round; 4, Cottingham, lightly marked, big bird, nice made head, feather dence; vhc, Mason (2); hc, Crow, Lazarus; c, Benrose, Hodgkinson.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Hurst, looks like last year's champion coming into form again, deep in colour all over, just a little more gloss and will finish into a gem; 2, Axe, fine face, nice moons and bars, good shape, beaten in body, brown, nice feather and condition; 3, Pawlett, big blaze, nice breast and general finish, well mooned, good size body; 4, Andrews, fine colour all through, nice moons and bars; vhc, Riley; hc, Turney; c, Gration. BULLFINCH: 4, 1, Axe, grand Bully, big, slashing bird, genuine British wing bars, grand condition, rare size; 2, Barnes and Hedworth, bit smaller, fine head, back and breast colour, nice bars and condition; 3, Harrison, nice head and colour, fine condition; 4, R. J. Howe, fine shape, beaten in head, nice feather and condition. LINNET (6): 1, R. J. Howe, upstanding bird, good head, nice spangle, long body, nice markings and condition, steady; 2, Henshaw, thicker body, clear markings, nice feather and tight condition, steady, beaten in neck and head; 3, Hunt, longer, good colour and markings, good shape, nice condition and steady; 4, he, Smith, very large, fails in colour and condition only; vhc, Hubbard. TWITE (8): 1, Hurst, well-known, wonderful Redpoll, a real champion; 2, Andrews, mealy Redpoll, very large, fine markings for a mealy, very good quality of feather and condition; 3, Henshaw, cobby shaped Twite, nice markings, colour and condition, medium size; 4, R. J. Howe, very good lesser Redpoll, well finished in condition; vhc, Chick; hc, Garton; c, Booth and Brocklesby. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, R. J. Howe, Palace winning Greenfinch, in splendid form and condition; 2, Howard, nice sized Siskin, good broad head and laced cap, no bib, but plenty natural body colour; 3, Hunter, good natural colour, buff Greenfinch, good size, nice feather; 4, Gepsill and Howkins, smart little Siskin, very narrow head, dense black cap and bib, nice feather and condition; vhc, Lover, big Greenfinch, nice shape, good feather and condition; hc, Goode; c, Henshaw. BRAMBLE, ETC. (15): 1, vhc, Chick, fine pair of Brambles, first excelling in all essential properties, bas size, shape, colours natural, fine markings, gloss and finish; vhc, little smaller, very deep colour, stylish bird; 2, Hurst, well-known Chaffinch, very fine in all-round merit, colours, size, bold shape in head and shoulders, nicely coned off, in full bloom and condition; 3, Axe, very large cobby shaped Bramble, beautifully feathered and conditioned, nice spangling, beaten in profuse spangle and colour by winner, yet very fine bird; 4, hc, R. J. Howe, pair of hot coloured beaten in head and general contour by 2nd; c, Goode. A.O.V. SEED-EATERS: 10, 1, Hakes, brilliant coloured Hawfinch, grand size, massive shape, very uniform from head to tail, in charming feather and condition, claimed, grand all-round bird; 2, Goode, beautifully marked Yellow Bunting, fine size and shape, bold head and chest, lovely colour and condition; 3, Lewis and Dymond, very large Corn Bunting, immense body, plenty colour and markings, in fine condition of feather and steady; 4, vhc, Axe, very fine Yellow Bunting, nice size and definition of head markings, very fine feather and condition; vhc, noted Hawfinch, in very fine condition, nice head, colour and bib; hc, Chick; c, Hunt. HEN SEED-EATERS (12): 1, Hunt, excellent hen Reed Bunting, very fine in all properties, very pretty bird; 2, 4, Chick, very fine hen Bullfinch, nice size and shape, and in splendid feather; 4th good Reed Bunting, beaten in colour and markings; 3, hc, Ride, very nice feathered hen Chaffinch and real hen yell. Bunting, in nice feather; vhc, Howard; c, Osborn. SMALL INSECTIV. (10): 1, 3, Chick, Wryneck, and Blackcap, former fine tight condition, pale in colour, but very stylish, Blackcap is a very smart bird, very tight in feather and condition; 2, vhc, hc, R. J. Howe, really good, steady, and very tight feathered Tree Creeper, a bold, big Nightingale, bit lop-sided in tail to-day, or could have been higher, and a deep-coloured large Wryneck, which shows badly; lower the perches, Mr. H.; 4, Milne, exquisite Meadow Bunting, in splendid feather and very steady; c, Leam and Stinson, nice Gold Crest, bit open in condition. LARGE (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Chick, very strong team, Chough, great Grey Shrike, Wheatear, and Magpie; all birds of the very first water, in splendid feather and condition; vhc, R. J. Howe, noted Hoopoe, to-day is off in tail feather and so spoiled his chance of heading the list, fine bird when right; hc, Miss Ross, very pretty Jackdaw, in nice feather and condition; c, Barwise, bonny Magpie, rather wild. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Axe, champion Thrush, and rich-coloured Blackbird, fair size, both in excellent feather, tight form and steady; 2, Chick, very fine Fieldfare, in splendid sheen and polish; 4, Roslyn, very fine Starling, beautiful lustre and spangle, very steady and shows well; vhc, hc, c, Howe, Missel Thrush, very robust. ALBINO (2): 1, Hakes, wonderful Albino Blackbird, pure white feather, pink eye, nice delicate eye cere and beak, fine shape, grand condition; 2, Goode, fine Silver Starling. HYBRIDS, CLEAR, ETC.: 1, Andrews, eye ticked Gold. Canary, buff, satin-feathered bird, medium size, grand shape; 3, Vardy, grand four-point Gold. Canary, buff, not quite so smart in condition to-day as usual. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Hill, very large var. buff Gold. Can., A1 feather, shape and condition; 2, Pitt, fair size, good condition; 3, Ecob; vhc, Dodsley. DARK CAN. (12): 1, Lover, perfect conditioned cinn., Greenfinch Canary, nice size, grand shape, good colour; 2, vhc, Lea, very fine pair of Jonque Siskin-Canaries, little in them, rare colour, feather and shape; 3, Barwise, medium size rich-coloured yell. Gold. Can., good gloss and condition; 4, Andrews, good size yell. Green. Cau., beaten in feather and tightness only; hc, Palmer; c, Beoth. PAIRS FOR HYBRID BREEDING (10): 1, 4, Chick, very smart yell. cock Norwich, and a grand-shaped and good-feathered Bullfinch hen, very likely pair; 4th very good Bramble-Chaffinch pair, splendid condition; vhc, Booth, Goldie-Canary pair; he, Osborne, Chaff.-Bram. pair; c, Loughton. FOREIGN, PARROTS. ETC. (15): 1, 3, vhc, Barron, Scarlet Macaw, very fine Lemon Crest Cockatoo, and a very good Blue and Yellow Macaw, latter not quite so well finished in moult and feather yet, former a grand pair, well shown; 2, F. Howe, real good King Parrakeet, in the best of feather, rich colour and condition; 4, Cooper, pair of Blue-bonnet Parrakeets, in very pretty colours and condition; hc, Alton; c, Minion. ST. HELENA, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, F. Howe, magnificent St. Helena Diamond and Orange, all in the best of condition and steady, well shown; vhc, Miss Duncan, fine pair Parsou Finches; hc, c, Garton. FINCHES, ETC.: 1, 2, F. Howe, superb Violet-eared Waxbill, in magnificent condition and lovely colour; 2nd pretty and perfect Paradise Whydab; vhc, Barron, Grey Cardinal. INSECTIV. (5): 1, 2, 3, Harrison, grand team, leaders are a pair of Silver-eared Messias, said to be the first and only pair ever shown, in brilliant plumage and condition; 2nd rare and lovely Maroon Tanager, rich velvety feather, deep soft colour and condition; and 3rd Tricolored Tanager, not quite so tight in condition as former; 4, vhc, Garton, lovely Pekin Robin, and a fine Rock Mynah.

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GALASHIELS.

47th annual exhibition held Nov. 16th, and it proved a great success. The entries were well up to former years, and in advance on last year. This being one of the great breeding centres of the bird o' circle, Scotch Fancies held a prominent position, and came up in good numbers. The quality throughout was well maintained. Mr. McLennan still led with four wins, but Messrs. King, Hope, McMillan, Dobson, Pringle, and Allan had forward some grand exhibits, and had their share of the spoil. Many noted cracks were on view, the high standard of past shows being well maintained to-day. Messrs. Fulton and McDougal judged, and after careful consultation spotted the winners, to the general satisfaction. Borders followed, and were here in force, all the leading studs being represented by grand specimens. The section fulfilled every expectation of the committee. Here, again, a veteran, Mr. H. Bennett, led, capturing four firsts, while Messrs. Allan, Linton, Gilchrist, Watson, McKenzie, Duncan, and others were among the "shareholders." The quality throughout in this section was of the highest order, some real gems being on view. They were judged by Mr. William Haddow, and he took great pains, and found the winners in the majority of cases to the fanciers' satisfaction. Mr. Haddow, being a West country judge, does not handle his birds in the same fashion as his Eastern brethren, but believes more in judging on the table. Both ways have their good points, but it created a great discussion at the show as to what style a Border should be judged in. The Norwich were good, totalling 33 in two classes. British and Foreign were on the whole a nice collection, the Goldfinch and Foreign classes being the best, some gems being staged in grand trim. Crests made up a nice collection, the three leading birds being good ones. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged those varieties, and his awards appeared to meet with approval. Very little grumbling, in fact, was to be heard throughout the show. The hall is one of the best, grandly lighted and free from draught, while the management is extra good, not a detail overlooked, and everyone at his post working with the greatest energy! The stewards were:—Scotch Fancies: the veteran, Mr. A. Melrose (no other place need be allowed him, except the Fancies); Borders, Mr. Tait, and Varieties, another old and esteemed member, Mr. Henderson, three gentlemen who know their work thoroughly. The secretarial duties were again in the hands of the genial Mr. Alexander Smith, who knows how a show should be run to the best advantage. He was ably assisted by Mr. Denby, who had charge of the financial department. Catalogues were on sale early, and the show was well patronized by visitors, and should prove to be a financial success.

SCOTS. YELL. CK. (11): 1, King, right hard up, rare top end, deep throughout, full in back, very free and great style, lovely order; 2, Allan, good quality, fine stylish bird, good substance and very nervy; 3, Pringle, the right type, very shapely and full of action; 4, Dalgleish, another good all-round bird; 5, Hope, nice style and quality, very free; BUFF (12): 1, Hope, hard up, rare top end, grand action, high-toned bird, good style and nice depth throughout; 2, McLennan, very pronounced top end, rare depth and fine length of side, got into better form in the afternoon; 3, McLennan, similar build to winner, but not so good in top end; 4, Dobson, promising bird, stylish, and fine length, good depth throughout; 5, Dalgleish, stylish, free action. YELL. HEN (6): McMillan, fine length hen, grand thickness and nice quality; 2, McVee and Son, another good all-round hen, scarcely so long in side, but nice depth; 3, Pringle, grand model —very stylish, fine quality throughout, a shade small; 4, Pringle, smart one, full of go; 5, Dobson, good size. BUFF (11): 1, 2, McLennan, pair of gems, leader great depth across, grandly filled in back, fine length of side and grips perches well, very free in action; 2, somewhat similar, scarcely so well filled up, but very showy; 3, Melrose, plenty size, good quality and full of action; nice fronted bird; 4, Melrose, nice style, very showy; 5, Hope, nice quality and good substance, shade slower than winners. YELL. PIED (4): 1, Dobson, plenty of length, and good depth across, fine top and reach, rather loose in feather; 2, Allan, well set on legs, and grand body, fine back, nice length of side; 3, McLennan, nice one, fine order and very stylish; 4, Farrel, very taking bird, good style. BUFF (11): 1, Hope, very prominent shouldered bird, deep throughout, free substance, and rare length of wing, well set on legs, good exhibit; 2, McLennan, good all round bird, fine depth throughout, but shade unsteady; 3, Dalgleish, well set bird, throws itself into his work; 4, McMillan, nice allround; 5, Pringle. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, McLennan, leader a well built one, well set on legs, good depth across and fine top end; 2 ,close up for substance, if anything a shade slower, but grand sided bird; 3, Allan, good allround hen, fine style and quality; 4, Veitch, large one, nice top end; 5, Melrose, shade smaller, but stylish. BUFF (11): 1, 2, McLennan, again to the front with a pair of gems, leader great substance throughout, grand length of side, rare shoulders, splendidly filled up, grand reach; 2, another good one, very little to choose between them; 3, and 4, Melrose, again, two toppers; 3, rare shouldered bird, very stylish and grand size; 4, as good in substance, but a little slower at times, could win at any ordinary show easily; 5, Beveridge, nice quality, good all round; the best class in show. GREEN OR FOUL CK. (10): 1, Pringle, rattler for size, great substance ,and grand top ended bird, rare reach and full of style, handles beautifully, a buff; 2, McLennan, yell, good sized bird, and plenty substance, nice style, bit plainer than winner; 3, Melrose, grand bird, very good top end, and rare quality; 4, Park, also a nice one, good quality, shade slower; 5, McMillan, nice style. HEN (12): 1, Allan, very nice hen, good substance and quality, fair action; 2, Pringle, similar build to winner, nice depth across, very little to choose between them; 3, Dalgleish, shade longer and good style; 4, McLennan, plenty substance and nice top end; 5, Park, good all round hen. BELGIANS (6): 1, McLennan, buff, grand one all over, great substance throughout and rare depth; gets head well down and plenty of style, the best out this season; 2, 3, Melrose; 2, grand type, very stylish, rare droop and shoulder; 3, similar, scarcely so large, a pair of good ones; 4, H. Melrose, nice strong made bird, a 1st. cross; 5, Park, good stylish bird —grand class. SELL. CK. (10): 1, King; 2, Aitchison; 3, Farrell; 4, Thomson; 5, Craig. HENS (8): 1, 5, Ballantyne; 2, Veitch; 3, Rowe; 4, Carson. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, B.F.C. medal, Bennett, grand bodied bird, rare shade of colour, splendid carriage, neat front, well drawn, in tip-top form, looks like a nest mate to his Glasgow winner; 2, Boag, fine quality of feather, good shapely bird, nice front, well tapered below, good carriage; 3, Duncan and Logan, again good in front, fine carriage, rare wings and quality of feather; 4, Patterson, good stamp, grand body, finely done up; 5, Lenton, good all-round, neat front, well filled up, good class throughout. HEN (10): 1, Allan, good one, grand shape, fine front, rare style, best of carriage, feathered like wax, nice tone of colour throughout, well put down, wonderful wing carriage, lovely pipo tail; 2, Bennett, close up, grandly feathered, lovely style, well drawn, rare front, beaten only in head; 3, Duncan and Logan, good shapely bird, grand front, finely tapered, big; 4, Patterson, grand feather and good position, taking bird; 5, Tait, lovely stamp, finely tapered. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 3, Bennett, in tip-top bloom, a marvel for feather, rare waxy looking, wing flights meeting to perfection, fine full front, well drawn, grand back, best of neck and heads, wins well; 3, something similar, but not quite so well drawn underneath, again in grand feather; 2, Patterson, rare stamp, grand size, lovely feather, best of wing carriage, tip-top position; 4, McLery, good shapely bird, fine weight, just lacks the polish of feather; 5, Peel, nicely feathered, fine size. HEN (12): 1, Linton, fine shaped one, grand position, good front, best of backs, even carried wings, nicely tapered, wins to-day; 2, Bennett, nice stamp, grand feather, splendid front and taper, fine carriage; 3, Patterson, sweet hen, grand size and shape, lovely carriage; 4, Boag, good shape, nice quality of feather, fine style; 5, Gilchrist, grand size and quality, nice wing carriage. YELL. EVEN MARKS (8): 1, Watson, typical specimen, nicely balanced markings, grand quality of feather, neat eyes and wings, good front and taper; 2, Tait, nice hen, again very good-balanced markings, full of quality; 3, Peel, well balanced, rather slim got up, but a good one; 4, Reid and Phillips, fine stamp, fair in markings; 5, Gilchrist, nice and shapely, well balanced eyes and wings; No. 8, Arnot and Jamieson, very good, some preferred here, well built. BUFF COCK (4): 1, McKenzie, good one, very shapely, nicely-balanced markings, put down in fine order; 2, Patterson, good all-round markings, very fair type. UNEVEN YELL. (12): 1, Gilchrist, Wallsend winner leading, gem for shape, grandly fronted, fine head, rare back, splendid wing carriage, feathered like wax, easy win; 2, Duncan and Logan, nicely feathered, shapely, very fair front and taper; 3, Duncan, nice stamp, good rounded bird, neat carriage; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, also good in shape, fine back, must have pressed; 5, Brockie, good stamp, rare mover, a good class throughout. BUFFS (18): 1, Duncan, put down in grand bloom, not a feather out of place, fine position, good front, well clean out, grand back, plenty of go, a gem, closely followed by 2, McKenzie, another box feathered one, rare style, very showy, well drawn, good in wing carriage; 3, Patterson, grand body, well rounded, beautifully tapered, nice size and colour; 4, Tait, cinn. marked, very shapely bird, grand position, beauty for colour and feather, well put down; 5, McLery, also good one, rare body, correctly moulded; well judged class. GREEN, ETC. (12): 1, Bennett, nice type, very fair ground colour, put down in really grand bloom; 2, Thomson, some preferred, a good grass-green, deep in ground colour, lovely pencilling, rare shape, again in full bloom; 3, Brown, cinn., grand type, spendid front and carriage, rare tone throughout, should make a good one; 4, Patterson, nice one, fine shade of colour, well put down, deep throughout; 5, Murray, well built bird, grand shape. FOUL (11): 1, Bennett, one of the right sort, the Guard's Brigade, regular soldier style, grand full front, finely cut out, tip-top wing carriage and in lovely condition; 2, McKenzie, another hot one, not much between them, rare fronted bird, grand carriage, again in full bloom, Ecko air must agree with Borders; 3, Patterson, nice shape, fairly well rounded, in grand condition; 4, Duncan, nice shape, in very fine order; 5, Reid and Phillips, good feather, nice front, fine style. SELF., 8/- (18): 1, McKenzie; 2, J. C. Bennett; 3, Brown; 4, Bennett; 5, Johnstone and Young. NOR. YELL. CK. (15): 1, spl., Beveridge, grand shape, lovely head, good noble front, rare wing carriage, nice size, teeming with quality, grand colour; 2, Cameron, beautifully-drawn bird, very fair head and body, in grand bloom; 3, Lugton, grandly fronted, rare chest and head, nice wings; 4, Hesketh, in grand condition, fine chest, very fair neck, well staged; 5, Dickson Bros., grand feather, nice shape. BUFFS (18): 1, 2, Cameron, leader gem, regular Bullie-shaped kind, rare front, and grand round head, in tip-top form, fine short feather; 2nd larger made, but hardly the front or quality of feather; 3, Dickson Bros., large one, in grand feather, very fair wings, marvellous quality of feather; 4, Chalmers, another strong made bird, plenty front; 5, Lugton, smaller, but very tight in feather, a good class throughout. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, 3, Allan and Son, leader good var., very finely centre top-piece, coming well down, good on sides, grand frontal, not a feather out of place; 3rd a clear, dense feather, of fine length, bit shorter in front than winner; 2, Chalmers, good one, well centred, nice leafy Crest, nice side, well staged; 4, 5, Wilson, a Crest, nice lengthy feather, fails only in back; 5th Crestbred, nice lash, good entrance, grand substance throughout. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Goodfellow, capital bird, steady as a rock, well up in colour, dense face, fine nut-brown breast, clean cut cheeks, good rap, teeming with quality; 2, Munro, flashing Finch, grand breast, dense colour throughout, good face, rare shape; 3, Brown, nice Finch, well up in size and colour; 4, Dickson Bros., a British house-moulted, nice size and colour; 5, Pringle, plenty size. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Campbell, Linnet, nice colour, a gem for quality of feather, steady as a rock, nicely pencilled, very fair size, well staged; 2, Murray, nice non-fed Siskin, very fair size, well marked, good quality throughout; 3, 4, Munro, 3rd hot-fed Twite, nice size, well marked, fine wing bars, good front; 4, Linnet, nice quality of feather, large, fairly clearly marked; 5, Elder, Lesser Redpoll, nice size and colour. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, spl., Laidlaw, Pipit, grand size and markings, dense colour, very steady, well staged, easy winner here to-day; 2, Sinton, Grey Wagtail, fine size and colour, will improve in condition yet; 3, Finnie, good Yellowhammer, fine size and colour, well laced; 4, 5, McWilliams, 4th Chaffinch, very fair size, grand colour and markings, steady; 5th, Brambie, nicely marked, good colour. LARGE (6): 1, 5, McWilliams, leader Song Thrush, grand markings, fine size and very steady, nicely staged; 5th very fair Blackbird; 2, Kinghorn, Missel Thrush, good colour and markings, very steady, very fair in size; 3, Robertson, nice Magpie, did not seem to care for a show cage; 4, Bowie, Hawfinch, nice size and colour. FOR. (9): 1, 2, Mason, leading with champion Redheaded Gouldians, in grand trim; 2nd Superb Tanager, in lovely order, very steady, well up in colour, pair of grand exhibits beautifully staged; 3, McWilliams, an ornamental Parraket, in lovely order, looking very fit; 4, 5, Watson, 4th good Amazon, well up in colours; 5th an Australian Long-tailed Parrakeet, again in fine feather,

ROLLER CANARIES AT WAKEFIELD

This class did not turn up quite as well as was expected. The birds had plenty of time, Mr. F. Oldroyd, who judged, spending four hours with them. There were 14 birds in the class; 1, silver medal, L. Wilsdon, Hollow Roll 8, Hollow bell 5, Schockel 4, deep flute notes 4, bass roll 2, excellence 4—total 27 points; nice deep singer, free from faults and a bird that was admired by all who heard him; 2, special, Hesling, Hollow Roll 8, Hollow Bell 5, Schockel 5, deep flute notes 4, excellence 4—total 26 points. A 1907 bird with a nice soft song, held his rolls a nice length; 3, Netherwood 3, Hollow Roll 8, Hollow bell 5, Schockel 5, bell 2, deep flute notes 4, delivery 2, 1 off for slight airfyng—25 points, This bird is the 1906 B.A.C.C. Cup winner and a lot freer, delivered his song nice and full; 4th, vhc, 4, Whitaker, Hollow Roll 8, Hollow bell 5, Schockel 5, flute notes 2, bell Roll 2, 2 off—total 20 points. This bird is a nice singer, but loses points in high flutes; hc, Collins. No. 4, F. Wilsdon, did not open.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual back end show, held on November 16th, when nineteen classes were provided. The following classes had to be cancelled, owing to shortage of entries: Lancashire A.V., Lizard A.V., Crested Nor. A.V., Nor. P.H., tick or unevenly marked buff, and Brit. Softbills. The show was held in the large room at the Central Dining Rooms, and was very well patronised throughout the day by the public. 19 birds were staged, including some choice specimens, which can and have held their own in open competition. Mr. R, Schofield took special for most points gained throughout the show, but seeing that he was the donor, it was left to the committee to do what they chose with it. It was decided to award it to class 8. Mr. J. W. Howarth won special for best bird in the show, with his clear yellow Nor. unflighted cock. Mr. R. Barrass judged, giving every satisfaction.

CRESTBRED (5): 1, Howarth; 2, Mooney; 3, 4, vhc, Ogden. YORKS CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Howarth; 4, vhc, Pragnell; hc, Mooney; c, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Howarth; 4, Meadowcroft; vhc, Both; hc, Taylor. TICK, ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Pragnell; 2, Ridings, 3, 4, Ogden; vhc, Taylor; hc, Mayes; c Howarth; absent, Booth. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Ridings; 2, 4, Howarth; 3, McNab. CINN., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 2, 4, Ridings; 3, Howarth; vhc, Pragnell. HEN (14): 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Medowcroft; 3, bc, Schofield; vhc, c, Howarth. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Howarth; 2, 3, Schofield. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Howarth; 2, 4, vhc, Schofield; hc, Lee. TICK, ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Schofield; 2, 3, Mooney. A.O.V. CAN. or MULE (4): 1, 3, Lee; 2, 4, Schofield: BRIT. HARDBILL REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Perry; 4, McMurdo; vhc, Schofield. HAWFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Holt; 4, McMurdo.

LEWISHAM.

Linnet Singing Contest, held Coach and Horses. Visitors had a rare treat. Some very good singing was heard, especially the second pair up, who went at it tooth and nail. Results as follows: Larkens, 1 score 8; E. Robinson, 1 score 7; Miss Robinson, 4 score 14; Cartwright, 4 score 8; Long, 3 score 4; Iron, only a few chalks; C. Austin, 7 chalks; Doctor, about 2 chalks; Barber, 1 score 15; Butcher, 1 score 4. A series of contests for Wednesday evenings is being arranged. Competitors please note and enter early

BRISTOL.

Owing to the clashing of so many shows and other attendant circumstances which it is probable may be brought to the notice of the Cage Bird Union, the first open show of the Bristol Cage Bird Society, which was held in the Imperial Drill Hall on November 20th and 21st, was not quite the success which it deserved to be. A most ambitious schedule had been put out, and, although the response was 700 exhibits, it was not what the executive expected. They had anticipated there would be no cancellation or amalgamation, and they kept their word, classes with only one entry appearing in the catalogue, and the exhibits receiving whatever prizes the judges chose to award them. Crests, which opened the show, were very few, but several notable winners were staged. Norwich were just average classes in numbers, but the average of merit was very good indeed. Yorkshires, considering the good classification they had, and their popularity in the South, did not come up well, but some grand birds were on view. The show was under the patronage of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club, it was somewhat a select entry. Mules and British were both most excellent sections, looked at from any point. Entries came up well, the quality was splendid, and the manner in which the majority of the specimens shown were staged was worthy of the highest commendation. The section was a show in itself, and gave Mr. Norman full opportunity for the display of his powers, powers which were well taxed. The Foreigners were not a large collection, but they were very choice, and attracted much attention from visitors. A good classification had been devoted to the members, and, taking it right through, we have never seen a better display of members' birds at any show in the provinces. For this result the goodly array of cups and specials is to be thanked. The members at Bristol had some thing to go for, and they went for it. The judges will remember those specials, it took them over two and a-half hours to sort out the special winners. Although there is bound to be a big loss on the entry, the committee will pay out all prize money, they having formed a guarantee fund for the purpose. Although the society is young, it includes a number of experienced fanciers in its ranks, and they, with the newcomers to the fancy, are all most enthusiastic in their endeavours to make the venture a success. From the chair downwards they all worked like Trojans, and a better-managed show it would be difficult to name. The officials responsible for the working of the show were Messrs. W. G. Bull, chairman; C. E. Brown, vice-chairman; W. H. H. Manley, treasurer; J. A. Davis, H. Fowler, F. Burgess, C. K. Eaton, J. Tristem, and T. Taylor, committee. Messrs. Munro and Quarman, the secretaries, were most excellent, and in them our Bristol friends have discovered two splendid officials. All that thought could devise was done to make things work smoothly and happily. Nothing was too difficult, nothing too arduous, nothing too exacting, every wish and desire of visitors and exhibitors was responded to with courtesy and alacrity. The Bristol C.B.S. deserves well of the Fancy, and we hope success may attend their future efforts. Mr. C. A. Horse judged Canaries, Mr. H. Norman, Mules, British and Selling.

Mr. Horse's Classes.

CREST COCKS (4): 1, Tope, variegated, nice centre and droop, large, heavy crest of good substance; 2, Simmonds, nice shaped clear body, very nicely centred, good front, hardly so long at sides; 3, Ind, wing marked, nice quality and droop, oval shaped; 4, Hopps, very neatly formed crest, clear body. HENS (4): 1, spl, 2, Greenwood and Burson, green with pied tail, beautiful centre and droop, nice, even radiation, lovely quality, 2nd a larger and more spreading crest, not so well finished, or drooped; 3, Pool, large, well spread crest, good front; 4, Ind, nice clear, loses in size. CREST-BRED COCK (6): 1, 3, Pool, short beaked green, rare length and density of head gear, nice shape and body feather, 3rd, variegated, nice length of feather, but not so dense; 2, Hobbs, great length of body and head feather, hardly so cobby; 4, Tope, nice, shapely, well-feathered clear; vhc, Greenwood and Burson, hc, Ind. HENS: 2, 3, Pool, very neat, shapely green, nice quality. C. OR C.B. (Bred 1907) (5): 1, 2, Simmonds, wing mkd. and variegated, crests, nice length and droop, winner best in density and droop; 3, Ind, very neat wing mkd. crest, nice formation; 4, Hobbs, nicely shaped, well feathered, clear, crest-bred; vhc, Greenwood and Burson; NOVICE (3): Withheld; 2, Bourne, wing and tail mkd., crest, nice quality and feather; 3, Rowe, heavily feathered variegated; 4, Horler, good, not finished moult. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, best Norwich; vhc, Banbury, grand shaped, close feathered, sound coloured bird, shown in rare form; 2, Edwards, regular little swell, lovely type, grand quality, nice even colour; 3, Tavener, rare shaped body, rich even colour, nice quality of feather; 4, Warley, sweet body, clothed with fine silky feather, level colour; hc, Bywater; c, Norris. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Gwilliam, two rare shaped birds, grand colour, beautiful quality, winner smartest wing carriage; 3, Stephenson, well mkd., grand shape and colour; 4, Banbury, grand colour and quality, hardly so chubby; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Coad; c, Green. TICK YELL. (8): 1, Spillman, variegated, wonderful quality and colour, neat head, grand body; 2, Hanry, ticked wing, grand shape and colour, hardly so silky in feather; 3, Barnes, heavily mkd., brimful of quality and colour; 4, Miss Wilson, capital colour and feather, not so short; vhc, Edwards; hc, Banbury; c, and Sandiford's spl, Houghton. BUFF (4): 1, Eynon, short, stout, good chested bird, of rare quality, tick on head; 2, Gwilliam, wing mkd., splendid shape, colour, and feather; 3, Houghton, variegated, capital colour and quality; vhc, White. HENS YELL. (12): 1, Gwilliam, fine bold hen, grand colour, rare shape, capital feather; 2, Tottle, very sweet hen, wonderful quality and finish; 3, Spillman, most charming hen, real gem, had to go down because of damaged tail; 4, Houghton, magnificent body, rare colour and feather; vhc, Williams; hc, Stephenson; c, White. BUFF (12): 1, White, ticked neck, wing, and tail, rare shape, colour, and feather; 2, Houghton, grand quality, clear, splendid colour; 3, Allsop, rare colour and feather; 4, Ridby, eye ticked, grand shape and feather, nice quality; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Harvey; c, Brown. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, Gwilliam, lovely shape, style, and colour, rare finish; 2, Wasley, splendid shape, grand colour and quality, a toss up; 3, Tope, beautiful body properties, and grandly staged; 4, Banbury, beauty, good all over, had to stand down for damaged tail; vhc, Bywater; hc, Eynon; c, Tottle. BUFF (11): 1, White, very neat clear, rare shape, nice colour, well frosted; 2, Gwilliam, topping variegated, but awfully wild; 3, Tavener, very nice quality, well-fed clear; 4, Banbury, neck ticked, grand body properties; extra 4, Nicks, fine shaped bird, nice feathered, was not in place at time of judging, and was awarded 4th later in the day; vhc, Eynon; hc, Pope; c, Coad. NON-FED (13): 1, Gwilliam, very neat, chubby yell., good feather; 2, Stephenson, nice chubby buff, rare quality; 3, Wasley, good four-pointed buff; 4, Chaplin, smart cl., yell.; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Quarman; NOVICE (16): 1, (no name), rare shaped clear buff, grand colour and quality, nicely staged; 2, c, Eynon, buff, wonderful gloss and finish; 3, Gibbons, very handsome, eye ticked yell., rare colour and quality; 4, Tottle, capital bird, good in all points except wing carriage; vhc, Stone; hc, Jennings. YORKS YELL. (13): 1, spl, best Yorks, Cuthbertson, real good Yorkie, full of style and quality, grand shape; 2, Banks, grand shape, nice style and quality, close up; 3, Creber, fine bodied bird, rare length; 4, Pool, sweet bird, but hardly ready; vhc, Lovell; hc, Broughton; c, Hopkins and Flynn. BUFF (11): 1, Pool, very sweet neck ticked, rare quality of feather, stands like a soldier; 2, Lovell, thigh tkd., rare shape and style, wants tightening up; 3, Broome, nice shape and carriage, good quality; 4, Smith, very smart shape, nice feather and colour; vhc, Cuthbertson, hc, Keegan; c, Cowgill. MKD. (9): 1, two members' cups, Keegan, neck and head tkd., grand shape, very warm colour, good style; 2, Cowgill, variegated buff, capital feather, shape and style; 3, Cuthbertson, eye, neck and wing tkd., capital colour, feather and shape; 4, Broome, grand bodied variegated yell; vhc, Broughton; hc, Miss Prill; c, Smith. HENS YELL. (7): 1, Long, very smart, typical-clear, excels in quality and style; 2 Cowgill, nice shape and style, nice colour; 3, Broughton, nice, shapely wing tkd., ease in feather; 4, Elsmore, rare shape and length; vhc, Cuthbertson; hc, Mrs. Garland; c, Glossop. BUFF (8): 1, Cuthbertson, grand quality, cheek tkd., tight and silky in feather, rare shape and style; 2, Creber, rattling good hen, rare shape and feather; 3, Cowgill, neck tkd., rare shape and feather; 4, Broughton, nice length and style, well finished; vhc, Lovell; hc, c, Pool. UNEVEN YELL.: 1, Banks, very smart thigh tkd., grand shape, very smart in carriage, nice feather; 2, Broughton, long, capital body carriage; 3, Smith, beautiful style and feather, nice head; 4, Fellows and Flynn, nice quality, good breed, needs handling; vhc, Bassett; hc, Cuthbertson. BUFF (10): 1, Broughton, sweetly drawn, rare quality, stands up well, and has plenty of nerve; 2, Bassett, grand body, fine quality of feather, hardly so much leg; 3, Long, stylish bird, nice quality; 4, Miss Price, nice shape and rare quality, hardly enough of her; vhc, Lovell; hc, Smith; c, Cuthbertson. NOVICE (16): 1, vhc, Barry, grand clear buff, rare good bird, full of style and quality; 2, Cooper, very sweet yellow, full of style, nice shape, not yet at his best; 3, Baker, grand shaped, well feathered yellow, very stylish; 4, Brown, rare feathered buff, capital colour; hc, Bassey, c, Boler. NON-FED (6): 1, Creber, nicely drawn, slim stylish, close feathered green; 2, Lamon, stylish, neat shaped cl. yell; 3, hc, Lovell, good stylish yell., nice feather; 4, Keegan, rare feathered yell; vhc, Breedy. SCOTS. (5): 2, vhc, spl., Biddick, very shapely, nice nerve; c, 4, Longden, nervy, rare shape. BORDERS, YELL (5): , Gwilliam, very neat, grand style and feather; 2, Brownlie, rare shape, bit wild; 3rd withheld; 4, Aberdeen, grand little bird, a bit soft; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Sheldon. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Brownlie, sweet bird, grand shape and style, rare feather; 2, Aberdeen, nice and racy, slim and smart; 3rd withheld; 4, Jenkins, neat and shapely, does not show well; vhc, Sheldon; hc, Gwilliam. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 4, Brownlie, two grand shaped hens, capital style and feather; 2, Roberts, rare body and feather, stands well; 3, Aberdeen, bonny hen; vhc, Sheldon. BUFF (7): 1, c, Jenkins, little swell, grand shape, rare position, lovely feather; 2, Hawkins, wing ticked, light and silky in feather, rare type; 3, Roberts, grand shaped body, nice style and feather; 4, Aberdeen, rare feather and carriage; vhc, Sheldon; hc, O'Connell. UNEVEN YELL.: 2, 3, Jenkins, nice shape and carriage, tight in feather; 4, Roberts, good feather and shape. BUFF (4): 1, Jenkins, very smart eye, wing, and tail marked; 2, withheld; 3, Roberts, nice bodied, three-pointed, capital shape; vhc, Brownlie; hc, O'Connell. CINN. MKD.: Only one, Hocking, which was awarded 3rd. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, withheld; 2, Hocking, nice stylish green, close feather; 3, Jenkins, nice coloured green, a bit soft; 4, Brownlie, shapely, nice feathered cinn.; vhc, Hawkins. CINN. BUFF: Only one, Pope, which was awarded 2nd and spl. A.O.V. (3): All Lane's, 1 withheld; 2, vhc, two heavily-feathered, nice shaped buff Plainheads; 4, Ottery, nice lengthy, well feathered yell.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

HYBRIDS, CLEAR, ETC. (15): 1, Alisop, beautiful even marked Goldie, large, good coloured bird, very tight in feather; 2, Wasley, another grand light bird, tight, clean cut, rare quality; 3, Collins, good bold bird, very shapely, nice touch of colour, well shown; 4, Lees, bold, lightly ticked Linnet, good head, carries his wings well, taking exhibit; vhc, Browning; hc, Collins; c, Lewis and Dymond. DK. GOLD, ETC. (14): 1, Colley, fine big Goldie, very shapely, capital colour, stands well, lovely quality; 2, Browning, a beautiful Greenie, bold, rare colour, shows well; 3, Lewis and Dymond, very shapely Goldie, nice head and wings, taking bird; 4, no name; vhc, Leigh; hc, Maggs; c, Hingley. DK. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Leigh, little beauty rare shape and feather, capital colour, beautifully pencilled; 2, Colley, fine bold bird, stands well, lovely condition, well shown; 3, vhc, Hingley, very shapely, nicely marked, capital colours; 4, Jeffreys, not so large as some, but rare feather and quality; hc, White; c, Brown. A.O.V. (7): 1, Collins, lovely Greenie-Bullie, bold and shapely, grand head, in perfect feather; 2, Maggs, good Canary-Bullie, tip-top colour, very shapely, will do better next year; 3, Browning, good Greenie, hardly the substance of winner; 4, Leigh, another good hybrid, good size and feather, very shapely; vhc, Wasley; hc, c, Smalldridge. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (23): 1, Davies, bonny Finch, well up in colour, good fair-sized blaze, splendid wings and buttons, looked a little hot, chilled when judged; 2, Lewis and Dymond, did not lose for want of trying, rare bird to show himself off, is sure to be in it again; 3, Herbert, very shapely bird, good blaze and wings, capital colour; 4, Bowerman, nice cut blaze and wings, well shown; vhc, Allsop; hc, Wasley; c, Arnold. GREYPATE (13): Tilley, real good Finch, capital condition, nice rich blaze and wings, very steady; 2, 4, vhc, Bull, bonny birds, good rich colour, very shapely, just a bit unsteady; 3, Locke, another good all-round Finch, will make a winner; hc, Smith; c, Bobbett. BULLFINCH (9): 1, White, not over large bird, but quite the Bullie shape, and rare colour; 2, Russell, larger bird than winner, hardly so shapely, but beautiful cap and wings, good colour; 3, Fellows, very shapely, nice full chest and head; vhc, Bobbett; hc, Fellows; c, Read. LINNET (FIELD) (17): 1, Davies, very clean cut bird, beautifully pencilled, lovely feather; 2, Macey, bolder bird, good shape, nicely marked, hardly the condition of winner; 3, Bird, fine big bird, good wings, hardly the pencilling; 4, Whittington, beautifully pencilled bird, lovely head; vhc, Bussey; hc, Bull; c, Russell. LINNET (13): 1, vhc, c, Lovell, the old champion again in front, very shapely, nicely marked, rare colour; 2, Bull, beautiful bird, pencilled to perfection, beautiful wings and carriage, fine condition; 3, Bowerman, very bold taking bird, beautifully spangled; 4, McCarthy, lovely condition, well shown; hc, McCarthy. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Russell, winner, beautiful little Siskin, grand colour, nice dense marking; 3rd lovely feather, very shapely; 2, Bussey, clinking good Twite, splendidly marked, rare feather, 4, Jones, bonny bird, good shape and feather, will do better; vhc, Bowerman; hc, White; c, Nicholas. HENS (9): 1, Jeffreys, very shapely Bullie, lovely sheen, good cap and wings; 2, Rowles, fine bold Bawfinch, good beak and skull, nice size and condition; 3, Prosser, good bold Brambie, body feather, rare size; 4, Bull, very shapely Yellow Bunting, real good colour, beautifully marked; vhc, Lufton, hc, Jones; c, Maggs. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Feltham, fine bold Chaffinch, very sleek, real good colour, splendid wings and cap; 2, Lock, another Chaffinch, almost as good in colour and markings, hardly the cap of winner; 3, Bull, nice Brambie, good colour and spangle, shade small; 4, Old, fine bold bird, well spangled; vhc, Brown; hc, Manley; c, Bond. A.O.V. HARD. (9): 1, Jones, grand Hawfinch, splendid skull, perfect bib and as tight as wax, takes special for best Hardbill; 2, Lewis, real good Corn Bunting, very bold big bird, nicely arrowed; 3, Bull, very rich coloured Yell. Bunting, shapely bird, nicely spangled; 4, Bobbett, another good Bunting; hc, Bryant; c, Pearce. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (16): 1, spl., Price, lovely bold Thrush, real good shape, stands well, good colour, spotted to perfection; 2, Parsons, real good Starlings, very bold, beautifully spangled; 3, Ford Ene Blackbird, capital colour, very shapely; 4, Lonsdale, good Thrush, rare spotting; vhc, Macey; hc, Bull; c, Pearce. SMALL SOFTBILL: Only one, Lean and Son, Wheatear, which was awarded vhc. LARGE (5): 1, Bussey, fine bold Jay, splendid wings and head pencilling, rare feather; 2, Jones, good, very tightly feathered Chough, splendid colour; 3, vhc, Bond Bros., another good Chough, hc Hoyle. ALBINO (1): 1, Kell, lovely Albino Bunting, perfect beauty. FOREIGN, LARGE (5): 1, 2, Arthur, shown in perfect condition, not a feather awry; 3, 4, vhc, Millsum, rich-coloured birds, might have been better shown. SMALL: 1, 2, Millsum, two lovely Tanagers, very delicate in colour and feather; 3, Arthur, grand Scarlet Tanager, perfect colour and feather; 4, Miss Hopwood; vhc, Miss Thomas.

SOUTHEND.

Amidst all the clashing that took place in the South this week, Southend suffered most severely. All its open Canary classes had to be cancelled, all the British, except Goldfinches, and of the Foreign, all the novices except two, out of thirty-one classes scheduled, only five stood. In these circumstances the committee wisely decided to ask Mr. Heath to cancel his engagement, which he kindly consented to do, and the classes left were taken by Mr. House, who was adjudicating in another section. November 19th and 20th were the dates, and the show was held in the Kursaal, a most excellent building for the purpose. The committee looked well after the few exhibits entrusted to their care, and everything passed off well. Mr. Jones made a most efficient secretary, and his untiring efforts and genial manner made it a pleasure to do business with him. MULES, LIGHT (8): 1, Parsons, large var. yell. of rich colour, grand shape and beautiful quality; 2, Wheat, fine big var. buff, rare shape and feather, nice colour; 3, res., Barnard, another good var. buff, large and nice shape, hardly so rich in colour; vhc, Blackwood; hc, Blackman; c, Clarke. DARK (17): 1, spl., Parsons, very high coloured silky feathered Redpoll-Goldfinch, nice shape and size, and served up in good form; 2, Wheat, lovely yellow Linnet, nicely marked, lovely quality, put down very fit; 3, Burgess, nice shape, well feathered buff Goldfinch, if fed would look well; res., Hampshire, very prettily marked, nice shaped buff Linnet, capital quality; vhc, Smith; hc, Finnings, Reynolds; c and members' spl., Heathcote. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl. Miller, grand, rich, bright blaze, capital cheeks and collar, good bars and moons, and very tight in feather; 2, res., Mitchell, two grand Finches, capital shape, nice bright frills, good buttons, not quite in full pomp; 3, Moss, not yet tightened, gives promise of being a very good one when fit; vhc, Rayner; hc, Burgess; c, Clark. NOVICE YORKS YELL. (9): 1, 3 spls., Parish, very smart, racy, well-drawn, clear, neat head grand back, wings, and tail; 2, vhc, Moss, nice shape and position, beautiful colour and quality of feather, not quite so clever with his wings; 3, hc, c, Dobson, long raking, stylish, high quality, deep coloured cinnamon-marked, members' spl. best fed bird; res., Cornwall, nice shapely stylish clear, not so light in feather. BUFF BEN (8): 1, 3, Parish, very brightly neck ticked, and a clear, two grand shaped stylish hens of rare quality, full of nerve, latter not quite finished moult; 2, res., Dobson, beautiful shape and position, nice head, clever wings and tail; vhc, Quilter; hc, c, Moss.

LONDON AND COUNTIES.

This society, which is doing excellent work, held its second annual autumn show at headquarters, the Bay Malton, Great Portland Street, on Friday and Saturday last. Mr R. J. Pretty, the hon. secretary, is an old and experienced hand at show arrangement, and his experience is not lost to him on each succeeding occasion when he is at the helm. There is also great advantage in having the assistance of a band of practical stewards. This was Mr. Pretty's good fortune, for amongst those who lent a helping hand were Messrs. Ransley (assistant secretary), Hawes, Morrison, Williams, and those old and expert fanciers, Messrs. W. Shakespeare and Sam Smith. It would be interesting to hear from the lips of Mr. Shakespeare, the narrative of his experiences, in the old days with the veteran Mr. G. E. Russell, amongst the Crests; and Mr "Sunshine" Sam Smith, could fill a book with tales of London bird life. Mr. F. W. Thorpe, the excellent president, showed his interest in the proceedings, although we were sorry to see him in such indifferent health, and hope he may speedily recover. Amongst the veterans we saw at the show were Mr. H. Davis (Yorkshires), Mr. E. Pretty ("P.P.P" fame), and others. There was a nice muster of fanciers, the preponderance being of those the society caters for—the amateur and novice; and as a result, there were many new faces to us. The quality of the exhibits all round was very good, and the entries came up well. British seemed very strong, an experience not at all new in these times; and the society which neglects to cater well for British bird fanciers is reminded of its own interests. The British bird fancy is certainly a force to be reckoned with. The items of interest included a new pattern drying cage, shown by Mr. W. Shakespeare. This cage so pleased Mr. Jacob Mackley (the judge), as to elicit a substantial order to the maker on the spot, and it is evidence of the worth of the cage to secure the patronage of such an adept at preparing birds for show as Mr. Jacob Mackley. Yet another novel and useful cage was Mr E. Pretty's Yorkshire trainer. It was fitted with an apparatus which allows the seed and water hole to be raised at will, thus causing the bird to "go up" to get its head through for the seed the hopper, and drinker, rise with the hole. It is an ingenious contrivance which needs to be seen to be appreciated. Mr. Hawes' travelling show cage is well designed, but we fear, too fragile for a railway journey, and some railway porters to handle. We ought to say that several new members were enrolled as result of the show. Silver cup for most points in the show was won by Mr. Morrison—a most popular result. Other points specials were awarded by Messrs. Stacey (2), Wright (2), Cox, Morrison (2), R. J. Pretty, Hawes, E. Pretty, and J. Goodall. The remainder will be found given in the classes. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick, British, etc. CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, H. Bell. NOR BUFF: 1, Goodall; 2, 3, Wright; 4, Bell. NOR HENS: 1, spl, Goodall; 2, 3, Wright; 4, Bell. CRESTS: 1, spl, 2, Willis; 3, Shakespeare. AMATEUR SECTION.—NOR. YELL: 1, spl, Sparke. NOR. BUFF: 1, Hayden; 2, Sparke. NOR. HENS: 1, Hayden. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, Cox. YORKS BUFF: 1, 2, Cox. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. YELL: 1, 2, Stacey. NOR. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Stacey. NOR. HENS: 1, Stacey. CRESTS: 1, Hammant. C.B.: 1, spl, Hammant. YORKS YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Stacey; 3, Morrison. YORKS BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Morrison; 2, Stacey; 4, Sparkes. YORKS HEN: 1, spl, Stracey; 2, 3, Morrison. PURCHASED BIRDS.—NOR.: 1, 2, spl, Stacey; 3, 4, Orine; vhc, spl, Hawes. CRESTS: 1, 2, E. Pretty. C.B.: 1, 2, Willis; 3, 4, E. Pretty. YORKS: 1, Hawes. CIN. (Champion): 1, spl, 4, R. J. Pretty; 2, 3, E. Pretty. CIN (Novice): 1, Williams. LANCS COPPY: 1, Shakespeare; 2, 3, E. Pretty. LANCS PLNHD.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Shakespeare. LIZARD: 1, spl, 2, 3, Shakespeare. BOR. FANCY: 1, spl, 2, 3, Shakespeare. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Hammant. HYBRIDS, GOLD CAN.: 1, spl, Goodall; 2, Stacey; 3, Hayden; 4, Sparke. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Thorpe; 2, Heine. A.V.CAN. BY. (purchased): 1, Stacey; 2, Williams. BRITISH BIRDS—GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Adamthwaite; 2, Heine; 3, Williams; 4, Goodall; vhc, Sparke; hc, Thorpe; c, Morrison. BULL: 1, spl, Adamthwaite. BULL HEN: 1, Thorpe; 2, 4, Morrison; 3, Adamthwaite. LIN.: 1, spl, Goodall; 2, Sparkes; 3, Morrison; 4, Williams; vhc, E. Pretty; hc, Adamthwaite; c, Heine. SISKIN: 1, Wright; 2, 3, E. Pretty. REDPOLL: 1, Hawes; 2, Goodall; 3, 4, R. J. Pretty; vhc, Williams; hc, Pearce; c, Ransley. TWITE: 1, spl, 2, Goodall. CHAFFINCH: 1, 3, Morrison; 2, E. Pretty; 4, Adamthwaite; vhc, Heine; hc, Bell; c, Thorpe. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, Shakespeare; 2, Thorpe; 3, Morrison; 4, c, R. J. Pretty; vhc, hc, Ransley; A.O.V. FINCH OR TWITE: 1, spl, 2, Hawes; 3, R. J. Pretty; 4, Heine; vhc, E. Pretty; hc, Williams; c, Morrison. A.V. FINCH, ETC., HEN: 1, Hawes. INSECT (Small): 1, spl, R. J. Pretty; 2, 3, Morrison. INSECT. (Large): 1, Hawes; 2, Morrison. SELL (15/-): 1, spl, Wright; 2, vhc, hc, c, Williams; 3, Bell; 4, Shakespeare. SELL. PAIRS, 30/-: 1, Wright; 2, Shakespeare; 3, 4, vhc, E. Pretty. INVENTION CLASS.—CAGE, ETC.: 1, Shakespeare, drying cage; 2, E. Pretty, Yorks, training cage; 3, Hawes, combined show and travelling cage.

BROMSGROVE.

The Bromsgrove and District Society held their annual show November 19th in the Drill Hall, Bromsgrove. Entries came up very well, a compliment to Mr. Russell who judged. The staging was carried out in a workmanlike fashion, and Mr. Jeffrey the Hon. Secretary, and a large committee, had everything in excellent trim soon after dinner time, the award cards being up soon after judging was completed.

NOR. (18): 1, spl 2, 3, hc, Davis, a splendid team, leader a clear yellow of nice even colour, not over hot, nice short flights and tail, excellent type and quality, 2, a variegated buff of splendid size, nicely frosted, good head but fails to winner in neck, 3, unflighted yellow, good quality feather, lacks substance and not so good in front as leaders; r, Williams, very nice Buff, good quality and colour, vhc, Ireland; hc, Russell; c, Brotherhood. YORKS (12): 1, spl, Paddock, clear Buff, very stylish bird, of nice point position nice head and well filled neck, good lengthy sides, neat wings and tail, shown in splendid polish; 2, 3, vhc, c, Harris, second a yellow of good length and position, nice slim bird, 3, a similar bird, thigh ticked; vhc, Buff, of nice type and quality; hc, Allen, clear yellow, nice bird, c, Brotherhood. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 2 spl, Bishop, Green Crest, of good substance, densely feathered, crest of good radiation and droop; 3, Smith clear body, dark crest, a yellow of fair quality; Summerhill, Buff pied Scotch fancy shoulders and fair drive, a nice exhibit; vhc, Donkin, dark crest; hc, Williams, Izard. GOLDFINCH AND BRIT. SMALL, Amalgamated (9): 1, Brotherhood, Nightingale, shown in beautiful trim, lovely feather very steady; 2, Jones, Wryneck markings, fairly good, nice steady exhibit; 3 spl, Tams and Son, Goldfinch, very taking bird, rich square cut blaze, nice tan and very steady; r, Hingley; vhc, Troth; hc, Cowell; c, Perry. LARGER THAN LARK (5): Williams, Chough, in magnificent feather shone like satin, nice rich coloured beak and legs; 2, 3, Poole, 2 a Ring Ousel in nice condition, markings clear and well defined; 3, Waxwing, in fairly good feather, very steady; r, and spl, Jeffrey, Hawfinch, nice bib, excellent bloom and feather; vhc, Hedges, Jay. MULES or HYBRIDS (12): This was a very hot lot and must have given the judge some trouble. 1, 2, Lawrence, the well shown Canary-Bullfinch looking in the pink, seems to improve; 2nd Greenfinch-Bullfinch, in grand feather and looking very well; 3, Lees, four-pointed Goldfinch Canary, a buff of much excellence, shown in faultless trim; vhc, Tame and Son; hc, Cowell; c, Andrews. FOR. A.V. (4): 1, Howe, Parrot, shown in magnificent feather; 2, Jewes, Red-crested Cardinal, taking exhibit, crest of very rich hue, steady; 3, Hingley, Gouldian Finches, very nice exhibit; vhc, Jeffrey. SELL. (10/-) A.V. (11): 1, Paddock, nice buff Yorks., nice head and neck, position and quality; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Tams and Son; vhc, Hingley; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Norton, MEMBERS' BRIT. HARD., A.V. (5): 1, spl., Jeffrey, lovely Hawfinch; 2, Guest, Bullfinch a topping bird; 3, Jeffrey, Goldfinch, nice blaze of rich colour; res., Miss Saywell, another good Goldfinch; vhc, Jeffrey, Pied Redpoll, in good feather. SOFT (5): 1, spl., Jeffrey, nice steady Nightingale; 2, Miss Saywell, Thrush, well marked breast; 3, Jeffrey, fairly good Jay; res., Jeffrey, Thrush; vhc, Jeffrey, Wagtail. CANARY, A.V. (6): 1, spl., Guest, yell. Norwich, good head and neck; 2, Guest, buff Norwich, good quality; 3, Norton, buff Norwich; res., Norton; vhc, Norton; hc, Guest.

CRESWELL AND DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

Mr. A. Burrows gave a grand concert at the Rose and Crown on November 9th. The talent was of the best, and a very substantial sum will be realised. Credit and thanks are due to Mr. Burrows for providing such an excellent concert free of all charge to the society in aid of their funds. We had a general meeting November 16th to draw up schedule. We made 32 classes, deciding to again keep it a members' show, with a radius of 10 miles. —C. PRESLEY, Secretary.

BEGINNERS read THE ANNUAL.

LEEDS.

The eighteenth annual exhibition in connection with the Leeds C.B.S. took place November 15th and 16th at the Saltaire Eclectic Hall. The hall is a very spacious one, grandly lighted (electricity being used), lofty, and quite free from draughts, in short, the most fastidious could not desire better accommodation for their pets. A grand entry of birds was obtained, being over 200 more than last year. The lighting was of the best. Every bird could be seen at a glance, they being at a nice height from the floor. Taken altogether the arrangement are to be highly complimented. The schedule issued provided many attractions. Prize money was 25s per class, with a host of valuable specials, including cash, plate, medals (gold and silver), etc. No wonder the response was so large. The catalogue opened with the birds of "grace and beauty," and a most enchanting collection did the Yorkshires make. What a gem the winning clear yellows is, and great credit is due to Mr F Radley for the manner in which he staged it. Many envious eyes fell upon the clear Buff owned by Messrs. Barley and Swanzer. Messrs. Amblers' Buff hen found many admirers, too, and well she might. Other very stylish birds were those of Messrs. Barnwell, Rennie, Gill and Pickup, Edmondson, Hind, Towse, Wilcock, Brown, Farrar, and Y Hand. Norwich came next, and colour, quality, and shape ran hang through the section. Mr. Wasley's clear Yellow is a magnificent bird, also the buffs. Yellows, owned by Mr. G. Harland. The Yellow and Buff hens owned respectively by Messrs. Harland and Haigh and Son, were also voted "lovely damsels." Messrs. Wilkinson, Moore, Woof, Mennard, Hall, Sutcliffe, Hope, Wright, and Bole also had some exceptionally fine specimens present. Yorkshire and Norwich Greens were up in full force, and were the finest array ever seen in Leeds; truly, a grand lot, showing, when compared with a few years ago, wonderful improvement, both in type, quality, and depth of colour. The quality of merit in these classes was very marked, and the "cull" was fairly well split up. Crest and Crestbreds were few but of a high order, while the Scotch Fancies were spoken of as being the best lot ever seen at this fixture. Borders, the "Bantams" of Canarydom, gave great pleasure; though not present in great numbers they certainly were of great merit. Mules were a "good mixture," and the British provided a treat both in numbers and quality, in most instances appearing in magnificent bloom. Many grand Foreign birds were also staged. The novice classes, as usual, filled well, and a few rare birds one saw amongst them, some quite able to compete amongst the "upper ten."

The Leeds Roller Canary Club supplied 113 choristers in the four classes set apart for the "king of songsters." These were staged in a nice-sized room all to themselves, so were not in the least molested by "Pretty Polly" or any other member of the birdy family, therefore giving of their best to those who enjoy hearing these wonderful creatures.

The committee of management consists of well-known and practical fanciers in Messrs. W. B. Cobb (chairman), W. Ireland (vice-chair), J. W. Nichols, F. Woof, J. Chambers, C. Wrighton, N. S. Love, G. Stead, J. Owen, F. King, F. Farrar, and R. S. Banks. With a list such as this, one could not wonder at the function going off so smoothly and so well. Auditors are Messrs. R. E. Simpson and W. Tose, a couple of very useful officials, while the auctioneer, Mr. H. S. Denton, is also a helper of the society. The hon. secs. are Messrs. A. Wilkins and C. Towes, both capital fanciers, always in the thick of the fight, courteous in the extreme, and a couple of very enthusiastic and willing workers. Much of the success of the show is certainly due to their untiring exertions, and both are to be highly complimented. Judging was over in good time, prize slips displayed quickly, and the management throughout of the best. Some of the special winners were: Hyde's, Mr. W. B. Cobb's gold medal for best Foreigner, Messrs. Hollins and Sons' spl. for best Scots, Mr. R. Wilkison. The stewards were Messrs. Thompson, Hallet, Wilkinson (Bramley) and Medley, all of whom know the exact thing required of them. Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and Robson, while Messrs. C. Roehl and J. Netherwood put the Rollers in order of merit.

Mr. Battye's Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, Radley, grand shape, splendid carriage of wings and tail, well-filled neck, lovely feather and staged in best condition, wins; 2, Ambler, capital style, just a shade longer, nice wing carriage, good colour and feather, in nice condition, a close race; 3, Baney and Swanger, nice shape and style, fine length and carriage, good third; 4, Bentley, long, slim and straight, beaten only in tail carriage; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Towers; c, Wilcock. TICK, ETC., YELL. (18): 1, Edmondson, thigh tick, well up on leg, capital feather, nice style, length carriage and colour; 2, Barnwell, cheek tick, long, raking bird, nice head, back, wings and tail; 3, Gill and pickup, grand long variegated, nice style and quality; 4, Rennie, tick eyes and wing, fine style and shape, nice carriage, beaten only in length; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Whiting; c, Stebbings, HEN YELL. (16): 1, Radley, one wing n.kd., pale in colour, but nice true built hen, well balanced all through, a good one; 2, Hall, good head, fine length and feather, wee bit strong; 3, Edmondson, shape and carriage good, nice quanty, just beaten in wings; 4, Farrer, head and wing mkd., nice shape and length; vhc, Stebbings; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Wilcock. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Bailey and Swanger, very fair length, grand wing and tail carriage, capital feather, in beautiful trim; 2, Casey, nice feather, good head; 3, Towers, nice length, slim and stylish, nice breast; 4, Wilcock, nice type, little thick when judged; vhc, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Amblers; c, Barnwell. TICK. ETC., BUFF (14): 1, Ambler, straight as a pencil, nice waist, very smart, typical all through; 2, vhc, Wilcock, grand shape and feather, fine length and position, very fair wing carriage; 3, Brown, capital shape and stand, good head, pale in colour, but well worth its place; 4, Bailey and Swanger, wing tick, hot colour and fine quality, close up; hc, Radley; c, Barnwell. HEN BUFF (15): 1, Ambler, grand length and shape, very typical, wins; 2, vhc, Yelland, two nice feathered ones, nice size and shape; 3, Bailey and Swanger, very good, stylish, wing tick; 4, Farrer, nice wings and tail, neat feather; hc, Rennie; c, Tinkler. YELL. GREENS (2): 1, Field n, good, sound colour, carried well through, nice back and waist, grand length and style, a good one; 2, Gill and Pickup, nice colour, good type and quality, fine bird; 3, Vernon, capital colour and markings, carried well down to waist, good shape and wing carriage, close up; 4, Rowlands, capital length, shape and style, good back and waist, fine colour, light tips on tail feathers, or would have been higher; vhc, Tempest; hc Done c, Richmond. BUFF (23): 1, vhc, Clayton, leader grand coloured buff, well marked, full of work, fine size, shape and feather; 2, Hemmbottom and Riley, close up in shape, style and quality, nice markings, very fair size, 3, Thompson, another typical buff, green, very fair wing carriage, nice, sound colour, worth his place; 4, Brinkwater, good shape, plenty of work in it, bright colour; hc, Walker; c, Hood. NOR. YELL. (16): 1, 2, Clayton foul tail and wing fine, long, straight, typical Yorks, rich, sound colour, third equal in most respects, but just falls in wing carriage, two grand birds. 2, Hellwell, very smart bird to first in its qualifications as a green, bigthy and stylish, close up; 4, Rowlands, nice shape, good wing and tail carriage, grand colour and back, vhc, Wilson; hc, Doughty; c, Wright. BUFF (16): 1, Doughty, foul over beak, grand colour, full of nice laring, fine quality, very fair wing carriage, wins, grand bird; 2, H Bawell, pied tail, fine shape and stand, grand markings, nice colour and size; 3, Handley, another grandly pencilled green, full of work, not far behind; 4 Vernon, grand bird, fails in wing carriage only, to leaders; vhc, Deacon; hc, Benson; c, Thompson. NOR CL. YELL (10): 1, Wasley, nice, neat head, wonderful chest, lovely colour and quality, capital carriage of body, neat wings and tail, wins comfortably; 2, Moore, magnificent head, good colour and chest, very fair at waist, a really good bird; 3, Harland, grand front, feather and colour; 4, Wilkinson, very neat type, feather and colour, on small side; vhc, Morris; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Pickering and Wright. TICK, ETC.: Cancelled. HEN BUFF (8): 1, Haigh and Son, neat, cobby built hen of lovely purity, wins easy; 2, Bovle, nice clear hen, chubby, full of quality; 3, Pickering and Wright, nice build, good feather; 4, Hillman, a good one; vhc, Harland; hc, Taylor; c, Rennie. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Harland, nice head, neat feather, good colour; 2, Wasley, another typical bright coloured bird, just beaten in head by leader; 3, hc, Hope, nice shape, colour and quality; 4, Haigh and Son, hot colour, neat shape and feather, takes Ramsden's spl: vhc, Stead; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF (13): 1, Harland, big, slashing bird, fine, deep chest, excellent quality; 2, Haigh and Son, splendid stamp, nice type, quality good; 3, vhc, Wilkinson, nice, sweet bird, full of quality, close up; 4, Smith, fine bird, fails only in wings; hc, Sutcliffe; c, Rennie. GREENS YELL (10): 1, 4, Deacon, leader typical Nor., good head, fine, deep broad chest, lovely wings and tail, very fair colour; 2, Harrison, full, beautiful colour, nice head, long, not quite so good in wings; 3, vhc, Moss, grand colour, very fair type; hc, Davies; c, Ryno. BUFF (13): 1, Ryno, good, stout bird, capital type, feather and colour, wins on head points; 2, 3, Deacon, both birds of great merit, close on heels of leader; 4, vhc, Walker, birds of lovely tyne, good size; hc, Thompson; c, Moss. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, 4, Deacon, tail pied, grand colour and type, full of quality; 2, Doughty, beautiful colour and feather, close up; 3, Jenkins, neat head, nice colour, not far behind; vhc, Walker; hc, Moss. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Deacon, grand built birds of good Nor. type, full of quality; 3, hc, Ryno, third good build, sound colour, nice feather; 4, Harrison, nice shape and colour; vhc, Hadwin; c, Davies. NOVICE OPEN, YORKS YELL. (25): 1, Towers, cap mkd., nice lengthy bird, plenty of style, well on leg lovely feather; 2, Bradshaw, nice shape, good length, stylish; 3 vhc, Carling, two nice, typical Yorks, neat in feather, good shape; 4, Parkes, very nice length; hc, Wood; c, Hallet. BUFF (20): 1, Wright, nice style, good feather, well on leg, lovely quality; 2, Pullan, nice stand, neat head, excellent wing carriage; 3, Langbey, neat feather, beautiful shape; 4, Sowden; vhc, McDade; hc, Holmes; c, Hall. NOR. YELL (12): 1, Woof, nice head, chest, wings and tail, fine colour and quality; 2, 3, Olitt, neat type, lovely quality, close up; 4, Hallett; vhc, Johnson; hc, Bracewell; c, Oakley. BUFF (18): 1, Bracewell, neat feather, nice shape and carriage; 2, Woof, beautiful feather, good head and chest; 3, Bennett, lovely feather, very good head; 4, Johnson; vhc, Hallett; hc, Vose; c, Hornby. SINGLE, ETC. (40s.) (12): 1, Woof; 2, Hallett; 3, vhc, Wilson; 4, Johnson; hc, McDade; c, Oakley.

The Roller Classes.

The Leeds Roller Club are pleased to be able to say they had more entries this year than last. The club are indebted to those gentlemen who so kindly responded to the appeal for specials. Through the arrangement of Leeds C.B.S. and the Roller Club to run the show conjointly, we were able to have a larger and more suitable room for the birds. Every Roller fancier remarked about the room, which was kept at a nice steady heat by the caretaker, who, along with his better half, seemed delighted with the show. We had an influx of visitors from Bolton, Blackburn, Bury, Batley, Wakefield, Manchester, Worksop, etc. When the visitors arrived, knots of fanciers could be seen, and heard discussing and debating the Roller of the past and the present, and what sort of a songster the Roller must be in the future. Encouraging words were given by Mr. J. Lyons, of Blackburn, and others, who are working hard to build up the Fancy. Mr. Lyons does not doubt in the least but what clubs, such as British Roller Club (London), Bolton, Wakefield, and Leeds, can make good judges out of some of their members. The novices are the lads who want encouragement, and two of the classes were exceedingly well filled, the young bird and novice classes having most entries. The class to suffer most was the amateur. The future seems bright when we can see the young bird and novice class well filled.

YOUNG BIRDS: Silver cup and 1st prize, Jas. Lyons, this young bird obtained 21 points; 2nd prize and silver medal, F. E. Fisher; 3rd and bronze medal also went to the same gentleman, whose birds scored 16 and 15 points respectively; F. Wilson secured 4th and special, this bird receiving 14 points; T. Walton came next, vhc, with 13 points; A. Foulds, hc, 12 points; and J. A. Steigart, c, 12 points. OPEN: 1st prize and silver medal went to A. P. Percival, he also coming in for next honour, 2nd and bronze medal; F. Oldroyd secured 3rd and special; W. Whitaker 4th and special, and hc; F. Wilsdon, Oxford, vhc, W. Whittaker, hc; F. Wilsdon, c. AMATEURS: J. Bramhall claimed 1st prize and silver medal, this bird obtaining 17 points; J. A. Steigart secured 1st prize last year, but missed it this time by 1 point, coming in for 2nd and bronze medal, 16 points; J. Lyons, 3rd and 4th prizes and specials, 15 and 14 points respectively; F. E. Fisher, South Woodford, vhc, 13 points; J. Bramhall, hc, 12 points; E. Lord, c, 11 points. NOVICE: 1st prize and silver medal was gained by C. Towes, so at least one honour fell to Leeds (may there be many more in the near future); D. Foster, 2nd and bronze medal; W. Whittlestone securing 3rd and special prize; J. Wetherill, vhc; C. Escreet, hc; and C. Taylor, commended. Diplomas were given with all awards.

Mr. Rowson's Classes.

CREST (5): 1, Wellinson, buff, cl. body D.F., fine substance and quality, crest large, round, good droop and centre; 2, Moody, buff, mkd both wings, D.F., capital feather and shape, crest of nice size, rare frontal, slightly thin at tips, still a good one; 3, Bailey, buff, heavy mkd. DC, possessing A1 quality feather, shapely, good substance, neat crest, inclined to pot on left side. CRESTBRED (5): 1, v, Cowden, winner buff, almost green, rare substance, A1 feather, fine width of skull, well lashed; v, buff mkd., smaller, but of very good quality; 2, 4, Garbutt, buff, heavy mkd., rattling size, very handy, capital skull and lash, close on heels of winner; 4th buff mkd., eyes and neck A1 quality, well up in substance, rare width of skull, nicely browed, 3, Radley, buff, almost green, A1 quality, good in head character. SCOTCH YELL. (8): 1, spl., Wellson, cl., lovely quality, fine size, rattling shoulders and drive, full of action, moves grandly gem, 2, v, Little, former cl., superior feather, good size and shape, nice back and shoulders; 3, hc, Cobb, grand quality, well up in size, good colour, shade stiff, yet very neat and well worth its place; 4, Leyton, cl., wonderful substance, grand quality, good type, a nice one; c, Thompson Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Chapman, tick, head, magnificent substance, fine reach, grand shoulders, good mover, capitally staged; 2, h, Willison, cl., nice feather, neat in action, good in back and shoulders, very close up; 3, Smith, cl., wonderful size, well feathered, good width of shoulders, good drive, nice all over; 4, v, Cobb, tick, head, good in quality and size, gets head well down, we liked; v, almost green, very typical, somewhat slimmer built; c, Little. HEN (13): Good class; 1, Cobb, yell., almost green, showing plenty of substance, rare length of side, grand reach, moves beautifully; 2, Bell, cl. buff, capital quality, grand substance, fine shoulder properties, nice circle, full of action, close up; 3, Willison cl. yell, another very typical damsel, excelling in quality, good size and reach, gets head well down, nervy; 4, Little, cl. buff, nice position, very reachy, capital shoulders, good in movement; v, Harrison, very typical; c, Lupton. BORDERS, YELL. (7): 1, v, Beaty, winner mkd. both wings and eyes, magnificent quality, very shapely, although we thought plenty long enough, full of nerve, beautifully shown; v, cl., good type and feather; 2, Cherry, cl., rare shape, nice size, capital quality and carriage, must have pressed; 3, Harrison, lightly var., feathered to perfection, very fair wing carriage, best in class for shape and quality; 4, Hopper Bros., cl. yell., excels in shape, nice size and carriage, very honny; h, Wright and Hyslop, cl., smooth as wax, moves well, rather longer in build; c, Hawkins. HEN (6): 1, Hawkins, buff, mkd. left wing, smooth as a bottle, lovely type and carriage, one of the first water; 2, Hopper Bros., cl. buff, capital quality, grand wing carriage, full of nerve; 3, Harrison, buff, mkd. wing and eye, feathered to perfection, nice shape; 4, Beaty, cl. buff, rattling type, fine size, nicely feathered, very neat; we, No. 2, Beaty, and No. 5 Drinkwater. A.O.V. (8): 1, Hawkins, yell. green, shone like satin, magnificent shape, full of style, showing grand finish, a gem; 2, Wright and Hyslop, buff, cinn. mkd. wings and about head, very stylish, capital quality, jaunty, close up; 3, Beaty, yell. green, rich quality, nice carriage, shapely, we admired; 4, hc, Metcalfe, yell. green and buff green respectively, both of nice feather and shape, good in carriage; v, Wagstaff, yell. green, A1 quality, shapely; c, Drinkwater. LANC. (5): Only four turned up, all belonging to Mr. W. Adams; winner yell., cl. body, grizzled cap, wonderful substance, rare feather, coppy of nice spread, a gem, second cl. yell. P.H., very unassive in build, grand length of side, fine head character. A.O.V. (7): 1, Smith, yell. Belg. mkd. wing, superior feather, lovely position, works well, fine shoulders, grandly put down; 2, Wagstaff, buff cinn., showing rare substance, capital colour, grand shape; 3, h, Cobb, cl. buff Belg., fine made shoulders, full of nerve, stands beautifully, should look well shortly; 4, Hudson, yell. Yorks., four-pointed, fine position and quality, rare wing marks; v, Hellewell, four-pointed buff York., very stylish; c, Banks. SELF. 20/- (16): 1, Cherry; 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Cobb; 4, Casey; v, Sutcliffe; h, Ferguson; c, Langbey. 15/- (18): 1, Wilson; 2, Cobb; 3, Chew and Stokoe; 4, Farrar; v, Clive; h, Hudson; c, Hornby. 10/- (17): 1, A. Radley; 2, E. Radley; 3, Pickering; 4, Ferguson; v, Porter; h, Bracewell; c, Hornby. MULE (17): Good class; 1, Ward, Linnet-Bullie, beautifully feathered, good in substance and colour, showing parentage well, put down in fine fettle; 2, Reeves, Bramble-Chaff, good in colour and markings, nice size, showing the cross distinctly, close up; 3, Walsh, dark buff Goldie-Can., splendid quality, rare substance, slashing face, well worth its place; 4, Tams, Goldie-Bullie, very shapely, capital quality, nice size; v, Hingley, pleasing Siskin-Linnet, in capital bloom, well staged; h, Wilson; c, Sissons. GOLDIE (19): Rare lot; 1, Duncan, jun., magnificently cut blaze, wonderful size and colour, lovely body, capital bars and buttons, truly a topper; 2, Tams, another slashing "proud taller," perhaps hardly as neatly cut in blaze, yet in all other respects close up, will beat more than beats it; 3, Thompson, very shapely, nice size, good in wing bars and buttons, hardly up yet in blaze colour; 4, v, King, 4th very similar to 3rd; h, Howe, good one, rather on the small side; c, Simpson. BULLIE (7): 1, Edmondson, grand shape and substance, beautiful breast colour, cap dense, richly polished, not a feather misplaced, gem; 2, Walsh, well up in size, good in cap and breast, nice shape, a bird of high merit; 3, Beaty, very shapely, in rattling trim, very fair breast colour, wants a little more time; 4, Harrison, good shape and size, nice breast, appears bit down; v, Bennett, nice one, good size; h, Simpson; c, Bell. LINNET (24): Slashing lot: 1, Axe, one of the best out this season, wonderful substance, fine shape, delightful colour, pencilled to perfection; 2, Tams, slashing colour and markings, steady as a top, nice shape, built on somewhat slimmer lines; 3, Boyle, capital nutty colour, very shapely, nice size, pencilling clear and distinct; 4, Bower, good in shape, nicely mkd., very fair colour and size; v, Hurst, good specimen, rare colour; h, Wilson; c, Pickles. GREENIE (13): 1, Howe, a bouncer, feathered like a Java, rare colour and shape, fine size and condition, one of the very best, staged in rare form; 2, Bower, capitally feathered, good in colour and shape, beaten to-day only in substance; 3, Pickles, best of colour, well up in substance, very shapely, wants a little tightening; 4, Allen, shapely and of nice quality; v, Duncan, jun.; h, Harrison; c, Isherwood. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Hurst, Siskin, pretty as paint, delightful colour, beautifully pencilled, shown in magnificent bloom; 2, Caunt, Twite, fine depth of colour, grand shape and substance, nicely mkd., in capital trim; 3, Todd and Son, Siskin, good in shape and size, nice colour, well marked; 4, King, Twite, very shapely, nice size, good in markings; v, Bower, nice Redpoll, well shown; h, Lockwood; c, Duncan, jun. HARD (21): Rare class; 1, Axe, noted Yellow Bunting, winner of many battles, looks capable of gaining many more victories, we live yet to see a better specimen; 2, Caunt, Bramble, fine substance and shape, delightfully tick, of grand quality, in fine trim, one of very great merit; 3, c, Dale, Chaff and Bramble, former well up in size, capital shape, good in markings, shows well, a gem; v, very neat, and in the pink; 4, Wilson, Yell. Bunting, magnificent size and shape, nice colour and head marks, good enough to win at most shows; v, Edmondson, very fine Bramble, down for not it was worth; h, Lupton, pretty Chaff, in fine; c, Sutcliffe. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Axe, noted tick head, well as ever, will take some stopping, a gem; 2, Beesley, Redwing, in rare feather, shape, shows to perfection; 3, c, Mason, former Sand Piper, not very often seen on the bench, in fairly good condition, well worthy of its place; 4, Walsh, Wryneck, in nice feather, good size, well put down; v, Beaty, Saltbatch, in good order; h, Mackrill, Redtart, damaged a little in tail or might have gone up one; LOR. LARGE (2): 1, gold medal for best bird, 4, Hollins and Sons, grand Parrakeet, fine colour; 2, 3, Somers, Moustache Parrakeet, in nice feather; v, Mrs. Sorby, Ring-necked Parrakeet, in capital order; h, Oakley, Indian Green Parrot; c, Miss M. Foster, Blue Mountain Lorry. SMALL (6): 1, Pickles, smart pair of Grass Finches; 2, 3, Hollins and Sons, Brickheaded Gouldians and Grass Finches, in the order named; 4, v, Caunt, pair of good Grass Finches; h, Simpson, neat pair Cordon Blues.

FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

(Ashton-under-Lyne Centre.)

First show held under the auspices of the above [illegible] on November 16th, at the headquarters of the Hazel Grove Society, the White Hart Inn. Each affiliated society nominated six birds (the choice of seven classes), and the following are the awards and points: LANCS (4) 1, Hazel Grove (Broadhurst), 7 points; 2 (Lowe) and 3 (Mills), Oldham, 11 points; 4, Stockport (Rushton), 4 points. LIZARD (3): 1 and 2, Lowe (Oldham), 13 points; 3, Stockport (Garner), 5 points; 4, Ashton, 4 points. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (Oldham), 7 points; 2, Oldham (Fitton), 6 points; 3, Ashton, 5 points. NOR (3): 1, Ashton, 7 points; 2, Hazel Grove (Massey), 6 points; 3, Stockport (Berwick), 5 points. YORKS (3): 1, Stockport (Slater), 7 points; 2, Ashton, 6 points; 3, Hazel Grove (Potts), 5 points. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hazel Grove (Massey), 7 points; 2, Oldham (Fritton), 6 points; 3, Stockport (Dean), 5 points; 4, Ashton, 4 points. BRIT. (3): 1, Stockport (Hill), 7 points; 2, Hazel Grove (Massey), 6 points; 3, Ashton, 5 points. Total points: Hazel Grove, 33; Oldham, 33; Stockport, 33; Ashton, 31.

ST. AUSTELL AND DISTRICT F.A.

A members' show was held in the Public Rooms St. Austell, on October 31st, and proved a financial success. Mr. T. Mason Hocking is the able and respected secretary, Mr. T. H. Harner, chairman, and Mr. J. Davies, the capable sectional secretary. Mr. Toy judged, and his awards were well received. SCOTS YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, c, Biddick; 2, Newton. BUFF (4): 1, 2, vhc, Biddick; 3, Mewton. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, best Nor., Caved; 2, Mewton; 3, vhc, Clemence; vhc, takes Sandiford's spl: r, Davies and Son. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Caved, good colour, well mealed; 3, Trevena, close up, vhc, Clemence. TICK YELL.: 1, 2, Caved, two good 'uns; 3, Lawry, very typical; r, Trevena; vhc, Mewton. BUFF (7): 1, Julyan, very well staged; 2, Clemence; 3, Caved. HEN (6): 3, spl, for best hen Trevena, one of the right sort; 2, Caved, close up, lovely meal for hen; r, Hawken; vhc, Mewton; hc, Lawry. UNFLI. (6): 1, Clemence, beautiful feather; 2, Trevena, close up; 3, Caved; r, Mewton; vhc, Netherton. CREST (4): 1, spl, 2, Davies and Son, winner, even wing massive body, good round chest, of good texture, second green; 3, Biddick. CREST-BRED (3): 1, 2, Davies and Son, winner marked head and wing, well-known winner, 2 a hen, good length of head feathers; 3, Biddick. In Yorkshires, 5 classes were provided and Mr. Thomas had it all to himself; lucky man. Mr. T. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Mewton. PAIRS (£2) (6): 1, Biddick, Scotch; 2, r, Thomas, Yorkies; 3, Davies and Son, Scotch. GROUP OR FOUR: 1, 2, Caved; 3, r, Thomas; hc, Bullen. MULE: 1, 3, vhc, Caved, good team; 2, Mewton; r, Biddick. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, vhc, Mewton; 2, Caved; 3, Nile; r, Thompson. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, 3, vhc, Thompson; 2, r, Mewton. LARGE (6): 1, 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Mewton; hc, Coath; r, Dr. Mason. SELL. (£1) (3) 1, 2, Craddock; 3, Thomas. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, Caved; 2, Thomas; 3, Trevena; r, Davies and Son. SELL. (7/6) (8): 1, Lawry; 2, Julyan; 3, Ball. MEMBERS (who never won a prize) (8): 1, 3, r, Ball; 2, Hawkin; vhc, Julyan. JUVENILE (5): 1, Mewton; 2, Davies; 3, Grigg. FOREIGN: 1, Mann; 2, Scott.

MANCHESTER.

North Manchester C.B.S. Show was held November 9th at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey. Mr. A. G. Davis judged, and commented upon the quality of the exhibits as being first-class, especially the novice Yorks. The show was a great success, and was visited by a large number of people. The society is hoping to have some open competitions next year. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Norris; 2, Aspinall; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, Aspinall; 2, Norris. TICK. YELL.: 1, 3, Aspinall, 2, 4, Norris. BUFF: 1, 3, Norris; 2, Aspinall; 4, Jones. CL. TICK., ETC., YELL. HENS: 1, Aspinall; 2, Norris; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, 3, Aspinall; 2, Slater; 4, Norris; vhc, Jones. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLI.: 1, T. Deakin. BUFF: 1, T. Deakin; 2, 3, hc, Slater; vhc, Connor Bros. BUFF HENS, UNFLI.: 1, 2, 3, Slater. YELL.: 1, Fenton; 2, Slater. BUFF: 1, Fenton; 2, Deakin; 3, Connor. YELL. HENS: 1, Connor Bros. BUFF: 1, Slater. NAT. COL.: 1, Fenton. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Fenton; 2, Slater. BEST BIRD (Shown by Cottager): 1, Dr. Lakin; 2, A. Slater; 3, Ainall; 4, Campbell; vhc, Lowe; hc, Baker. BEST PAIR (Shown by Cottager): 1, 2, Barron. NOVICE CLASSES.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Collinson; 2, Dalzell; 3, Jones; 4, Hall; vhc, McVety; hc, Thomason; c, North. BUFF: 1, Hyde's spl., Collinson; 2, 3, 4, Dalzell; vhc, c, Clarke; hc, Eyres. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, Dalzell; 4, Ritson; vhc, Thomason; hc, Odell; c, Hall. BUFF: 1, Dalzell; 2, Clarke; 3, Ritson; 4, North. YELL. HENS: 1, Clarke; 2, Dalzell; 3, Collinson; 4, Eyres; vhc, hc, Butterworth; c, North. BUFF: 1, Dalzell; 2, Thomason; 3, Jones; 4, Hall. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, Dalzell; 2, Thomason; 3, Odell; 4, Hall; vhc, Butterworth. BUFF: 1, Dalzell; 2, Collinson; 3, Clarke; 4, North; vhc, hc, Thomason; c, Odell. NAT. COL.: 1, Butterworth; 2, 3, Firth; 4, Odell; vhc, Jackson; hc, c, Williams. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLI.: 1, Vint. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Deakin; 3, Vint; 4, Butterworth; vhc, c, McVety. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Harvey. BUFF: 1, 4, McVety; 2, 3, Harvey. NAT. COL.: 1, Woods; 2, Vint. A.V. Can.: 1, Harvey. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Woods; 2, 4, Odell; 3, Fish. SOFT: 1, Hall. MULE: 1, 2, Fish.—JOHN DAVEY, sec

DENHOLME AND THORNTON.

Denholme and Thornton held annual open show, November 16th, in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute, Thornton. The room is a splendid one for this purpose, being very lofty, well lighted, and perfectly free from draught. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged. The officers of the society are a hard-working set of fanciers, and every detail received their utmost attention. The secretary, Mr. Tomsett, is an ideal fancier, and was well backed up by Mr. H. Dobson (president), Messrs. J. Twaites, and J. Clayton (vice-presidents), Mr. F. Hey (treasurer), and a good committee. A total entry of 349 from 109 exhibitors is not a bad entry, though not quite up to the standard of the last few shows; a very good list of extra special prizes was up for competition. As usual, novice classes received a good entry, and many previous winners stood cardless. During the afternoon a good number of visitors turned up, but it will take the promoters all their time to make it a financial success, as their expenses are pretty heavy. Prize money was paid out to the successful exhibitors present during the afternoon. YKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, good type and position, rich colour, grand quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Hill, slim, nice quality, very fair position; 3, Ogden Bros., grand length, nice quality and position; 4, Cundall, good, slim, well-drawn bird, nice quality, good wing carriage; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Hodgson; c, Rawnsley. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Dyson, grand type, position and quality, nice colour; 2, Shackleton, splendid shape, stands well, rare feather, well braced wings and neat tail; 3, Drake, long, raking bird, good back, well-filled neck, nice quality; 4, Brook, nice shape and colour, very fair quality; vhc, Hill; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Bailey and Swanger. TICK YELL (10): 1, 2, spl, Bailey and Swanger, first lovely type, grand colour and quality, splendid back, wings and tail, stands on a good pair of legs, 2nd another good one, grand shape and quality, beautifully mooned; 3, Shackleton, grand length, nice shape and quality, fine position, rich colour; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, splendid type, well-drawn out, nice length and quality, well carried wings, neat tail; vhc, Priestley; hc, Rawnsley; c, Wood. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Thornton, grand quality, and type, stands well, in good trim; 2, Shackleton, lovely shape and position, nice quality, very clean at front; 3, Wilcock, very lengthy, stylish, grand quality and type; 4, Walsh, grand colour and quality, smart type; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Rawnsley. UNEVEN MKD. (10): 1, spl, Rawnsley, splendid shape, feathered like a Java, grand position, a gem; 2, Sagar, lengthy, slim, good shape, nice round back, neat wing carriage, lovely quality; 3, Cundall, good length, straight as a rush, smart type, beautiful quality; 4, Denton, grand colour, good markings, nice quality and position; vhc, Towers; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Wood. UNFLI. YELL. (19): 1, spl, Dewhirst, nice drawn, shapely, neat quality, grand head; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, grand shape and position, nice colour and quality, fine position; 3, Crabtree, good length, shape and style, nice colour and quality; 4, Bray and Charlesworth, very neat, grand quality, stands well; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Bolton; c, Rawnsley. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, lovely type and quality, very rich colour, nice style; 2, Bray and Charlesworth, grand shape and style, good quality, very fair wing carriage; 3, Wilcock, plenty of length, good shape and style, nice quality; 4, Ormonroyd, nice length, lovely type, rich in quality and colour; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Wilson; c, Dyson. YELL. HEN (15): 1, spl, Walsh, good length, grand position and quality, lovely back; 2, Charlesworth, not quite so long, but nice shape and quality; 3, Jennings, slim, neat, well drawn out, beautiful quality; 4, Shackleton, lengthy, nice quality, stylish, splendid back; vhc, Drake; hc, Ingham; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (17): 1, spl, Jennings, lengthy, nice quality, some considered lucky to win; 2, Ogden, uneven marked, plenty of length, grand quality, well up in position, nice bird; 3, Wood, fine feather, nice shape and size, neat wing and tail; 4, Cundall, big, long bird, nice shape, well filled neck; vhc, Walsh; hc, Shackleton; c, Rawnsley. CIN. TICK. ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Hirst, slim, neat shape, and stylish, stands well, nice quality and colour; 2, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., former nice quality and style, fair, good shape, 4th grand colour, wins Ramsden's medal, good shape and quality, nice position; 3, Wilcock, splendid type, grand quality, stylish, lovely back and wings; vhc, Dobson; hc, Wharton; c, Lingley. BUFF (11): 1, 2, spl, Denton, winner grand length, lovely quality and style, rich colour, 2nd not quite so long but grand quality, nice colour and stylish; 3, Ogden Bros., good length, shapely and good and typical; 4, Shackleton, grand quality, lovely back, nice shape; vhc, Cooper; hc, Dobson; c, Taylor and Haigh. YELL. HEN (16): 1, Taylor and Haigh, nice length, well up in position, good quality and shape; 2, 4, spl, Towers, nice contour, excellent quality, grand style, latter a good one for shape and quality; 3, Rawnsley, neat shape, leggy, grand back and rich quality; vhc, Wharton; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Priestley. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, tick wing, grand quality and type, lovely position, nice colour, very smart; 2, Blakey, ticked wing, grand shape, stands up well, nice quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Hirst, tick shoulder, rare type, shape and style; 4, vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, nice markings, grand quality; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Hartley. SELL. YELL. (15/-) (10): 1, spl, Ingham; 2, Edmondson; 3, Ball; 4, Charlesworth; vhc, Drake; hc, Smith; c, Mitchell. BUFF (12/6) (11): 1, spl, Kirk; 2, Dobson; 3, Towers; 4, Smith; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Fowle; c, Charlesworth. HEN (12/6) (16): 1, spl, Mitchell; 2, Allen and Swaine; 3, Cundall; 4, Fowle; vhc, Smith; hc, Butterfield; c, Denton.

Novice Classes.

YKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (23): 1, spl, Drake and Son, slim, well-drawn, nice quality and style, very neat; 2, Myers, splendid type, shows nice bit of breed, grand quality and colour, good wings and tail; 3, Hainsworth, slim, typical and lovely quality; 4, hc, Ingham, rare type and colour, good shape of body; vhc, Varley; c, Ingham. BUFF (27): 1, spl, Leach, full of colour and quality, nice length, splendid shape and position; 2, Allen and Swaine, neat shape, nice quality and style, good head; 3, Fortnam, typical quality, good wing carriage, grand back, well filled in neck; 4, Wilson, good shape, fine stamp and colour, stands well, vhc, c, Shaw Bros.; hc, Coates. UNEVEN., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, spl, Lodge, green marked, spl mild length, good shape and quality, stands well, in grand trim; 2, Frankland, magnificent position, nice length, good shape and quality; 3, Jagger and Ackroyd, lengthy, nice shape, grand back, rare bird; 4, Holroyd, cin. mkd., lengthy, shapely, beautiful type, grand wing carriage; vhc, Myers; hc, Townsend; c, Hellliwell. BUFF (10): 1, Lodge, magnificent specimen, nice length and of good shape, rich colour; 2, Frankland, not quite so big, but slim, nice type, lovely quality and colour; 3, 4, spl, Whitnham, two grand birds, of good length, well drawn out, fine in type and position, very much alike; vhc, Townsend; hc, Gudgeon; c, Shaw Bros. YELL. HEN (20): 1, spl, Ingham, slender build, neat shape, beautiful type, good back, wings and tail; 2, Shaw Bros., neat shape, grand quality, good wing carriage, pipe tail; 3, Pratt, nice length, grand legs; 4, Brodin, good shape, nice head style, fair in wing carriage; vhc, Haigh; hc, [illegible]; c, Whitnham. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Myers, grand type and position, lengthy, nice quality of feather, in fine order; 2, Holroyd, grand specimen, very neat in shape, stands well; 3, Cawthra and Son, grand quality, rich colour, shapely, and nice position; 4, Gudgeon, shapely, finely drawn, stands up well, looked as though it had been badly knocked about; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Drake and Son; c, Sugglit. NOR. COCK (12): 1, Naylor, yell., good size and substance, nice stamp, fine colour; 2, hc, c, spl, Holmes, buff, plenty of substance, grand quality and colour; 3, vhc, Lloyd, beautiful colour, chubby, nice, short wings; 4, Mottram, very fair substance, grand type. HEN (8): 1, Mottram, beautiful specimen, typical colour, of the best, grand head, looking well; 2, hc, spl, Holmes, uneven mark, neat, chubby, grand quality and colour; 3, Greenwood, lovely colour, good body, but just a trifle weak in head; 4, Dobson, nice type, but bit short of substance; vhc, Murgatroyd; c, Ball.

BLACKPOOL.

Annual show of the Blackpool and Fylde O.S. (under C.B.U. Rules), was held at the Alexandra Cafe, Bank Hey Street, Nov. 15th and 16th. The room is a grand one for a show, being very well lighted and absolutely free from draughts; it had the special advantage of being only one minute's walk from the station. Entries came up well, totalling nearly 400, and included some of the best specimens in the North of England. Special for best bird in show, as well as Hyde's Special went to Mr. C. Roberts with his first-prize Grissle Crest. Sandiford's Medal was won by Mr. J. Coulson with his Clear Yell. Nor. Mr. C. Roberts also gained spl for most points in show, Mr. John Trengove that for 2nd most points, and Mr. Thos. Seed that for 3rd. The Norwich and Yorkshire sections were excellent and contained many notable and praiseworthy specimens. In the Norwich section the most notable specimen that met our eye was the Yellow hen exhibited by Mr. F. H. Dent, which was voted a regular swell, and found a host of admirers, as also did Mr. F. Seed's Little King II., and Fullighted Buff, Mr. A. Hirst's Clear Yellow and Fullighted Yellow, Mr. L. Todd's marked Yellow and Buff, and Mr. J. Trengove's Buff hens, Messrs. Burton, Wilcock, Gibbons and Binns staged some magnificent Yorkshires, and headed some very hot classes. The two Novice classes contained birds well able to hold their own in the open, whilst it is some time since we saw a better collection of British and Mules. The attendance seemed to be very good, and amongst those present from a distance we observed Messrs. Councillor Joseph Hill, president of the Derby C.B.S., F. H. Dent, J. Haylurst, Senior, T. Seed, A. Hirst, J. W. Cleminson, S. Hindley, Laithwaite and others. The management of the show was all that could be desired, and reflects credit on everybody concerned in making the show the success is was. Mr. A. J. Winterbottom makes an excellent secretary; he was assisted by the worthy chairman, Mr. W. Binns, the vice-chairman, Wm. McNeill, the treasurer, Mr. S. Morrison, the excellent assistant secretary, Mr. G. Young, and the committee, Messrs. Lightbown, Lingard, Croucher, Pattison, Smithson, Boardman, Greenwood, T. J. Crossley, and Cowell, all of whom helped in getting everything in firstrate order. All birds were despatched in good time, and the prize money was paid to successful exhibitors, who attended the show. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Hirst, fine size and colour, grand quality and condition, Blackburn and Preston winner, looking very fit, good one; 2, Seed, rare shape and size, grand colour and quality, fine head, neck and chest; 3, Cleminson, grand quality and colour, splendid type, good substance; 4, Senior and Hartley, grand colour and quality; vhc, Wrigley; hc, Coulson; c, Matt. Hopkins. BUFF (10): 1, Seed, the old champion in full bloom; 2, Roberts, lovely colour, grand size and quality, a good second; 3, Dent, grand quality, type and colour, hardly enough of it as yet; 4, Braybrook, big bouncing bird, nice colour and type; c, Smith. vhc, Roberts, hc, Coulson; c, Smith. TICK. and YELL. (10): 1, Todd, mkd. head, neck and wings, good size, splendid colour and quality, rare head, neck and chest, one of the right stamp; 2, Trengove, mkd. face, wings and tail, another grand Nor., rare colour and quality, close up; 3, vhc, Wrigley, mkd. face and wings, grand type, rare size, good colour, well worth its place; 4, Hindley, thigh ticked, good colour and size, nice head and chest; vhc, Todd; c, Huggins. BUFF (12): 1, Todd, grizzle on back, a gem all over, wonderful type and size, rare quality, good colour, well selected; 2, Hayhurst, ticked back of head, another big bouncing bird of grand type and quality, good colour, well shown; 3, Hall, var., very short and thick-set, A1 quality and condition, nice colour and type, a good 3rd; 4, Lofthouse, grand quality and colour, very fair substance; vhc, Braybrook; hc, Croucher; c, Roberts. YELL. HENS (17): a grand class; 1, Dent, clear unfli., beautiful colour, rare size and type, good head and short thick neck, grand deep chest, all front, a topper; 2, Senior and Hartley, another clear, rare colour, good big bold hen, nice quality and good type; 3, Huggins, another clear unfli., rattling colour and type, exquisite quality, grand hen all over, close up; 4, Coulson, wings and cheek mkd., new type and quality, good size, and carriage; vhc, Seed, another clear unfli., grand hen, worth its place; hc, Lingard, another very smart young hen, extra good carriage; c, Baker, grand colour, shape, and quality. BUFF (18): 1, 2, Trengove, couple of gems, leader mkd. face, and wings extra size and shape, good broad expanding chest, lovely colour and quality; 2, mkd. face, grand quality and type, grand all over, well packed wings and tail, must have pressed; 3, vhc, Huggins, clear, a bonny hen, nice size, grand type, splendid quality and carriage; vhc, another grand hen, also a bit patchy in colour; 4, Thompson and Wallace, mkd. head, fine substance and quality, good shape and colour; hc, Shaw, grizzle cap, rare colour and quality, beautiful type and carriage, put down in A1 style; c, Lingard. YELL. UNFLI. (17): 1, Hirst, clear, wonderful substance, rare colour, grand head, neck and chest, splendid quality, real good one; 2, Senior and Hartley, clear, grand quality and shape, nice size, best of type, good carriage; 3, 4, Hall; 3, clear, another real good one, possessing true Nor. properties for type, quality and colour all there; 4, wing mkd., beautiful quality and colour, typical, big, close up; vhc, Cleminson, another grand clear youngster, brimful of colour and quality; hc, Coulson; mkd. head, wings and tail; c, Lingard. BUFF (22): 1, Seed, dark tail, Preston winner, extra rich colour, splendid type and quality, rare head, neck and chest, a clinker; 2, Trengove, clear, grand quality, rare colour and type, extra short and cobby, not far behind; 3, Huggins, another grand youngster, rattling shape and colour, fine head and neck, fairly compact feather; 4, Thompson and Wallace, again grand size and type, good quality, well packed wings and tail, beaten only in colour; vhc, Lingard, grand colour and type, good bird when in condition; hc, Shaw, mkd. wings and head, wants steadying; c, Hindley, a good bird in good company. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Burton, grand length, splendid quality, well carried wings and tail, A1 position and colour, thought to be the Blackburn winner; 2, Gibbons, good length, beautifully drawn, rare colour and quality, stands to perfection; 3, hc, Binns, another typical Yorks., brimful of quality, straight as a rush, nice colour, good third; 4, Walsh, long raking bird, grand quality and position; vhc, Spencer, hit down when we saw it; c, Ogden Brothers. BUFF (8): 1, Wilcock, a gem of the first water, splendid quality, nice length and stand, grand type, well braced wings and tail; 2, Hodgson, another gem teeming with quality, nice back, wings and tail, grand type, good 2nd; 3, Burton, nice length and position, superior quality and style; 4, Hirst, Preston winner, beautiful colour, quality and carriage, well worth its place; vhc, Pease; hc, Binns; c, Gibbons. TICK. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Gibbons, mkd. neck, grand length and colour, lovely quality and bloom, best of backs, wings and tail, very straight and stylish; 2, hc, Ogden Bros., thigh tick, rare length and position, extra quality and style, beautifully drawn, well staged; 3, Burton, thigh tick, wonderful quality, grand length and position, stands like a guardsman; 4, J. Crossley, tick on head, splendid shape and style, feathered like wax, close up; vhc, Kirkham; c, Ball. BUFF (3): 1, Binns, thigh tick, a topper, grand length and position, teeming with quality, good carriage, nice narrow shoulders, well carried wings and tail; 2, hc, Wilcock, tick on cheek, hot fed, always at attention, well up on leg, brimful of quality, nice length, very good 2nd; 3, Holmes, again a bird of magnificent quality, good length, best of carriage and position; 4, Riley, mkd. neck, pale colour, but a gem for quality and type; vhc, Gibbons; c, Bolton. YELL. HENS (19): grand class: 1, Burton, mkd. neck, slim and stylish, well up on leg, shines like silk, beautiful back, wings and tail, a charming damsel; 2, Kirkham, clear, grand type and quality, nice length and position, neat head, narrow shoulders, another grand hen; 3, Smith, clear, fair in length, but grand quality and stands well up, beautiful wings and tail; put down in magnificent form; 4, Stebbings, clear, nice length, strong in build, grand quality and position, nice exhibit; vhc, Gibbons, mkd. cheeks and wings, good long straight hen of splendid quality and position; hc, McNeill, cinn. mkd. head and wings, grand quality and type; c, Wilcock. BUFF (18): Another good class; 1, c, Wilcock, clear, a gem all over, nice size, feathers like wax, magnificent back, wings and tail, very straight and stylish, wins well; 2, Burton, another well drawn clear of magnificent quality, grand style and carriage, nice level colour, good legs and position; 3, 4, Ogden Brothers, a clear and a mkd. respectively, a brace of grand hens, both full of quality, straight as pencils, stylish and put down in A1 form; vhc, Hirst, marked wings, nice colour, fine length and quality; hc, Walsh, clear, another good hen, straight. UNFLI. (20): A hot lot: 1, Binns, clear yell., a well staged gem, nice length, teeming with quality and colour, straight as a pencil, grand carriage, clean under, nice narrow back, typical; 2, Crossley, clear buff, a charmer, rare shape and exquisite feather, beautiful meal and undercolour, nice length and position; 3, Hopkins, yell.; 4, Walsh, clear buff, nice length, splendid quality, straight as a rush, hard to find fault with; vhc, Hirst, Yell., very fairly long and slim, grand quality and carriage; hc, Wilkinson, cheek and wing marked buff of splendid quality, position and style; c, Smith, mkd. yell., rare length and colour. GIFT (8): 1, Crossley; 2, Hindman; 3, Young; 4, Croucher; vhc, Binns; hc, Cowell; c, Greenwood. CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4, Roberts, a grand team, a credit to their owner; 1, Buff Grizzle Crest, big bouncing bird, bust of nice size and good radiation, carrying heaps of feather; 2, wing-marked dark, very neat crest, good veiny feather and centre; 3, another similar bird to second, good crest; 4, variegated, with neat crest. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 3, 4, Roberts, another grand team, 1st slight grizzle-cap, rare skull, massive bird, with plenty of feather; 2, Green, not quite as good in skull, but plenty of feather, well lashed; 3, vari., another good crestbred; 4, rather smaller. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Walsh, Yell. Scotch Fancy, plenty of side, gets well in position, good top; 2, Senior and Hartley, even mkd. 4-pointed yell. Yorks., grand quality and type, nice length and position, markings very neat and well-defined; 3, Hodgson, buff Belg., no doubt a grand bird, but down when we saw it; 4, Hindman, yell. cinn., fine big bouncing bird, good colour and quality; vhc, Hales, typical Scotch Fancy; hc, Pease, a nice Border Fancy; c, Roberts, good buff Lancs. NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. (21): 1, Bevan, clear yell., fine big thick-set bird, rare colour and quality, fine head, neck and chest, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Lingard, yell., ticked on head, another big bouncing bird; 3, Hughes, cheek mkd. buff, grand quality and type, very fair size; 4, hc, Dunn; 4, rare good colour, yell., fine quality, type and colour; vhc, Hughes, grand buff; c, Harding, very nice tick. yell. YORKS. (14): 1, Wilkinson, clear yell., grand length and position, splendid quality and colour, rare carriage and style; 2, Crossley, another clear yell., very slim and stylish, good length and position, good 2nd; 3, Proctor, buff, grand quality and style, nice length, good position; 4, Gregson, long raking yell., grand legs, good quality, very straight, might perhaps be a little better in neck; vhc, Clayton; hc, Ball. SELL. (20/-): 1, Hopkins; 2, Crossley; 3, Lofthouse; 4, Riley; vhc, Walsh; hc, Smith; c, Lingard. (12/6): 1, Proctor; 2, Crossley; 3, Binns; 4, McNeill; vhc, Hales; hc, Crossley; c, Riley. MULES, ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, Johnson, Siskin Greenfinch, and Greenfinch Bullfinch, a grand trio, each showing the different cross distinctly, in lovely feather and bloom, well staged; 4, Boardman, Linnet Greenfinch, good big bird, nice feather, in grand condition; vhc, Lightbown; hc, Baguley; c, Hoggarth and Cardwell. LINNET (12): Grand lot, 1, 4, Walsh, couple of gems, leader perfect in markings, rich colour, wonderfully steady, in grand feather and condition; 4, rather lighter on breast; 2, Bower, well known winner, just a shade lighter in colour, still a grand bird, very well shown; 3, Hurst, another gem, extra well pencilled and rich colour, nice size and condition; vhc, Hogarth and Cardwell; hc, Boardman; c, Kirkham. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Bower, Goldfinch, a beauty, good size, square cut blaze, grand bars and buttons, rich tan; 2, Lightbown, another Goldfinch, rare tan, blaze and buttons; 3, Senior, Goldfinch, not quite as steady as leaders, but a very nice Goldfinch for all that; 4, Rulings, good coloured Bullfinch, in rare condition and feather; vhc, Almond; hc, Hogarth and Cardwell. BRIT. A.O.V. HARDBILL (18): 1, hc, Almond, noted Hawfinch leading, looking as well as ever; 2, Hurst, Yellowhammer, nicely fed, grand markings, seems little down; 3, Adams, Bramblefinch, nice colour and sheen, in good condition; 4, Lees, Crossbill, in grand feather, very steady, well shown; vhc, Kirkham, very nice Yellowhammer; c, Woodruff, splendid Bramblefinch. BRIT SOFT. (5): 1, Walsh, Wryneck, lovely specimen, nice colour and condition, beautifully spangled; 2, Walker, Nightingale, good size and shape, good colour, very steady; 3, Boardman, lovely Waxwing, well worked wings and tail; 4, Senior, Gold-crested Wren, grand condition and colour, very rich coloured crown; vhc, Woodruff,

PENZANCE.

The Penzance and District F.A. held their second annual show in the Central Hall on November 15th in ideal weather. The hall is a grand place for an exhibition, good light by day and well lighted by night; a more convenient and adaptable place could not be found. The show was held under C.B.U. rules, and the entries were in excess of last year. Some well known winners put in their appearance. There was a good attendance of visitors all the day, and the show seemed a great success. The Norwich Yell. winner was a gem for type and quality, while the hen class was excellent both in quality and number. The Yorks were a grand lot, and the Non-flight winner a gem for type, also the hen, she being of exceptional quality, with lovely length and wing carriage. The Crest class was not over large, but it contained some good specimens. The Mules were good. Mr. F. Collins staged a fine team, and captured the special for best bird in the show with a grand young Greenie-Bullie. The foreign class was attractive, the winner being a grand King Parrot in lovely condition. The local classes contained some good specimens, some fit to win in the open. The able and worthy hon. sec., Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, was assisted by a good committee, and both the secretary and the officials were most courteous and obliging, and the great success achieved was certainly due to the great exertions they put forth. Judging was over and the prize cards up in good time. Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) judged, this being the first engagement in the West, and his awards gave every satisfaction. He stopped behind until the last train to explain to the losers where their birds failed. The gold medal for most points was won by Mr. F. Collins, and the watch for second points by Mr. P. Oatey. The Cage Bird Committee consisted of the following:—Messrs. W. H. Batten, J. H. Bonddin, J. Caine, R. Gendall, W. A Taylor, F. Richards, and G. Semmens

NORWICH CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, W. Collings, fine type and size, good wing carriage, tail broken up; 2, Pethick, grand colour and size, short and thick set, good quality; 3, Ferrill, nice head and colour, excellent size and shape; r, Spillman, shade smaller, good type and quality; vhc, F. Collins, Non-flight, very shapely, clean cut; hc, Strout; c, Hore. BUFF (10): 1, spl, c, Ferrill, grand type and quality, nice wing carriage and tail; 2, Climas, good stamp, little too much feather; 3, Pethick, fakine bird, excellent quality; r, White, good chubby, grand quality, shade smaller; vhc, Kemp, nice colour and neat; hc, Spillman. TIC (6): 1, spl, 2, Rickard, commented on at St. Colomb, two gems; 3, Spillman, yell. mkd. back, blaze of colour, good head and neck; r, Pope, var. yell., fine type and colour; vhc, W. Collins, good colour, nice chest; hc, Hore. HEN (11): 1, spl, Spillman, cl. yell., good size and wing carriage, fine type and quality, broken tail; 2, White, tick neck and wing, fine size and shape; 3, W. Collings, yell., good colour, very chubby, grand condition, many preferred for 1st place; r, hc, Menadue, rattling colour and feather, showing nice meal, grand shape; c, Strout, big chubby hen, dirty. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Chirgwin, nice colour, capital position, good feather and wing carriage; 2, Thomas, fair colour, good back and wing carriage, good stand; 3, Chirgwin, fine colour, well mealed, good stand and length; vhc, Wills, good colour and length, crosses wings; hc, Brooks; c, Holliday, very sweet non-fed. TIC (9): 1, Mitchell, var. yell., rattling colour, position and length; 2, Ellis, tic neck, fine long drawn specimen; 3, Boak, var., good wings and tail; r, Thomas, marked wing and face, good position and quality; vhc, Wills, tic head, good colour and wing carriage, fine length; hc, Ronch; c, Menadue. NONFLIGHT (10): 1, spl, Thomas, lovely back and wing carriage, very slim, good quality; 2, Mitchell, tic wing Buff, good type and length; 3, Oatey, fine length, good quality, delightful position; r, Farmer, good length, patchy; vhc, Ellis; hc, Roach. HEN (8): 1, spl, Menadue, Bull, smooth as glass, splendid back and flights, sweet damsel; 2, Mitchell, Yellow, good colour, very neat, beautifully drawn; 3, Wills, tic neck Buff, grand carriage and flights, very neat; r, Ellis, pale in colour, good stamp; vhc, Mabbott, good wing carriage; hc, Roach; c, Bottrel. CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, spl, Ryder, green Crest, good centre, rattling quality, beautiful radiation; 2, 3, Tope, var. dark Crest, larger but more open in centre, excellent feather; 3rd, Buff Crest-bred with abundance of feather, good skull, nicely browed; r, Lee, clear body, dark Crest, nice shape, good centre and droop; vhc, c, Symons, green C.B., nice skull and lashing, good feather; hc, Menadue. CINN (18): 1, 3, Pope, Buff, fine substance and size, good markings, neat head; 3rd, nice Yellow, good size and shape; 2, Mc Allyn, good depth of colour, beautifully polished, small frill on neck; r, Burton, brighter colour, good body; vhc, Chirgwin, good colour, size and shape; hc, c, Andrew. PAIRS (10): 1, spl, Symons, green crest and dark cap and wing marked C.B., well matched pair; 2, White, clear Yellow and Buff mkd. Nor., grand pair, good shape and colour; 3, Biddick, Scotch Yellow and Buff, good shoulders, tails well under perch; ex 3, Ryder; r, Mayne; vhc, White; hc, Tope; c, Burton. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, spl, 2, r, vhc, F. Collins, leader Buff six-point Goldie Mule, good eye and wing markings, grand size and colour; 2nd, lightly marked Linnet Mule, good size; r, four-point, good eye and wing markings, looking soft when judged; 3, hc, Hore, yell. var. Goldie Mule, good colour; c, Milton. DARK (8): 1, two spls, 2, r, vhc, hc, Collins, leader, grand young Greenie-Bullie, good size and colour, well marked; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, good size and breast colour, very steady; r, Goldie-Bullie, good blaze, size and markings; vhc, Goldie-Greenie, good size, hardly through moult; 3, Mabbott, good size Greenfinch Mule, nice colour, good size and shape; c, Milton. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, Ellis, nice square cut blaze, good bars and buttons, very shapely; 2, Farmer, well-cut lustrous blaze, good bars and buttons; 3, r, Rowe and Hancock, not in full colour yet, good body and tanning, good moons, grand birds when through; vhc, Chirgwin, nice silky blaze, capital size and shape; hc, Jenkin; c, Watkins. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl, Mabbott, dense black cap, rich breast colour, good wings and condition; 2, Dale, better colour on breast, fresh caught; 3, Oatey, good colour and size, grand cap and condition; r, Bodinnar, good head; vhc, Chirgwin; hc, Milton. BRIT. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Harris, well spotted Thrush, grand condition, very steady, will take some stopping; 2, 3, Rowe and Hancock, Siskin, good colour, size and markings, good bib; 3rd, Yellowhammer, good colour and shape, well marked; r, Cliff, good Thrush; vhc, Bodinnar, Linnet, shapely, nicely pencilled; hc, Chirgwin. FOREIGN (8): 1, spl, Miss Tremlett, King Parrot, grand colour and condition; 2, r, H. S. Davies, Love Bird, very steady, and pair Waxbills, sweet birds; 3, vhc, Woolcock, Gouldian Finch, nice colour; vhc, Whydah, grand tail; hc, c, Fox. SELLING (11) (11): 1, Symons; 2, Pethick; 3, Boudin. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (21): 1, Dyer; 2, Lee; 3, Pethick.

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WATFORD.

The Watford and District C.B.S. held their third annual open show on November 8th and 9th, in the Corn Exchange—a venue well suited for a show, being in the centre of the Market-place, also lofty, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries did not come quite up to expectations, although they numbered 490. As a consequence, in many classes only half prize money was paid. But the quality made up for the deficiency in numbers, especially was this the case in the British and Foreign sections. Mr. John Goodall was show manager, with Messrs. R. Watts and Quantrell as joint secretaries, who were untiring in carrying out their various duties. They were backed up by a hard-working committee—Messrs. R. J. Pretty (chairman), Buckingham, Darvil, Scott, Sears, Perkins, Tucker, Shirley, and other members, all of whom worked with a will. Norwich were not quite the quality of exhibits of former years, but some good birds were staged by Messrs. Mullis, Midgeley, Battison, etc. Yorkshires were fairly strong and contained some well-known London winners. Hybrids were fair, but of excellent quality, and contained some very fine specimens. The British section, in view of the splendid classification of 16 classes and a special for each class, deserved better support. It is to be hoped the classes will not be curtailed in future, as very few shows give such facilities as this society does; in fact, it may safely be said that it is quite a "Palace" one. The Nightingale and Blackcap class, for instance, at the time of closing only numbered three entries, and but for the zeal of Messrs. Goodall, Withers and Pretty, who made up the class, it would have been cancelled. If fanciers clamour for this class they should support it. Foreigners were of exceptional merit, many of those birds with cards only could get in the money at most shows. The unique exhibit of Messrs. De Von and Co.—"The King Bird of Paradise"—(the first to be exhibited in this country) proved a great attraction. The attendance on both days was in every way satisfactory, many prominent London fanciers being in evidence on the Saturday. One particular feature not to be overlooked was CAGE BIRD stall, in charge of the Misses Watts and Goodall. Great credit is due to them for the attractive and most tasteful way in which the various wares were laid out and decorated with flowers; it was this which, in a great measure, brought so many purchasers. Mr. J. H. Roe judged the Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick the British and Foreign.

NOR. CL. AND TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Mullis, a clear of fine shape, nice head and back, colour and feather; 2, Eaton, not quite the substance, but of excellent colour and feather; 3, Brandon, ticked, of sound colour, a nice exhibit; 4, Pigg, nice shape and colour; vhc, Battison; hc, Southern. BUFF: 1, spl., Battison, a very fine thick bird of good shape and colour; 2, Mullis, another good one, sound colour; 3, Goodall, nice head, back and colour, fairly good body; 4, vhc, Eaton, hc, c, Wright. VAR. (5): 1, Miss Thomas, rich coloured yell., nice head and feather; 2, 3, Eaton, buff, good shape and colour, latter yell., good colour, but not quite the substance; 4, Shirley, beautiful colour, lacks only in size; vhc, Welsh. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, spl., Spall, grand colour, fine type, will be better still later; 2, Shirley, good colour, very fair head properties; 3, Midgley, not over large, very typical, sound colour, some thought deserved to be higher up; 4, Miss Thomas, rich colour, wins Ramsden's spl.; vhc, Watts; hc, Welsh. BUFFS (7): 1, Mullis, very typical for shape and colour; 2, Spall, another good one, nice head; 3, Welsh, good colour and feather; 4, Watts; vhc, Midgley; hc, Shirley; c, Pigg. HENS (7): 1, Goodall, a sweet yell., nice shape, grand colour, and feather; 2, Mullis, fine texture and shape; 3, Smith, buff, very fair shape, good feather and quality; 4, Giddings; vhc, Welsh; hc, Battison. YORKS., CL. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, 4, Harris, good colour, position, and quality; 2, Bottomley, good length and feather, very stylish; 3, Eaton, good position and colour, very fair head and neck; vhc, Mabey; hc, Easterling; c, Sweetman. BUFFS (11): 1, Burton, lovely feather, close as wax, grand position; 2, Easterling, finely drawn, good position and colour; 3, c, Harris, splendid colour and carriage, nice body, perhaps a trifle weak in head and neck; 4, Pigg, good colour, nice wings; vhc, Mabey; hc, Bottomley. HENS (9): 1, spl., Easterling, a sweet cinn. mkd. of lovely feather, grand position (ninth win this season we hear); 2, Burton, very good in wings, length, position; 3, Bottomley, yell., of good length and position; 4, Eaton; vhc, Morris; hc, Mabey; c, Rowntree. A.O.V. (7): Sidgwick, a nice even mkd. Nor.; 2, Audrews, sweet Border, lovely colour and feather, some preferred; 3, Goodall, very fine Lancashire Plainhead; 4, Miss Thomas, very nice cinn.; vhc, Frost; hc, Pretty. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl., Prior, grand Finish, deep square blaze, nice shape, chest, well polished; 2, Andrews, nice bird, good blaze, fairly large, fine chest and colour; 3, Lucas, rich blaze, deep chest, steady; 4, Titmus, smart bird, good colour; vhc, Eyes; hc, Wyse; c, Lowe. BULLFINCH HEN (7): 1, spl., 3, Withers Bros., rich colour, grand cap, very shapely; 2, Rouse, dense cap, not quite so good in colour; 4, Cocks; vhc, Hoar. GREENFINCH (7): 1, spl., 2, Howe, grand colour, shape, and condition, another good-coloured one, not much to choose; 3, Quantrell, good colour and sheen, fairly steady, nice bird; 4, Pretty; vhc, Brandon. CHAFFINCH (12): A hot lot; 1, spl., Prior, good shape and colour, very steady; 2, Withers Bros., last Palace winner, not quite ready, will do better later, 1st prize CAGE BIRDS competition winner; 3, 4, vhc, c, Howe, good colour, fairly shapely; hc Osborne. BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, spl., Prior, rich breast colour, well spangled; 2, Howe, well spangled, good size, rich colour; 3, Withers Bros., nice shape and colour; 4, Williams, good one, nice and steady; vhc, Cooper; hc, Shirley. LINNET (7): 1, spl., Prior, again (evidently Mr. P. likes Watford), lovely colour, markings and polish; 2, another good one, not much to choose, except perhaps in shape; 3, Howe, well pencilled, a nice exhibit; 4, Gunnell; vhc, Goodall; hc, Audrews; c, Hedgeman. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, spl., hc, Goodall, winner a lovely marked Twite, good size and colour, latter nice coloured Redpoll; 2, 4, c, Andrews, good colour and markings; 3, Howe, Redpoll, grand colour and size; vhc, Withers Bros. LARK, ETC. (13): A very interesting class; 1, Howe, grand Bluehcaded Wagtail, lovely condition; 2, hc, Withers Bros., lovely Grey Wagtail, in grand condition, close up; 3, Shirley, well marked Pipit; 4, Cooper, nice Shorelark; vhc, Goodall; c, Carter. NIGHTINGALE, ETC.: 1, spl., Howe, Nightingale, of rich colour, in grand condition; 2, Withers Bros., very fine Blackcap; 3, Goodall, another good Blackcap; 4, Pretty, Nightingale; vhc, Withers. A.O.S. (7): 1, spl., Burrows, Wryneck of lovely condition; 2, 4, Howe, 2nd sweet Treecreeper, in grand form; 4th Bearded Tit, well shown; 3, Goodall, nice spotted Flycatcher; vhc, Smith; (1 and 2 absent). BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): 1, spl., 3, Howe, winner Blackbird, dense colour, good eye and beak, and a well-marked Missel Thrush; 2, 4, Watts, handsome Song Thrush, well spotted and steady, and a nice coloured Blackbird; vhc, Fern. BRIT. HENS (7): 1, spl., Howe, well-known handsome Song Thrush; 2, 3, Withers Bros., charming Bearded Tit, and a nice Redstart; 4, Rowles, Bawfinch; vhc, Andrews, Yellow Bunting; hc, Miss Thomas, Reed Warbler. FOREIGN SMALL (13): 1, Cooper, Paradise Whydah, very fine condition, exceptional fine tail; 2, 4, Watts, 2nd exceedingly fine superb Tanager of grand colour, had flues, some thought should have won; 4th rich coloured Pekin Robin in full song; 3, Withers Bros., Green Cardinal, handsome bird which could hold its own in many classes; vhc, hc, Miss Bromwich, Cardinal, rich colour, in perfect condition; c, Goodall. PAIRS, SMALL (8): 1, spl., Withers Bros., very fine pair of Pekin Robins, in the pink of condition; 2, Meadows, very smart long-tailed Grass Finches; 3, hc, c, Miss Bromwich, White Java Sparrows, in faultless condition, which might have done better had they been better staged; 4, vhc, Watts, nice Rufleanda Finches and Green Avadavats. A.S. LARGE (4): 1, spl., De Von and Co., King Bird of Paradise, a rare exhibit, charming specimen, rich maroon back, finishing up to the head to a rich orange, gorget of dense black, breast and abdomen white, winglets of iridescent green, legs and feet of lazuline blue, tail having two thread-like feathers, finishing up at the end with a curl; 2, Edwards, Molucca Cockatoo, a very rare exhibit; 3, Cooper, Bluebonnets, in grand condition; 4, Watts, sulphur crested Cockatoo, good talker, a great attraction. SELL. (11): 1, Midgley; 2, Goodall; 3, Sidgwick; 4, Mrs. Young; vhc, Cowell; hc, Cooper; c, Freeman.

MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. CHAMPION (7): 1, 3, vhc, spl., Pigg; 2, Wright; 4, Shirley; hc, Freeman; c, Goodall. AMATEUR (8): 1, spl., 2, Shirley; 3, Wright; 4, c, Scott; hc, Freeman. NOVICE: 1, 4, Sears; 2, Wright; 3, Withers Bros.; vhc, Freeman. CREST AND C.B. CHAMPION (4): 1, Pigg; 2, 3, 4, Mrs. Young. AMATEUR (6): 1, 2, 4, Scott; 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Hall. NOVICE: 1, Tucker. YORKS. CHAMPION (2): 1, 2, Pigg. AMATEUR (2): 1, 2, Challands. NOVICE YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, Adams; 4, Perkins; vhc, Sears; c, Wright. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Adams; 3, Buckingham; 4, Swain; vhc, hc, Sears. TICK. (17): 1, 3, Adams; 2, Perkins; 4, vhc, hc, Field; c, Wright. NOV. CHAMPION (3): 1, 2, 3, Pigg. AMATEUR: 1, Freeman; 2, Pretty. NON-FED (9): 1, Fern; 2, Sears; 3, Heath; 4, vhc, Frost; hc, Tucker; c, Darvill. HYBRIDS (9): 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, Goodall; 3, Hedgeman; 4, Darvill; hc, Buckingham; c, Fern. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Goodall, Goldie; 2, 3, vhc, Buckingham, Goldie and Bullie respectively; 4, Cooper; c, Shirley. A.O.V. FINCH (11): 1, 2, Withers Bros.; 3, 4, Goodall; vhc, Sears; hc, Buckingham; c, Collins. A.O.S. (5): 1, 4, Goodall, Magpie and Wheatear; 2, 3, Withers Bros., Whitethroat and Longtailed Tit. FOREIGN (7): 1, Frost; 2, 4, vhc, Watts; 3, Withers Bros.; c, Quantrell.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM.

The second annual exhibition was held in the excellent Masonic Hall, when over 400 exhibits were staged. The hall is suitably adapted for a show of the kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. William Arnott made a most obliging secretary, and made all arrangements in good time for judging. The whole affair passed off without a hitch. The management consisted of the following well-known fanciers, who did everything for the convenience of fanciers and exhibits. Patroness, Mrs. Dewar, Lassodie House; President, Mr. Jas. Wilkie; Vice-President, Mr. A. Fotheringham; Treasurer, Mr. Jas. Fotheringham; Committee: Messrs. Jas. Brannan, Tom Barclay, D. Barclay, Jas. Dunn, A. Anderson, John Ford, D. McConville, Leo Cowan, John Wilson, T. Caldwell, Jas. Stenhouse, A. Buchan, Robt. Simpson, Cowan, John Hunter, Alex. Murphy, G. Fotheringham, and W. Summershill. The cup for most points was given by Messrs. T. and D. Barclay, and won by Mr. A. McFarlane, Glasgow, with a grand team of Nor. The challenge cup given by Mr. Jas. Young was also won by Mr. A. McFarlane, as was also Hyde's teapot, with a lovely bird of grand quality, which really deserved the honour. The judges were: For Scotch Fancy, Messrs. D. Black and T. Merrilees, and all other Canaries, D. A. Craig; while Mr. A. Cochrane, Edinburgh, took Mules, Brit. and Foreign, their awards giving every satisfaction.

SCOTS YELL. CK. (3): 1, Laing, grand reach, nicely posted on legs, but barely ready; 2, 3, 2 spls, Caldwell, two really nice ones, 2nd, plenty of nerve; presses hard. BUFF (3): 1, Maxwell, good quality, fine reach and action, wins well; 2, Leslie, good size, fine drive, nicely posted, close up; 3, Stirling, another nice bird, working well when we saw it. YELL. FLECKED CK. (2): 1, Laing, rare good action, fine shoulders, slightly open in neck, will improve; 2, Caldwell, not much to choose between the two. BUFF (5): 1, Buchan, bird of nice size, good drive, fine straight wings; 2, 4, spl, Leslie, 2nd quite a nice one, all three only need time, like others, 4th much the same; 3, Berwick, good all over, must have pressed; 5, Caldwell, fairly good one, fine size and condition. GREEN OR FLECKED CK. (2): 1, spl, Fotheringham, nice top end, grand substance, we liked; 2, Caldwell, stands well, good action. SELL. CK. (£1) (5): 1, Stewart; 2, Gibson, 3, 5, Caldwell; 4, Maxwell. YELL HEN (7): 1, spl, Cook, gem, grand action, fine reach, good rounded top, wins well; 2, spl, Caldwell, also a good one, all that could be desired, but barely ready; 3, Danskin, nice size, well up on legs; 4, Laing, pretty fair, but needs time; 5, Leslie, quite a nice one; 6, Gillies Bros., much the same. BUFF (7): 1, Maxwell, bird of nice reach, good top end, stands well; 2, Danskin, pressed hard; 3, Cook, good drive, nicely rounded shoulders; 4, Grieve, nice length and substance, we liked much; 5, Stirling, good quality, slimmer built; 6, Caldwell, fine style. YELL. FLECK (2): 1, Grieve, grand action, nice shoulders, fine sides, wins; 2, Caldwell, not much between two, not quite so free in action. BUFF FLECK (6): 1, Fotheringham, grand substance, free worker, nice size and condition, wins well; 2, Leslie, another good one, grand wings and actiou; 3, Laing, nicely posted, moves freely, good fettle; 4, Cook, barely so well up, otherwise good one; 5, Gibson, pressed; 6, McGregor and Balfour. GREEN OR FLECK. (6): 1, Fotheringham, nice built bird, fine shoulders, and even wings, wins well; 2, Leslie, good drive, plenty of nerve, shows well; 3, Berwick, chases hard, nice position, well posted; 5, Gibson, quite a good one, but hardly so good in shoulders. 6, McGregor and Balfour. SELL. HEN (£1) (6): 1, Stewart, 2, 3, 4, Caldwell. PLAIN NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Lyall, typical cl., grand condition, all there, wins; 2, Martin, very nice even coloured bird of grand type, presses hard; 3, Malloch, even mkd., lovely wings and condition, fails in neck only; 4, McFarlane, non-fli., rare type, put down in grand style; 5, 6, Ferguson, another, much the same; 6, a youngster, good type. HEN (11): 1, 3, McFarlane, lovely type, grand head, good carriage, in rare bloom, we liked very much; 3, not in same bloom, still good stamp, will improve; 2, Sloan, beautiful neck, good all round, only a shade thinner than winner; 4, spl., Philip, young bird of some promise; 5, Martin, colour and shape all there; 6, Ferguson, fairly good, inclines to cross; spl, Barclay. BUFF COCK (18), a grand class, some good ones having to stand down: 1, spl, 2, McFarlane, 1st romps home, rare type and condition, teeming with colour, 2nd also a good one, fails slightly in body: 3, Lyall, bird of good quality, nice even feather, just a shade thin, should improve; 4, Laurie and Welsh, grand stamp, full of quality, and in rattling condition; 5, Howie, another right good chubby bird, we liked; 6, Sloan, very nice cl. HEN (16), another good class; 1, 2, McFarlane, lovely cl. of correct type, shown in rare trim, tops easily, 2nd not so well finished, and not same carriage; 3, Lyall, good all round, full of quality, we liked much; 4, Howie, looks like a youngster, all there, but barely ready; 5, Martin, nice Bullie type in pink of condition; 6, spl., Dickson, fails only in type to winner. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, spl, McFarlane, cl. bull of grand quality, nice upstanding bird, in rare fettle; 2, Law, very typical Yellow tick, fine silky feather, good second; 3, Sloan, good stamp, nice head and carriage, also in good feather; 4, Adams, buff shade, feathery and large; 5, Mathieson, nice body and feather, but shade thin on head; 6, spl, Smart, much the same. HEN (10): 1, McFarlane, rattling good colour, nice type, fine silky feather, good all round, var. Buff; 2, Arnott, Yell., lovely sheen, could do with more width of head; 3, Lyall, fine Green, good depth of colour, but barely ready; 4, Smart, Cl. Buff, good body, but, like second, fails slightly on head; 5, Adams, Var. Buff., right good stamp; 6, Sloan. SELL CK. (£1) (15): 1, Miller and Eadi,; 2 Adams; 3, McFarlane; 4, Thomson; 5, Lyall; 6, Forrester. HEN (£1): (8): 1, spl, McFarlane; 2, spl, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Adams; 4, Lyall; 5, Philip; 6, Logan, some very cheap birds in this class. CREST CK. (8): 1, Buchannan, great body feather, nice drooping crest, grand frontal, wins well; 2, 5, Reid, 2nd fails slightly in crest, but has good size of body and quantity of feather, 5th dark, good size, pressed 4th hard; 3, Sharp, all there as regards body, plenty of feather, but fails on head, being slightly split; 4, Arnott, Cl. body, dark crest, quite a sweet one, but to the small side; 6, Watt, much the same. HEN (10): 1, spl, 3, Reid, brace of gems, 1st Var. Buff, grand quality of feather, nice drooping crest, well centred, deserves its honour; 3rd, dark, also really good one, all there, only wants time; 2, Watt, even mkd. Buff, nice upstanding bird, feather all there, good crest well formed, close up; 4, Arnot, even mkd., fails slightly in crest formation to winners, otherwise quite a nice one; 5, Sharp, lovely made crest, nice frontal, but fails body; 6, McLeod, dark, quite a fair bird. CREST-BRED CK. (10): 1, spl., Shillinglaw, large, well-feathered bird, in rare trim, good brows, nice var., good first; 2, Sharp, all there as to body and quality of feather, size, etc., but lacks head properties; 3, Arnott, dark, same remarks apply to this bird, presses hard; 4, Smart, even mark, nice quality of feather, might be broader in head,; 5, Kemp, fine head, fouled slightly, very nice in body, altogether a good one; 6, Reid, we liked very much, size and feather all there. HEN (2): 1, Shillinglaw, fairly good var. buff; 2, Gilles Bros., tkd. buff, fine length, good condition. SELL (£1) (11): 1, Sharp; 2, Kinnell and Brown; 3, Spence; 4, Ried; 5, Remp; 6, Blyth. BORD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Adams, lovely typical cl. in rare fettle, wins well; 2, spl, Hutchison, even mkd., nice type, good close, wings and nice pintail; 3, Gillies, also good Border, but barely finished; 4, Forrest, grand silky feather, inclined to be leggy; 5, Arnott, bird we liked very much, rare type and condition; 6, Summers. HEN (13): 1, spl, Barrie, nice wing, mkd. of good type, nice, jaunty bird; wins well; 2, spl., Anderson, right good typical, cl. in fine fettle; 3, Adams, type all there but crosses slightly; 4, Kerr, nice cl., shade thin, otherwise good; 5, Hamilton and Bickerstaff, right good tick, in good feather, many fancied; 6, Gillies; No. 7. BUFF COCK (13): 1, Gillies, good jaunty cl., full of substance, wins handsomely; 2, Hutchinson, also a good specimen, not yet in the best of bloom; 3, Anderson, presses hard, all there as to type; 4, Bislop, restless a little when we saw it; 5, Wilson, nice type and condition; 6, Walker, a right good class of buffs all through. HEN (9): 1, Gillies, little gem for quality and condition, tight as wax, and steady; 2 ,spl., Cargill, rare fettle, good close wings, inclines to be chubby; 3, Spence, nice sweet head, finely tapered, good stamp, 4, Baird, all there as regards type, but barely ready; 5, Forrest, nice tick, of good quality, must have pressed 6, Linton. A.O.V. COCK (5): 1, Barrie, with a good typical even mark., buff, wins handsomely; 2, Dunu, var., yell., all there as regards body, but fails tail; 3, spl., Caldwell, even mark buff, good quality, but barely ready; 4, Barclay nice var. buff, in fine feather; 5, Bruce. HEN (4): 1, Kerr, right good var., buff, full of quality; 2, Caldwell, even yell, good sound colour, chases hard; 3, Walker, grizzle cap buff, good type and condition; 4, Dunn, nice var. buff. SELL. (10 -) (7): 1, spl., Muir, 2, Smith; 3, Barrie; 4, Muir; 5, Anderson; 6, Hamilton and Bickerstaff. YORKS. COCK (10): 1, Campbell, nice tick yell, great length, splendid position, stands like a soldier; 2, McDougall, cl. buff, good length and style, close wings; 3, Pringle, good all-round Yorky, presses second hard; 4, Hunter, another good recruit, we thought a lot of 5/6 Fortune, a brace of good ones. HEN (7): 1, spl., Hunter, cl. tight as wax, grand upstanding bird, close wings and straight; 2, 5, Fortune; 3, buff of good position, nice feather, well frosted; 3, McDougall, yell., nice upstanding fails wings; 4, spl, Pringle, Buff, fairly good one; 5, Stenhouse, Yell., fair. COMMON CAN. (6), according to the type of commons shown in this class they might have been included with the Yorks, being much alike: 1, spl, Bewick, Buff of great length; 2, Duff, Cinn. mkd., some fancied; 3, Stenhouse, nice cl. Buff; 4, Smart, Buff Cinn.; 5, Barr, lanky Nor. Yell. MULE, DARK (8): 1, spl., Sharp, lovely Greenie-Bullie of good size, nice cl. cap, good breast colour, will improve yet, an easy first; 2, Beattie, Goldie-Bullie, rare fettle, shows pareutage distinctly, nice colour, will also improve; 3, Chalmers, Yell. Siskin-Canary, good deep rich colour, nice size, good third; 4, Watson, Goldie-Bullie, fine feather, fails to second in colour; 5, Findlayson, Buff Siskin-Can.; 6, Bauld, Buff Goldie-Canary. LIGHT (4): 1, spl., Chalmers, Goldie-Can., in rare fettle and well shown, looks like a hen; 2, Kinnell and Brown, Var. Yell. Goldie-Canary, grand colour and size, nice blaze, close up; 3, Rankine, Var. Buff Linnet-Canary, big bold bird, wants more colour; 4, Ness, var. Goldie, Can., nice blaze and condition. LINNET (18), grand class, some very fine specimens being staged: 1, spl, Hynd, grand chubby bird of good size, nice level colour, well pencilled, an easy first; 2, McGorum, not so large, good even colour, fine back, fails a little on breast; 3, Morris, good size, well made, good markings, nice nut brown; 4, McLean, quite a good one, looks like a newly caught bird; 5, Arnott; 6, Niven. GREENFINCH (11): 1, spl., Aitken, nice Bullie type, deep level colour, nice sheen and condition, 2, Sharp, lovely large finish, grand colour, only open a little on neck, presses hard; 3, Millar, nat. col., good sound body, fine bloom; 4, Pendrigh, not much to draw between two, loses in colour, 5, Thomson, good type and colour; 6, Dickson. BULLFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, buff, nice clean cap, good wing bars, fine feather and well shown; 2, Watson, grand colour and wing bars, fails slightly on head to winner; 3, Pendrigh, capital condition, shown to perfection, nice cap, but fails colour to winners; 4, spl., 5, Colville and Forsyth, two very nice Bullies, 4, best colour; 6, Niven. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, Pendrigh, little gem, grand clear cut blaze, nice cheeks, richly tanned, good wings and shown in faultless condition; 2, Calmcross, good body, fine wings, well buttoned, but fails lace; 3, McGorum, much the same as 3; 4, spl., Arnot, quite a nice-bodied Finch, but hardly ready; 5, Caldwell; 6, Arnot. REDPOLL (11): 1, spl., Nicholson, nice large mealy, finely pencilled, cl. bib and cap, wins; 2 3, Neish, 2, mealy, slightly lighter than winner, but in good bloom; 3, sweet wee Lesser, lovely colour; 4, Morris, quite a nice one; 5, Cargill; 6, Pendrigh. SISKIN OR TWITE (5): 1, Paton, nice coloured Siskin, good cap and bib, in fine order; 2, Ross, Twite, good solid colour, well pencilled, good size; 3, Adams, also a Siskin of good order, must have pressed winner; 4, Irvine, another lovely Twite, full of colour; 5, Pendrigh. BRIT. LARGE (6): 1, Pendrigh, Hawfinch, cl. bib, nice head, good condition and colour; 2, Miller and Eadie, Woodpecker, fairly good specimen, nicely mkd., well shown; 3, Sykes and Rainer, Starling, well spangled, good sheen and in fine condition; 4, Barclay, Skylark, very nice specimen, nicely pencilled and steady; 5, Shearer; 6, Anderson. SMALL (5): 1, 4, spl., Pendrigh, 1st, one of the finest Redstarts we have seen, beautiful condition, colour and markings perfect; 4, Yell. Wagtail, also in grand condition, seems quite a young bird; 2, Nicholson, yell. Wagtail, rare fettle, full of colour, good second; 3, Malcolm, sweet little Willow Warbler, in perfect order, much admired; 5, Cuthbertson, Pied Wagtail, throat and head markings. FOR. BULLIE (5): 1, McDonald, large bouncing bird, grand broad cap, good cut wing bars, full of colour; 2, 3, Pendrigh, also a big one, but barely ready, good colour; 3, better body and condition, fails colour; 4, Erskine, nice condition, good cap and wings; 5, Adams. FOR. GOLDIE (9): 1, Davidson, right good one, lovely deep blaze, pure cheeks, well tanned, an easy first; 2, Pendrigh, good made body, all there, only not yet up in blaze; 3, Watson, smaller, good feather, but restless a little; 4, Rankine, much the same as third; 5, Sharp, 6, Kydd. FOR. LARGE (3): 1, Irvine, lovely Cardinal, in grand trim, well staged; 2, Duff, nice Budgerigar, also in fine order; beautifully marked; 3, Swinley, Rose Cockatoo, good colour. SMALL (2): 1, Cowan, nice Zebrafinch, clearly striped, good plumage; 2, Cowan, good Cutthroat. BRAMBLE, ETC. (14): 1, Ross, Bramble, nicely spangled, good sound colour on chest, and clean cut, nice wing bars; 2, Law, Chaffinch, deep colour, fine bold bird, good wing bars, must have pressed; 3, spl., Hislop, fails slightly in colour to winner, good markings; 4, McDonald, same remarks apply; 5, Aitken; 6, Caldwell. BUNTING (6): 1, Mitchell and Hunt, yell. of rare size and colour, nice cl. throat, good cheek and head markings; 2, 5, Paton, 2nd, if anything clearer on head, good body colour, not much between the two, also a yell, fair bird; 3, Sykes and Rayner, sweet ortolan, in lovely condition; 4, Malcolm, yell. looks like a young one, will improve greatly; 6, Hynd. BRIT. SELL (5 6) (3): 1, Miller and Eade, 2, Cargill; 3, Sharp. GIFT (2): 1, Brown, cl., buff Border, nice stamp, 2, Duncan, Yell. Border.

QUEEN'S PARK.

The third annual show of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. was held November 14th at the Emmanuel Hall Harrow-road, W. The show was a great success, the exhibits being a very fine lot. 159 Cages were staged, and there were a large number present, the visitors finding plenty of space in which to promenade. The fair sex were very much in evidence; proving that the Society made a good move in going back to unlicensed premises. We expect the show will prove a financial success. The Yorkshire and Norwich Challenge Cups were not up for competition, owing to there being an insufficient nomination. The arrangements of the show were admirably carried out by the able Secretary, Mr. J. C. Birch, to whom much of the credit for the success is due. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Eaton, beautiful body good even colour, grand silky feather; 2, hc, Lethbridge, another fine specimen, all quality, very typical; 3, spl, vhc, Sandiford's, Battison, nice size, good substance and quality. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, Battison, 1, real good one for type and quality, 2, grand colour and feather, neater in wing and tail, beaten only in entrance, 3, vhc, hc, Eaton, splendid type and colour; c, Bassett. A.O.V. (11): 1, 3, Battison, short and cobby, very typical, beautiful colour; 2, c, Eaton, good head and neck, full of quality; vhc, Lethbridge; hc, Bassett. CL. ETC.. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Eaton, clear yell., grand shape and colour, rare quality; 2, Hart, nice typical bird; 3, c, Battison, good, buff, lovely head, grand quality; hc, Lethbridge. A.O.V. HEN (5): 1, 3, Lethbridge, wonderful type, splendid quality; 2, Hart, well shown and good one. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Pooley. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Pooley. CRESTBRED: 1, Pooley. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Hawes; 3, Easterling; hc, Eaton. BUFF (7): 1, Easterling; 2, hc, Maisey; 3, vhc, Hawes; c, Eaton. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Easterling; 2, 3, vhc, Hawes. HEN (5): 1, Easterling; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hawes. A.O.V. HEN (7): 1, spl, Hawes; 2, Maisey; 3, Easterling; vhc, hc, Eaton. NOVICE CL. ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl, Lewis; 2, vhc, Rogers; 3, hc, Menhennett; c, Hodges. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Lewis; 3, Menhennett, vhc, Rogers; hc, Hodges; A.O.V. CK. (4): 1, spl, Menhennett; 2, Rogers; 3, Lewis; vhc, Birch. HEN (10): 1, spl, c, Rogers; 2, Lewis; 3, vhc, Menhennett; hc, Lawrence. A.O.V. HEN (4): 1, Lewis; 2, 3, Menhennett, vhc, Birch. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Bassett. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Creamer. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Wiles, nice blaze and buttons; 2, Creamer, good blaze, very fine one; 3, Lawrence, nice one, hardly ready yet. LINNET (5): 1, spl, Battison, nice markings, good colour; 2, 3, Wiles, both good ones; vhc, Monger. SELL. (30s.) (4): 1, vhc, Hawes; 2, 3, Batchelor; (15s.) (6): 1, 2, vhc, Hawes; 3, c, Birch. PAIR (40s.) (5): 1, 3, Hawes; 2, vhc, hc, Maisey.

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WHITEHAVEN.

Show held November 15th and 16th in the Market Hall—a spacious and well lighted place, having large windows down one side and a huge bay window at the entrance. Entries came up in advance of last year, and the Borders and British brought out some very strong classes. Yorkshires were a very nice lot and came up in fair good force. The Norwich came out very few in numbers, but grand in quality. Most of the winners in the Borders were superb in type and condition, some of them showing a great strength of colour, and some keen sighted persons thought there must be some special natural seed or food given for promoting same. All the same, the birds were a grand lot and reflected the greatest credit on their owners. Some of the classes gave Mr. Hopper a stiff task to divide them, so tight was the competition. Hybrids were few in numbers but excellent in quality. The Clear Gold Can., Siskin-Greenie, Greenie-Bullie, and the extra fine Canary-Bullie of Jackson and Bonds, make a quartet extremely hard to beat. Mr. Dixon's six point yellow Gold-Canary and his dark Linnet Canary are wonderful birds of merit, exceptionally large and in grand condition. Britishers were strongly represented in Goldfinches, and some of these birds are most typical specimens, and in a few instances only require the finishing touches in blaze and breast condition to make them perfect. The Linnets, were really excellent, and the Cleator Moor battles were fought again with changed results in several instances. Condition and loss of feathers here and there, crippled the chances of otherwise grand birds. Greenfinches have so far this year fallen away in numbers, and there is plenty of room to win with good birds. Bullfinches were few but very good, while Siskins, etc. saw some pretty birds staged. The A.O.V. Seedeater, etc., was led by Mr. Stewart's perfectly marked Yellowbunting, in fine condition. Soft Bills were for once conspicuous by their absence, and there is here plenty of room to win prizes with Soft Billed Brit. by those who possess them. Foreign Goldfinches, etc., were few in number, but good in most points. The large Foreigners were a treat, and the noted "Macaw," late Osbaldeston's and Burrow's respectively, were in fresh hands, followed very closely by a superb red-sided Ecclectus. A good subscription list by many well-known local gentlemen, did much to swell the funds, and nearly 70 money and article special prizes were offered, and a new feature saw them allotted to their various classes by ballot. All had to be voted to their positions in this manner; no fixing up for any special class so as to be easy to win by "knowing ones" here. A fine committee is composed of the following: Messrs. I. J. Ellwood (chairman), Ferguson, Brown, Bishop, Kelly, Douglas, Levason, Lewthwaite, J. Pattinson, D. Ellwood, Irwin and F. Pattinson. Mr. W. J. Douglas is the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, and is the right man in the right place. His committee have in him a fine example of how to do the work well. Mr. J. B. Moore also rendered good service in the arrangements and the carrying out of various duties. There was a splendid light, and judging was got through in good time. Mr. S. Hadwin judged Norwich, Yorkshires, Gift and Pairs, Mr. J. Hopper, Borders, and Mr. Chas. Houlton, Hybrids, British and Foreign, and we did not hear any adverse remarks.

Mr. S. Hadwin's Classes.

Yorkshires turned up in good numbers, and some capital birds were staged. The Norwich, though small in numbers were all there for type and quality. The Scotch Fancy was conspicuous by its absence, all the three classes being cancelled. As things are going, the Scotch, we are afraid, will be an extinct variety, so far as England is concerned before long.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Younghusband, good colour and quality, rare chest, smart and cobby; 2, Lawson, grand level colour throughout, good quality and style; 3, vhc, Moffatt, 3rd, good type and quality, rather loose at thighs; he, Bell; c, Atkinson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, vhc, Younghusband, good head, neck and back, rare colour, very cobby, altogether very shapely; 2, Brunton, another very good bird, very fair wing carriage; 3, Wilson, grand chest and back, level colour, good head; he, Keenan; c, Moffatt. TICK YELL. (4): 1, spl, vhc, Moffatt, grand shape and colour, very smart but just shade small; 2, 3, Younghusband, 2nd, good head, chest and back, level colour, 3rd, similar bird, not quite so cobby. BUFF (5): 1, spl, vhc, Moffatt, 1st good head, chest and back, level colour, shapely, good exhibit; 2, Younghusband, another good specimen, neat wings, shade long; 3, Atkinson, nice cobby bird of good colour, very fair quality; he, Lawson. UNFL. YELL. (5): 1, Younghusband, grand colour, nicely moulded throughout, cobby and of good quality; 2, spl, 3, Lawson, 2nd good head and neck, cobby and of good quality, 3rd, good colour, fine stamp; vhc, Allen; he, Bell. CL. TICK. ETC. YELL HEN (8): 1, Moffatt, lovely head and neck, short and cobby, good quality, a bonny lady; 2, spl, 3, Younghusband, 2nd, nice colour, close up, 3rd, good breast and head, well filled back, broken flights; vhc, Wilson; he, Atkinson. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Atkinson, good all-round specimen, deserves its place; 2, Wilson, very nice type of a bird; 3, Younghusband, small, neat shape and quality, a good little one; No. 4 Todd, absent. NOR. SELL. (4): 1, Brunton, good, well-filled specimen, nice quality; 2, 3, Moffatt, both yell., nice birds, good in bulk; vhc, Bunting. YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Douglas, grand colour, rare length and quality, good wings, well filled in all round, wins well; 2, Mountain, good reachy bird, well up on leg, loses in front; 3, he, Stewart, 3rd, very nice moulded all through, fairly lengthy; vhc, Withington; c, Irwin. BUFF (12): 1, Irwin, good position and length, grand back and wings; 2, Mountain, well up on leg, nice quality, very fairly well filled in; 3, Ferguson, close up, fails only in leg; vhc, Stewart; he, Brown; c, Bradley. TICK. YELL (11): 1, spl, Tweedie, very stylish, long, reachy bird, good quality, a very taking exhibit; 2, Stewart, grand quality, nicely moulded style; 3, Coulson, good quality and position, fairly nicely moulded in front; vhc, Irwin; he, Douglas, good bird of rare colour and position, wings not fully grown; c, Brown. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Brown, good quality, well moulded; 2, Irwin, good position and style, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, grand style and quality, well drawn, a good one; vhc, Stewart; he, Thompson and Son; c, Brunton. UNFL. (7): 1, spl, Mountain, neat head, grand sweep of flights, well drawn, a yell; 2, Stewart, long, sweet shape, fails a little in neck at present, looks like making a very good one; 3, Bradley, good length, well drawn, good leg and position, a yell; vhc, Brown; he, Park; c, Coulson. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (12): 1, Ferguson, big bouncing girl, good leg and back, nice position and style; 2, spl, vhc, Stewart, neat head, good quality and style, will improve; 3, c, Douglas, good colour and quality, well up on legs, fails only in carriage of tail; he, Tweedie. BUFF (15): 1, spl, best Yorks, Stewart, a very dainty lady, neat head, well filled neck and back, nicely rounded front, good wing carriage, nice leg and position; 2, Stewart, very similar bird to first, shade larger, good in head and neck; 3, Brunton, grand sweep of flights, good leg and position; vhc, Douglas; he, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Mountain. CINN. TICK. (9): 1, Tweedie, neat head, good flights and position, nice quality; 2, 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, two very nice exhibits, not much to choose betwixt them; vhc, Brown; he, Tweedie; c, Irwin.—SELL. (17) 1, Coulson, nice length, good colour and position; 2, Douglas, similar bird, fairly neat wings; 3, Park, nicely laced in; vhc, Irwin; he, Stewart; c, Shackley. (30/-) PAIRS (9): 1, spl, Stewart, very fair pair of Yorks; 2, Davies, Lancs, rather on the small side, a novelty in the district; 3, Ellwood, dainty pair of Borders, nicely matched for even marked breeding; vhc, Moore; he, McHatt; c, Cherry. GIFT (6): 1, spl, Brown, smart yel. Yorks; 2, Stewart, buff Yorks, good type; 3, Leveson, neat little cap marked Border; vhc, Ellwood; he, Douglas; c, Ferguson. (15/-) SELL (10): 1, Ellwood, Scotch Fancy cheap; 2, Moore, grand coloured buff Yorks. Green; 3, Wagstaff, very useful yell. Cinn; vhc, Moffatt; he, Thompson; c, Davies.

Mr. Hopper's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. (15): 1, 3, J. S. Wilson, real little typical gem, very compact, tight as wax, rare carriage, neat wings and tail, 3, on the small side, but a little hollower in the back, nice quality of feather and tight condition; 2, Poole, another very smart type of bird, grand carriage and quality all over it; vhc, Henderson, beaten a little in condition; he, Meagreen; c, Lewthwaite. BUFF (18): 1, Wilson, fully big enough, but very shapely and splendid quality and bloom; 2, Walker, cobby and short, very smart feather, carriage and style; 3, Thompson, small, deeper colour grand shape, carriage, rare quality and condition; vhc, Plaskett Bros.; he, Bunting; c, Pattinson. TICK. YELL. (8): 1, Moore, tick cheek, real little stylish beauty, smart as it is possible to make them, a topper; 2, Pennington, very tight feathered, shapely bird neat head, wings and tail, tick eyes and wing, very good quality and finish; 3, Lewthwaite, eyes, wings and rump mkd., almost equal in type and quality, nice and light; vhc, Thompson; he, Pears; c, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, Thompson, grizzle tick on head very fine feather, full of bloom and condition, neat medium type, nice carriage all through; 2, Plaskett Bros., just a trifle fully when we saw it, tick eyes and wing, nice shape, splendid when right. 3, Scott, tick wing, beautiful condition, fine style and feather, very smart, typical bird; vhc, Ellwood; he, Brown; c, Wilson. YELL. HENS (18): 1, Walker, tick eye, fine feather and condition, lovely type, fine finished bird all out; 2, Poole, clear, of the correct type, tight as wax, very neat carriage and condition; 3, Levason, tick wing, of champion shape, and quality, fine feather and finish all over; vhc, c, Pears; he, Ellwood. BUFF (25): 1, Wilson, well known, most stylish, typical little Border, splendid condition; 2, Plaskett Bros., small, clear, A.1. type and quality, good style and condition; 3, Poole mkd. eyes, wing and cheek, beaten, good type and finish, extra; 3, Brown, clear fine shape, splendid quality and good carriage, nice condition; vhc Thompson, tick head, small, but grand quality and condition; he, Pattinson; c, Levason. A.O.V. BOR. (5): 1, Brown, yell. tick eyes and wings, in grand form, very tight; 2, Wilson, eye and wing tick buff, fine in feather and grand condition; 3, Patterson; vhc, Wagstaffe; he, Houghton. SELL. (10s 6d.) (12): 1, Levason; 2, Brunton; 3, Brown; vhc, he, Ellwood; c, Pearson.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

HYBRID CL. ETC. (5): 1, Jackson and Bond, noted clear, fine condition, good colour, nice size and feather; 2, 3, Dixon, pair of six-pointed yellows, former much the larger, grand deep colour, quality and condition, latter more var. body, nice colour and feather; vhc, Bertram and Bell, six-point, buff, Gold-Canary, splashed sides, good blaze, colour and feather. DARK (9): 1, Jackson and Bond, very fine Canary-Bully, grand size, colour, quality, shape and markings, splendid; 2, vhc, Dixon, large dark Linnet-Canary, very grand quality, shape, size, colour and condition; vbc, very nice yellow-Gold-Canary, nice colour and quality; 3, Cherry, very big yellow Siskin-Canary, grand shape, colour, quality and condition; he, Bertram and Bell; c, Davis and Baines. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, very smart Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and that fine Siskin-Greenfinch, Morecambe Bowl winner, both in the pink of condition; 3, Dixon, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice size and shape, good colour and condition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, 3, Kearton and Winter, first, very large blaze, clean cut, nice bright colour, good back and tan, nice bars and buttons, just wants tightening up a little; 3, very deep colour face, plenty body, brown, nice moon bars and steady, only just beaten in condition; 2, Watson, fine size, good shape, nice even moons, nice body, brown and finish in condition; vhc, Rundle, good size, very fair colours and finish; he, Murray. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Wilson, very big, buff, nat. col. bird, nice feather grand head and shoulders, level in feather, and steady; 2 J. Ellwood, grand sized, nat. col. bird, fine feather, shape and condition; 3, D. Ellwood, grand shape and condition, very fair size; vhc, Moore, grand colour and feather. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, Laidlaw, well known pair of grand condition birds, first the larger and better head; 3, Davis and Baines, nice size, very fair colour, shape and condition to former; vhc Robinson. LINNET (23): 1, Kearton and Winter, very fine big bold headed bird, grand markings, colour cone shape, and condition A.1. feather like satin; 2, Mrs. Wilson, rather nice colour, grand size, shape, markings and steady; 3, Fitzsimmons, grand head, good size, shape, colour, markings and condition; 3, extra spl, (Steele's) J. B. Moore; vhc, Keough; he, Murray; c, J. L. Kearton. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, C. Penrice, cobby Twite, very clear markings, nice colour and condition; 2, Cherry, capital all round Siskin; 3, he, Wilson, very pretty, lesser Redpoll, deep colour, markings and condition; vhc, Christian, nice Twite. A.O.V. SEED, ETC. (6): 1, Stewart, grand yell. Bunting, in splendid condition, well mkd. head and body nice size and good shape; 2, Wilson, Cirl Bunting, fine size well mkd., in good show form; 3, vhc, c, Evans and Harris, good big moulted Crossbill, nice Sparrow, in fine feather, and nice Yell. Bunting, beaten only in head; he, J. B. Moore, good Reed Bunting. FOR. GOLD, ETC. (4): 1 P. Davies, fine all round bird, good size, colour, blaze, moons, tan and bars, and steady; 2, 3, Bertram and Bell, a fine pair, just beaten in body condition. PARROTS, ETC. (12): 1, spl, Tyson, Scarlet Macaw, (late Burrows) in grand form and feather, formerly (Osbaldeston); 2, 3, c, Snoddon and Thompson, red sided Eclectus, rare and beautiful a fine Alexandrine Parrakeet and a pretty blue fronted Amazon; vhc, Lewis, he, McKenzie; spl, best local Linnet, J. B. Moore; spl, best local Parrot, Tyson.

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MERTHYR TYDVIL.

Second annual show of the Merthyr Tydvil and Dowlais Society, held in the Drill Hall, on Nov. 14th and 15th, and proved a success in every way, as the entries were good and the quality up to high water mark. The Norwich and Yorkshires made excellent classes, many good birds putting in an appearance. British birds were grand in quality, several of the leading cracks being put down. The Local Special for best Canary and Special for best Canary in the show were captured by Mr. J. H. Jones, with a grand buff Scots, which made a tight fight with the King Parrot for best bird in the show. The latter is one of the very best we ever saw, was put down in magnificent condition, and was greatly admired. The exhibits were nicely staged in a separate room, and received the best of attention from an enthusiastic committee, who all worked with a will to ensure everything passing off as smoothly as possible. Mr. J. Thomas, made a most capable hon. sec. and by his courtesy and tact won the approval of all with whom he came in contact. All concerned are to be congratulated on a very fine, well-conducted show. Mr. J. H. Payne, made the awards.

NORWICH YELL. (10): 1, Harber, grand shape and full of colour, well extended down flights and tail, rare head and neck, shade free in feather; 2, Tedstone, lovely shape, feather and colour, nice quality, good head, set back by a slight slip claw; 3, Dunnett, grand feather, nice shape, good chest, shade pale in colour; 4, G. T. Jones, nice shape and colour, good wings and tail; vhc Eynon; he, res, Pritchard; c, Jefiner; No. 1 Wrong class, a buff. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Eynon, ticked on head, wonderful under-colour, set off with plenty of frosting, grand shaped body, good head, wings and tail, a good one; 2, Sheldon, really grand in type, short wings and tail, good chest, head and neck, nice quality, beaten only in colour; 3, res, Pritchard, good shape, nice head and full neck, good quality and colour; 4, Lewis and Dymond, grand quality, nice back; vhc, Harber; he, G. T. Jones; c, Tedstone. BEN (15): 1, c, Pritchard, beautiful shape, good wings and tail, grand quality, neat head and good back and neck, and full of style, a buff; 2, Harber, good bodied yellow, fine head and full neck, nice colour, drops tail a bit at times, which told against her to-day; 3, Tedstone, buff, nice under-colour, well mealed, good shape and quality, close run; 4, G. T. Jones, nice colour, good back, shade longer in body, perhaps; vhc, Eynon; he, Sheldon. YORKS. YELL. (23): 1, spl, Keegan, cheek and neck marked, grand quality and colour, stands well, nice back and head; 2, Challinger, grand stand, well on leg, good length, nice tail, good in colour and quality; 3, Lovell, well on leg, good quality and feather, not quite so straight; 4, Smith, grand length, colour and quality; res, Tippins; vhc, Davies; he, Perry, card; c, Beard. BUFF (20): 1, Griffiths Bros., good length, full of quality, nice colour, nice flights and tail stand well, a clear; 2, Lovell, neck ticked, grand position, good feather, nice wings and tail, not quite in the form of the leader, or might have beaten him; 3, Portman, grand feather and good stand, nice quality, not quite so neat in tail; 4, Fryer, heavily mkd, slim built, grand feather and quality; vhc, Rees; he, Card; c, Banks. HENS (16): 1, Smith, yellow, good length, nice colour and quality, stand on good legs; 2, Lovell, ticked buff, good feather and stand, nice wings and tail, bit thick at shoulders; 3, D. Jones, yellow, good length, nice stand, bit wide in tail; 4, Penny, ticked buff, slim build, nice length; vhc, Jones; he, Challenger, Evans; c, Card, Williams. BORDER YELL. (5): 2, spl, c, Jenkins, very smart in shape and carriage, good feather, nice head and neat wings and tail; 3, Hocking, jonque green, good colour, nice shape, carriage and feather; vhc, Tedstone; he, Sheldon. BUFF (5): 2, Sheldon, good shape and feather, wings well braced and closely folded tail, nice round head, good quality; 3, 4, D. Jenkins, grand feather, nice shape and carriage, good wings and tail; vhc, Hocking; he, Prosser. SCOTS (8): 1, spl, c, J. H. Jones, buff hen, grand reach, good top and well cleaned out, nice head and neck, gets to work in a second, real good one; 2, B. Davies, buff, nice top, good length, head and neck, not quite the reach of the winner; 3, Summerhill, yellow, nice drive, good top, bit stiff in tail at times; 4, B. Davies, buff, nervy, nice head and neck; vhc, he, Longden. A.O.V. (11): 1, B. Davies, buff Belgian, plenty of shoulder, nice position and good straight back; 2, Brown, ticked buff Belgian, very quick, nice straight back, neat head; 3, J. H. Jones, good green Crestbred, nice shaped skull, well feathered; 4, Tedstone, four pointed yellow Norwich, hot colour, good size and shape, bit heavy on eyes; vhc, Hocking; he, Kearl; c, Edwards. NON-FLIGHT (20): 1, spl, he, J. H. Jones, good buff, Scots, nice length, top and sides; 2, Shearn, lengthy, good coloured yellow Yorks, nice position and style; 3, he, Pritchard, neck and wing tkd yellow Nor., grand shape and colour; 4, Lewis and Dymond, Crest, good droop and centre; he, D. Joues; c, Eynon. NOVICE A.V. (21): 1, he, Bradford, eye ticked buff Norwich, grand shape, feather and colour, good head and neck, short flights and tail; 2, res, c, Eynon, yellow, nice shape and colour; 3, Card, var. yell. Yorks, grand stand, colour and feather; 4, Williams, tkd buff Bor, grand shape and feather; vhc, Jelley. MULE (19): 1, Shearn, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, lovely feather, nice colour and full of quality, shade on the small side; 2, 4, Thomas, ticked eyed buff Goldfinch, good size, pale colour, 4th, very pretty Siskin-Redpoll, nicely marked and good colour; 3, Lewis and Dymond, dark jonque Goldfinch Canary grand colour, size and feather, in fine order; vhc, Longden; he, Jeffreys; c, Roderick. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, spl, 3, Lewis and Dymond, winner grand, big square-cut blaze, nice tanning, good bars and buttons, a tip topper; 3, not quite so deep in blaze, but another grand Finch; 2, Williams and Morgan, beautiful feather, rich blaze, well cut, good bars and buttons, very stylish, a very fine Finch; 4, Jeffreys, grand bars and buttons, lovely feather, nice cheeks, not quite so expansive in blaze; vhc, Rosser; he, Ball; c, Rosier. GREY-PATE (7): 1, Rosier, beautiful blaze, good feather, and colour, nice cheeks, bars and buttons; 2, Taylor, grand tanning, good size, nice back and bars, not quite so rich in blaze; 3, Lewis, rich bars, nice buttons, good back, not so square-cut; 4, Morgan; vhc, J. H. Jones; he, Rees; c, G. T. Jones. BULLFINCH, ETC. (15): 1, 2, Jeffreys, Bullfinch, beautiful coloured breast, grand cap and bars, very steady and in good feather; 2nd, clinking Greenfinch, lovely shape, size and feather, close run; 3, Bethel, grandly feathered Chaffinch, nice colour and whites; 4, Jenner, grand shaped and feathered buff Greenfinch; vhc, Williams and Son; he, Cartland; c, Lewis. LINNET (12): 1, spl, 3, Lovell, winner a real picture, beautifully pencilled, most lovely back, shines like satin, and as steady as a judge, 3rd, grandly pencilled, good colour; 2, Jeffreys, another gem, beautiful feather, nicely pencilled, not quite so good, perhaps, in colour on back; 4, Taylor, nice feather and colour, good pencilling; vhc, Bancroft; he, Mrs. Rees; c, Thomas. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 2, Jeffreys, Siskin, grand colour and markings, nice size and shape, good cap; 3, Prosser, lovely lesser Redpoll, grand colour and feather, in fine form; 4, Williams, well marked Siskin, nice feather; vhc, Lewis; he, Cartland; c, Mrs. Rees. HARDBILL (6): 2, S. Jones, Hawfinch, lovely feather, rich colour, beautifully cut bib, well shown; 3, Lewis and Dymond, good coloured and well marked Cornbunting; 4, Powell, nicely spangled and good coloured Bramblefinch; vhc, Jeffreys; he, Williams; c, Pearce. SOFTBILL LARGE (6): 2, A. T. Jones, Cornish Chough, magnificent sheen, good size and shape, grand legs and bill, in rare pomp; 3, Price, lovely Thrush, good size feather, well spotted; 4, Poole, really grand Ring Ousel, grand condition; vhc, Castree; he, Colbourne; c, Johnson; hard lines not to have a first prize in this class. SMALL (4): 1, Wheeler, well marked, good feathered Skylark, shade pale in colour; 2, Arnold, good Redstart, nice colour, bit damaged in tail; 3, Castree; 4, Colbourne. FOR. LARGE (5): 1, H. S. Davies, magnificent King Parrot, in lovely condition, grand colour, size and feather, takes spl for best bird in show; 2, Millsum, very nice exhibit; 3, D. J. Davies, good Rock Poplar, in nice feather; 4, Turner, good feathered Grey Parrot; vhc, Rees. SMALL (7): 1, Millsum, Lavender Tanager, in grand feather, very rare; 2, 4, Thorne, Scarlet Tanager, lovely colour, and grand feather, a good one; 3, vhc, J. H. Jones, nice pair of Pintailed Grass Finches, grand condition; he, Charles. SELL. 20/- (15): 1, Beard; 2, Summerhill; 3, J. H. Jones; 4, Rosser; vhc, Watkins and Son; he, Edwards; c, Taylor. 10/- (14): 1, Johns; 2, 4, Jenkins; 3, Rosser; vhc, Edwards; he, J. H. Jones; c, Bancroft. LOCAL A.V. CAN. (8): 1, E. Jones, yellow Scots, good head and neck, nice drive; 2, J. H. Jones, clear yellow Scots, close up; 3, c, Davies, buff Cinnamon, nice skull, good size, shape and colour; 4, Brown, nice buff Scots; res, Farrow; vhc, Ollin; c, B. Davies. NOVICE (11): 1, Mason, wing marked Crest, nice round crest of good droop; 2, Thomas, ticked buff Yorks., neat head and tail, good position; 3, Richards, nice buff Scots; 4, res, Brown, head and wing mkd yell. Nor., grand colour, nice head; vhc, Andrews; he, c, Williams. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (7): 2, Felton, good blaze, grand feather, nicely tanned chest, good bars and buttons; 3, D. Jones, good blaze, not quite so well tanned on chest, fine bars; 4, Lewis, nice blaze; vhc, Martin; he, Bowden; c, Delahay. A.O.V. (4): 2, 3, Morgan, very smart Chaffinch, excellent feathers and good whites; 3, nice feathered and good coloured Cirl Bunting; res, Williams.

EDINBURGH NORTHERN O.S.

The 30th annual show of the Edinburgh Northern O.S. was held in the St. Vincent Hall, St. Stephen-street, on November 9th, when there was a goodly attendance of visitors. Entries totalled 108, and included 27 classes. Quality throughout was excellent. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Purdie, to whose energy and tact, coupled with his courteousness, much of the success of the show is due. The committee consists of Messrs. W. G. Fraser, A. Pender, James Adams and Walter Paterson, all hard working officials. Messrs. D. Brown, J. Hogg, and J. Goodfellow had the placing of the cards, which was done to the satisfaction of all. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Johnstone; 2, Mrs. Munro; 3, 5, Fraser; 4, Stenhouse. PIED (5): 1, 2, Tait; 3, M'Leod; 4, Pender; 5, Adams. GREEN (5): 1, McLeod; 2, Pender; 3, Bell; 4, Ramsay. TICK. (3): 1, spl, best cock in hall, Robertson; 2, Bell; 3, Kirkland. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 3, Ramsay; 2, Fraser; 4, Mrs. Munro. PIED (6): 1, 2, Stenhouse; 3, Johnston; 4, Tait; 5, Adams. GREEN (2): 1, Stenhouse; 2, Ramsay. TICK. (4): 1, Kirkland; 2, Robertson; 3, M'Leod; 4, Stenhouse. YELL HEN (5): 1, Bell; 2, 5, Fraser; 3, M'Leod; 4, Kirkland. PIED (5): 1, Tait; 2, 3, M'Leod; 4 Adams; 5, Bell. GREEN (1): 1, Pender. TICK (3): 1, Johnston; 2, Bell; 3, Fraser. BUFF HEN: 1, 4, Fraser; 2, Paterson; 3, Johnston; 5, Mrs. Munro. PIED (4): 1, Tait; 2, Stenhouse; 3, M'Leod; 4, Bell. GREEN (8): 1, 3, M'Leod; 2, Bell; 4, Tait; 5, Kirkland. TICK (1): 1, cup for best bird in hall, Adams. NOR. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Dandie; 2, Stenhouse; 3 Purdie. HEN (3): 1, 2, Dandie; 3, Purdie. BORD CK. (6): 1, 3, Dandie; 2, 4, Mrs. Munro; 5, Paterson. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Dandie; 4, Paterson. VAR. (20): 1, 2, 4, Dandie; 3, Mrs. Munro; 5, Stenhouse. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Dandie. MULES (1): -, Mrs. Munro.

HARTLEPOOL C.B.S.

On Nov. 6th this Society held a table show for Brit. birds and Mules. Mr. E. Hillier judged his awards raising some amount of discussion amongst members. Challenges were the order of the evening, all being given and taken in a most friendly spirit. Awards: BRIT., 1, 2, 3, Guthrie; 3, H. Williams. MULES: 1, 2, E. Woodhead, Goldie-Canary and Linnet-Canary; 3, H. Williams, Linnet-Canary.—E. WOODHEAD, hon. sec.

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BATH.

The Bath Gardeners' Debating Society included a Cage-bird section for the first time at their Chrysanthemum Show, held Nov. 13 and 14. Judging from the great interest taken in the birds by the visitors, who thronged the show, we think the innovation has caught on, and we heard that another year the classification will be extended. We should not be surprised if from this small beginning one of the best shows in the West will ultimately be held by this enterprising Society. We cannot think of a nicer combination than flowers and birds. The quality of the exhibits was first class, and they were nicely staged and well attended to by a few keen and enthusiastic fanciers, who volunteered to see to the management of this section. Mr. Follwell accomplished the secretarial work in a capable manner, and was most obliging to all. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, spl., 2, c, Taylor, beautiful colour, full of quality, good shape, nice back; 2nd mdl., lovely quality and rich colour, good shape; 3, res., he, Follwell, neck and right wing mkd., well up in colour and quality, nice shaped body; vhc, Weeks. BUFF (9): 1, 2, vhc, he, c Taylor, grand quality of feather, nice shape, well pecked flights and tail; 2nd mdl., lovely colour and quality, typical build; 3, res., Follwell, good colour, nice flights and tail, excellent shape and quality. YORKS YELL (8): 1, spl., Follwell, mkd. head, neck, wings and tail, has colour and quality, stands well, shade strong, but good length; 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Andrews and Biss, 2nd clear, plenty of length, good stand, narrow shoulders, pale colour, but close up; 3rd cl., grand feather, well on leg, trifle soiled; r, Davis, good stand, bit thick in tail. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Follwell, good length, nice colour and quality, fair stand; 3rd nice colour and length; 2, res, vhc, he, Andrews and Biss, 2nd cl., good stand, nice length, closely packed tail and flights, another close run. HEN, A.V. (11): 1, spl., res, c, Follwell, tick head and wing, true Nor. in shape, grand quality, short, well carried wings, neat tail, good wide back, nice full round head, takes spl. second best in show; 2nd smart thigh-tick buff Yorks, grand stand; 3, c, Taylor, yell. Nor., nice colour and quality, good shape, neat head; vhc, Clifford; he, Andrew and Biss. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, spl., Russell, Bullie, fine size and shape, grand colour, good cap and wing bars; 2, 3, res., Jones, Goldfinch, good blaze, grand tanning on chest, nice bars and buttons; 3rd Goldie, good tanning, nice bars and moons, not quite so clear cut in blaze; vhc, Beak; he, Mead; c, Davis. A.O.V. BRIT. (10): 1, spl., 3, Russell, Siskin, in most lovely feather, shines like satin, grandly laced cap, well marked, good size, rich natural colour, takes spl. for best in show; 3rd grandly mkd. and rich-coloured Twite; 2, res, vhc, he, Jones, grandly mkd. and good coloured Tree Pipit; res. nice Bramblefinch; c, Mead; grand class for quality. HYBRID (5): 1, 2, Weeks, good feathered Goldie-Greenfinch, nice bars; 2nd var. yell. Goldie-Canary, nice feather and colour; 3, vhc, Mead, excellent Siskin-Canary; res Andrews and Biss. FOR. (2): 2, Gillen, grand feathered and coloured Blue-fronted Amazon; 3, Fishlock, good coloured Rock Parrakeet, nice condition. SELL. CLASS (7): 1, 3, res, Follwell; 2, Weeks; vhc, he, c, Taylor.

LUTON.

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Radius Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Gentle, fine large bird good colour, 1st at Bedford; 2, Millard, excellent type, full of quality; 3, he, c, F. Webb, well made and in good condition; 4, Pedder, good bird, only fault carries wings bit high; vhc, Dr. Rose. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Millard, very fine, good sized bird of correct type and quality of feather; 2, c, F. Webb, excels in colour, correct type; 3, Horwood, grizzle cap, well made; 4, Pedder, heavily marked, rare stock bird; vhc, Pigg; he, Welsh. CL. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Goodall, nice type, grand short wings and tail, good colour; 2, c, Keech, another good one, close up, in fine condition; 3, Ward, excellent quality, full of bloom; 4, Webb, nice smart bird; vhc, Gentle; he, Pigg. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, spl, Gentle, tick bird of rare type and substance, a clear win; 2, 4, Webb, lovely quality and type, beaten only in colour, 4, shade smaller; 3, Pigg, nice bird, good substance; vhc, Litchfield; he, Brewer. NAT. COL. (5): 1, spl, Dr. Rose, very nice clear Bull, of correct type; 2, Keech, tick yell., good colour; 3, Gentle, good one, very fair size; 4, Webb, vhc, Aldridge. HEN (16): 1, spl, Ward, lovely hen, of correct type, looking well to-day; 2, Geech, excellent yell., full of bloom; 3, Litchfield, fine and large, well made; 4, Goodall, nice stamp; vhc, Gentle; he, Webb. YORKS CL. YELL. (11): 1, spl, 3, F. Webb, 1 lovely bird, nicely drawn out, stands well on perch, good colour, 3 rare quality bird; 2, Dickens, rare length, lovely colour; 4, Reddall, nice length and position; vhc, Buckingham; he, Sears; c, Pigg. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, 3, 4, Webb, 1, nice long bird of good quality, 3 not quite the length of first; 2, Young, stylish Cinn. marked. CL. BUFF (7): 1 (no name), clean, fine type, stands well on legs; 2, Buckingham, good one, just a shade stouter than winner; 3, he, Sears, nice stamp of bird; 4, F. J. Webb, well drawn out, correct type, some preferred to 2nd; vhc, F. Webb; c, Sapwell. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, spl, F. J. Webb, Cinn. mkd., correct type, lovely quality; 2, Pigg, nice and slim, good length and position; 3, Young, Cinn mkd., rare quality; 4, Stokes. Two Yellows in this class disqualified. NAT. COL. (2): 3, spl, Sapwell, very good yell.; 4, Eling, nice stamp. HENS (7): 1, spl, 2, F. Webb, excellent buff of correct type, 2 good grizzle yell.; 3, Stokes, very smart yell; 4, Sapwell, another very nice one; vhc, F. J. Webb; he, Young. CRESTS (6): 1, spl, 3, Bloomfield, 1 marked buff, very fine large crest, of excellent formation, 3 nice green, with very good crest; 2, he, Smith, excellent veiny crest, abundance of body feather of the right sort, shown in good condition; 4, vhc, Bennett, two nicely made crests, will improve. CREST-BRED (3): 1, spl, Bennett, big bird with excellent head, nicely browed; 4, Bloomfield, nice green bird, with good brow; vhc, Smith. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl, F. Webb, capital evenly marked Nor.; 2, Gentle, yell. Cinn., nice type and condition; 3, Wilmot, nicely spangled Lizard, rich colour; 4, F. J. Webb, very good Cinn. York.; vhc, Frost. MULES AND HYBRIDS (12): 1, spl, he, F. Webb, variegated Goldfinch Mule, in excellent condition; 2, Cooper, Goldfinch Bullie, in beautiful form (looks like a hen); 3, (no name), Goldfinch Mule of brilliant colour; 4, Ward, nice dark Goldfinch Mule; vhc, Bloomfield; No. 267, Dillingham, dark Goldfinch Mule wins cup for best young Mule bred by a member. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 3, Wilmot, two excellent Finches, former excels in richness of blaze, very smart bird; 2, members, spl, Titmus, a sweetly pretty Finch, very steady, and in excellent condition; 4, Buckingham; vhc, Webb; he, Hawkes; c, F. Webb. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, Wilmot (the Bedford winners), couple of good Bullies, former the better in breast colour; 3, Buckingham, a nice bird, very good size and colour; 4, Shepherd, GREENFINCH (11): 1, spl, Quantrell, a Jonque in fine condition, lovely wing bars; 2, Smith, fine big bird, with good bars; 3, c, P. Ward, very fair bird of nice size and colour; 4, Brewer; he, Reddall. LINNAT. ETC. (7): 1, 2, Goodall, 1 very fine Linnet, nicely pencilled, 2 equally good Twite; 3, Wilmot, smart Siskin (1st Bedford), nicely laced, and in perfect condition; 4, Smith, nice Twite; vhc, Thring, he, c, Webb. A.O.V. HARD (7): 1, spl, Quantrell, Chaffinch in excellent bloom, and steady; 2, Osborn, another good Chaffinch, full of nice points; 3, Dr. Rose, yet another good coloured Chaffinch; 4, vhc, Smith, lovely Crossbill, and very fair Hawfinch; he, Reddall; c, Cooper. INSECTIV. (7): 1, and two spls, Cooper, capital Shore-Lark, very steady, in good condition; 2, vhc, Smith, very pretty Tree Pipit, and Wagtail; 3, Davis, Magpies, good ones, would look better still we thought, in a larger cage; 4, Webb, Yellow Wagtail, inclined to be limpy when we took our notes; he, Titmus. FOR. SMALL (13), very fine class, several choice specimens: 1, spl, Titmus, 1 superb Tanager (Bedford winner), in grand feather today; 2, Cooper, handsome Paradise Whydah; 3, Withers, nice Pekin Robins; 4, Titmus, lovely red-laced Gouldian; vhc, Watts, superb Tanager; he, Miss Bromwich, black faced Gouldian. LARGE (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Cooper, 1 well-known Blue Bonnets, 2, Port Lincoln Parrakeet, 3 Alexandrian ditto, 4 Red-rump ditto, all in excellent plumage. SELL. (7): 1, Keech, buff Nor. claimed; 2, 4, Cooper; 3, Litchfield; vhc, Bennett; he, Horwood; c, Brewer. GIFT: 1, 2, F. Webb. STUFFED (7): 1, spl, vhc, Hart, case of Foreign; 2, he, Davis, case of Humming birds; 3, Mrs. Cherry, Water birds. NOVICE, NOR. (14): 1, spl, vhc, Dillingham, 1, excellent buff, well shown; 2, Ball, good yell.; 3, c, Smith; 4, Dr. Rose. YORKS (8): 1, spl, Stokes, very nice straight buff; 2, Rhodes, equally good buff; 3, Dillingham, good type; 4, vhc, Fountain; he, Smith; c, Rhodes. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, spl, 3, Titmus, nice Crest-bred and Crest; 2, Aldridge, Crest; 4, Thring; vhc, Ball. CUP CLASS, 1907. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 3, vhc, F. Webb, 1, a yellow marked, rare type and quality; 2, spl, Ward, good one, beaten only in substance; 4, Litchfield, very well made; he, Eling; c, Horwood. BUFF (8): 1, spl, cup winner, F. Webb, very fine typical bird, shown in rare condition; 2, 3, 4, Ward, first two of excellent merit, very well shown; vhc, he, Litchfield. 1907 YELL. YORK (8): 1, spl, cup, 3, F. J. Webb, winner a well drawn out bird of nice length and condition; 2, Reddall, excellent young bird; 4, c, F. Webb; vhc, he, Stokes. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, F. J. Webb, two smart birds of correct type; 3, vhc, F. Webb; 4, Sapwell. DO. CREST (4): 1, cup, vhc, Bennett, cup winner has a very nice crest; 3, Bloomfield; 4, Litchfield. CREST-BRED (2): 2, spl, Bennett; 4, Litchfield.

BELFAST.

The Crest, Norwich Plainhead, and Yorkshire Canary Breeders' Club held their annual exhibition on Nov. 16th in the Avenue Hall, Garfield-street. The room, though not so well adapted for the purpose as the one the Society have previously held their shows in, was a fairly good one, there being ample room, good light and freedom from draught—conditions not always obtained at Exhibitions. The birds were nicely staged in tiers round three sides and made an attractive display; and considering that, with the exception of two classes for pairs, two Mules and one each for Goldfinches and Linnets, [illegible] were bred in 1907, the birds staged were a great credit to the members. Crests and Crest-[illegible] come up to former displays we have seen in Belfast, either in number or merit. Norwich Plainheads, which were the feature of the show, came up extra well, especially when we take into consideration the bad breeding season which the majority of breeders have had. The quality in this section all through was excellent, birds of magnificent colour and type being staged. Many of the birds were quite capable of holding their own on this side of the Channel. Yorkshires were moderate; still, a few very promising youngsters were among them. There is room for improvement in this section. The management was all that could be desired, and everything went off smoothly under the capable direction of the tactful and courteous secretary, Mr. Bamforth. He was well supported by Mr. Adams and Mr. Connell, while none could have worked harder than did Messrs. Carson, South, Fleming, and Leacock as stewards. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

CREST CK.: 1, gold medal for second best in section, Beattie; 2, M'Coo; 3, Carson; 4, Leacock. HEN: 1 and cup for best in section, Leacock. C.-B. CK.: 1, Leacock. HEN: 1, Beattie; 2, Leacock. NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1 and cup for best in section, Connell; 2, 3, Carson; 4, Beattie; 5, Thompson. BUFF: 1 and gold medal for second best in section, Stewart; 2, 4, Carson; 3, Wilson; 5, Johnston. TICK YELL CK.: 1, 4, Connell; 2, Stewart; 3, Carson; 5, Teasey. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Beattie; 3, Gilbert; 4, Allen; 5, M'Cann. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Connell; 2, Stewart; 3, Adams; 4, Thompson; 5, Beattie. BUFF: 1, Gilmore; 2, Johnstone; 3, Thompson; 4, Allen; 5, M'Cann. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Connell; 2, Adams; 3, Beattie; 5, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Stewart; 3, 5, Carson; 4, Connell. TICK. YELL.: 1, Carson; 2, Stewart; 3, Adams; 4, Beattie; 5, Thompson. BUFF: 1, 3, Carson; 2, 5, Allen; 4, Johnston. VAR. YELL: 1, M'Cann; 2, Gilbert; 3, 4, Adams; 5, Lindsay. BUFF: 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Johnston; 3, Connell; 5, Beattie. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, J. M'Ilveen; 2, 3, Fleming; 4, 5, South. HEN: 1, 2, South; 3, Davidson. CL. BUFF CK.: 1, 5, South; 2, 4, Fleming; 3, M'Neilly. HEN: 1, 3, Fleming; 2, 4, South. TICK. CK.: 1, South; 2, 4, Fleming; 3, Carson; 5, Davidson. HEN: 1, Fleming; 2, 5, South; 3, M'Neilly; 4, Carson. OLD PAIRS YORKS.: 1, 4, Fleming; 2, 3, South. 5, M'Ilveen. PLAINHEADS: 1, Gray; 2, Lindsay. MULES LIGHT: Leacock. DARK: 1, 3, Trueman; 2, Teasey. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Carson; 3, Leacock; 4, Wright; 5, Thompson. LINNETS: 1, 2, Thompson.

SPRINGBURN O.A.

The 34th Annual Show and Competition was held November 9th in the Reid Hall, Queenshill Street,—a fine room for the purpose. Entries were fairly good in numbers, the quality being very good. Mr. Councillor F. L. Cohen presented the prizes, being the donor of a handsome cup. Mr. Black won the cup for the best bird in the show, Mr. Mellwain securing cup for the second best. The Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. J. Waugh, who worked with a will, deserving congratulation for the capital arrangements. Messrs. Park and Paterson judged, their awards giving satisfaction.

CK. YELL. (5): 1, cup for 2nd best in show; 2, Mellwain, 3, 4, spl, Gray; 5, spl, Rennie. BUFF. (3): 1, Gray; 2, spl, Black; 3, Hyndman. YELL. PIED ETC.: 1, 2, Mellwain; 3, Waugh. BUFF. ETC. (6): 1, 2 Gray; 3, Mellwain; 4, Black; 5, 6, Rennie. FOWL (3): 1, Mellwain; 2, Duncan; 3, Phillips. HEN YELL.: 1, 3, 6, spls, Gray; 2, 4, spls, Mellwain; 5, spls, Black; 7, Price. BUFF. (6): 1, cup for best in the show, Black; 2, Gray; 3, 4, Duncan; 5, Mellwain; 6, Price. YELL. PIED. ETC. (3): 1, Gray; 2, Hyndman. BUFF., ETC. (11): 1, Mellwain; 2, 5, Rennie; 3, Gray; 4, Knox; 6, Black; 7, spl, Price. FOUL (7): 1, 2, Gray; 3, 5, Price; 4, Mellwain; 6, Knox. SELL. (10): 1, 4, Duncan; 2, Price; 3, Hyndman; 5, Rennie; 6, 7, Phillips.

CLAPHAM.

The Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. held their first annual members' show, Nov. 8th in the Avondale Hall, Landor Road, Clapham, one of the best in London for a Cage bird show, having a fine light, and free from draughts. Entries numbered 258, a splendid entry for so young a society. Mr. Stephen Buser is an excellent secretary, most courteous to all, and he carried out his duties as if he had been managing shows all his life. He was ably supported by the jovial chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, vice-chairman, Mr. E. Hathaway, Treasurer, Mr. C. T. Maxwell; and a willing committee consisting of Messrs. Askew, Berkshire, Wills-Browne, E. Clark, W. Francis, C. Cutting and some of the members, who left nothing undone to make the show a success. No fewer than 69 specials were got together for competition. Mr. J. Dobson judged Canaries, and Mr. Silver, Brit., Mules and For.

CHAM. NOR. (5): all to W. H. Vale, winner yell. nice shape and colour, feather of good quality, wins special for best 2nd bird. NOVICE CLASSES, YELL. CK. (9): 1st Willis-Browne, good head and neck, lovely quality; 2, vhc, c, Baker and Gooch, second, good shape runs winner close; 3 and Sandford's spl, Priest, good head and chest, short wings and tail, cobby; he, Tutty. BUFF (7): 1, spl, vhc, Baker and Gooch, saddle mkd, rare quality, very typical, wins spl for best bird; 2, Tutty, shade larger, good shape; third, nice bird; he, Willis-Browne; c, Priest. HENS (14): 1, spl, vhc, he, Priest, winner grand yell. tick on head rare substance, very cobby, beautiful feather; 2, and c, Baker and Gooch buff, rare size and shape; 3, Tutty, yell. nice size, good quality. UNFLI (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, and c, Willis-Browne winner grand yell., lovely quality of feather, well shown; 2nd, buff, good type and quality. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 1, spl, Yeoman, good shape and length, nice quality, very stylish; 2, Webster, Cinn. mkd, nice shape, quality and finish; 3, Lucas, bit wild which told against it; vhc, he, c, Cutting. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Lucas, leader, very stylish, lovely close feather, splendid condition; 2, Clark, good bird, trifle heavier in build. HENS (6): 1, 2, Lucas, leader, nice stylish hen, showing well, lovely quality; 3, Yeoman another nice hen; vhc and c, Cutting; he, Clark. UNFLI. (7): 1, spl, 2, Askew; 1st buff, grand York'e. rare length, perfect carriage, very stylish; 2nd, nice bird, well drawn; 3, vhc, Lucas, nicely moulded; he, Yeoman; c, Cutting. CREST AND C.B. (5): 1, c, Smith, green, well-centred Crest, nice formation, hardly finished yet; 2, 3, vhc, Miss M. Smith, both very nice birds, split crests told against them. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Honeysett, nice Borders, leader shade best in carriage; vhc, Cutting. CAN. HYB. LIGHT (6) all Goldie Canaries: 1, vhc, Cooper, tick eye, nice size, grand shape, a little beauty; 2, 3, Vale, 2nd, eye and wing mkd, grand colour, runs winner close; he, Cutting (a pied Chaffinch was shown in this class as a Canary Chaffinch). DARK (10): 1, Maxwell, Siskin Can, grand colour, nice size, a gem; 2, Askew, Greenie Can., nice colour and shape; 3, Cooper, Goldfinch Can., nice size grand colour; vhc, Brighty; he, Sexton; c, Clark. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Cooper, Chaffinch Bramble, grand bird, showing parentage well, a picture; 2, Maxwell, grand Goldie-Bullie, nice size, rare colour, hard lines to meet winner; 3, Cutting, nice Redpoll-Greenie; vhc, Sexton; he, c, Vale: GOLDFINCH (15): 1, 2, Maxwell, leader grand Finch, nice square cut blaze, lovely colour, nice mooning; 3, Vale, another nice Finch, good square cut blaze; vhc, Sandy Francis; he, Cutting, Askew; c, Tutty, Cooper. LINNET (13): 1, Vale, fine size, lovely colour, plenty of work; 2, 3, Sexton, good size, but not quite so well laced; 3, very nice colour, well pencilled; 4, vhc, Maxwell, nice birds of good size; vhc, Francis; he, c, Honeysett. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Sandy, large excellent colour, good shape, fine cap; 2, Francis, grand feather and cap; 3, Brighty. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Vale, grand Siskin, lovely colour, fine cap; 2, c, Maxwell, very similar; 3, vhc, he, Francis, Twite, nice size, colour, and well laced. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Cutting, nice colour and shape, feather like wax; 2, Maxwell, grand shape; 3, vhc, Vale, 3rd, grand Grecnie for an 8-year old bird; vhc, he, Francis; he, Clark; c, Askew and Cooper. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, vhc, Francis, rich coloured Bramble, well spangled, excellent markings; 2, he, Askew, Chaffinch, large, good colour; 3, Hathaway another good Bramble, beautifully spangled; vhc, Clark; c, Maxwell. BUNTINGS (4): 1, Maxwell, grand Cirl, splendid size and colour; 2, 3, Francis, another good Cirl; vhc, Vale, Yellowhammer. A.O.V. SEED EATERS (5): 1, 2, he, Francis good Hawfinches, winner grand bib, lovely head and colour; 3, Maxwell, another good Hawfinch; vhc, Cooper. NIGHTINGALE, ETC. (6): 1, he, Francis, winner grand Nightingale, lovely colour, nice size; 2, Hathaway, splendid Blackcap, grand condition; 3, c, Maxwell, nice Nightingale, good colour; vhc, Hose. A.O.V. SMALL (9): 1, 2 vhc, Maxwell, leader one of the finest Tree Creepers in captivity; 2, grand yell. Wagtail, splendid colour, nice size, in pink of condition; 3, Vale, Wheatear, very nice colour and size; he, Askew; c, Cutting. LARK, ETC (3): 1, Maxwell, Tree Pipit, splendid colour, well marked; 2, Hathaway, another good Pipit; 3 Askew, very nice Lark, one of three bred in captivity. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Francis, lovely spangled Starling in pink of condition; 2 Song Thrush, grand colour and markings; 3, vhc, Askew, another nice Thrush; he, Maxwell; c, Hose. LARGE (5): 1, Francis, grand spotted Woodpecker, splendid condition, well shown; 2, Maxwell lovely Magpie, a picture to look at, a study in black and white; 3, Francis, fine Missel Thrush, grand colour and markings; c, Barker. HENS (6): 1, 3, Francis; 2 Clark; vhc, Sandy; he, Hathaway. PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cooper, with his well-known team; 1st, varied Lorikeet, WAXBILLS, ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, 1st, grand Melba Waxbill in [illegible] condition; 2nd pair of the same, 3rd, grand Ocean Whydah in full plumage; vhc, he, Cooper, Pectoralis. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, leader well-known Wall Creeper, truly a gem, 2nd, grand, superb Tanager. SELL. (30/-): 1 vhc, Lucas; 2, 3, vhc, Vale. BRIT. (30/-): 1, Francis, Bullie.

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Members' Classes.

YOUNG BIRDS.—YORKS CL. YELL (11): 1, Siddall, 2, vhc, Drabble; 3, Champion; 4, Binge; he, Turner; c, Lindsay. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Drabble; 3, Emery; 4, Spencer; he, Binge; c, Turner. TICK. ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Emery; 2, Spencer; 3, Lindsay; 4, vhc, Barnes; he, c, Drabble. BUFF (12): 1, Champion; 2, 4, Barnes; 3, Richardson; vhc, Drabble; he, c, Lindsay. CINN. TK., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Spencer; 2, Drabble; 3, Lindsay; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Brewerton. BUFF (4): 1, Spencer; 2, Champion; 3, Lindsay. NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Hemmings; 2, Tow; 3, vhc, he, c, Barnes; 4, Porter. BUFF (15): 1, 2, vhc, Barnes; 3, Taylor; 4, Hemmings; he, Tow; c, Comerfield. TICK, ETC., YELL (13): 1, vhc, c, Barnes; 2, Hemmings; 3, Thorpe; 4, Porter; he, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, Porter; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, vhc, he, Barnes, c, Thorpe. VAR, ETC., YELL (7): 1, Hemmings; 2, 4, vhc, Barnes; 3, he, Tow, c, Porter. BUFF (9): 1 Thorpe; 2, 4, Barnes; 3, Hemmings; vhc, Somerfield, he Lindley; c, Porter. CREST, DARK (3): 1, 3, Evans. LIGHT (4): 1, Evans; 2, Moore; 3, Crookes; 4, Memmott. CREST BRED CK. (7): 1, 3, Moore; 2, Godfrey; 4, vhc, he, Peace. HEN (4): 1, Evans; 2, Peace; 3, Moore; 4, Memmott. MULE (5): 1, Walton; 2, Bishop. A.O.V. (3): 1, Memmott, 2, Crookes; 3, Moore. OLD BIRDS.—YORKS CL. YELL. (16): 1, Champion, 2, Bradwell; 3, Spencer; 4, Seddall; vhc, Bower, he, Drabble; c, Emery. BUFF (17): 1, Bradshaw, 2, Spencer; 3, Bradwell; 4, Lindsay; vhc, Emery; he, Turner; c, Fletcher. TICK, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Drabble; 2, Champion, 3, Bishop; 4, Spratt; vhc, Spencer; he, Bradwell; c, Bingham. BUFF (16): 1, Bishop; 2, Champion; 3, vhc, Lindsay; 4, Jennett; he, Bradwell; c, Spencer. CINN. TICK., ETC., YELL (7): 1, Champion; 2, Kirk; 3, Bishaw; 4, Spencer; vhc, Emery; he, Lindsay; c, Turner. BUFF (4): 1, Spencer, 2, Baxby; 3, Lindsay; 4, Champion. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Tow; 2, Spencer; 3, Richardson; 4, Drabble; vhc, he, Lindsay; c, Brewerton. BUFF (14): 1, he, Richardson; 2, Spencer; 3, Lindsay; 4, Champion; vhc, Turner; c, Drabble. NOR. CL. YELL (7): 1, 2, Barnes; 3, 4, Walton; vhc, Somerfield; he, Tow. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 3, Barnes; 4, Walch; vhc, Maynord; he, Hemmings; c, Taylor. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Barnes; he, Godfrey; c, Taylor. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 4, Barnes; 3, Taylor; vhc, Tow; he, Hill; c, Thorpe. VAR., ETC., YELL (7): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, he, Barnes; 4, Porter; vhc, Lindsay; c, Hill. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Lindsay; 3, Walch; 4, Walton; vhc, c, Barnes; he, Allison. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Barnes; 4, Tow; he, Johnson; c, Taylor. BUFF (21): 1, Barnes; 2, Hemmings; 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, Porter; he, Hill; c, Pilley. CREST CK. DARK (5): 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, Godfrey; 4, vhc, Peace. HEN (4): 1, Evans; 2, Porter; 3, Peace; 4, Memmott. CREST BRED CK. (7): 1, Peace; 2, 3, Crookes; 4, Evans; vhc, Memmott; he, Moore; c, Porter. HEN (6): 1, Evans; 2, Memmott; 3, vhc, Crookes; 4, Moore; he, Peace; c, Godfrey. MULE (6): 1, Parkinson; 2, Porter; 3, Baxby; 4, Binge; vhc, Somerfield; he, Ellis. SELL. (15s. 6d.) (20): 1, Richardson; 2 he, Pilley; 3, Binge; 4, Walch; vhc, Johson; c, Emery. SELL. PAIRS (30s.) (15): 1, Brewerton; 2, Moore; 3, Johson; 4, he, Porter; vhc, Emery; c, Champion. BRIT.—GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Somerfield; 2, Walsh; 3, Harrison; 4, Furniss. LINNET (11): 1, 3, Porter; 2, Walsh; 4, Hemmings; vhc, c, Savory; he, Bishop. REDPOLL (5): 1, vhc, T. Bishop; 2, Savory; 3, 4, H. Bishop. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, H. Bishop; 2, Hill. A.O.S HARD (4): 1, H. Bishop; 2, Baxby; 3, Hemmings; 4, Hill. SOFT (9): 1, 3, he, Walsh; 2, 4, vhc, T. Bishop; c, Coates. FOR. (5): 1, 4, Baxby; 2, Somerfield; 3, Wright. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. YELL (20): 1, Wright; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Jennett; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Bingham; he, Fridlington; c, Bradshaw. BUFF (29): 1, Bingham; 2, H. Bishop; 3, Coates; 4, Wright; vhc, Woolhous; he, Bradshaw; c, Fridlington. TICK, ETC., YELL (15): 1, Elshaw; 2, Bingham; 3, H. Bishop; 4, Whitaker; vhc, Woolhouse; he, Pell; c, Jennett. BUFF (20): 1, Bingham; 2, Lockwood; 3, T. Bishop; 4, Elshaw; vhc, Revell; he, Jennett; c, Wright. VELL. HEN (17): 1, Elshaw; 2, Whitaker; 3, Fridlington; 4, Bingham; vhc, Coates; he, Judge; c, Bower. BUFF (23): 1, he, Bingham; 2, Jobson; 3, Syratt; 4, Bower; vhc, Furniss; c, Bradshaw. CINN. TICK. ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Bingham; 2, Jepson; 3, Cowley; 4, Elshaw; vhc, Jobson; he, Bradshaw. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Parkinson; 3, Elshaw; 4, vhc, Rodgers. NOR CL YELL (10): 1, Peck; 2, 4, Woodcock; 3, Walton vhc, Booth; he, Bailey; c, Bradshaw. BUFF (15): 1 Cowley; 2, Godfrey; 3, Walton; 4, Pilley; vhc, Parkinson; he, Woodcock; c, Walch. TICK., ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Ellis; 2, Pilley; 3, vhc; Walton; 4, Godfrey; he, Peck; c, Clayton. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Walton; 2, Ellis; 3, c, Godfrey; vhc, Thorpe; he, Cowley. YELL HEN (9): 1, Godfrey; 2, Walton; 3 Booth; 4, Clayton; vhc, Thorpe; he, Allison; c Ellis. BUFF (12): 1, Booth; 2, Peck; 3, Thorpe; 4, Pilley; vhc, Cowley; he, Godfrey; c, Ellis. VAR. ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 4, Walton; 2, Godfrey; 3, Ellis, vhc, Peck; he, Bradshaw. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Walton; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Ellis; 4, Godfrey; he, Clayton c, Parkinson YORKS NON-FED YOUNG (7): 1, 3, he, Nornable; 2, Lancaster; 4, c, West; vhc, Makin. OLD (11): 1, Bower; 2, Kirk; 3, Fridlington 4, Nornable; vhc, he, Skinner; c, Lancaster. NOR NON-FED. OLD (4): 1, Savory; 2, Ellis; 3, 4 Lyons. GIFT (22): 1, Bradshaw; 2, Somerfield; 3, Thorpe; 4, Siddall; vhc, Bingham; he, Peace; c Moore.

FALKIRK O.S.

Falkirk O.S. held annual show in the Oddfellows' Hall on Nov. 2nd, and were well supported by the fanciers of the district. The entries were 275, an increase of 30 over last year's total, and the quality was good with some well-known winners amongst them. The cup for best Scotch was won by Mr. W. Niven, with Buff Pied ck., the runner-up being Mr. Smith with Yell. Foul hen. The Nor. cup was won by Mr. Paterson, with Crested cock, and was runner-up with Yell. P.H. cock. The judges were Messrs. W. Rutchieson and J. Park (Scotch Fancy), and G. Smart (Nor.), their awards giving every satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (9): 1, Duncan; 2, Muirhead; 3, Young; 4, 5, 6, Maxwell; 7, Kirk. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Maxwell; 3, Muirhead; 4, M'Dougall. FOUL CK. (7): 1, Muirhead; 3, Robertson; 4, Maxwell; 5, Smith; 6, Duncan. YELL. PIED (15): 1, Miller; 2, Strathern; 4, Young; 5, 7, Maxwell; 6, Howie. BUFF (13): 1, Niven; 2, Maxwell; 3, Smith; 4, Howie; 5, Strathern; 6, Kirk; 7, Miller. GREEN 4, Howie; 5, Strathern; 6, Kirk; 7, Miller. GREEN CK. (5): 2, 5, 6, Maxwell; 3, 4, Strathern. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, 6, Maxwell; 3, Smith; 5, Young. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Muirhead; 2, Young; 4, Duncan; 6, Smith. FOUL (4): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, Duncan. YELL. PIED (11): 1, 5, Niven; 2, Maxwell; 4, Hamilton; 6, Young. BUFF (13): 1, Young; 2, Niven; 3, Miller; 4, Muirhead; 5, Maxwell; 6, Hamilton. GREEN (9): 1, 6, Strathern; 2, 3, Maxwell; 4, Kirk. OLD PAIRS (10). NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, 6, Paterson; 3, M'Gregor; 4, Thompson; 5, Rae; 7, Struth. BUFF (12): 1, Paterson; 2, 4, 5, 6, Pollock; 3, Thomson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Struth; 2, Paterson; 3, Pollock. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Paterson; 2, Pollock; 3, M'Gregor; 5, Struth; 6, 7, Thomson. CREST CK. (2): 1, Paterson; 2, Sharp. HEN (9): 1, Paterson; 2, 4, Sharp; 3, Rae; 5, Sproul; 6, Dick. CRESTBRED CK. (10): 1, 4, 7, Sharp; 2, 3, M'Gregor; 5, Rae; 6, Hamilton. HEN (8): 1, 3, Rae; 2, 5, Sharp; 4, 6, Dick; 7, M'Gregor. OLD PAIRS P.H.: 1, 3, Struth; 2, Paterson; 4, Morrison; 5, Thomson. CRESTED (10): 1, 2, Paterson; 3, 4, Sharp; 5, Somerville; 6, Craig. YELL BORD. CK. (11): 1, 4, M'Gregor; 2, 3, 7, Rae; 5, Simpson; 6, M'Dougall. BUFF (11): 1, M'Gregor; 2, Rae; 3, 4, Aitken; 5, Morrison; 7, Paterson. YELL HEN (10): 3, 5, Rae; 4, M'Gregor; 6, Aitken; 7, Morrison. BUFF (14): 1, 2, M'Gregor; 3, Aitken; 4, 6, M'Dougall; 5, Paterson; 7, Prattis. BRIT. SMALL (15): 1, 4, Paterson; 2, Prattis; 3, Rae; 5, Sharp; 6, Craig; 7, Aitken. MULE (9): 1, 3, Struth; 2, Sharp; 4, Dick; 6, Rae; 7, Hamilton. PAIRS (4): 1, Struth; 2, Prattis.

BONNYBRIDGE.

Bonnybridge O.S. held their annual exhibition and competition in the Public Hall, November 9th President, Mr. Wm. Esplin; treas., Mr. D. Liddell; joint secretaries, Messrs. Anderson and Esplin; committee, Messrs. G. Paterson, A. McWatt, J. Esplin, A. Hamilton, T. Turnbull, J. Muirhead, A. Rae, J. Fleming, and J. Ure. Judges: Scotch Fancy, Mr. J. Higgins (Hamilton); remainder, Mr. A. Miller (Glasgow), their awards giving every satisfaction. There were 40 confined classes and five open classes for Brit. and For. Hyde's spl. for best in hall was won by G. Paterson's Crest hen, in the pink of condition, gaining the same honours at Falkirk. The runner-up here was Mr. J. Muirhead's clean Buff Scotch Fancy hen, also in grand condition, shown for the first time. The judges were unable to agree here, the referee giving his decision in favour of the Crest hen. For the best Bord. Fancy, the winner was a cl. Yell. ck, belonging to Mr. James McWatt. Best in Scotch Fancy class was Mr. John Muirhead's clean Buff hen. Best Plainhead was won with a typical model belonging to Mr. D. Liddell. Old pairs, best 3rd and spl. were won by Mr. A. McWatt. The hall is splendidly adopted for such an exhibition, being well lighted all through, and almost entirely free from draughts, allowing abundance of room both for the exhibits and the visitors. Borders and Nor. were grand sections, both as regards quality and quantity. Scotch Fancies were few, but there were one or two nice birds among them. The Crest classes were a very fair entry, and of capital quality. Brit. were good, and the quality excellent; the same can be said for the Foreigners. The management deserve the highest praise. The joint secretaries, Messrs. Anderson and Esplin, performed their duties with the utmost ability, and we hope their efforts proved a financial success.

Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY, YELL. Ck. (2): 1, 2, Muirhead, 1st fair size, good body, nicely set up, nice neck. BUFF (2): 1, Muirhead, very fair reach, nice wing, good bird. YELL. CL., ETC., HEN (1): 1, Muirhead, nice body, tail well under, fine reach, nicely set wings. BUFF (3): 1, spl., 2, 3, Muirhead, 1st very nice bird, good pose, sweep of tail, superior to 2; 2, 3, lovely birds. BUFF PIED CK (1): 1, Hamilton, good stock bird, wants little more nerve. GREEN, ETC., CK. (3): 1, 2, 3, A. Hamilton, nice team, 1st good body, plenty of nerve, excellent bird; 2nd another nice bird; 3rd very fair bird, just a shade thin. HEN (1): 1, A. Hamilton, nice style of bird. OLD PAIRS (4): 1, spl., 2, A. Hamilton, 1st nice pair, well matched; 2nd very similar; 3, Muirhead, nice feather and nerve, good pair; 4, A. Andrews. CREST CK. (4): 1, McNaughton, nice body, evenly balanced crest, staged in the best of condition; 2, Paterson, neat drooping crest, fairly large; 3, 4, Ure, 3rd nice body and crest, good style; 4th lovely Crest, in nice feather. HEN (4): 1, spl., Paterson, best bird in hall, Hyde's spl. winner at Falkirk, staged in perfect condition, a sure winner; 2, 3, McNaughton, 2nd very nice size, carries good crest of fair size; 3rd good, should improve; 4, Andrews, all-round good exhibit. CRESTBRED CK. (4): 1, Andrews, nicely built, good shape, very fine head, nice skull, carrying plenty of head feather; 2, 4, Rae, 2nd another good bird, nice massive skull, lovely rise, and head feather, in grand order; 3, spl., McNaughton, excellent size, dense and long in head feather, good skull. HEN (4): 1, spl., Rae, grand bird, full of merit, excellent skull, nice head, typical; 2, 3, Ure, excellent size, nice skull, long head feather, dense and leafy; 3, barely so large in body, but nice expansive skull; 4, McNaughton, beautiful head, nice rise, head feather, fairly dense. PLAIN CK. YELL. (Fed) (10): 1, 2, vhc, Paterson, 1st rare size, substance and shape, nice rich colour, fine quality; 2nd excellent shape and quality; 3, Muirhead, lovely shape, nice deep chest for a Yell., grand stamp; 4, Pagan, nice quality and colour; hc, Turnbull; c, McNaughton. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, Paterson, 1st good bird all round, grand head, shape and finish; 3rd not quite so large, but excellent shape, nice quality of feather; 4th well built frame, good colour; 2, Ure, close up, nice head, shape and condition; vhc, McNaughton; hc, Pagan; c, Muirhead. HEN YELL. (Fed) (6): 1, Turnbull, nice close feather, rich colour and feather, in lovely condition; 2, Muirhead, grand, nice and chubby, excellent finish, good bird; 3, Paterson, nice quality and shape; 4, Esplin, well worth her position, nice colour and quality. BUFF (9): 1, 3, McNaughton, 1st nice shape and finish, wings and tail, clean at waist, good stamp; 3rd nice hen, to the small scale, good shape; 2, hc, Pagan, 2nd very smart exhibit, close up; 4, Ure, nice shape and colour, fair quality; vhc, c, Paterson. UNFED CK. (12): 1, Ure, grand size and shape, nice and steady, good bird; 2, hc, Liddell, splendid size, shape and feather, in good condition; 3, vhc, Turnbull, 3, nice shape, good head and depth through; 4, Pagan, very fair exhibit, will improve; c, Muirhead. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, spl., c, Muirhead, all-round good team 1 and 2 being grand exhibits for size, shape, and quality of feather; 3, nice depth through, will improve; 4, Turnbull, nice bird, full of promise; vhc, Paterson; hc, Pagan. CREST OR CRESTBRED, GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Ure, nice skull and size excellent feather; 2, Rae, good length. PLAIN (5): 1, 2, Hamilton, 1, grand quality, rare chest, nice feather; 2, shade more typical, nice head, neck and chest; 3, 4, Turnbull; 3, lovely type, smaller, grand quality; 4, very typical. OLD PAIRS CRESTED (6): 1, 2, hc, Paterson, nice team, little between; 1, 2, both in excellent feather and condition; 3, vhc, McNaughton; 3 also very good pair. PLAIN (9): 1, spl., Paterson, well matched, in splendid condition; 2, Muirhead, another good pair, and shown in splendid feather; 3, McNaughton, cock nice bird, full of substance; 4, Turnbull, good pair; vhc, hc, c, no names. BORDER FANCY.—CL. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 2, McWatt, 1, sweetly built, grand colour and quality, nice jaunty carriage; 2, rich colour, good shape and quality; 3, c, Rae, 3 excellent shape, very jaunty carriage, and in lovely feather; 4, vhc, Andrews; 4, nicely moulded, colour, fine quality; hc, Dickson. BUFF (10): 1, 2, McWatt, two models, very nicely moulded, lovely finish; 3, 4, Andrews, 3 another good bird, nice jaunty carriage; 4, nice shape; vhc, hc, Rae. CL. YELL HEN (7): 1, 2, McWatt, grand team, excellent shape, carriage and condition, well finished, feather close as wax; 3, vhc, 4, Rae; 3, nicely moulded, very stylish, in nice feather; 4, nice jaunty bird; hc, Dickson; c, Anderson. BUFF (8): 1, Andrews, nice typical hen, in perfect feather and condition; 2, 4, Dickson; 2, sweetly moulded, grand quality, little between 1st and 2nd; 4, nice quality, sweetly moulded; 3, Rae, grand type, nice hen. YELL PIED CK. (8): 1, spl., 2, 4, McWatt, 1, and spl., first honours at Avonbridge, perfect model, fit to win in the best of company; 2, another fine bird, nice team; 1, smart and shapely; 3, c, Rae, sweet shapely bird of excellent quality and carriage; vhc, Andrews; hc, Dickson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, McWatt, 1, 2, lovely team, sweet shapely birds of perfect quality, nice jaunty carriage, feather fitting body like a glove, lovely condition; 3, very stylish, jaunty carriage, good nerve, sweet head and feather, well set up, good bird; 4, Dickson, very close on 3rd, nice bird; vhc, Paterson; hc, A. Anderson; c, Andrews. YELL. PIED HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, McWatt, 1 nicely moulded, sweet jaunty carriage, nicely carried wings and tail, grand feather 3 lovely shape and quality, 4 nice all-round hen, nicely staged; 2, vhc, Rae, beautiful carriage and quality, neat in head; hc, Dickson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, McWatt, grand team, little to select between, all of excellent merit, and placed with excellent judgment; 4, Paterson, very fair bird, grand feather, nice action; vhc, hc, Andrews. FOUL (9): 1, Rae, real model, not a feather out of place, tight as wax; 2, Andrews, another good bird, little between winner and her; 3, spl., vhc, hc, McWatt, 3 lovely bird, grand feather; c, Rae. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, McWatt; 4, vhc, hc, Rae. OLD PAIRS (9): 1, 2, 3, A. H. McWatt, 1 yell. ck. B. hen, 2, yell. cock, yell, marked hen, 2, pied hen, yell. ck., 1, Paterson, vhc, Rae; hc, Dickson; c, Anderson. BRIT. HARDBILL. LAR. (8): 1, Paterson; 2, Esplin; 3, McWatt; 4, Pagan. SMALL: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, spl., c, Esplin; 4, vhc, hc, Pagan. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Rae; 2, 3, Esplin. OPEN CLASSES.—BRIT. SMALL (6): 1, 2, Paterson; 3, —; 4, Kirkwood junr.; vhc, Rae. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Cumming; 2, Richardson; 3, Erskin; 4, Wands; vhc, Esplin Bros. MULE OR HYBRID (10): 1, 3, hc, M. Doolan; 2 McWatt; 4, Esplin Bros.; vhc, Rae; c, Sibbard. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Morland; 3, Gardner; 4, Skinner; vhc, c, Esplin Bros.

EXETER C.B.S.

First annual exhibition in connection with the Exeter and Dist. C.B.S. was held at the Market Hall, November 2nd. The Deputy Mayor, Mr. E. C. Perry, declared the show open, and hoped that the working classes would encourage this newly-formed society. The judge, Mr. R. B. Tope, Plymouth, said that the birds exhibited were some of the finest he had judged in the kingdom, and he trusted that the society would speedily become equal to Plymouth. Catalogues were in the hands of the Deputy Mayor and members within half an hour of the judging being finished. The committee and other officials worked hard to make the show the success it was, much credit being reflected upon Mr. R. H. Folley, the hon. sec. The committee consisted of Messrs. Burrough, Chudley, Churchward, Cumming, Glanfield, Johnson, Moist, Pomroy, Sercombe, Sloman, Still, and Stone. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Martin; 2, Moles; 3, Pomroy; 4, Denham. BUFF: 1, 3, Moles; 2, Parker; 4, Stiling. HEN: 1, 4, Moles; 2, Denham; 3, Folley. NON-FED: 1, Parker; 2, Camble; 3, Hutchings. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, Sercombe and Elston; 2, Stiling; 3, Churchward; 4, Folley. BUFF: 1, Churchward; 2, 4, Stiling; 3, Stone. HEN: 1, 4, Sercombe and Elston; 2, 3, Churchward. NON-FED: 1, 2, Churchward; 3, 4, Sercombe and Elston. CREST, CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Down. MARKED, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Evins Bros. CRESTBRED CK.: 1, Denham; 2, Down; 3, 4, Evins Bros. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Down. LANC. COPPY, ETC.: 1, Camble. LIZARDS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Denham. CANARY (exhibited by a Lady Member): 1, 3, 4, Miss Finch; 2, Miss French. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Moist; 3, 4, Evins Bros. MULE, LIGHT: 1, S. Farley; 2, 3, Commins; 4, Stone. DARK: 1, 2, Commins; 3, Stone; 4, Camble. HYBRIDS: 1, Williams. PAIR CRESTS, BREEDING: 1, 2, 3, Evins Bros.; 4, Down. PLAINHEADS, BREEDING: 1, Denham; 2, Sercombe and Elston; 3, Folley; 4, Stone. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Commins; 3, Perkins; 4, Bealey. BRIT. FINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Miss Finch; 4, Chudley. SMALLER: 1, 2, Commins. FOR., LARGE: 1, Sloman. SMALL, SINGLE, ETC.: 1, Mrs. Pickard; 2, Moles; 3, Smith; 4, Sloman. SELL. (£1 1s.): 1, Miss French; 2, Evins Bros.; 3, Patten; 4, Pomroy. (10s. 6d.): 1, Williams; 2, Pomroy; 3, 4, Evins Bros. CAGE OF FOUR: 1, Evins Bros.; 2, Denham; 3, Stone; 4, Chudley. GIFT: 1, Denham; 2, Marshall.

EDINBURGH EASTERN O.S.

The Eastern Dist. O.S., Edinburgh, held their sixteenth annual show November 9th, at the Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount. The entry was the same as last year, Scotch Fancies having some good birds. Crest and Crest-bred classes were a rare lot, and took a good bit of judging. Mr. John McMillan had the best Scotch Fancy in hall, and Mr. J. Dalling the second best. Mr. R. J. Spence had the best Crested cock, Crested hen, Crest-bred cock, and Mr. Johu Gourlay the best Crest-bred hen. Mr. G. R. Smith won the Novice Special for best bird shown by a novice. Mr. W. Sneth had the best Border Fancy. Mr. John McMillan the best Mule, and Mr. W. Finnie the best Brit. Special for best non-fed Norwich was won by Mr. Dalling, the principal winners in the fed classes being Messrs. Dalling and R. Thomson. Councillor A. M. Hunter presented the prizes, and the committee did their share of the work well. There was a good attendance of the public. Mr. John McLennan, Peirshill, judged the Scotch Fancies and Borders, and Mr. G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, the Nor., Brit., and Mules.

SCOTCH FANCIES, CL. YELL. CK.: 1, A. Smith, sen.; 2, W. Sneth. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Morrison. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, 2, W. Sweth; 3, A. Smith, sen. YELL. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, W. Sneth; 3, J. Eddington. BUFF PIED: 1, Dalling; 2, 3, 5, W. Sweth; 4, J. Dougal. FOUL CK.: 1, A. Smith, sen. GREEN COCK: 1, W. Sweth. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, J. McMillan; 2, 5, W. Sneth; 3, 4, A. Smith. BUFF: 1, J. McMillan; 2, 4, A. Smith, son; 5, W. Sneth. YELL. PIED: 1, 2, W. Sneth. YELL. FOUL: 1, J. Dalling; 2, J. McMillan. YELL. GREEN: 1, R. Malcolm. BUFF PIED: 1, T. Long; 2, W. Sneth. BUFF FOUL: A. Smith, sen. BUFF GREEN: 1, W. Sneth; 2, J. Eddington; 3, A. Dougal. NOR. CRESTED CK.: 1, 2, R. S. Spence; 3, 5, vhc, J. Gourlay; 4, hc, G. R. Smith; c, A. Thorburn. HEN: 1, 3, hc, c, Spence; 2, 5, Gourlay; 4, G. R. Smith; vhc, Robinson. CREST-BRED CK.: 1, 3, hc, Gourlay; 2, vhc, Spence; 4, c, Thorburn; 5, Finnie. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Spence; 4, 5, Gourlay; hc, Thorburn; c, Finnie. CL., ETC., P.H. YELL. CK.: 1, R. Thomson; 2, 3, 4, Dalling. BUFF: 1, c, R. Thomson; 2, vhc, hc, Allan; 3, 4, Dalling; 5, McLennan. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H. HEN: 1, 4, 5, hc, c, J. Dalling; 2, J. McLennan; 3, R. Thomson. BUFF: 1, Dalling; 2, 3, R. Thomson; 4, 5, hc, Allan. NON-FED YELL. P.H.: 1, 2, Dalling; 3, McMillan; 4, A. Smith, jun. BUFF: 1, 2, Dalling; 3, McLennan; 4, hc, A. Smith, jun.; 5, Duff; vhc, A. Robinson; c, T. Long. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Finnie; 2, Gourlay; 3, W. Sneth; 4, F. Robinson. HEN: Gourlay, Dougall, W. Finnie, Malcolm. BUFF CK.: 1, W. Sneth; 2, F. Robinson. HEN: 1, W. Sneth; 2, F. Robinson; 3, Spence. MULES: 1, McMillan, Goldfinch; 2, 2, c, A. Robinson, Greenfinch; 3, W. Finnie, Goldfinch. BRIT. CLASS I.: 1, vhc, W. Finnie, Yellowhammer and Goldfinch; 2, W. Finnie, Bramblefinch; 3, W. Finnie, Chaffinch; 4, hc, c, T. Williamson, Yellowhammers; 5, A. Robinson, Yellowhammer. CLASS II.: 1, W. Finnie, Tree Pipit; 2, A. Smith, jun., Finch; 3, W. Finnie, Greenfinch; 4, vhc, c, A. Robinson, Siskin, Redpoll, and Greenfinch; 5, T. Williamson, Linnet; hc, J. Dougall, Greenfinch.

BURY C.B.S.

Annual Show of Bury and Dis. C.B.S., held Nov. 8 and 9, in the Textile Hall. Entries numbered 140, about the same number as last year. Norwich and Yorkshires were pretty strong, and there was a good entry in other classes. The prize for best bird in show was won by Mr. W. P. Turton with a Crest. Mr. A. G. Davies, Manchester, judged. There was also an exhibition of drawings for boys and girls, entries numbering 327, against only 250 last year. Prizes won in the competition were distributed by Mr. Ald. T. S. Collinge, Mayor Elect. The officials, to whom much of the credit for the successful show is due are President, Rev. R. P. Hudson, M.A.; chairman, Mr. J. R. Greenwood, vice-chairman, Mr. J. E. Wolstenholme. Mr. W. P. Turton makes a very able and obliging sec., assisted by Mr. F. E. Holden. LANC. COPPY: 1, 2, spl., Jameson. PLAINHEAD: 1, 3, spl., Fallows; 2, 4, Jameson. CRESTED: 1, 2 spls., W. P. Turton; 3, 3, Farraday; 4, Armistead; vhc, Jameson; hc, Gorton. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, spl., Jameson; 3, Gorton. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, spl., Turton; 2, Armistead; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Brierley. BUFF: 1, spl., Lord; 2, vhc, Turton; 3, Armistead; 4, Fletcher. TICK, ETC.: 1, 4, spl, vhc, Turton; 2, 3, hc, Armistead. HENS: 1, 4, spl, vhc, Turton; 2, Armistead; 3, hc, Fletcher; c, Lord. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Bramley; 2, Fortnam; 3, Blomley; 4, Fortnam; vhc, Clark. BUFF: 1, spl., Fortnam; 2, Blomley; 3, Clark; 4, Brannan; vhc, Grimshaw. TICK, ETC.: 1, 4, spl., Blomley; 2, hc, Bridge; 3, Clark; vhc, Bramley; c, Fortnam. HENS: 1, spl., vhc, Fortnam; 2, 3, Blomley; 4, Clark; hc, Bramley; c, Bridge. GREEN, SELF: 1, 2, spl., Lord; 3, Bentley; 4, vhc, Clark. FOUL: 1, spl, Lord. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Turton; 2, Crompton; 3, Gorton; 4, Wolstenholme; vhc, Brough. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, spl., Perry; 2, 4, Lord; 3, Crompton. MULES: 1, spl., Perry; 2, hc, Brough; 3, 4, Hall; vhc, c, Wolstenholme. NOVICE CAN.: 1, spl., Holden; 2, 3, Fraser; 4, Burgess. SELL. (bird and cage) (2/): 1, spl., Jameson; 2, Lord; 3, 4, vhc, Turton; hc, Bentley. (10/-): 1, spl., Turton; 2, Armistead; 3, Fortnam; 4, Brierley; vhc, Bentley; hc, Lord; c, Gorton. GIFT: 1, 2, spl., Turton; 3, vhc, Fortnam; 4, Clark; hc, Jameson. Extra specials were won by Messrs. Turton, G. H. Lord, and H. Fortnam.

ST. COLUMB.

The third Annual Show of Cage Birds and Chrysanthemums was held Nov. 13th in the Drill hall, an ideal place for an exhibition. There was a splendid committee of real Cornish fanciers, who did their utmost to look well after the exhibits. The birds were staged in the centre of the hall, at a nice height for everyone to see without disturbing the exhibits—a great credit to the committee. The flowers were arranged on both sides, with a nice fire just enough to make the room quite cosy and comfortable. The entry was not quite so large as it might have been, on account of so many other shows being held in the county at about the same time. But some of the noted winners put in their appearance. The winning clear yell. Nor. was a grand bird for type and quality as was also the yell. Tick, which caused the judge a little trouble to find, on account of its being a slight grizzle. The Yorks were a splendid class, the winners in the yellow and buff classes being of good style and length with capital legs and wing carriage. The Mule or Hybrid class contained some typical specimens, the winner being a six-point Goldy mule of nice size, colour and shape, which also took the spl for best bird in the show. Special for the best Nor., confined to the St. Columb Union, went to W. and J. Rabey, the bird having a good crest. Mr. Dan Browning (Exeter) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Spillman, excellent quality, full of colour, lovely wing carriage, clean cut; 2, White, nice head wings and tail very close up; 3, W. Collings, good size and type, very nice quality; vhc, Ferrill, nice size and colour; hc, Rickard; c, Hore. BUFF. (11): 1, Coad, wonderful substance, fine head, neck and chest; 2, spl, Ferrill, splendid type and quality, nice size excellent frostings; 3, White, just a shade smaller but good type and quality; vhc, Spillman, lovely colour, nice stamp; hc, W. Collings; c, Hore. YELL. TICK (8): 1, spl, W. Collings, very nice and typical, good chest; 2, Spillman, nikd. back, short wings and tail, nice chest, blaze of colour; 3, Ferrill, tick neck, lovely type, grand colour; vhc, White, good position and quality; hc, Kemp; c, Liddicoat. BUFF (11): 1, spl, 2, Rickard, leader tick, left eye and right wing, true Nor. bird, grand shape, good wing carriage, 2 tick right eye and both wings, grand substance, almost equal to winner, both real models. 3, W. Collings, tick eye and wing, fine shape and substance, good specimen; vhc, Spillman, grizzle head, short flights and tail nice type; hc, Dunstan; c, White. GLEN (12): 1, spl, Rickard, buff, well up in size, good wing carriage; 2, Spillman, clear yell., lovely head and chest, very shapely, grand wing carriage; 3, W. Collings, buff, not the biggest, but a gem well mealed; vhc, Coad, large yell. capital quality and colour; hc, F. Collins, even marked crest; c, White, sweet yellow, No. 2 unnoticed, good var yell., good type and colour. YORKS YELL. (8): 1 spl, 2, 3, Thomas, grand trio, nicely drawn, excellent position, pale colour, 2, nice colour, capital flights and tail, 3, best colour, well filled back, good legs and tail; vhc, Webb, nice colour, very fair neck; hc, Lobb; c, Bonney. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Thomas very straight, tight as a Java, good type and position; 2, Ellis, nice back and wing carriage, tail inclines to spread at times; 3, Lobb, good position and quality, flights and tail excellent; vhc, Bonney, fine feather and colour, grand length; hc, Symons. TICK (11): 1, Farmer, tick eye, buff, nice feather and colour, lovely back and wing carriage; 2, spl, c, Thomas, tick eye, yell., good colour and length, frill on chest; 3, vhc, Roach, cin. yell. mkd. wings, very lengthy and slim, some preferred for 2nd, vhc, tick eye and wing, nice colour and wing carriage; hc, Boak, very lengthy and slim. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, two spl, 2, 3, W. and J. Rabey, even mkd., dark crest, nice droop and centre, good radiation, wins spl. best Nor. confined to Union, 2, green crest, mkd. wings, good leafy feather, nice size, 3, vargtd C.B., very fair skull and lashing; vhc, F. Collins, green crest, good frontal. A.O.V. (4): 1, Pope, cin. yell., good size, colours and shape; 2, White, similar b'rd, lovely colour and markings, just a shade smaller; 3 Thomas, cin Yorks, nice length, blue wings and tail. MULE (7): 1, two spl, 2, 3, F. Collins, six-point Goldy mule, buff, good eye markings, wings and tail, fine size and colour, takes spl for best in show, 2, Greeny-Bully, large, nice colour and markings, 3, Linnet-Bully, good chest, colour, fair size; vhc, C. Hore, vargtd. yell., nice colour, very tight; c GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Webb, nice square cut blaze, well mooned, good tannings; 2, Miss Giles, wonderful rich blaze, lovely bars and buttons; 3, Ellis, nice square blaze, large and steady; vhc, spl, Polkinghorne, grand blaze, very good buttons, just a little hollow in neck which pul him down, hc, White, good chest, wings and bars; c, Rowe and Hancock. BRIT. HARD BILL (9): 1, spl, F. Collins, Bramblefinch, lovely colour and quality, fine size and shape, well mkd; 2, hc, Jordon, 2, grand colour, Bully, good black cap, nice size and shape, hc, Lesser Redpoll, beautifully mkd.; 3, vhc, Rowe and Hancock, Hawfinch, capital colour and size, nice bib, beautifully mkd.; vhc, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, c, Roach, fine shape Linnet, grandly pencilled. SOFT (5): 1, spl, vhc, Tabb, well spotted Thrush, good size and condition, vhc, Blackbird, magnificent colour and sheen, very fair beak; 2, Veal and Son, Owl, well up in size, very quiet; 3, Bilkey and Son, Lark good markings, steady, in good condition; hc, Bond, nicely mkd. Thrush, steady. SELL. (15s.) (11): 1, Liddicoat; 2, Ferrill; 3, Thomas. (7s. 6d.) (14): 1, Roberts; 2, Ferrill; 3, Rowe and Hancock. FOR. (4): 1, spl, Benford, two Paraquets, good colour and condition; 2, Miss Hocking, Parrot, very steady, nice green; 3, Nicholls, Parrot, nice green, not quite the condition; vhc, W. and J. Rabey, Crested Cardinal, good colours, some preferred for 3rd. Can. Local (6): 1, spl, 3, M. Rabey, even mkd., good size crest, nice centre and droop, 3, clear dark crest, very firm shape and size, good feather; 2, J. Rabey, typical Yorks, fair length and wing carriage, nice condition. BRIT. (8): 1, Tabb, well mkd, Thrush, nice condition; 2, Pulkinghorn, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good buttons and wings; 3, Balsdon, another Goldfinch, good blaze, not quite ready.

BIRKENHEAD.

Birkenhead fanciers held their fifth annual Old Show at Co-operative Hall on November 9th, when 35 members sent 280 exhibits. Mr. J. Trengove judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. YORKS. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Dalzell; 2, Hall; 3, Harding; vhc, hc, Walley; c, Gardner. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Harding; 2, hc, Jones; 3, Dalzell; vhc, Morton; c, Corbett. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Harding; 2, Hall; 3, Corbett; vhc, Dalzell; hc, Royden; c, Kendall. BUFF (4): 1, Richardson; 2, Walley; 3, Harding; vhc, Nickols. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Richardson; 2, Garduer; 3, hc, Walley; vhc, Harding; c, Thompson. BUFF (11): 1, Walley; 2, Royden; 3, Hall; vhc, Thompson; hc, Morton; c, Nickols. YORKS. TKD., ETC., YELL. UNFLI. (5): 1, spl., Hall; 2, Walley; 3, hc, Jones; vhc, Dalzell. BUFF (4): 1, Harding; 2, Thompson; 3, Hall; vhc, Morton. CINN. TKD.: 1, Morton; 2, Nickols. HEN (7): 1, vhc, Hall; 2, Hadwin; 3, Moss; hc, Morton; c, Nickols. HEAVILY VAR. (4): 1, Thompson; 2, Nickols; 3, Richardson; vhc, Daly. GREEN SELF YELL. (4): 1, spl., Hughes; 2, Moss; 3, Daly; vhc, Richardson. SELF OR FOUL BUFF (5): 1, Moss; 2, Hurrell; 3, vhc, Hughes; hc, Hadwin. SELF, ETC., HEN (5): 1, Hughes; 2, Corbett; 3, Thompson; vhc, hc, Moss. YELL. UNFLI. (8): 1, spl., Hughes; 2, Richardson; 3, Harding; vhc, hc, Hurrell; c, Jones. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hughes; 3, vhc, hc, Hurrell; c, Daly. NON-FED YELL. (5): 1, Morton; 2, Nickols; 3, Richardson; vhc, Harris; hc, Hall. BUFF: 1, Walley; 2, Lloyd; 3, Nickols. YELL. HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, Nickols; 3, Lloyd. BUFF: 1, spl., Whittington; 2, 3, Lloyd. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Burns; 3, vhc, Day; hc, Barnes. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Hall; 2, Llewis; 3, Kendall; vhc, Dalzell; hc, Day; c, Porter. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Burns; 3, Hall; vhc, Llewis; hc, Dalzell. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Harding; 3, Thompson; vhc, c, Burns; hc, F. E. Hawkes. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl., Lewis; 2, Burns; 3, Thompson; vhc, Dalzell; c, Hadwin. BUFF (12): 1, 3, vhc, Burns; 2, Walley; hc, Kendall; c, Thompson. CL. TKD., ETC., NON-FED: 1, F. E. Hawkes; 2, Lloyd. HEN: 1, Lewis; 2, Dalzell; 3, vhc, Lloyd. GREEN SELF, ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl., 2, F. E. Hawkes; 3, vhc, Isaac. BUFF: 1, vhc, F. E. Hawkes; 2, 3, Isaac. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Isaac; 2, vhc, F. E. Hawkes. BUFF (6): 1, Richardson; 2, vhc, Isaac; 3, Kendall, hc, c, F. E. Hawkes. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, 3, spl., Mrs. Cory; vhc, Burnes; hc, H. T. Hawkes. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Cory; hc, H. T. Hawkes. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl., Morton; 2, Dalzell; 3, Harris; vhc, c, Morris; hc, Dyson. BUFF: 1, spl., Nash; 2, Morton. NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, Nash; 2, 3, Dalzell. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., Moss; 2, Kendall; 3, Richardson; vhc, hc, Lloyd. SELL. FAIR, 30s. (9): 1, Burns; 2, H. T. Hawkes; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Barnes; hc, c, Mrs. Cory. 20s. (6): 1, hc, Nickols; 2, Harding; 3, Porter; vhc, H. T. Hawkes; c, Dalzell. 15s. (7): 1, Gardner; 2, vhc, F. E. Hawkes; 3, Hadwin; c, H. T. Hawkes; hc, Burns. HEN, 12s. 6d. (7): 1, H. T. Hawkes; 2, hc, Burns; 3, Dalzell; vhc, Nickols; c, Harding. MULE: 1, Thompson; 2, Lloyd. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, c, Hurst; 3, vhc, Richardson; hc, Nickols. BULLFINCH: 1, Hurst; 2, Nickols. LINNET (8): 1, 2, spl., Hurst; vhc, Dyson; 3, Nickols; hc, Richardson; c, Thompson. WILD (4): 1, Whittington; 2, Royden; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Nickols. GREENFINCH: 1, Hurst; 2, Thompson; 3, Daly; vhc, Nickols. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl., Hurst; vhc, Richardson; hc, Morton. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Hurst; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Nickols. BEST YORKS.: 1, Harding; 2, Hall. YORKS. GREEN: 1, 2, Hughes. NOR.: 1, Llewis; 2, Hall. NOR. GREEN: 1, F. E. Hawkes. BRIT.: 1, 2, Hurst. NOVICE YORK. YELL.: Morton. BUFF: Nash. NON-FED: Whittington. MOST POINTS: 1, Hurst; 2, Nickols; 3, Burns; 4, Richardson; 5, Harding; 6, Dalzell; 7, Lloyd; 8, Hall; 9, F. E. Hawkes. NOVICE: 1, Dalzell; 2, Nash; 3, Morton; 4, Harris; 5, Morris.



CORRESPONDENCE.

SHE DESERVES A MEDAL!

SIR, I have a friend who has a pair of Canaries, and the hen has laid 43 eggs this year, and has fetched 30 young ones up. She is now feeding four young ones, a week old to day. I think that is something out of the ordinary. ELIZABETH G. THOMPSON.

LATE NESTING EXPLOITS.

SIR,—I was very interested recently in watching two Starlings who were busy building their nest, and thinking it was unusual at this time of the year, I watched them for some time. The sun was shining. After a time, I walked to the end of the old building, and on examination found that they had almost finished their nest. I think this very late for Starlings, but I suppose it is due to the spell of mild weather. I pointed it out to a friend and he told me that he had noticed the other day, two Sparrows who were busy building, and also some Rooks pairing in the fields. My friend, Mr. Watts, of Old Fletton, has a Norwich Canary that laid seven eggs at the beginning of November, and she has started another clutch. Has anyone else had the same experience? ALF. ROWLES.

LATE YOUNG BIRDS ON CLAPHAM COMMON.

SIR,—It may be of interest to the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS to know that, while watching some boys playing at football on Nov. 16th at Clapham Common, I saw two young Thrushes flutter from a hole in a tree. They were frightened out of their home by the ball being kicked into the tree close by where the hole was (about 10 yards high). I once found three young Thrushes and another young bird, near the church on the Common, but not so late in the year as this. I may also tell you that there is in my garden a tall tree in which a pair of Wood Pigeons have built their nest and reared their young for some years. Last year I was the proud possessor of one, which I reared by feeding from my mouth; but, sad to relate, as I was compelled to keep it in with them, my fowls killed it. J. F. SIVETER.

SOME INTERESTING HYBRID BREEDING EXPERIENCES.

SIR,—To continue with the story of my experiences, as told in a former issue: I also went in for a little Hybrid breeding; I paired up a good-coloured cock Chaffinch to a Yellow Plainhead. He was in splendid condition, and used to dance her round the cage a great deal. When she tried to build he used to throw the materials out of the box, and finally nearly killed her, pecking the top of her head nearly off. He was therefore put in "bachelor apartments." I also paired a cock Linnet to a large saddle-marked Yellow Crest-bred, and a cock Goldfinch to a Clear Yellow Plainhead. From both pairs on the first two rounds I had all clear eggs, and on the third round four Linnet Mules hatched out and were brought up, together with three Goldfinch Mules. The hen fed them for a few days, letting them die. On the fourth round I had four more Linnet Mules. One has both wings clear buff and light under breast, and another has about an equal quantity of light and dark feathers in each wing, with a light breast and a clear tail. These are both cock birds, and both the hens were variegated. The hen with the Goldfinch hatched out two, and the one with the Linnet Mules brought them up. They were a pair, both dark. I also paired up two large Yellow Crest-bred cocks to two hen Bullfinches; they used to pair and feed each other and play at building, but I never got any eggs from them, and my last two pairs were a large yellow cock Greenfinch with a house-moulted Bullfinch, and a cock Linnet with a Bullfinch. The Greenfinch I had great hopes of, he being in full song and feeding the hen nearly all day. By the beginning of May she was carrying twigs about, so I gave her an old Bullfinch nest and some hair, and she built in the nest box quite a grand nest for a Bullfinch. One morning before going out I found she was sitting on the nest. Excitement ran high, but when I got home I found her in the bottom of the cage egg-bound. So I caught her, steamed the vent, put in a drop of oil; I then placed her on the nest, but she would not stop, and in the morning there was a broken egg in the bottom of the cage. The next night she was bad again, so I repeated the operation, but in the morning I found her dead and all my hopes dashed to the ground. The Linnet and Bullfinch were always on splendid terms, and used to feed, and built several nests after a fashion, but no eggs were forthcoming, and by the beginning of August I turned them out with the young Canaries. They moulted out grandly, and I hope to have a good try again next year. Now I must finish; wishing CAGE BIRDS continued prosperity, which it deserves; also BIRD WORLD.

W. JOHNSON.

A FANCIER'S MISFORTUNE.

SIR,—Will you kindly mention that I had the misfortune to lose the majority of my best show birds during my removal from Bolton to Sale. I had got together a very good team of Norwich and Yorkshires, and was looking forward to a successful show season with them after I had removed. But, alas, when unpacking the birds upon arrival at my new address, several were found quite dead, and others showing signs of having had a rough journey. However, better luck next time, I hope. (And so say we.—EDITOR.)

JOHN W. BANCROFT.

A DEVICE FOR CATCHING SMALL BIRDS.

SIR,—The illustration enclosed shows a device which is largely used about here for catching Linnets and other small birds by bird-lime. Small pieces of stone, or earth, about half-an-inch in height are placed alongside a stream, where the birds go to bathe or drink. On these stones are lodged thin green rushes, which grow by the sides of streams and damp places. These rushes are smeared with bird-lime. As the bird runs into the water, its wings get a twig attached to them, and it is then easily caught, being unable to fly. J. HOLLINGSHED.



A Catching Device.

ALLEGED DISCOURTEOUS TREATMENT AT A SHOW.

SIR,—Being one of the many novice fanciers who have taken to the keeping and exhibition of cage birds, I might say, through getting into touch with your valuable paper, I should like to relate how I came off at a certain show. I entered two birds in separate classes. Some days after I received one ticket. I wrote and informed the secretary that only one ticket had been sent, but I received no answer. On the day previous to the show I sent both birds, notifying the class for the entry for which I had received no ticket. On the day after the show I received birds back, very puffed up, with a tiny slip of paper stuck on the top of cage inside: "class cancelled," it said. I also enclosed 7d. for catalogue, which I received the morning after getting my birds back, and which I returned by the very next post unopened. Do you call this fair treatment and any encouragement to anybody to support shows? My total cost was 6s. 7d., and up to now have not received any communications from anybody concerned. I should advise young fanciers, from what I can read and have seen in shows, to keep their birds at home, and let secretaries, etc., do the showing and winning. "ONE OF THE MUGS."

(We trust our correspondent will not be disheartened by his first seemingly unfortunate experience. What the secretary concerned has to say on the matter we do not, of course, know. But "One of the Mugs" will find that secretaries as a body are courteous and obliging, and usually in spite of very heavy work.—EDITOR.)

COCKERMOUTH SHOW AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—Whilst thanking you for your kind reference to our show in "Twitterings" of November 16th, I must point out a rather serious error into which you have fallen. You state that we have been declined a licence by the C.B.U., which is not correct, for the simple reason that we have never applied for a licence. We are, and always have been, members of the C.B.U., and our show is under their rules and patronage. Might I be allowed this opportunity of pointing out an error which crept into our schedule, and was discovered too late? In the Border classes, of which there are eight, we state that the B.F.C.C. medal is given for most points. This should read "best bird belonging to a member of the B.F.C.C."

GEORGE OGLETHORPE,
Chairman C.F.S.

(We gladly print this correction, and have to express regret that we inadvertently fell into the error.—EDITOR.)

SIR,—I have noted with some interest, being a fancier, but not an exhibitor, the letters of Mr. Oglethorpe on the action of the C.B.U. in sanctioning two shows in the same area, on the same date. I gather from the tone of the correspondence that the grievance of the Cockermouth Society is that being the oldest affiliated society, their dates should have had prior claim, and that such important questions should not be settled by correspondence, but by more direct means. Both, to my mind, and I fancy most unprejudiced persons will agree, are perfectly legitimate contentions, and apart altogether from the Cockermouth point of view, should receive attention from show officials and others connected with the C.B.U. Other things being equal, the older members should have priority. Such a simple proposition needs no repetition, and it would be well if in future the executive of the C.B.U. bore this in mind. Surely some sub-committee should be arranged with periodical meetings to settle such important matter as dates. It may appear a small matter to some one, but to show officials clashing dates are most serious, from a financial point of view. The argument that the funds of the Union cannot stand the strain of committee expenses need not be entertained, for it would be found that if the Union does good work in a business-like manner, fanciers and committees will not begrudge increased levies or subscriptions to meet expenses. As a consistent advocate of the Union, I regret their action in this particular instance, and tender my sympathies and good wishes to the Cockermouth people, and I hope that exhibitors will see and give the C.F.C. a record entry next month. WILLIAM LONG.

THE RAILWAYS AND EXHIBITS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS to call attention to the neglect on the part of Railway Company officials in not bothering themselves to get one's birds home quickly after shows. I sent some birds to Bramley, which is only about 20 miles from Harrogate, and did not get them home till the day following. Last week I sent to Preston, and I know for a fact that my case was at Preston station ready to come home at six o'clock on the Saturday night, but I did not receive them till 6.40 p.m. on the Sunday. Nearly 25 hours on the railway; is it not disgraceful? I think it is time one of the Unions approached the Railway Companies on the subject as we Canary men pay 50 per cent. more for our birds travelling. Why this is, I don't know, as they take little or no more care of our cases than of ordinary luggage.

W. E. FERGUSSON.

A SUGGESTION TO SHOW SECRETARIES.

SIR,—As a novice exhibitor and a reader of CAGE BIRDS, allow me to make a suggestion or two. In the first place, this being the show season, fanciers will be testing the value of their birds by sending them to one or the other of the shows advertised in CAGE BIRDS. A fancier first decides on the show; then he sends for a schedule simply to find that there are no novice classes. It would, therefore, be better if societies, when advertising, would state explicitly whether or not there are novice classes. Then, with regard to the payment of prize money. As a rule entries close either on a Saturday or the first post Monday. Often on the Friday following you may see the poor secretary pleading for entries. What is the cause of this? A fancier, for instance, sends five or six birds to a show; he wins several prizes (I will not say he clears the boards), and he has, therefore, a certain amount of money to come to him. Before he can send to another show he must have a settling up with the others. So that, by delaying the payment of prize money, secretaries inflict a hardship not only on exhibitors, but also on secretaries of other shows, who would receive more, or at any rate, earlier entries. It should, I think, be possible for all show secretaries to pay the money on the same day as the show.

J. H. NEAL.

LATE BREEDING AND HOW TO PREVENT IT.

SIR,—Judging from the number of instances recorded during the past few weeks of clutches of eggs being produced during the month when one naturally expects the moult to be in full swing, the late season appears to have been unusually favourable for reproduction, or, rather, for the initial stages of it. Of course, no practical good can come of this wasted energy, which, in the vast majority of cases ends with the egg-laying; but, on the other hand, much harm may be done by exhausting the birds' vitality, causing a long protracted moult, and, worse still, it frequently happens that these same hens are singularly unproductive the next season following their excessive egg-production, so that from every point of view these phenomenal hens are far better restricted to a reasonable output. The charm and novelty of possessing such a unique specimen now is not sufficient to compensate for the chagrin and disappointment which will almost invariably follow in its train next spring. To prevent it will, in some cases, thus be found by no means an easy matter. A spare plain diet is the most general remedy, and if combined with a regular supply of green food or ripe fruit, and plenty of space for exercise, is very often successful. Needless to say, everything in the way of material and facilities for nesting should be kept out of the way. For the most stubborn cases a room of normal temperature is most advisable, and, as a last resource, the hens should be removed from out of sight—and earshot, too, if feasible—of the male birds. J. WRIGHT.

AN ENQUIRY ABOUT A NORTH-COUNTRY SPECIALIST CLUB.

SIR,—Looking over my back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, I find the later issues of June contain letters regarding a Norwich Plainhead Club for Newcastle; also a meeting being held and club formed, with membership fees, etc., duly reported. Now, at the height of the show season, one wonders what has become of this club—what is it doing; is its patronage being given and business being carried out strictly private and secret when catering for the Norwich Plainhead? Perhaps some of the office bearers will be able to say in your next issue how the club stands.

PLAINHEAD.

AN EXPERIENCE WITH RED MITE.

SIR,—I have read your articles on the red mite, and quite agree with Mr. Claud St. John, that they are often found in packet seeds. For some three or four years I had not seen a red mite in my bird-room, but this year I had from a certain quarter, a Norwich hen, which was badly infested with red mite. I only kept it a few days before I returned it; but I had kept it too long: for it had smothered my cages with red mite, and to make things worse, I had to leave my house, because my neighbours complained of my birds, as they said they were a nuisance, because they sang so loud and woke the babies. After I removed, my landlady would not allow me to keep the birds in the house. I had, therefore, to put them in a good barn, which turned out to be swarmed with mice. All my cages have now got the red mite. No doubt, as Mr. Claud St. John thinks, they have been distributed by the mice; but I set to work at once and placed all kinds of traps for them, and baited with all kinds of dainties. I have been rewarded by catching 15 old mice. I now think I have cleared them all out. I have blocked up all the holes with broken glass, poured paraffin in, and cemented them over. I have had all the cages out of doors and have given them two good coats of crude carbolic. I then white-washed and varnished them. I have now got clear again, and I shall give the cages another doing later on. The best mouse-trap I find is one with four holes in it, and set with thread. It is a very old-fashioned one, but the best I have used. The mice have to gnaw at the thread before they can get to the seed, and the spring flies up and kills them. I have caught three at a time in a four-holed trap.

T. H. KINCH.

SHOW VISITORS.

An Appeal to Show Secretaries.

Sir,—I have visited several Bird Shows during the present season and would much like to call the various Committees' attention It may be ignorance, incompetence, or want to what appears to be a lack of forethought, of perception, but whatever the reason, there is great need of amendment. Sheffield advertizes in Cage Birds, but omits the location of the show. I arrive in Sheffield: making enquiries, at a bird shop I am told it was at the Corn Exchange. There I found two fanciers preambulating the pavement, seeking the bill-stickers illuminations unsuccessfully. I followed the lead and enquired of the attendants and was informed it was at the Cutler's Hall. Here all enquiries were in vain, so I led off to Montgomery Hall and meeting a tram-driver I was informed that he had seen some bills of birds at the Temperance Hall. We were landed at last. Wakefield is a defaulter in this respect, but has a splendid, polished Committee. York locate their show, but like many other shows, issue slips with their catalogues, which is very objectionable; visitors cannot satisfy themselves; it being impossible to check off the winners and criticize under such circumstances. In the British and Foreign Bird Sections visitors are placed at a very great disadvantage, for want of the names of the different varieties. People come now-a-days to gain knowledge and make themselves acquainted with the kinds. Visitors are more aesthetic, colouring and form are more sought after to-day than ever, and the study of Ornithology is cultivated for intellectual conversation, equally as much as for science. The staging in some places was a most objectionable feature, as far as the light was concerned, after the twilight first commenced to mask the day, the birds were nearly invisible, but alas, when they did consent to illuminate the place many of the box cages had their backs towards the light, and where some were alright for the day, they might just as well have been sent home so far as the visitors were concerned. Secretaries, do please look after the comfort of your visitors and render them all possible help, and thus make your place attractive. People will not travel miles to find shows so ill-accommodating. It is for the success of the show and to assist your patrons that I write. Everyone who visits these places will agree that there is room for improvements. Please note and do the needful. GEO. STOCKS.

ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH & PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—I think it a great pity that the manager or some other of the officials did not write to CAGE BIRDS before explaining the cause of this bad management, instead of abusing Mr. Reeves in the way that Mr. Woolhouse did. I should like to know if he is going to pay the £1 to the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund, which he promised to do, if Mr. Reeves could prove that there were 20 birds absent from judging (which he has already done). I should also like to know about the Silver medal, given by Mr. Green for most points in Lancashire classes, as there were only eight birds in the Plumhead class, three of which were mine and were marked absent. Of course, Mr. Green might well take the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and vhc like this.

J. BUNDELL.

SIR,—It was not my intention to enter into any controversy regarding the above show, but Mr. Waterman's letter certainly calls for some contradiction. He writes "I notice that allegations have been made that the exhibits at the show were not properly fed and watered, but this statement is absolutely incorrect, for I imposed the duty upon myself of going over every bird, and seeing that it was well provided with food and drink." He probably did look to see that the birds were fed and watered—but when did he look? Not on the first day up till 6 p.m.—of that I am certain—for I fed and watered dozens about that time, and know for a fact that there were hundreds of birds without food and water when I left. I also saw a gentleman (who was not a member of the Dulwich Society, but just an ordinary visitor like myself) feed and water at least 50 birds during the afternoon of the first day. There were many birds that must have been despatched on the Wednesday morning (to arrive at the show the same night) which did not have a drop of water before 6 o'clock on the Thursday evening—quite 30 hours afterwards; and there were some birds that were not watered even then. The Great Grey Shrike hadn't any food or water until 4 p.m., and it might have been hours afterwards before it would have been fed or watered, had it not been for a kindly disposed visitor, who worked hard, feeding and watering such birds as he could get at. This was not a simple job, as most of the British birds were packed tightly under the staging (without water). The cages were close together, and it was absolutely impossible for the birds, even had they been fed or watered, to see to eat or drink. To mention a few—the Linnets, most of the insectivorous birds, and the A.O.V. Finch class were packed away like this, and were turned to the light and watered (late in the afternoon) by visitors. Mr. Waterman also states that "this trouble" (the insufficiency of staging) "was speedily overcome, and by dint of hard work and very much self-sacrifice everything was got into order by the afternoon of the first day." This is absolutely contrary to fact. There were hundreds of cages on the floor when I left. Mr. Waterman (if he was at the show at this time) knows that this is correct, and so does every person who was there. I could mention dozens of people—well-known exhibitors—who can support what I say.

A. MORRIS.

SIR,—There appears to be a certain class of exhibitor who takes intense delight when visiting a show to try and find any flaw in the arrangements. Woe betide the unfortunate officials should they succeed in their object! They endeavour to make their presence felt by excitedly rushing about calling attention to this and that, loudly expressing their own opinions—trying to find sympathisers—making themselves as objectionable as they can. When they find they have failed to impress you with their importance, they rush home as quickly as possible, take out their writing materials, and let steam off to the fancy Press. These are the persons who ruin shows. There is another class of exhibitors (who, I am pleased to say, from my short experience, are in the majority), who are always trying to make things run as smoothly as possible, who, when they find you in a fix, will do anything to do you a good turn. What matters if their birds have not won the coveted prize? They prove they are men, fanciers, and sportsmen. These are the persons who keep the fancy going. Would to heaven we had more of them. It would be far more pleasant and encouraging for show officials, who in nine cases out of every ten cases are honorary workers, not paid servants. Dulwich is one where they give their time and services, and use all their energies for the advancement of the fancy, with plenty to lose and nothing to gain but the honour of their Society, which they are always striving for, in spite of adverse circumstances. Yet there are those who would throw mud. Replying to J. E. Reeves (Mr.) Number 2, if there is one thing I admire in the man it is after he has got his wife, J.E.R. No. 1, to do the dirty work, he does his best to help her. What a confession for a man to make—visiting a show together with his wife, things (he states) are not exactly as they should be, so he suggests she should write to the papers. How heroic and courageous. Was it the same spirit, may I ask, that prompted his invitation to some other fanciers to take this matter up? No, J.E.R., I am not in the habit of addressing all married women as "sweet"; it is only a term I use when speaking to my birds. An apology is not necessary, for owing to a printer's error "sweet Madam" appeared instead of "Surely, Madam," etc. (my copy proves it). Please reserve your sympathy. Anyone with a spark of humour would know I did not intend to hold my wife up to ridicule. You admit the champion and Border classes were staged before you left: well, then, as we have only a few novice classes, it wasn't so bad after all. Now, about this £1 you are chuckling over winning, you will presently find it is all a dream, and awake to the fact that more than half the number you quote in your formidable list are either through mistakes in the numbering (which was unavoidable owing to the influx of late entries at a time the matter for the catalogue should have been in the printers' hands), or slipped numbers I intended filling in on genuine absentees. Those that were overlooked, as I have said before, will be compensated—how, will be our business. One exhibitor has already stated he requires no recompense, evidently thinking we had quite enough trouble over the hall. I shall prove how many were really absent, etc., in the next issue, as I am writing to each exhibitor to verify my statement before sending it for publication. How can I answer the statement that "water was knocked over some birds" when I neither saw this occurrence nor heard of it till I read J.E.R. No. 1's statement in the Press. Why did you not report this at the time to either myself or my committee? You appear to be the only persons who saw it. Now, about the schoolboys, I know one youth, a relative of one of our oldest and best fanciers, who was placing the cages in rotation according to their numbers, and who was quite qualified to handle them. In conclusion, sir, I would like to thank, through your columns, Mr. Dobson and the many good fanciers who have written to me in the same strain. On behalf of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., I beg to state we shall not be found wanting, and there will be no disappointments in our show of 1908.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

(Owing to the severe pressure on our space, we have had to condense the above letter. Correspondents must be brief and to the point.—EDITOR.)

SIR,—According to promise I now send the numbers of exhibits mentioned in the list forwarded by J. E. Reeves, that are either genuine absentees, printer's errors, or numbers against birds' names (such as Lord of the Isles, etc.) They are as follows: 373, 473, 476, 483, 488, 492, 499, 504, 529, 527, 597a, 606, 609, 615, 616, 622, 643, 656, 657, 673, 684, 723, 878, 879, 954, 963, 988. As this 27 reduces 41 to 14, I prove my statement (and have the proofs) that there were not 20 birds absent from judging that were in the show. It seems a great pity that the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund should suffer through this, and I invite your correspondent, J.E.R. to look bigger than me, and forward them the £1 for the trouble he has caused.

G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

SIR,—Surely Mr. J. B. Waterman's idea of order in a bird show must be vague when he states everything was in order on the afternoon of the first day of the show, for unless you were an accomplished hurdle jumper it was impossible to get about the hall, apart from piles of exhibits being stowed away under tables, staging, etc., and as judging did not conclude until the second day of the show. He admits that several birds could not be found in time for judging, surely this suggests more muddle than order. Mr. W. refutes the statement that the birds were not properly fed and watered; here I differ with Mr. W., as I have letters and evidence to prove that several birds were not attended to, the self-imposed task of feeding over a thousand birds single-handed was surely a heavy one, more especially to a short man, who would find it necessary in this case to carry a pair of steps round with him, many of the birds being out of reach. I agree with friend W. that it is absurd to permit boys to help to stage birds, but that does not alter the fact that they were doing so. As to all exhibits being on rail a little over three hours from time of closing, 8 o'clock, this is not correct, Mr. W., as I saw a van load arrive at the station at 12.30. This would be 4½ hours, and mean birds lying at Peckham all night.

GEO. HILL.

(Several letters on the above subject have had to be held over.—EDITOR.)

SINGING LINNETS.

SIR,—I notice in your valuable paper from week to week reports of singing contests in Yorkshire and Lancashire, and though we have no contests in Glasgow, still there are plenty of Linnet fanciers who would like very much to have their birds in song at this dreary season of the year, and if any of the owners of prize winners would favour us with a little information as to the feeding and training, they will earn the gratitude of many, and more especially

GREY LINNET.

L.C.B.A. SHOW AND THE C.B.U.

SIR,—I am somewhat surprised that the above show in your show dates fixed column is still without the distinction indicating that the Association is affiliated to the C.B.U. I should have thought it was the duty of the secretary of the C.B.U. to officially acquaint you of the fact. I hold the receipt for affiliation fee, and have stated in show advertisements that our show will be held under C.B.U. rules, and earnestly thank you in anticipation for publishing this note, to avoid any misunderstanding which appears to be gaining hold.

JOHN TYSON.

(Our "Show Dates Fixed" column is compiled solely from particulars supplied by the Secretaries, etc., of shows, and no request to "star" the L.C.B.A. fixture has, we think, reached us from any L.C.B.A. official.—EDITOR.)

SPECIALS AT THE DULWICH AND PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—In looking over the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, I was much surprised to see a letter from Mr. Morris, appealing to fanciers for their opinion re the awarding of the specials at the late show of the Dulwich and Peckham Society. Mr. Morris, I believe, is a member of that Society, and was present at the show. He must have known of the difficulties under which the judging took place, and one would have thought that had there been any cause to doubt the awards, he would have gone to the secretary, who, I am sure, would have given him any information he wanted. It was after six o'clock before Mr. Vardy could possibly get the judging done, as the other judges had not been able to get their judging done. Mr. Vardy very carefully went over his classes and made his awards for most of his specials, as others had to compete for Mr. Sandiford's cup and the shield, Mr. Vardy selected Mr. Hodder's yellow Norwich to compete with those selected by the other judges for the shield. Not being able to remain longer, he asked me to take his place in awarding those two specials, the others competing being Mr. Crisp's Yorkshire and Mr. Maxwell's Wall Creeper. These awards were not made until the next morning, so that every chance should be given the competing trio. The award was given to the Yorkshire, because it was in better condition than the Norwich, the Yorkshire being thoroughly through the moult and beautifully fined down. The Norwich showed a bit of pin feathers in the head and neck, and had not got that tone and finish that one finds on a thoroughly moulted bird. The Wall Creeper was a most lovely specimen, and a very rare bird, but the award was given to the bird which was bred, reared, and moulted by its owner. Mr. Maxwell, in a most gentlemanly and courteous manner, accepted the award as made. I believe that Mr. Hodder was also thoroughly satisfied that the award was justly given, and could plainly see that the Yorkshire was the more perfect specimen as they then stood.

Although I am a most ardent fancier and most jealous for the reputation of the Norwich Canary, I trust that I shall always have the honesty to give honour where the same is due.

With regard to Mr. Morris losing his buff. I saw the bird was ill on the first day of the show, and drew several fanciers' attention to it, but as Mr. Morris was present I naturally concluded that he would take every care of his own exhibit.

I deeply sympathise with Mr. Woodhouse in the difficult position in which he is placed, a position that was forced on him and one over which he had no control, when one considers that over four hundred late entries were made, and through an error the hall was let after Mr. Woodhouse had been promised it for the afternoon previous to the show. Surely some excuse should be made for those who give their services and devote their time to the interests and well-being of the Fancy.

E. BAKER.

Cowes.

SIR,—In answer to W. Morris, re the challenge shield at Dulwich Show, I left a competent person in Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes, to represent the Norwich Plainhead for the shield, and selected the bird myself—Class 1, No. 11, clear yellow cock. I believe, according to report in "C.B.," Mr. Hodder exhibited the bird, and I have no doubt Mr. E. Baker would try his best to get the Norwich to the front for the shield; as I have every confidence in Mr. E. Baker. I was compelled to get away from Dulwich to judge at Hoyland the following day. Trusting this will be satisfactory to Norwich exhibitors.

W. VARDY.

A DASTARDLY ACT AT PENHRYN

SIR,—I am very sorry to inform the true fanciers at Penhryn that I had my bird-room broken into late on the 14th inst, and a valuable pair of Yorkshire Canaries were brutally killed. They were doubly valuable to me, being in the first place a present from my son, and in the second place purchased from the prize Canary strain of Mr .J. Reeve. The strange part of it is that they were the only ones killed out of about 25 birds, and these two were in a large cage with another Yorkshire, which is left unhurt. The only cause I can see for this dastardly act is pure jealousy. As no doubt mine were the best pair of Yorkshires about here, and the approaching Falmouth Show is our great event, some jealous "fancier" just wanted to place his birds in front. I should be pelased to give a suitable reward for the conviction of this parson, but up to the present the police have no clues.

JOSEPH OPIE.

A LOOK ROUND SOME BLAYDON ROOMS.

SIR,—Knowing you are always interested in bits of local news, I thought I would describe my visit to four Blaydon fanciers' rooms recently. The morning was fine, with just sufficient crispness to make the walk a pleasant one. Arrived at Blaydon, I met Jimmy Carr, one of our Northern Yorkshire Club members, just outside the station; he had got wind of my coming and awaited my arrival; very pleased I was to see him, and we were soon at his house and straight through the kitchen to the rooms where the birds reign supreme. There on the table, set out for my inspection, were four splendid Yorkies, two Buffs and two Yellows. The buffs were splendid birds, one rather stout in body, but would suit some judges, who do not mind them a bit thick, the other a grand, slim Yorkie, nice head, good back, close packed pipe tail, just wants to show a wee bit more thigh to make him perfect. The Yellows were also two nice birds, but not quite through the moult, yt when they are finished they should be heard of; in addition to these Jimmy has some other good ones, but they are still heavy in the moult, from one pair he has got eleven birds living, and not one bad one amongst them; he reared fourteen, but unfortunately lost three. For several years he has bred into the teens from one pair, but this next season he is going to have two or three pairs of Yorkshires; he not only breeds Yorkshires, there were several good Crests, and Crestbreds, and some nice Norwich. Then one of his sons breeds Borders. From Mr .Carr's I went to Mr. Davison's; he was just putting his birds right for the day, so we were in amongst them at once. If Mr. Carr has some good ones, Mr. Davison has too; his Yellow hen, which he bred last year, has come through splendidly this year. Unfortunately he was not able to breed with her, as she went into soft moult early in the season, but the summer's rest has done her good, she is now in splendid health, and should do him some good this coming show season. He has also some good Buffs through the moult, and several others moulting. The Buff, which he won the special with at the Northern Yorkshire First Feather Show is coming on well, and should make a clinker. His birds excel in leg and length and have good quality, and if the frill on one or two disappears as they tighten up they will render a good account of themselves later on. Mr. Ellwood was at Mr. Davison's when I got there, so we went up to his place afterwards. Mr. Ellwood has a splendid room at the top of his house, and he has some good birds, his Borders are a treat, full of quality and colour, and a very good shape; he also has some very good Yorkshires, but with one exception they were in the moult, his Yellow bird, which was second at our Nest Feather Show is coming out a good colour. Mr. Ellwood has also an excellent, almost six-pointed Goldfinch-Canary Mule, he is having a good moult and will do some good for his owner this next season. After dinner, Mr. Ellwood drove us out to Stargate to see Mr. Dobson's famous Crests. You have more than once had notes about these birds, so I will not attempt to detail them, but one bird which I have not mentioned in previous notes, must not be overlooked, it is a yellow Crestbred, it is just commencing to break into moult, being only nine weeks' old, at this age it is larger than many of the old birds, and for head feather it cannot be beaten, tremendous length combined with very high quality. Altogether Mr. Dobson will have upwards of twenty Crests and Crest-breds which are fit to bench, this is not bad for one who lost thirteen out of his fifteen breeding hens last season. But we had to hurry away to catch the train back to Newcastle, so with a last lingering, aye, longing look, we reluctantly shook hands and hastened away.

T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec. N.Y.C.C.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

GREAT Horton O.S. held their monthly show on Saturday, November 9, the birds being staged at 8 p.m. Mr. James Hartley officiated as judge, and the 55 entries provided him with a good hour's work. The next show on December 14th, is the last of the season, and great interest is now being taken in the run for the specials.

A GOOD gathering of fanciers turned up on Tuesday, November 5th, at the headquarters of the Bradford East O.S., to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Girlington. Mr. Cowgill washed three birds, and his notes on the subject were very interesting. Mr. Crnise then put one through in fine style, as also did one of the novice members of the Society, Mr. Wilson. Altogether a very pleasant and instructive evening was spent, and no doubt ere this some of the novices present will have put into practical use the ideas gained.

IN my notes last week I dealt somewhat fully with the case of Messrs. Cook and Son, showing a cock in hen classes. Now I hear a whisper that further revelations are pending. This time the alleged offenders are said to have been guilty of borrowing and trimming. These accusations will probably come forward at no distant date, when the matter will be thoroughly gone into by the Societies interested.

WIBSEY O.S. held a members' show on Saturday last at 8 p.m., when more than 93 birds were staged, and provided the judges, Messrs. Dean and Blakey, with a good hour's work. This is a good entry for a Society of forty members, who one and all work hard to make their society successful and interesting.

LEEDS O.S. open show on Friday and Saturday last was quite an interesting exhibition, the British classes being very attractive, and many fanciers from Bradford and district made a special journey to see the great variety of birds on view. This is one of the points where Bradford shows fail, more particularly to the outsider, who, when only the Yorkshire variety is on view, has practically no interest beyond a single glance round, whereas, if other varieties are to be seen, such as British, Foreign, Mues, etc., the show retains its interest for a longer period, and when he gets amongst his friends, he tells them of the birds he has seen, and so causes many more to visit the shows and take notice of our feathered friends.

OF course, now that the Bradford and County British Bird and Mule Club is an established society, things are looking up in this department, and several of the shows during the next few weeks will have several classes for British, and should they prove the attraction the promoters think they will, no doubt, next season will see most shows providing them. The predominant thought in a lot of members' minds when classes are being arranged is: "Will this class pay"?—if not they will not entertain it. This is not as it should be. Make the shows attractive, then you will get the gate, and also far more help from non-fanciers, who, being interested, will not begrudge a small trifle when the time for another show comes round.

GT. HORTON O.S. at their last meeting opened a subscription list for one of their oldest and best known members, Mr Arthur Jowett, who, through continual sickness during the last twelve months, is in urgent need of a little assistance from his fancier friends, to enable him to battle against his illness. The Secretary or any of the members of Gt. Horton O.S., will only be too pleased to accept any small donation on his behalf. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Power of Gold.

Undoubtedly, the plodding fancier of an open mind, who is not afraid to be advised by his more successful competitor, often will and does get on in the long run. The same with money. A man can have any amount at his command, yet without he has good powers of discrimination and selection, his money power is heavily discounted. We often hear grumbling because a man pays a long price for a bird. I say if a man has the pluck to run into double figures for a bird, good luck to him. Endless things may happen. The bird may die, be a poor breeder, etc. Where a good bird is bought for the object of selling wasters, the action cannot be too strongly condemned, but such is not the motive in every case. Very often a fancier buys a good bird, and the younger novices gain indirectly by being able to purchase birds bred directly off it, and so partake in the good thing at a much reduced price, yet with the same advantage as the fancier who purchased the parent bird at a long price. Very often, however, credit is not given where credit is due.—R. P. BROOME (Wimbledon).

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

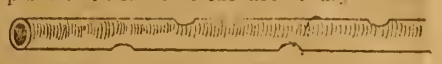
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 155.

COMBINED PERCH AND RED MITE TRAP.

Sent by C. Hancock, 5, Avondale Buildings, Larkhall, Bath.

I hope this idea will be found useful by the many fanciers reading your valuable CAGE BIRDS. It is of a simple red mite trap, used as a perch. Cut an elderberry stick to the length required, and of the usual thickness of a perch. Scrape the skin off, and place it in front of the fire to dry. Remove



Combined Perch and ...

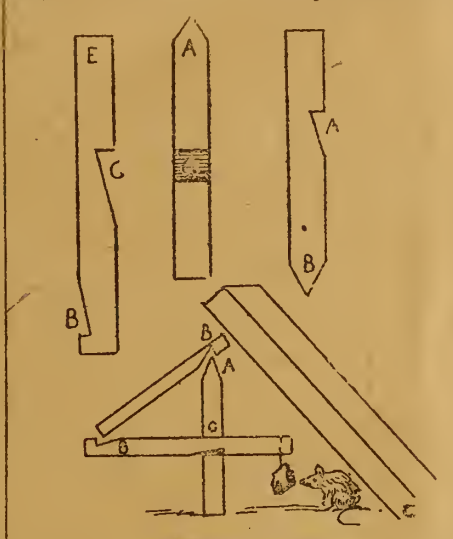
all pith from the inside, and with a red-hot iron bore about 6 or 8 holes (about the size of the head of a tintack) along the stick, as shown in the sketch. Fix in cage and use as a perch. Take out once or twice a day, morning or at evening, and with a pair of pinchers hold it upright in a basin. Pour some boiling water through it, and any red mite will then be seen in the water; dead, of course. I have used this with great success for some time past. C. HANCOCK

No. 156.

SIMPLE MOUSE-TRAP FOR BIRD-ROOMS.

Sent by J. F. Derry, Cannock Wood, near Rugeley, Staffs.

I enclose a rough sketch of a mouse-trap which I have used in my bird-room and proved very valuable for clearing these pests off, as I have caught as many as three at a



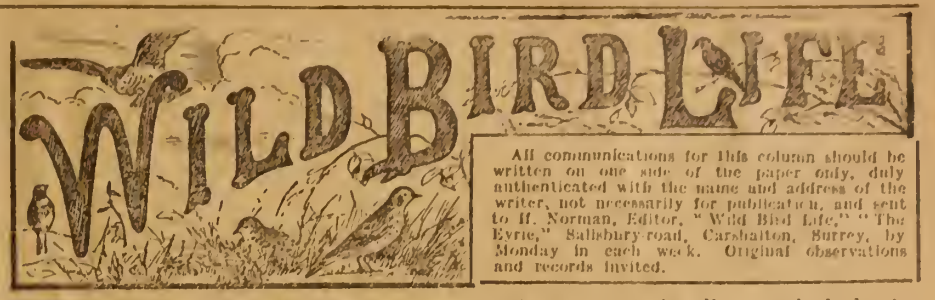
A Mouse Trap.

time under same. It is very simple to make out of three sticks about a quarter-inch thick, cut in the way seen in the sketch. The two short ones should be 3inches in length, and the long one about 5inches. Lastly, place an ordinary quarry, or tile, on the corner marked D, also bait with a piece of cheese on end marked E. J. F. DERRY.

Robins Fight to the Death.

Words fail me to express what I saw in my garden on Friday afternoon, September 27. I was sitting out in a chair on the lawn when my attention was drawn to two Robins fighting hard; suddenly two more and then a third Robin came and joined in the onslaught. At first they seemed to be fighting each other, then quite suddenly they formed a sort of ring, and the Robin in the centre seemed to be greatly concerned, and did all the talking as it were, and finally he puffed himself up and sang a most melancholy air. Then there was a silence and immediately the four Robins again attacked him. This fight for life must have lasted over half-an-hour, as I dispersed them several times, but they always returned, although further away from me. Fiually the poor little Robin sank exhausted in the melee, and he lay dead. The most astounding part was that having killed their victim, one of the Robins stood on its body and sang a most triumphant song, whilst the others looked on. I was quite overcome with what I saw, and had I not had a witness I could scarcely believe my own eyes. My gardener tells me that the young Robins kill off their parents every autumn, and once they commence the fight they never leave their victim till he is dead:—EDITH GREY BURNAND (Horsham), in the *Daily Mail*.

The most delightful and appropriate Postcards for Bird Lovers on the Market are those published by "Cage Birds."



All communications for this column should be written on one side of the paper only, duly authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, and sent to H. Norman, Editor, "Wild Bird Life," "The Eyrie," Salisbury-road, Carshalton, Surrey, by Monday in each week. Original observations and records invited.

A Plea for the Blackbird.

The "Catholic Times" says harsh things about our British birds. "Blackbirds are a public pest. They devour fruit like a town lad on a visit to his country cousin. Worms and slugs they daintily ignore. There is no reason why these feathered thieves should be spared by anyone." Fortunately such a sweeping assertion is only applicable to a few—the fruit gardeners and the writer of the article. The majority of us have a very soft place in our hearts for the sable bird with the golden bill. He may take a few of our strawberries if we are too careless to cover them with cheap netting, but he destroys more than his weight in slugs over and over again, during the year when berries are out of season. And what about that rich mellow music? Surely he deserves some consideration for the pleasure he gives us by his fluty song on an early spring day. I love the Blackbird, and years ago when with gun in hand, I traversed the country side, neither the Blackbird nor the Thrush ever had a feather disarranged by a discharge of the weapon. The gardener has a perfect right to protect his fruit, but protection need not mean destruction.

Concerning the Wagtails.

There is a certain fascination about the Wagtail family that always attracts one. Although just now they are fairly common in the district, and we can see them almost daily upon the meadowland, yet they lose nothing by familiarity; we are just as keen in watching their pretty, fluttering ways, as when only an odd bird or two crosses our path.

In the south the pied bird is the most common, and is with us practically all the year round, although subject to considerable variation in numbers, by spring and autumn migrations. The merest novice can easily identify this bird by his black and white plumage. He is fond of the water, and is commonly known as the Water Wagtail. He has a rapid flapping manner of flying, and even the graceful Swallow does not make more beautiful curves in the air than this bird just before settling. The rarest of the Wagtails are the Blue-headed and the White One is inclined to think that both these species are occasionally overlooked, for although easily distinguished when in captivity, it is not such an easy matter when they are at liberty. In the Booth Museum, at Brighton, is a case containing specimens of the Blue-headed Wagtail, obtained between Brighton and Portslade, and this well-known naturalist expressed the opinion that these birds were bred in the district, as a pair or two could be seen at almost any time of the year. Since that date the correctness of this theory has been proved. In 1901, a nest containing eggs was found, and others have been located subsequently, which proves that the species can ever now be numbered among our breeding birds, at least in Sussex. Doubtless neighbouring counties are similarly favoured, but finds have not yet been recorded. In a season many Cuckoos nests and eggs are found, and probably destroyed by nest hunters, who are neither naturalists nor gifted with sufficient knowledge to know the value of the finds.

The Rare White Wagtail.

The White Wagtail is another species we see little of in this country, although being the Continental representative of our Pied bird, it is a wonder more do not find their way to our shores. At such times birds get indiscriminatively mixed in the flocks that are on the move, and upon the Norfolk coasts and the South Downs it is no unusual sight to see birds of the most opposite species consorting together. The lighter plumage and the slaty grey of the upper parts distinguishes the White from the Pied Wagtail, which, in its habits, song, call-note, nesting and colour of eggs, it closely resembles. As far as one is able to judge, the Wagtails appear to be slightly on the increase, the Pied birds being more frequently met with in flocks of various sizes. The spring migrations of the beautiful yellow birds, when at times a district seems to be full of them, certainly shows no diminishing in numbers. One may hope that this prosperity may continue, for the graceful manners and bright, cheery call-notes of these birds are delightful to all lovers of the country side.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Cuckoo Transformation.

At one time country folk firmly believed that the Cuckoo of the summer changed into a Hawk in the winter. This error arose no doubt through the similarity of the birds when in flight.

The Acorn Harvest.

The acorn harvest is fairly good, and numbers of birds cannot resist the tempting fruit. Jays, Magpies, Rooks, Pigeons and Pheasants are passionately fond of the acorn. The last-named will travel a long distance to obtain some. This fact is well known to poachers and small holders having land adjoining big preserves, and occasionally a cock Pheasant wanders away, never to return.

Swallows Following the Plough.

It is said that the common Swallows follow the plough in South Africa, picking up the grubs and small insects in much the same manner as the Wagtails do in this country. We have little opportunity of noticing if they would do so in England, as very little ploughing is done while the birds are with us. The little done in the autumn is when the winged insects are most numerous.

The Tuneful Throstle.

Once again the cheerful song of the Song Thrush can be heard. He was singing lustily the other afternoon, although the weather was foggy and cheerless, but then there was more than a touch of moisture in the atmosphere, and our spotted beauty dearly loves to talk about "more wet." The weather is so open and mild that one wonders that more of the feathered choir are not in song. The Skylarks are chasing each other about as though it was Spring, and they had nought to do but think of nesting and fighting rivals. If this continues it will not be much of a surprise if some one reports nesting operations from a pair of precocious youngsters

Starlings and Sheep.

Nearly everyone has noticed at some time or other Starlings perched upon the backs of sheep in the meadows and fields. Generally they will be seen busily hunting for insects, but occasionally one of them simply uses the sheep as a perch, preening himself as though he were on the housetop. In clearing the animal of insects he is doing a great service, which is quite appreciated by the animal; this we can see by his manner, standing perfectly still, as he does evidently enjoying the attentions of the bird.

Habit of Ducks.

Ducks and other web-footed birds were evidently not intended by Nature to perch, and yet one occasionally sees one attempting to alight upon a branch of a tree. A Mallard will fly round and miss his foothold time after time. When successful he looks very much out of place. The other day one had perched itself upon the top of a sign, about an inch and a half wide; he was preening himself quite comfortably. One would like to have seen how he got there, for it was placed upon a post some eight or ten feet above the water. Although for the most part living in the water, they dearly like to settle upon a stone or protruding root, to rest and sleep.

Concerning Owls.

Owls are useful birds, and should always be spared if possible. The Barn Owl is, perhaps, the best known. He is commonly called the White Owl, but the plumage of the upper part is of a beautiful soft tawny colour, and when one is obtained this colouring frequently leads to confusion with the Tawny Owl, which would be more appropriately named the Wood Owl. He is larger than the Barn Owl, and resorts in hollow trees in the woods. The Barn Owl is, no doubt, the most useful, and farmers should everywhere protect it. He has a peculiar screeching note, by which he is sometimes known as the Screeching Owl. Perhaps some day we shall drop all these local names, and simply call him the Barn Owl

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MAINLY CANARIES continued.

SPLENDID high-class Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

ROOM wanted, one cock and three hens, Norwich exchange fowls, or Brit. P.O. 17/- gets them.—Earle, 38, Wansford-rd., Islington, N.

YORKSHIRE cock Cinnamon hen, Norwich hen Brumblefinch; exchange for Roller cock, two hens.—Williams, 31, Chestnut-avenue, Leeds.

CHAMPION Yorkshires (Ambler's, Bailey's) cocks 5/6 to 20/-, hens 3/- to 15/-; approval; exchange anything.—Clegg, Westgate, Dewsbury.

SPLENDID large clear Norwich cock, 12/6; exchange cork mule, full song or Goldfinches.—Wireworks, Cadogan-ter., Homerton, London.

EXCHANGE young Norwich Crestbred cock, for good Hartz Roller cock, or anything useful.—Greenwood, 8, Back Millwood, Todmorden.

WANTED, offers in Norwich, Yorkshire or Scotch Fancy Canaries, for bull bitch, or sell, £7.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SALE or exchange prize-bred Norwich for ex-Exhibition Linnets, Goldfinches and Greenfinches, cocks.—Hodgson, 16, Brighton-rd., Gateshead.

TWO pairs Norwich Plainheads, good breeders, 1906 birds, 10/6 a pair; or exchange anything useful.—French, jun., Baythorne End, Halstead.

EXCHANGE three good big Norwich hens for 2 or 3 good rock Goldfinches, or good Yorkshire cock.—Jeffries, 55, Meeson-rd., Portway, West Ham.

EXCHANGE pair of Canaries for house-moulted Goldfinches or Linnets, parents of three nests last season.—Clare, 77, Ellesmere-st., Hulme, Manchester.

FIVE Cock Canaries, 3 Norwich, 2 Yorkshire, 10 hens, own, breeding, £2 lot; 2 house-moulted cock Linnets, 1 Mule Breeder, 3/- each.—21, Eleanor-st., Bow.

FOUR good pairs of Yorkshires for sale, 1906, 10/- pair, or exchange African Grey Parrot.—R. Hall, 6, Victoria ter., Bradley, via Keighley, Yorkshire.

BORDER Fancy, 2 pairs £1 and £1 10s., exchange fox-terrier or toy pup, Norwich, £1 10s.; exchange frame for oil painting, etc.—11, Newington-rd., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE two grand clear buff Norwich cocks, bred 1907, Robert's strain, value £1 each, for two really good clear yellow Norwich hens, 1907.—Smith, Chequers, Wallington, Oxon.

FOUR 1907 Crested hen Canaries to be sold, 2/6 each, or exchanged for Goldfinch cock, proved under, on approval both ways.—Finch, 19, All Saints'-rd., Westbourne Park.

BARGAIN, ten 1907 St. Andreasberg Rollers, majority cocks; also gas stove, Fletcher's patent; sell 35/- the lot; exchange African Parrot, talker.—Pinner, King's-hill, Wednesbury.

CLEARING out, 1906 variegated Crest-bred cock splendid buff, dark crested hen, Joyce's strain, cost 60/-, will accept 35/-, or useful exchange; good condition. Rickard, High-st., Berkhamsted.

SELL two pairs grand Norwich, £1 pair, Hartz Rollers, 10/6; three cocks, four hens, Hartz Cinnamon, Yorkshire cross, 6/6 pair, £2 5s. lot; see Yorkshires.—Fewster, Middlestown, Wakefield.

YELLOW fancy cock (and twice house-moulted British Bullie, fit to show); exchange for pair of Borders; must be good 1907 birds; or sell to highest offer.—D. R. Kydd, 16, St. Mary-st., Dundee.

WILL exchange two Norwich hens, variegated and buff with grizzle on head, for large clear yellow Norwich Plainhead hen, genuine offer.—Fred Wild, Great Northern-rd., Jacksdale, Notts.

FOUR Yorkshire green hens, two buff, two yellow and one buff and one yellow cock, all 1907, and all Self greens; exchange for clear Yorkshires, 1907, or sell 35/-; approval.—Haworth, 16, Peel-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

EXTRA good yellow and buff 1907 Yorkshire hens, show and stock birds, colour-fed; sell or exchange for cocks of any breed; all letters answered; approval both ways.—Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

FOR Sale, four pairs of high-class Yorkshire Canaries, and two hens, and one pair of outdoor Budgerigars, four double breeding cages, the lot, £30, or separate.—Brown, 22, Highfield-crescent, Wortley, Leeds.

WILL exchange any of following light variegated mule, cock, winner, pair Norwich Greens, winning strain, pair of Yorkshires, for yellow stock Norwich; must be large birds.—Davies, Fern Cottages, Penketh, near Warrington.

PAIR Sandow's plated grip dumb-bells and case, 12/-; two sets Whitely's developets, lady's, gent.'s, 12/-; two pair polished display clubs, 5/-, good as new; sell, exchange good Norwich value 32/6.—Gamble, 52, Stanley-st., Leicester.

GRAND Yorkshire cock, 1906, one yellow Norwich hen, 1906, one buff Norwich cock, 1907, one yellow Norwich cock, 1907; all winners; exchange for a good talking Parrot and cage to value, £5 5s.; approval.—Clarke, 25, Charles-st., Kettering.

PAIR of Red Chequer Exhibition Homers, bred from Whitam's "Lady Buller" and Wilson Bros. "Rawtenstall," 25/- cash; or exchange to 50/- Canaries or British birds; approval.—Baldwin, Wadsworth View, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.

ON sale, two crested Norwich cocks, one foul green, 10/-; one variegated dark crest, 10/-; also one big, massive crest-bred cock, 15/-, guaranteed sound and healthy; or exchange large unflighted Norwich Cinnamons.—J. Sutcliffe, 33, Eagle-st., Todmorden.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

ONE of the finest yellow-fronted talking Amazon Parrots, acclimatised, sell or exchange, £3.—Harwood, Sugar-st., Castleford.

PAIR Cockatiels, 9/-; seven cock British birds, 15/-; wanted, cock Rawflegh, Crossbill, etc.; offers.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-terrace, Cardiff.

GREEN cock Budgerigar healthy, will sell or exchange Norwich hen or Yorkshire, healthy; approval both ways.—Ridler, 37, Pearce-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

MAGNIFICENT specimen lemon-crested Cockatoo, with cage, acclimatised, £2; approval; exchange exhibition hybrid Norwich Canaries; other offers entertained.—Machin, Bridgtown, Staffordshire.

A FINE big Amazon Parrot and cage, talking, two years old, very plain talker, worth £10, will accept £3; or exchange for Canaries to value £1; a real bargain.—Bishop, Postman's Cave, Nottingham.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

NEW tea service, forty pieces, £1; exchange Canaries.—Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets, 2s. 6d., for Canaries.—Wylie & Lochhead, Cambridge Street, Glasgow.

FIFTY Hobbie's fretwork designs; exchange birds, or offers.—Mills, Hairdresser, Aberdare, Glam.

SHEEPDOG, cream, rare colour, handsome specimen, 20/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

ONE cock Canary or three hens, or two cock Goldfinches.—Fletcher, 383, Shoreham-st., Sheffield.

STEREO camera for sale or exchange for Canaries or poultry.—H. Cowles, 11, Margaret st., Aberaman, Aberdare.

BELGIAN buck, three does, 10 months, ready for breeding or killing, 12/- lot; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE old English lever silver, good condition, for aviary 3 feet long.—J. Bennett, Cashes Green, Glos.

TWO smart pairs flying homers, 4/6, also pair with young, 3/-, exchange. — Hance, 22, King-st., Tring, Herts.

WILL make pair trousers for five Norwich hens; patterns sent, or offers.—Smith, Tailor, Mill-st., Norton, Malton.

MANCHESTER Terrier, dog, demon for vermin, gamest dog I've ever had, 10/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

BANJO, mandolin, cost 80/-; house-moulted Chaffinch, lark eggs in cage; wanted; cash; offers.—Oldcorn, Gisburn.

EIGHTEEN black fantail Pigeons, prize bred, grand birds; what offers; sell 5/- pair.—Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

WILL exchange 8 phonograph records, used little, for violin bow or hen Canaries.—C. Parker, Grandborough, Winslow.

GRAMOPHONE and 20 records, perfectly new, cost £8; sell £4 or offers exchange.—Watt, James-street, Pittenweem.

LONDON Magazine from commencement up to date, 111 parts, exchange anything.—C. Punter, 29, Leopold-st., Oxford.

FOR SALE, a grand pen of brown red Bantams, or exchange for good Yorkshires.—104, Fisherton, Salisbury, Wilts.

PAIR motor-car goggles, cost 35/-, buff variegated York cock, 4th only time shown, card sent; offers.—Oldcorn, Gisburn.

HARP, Eddison make, cost two guineas; exchange for talking grey parrot and cage.—John Sutton, 12, Peel-st., Westhoughton.

NOTICE.—What offers in Canaries or British birds for show cages, or cases, write Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbro'.

24 CHOICE cylinder records, in case, all new, 12/6 lot, or exchange two Hartz cocks.—S., 23, Newmarket-rd., Norwich.

BUFF Orpingtons, pair April, good, approval, 10/- each; exchange Lancashire, Norwich.—Tosbury, Tamworth, Basingstoke.

EXCHANGE two show game Bantam hens, for two British Goldfinches, or sell for 10/-.—A. Robinson, Grange-rd., Alloa.

PAIR clap-nets thirty feet long, fittings complete; exchange cage birds, Norwich preferred.—J. Blackshaw, Silver-st., Coventry.

EXCHANGE splendid yard dog, reliable guard, for singing Roller Canary, or sell 7/6.—Boud, 19, Barnard-hill, Muswell Hill.

EXCHANGE, size 7 gent's new 12/6 box calf boots, welted, for new breeding cages, two or three compartments.—Gibbs, Saudy.

102 Nos. CAGE BIRDS; exchange for British or Foreign birds, or sell.—Mr. F. Causer, Corporation-st., Railway Side, Wednesbury.

ONE bushel clean mixed wild seed, 6/-, exchange two hen Canaries, two cock Greypates.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

WELL-BRED dandy Aimmond brood bitch; exchange for a pair of good Norwich Canaries.—George Harkness, Union Place, Moffat.

HANDSOME melodias, cost 15/-; exchange for pair cock and hen Canaries, pure bred, birds first.—Blair, Ponderlaw-lane, Arbroath.

TWO young crossed-bred hens and Cockrell, exchange Goldfinch mule, Finch note, or offers.—Clements, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

NEARLY new ladies' cycle, free wheel, sell 50/-; exchange for cock Canaries, or Mules, or part cash.—Buckmaster, 5, Violet-rd., Leyton.

EXCHANGE hypnotic ball, 94 lessons hypnotism magnetic healing, for pair Norwich Canaries, breeding cage.—13, Dunster-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE half dozen splendid ivorine knives, for three fowls, Rabbits, ducklings; offers, Canaries. Lenton, 17, Brightmore-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Flemish Giant Rabbits for Canaries, Bulbs, or Double Primrose Roots.—Knight, Grove Villa, Waterloo-road, Sutton, Surrey.

TWO splendid pairs Fantails (Gray's strain), 10/6; exchange cock Canary or Mule, singing.—Myers, 33, Cadogan-terrace, Homerton, London.

GENTS' dressing-case, fitted complete, 20/- (new); sterling silver match box, 7/6, or offers, Yorkshires.—Lawton, 10, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

PHONOGRAPH and 20 records, reproducer, 10/-; gents' gold-filled keyless watch, 10/6; exchange Canaries.—Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

EDISON Standard Phonograph, 60 records, large trumpet, cost £8, take £3 15s.; part exchange Yorkshires.—Bayley, Postman, Seacombe.

CLARIONETS, one Carup, London, one Stark, London, both good condition, 15/- each, exchange birds.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

FOOTBALL, Association (new), will exchange for cages or birds, or sell 8/6; offers.—Charles Newcombe, 2, Rock Park-cottages, Barnstaple.

EXCHANGE for Parrot or anything useful, a 30/- white mackintosh, latest style, length 45in., shoulders 18in.—179, Ashton-rd., Denton.

EXCHANGE three-compartment cage, with slides, and cash for two Yellow Norwich hens; approval.—Witton, 17, Marsh House-lane, Warrington.

EDISON Standard Phonograph (new condition), and 36 records, sell 50/-; or exchange talking Parrot and cage.—Meyer, 134, Essex-rd., Islington.

LADY'S sable fur, 30/-; silver-mounted umbrella, 10/6; exchange fowls, Parrot, phonograph, Canaries; offers.—Haynes, 20, Whitehead-rd., Birmingham.

SMART reliable push car, upholstered light leather, new this year, good rubbers and condition; offers in Norwich.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

PAIR clap-nets, 7 yards by 5 feet, complete with four Linnets (call birds), 15/-, exchange Linnet Mules, Linnet song, Peddler, 143, North-st., Luton.

REGISTERED wire-hair fox terrier bitch, cost £5, has winners in every litter, £1; or exchange for pair Canaries.—Armstrong, 9, Garden-st., Merthyr Tydvil.

GENT'S Rudge-Whitworth standard cycle, suit tall rider, 50/-, or part exchange small birds, ferrets, or offers.—Johnson, 28, Durning-rd, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE a mahogany cage with two sliding panels and glass front for training wild birds to sing, for good Goldfinch.—Needham, 63, Parish-lane, Penge.

BLACK VICUNA coat and vest, as new, 13/6, four gent's Pierrol costumes, 4/6 each, exchange Canaries, or anything.—Potter, Middlewood-st., Hulme, Manchester.

FIVE handsome white threequarter Bull puppies, seven weeks, £1 5s. each, or will exchange birds to value.—Merrington, Builder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

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BARGAIN! Clap nets, two Linnets, Redpolls, Greenfinches, call cages, stow boxes, 12/6 lot; stamp reply, exchange anything.—Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Lincs.

AVIARY, 3 feet long, 16 inches wide, 3 feet 6 inches high, clean, ready for birds, 20/-; or exchange six March Pullets.—Saunders, 3, Cupel-terrace, Whetstone.

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, or pair ivorine-handled carvers, best quality; approval.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Phillip's-rd., Sheffield.

PEDIGREE Irish terrier pup, Hegarty and Brickbat breed, 10/-, or exchange two cock Canaries, singing or breeding cages, offers.—Oates, 10, 5, Portland-st., Sheffield.

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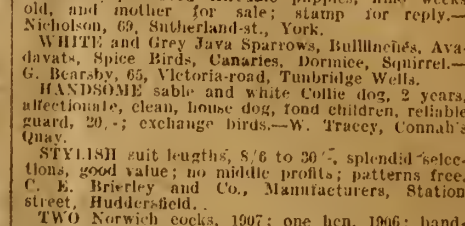
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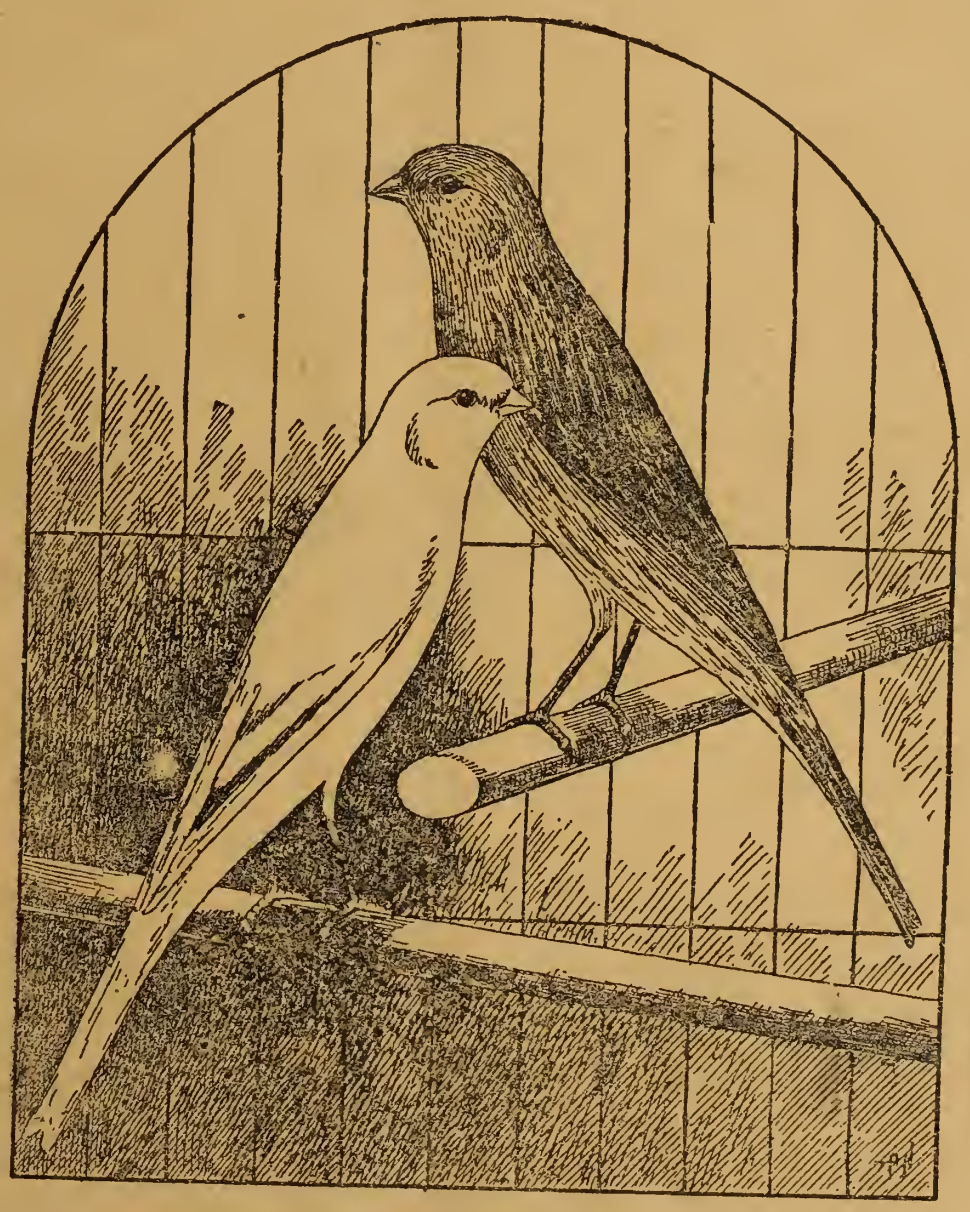
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Send for First Choice.
Sensational Winners, 10s. each, with full scarlet-coloured blazes,

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CAGE-MOULTED cock Skylark, 3rd Gosport, 7/6, on song.—Lousby, Marmion-rd., Southsea.

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Specially selected cocks, in song, 1/- each, three 2/6. These Linnets are guaranteed exactly same as supplied by me to contest singers, fanciers, and dealers throughout Yorkshire, etc., and which are often re-sold by them at big prices. Absolutely incomparable for size and song. Splendid clean-moulted cock Bullfinches, 1/6 and 2/- each; exhibition specimens, 3/- each; hen Bullfinches, 1/- each. Few very large, steady, right-coloured hens, for show or breeding, 1/6 each; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, six 1/6. Specially selected Yellow Greenfinches, for show, 1/- each, three 2/-; cock Chaffinches, three 1/6, six 2/6, twelve exhibition specimens, 1/- each. Grand lot Snow Buntings, in perfect health and feather, cocks 1/6 each; hens, 1/- each, three 2/-. Few extra large light-coloured and well-marked cocks, for show, 2/6 each. These show specimens are picked from several hundreds, are almost white, and are kept in special steadying cages so as to be ready for immediate shows. 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"14, Marine-terrace, Skinningrove, Yorks.—Sir,—Last lot Linnets I got from you were beauties, and as large as Larks. Please send another six, as your birds sell well here; they are far better than those that come from Lancashire. Yours, C. Hart." "65, Faraday-road, Northwich, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Bird arrived safely. I am greatly pleased with it, and shall be pleased to have further dealings with you in the future. Yours, J. Murphy." "Morgan-row, Cwmbash, Aberdare.—Sir,—Cock Linnet arrived safe; he pleased me in every way. I have had Linnets from dozens of dealers before, but this is the boldest, sweetest, and prettiest I have ever had. Yours, D. Thomas." "Church-road, Mitcham, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived safe, and am well satisfied with them. Yours, F. Tutty." "22, Kay-street, West Stanley.—Sir,—Thanks for birds received all right, and very satisfactory. I am quite pleased with them. Yours, J. Hutchinson." "Middlesbrough, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied. Yours, J. Moody." "Colcorton, Nov. 2nd.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in grand condition. I have never before had such value for the money. Yours, W. Richards." "Chapel House, Witton-le-Wear, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Received Linnets, and am well satisfied with them. H. Hill." "75, Sellar-street, Abbeydale, Sheffield, Nov. 1st.—Sir,—Please send three more Goldfinches. I was delighted with the last you sent. Yours, A. Macefield." "Hilldrop, Oxted, Nov. 4th.—Sir,—Goldfinch you sent me few weeks ago has turned out a beauty. Please send another, also a Linnet. Yours, A. Wright." "West Newton, Aspatria, Nov. 5th.—Sir,—Goldie arrived safe and well, and I am greatly satisfied with him. Yours, J. Clarke." "Canniepairt, Tayport, Scotland, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Goldfinches arrived in good condition, and I am highly pleased with them. Yours, J. Robertson." "21, Belgrave, Wilnecote, Nov. 7th.—Sir,—Linnets arrived in splendid condition. I did not expect such birds at the price. Please send following. Yours, D. Hare." 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WARRANTED cock Larks, 2/6 dozen, three 1/-; splendid cock Chaffinches, 3/6 dozen, three 1/6; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Bramblefinches, 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; cage-moulted Linnets, on song, 2/6 each.—Hobden, 6, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

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I send out on approval, entirely at my own risk; if not approved of, then send them back, I'll replace them or refund your money in full. I still hold the largest stock of English Worcestershire cock Goldfinches in Birmingham, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; specially selected large cocks, full coloured, in perfect health, and feather, for singing, showing or muling, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6, 7/- dozen; Linnets, there is no man in England who can supply you with better Linnets than I can; all my Linnets I guarantee to have nut-brown wings and back, rose-red breast, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; specially selected large cocks for singing, showing, or muling, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6; cannot be beat, with new cage 6d. extra; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 6d., three 1/3, six 2/3, 4/- dozen, in song, 1/- each; cock Greenfinches, 4d., 2/- dozen; Redpolls, 10d.; pair large upstanding cock Larks, 8d., three 1/6, six 2/3, 4/- dozen, singing cock Larks, with new cage, 1/6; cages, buy direct from the maker, made from best white pine, Linnet's or Goldfinch cages, 6d., 9d. each, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- dozen; Lark cages, 6d., 3/6, 4/6, 6/- dozen; single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; double, 10d., 1/- each.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd, Birmingham.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, CANARIES, PARROTS

Notice.—I send out on approval, entirely at my own risk, and guarantee every bird in song and in best of health, before sent, not fresh-caught rubbish; if not giving fullest satisfaction you return them and have your money back, cash and deposit. Warranted English cock Goldfinches, 1/6, three 4/-, six 7/6, 14/- dozen; extra selected large birds for show bench, light muling, 2/-, three 4/-, six 9/-, 17/- dozen; extra large birds well-buttoned, grand square blaze, good tan chest, 3/-, 3/6 each; two-year-old call-bird Goldfinch, 4/-; two-year-old call-bird Goldfinch-mule, sings pure Goldfinch song, 7/6, 10/6; red-breasted cock brown Linnets, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; two-year-old call-bird Linnet, 3/- each; Greenfinches, three 1/-, twelve 2/-; cock Skylarks, in song, 9d., three 1/6, six 2/6; cock Woodlarks, king of songsters, 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; 1907 Goldfinch muler, sings pure song, 5/-, three 13/6; pair Greenfinches, pair Goldfinches, pair Linnets, pair Redpolls, grand cage, 18 inches long, 15 inches high, 7/6 lot; Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries in song, 4/-, three 11/6, six 22/-, twelve 42/-, hundred £17; hens 2/-, six 10/-, 18/- dozen; hand-reared cock Brook Thrush, 3/6, 4/6, full song, with cage, 6/-; Goldfinches, Linnets, call-birds, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 dozen; open Norwich show cages, 1/- each, 9/- dozen; penny tin fountains, 6d. dozen, three dozen 1/3, 4/- gross; box bird-lime, best in the world, 4d., 7d. ½ lb., 1/- ½ lb., 1/6 lb.; talking Parrots, amusing pets, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, one comes out of his cage on your shoulder, speaks about 100 words, £3 10/-, worth £7.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

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THIRTEEN TO THE DOZEN.

Beautiful lot mixed aviary birds, 2/6 dozen; cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen.—Heslop, Bird Store, Drury-hill, Nottingham.

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Exhibitors, if you want winners send to me; grand cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/- each; hens 1/-; English cock Bullfinches 2/- each; hens, 1/-; large and well pencilled Linnets, 2/- each; giant Greenfinches, like paint, 1/-, 1/6 each; Chaffinches Yellowhammers, Redpolls, Twites, all 1/- each; sex guaranteed.—G. Knowles, Bird Specialist, Richmond Hill Aviary, Blackburn.

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Belgians.

SEVERAL for sale, cocks, hens, cheap; approval anywhere.—Baker, Grove-rd., Chichester.

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FOR sale, a few good Borders, cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6.—Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

CHAMPION Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; winning strain.—Walker and Stirling, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, all colours, cocks 4/-, 5/-, hens 2/-, 2/6; buff cock Lizard, 5/-.—David Douglas, 12, City-rd., Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, clears and marks, singles and pairs, well matched; approval.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Liverpool.

BORDER fancies for sale, cocks 8/6 and 10/6; hens, 5/- and 6/-; approval; deposit.—Parkinson, 35, Woodsome-rd., Highgate, London.

BORDERS, winners, see report Kirkcaldy, Inverness, and Perth; also special matched pairs; reasonable.—Stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

FEW really good Borders, Greens, Clears, and Marks, singles, pairs well matched; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

COLOURED plate of Border fancy Canaries sent post paid, carefully packed, on receipt of four 1d stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, from Bennett's strain; I have some grand exhibition specimens; must be cleared, from 25/-; cash or deposit.—Smith, High-st., Ware.

YELLOW, pink-eyed cocks and hens, also buff and variegated cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6, prize-bred.—Broadbent, Bird Specialist, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield, Yorks.

PRIZE Borders, even marked yellow cock, 15/-, even buff hen 7/6, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6 and 10/6; hens 5/- and 7/6; all even marked, bred.—J. Logie, City-rd., Brechin.

YELLOW green cock 10/6; buff green cock 7/6, clear and marked cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; all bred from winners; approval.—Robert Watt, Ferguson Place, Lockerbie.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, clears and variegated, Yellow, Buff; get your stock birds from a reliable source. You will not regret it; state price you will give; approval; see report Manchester, Welsh National, Bristol.—E. R. Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

HAVING had a good season, could part with some good bred Borders, same strain as winners at Club and open shows; clears, marks, cinnamon marks, cinnamon greens, and self-cinnamons; price reasonable, and on approval.—A. McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

MR. WOLLEY SEIRANAC can now offer some 20 cocks and 30 hens, quite finished in moult, and in show condition, at low prices, to clear; on receipt of applications stating definite requirements, birds will be forwarded for inspection on the usual conditions, carriage paid. 40, Bessborough Gardens, Westminster.

CHAMPION BORDERS.

Exhibition birds, all colours; have sold three medal winners this season; many more fit to win; speciality in properly selected pairs; approval.—Patterson, Grocer, Churnside.

Cinnamons.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ALL my Cinnamons for sale from Godley's strain.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

SEVERAL pairs of large Norwich type, cheap; will exchange.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

VERY smart unflighted yellow buff cocks, fit good competition, red-fed, 20/6, 25/6, 30/6. — T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

FEW high-class cinnamon Canaries, "Dormer's strain," prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley.

GRAND pair of yellow Cinnamons, even marked, 12/-; cock worth money; approval.—Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons for sale, cocks, hens, best strain, English stamp; reply, approval with pleasure.—Roberts, 44, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

CINNAMONS, grand quality and colour, two pairs yellow cocks, buff hens, 25/-; pair buff cocks, 12/6 to 20/-; approval, deposit.—Hawke, 37, St. Margaret's-rd., Tottenham.

LARGE yellow buff cocks, with strain of crest-bred, very valuable stock birds, 12/6, 15/6, 20/6, 25/6 each; approval, or would sell lot, over 80, to dealer to clear quickly.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

CHAMPION CINNAMONS.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, nr. Blackburn,

Breeder & Exhibitor, has a few choice birds for sale. Also **Norwich.**

Crests and Crossbreds.

TWO pair of Crests, 20/- lot on approval.—G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham.

SEVERAL young crests and crestbreds, and a few stock pairs, reasonable.—Scott, 202, Oval-rd., Croydon.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, heavily feathered, from 15/- pair.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

MARY COOKE, Wavendon, Bucks, breeder champion Crests; pairs, 12/- upwards; approval; stamp reply.

GOOD-CLASS Crests and Crestbred hens from 2/6; cocks from 5/-; stamp reply.—Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

GRAND lot 1907 Crest and Crest-bred, single or pairs; state wants.—Brown, Rose-cottage, Alers-rd., Bexley Heath, Kent.

CREST hen and Crest-bred cock, 1907, "Barnett," "Mackley" strain, 15/- pair.—George Henderson, Draper, Asbington.

GRAND lot Crests and Norwich, show or stock, prices cheap, stamp reply.—Laithwaite, Rigby-lane, Bromley Cross, Bolton.

CREST and Crestbred cocks, guaranteed healthy condition, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6.—Long, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, reasonable, few cocks and hens spare, inspection invited.—Anson, Ivy House, Albion Grove, Stoke Newington, London.

COLLEDGE, Kilburn, Derby, winner two £10 10/- challenge bowls, two silver cups, in 1905, has a few well-bred Crest and Crest-breds, from 10/- upwards.

GRAND yellow crest-bred cock, prize winner, only 12/6; few buff pied crest-bred cocks, 5/- and 7/-; hens, 4/- and 5/-; must clear off.—Douglas Wilson, Biggar.

TWO pair large green Crests, 1907, 12/6 pair; large, wing marked dark Crested cock, 10/-; green crested hen 1906, 4/-, worth double.—Hunt, see Norwich.

LARGE wing-marked C.B. cock and crested hen, 9/-, ditto 12/6; crest and wing marked cock and c.b. hen, 10/-; cold room, approval. — Fradgley, Lower Hagley.

GRAND crest and crestbreds; those requiring these should pay a visit to T. J. King, Ingogo, Coronation-rd., Cheltenham, where they can select from over 300.

WANTED, 3 yellow clear or variegated crestbred hens, 1907, also 1 crestbred cock, var. yellow, 1907, short stout birds, approval, deposit.—Wheut, Shoeburyness, Essex.

CRESTS. The best Yellow and Buff Crests living; tremendous success; 50 show birds for sale; also grand stock.—Professor Selkirk, 55, Southdeangardens, Southfields.

SPECIAL Notice, a few Crests and Crest-breds for sale, from 20/-, related to my £70 pair strain; state wants, with stamp for reply.—J. Griggs, 80, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, few to dispose of, bred from and related to my winners, reasonable and on approval, see show reports.—Alex. Onion, 28, Foxhall-rd., Nottingham.

FOR Sale, giving up the fancy, 17 crest and crest-bred Canaries, show, moulting and breeding cages, flight cage, 7ft. by 3 ft. by 1 ft. 6in.—W. Bichford, 19, St. Budeaux Terrace, St. Budeaux.

FOUR pairs Crested Canaries, some winners, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- pair; Crested cocks and hens from 10/6 each; cold room; approval, deposit.—Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

CLEAR body, dark Crested hen, very highly commended Tonbridge last week, 12/6; large, heavily-feathered Crested cock, 12/6; green Crest-bred cock, 10/-.—Rudman, 34, Danvers-rd., Tonbridge, Kent.

CRESTBRED cock, 15/-; two Crestbred hens, 12/6 each; Crested cock, 15/-; Lancashire Coppy cock, 10/-; all 1907 bred; Reid's strain; the lot £2 7s. 6d. —William Thornton, jun., Craigend Dean-lane, Kilmarnock. Deposit system.

CRESTED and Crestbred 1907 hens, from my winners, 7/6 upwards; latest success, 2nd Wimborne, 3rd Caterham; see my last week's advertisement for Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires.—Cox, "Crestlea," Upper Earl's-rd., Southampton.

MONSTER green crested cock, large head, round to end of beak, can win, £3, cheap; double green hen, wonderful head, immense crest, £4, worth £10 to a Crest breeder; further particulars if desired.—Address, 18, Merton-rd., Norwich.

G. PENNINGTON has some high-class Crests, Crest-breds, for sale; large, heavily feathered, healthy birds, of the best blood, no little rubbish; my own breeding, from 20/- to £5 pair; approval; deposit.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some grand Crests and Crestbreds to part with, the kind that need no puff. Give me a trial and be convinced; prices right, approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

BARGAINS, two Crested cocks, 5/6 each; four green Crest-bred hens, 6/- each; six clear Crested hens, 6/6 each, all 1907 birds, cold-room bred; approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited.—Freemason's Aviaries, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

LANCASHIRE coppy cock, suitable Crest breeding, 20/-; also Buff marked Crestbred hen, 1906, 30/-; several first-cross coppy cocks and hens, Crests and Plainheads, Buffs and Greens, 1907 birds, grand stock birds from 15/- each, on approval.—T. Baldwin, Thornaby-on-Tees.

HALF price to clear; clear body, dark crest hen, 7/6; even marked ditto, 10/-; light Crest hen, 8/6; variegated C.B. hen, 10/-; ditto cock, 10/-; wing-marked cock, 8/6; Lancashire cock, 8/6; King's and Tope's direct; useful exchange; approval.—Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

IMMENSE bargains. W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Two grand dark crested cocks, fit to win, 50/-, 60/- each; two immense Crest-bred cocks, 25/-, 30/- each, fit to win; grand buff Plainhead Norwich, 20/-, fit to win; state requirements; stamp reply.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.—Breeder and exhibitor, winner 1st special, two thirds, Plymouth, 1st Cheltenham, two 1st, medal, two seconds, three thirds, Barnstaple, third Nottingham; can spare a few stock pairs from £5; Crest-bred cocks, from £2; approval; stamp.

J. and J. SYMONS, 2, Melbourne-ter., Liskeard, Cornwall, the well-known firm of champion Crest-breeders exhibitors and sellers, have had a successful season, and some clinkers to dispose of, have a grand lot for stock from 15/- upwards; can be seen any time, or approval; stamp reply.

GREEN crested hen, 2nd Birmingham, nest feather, 45/-; green crestbred cock, 2nd same show, 35/-; two green crested cocks, bred from double crests, 20/- each; buff dark crest uneven marked cock, 30/-; all bred from my winners.—Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

GRAND pair of Crest hens, double crestbred, £2; good crested cock, 15/-; three prize Lancashires, two cocks and hen, £2 15s.; the three; four pairs Norwich Plainheads, 12/6 pair; two prize cocks, 12/- each, all thorough good stuff; no rubbish, £8 lot; approval willingly; cash or deposit.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton, Essex.

BARGAINS through Illness.—1907 large feathery Crests and Crest-breds, high-class, prize-bred, best strains; 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; guaranteed worth double; will breed winners; single birds cheap; no better in England at double my prices; week's approval, cash or deposit; easy payments taken.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

MASSIVE variegated dark crest cock, beauty, 10/6; heavy feathered green crest hen, 7/6; variegated ditto, 5/6; yellow variegated crest-bred cock, gem, 9/6; massive buff ditto, 10/6; clear yellow crest-bred hen, beauty, 9/-; variegated buff ditto, 7/6, all grand stock birds, Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HEAVILY-FEATHERED Crests and Crestbreds; all cold room bred, and of the highest quality; no rubbish kept; hens from 5/-; cocks, 7/6; matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; grand lot of Crested hens at prices to suit all; few exhibition specimens to spare, reasonable; highest satisfaction guaranteed to new as well as old customers; approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

BARGAINS, to clear: I have the following to dispose of cheap, related to my winner, Hucknall, Nottingham, Notts, and Hyson Green, at the latter show I was awarded five 1st, two 2nd, one 3rd, with ten entries; large bodied dark crest hen, with massive green crest-bred cock, £2 pair, yellow dark cock, winner, perfect crest, £3; Jonque crest-bred cock, grand head, 30/-; useful feathery crest cock 12/6; few crest-bred cocks from 20/-; approval stamp.—J. Cowpertwait, 22, Edwin-st., Nottingham.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class crests, crest-breds, Barnett's and Joyce's strain; monster, even marked, dark crest cock, 15/-; monster clear crest cock, perfect crest, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered, even marked dark crest cock, 12/6; monster clear crest hen, gem, 15/-; monster feathery variegated dark crest hen, 14/-; ditto, grand crest, 12/6; monster variegated crest-bred cock, £1; clear ditto, monster, 15/-; massive feathery, variegated ditto, beauty, 13/6; monster variegated crest-bred hen, 17/6; massive, feathery ditto, grand head, 12/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

C. ROBERTS.

Large matched pairs of my champion Crests, from 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; single birds from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

WILLIAM BOWYER,

Gladstone-st., Leek, has the whole of his stock for sale, including his recent winners Rochdale, Wolverhampton, Leek, Hanley, Sheffield, Nottingham, amongst them, yellow Crest-bred 1907, probably the best seen out this season, only those willing to give fair price need apply; inspection invited; good, useful stock birds from 10/- each; approval.

NEVER BEFORE

have I been open to give such value in Crests and Crestbreds as at the present time. You cannot judge by the price; it is only by having same on approval and comparing them with anything you have ever had before at the same or a similar price. Please state requirements, or send for full list. You will have the selection from an immense collection, and prices to suit the pockets of all.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

SILK'S FAMOUS CRESTS.

Some choice birds for disposal, fit for keenest competition; many noted birds bred and sold by me last year; one of the finest strains obtainable. Mr. Silk, of Sharrow, Ripon, York, says: "I herewith enclose P.O. with pleasure. I shall use my best efforts to secure you as many orders amongst my friends and brother fanciers as I possibly can." Mr. Dymond, Cardiff: "I received birds all right, and am pleased with them. Enclose cheque for same, and hope to do further business." Mr. Roper, of Ipswich: "Received bird quite safely; am well pleased with all of them, and all well. Satisfied with this our first transaction." Show birds from 30/- to £4; stock pairs from 30/- to £5; approval.

A. E. SILK, WHITSTABLE.

Dutch Frills.

HIGH-CLASS Dutch Frills; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

DUTCH Frills; wanted, a good pair.—Wm. Wingard, Clyullivon Park, Carnarvon.

Greens.

FOUR 1907 Green Norwich cocks, good type, healthy; approval, 10/- each.—Bamstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

THOROUGH removal grand lot prize Yorkshire and Norwich greens; all appliances, also clears.—Greengrass, 118, Alwyn-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Baldwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, buff cock, 4th Newcastle, hc, Manchester, 35/-, others 7/6 to 15/-; approval.—T. Carlile, 137, Rake lane, Liscard, Cheshire.

GREEN cock and cinnamon marked hen (Norwich)—bargain, 10/6; green Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; cash or deposit.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

ONE Green cock Canary, two Yellow hens, and three pair unflighted part-fed; must clear owing to removal; first postal order for 26/- gets them.—8, Hawk-ley, Skegby, Notts

Lancashires.

COPPY and Plainhead hens, also Coppy cocks 12/6 and 15/- each.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

WILL give 10/- for two 1907 yellow Lancashire hens; deposit.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

PURE prize-bred Lancashires from 10/6 each; see free illustrated price list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

JAS. LAW, 76, Mereficld-st., Rochdale, has few pairs 1907 Lancashires to dispose of, related to my winners at Crystal Palace, Burnley, Rochdale, etc.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires from Garnett's Naden's and Green's strains, grand exhibition birds, price from 45/-; must be cleared; cash or deposit.—Smith, High-st., Ware.

FIVE Lancashires, three Coppy cocks, one Plainhead cock, one Plainhead hen, four show cages and travelling basket to hold same, 50/- lot.—G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Lizards.

LIZARDS for exhibition, large stock; illustrated copyright list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ON sale, high-class Lizards and Lancashires; prices reasonable; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rusheroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

A FEW high-class Lizards for sale, related to my Manchester and Nottingham winners; see reports; stamp reply; approval.—Lawton, 4, Sumner-st., Glossop, Manchester.

Norwich.

GOOD Norwich cocks, from 5/- each.—Bull, Bootmaker, Forest Hill.

LARGE Norwich cocks, in song, 5/- each.—McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.

HIGH-CLASS stock birds for sale; approval.—Melrose, 76, Pilrig-st., Edinburgh.

NORWICH cocks from 6/-, hens, 3/-.—W., 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, London.

GOOD pairs, 7/6; singly, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; bargain.—88, Henley-rd., Ilford, Essex.

SIX unflighted Norwich cocks, 6/6 each; approval. E. W. Loader, 38, Bath-st., Abingdon.

GRAND lot Norwich, best strain, cheap to clear; exchange.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

LARGE cocks, 8/-, hens 6/-, Trengove's direct own breeding.—Grantham, Horsforth, Leeds.

BREEDER has a few pure bred cocks for sale, 6/- and 7/6.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

TWO splendid colour-fed Yellow Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval.—24, Jubilee-st., Luton, Beds.

COCKS, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.—Sharp, 6, Parker-st., Newark, Notts.

FOUR real good pairs of Norwich, cheap; room wanted.—D. Hunter, Hairdresser, Railway-st., York.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-; colour-fed.—Brown, 92, Watnall-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

THREE pairs healthy Norwich German Canaries, 6/6 pair.—J. Blackmore, 38, Bennett-st., Skipton, Yorks.

GOOD chubby Norwich, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; seen any time; approval.—Hunt, 31, Cotton-st., Poplar, London.

MATCHED pairs, Yellows and Buffs, 10/-, 15/- per pair; bred from winners; approval.—Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich (Sandiford), yellow and buff, 6/-; hens, 5/-; stamp.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Yellow cock and Buff variegated hen, typical coloured, 25/-; deposit.—Skinner, 57, High-st., Brechin.

YELLOW Norwich cock, winner 1st and 3rd, 12/6; cards sent; approval.—Rudman, 34, Danvers-rd., Tonbridge, Kent.

CHAMPION Norwich, have 30 pairs for disposal, cheap, to clear.—Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks from 6/6 to 7/6; hens, 3/-; matched pair, 9/-.—Mrs. Stibbing, 82, Devonshire-st., Norwich.

THIRTY large, typical Norwich buff, going cheap; room wanted; bargains.—Caudwell, 2, Mile End Place, Mile End-rd.

I HAVE some grand stock pairs; approval with pleasure; stamp.—Barnes, 3, Redland-st., Malpas-rd., Newport, Mon.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

GRAND type Norwich Yellow and Buffs; cocks from 6/6; hens from 3/6.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden, N.W.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, show or stock, 15/-; £1 pair; inspection invited.—Rorke, 50, Riugmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

LARGE yellow cock, from 1st prize Leicester and Cardiff, 18 months, 30/-; yellow hens, 12/6.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

GOOD Norwich for disposal, Trengove's and Booth's strains; state wants.—Hardcastle, Harley-rd., Sale, Manchester.

GOOD buff Nor. cock, 12/6; buff hen, 6/-; two pairs songsters, 16/- or 32/- lot.—Cox, 56, Glenarm-rd., Hackney, London.

W. G. EVANS. Nice 1907 Norwich cock and drawing-room cage, almost new, make nice present, 7/-.—167, Elgar-rd., Reading.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has a few pairs left, 12/6 pair; natural or fed; must be cleared; approval; stamp.—4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

FEW large typical Norwich to spare, reasonable approval with pleasure; state wants.—F. C. Agar, 157, Church-st., Whitby.

GRAND stock birds for sale, same as my winners; approval, stamp.—Moakes, Shoulder of Mutton-yard, South Normanton.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; pairs, 10/6; three pairs, specially matched, 30/-.—Richards, 16, Watery-lane, Birmingham.

WILLIAM DOGGRELL, Burnside, Forfar, has for disposal a few Norwich, bred from noted prize winning strain; prices reasonable.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock and buff hen, matched for breeding, 15/-.—6, Olive-square, Palm-st., New Basford, Nottingham.

SEVERAL good unflighted Norwich cocks, Yellows and Buffs, from 10/- to 20/-; approval.—Wm. Reid Plantation-rd., Sunderland.

NORWICH Canaries (single or matched pairs); also breeding cages, loose fronts, fittings.—3, Myrtle-rd., Boundary-rd., Walthamstow.

MARLOR Bros., Norwich; from their winning strain, 12/6, 15/- pairs; see show reports; deposit.—Clare-street, Denton, Manchester.

REALLY good pairs cold room Norwich, 12/6 and 15/- pair, prize strains; good tight hens, 4/6, 5/- and 6/6.—Towers, Stationer, Rugby.

WILL sacrifice some Champion Norwich cocks, 5/6 each, Goldfinch cock, 2/-; also cages.—Particulars, Skelton, Percy-rd., Southsea.

ABOUT 50, mostly bred from winners, cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6; or in one lot.—Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

W. N. MIDGLEY, Chesham House, Winslow, has few good Norwich for sale at reasonable prices; single birds from 10/-; pairs from 15/-.

BARGAIN, two clear buff colour-fed hens, 3/- each; deposit; other Norwich; stamp particulars.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

IDEAL Norwich buff cock, 1st, two special Faversham; cards sent; fit win Palace, 10/-; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

GIVING up the fancy; Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; match pairs and breeding cages, complete, 12/6.—W. Slaughter, 118, Kirkwood-rd., Peckham.

PURE strain, matched pairs from 8/6; cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; yellows or buffs; state requirements; stamp reply; approval.—Grand, Welshpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; if not satisfied money returned.—Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

THREE cock Norwich Plainheads, splendid colour and grand songsters, no rubbish; 6/- each.—Burton, 111, Granville-rd., Child's Hill, Cricklewood, N.W.

I HAVE some of the finest Norwich that have ever been seen on a show bench; must be cleared; price from 25/-; cash or deposit.—Smith, High-st., Ware.

THREE large clear Norwich buff cocks, 10/- each; two yellow hens, 10/- each; pair good Yorkshires, 10/-; approval.—Lingard, 10, Healeywood, Burnley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads for stock or song, single or pairs, cocks 6/- upwards; hens 3/- upwards.—Spooner, 68, Dairsie-rd., Welhall, Eltham.

A BARGAIN, one Norwich cock variegated, and four hens, one yellow, 9/-, first P.O. secures them; money wanted.—C., 2, St. George-terrace, Isleworth.

FEW large typical Norwich to spare; cocks, 10/- to 15/- each; hens, 5/- to 10/- each; approval with pleasure.—Barnes, Factory-row, Billington, Whalley.

GIVING up; some grand flighted and unflighted Norwich, winners and bred from winners, 7/6 upwards; approval.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

NORWICH, sacrifice, giving up, few 1906 show strain cocks, 7/-, 8/-; pair clears, 10/6; approval; colour-fed.—Shirtcliffe, Shirebrook-rd., Heeley, Sheffield.

MISS STOREY has the best Norwich Canaries at low prices; send postcard for new illustrated price list.—Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

NORWICH Plainheads, clean moulted, cold room reared, three pair 6/6; two cocks, 5/- each; or exchange house linen.—Frost, 30, City-rd., Lakenham, Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich, same as my winners, Peterborough, Leek, Coventry, Leamington, etc., cocks from 7/6; pairs from 10/6.—Gilbert, Craven-st., Coventry.

GOOD Norwich hen, double breeding cage (new), cost 7/6; also single-, all accessories, lot 8/6; exchange good cock Canary.—Brown, 43, Harvey-rd., Camberwell.

WINNERS, evenly marked yellow Norwich hen, £2; ticked buff cock, 30/-; clear buff hen, 25/-; bargain; stamp reply.—Lloyd, Pott-st., Pendlebury, near Manchester.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, the best obtainable for stock and exhibition, from 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

MUST clear, aviary and 18 Norwich Canaries, cold-bred, breeding cages, etc.; will take 5 guineas; offers, or divide.—D. Leman, 125, East Dulwich-grove, S.E.

GRAND young Norwich cocks, guaranteed full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6 each; week's approval; deposit.—Elliott, Hairdresser, Ashby-rd., Loughborough.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich show or stock, some from Green, own breeding, from 15/- pair, cold-room; approval, stamp.—Sidgwick Aviary Cottage, Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

TYPICAL Norwich, size, quality, from noted strains, yellows, buffs, both sexes, 1907 birds, from 10/- upwards, approval. Stamp, Fernie, Woodview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

CHAMPION Norwich: I have a few good birds for disposal, show or stock; see winnings Peckham, Greenwich, Bromley, Hastings, Eastbourne.—Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each; clears or variegated; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred. Heathcote, 55, Havelock-st., Leicester.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet Street, E.C.

MR. BROWN, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield, has two pair of grand Norwich for sale, ticked buff cock, yellow hen, 25/-; clear yellow cock, buff hen, 25/-; approval; deposit.

NORWICH cock, faultless show specimen, won 1st special Ospringe, 7/6; ditto, 1st Ospringe, 2nd Canterbury, 5/-; can win pounds! approval (cards sent).—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

C. ROBERTS champion Blackpool Norwich, noted for size, type, and quality; reasonable prices; show birds from 30/-; stock birds from 12/6, all on approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

160 LARGE, unflighted Norwich, from winners, perfect condition, type and quality, many fit for show, cocks from 10/6; inspection invited; approval; deposit.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

TWO clear Yellow hens, Sib. bred, big birds, one 1906 and 1907, 5/- each, 9/6 two; non-fed; clear Buff Roller hen, 1906, bred good Mules, big bird, 3/-.—Walmrow, 30, Lupton-st., London, N.W.

NORWICH cock, two hens, house-moulted cock Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch hen Hedge-sparrows had two nests, eggs, 11/-.—N. C. Connell, 69, Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

J. NEEDHAM, champion Norwich for sale, good show and stock birds, single or pairs, single birds from 10/-, pairs from 15/-; three days' approval.—Myrtle House, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

NORWICH, still supplying matched pairs, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- upwards; travelling cage 3d extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

J. TRENGOVE, 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn. High class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.

ONE chance in a lifetime to breeders; five Foul Green cocks, four Yellow cocks, six Yellow hens, one Buff cock, two Buff hens; bred from my noted winners; stamp reply.—T. Boyle, 1, Milton-st., Hull-rd., York.

THREE cocks, broken Cinnamon, two broken greens, 7/6 each; green hen, 3/6; 1907, two 1906 cocks, yellow Cinnamon, broken green, 6/6 each, healthy.—J. Branch, 24, Greenman-lane, West Ealing.

NORWICH, grand stock birds 1907 (Mr. Baker's strain direct), cocks, 7/6 to 25/-; state requirements; approval and particulars on receipt of address; few cheap for songsters.—Porter, Fulwood-rd., Ranmoor, Sheffield.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; bred from exhibition birds, cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich; some good birds to spare reasonable; few on small side, but lovely type and quality, from 8/6 to 15/- each; see latest winnings Hastings, etc.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

TWO high-class Norwich variegated hens, 1906 and 1907, to part with, Bishop and Vardy strains, typical birds; seven days' approval; money returned if not satisfied, 10/- each.—76, Sherwood-st., Annesley Woodhouse, Notts.

EXCELLENT Yellow marked Norwich cock, 1907 bird, can win, 20/-; Buff cock, a right good sort (1907), winner, 18/6; both perfect health and condition and worth double.—Jas. F. Robinson, Heathwaite, Windermere.

W. R. NUTT has for disposal 14 pairs Norwich Canaries related to his winners at Ashover, Darley Dale, Matlock, Nottingham, etc.; price to clear 15/- per pair (all unflighted birds).—Note the address, High-st., Clay Cross.

EVENLY marked strain, two clear buff cocks and hen, 10/-, 8/-, 5/-; pairs matched for breeding from 10/6; unflighted; exchange four-pointed yellow hen; no callers; approval.—Robert Stirling, 67, Woodbury-st., Tooting, S.W.

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare some exceptionally good yellow and buff cocks and hens, 1906 and 1907 bred, related to his well-known Crystal Palace and other winners; a few very fine stock birds.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A. JONES has a few good Buff Norwich cocks and hens to spare, short feather, good carriage, Eckersley's strain; approval; wanted, a good Yellow cock; stamp reply; prices reasonable.—Primrose Cottages, Billesley-lane, King's Heath, Birmingham.

UNFLIGHTED marked Yellow cock, 15/-, vhc Bedford, same strain as winner, 1st Peterborough; clear Yellow cock, 10/-; marked Buff cock, 4th Bedford, 10/-; clear Buff cocks, 7/6; Yellow and Buff hens, 5/- each.—Osborn, 167, Bower-st., Bedford.

NORWICH Plainhead; a bargain; unflighted clear Buff cock, 17/6; two clear Buff hens, 10/6 each (Heaton's strain); two 1906 clear Buff, two clear Yellows, three Yellow marked hens, 8/6 each (Irons's strain); approval.—Lockwood, 2, Percy-st., Fartown, Huddersfield.

BUFF ticked Norwich cock, vhc Crew, yellow hen, variegated cock; cock Linnet and Greenfinch; one double one single breeders; best cash offers, or exchange mandoline or watch and chain; approval.—7, Fulton-villas, Boundary-road, Wood Green, London. Instrument sent first.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, large, healthy and prize-bred cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; no rubbish offered; few exhibition specimens left, 15/- upwards; enquiries invited; approval as usual.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

BREEDERS, you wont be had if you send to me; I have some grand fed Norwich, 1907 birds, fit for exhibition; pairs, properly matched, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; odd cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs; approval deposit; no dealers.—E. Henry, Grocer's Assistant, 52, Edinburgh-rd., Norwich.

Mr. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Norwich Canaries, in yellow, buff and greens, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, upwards; sent carriage paid; seven days approval; travelling cage 3d. — Freemason Aviaries, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London

FIFTY Norwich on sale, cheap; Yellows and Buffs, cocks and hens, colour-fed, 5/- to 30/-; approval, deposit; with 10 Norwich at Oldham last week I won four firsts, three seconds, third, and fourth; all for sale.—Thomas Young, Provision Merchant, 6, 7, and 8, Market-avenue, Oldham.

GRAND high-class Norwich, Plainheads, direct from breeder, guaranteed healthy and typical specimens, can win, £1 upwards, properly matched, breeding pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; grand hens, 4/-, 6/- 8/-, 10/- upwards; all honest value, approval.—W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich.

LOOK here. I am offering you some grand Norwich; large, round, cubby birds in fine condition; Buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6; Buff hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, and 7/6; Yellow cocks, 7/6 and 12/6; you try one, and if not satisfied money returned; you can't trade on better terms.—Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

BARGAINS, must sell: colour-fed Yellow Norwich cock, Buff hen, matched breeding pair, 25/-; hen cost 30/- this year; good breeder; similar pair, Bishop's strain, 12/6, worth 30/-, commended at Dulwich; another pair, 10/6, cheap at 20/-; few young cocks, singing, 6/6; hens, 3/6; all related my 1st Palace, 1st Hastings this month; any on approval.—Martin, Tailor, Queen's-crescent, Haverstock Hill.

EXHIBITORS, the following cold-room bred Norwich for sale: Clear 1906 Yellow cock and unflighted wing-marked Buff hen, 4th in class of 17 at Swansea, £1; unflighted eye ticked Yellow cock, 15/-; unflighted clear Buff cock, 10/-; unflighted clear Buff hen, 10/-; neck ticked Yellow hen, 10/-; unflighted clear Yellow hen, vhc Welsh National, 17/6; unflighted clear Yellow hen, 10/-; unflighted clear Yellow cock, 7/6; unflighted clear Yellow hen, 7/6; all bred from J. C. Barnes' famous strain; must sell, being overstocked; all colour-fed and fit for show; can be seen any time.—Jones and Evans, Slip Aviaries, Pentrepoeth, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire.

TO breeders requiring infusion of new and high-class blood into their stock, have now the opportunity of obtaining it by writing me per return; I have the following to part with: a nice, compact clear buff cock, bought direct from Midgley, full of colour and quality, 21/-; a very grand deep rich clear buff cock, Sandiford's, has also bred some grand youngsters, 25/-; another clear buff, grand head, splendid feather, and correct type, 21/-; a heavily-variegated buff, bought direct from Beardall, 21/-; I am parting from these solely from want of time to give to them; they are in pink of condition and perfectly healthy; also a few year-old hens, buffs and yellows, and a few promising unflighted.—Cannon, Hemel Hempstead.

CHAMPION NORWICH,
few good ones for sale, bred from winners, pairs, £1; odd birds, 10/.—Wade, 7, Turkey-st., Accrington.

T. H. DENT,
16, Langton-st., Preston, has a few good ones for sale, same as my winners, Newcastle, Sheffield, Warrington, Blackpool, Bolton, etc.; approval; stamp reply.

SIZE, WITH QUALITY AND SHAPE.
Mr. Hulse has extra large and good quality Norwich for disposal, including yellow cock, vhc, Leicester, 25/-; buff cock, vhc, Great Harwood, 15/-; specially yellow hens; approval.—73, Chatsworth-st., Leicester.

J. EVANS.
breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads, cocks, 5/0, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/0, upwards; hens, 3/-, 3/0, 4/0, 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; travelling cages, 3d. extra, seven days' approval; deposit.—19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

CHAMPION NORWICH.
Mr. Geo. Harland has some grand unflighted birds for disposal, all his own breeding, and related to this season's winners (see reports); pairs properly matched, to breed winners from 25/- to 60/- pair; approval, stamp; no odd hens.—63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

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Bred from my noted winners, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/0 upwards, hens 2/6, 3/-, 4/- upwards; a few show birds to clear, cheap from 15/- upwards, also good crests, state wants; approval, cash or deposit; dealers supplied.—Daynes, Hotpressers' Arms, St. Miles, Norwich.

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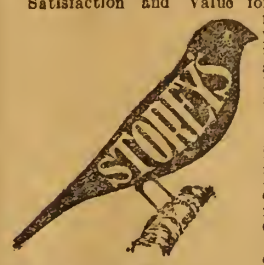
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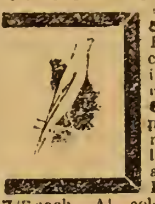
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Arrivals last week: 1 Indian Sun Bird, 1 Great billed Parrot, 1 blue-streaked Lorry, 6 Crown Pigeons, 4 Penants, 16 Redrumps, 3, long-tailed, glossy Starlings, 1 Indian Chough, 32 Zebrafinches, 6 yellow Budgerigars, 9 green Budgerigars, 100 all green Parrakeets, 3 large Rhesus Monkeys, 9 mixed Congo Monkeys.

Budgerigars living outdoors, 6/- pair; yellow Budgerigars, 10/6; Madagascar or grey-headed Love, 3/-; White Javas, 8/6; Cutthroats, 2/-; Silverbills, 3/-; Combassous, in colour, 4/6; Waxbills, 3/-; Weavers, 3/-; Firefinches, 4/6; Blackheads, 2/6; Whitebellies, 3/6; Red Avadavats, 3/6; Zebra Finches, 4/6; Cape Waxbills, 5/6; Spice, 2/6; Bearded Tits, 20/6, all genuine pairs; beautiful Indian all green Parrakeet, 5/6; Giant Barbet, 40/6; Redrumps, 20/6 pair.

Superb Tanagers, very good, 20/6; some medium, 10/6; Scarlets, 14/6; Violets, 20/6 pair; these are only sent at buyers' risk. Redcrested Cardinals, 5/- each; Pekin Nightingales, 2/6 each; White Javas, 8/6 pair; Crimson Cock Bishops, 5/6 each; Singing Finches, 5/6 each.

Six pairs Madagascar Lovebirds for 12/6; 12 Indian all-green Parrakeets for 30/6; Cutthroats, 10/-6 dozen.

Selection I.—2 Fire, 2 Whitebellies, 2 Avadavats, 1 Saffron, 2 Silverbill, 2 Combassous, 1 Whydah, for 12/6.

Selection II.—2 Blackheads, 2 Spice, 2 Weavers, 2 Waxbills, 2 Cutthroats, 2 Javas, for 9/6.

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WANTED.

WANTED, hen Mules.—Santon, 4, Blossom-st., Norton-folgate, E.C.

WANTED, large Norwich and Cinnamons, any number.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, cash for 12 young healthy Border Fancy hens.—Pearson, Hairdresser, Maryport.

WANTED, singing Canaries; exchange twice housemoulted Cock Linnet.—Battenbo, 42, Oxford Street, Aberdare.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets; give Canaries, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits.—71, Park Road, Liverpool.

WANTED, cock yellow-rumped grey singing Finch (Serin Anglolensis).—Miss Wait, 12, Rosary-gardens, London, S.W.

WANTED, a good dulcimer; give some cash and cage birds.—Apply, F. Collins, 112, Pinner Road, Bushey, Herts.

WANTED, British cocks; exchange Black Minorca 1906 cockerel (Webster's); offers.—Hampden, 63, College-rd., Norwich.

WANTED, Canaries, fowls, or pigeons; exchange British birds and cages from 1/- each.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries, send particulars, will deposit, stamp for reply.—Thomas, Amblerthorn, Halifax.

WANTED few good secondhand Border, Yorkshire and Norwich show cages for cash.—Forsyth, 31, Gray-st., Workington

WANTED, Red Rosellas, Plumheads, Yellow Budgerigars, White Javas—approval deposit.—George Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd, Doncaster

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc.; also Canaries; state your price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, good back brake, Howden preferred; also pump; will give singing Canary exchange; offers.—Dear, Coastguard, Hythe, Kent.

WANTED, large Norwich, Yorkshire and Crested hens; state lowest price for cash.—W. Speller, 66, Philip's-rd., Rye-lane, Peckham, London.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange high-class Jacobins, Homers, Tipplers, Irish terrier pup.—J. Staniforth, 40, Chelmsford-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

"A" BUYERS note. Wanted for export, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., cash; all letters answered.—Ralfs, 71, Globe Road, Norwich.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Redpolls and all kinds of birds, for cash.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED weekly supply Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins, Canaries, Mules, Parrots, up till March.—Baker, Herbert-street, Bedminster.

WANTED, good exhibition Linnet; exchange block action rook rifle, 22 bore; approval both ways.—Charlie, 32, Biarca Street, Bootle, Liverpool.

WANTED Norwich Canaries; exchange child's push-chair, nearly new, cost 15/6.—Particulars, Mrs. Coppock, 11, Pinfold-st., New Bilton, Rugby.

EDISON gem phonograph and records, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin; exchange, good suit, lengths cloth.—Davies, Tailor, Frankwell, Shrewsbury.

WANTED, good Roller, in exchange for pair 1906 typical Norwich, or sell 12/6; no rubbish.—Apply, H. Lovett, 2, Cross-lane, Radcliffe, Manchester.

WANTED, Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc.; state your price, I will forward cash immediately.—Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED clear or ticked yellow, 1907 Yorkshire cock; exchange Buff Orpington Pullets; approval; no cards.—Huxford, Waterloo House, Lyme Regis.

WANTED up-to-date Clapnets, everything complete, about 10 yards 6 feet wide; approval; no rubbish.—Matson, 2, Westmorland-place, Harrogate.

WANTED, choice Foreign birds or Canaries; exchange pedigree young black Leghorn fowls, laying; sell 5/- each.—Geary, Dentist, Station-rd., Erdington.

WANTED, large Yellow Norwich hen, cold room, or 2 cock Goldfinches for Buff muling Cock Canary; approval.—Richard Peacock, South End, Northallerton.

LARGE Siberian Goldfinch, Siberian Siskin and Mealie Redpoll cocks, house moulted, able to win and on approval.—A. McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

WANTED, hen Canaries; exchange steady housemoulted, colour-fed cock Bramblefinch and Greenfinch; on approval.—J. Holker, 12, Marsden-st., Westhoughton.

WANTED offers of large Crests and Crest-breds in exchange for high-class Yorkshires, Bailey and Ogden Bros.' strain, or sell reasonable.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.

WANTED, in exchange for ½ camera and accessories, pair of Yorkshires, and pair of Norwich Plainheads, or sell 30/-.—Holland, 29, Rosa-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

WANTED good pair Cinnamons, also green Yorkshires; exchange two pairs and three odd hens, Yorkshires, Amblers, and little cash for good birds.—F. Radford, Ashton, Bristol.

WANTED, Canaries, cloth, records, wall papers, give cash and splendid gas warming stoves; also kitchen firegrate; suit builder, workshop, summerhouse.—60, St. Peters Road, Leicester.

WANTED offers in Canaries, or cash, for Edison Standard Phonograph, 65 records, record case, 30-inch brass horn, floor stand; exchange to value £5. 33, Topham-st., Oldfield-lane, Wortley, Leeds.

WANTED, Linnets, Siskins, Bullfinches, Hawfinches, Larks, Goldfinches, almost every British, from catchers, weekly supplies; state prices; prompt cash.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, talking machine and records, or offers, exchange first-class treadle sewing machine, with cover, appliances, complete, cost £6 10/-; reliable worker: sell, £3.—Walters, 377, Portobello-rd., Notting Hill.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, '07 birds, Goldfinch or Linnet and Canary Mules; exchange three black Dutch Doe Rabbits, three young and two does in young (Hardy's prize strain); on approval.—S. Barber, Burringham, Doncaster.

SEVERAL dozen 10 inch Zonophone and Columbia records, good condition, 1/1 each; say whether bands songs, comic or sentimental, or instrumental solos required; carriage paid on one dozen or over; too cheap for approval.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

A 1907 Buff Crest Bred Hen of highest quality; will give in exchange Yellow Crest Bred Cock or Yellow Dark Crest from my noted Yellow, or Buff Crest, or Crest Bred; a few of above for sale; approval both ways.—Smithurst, 120, Low Moor Road, East Kirby, Notts.

WANTED, singing Cock Canaries or Mules; will give in exchange for one singing Cock Canary or Mule or 3 hens, ½ dozen best Sheffield dessert knives, warranted, double short steel blades, with square ivorine handles, or half-dozen nickel silver dessert forks, very heavily plated; approval, S. Capsey, the Bird Exchange, Scotland Street, Sheffield.

PARRY BROS.,

Station-rd. Aviaries, Llanelly, wants all kinds British and Foreign birds; also Canaries, any quantity; cash sent immediately; letters answered.

WANTED.

I will give 20/- a dozen for good coloured cock Goldfinches; also wants Bullfinches, Siskins, Hawfinches, Linnets, etc.; best cash prices given; cash sent before birds, or first post after; large or small quantities taken.—Dennerley, Central Aviaries, George-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

NATURAL HISTORY.

TAXIDERMY. High-class work at low prices.—Kendrick, Practical Taxidermist, Cook-st., Coventry.

CLEAN, fresh sea and shore birds, in the flesh, for stuffing; list 1d.—Clarke, Naturalist, Scarborough.

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BEAUTIFUL tropical butterflies for ornamental purposes, etc.—Lists, Ford, Entomologist, Southbourne, Bournemouth.

BIRD and Animal Preserving and Mounting, Fish Preserving and Casting, Skin Dressing, Illustrated, 5/-.—Messrs. Davis, Museum, Dartford

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

ALBINO Ring Doves, pure white, pink eyes; offers; exchange.—Glover, North Morgan-st., Canton, Cardiff.

BARN OWL, show cage, twice out, open, second and third, 12/6; exchange anything.—Veale, Moor, Falmouth.

HAND-REARED Lark, exchange big clear Yellow Norwich hen; approval.—Telfer, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

TWO cock Goldies, both bred Mules, 7/- each; exchange Canaries or air-gun.—Withington, 2, Springhill, Longton, Staff.

LARGE twice house-moulted cock Thrush, with show cage; exchange clap-nets or Goldfinches.—Duncan, Glebe-st., Inverness.

EXCHANGE four healthy Greenfinches, Canary hatched and reared, for Roller Canaries.—Roy, 27, Grange-rd., Gillingham, Kent.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch Mule, sell 30/-; exchange three cocks and six Norwich hens; offers.—Goodey, 128, North-st., Halstead, Essex.

GRAND Cock Chaffinch hen Bramble, twice housemoulted, 6/-; exchange Canary or Bullfinch hens.—Dainty, 43, Union Street, Lye.

RAVEN, very handsome bird, quite tame, runs in house, feeds from hand, 20/-, with cage, or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

THREE hand-reared Woodpigeons, and one Jay, will exchange Canaries or Mules.—W. Aldridge, The Broad, Elmbridge, near Droitwich.

EXCHANGE nice cock Linnet Mule and 2/6 cash, for exhibition cock Goldfinch; send bird first.—G. Mitchell, 40 Broad-st., Alloa, N.B.

TWO exhibition large cock Yellowhammers, nearly Yellow, aviary-moulted; exchange cock Canary.—J. Simons, High-st., North, Dunstable.

GOOD twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, very steady, 7/6; approval; exchange good Norwich hens.—Jarvis, 118, London-rd., Grays, Essex.

EXCHANGE four pink-breasted Redpolls, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch cocks, for two Norwich hens; offers.—Lawrence, Chestnut-rd., Horley.

EXHIBITORS. Cock Bramblefinch, cock Redpoll, both winners, colour-fed, with show cages, 5/6 each, 10/- lot.—Beattie, 16, Wilton-crescent, Hawick.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch bred Mules, cage-moulted, sell 15/-, or exchange two Black Leghorn pullets.—H. Coleman, 41, Albion-st., Mile End, Portsmouth.

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule, house-moulted, cock bird, Linnet notes, for exhibition Linnet; approval both ways.—E. Probinson, 13, Deepdale-st., Preston.

TWO hand-reared cock Thrushes, one hand-reared cock brown Linnet, and hen Canary, 6/-, or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire cock.—Draper, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

NOTICE to exhibitors. Three hot-fed cock Bramblefinches, cage-moulted and colour-fed, 4/- each; exchange for cock Siskins.—Fairey, Ferndale House, Wood-st., Kettering.

CHANCE Mule breeders; hen Chaffinch, hatched under Canaries; exchange for Yellow Norwich cock Canaries, singing; what offers? approval.—Milton, 26, Love-st., Paisley.

EXHIBITION cocks, Chaffinch, Tree Pipit, Linnet-Mule, 5/- each; pair Reed Buntings, 5/-; all moulted; exchange Hawfinch; approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

JAY, fine healthy 1906 hand-reared cock, good talker, sell 10/-, or exchange pair of Canaries; no rubbish wanted or offered.—Richard Perry, Barnett-lane, Kingswinford, Staffs.

THREE house-moulted cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; also other cocks, 1/9; hens, 1/-, or 2/6 pair, well on seed, for sale, or exchange Canaries.—F. Sycamore, The Chase, Blackheath, Colchester.

WILL exchange house-moulted Cock Bramblefinch and 1907 Hawfinch caged from nest for exhibit on house-moulted Goldfinch or sell; no rubbish wanted.—Nicholson, 69, Sutherland Street, York.

GOOD Jonque cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, 1907, 12/6; grand deep Yellow Yorkshire cock, from my winners, 12/6; exchange good rifle, small bore; approval.—Parkinson, Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted Russian Goldfinch, father six Mules, 10/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; house-moulted Linnet, 2/6; for pedigree Yorkshire Terrier pup; approval both ways.—Joseph Rawson, 53, Broomhill, Wombwell.

WHAT offers in large Goldfinches, for three Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, one Bullfinch, all cocks, house-moulted, steady, in good feather, four hen Canaries, feeders; sell, 15/-.—J. Sault, 10, Graig-rd., Ynyshir, Pontypridd.

CINNAMON Goldfinch Mule, 10/-; Cinnamon hen, 4/6; Yellow and Buff Yorkshire hens, 5/-, 7/6 each; two Buff Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; Buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6; all on approval; stamp reply.—R. T. Hansom and Son, Urlay Nook Farm, R.S.O., Yorkshire.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EIGHT Roller hens, exchange anything useful.—Higgins, North-rd., Brighton.

TWO cocks, five hen Canaries, 20/-; part exchange.—Dwight Vale, Chesham, Bucks.

HOBBIE'S ¼-plate stand camera; exchange 1907 Canaries.—Pitt, Newsagent, Uxbridge.

PAIR Yorkshires, Bailey's, cost 30/-; exchange pair Crests.—Pinnell, Bright-st., Swindon.

PAIR winning Lancashires; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires.—Barlow, 69, Robinson-st., Burnley.

WILL give Cinnamon for records (new), or sell.—Write Thos. Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester

EXCHANGE 2 pair Canaries for fowls, anything useful.—J. C., 71, Grove Road, Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE pair of Canaries for toy Pom. bitch; or offers.—Smith, 90, Fontbill Road, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE Crested cock and Crestbred hen, or sell 20/-.—McNae, 104, Cardross-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

PAIR of Canaries, 10/-; exchange British birds, or anything useful.—Edgar 129, Fonthill-rd., Finsbury Park.

A FEW good pairs of Yorkshires; what offers in exchange, anything useful.—Mr. Chase, 7, Volunteer-st., Chester.

GRAND pair of Yorkshire Canaries, 10/6; exchange lady's silver watch.—F. Dean, 5, Edensor-rd., Keighley, Yorks.

COCK and three hen Canaries and cage, 9/- lot, or exchange, cat or kitten preferred.—Harvey, Faith-st., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries for two cock Goldfinches; anything useful.—Skuse, 28, Fothergills-rd., New Tredegar.

THREE pair Norwich Canaries; exchange exhibition British Hardbills; sell £2; offers.—Watson, 15, John-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE two pairs good Yorkshires, for exhibition Goldfinch or Hawfinch; approval.—A. Sears, 37, Parker-st., Watford.

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THE SHOWS.

DERBY.

The Derby Cage Bird Club celebrated its "Jubilee" Show on November 26 and 27, under C.B.U. Rules. The exhibition took place in the Athenæum Rooms, which are nicely lighted, spacious, absolutely free from draughts, and centrally situated; entries totalled 600, in the 50 classes open and 17 Members' provided. The schedule issued was a rattling good one, with prize money guaranteed, and no amalgamation. Norwich Plainheads made a magnificent display, and left in one's mind something to be remembered for many a day to come. What gems, to be sure, are the clear yellow staged by Mr. A. Hirst, the clear buff, owned by Mr. J. F. Bishop, the unflighted yellow shown in such grand trim by Mr. J. E. Davies, and the yellow hen, the property of Mr. W. R. Nutt; other exhibits were shown by Messrs. Stubbs, Drakeley, Beardall and Walker, Eckersley, Fox, Wootton, Hall and Waters. Crest and Crestbreds provided a capital assortment the most impressive perhaps being the Green Crest shown by Mr. Geo. Colledge, and a grand unflighted buff heavy-marked Dark Crest, staged by the Rev. Lawton Platt (of Derby). The latter, with another year on its back, should make its presence felt wherever shown. The Yorkshires pleased one greatly. Outstanding birds were the clear buff, the property of Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the tkd. buff, shown by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, and the buff hen owned by Mr. J. Wilcock, a trio of "clinkers." Yorkshire and Norwich Greens were fairly well represented. In the Cinnamons Messrs. Dornier and Godley, fought their battles over once again, and auswered for most of the spoil. Mules supplied several crosses of a very meritorious order. There is no disputing the character of the Redpoll Bullie, owned by Mr. R. Colton. British captivated many fanciers present, and were without doubt a superb collection. Special for best Brit. went to Mr. H. W. Axe, with his noted Thrush. Sandiford's special went the way of Mr. J. Pegg; gold medal for best 1907 grizzle crest and silver challenge cup for best 1907 yell. crest were captured by Mr. G. Colledge (his third successive win, this latter now becomes his own property).

The Mayoress of Derby (wife of Coun. A. Simpson, J.P.), officiated at the opening ceremony, her speech being pretty and very appropriate. She was supported by Lady Roe, wife of Sir Thos. Roe, M.P., Councillor Jos. Hill (President) proved most courteous, and with the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Eley, and Mr. J. H. Drakeley, as "understudy," help things along in an admirable manner; hon. treas., Mr. T. B. Evans and hon. auditors, Messrs. J. C. Barnes and W. Stevens, with the Committee of Management consisting of a band of well-known practical fanciers in Messrs. W. Astle, A. Dolman, W. C. Harrison, W. Featherstone, E. Holmes, T. W. Evans, T. Martin, F. Price, J. Shaw, W. Stevens and J. Watts, officiated in the most capable fashion, and each is worthy of the highest praise. The hon. sec. is Mr. W. H. Bamsey, who was assisted by Mr. T. Ratcliff. Both are well up in the work an open show entails, capital managers, and courteous and obliging, nothing being too much for them to do. The success of the venture certainly reflects the highest credit on friend Bamsey, and his adjutant. The able stewards were Messrs. B. Skermer, J. Pegg, W. Harrison, J. Drakeley, J. Shaw, B. Handford, G. Bousfield, and Rev. Lawton Platt. The judges were Messrs. Bexson, Roe and Robson. The staging of the exhibits was neatness itself, with plenty of room between each row of birds, and the show was nicely decorated with ferns, palms, etc. The management throughout was excellent, and catalogues were on sale in good time.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Hirst, bouncer, lovely colour, capital quality, rare head, neck, and chest, in the pink; 2, Bishop, shade better colour, well up in substance, rattling quality, a clinker, close up; 3, Davies, ablaze with colour, soft silky texture of feather, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; vhc, Nutt, nice shape; hc, Hill, rare quality. BUFF (11): 1, Bishop, very massive in build, slashing quality and colour, lovely shape, delightfully mealed, clean cut, a stormer; 2, Drakeley, full of colour, with feather shining like silk, grand head and neck, not so deep in chest quite; 3, Stubbs, smooth as glass, model for type, excels in colour and frosting, if a little larger, would be a hard nut to crack; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Wragg; c, Davies. TK. YELL (6): 1, 3, Beardall and Walker, couple of gems, former tick neck, very thick-set, rare substance and colour, feathered to perfection; 3, marked right wing and head, teeming with colour and quality, not a giant certainly, but a good 3rd; 2, Davies, var., massive in frame, magnificent shape, full of colour, splendid feather, one of the best we have seen this season; vhc, Stubbs, thigh tick, all type; hc, Pegg; c, Rathbone, bit open in feather. TK. BUFF (15):1, hc, Beardall and Walker, former saddle marked, fine substance, rare bold fronted bird, perfect back and wings; 2, Wootton, marked head, better in colour than winner, capital feather and type, not so large, yet a grand one all over; 3, Fox, marked left wing and head, smooth as glass, model for type, not one of the biggest, but one of the very best; vhc, Eckersley, capital feather and shape; c, Hall. YELL. HEN (15): 1, hc, Nutt, cl., wonderful size for a hen, rattling colour and quality, thick-set, rare wing carriage, clean cut; 2, Wootton, cl., very similar to 1st, little between them, well staged; 3, Beardall and Walker, cl., very cobby, beautiful colour and quality, capital head, neck and chest; vhc, Davies, marked left wing and head, jaunty and of excellent shape, good one; c, Eckersley, grand shape, short of feather in neck, tells against it. BUFF HEN (14): 1, Beardall and Walker, cl., delightful shape, full of quality, nice colour and frosting, fine substance; 2, Nutt, cl., lovely feather, grand shaped body, not quite so good in head character; 3, Fox, best colour in class, very shapely, feathered like a Java, not so massive as above, yet all there; vhc, Stubbs, marked neck, unfli., A1 quality, rare type; hc, Paling; c, Hall. UNFLI. YELL (13): 1, Davies, marked wing, red hot, teems with quality, round as a ball, perfect wings and tail, a stunner; 2, Hirst, cl., fine substance and colour, capital head, neck and chest, beaten a shade in closeness of feather, yet a most promising youngster; 3, vhc, Hall, thigh tick, slashing colour, grand feather, model for type, not quite so large, yet sweet all over; vhc, very shapely, nice size, perhaps bit long in legs; hc, Hemmings; c, Eckersley. UNFLI. BUFF (15): 1, Beardall and Walker, marked head and grizzled root of tail, well known and often described, looking in fine fettle, a topper; 2, 3, Davies, couple of beauties, former, cl., cobby, A1 feather and colour, all front, well across perch; 3, ticked neck, ablaze with colour, model for type, tips of flights broken somewhat, which no doubt held it back; vhc, Bishop, cl., A1 quality, good shape; hc, Waters, cl., wonderful shape, delightfully frosted, many thought might have gone up a shade; c, Eckersley. CREST YELL. (7): 1, 2, Colledge, couple of clinkers, winner green, good substance, rich feather, crest round as a rim, leafy, delightful droop and centre; 2, marked wings and tail, D.C., rare size and shape, with beautiful radiated crest, fine droop, centre rightly placed, close up; 3, King, marked wings, and tail, D.C., shapely, good size, capital quality, crest nice shape, not so dense as above, neat droop and centre; vhc, Stevens, marked wing, D.C., lovely quality, crest very neatly made; hc, Thomas; c, Smith. BUFF DK. (9): 1, c, Colledge, almost green D.C., wonderful substance, A1 quality, crest large and densely packed, lovely droop and centre, a charmer; 2, 3, Rev. Joyce, heavy mkd. D.C., rare leafy feather, grand size and shape, crest large, round as a hoop, beautiful droop, must have pressed; 3, heavy var., D.C., again of lovely feather, crest hardly so large, but of fine shape and droop; vhc, Brown, marked wings, D.C., massive in build, crest large, but trifle thin, nice droop and centre; hc, King. CRESTBRED (12): 1, hc, Colledge, buff, marked wing and eyes, a giant, rattling feather, nice shape, grand rise and width of skull, lashed to perfection, a topper; 2, Eley, yell., mkd. wing and head, rare quality, very shapely, fine size, rattling skull and lash; 3, Woolley, buff, lightly var., good quality and shape, nice skull, well browed; c, King. CREST (1907) (9): 1, Rev. Lawton Platt, buff, heavy marked D.C., magnificent quality, lovely shaped crest, large and drooped to perfection, centre in the centre, a knock-out; 2, Colledge, buff, marked wings, D.C., splendid leafy feather, good in substance, crest round as a rim, fine droop and centre, close up; 3, Brown, almost green, magnificent feather, good size, crest, fine shape and of good droop; vhc, Willis, buff, cl. body D.C., veiny feather, not over large, but nice; hc, Pearce; c, Woolley. C.B. (1907) (7): 1, King, buff, lightly var., rattling feather and substance, wonderful skull of great width, lashed to perfection; 2, Evans Bros., buff, marked left wing, a giant, rare feather, great in skull character, well browed, close on heels of winner; 3, Goode, yell., heavy marked, A1 quality, shapely, excellent size, good skull and lash; vhc, c, Brown, both of good size and quality; hc, Pearce. YORKS. CL. YELL. (15): Good class; 1, Bailey and Swanger, wonderful length, feathered like wax, well on leg; 2, c, Ambler Bros., deeper in colour, A1 feather, well up in position, just beaten in length, and length only; 3, Foster, straight as a gun-barrel, well on leg, good length; vhc, Wilcock, stands beautifully, A1 quality; hc, Shackleton, slim and of lovely outline. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Shackleton, couple of eye-openers, winner lovely colour, straight as a pencil, perfect hack and flights, long-sided, in the pink; 2, equal in all points except quality, where it is beaten just slightly; 3, Bailey and Swanger, true Yorkie, well feathered and of grand colour, stands like a guardsman; vbc, Hirst, bc, Wilcock; c, Williams. TKD. YELL. (16): 1, Ogden Bros., thigh tick, delightful colour, beautifully clothed, very lengthy and well on leg, well shown; 2, Sunderland, ticked neck, full of nerve, rattling length and stand, grandly filled back, close on winner; 3, Hirst, cinn., marked wings and eyes, teeming with quality, long and slim, stands delightfully; vhc, Shackleton, very stylish; hc, Wilcock, marked wings and eye, lengthy and good stand; c, Bailey and Swanger, thigh tick, feathered like box, straight up lengthy, might have gone up a shade. TKD. BUFF (11): 1, Bailey and Swanger, thigh tick, lovely colour and shape, very lengthy, grand back and flights, one of the best; 2, Shackleton, ticked neck, very shooty, full of quality, nice colour and meal; again, one of the best; 3, Ambler Bros., ticked neck, capital position and feather, good flights and tail, shade shorter; vhc, hc, Wilcock; c, Ogden Bros., rather down in condition. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Bailey and Swanger, cl., lovely type, very lengthy, a charmer, well shown; 2, Wilcock, cl., rare length and position, shade patchy in colour and between shoulders, but a wonderful damsel; 3, Ogden Bros., cl., lengthy and grand outline, stands beautifully; vhc, c, Shackleton; hc, Foster. BUFF HEN (13): 1, 2, Wilcock, both cl., fine long drawn specimens, straight as rushes, well on legs, put down in the pink, either could have won; 3, Shackleton, cl., good quality and stand, lengthy, nice colour and meal, in pen about beak; vhc, Bailey and Swanger, grizzled left wing, capital feather, lengthy, pulls a little thin in neck, when handled, tells against her; hc, Ogden Bros., grand all through some thought might have been higher up; c, Ambler Bros. GREENS, YELL (17): Rare class; 1, Fielder, great length, delightful colour, stands finely; 2, Deacon, full of quality, nice depth of colour, good position and length; 3, Clayton, rare colour and feather, well up, good length, not far behind; vhc, Vernon, rare position, nice colour; hc, Hughes; c, Gill and Pickup. BUFF (19): 1, vhc, Clayton, couple of gems, winner marvellous length and quality, grand colour and type, long sided and well on leg; 2, Doughty, rattling feather, good colour and length, stands well up; 3, Vernon, very shapely, and of excellent quality, good in colour; hc, Benson; c, Drinkwater. YELL. HEN (25): Rare lot; 1, Rowlands, delightful colour, stands like a rush, well on leg, only catalogued at £2, no doubt would find a claimant; 2, Handley, slim and upstanding, full of colour and well feathered, lengthy; 3, vhc, Carswell, A1 quality, grand colour, fine back, flights and tail; hc, Folland; c, Martin. BUFF HEN (18): 1, Rowlands, wonderful length, feathered to perfection, rattling position, grand back and wing carriage, again a bargain at £2; 2, Carswell, good colour and feather, lengthy and of nice outline, good legs, close up; 3, Benson, full of quality and colour, nice length and stand; vhc, Gill and Pickup; hc, Thompson; c, Jennings. NORWICH GREEN YELL. (14): 1, vhc, Riding, winner bouncer, grand depth of colour, rare feather, beautiful type, well carried flights and tail; 2, hc, Deacon, former capital shape, A1 quality and colour; 3, Doughty, typical and good substance, well across perch; c, Ryno. BUFF (13): 1, Ryno, clinker, wonderful shape, delightful quality and colour, grand wings and tail, clean cut; 2, 3, Deacon, couple of beauties, former very shapely, excelling in quality and colour, just beaten in head points only; 3, A1 quality good depth of colour; vhc, Moss, stylish and of good shape; hc, Walker. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Deacon, magnificent feather and depth of colour, capital type and size, clean cut; 2, Sunderland, fine shape and quality, nice size and colour, well over perch; 3, Walker, well up in size, A1 colour and carriage, not so tight in feather as above; vhc, Ryno, stylish, good feather, nice colour and shape; hc, Isaac; c, Hadwin. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Deacon, grand shape and substance, capital quality and colour, all front, clean cut, bouny damsel; 2, Ryno, well clothed, A1 colour and shape, close on heels of winner; 3, Harrison, full of quality and colour, nice type and size; hc, Hadwin; c, Moss. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, hc, Godley, three "good 'uns," winner red-hot, grand shape and substance, rattling head, neck and chest, 2nd equal in all respects except colour; 3, Yates, beautiful quality, nice depth of colour, well polished; vhc, Dormer, beaten a little in feather. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, grand trio, all of capital feather, fine tone of colour, delightfully burnished, winner largest and lightest; vhc, Dormer, good in colour and feather, shapely, nice substance; hc, Yates. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, 3, Godley, three beauties, winner grand shaped yell., shining like satin, wonderful tone of colour; vhc, hc, Dormer, both shapely and of excellent colour; c, Yates, nice shape and size, A1 quality, behind in colour somewhat. HEN (7): 1, Dormer, yell., lovely colour, well burnished, fine shape and substance; 2, c, Riding, yell., grand shape and size, A1 feather, just beaten in tightness; 3, vbc, hc, Godley, yel. 3rd, well up in size, good feather, nice shape. LIZARD GOLD (8): 1, 3, hc, Hampshire, broken caps, former lovely ground colour, well up in size, capital rowing, clear, and distinct, 3rd, good in size and shape, nice colour and neat work; 2, c, Fisher, cl., 2nd very close on heels of winner, about equal; vhc, Nuttall. SIL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Hampshire, trio of very taking specimens, all cl. caps, winner best colour, and most profusely rowed; vhc, hc, Fisher, broken caps, former perhaps is shade better in rowing; c, Nuttall. A.O.VAR. (6): 1, Pegg, yell., 4-pointed Nor., good shape and feather, hot colour, nicely balanced markings; 2, 3, Smith, cl., buff Scotch Fancy, A1 quality, fair size, capital shoulders, 3rd ticked yell. Belgian, well up in size, full of nerve, gets into position quickly; vhc, Andrew, cl. yell. Border, pretty as paint; 3, 4, Lowe, buff Coppy and yell. Plainhead, both gems, too late for judging, hard lines.

Mules, British and Foreign.

MULES DK. (17): Rare lot; 1, Goode, Lin.-Can., beautiful colour, fine shape and size, shows parentage distinctly, in rare form; 2, vhc, Buxton, Lin.-Can., hardly the size of winner, yet close up, good in colour; 3, Cooper and Son, Gold.-Can., well up in size, very shapely, good face, nicely staged; bc, Harrison; c, Booth. A.O.V. (7): 1, Henshaw, Red poll-Can., good size and shape, nice colour, well shown; 2, Colton, Sis-Can., very pretty, capital colour, good size and shape; 3, Andrew, Greenie-Can., shapely, well up in size, grand feather; vhc, Swift; hc c, Dale. HYB. (7): 1, Colton, rattling Redpoll-Bullie, fine colour, size and shape, in the pink; 2, 3, Ward, Lin.-Bull., and Redpoll-Bull., former well up in size, shows cross distinctly, in full bloom, latter not so large as winner, yet very pleasing specimen; vhc, Tonks, Gold-Bull., in good order, nice size and feather; hc, Freir, Gold-Greenie, nice exhibit; c, Slater, Gold-Lin., neat all over. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Williams and Morgan, well up in size, capital cut blaze of grand colour, A1 bars and buttons, a gem; 2, Hurst, very close on the heels of winner, will beat more than beats it; 3, Pawlett, rare size and shape, good wing bars, nice buttons, hardly so rich in blaze; vhc, Axe, well known, not looking quite so well to-day; hc, Jackson; c, Hexter. BULLIE (6): 1, Harrison, not a feather misplaced, grand shape, rare cap, well polished, A1 breast colour; 2, Hurst, good size and shape, nice cap, not quite so good in breast colour, still close up; 3, Chick, similar to 2nd, very little separates them; vhc, Ashhury; hc, Wragg. LINNET (9): 1, Axe, well known, one of the best out, wonderful colour, polished to perfection, pencilled delightfully; 2, Hurst, another grand one, just beaten in colour, only; 3, Walsh, capital colour and markings, nice size and shape; vhc, Henshaw, well staged; hc, Sparkes; c, Schofield. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Howe, magnificent Greenie, wonderful size, lovely colour, shining like satin; 2, Caunt, pretty Twite, capital shape and size, rattling colour and markings; 3, Reynolds, Redpoll, good in colour and feather, nice size and shape, in the pink; vhc, Henshaw, another beautiful Greenie; hc, Tonks; c, Barton. A.O.V. (11): 1, vhc, Axe, his well known Yellowbunting leading, just about the best out; vhc, equally well known Hawfinch, looking grand; 2, Chick, Hawfinch, recent Nottingham purchase, we believe, a topper; 3, Goode, slashing Bramble, delightful colour and size, profusely ticked; hc, Shaw; c, Sparkes. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Axe, noted Thrush, often described; 2, Chick, magnificent Wheatear, one of the best we have seen; 3, vhc, hc, Walsh, grand Treecreeper, choice Gold-crested Wren and capital Wryneck, in the order named, all in rattling form; c, Underwood. FOR. LARGE (5): 1, Howe, Chattering Lory, in best possible form; 2, Colton, Crimson wing, in perfect feather; 3, Baxby, Red Rosellas, in nice condition; vhc, Rainsford; hc, Burrows. SMALL (8): 1, Colton, pair Parrot Finches, in rare bloom; 2, 3, Howe, Diamond Finch, and Violet-Eared Waxbill, grandly shown; vhc, hc, Caunt, fine specimens; c, Hexter. SELL (15/-) (6): 1, Yates; 2, Wortley; 3, Hayes; vhc, Fox; hc, Thomas; c, Ball. SELL (30/-) (11): 1, Hayes; 2, Young; 3, Goode; vhc, hc, Cayless; c, Woolhouse. GIFT (6): 1, Drakeley; 2, Hill; 3, Bamsey; vhc, hc, Roe; c, Hodgkinson.

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CITY OF BRADFORD.

The 27th Grand Annual Exhibition of the above society took place on Saturday, November 23rd, in the Feversham Street Council School, Leeds Road, Bradford. A splendid schedule had been issued, comprising 34 classes, every possible variation of the Yorkshire fancy (except evenly marked) being provided for, along with three open Norwich classes, two British Bird, and one for Mules and Hybrids, and the usual eight novice classes. A grand total of 616 entries, from 198 exhibitors, giving an average of 18 per class, can be considered by the committee of management as a very gratifying response. The room is a good one for a show, nicely lighted, an dfree from draught, and very lofty, but with such an entry, and a rare influx of visitors, it was taxed to its utmost capacity. The able secretary, Mr. P. Stansfield, seems to revel in hard work—without doubt he had plenty of it—and got through it in fine style. He was backed up in a first-rate manner by Messrs. Fortman, the popular president, Clarkson, Hartley and Wharton, vice-presidents, Ludbrook, treasurer, Rhodes, the enthusiastic assistant secretary, and Horsfield, Simonette, Hammond, Byard, Gill, Pollitt, and Denison, as committee. Mr. J. Greaves was the official judge, as arranged by the Yorkshire Union, and in view of the large classification for a one day show, Mr. J. S. Clarkson was engaged to assist, by judging the British, Selling, Norwich, etc. The awards of both gentlemen met with general approval. In the open classes some keen competition was witnessed, and the principal winners of points specials were Messrs. Shackleton, Bailey and Swanger, Wilcock, Cooper, Denton, Hartley, Gill and Pickup, Mitchell and Cowgill. In the British, etc., section, Messrs. Duncan and Cowgill ran a tight race for premier honours, Mr. Duncan only just getting home by one point. In the Novice Classes, as usual, the entry was stupendous, and some splendid specimens were on view, those put down by Messrs. Lodge, Frankland, Chippendale, Shaw Bros., and Holmes being grand, and did great credit to their owners.

Mr. Greaves's Classes.

CL. YELL YKS. (19): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand type and quality, fair colour, splendid position, stands on a clever pair of legs; 2, Ambler, good colour, typical, racy, neat quality and nice style; 3, Cruise, slim, grand shape and quality, stands well, slightly soiled; 4, c, Shackleton, not quite so long, very neat type, grand quality, fine position; vhc, Wilcock; bc, Lingley. BUFF (15): 1, 2, spl, Shackleton, lovely quality, shape and style, grand position and colour, smooth as glass; 2nd, another good one, but perhaps not quite as fine drawn; 3, Wadsworth, hot colour, grand type and quality, beautifully mealed, looked well; 4, Drake, great length, nice shape and quality, hardly as stylish; vhc, hc, Dyson; c, Lawford. TIC. YELL. (17): 1, c, Bailey and Swanger, lovely shape, grand quality, hot colour and good position; 2, Dyson, nice length, grand quality and shape, very neat and stylish; 3, vhc, Cruise, lengthy, grand shape, quality and position, nice style; 4, Shackleton, big long-sided bird, rich colour and quality, grand type; hc, Walsh. BUFF (17): 1, 3, spl, Wilcock, lengthy, grand shape and quality, fine position; 3rd, grand colour and quality, shapely and stylish, very clean front; 2, c, Shackleton, splendid type, lovely quality and fine position; 4, hc, Halliday, saddle marked, plenty of length, grand quality and shape, good position; vhc, Bailey and Swanger. UNEVEN MKD. (13): 1, spl, Wilcock, yellow of grand length, lovely quality and style, wins Hyde's special, a gem; 2, Gill and Pickup, good quality, nice shape and stylish, another yellow; 3, Rawnshy, buff, grand type, extra quality and colour, looks well; 4, Walton, yell., nice shape and quality, fair wing carriage; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Murgatroyd and Son. HEAVY MKD. (19): 1, spl, Stubbs, big bird, strong built, nice quality, good position, patchy in colour, same considered lucky to win; 2, Millburn, slim, grand type, quality and style, lovely colour, a yellow; 3, Armstrong, buff, splendid type and quality, stylish in fine form; 4, Sykes, nice length and quality, good shape and style; vhc, Gill and Pickup; hc, Smith; c, Ormonroyd. UNFLI. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Bray and Charlesworth, lovely type and style, stands well, feathered to perfection; 2, Stebbings, lengthy, nicely-drawn bird, of fine quality; 3, Elam, long, grand colour, quality and style, A1 back; 4, Wadsworth, not quite so long, but very neat and typical, lovely quality; vhc, Shackleton; c, Cundall; c, Stansfield BUFF (18): 1, Dyson, grand quality and shape, well up in position, stylish; 2, Whittaker, nice quality, shapely and good style; 3, 4, spl, Bray and Charlesworth, slim, fine-drawn bird, lovely quality, grand position, 4 splendid style and quality, neat; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Taylor; c, Wadsworth. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (19): 1, spl, Moremont, slim, neat shape, lovely quality and style, grand, leggy hird, trifle on small side; 2, Wilson, grand type and position, fine quality, shows a nice bit of breed; 3, Stebbings, nice size, good quality and fine position, not quite as fine-drawn as winners; 4, hc, Cruise, neat shape, grand quality, well up on legs; vhc, Shackleton; c, Walsh. BUFF HEN (19): 1, Walsh, grand shape, lovely quality and style, well up in position; 2, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, two grand ladies, neat shape, grand quality and style, 2 rather neater in wing and tail; 4 Halliday, grand length, quality, fine as silk, A1 type and position; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Moremont; c, Ambler. CIN. TIC., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Wilcock, grand type, lovely quality, well braced wings and tail, a beauty; 2, Ogden Bros., full of colour, wins Ramsden's special, excellent shape and quality; 3, hc, Cooper, slim, well-drawn out, nice quality and shape, good legs; 4, Lingley, neat type and quality, stands well up; vhc, Haigh and Son; c, Wharton. BUFF (14): 1, vhc, spl, Denton, lengthy, nice quality, grand shape and style; 2, Cooper, lovely colour and quality, nice type, very stylish; 3, Hirst, splendid position, grand shape and quality, close up; 4, Dobson, rather stronger, but grand quality and style; hc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Ogden Bros. YELL HEN (18): 1, spl, Taylor and Haigh, typical and of grand quality, nice colour, stylish and leggy; 2, Ambler, neat shape, lovely quality and colour, grand back; 3, Dobson, good shape and quality, A1 colour and style; 4, Hartley, fine position and quality, typical; vhc, Hirst; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (22): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, very lengthy, superfine quality, good shape and style; 2, Hartley, slim, neat shape, lovely quality, very stylish; 3, Mann, grand shape and quality, fine position; 4, vhc, Blakey, nice type, stylish, splendid quality; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Blackburn. SELF OR FOUL (7): 1, Helliwell, foul yell. green, grand type and position, nice colour, neat wing carriage; 2, Brotherton, self yell. Can., great length, brimful of colour, lovely quality and style; 3, 4, vhc, spl, Gill and Pickup, a set of three yellow greens, lovely type, quality and colour; hc, Pownall; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. VARIEG. HEN (25), a grand class: 1, spl, Gibbons, lengthy, grand type and position, lovely quality, brimful of colour; 2, Hartley, Cinn.,

not quite as long, neat type and style, grand quality, 3, Rawnsley, a very typical extra quality, well up in position; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett, nice length, good shape, neat wing carriage; vhc, Charlesworth; hc, Ludbrook; c, Newton.

Mr. J. S. Clarkson's Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, hc, spl, Mitchell, grand colour and quality, nice substance, shapely; 2, Wilcock, grand substance, full of colour and quality; 3, Cowgill, again grand shape and substance; excellent quality and colour; 4, Moorhouse, nice shape and quality; vhc, Naylor; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Wilcock, grand size and substance, lovely quality, beautifully frosted; 2, Moorhouse, nice quality and colour, good chest, shapely; 3, Croft, chubby, thick-set bird, nice quality and colour; 4, Normington, uneven mark, grand size and shape, fails just a little in quality; vhc, Wilkinson. HEN (9): 1, vhc, Thackray, tuft, grand, chubby type, plenty substance, quality and colour, trifle weak in head, perhaps; 2, 4, Cowgill, two very typical birds, lovely quality, nice substance, and colour; 3, c, Mitchell, yell., fair size, A1 quality, good shape; hc, Normington. SELF. YELL. YKS., £1 (29): 1, Edmondson; 2, Jagger and Ackroyd; 3, Munn; 4, Thornton; vhc, Young; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Rhodes. BUFF (£1) (24): 1, Thornton; 2, Lune; 3, Casey; 4, Walton; vhc, Smith; hc, Pollitt; c, T. Murgatroyd and Son. YELL. HEN (12/6) (16): 1, Simpson; 2, Brunsill; 3, Taylor; 4, Cundall; vhc, Stubbs; hc, Hargreavrs; c, Anen and Swaine. BUFF HEN (12/6) (16): 1, Holmes; 2, Ludbrook; 3, Mitchell; 4, Hargreaves; vhc, Denby; hc, Fitzpatrick; c, Walton. BRIT. SEED EATERS (13): 1, Inman, yellow Bunting, nice size and colour, very steady, in fair condition; 2, 3, 4, spl, Duncan, junr., 2nd Goldie, a topper, splendid cut blaze, rich colour, grand size and shape, good bars and buttons, must have pressed hard, 3rd hen Hawfinch, nice size, lovely feather, very steady, 4th Linnet, good size, beautifully pencilled, rich colour, steady; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Atkin; c, Edmondson. INSECTIV (5): 1, 4, vhc, spl, Mason, 1st Sandpiper, grand condition, very steady, quite an item of interest, 4th Starling, grand size, shines like satin; 2, Inman, Redstart, lovely colour, nice and steady, few feathers off somewhat spoils its appearance; 3, Duncan, junr., Missiethrush, grand size, in fine fettle, beautiful breast, trifle wild. HYBRID (12): 1, 4, vhc, spl, Cowgill, 1st dark Linnet-Canary, rich colour, neat shape, grandly pencilled, 4th Green-Canary, grand size and colour, steady, many thought could have won; 2, Edmondson, dark Goldie-Canary, rather on small side, plenty of colour, neat shape and fine length; 3, hc, Knight, lightly variegated Goldie-Canary, lovely quality, fair blaze; c, Mason.

Novice Classes.

NOVICE.—CL. OR TIC. YELL. YKS. (30): 1, Middlebrook, grand shape and length, lovely quality, colour and position; 2, 4, spl, Chippendale, lengthy, good shape and quality, nice position, 4th very breedy, extra shape, lovely quality and style; 3, Livesey, grand length and build, fine quality, nice wing carriage, close up; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Rhodes; c, Gill. BUFF (48) wonderful class): 1, spl, Lodge, great length, lovely type and quality, beautifully drawn, well braced, wings and tail, claimed at catalogue price, £4 4s.; 2, Fortnam, grand quality, very typical, splendid position, well-drawn out; 3, Leach, grand colour, splendid shape and position, A1 quality, Denholme and Thornton winner; 4, Bardaker, very lengthy, nice shape and style, fails only a little in quality; vhc, Coates; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Allen and Swaine. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (19): 1, spl, Pollitt, nice length, grand type and quality, fine position, good one; 2, Lodge, grand size and shapely, well up in position, lovely quality, neat wings, and tail, close up; 3, Greig and Pearson, splendid feather, A1 type, stands well, brimful of colour; 4, Frankland, nice shape and position, good length, fine quality, fails a little in wings; vhc, Pownall; hc, Jagger and Ackroyd; c, Holroyd. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Lodge, long, shapely bird of rich colour and quality, fine position, grand exhibit; 2, Shaw Bros., not quite so long, yet grand shape, quality and style, bit patchy in colour; 3, Townsend, grand quality, neat shape, good wings, well up; 4, Leach, typical, good feather and style; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Frankland; c, Holroyd Bros. YELL YKS. HEN (31): 1, spl, Denby, grand shape, neat drawn, lovely quality and style, beautifully carried wings, and neat tail; 2, Frankland, nice position and quality, real good, typical hen; 3, Shepherd, not so slim as winners, but grand quality, very level colour and excellent wing carriage; 4, Towns'nd, hot colour, lovely mooning, type and quality superb, very neat; vhc, Ingham; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Lodge. BUFF HEN (22): 1, spl, Bateman, very lengthy, splendid shape, position and quality, very creditable exhibit; 2, Allen and Swaine; tic. wing, very good shape and quality, stylish; 3, Horsfield, extra smart type and position, good quality; 4, Sleaford, neat in type, stylish, good feather; vhc, Ingham; hc, Drake and Son; c, Helewell. NORWICH CK. (17): 1, spl, Dobson, nice colour and quality, excellent size and shape, a yellow; 2, Jeffreys, buff, grand substance, rich quality and colour; 3, Sleaford, buff, grand shape, good chest, nice feather and colour; 4, Naylor, good type, excellent substance, grand quality and colour; vhc, hc, Holmes; c, Lloyd. HEN (12): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Holmes, yellow, grand quality, trifle pale colour, good size and shape, 3rd buff, good shape and quality, nice built rich colour; 2, Fortnam, magnificent substance, neat quality and colour, grand hen, very close up; 4, tail, lovely quality; hc, Mottram; c, Greenwood.

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The City of Perth held their annual show, Nov. 23rd. It proved a record for entries. Scotch Fancies opened the programme and brought together such a collection as has seldom been seen north of the Forth. All the various classes were well represented by outstanding specimens, in fact, all the birds in the money were good ones; grand substance, rare length and splendid showy birds, full of graceful action, and the majority staged to perfection. Scotch fanciers are now forging ahead in regard to staging, many of the birds being as clean as if hand-washed. In this section, the judges went for typical Scotch throughout, not lengthy feathered birds, but, birds well drawn and showing all the depth visible to the eye of the model Scotch, combined with length of side, shoulder and action. These classes were judged by Messrs. Strachan, Arbroath, and McLauchlan, Govan, and so carefully did they study the respective merits of each exhibit, that darkness had set in ere their task was over. Their awards, as could only be expected, were well received by a large gathering of fanciers. Nor. Crest and Crestbreds followed, and were fully represented by meritorious specimens. At this show, the working-man fancier was equal to his more fortunate moneyed brother. Limit classes were alloted to this section and the venture proved a great success. No doubt this will find favour in the programmes of large shows in the near future. These classes throughout were grand, individual specimens being difficult to select, competition being so keen. Many well-known firms were represented, doing battle again for premier honours. Mr. Adamson, Kilmarnock, gave his verdict on the above varieties, and his awards were universally received as correct. Norwich Plainheads were a little down in numbers, the reason being the absence of the patronage of the Scottish F.C., However, this did not affect the quality, which was extra good, such a collection of topping Plainheads seldom having been brought together at any show. Mr. Craig judged these varieties, and never was in better form; no complaints being heard. Borders, a new venture in this show, brought together a sweet collection of the pigmy of the Canary tribe, some real good ones being forward; the best in section was a Foul buff, a marvel for feather and type. This variety was judged by the veteran, Mr. Patterson. Brit. For. and Mules, were to be judged by Mr. Stark, of Dundee, but, unfortunately, from illness, he had to cancel his engagement at the last moment, but the Society were fortunate in securing the services of that old and well-tried judge, Mr. Langlands, of Montrose, and the task allotted to him, proved to be a heavy one. Mules were also forward in great numbers, and of every conceivable variety, the winner being a hotfed Jonque, four-pointed, lightly marked, grand face and bars. Darks were headed by a buff, fine size and large, deep expansive blaze, in very good order. Foreigners were a grand collection of tropical birds, the winning Whydah, being greatly admired, especially by the ladies. Foreign Goldfinches were headed by a bouncer for size, great blazed bird, deep and expansive, and grandly marked body. Mr. Langlands got through them in good time, and his awards were well received. The hall is an ideal one for a show, but unfortunately to-day, Perth did not uphold her reputation of the fair city, as a rather heavy fog overhung the town, and the light on some occasions was not exactly ideal for judging. The hall is very comfortable and clean Fanciers, in the future need have no fear of sending their most precious exhibits, as they will be under the care of a committee, composed of real material. Mr. Kerr makes an ideal secretary, conducting the show in a masterly fashion. He was ably assisted by his colleague, Mr. Duncan, along with a very enthusiastic committee, who did everything possible for the welfare of the exhibitors, and the success of the show, which it well deserved.

Mr. Adamson's Classes.

DARK CREST CK. (10): 1, Esson, winning somewhat easily, grand rounded top piece, fine leafy lengthy feather, very low lying, coming well down to end of back, plenty of body substance; 2, Shillinglaw, also good, very well centred crest, good length of feather, fails a shade at side, but well forward in front; 3, Cairns, rare length, well laid on; grand side, shorter a shade in front; 4, Henderson, also good very nicely centred top piece, nice length, shade soft at time of taking notes; 5, Young; 6, Anderson. HEN (7): 1, Forbes, grand shapely Nor., very fine top piece, plenty dense feather, rare back and centre, rather inclined to rise in feather, but extra dense, good one; 2, Cairns, grand in front, well down on sides, good leafy feather, not quite so dense as winner, again a little rise; 3, Whitton, another good frontal bird, fine length of feather, nicely groomed; 4, Watt; well groomed, not a feather out of place, in grand bloom, beaten on side only; 5, Shillinglaw; 6, Buchanan; 7, Tolmie. CRESTBRED CK. VAR. (8): 1, Young, green, a bouncer, grand body, fine finish, immense headed bird, great entrance on skull, magnificent lashing, well carried back, a good one, wins; 2, Cairns, var., fine cushion head, plenty of feather, nice wide entrance, well lashed, good length of feather; 3, Andrew, clear, grand substance, fine lashing, fails only in width of entrance; 4, M'Farlane, well lashed, nicely continued to back; 5, Anderson, 6, Kemp; 7, Laverock and Sammers. HEN (7): 1, Cairns, hot one, noble entrance, very pronounced, grand lashing, well carried on a large front, rare body, in grand bloom, a topper for a hen; 2, Young, another hot one for lashing, plenty feather, just a shade narrow on entrance, but very good otherwise; 3, Anderson, smaller on head, perhaps, but lovely cushion, a topper for quality, well placed; 4, Henderson, grand entrance, rare frontal, well put down; 5, Shillinglaw; 6, Watt; 7, Esson. CL. CREST (9): 1, 2, Bruce, 1, clear, nice one, very lengthy crest, well laid on, grand centre and finish, slightly broken on sides; 2, grizzle, little smaller in top pivot, but beautifully groomed, shade inclined to be horny at back, nice exhibit; 3, 4, Shillinglaw; 3, var. good length of feather, nice rounded, rather high, looking from skull; 4, var., well-centred, nicely groomed, rounded; 5, Matthew; 6, M'Naughton; 7, Reid. CREST (limit £4) (12): 1, Thomson, very nice headed one, grand well centred top piece; 2, Cairns, grand front, coming well down; 3, 4, Patterson, 3rd, good all round, nicely laid on crest; 4, well radiated; 5, Reid; 6, Whitton; 7, Forbes. CRESTBRED (limit £3) (9): 1, Patterson, nice head, fine width at entrance, well lashed; 2, 5, M'Call and Henderson, grandly lashed, carried well back; 3, Thomson, well lashed exhibit, plenty feather; 4 Esson, Cushion-headed, good properties; 6, M'Naughton; 7, Reid CREST (limit £1) (15): 1, Whitton, very nice shapely crest; 2, Findlay, well laid on top piece; 3, Camphell; 4, Miller and Eadie; 5, Thomson; 6, Moreland; 7, Miller. CRESTBRED (limit £1) (7): 1, Ovenstone, very nice entrance, good lash, grand substance; 2, Reid; well lashed; 3, M'Dougall; 4, Rae; 5, Gillies Bros.; 6, Thomson; 7, Jackson. UNFLI. CREST (13): 1, Reid, a gem, grand shapely crest, not a feather out of place, finely centred, rare droop on sides, comes well down in front, grand substance of body, in fine order, wins comfortably; 2, Patterson, another grand-headed bird, fine length of feather, well laid on, slightly twisted on one side; 3, Gray, well centred, just a shade thinner got up in feather, nice length on side and front; 4, Findlay, good one, plenty feather, fairly well lashed, a good class; 5, Moreland. 6, Campbell; 7, Watt. CRESTBRED (12): 1, Esson, clear, grand entrance, fine skull, a shade behind in lashing, perhaps, but good fronted bird; 2, Gray, very fair entrance, plenty width behind, a topper for lashing, grand body, staged to perfection, some preferred; 3, Davie, lovely cushion-headed bird, fine droop on side, neat entrance, grand body, in rare bloom; 4, M'Farlane, well up in substance, but beaten only in entrance and lash, a good all-round exhibit; 5, Miller; 6, Reid; 7, Duncan.

Mr. Craig's Classes.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL CK. (9): 1, M'Farlane, grandly rounded, fine full fronted bird, rare level wing carriage, good tone of colour, plenty substance for a yell., nice showy specimen in A1 bloom; 2, Forrest, tight as wax in feather, neat wing carriage, good colour throughout, fails only in head, fairly pronounced chest; 3, Chalmers, grand round head, tip top feather, nice quality and substance throughout, little longer behind, perhaps, than winner; 4, Miller and Eadie, large one, tight in feather, fails little in taper, but very well rounded in front; 5, Smeaton; 6, Dongall; 7, Lyall. BUFF (13): 1, M'Farlane, gem of the first water, great size, combined with substance, rare head, splendidly filled up all round, well moulded in body, best of carriage, staged to perfection, grand one, and no mistake; 2, Davidson, good shape, neat front, finely rounded on head, well tapered, of very showy, nice bloom and substance; 3, Bowman plenty of size, rare chest, fairly well filled up in front, good carriage, again in fine bloom; 4, Watson, slimmer, but very good feather, inclined to cross, but equal to win in any ordinary company, a grand class; 5, Chalmers; 6, Cameron; 7, Miller and Eadie. VAR. ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Chalmers, good all-round, fine substance, well filled up, neat round front, splendidly cleared out underneath, teeming with quality, grandly put down; 2, Wyllie, lovely feather, rare wing carriage, well filled in back, shapely, beaten only in taper, and position; 3, Kerr, shade open in front, but a topper for colour, nicely drawn and showy, 4, Bowman, rare body, round as possible, grand size, splendid wing carriage; 5, M'Farlane; 6, Malloch; 7, Smeaton. BUFF (13). 1, Adams, grand body, very shapely, well filled up, free from roughness, nicely drawn, grand feather, teeming with quality; 2, Forrest, if anything, little filled up in neck, again well rounded, good head, very neat wing carriage, put down in rare bloom, must have pressed; 3, Davidson, clinker for feather, just inclined to be long in side; 4, Grewar, nice body, good all round shape, fine feather, fails only in wing carriage; 5, Howie; 6, Moreland; 7, Wyllie. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (11): 1, Howie, grand body, wonderful colour and feather, a bouncer, great substance, large but very shapely, slight droop on tail, which spoils the appearance at times, still wins well; 2, 5, M'Farlane, lovely shape, grand feather and carriage, paler in colour, nice build; 3, Chalmers, very fine body, good carriage, free mover, very showy, little rough in feather compared to winners; 4, Watson, another gem for shape, plenty of deep colour, tip-top order, beaten in size only, a good class; 6, Forrest; 7, Miller and Eadie. BUFF (12): 1, 6, M'Farlane, a bouncer, grand size, splendidly got up, grandly tapered, underneath, free from roughness, put down in rare bloom; 2, Soutar, grandly feathered, longer in side, not quite so massive in front, but well built and typical; 3, Chalmers, again trifle on long side, very fair substance, grand feather; 4, Malloch, short and stout, well tronted, fails only in colour and wing carriage; 5, Smeaton; 7, Wyllie. VAR. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, Davidson, lovely made bird, fine full front, splendidly filled in neck, rare head, a beauty for wing carriage, teeming with quality; 2, Milne, shade longer, also well up in feather, not quite so massive in front, but well up in every other point; 3, Crosbie, another grand fronted bird, good colour, splendid head and neck, well balanced wings, grand trim; 4, Lyall, inclined to be narrow in head, perhaps, shade long, but a gem for colour and quality of feather; 5, Bishop; 6, Watson; 7, Chalmers. BUFF (10): 1, Howie, tip-top feather, in rare order, grand shape, very round, massive size, noble head, rare rounded back, splendid wing carriage, well cleaned out below, stylish; 2, Chalmers, plenty size, nice front, good carriago and neat head, fails only in quality of feather; 3, Milne; rather long in side, perhaps, but well rounded in front, grand quality of feather, 4, M'Farlane, good stamp, very showy, rather on the small side; 5, Porter; 6, Cameron. NON-FED CK. (13): 1, M'Farlane, yell., enormous size, chest on him like a pigeon's, splendidly rounded neck, well filled in, head A1, wing carriage extra good, quality of feather all that could be desired a gem of the first water; 2, Marr, again another gem, grand full made up bird, grand wing carriage, not quite so massive on chest as winner; 3, Howie, good quality buff, lovely feather and shape; 4, Bowman, grand feather, just inclined to be long, nice substance; 5, Porter; 6, Forrest; 7, Mitchell. HENS (12): 1, Marr, buff var., good all round shapely hen, fine quality of feather, good substance, nice hen, grand wing carriage; 2, Lyall, green, fine deep level colour throughout, grand pencilling, real good one, well up in size, in grand order; 3, Howie yell., very shapely, nice carriage, on the slim side; 4, Warden, nice all round var., buff, very fair size, good front, neat style, a nice class, but a long way behind the cocks; 5, Porter; 6, Crosbie; 7, M'Farlane. UNFLI. CKS. (25): 1, Davidson, good one, gem for size, regular blaze of colour, fine head, well filled in neck, good rounded front, inclined to cross wings at times, probably a little nervous; 2, Howie, another hot-fed gentleman, good all round exhibit; 3, Milne, buff, very fine feathered one, very fair depth of chest, a likely bird; 4, Howie, another good all round buff, fine quality throughout, well staged; 5, 6, M'Farlane; 7, Cameron. HENS (19): 1, 6, Howie, yell., grand colour, well filled up, very neat head, rare front, good short feathered one, neat carriage, and in A1 bloom, well put down; 2, 7, M'Farlane, also a yell., lovely shape, very stylish, good finished bird, well up in substance; 3, Lyall, yell., good shapely one, well rounded, fine head, grand back and wing carriage, shade rougher in feather, perhaps; 4, Davidson, hot fed, good quality, rather on the small side; 5, Smeaton. SELF. CK. (£1) (14): 1, Adams; 2, Bowman; 3, hc, Smith; 4, Marr; 5, Bolt; 6, Soutar; 7, Brannigan. HENS (£1) (13): 1, 5, Bowman; 2, Adams; 3, Milne; 4, Smith; 6, Warden; 7, Dougall.

Scotch Fancies.

SCOT. CL. ETC YELL CK. (9): 1, Low, good one, very cleverly got up, tight fitting feather, showy as possible, very free mover, gets to work early, shows grand top end, rare shoulders, wins well; 2, Clifford, thicker across, well up in top end good length of side, inclined to be slower, perhaps, stylish; 3, Black, nice all round shapely bird good substance and quality; 4, Henderson, plenty length and substance, just a trifle wide at ends, in fine order; 5, Bishop; 6, J. L. Smith; 7, McDougall. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Low, regular clinker, great style, always there, gets to work freely, pronounced drive, massive shoulders rare reach, grand depth across, real topper; 2, Bishop, good bird, well up on leg, grand frame, nice rounded top end, not quite so much drive; 3, Black, good one, fine substance, plenty length, nice and straight; 4, Curtis, neat all round exhibit, fine depth and free, showy specimen; 5, Anderson; 6, 7, Smith. YELL. PIED CK. (9): 1, Thoms, really good, very free, plenty of substance, hard up on leg, rare reach, finely filled up on shoulders, very stylish exhibit. 2, Merrilees, lengthy sided bird, good quality throughout, free driver, nice substance, shade slimmer, perhaps in build; 3, Shanks, good substance, beaten only on top end by winners; 4, Carmyllie, neat all round exhibit, free, very fair quality; 5, McDougall, 6, Ramsay; 7, Miller. BUFF (): 1, Carmyllie, good substance throughout, nicely balanced bird, lengthy side, well filled up, splendidly rounded, nice reach very free; 2, 3, Ramsay, again well up in substance, grand across, fails only in reach, and that but a little; 3, very nice one, fine style, good throughout, taking exhibit; 4, Niven, lengthy bird showy, very fair substance; 5, Shanks; 6 Smith. GREEN CK. (7): 1, Niven, grand one, plenty substance, grand size, deep across, well drawn, fine lengthy bird, nice reach, very free, lovely quality throughout; 2, Merrilees, close up for style, wonderful action, grand driver, and throws himself into his work, fails only in substance; 3, Fotheringham good one, stylish, fairly free, well filled up through out, good all-round specimen; 4, Merrilees, slower in action, but a very lengthy bird, grand quality; 5 Buchan; 6, Wilson and Campbell CL. ETC., YELL HEN (10): 1, Niven, rare substance, great depth across, massive shoulders, beautifully filled in, grand reach, full, free action, gem for a lady; 2, Carmyllie also good, nice action, plenty length, not quite so broad on front perhaps; 3, Merrilees, grand condition full of style, fine side, good drive, just a shade slim, 4, Mr. Smith, very stylish, good [illegible] 5, Keil; 6, Black; 7, Henderson. BUFF (9): 1, Ramsay, very stylish Queen, full of nerve, grand substance across, deep on side, rare back and shoulder, combined with graceful reach; 2, Niven better across if anything, very pronounced on shoulder, but does not get to position quite so freely; 3, Keil, rather on slim side, but showy, good top end, grand quality; 4, McGregor, very stylish, taking exhibit, just a shade smaller; 5, 6, Black; 7, Thoms. YELL. PIED HEN (11): 1, 6, Low, good style, plenty of stance, fine quality throughout, grand length of side, nice top end and reach, very free action; 2, Carmyllie, another gem when steadied, a topper for action, but does not remain long in position, grand length, rare driver, nice quality throughout, should make a good one; 3, Ramsay, lovely looking one, but soft at time of taking notes; 4, Black, could not find; 5, Niven; 7, J. L. Smith. BUFF (7): 1, Keil; 2, Low; 3, McGregor; 4, Auchterlowie; 5, M'Naughton; 6, Miller; 7, Sharp (we unfortunately overlooked this class when going round). GREEN HEN (5): 1, 2, Merrilees, nice stylish bird, grand substance throughout, good top end, graceful reach, grand quality, well put down, second another stylish exhibit, shade smaller perhaps, but A1 mover, fine length of side; 3, Bamman, grand driver, gets to work very freely, just lacks the depth of winners; 4, Gibson; 5, McGregor. SELL. CK £1 (9): 1, Keil; 2, McDougall; 3, Fotheringham; 4, Kenneth; 5, Gibson; 6, Strachan; 7, Steven. HENS, £1 (10): 1, Kenneth; 2, Miller; 3, Merriless; 4, Stewart; 5, Auchterlonie; 6, Cillies Bros.; 7, Strachan.

Mr. Paterson's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL. CK (10): 1, 6, Craig, grand body, lovely position, rare head and wing carriage, splendid mover, tip-top Border; 2, Bennet, in grand trim, fine front, rare head and neck, rather sharply cut underneath, but very stylish; 3, Miller, gem, rare body and shape, in grand bloom, had hurt its foot, being dead lame, or might have been higher; 4, Walker and Stirling, nice stamp, good leather, very stylish; 5, Aitken; 7, McWatt. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, in grand trim, beauty for feather, rather thin on neck perhaps, but rare body and wing carriage, well tapered, stylish; 2, 3, Craig, grand body, little heavy in movement, perhaps, very fair wing carriage and finish, 3 well rounded bird, sweet head, good front, fine style, little soft in feather; 4, Stevenson, grand feather, nice all-round shape; 5, Walker and Stirling; 6, Logie; 7, Miller. BUFF CK. (7): 1, McKenzie, in grand bloom, fine colour, very showy, nice fronted bird, well cleaned out below, good head; 2, Craig, shapely nice head, good wing carriage, beaten only in feather; 3, Christison, good stamp, nice style; 4, Brown nice shapely one, very fair finish; 5, Muir; 6, Kinninworth; 7, Gentleman. HEN (9): 1, Bennet, good one, grandly rounded, very sweet in head, fine level wing carriage nice tone of colour, teeming with quality, sweet exhibit; 2, Craig, nice size, good shape, just inclined to be flat on head, grand front, nice feather; 3, McKenzie, good looking, very soft at time of taking notes; 4, spl, T D. Smith, grandly feathered, good style and finish; 5, McWatt; 6, Christison; 7, Bramingan. EVEN MARK. (6): 1, J Brown, yell., 4-point, good one, lovely size, grand shape, very roundly made, nice wing marks, grandly balanced eyes; 2, McKenzie, 4-pointed buff, shapely bird, very tight in feather, nice eye markings, soiled little in feather, wants a wash; 3, spl, Walker and Stirling, typical yell., well balanced wings, shade light on eyes; 4, Craig, buff, fine type, fair all round markings; 5, Aitken; 6, Simpson. UNEVENS (12): 1, Mackenzie, 3-pointed buff, in splendid order, regular Guardsman stamp, fine front, rare wing carriage, beautifully tapered; 2, McWatt, good bodied yell., rather low set, but well tapered, fine head and neck, beaten only in finish; 3, J Brown, var. buff, shapely bird, good body, well drawn, nice feather; 4, Bennet, yell., slim got up, in good order; 5, Walker and Stirling; 6, Miller; 7, Campbell Bros. GREEN, ETC (5): 1, Bennet, green, solid colour throughout, fine shape, in grand feather, looks like the Galashiels winner; 2, Hislop, nice cinn., grand shape, good ground colour, lovely lacing correct size, a likely winner; 3, Summers, nice solid green, good markings, nice tone throughout, rare shape; 4, Barrie, green, long shape, well pencilled; 5, Aitken FOULS (8): 1, spl, Bennet, head marked buff, grandly filled in front, sweet head grand back and wing carriage, lovely pipe tail, splendid style, the best feathered Canary in show, a gem; 2, McKenzie, another tight feathered one, well drawn, stylish; 3, Miller, also a buff, again in grand feather, fine shape; 4, T. D Smith, nice stamp, good colour, very fine feather, fails only in head; 5, Aikenhead; 6, Craig; 7, Christison SELL., 10/- (13): 1, McWatt; 2 J Brown; 3, McKenzie; 4, Logie; 5, Craig; 6, Barrie; 7, Muir.

Mr. Langlands's Classes.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Fiddes, hot one, very dense blazed bird full and expansive, good nut-brown teemings, lovely cheeks, fine wing bars, well buttoned; 2, Reid nice Finch, very steady, good blaze, just a little thin in front, nice brown; 3,

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Thomson, lovely shape, stylish finch, sombre looking perhaps, not up in colour yet; 4, Dickie and Smith, splendid bloom, very shapely, dense blaze, well worth its place; 5, D. Brown; 6, Anderson; 7, Hynd. LIZARD FINCH (9): 1, 4, Fowler, gem, lovely size, in the tightest possible feather, large expanse of jet black cap, rare breast; 2, Gibson and 3, Hall, both nice headed Bullies, rare caps and wings, little deeper in breast than wingers, nice shaped, steady; 5, Cullen; 6, Watson; 7, McDonald. GREENFINCH, FED (12): 1, Goodfellow, not-fed one, fine size, good depth of colour throughout, good wing bars; 2, Bald, grand shape, well forward in colour, good wings, fine and full in front, grand head and style; 3, Crockatt, grand size, regular bull, shape well forward in colour; 4, Bollatt, again well up in size and colour, but inclined to be a little harsh looking in finish; 5, Connachan; 6, Brannigan; 7, Thomson. NON-FED (16): 1, Goodfellow, nice feathered one, close and tight fitting coat, lovely wing bars, good front, fair size; 2, 7, Bald, good body, nice tone of colour throughout, fails only in wing bars to win; 3, Mitchell, grand shape, rather smoky looking in ground colour, but fine head and size, good feather; 4, McCall and Henderson, nice colour, grand, nice front, very stylish, good order; 5, Robertson; 6, Parker. SISKIN (16): 1, Reid, nat. col., nice size, well marked, splendid cap, large well cut and nice bib, good colour, in rare order; 2, Barclay, not-fed, nice bib, grandly laced, not quite such a large cap, but very nicely toned down, fine size, grand order; 3, Arrighi, lovely bibbed bird, slimmer build than winner, good feather and finish; 4, Bishop, not-fed, nice bib and lacing, and grand bloom; 5, Skinner; 6, McFarlane; 7, Bald. LINNET (25): 1, Arrighi, easy win, large, and upstanding, enormous chest, grandly laced, lovely sheen on feather, greatly improved; 2, Edwards, slim compared to winner, light in ground colour, well laced on side, little open in centre; 3, [illegible] very [illegible] head, darker tone throughout; 4, Cooper, grand tone, lovely finish, splendid markings; 5, A. Brown, 6, Carstairs; 7, McInroy. VAR BRIT. (22): 1, 2, spl, Crockatt, 1, Waxwing, gem of its variety, rare size, splendid tone throughout, enormous crest, feathered like wax, a clear win; 3, Henery, nice Wagtail, fine size, in grand order, nicely fed; 3, Simpson, lovely Hawfinch, grand head, rare bib, splendid body colour, not quite as tight as nice; 4, 5, J. Brown, clinking Missel Thrush, grand size and colour, looking very fit, some preferred for second; 6, 7, Miller and Radie. LIGHT MULES (13): 1, 4, 5, McFarlane, hot-fed, 4-pointed and 6-pointed Goldies, dense colouring throughout, fine wings, nice flush faces and size, in lovely order; 2, 6, Cunningham, buff var. Linnet, strong made up bird, lightly marked, very unsteady, good exhibit; 3, Paton; var. yell., Siskin Mule, now coming into grand bloom, an interesting exhibit. DARK (16): 1, Grewar, nice sized buff Goldie, good deep blaze, grand size, nice wing bars; 2, Goodfellow, hot-fed jonque, nice flush face, good body colour underneath; 3, 6, M'Leod, grand Siskin Mule, fine size, well marked; 4, Bald, nice large buff Goldie; 5, Barclay; 7, M'Watt. SELL. 7/6 (22): 1, Beattie; 2, Ferrier; 3, Fiddes; 4, Willie; 5, Cullen; 6, Kinniel and Brown; 7, M'Donald. FOR. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Arrighi, demon for size, deep, grand blazed bird, large wing bars, little out of order, wins on its great size; 2, Marlin, steady, in grand bloom, good blaze, lovely sheen on feather; 3, Munro, nice one, good colour again, not quite ready yet; 4, Davidson, very steady, good in colour; 5, Goodfellow; 6, Reid; 7, Skinner. FOR. SMALL (15): 1, Gowans, Paradise Whydah, in lovely bloom, extra good specimen, grand tail, well staged; 2, J. D. Watson, nonpareil, very well up in colour, lovely little exhibit; 3, Patton, pair of African singing Finches in fine order; 4, J. Watson, red-crested Cardinal, in nice condition; 5, M'Diarmid; 6, Chapman; 7, M'Donald.

CARDIFF.

The Eleventh Annual Show was held Nov. 27 and 28, at the Cory Hall. The hall is a capital place for the purpose, and is well lighted. The show was laid out very prettily, and to the public coming straight into the hall made a lovely spectacle. The sections were all tastefully arranged and credit is due to the management for the comfortable manner in which the exhibits were staged. In Mr. Sampson they truly have a capable and courteous hon. sec., who has stood the test of time in show work, and it goes without saying that nothing was wanting so far as he was concerned. He is fortunate in being assisted by a clever little lady in the person of Mrs. Sampson, who, by this time, knows quite as much as her husband on the general management of a cage bird show. May Cardiff long retain the services of this happy couple. Mr. R. H. Waters is the chairman of committee, and he is well supported by a body of seasoned confrers in Messrs. A. Harrington, W. C. Flynn, E. J. Banks, J. W. Dunnett, F. P. Dymond, A. Fryer, H. Ford, W. Harrington, F. D. Jones, T. H. Melhuish, H. C. Smith, A. Shellam and E. Thorne, all with good reputations in the exhibiting world. Now to the exhibits; the Norwich were a clinking lot, as is the usual order of things at this show—as many as 33 in the hen class and 25 in the unflighted. In each class many birds out of the tickets were fit to win at a number of shows we have attended this season. In Yorkshires again the quality and numbers were exceptional, and it must have given the judges a difficult task to select their winners, so level were the exhibits. As many as 38, 32, and 37 birds appeared in a class, and such classes have never been seen before in the Principality. Crests and Crested reds were far in advance in numbers and quality to what we generally see in South Wales, and the winners in the classes were worth going a long way to see. Scots Fancies are now warmer dogs here than they have ever been and it was a rare struggle for places in both classes. Borders were good. We are quite accustomed to seeing the very cream of these "wee cons" in most big Welsh shows, and some toppers were staged to-day. The British Mules and Foreign were well in keeping with the traditions of Cardiff Show and Wales generally, some remarkable specimens being seen—in the Mule Section notably. The Goldfinch classes were "red hot," and some of the sensational winners put in an appearance. Linnets Greenfinches, Siskins, Chaffinches, etc., were all represented by the best known exhibits. The entry far exceeded expectations, the number being no less than 830, a record for Wales. In fact, the services of an extra judge were urgently needed and ably filled in the person of Mr. J. B. Evans, who took the British, Foreign and Mule classes. The judges throughout had a very hard day's work, and performed their duties to the satisfaction of all classes. J. Robson and J. Payne did the Canaries between them, taking alternate classes.

Mr. Robson's Classes.

NOR. CL. BUFF (17): 1, Veale, well known, a marvel for shape and quality of feather, splendid size, correct wing and tail carriage; 2, Pethick, good head and depth, clothed in the silkiest of feather, shows feed off very well; 3, Walton and Noakes, another excellent exhibit, splendid large shapely specimen, close up; 4, Rennie, not quite the finish of former, but still a good specimen of fine size; vhc, Tucker, extra nice quality and type; hc, Stevenson; c, Gwilliam. HENS (23): 1, Hodder, eye marked yell., lovely cobby bird, good short flights and tail, neatly rounded head and chest, finished off with the very best of jackets; 2, Hopkins, and Allsopp, clear buff, big, bouncing lady, thick neck, nicely shaped throughout; 3, Veale, lovely cl. yell., we liked, lovely quality of feather, grand type, with plenty of substance; 4, 3, Tucker, marvel for size and quality, sweet exhibit; vhc, Gardner; hc, Bessell; c, Sandiford. NON-FED (15): 1, Walton and Noakes, size and quality all possessed by this one and staged in faultless condition; 2, Stephenson, very close up in all points, but loses a little in head properties, nice short flights, and tail; 3, Gwilliam, very typical and good size, shown with very nice taste, true Norwich throughout; 4, Evans; rare quality of feather, vhc, Pethick; hc, Wasley; c, Thomas. CREST (bred 1907): 1, Evans Bros., var., buff, massive bird, with a splendidly formed crest, neat droop and well defined centre, excellent frontal; 2, Lewis and Dymond, densely feathered one, veiny, well formed, body well clothed, very close up; 3, Simmonds, another immense crest, well formed, possibly not so large as leaders, but should make a real hot un with time; 4, Grant, we liked, great size, vhc, Evans. CREST-BRED (bred 1907): 1, Simmonds, yell, nicely cushioned head, plenty of body, remarkable substance, well feathered wins well; 2, Edwards, perhaps not so large as former, but lovely quality of feather and good Norwich type; 3, Evins Bros., buff, good headed one, with lovely feather and plenty of it, shapely specimens; 4 Grant, good length of feather. YORKS., CL., ETC., BUFF (38): 1, hc, Crisp, good length, capital position, lovely wing and rare carriage, [illegible] style; 2, Knight, we thought very close up, beautiful quality of feather, as tight as a bottle, grandly fitting wings and tail; 3, Hawes, possesses grand quality of feather, pair of nice legs, plenty of length, well trained; 3, Rennie, neat and prim, good position; 4, Morris; vhc, Williams; c, Lovell. HENS, YELL. (32): 1, Crisp, neatly-carried wings and tail, good position, well fitting wings, close pipe tail, wins in good style; 2, Rennie, correct stand, rare long-sided one, well filled in neck and back, put down in good order; 2, Morris, picture of smartness, pair of clever legs, good shape and position; 3, Knight, a gem of the first water; 3, Mahey, fit for any company, nice length; 4, Cowgill; ex. 4, Elsmore, two grand ones; vhc, W. Webb; hc, W. Harrington; c, A. B. Bishop, marvellous class. UNFLI. YELL. (38): 1, Crisp, beautiful youngster of rare length, good level colour and lovely position, feathered like wax; 2, Webb, very stylish exhibit, nicely filled at neck, splendid wings and tail, credit to the exhibitor; ex. 2, Swearn and Owen, topper for quality of feather, best of position, nicely staged; 3, Mabey, lovely typical specimen, good length and nicely feathered; ex-3, Knight, very close up, grand bird for length and carriage; 4, A. Fryer; vhc, Smith; v, Hawes; hc, W. F. Phillips; c, SCOTS CLEAR (11): 1, B. Davies, cl. buff, well-knawn, rare shoulders, long neck, lovely bodied one, working pretty freely to-day; 2, Willson, yell., lovely specimen, good drive, splendid depression of head, gets tail well under perch, very high-class exhibit; 3, vhc, J. H. Jones, good shoulders, well cleaned out in front, put down in the very best of order; 4, vhc, Longden, grand specimen, plenty of substance. BORDER YELL. (12): 1, 2, c, D. Jenkins, well known, looking in the pink to-day, nicely filled in at neck and back, lovely type, feathered to perfection, 2nd also a grand exhibit, shown to best advantage; 3, Gwilliam, sweet quality and type, put down in splendid trim; 4, hc, Fenwick, neat exhibit, best of type and style; vhc, Cherry. A.O.V. (10): 1, B. Davies, noted Belgian, looking his very best to-day, nice win; 2, D. Jenkins, yell. green Border, an old face, in nice feather, comment needless; 3, No Name, Lancs., nice size and finish; spl, Brown, good Belgian; vhc, Pope; hc, Atkinson; c, Jones.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (20): 1, Pethick, lovely shape and full of quality, grand head, neck and back, beautiful deep and level colour, in good form; 2, 3, Sandiford, grand colour and quality, nice shape, good deep chest, shade longer in flights and tail, close up; 3, nice shape, short flights and tail, high in colour, nice quality of feather; 4, Wasley, grand quality of feather, level colour, but not hot, neat head and good deep chest; vhc, Harber; hc, Davis; c, no name. MKD. ETC. (24): 1, Sandiford, yell., mkd., right eye, a gem for shape and feather, lovely quality, nicely folded tail, rich, hot colour, lovely mealy; 2, Eynon, buff, grizzled on head, grand shape, short flights and tail, rich under-colour, set off with a wealth of nicely distributed mealing; 3, c, Brown, thigh tkd. yell., beautiful colour, good head, nice shaped body, but not quite so short in flights and tail as the winner; ex. 3, Davis, wing, neck, eye and shoulder mkd., buff, splendid feather and full of quality, good shape, short flights and tail, well carried; 4, Houghton, buff, mkd., neck, eye, shoulder, and wings, good shape body, nice under colour, and well frosted; vhc, Veale; hc, nice stone. UNFLI. (25): 1, Walton and Noakes, left eye tick, magnificent shape, nicely cut away behind, good colour and quality, grand short flights, and tail, buff; 2, Pethick, yell., lovely colour and quality, nice shape, good deep chest, and short flights; 3, Gwilliam, neck, eye and left wing mkd., buff, nice shape and feather, good wings and tail, trifle slack at right thigh, beautifully frosted. Ex 3, 4, Slocombe, F., wing mkd. yell., shapely, good feather, colour and quality, nice back and excellent flights; 4, buff, grand feather and nice shape, good flights and tail, rich colour, but on the small side; vhc, Jones; hc, c, G. Slocombe. CREST (9): 1, Evans Bros., green, grand frontal, coming well to beak, and of good width, nice veiny feather, fine body; 2, Simmonds, clear body, dark crest, good frontal, thick and of good droop, bit open in centre, yet a grand bird; 3, Grant, nice centre, neat and well filled, lovely droop, not quite the width of frontal, but real good texture and size; 4, Bale, cl., body, nice droop, veiny feather, bit rough at back to-day; dark; vhc, Oakes; hc, c, Edwards. C.B. (10): 1, Grant, pied tail, green, good shaped skull, nice wide entrance, fine length and width of head feather, big, shapely body; 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond, 2, pied tail, green, good length of head feather, nice back skull, wide in entrance; 3, nice shaped skull and well feathered; 4, Simmonds, good head, well feathered at back, well over beak; vhc, Bale; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Edwards. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (32): 1, Garland, straight as a pencil, and stands like a guardsman, lovely feather, nice wings and tail, well up on a clever pair of legs, in grand fettle; 2, ex. 3, Morris, 2nd good length, lovely colour and quality, stands well, not quite so finely drawn as the leader; ex-3rd grand head and style, nice feather, paler in colour; ex 2, Smith, lovely feather, full of quality, grand stand and style, nice pipe tail and well braced wings, in fine form, close up; 3, Felows and Flyn, grand length, nice close fitting jacket, well on leg, neat head, crosses wings a little at tips at times; 4, Crisp, mkd. wings and checks, grand length and finely drawn, good wings and tail, not quite the position, yet close on those above it; ex. 4, Patrick, slim built, good stand and nicely feathered, good wings and tail; vhc, Parnell and Son; hc, Banks; c, Jones. MKD. ETC. YELL. (24): 1, Keegan, mkd. neck and cheek, slim built, full of style and as straight as a dart, well on leg, grand feather and colour; 2, [illegible] mkd. wings, eyes, and tough, finely drawn, good feather and quality, stylish, a bit shorter on leg; 3, Mason, buff, mkd. cheeks and wings, finely drawn and grandly feathered, stands well, [illegible] wings; ex. 3, Crisp, buff, mkd. eye and wings, grand feather and quality, stands beautifully, neat wings and tail, not quite as finely drawn; 4, Ogden Bros., heavily mkd. yell., grand length, slim built, good wings and tail, well on leg; vhc, Negus; hc, Banks; c, Mabey. BUFF HENS (36): 1, Parnell and Son, clear, stands well on a good pair of legs, nice length, fine wings and tail, slim built, wonderful colour and beautifully mealed, a gem; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, good length, feather, and stand, nice back, wings, and tail, another rattling good one; ex. 2, 3, Mabey, cl., grand feather and position, beautiful smooth breast, nicely packed flights and neat tail, a bit shorter, but a sweet hen; ex 3rd wing tkd., slim built, well on leg, nice wings and tail, not quite so tight; 4, Romine, fine neck, wing, and eye, grand feather and quality, nice back, good length, wings well braced, neat; ex. 4, Morris, cl., good length, nice [illegible] of quality, wings and tail well packed, close up; vhc, hc, Shearn and Owen; c, Fellows and Flynn. UNFLI. BUFF (37): 1, Knight, good length, well drawn, wings and tail well packed, splendid colour and quality, neat head, a fine youngster; 2, ex. 3, Smith, grizzle head, splendid stand and style, nice feather, wings and tail well packed, a bit short, yet close up; ex. 3rd, grand feather and quality, nice length and stand; ex. 2, hc, Frothero, tkd. on neck, lovely feather, nice colour, good stand, pipe tail, lengthy and well drawn. 3, Shearn and Owen, slim built, lovely colour and feather, good wings and tail, stands well; 4, Gregory, cl., nice position, wings and tail, close-fitting jacket; ex. 4 Grant Bros., lovely colour, beautiful feather, slim built and well on leg, bit short-sided; vhc, Banks; c, Jones. SCOTS, MKD. (9): 1, 4, Longden, yell. tkd. on head, good top, nice head and neck, gets head well down and tail well under, very quickly at work; 4th yell. thigh tick, nice top and drive; 2, vhc, J. H. Jones, yell. tkd. on cheek, nice head and neck, well cleaned-out front, quick, good top end; 3, Biddick, buff, fair top end, gets tail well under, good depression of head; hc, Harrington. B'DER FANCY, BUFF (9): 1, 2, D. Jenkins, cl. leading, beautiful feather, shape and carriage, neat head, well carried flights and tail, as clean as a new pin; 2nd, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely feather, shape, and carriage; 3, Taylor, cl. nice feather and shape, good wings and tail, jaunty action; 4, Evans, cl., nice shape and feather, good wings and tail; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Gwilliam; c, J. H. Jones. SELL. PAIRS (60/-) (14): 1, Walton and Noakes, cheap pair of nor., good shaped mkd buff and cl. yell. hen; 2, Edwards, good pair of Crests; 3, Longden, smart Scots; 4, Melhuish, real good Yorks; vhc, Hayling; hc, Knight; c, Midgley. SELL. (10/-) (16): 1 Howe, Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, cheap and quickly claimed: 2, Pethick, cheap mkd. yell. Nor.; 3, Knight, neat buff Nor.; 4, Bancroft, another nice buff Nor.; vhc, Shearn and Owen; hc, Tucker; c, Stephenson. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOR. MKD. (11:) 1, 2, Bradford, eye tkd. buff, good shape and feather, short wings and tail; 2nd yell., mkd. left eye and wings, nice quality, good shape; 3, vhc, c, Green, lovely quality shapely buff, tkd.; 4, hc, Hobbs, thigh tkd. buff, excellent shape and colour. YORKS. MKD. (9): 1, Phillips, yell., slim built, good feather and colour, stands well; 2, 4, Wallis, buff, nice feather and stand; 4th yell., beaten at breast, but typical; 3, Harrington, yell., good colour, not so slim, lovely quality; vhc, Murphy; hc, Brown; c, Wilson.

Mr. J. B. Evans' Classes.

CL., ETC., MULE: 1, G. D. Leigh, marvellous eye and wing marked yellow, Goldie-Canary, rare size, perfect blaze of colour, put down in excellent fettle; 2, Wasley, another well-known yellow, fails only in size to leader; 3, Hopkins and Allsopp, good sized evenly marked buff Goldie, close up; 4, vhc, Lees, lightly marked Linnet Mule, nice size; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Slade. DK. GOLDIE OR GREENIE (15): 1, J. D. Leigh, famous Greenie-Canary, grand sized specimen, rare colour, marvel for quality and finish; 2, Lewis and Dymond, beautiful yell. Goldie-Canary, fine size, good quality of feather, bang up in colour, excellent exhibit; 3, 4, vhc, R. W. Jones, noted dk. yell. Goldie Mule, nice size and finish, good face and bars, and Greenie Mule, nice size and colour; vhc, R. J. Howe; hc, Cowgill; c, Longden. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Leigh, yell. Siskin-Can., topper for size, colour, and quality, shows parentage to a nicety, greatly admired; 2, R. W. Joues, Linnet, very nicely staged, grand colour, and carries markings characteristic of this cross; 3, Jeffries, Siskin, rare coloured specimen, feathered like wax; 4, Cherry Yell. Siskin, all there for size; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, R. J. Howe; c, Humphreys. A.O.V.: 1, Shearn and Owen, Goldie-Bullie, good face bars and nicely defined cap, in excellent condition; 2, 3, Smalldridge, Linnet-Bullie, in splendid feather, nice front, good distinct bars, shows parentage well; 4, R. W. Jones, Goldie-Bullie, youngster, will make a topper with age; vhc, E. Jones; hc, Edwards; c, Harrington.

GOLDFINCH (GREYPATE) (18): 1, R. J. Howe, rare expanse of blaze, in excellent bloom, well squared, very good tans, bars, and buttons; 2, vhc, Griffiths and Evans, grand headed one again, plenty of blaze underneath, cleanly cut, big body, well tanned; 3, Ford, well conditioned, steady, in nice colour, good size; 4, hc, Lewis and Dymond, should be heard of in the near future; 4, Morgan; c, Richards. GOLDFINCH (28): 1, Lewis and Dymond, well-known champion, looking his best to-day, rare expanse of face, well up in colour, stands right away; 2, Judd, grand class of bird, correctly cut face, not quite so wide in head, but wants a lot of beating, good bars and tans; 3, Hopkins and Allsopp, clinking big bird, very pure in blaze, good tans and bars, buttoned to perfection; 3, Bower, close up, neat head and well finished throughout; ex 4, hc, Ball, very smart one; hc, Richards; c, Davies and Lewis and Elkerton. BULLFINCH (10): 1, R. J. Howe, rarely polished one, extra wide cap and bib, shining like satin, good bars, ideal for type, grand win; 2, Poulton, very close up, rare size, splendid breast colour, good cap and bars, correct wings and tail; 3, Banks, very chubby and typical, very tight in feather, trim exhibit; 4, Negus, good breast and back colour; vhc, Osborne; hc, Williams; c, Davies. HEN BULLFINCH (10): 1, R. J. Howe, marvel for size and condition, well up in colour, good cap and bars; 2, Jeffries, also a splendid hen, well-known winner, put down in lovely feather; 3, Banks, nice size and type, sweetly feathered; 4, Negus; vhc, Gratland; hc, Lewis an dDymond. GREENFINCH (16): 1, R. J. Howe, yellow, well-known, rare level colour throughout, grand shape and size, splendid head and good cone-shaped body; 2, 3, Nicholas, "Silver King," also well-known, shows his lovely sheen in profusion, 3 topper for size and colour, neatly got up throughout, close up; 4, Bower, yell., very large exhibit, staged in fine style, good colour; vhc, Shearn and Owen, grand colour and substance; hc, Negus; c, Lewis and Dymond. LINNET (16): 1, Nicholas, lovely nutty brown, with a wealth of lacing, nice size and polish, staged in grand fettle, a good win; 2, 3, Lovell, couple of beauties, nice colour and marking, 2nd the larger, but latter excels in peculiling; 4, R. J. Howe, smart exhibit, well laced, nice size, good solid colour throughout; ex. 4, Lewis and Dymond, class Linnet, well laced, inclined to be open in front; vhc, Bower, topper, might have gone up a bit, nicely marked, good size; vhc, Hurst, another good one; hc, Pool; c, Edwards. LESSER REDPOLL (16): 1, Nicholas, nice size and shape, good bib, beautifully polished, very level colour in front, extra steady; 2, R. J. Howe, rare feathered one, good size bars and wings, well defined bib and lacing; 3, 4, Nicholas, good shape and condition, very prominent lacing, staged in nice order; vhc, hc, Prosser; hc, Hurst; c, Bowcroft. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, Jeffries, clinking good Siskin, fine colour, good eye markings, well laced at thighs; 2, 4, vhc, Hurst, Twite Siskin and Mealy Redpoll respectively, all high class specimens, well known, staged in good order; 3, Tonks, Mealy Redpoll, good size, carries a nice silvery meal, well marked sides; 4, Gratland Siskin. BRAMBLE, ETC., 1, Gay, Chaffinch, good, shapely, grand sized one, wealth of colour, good blue cap and hood, pure breast; 2 R. J. Howe another Chaffinch staged well good breast colour rather thinner got up than leader; 3. Longden, well known Bramble easily the best of its kind in the class, good breast colour and well spanged, in fine form; 4, R. J. Hawe, another good Bramble, nice size and colour; vhc, F. D. Jones and Lewis and Dymond; hc, Kratland; c, Moys. A.O.V. HARD (12): 1, Nicholas, grand yellow Bunting, nice size, extra good colour, well marked throughout; 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond, rich coloured Cornhunting, good size, and well marked; 3, Hawfinch, picture for quality, like a bit of wax, lovely feather; 4, Pearce, large Snowbunting, good exhibit; vhc, Mays, good Hawfinch; hc, (no name); c, Ford. SOFTBILL (8): 1, J. H. Ford, Swallow, the centre of attraction, rare size and feathered like a Java, a popular win with most; 2, Galloway, neatly put down Gold Crest, looked quite at home, excellent health and feather; 3, R. J. Howe, lovely Tree Creeper, hard lines a question of taste to select winner here); 4, vhc, Sampson, grand Wheatear, one of the best seen out this season, and yell. Wagtail, good one, hc, Mays, good Tree Creeper. THRUSH (8): 1, Price, Song Thrush, nice colour and size, well mooned, very creditable win; 2, 4, R. J. Howe, Missel and Song Thrush, staged in fine style, both studies for colour, size and general finish; 3, Poole, Ring Ouzle, very nice exhibit; vhc, Thomas; c, F. D. Jones. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (8): 1, 4, c, H. J. Ford, former a topping sized Blackbird, shown in the best of style, grand lustrous colour, good beak and ceres; 2, Parsons, grandly spangled Starling, immense size, wonderful condition; 3, R. J. Howe, good Blackbird, well known, shown in usual style; hc, Lohr; vhc, Lean. SELL. BRIT. 15/- (6): 1, 2, R. J. Howe; 3, c, Prosser; 4, Williams; vhc, Ford. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, A. I. Jones, Chough, nice metallic sheen throughout, marvel for size, good coloured legs and beak; 2, Manley, good sized Waxwing, nicely finished wings and tail, rarely polished, staged to perfection; 3, Sivill, Moor-Hen, very quaint exhibit, in lovely fettle; 4, Williams, good Chough, not quite so large as leader; vhc, R. J. Howe, nice Redshank; hc, Bassey. FOREIGN (Small) (8): 1, 4, F. Howe, Golden-fronted Fruit-Sucker, shown in beautiful feather, nicely contrasted colours, good win; 2, c, Millsum, grand Tanager, shows sheen perfectly, marvel for finish and condition; 3, hc, Thorne, well-known Scarlet Tanager, in the best of condition, rare colour; vhc, J. H. Jones. LARGE (10): 1, F. Howe, grand sized King Parrot, shining like silk, in the best of feather; 2, R. S. Davies, same variety, close up; 3, Lyle, nice Parrakeet, well staged, in good feather; 4, Hicks; vhc, J. D. Jones; hc, Williams.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 27 of the best birds in Leeds and suburbs sung for four good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson. Some very spirited singing was heard before a packed house of friends from all parts of Yorkshire, including Hull. 1st prize, Whelan; 2, Stead; 3, Johnson; 4, Galley. Judges, Messrs. T. Crane and C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

At Don Inn, Carbrook, on Nov. 17th, Mr. J. Kay started his usual weekly Linnet contest. There was a moderate attendance, and nine birds were entered. The singing was of a very fair character. Result: 1, Watson, 35; 2, Watson, 21; 3, Soldier Jack 10. Judges: Messrs. E. Wilson and J. Lank. A. WHITTLE.

LEWISHAM.

Weekly contest held at the Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham. The quality of song is greatly improving. The principal scores were:—Cartwright, 2—14; Earn Robinson, 2—13; C. Austin, 2—4; Nipet, 2—3; Robinson, 1—16; Larney, 1 score. Six pairs were put on the nail.

YORK.

Weekly contest for quality singing held at the Crown Inn, North Street. 22 birds were hung up in pairs to compete for five good prizes. Some good quality singing was heard before a good company with the following result: 1, J. Firth; 2, and 5, A. Watson; 3, J. Stothard; 4, T. Lambert. Judges: Mr. W. Perry and Mr. J. Mason.—J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

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at the Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington.
Buses from all parts pass the Doors.

KELSO, N.B.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds and Cats.
DECEMBER 4th,
Judges: Messrs. T. P. GORDON, T. PREACHER, J. W. BRUCE.
Exhibitors at Kelso (1906), Selkirk, Haddington, Galashiels, Border and Scottish Plainhead Lists (1907), will receive Schedules, others please apply—
T. C. BENNET, 63, Roxburgh Street.

KINGS LYNN

December 4th, 1907.
£5 limit. Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cage Birds & Cats. 2/- entry. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Card. 110 Specials. Save us from failure. Ents. not one per class. Obliged to accept up to Sun. 1st post. Send on, we will classify.—Mr. S. D. HUNT, Sec., 29, London Road, King's Lynn.

SIDMOUTH. December 5th. 17 Open Classes. C.B.U. Licence. Canaries, Mules, British. Judge: Mr. Payne Send Entries at once. **F. FARRANT, Sec.**

HAVERFORDWEST

DECEMBER 5th, 1907.
(Affiliated to C.B.U.). **Thirteenth Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies.** JUDGES: Poultry, W. T. ATTWELL, Esq.; Pigeons,— HILL, Esq.; Cage Birds, Cats, Rabbits and Cavies, T. J. AMBROSE, Esq. Hon. Secs., **Phillips** and **Williams.**

CARLISLE & Dist. C.B.U.

December 6th and 7th.
Thirty-second Annual Open Show (Cage Birds only). 54 Classes, Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Judges, Mr. J. Thomson and Mr. Parker Robinson, under the patronage of the B.F.C.C., E.&W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. & M.C. & N.B.B.M. & F.B.C. Entries close Dec. 2nd. Schedules apply **W. THOMAS, 23, Petteril St., Carlisle.**

DEWSBURY & Dist. C.B.S. 1st Annual Show of Canaries, (Under Y.U. Rules). Y.C.C. & C.M.C.C. Patronage. SAT., DEC. 7., in the Royal Hotel, Dewsbury. 20 classes. 8pls. in every class and 30 ex. spls. Jdg: J. C. Barnes, Sheffield. Ents. close Dec. 3. B, Cook, 2, Craven St., Ravensthorn, Dewsbury.

DISS, NORFOLK. GREAT EXHIBITION OF CAGE BIRDS.

DEC. 3rd, 1907.
CANARIES, MULES, and BRITISH BIRDS. 25 Classes. Send Entries at once.
Judge: J. ROBSON. SCHEDULES READY Apply to
H. J. GOODERHAM, Hon. Sec., 9, Sunny Side, Diss.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CAGE BIRD SOCIETY

(Affiliated to C.B.U.).
Open Show. Canaries, Mules and British Birds.
Wednesday, Dec. 4th. **At Crown Hotel, Station Street.** Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye Entries very short, will accept up to Sunday, Dec. 1st., 1907. Splendid Show Room, free from draught. L. & N.W. and M. Rly. Stations, 1 minute; G.W. Rly., 10 minutes.
H. C. Wilkins, Hon. Sec., 7, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham.

OAKHAM

£5 LIMIT. DEC. 5th. NEEDHAM & HIBBITT, Secretaries.
ENTRIES TERRIBLY SHORT.
Do support this Grand Fixture, bound to Extend till Sunday Morning, First Post.

COCKERMOUTH F. S.

C.B.U. & B.F.C.C. Rules & Pat. **THIRD GREAT OPEN SHOW.** One of best managed in the North on **Dec. 6. & 7, 1907,** in one of the largest, driest, & warmest halls in the kingdom Pcul., 40 Cl.(O.E.G. speciality), Bantams 13, Pig. 18, C. B. 42. **£120 in Prize Money and Specials.** Jud.: J. S. Wilson, Esq, Workington, for Can., J. Wilson, Esq., Solicitor, Workington, Member of the B.B.M.C., for British and Foreign Birds. **Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 with Certificates** for best bird in each section and special prize cards. Entries close Dec. 2nd, to **JAMES GRAHAM, Mayo Street, Cockermouth.**

HARTLEPOOLS

C.B.S. (C.B.U. rules) **DEC. 6 and 7.** Patronage Y.C.C. Nothing less than 1,000 this time, please! 47 classes. 60 grand spls. 9 Yorks., 9 Nor., 2 Novice classes. Judges: Messrs Battye and Maddison. **Excursions** on Sat. 7th from Leeds, Darlington, Crook South Shields, Sunderland, &c., &c. Schedules ready, from **ERNEST WOODHEAD,** 38, St. Paul's Rd **West Hartlepool**

CUPAR FIFE, N.B.

20th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds in Corn Exchange on DECEMBER 7th, 1907.
Judges: Scotch Fancy Canaries, Messrs. E. G. Wright (Edinburgh), and C. Berwick (St. Andrews); Norwich and Variety Classes, J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); Border Faucies, Henry Bennet (Kelso); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr) 48 Classes. 30 specials. Entries close December 2nd. Schedules now ready—
WILLIAM RUDDIMAN, Secretary, Hillbank, CUPAR, FIFE.

KILMARNOCK

Ornithological Cage Bird Society. **"CAGE BIRDS' PRIZE SCHEME."** Great Open Show of Scotch Fancy, Crest, Norwich, Borders, Mules, British & Foreign Birds.
Dec. 7th, 1907. ART GALLERY HALLS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK. Under the Patronage of Scottish Painhead, Border Fancy, British Bird & Mule Clubs.
"CREST CLUB SHOW" will be held in conjunction. Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class. Cups. Gold Medals. 126 Valuable Specials. 68 Classes. Schedules now ready.
Secy., Wm. Watson, 49, Glebe Road, Kilmarnock.

ILKESTON and District Open Cage Bird Show.

(Under C.B.U. Rules).
DECEMBER 7th and 9th, 1907.
44 Classes. Grand Classification. No Cancelling or Amalgamation of Classes. Numerous valuable Specials. Judges: Messrs. R. Rhodes, Chas. Houlton and J. H. Roe. Entries close Dec. 2nd.
For Schedules apply—**THOS. SMITH, 5, King Street, ILKESTON.**

BARROW & DISTRICT CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION 10th ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

Of CANARIES, MULES, AND BRITISH BIRDS, will be held in the BATHS, ABBEY ROAD, BARROW-IN-FURNESS, on
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC. 13 & 14.
(Under the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club), held under the Cage Bird Union Rules. 48 Classes Four Prizes, 10/-, -5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Judge: A. WELLINGS, Esq., of Prescot. Entries close December 7th.
Secretary - W. WILLISON, 52, Methuen Street, Walney.

THE PALACE OF THE NORTH.

GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S. (C.B.U. rules.).

DEC. 13th & 14th.
Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (guaranteed). 74 open classes, 25 members.
Valuable specials galore. 10 gs. Chall. Cup, gold mdls., &c. Under patronage, S.F.C.C., Nat. B.B. & M.C., B. & W.B.F.C.C., B.F.C.C. international contest, Cin. C.C., Crest C.C., N.C.C., B.C.N.& C.C. cup show, Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Northern B.B. & M. & F.B.C. Popular Judges: Messrs. Vardy, Robson, Gardner, Weston & J. S. Wilson. Entries close December 9th. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors, others apply **Taylor and Grieve,** 63, Edward Street.

EDINBURGH Ornithological (Open) Society,

Will hold their **54th Annual Competition** and Exhibition of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, in the ARTILLERY HALL, GRINDLAY STREET, EDINBURGH, on the **13th and 14th DECEMBER.**
Two Novice Classes.
Schedules ready. **JAMES MELROSE, Sec., 97, Montgomery Street, Edinburgh.**

HAMILTON Cadzow Oaks' Ornithological Society, Annual Open Show.

Of Norwich, Crests, & Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Cage Birds will be held in the Town Hall, Hamilton, on **Saturday, December 14th, 1907,** Norwich Plainheads, 12 Classes; Crests, 2 Classes. Judge; Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen, Border Fancy, 13 Classes. Judges: Mr. Jas. Smillie, Kilmarnock and Wm. Haddou, Hamilton. Mules, British and Foreign, 22 Classes. Judges: Mr. P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, and Mr. R Farmer, Secretary of the S.B.B. & M. Club, 132 Specials, 2 Cups and Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry fee, 1/6 per Bird. Open Specials free. Schedules can be had from Richard Gadsden, Secretary, 19, May Street off Bothwell Road, Hamilton.

LAISTERDYKE BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Under Yorkshire Union Rules and the Patronage of the Y.C.C. & C.M.Y.C.C.
Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries
Will be held in the TYERSAL BOARD SCHOOL, Laisterdyke, Bradford, on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th.**
Judge: W. H. SHACKLETON, Esq., of Girlington, Bradford. Entries positively close on December 10th.
Schedules to be had from the Secretary, **J. POWNALL, 69, NEW HEY ROAD, WAKEFIELD ROAD, BRADFORD.**

WIGAN SHOW

of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds (under C.B.U. Rules).
In the Old Court Hall, King Street, on **Friday** and **Saturday, December 6th** and **7th, 1907.** Judge, R. Trengove. Under the patronage of the Green Canary Association. Schedules now ready. **W. RIDGE, Hon. Sec., 55, Poolstock, Wigan.**

MIDDLETON O. S. C.B.U. Rules

Show on Dec, 7th. 14 open classes. Judge: A. Hirst, Accrington. Schedules from, **R. Cowherd, 107, Higher Wood St. Middleton.**

DON'T FORGET

FORRES 21st Annual Show

Of Cage Birds, Pigeons and Bantams.
WILL BE HELD ON
Sat., Dec. 7th, 1907. Popular judges.
Schedules from **Wm. CUMMING, 4, Nicholson Pl., Forres**

DARTFORD (KENT). Dec. 10 & 11.

Rabbits, Pigeons, Cage Birds.
Judges: F. Riggs, A E. Enfield and Dr Tressider.
ENTRIES CLOSE November 30th.
A. Lambert, 119, East Hill, Dartford.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

(C.B.U. Rules.)
Tenth Annual Show of Canaries, Mules and British Birds,
On Friday & Saturday, December 6th. & 7th.
Good Classification. Prize money guaranteed, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-; entry fee 1/- Special for every class Judges: J. Bexson, Esq., Derby; W. Vardy, Esq., Hucknall Huthwaite. Schedule ready, apply **J. C. HAYES,** Secretary, **9, Florence Road, Masbro.**

SANQUHAR

Public Hall, **Dec. 7th, 1907.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits. Judges, C. Sneddon, Kirkham, Lancashire, and Henry Maidment, Low Row, Carlisle (for Poultry). Alex. Crawford, Blyth, for Pigeons, and John Calderwood, Dumfries, for C. B. Scottish Leghorn Club Show will be held in conjunction with Sanquhar Show Judge, Mr. Mc. Donald, Darvel.
Wm. MOFFAT, 15, Buccleuch Road, SANQUHAR.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES

Norwich Canary Show. Annual Show of Norwich Crests, Borders, Yorkshire, Cinnamon and Lizard Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds will be held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, on **Saturday Dec. 7, 1907.** Numerous Cups and Specials, Judges: Messrs. Knight, Lappin and Taylor. **J. H. ADAM, Sec., 15, Alexander Street, Sandyford, Glasgow.**

TIDESWELL

Cage Bird Improvement Society.
Annual Show Dec. 7th, Under C.B.U. Prize Money 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Entrance fee 1/6.

PLAINHEADS.

Class 1. Norwich Clear Yellow.
" 2. Norwich Clear Buff.
" 3. Norwich Ticked or Marked Yellow.
" 4. Norwich Ticked or Marked Buff.
" 5. A.V. Norwich Hen.
" 6. Yorkshire Clear Yellow.
" 7. Yorkshire Clear Buff.
" 8. Yorkshire Ticked or Marked Yellow
" 9. Yorkshire Ticked or Marked Buff.
" 0. A.V. Yorkshire Hen.
" 11. A.O.V. Canary.
" 12. British Bird not larger than a Thrush.
" 13. Selling Class not to exceed 12/6.
" 14. Gift Class, with thanks, No entrance fee.

If you have not received Schedule please enter from this. Entries Extended to **DECEMBER 3rd.**
Judge; A. G. Davis, Esq.
Secs. Bagshawe & Swarbrick, Sherwood Road, Tideswell, Buxton.

DON'T FORGET

"Cage Birds Coupon Competition."

WATFORD Open to 20 miles radius

15th ANNUAL SHOW
Of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats and Cage Birds under C.B.U. Rules. **Tuesday, December 10th,** Clarendon Hall, Watford. Judges: F. J. S. Chatterton, C. A. House, and Geo. Gardner Entries close Nov. 30th Hon. Sec.: **CHAS. A. EDWARDS, 14, Prince Street, Watford,**

CHESTER SHOW

(C.B.U. Rules). Ents. close Dec. 7th or 1st post Dec. 8th December 11th, 1907. **8 Open Classes.** 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British Hard or Soft Bill. **Prizes 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6.** Judge: A. Wellings, Schedules from **A. J. RED, Hon. Sec., Abbey Buildings, Chester.**

READING and District Cage Bird Society.

Annual 30-mile Radius of Reading, and Members' Show of Cage Birds (Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). **Palmer Hall, West St., Reading. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.** Entry Fee (non-members) 1/6 30 Classes. Record quantity Special Prizes (really worth having). Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Entries close Dec. 4th, none accepted later than Dec. 6th. Prize Money 10/-, 5/- and 2/6, guaranteed. For Schedules apply—
C. A. CHARLES, 4, TALFOURD AVENUE, READING.

CANTERBURY 37th Annual Show,

December 11th & 12th.
Open to Kent. No Amalgamation. C.B.U. Supported by the K.C.C.B. Association. Good classification. Judge—Mr. J. Dobson. Prompt payment of prize money. Entries close Dec. 3rd. **J. W. SARGEANT,** Hon. Sec.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON TUESDAY NEXT FOR

CARMARTHEN Dec. 12th.

(C.B.U. licence. and under patronage of W.C.B.C.). 27 classes. Judge: C. Houlton Esq. Class 94 reads, "B fancy yellow, except evenly marked." Additional class 94a, "B fancy, buff, except evenly marked." Schedule and further information of **JACK FRANCIS,** &c.

PORTH and DISTRICT C.B.F.S.

First Annual Open Show, Dec. 12th, 1907.
(Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judges—J. H. Payne and J. B. Evans. Grand Classifications. Specials every Class. **Entries close December 6th, 1907.** Schedules ready. Apply **J. CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.** Ent. 1/6; prize money 10/- [illegible] 2/6

SWINDON Dec. 12 & 13.
21st Annual Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds. In conjunction with the Yokohama Club Show, Judge E. Brown, Esq., Wokingham Berks, Judges: Poultry, Tennyson Fawkes, Esq., Flying Homers and Owl classes, J. L. Burgess, Esq., Remaining classes, A. de Winton, Esq.,—Cambridge Entries close Dec. 3rd. Schedules of Northover & Watson, Hon. Secs., 154, Radcliffe St., Swindon, Wilts.

PENDLETON
& SALFORD O.S.
10th Annual Open Show, Dec. 13th & 14th 1907. Under C.B.U. 70 Classes, 100 Specials; Judges, Messrs. Battye, and Booth. Schedules now ready W. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 17. Caton St., Old Trafford, Manchester.

LURGAN. C. B. S.
Annual Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, at Town Hall, Lurgan, on **Friday and Saturday, December 13th and 14th, 1907.** Entries close Saturday, Dec. 7th.
Secretary, SAML. M'COLLUM, Drumgor, Lurgan.

BURTON-ON-TRENT
Cage Bird Society.
Annual Show Dec. 14th, 1907. (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judge: J. Bexon Esq., of Derby. Good classifications numerous specials, prize money guaranteed. Entries close Dec. 10th. C.B. comp. Schedules from the Hon, Sec. A. EMERY, 239, Shobnall St., Burton-on-Trent.

THORNTON & Dis. O.S. 3rd Annual Show in Public Hall on Dec. 14th 1907. Judges; Sct. Fan., J. Black, Arbroath. Nor., Bri., & For., J. Goodfellow, Edinburgh. 10 classes, Nor., Sel. Cls., 116 & 117, Price £1. Entries close Dec. 7th. Schedules ready. JAS. MOYES, Secy

MELBOURNE FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION 14th Annual Show, December 14th. Seven Classes for Cage Birds. Judge, J. H. ROE, Esq. Entries close Dec. 7th. Write for Schedule to—
S. HICKLIN, Hon. Sec., Melbourne, Derbyshire

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER AT
HARROGATE C. B. S.
B. & C., B.B. & M.C.
(Under C.B.U. Rules). Open Show. Sat. Dec. 14. 20 Open classes. Good Specials, good prize money. Judge, H. W. Battye. Entries close Dec. 10th.
Hurry Up Fanciers.
C. H. BARNWELL, Hon. Sec., 6, Providence Terrace, Harrogate.

KILSYTH (N.B.)
Open Show, 14th December. 27 Classes, Cage-birds. Judges: Messrs. G. Campbell, Glasgow, Norwich; G. Hislop, Stirling, Border Fancy: and J. Clarke, Rothesay, British (under B.F. Club rule). Prize money. 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entrance, 1/6, including Specials. Entries close 7th December, to ANDREW D. DUNCAN, "Chronicle," Kilsyth.

LEIGH Open Show of Can. Mules, Hybrids, British & Foreign Birds Under C.B.U. Rules.
In the Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate, Leigh on Friday & Saturday December 20th & 21st, 1907. Judge; A. G. Davis, Manchester. Schedules now ready.
A. Parks, Hon. Sec. 41, Wardour Street, ATHERTON.

SEAHAM HARBOUR & Dis.
C.B.B.A. First Annual Open Show, DECEMBER 21st 1907.
(Under C.B.U. Rules). Grand Classification and all guaranteed, money specials for each class, and extra specials for each section. H. W. Battye, Esq., will judge. Entries close Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1907. Schedules from J. M. NICHOLSON, Sec., 7, Sophia St., Seaham Harbour.

TIDESWELL Poultry and Cage Bird Show.
Under C.B.U. Rules. December 21st, 1907.
Judges: Messrs. J. N. Harrison and T. Bexson.
Secs.: R. Handley, Poultry. J. Brocklehurst, Cage Birds.

ANNAN Show of Poul., Pig., Cage birds, Cats, Rabbits & Cavies. Judge: (Cage Birds), J. Smillie, of Kilmarnock. Splendid Classification, (10 classes for Borders), Numerous Specs. Schedules, A. Irving, Annan.

PWLLHELI & Dis. F. S. of P., Pg., Cage Birds, R.C. & Eggs (open to Wales). On Dec. 26. Town Hall, Pwllheli. Judge: Cage Birds, S. Hadwin, Esq., Liverpool. Numerous cups and spl. in all classes. E. P. cup best canary in show Entries close Dec. 17. Schedules ready apply, W. H. Davies, 7, Mount Ter.

MALTON (YORKS.) 12th Annual Show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit. Dec. 26, (Boxing Day) Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. (Entries close Dec. 10th, certain).
Schedules from Geo. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

TREDEGAR SHOW. DEC. 27.
Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. £12 in Money, Cups and other Spls. Schedules ready—
Sec., J. TURNER, Glanyrafon House, Sirhowy.

ST. ALBANS C.B. &c., G. Gardner (Jdg.) Open and £1 lim. classes. C.B.U. Jan. 1, 1908. Sched. shortly. ODELL & HESTER, Hon. Secs.

PLYMOUTH W.F.S. Great Open Show of Dgs., P., Pgs., C.B., (under C.B.U. Rules), R., C., Cvs., M., (under M.C.pat), and Children's Pets At the Market Jan. 1st, 1908. Judge: (C.B.) T. Deeble, Esq. Ents. close Dec., 23rd 1907. Schedules: A. Camp, Bedford Hotel, Plymouth.

Would the person who lifted the Norwich Plainhead at Ayr Show, on Saturday last, 23rd inst, kindly return it to the Secretary at once, as he is known and will be severely dealt with should the bird not be returned at an early date.

SHOW SECRETARIES.
NOW READY.
"Cage Birds" Artistic Six-coloured Lithographic Poster, for Advertising Cage Bird Shows, etc.
Write for Price and Specimen to—
F. CARL, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TO SHOW SECRETARIES:
Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

TWITTERINGS.

I take CAGE BIRDS in regularly, and find it by far the best paper both for advice and for trading in.—J. PILOT (Welshpool).

I won the special prize at Bristol for the best Mule or Hybrid, writes Mr. F. Collins (Camborne), with my young Greenie Bullie.

The entries at the recent Bucksburn and Woodside Show achieved a record this year, we learn, and the quality was very fine.

Entries close December 2nd for Cupar. Hurry up fanciers and give us a record entry. Sec., W. Ruddiman, Hillbank, Cupar, Fife.

Southend Show Goldfinch class credits Mr. Millar with first and special, writes Mr. J. Quilter, Leigh-on-Sea; it should read J. Quilter.

I have removed from 3, Larch Road, Bedford Hill, Balham, S.W., writes Mr. W. R. Berkshire, to 40a, Cumberland Road, Boston Road, Hanwell, W.

Will secretaries and fanciers please note that I have changed my address to Overstone Road Bird Stores, writes Mr. C. Barwell, of Northampton.

Splendid classification and whole host of specials at Hartlepool, December 6th and 7th. Sec., E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.—(ADVT.)

A consignment of live birds, Mr. E. Varney, of Stratford, E., informs us has just been sent by him to Montreal, Canada, through his advertisement in CAGE BIRDS.

We hear from the secretary, Mr. Sholedice, that the Y.C.C of Ireland Show, on the 28th and 29th last, looked like being one of the best ever held in the "Green Isle."

The date of the great National (Crystal Palace) Show has been put back one week we are informed, and will be held from February 7th to the 11th, 1908, inclusive.

We have 2s. 6d. special most points with who birds at Shipley Open Show, November 30th, writes Mr. H. Dobson, the sec. Winners of money prizes not to compete.

Entries for Carmarthen Show close December 12th, writes Mr. Francis, the sec., and we hope members of the Welsh C.B.C. will support us as largely as they have in the past.

I have received three entries to-night (Border Fancies) with no name, postmark Blaydon-on-Tyne, writes Mr. Jos. Miles, sec. If fanciers will send on birds we will classify.

A piebald Blackbird which has mated with a Thrush is reported from Lauder. As a contemporary remarks, it sounds like another of Harry's jokes, but it may be one of nature's.

Entries do not average one per class at the coming Falmouth Show, writes Mr. W. J. Medlin, the sec., and will be extended to Monday, December 2nd. Fanciers kindly help us.

Mr. T. Raine won the members' cup at Crook Show, writes the sec., Mr. A. Bowes, and CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Prizes went to Messrs. Forster 1st, J. Siddle 2nd, and F. Brown 3rd.

Cambridge Show report says in Yorkshire Buffs, second "no name." This was my bird, sent in reply to appeal card, and too late for catalogue, I suppose. W. R. MURRELL (Spalding).

I regret very much to say that I am still confined to my room, writes Mr. J. North, the well-known Reading bird specialist, and have had to cancel my judging engagement at Dover.

We hope Southern breeders of Lancashires will come up in force at Bristol Show, writes Mr. T. R. Ind, where we provide two Coppy and two Plainhead classes and one for 1907-bred birds.

Cardiff Show have closed with over 800 entries, writes Mr. W. Sampson, the sec., Yorks. and Norwich being exceptionally strong both in quality and numbers—100 more than any previous record.

Kindly notify all who made application for schedules, writes Mr. D. Adcock, Tamworth, that if they have not received one it is because they are outside the 14-mile radius, to which the show is confined.

The Chester Show will be held in the Corn Exchange; it is warm and well lighted. Chester has excellent railway facilities. We are hoping that fanciers will hurry up and give us a bumper entry—(ADVT.)

I have received the following entries without names, writes Mr. Burnie, sec. Castle Douglas Show. If parties will send on, exhibits will be put in proper classes.:—Class 43, Whitburn postmark; Classes 42, 62, 43, Newton Stewart postmark.

Mr. W. H. Baker, who won first and special best foreign bird at the recent Langwith Show, with a blue-fronted Amazon, writes thanking the Langwith fanciers for the way in which they staged the bird in a warm and well-lighted room.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. W. T. Winter, sec. of the Willington Quay and Dis. F.S., a report was read giving the number of tickets sold. It was stated that £7 2s. 2d. had been added to the funds.

I have a song Thrush, writes Mr. F. A. Edmead (Guildford), which I have had for 15 years. He has been singing beautifully this summer and he is nicely over the moult, and is looking healthy and strong.

Mr. J. Dobson, of East Road, London, the well-known judge, asks us to state, to avoid misunderstanding, that he is not the J. Dobson who has written to the Press concerning the late Dulwich and Peckham Show.

We are very short of entries for our Tideswell and Dist. C.B. Show. Those not having schedules please enter from advertisement in CAGE BIRDS' columns. Entries extended to December 3rd.—W. F. SWARBRICK, hon. sec.

The Wandsworth and Dist. F.A. have been unable to secure a hall in which to hold an open show, but have arranged a members' show in the "Plough" Assembly Rooms, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, on Dec. 10th.

Mr. J. Pilot, jeweller, Welshpool, writes that he will be pleased if the gentleman who about a month ago bought a Pea-throat Goldfinch would send his address again, as unfortunately it is mislaid, and bird is ready to forward.

At the recent Bristol C.B.S. Show the first prize in CAGE BIRDS' Competition was won by Mr. W. H. Tottle with his yellow Norwich hen; second by Mr. A. Simmonds with his winning Crest; and third by Messrs. Bond with their noted Chough.

We had a very successful show, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, sec. of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., and every attention possible was paid to exhibits. Mr. D. A. S. Longden, Swansea, represented the Cage Birds Union Prize money will be paid in a few days.

I am sorry to say, writes Mr. Fred. Mitchell (Silkstone Common), that I have been so unfortunate as to lose my clear Yellow Norwich cock, winner of first and special at Wakefield, November 12th, first time out. He died suddenly on Tuesday, November 19th.

In addition to the special prizes advertised in our schedule, writes Mr. Ernest Woodhead, sec. of the Hartlepool Show, Messrs. Callingwood are giving an electro-plated butter-dish for the best bird in the show; and in Class 47 Mr. E. Barker has presented a box of cigars.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Willison, the sec., that our Barrow-in-Furness Show, December 13th and 14th, was omitted from the list of C.B. Union Shows sent out by Mr. Lythgoe, the secretary. We have our schedules ready, and trust fanciers will give us a bumping entry.

It has been decided to move the headquarters of the Lewisham District C.B.S. to the Roebuck Hotel, High Street, Lewisham, writes the sec., Mr. Lucas, where we have obtained a nice comfortable room having an entrance entirely distinct from the public entrances of the Hotel.

At the recent Burton-on-Trent Show, a very curious exhibit was staged (not for competition), a Greenfinch Canary Mule, absolutely without eyes. Naturally this uncommon freak (said to be a good example of the cross, otherwise) attracted considerable attention among the visitors.

In our reference to the illness of one of the partner in that well-known Leicester firm of Norwich Plainhead exhibitors, Messrs. Walton and Noakes, we should have written that Mr. C. H. Walton was the gentleman concerned, and not, as appeared by some slip of the pen, Mr. Noakes.

Entries for the Sidmouth Show are very hard to get, writes Mr. F. Farrant, hon. sec., owing to the clashing with Tavistock, Torquay, Cardiff and Bristol. We are compelled to extend entries to Sunday's post, December 1st. We pay prize money within a week, which ought to secure us a good entry.

At Hull Show we hear that the colour of several of the Linnets shown was of so unusual a nature as to cause some of the fanciers present to express doubts as to its genuineness. Certain of the birds, our informant tells us, were tested, but came through the ordeal without leaving a trace of anything behind to justify the suspicion.

The following are the three highest for the Lancashire and Lizard Fanciers Association Cup Competition, including the Club Show, Nottingham, writes Mr. H. Oliver, the sec.: Lancashire's: Mr. John Garner 55, Mr. J. Oldham 47, and Mr. J. Vickers 40 points. Lizards: Mr. J. Dewsnap 63, Mr. W. Lawton 58, and Mr. J. Hampshire 53 points.

All birds exhibited in Classes 18, 19, 20 and 21 at Kilmarnock Show, must be bred by the exhibitor, writes Mr. W. Watson, the sec.. A general meeting will be held in the Ossington Hall, John Finnie Street, on November 30th, when the secretary will be in attendance at 7 p.m., for the uplifting of local entries.

In connection with Gateshead Show, writes Mr. Taylor, the sec., I have made special arrangements with the several railway companies, including the London and North Western, Great Northern, Midland, Caledonian, North British, Glasgow and South Western, and North Eastern Railway Companies, and they have very considerately undertaken to use every endeavour to facilitate the arrival and despatch of all birds, and special notice has been sent to all points of interchange, so that no delay may take place. Special men will be put on by them at both Gateshead and Newcastle to look after the arrival, and especially the despatch by through trains. A list of such trains will be published in schedule. The train service to Gateshead is of the best.

Just as we go to press we hear that Weybridge Show has closed with a record entry—over 200 birds.

At the recent Jedburgh Show, writes "Border Lover," Mr. Bennet's leading Foul would have been awarded the B.F.C. Medal but for the fact that its owner has already won the three medals allowed for one member during one year. He is thus ineligible for this competition, but others should be encouraged to send out their birds with a view to sharing the remaining medals.

Entries for the West Herts Show will be received up to Monday, the 2nd December, writes Mr. C. A. Edwards, the sec., and our show is a good opportunity for London fanciers as our 20 miles radius takes in the greater number of London exhibitors. The Clarendon Hall is a large fine place, only five minutes' from the station, while the cage birds will be under the care of special cage bird fanciers.

The cage bird section of Carmathen forthcoming show is under the patronage of the Welsh Cage Bird Club, writes Mr. J. Francis, the hon. sec., and the Club's Cups and Teapot are for competition. Members of the Club are asked to mark their entry forms "W.C.B.C." Class 94 should read "Border Fancy, Yellow," and we have, since schedule was printed, put on an additional class—94a for Border Fancy Buff.

"Bird Notes" for November should enhance the high reputation of the monthly journal of the Foreign Bird Club, being an exceedingly interesting number both pictorially and from the point of view of instructive letterpress. Messrs. T. N. Wilson, M.A., E. W. Harper, F.Z.S., W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., Wesley, T. Page, F.Z.S., the Hon. M. C. Hawke, and Mrs. Warren Vernon have penned contributions, and there is the usual budget of correspondence and editorial notes.

As there are so many shows clashing just now, my committee have decided to hold Spalding Annual Show on January 23rd instead of this month (November) as previously, writes Mr. W. R. Murrell, the hon. sec. I shall be glad if exhibitors will make a note of this. We are arranging a splendid classification for cage birds, several more classes than previous years, and Mr. C. A. House has been engaged to judge. No amalgamation and full prize money in all standing classes.

The cage bird section of the recent Burton-on-Trent Fanciers' Show, writes Mr F. Cameron, sec., was very much better than for some years past. We think our being affiliated to the C.B.U. has increased entries considerably. We obliged exhibitors by sending birds home by an early train, so that most of them would be home by Sunday. We hope to have a larger entry next year.

For promptitude, courtesy, honesty, good packing, and above all for the best spring traps I recommend, after trying several others, Mr. Butler, 58, Salmon Street, Highfield, Sheffield. Strong, well-finished, very portable, easily set, real catchers; worth double the money, opinion backed by my giving him this advertisement to the value sent him. Quickly caught birds within a yard of other traps set in vain for weeks. —Captain Perreau, 4th Gurkhas, Batnloh, Punjab, India.—(ADVT.)

Allow me to thank your numerous readers who have patronised me in my bird business. Also your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS. My advertisements in CAGE BIRDS have brought such a large number of orders in weekly from different towns and counties, that I have had to remove from my old address, 42, Brown Hill Crescent, Harehills, Leeds. I have now opened one of the largest shops in Leeds, and all letters should henceforth be addressed, Harry Allen, bird specialist, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett Street, Leeds.

I was delighted with the entries at our show, writes Mr. V. WYNN, hon. sec. City and Suburban A.C.B., all being sent spontaneously without even one appeal. The staging held the birds comfortably. All prize money was paid out last night (Monday), and the specials that were in my possession; and the members were perfectly satisfied with everything. I find, as time goes on, that it becomes extremely difficult to reconcile the hundred and one different ideas of the members, but up to now all is well. What a secretary requires is the tact and affability of a Balfour!

The Queen's Park and District C.B.A. Annual Show was a great success, exhibits being fifty-two in excess of the previous year, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. sec. This very pleasing result has, in a great measure, decided the Society to return to the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, in the New Year; and should this meet the eye of any member who resigned through removal, or fancier who is holding aloof in consequence of meetings being held on licensed premises, if they will kindly communicate with me I will give all information, and can promise them a cordial reception at the meetings, which will be interesting during the coming months.

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The following are the winners of the club's specials at the late Nottingham Show, writes Mr. J. Raynes, secretary of the Norwich P.C., Champion section, gold medal for best, J. Evans; Toronto medal for best (opposite colour), W. Vardy; money prizes, 5s., Messrs. Evans, Bishop, Trengove, Box, and Shore. Amateur section, gold medal for best bird, J. E. Davies. Money prizes, Messrs. J. E. Davies (4) and Massey.

I beg to thank Mr. Ramsden for medal so promptly sent for best Norwich Canary in Birkenhead Show, writes Mr. W. Lewis (Ellesmere Port), won with a yellow hen, which I have shown three times under three judges, first and special, first and second best in show 1906, first and two specials and best Norwich in show, November 1907. I am trying to start a show for cage birds, etc., in Ellesmere Port, which is a coming place.

At the last meeting of the Stockport B.F.A. a pleasant surprise awaited the members, writes the sec., Mr. W. Stafford, when Mr. J. E Davies, of Stockport, handed to us a splendid silver-plated tea urn and a gold-centre silver medal, to be competed for in the champion section of our members' show on December 5th and 6th, and to be won outright. Mr. Davies is a new addition to the Canary fancy, and it is not often that such grand specials are given to members' shows. This, along with four cups given by Mr. Gaskarth, Mr. Dickenson, and Mr. Hill, makes a nice display of plate. I was pleased to read of Mr. Davies success at Nottingham; also of the other Stockport members.

A new remedy for all pulmonary diseases (colds, asthma, etc.) in cage birds is being put before fanciers this week through our advertisement columns. Its credentials are of the highest, and we advise all bird keepers in need of such a remedy to give "Avisine," as it is called a trial. The proprietors tell us that "Avisine" is in the hands of Messrs. Cowgill, Mundell, Battye, Hirst, Houlton, Dr Herd (Morecambe), Fergusson, and many of our leading judges, and is being used by them. They claim that it is a scientific method and not a haphazard one, and that the ingredient mentioned in advertisement is without doubt the finest remedy for pulmonary diseases known to the medical profession, and is new and very expensive, while the tonic ingredients are also the best that are known.

At the last meeting of the W.C.O.S. the balance sheet of the recent Plymouth Show was presented, writes Mr. T. Pope, the sec., showing a balance on the right side after all expenses had been met. The secretary pointed out the (to them) remarkable fact that the entry fees showed a profit over prize money, and that the total entry was nearly 200 over any previous effort of the Society; while it was somewhat singular under the circumstances that the total members' entries in open classes (206) should be over 40 less than last year. He also said that the success of the show was largely due to the Yorkshire section, which was far and away better this year than it had ever been before, and he attributed this to the patronage of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, whose members were responsible for nearly half the number of entries received in the section.

Strong Words from Scotland.

There was some traitor at work at the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, writes "A Scotch Chiel," and whoever he was, he was no fancier. All the Scottish National C.B. Society show bills, put up by the secretary, Mr. Winter, just on closing hour on Friday night were pulled down first thing on Saturday morning. Had he been caught red-handed, the ambulance would have been in requisition.

Wild Birds at South Shields.

Exercising their option, the South Shields Corporation have extended the close season under the Wild Birds Protection Act to the whole of the year. As a result proceeding were taken recently against a man for catching Linnets on the Bents. The accused explained that he had caught birds on that particular place for the last 44 years, and he did not know he was breaking the law. Taking into consideration the fact that it was the first case, the Bench only imposed a fine of 5s. and costs.

Novel Woodcock Shooting.

I see an account of a Woodcock being killed by a stone in Upper Street, Islington, writes the Rev. Henry B. Biron (Lympne), to the "Standard." I think a more curious weapon of destruction was used at the King's School, Canterbury, about 65 years ago. While the fourth form were at a Greek Testament lesson, a Woodcock came through an open window into the schoolroom, and was knocked down by a Greek Testament thrown at it by a boy of the name of Smithett. I fancy this is a unique case.

A Fawn-Coloured Robin.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS will be interested to hear, writes Miss M. E. Palmer, Herne Bay, that we have in our garden a Robin who is of a lovely fawn colour (not cinnamon). The flight and tail feathers are nearly white, but he has only a small patch of red on his breast. The top of head and back are darker than the rest of body. At first I could hardly believe he was a Robin, but his form and song are quite unmistakable. He is still very shy but we hope to tame him. He comes to feed with the chickens already. Last spring I saw a Robin with half of back and the whole of tail of pure white, and also a Blackbird splashed with white.

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OUR COUPON SHOWS.

For full particulars of our scheme for exhibitors, see last week's issue.

Weybridge, December 4th.
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Hartlepools, December 6th and 7th.
Cockermouth, December 6th and 7th.
Wigan, December 6th and 7th.
Kilmarnock, Dec. 7.
Tideswell, December 7th.
Abingdon (North Berks), December 7th.
Perth, December 12th.
Barrow and District C.B.A., December 13th and 14th.
Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., December 14th.
Seaham Harbour, December 21st.
Wimbledon, January 8th and 9th.
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*An Unequal Combat.

It being a fine sunshiny day I made up my mind I would go for a walk. It was one of the best I have ever had. As I was walking through a field I heard a loud noise above me, and I saw that it was a big struggle between two birds. But at first I could not tell what sort of birds they were. I kept on looking, till I could see that it was a fight between a Sparow Hawk and a Sparrow. Poor Sparrow! It tried its best to get away, but it was of no use. The Sparrow butcher flew away with the little Sparrow into a tall tree,, and made a good meal of it.—Sent by JACK HARVEY (aged 14), Fairlawn, Comberton, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

*Domesticated Pets.

My father has some Goldfinches and Linnets. The former he feeds on Canary, hemp, teazle, and a few cracked sunflower seeds, and the Linnets on Canary, teazle, rape and a little linseed. Every week he lets them out of their cages while he cleans them out. Our bird room is a large one, and we have a long perch on one side. Don't they just enjoy their fly! As soon as they are tired they settle on their perch and sing away until their cages are ready. Then we have some more fun. Some will hop into their cages, while the others we catch in a net. Then father gives them their bunch of dandelion leaves and a few more hemp seeds.—Sent by ADA TOMLINSON (aged 10 years), 126, Pontefract Road, Normanton, Yorkshire.

**Our Young Thrush.

One day early last summer my brothers and I were going through a field, when suddenly a large bird flew from the hedge. We went to find its nest, and we heard a chirp, and soon found the nest, in which were four young Thrushes. We visited the nest the next day, and took with us some breadcrumbs for the birds, but we were afraid to give them the crumbs, so we left them in the nest. But the next time we visited the nest we found them stretching their necks and opening their mouths, as if they were very hungry, and after looking into the nest we found one of the birds dead. Thinking their mother had forsaken them, or had been killed, we took the birds home, fed them, and kept them warm. But two died, and I am glad to say that the other one is still living.—Sent by KATIE MEADES, aged 12, Stone Cross, Sandwich, Kent.

A Pretty Story.

A pretty story is told concerning the Countess of Dudley, in which the dramatis personæ included two well-known Japanese jugglers, who were giving a performance at a London music-hall, and a Canary which constituted a part of their stock-in-trade. The Countess occupied a seat in the stalls, and during the performance one of the little birds, after hovering round the auditorium for some time, gently flew down and perched on her lap. When an attendant came forward to claim the bird the Countess begged to be permitted to keep it, and the manager having given his consent, Lord Dudley promptly constructed a tiny cage out of his programme, and in this the little songster was safely conveyed to his house in Carlton House Terrace.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

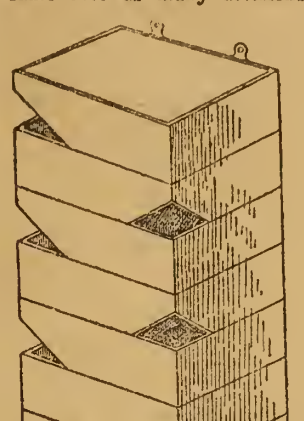
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

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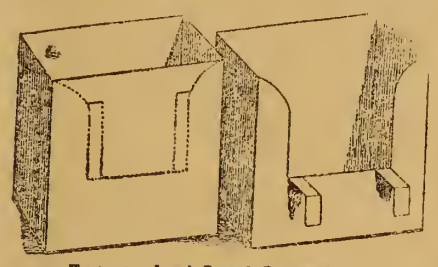
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Sent by H. Newman, 121, Jamaica Street, Stepney, E.

Enclosed is an illustration of a cheap, economical and efficient seed container, which can easily be affixed to any cage, and is quite simple to construct. Obtain a small mustard or cocoa tin, and cut out as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, and bend over the strips left to form hooks, as shown in Fig. 2. A quarter-pound tin will be found most suitable for ordinary requirements. I have now used this seed container for some time, and find that absolutely no seed is wasted.—H. NEWMAN.



Economical Seed Container.

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Nov. 30—**Dartford**—A. Lambert, 119, East Hill.
" **30**—**Watford**—C. A. Edwards, 14, Prince St,
Dec. 2—**Carlisle**—W. Thomas, 23 Petterill St.
" **2**—**Cockermouth**—Jas. Graham, Mayo St.
" **2**—**Cupar**—W. Ruddiman, Hillbank, Cupar, Fife.
" **2**—**Ilkeston**—Thos. Smith, 5, King St.
" **3**—**Dewsbury**—B. Cook, 2, Craven Street, Ravensthorpe.
" **3**—**Canterbury**—J. W. Sargent.
" **3**—**Carmarthen**—Jack Francis.
" **3**—**Swindon**—Northore & Watson, 154, Redcliffe St.
" **4**—**Reading**—G. A Charles, 4, Talfourd Av.
" **6**—**Porth**—J. Challenger, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.
" **7**.—**Barrow**—W. Willison, 52, Methuen St., Walney.
" **7**—**Chester**—A. J Rea, Abbey Buildings.
" **7**—**Lurgan**—S. McCollum, "Drumgor."
" **7**—**Thornton**—Jas. Mayes.
" **7**—**Melbourne**—J. Hickler.
" **7**—**Kilsyth**—A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle," Kilsyth.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec, 1—1st post; **Kings Lynn**—S. D. Hunt, 29, London Road.
" **1**—**B'gham**—H. C. Wilkins, 7, St. Martin's Lane.
" **1**—1st post; **Oakham**—Needham and Hibbett.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

Accrington and Dist C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Headquarters, 8.—D. Harwood.

Battersea and Dist.—Dec. 4, Duchess of Devonshire. Report of Autumn Show.—F Easterling

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Bailey Hotel, Blaydon, 7.30. Payment members' prize-money, and Smoking Concert; all fanciers invited.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Blackpool.—Dec 12, Annual Meeting. Election of officers and other important business.—A. J Winterbottom.

Bolton and Dist. O. and R.C.S.—Dec. 2, Headquarters, 8. Important, pay ticket money and nomination of officers for 1908.—J. Stringer.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 3, Park Chapel Schools, 8 Lecture by Mr. W. Cruise on "My Experience in Breeding Yorkshires." All fanciers invited; a rare chance for Novices.—H. Hill.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Nov. 30, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Show business.—T. Clegg.

Bramley and Dist. O.S. (Leeds).—Nov. 30, Headquarters, 7.30. Table Show.—J. Metcalfe.

Blackburn Linnet Singing Assoc.—Nov. 30, Club House, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Annual Feather Show; three prizes to compete for.—R. Haythurst.

Clapham and Dist. Open C.B.A.—Dec. 2, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, S.W., 8. The distribution of prizes, etc.—S. H. W. Baker.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 3, Nag's Head, 7.30. To fix date of Annual General Meeting and other important business.—J. C. Heaton.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S. — Dec. 3, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Monthly meeting.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dewsbury and District C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Royal Hotel, 8. Business important.—B. Cook.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.—Nov. 30, 7, Social; fanciers and friends invited.—J. C. Hudson.

Eastern Dist. O.S.—Dec. 2, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbey Mount, Edinburgh, 8. Show business, election of office bearers for 1908.—A. Robinson.

Federation of C.B.S. (Ashton-u-Lyne centre). — Nov. 20. Albion P.S.A., 6.30 p.m. Stockport Show arrangements.—A. Ackroyd.

Glasgow and Western Counties' C.C.—Nov. 30, 6. 122, Ingram Street, Novice Washing Competition; 3 prizes; entries can be made at this meeting—show.—J. Adam.

Glossop and Hadfield Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Howard Arms, 8. Important.—H S. Waters.

Gloucester and Dist. C.B S.—Dec. 5, Ram Hotel, 8. Business, important.—J. Houghton.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Headquarters, Church Street, 7.30. Business important. —F. Sharples.

Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—Dec. 4, Victoria Hall, Rue-End Street, 8. Final meeting before show.—W. H. Stodter.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, 8. Final arrangements, open show, and election of stewards—E. Woodhead.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Dec. 3. Royal Oak Hotel. 8. Urgent show business.—J. Pownall.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Dec. 7. Miner's Hall, 7. Business important.—G. Kirk.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Members' show business, entries close for same.—J. Heighton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. — Dec. 3, White Swan Hotel, business important.—C. Draper.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 26, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Washing Exhibition; prizes given.—Friends invited.—A. Parks.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 3, 202, High Street, Lewisham, 8. Schedule for Table Show, Jan. 7 next —H. T. Lucas.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 4, Cross Keys Hotel, 8.15. Business, important. —W. H. Wortley.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 2, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Members' January Show business and other important items.—E. H. Jones.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.— Dec. 7, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Payment of prize money to members.—D. Jeremy.

Newcastle and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Lockhart's, 65 Grainger Street, 7.30.—Curry and Hutchinson.

Pelton and Dist. C.B.S.—Fleece Inn, Dec. 7, at 7 a.m. Business. Last meeting of year. Members subscriptions must be paid up or they cannot show.—L. Hall. (Possiby 7 p.m. is meant.—Ed.)

Preston O.S.—Dec. 3, Empress Cafe. 8. Balance Street, Open Show. Important Discussion, etc.—J. W. Cleminson.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Granby Hotel, 8. Balance Sheet for Open Show.—S. Jagger.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 5. Windsor Castle, Harrow Road, 8. Table Show of Canaries and Judging Competition; visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

Reading and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Election of Show Stewards for Dec. 11.—E. A. Charles.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Dec. 4, Temperance Club, 8. Members' Washing Competition; three prizes given.—M. Clayton.

Rochdale C.C.—Dec. 2, Club Rooms, 7.30. Business important —J. Butterworth.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Nov. 30, Station Hotel, 7. Open Show business.—J. M. Nicholson.

Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street. 8. Election of officials and judges for 1908.—T. Bishop.

Shipley O.S.—Dec. 3, Victoria Hotel, 8.15. Business important.—H. Dobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Northgate Hotel, Cleckheaton, 7.30. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. W. Wharton.—R. Bennett.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 5, Leeds Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Conway and Dist. F.A.—Dec. 5, Llandudno Junction Station Hotel, 6. General Committee meeting. Schedule of Members' Show.

Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 5, St. Mary's School. Liscard, 8. Fixing judge and schedule for Brit. Bird and Pair Show, also judging competition and Table Show.—W. Mallinson.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 1, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30 prompt.—H. H. Bramham.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 3, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. General Show business.—T. Duffield.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. S. Dean.—E. W. Johnson.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 2, Adelphi Inn, 8. Final arrangements for show.—W. Ridge.

Willington Quay and Dist. F.S.—Dec. 5, Turk's Head, 7.30.—W. T. Winter.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Nov. 30, Horse Shoe Hotel, Wombwell, 7. Important business.—W. Ross

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see last issue.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. Payne.

Bad for Eight Weeks.

Constant Reader.—Give your bird in drinking water fresh daily for a fortnight or three weeks fifteen drops of Syrup of Tolu, and ten drops of ipecacuhana wine, after which you may give it on alternate days for another fortnight. Put a piece of mutton, suet between the bars of the cage for it to peek at. Keep out of all draught, do not hang above the level of the gas burner, and cover over at night with a warm cloth.

Clear or Ticked?

Classification.—A bird with a perfectly clear body, but stained on beak would have to be entered in the clear class. The stain would count against the bird, however, where the competition was close. Before entering it for a show, I would advise you to thoroughly examine it, and see that there is no tick. Blow feathers up round thighs.

Pairing of Variegated Hen.

Ruhtra.—You should pair your variegated hen to a clear cock. If it is a yellow, then you should use a clear buff cock, if a buff, a clear yellow. 2. All breeders get variegated birds during their breeding operations. 3. The bird with a few feathers at the root of tail would be termed either a ticked or marked bird. I quite see you do not know the difference between a buff and a yellow. Your question suggests that, so that I should advise you to ask some fancier in your district to tell you the difference. A yellow bird is what is termed solid in colour, a buff has the tips of the feathers a lighter colour, which gives it what is termed the meal, or frosting.

An "Asthma" Cold.

Anxious.—As you say your bird can now sing and strongly at times, he is evidently well on the way to recovery, and I should strongly advise you to continue with same treatment until he is quite well, which I should say will not now be very long. I see no reason why he should not be fit to breed with next season. Your feeding is quite correct. Keep him covered over at night time with a warm cloth.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. Battye.

Choice of Seeds.

A.B.—I don't consider the sample of Spanish canary seed a good one. It seems to be what is known as kiln dried, and this has not the same flavour of the same amount of nutriment in it as the sun-dried. Try a change, and get some clean, sound, bright seed. Give the bird ten drops of good brandy in its drinking water fresh daily for a week or ten days.

A Plant-eating Bird.

Nuttie.—Your bird not having taken any harm, evidently the plant he has been eating must have agreed with him, and so long as this is so you need not trouble, as he will not eat it if he does not like it. If you don't want the plant destroyed and yet want the bird to have his liberty, why not remove the plant?

Loss of Feathers, etc.

Streatham.—Your treatment seems from what you write, to be all that could be desired. The bird is, no doubt, in what is known as the soft or false moult, probably it caught a chill by being in a draught; or perhaps, you keep them in a place subject to sudden variations of temperature. Either of these conditions would be sufficient to send the bird into moult. The pecking at the breast is only the natural result of the casting of its feathers. Put the bird in a box cage by itself. In addition to its present food, give half-a-teaspoonful of maw seed, three times a week, and give in its drinking water five drops of some tonic, such as tincture of steel, Quinine, or Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep free from draughts and sudden changes; cover cage at nights, and probably your bird will get all right again in six or eight weeks.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. Greeves.

The Purchasing of Pairs.

H.S.—Am I to understand that you want to know what to purchase for the purpose of crossing the produce from such a pair with the produce from the pair that you have? If so, I should advise you to procure a Grey Crested cock and a Green Plainhead crested bred hen, or one heavily variegated. If you intend going in for pedigree breeding, I should advise you to purchase anyone of the books advertised, dealing with the subject. A good sound, plain diet is best at this time of the year: Canary, rape, and hemp seed, the latter a small quantity twice a week; I also like a little egg-food once a week, say every Wednesday. Give plenty of cage room for exercise, also cage bird grit.

CINNAMONS.

Answered by J. North

Suspected "Canker."

Smethers.—You say your bird has scratched raw both sides of its beak, and rubs it on the perch, with loss of feather; also that you have observed little lumps like pin-heads, flesh or white in colour, which you believe to be "canker." It is extremely difficult to advise in such cases, where the patient cannot be seen, and you do not mention the bird's age. If it is an old bird, I should kill it at once. But, if it is a young one, dust it well with equal parts of precipitated sulphur and insect powder, my impression being that it is the work of insects. Give salad, fruit or vegetable food, daily.

LIZARDS.

Answered by Barker Clegg.

Breeding in the Kitchen.

Spangle Back.—Unless a kitchen is large, lofty, and well ventilated, there is little chance of success in breeding any variety of birds, with a view to being able to exhibit. The conditions described are quite sufficient to account for your failure. If the attic is dry you need not fear the cold; it will be all right for your birds. See that there is sufficient ventilation, as this is most important. Allow your Silver hen a more roomy cage, with a free use of the bath pot. Supply egg-food twice a week, with the addition of a sprinkling of maw seed. Place a small square piece of mutton suet between the cage wires, for her to peck at, and don't omit to supply plenty of grit and a little dried old mortar. Feed your other birds, as follows: all white canary in seed boxes three times a week; give a teaspoonful of mixed seeds in th egg-drawers or other vessels, and occasionally a little sweet apple, or boiled carrot. When the weather is very cold, you may cover the cages up at nights. Write again, if you experience any further difficulty, and I will endeavour to assist you.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "Schoolmaster."

Hen Not Moulting.

S.A.—Keep the hen in the cold room for a week or ten days, then suddenly take her into the warm room. This is practically certain to send her into moult, when she will come alright again in feather. Keep her in the warm room permanently afterwards, of course. Let her have a little egg bread now and again, with a spot or two of Parrish's chemical food mixed amongst it.

About Two Birds.

J. R. D.—I have often known a bird to miss a moult and come to no harm. There is some danger, however, of the bird moulting in the spring, and so becoming unfit for breeding. This, though, does not always happen. The other bird is evidently still very weak. If you can't get Shepherd's purse now, you can give rape seedlings, which make a splendid winter greenfood. Sow a tablespoonful or two of summer rape in wet sand (keeping it damp), and crop off the seedlings soon after they sprout. By a little arranging, a constant supply can be had. Give this bird egg food oftener, every day, if you like, until stronger, and mix a few spots (4 to 6) of cod-liver oil, and hypophosphates (from a chemist) amongst it. Let him have mawseed in plenty to eat, and hemp a little more frequently. This generous diet ought soon to pull him round into song again.

Out of Sorts.

R. M. Young.—I agree with you that the bird is low in condition. It is not a cold, therefore "cough syrups" are not needed. What he wants is good, generous feeding, for which see other replies this week. You should follow the treatment advised "J. R. D.," in particular, especially as regards the cod-liver oil, etc. You would soon see an improvement, I am sure. Keep the bird sing and cosy, of course. Get up his health and condition generally, and the other symptoms will soon vanish. The present weather is very trying for ailing birds.

Not Right Since Moult.

Ignorant.—Weakness left by the moult and its strain on the system is at the root of your bird's trouble. Feed generously, as advised in other queries this week (follow the egg-food and cod-liver oil treatment carefully) and keep the bird warm and comfortable, covering the cage at night, when in a week or two's time there should be a marked improvement in the health of your little pet.

Curious Feather Condition.

F. Yardley.—Your hen has evidently stopped short in the moult—got "stuck in the moult," as fanciers say. Keep her in a cold room for a week or ten days, then remove her to a warmed one (see another reply given this week on the point). If kept warm and cosy, she should go through a quick moult, when the plumage would come out as it ought to be; feed generously during that time, giving good grit and cuttlefish in plenty.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. Wright.

Some General Advice.

Young Hand.—Taking the bird home in a bag might affect its wings for a day or two only. You say the bird is in a healthy condition, if so, it would moult its flights—they would not need pulling. I have seen good birds with great nerve, often cross their wings when handled hard, and also when sitting quiet in proper condition. I have had many birds making the sound you refer to. It is a very annoying habit, but the bird will breed well enough.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Feeding a Magpie.

G.H.—The question about "tongue slitting" is a very old friend, and once again I say that it is an unnecessary cruelty; and that anyone who cuts a bird's tongue to "help" it to talk, ought to be compelled to have his own tongue cut. Birds do not use their tongues when articulating. The best and cheapest way to feed is to utilise table scraps largely. As a stock food, you could use broken-up dog biscuits or puppy cakes (or game meal), with coarse crissel—say two parts of either of the former to one part of the latter (by measure). Any good seller of bird-foods will supply them. Moisten with hot water, giving it crumbly moist, and mixing with it table scraps, cooked meat and potatoes, greens, gravy, etc. Give a few trapped mice, young sparrows, and the like (even young frogs, if you can capture them), but not over much raw meat. You will find them very accommodating in the matter of food. Eggs (raw and cooked), nuts (cracked) of various kinds, peas, berries, fruit, worms, beetles, and grubs are other things they will eat with great relish.

Siberian Goldfinches Again.

Novice.—Your question is one that crops up every year (often more than once), as sure as Siberian Goldfinches begin to arrive, and I can only answer it much the same as before. I consider the Siberian Finches, being so very much the larger of the two, are the best for Mule or Hybrid breeding—there can be no question of that. The only trouble lies in the fact that they are not quite such free breeders as British Goldies (though, of course, some of the latter are bad enough). I like a good big Bullie hen, too. Siberian Goldfinches appreciate the same seeds and delicacies as our British Finch, but need indulging less freely with fattening, stimulating foods—especially so during hot weather. A good stock mixture now would be hemp and teazle, three parts each, canary two parts, and linseed one part. Give a little maw and niger frequently, also a good feed of white sunflower seeds (cracked if necessary)—not all at one time, of course, but one or other daily. Thistles, hardheads, dandelion, flowering groundsel and chickweed, wild seeds, etc., are all good for them, and appreciated. Many Siberians are lost through wrong treatment when first bought, owing to the unfortunate inexperience of the buyer. They are immediately put in a cage with food and water hung outside, consequently they starve or die of thirst, never before having seen a water-hole, much more put their heads through one. Food and water should always be put inside to them, and it should be seen they get at the same. Inga (niger) seed is their staple food during importation, and they must have an unlimited supply of this, and maw seed, at first. When they have got the taste for sunflower seed (it comes quickly, for they are very fond of it, and it is a grand food for them) gradually wean them off the niger. Should a bird seem to droop at any time, give it at once a dose of sulphate of soda for one day; as much as will lie on a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water. Repeat the day after, if necessary. Follow this with a course of citrate of iron and quinine crystals, as a tonic, a tiny pinch (just a few granules) dissolved in the same quantity of water. Watch its effects on the bowels; it is constipating when given too strongly. Also, don't give grit freely at first. They will simply "gorge" it; and then comes trouble.

Linnets Dying.

Funny.—The fact of your birds not having charlock seed certainly would not lead to their death. Get some wild-seed mixture (advertised in our columns) in which you will find plenty of wild mustard (charlock) seeds. Fresh-caught Linnets want plenty of maw seed, with linseed, teazle, canary and summer rape, and some hemp and niger; also rape seed soaked in cold water until just bursting, dabbed dry in a cloth just before being offered. You can also easily grow rape seedlings by sowing rape in wet sand. Possibly you interfere with your birds too much. Newly-caught birds should not be fussed over—they only knock themselves about when one goes near. When fed and watered, they should be left alone the rest of the day, until they have become more settled to their altered circumstances, and first "terrors" have been overcome. If the one "queer" is still in the land of the living, try the effect of two or three daily doses of sulphate of soda—as much as just lies on a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water.

Recipe for Making Bird-lime.

Canadian.—The following recipe for making bird-lime was given some time back by one of our correspondents—still, like him, I prefer netting birds to liming them. Take one pint of best raw linseed oil, put into an old quart saucepan, put on the fire and simmer gently for three or four hours. On no account let it boil; stir every few minutes. No change will be noticed until after the second hour, then it will show froth on top, this being a sign of thickening. It must be given every attention or it will boil over. When it gets about as thick as treacle take it off the fire and pour into a pan of cold water; stand till cool, then work it up with the hands till it shows no signs of having water in it. This will be found to work on twigs quite easily. It can be taken off when not in use, and used over and over again. If too stiff, mix with it a little of the so-called "treacle." Boiling will thicken it if needed. Made properly this will hold anything from a Wren to a Blackbird. A outhouse is more suitable for the boiling purpose than the kitchen, as the preparation has a very sickly odour.

Linnets and Greenfinches.

Joey.—I have never heard the Greenfinch (or Green Linnet, as you wrongly term it) called "Joey," this being a name usually applied to the Redpoll. You can easily distinguish the two, however, the Greenfinch being a biggish, stoutly-built, green-coloured bird, with bold head and beak, whereas the Redpoll is a small brownish bird, not unlike a tiny edition of the Linnet. For your Linnet the following stock seed mixture will be difficult to beat: Canary, three pints, teazle, hemp, linseed, summer rape, and charlock one pint each. For "tit-bits" give in a finger drawer frequent pinches of maw, niger, wild seed mixture, cracked sunflower, gold of pleasure, lettuce, etc., seeds—not all at once, of course, but varying them. If you can get the ripe wild seeds, such as plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, knapweed, thistles and the like, you certainly ought to supply them—they are invaluable, helps in bringing a Linnet into condition—in which connection, too, a free use of the bath must not be overlooked. The Greenfinch will thrive admirably on the same stock mixture, etc., providing you give him sunflower seed liberally every day. Roller hens can certainly be mated with Finches, and will produce good Mules for songsters—too small for any other purpose.

Keeping a Blackcap.

Blackcap.—It is not absolutely necessary to "pad" the top of a Blackcap's cage. Still, I prefer canvas-topped cages for "stock" use with all such small Softbills myself. You need not worry about the "migratory fever"—a good Blackcap would repay one for far worse troubles than that. The stock food should be that I recommend for small insectivorous birds, viz., powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs, two parts; dried flies and powdered silk-worm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, live ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain. To the above stock mixture I occasionally add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally still, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu, either grated or shredded, and mixed among the soft food, or stuck between the cage wires; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated—you will soon find out your bird's likes and dislikes. Remember that the Blackcap is passionately fond of fruit, which should enter freely into its dietary, either mixed with the soft food or hung up in the cage or wires.

Brevities.

Bad Plumage of Thrush (H. Davey).—I expect you are correct in thinking insects were at the root of the feather troubles. This is borne out by the fact that the bird has commenced to sing again since you got it the new cage—which also shows there is not much else seriously wrong. The plumage, of course, cannot be reproduced without a moult; so you see you will have to wait patiently until the next moulting season, or else throw the bird into a cross moult—a risky proceeding. Let it bathe freely on all suitable days.

A Weed and a Mule (Nancy).—The weed you send is certainly not shepherd's purse—in fact, I don't know what it is; nothing that I gather for my own birds. You ought easily to recognise shepherd's purse from the drawing and description of it recently given. Am not surprised to hear the Mule turned out a regular Tartar when you put him in the aviary; as I told you, indeed, this is generally how they act after having been in a cage by themselves.

Sex of Goldfinch (Puzzled).—You are not the only one puzzled, for I confess your letter mystifies me. Hen Goldies caged by themselves, and well fed, will sing freely; I have often heard them, and have known many owners deceived thereby. Your written description would lead anyone to declare the bird you have to be a hen. And this I shall name it, in spite of its commencing to "sing very low." If the black on the head and wing coats is a dirty ashy colour, you can wager it is a "Mary Jane."

Skylark not Moulting (Skylark).—I can't see what you have to worry about. Ten to one the bird will not come to the slightest harm. Have known birds go more than one season and not, apparently, cast a single feather. Speaking of Larks, I am often saying that one of the best-known winners last season was a bird which had not moulted that back-end. It is always more or less risky to throw birds into moult. You can do it by keeping your bird for about a fortnight in a cold place (if not in one now), and then transferring him suddenly to a cosy corner in a warm room, covering his cage over, if necessary.

Hard or Soft (Tom-Tit).—You are right: the Blue Tit is the "ordinary small one that raises a crest at will." The other common small Tits are black-headed. The correct class for all the Tit family is the "Softbill" or insectivorous class.

About a Linnet (E. W. Garnsey).—I should think the Linnet has merely caught (or twisted) the toe in the wires, and that it will come all right in time. The best treatment you could adopt would be to steep the toe for a few minutes daily in fairly hot water, afterwards anointing with a little Zambuk. Evidently the bird is not used to a cage, and nervous, but this will wear off as he gets used to you and to captivity. He will not commence to sing (or "chirrup") until steadied down somewhat.

More about "Bobbie" (Robin).—I have given several replies about the Robin lately, which doubtless you will have seen. There is one this week dealing with the sex question. As I have said before, there is no reason at all why the Robin should not be kept in a cage (except a sentimental one), providing an old, intractable specimen is not chosen for that purpose.

Identity of Bird (Seaman).—I cannot throw any light on the identity of the bird, and your description is so vague that I doubt whether anyone could do so. You ought to give me the size, and state the colours of the plumage on the different parts of the body, also the markings. It might be the Mealy Redpoll (some are very big) which settled on your ship while in migration. Couldn't you supply fuller details?

In an Aviary (Chips).—I have often told querists that breeding results are very uncertain with a mixed lot of British birds thrown together in an aviary. The reasons for this are set out at length in several recent replies. Your own aviary is not deep enough from front to back to please me—a place 9ft. long and 6ft. 6in. high should be at least 5ft. wide. Still, your present aviary is a nice one, and if suitably fitted up (you should read an article which appeared in No. 1 of the "Bird World Magazine") one or other of the couples might nest successfully. Try Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Linnets, Greenfinches, and Twites—sexes equal.

More Aviary Breeding (Pell-Mell).—I commend your plan of sticking to Canary hens in your aviary. It is far the likeliest plan to produce youngsters. Pity the place is not wider—2ft. 6in. is very narrow. You could easily get a dozen Canary hens in it. I should think one or two cock Goldies, a Redpoll, and a Twite would add to the place's attractiveness; a cock Bullfinch, too, would be a decided acquisition, and you would have a chance of producing a Bullie-Canary Hybrid, which would be of considerable value.

Linnet III (J. J. C.).—I don't think, from the symptoms you describe, there is much chance of your Linnet recovering. I should say he was at the "last gasp" when you wrote, and possibly will be no more when you read this answer. If still alive, try a few doses of dandelion juice (taraxacum) from the chemist—half-a-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give for three days, then another dose or two with intervals in between on plain water. This might serve to restore him, though I am afraid he is beyond the help of medicine.

Goldfinches Dying (A. Hallas).—I don't think you need look beyond the railway journey to explain the death of the Goldfinches. Four days on the way! Why, it seems almost incredible they were not dead as door-nails when they reached you. Someone, I should think, must certainly have given them a drink while en route.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

Diet for Amazon Parrot.

Doubtful.—(1) Keep water in its cage by all means, so that the water-vessel is placed in such a position that it cannot get fouled. No, the diet is altogether wrong; stop the slops, table scraps, etc., at once. (2) A mixture of canary, oats, wheat, dari, small Indian corn, hemp, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts (get a quart of each, and it will last some time), should form its staple diet; supplement this at intervals so as to vary its diet, with *ripe* fruit, plain sweet biscuit (dry), raw carrot, boiled potato (dry), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), green food (lettuce, green peas, etc., as in season), cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. (3) The small quantity of raw potato will do no harm, but if you wish the bird to remain in health, do not give it table scraps, sops, or any tea or coffee. If you read other replies in this and last issues, it will help you in the management of your bird.

Identification.

Zebra.—Being unable to get over to the Museum personally, I had to send a messenger over, and though the Museum authorities very courteously assisted him, they were unable to name No. 2 from your sketch, owing to there being several species, so much alike, that without a finished drawing identification is almost impossible. No. 1 belongs to the family *Tanagridæ* (*Chorophonica longipennis*). It is usually sold under some such name as Emerald, All Green, or Blue-Green Tanager. The diet given last week will fully meet the case if it will eat them, two or three mealworms per bird daily, would be an advantage. No. 2 is some closely allied species, and probably a female.

The Spice Finch.

Dick.—Your bird is the Spice Finch (*Munia punctulata*). It has a number of other vulgar

names, such as Nutmeg, Bar-breasted, and Topela Finch; it is also known by the designation of Spice Bird, the term Bird being used instead of Finch for all its other vulgar names. It is an Indian bird, very freely imported, and is also to be usually obtained for 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. a pair. Canary, millet, and spray millet, with green food, and gritty sand on cage bottom, will fully meet the modest needs of this pretty little Finch.

A Parrot Picking Its Feathers.

A. M.—I should say your bird has been improperly fed; you do not give diet, so I can only refer you as to this to other replies in this, and especially last week's issues. Do not give table scraps, milk, tea, or coffee slops, or any kind of animal food. Spray the bird with quassia solution every other day for a fortnight, guarding carefully against draught till dry. For one day only make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. On other days, and continue for some time, make its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Speechless Parrot.

Anxious.—Your note gives me no ground to go upon; you must say how you have been feeding and how long the bird has been in your possession, before I can give you definite help. Parrots frequently exhibit jealousy and become sulky, when they see another bird being petted, and it is possibly merely sulking, and will find its tongue again later. It is a dangerous practice to place a new purchase in close proximity to an established bird. All new purchases should be kept in a separate room, away from other birds, for three or four weeks at least, till you are sure they are sound, or you may contaminate every bird you have. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom Salts for one day; follow this by making its drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's Chemical Food; this treatment will suffice while you are sending me further particulars, and waiting for reply.

Paradise Parrakeets, etc.

Pulchræ Aves.—(1) Paradise Parrakeets are very rare, and their price would be what the dealer thought he could get, certainly a high figure. Varied Lorrikeets are scarce on the market at present, but by advertising you might get a pair for 60s., but I would not take double that sum for my pair, which are out of doors at the present time, and are in exhibition condition. (2) A good-sized Parrot cage, one that will give them space to climb and twist about in. (3) Almost everybody differs on this point; at the present time I should swear by the Hawk-headed Caique, but I doubt if you could get one of these birds now; I believe there are only four in this country at the present time—my own bird, one at the Zoo, and the other two in the hands of those who would not readily part with them. Tui Parrakeets are a small and pretty species, and become very tame and chummy. I will think the matter over, and name one or two others in our next issue.

The Rosella Parrakeets.

A Bird Lover.—I will keep your query before me till our next issue; you appear to have some species of Song Sparrow, but which, at the moment, I cannot say. *Re* the Rosella, when a bird is bald, as you describe yours to be, recovery is not rapid, but more often the plumage is only very slowly reproduced. Continue the treatment already advised. If it will eat a crust of bread or a piece of plain biscuit, slightly damp either one or the other, and well dust same with flour of sulphur, giving this daily for a time. I have a very rare Tanager that got very badly pecked early in July, which has only just regained decent plumage, in spite of very special care, for it is a very valuable bird, and I believe the only one in this country, if not the actual first living specimen to reach Great Britain. Yes, you can keep the Parrakeets together; it largely depends on space. It will be well to keep a watch on them at first, as there is so much individualism with these birds that a "hard and fast line" cannot be drawn. Note, you must not put Parrakeets out of doors at this time of year that have been kept indoors or in cages during the warmer weather.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (Fairfield).—Liver enormously enlarged and diseased, lungs congested. Fear you have got an inheritantly diseased strain. Give milk-sop occasionally, and salad or boiled carrot, or ripe bananas daily.

Canary (J. Welsh).—Sudden chill—inflammation of lungs and liver ending with apoplexy.

Grey Parrot (Mrs. Fielding).—Well-established liver disease, with more recent inflammation of the kidneys, caused the death of your bird. Dieting queries can always be answered through the query columns.

Cinnamon Lancashire Canary (O. Hamilton).—This bird was much too fat, and the upset with the cock Canary might have induced the apoplectic fit from which it died, although I suspect the evident congestion of lungs.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Hens Together; and Book (E. Millar).—You can certainly keep two hens together in the same cage; but they should be separated in some way (by a partition or other means) when breeding. You will find this and all other points explained in House's Canary Manual, which we have duly sent you.

Cutting about Show (T. H. Marrison).—We are extremely obliged to you for thinking of us, but you will see we had arranged for a full report.

Classes Omitted (F. J. Putner).—We are quite at a loss as to how the classes you mention got omitted, for the Novice Section is one we are always anxious to notice. We will make enquiries, and thank you for drawing attention to the matter.

Addressing Letter (W. G.).—Letter has been duly re-addressed.

Complaint (H. Davies).—If you will kindly comply with rule 8, under "Questions and Answers," and send the name and address of the person complained about, we will write him on your behalf. To publish your letter would only be to cast suspicion on innocent people, as we feel sure you will see after a moment's reflection.

Book Wanted (Mrs. Croysdale).—We think your best plan would be to insert an advertisement in our prepaid columns, which would doubtless bring you the book you desire. Sorry we have not a copy to spare ourselves

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Oban.—Dec. 12.—Argyllshire Gathering Hall. Judge, Mr. William Smith. 17 local classes: Scot 3, Nor. 3, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1, Sell. 1, Children's 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 1s. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec 5, to MESSRS. NIMMO AND PATERSON, Alma-crescent, Oban.

Hartlepools (N.C.C.).—Dec. 6th and 7th, Christ Church Hall, Brunswick Street, W. Hartlepool.—Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. Maddison. 37 open classes: Yorks 9, Nor. 9, Bord. 3, Crest 2, Sell. 3, Gift 1, Hybrid 9, and 10 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-, and spls. Fee, 1/6; entries close Dec. 2 to E. WOODHEAD, 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.

Pwllheli.—Dec. 26th, Town Hall.—Judge, Mr. S. Hadwin. 15 classes (open to Wales): Nor. 1, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Mule 1, Bilt. 4. For. 1, Local 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 3/-, 2/-; entries close Dec. 17th to LLOYD AND DAVIES, 7, Mount Terrace.

Middleton (C.B.U., L.C.A.).—Dec. 7th, Assembly Room, Old Boar's Head.—Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 14 open classes: Lancs. 4, Lizard 2, Yorks. 3, Nor. 3, Brit. 1, Sell. 1, and 13 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6; entries close Dec. 2, to R. COWHERD, 107, Higher Wood Street.

Harrogate.—Dec. 14th, St. James' Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 20 classes: Yorks. open 7, Novice (open) Yorks. 4, Nor. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6; entries close Dec. 10th to G. H. PARNWELL, 6, Providence Terrace

Pelton.—Dec. 28th. Fleece Inn, Old Pelton.—Judge, Mr. J. Risebrough. 37 classes: Nor. 6, Crest 6, Cinn. 4, Bord. 6, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 2, Novice 1, Pairs 3, Sell. 1, Brit. 4, Mules 1, For. 1; entries close to L. HALL, Lance Hall, Gilbert's Corner, Newfield, S.O., Co. Durham.

Wandsworth.—Dec. 10th, "Plough" Assembly Rooms, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction.—Judge, Mr. J. Manning 5 members' classes. Entries close Dec. 3rd to Secretary.

Newcastle-Emlyn.—Dec. 6th, Market Place.—Judge, Mr. Archer. 5 open classes: Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Pairs 1. Prizes, 5/-, 2/6, 1/-. Fee 6d.; entries close Nov. 29th to JONES AND ROBERTS, Newcastle-Emlyn.

Maindee.—Dec. 14th, Lecture Hall, Wharf Road, Newport, Mon.—Judge, Mr. T. Heath. 2 classes: Can. and Brit. 1 each. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-; entries close Dec. 9th to J. HAWKSLEY, 4, Wharf Road, Newport, Mon.

Kilsyth.—Dec. 14th, Drill Halls.—Judge, Mr. G. Campbell. 27 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 4, Bord. 7, Common 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, and spls. Fee 1/6; entries close Dec. 7th to A. D DUNCAN, "Chronicle" Office, Kilsyth, near Glasgow.

Melbourne.—December 14th, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe. 7 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close December 7th to J. HICKLIN, South Street, Melbourne, Derbyshire

Buckingham.—December 12th, Oddfellows' Hall.—Judge, Mr. G. H. Billett. 4 members' classes. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1s. Entries close December 4th to G. SIMONDS, Station House.

Edinburgh C.S. (U.K.B.C.A.).—December 13th and 14th, Artillery Hall, Grindlay Street.—Judges, Messrs. J. Cook, W. Webster, A. M'Vee, W. Hailstones, and D Brown. 28 open classes: Scot. 17, Belg. 5, Sell 4. Novice 2. Prizes, 15s., 10s., 7s., 5s., 3s., and a good list of spls. Fee 2s. Entries close December 9th to JAMES MELROSE, 97, Montgomery Street.

Pickering.—December 12th, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 13 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Sell 1, Brit. 4, A.O.S. 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 6s., 3s., 1s. Fee 1s. 3d. Entries close December 5th to JOHN WALLIS, Beech House, Undercliffe, Pickering.

Swindon.—December 12th and 13th, Large Swimming Baths.—Judge, Mr. W. A. de Winton. 16 open classes: Crests 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell 2, Mule (local) 1, and 3 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 1/6. Entries close December 3rd to NORTHOVER and WATSON, 154, Redcliffe Street, Swindon.

Ulster (C. and B.N.C.C. of Ireland, F.C.C.U.K. B.C.A.).—Dec. 6th and 7th, Avenue Hall, Garfield St., Bristol.—Judges, Messrs. Wm. Thornton and A. Wellings. 47 classes (open to Ireland only): Belg. 1, Scot. 10, Nor. 8, Crests 4, Yorks. 12, Mules 3, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Sell 5. Prizes, 9s., 6s., 3s., 2s., and good list of spls. Fee 2s. Entries close November 30th to ROBERT TRIMBLE, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.

Carlisle (C.B.U., B.F.C.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., N.B.B.M. and F.B.C.).—December 6th and 7th, Queen's Hall, Victoria Viaduct.—Judges, Messrs. J. Thompson and Parker Robinson. 53 open classes: Scot. 2, Bord. 13, Nor. 9, Cinn. 1, Crest 2, Yorks 3, German 1, Sell 3, Mule 3, Brit. 11, For. 5. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and spls. Entrance fee 1s. 6d. Entries close December 2nd to W. THOMAS, 23, Petteril Street.

Tredegar (C.B.U.).—Dec. 27, Market and Town Halls.—Judge, Mr. A. J. Gladwin. 20 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, Crest 1, Scot 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For. 2, and two members' classes. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6, entries close Dec. 20th to J. TURNER, Glanyrafton House, Birhowy, Tredegar,

Annan—Dec. 21st, Albert Hall.—Judge, Mr J. Smillie. 23 classes: Bord 9, Nor. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Sell 2, Mule 2, Brit 4, For 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6 entries close Dec. 16 to ALEX. IRVING, 10, Albert Place.

Narberth.—Dec. 11th, Victoria Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. B. Evans, 8 classes: Nor 2, Yorks 2 Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell 1, and 1 local Can. class. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee 9d.; entries close Dec. 5th, to JAMES OWEN, St. James Street.

West Herts (C.B.U.)—Dec. 10th, Clarendon Hall, Watford.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House, 26 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks 7, Sell 1, Mule 1, Brit. 8, For 3 Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/6; entries close Nov. 30th to C. A. EDWARDS, 14, Prince Street, Watford

Fleckney.—Dec. 7th "Old Crown Inn."—Judge, Mr. T. Griffin, 2 classes: Can. or Mule 1, Brit 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, Fee 1/6; entries close Nov. 30th to W. H. LORD, Fleckney, near Leicester.

Hilmarnock.—Dec. 7th. Art Gallery Halls, London Road.—Judges, Messrs. D. Black, J. Smith, J. Young, J. Ferguson, P. M'Kenzie, D. G. Gardiner and J. B. King. 68 open classes: Scot 10, Crests 13, Nor 11, Bord 9, Mules 3, Brit 12, For 3 Sell 6, Gift 1. Prizes, CAGE BIRDS Competition, 12/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, and a good list of spls. Fee 2/-; entries close Nov. 30th. to WM. WATSON, 49, Glebe Road.

Llanelly.—Dec. 10th, Market Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. Proud. 6 local classes. Secretary, DAVID GRIFFITHS, Rosemount House.

Another Theft from a Show.

The secretary of Ayr Show, Mr. J. Thomson, informs us that a Norwich Plainhead was stolen from that exhibition. The offender, according to the advertisement appearing on our Show page this week, is known, and likely to be severely dealt with.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

YORKSHIRE Fanciers, and more particularly those who have been in the fancy for a number of years, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. James Wilkinson, of Lidget Green, Bradford, who passed away on Friday, November 22nd, having passed the allotted "three score and ten" by some three or four years. Jim, as he was more familiarly known, was an astute fancier of the Yorkshire variety, and was one of the pioneers in the making of this now popular breed. He is the third of the old school who during the last few years have been laid to rest, the other two, with whom he was on most intimate terms, being Mr. Isaac Holroyd and Mr. John Thackray.

A CHAT with Mr. Wilkinson on birdy topics of the old days was always interesting and instructive. Many a time has he kept a goodly company on the tiptoe of excitement by relating his experiences in the fancy, amongst others being the day when borrowing birds for exhibiting was the rule rather than the exception, stating that then it was no uncommon thing for one exhibitor to stage from thirty to seventy birds at one show, a large number of them being "gathered up" from amongst fancier friends. For a long number of years Mr. Wilkinson was a member and enthusiastic worker for the Gt. Horton O. S., and even up to the last year or two rarely missed visiting the shows.

FANCIERS here are now enquiring when the Cinderella Fund Canary Show business is to be brought forward, as it is thought that such a show should not be allowed to fall through. On referring to the balance-sheet for the last show, I note that no less a sum than £15 was paid over to the Cinderella Fund, which no doubt was well spent in ministering to the wants of the poor bairns of Bradford. Of course, the question of date has been a little perplexing. But now I hear that the Palace Show has been postponed a week, and if this is corect, it leaves a nice little opening into which the Cinderella Show might step, thus taking the date left open by the Yorkshire Union when fixing their shows, viz., February 1st. This would doubtless prove convenient to the C.F. Show Committee. It was mooted, after the last show, that the next one should take place somewhere in the City, to be more central, and if a good room could be found, this would certainly be advantageous to all concerned.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Nov. 29 & 30.—**Jarrow & Dis. C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P.)
Nov. 30.—**Dundee** (A.C. J As., J C., Ax.C.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C.B.S.**
Nov. 30.—**Whitburn & Dis. C.B.S.** (J.F.D., J.K.)
Nov. 30.—**Eccles & District C.B.S.**
*Dec. 3.—**Diss C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 4.—**City of Birmingham** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 4 and 5.—**Bristol F.A.** (J.H.P., T.H.)
Dec. 4 and 5.—**Weybridge & Dis. F.S.** (J.R.)
Dec. 5—**Haverfordwest.**
*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster)** (T.J.K., J.R., R.H., C.H., P.F.M.G., W.T.P.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.** (A.G.D.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J.G., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9 **Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11.—**Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 12.—**Carmarthen.**
Dec. 12.—**Porth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14. **Gateshead** (W.V., G.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)

SHOW DATES FIXED, continued.

Dec. 4.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
*Dec. 17 and 18.—**Wellingboro'.**
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
Jan. 1 and 2 1908. **Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wm., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E., E.H.
*Feb. 7, 8, 10? **Great National (Crystal & Old Palace) Show.**

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Evenden; 3, Gillard; wc, Allison. BUFF (6): 1, Hack; 2, Gillard; 3, Hamer; vhc, Ellison; bc, Glendinning; c, Morgan. HENS (7): 1, Evenden; 2, Hack; 3, bc, Morgan; vhc, Allison; c, Gillard. UNFLI. (11): 1, 2, c, Gillard; 3, Morgan; vhc, bc, Hack. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, Putner; 3, vbc, Done; bc, c, Cobley. BUFF (6): 1, c, Cobley; 2, 3, Putner; vhc, bc, Done. HENS (8): 1, spl, 2, Putner; 3, bc, c, Cobley; vhc, Done. UNFLI. (10): 1, spl, 2, vbc, Putner; 3, hc, Done; c, Cobley. A.O.V. (1): wc, Done.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CATCHING NEAR LONDON.

SIR,—Can any reader kindly state through your valuable paper the nearest district, common or forest, to London for catching birds, and say if there is any restriction as to net, trap or lime; also what kinds of bird would be likely to be caught there, and the close time for netting?

CONSTANT READER.

PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR HORWICH AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Having been approached by several bird fanciers as to the advisability of forming a Cage Bird Society for this district, I make a second appeal to all fanciers within a twelve miles radius to let me have their names and addresses who wish to become members, in order that a meeting could be arranged at some convenient place in the town to inaugurate the same. I see no reason why such a society should not be formed, as there are plenty of fanciers around here, who would make good members if only they would come forward, and give a helping hand in its formation.

WM. FISHER.

135, Mason Street, Horwich, Bolton.

A BASTARDLY ACT AT PENRHYN

SIR,—I regret to see the letter in your last issue, re the above. As one who knows Mr. Opie, I may say I have always found him an upright, honest fancier, and one who is always pleased to show anyone his birds, and give his advice. He can ill afford to have his pets put away in this brutal manner. I have always found the Penrhyn people most kind and humane. Tradition has it that Penrhynians robbed the Church, but at the same time they didn't slaughter anyone (or even a bird) My opinion, which I share with many others, is that no Penrhyn man did this dirty piece of work; it was evidently done by some person or persons who are sent to Penrhyn to do duty, in a different form to slaughtering innocent birds, out of spite. One may ask where are the police at night? They are paid servants to protect the public whilst asleep; they have evidently failed to do their duty in this case.. Suspicion falls on a certain person who poses as a religious man. Better, that this man should practice what he preaches, and act up to the Golden Rule, doing unto others as he would be done unto. One would think we had degenerated back to the state of the barbaric ages, instead of being in the progressive Twentieth Century. Mr. Opie has the sympathy of all genuine fanciers in this district in his sad loss. MAN-IN-RED.

ALLEGED LACK OF MANAGEMENT AT DULWICH & PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—With reference to the letters of Mr. A. Morris and Mr. George Hill, which appeared in CAGE BIRDS last week, I would respectfully submit that what I wrote on the subject was entirely in good faith. Most of the facts contained in my letter came under my personal notice, and I have no reason whatever to doubt the accuracy of the information supplied to me by the officials of the show. I certainly think, in view of the exceptional circumstances, some allowance should be made, especially by such good fanciers as Mr. Morris and Mr. Hill, and that the hitch in the arrangements, which everybody regrets, should be treated in a more conciliatory spirit.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

SIR,—In reference to Dulwich and Peckham Show, I see some fanciers are condemning Mr. Woolhouse on the management of the said show. I am sure I never saw a manager work harder for the benefit of the exhibitors than Mr. Woolhouse. At the best of times managers and secretaries get hard knocks, and under the condition of the hall being engaged till very late, it did not give the committeemen and Mr. Woolhouse a chance with so large an entry. I wish the Dulwich-Peckham Society every success. W. VARDY.

SIR,—My final letter on this subject, in reply to Mr. Woolhouse, re numbers. After my recent experience, I am sorry I cannot take his word without further corroboration I am sure it is very kind of him, asking me to pay his self-imposed penalty of £1 for the trouble I have caused! Surely he must be getting into more muddles. I was not the show manager! The Crippled Children's Fund, I think, is closed, but no doubt there are the poor of Peckham, and as Christmas is near, and as a sportsman, if Mr. Woolhouse will send his cheque for 10s. to your paper for the poor of his district, and your paper will send me word he has done so, I will likewise send my cheque for the same amount for the poor of my district. I should like the fanciers of Dulwich and Peckham to know they have my good wishes, as I have no grievance whatever with them or the show, and under good management I wish them every future success. J. E. REEVES.

BREEDING HYBRID PARRAKEETS

SIR,—In my article on the breeding of Hybrid Parrakeets, in your double number last week, your printer makes me say: "They (the young) have quite a curious way of 'squeaking' if anything disturbs them in the nest." It should read "squawking," as there is no squeak about it; it is more like the word "hawk" long drawn out.

C. P. ARTHUR.

ROUGH HANDLING OF EXHIBITS IN TRANSIT.

A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—Can any of your readers suggest a remedy for the rough handling of live birds (exhibits, etc.) by railway companies? My own opinion is it is only the work of a few of the servants of companies, and who are more fit to load brick carts. Now, C.B.U.!

GREYPATE.

AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me through your correspondence column to protest against what I consider to be a misleading advertisement, and a just grievance. I have been annoyed lately, through it having been brought to my notice that there is a certain fancier of the same name as myself, who is allowing other fanciers to asume that he is the Walsh that owns the strain of Yorkshires that is winning at the Yorkshire Union shows, when as a matter of fact the strain is mine. Now, Sir, imagine if you can, my annoyance at seeing his advertisement in your current issue, in which he gives no particulars as to where his winning Yorkshires have won. Had he given a list of the shows where he has won with his birds, I should have had no real grounds for complaint, and this letter would never have been written. H. W. WALSH (Halifax).

COCKERMOUTH F.S. & THE C.B.U.

SIR,—After reading the various letters relating to the above, I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Lythgoe is not so much to blame as they try to make him out to be. To my mind the dispute is between the two societies. Therefore, instead of Mr. Oglethorpe blaming Mr. Lythgoe he ought to put the blame on the right shoulders, viz., the committee of the other society, who, according to Mr. Oglethorpe, had every opportunity of seeing the advertisement in the "Cumberland Times" stating that they altered the date of their show to December 6th and 7th. In Mr. Lythgoe's postcard, dated August 6th, he makes it quite clear when he asked the Cockermouth Society if they had any objection to the other society becoming affiliated. In Mr. Oglethorpe's reply he states that they welcome their adhesion. Would it not have been better if they had objected to the other society being allowed to become affiliated unless they altered their date? I will give you a case in point. The Darlington Society made application for a licence for a show on the same date as Blaydon. Mr. Lythgoe wrote to the secretary of the Blaydon Society to ascertain if they had any objections. They objected, and their objection was upheld by the C.B.U. Therefore I am of the opinion that if Cockermouth had objected the other society would not have been admitted members.

ONLOOKER.

HYBRIDS AT PERTH SHOW.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to put a few questions to the judge of Hybrids and British birds at Perth Show through the columns of your valuable paper? I exhibited a Dark Canary-Bullfinch in Class 55 (exhibit No. 3), and it was marked "wrong class." Now, the classes are as follows:—54, Light or Variegated Canary Mules; 55, Dark Canary Mules; 56, Hybrids; so readers will see that my bird was certainly in its right class. I would like to ask the judge what cross it is if it is not a Canary-Bullie? I understand he calls it a Greenie-Bullie. He might kindly let me know where the Greenie cross comes from. I have exhibited this bird and been in the tickets under such well-known specialist judges as Mr. James F. Dewar (Edinburgh), Mr. J. J. Watson (Arbroath), Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith), Mr. Marlin (Hamilton), and Mr. Robson (London); and he has been 1st, spl. at Falkirk and 1st, spl. at Grangemouth this year under Mr. Gardner (Bathgate). He was 1st, spl. at Perth last year in the same class. He has been repeatedly commented on in the Fancy Press as a gem of a Canary-Bullie (see CAGE BIRDS report of Brechin Show, November 9th). I think it is high time something was done to ensure fanciers getting justice. It is very hard to have your bird thrown out by someone who evidently does not know what he is judging. I hope the judge will reply to this next week, and perhaps some of those who were present will have something to say on this subject. I will give £5 to any charitable institution you, Mr Editor, may mention if the judge can prove that it is not what I have shown it as, namely, a genuine Canary-Bullie.

JAMES OVENSTONE.

SINGING LINNETS.

SIR,—In reply to "Grey Linnet," I would say that if his Linnets are over the moult he should give them as a staple food plain canary seed, German rape, and English rape. Then get this mixture made, which we will call No. 1: Dandelion, 2oz.; white lettuce, 1 oz.; gold of pleasure, 4 oz.; and maw seed, 4 oz. Also mixture No. 2: Niger, 1 pint; hemp, 1 gill. Keep them separate, and give one teaspoonful of each every day, when you will soon hear your linnets sing.

NOVICE.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—Having at the request of the late secretary and members taken over the duties of secretary to the Scotch Fancy Club, I shall be pleased to receive members' subscriptions, also to hear from any fancier wishing to become a member; or to receive any suggestion from members which shall have every consideration so far as it concerns our section. We are giving the club patronage to Gateshead show, a silver medal for best cock and ditto for best hen. Will members support? They did splendidly at Leeds. J. HARRISON.

145, Batley Road, Doncaster.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—With regard to last week's correspondence in your columns, relating to the seven guinea shield at Dulwich and Peckham Show, I would like to corroborate what has been said by both Mr. Baker and Mr. Vardy on the subject, and to repeat here what I have already said verbally—i.e., that I was at the time of the show, and am still, perfectly satisfied with the decision of the judges. I know everything was done for the Norwich that could be done, and I am satisfied that Mr. Crisp's bird did fairly win the shield. J. HODDER.

SIR,—I should like to say a word re Mr. Baker's letter. I wish him and all fanciers to understand that what I said in my letter of November 16th was not from any jealous motive, but simply because I do not approve of the system under which the birds were judged. Mr. Baker speaks of giving honour where the same is due. Kindly allow me to say it was not for him or anyone else to do this, but Judge Vardy, who was appointed to judge; it was for him and him only to give his expert opinion on the Norwich Plainhead. He also speaks of my buff cock being ill on the first day of the show. I should like to ask him why, then, it was awarded first? One reporter reports it as being well staged. Anyway, I have lost the bird and have got to pay for it. Respecting me looking after my own bird, it was as much as I could do to look after other people's, to try and get them a bit straight. W. MORRIS.

PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR TOPSHAM.

SIR,—For a long time it has been thought desirable that a Canary Society should be formed in "our historic town" of Topsham; but probably some pessimist will be ready to exclaim: "What! a Canary Club for Topsham?" In reply, I would exclaim with still greater emphasis: "Why not? For is it not a fact that in these advanced days of pleasure-seeking nearly every small town and remote village has its fancy pet club and annual show?" In view of the same, I wish to say there are plenty of resources at hand, which, if properly initiated, would, I am confident, be well patronised and generously supported by the inhabitants, many of whom are ardent admirers of the feathered tribes. I may mention, if I dare, that we have residing in our midst some well-known local fanciers, viz., Mr. W. Tremlett, a respected Yorkshire fancier; and Mr. Parkes, a prominent Norwich fancier; also another Yorkshire fancier, whose controversial letters, it will be remembered by your numerous readers, appeared in your esteemed journal, CAGE BIRDS, about two years ago, under the heading, "What is the Yorkshire type?" and others, many of whom have won prizes at Exeter and Exmouth Shows. This fact alone should be sufficient encouragement for the undertaking of so worthy an enterprise, and only requires a few business organisers in order to give this most interesting pursuit a fair start, so that many who remain disinterested would, I am certain, come forward with a helping hand, and who doubtless would be highly pleased to have the opportunity of entering into friendly competition by endeavouring honestly to produce in the course of time such specimens from their respective fancies as shall eventually challenge outsiders to excel. I would also like to remark from personal experience that notwithstanding many adverse circumstances and vexatious losses I have found the keeping of Canaries a very fascinating pleasure, and at the close of the season, or year, have discovered to my delight a small balance on the credit side of my bird account. It only remains for Topsham fanciers to put their shoulder to the wheel. I trust these few suggestions may prove an incentive, FREDERICK ELLIS.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—The Press always welcome new records. I am sending you one herewith for publication, which for cowardliness and evasion of the truth I believe never had its equal in the annals of the Fancy. It has apparently for its object the throwing of dust in the eyes of the members of the Scottish Plainhead Club, to divert attention from the real cause—why the International contest is not to take place in 1907. This is a strong accusation, and if I fail to prove my case, then I am the coward. I am referring to the following circular sent out to members:—

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Dear Sir,—As you no doubt are aware arrangements were come to between the English and Scottish Plainhead Clubs to have contest in Scotland this year. A vote of our members was taken where they wished contest, and resulted by a large majority in favour of Glasgow and West of Scotland Show on November 15th and 16th, being chosen. As Secretary of the Club, I sent on result of vote, with classification offered, to Mr. Raynes, Secretary of E.P.C. We were informed that date had been previously fixed for one of their competitions, and we would have to try and change our date. In answer to letter, Glasgow and West of Scotland could not change date arranged. Still trusting that E.P.C. would make arrangements to meet us, in reply to my letter I received letter on 7th October, informing us what we already knew, that two contests had been held in Scotland and two in England, and seeing the E.P.C had come to Scotland first, it was now our turn to go to England, and proposed that contest take place at Nottingham, on 16th and 18th, and they were trying to get the Southern Club to meet them on that date. I trust you will take note of this on the very date we had fixed for contest. Why the Scottish Club should be subject to such treatment I am at a loss to know. It does seem like as they were only playing with us, and will only come to Scotland when it suits them. This is now the second occasion they have treated this Club in the same manner. A special meeting of the Club took place at Glasgow on Saturday 19th, and was largely attended, to consider letters received. It was agreed to have no contest with E.P.C., but to hold a Club Show on date agreed upon for contest at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, November 15th and 16th.

D. SMITH, Secretary.

The 1906 contest was voted to take place in conjunction with the Kelso Show, but as it did not comply with one of the conditions of the English Norwich Plainhead Club, viz., that they don't give either their patronage or support to mixed shows, it of necessity fell through. One would have thought that a new secretary would have mastered the conditions under which the previous contests had taken place, for had this been done it would have saved the Kelso Committee a deal of expense, and the members of the S.P.C. their first disappointment. Experience teaches some, but when one is inflated with a sense of his own perfection, no one can teach him. One would reasonably have expected that as he had bungled his first contest, he would have avoided bungling his second. But no. Look at the business-like way of the English Norwich Plainhead Club. We find reported in CAGE BIRDS issue of the 18th May the whole of their fixtures settled at their meeting held on the 11th May. Amongst them is their Club Show to be held in conjunction with the Nottingham Show on the 16th and 18th November. How different the management of the Scottish Club! The secretary keeps dilly-dallying till about the beginning of October before he issues his voting papers, and it is about the middle of that month before he intimates to the English Club that the contest has now fallen to be held in conjunction with the Glasgow and West of Scotland Society's Show, to be held on the 15th and 16th November. So soon as the result was known it was pointed out to me by a member that it could not take place at this show, as these dates clashed with the E.P.C.'s Club Show, fixed five months before, for the 16th and 18th of the same month. Thus finished the 1907 contest! Supposing the contest had taken place in Glasgow, it would have been a violation of a very important rule governing the contest proposed by the then very astute secretary and committee of the Scottish Club, "that the contest be held each year in December," and agreed to by the English Club. The present members should feel grateful to those who inserted such a wise provision, as the difference of our climate causes our birds to be later in getting through the moult, and it is fully December some seasons before they are properly fined down. Yet in face of this rule our present secretary would fain have gone on. There is one thing we must admire our secretary for—in doing just what he promised. Readers may remember his taking the opportunity through the medium of the Press of thanking his numerous supporters for electing him to the office of secretary. He distinctly stated then, "that he would stand no interference." The committee gave away their birthright when they allowed him to assume office on these terms. They became subservient to the secretary, not the secretary to them. I can quite understand members who do not know the "ropes" so well as I do, asking each other: "Although we could not get the contest at the show fixed on, why not have taken the one having the next highest number of votes?" Herein lies the kernel of the whole matter. The secretary was secretary of another society, and he voluntarily retired from it, stating at the time he would continue to work for its best interests. But, whether he was disappointed at the ready way his place was filled or not, he suddenly turned round, and vowed to a member of committee that he would do all in his power against its interests. This member reported same at an adjourned annual meeting of the society, when it was at once moved, duly seconded, and carried unanimously, that he be expelled the society. That society was the Scottish National, and it stood second both years, as the society having the next highest number of votes. This is the reason for the contest not taking place there. It is very hard lines on the breeding and exhibiting members of the S.P.C. that they should be robbed of their most cherished competition because its secretary has vowed to do all in his power against the S.N. If this is allowed to go on, then the days of the S.P.C are numbered. It resolves itself, to my mind, into the question whether we had better lose the club, or lose the secretary. I would not have written a single line of this letter had he not attacked the E.P.C. executive behind their backs, blaming them falsely (as I think I have shown) as being responsible for the contest not taking place these last two years, while he, and he alone, by his consistent bungling, is solely responsible. I am truly sorry for the treatment meted out by the Scottish Club to our English friends, after the generous way in which the latter granted them a second opportunity of bringing off the contest in Scotland. Could some way not be devised to remedy it yet, even at this late hour, as a mark of appreciation (by some of its members at least) for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to the S.P.C. ever since its institution?

WILLIAM AITCHISON.

UNIFORMITY OF SHOW CAGES.

SIR,—In answer to "B.," re the variety of material sent in the bottoms of show cages to different shows lately, I beg to say that anything but plain canary seed sent to the Bristol Show has always been turned out previous to judging.

T. R. IND.

SOFTENING WATER FOR WASHING BIRDS.

SIR,—I have only just noticed a printer's error in my batch of "Canary Notes in Brief" of November 16th, which it may be best to correct. In "A Note on Washing" the method of softening water is made to read "boil a few months before using." That it was an error must have been obvious to everyone, even if the real meaning was not understood. It should have been "boil a few moments." To be more precise: if hard water boils fifteen or twenty minutes and then stands until cold, it is very much softer, a large proportion of the mineral salts which cause "hardness" being deposited at a boiling temperature.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ALLEGED MALPRACTICES IN YORKSHIRE CIRCLES.

SIR,—In "Under the White Rose," of November 16th, the writer dealt somewhat fully with our showing a cock in the hen class. But I see again this week that he has heard another whisper; this time that the "alleged offenders" (we being the offenders) are said to have been guilty of borrowing and trimming, of which we are not guilty. I made a special journey to Bradford City Show to see Mr. R. Garnett, Sec., C.M.Y.C.C., to learn if he had heard anything; but found he has heard no such complaint. I might say that as we have been guilty once, he must think we are full of these fraudulent practices. If we are defaulters in one action, why does he print these whispers, which he doesn't know are true, and try to make all the fancy think we are guilty of other practices? The writer was at the C.M.Y. Club meeting when we were suspended (if I am informed right), and when I objected to three of the club members for trimming, borrowing and lending, which I am prepared to prove, and when the delegates of the Y.U. and C.M.Y.C.C. meet, the matter will be gone into. I hope he will sign his name and face the public, so they may know who to make prove the rumours.

B. COOK.

[Mr. Cook has entirely misconstrued the meaning of the paragraph in question, as Straight 'Un" was not referring to any further charges being brought against Messrs Cook and Son, but to Mr. Cook's own charges against other exhibitors of Yorkshires (as mentioned in his letter printed above), the latter being the "alleged offenders."—EDITOR.]

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

DOVER.

This, the seventh show of the Dover Society, was held in the Town Hall, a most suitable building, on November 26th and 27th. The exhibits were nicely staged in the large hall by themselves, and their wants well attended to by the committee and stewards, all of whom seemed most earnest in their efforts to make this, their second show, a success in every way. Messrs. Birch, chairman, Disch, vice-chairman, and Lewis, treasurer, nobly led the way, and their efforts were ably seconded by Messrs. Tampany, Charlwood, Pym, Dane, Domford, Gravener, Reeve, Chapman, Austin, Brown, Fogg, Richards, Simms, Coleman, Johncock and Maxted. Mr. Borrex, the indefatigable hon. sec., seemed to glory in the arduous work attached to his office, and by his energy and geniality, did much to render the show both successful and pleasurable. A good classification had been sent out, and the entries came up well, totalling 230, which, for a country show, must be voted very good indeed. Taking the section generally, the quality was most excellent, especially in Norwich, where Mr. Gibbs secured all the plums, with a grand team of nice cobby, close feathered birds of rich colour. Yorkshires made a good show, the quality very even, and the competition keen, amongst them was found the winner of the Challenge Cup for best cage bird, and the members' Challenge Bowl, both honours being secured by Mr. Leaver's handsome clear buff. Borders were a nice, select lot, and commanded much attention from visitors. Mr. Broad's handsome Crest easily won the section special, and had it not been indulging in a bath, it would doubtless have run hard for the Challenge Cup. British birds made a very nice show, but, owing to the bad light were most difficult to see. We particularly admired Mr. Brett's lovely great Grey Shrike, the same gentleman's Wheatear, Mr. Curd's Bullfinch and Mr. Wickham's Linnet and Goldfinch, Foreigners, were not numerous, but some very nice exhibits were staged, the special fell to a good Green Cardinal shown by Mr. Birch. Mr. J. North had been announced to judge, but owing to indisposition, was unable to fulfil his engagement, and his place was taken by Mr. House, who was officiating in the Pigeon section of the show.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Gibbs, 1st, grand shape, very tight and silky in feather, rich even colour, 4th, grand shape and substance, capital colour, not so tight in feather; 2, Taylor, grand depth of chest, rare back, rich even colour, needs a little burnishing; 3, vhc, bc, c, Brown, capital shape, colour and feather, bit inclined to slackness of wing carriage. BUFF (8): 1, 4, vhc, Gibbs, 1st, not one of the hottest in the class, but sound level colour, beautifully mealed, rare shape and quality, 4th, good colour, meal and feather, longer in body and tail; 2, hc, Brown, very neat and compact, typical shape, nice feather; 3, Patterson, rare shape, and substance, nice sound colour, not so tight in feather; c, Shaw. TICKED, ETC. (6): 1st withheld; 2 3, vhc, Gibbs, neck ticked yellow, and neck ticked buff leading, two nice, shapely birds, of rich even colour, good quality of feather; 4, Paterson, four-pointed yellow, plenty of colour, nice shape, fluffy on back; hc, Taylor; c, Miss Unstead. HEN. CL. Gibbs, a clean, sweep, 1st, lively buff, rare shape and compactness of feather, 2nd, yellow, short, very fine in feather, sound colour, 3rd, rare shaped chubby buff, splendid colour and meal, not so compact in feather; 4, Patterson, good bodied buff of nice quality, hardly the substance of head; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Taylor. TICKED (4): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, vhc, hc, Gibbs, leader very chubby, short, heavily marked yellow, of grand type, a rare stock bird; 4, Patterson, nice shapely ticked headed buff, hardly so cobby. NON-FED (4): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, Wood, nice ticked of nice quality and shape; 4, Taylor, big, shapely clear; vhc, Birch; hc, Miss Unstead. CREST (6): 1, spl, and best Canary after Cup winner; 3, 4, Broad, even-marked large, well-drooped crest, plenty of feather and droop; 3rd, another even-marked, of nice shape, not through moult; 4th, saddle-marked, very neat; 2, Card, very neat shapely grey, nice centre and droop; vbc, Birch; hc, Jenner. C.BRED (3): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, Broad, very densely feathered, nice shape, variegated; 4, Mrs. Ivatt, another variegated of nice feather, hardly so stout; vhc, Jenner. Cinns, cancelled. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 4, Gibbs, rare lengthy bird of nice shape, very compact wings and tail, and rare style; 4th, grandly feathered, good position, but stouter; 2, 3, hc, Leaver, 2nd, very shapely and stylish, not in such good fettle as the leader, 3rd, stands well and is of good shape, not so neat in front; vhc, Abbott; c, Rayner. BUFF (9): 1, 4, cup, best bird in show, and members' Challenge Bowl, Leaver, lovely clear buff, from bead to tail a Yorkle all over, rare position, nerve and feather; 4th, good style and feather, beaten in shoulders and wing carriage; 2, vbc, Rayner, very neat and shapely, nice colour and quality, not so tight in front; 3, Sales, grand shape and carriage, given just a bit more length, a real beauty; hc, Austen; c, Pilcher and Faux. TICKED (13): 1, 4, vhc, Gibbs, neck and wing marked yellow, very hot in colour, nice shape and style; 4th, eye ticked buff, rather pale in colour, nice feather and carriage; 2, Austen, wing ticked buff, good shape and style, not so light in front; 3, Pilcher and Faux, neck ticked yellow, good shapely bird, but needs training; hc, Hendry; c, Leaver. HEN (10): 1, Sales, long, slim buff, as tight as wax, capital shape and carriage; 2, Gibbs, cinnamon marked yellow, rare quality and style, bit more substance; 3, Rayner, nice stamp of yellow, needs tightening up; 4, Wraight, very nice bodied yellow, bit hollow in throat; vhc, hc, c, Leaver. BORDER, YELL. (8): 1, spl, vbc, hc, Lockett, bonny little fellow, grand type and feather, and rare position; 2, 3, 4, Bowes, 2nd, quite equal to winner in every point, except that he does not clip his wings up so smartly; 3rd, very sweet body, nice head and style, bit open in front; 4th, as tight as wax, very stylish, not so slim; c, Abbott. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Bowes, two grand bodied birds, lovely quality and carriage, winner just a trifle superior in wings; 3, 4, vhc, Lockett, grandly feathered, rare style, built on more robust lines; hc, Abbott. TICKED, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Bowes, 1st, wing ticked, neat head, grand body, very compact and silky in feather, rare carriage; 3rd, neck ticked, lovely quality and style, very close in feather, hardly so good in neck; 2, Lockett, wing ticked, splendid feathers and carriage, hardly so slimly built; 4, vhc, Abbott, shapely, nice feathered, four-pointed, rather wild; hc, Miss Unstead. LIZARDS (6): 1, Mrs. Bayly, very nicely spangled gold, neat cap, nice shape and colour; 2, vhc, Heritage, rare shaped silver, fine, bold spangling, hardly so well round; 4th, another big spangled silver, loses in centre of back; 3, Abbott, nice coloured silver, nicely spangled and good colour, not so regular; hc, Austen. A.O.V. (2): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, Gibbs, big, shapely four-pointed buff Norwich of good colour and feather; 4, Langley, nice coloured green Norwich, of good shape. CAN MULE, DARK (7): 1, Pilcher and Faux, bigh quality jonque Goldfinch, plenty of colour, good blaze and wing bars; 2, Langley, very pretty Siskin-tawny, nicely marked, good shape; 3, Rade, shapely buff Goldfinch, nicely marked and good colour; 4, Austen, nicely feathered buff Goldfinch; vhc, Rayner; hc, Brown; vc, 1 ybus, broken in colour. LIGHT (4): 1, Taylor, large, rich coloured close feathered, variegated yellow; 2, Mrs. Ivatt, shapely four-pointed buff of grand quality; 3rd, withheld; 4, Pilcher and Faux, very nice variegated buff, in grand fettle; vhc, Brown. HYBRID (2): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, 4, Taylor, very nice Siskin-Greenfinch, and Goldfinch-Greenfinch, both good in shape, colour and feather. SELL PAIRS 25/- (3): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, vhc, Birch; 4, Moore. 20/- (2): 1st and 3rd withheld; 2, Mrs. Bayly; 4, Birch. 15/- (7): 1, Moore; 2, Wraight; 3, hc, Sanderson; 4, Patterson; vhc, Abbott; c, Mrs. Acland. 10/- COCK (6): 1, Mrs. Bayly; 2, Mrs. Acland; 3, Moore; 4, vhc, Patterson; hc, Abbott. HEN (7): 1st withheld; 2, Austen; 3, Moore; 4, vhc, Abbott; hc, c, Birch. BRIT. LINNET (4): 1st withheld; 2, spl, Wickham, grand shape, very rich colour, beautifully marked; 3, Shaw, very shapely, nice feather and colour; 4, Pankhurst, nice shape and feather, well marked, rather dark in colour; vhc, Miss Unstead. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Wickham, capital shape and feather, very rich bars and tail; 2, Kew, splendid colour, but not so much of him; 3, Casemore, very steady, nice size, not so tight in feather; 4, vhc, Shaw, capital shape and colour, but rather wild; hc, Miss Unstead; c, Barham. GOLDFINCH (4): 1st withheld; 2, Wickham, grand rich colour, both of blaze and body, good shape; 3, Richards, very rich colour, nice feather and style, not so large in blaze; 4, Shaw, good face and bars, nice back, needs tightening up; vhc, Rayner. BULLFINCH (7): 1, spl, Curd, splendid shape, large, clear cut glossy cap, nice back and bars; 2, Kew, rather lighter colour, good feather, but not so deep in chest, or broad in back; 3rd withheld; 4, Abbott, very shapely, well marked hen; vhc, Wickham; hc, Shaw; c, Young. Absent 926, Curd. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1st withheld; 2, Shaw, well marked shapely Redpoll, grandly feathered and very steady; 3, Mrs. Acland, nicely marked, good coloured, shapely Siskin; 4, Miss Unstead, large, well marked Siskin; vhc Pankhurst; hc, Hendry. A.O.S SMALL (3): 1, 3, Brett, very handsome, well marked Wheatear, in grand condition, and a very smart Shorelark of good colour and marking; 2, Dane, very steady, nice coloured Skylark, grandly marked. LARGE (5): 1, Brett, very nicely marked, great Grey Shrike, in good form; 2nd, withheld; 3, Wickham, nice coloured Bawfinch, good bib and wing; 4, Heritage, rich coloured, nicely feathered Waxwing; vhc, Dell; hc, Austen. FOR. PARROT (3): 1st withheld; 2, Branchett, very nicely marked, rich coloured Pennant; 3, Burnett, very fine green Amazon Parrot; 4, Fox, large lemon crest Cockatoo. A.O.V. (4): 1st withheld; 2, vhc, Birch, two good green Cardinals, nicely marked and good heads; 3, Miss Unstead, pretty little white-headed Mannikin; 4, Young, good Ory Weaver, well marked, nice colour. GIFT (15): 1, Leaver; 2, 4, Birch; 3, vhc, hc, c, Heritage; vhc, Brown; hc, Austen. NOVICE CAN. (7): 1, Scharf, heavily variegated Crest, nice centre, droop and radiation; 2, Dane, rich coloured yellow Cinnamon, set enough of trim; 3, Goodban, nice buff Norwich, shapely and good feather; 4, Pybus, long slim buff Yorkie; vhc, Howland; hc, Moore; c, King

MORRISTON.

The first show of the Morriston and District C.B.S. was held on November 21st, in the Drill Hall, a building most admirably adapted for a show of this kind, as there is plenty of room, with immunity from draughts, and the light can only be described as perfect. We think for an initial show it may be fairly described as a successful one, as the entries in most of the classes were good and the quality all round was first-class, many well-known winners being staged. All the exhibits were nicely staged and had every attention paid them by a thoroughly up-to-date and enthusiastic body of fanciers who constituted the committee. Mr. D. Jeremy makes a capital secretary, as he is cool, capable and courteous, and we think the Society fortunate in having such a hard-working official. We think there is a bright future before this Society, as it numbers a keen lot of fanciers, a good working committee, an energetic secretary, and a real good hall. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

YORKS. CL. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, T. Morris, stands well, grand feather and quality, well on leg; 2, Portman, good quality of feather, good length, not quite so straight; 3, Creber, good colour and quality, nice stand, neat in wings and tail; 4, Baker, nice quality and stand; vhc, Taylor; hc, D. Lewis; c, Williams and Morgan. BUFF (19): 1, spl, 4, T. Williams, grand length, feather and position, nice back and closely folded tail, fourth good length and well on leg; 2, Griffiths Bros., nice colour and quality, good length, neat in wings; 3, T. Morris, marked head and neck, grand feather, neat tail; vhc, Browne, Card; hc, Williams and Morgan; c, Creber. HEN (11): 1, T. Morris, yellow, grand feather, style, length and stand, nicely packed flights and closely folded tail, in good order; 2, J. Rees, buff, grand feather, stands well, neat wings and tail, shade on the strong side; 3, 4, Card, third buff, splendid feather and neat tail, fourth yellow, slim built, good feather, stand and quality, bit soiled; vhc, W. E. Williams; hc, D. J Jones; c, Creber. NORWICH YELL. (13): 1, spl, Tedstone, rare good shaped one, nice colour, level, but not hot, good quality; 2, Love, deep level colour, good feather, nicely packed flights and tail, good size and shape; 3, 4, G. T. Jones, unfit, grand quality, nice shape, neat tail, level colour, wants a little tightening up, fourth good shape; vhc, T. Thomas; hc, P. Jenkins; c, J. Pritchard. BUFF (14): 1, spl, D. Jenkins, good shape, stands well across perch, nice rich undercolour, well mealed, good wings and tail; 2, J. Jenkins, marked eyes, wings and neck, grand shape, good head and neck, nice quality; 3, Kirbey, nice quality of feather, good in shape; 4, c, Love, unlighted, good shape, nice feather and quality, drops tail a bit; hc, Hitchings. HEN (8): 1, Tedstone, clear buff, sweet shape, nice feather and grandly frosted, good undercolour, neat wings and tail; 2, Barber, unlighted, yellow, mkd. right wing, grand quality, nice shape, good back and colour; 3, G. T. Jones, hot colour, good chest, short; 4, hc, Kirbey, buff, nice shaped, unlighted, good quality, bit square in head; hc, Hitchings; c, J. Pritchard. BORDER YELL (6): 1, vhc, D. Jenkins, beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, good shape and carriage (second prize with shield); 3, P. Owens, good colour and shape, close in feather; 4, c, E. Evans, marked head, nice shape and style, bit soiled; bc, Hammacott. BUFF (4): 1, withheld; 2, spl, 3, D. Jenkins, lovely feather, beautiful shape and carriage, full of style, as clean as a new pin, third close up, good shape and style, tight in feather; 4, Taylor, marked head and left wing, nice feather and quality, good carriage; hc, Hammacott. HEN (10): 1, D. Jenkins, clear buff, beautiful feather, tight as wax, nice shape, grand carriage, a gem; 2, Hammacott, yellow, grand shape, good wings and tail, nice style; 3, A. J. L. Taylor, buff, nice feather, shape and style, not quite so close underneath; 4, P. Jenkins, buff, marked checks and wings, nice quality, shapely; vhc, c, Trott; hc, Browne. SCOTS A.V. (7): 1, spl, c, J. H. Jones, well known buff, hen, often described, takes special for best Canary in show; 2, vbc, Longden, yellow, ticked on head, good reach, gets head well down and tail well under; 3, bc, Slade, yellow, not quite the reach of second, quick in action; 4, B. Davies, buff, good top, gets head well down. A.O.V. (11): 1, J. H Jones, green crestbred, good skull and head-feather, nice shaped body; 2, Tedstone, four pointed yellow Nor., rare size and shape, good colour, bit heavy in eye marks; 3, D. Jenkins, very smart, good shaped and feathered jonque, green Border, nice carriage; 4, Edwards, crest, bit open in centre, good frontal; vhc, B. Davies, good buff Belgian, looking a bit thick; bc, James; c, Creber. SELLING, 20/- (16): 1, Longden, smart buff Scots; 2, D. Jenkins, cheap pair Nor.; 3, Baker; 4, E. M. Evans; vhc, S Evans; hc, Jelley; c, Palmer. DO, 12/6 (16): 1, spl, P Jenkins, cheap yellow Yorks; 2, E. M. Evans; 3, Bancroft; 4, Lohr; vhc, Griffiths Bros.; hc, Longden; c, Ford and Son. DK. GOLDIE, ETC., MULE (10): 1, 2, 3, R. W. Jones, grand team, all in good feather and colour and well shown, jonque Goldfinch, jonque Linnet, and buff Goldfinch-Canary; 4, Slade, buff Linnet-Canary, good feather, size and shape; vhc, Scrine; hc, Roach; c, Clarke. A.O.V. (10): 1, Edwards, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice feather and colour, good shape, fine wings; 2, Jeffreys, five-pointed yellow Canary-Goldfinch, nice colour, on the small side; 3, Longden, jonque Greenfinch-Canary, good colour and feather; 4, P. Jenkins, Linnet-Greenfinch, good feather and shape; vhc, Slade; bc, R. W. Jones; c, Wilcox. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, 2 spls, Williams and Morgan, full rich, blaze, grand feather, nice bars and buttons, good cheeks and tanning, shows well, takes spl for Best Britisher in show; 2, W. Lewis, nice square cut blaze, good feather and general finish; 3, Pudner Bros., nice cheeks, good bars; 4, White, good bars, and nice blaze; vbc, hc, Richards; c, Date. GRAYPATE (13): 1, 2, Griffiths and Evans, grand one, large, rich coloured blaze, good bars and buttons, rare size and shape, second good coloured blaze, nice bars and buttons; 3, vhc, Poulet, similar pattern close up; 4, Tedstone, good blaze, bars and buttons, not so good on chest; hc, Taylor; c, Howe. LINNET (19): 1, Nicholas, beauty, grandly pencilled, rich colour, good shape and beautifully feathered, steady as a rock; 2, Jeffreys, grand feather, lovely back, very steady and shapely, good in pencilling; 3, White, grandly pencilled, not quite so tight in feather; 4, P. Jenkins, nice back, well pencilled breast and sides; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Taylor; c, Gray. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Jeffreys, good cap and wing bars, nice breast, very steady; (2nd withheld); 3, Price, nice coloured breast; 4, Norton, good cap and bars; vhc, Treharne; hc, Browne; c, Richards. GREENFINCH (13): 1, vhc, Howe, grand yellow, fine shape and size, good feather and colour, lovely bars, well put down, close run for special; 2, 4, c, Nicholas, buff, grand feather and mealing, nice shape and bars, looks like the well-known "Silver King," fourth yellow, good colour and feather, beaten in size; 3, Jeffreys, yellow, good colour and feather, nice size and shape; hc, P. Jenkins. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Jeffreys, Siskin, beautifully marked at sides, grand colour, nice cap, in splendid feather, very smart; 2, Nicholas, Lesser Redpoll, lovely colour and feather, well marked in grand trim, good bib; 3, Bancroft, Siskin, nice size and shape, good colour, well marked; 4, Prosser, Redpoll, nice size and shape; vbc, Longden; hc, Scrine; c, E. M. Evans. BRAMBLE, ETC. (8): 1, Gay, grand Chaffinch, fine size and good shape, nice colour, feather and whites, a clinker; 2, Longden, grand Bramblefinch, beautifully spangled, rare colour, shape and feather, damaged tail let it down; 3, P. Jenkins, nicely spangled and good feathered Bramblefinch; 4, Ford and Son, Bramble, nice size and spangling, fails a little in colour; vhc, Love; hc, Prosser; c, A. E. Taylor. A.O.V. HARD. (4): withheld; 2, Nicholas, yellow Bunting, real good one, grand colour, well marked all round, the best of feather; 3, Edwards, Hawfinch, nice colour, good bib; vhc, Williams. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Castree, nicely feathered Ring Ousel, good crescent; 3, Lohr, Blackbird, very nice shape and colour; vbc, Morgan. NOVICE, A.V. CAN. (6): 1, withheld; 2, Wilcox, smart yellow Yorks.; 3, J. Rees, nice buff Yorks; vhc, Powell Bros.; hc, Fast; c, P. J. Rees. FOREIGN (5): 1, withheld; 2, H. S Davies, King Parrot, magnificent colour and feather, good shape, in grand form; 3, Millsum, Olive Tanager, good feather, rare exhibit; vhc, Simmons; hc, J H. Jones.

JEDBURGH.

Jedburgh C.B., Etc., Association held their Annual Exhibition in the Public Hall on Nov. 23. The President is Mr. Geo. Balfour, and the vice president, Mr. John Yellowlees. The Society possesses a very able and obliging secretary and treasurer in the person of Mr. A. Frater and an assistant treasurer in Mr. R. Frater. The following composed the committee—Messrs. Renilson, McLevy, Brown, Taylor, Lenton, Aitchison, Wood, Richardson, Waldie, Carruthers, Middleton, Lawrence, Muir, Easton, Coltherd, Bathgate, Scott, Neil, and McNaught—truly a goodly array of fanciers, who were able to manage a much larger entry than that obtaining here. We fully expected a good turn-out of cage birds, situated as Jedburgh is in the very heart of our Borders. Surely fanciers must very quickly get tired of exhibiting when such a good schedule and prize money are the excellent inducements to them to turn out their birds. It is somewhat discouraging to a good hard-working Secretary and Committee to see such a comparatively poor turn-out after all their efforts to cater for the fanciers. Jedburgh Show, like most of our Border shows, has had its ups and downs, and it is only by being worked up by real fanciers that it has been kept going. We hope other Border societies who have yet to hold their fixtures, will be more generously helped. Entries were rather shorter here than last year, but quality was well up to the average. Messrs. J. Alexander and A. Watson judged.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (5): 1, spl., 4, Veitch, leading with a good clear yell., fine head and neck, deep rib, 2nd and 5th, Pringle, former buff pied, heavy shoulders, broad and well filled in, trifle shorter body; 3, McLevy, buff, good top and neck. HEN (5): 1, spl., 2, Pringle, foul buff, massive shoulders, well rounded wing and rib, hardly so good in reach as 2nd, a clear yell, very fine head and best of shoulders, good quick action; 3, 5, Veitch, former yell. pied., long body, good top and gets well down; 4, McLevy, good reachy hen, hardly so massive in body, perhaps. NOR. CK. (4): 1, 2, Cameron, leading with a good clear yell., nice chubby front, neat wings; 2, grand body and head, well polished; 3, Little, good buff, not quite so chubby, perhaps, as winners; 4, Bell, light body, well behind perch. HEN (4): 1, spl., 4, Cameron, 1, buff var. leading, good round head, nicely filled in neck and front, short back, wins well; 2, Lockhart, good feather, nice chubby body; 3, Little, very neat fine buff. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (2): 1, Bennet, Galashiels, winner in fine form, nicely rounded, grand sound colour; 2, Blackie, neat head and front, trifle heavy in tail. HEN (3): 1, 2, Bennet, a new face leading, A1 type, neat short wings, just a trifle open in tail; 2, Glasgow winner, looking fresh, good stylish bird, neat carriage; 3, Blackie, fine head and neck, very fairly steady. BUFF CK. (6): 1, spl., 4, Bennet, former grandly modelled body, well laid on wings and pipe tail; 4, the Gala winner, looking very fit, hardly so well matured, perhaps, as winner; 2, McKenzie, really good type and position, fine waxy feather, well staged; 3, McLevy, similar in type and colour, close up; 5, Johnstone and Young; 6, Blackie. HEN (2): 1, spl., Minto, very neat in body, good feather, inclined to lie too much over spar; 2, Bennet, fine position and quality of feather. EVEN MARK (4): 1, Gilchrist, yellow, good balanced markings, rather slim in body, sound colour; 2, McKenzie, old champion good markings and pure colour, rather soft at time of taking notes; 3, Cockburn, good type, evenly balanced eyes; 4, Blackie. UNEVEN YELLOW (4): 1, B.F.T.C. medal, Blackie, good type and colour, neat jaunty style; 2, Gilchrist, fine carriage and neatly laid on wings; 3, Shearer, nice bird, not quite so well finished; 4, Rutherford. BUFF (5): 1, Shearer, good type, best of feather and finish, gave medal winner a close tussle for it; 2, Robertson, not much behind, neat bird all over; 3, Gilchrist, well finished feather, good type, rather unsteady; 4, McLevy. GREEN: 1, Blackie. FOUL (5): 1, 2, Bennet, pair of real typical Borders, both huffs, winner would have been awarded B. S. C. Medal, but the owner is not eligible to compete for any more this season, having won the three allowed for one member during the season; so don't be backward in entering at other shows, you fanciers who have not secured one yet; 3, Cockburn, yell., good head and wings, shade larger body; 4, Johnstone and Young, neat body, sound colour; 5, McKenzie. BORD. SELL. (7/6) (3): 1, Johnstone and Young; 2, McKenzie; 3, Bennet. A.O.V. (20/-) (6): 1, Pringle; 2, Veitch, both Scotch Fanciers; 3, Laidlaw; 4, Lockhart; 5, Bell; 6, Bennet. LIGHT CAN. MULE, ETC. (2): 1, spl., Hill, good size, A1 blaze; 2, Bruce. BRIT. GOLDIE (4): 1, Brown, good nut brown colour, neat cut blaze, 2, Clark good blaze and wing bars, clear body colours; 3, Veitch; 4, Fish, BULLFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, spl., Hill, neat head and wing bars, good sound breast colour; 2, 5, Laidlaw, former good chubby one, distinct cut and colour; 3, Purvis; 4, Halliday; 6, Lockhart; 7, Hollands. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl., Bruce, neat shape, bold carriage, good cut bars; 2, Braman, shorter body, good colour; 3, Smith, nice one, rather fainter colour; 4, Hogg; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Watson. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Campbell, grandly coloured Linnet, finely laced, richly tanned; 2, Watson, neat Siskin, good colour, 3, Butler, lovely Linnet, shade darker body colour; 4, Hughes; 5, Turnhull. BRAMBLE, ETC. (5): 1, Sharp, finely coloured Bramble; 2, Laidlaw, very steady Chaffinch; 3, Linton; 4, Nisbet. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, 2 spls., Linton, leading with a new face, but an old champion Fieldfare, as good as ever, in splendid condition; 2, Crearie, Hawfinch; 3, Stavert; do. SMALL (4): 1, spl., Linton, Meadow Pipit; 2, Crearie; 3, 4, Laidlaw. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (2): 1, spl., Sharp; 2, Hill; both Goldies. A.O.S. (3): 1, Nisbet, well known Crimson Wing; 2, Bruce; 3, Watson. GIFT (5): 1, 2, Young; 3, 4, 5, Halg. LOCAL BORD. (20): 1, spl., 7, Haig; 2, 5, Young; 3, 4, Minto; 6, Oliver. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 7, McLevy; leading with a good buff Scotch Fancy; 2, 4, 5, 6, Veitch. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, Minto; 2, Veitch; 3, Haig; 4, Laidlaw.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Second monthly show held Nov. 19th when 85 birds were staged in 7 classes. Competition was exceptionally keen in all sections. Mr. W. Brown judged Yorkshires, Mr. J. Bousfield the remainder. Their awards being well received. YORKS. CL. BUFF (13): 1, Walker; 2, hc, Head; 3, Pullen; 4, vhc, Barrett; c, Bennison. TICK. ETC. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Barnwell; 3, Ferguson; 4, Pullan; vhc, Head; hc, Hewson; c, Barrett. CL. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Pullan; 2, Walker; 3, Ferguson; 4, Bennison; vhc, hc, Barrett; c, Duncan. TICK. ETC. BUFF (12): 1, vbc, Ferguson; 2, 3, Duncan; 4, Head; bc, Barrett. NOR. (13): 1, 3, vbc, bc, Ascough; 2, c, Gregg; 4, Carline. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, c, Duncan; 2, 3, 4, Lamb; bc, Wright. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Duncan; 4, Wright; hc, c, Lamb.—Geo. Hy. Barnwell, hon. sec.

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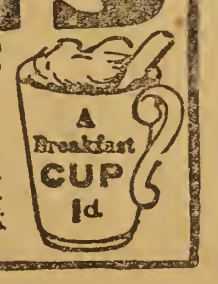


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SUNDERLAND.

The Eighteenth Annual Show of the Sunderland C.B.A. was held in the Workman's Hall, Monkwearmouth on November 22nd and 23rd. They had a splendid entry of 500, and the quality was grand in every section. The hall is most suitable for the purpose of an exhibition of this kind, being lofty, well lighted, and kept at a nice temperature all day. Mr. F. Gordon makes a splendid secretary, most courteous and obliging, and a real nigger for work. And he not only works himself, but he sees that others are working too, and woe betide any committeeman who is having a "rest" if the secretary's eye falls upon him, for, as he says there is a lot of work to do and we all must lend a hand and then it will get well done. Fortunately, he is ably backed up by a hard working committee, consisting of Mr. Farrer (Chairman), Mr. Snowball (Vice-Chairman) and Messrs. Rischorough (who is Treasurer, and we noticed was looking after the financial interests of the society at the door), Ogleby, R. Armstrong, W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, H. Gordon, T. Hird, J. Walker, W. Reid, H. Oxley, J. Copeland, and Dr. O'Neal. Where all went so well it is unfortunate that through someone's negligence Mr. Sandiford's birds did not turn up until 1.50 p.m. They were at once attended to, and Mr. Gordon wired to Mr. Sandiford who replied that they left Preston at 3 o'clock on Thursday and had thus been in the hands of the railway company for close on 23 hours. After they had been watered and fed, Mr. Cameron was asked to affix the awards they would have got if they had been in their classes when he judged same, and he said they would have had two firsts, one second, and two thirds. He noticed Mr. T. Robson, secretary of the Northern Crest Club, busy looking after the interests of his club and the bird he admires. We were also very pleased to meet that well-known old Crest breeder Mr. G. Sutherland, who, considering his long illness this last summer, was looking hale and well. Norwich Plainheads made a grand display, some typical specimens being staged by Messrs. A. Brown, A. Grey, Stanger and Herdman, and T. Irons. Crests and Crest-breds, as usual at this show, were quite an exhibition in themselves, some of the best in the country being on view, notably the young Crest exhibited by Mr. T. Taylor which is undoubtedly one of the best youngsters ever staged. Cinnamons, though not numerous were of grand quality, Messrs. Godley and Dorrner holding the whip-hand in this variety. The two border classes held some smart little specimens of this variety. Yorkshires were more numerous than we usually find at this show, and several really typical specimens were staged. Mules and Hybrids were not numerous and contained little of outstanding merit, but the British were better and contained some very fine birds. The special for most points in the show was won by Mr. E. Godley. We trust this very fine show will come out a good financial success, which is what the Sunderland fanciers well deserve. Messrs. A. C. Cameron and G. E. Russell judged and their awards on the whole seemed to meet with general approval.

The Norwich and Crests.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, A. Brown, hot colour, rare size and substance, good head, neck, wings, and tail, in grand condition; 2, A. Grey, sweet head, hot colour, grand shape, lovely style, not so neat in wing carriage; 3, Irons, rare size, good chest, back and head, grand colour, only a shade behind in quality; 4, Rowell, A1 quality, plenty of size, good wings and tail, rather uneven in colour, hard luck, shapely; vhc, Godley. BUFF (12): 1, spl, vhc, Grey, a clinker, leading wonderful, size and shape, grand, short wings and tail, rich meal, good chest, not in the height of condition, still wins easy; 2, Brown, beaten size, but grand shape, good wings, neat head and back, rare chest, tight as wax: 3, Irons, rich colour, good meal and quality, trifle rough on chest to-day; 4, J. McGuiness; hc, Hodgson; c, R. Rowell. TICKED (9): 1, Stanger and Herdman, neck ticked buff, grand quality, put down in beautiful condition, fair size, charming shape; 2, 4, spl., Rowell, buff, grizzled neck and head, good substance, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 4, neck and head mkd., yell., very fair quality, neat and shapely; 3, Snowdon, yellow, good size and quality, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, grey var. yel., red hot colour, good substance and wings, deep chest, lovely quality, trifle long in tail, but many thought it should have won; hc, Godley; c, Bleylock. HEN (12): 1, 4, spl., grey buff leading, fine size, grand meal and colour, deep chest, rare wings and tail, a gem; 4, natural colour, deep chest, A1 quality, well known winner in unfed classes; 2, Irons, grand size and quality, neat head, back and neck, good short tail and wings, nice condition; 3, c, Godley, yell. leading, grand cobby shape, very typical, rare quality and colour; vhc, Bewick, another good hen, grand shape and quality; hc, A. Brown. CL. YELL. UNFLI. (12): 1, spl., R. French, not one of the biggest, but grand in quality and type, red-hot colour, good head, back, wings, and tail; 2, Grey, bigger bird, good colour, rare chest and quality, nice condition and wing carriage; 3, Dobinson, big bouncing bird, good colour, neat head and chest, good wings and tail, perhaps not so shapely, but close up; 4, McGuinness, also close up, nice quality and shape; vhc, T. Irons, A1 quality, good style and shape; hc, Hodgson; c, Brown. BUFF UNFLI. (10): 1, spl., Irons, neat and typical, lovely quality, good shape, head and back; 2, Brown, rare quality, grand head, neck and back, good colour wings and tail; 3, vhc, Dobinson, bigger bird than leaders, good deep chest, wings and tail, plenty of substance, close up, but a little dirty; 4, Dalgetty, good shape, plenty of size, but wants tightening up; hc, Godley; c, Hart. YELL. TICK. ETC. UNFLI. (6): 1, spl., Brown, good shape and quality, rare colour, neat wings and tail; 2, Grey, grizzled neck, nice quality, good wings and tail, fine colour, rather narrower head; 3, McGuinness, excellent quality, good colour, chest and head; 4, Rowell, wing marked, rather long flights and tail, well up in substance. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Irons, marked back of head, good size, rich quality and colour, grand head and chest; 2, Dobinson, cap marked, smart style, good wings, plenty of size, gets well over perch; 3, Godley, wing marked, good shape, head and neck, true type, neat wings and tail; 4, Reid, eye and wing marked, close up, good head, nice back, wings and tail, fine chest; vhc, Brown; hc, c, Dalgetty. CREST (Bred 1907) (15): 1, 3, spl, Taylor, with his well-known "King Edward" leading, a gem indeed, enormous crest, grand droop, well radiated, neat centre, best young crest seen for some years; 3, a green, another grand bird, though some way behind winner, neatest of centres, grand leafy feather, well radiated 2, 4, Dobson and Son, var. dark crest, larger than third, grand body, fairly neat crest, good exchange, lifts at centre a trifle; 4, var., good sized crest, leafy feather, good centre; vhc, Routledge; hc, Stoves; c, Lister. CRESTBRED (bred 1907) (17): 1, spl., Taylor and Smart, marked head and wings, in grand condition, rare size, good skull, dense head, feather of good length, well lashed; 2, Lister, well-known, clear body, grand skull, plenty of good feather, well browed, beaten on condition to-day; 3, Routledge, green, fine width of skull, nice body and length of feather; 4, Hutchinson, neck marked buff, good skull, neat body, shorter head feather, nice and dense; vhc, Stanger and Herdman, good bird, not in condition or might have gone up; hc, Sanderson; c, Mole. YELL. CREST (6): 1, Currah and Son, grand shape, grand droop, well spread, neat centre; 2, 3, spl., Taylor, wing marked, dark crest of good size and shape, rather weak one side, fine body; 3, good centre and droop, neat, but smaller; 4, Stanger and Herdman, the once famous "cock of the North," good size, still a grand bird, but rather open to-day; vhc, hc, Sanderson. YELL. CRESTBRED (9): 1, Stanger and Herdman, wings and eyes marked, good wide skull, well browed, nice length of feather; 2, Marshall, var., nice length of feather, good width of skull, excellent entrance and density; 3, vbc, spl., Dobson and Son, vnr., good feather, nice shaped head; 4, Mole, grizzled cap, wide skull, shorter feather; hc, c, Taylor. BUFF LIGHT CREST (7): 1, spl., Godley, clear, big round crest, grand feather, neatest of centres, good droop and radiation; 2, Pearce, grand crest of great size, good centre and feather well radiated, out of condition or might have won; 3, Stoves, wing marked, neat, well shaped crest, nice size; 4, hc, Marshall, grizzled crest, neat centre, good leafy feather; vhc, Lister; c, Toward and Atess. BUFF DARK (9): 1, spl., Stoves, wing marked dark crest, grand massive bird very large crest, fine shape and well radiated -good leafy feather; 2, Godley, wing marked, grand bird, in grand condition, neatest of centres, fine expansive crest, lovely droop, some preferred, close run; 3, Armstrong, wing marked, another topper, rare shape and size, dense feather, little to choose in first three; 4, Lister, big one, massive crest, well spread, grand feather, hit weak one side; vhc, Hands; hc, Bewick; c, Sutherland. HEN (8): 1, spl., McColl, var., grand leafy feather, good size crest, fine centre, excellent radiation and droop; 2, Hands, green, grand feather, good size and shape, very good bird, not so neat in centre; 3, Marshall, wing marked, had been washing when we took notes; 4, Armstrong, wing mkd, grand weeping crest, good veiny feather, good size, well spread; vhc, Routledge; hc, Lister; c, Pearce. PAIRS for CREST-BREEDING: (9): 1, Dobson and Son, crestbred cock, fine size, good head, plenty of feather, with grand crest hen; 2, Taylor, wing mkd. crest cock, grand crest, good feather, and green c.b. hen; 3, vhc, spl., Bewick, green crest, good size, plenty of feather and clear crestbred; 4, Armstrong, green crest of good size and quality, and var., c.b. not equal to the crest; hc, Pearce; c, Marshall. CRESTBRED CK. (16): 1, spl., vhc, Taylor, massive green, a gem, grand entrance, wonderful skull, dense feather of great length; 2, Godley, var., great length of feather, grand domed skull, perhaps not quite so dense, fine entrance; 3, Mole, could not find it in class; 4, Swan, var., good front and skull, well clothed, nice substance; hc, Lister; c, Pearce. HEN (16): 1, spl., Mole, big var., grand well-lashed skull, plenty of good veiny feather; 2, Toward and Atess, clear, great size, good wide skull, dense feather; 3, Taylor and Smart, green, feather not quite length of winners, but a rattling good one; 4, Marshall, var., good width of skull and nice entrance; vhc, Taylor; hc, Dobson and Son; c, Pearce. NOVICE CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, G. Graham, var. crest, rare size and shape, good droop and radiation; 2, 3, spl., J. G. Hutchinson, clear body, grizzle crest of good size and density; 3, green crestbred, good skull and length of head feather; 4, Richardson, var. crest, leafy feather, good sized crest, not quite so neat as winners; vbc, c, Vart; hc, Graham.

Remainder of Canary Section.

CINNAMON YELL. (5): 1, Dormer, hot colour, lovely quality, nice size, shape and feather; 2, 3, vhc, spl., Godley, grand team, leader excelling in quality and shape; 4, Riding, good size and shape, level colour. BUFF (4): 1, 3, 4, spl., Godley, rare size and substance, warm colour, lovely quality, well mealed; 3, 4, not size of winner, grand quality and type; 2, Dormer, close up, good colour, A1 quality, rare condition. UNFLI. (7): 1, 3, spl., Dormer, yellow, grand type, full of quality; 2, Riding, not quite so much substance, A1 quality, good bloom; 4, vhc, hc, Godley, nice quality and shape. HEN (7): 1, 3, hc, Godley, grand ben leading, wonderful colour and substance, lovely quality; 3rd, excellent quality and style; 2, 4, Riding, good quality and shape, just beaten on head; vhc, Hargreaves; c, Dormer. PAIRS (15): 1, spl., hc, Godley, grandly matched Norwich; 2, Riscborough, Lizards, well spangled, grand colour and quality; 3, Seeley, Norwich, close up, a grand pair; 4, Stevens, big, lengthy buff Yorks. cock and neat hen, plenty of quality; vhc, Brown; c, McGinn. BORDER YELL. (10): 1, spl., 2, Rowell, a pair of little gems, grand quality, neat and natty, 1st excels in head and wing carriage; 3, 4, French, clear leading, grand quality, good carriage, only beaten condition; 4, cheek and wing marked, shapely, nice quality; vhc, Sloan; hc, Wilson; c, Cogdon. BUFF (13): 1, spl., 2, Rowell, clear leading, neat shape, grand quality, good action, two eye tick, close up, very stylish, neat action, A1 quality; 3, French, clear, shapely, grand quality, good style; 4, c, Hawkins, clear, neater shape and action, A1 quality, might have gone up one; vbc, Currah and Son; hc, Wilson. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 4, spl., Wilcock, winner even colour, nice length, well-braced wings, good tail, g. and quality; 4, head and wing mkd., nice quality and length; 2, 3, Wilson, long slim bird leading, neat head, good neck, wings and tail, splendid position and quality, tight in feather, pressed very hard; 3, good length and quality, carriage good, beaten wing carriage; vhc, Cuthbertson, bc, Mountain; c, Heddon. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Mountain, slim and stylish —good length, grand back and wings; 2, Wilcock, neck mkd., good length, A1 quality and colour, fine wings and tail, stylish; 3, Cuthhertson, longer, lovely quality and position, closely packed tail, neatly folded wings, many thought could have gone up; 4, Heddon, good quality and shape, wants a wash; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Wilson; c, Haigh and Son. HEN (10): 1, spl., Dr. O'Neal, yellow, grand quality, good head and back, even colour —wings well carried; 2, Cuthhertson, buff, A1 quality and style, good head and back, slight frill on chest; 3, Wilcock, eye and wing mkd., yell., lengthy, good position and colour; 4, Haigh and Son, yell., stronger, nice quality; vhc, Mountain; hc, Carr; c, Taylor. UNFLI. YELL. (10): 1, spl., J. Wilson, big raking bird, cheek ticked, great length of tail and wings, well up on leg, good head and back; 2, Dr. O'Neal, A1 quality, well packed tail, good colour, nice shape, crosses wings; 3, Haigh and Son, nice type and size; 4, Wilcock, slim and stylish, good quality; vhc, Mountain; hc, Carr; c, W. Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, spl., Cuthbertson, slight grizzle on cheek, good length, grand quality, neat wings and tail, gets well up; 2, Wilson, wing marked, grand quality, stylish, good legs and tail, shorter, good wing carriage; 3, Carr, lengthy, good head and back, nice quality and position; 4, Wilcock, nice shape and wing carriage, grand quality and colour; vhc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Campbell. A.O.V. (12): 1, Marshall, Lancs. coppy, good length and substance, neat coppy; 2, hc, spl., Sloan, Scotch Fancy, good length and depth through, fine reach and drive; 3, W. J. Taylor, pied Scotch, good length, good in top and action; 4, Riseborough, well spangled Lizard; vhc, Toward and Atess; c, Summerhill. NOVICE A.V. (17): 1, spl., Dr. O'Neal, nice buff Norwich, short and thick set, good quality and bloom; 2, J. Fountain, Norwich, good quality, nice colour wings and tail; 3, H. Gordon, Yorkie, plenty of size, nice quality, beaten condition; 4, hc, T. Fenwick, cinnamon, nice bird good colour and shape, vhc, G. Taylor; c, Copeland.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

GOLDFINCH ETC., MULE (NOVICE) (11): 1, spl.—— wing and head marked Goldie, not one of the biggest, but nice bird, good rich colour, nice blaze and well staged; 2, Fitton, dark Linnet, fair size, good colour and quality; 3,—— var. Linnet, rather small, but nice exhibit; 4, Hutchinson, good dark Linnet; vhc, J. Balmer; hc, Mrs. Maynard; c, Miss Marshall. DK. GOLDFINCH, ETC. MULE (Open) (8): 1, spl., Williams, dark Linnet, great size, fair colour, size got him in; 2, Clark, richer colour, better quality, nicely marked; 3, W. L. Smith, richest colour in class, A1 quality, good shape and condition; 4, J. Taylor, rich colour, fair size, well marked; vbc, Dr. O'Neal; hc, Hann; c, Page. HYBRID (5): 1, 2, 3, spl., Maddison, Goldie-Bullie leading, grand condition, fair size, good colour, showing both parents well; 2, wings, eyes and head mkd., yell. Goldie, lovely quality and condition, rich colour; 3, Greenie, rich colour, good size and quality; 4, Dr. O'Neal; vhc, J. Wilson. SELLING (20/-) (13): 1, spl., Hargreaves; 2, Carr; 3, Dormer; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Armstrong; c, Dobson and Son. DO. (15/-) (14): 1, spl., Webb and Orton; 2, Sharp; 3, French; 4, Stevens; vhc, Taylor; hc, Carr; c, Stanger and Herdman. DO. (10/-) (14): 1, spl., Godley; 2, Rowell; 3, Vart; 4, Taylor; vhc, Copeland; hc, Gordon; c, Watson. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, spl., Maddison, medium size, good body colour, grand square cut blaze of a rich shade of colour, nicely marked wings and lovely bloom; 2, Robson, close up, good rich blaze, in grand feather and condition; 5, Stanger and Herdman, nice body colour, rieh in tanning, good blaze; 4, Duke, good blaze, nice wings and breast; vhc, Waters; hc, Morrison; c, Risehorough. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Livingstone, good size, fine colour and shape, in rare condition; 2, Stubbs, grand shape and colour, in splendid trim; 3, 4, spl., Maddison, pair of good ones, fine condition, colour and size; vhc, Riseboronghi; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Armstrong. FINCH A.O.V. (8): 1, spl., Fenwick, grand Hawfinch, rare size, good bib and colour, well marked, grand condition; 2, Sheppard and Son, Bramble, nice size, well spangled, good colour underneath, well polished; 3, W. Allison, Bullie, fine size and shape, good rich coloured breast and cap; 4, vhc, Forster, Bramhle leading, close up, rich colour, good spangling and bloom; vhc, Hawfinch, beaten size; hc, Wilson; c, Waters. LINNET (15): 1, spl., Dunn, gem, nice size and colour, breast, beautifully marked, good coloured back, in grand form, wins easy; 2, Neasham, big bird, good colour, and polish, nicely marked; 3, French, bigger, good nutty brown, light underneath; 4, Stanger and Herdman, markings not so distinct, in good condition; vhc, Brown; hc, Innis; c, Waters. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, 3, spl., Waters, lovely Twite, good size and colour, well pencilled, in fine trim, and rich coloured Redpolls in rare bloom; 2, Livingstone, colour-fed Siskin, dense cap, rich colour, well laced; 4, Taylor, Siskin, rich colour, well laced; vhc, Sheppard and Son; hc, Maddison; c, Duke. A.O.V. (9): 1,4, spl., Waters, good sized Gale, very steady, excellent colour and condition, and a good Blackcap in nice trim; 2, Crockatt, well-known Chough, not one of the biggest, but in grand bloom; 3, G. Taylor, fine sized Thrush, rich colour, good breast, well spangled; vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, good Woodpecker, very wild; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Walker. FOREIGN (13): 1, spl., Brown, well-known Mynah, in usual perfect condition; 2, McKenzie, Pennant, lovely colour and condition; 3, Page, Grey Parrot, grand colour and size; 4, Gilroy, fine blue-fronted Amazon; vhc, Robson; hc, Dennis. MEMBERS:—NOR. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl., W. Taylor; 2, Brown; 3, c, Reid; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, spl., F. Gordon; 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Reid; vhc, Robson; hc, Snowbal; c, Fenwick. TICKED (13): 1, 3, spl., Brown; 2, Reid; vhc, W. Taylor; hc, c, Fenwick. PAIRS (14): 1, spl., Snowball; 2, Brown; 3, Fenwick; vhc, Riseborough; hc, Dr. O'Neal; c, Reid. CREST BUFF (5): 1, 2, spl., c, Dobson; 3, 4, Armstrong. SELF OR GREY CREST: 1, spl., W. Taylor; 2, Dobson. CRESTBRED: 1, 4, spl., Dobson; 2, Swan; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Taylor. PAIRS: 1, spl., Dobson; 2, Armstrong; 3, Riseborough. CINN. YELL.: 1, Fenwick; 2, Hall; 3, W. Taylor. BUFF: 1, 3, spl., Hall; 2, hc, Clark; vhc, W. Taylor. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Dr. O'Neal; 2, Morrison; 3, W. Taylor. BUFF: 1, spl., W. Taylor; 2, Dr. O'Neal. TICKED: 1, 3, spl., W. Taylor; 2, Dr. O'Neal. PAIRS: 1, spl., Stevens; 2, H. Taylor; 3, Dr. O'Neal. BORDERS YELL.: 1, 2, spl., W. Taylor; 3, Brown; vhc, hc, Copeland. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Taylor; 3, Brown; vhc, hc, Copeland. LIZARD GOLD CL. CAP: 1, Riseborough. SILVER: 1, Riseborough. BROKEN CAP: 1, 3, Reid; 2, Riseborough. LINNET: 1, Brown; 2, Dr. O'Neal; 3, Waters; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Fountain; c, Clark. FINCH: 1, Fenwick; 2, Brown; 3, vhc, Waters; vhc, hc, Riseborough. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Waters; 3, Dr. O'Neal. A.O.V.: 1, Dr. O'Neal; 2, H. Taylor. GOLDIE MULE: 1, 2, Dr. O'Neal. A.O.V. HYB.: 1, Dr. O'Neal; 2, 3, Riseborough. PAIRS A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Fenwick; 2, 3, bc, Riseborough. CANARY A.O.V.: 1, bc, Fenwick; 2, W. J. Taylor; 3, Dobson.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

A members' show for Canaries was held Nov. 23rd, and some very good birds were staged, judged by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bolton Woods, who gave every satisfaction. The awards were as follows:—

CL. YELL.: 1, Bottomley; 2, 4, Crowther; 3, Thompson; vhc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Bleazard; 2, Crowther. TICK. YELL.: 1, 2, Varley; 4, Hudson; vhc, hc, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Bleazard; 3, Bottomley. YELL. HEN: 1, Thompson; 2, Casey; 3, Crowther; 4, hc, Bottomley; vhc, Bleazard; c, Varley. BUFF: 1, 2, Varley; 3, Bleazard; 4, Thompson; vhc, Crowther; hc, Bottomley; c, Hudson. SELL. 15/-: 1, Firth; 2, Varley; 3, Casey; 4, vhc, c, Bleazard; hc, Hudson. 12/6: 1, Firth. NOVICE CLASSES: YELL.: 1, Woolmer; 2, Johnson; 3, Palframan; 4, Snowden and Son; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Clark; c, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, c, Warburton; 2, Johnson; 3, 4, Woolmer; vhc, Dawson; hc, Clark. YELL. HEN: 1, Woolmer; 2, 3, Gledhill; 4, Johnson; vhc, Warburton; hc, Palframan. BUFF: 1, Woolmer; 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Warburton; vhc, Johnson; hc, Palframan; c, Clark. SELL. 15/-: 1, Johnson; 2, Gledhill.

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NEWARK SHOW.

In connection with this fixture held November 21st, cage birds were well provided for and came up better than any other section in the show. The quality too was very good for a limit show, and everything possible was done to safeguard the comfort and interests of the birds. The Imperial Hall is an admirable place for the purpose, and the committee are quite in earnest to make the fixture a show where good management can be depended upon. The secretary, Mr. S. C. Wilkins, although new to the work, had everything in excellent order, and if he can be prevailed upon to continue office, the society and its annual show must flourish. Unfortunately the date this year clashed with that selected by many other societies, and this we fear will prevent the fixture being a financial success. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. CL. (12): 1, spl. hc, Butler, grand, thick set, chubby bird, good feather and shape, buff; 2, res., Wilson and Fox, yell., not quite so good in chest, nice feather; 3, vhc, Bishop, yell., nice colour, silky feather, loses only in shape; vhc, Tonybee; hc, Mackender; No. 525 absent. TICK. ETC. (13): 1, 2, Wilson and Fox; first buff, tick. on head and wing, nice shape, head colour and feather, second, varieg. buff, grand shape and feathers, nice colour; 3, vhc, Butler, buff, nice head and chest, good colour, little slack in feather perhaps; res., Bishop; vhc, Sharp and Son. CRESTS OR C.B. (9): 1, Osborne, first wing and shoulder mkd. buff, large crest, veiny feather, nicely radiated from a good centre; 2, vhc, Cliff, second good green, rare centre, nicely formed, little smaller than leader, very fair leafy feather; 3, vhc, Simpson, nice clear crestbred, rare skull and entrance, nicely lashed; c, Bunn. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Murrell, first stylish, good feather and shape, nice length, second buff, loses only in feather and style; 3, hc, Simpson, tick. neck and wing, rare position, loses only in feather; res., Mrs. Botsford, Smith. NOR. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Butler, buff, good shape, nice feather; 2, 3, Sanderson, second yell., loses only in head and chest, tight feather, third smart, heavily varieg. bird; res., vhc, Mackender. MULES (7): 1, c, Dale, rare coloured jonque Siskin and Canary, grand feather; 2, 3, res., vhc, Longhton, Goldie-Canary, nice shape, nearly six-pointed; hc, Tonybee. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Simpson, nice house-moulted, good colour and feather; 2, Hexter, fine flush, good colour and feather, not so steady as leader; 3, Mrs. Botsford, very steady, just lacks colour, good shape; res., Pettefar, junr.; hc, Smithson. BRIT., SMALL (8): 1, Cooper and Son, tip-top Greenfinch, A1 colour and feather; 2, Mackenden, Chaffinch, nice colour and markings; 3, Mackender, Greenfinch, nice colour, loses only in size and bloom; res., Lidgett. FOR. (8): 1, res., Caunt; 2, Ballington; 3, Meadows; vhc, McSpence; hc, Lidgett. A very pleasing group.

THE ROLLER CANARIES AT LEEDS

Appended we have pleasure in giving the points scored by the Rollers at Leeds show. The judges had hard work to judge such a number of birds in the time allowed. The exhibitors could help a great deal by training these birds for show. Many of the birds could not have been in their show boxes more than 24 hours, which would take a bird all his time to get used to his cage, without thinking of or making an effort to sing. This applied notably in Nos. 24 and 25, Class 11. Had these two birds opened during the judging, the result would have been different. As far as the young bird class is concerned, the judge found the birds are fuller and deeper in their song, but having very little variety. Nearly all the birds heard had sharp whistle tours, also, to a great extent, aufzug. Judges, C. Roelil and J. Netthewood.

YOUNG BIRDS (bred 1907 and wearing the closed ring) (38): 1, cup, presented by Mr. Lester (London), was secured by J. Lyons; hollow roll, 7; schockel 5; bell roll, 2; gluck, 3; excellence, 4, 21 pts.; 2nd, F. E. Fisber; bass roll, 4; hollow schockel 5; bell roll, 2; dcep flute notes; excellence 2, 16 pts.; 3, F. E. Fisher, hollow roll, 3; bass roll, 5; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2; gluck 2 (2 off sharp whistle), 15 pts.; 4, F. Wilsdon, hollow roll, 5; bass roll, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2 (1 off sharp whistle), 14 pts.; vhc,, T. W. Walton, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; excellence, 1; 13 pts.; hc, A. Foulds, hollow roll, 5; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; flute notes, 2 (2 off sharp whistle), 12 pts.; c., J. A. Steigart, hollow roll, 5; bass roll, 3; schockel, 3; flute notes, 2 (high schockel 1 off), 12 pts.; 1, spl, A. Percival, hollow roll, 5; bass roll, 4; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 4; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2; gluck, 3; excellence, 5; (aufzug 2 off), 26 pts.; 2, A. Percival, hollow roll, 6; bass roll, 2; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2; gluck, 3; delivery, 3 (sharp whistle 2 off), 17 pts.; 3, F. Oldroyd, hollow bell, 6; bass roll, 2; schockel, 5; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; delivery 1 (aufzug 2 off), 16 pts.; 4, W. Whittaker; hollow roll, 6; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 5; flute notes 2 (1 off nasal whistle), 14 pts.; vhc,, F. Wilsdon, hollow roll, 6; bass roll, 2; schockel, 5; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2 (sharp and nasal whistles 3 off), 14 pts.; hc, W. Whittaker, hollow roll, 3; bass roll, 1; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2; excellence, 2; 13 pts.; c, F. Wilsdon, hollow roll, 6; bass roll, 2; schockel, 5; flute notes, 2 (2 off sharp bell tour and sharp whistle), 13 pts. AMATEUR (17): 1, spl, J. Bramhall, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 2; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2; deep flute notes, 4; excellence, 2; 17 pts.; 2, J. A. Steigart, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; delivery, 2 (aufzug 1 off), 16 pts.; 3, J. Lyons, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 5; hell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; excellence, 2, 15 pts.; 4, J. Lyons, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 2; schockel, 3; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; delivery, 2 (aufzug 1 off), 14 pts.; vhc, F. E. Fisher, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 3; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; excellence, 2; 13 pts.; hc, J. Bramhall, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 3; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; delivery 2 (1 off sharp whistle), 12 pts.; c. E. Gord, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 3; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; 11 pts. NOVICE (33) 1, spl, C. Towes, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 2; schockel, 4; hell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; excellence, 2; 16 pts.; 2, D. Foster, hollow roll, 5; schockel, 3; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2; excellence, 2; 14 pts.; 3, W. Whittlestone, hollow roll, 5; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2; water roll, 2 (sharp bell tour 3 off whistle 1 off), 13 pts.; 4, G. Wirth, hollow roll, 6; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2 (5 off), 12 pts.; vhc, J. Whetherhill, hollow roll, 5; schockel, 4; bell tour, 2; flute notes, 2 (2 off), 11 pts.; hc, C. Exrert, hollow roll, 6; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute notes, 2 (5 off), 9 pts.; c, T. Swifts, 9 pts.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At the recent Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. Show, the winners in the Novice Norwich section were: CL. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Churchard. BUFF: 1, Churchard, 2, spl, Lawrence. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Churchard; 2, Lawrence. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Churchard. OPEN HYBRID, LIGHT: 1, spl, Batson; 2, Lawrence. NOVICE YORKS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Monger. NOVICE CINN. CK.: 1, Wiles. HEN: 1, Wiles.

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Ayr O.S. held their forty sixth Grand Annual Exhibition, Nov. 23, in the Pavilion, Dane Park. Office bearers: President, Mr. Colin Paterson, vice-president, Mr. Wm. Jackson; sec. and treasurer, Mr James Thomson, jun.; collector, John Muir; auditors, Messrs. David Cellars and William Knox; committee, Messrs. A. Reith, Wm. McConnell, Wm. Knox, Charles Jackson, W. Piper, P. Mackie, Geo. Crockett and J. Hogg. The present show was held in the "Pavilion," as the old premises, the Volunteer Hall, were found to be much too small. The "Pavilion" is a large and commodious hall, with abundance of space and good light, but rather cold and draughty. The committee adopted every precaution for the safety and comfort of the exhibits and visitors alike. There was a large turn-up of the latter, and the staging of the exhibits was so well arranged that not the slightest inconvenience was felt by the visitors, who were able to view the exhibits in the different classes with perfect ease and comfort. To secretary Thomson and his able band of helpers much well-deserved credit is due for the general excellence of the arrangements. The judges were for Norwich and Bor. Fancy—Mr. George Smart; all other classes Mr John Goodfellow. The entries were slightly under last year's number, but the quality throughout was very good. Norwich and Border Fancy were a capital turn-out, there being some well-known winners staged. The Brit. and For. collections were also an excellent class. Mr. P. McQuiston, of Ayr, carried off the principal honours, winning ten firsts, six seconds, three thirds, a fourth, vhc, hc., a very fine record, out of 22 classes. A few Glasgow winners were in their right places here to-day. There was a strong muster of fanciers present, and all the arrangements were perfect. The weather conditions were not of the best, being cold and wet, which no doubt made the gate drawings a little less than they might have been, but we hope this will not make a material difference in the funds. The judges' awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. P.H. CK. (9): 1, Hutchison, cl. yell., grand quality, rich colour, lovely type; 2, 3, McKay, 2, wing marked, nice head, neck and chest, lovely back and tail; 3, cl. yell., good type, and quality; 4, Watson, typical exhibit, shade flat on nead, perhaps; vhc, Wilson; hc, Samson; c, Muir. CREST (5): 1, spl., Adamson, wing mkd. D.C., crest of good size, well formed, grand droop, nicely radiated; 2, 4, Swan, 2, green, nicely groomed on crest, little irregular; 4, good green, crest neat, beaten only in size; 3, spl., Thornton, green, nice evenly balanced crest, good quality, grand size of body, little between 2nd and 3rd; vhc, T. Bannerman. CRESTBRED (5): 1, Thornton, green, well built, good shape, very nice head, good rise, and width of skull, typical exhibit; 2, Adamson, neat var., just a shade narrow in head; 3, Thomson, green, nice shaped head, feather leafy, good bird; 4, 5, Swan, 4, good sized body, fails only in skull to winners. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (15):1, vhc, Smellie, smart and jaunty, cl. yell, grand wing carriage, rare colour; 2, Dempster, cl., fine type and quality, not so jaunty as first; 3, Clark, nice wings, very fair bird; 4, McKean, clear ycll., of nice type, close on third; hc, Blair; hc, D. and J. Gilles. BUFF (9): 1, Smellie, nice typical Bord., splendid carriage, feather like wax, and shown in grand condition; 2, Findlay, cl., very fair Border, nice stamp, good quality; 3, Lec, another cl., just a shade long in flights; 4, Montgomery, nice Bord., just a little unsteady; vhc, McKean; hc, Clark; c, Hogg. VAR. YELL. (8): 1, Smellie, var., lovely carriage, sweet shape, nice and jaunty, a little model; 2, Findlay, var., fine type, excellent quality, nice tight feather, presses hard; 3, Hogg, eye and wing marked, rare feather and condition; 4. Dempster, another eye and wing marked, fails only in style to winner; vhc, Millar; hc, Mossic; c, Cree. BUFF (12): 1, Findlay, eye and wing marked, grand shape, close feather, nice quality, perfect carriage; 2, J. and R. McGhee, another eye and wing marked, good colour, nice shape, and quality, fairly nicely folded tail; 3, Duncan, nicely marked neat shape, grand carriage, good quality and finish; 4, Hogg, nicely moulded, fails only in finish and bloom; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Cree; c, Blair. A.O.V. (9): 1, c, Kerr, Scotch Fancy Ck., grand size, nice droop, well huilt shoulders, little too fluffy in feather for a typical; 2, Hunter, nice style, good shape and feather, shown in lovely condition; 3, Paterson, yell. pied Yorks., nice shape, length and finish; 4, Dempster, Canary, Greenie, colour very rich and even, in fine feather; vbc, Alston; hc, Gibb. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Cunningham, 1st, Goldie Canary Mule, 2nd at Glasgow, in perfect condition; 2, Goldie Greenie, another noted winner at Glasgow City Show, to-day looking well; 3, McQuiston, 4-pointed Goldie Mule, first outing this season, 2nd at Paisley last year, looking well; 4, Ross, Goldie Green e, very fine colour, neat and compact in feather, nicely staged; vhc, Doolan; hc, Brown; c, Duncan. DARK (11): 1, hc, McQuiston, Goldfinch Mule, lovely colour and feather, 1st at Dysart; 2, 3, 4, Doolan, 2, Linnet Mule, good size, excellent colour and condition; 3, Greenfinch Mule, not showing well, seemed little weak in legs; 4, Goldfinch Mule, good size, rich colour, nice condition; vhc, McCaw; c, Cunningham. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, 2, 4, McQuiston, 1st, winner of 2nd place at West of Scotland Show, true type of Goldfinch; 2nd, winner of 1st at West of Scotland, a brace hard to beat; 4th similar type, large, bright blaze, rich coloured breast, nice size, A1 condition; 3, R. and J. Minn, rich bright broad blaze, not quite so good in colour on breast, perhaps; vhc, spl., Novice, Conkic; hc, Swan; c, Poolan. GOLDFINCH FOR. (5): 1, 2, McQuiston, Glasgow City Show winner, 1, spl., 2, West of Scotland winner, both in perfect condition; 3, Smellie, nice bright blaze, rich, dark bronze breast, fair size, and type; 4, R. and J. McMinn, very similar stamp to third, little to choose between. BULLFINCH BRIT. (17): 1, McQuiston, Glasgow City and W. of Scotland winner, and holder of an unbroken record, rare exhibit; 2, 3, Laidlaw, 2nd gained same honours at West of Scotland, fails only in breast colour and cap; 3, better colour and plumage, just a shade restless; 4, hc, Brown, nice feather, well marked; vhc, Wilson; c, Fisher. LINNET (15): 1, 2, 3, McQuiston, 1st, Dysart winner, in excellent feather; 2nd noted winner, Troon, Newmilns, and Kilmarnsvery fair bird, just a shade thinner; 4, c, Wason, nice colour and shape, well marked on breast, sides, head and back; vhc, Cumming; hc, Walker. WILD LINNET (not moulted) (12): 1, 2, McQuiston, lovely brace, perfect in markings, steady, good shape and colour; 3, Parker, another nicely marked bird; 4, Alston, very similar to 3rd, shade wild, could not see it properly; vhc, McCulloch; hc, Mitchell; c, Knox. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, spl., 2, McQuiston, gained same honours at West of Scotland Show, 1, spl., looking perfection to-day, well-known winner, 2nd fails only in cap and neck to 1st, both in grand condition; 3, A. and W. Allan, Lesser Redpoll, winner of 2nd place at West of Scotland Show, in grand order; 4, Fisher, Twite, nice size and colour, nicely marked sides and breast, perhaps a shade rough at thighs; vhc, McCulloch; hc, McIlavin; c, Doolan. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, 2, Montague, 1st Grey Wagtail, in lovely bloom and feather; 2, Crested Tit, 1st at West of Scotland, in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, very fine one, very steady, in fine feather; 4, Cumming, Tree Pipit, in lovely condition; hc, c, Irvine; c, McComb. LARGE (5): 1, spl., McQuiston, Cornish Chough, well known winner, perfect type, looking grand, lovely sheen, bright coloured bill and legs; 2, Hunter, Missel Thrush, first outing, very steady, lovely colour and markings; 3, Cumming, Starling, good glossy one, in superb feather, and condition; 4, Miss Morrison, Missel Thrush, very fine feather and colour, and lovely markings. FOR. SMALL: 1, spl., Irvine, Green-Crested Cardinal, noted winner, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Alston, 2, Red-headed Goldie, lovely bird, in beautiful condition; 3, pair of Parrot Finches, a rare exhibit. SELL. LINNET (7/6) (6): all Grey Linnets: 1, 2, McQuiston; 3, Watt; 4, Kenny. ANY VAR. (10/-) (20): 1, McQuiston, Linnet-Mule; 2, Crest, Swan; 3, Muir, Nor. Plainhead; 4, Wilson, Siskin Mule; vhc, Alston, hc, Mrs. Piper; c, Conkie.

HEBDEN BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.A.

Annual show was held on November 16th in the Co-operative Hall. It attracted an entry of 112, which compares favourably with previous shows. The specimens were of a meritorious type. The shaw was fairly well attended, and thanks to the efforts of Mr. A. Pickles, secretary, assisted by a hard-working body of committee men, the show was a success in every respect. Mr. S. D. King won the society's silver cup for most points. Mr. R. Sutcliffe, of Windhill, adjudicated, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Simpson and Son; 2, Greenwood; 3, King. BUFF: 1, spl, Harrison; 2, Simpson; 3, Sellars. TICK. YELL.: 1, 3, Greenwood; 2, Harrison. BUFF: 1, spl, King; 2, 3, Greenwood. CINN. MKD.: 1, spl, Sellars; 2, King DO. HEN: 1, spl, King; 2, Sellars; 3, Simpson. NOR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Harrison. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Harrison. CL. ETC.: 1, 3, spl, Jeffreys; 2, Sellars. HENS: 1, 2, spl, Sellars; 3, Greenwood and Pickles. YKS. YELL. HENS: 1, spl, Greenwood; 2, Austin; 3, Stansfield. BUFF: 1, spl, King; 2, 3, Simpson and Sons. A.O.V. CANN., ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Greenwood and Pickles; 3, Harrison. STOCK CK.: 1, spl, Harrison; 2, King; 3, Stansfield. PAIRS: 1, spl, King; 2, Stansfield; 3, Greenwood. SELL.: 1, spl, Astin; 2, Greenwood; 3, Greenwood and Pickles. BRIT.: 1, 3, spl, Harrison; 2, Sutcliffe. NOVICE: 1, spl, Whitaker; 2, 3, F. King.

NORTHAMPTON.

The 36th annual show of the Northampton Good Intent Society was held Nov. 20 and 21, at the Corn Exchange—a spacious, suitable building for the purpose. Mr. G. M. Larkman is the hon. sec., and a very capable one he makes. He had everything in thorough working order and the show was carried through in admirable manner by the committee and stewards, who are old fanciers, and know their business. Mr. G. Lawrence (Coventry) judged.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, T. Hinds, pair of good ones, nice colour and quality of feather; 3, N. Gibbs, very similar, long behind perch; 4, A. Breitenfield; vhc, E. Mullis; hc, J. Towers; c, A. Law. BUFF: 1, 3, Hinds, first nice type and quality of feather, third good stamp of Plainhead; 2, Towers, very nice, not quite so deep in chest; 4, Watson; vhc, Cooper; hc, Breitenfield; c, Towers. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., VARI. (5): 1, Irons; 2, Towers; 3, Gilbert, all three good Nor. and very little between; 4, Towers; vhc, Mrs. Jeacock. UNFLI. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Cooper, red-hot, nice type and quality feather; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, nice type, good colour; 3, Howe, good shape and colour, excellent quality; 4, Harris; vhc, Irons; hc, Mason. BUFF (12): 1, Gilbert, short, thick-set, chubby bird, close feather, excellent quality; 2, Cooper, nice colour and quality of feather; 3, Fennell, nice type and colour; 4, Hall; vhc, Irons; hc, Harris; c, Mitchell. HEN (12): 1, Fennell, clear buff, grand type and quality of feather; 2, Irons, marked yell., good shape, splendid substance; 3, no name, clear buff, good quality; 4, Howe; vbc, Jeacock; hc, Irons. CL., ETC., NAT. COL. (11): 1, 2, Irons, first marked yell., good substance and quality of feather, second clear buff, good shape, nice back and good wing carriage; 3, Gentle, nice type and quality of feather; 4, Vaiscy; vhc, Jeyes; bc, Nason; c, Winstone. A.O.V. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Andrews; 2, 4, vhc, Hobbs; 3, King; all very close together. CINN. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Brown Bros., grand team, good colour and quality of feather; 4, Swingler and Blackwell; hc, Nason. MULE, ETC. (14): 1, Winstone, Canary-Bullie, wants little more size and colour to make a good one; 2, Andrews, Goldfinch and Canary, type and quality of featber; 3, Ward, Bullfinch and Linnet, quite a swell, nice colour and quality feather; 4, A. Lees, yell. marked Goldfinch and Canary, nice colour and quality of feather; vhc, Andrews; hc, Clark Cook; c, Winstone, very good class. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Mills, first nice crest. NOR. YELL., SELLING £3 (12): 1, Mitchell; 2, Packer; 3, Jeffs; 4, Waring; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Lees; c, Griffin. BUFF, £3 (12): 1, Muddiman; 2, Mitchell; 3, c, Packer; 4, Gilbert; vhc, hc, Dickens. A.V. SELL 15/- (16) : 1. Breitenfield ; 2, Brown Bros.; 3, Exton; 4, Muddiman; vhc, Mills; hc, Packer; c, Smith. BRIT. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (10): 1, Mays, Thrush, nicely spotted, good action; 2, 4, Howe, Blackbird, nice colour; 3, Smith, good Thrush, not spotted quite so much as winner; vhc, hc, Gilbert; c, Frost. A.O.S., STARLING, ETC.: 1, Howe; 2, 4, Burrows; 3, Mills. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Howe, Bullfinch, nice cap and grand bloom; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, Goldfinch, nice Finch; 3, White, Yellowhammer, nice markings and colour; 4, c, Mays; vhc, Brown; hc, Barwell. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, hc, Howe, first Greenfinch, grand colour and quality of feather, second Chaffinch, nice colour and marking; 3, Mays, good Bramble, nice colour and good markings; 4, c, Swingler and Blackwell; vhc, W. Jeyes. A.O.S. (8): 1, Howe; 2, Mays; 3, Barwell. A.O.S. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Howe, Treecreeper, grand bird in splendid condition; 2, Mays, Wren Crests, very nice bird. LARGE (7): 1, Howe; 2, Sharman; 3, 4, Valentine; vhc, Mrs. Hooton; hc, Miss Grant Ives. SMALL (3): 1, 2, Howe. MEMBERS' CLASSES £2. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Griffin; 2, 3, Swingler and Blackwell; 4, Watson; vhc, Towers; hc, Towpkins; c, Bounds. BUFF (16): 1, Tompkins; 2, Griffin; 3, Dickens; 4, Swingler and Blackwell; vhc, Towers; hc, Watson. UNEVENLY MARK., ETC. (11): 1, Bounds; 2, c, Dickins; 3, Griffin; 4, vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; hc, Mason. HEN (23): 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, c, Tompkins; 3, vhc, Bounds; 4, Griffin; hc, French. CINN SELL. COL. (4): 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Griffin. CANARY-MULE (8): 1, Swingler and Blackwell ; 2, hc, A. Brown ; 3, no name; vhc, J. French. BRIT., LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Swingler and Blackwell; 3, J. French. SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, vhc, c, H. Brown; 4, H. Watson.

ST. HELENS.

This, the second venture this year of the new St. Helen's Recreation F and F.A. was held in the Volunteer Hall, St. Helen's, Nov. 23. It is a very fine hall, with large windows on both long sides, and gives splendid light therein, 2,000 birds could easily be staged. Hot water pipes run round the room, and the temperature can thus be regulated. A very liberal schedule of classes for Nor., Yorks. and Brit., had been compiled, and, this, without any hall prize money rule. A better response by exhibitors should have been made on this account. As it was, this fact seemed to be overlooked, and so the rule of returning entries in very small classes had to be resorted to, and a number of classes were cancelled. Those which stood, with eight or more entries, contained some grand specimens, and competition ran very keen. The Nor. were a very level lot in the yellow cock section. The buff cocks were excellent both in type and quality, particularly the first pair. It is but fair to state that three or four yells. and a couple of buffs were more or less wet, and didn't nne down time enough to do better. The hens, particularly the first three, were ideal ones for type and quality, and many of our old time Prescot, St. Helen's and District Norwich men admired them much. Only the Yorks. hen class stood, and this saw the appearance of several very smart ladies of the Fancy. The Hybrid class brought together a rare good mixture. It was sad to see Mr. J. D. Leigh's grand Greenfinch-Bullfinch with some of his outer left wing flights missing. He looked like a winner if the wing had been right. The leaders, and indeed all were in good form and difficult to divide. The British, which stood, saw a good "Gale" leading, with a fine Hawlinch second, and a very smart yell Bunting third. The Foreign brought out Mr. Pickles' strong team, led by his charming maroon Tanager, in grand form, with a superb 2nd, and Mr. Brownhill 3rd, with a fine Alexandrine Parrakeet. Some very good and cheap birds took the lead in Selling classes. Members' classes brought out some superior specimens, Mr. Levi Whittle securing special for best members' Canary and special for best bird in show, with his fine Crest. In the open classes specials were won by Mr. T. Bixter (Sandiford's), G. Croucher, J. Stewart, J. Pitchford and J. Grice (Ffyde's). This Society is a very strong one, being composed largely of employees of the great firm of glass manufacturers, Messrs. Pilkington Bros. A good list of valuable specials was given by leaders of the firm and other gentlemen. The management of the show was very good, and with each succeeding venture, the officers should prove worthy of greater confidence and support from cage bird exhibitors. All was got through in good time. Mr. J. Judson is chairman. Dr. Siddall, vice-chairman; Mr. J. T. Leather is hon. treas; the committee are: Messrs. Foster, Blanchard, Bickerstaffe, Charlston, R. Forber, J. Grice, L. Whittle, R. Helm, W. Hardman, R. Pickering, and J. Wolfe. Mr. J. Shufflebotham is the hon. secretary, and a very capable one he makes. He is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts. He was assisted by Mr. W. Vose, who also deserves credit, and by Mr. R. Little as show manager. These gentlemen, one and all are capable and painstaking, and desire to progress each year. Mr. Chas. Houltou judged, and got through in good time, with apparent satisfaction.

Open Section.

NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Croucher, an ideal clear yell, bold chest, fine head, good neck, back wings and tail, level colour, nicely fined down; 2, Dunn, another clear, very similar in type, rich colour, sound feather, level and clean through, nice head, stands well; 3, Grice, shows up well, bit patchy in colour perhaps, but well got up in feather and condition; vhc, Turner, heavy var., rare substance, might have gone up but had been wet; hc, Vose, grand head and type, same fault kept back; c, Coulson; No. 292, Bixter, winner of Sandiford's, was wet when judged, but when dried was fit to take honours. BUFFS (9): 1, Turner, real slasher, grand size, var., lovely bloom and condition, clean through for his size, much admired; 2, Croucher, clear buff, smaller, but a real gem for type, quality, fine finish; 3, Winn and Hinde, marked head, pretty shape, fine head, rare carriage and tight in condition, runs close up; vhc, Coulson, very fine head, good body, had been wet, which spoiled the fineness; hc, Bixter, bit thinner body, but fine feather and condition; c, Thompson. HENS (8): 1, Cleminson, big clear, great in all typical points, buff, bright colour, clean right down in feather, any amount of substance; 2, Coulson, six-pointed yell, a regular thick-set bouncing big hen, just a trifle beaten in complete feather and carriage, grand bird all the same; 3, Winn and Hinde, most typical clear buff, exquisite shape and feather, fine carriage and finish, smaller some would prefer; vhc, Tasker, clear ycll., very smart; bc, Chesworth; c, Hawkes. NON-FED (8): 1, Thompson, var., grand Nor. type, beautiful quality and condition, just suit a Nor. Green breeder; 2, Roberts, fine big buff Nor., plenty feather, but cobby type, lovely feather for quality; 3, Wiles, clear Crestbred buff, good bird; vhc, R. Helm, heavy var, grand quality and condition, nice sbape; hc, Wiles; c, Croucher. YORKS, HEN (11): 1, vhc, Stewart, clear yell hen, very finely drawn, well-filled in, fine neat head, round as a long even cone, tight feather all over it, stands up A1; vhc, very neat stylish buff, flowing with style, quality and finish; 2, Little, slashing buff, straight as an arrow, well rounded, neat carriage, and position firm; 3, Christopher, Cinn, var, fine racy bird, breedy, but high over shoulders, nice feather and positions well; hc, Slater, marked eyes, wings and head, yell, rather smaller; c, Knowles, eyes, wings and cheek marked, lovely feather. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, 2, Pitchford, Linnet-Bullfinch and Siskin-Greenfinch, both in perfect feather and condition, former beauty for shape, nice fair tone in colour, excelling in bloom and satin gloss, latter, medium-sized Siskin-Greenie, distinct markings and character of parents, sombre colour, tight feather; 3, hc, (two), c, Ball, grand Chaffinch-Bramble, real genuine article, beautiful size, shape, colours, markings and condition, pink, pinking, all the time; vhc, (two), J. D. Leigh, Linnet-Bullfinch, beaten in colour and breast feather by first, also Greenfinch-Bullfinch, his crack bird, has lost some wing flights, or might have won outright in class, a very grand bird; c, J. F. Lea, grand yell Siskin-Canary, fine size, colour, markings and condition. BRIT.: (12): 1, vhc, Walker, very tight-feathered Nightingale leading, and a yell Wagtail, nice feather, would show better with 3 perches instead of one, all on a level low down; 2, Jones, grand size, rich red Bawfinch, lovely level breast and bloom steady, well shown; 3, Stewart, perfectly marked yell. Bunting, in grand colour, feather and condition; hc, Smith, smart good-colonred Greenfinch, medium size, nicely shown; c, Wiun and Hinde, nice yell. Bunting. Several other good Buntings in class. FOR. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Pickles, grand rare maroon Tanager leading, a gem in all respects; 2, grand superb Tanager, in equally brilliant colours and condition; vhc, pair very good Grassfinches: 3. Brownhill, very fine ring Alexandrine Parrakeet, wants a little more, or higher perch to clear tail feathers, to show well; vhc, Sherlock, pretty pair of Cottbreasts; hc, Herbert, nice pair moulted Parrakeets, c Sherlock, good Barnard's Parrakeets, thank when judged, better later. SELL. (10/-) (9): 1, Stewart, grand cheap buff York., tight as a drum; 2, Baxter, very good clear buff Nor., 3, Hesketh, nice pair for Crest breeding, vhc, Knowles, very decent pair of Yorks; hc, Vose, Helm; c, Vose, Hawkes. (12/6) (10): 1, Wiles, good Crest, nearly Green, 2, Helm, pair Yorks; 3, Horne, yell. Yorks; vhc, Sherlock, Hesketh; hc, Sherlock, Lloyd; c, Vose, Gibbie, Barrow.

Members' Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Grice, first is 3rd in open there described, 3, nice type wings and tail; 2, Vose, looking better than when judged in open, and would soon be able to change leader places; vhc, Leather; hc, Shawcross; c, A. Knowles. BUFFS (7): 1, vhc, Lloyd, regular stamping big, good 'un, well feathered right through, vhc, nice quality and condition; 2, Grice, smaller var, very nice shape, quality and condition, 3, Sparks, also a var of nice quality; hc, Vose; c, Leach. HENS (8): 1, Helm, clear yell, a gem in all respects, wins spl for best 5 mile radius; 2, Lloyd, buff, grand type and quality, in splendid feather; 3, Grice, good buff, but dirty at base of beak; vhc, c, Vose; hc, Leech. YORKS. YELL. CK. (4): 1, R. Little, grand length, size, stand and position, neat wings and tail, thigh tick; 2, A. Little, tick thigh, fine shape, quality and condition, slim all through; 3, vhc Grice, rather too round on top perhaps, nice feather and colour. BUFFS: 1, R. Little, thigh tick, a gem all over, real typical in all respects, round as a pencil; 2, Grice, liner drawn, but fruity, upstanding. HENS: 1, Grice, var. cinn. colour, nice slender drawn bird, good type and position, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Little, fine upstanding buff, wins 2nd in open hen class, very good one. CREST (1): L. Whittie, wins special best bird in show, crest well over beak, nice centre droop, well coated. RESTRRED (1): L. Whittle. A.O.V. (1): J. Grice, Cinn. GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE: 1, 2, Grice, dark buff Gold-Can., fine bird for class; 3, Knowles; vhc, Helm. NOR. ETC., NAT. COL.: 1, Grice, yell. YORKS; 2, Helm; 3, Barrow; vhc, Vose. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC: 1, Knowles, very good Goldie; 2, Leather, very nice hen Bullie; 3, Grice, cock Bullie. LINNET (6): 1, Grice, wins in size and chest; 2, Little, grand style, wants time to get stouter and more weight; 3, Leather, grand colour and markings, shows badly; vhc, hc, Grice; c, Little. REDPOLL, ETC. (3): 1, Helm; 2, Leather; 3, Grice, all Redpolls, first best moulted bird. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, Helm, good Greenfinch; 2, 3, Grice. BLACKBIRD (3): 1, 2, Grice, pair of fine Blackbirds, first very good, fit for open competition; 3, Lloyd, very promising. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Lloyd, capital Wheatear, and a good Robin; 3, Grice, very fair Skylark.

HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual Members Show was held November 23rd at St. George's School, Hyde. There were rather less entries than in former years, but the exhibits were a very fine lot. The teams put down by Messrs. W. Booth, W. Shaw, W. Wrigley, F. Barraclough, S. Marlor, R. Hargreaves were of exceptional merit. Mr. John Hopkins, of Bolton, judged. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): spl, Booth; 2, vhc, Shaw; 3, Wrigley; 4, hc, Barraclough. BUFF: 1, spl, Booth. TICK YELL: 1, spl, Barraclough; 2, Wrigley. BUFF: 1, spl, Shaw. VARIEG: 1, spl, Wrigley; 2, Booth; 3, S. Marlor; 4, Allsop Bros.; vhc, Barraclough; hc, Shaw. YELL HEN: 1, spl, 2, S. Marlor; 3, Wrigley, 4, vhc, Shaw. BUFF: 1, spl, Both; 2, hc, Shaw; 3, 4, vhc, Wrigley; c, Barraclough. UNFLI. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Booth; 3, vhc, S. Marlor; 4, hc, c, Allsop Bros. BUFF: 1, spl, Barraclough; 2, Wrigley; 3, S. Marlor; 4, hc, Shaw; vhc, Allsop Bros. UNFLI. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Barraclough; 3, Allsop Bros. BUFF: 1, spl, 4, Booth; 3, c, Wrigley; 2, vhc, S, Marlor; hc, Marlor Bros. SELL (£1): 1, 2, Allsop Bros.; 3, Wrigley; 4, vhc, Marlor Bros. MULE, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Bardsley. LINNET: 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, Clarke; 3, Bardsley. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Clarke. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Hargreaves; 2, Clarke. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Marlor Bros.; 2, 3, vhc, Hargreaves, 4, Bardsley; hc, Clarke. SISKIN, ETC.: 1 Clarke; 2, Hargreaves. SOFTBILL: 1, Hargreaves. NOVICE A.V. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Clarke; 2, Bardsley. HEN: 1, 2, Clarke. Booth won Sandiford's Special for Hottest-fed.—T. ALLSOP, Sec.

HONLEY.

Honley show was held Nov. 23rd, in the spacious dining hall of Rock Mills, Brockholes, and was well patronised. Mr. J. T. Hinchliff was a courteous and very capable secretary and had a number of stewards to look after the cage bird section, which had a £5 limit. Mr. D. Mallinson judged and made a good selection.

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Radley, wing and thigh, tick, plenty of colour, nice head, back, stylish, second a clear, little longer, not quite so close in feather; 3, vhc, Kaye, unevenly mkd., strong, but nice quality; hc, Sandford; c, Cook. BUFF: 1, vhc, spl, Radley, good quality, position clear, medium length, grandly frosted; 2, Bray and Charlesworth, close up, very good tail and position, nice wing carriage; 3, Cockhill, good quality, maintained its place well; hc, Royal Holmes; c, Fearnley. CINN. TICK., ETC.: 1, 2, Walter Glidhill, winner, variegated wing mkd. and capped yell., good length, nice carriage, second wing mkd., lengthy, good position, both looked though, as if recently been to laundry and not properly ironed out; 3, Marshall, nice exhibit. CLEAR, ETC., HEN: 1, 2, spl, Radley, first medium length yel., very stylish, nice wings, second buff, well filled back, good ground colour, pleasing head: 3, Bray and Charlesworth, romping hen, hard in feather, ran well for second; vhc, hc, Cliffe; c, Marshall. NOR. (only one entry): 1, Cockhill, wing marked yell., nice bird. SELL. 12/6: 1, Holmes, the Holmfirth winner some thought and rightly claimed; 2, Radley; 3, Bray and Charlesworth; vhc, Sandford; hc, Ellis. BRIT: 1, vhc, spl, Wilkinson, Starling, very steady, beautiful sheen, and ticking, well defined; vbc, Mr. W's favourite variety Snow Bunting, which had to make way for 2, spl, Archer, Bramble-finch, very pleasing lively bird, in hard feather, very rich in colour and bloom, breast like a Bully, very distinct in spangling on back and head; 3, Burdett, good Blackbird, steady, just lacks the lustre; hc, Smith, good Greenfinch; c, Wood, another nice Blackbird. Mr. Archer's Yell. Bunting in the dumps; was hardly fit to return home; was warm and cosy on stage.

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LANGWITH.

The Third Annual Exhibition of the Langwith and District C.B.S., took place on November 23rd, under C.B.U. rules. The room at the Gate Hotel, in close proximity to the station, is a very good and cosy one. Entries totalled 123, in the open section, and 80 odd in the members'. Norwich Plainheads made a nice display. Yorkshires were stylish, and of capital quality. British Mules and Foreign helped to swell the attractions and several were far and away above the average. The members classes contained some exceedingly nice specimens, and reflected high credit on the members of the society. Cup for most points went to Mr. W. Vardy, he staging a magnificent team of Norwich. The President is T. W. Turner, Esq., Vice-Presidents are Messrs. R. L. Jones, T. Wild, J. Price, M. Levi, J. Dent, and F. Barker, all of whom are liberal supporters to the club. The Committee of Management consists of able practical fanciers. Great praise is due to them for the manner in which they take their part, viz.:—Messrs. W. Mason, Kirk, Jeanes, Sadler, Hempsall, Cutts, Burgin, Braitsford, A. Hatton, C. Hatton, D. Mason, H. Cottam, J. Holmes, and G. Parkes. The Hon. Sec. is Mr. H. Wilson, who proved himself the right man in the right place; thoroughly understanding the proper working of a venture of this kind. Courteous and obliging, he is a capital official, and his untiring efforts did much for the success of the show. The staging of the exhibits was neatly carried out, and judging over in good time, and cards up promptly. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The stewards were Messrs. A. Hatton, C. Hatton, and W. Mason, who got through their work in excellent style. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, all clears and all "stunners," winner fine colour, beautiful feather, short and thick set; 2, very similar, if anything shade longer in build; 3, well up in size, capital colour and shape; vhc, Deverill; hc, Goweridge and Son; c, Revill. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, again with a fine set, winner cl. a bouncer, magnificent shape and substance, grand colour and meal, well cut away; 2, var., teeming with quality, very shapely; 3, cl., wonderful substance, red-hot in colour, good feather; vhc, Revill, very nice bird close up. HEN (6): 1, 2, Vardy, his noted mkd leading, often described, real model, looking well as ever; 2, cl. yell., nulli, grand in colour, capital feather, all type, very promising; 3, Revill, cl. yell., lovely colour and substance, sweet hen; vhc, Townsend, hc, Deverill; c, Knott. UNFLI. (9): 1, 2, 3, Vardy, former cl. yell., magnificent shape, fine substance and quality, grand carriage, a gem; 2, cl buff, very cobby, capital colour, not one of the biggest but one of the best; 3, cl. yell., bouncer, A1 colour, good shape, rare head and chest, wee bit loose underneath; vhc, Goweridge; hc, Townsend. SELL (10s.) (9): 1, Hatton Bros.; 2, Vardy; 3, Millott; vhc, Knowles; hc, Townsend; c, Truman. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Truman, thigh thick red hot, rare length and position, well up on leg, capital back and wings; 2, vhc, Green, cl., very lengthy, good type. A1 feather, nice wing carriage, close run; 3, Simpson, cl., good quality and position, nice back and carriage of flights, fine legs; hc, Knowles; c, Knott. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Green, cl., rattling colour, beautifully feathered, well up on leg, beauty; 2, hc, Trueman, Cinn., marked wings and head, grand colour and quality, stands well, capital length; 3, Goucher, cl., lovely colour, ful of style, neat and narrow; c, Wilson. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Trueman, both cl., former unfll., lovely drawn specimen, straight as a pencil, beautifully feathered; 2, wonderful length, good position, capital black flights and tail; 3, Knott, marked left wing, well up in position, good feather and colour, shows thighs well; vhc, Goucher; hc, Stringer; c, Wilson. BUFF (8): 1, Goucher, cl, feathered to perfection, lovely salmon tinged colour, A1 position, beauty; 2, Stringer, cl, sweetly drawn, stands beautifully, capital feather, close up; 3, vhc, Trueman, cl., pale colour, A1 quality, full of style, nice length, well put down; hc, Leam and Stimson; c, Knott. BRIT. (15)—a grand class: 1, 2, 3, hc, Milne, team of birds staged for all they were worth; 1, lovely Pipit, well known winner, absolutely best condition possible; 2, grand Redstart, in fine bloom; 3, pretty yell. Wagtail, in delightful fettle; vhc, Roslyn, Thrush, good size and shape, twisted a little in neck to-day; c, Smith. MULE (12): 1, 2, Vardy former well known Buff, 4 pointed Gold-Can, latter equally well known Yell. Lin-Can, both in clinking form; 3, Leam and Stimson, Buff, 4 pointed Gold Can, beaten only in substance; vhc, c, Pitt; hc, Knott. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Leam and Stimson, both Cinns., former grand shaped Yell., capital in colour and quality, latter, shapely buff, A1 quality, good substance, close up; 3, Pickering, Gold-Lizard, good in ground colour, neat rowing, worth its place; vhc, Trueman. FOR. (4): 1, Baker, Amazon Parrot, in rare bloom; 2, Crowston, Whydah, not looking quite as well as we have seen him, perhaps wants a rest; 3, Trueman, Budgerigar, in grand feather, good size, nicely shown; vhc, Leam and Stimson. MEMBERS.—NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, hc, Vardy both nice type and quality, good size; 3, Leam and Stimson, capital colour, nice shape; vhc, Till. BUFF (4): 1, 3, vhc, Vardy, marked and clear, full of colour, nice shape and condition; 2, Till, cl. bouncer, good feather, just bit loose behind. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Vardy, both cl., former hot, good shape and carriage, latter, larger, shapely; 3, Till cl capital type, good in quality and colour; vhc Leam and Stimson; hc, c, Hatton Bros. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Vardy, ci and marked, both excelling in quality and type; 3, Leam and Stimson, var, well up in size, nice feather, not quite so tight. NAT. COL. (2): 1, 2 Mason, mkd. and clear, both Buffs, former, large good quality, latter, tight as wax. YORKS YELL. (8): 1, 3, hc, Knowles, mkd and cl., winner of exceptional length, standing well, good leather; 2, vhc, c, Simpson, thigh tick, A1 position, nicely clothed, close up. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Simpson both clears, very little between, rattling quality and type; 3, vhc, hc, Knowles, cl, stands well up, wee bit behind in quality, very nice length; c, Trueman YELL. HEN (10): 1, 3, Knowles, both cl, winner longer, good quality and position; 2, Simpson, thigh tick, well up, good length, nicely drawn; vhc, hc, c, Hatton Bros. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Simpson, both cl, grand colour, stand delightfully; 3, vhc, c, Knowles, cl, pale colour, lengthy, full of style; hc, Trueman. BRIT. (8): 1, Leam and Stimson, Gold-Crested Wren, in nice order, well shown; 2, vhc, hc, Mason, Linnet, good colour and shape, well pencilled; 3, c, Hatton Bros., Robin, in good trim, well staged. FOR. (3): 1, Trueman, Budgerigar, in capital feather; 2, 3, Mason, both Java's, in very fair form. NOVICE.—NOR. (4): 1, Till, Yell., rare colour and quality, grand type and substance; 2, Fensome, Buff, nice feather and shape, not over big, yet neat; 3, vhc, Hatton Bros., good var. yell. YORKS. (7): 1, hc, c, Hatton Bros., cl. buff, tight as wax, straight, well up, good one; 2, 3, vhc, Mason, cl, yell., and cl, buff respectively, former good length and type, latter, nice quality and position, both in fine form. These two Novice classes were very creditable.

HANLEY.

Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. held their second annual open show, Nov. 21st, at the Albion Hotel. The room is a capital one for the purpose. Like the other two shows recently held in this district, entries were somewhat disappointing, and the Committee were compelled to cancel no less than ten classes for this reason. The quality of the exhibits was very good, many recent winners being staged. Some splendid Norwich were staged by Messrs. Bowyer, Hull, Williams, Rathbone, Wootton, Roberts, Bevan, and Lingard. The successful Yorkshire exhibitors were Messrs. Williams, Peake, Dewhirst, Simcock, Dyke, Mole, Maitland, Hawley, Holmes, Walsh, Jones and Williams. British were but moderate, but Messrs. Tams and Son put down a fine Linnet and Goldfinch in A.O.V. Mr. Ward's grand Linnet-Bullie, Lulque II, won with something to spare. Members' classes also contained many excellent specimens, some of which would have given a good account of themselves in the open. The management was very satisfactory, the following officials and Committee being responsible: Messrs. S. Wootton, W. Bickerton, T. Newman, A. Scott, S. Pygott, J. Clunn, G. Wildigg, T. Underwood, S. Wild, J. Topliss, J. Williamson and B. Peake, the last-mentioned setting a splendid example by the energy he displayed, in fulfilling the duties involved in promoting a Cage Bird Show. The society have a most capable secretary in the person of Mr. C. J. Robinson, and if the show did not turn out the success anticipated, it was no fault of his. The awards were made by Mr. J. Wilcock, and appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR. MKD. BUFF (6): 1, Hall, heavy var., fine size and shape, grand col. and quality, in splendid condition; 2, Wootton, tkd. head, good size and shape, nice carriage and feather; 3, Rathbone, similar bird to winner, beaten only in quality; 4, Bowyer, splendid shape and quality, rare colour; vhc, Steadman, hc, Williams. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Rathbone, clear, very typical, rare quality, splendid condition; 2, Wootton, fine size and shape, grand quality, a bit down when we saw her; 3, Hall, a clear, nice type and quality, good colour, well staged; 4, Bowyer, very cobby, nice feather, in good form; vhc, Kinson; hc, Roberts. BUFF (11): 1, Williams, clear, rare shape and size, nice colour and quality, well put down; 2, Hall, tkd neck, short and cobby, good quality and fine condition; 3, hc, Bowyer, very typical, rare quality, well placed; 4, Kinson fine size, nice feather, good condition; vhc, Steadman; c, Ibbs. UNFLI. YELL (7): 1, 2, spl, Hall, the Stoke winner leading, both staged in grand form, and good wins; 3 Lingard, clear, nice type, good colour and quality; 4, Bowyer, rare size and quality, rich colour; vhc, Roberts; hc, c, Whitehurst. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Bowyer, leader grand headed bird, plenty of substance, nice quality, wins well; 2nd, tkd neck, grand cobby type, rare colour and quality, well shown; 3, Roberts, clear, very typical, lovely feather, very neat and compact, should make up well; 4, c, Rathbone, var rare size and shape, nice feather, should make good stock bird; vhc, Bevan; hc, Porter. YORKS CL. BUFF (7): 1, c, spl, Williams, very typical, nicely drawn, good position, splendid quality, in full bloom; 2, Mole, grand stand, rare quality, well put down; 3, Hawley, very neat, nice type and quality, not quite the length, 4, Jones, good length, well drawn, nice feather and condition; vhc, Piggott; hc, Stout. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, spl. Dewhirst, tkd head, fine length, rare position, nice feather and colour; 2, Walsh, tkd head, very lengthy, good stand, nice colour and quality; 3, Jones, Cinn. mark, rare shape, good position, well drawn; 4, Dykes, nice type, good col and position; vhc, Bloor. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Simcock, very neat and typical, lovely feather, well put down, the Stoke winner; 2, Walsh, tkd neck, fine length, good position nice colour, well shown; 3, Millincamp, nice type, good quality, bit soiled; 4, Holmes, nice type, good position; vhc, Newman. BUFF (6): 1, Peake, nice type, rare quality, well-braced wings and tail, good condition; 2, Holmes, tkd head, fine length, well drawn, good quality; 3, Walsh, tkd head sweet type, grand position, nice feather; 4, Dykes, cap mark, very typical, lovely quality; vhc, Stout; hc, Hawley. UNFLI. YELL (7): 1, Dykes, fine length, rare position, nicely drawn good quality; 2, Simcock, typical, grand colour and quality, very close up; 3, Holmes, rare length and position, nice quality well placed; 4, Williams, Cinn. var, very typical, lovely feather and condition, close race; vhc, Howes; hc, Stout. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Mole clear, fine length and position, splendid quality, well put down; 2, Dykes clear, nice type, good quality, trifle soft; 3, Hawley, typical clear, nice feather, good condition; 4, Howes, nice length, good quality, bit soiled; vhc Dewhirst; c, Holmes. A.O.V. (6): 1, Ward, very fine Linnet-Bullie, splendid colour and size; 2, Tams and Son, well-known Goldie-Bullie, not looking so well as we have seen him; 3 Bowyer, almost green Crest, fine specimen, in rare form, must have pressed hard; 4, Pitchford, Linnet-Bullie; vhc, Walsh, good Belgian; hc, Williams, capital broken cap gold Lizard. GOLDIE ETC (5): 1, Tams and Son, very fine Goldfinch, lovely blaze, rich tans, good bars and buttons wins; 2, Joynson and Davis, another nice Goldie, good blaze, rare colour, fine condition; 3, Anderson, capital Bullfinch, very rich breast colour, nice size, good condition; 4, Dean, nice Goldie. LINNET, ETC (5): 1, Tams and Son, grand Linnet, good size and shape, splendid colour and condition, well staged; 2, Joynson and Davis, very nice Linnet, rich colour, good markings, splendid condition, good size; 3, Dean, a Linnet, nice colour, good condition; 4, Vernon, grand Linnet; vhc, Greenwood. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Bowyer, fine Hawfinch, nice size, good colour and markings, excellent condition; 2, 4 vhc, Dowler, Yell Bunting, very fair size and colour, in grand condition; 4th, nice Greenfinch in good feather; 3, Perrin, lovely Chaffinch, close up. NOVICE NOR.: 1 3, Bevan, very smart yell. leading, nice type, splendid quality, well put down, latter very good var yell., nice size and shape, excellent colour and quality; 2, vhc, Fowler smart cobby buff, nice size and shape; 4, Scott, cap mkd yell, good shape, nice colour and feather; vhc, Bellamy; hc Williamson. YORKS (6): 1, Maitland, very smart yell, neat and typical, nice quality and colour; 2, Miss Blagg, typical good length and position; 3, vhc Millincamp, yell, very racy good quality and stand; 4, Thomas, very smart yell. soiled, or might have won; hc, Piggott. Bloor (£2): 1, Yates clinking buff Cinn. good size and shape, nice quality, should make a useful stock bird; 2, Pegg, nice, cobby buff Nor.; 3, Bowyer, cheap buff, dark crest; 4, Potter, nice pair of Yorks; vhc, Scott; hc, Weaver; c, Rowley. (£1) (7): 1, Pegg, good buff Nor.; 2, Taylor, buff Nor.; 3, Hall, yell. Nor.; 4, Rathbone, buff Nor.; vhc, Jones; hc, Pegg; c, Porter. (12/6): 1, Hall, cheap yell Nor.; 2, Yates, pair of Cinnamons; 3, Taylor, buff Nor.; 4, Jones; vhc, Hawley; hc, Maitland; c, Jones. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL: 1, Scott, smart clear, good type, nice feather; 2, Wildig, var, neat and typical, well shown; 3, Topliss. BUFF: 1, Clunn, fine size and shape, rare colour and quality; 2, Williamson, very cobby, nice feather; 3, Wildig; 4, Topliss; vhc, Wildig; hc, Underwood; c, Williamson. UNFLI. YELL: 1, Wild, clear, nice size, shape and feather; 2, Topliss; 3, vhc, Bickerton; hc, Wildig. BUFF: 1, Bickerton, fair, nice type, nice size and quality; 2, Wildig; 3, Peake. MKD: 1, two spls, vhc, Wild, nice typical buff, nice size, short and cobby, excellent quality; 2, 4, Bickerton, good size and shape, nice feather; 3, Scott, typical good colour, worth its place; hc, Williamson. YELL. HEN: 1, Clunn, excellent shape, good quality; 2, Bickerton; 3, vhc, Wild; 4, Underwood; c, Topliss. BUFF: 1, Williamson, nice type and feather; 2, Underwood. YORKS. YELL: 1, Peake, good length, nice position, well drawn; 2, 3, Robinson, typical pair, well shown. BUFF: 1, Pygott, neat shape, nice feather; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Peake. UNFLI. YELL: 1, and Hyde's, Peake, very slim and stylish, good position, nice quality, wants steadying a bit; 2, Robinson; 3, Newman; 4, Pygott. BUFF: 1, Peake; 2, Robinson. MKD: 1, 3, Robinson, both typical, and well put down; 2, Pygott; 4, Peake. YELL. HEN: 1, Peake; 2, Pygott; 3, 4, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Peake; 2, Scott. BRIT: 1, Peake, Linnet; 2, 3, Williamson, Linnet and Goldfinch.

TONBRIDGE.

Tonbridge and Dis. F.A. held their First Annual Show at the Public Hall on November 20th and 21st. The show, which was open to Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, was very successful, and the quality of the exhibits was very good indeed. The Hall is very suitable, as it is well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. Burton, the secretary, and Mr. Taylor, assistant sec., two very obliging and capable fanciers, and a good hard-working committee, had everything in excellent working order, ready for judging early. The prize cards in each class were up as soon as judging was over. In the Norwich Plainhead section the principal winners were Miss Hollamby and Messrs. Warner, Berry, and Marshall, who showed some good specimens. In Norwich, Crested, Mr. Holland was 1st with two specials, one for best bird in show. In Crest-breds, Mrs. Simpson and Miss Hollamby were 1st and 2nd with two massive birds. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Edwards, Knapp, and J. Reeve carried off the prizes with some really grand birds. In Mules, Mr. Richards was 1st with a very fine Green Finch Mule, and Mr. J. Peters followed with a good dark Goldfinch Canary. In British Finches, Mr. F. Bathard took 1st and special with a gem of a Goldfinch. In British Softbill Mr. Brett won with a fine specimen of a Thrush. In British birds, A.O.S., Mr. Brett was again 1st with a good Hawfinch, Miss O. Conway Gordon won 1st and special in Foreign birds with a pair of beautiful Pekin Nightingales. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.

NOR. CL. (Colour-fed) (18): 1 and special: 2, Warner, winner a gem of a yelt.; 3, a rea good buff; 3rd, Meades, nice yell., rather coarser in feather but a good one; 4th, Berry and Scammell vhc, Reeves; hc, Spinner; c, Cosin and Crisp. NIN-COLOUR-FED (9): 1st, Miss Hollamby, very large yell.; 2nd, Froud, very good Buff, rather small; 3rd, 4th, and vhc, Rudman; 3rd, nice Buff; 4th, good yell.; hc, Cook; c, Coules. VARIEG. (18): 1st and special, Berry and Mitchell, good wing mkd., stylish and of good type Buff; 2nd, Thompson, another good Buff; 3rd. Spinner, fine large yell, not quite so tight in feather; 4th, Reeve, vargtd., rather small, but a good one; vhc, Rudman; hc, Warner; c, Smithers. CREST. (8): 1st and two specials, Holland, good largo Crest, very neat, nice texture; 2nd, 3, Hayward, 2, good Crest, neat, little short in front; 3rd, grand bird, smaller; 4th, Knapp, nice one; vhc, Scott; hc, Borman; c, Thompson. CREST-BRED (7): 1, vhc, Mrs. Simpson, 1st good round head and length of feather; 2nd, Miss Hollamby, good clear buff, large head, nice length of feather; 3rd, Scott, variegated, little smaller; 4th, Smithers, green, good quality; hc, Holland; c, Kirke. YORK. CL. (Colour fed) (7): 1st Edwards, yell., good type of bird, and quality excellent; 2nd, Thorpe, another good one, close up; 3rd and 4th, Taylor, two lovely birds, well shown; vhc and hc, Warner. (Non colour fed) 10): 1st, special, and 4th, Knapp, 1st, large yell., position and quality good; 4th, another yell., nice exhibit; 2nd, Warner, good type of buff, close up; 3rd, vhc, and hc, Peters, 3rd, very good yell., but little smaller; c, Mockford. VARGTD. (8): 1st, 2nd and special, Reeve; 1st, good length, rare, colour and quality, stands to perfection, wins well and really good Buff hen; 3rd, Thorpe, variegated. Buff of good quality and type; 4th, Jenner, large buff, very fair bird; vhc, and hc, Knapp; c, Warner. A.O.V. cancelled. MULES (8): 1 and spl, Richards good yell. Greenfinch Canary, wins well; 2, vhc, and c, Peters; 2, dark Goldfinch Canary, very nice specimen, well shown; 3, 4, and hc, Wraight; 3, good Siskin Canary; 4, another nice Greenfinch Canary. BRIT. FINCHES (15): 1st and spl, Richards, Goldfinch, a real gem, markings and colour excellent, well shown; 2, Curd, very fine Bullfinch, good colour; 3, Wraight, large Greenfinch, in nice condition; 4, Leaney, good Goldfinch; vhc, Well; hc, Warner; c, Bartholomew. LARGE (7): 1, Brett, very fine Thrush, markings and colour very good; 2 and 3, Warner; 2, another good Thrush; 3, nice specimen of Blackbird, well shown; 4, Dell, good Thrush; vhc, Austen; hc, Palmer; 656, Bailey and Son absent. A.O.S. (10): 1, Brett, very fine Hawfinch, well shown, in good condition, wins well; 2, Carter, real good Bunting; 3, Miss Conway Gordon, good Bramble Finch; 4, Curd, Red Bunting, in good condition; vhc, Dell; hc and c, Waters. FOR. (9): 1 and spl, Miss Conway Gordon, pair of Pekin Nightingales, splendid pair of birds, tight as wax, shown in perfect condition; 2, Williams, good Green Parrot, a fine exhibit; 3, Smithers, another fine Parrot; 4, vhc and c, Peters, 4, very nice red-breasted Cardinal; hc, Dennis. MEMBERS CAN. (13): 1 and vhc, Radman, 1, Buff Nor. Cock, very well shown; 2 and hc, Knapp; 2, Green Crest, good bird; 3 and 4, Warner; 3, nice yell. York.; 4, typical Buff Nor.; c, Kirke.

CIVIL SERVICE F.A.

Third Annual Members' Show of the "C.S.F.A." was held at "Ye Old Bell," Noble Street, E.C., on November 19th. The show was in every way a success. The quality of the exhibits was good. Mr. J. Robson judged cage birds. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, 3, hc, Watson; 2, vhc, Russell. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Watson; 3, Barton; hc, Russell. A.O.V.: 1, spl, spl. for best '07, 2, 3, Thursby, all three buff Nor.; vhc, spl, c, Barton, former silver Lizard; hc, Wheeler. HYBRID: 1, spl, Biggs, Red-poll Canary; 2, Summers, lightly marked Goldfinch-Canary; 3, Thursby, dark Goldfinch-Canary; vhc, Willott. BRIT. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Voss, nice Linnet; 2, vhc, hc, Watson; second, Lesser Redpoll; 3, c, Biggs, third Linnet. A.O.S.: 1, spl, spl. for best in show, Thursby, good Goldfinch; 2, spl. Watson, nice Bramble; 3, Wheeler, another good Goldie; vhc, Willott; hc, Smith. SELL. (12/6: 1, Thursby, Nor.; 2, Watson, Yorks. A. WATSON, hon. secretary.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL.

CROOK.

Crook, Co. Durham, held their annual exhibition in the Mechanics' Hall, Nov. 23rd. The entry totalled over 700 altogether, of which the Cage Bird section accounted for no fewer than well over 500. Although the Norwich, with a few exceptions, were only of fair quality, the Yorkshires were well represented and good all round, Messrs. Cuthbertson, Broughton, Broadley, Elliott, etc., staging nice teams. Britishers were good all through, both in numbers and quality, and were quite the feature of the show. The Members' classes contained many birds of merit, which reflected great credit on the exhibitors. The one and only drawback to the show was the smallness of the hall, and we hope the Society will be able to remedy this next year. Under the circumstances the working portion of the committee did all they possibly could, working very hard indeed to make things go smoothly, and they succeeded splendidly. With this one exception, lack of space, the show must be considered a decided success. Much of the credit of this is due to the able secretary, Mr. A. Bowes, who worked well and hard to bring things to a happy issue. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, spl., Hill and Stewart, nice team, leader best in head, good in carriage, second, nice type, grand quality, third, slim, but grand in feather; vhc, W. Brown. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hill and Stewart, first, fine head, good colour and quality, second, nice head, feather and colour, bit over fat on chest perhaps; 3, F. Brown, nice feathered bird, neat wings and tail, beaten only in size; vhc, Dawson; hc, c, Briggs. TICK, ETC. (4): 1, Slack, nice size, good shape, smart carriage; 2, Briggs, cap tick, nice feather and type; 3, F. (11): 1, 2, spl, Hill and Stewart, leader grandly Brown, yell. var., nice feather; vhc, Tait. UNFLI. built young Nor., well up in colour and size, grand quality, nice head, back wings and tail, good one all through; 2, cap marked buff, nice head and chest, neat wings and tail, grand shape and quality; 3, Cleminson, hot in colour, fine feather and shape, good carriage, close up, good third; vhc, Hirst; hc, Todd; c, W. Brown. HEN (9): 1, 2, vhc, Hill and Stewart, first, exceptionally good one for a yell, fine size, bold head, lovely shape and colour, second, licked buff, bonny hen in splendid condition; 3, Cleminson, nice shape and carriage, wing ticked, rare good one for quality; hc, Aters; c, F. Brown. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, G. W. Cuthbertson, nice length, full of style, sweet head, narrow, well-filled back, splendid position and carriage, lovely feather, good one; 2, Broughton, nice head, good shoulders, lengthy, well up on leg, good feather, just a bit on soft side, so would not show at its best; 3, I. Cuthbertson, long, raking bird, good in shape and feather, nice style; vhc, Elliott; hc, Hirst; c, Brown. BUFF (7): 1 G. W. Cuthbertson, long, slim upstanding bird, grand head and back, capital wing and tail carriage; 2, Broughton, gem for feather, good carriage and stand; 2, Hirst, capital style, lovely feather and carriage, not quite the length; vhc, Gornall; hc, Steele; c, F. Brown. TICK, ETC. (11): 1, Elliott cap marked yell, capital length and shape, fine quality, good in colour, well staged, wins; 2, hc, G. W. Cuthbertson, buff, nice feather and style, thigh ticked, good second; 3, Broughton, nice bird, well up on leg, fine trim, close up; vhc, Broadley and Son, nice stamp all over, not quite so level in colour; c, Hirst. UNFLI. (14): 1, Broadley and Son, buff grizzled on breast, long good feathered bird, nice shape and carriage, stands well up, fine head; 2, Cooper, yell, nice carriage, feather and colour, beaten only in length; 3, Hirst, shapely, good style and feather; vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson; hc, Elliott; c, Kemp and Son. HEN (12): 1, 3, spl, over unfighteds, Broughton, leader neck-ticked yell, beautiful shape all over, nice colour and feather, grand carriage and style, good hen, third buff, mkd. eyes and one wing, lovely feather and carriage, nice hen; 2, vhc, G. W. Cuthbertson, wing tick buff leading full of quality, nice head, neck, wings and tail, good second; hc, Kemp and Son; c, Elliott. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 3 Gibson, first Crestbred, well clothed bead, nice entrance, plenty of feather, third, grand body, not quite so good in entrance; 2 hc, Todd, second nice Crest, well arranged neat centre, a good second; vhc, Rutherford and Bright. SELL. [illegible] Barnaby; 2, Siddle; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Winn; hc, Broadey and Son; c, Aters. (15/-) (17): [illegible] 3, Winn; vhc, Todd; hc, Siddle; c, Hirst. GOLDFINCH, ETC (20): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Goldie, grand face, nice tan neat buttons and bars, very nice Finch; 2, hc, Dobinson, Bullie, nice house-moulted, rich colour, grand shape, fine glossy head, beautiful wing bars, worth its place; 3, Robinson, another Bullie nice breast, good cap and bars, beaten only in shape and steadiness; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; c, Siddle. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Todd and Son, fine size and yell wings, good colour, grand shaped body, steady, in fine form; 2, Forster nice shape, steady, fine colour; 3, Salmon, nice Finch, beaten only in steadiness; vhc, W. Brown; hc, Dobinson; c, Aters. SISKIN ETC. (8): 1, Todd, Siskin, very fine size and condition well-laced, good cap and style, nat. col.; 2, Recks, grand Twite, nice marks and shape, in fine trim; 3 Dobinson mealy Redpoll, in nice feather; vhc, Salmon; hc, Mallory. A.O.V. SMALL (10): 1, Forster Nightingale, good size good colour, grand feather and condition, wins; 2, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins, leader Bramblefinch, medium size nicely laced head, very tight in condition, steady; 3, vhc, Wilkinson and Danby beautiful Tit, in good order latter lovely Wryneck, with bad tail, or might have won; hc, Recks. LINNET (25): 1, Aters splendid shaped body and head, nice marked breast, grand back, in fine condition, steady; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, shapely, capital markings, well carried through; 3, Brady and Wilson, steady, nice wings, grand markings, very fair colour; vhc, Mogie, nice Linnet, but a bit blurred in breast markings, or might have been in the money; hc, Thompson; c Cairns. FOR. (20): 1, Naisbett, good Amazon, well staged; 2 3, Booth, pair Diamond Finches and pair of well Budgerigers, both pairs good, and in fine condition; vhc, Brackenbury; hc Baxter; c, Bradley. MEMBERS' CLASSES, NOR. (15): 1, c, Raine; 2 F. Brown; 3, vhc I Cuthbertson; hc, Dobinson. YORKS (20): 1, I. Cuthbertson; 2, c, Elliott; 3, vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Richardson. CREST OR C.B. (9): 1, 3, Todd; 2, Aters; vhc, Siddle; hc, Dawson; c (no name). BRIT. (15): 1, 3, vhc, Dobinson; 2, Robinson; hc, c Raine. NOVICE CAN (10): 1, Raine; 2, 3 Wilkinson; vhc, I Brown; hc, Gornall; c, Tait. BRIT (8): 1, 2, c, Raine; 3, Tait; vhc, Dixon; hc, Keogan.

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HULL.

The Hull C.B.S. held their thirteenth annual show on November 22nd and 23rd. The exhibition (under the C.B.U. rules) took place in the Corn Exchange, which is situated near the various railway stations, and is excellently lighted, spacious, and draughtproof, also nicely warmed by hot-water pipes (when necessary)—a more convenient room no one need desire. Entries all told were 297 in the open section, and 114 in the members. The show had the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club, which no doubt helped to swell the entry in this section. The catalogue opened with the Crests and Crest-breds, and although in numbers on the small side, the quality was present. The Norwich Plainheads were up in full force, some really magnificent specimens being on view—a collection worth going many miles to see. Topping exhibits were the Clear Yellow and Yellow hen staged by Mr. G. Harland, great credit being due to their breeder, while the unlighted Yellow shown successfully by Mr. D. Hope, was one of the first water, and with luck should be a hard nut to crack when another season comes round. Other lovely birds were those shown by Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, Pepper, J. M. Williams, Pickering and Wright, H. E. Wilkinson, D. Hunter, W. Clews, and J. Atkinson. Yorkshires were full of true character, standing like so many rushes, and of exceptional length in most instances. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger staged a magnificent team, gaining all four first prizes. Cinnamons were few, but of the right stamp. The Variety class contained several rare birds, headed by a 4-pointed Yell. Yorkie belonging to that well-known fancier Mr. H. Hudson. The Selling classes provided many bargains, while the Novice Norwich and Yorkshires made a very good display, out of which one could select several quite capable of appearing amongst the "upper ten." Hyde's Special went to Mr. R. Banks, his Buff Dark Crest doing the trick. The staging of the exhibits was done in an up-to-date style, and those responsible for this neat arrangement deserve great praise. The exhibition was opened by T. R. Ferens, Esq., M.P., his speech being very encouraging to all the members of the society. On Mr. G. W. Oliver's stall we noticed a nice lot of birdie literature, and our attention was attracted to the excellent display given to CAGE BIRDS, for which we tender him our thanks. The Committee of Management consists of a well-known and willing band of excellent fanciers, viz.:—Mr. D. Hope (Chairman), the right man in the right place, Mr. T. Perkins (Vice-Chairman), a more than capable "understudy," and Messrs. Brumby, Banks, Pepper, Buckley, Barwick, Walker, Stones, and Harland, all of whom have heart and soul in the welfare of their society. Hon. Treasurer is Mr. G. W. Oliver, a good worker and very useful official, while the auditors, Messrs. Loughorn and Jopling also deserve mention for their services. The Joint Secretaries are Messrs. Potter and Stamford, both of whom are ever ready to render assistance, always on the go, and courteous and obliging in the extreme, a better pair could hardly run in harness. Much of the success of the show is certainly due to them. The judges were Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens). Both are well known, and their awards appeared to give entire satisfaction, as very little grumbling was heard. Judging over in good time, and cards displayed promptly. Messrs. Pepper and Kling (Canary section), Walker and Perkins (British section), made a quartette of splendid stewards; some special winners were: best splendid stewards; some special winners were: Best cock shown in open by member, Mr. D. Hope; best hen, Mr. G. Harland; best 1907 yell. York. (Novice), Mr. J. Precious; best buff, Mr. G. Girling; best Yorks. hen, Mr. G. King: best 1907 Nor., Mr. H. Cliff. Perkins' specials for Hottest Fed went to Messrs. Spruit, Mason, and Brumby.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

CREST or C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Calam, grand lot, winner buff marked saddle, DC, superior feather, good substance, shapely crest, good droop and centre; 2, buff, marked head, CB, fine substance, rare width of skull, well lashed, gem; 3, cl buff, grizzle crest, nice size, shape and quality, neat radiation, fair droop; 4, buff, crest round as a rim, not large but very pleasing; hc, c, Spruit. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Harland, cl, magnificent colour, beautiful quality, grand substance and shape, a gem; 2, Haigh and Son, cl, soft silky texture, fine depth of colour, sweet shape, very close up; 3, 4, c, Hope, nice trio; 3, cl, well up in substance, A1 colour, nice wing carriage; 4, cl. good in shape and colour, nice substance and carriage; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Wilkinson, beauty, looked a little "washed out." BUFF (9): 1, 3, spl, Hope, former noted cl, very massive frame, slashing feather, colour and meal, jaunty in carriage, clean cut, a topper; 3, cl, red hot, delightfully frosted, good substance, nice type; 2, Pepper, cl, bouncer, capital colour and feather, short thick set, not quite so good in head and neck, yet close on heels of winner; 4, c, Harland, grizzled root of tail, well feathered, very shapely, nice substance and carriage; vhc, Hunter, lovely feather and meal. YELL. UNFLI (12): 1, Hope, marked head and right wing, full of colour, superior soft silky feather, fine size and shape, well across perch, a gem; 2, Harland, cl, very hot, short and thick set, grand head, neck and chest, clean cut, very promising youngster; 3, Pickering and Wright, cl, model for type, good size and quality, bit short of colour; 4, Williams, marked wing and head ablaze with colour, good type, rich feather; vhc, Hunter; hc, Hallett; c, Pepper. BUFF (15): 1, hc, Harland, cl, feathered to perfection, lovely shape and carriage, all front, clean sweep, a beauty; 2, vhc, Wilkinson, marked head, capital colour, quality and frosting, fine size and shape, grand carriage; 3, Haigh and Son, cl., teeming with quality, A1 colour, grand type, not one of the biggest, perhaps, but one of the best; 4, Hunter, marked wings and eyes, delightful feather and shape, good in colour and meal; c, Smith. HEN (20)—a good lot: 1, 2, 3, spl, Harland, lovely trio of damsels, winner cl, short thick set, rattling shape and quality, full of colour, grand carriage; second, cl, shade larger, equal in quality and colour, little longer in build; third, cl, bouncer, shapely, good in colour, rare carriage, not quite the quality, yet very bonny; 4, Clews, cap marked, smooth as glass, round as a ball, clean under; vhc, Haigh and Son; hc, Boyle; c, Hunter. YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, both cl, former feathered like glass, straight as a pencil, perfect back and wings, a gem; second, capital quality, good length and position, rare wing carriage, very close up; 3, Towers, cl, stands beautifully, very lengthy, well up on leg, full of style, hardly so slim; 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., cl, great length, fine stand, capital back and flights; hc, Watts; c, Broadley and Son. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, former, cl, straight as a gun barrel, lengthy, excellent quality, a topper; 2, Ogden Bros., marked neck, teems with quality, rattling type, perfect wings, nice tail; 3, c, Towers, marked wings, eyes and root of tail, excelling in feather and colour, upstanding, good length; 4, Chew and Stokoe, cl, lovely drawn specimen, feathered grandly; hc, Gibbons. UNFLI (14): 1, Bailey and Swanger, yell., marked head, wonderful length, straight as a dart, clinking feather, showing fine legs, a beauty; 2, Broadley and Son, marked head, exceptional length, lovely quality, best of position, close on heels of winner; 3, Clayton and Smith, marked neck, A1 quality and colour, nicely drawn, good length, rare back and flights; 4, c, Chew and Stokoe, buff, lovely colour, delightfully mealed, stands on clever legs; vhc, Hardaker and Sample; hc, Gibbons. HEN (9): 1, Bailey and Swanger, yell., Cinn. mkd. wings and head, rare colour, rich feather, well on leg, bonny damsel; 2, Ogden Bros., buff, marked wings and head, very lengthy, good stand, capital back, excellent wing carriage; 3, Perkins, yell., Cinn. mkd., wings and head, great length, rattling feather and colour, good position; 4, Yelland, buff, mkd head and neck, good in position and length, nice feather, nice one; vhc, Watts; hc, Gibbins; c, Chew and Stokoe. CINN. (7): 1, 2, 3, Godley, trio of the first water, all of lovely colour, well up in substance and silky feather, put down in fine trim; 4, Clapham, good in substance, nice shape and colour, far from a bad one; vhc, Richardson; hc, Boyle. A.O.V. (5): 1, Hudson, yell., 4 pointed Yorkie, fine long drawn bird, slim and upstanding, capital feather and markings, one of the best; 2, Hellewell, buff, 4 pointed Yorkie, good quality, nice length and position, markings neat, close up; 3, Calam, buff green Nor., nice feather and shape; 4, Richardson, Roller Canary, in nice condition. SELL (10s.) (13): 1, Brumby; 2, vhc, Calum; 3, Richardson; 4, Hudson; hc, Pressing; c, Oliver. (20s.) (12): 1, Townsend; 2, Spruit; 3, Hudson; 4, hc, Calam; vhc, Brumby; c, Smith. NOVICE.—NOR. (9): 1, Emerson, cl, yell, good in colour and quality, very shapely, nice substance, clean cut; 2, 4, Cliff, cl buff, and cl yell, both unfli, good colour, shape and feather, with time should make up well; 3, Shaw, good colour and feather, nice type; vhc, hc, Longhorn; c, Fairhurst. HEN (7): 1, c, Cliff, cl buff, grandly feathered, good colour and meal, fine shape, clean under; 2, Emerson, yell. cap mkd., A1 colour, very shapely, good carriage, close up; 3, Duckett, buff, mkd head, good in shape and size; 4, Crowston, cl yell., lovely colour and quality. A1 shape; vhc, fine specimens, and three or four very peculiar coloured ones attracted the attention of several fanciers. To satisfy curiosity they were tested, and survived the ordeal. They are undoubtedly a remarkable colour, rarely seen on a moulted specimen in a cage. Goldfinches were good. Mr. Houlton put a fine hen Bully first in its class, and left out a very fine Finch, which has got the benefit, 'tis said, once or twice before. The bird is "on the line," and many thought no one could grumble rightly whichever way it goes. A grand Cock—real Britisher—was in the class, but it had by some means lained itself and put it out of a possible first prize. The A.O.S. saw a clinking pair of Hawfinches 1st and second, both gems of the first water, the leader being the Nottingham (late Hakes), and last year's Palace winner. He was hard pressed by 2nd, a very tight feathered bird. The Soft Bills (large) saw Mr. Axe's crack Thrush to the front, whilst the small Soft Bills were headed by one of the finest Wheatears ever staged, with a wonderful Nightingale 2nd. The Foreign birds were very pretty indeed, and Mr. Hollins came with a splendid team in both large and small. The members British birds brought a strong class. The Gift class brought together 19 birds, and as each received a special prize (collected from various sources), it was a stiff task to place every bird in order of merit down the class—not many would be envious of this job.

DARK CAN. HYBRID (6): 1, Wilson, good coloured yell, Green-Canary, nice medium size, good shape, feathered to a nicety; 2, Sissons, very pretty Siskin-Canary yell., good size, shape and markings, very silky feather; 4, Harrison, nice yellow Gold-Canary; vho, Pogmore; buff Gold-Canary, in good condition; hc, Oliver; c, Dale. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, Axe, full of merit, broad chest, fine clean cut blaze, deep colour, neat moons and cars, nutty brown, broad chest, nice neat feather and condition; 2, erkins, just beaten a little in blaze and width of chest, good brown on body, moons and bars, nice and steady, shows well; 3, Duckett, rich colours all over, fine quality, just a trifle short of body and breast condition; 4, Booth, broad face, clean cut, nice bars and buttons; vhc, Pogmore, wants a little more conditioning of feather; hc, Hague; c, Crowson. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Clark, Richardson; hc, Hogg and Son. YORKIE (18)—a good lot: 1, Wood, yell, mkd right wing, feathered like glass, standing like a guardsman, real gem, would have stood high in open; 2, Clark, cl yell, straight as a pencil, delightful feather, lengthy; 3, Robinson, buff, mkd. wings and tail, A1 quality, good position and length; 4, hc, Snowden, cl yell, hot in colour, rich feather, capital stand; vhc, Galling; c, Precious. HEN (11): 1, Robinson, cl yell, warm colour, rich silky feather, rare legs, splendid length; 2, Clark, cl buff, exceptional length, A1 position, capital feather, well up on leg; 3, Wood, cl yell, grand long drawn bird, lovely feather, 4, c, Galling, cl yell, lengthy, good stand; vhc, Parker; hc, H. and C. T. Parkes. MEMBERS' NOR. (10): 1, 4, c, Oliff, winner cl. yell, grand depth of colour, nice type and substance; 4, cl buff, well feathered, shapely; 2, Mason, cl. yell., rattling colour and quality, very shapely and clean cut; 3, Spruit, mkd yell, fine colour, good shape and substance; vhc, hc, Calvard UNFLI. (13): 1, 4, vhc, Oliff, trio of very promising youngsters, showing nice substance and shape, capital feather and colour; 2, 3, Spruit, former, yell mkd eye, lovely colour, good feather and size; 3, cl yell, ablaze with colour, shapely, nice substance; hc, Oliver; c, Calvard. HEN (14)—a good class; 1, c, Oliff, yell ticked on neck, full of quality and colour, good size and type; 2, hc, Mason, yell. cap mkd, nice colour and shape, jaunty carriage, close up; 3, Stamford, cl buff, very shapely, clean cut; 4, vhc, Spruit, cl yell, nice colour and shape, well across perch. YORKS. (13): 1, hc, Stamford, cl yell, wonderful length, rare feather, well up on leg, a beauty; 2, 3, 4, Kling, three very choice exhibits, well up in position, good length, grand feather; vhc, Banks; c, Prentice. UNFLI (24): 1, 4, Precious, both lovely specimens, winner ticked yell, good length, capital stand and quality; 4, ticked buff, very lengthy, shade stronger, yet sweet; 2, vhc, Girling, cl. buff, straight as a rush, well feathered, grand back and wings, fails only in length to above; 3, Parks, cl yell, fine long drawn bird; c, Kling. HEN (15): 1, 2, Kling, cl yell and tkd buff, former very lengthy, capital quality and position, latter not quite so lengthy, but all there otherwise; 3, Stamford, buff, lovely colour, straight good stand; 4, Prentice, yell, Cinn. mkd, good in colour and feather, nice length; vhc, Lightfoot; hc, Precious; c, Potter. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Banks, quartette of fine specimens, winner buff almost green, DC, good in substance and shape, crest round, fine droop, centre nicely placed; 2, buff, almost green, CB, well up in size, very shapely, rare width of skull, well lashed; 4, hc, c, Spruit, buff, heavy mkd, CB, nice size, good quality and skull character.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

The Hybrid classes this year did not come up well at all, the light class and the Hybrid having to be cancelled. This is not the way to get better classification offered another year. More life and go wants putting into this section. Surely it cannot be that men are afraid of meeting each other's birds? Britishers on the whole were a grand lot for all-round excellence, and a very pretty show they made. The Linnet class contained some very fine hen in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, Boyle, second very good colour and feather, vhc was lame else might have won; 4, Hollins and Son, slightly paler, very fair condition; hc, Garnett Bros.. LINNET (15): 1, Axe, wonderfully fine Linnet, great size, profuse markings, regular teazer for colour, will puzzle many in that respect; 2, Atkinson, real genuine pale cage-moulted Linnet, good size, shape and markings, full-chested, in fine condition; 3, Crowson, another of the right stamp, good head, long body shape and markings; 4, Cullum, fine size, nice shape and markings, beaten only in substance, steady; vhc, Isherwood; hc, Fairhurst. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Chick, crack Notts Bramble, all over a good one; 2, Dale, very smart Chaffinch, in splendid bloom and sheen, colour and markings very pretty; 3, hc, c, Hollins and Son, third smart Greenfinch for size and colour, polished very finely in condition of feather; 4, Axe, grandly shaped Bramble, only beaten in head and spangle a little, a topper; vhc, Medley, fine, big Chaffinch, in rare feather. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Axe, pair of champion Thrushes, former the better in shape and spotting, latter magnificent colour, both spleudid in feather and condition, steady and well shown, one practically as good as the other; 2, Bescoby, rare sized Redwing in grand feather, rich in colour, shone like satin; vhc, Brumby; hc, Sherwood. A.O.S. SEED (4): 1, Chick, Notts winning Hawfinch, had hard race to beat; 2, Axe, another Hawfinch, Manchester, etc., winner, a real topper, and very fine race between them, one has size and shape and brightness, the other style, slimness of condition, and dense, rather opaque colour, a grand pair withal; 3, Axe, splendid yell. Bunting in perfect feather and condition, lovely head markings, spangle and colour; 4, Medley, very large Corn Bunting very steady, well spangled in good feather. A.O.S. INSECT (5): 1, 3, Chick, first about the best Wheatear ever seen staged, a perfect picture, greatly admired by all, third very pretty Blackcap, grand feather, good cap, steady, in very tight body condition; 2, Arnold, magnificent Nightingale, great size, shape, colour and condition, well shown; 4, Medley, another Gale's grand condition, very fair size and shape. SMALL FOR (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hollins and Son, grand team, all in the pink of condition, leaders pair of Grass Finches, second White-headed Nuns, third Chestnut Finches, and fourth pair Cutthroats, other three in class absent. LARGE (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hollins and Son, a rare team, marked, many coloured, King, and blue and green, Parrakeets all in fine condition; vhc, Mrs. Toole, very good feathered Grey Parrots; Nos. 2 and 7 absent. MEMBERS' BRIT. (16): 1, vhc, Banks, fine Blackbird, grand body, deep black, good feather, very steady, just a slight bit of black on beak, rest is fit for open competition, vhc, good Goldie, nice feather, moons and bars, hit pale in colours; 2, hc, Hollins and Son, smart shaped Bully, tight as wax in feather, good cap, nice colours, might have won in open to-day; 3, Barwick, real good Crossbill, well cage moulted, and in rattling condition; 4, Pepper, very good feathered Greenfinch in nice colours and steady; c, Perkins, Goldie. GIFT CLASS (19): All receive a special prize, subscribed from various sources; a real treat and no mistake; 1, Spruit, very good buff Nor., fine shape; 2, Lightfoot, nice buff Yorks; 3, Barwick, sweet yell. Nor.; 4, Prentice, typical buff Yorks.; 5, Jobbing, ditto; 6, Riley, lovely yel. Yorks.; 7, Brumby, buff Nor.; 8, Kling, buff Yorks.; 9, Mason, yell. Nor.; 10, Parks, yell. Yorks, 11, Pepper, yell. Nor.; 12, 15, Oliver; 13, Longhorn; 14, Cliff; 16, Hope; 17, Calam; 18, Banks, 19, Calvert. The last special was practically equal in value to the first, all getting a good article or about 5/- in money.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Annual show held in the Market Hall, Nov. 23rd. Entries came up well considering the number of shows being held at the present time, though we have seen them more numerous here, especially in British. The quality throughout was excellent. Choice specimens in Norwich were staged by Messrs. Hall, Bowyer, Needham, Butler, Moore, Mason, Emery, Hathaway, Cameron and Smith. In A.O.V. Mr. Peters led with a good Crest. British were only represented by the Finch class, in which Mr. Weaver won with a nice Goldie. Local classes also contained many choice exhibits, which were staged to the best advantage. Two very interesting exhibits were staged, not for competition, and attracted much attention, one being the beautiful Albino Blackbird, the Nottingham winner, owned by Mr. S. Hakes. The other was a Greenfinch Canary Hybrid, of good size, and showing the parentage very distinctly, but absolutely without eyes—a most uncommon exhibit. The cage bird section received every attention at the hands of Mr. J. Cameron (chairman) and Messrs. W. Mason and A. Emery. Mr. F. Cameron makes an excellent secretary, and his efforts are in the last degree praiseworthy. Mr. J. M. Roe judged. NOR. CL., ETC (13). 1, Needham, grand shaped buff, nice size, lovely colour and quality, well put down; 2, Butler, buff, fine size and shape, good head, nice quality; 3, Bowyer, very fine cb., grand type and colour, excellent quality; 4, Moore, buff, rare size and shape, grand colour and condition; r, Williams; vhc, Pegg; hc, Wright; c, Colloby. HEN (11): 1, Bowyer, fine yell., rare size, nice colour and quality; 2, Butler, neat buff, very short and cobby, nice feather and condition; 3, Moore, var. yell., good size, nice colour and feather; 4, Needham, var. buff, very typical, nice quality, beaten only in size; r, Mason; vhc, Hall; hc, Buswell; c, Emery. UNFLI. (11): 1, Hall, very fine clear yell., grand type, nice size, lovely colour and quality, wins well; 2, Moore, rare good yell., very typical, nice colour and quality, close up; 3, Hunt, var. yell., very neat, good quality, nice condition; 4, Butler, nice cobby buff, grand feather, nice colour, fine condition; r, Buswell; vhc, Bowyer; hc, Wright; c, Colloby. SELL., 15/- (13): 1, Ball and Sons, yell. Nor., quickly claimed; 2, Denney; 3, Hunt; 4, Peters; r, Dalman and Sons; vhc, York; hc, Peters; c, Needham. A.O.V. (10): 1, Peters, fine green Crest, good radiation, nice droop, well put down; 2, Pegg, even mkd. yell. Nor.. nice type, good colour and quality; 3, 4, Featherstone, buff dark Crest, almost green, good properties, well shown; r, Williamson and Prince; vhc, York; hc, Weaver; c, Blagg. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Weaver, very fine Goldie, lovely blaze, nice tans and wing bars, grand feather, could do with a tubbing; 2, Cameron, nice bully in good plumage; 3, Halliday, nice Goldie, fair condition, not quite up in blaze; 4, Taylor, capital Goldie, good blaze, nice size and colour, unsteady, or might have been higher; r, Ford; vhc, Dalman and Sons; hc, Thornhill; c, Mear. LOCAL.—NOR. CL., ETC. (8): 1, Hathaway, typical yell., nice size and carriage, rare colour and quality; 2, 4, Mason, smart buff leading, rare size, nice colour and feather, latter neat yell., short and cobby, grand colour and quality; 3, Hathaway, very neat buff, typical, beautiful quality, well put down; r, c, Emery; vhc, Hathaway; hc, Kirkland. VAR. (7): 1, 2, Mason, var. yell. leading, nice size and shape, rare colour and quality, latter fine var. buff, rare size and shape, plenty of substance, excellent quality, many preferred; 3, Cameron, var. yell., nice type, good colour and quality; 4, r, hc, Emery, var. yell., lovely type and feather; vhc, Emery. NAT. COL. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Emery, nice team, neat var. yell., lovely feather, grand carriage and very fine clear buff, short and cobby, lovely feather, we liked well; 2, r, Mason, fine large buff, nice quality, plenty long enough; 4, Smith, neat typical buff; hc, Parker; c, Cameron. HEN (10): 1, Hathaway, very fine buff, rare size and shape, beautiful feather; 2, 4, hc, Emery, pair of nice yellows, good type, nice feather, well placed; 3, Smith, nice shaped buff; r, vhc, Mason; c, Hakes. UNFLI. (13): 1, hc, c, Hathaway, neat buff, nice quality, good colour, rather on small side; 2, 3, Mason, var. yell. and clear buff, very typical, nice colour and quality; 4, Emery, neat yell; r, Smith; vhc, Elliot. MULE (5): 1, Cameron, nice Goldie Linnet, in lovely condition; 2, 4, Docherty, both nice Siskin-Can., fine size and markings, good colour; 3, Kirkland, Goldie-Canary, rare size and colour; r, Emery. SELL., 10/- (9): 1, Smith; 2, Denney; 3, Emery; 4, Hathaway; r Mason; vhc, Halliday; hc, Hadley; c, Cameron. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, Hakes, very fine Blackbird leading, rare size, in grand condition, followed by smart Hawfinch, very fair size, good bib, in rare order; 3, Cameron, nice Goldie, in good condition; 4, Halliday, Yellowhammer, nice plumage, good colour; r, hc, c, Cameron, nice Song Thrush; vhc, Smith.

PENZANCE.

Local Classes.

NORWICH (9): 1, Kemp, good chest, neat wings and tail, good colour; 2, White, fine size and condition, buff, good colour and wing carriage; 3, Phillips, tick neck, nice size; r, hc, Paul, fair size, good wings and colour; c, Mabbott. BRED 1907 (26): 1, spl., hc, White, very sweet buff, good colour and wing carriage; 2, Major, yell., nice size and colour, good wing carriage; 3, Phillips, yell. tick, good colour and size, fine head and chest; r, Dat-son; v, Williams; c, Kemp. YORKS. (16): 1, hc, Oatey, good yellow, for style and carriage, good colour; 2, Angwin, fair colour, good length and position; 3, Ellis, good buff, well on legs, nice wings and tail; r, Richards, good length; vc, Chirgwin. BRED 1907 (10): 1, spl., 3, Batten, good yellow, nice quality and shape, wins Carter's special; 3, good coloured buff, nice size and carriage; 2, r, Oatey, yellow, very shapely, nice feather; r, buff, excellent type, nice size and carriage; v, Mabbott, good length and wing carriage; h, Michell; c, Chirgwin. NAT. COLOUR (12): 1, s, King, Nor. yell, very nice bird; 2, Oatey, Yorks, good colour and feather, grand wings and tail, some preferred for 1st place; 3, Bounden, yell. York, good length and style; r, cock buff Nor., good type; v, Batten; h, Angwin; c, Male. LARGE BRIT.: 1, r, Madders, Thrush, well spotted, good colour and condition; r, Blackbird, good colour beak and eye, not quite steady enough; 2, Hill, Thrush, well spotted chest; 3, Clift, good Blackbird, very steady; v, Seecombe; h, Taylor; c, Corkell.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

BLACKWOOD.

Blackwood O.A. held their fourth annual open show in Southfield Hall and St. John's School, Nov. 16th. President, Mr. S. Pate; Treasurer, Mr. John Jackson; committee, Messrs. J. Hamilton, J. Curr, J. Pate, J. Chalmers, Jas. Hamilton, G. Muir, Rob. Hardy, W. Johnstone, A. Buchanan, D. Hainey, J. Brownlie, A. Walker, J. Marshall, and D. McArthur. All worked hard and well. There was a large turn-up of visitors, the Hall being uncomfortably packed in the afternoon. The judges were Mr. John Kean, for Scotch Fancy Section, Mr. John Calderwood for Borders, and Mr. John Farquhar for Norwich. There were 9 classes for Scotch Fancy; in Border classes there were 11. The Norwich Section had 10 classes, and to the Secretary's appeal a very hearty response was made by breeders turning out their birds in such satisfactory numbers. There were some capital birds shown, and each class was well supported in point of entries, the quality all through being very good. Mr. E. Waye's Buff Foul Cock, carried off the Blue Ribbon by winning Cup and Medal, also B.F.C.C. Medal for best (members') Border Fancy. A typical bird and a well-known winner, shown in capital condition. The best first in Scotch Fancy Section, was Mr. Jackson. Best first Hen, Mr. Jas. Craig, in Norwich Section, Crestbred, Mr. M. Roy. Plainheads best first, Mr. C. Owen. Mule and Hybrid Section, Mr. W. Johnstone, Grecnie Hully. Brit. Section, best first, Mr. W. Telford, Bullfinch. The judges' awards gave general satisfaction, and the arrangements made for the comfort of visitors and exhibits alike, were of the most complete description, reflecting much credit on the Secretary, Mr. James Ritchie, and his assistants. The show proved a record success, being very much in advance of former years. Specials in Border Fancy Section were:—Best cock, cup and medal winner, E. Waye; best hen, A. and J. Thompson; 2nd cock, T. Ritchie; 2nd, 3rd hen and 3rd cock, A. Walker; 4th hen, Sommerville and McLean.

YELL. CK. (7): 1, R. Jackson, fine feather and colour, grand shoulders, well set up, nice reach, good bird, 4th at Glasgow Derby; spl, 2, T. Jackson, nice length of side and reach, fair top end, nice style; 3, Tait, good substance, nice reach and top; 4, Chalmers, very fair size and style; vhc, McCormick; hc, Wright; c, Cochrane. BUFF (9): 1, Chalmers, fine shoulder and reach, good substance, tail, nice to perch, splendid action; 2, Ramage, very stylish, good shoulder and reach, hard up; spl, 3, Mathieson, nice shape, pen action, well filled shoulders, fails only in size: spl, 4, Allerdyce, nice top end and reach; vhc, Balfour; hc, Burnside; c, Ward. YELL. PIED (4): 1, Ward, grand size and substance, nice reach and sweep of tail, good bird; 2, Higgins, typical bird, plenty of style, fine pose, very fair size; 3, 1, McCormick, good eye and reach; 4, fine exhibit, very fair bird. GREEN, ETC., BUFF (4): 1, spl, 2, Jackson, first Cup winner at Glasgow Southern Club Show two seasons ago, still looking well, grand bird; 2, Buff Pied, grand action, hard up and good reach; 3, Burnside, Buff Pied, splendid reach, grand top end, nice sweep of tail, good bird; 4, Jackson, another Buff Pied, close on third, little to choose between them. YELL. HENS (8): 1 spl, Craig, nice size, shape and reach, grand top end, tail nicely to perch, in grand condition; 2, spl, Ward, good colour and size, nice shoulder and reach, grand pose, very free action, fails only in size; 3, spl, Higgins, very fair size, nice droop, shape and pose; 4, Jackson, nice size and reach, fair bird; vhc, L. Jackson; hc, Allerdyce; c, Chalmers. CL., ETC., BUFF (11): 1, Ward, nice droop, fine head, grand depth through and hard up, tail nicely to perch, wins easy; 2, Higgins, good bird, nice style; 3, Craig, Cl. Buff, good style and action, very fair front; 4, spl, Chalmers; c, vhc, McCormick; hc, Park. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1 Burnside, Yell, Pied Hen of excellent merit, small, nice action, full of nerve, good bird; 2, Kirk, not quite so quick as first, nice size and substance, good top end, wants a little more handling 3, Higgins, showing well, plenty of style, nice free action, loses in size only; 4, C. Wright, beautiful shape and size, good bird; vhc, Tait; hc, L. Jackson. BUFF (6): 1, Burnside, Green, nice and hard up, grand depth through chest, good shoulders, wins here; 2, Ward, very close, nice reach, fine head, good shape, fails only in size; 3, Wright, very stylish hen, fine reach, good top end, keeps tail well to perch, nice bird; 4, Easton, Buff Pied, very fair size and reach; vhc, L. Jackson; hc, McCormick. SELL. (9): 1, Burnside; 2 McCormick; 3, T. Jackson; 4, Park; 5, Balfour; 6, Rundell. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Somerville and McLean, neat and compact in feather, nice jaunty carriage, shown in lovely style; 2, Walter, compares well, nice carriage and feather; 3, Hardie and Brownlie, very similar neat head, wing and tail; 4, Walker, neat body, wings and tail, very fair bird; vhc, Ritchie; hc, Waye; c, Lapepin. BUFF (18): 1, hc, Hardie and Brownlie, first jaunty bird, grand shape and feather, nice carriage; 2, B. and A. Watson, smart shape, jaunty carriage, feather close as wax, little between them; 3, Walker, nice and jaunty, smart model, grand carriage and condition, well worth its position; 4, Burrell and Boswell, fairly smart in finish, should improve; vhc, A. and J. Johnson; c, Waye. VAR. YELL. (17): 1, Walker, Cin. marked, nice model, smart and jaunty, good carriage, wins easy; 2, Shearer, eye, wing, and neck markings, nice close feather, fine carriage, well up; 3, hc, A. Walker, eye wing and neck marked, neat head, wings and tail, shapely; 4, Hardie and Brownlie, eye, wing and markings, fairly well finished; hc, Somerville and McLean; c, Alf. Thomson. BUFF (20): 1, 2, A. Walker, nice team, eye and wing markings, sweet shapely birds, nicely moulded, in grand condition, of almost equal merit, little to choose between them; 3, hc, Somerville and McLean, little model, thought should have done better, perhaps a shade less shapely; 4, c, Hardie and McLean, clear, nice neat body, wings and tail. CL. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 2, 3, A. Walker, first, lovely shape and colour, smooth as wax, 2, nice and shapely, grand colour, jaunty carriage, scarcely so smartly finished as first; 3, nice shape, colour and quality; 4, Somerville and McLean, sweetly moulded and grand colour, neat jaunty carriage, well finished; vhc, c, J. Walker. BUFF (20): 1, 2, A. Walker, nice model, in lovely feather and bloom, 2, shapely, close feather, free and jaunty; 3, 4, Somerville and McLean, 3, sweet and shapely, nice quality, 4, good feather head and shape, lacks style; vhc, Hardie Brownlie; hc, Watson; c, Burnett and Boswell. RVEN MARK (10): 1, Thomson, well-known winner, four-pointed, nicely marked, in perfect condition, looking well; 2, 3, Hardie and Brownlie, 2, grand shape and carriage, four-pointed Buff, neat, fairly well finished as winner, 3, nice shape and markings, in lovely feather; 4, J. Walker, fairly full head and neck, 4 points, nicely marked, good bird; vhc, Elliott; hc, Duncan; c, Rodger. GREEN, ETC. (19): spl, 1, A. and J. Thomson, best Hen in hall and runner up for Cup, lovely shape, nice and jaunty, neat carriage, in perfect feather, a perfect model; spl, 2, Hamilton, also a very neat exhibit, well-known winner, nice Clnn., shown to perfection; 3, c, A. Walker, Green of excellent quality, nice carriage, jaunty, very close feather, wins its position easily; 4, J. McGhie, Clnn. very fair bird, shapely; vhc, W. Shearer; hc, Rustin Knowles. FOUL (14): 1, spl, Waye, winner Cup and Medal, and B. F. C. C. Medal, grand nice level feather and colour, well shown 2, Ritchie, very smart and jaunty, noted winner, tight in feather, lovely colour; 3, Thomson, nice colour, mould and style, scarcely so jaunty as winner perhaps; 4, A. Walker, full yell., smart and tight feathered; vhc, J. Walker, hc, Somerville and McLean; c, Dairde. SELL.: 1, Waye; 2, Ritchie; 3, A. Walker; 4, 6, Somerville and McLean; 5, J. Walker; c, Hardie and Brownlie. COMMON (8): 1, Johnston; 2, J. Walker; 3, C. Wright. CRESTED (10): 1, Arnott, Green, unevenly marked Crest, nice large body, fine drooping Crest, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, McFaydell, 2, similar stamp to first, neat drooping Crest, of A.1. quality, 3, Buff var. nice Crest, in perfect condition; 4, c, Gardiner, clear body and good dark Crest; hc, Donaldson. CRESTBRED: 1, spl, M. Roy, heavy var., well built, good shape, nice head, excellent width of skull, grand exhibit; spl, 2, vhc, Gardiner, neat var. nice bird but a shade narrow in head perhaps; 3, McKay, nicely shaped head, feathers leafy; 4, Donaldson, lovely clear bird, fails only in skull; hc, Elliott; c, Brownlie. NOR. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Mathieson, clear yell., grand quality, colour, body, wing and tail, neat head; spl, 2, McFarlane, lightly var., large nice type, grand head neck and chest, grand back and tail, close on winner; 3, Johnstou, Foul, yell, grand colour, smaller but grand quality; 4, McFaydcn, very fair substance. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Owens, var. nice shape, good substance, rich colour and quality, good bird; 2, McAlpin, grand substance, nice colour and shapely; 3, Johnston, good shape, rare substance and colour, clear; spl, 4, Blakely, very good in shape; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Clayton; c, Reilly. YELL. HN. (10): 1, McFarlane; var., of lovely quality and substance, nice shape, good rich colour, close feather; 2, Owens, clear fine type, grand substance and quality, rich in colour; spl, 3, Blakeley, fine shapely body, good colour and quality; 4, Johnston, fair bird, fine carriage and style; vhc, hc, Allan; c, Arnott. BUFF (7): 1, Owens, clear, not the largest, but a very typical exhibit, very close in feather and excellent colour; 2, Arnott, nice bird, grand shape and substance, good colour, close on first; 3, Johnston, large, rare substance and shape, beaten only in depth of crest; 4, McFarlane, clear, nice colour, shapely; vhc, McAlpine; hc, c, McFaydell. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Johnston, first, Greenfinch Bully, nice size and condition, nice quality of feather, 2, Airlie, Goldfinch Canary, nice rich colour, shown in the pink of condition; 3, c, Doolan, Linnet Mule, nice colour, grand condition, in lovely feather; 4, Conway, Greeny Cin. Mule, in splendid condition and feather. BULLFINCH, ETC., BRIT. (13): 1, spl, 4, Telford, first Bullfinch, good breast, cap and bars, nice and steady, well marked wings, in fine order, 4, Goldfinch, good face, cheeks and breast; 2, Arnott, Goldfinch, good face, checks and breast, well marked wings, in grand order; 3, Burrell and Boswell, Bullfinch, markings similar to winner nice clean cut cap, good breast; vhc, A. and J. Shankland; c, Abbot. GREEN, ETC., LINNET (10): 1, spl, Hamilton, Greenfinch, nice size, shape and feather, good wings, fine condition; 2, Wallace, Linnet, rare size, colour and condition, fairly nice breast markings; 3, Paterson, Greenfinch, shapely good wings and colour, very fair size; 4, Owen, Grey Linnet, well marked, nice size and colour, well worth its position; vhc, Johnston; hc, Walker; c, McLean. BRIT. SMALL (17): 1, spl, Clark, Siskin, grandly marked, shown in splendid condition; 2, Elliott, Yellowhammer, good size, well marked, rich colour; 3, c, Sorbie, richly coloured, grey Wagtail, in grand condition; 4, Arnott, Yellowhammer, nice bird, good colour and markings; vhc, hc, Shankland.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

A very nice little show was that promoted by the Chapel-en-le-Frith Fanciers' Society, and held in the Drill Hall, on November 23rd. The competition was restricted to a twelve miles radius, and the prizes were only 12/- in each class, yet the quality of the exhibits was of a much higher character than one would expect to find under such circumstances. The executive were not over-done in the matter of space, but they made the most of the accommodation at their command, and attended well to the needs of the exhibits. Mr. Welch, the chairman, set his colleagues a good example, and they nobly responded to his lead, whilst Mr. Cooper, as secretary, was quite the right man in the right place, and by his tact and geniality did much to further the success of the venture. In its limited sphere of action the Chapel-en-le-Frith Fanciers' Society is evidently doing good work, and well merits the support and approbation which it evidently receives from the people of the neighbourhood. Mr. C. A. House judged. YORKS YELL. (7): 1, spl, Potts, nice racy bird, stands well, capital colour, and feather; 2, Lomas, beautifully-moulded, nice length, very tight and nice in feather; 3, vhc, Dewsnap, very shapely and nice quality, good head and back; 4, Flint, very racy and nice length, not so clear with wings; hc, c, Dickinson. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, and spl. best in show, J. H. Walker, rare shape, nice chubby head and neck, good depth and width of chest, rare colour and feather; 2, Longstone, a gem for shape, colour and quality, built on a smaller scale; 3, Millward, grand shape, colour, and size; 4, Flint, grand shape and colour, nice size; vhc, W. Walker; hc, Dickinson; c, Walton. BUFF (12): 1, Millward, eye and vent ticked, rare colour and quality of feather, capital body shape; 2, Flint, very nice, shapely clear, not so hot in colour, but grandly feathered; 3, Millward, very nice coloured variег., shapely and close in feather; 4, Booth, not so warm in colour, but grand shape and quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Dickinson; c, Longstone. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, vhc, Evans, very shapely, heavily marked Crest, good centre, and drop, nice body; 2, members' spl, Dickinson, large buff Clnn, splendid shape, colour and feather; 3, Vernon, well-spangled silver Lizard, good colour; 4, Potts, nice coloured, stylish green Yorks; hc, Walker; c, Foden. MULE (5): 1, spl, Dewsnap, large shapely, good coloured, close feathered Greenfinch-Canary; 2, Potter, var. jonque Goldfinch-Canary, large, well-marked, good feather; 3, Fowler, neat, close-feathered var. buff Goldfinch-Canary; 4, vhc, Vernon, nice dark jonque Goldie. BRIT. (12): 1, spl, no name, nicely marked, good coloured Skylark, very shapely and in good form; 2, 3, Dickinson, very rich coloured Bullfinch, deep, glossy, well cut cap, good feather, third, well spangled, good coloured Bramble, of nice shape and size; 4, Oven, close feathered Hawfinch, good bib and back, nice wings; vhc, Newlands; hc, Walker; c, Berry.

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LEYTON.

The Leyton and Dis C.B.A. held First Annual Show at the Leyton Constitutional Club, Nov. 16th. The entries totalled 212, a very good start for their first venture. There were no less than five Challenge Cups, and 33 specials for competition. A good many well-known exhibitors sent birds, so making the competition very keen. All the classes provided some wonderful specimens. Mr. B. F. Forse, the General Secretary, meant his first show to be a success. He, with the aid of his committee, left nothing undone to make it so, and, judging by the large attendance, they have no reason to complain. They had the grounds when led up to the Hall, nicely lit up in the evening, with Japanese lanterns, giving a very fine effect. We first congratulate this society on their first venture. The Committe consists of well-known fanciers: Messrs. A. J. Marley, C. H. Cooper, A. B. Forse, R. Mein, J. A. Bartlett, A. and E. Morris, and F. R. Handscombe. Mr. F. Williamson is the chairman, and Mr. C. Carr the vice-chairman, with Mr. H. Ovenden as treasurer. Mr. B. F. Forse, the hon. secretary has Mr. H. W. Burbidge as his assistant. With such well-known fanciers as these, the society cannot help but prosper. Mr. J. Robson placed the cards.

CHAMPION SECTION, YORKS. CL. ETC.: 1, spls, 2, hc, Jones; 3, vhc, Hodder; 4, A. B. Forse. UNFLI.: 1, spl, A. B. Forse; 2, Hodder; 3, 4, Jones. HENS: 1, Hoddor; 2, 4, A. B. Forse; 3, vhc, Jones. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hodder; 4, Cooper. TICK: 1, Cooper; 2, 4, G. B. Leclair; 3, hc, Hodder; vhc, c, Carr. VAR.: 1, 2, Hodder; 3, 4, Carr. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 4, Cooper; 2, 3, vhc, Hodder; hc, Carr. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Hodder; 2, hc, Cooper; vhc, 2 spls, Leclair; c, Carr. HENS: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, 4, Hodder; vhc, Leclair. MULES, ETC.: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Morris Bros.; 4, South. NOVICE, YORKS., CL. ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, B. F. Forse; 4, Mead. BUFF: 1, 3, B. F. Forse; 2, vhc, Smith; 4, Wyatt. VARIEG: 1, B. F. Forse; 2, 3, Mead; 4, Wyatt; vhc, Smith. UNFLI: 1, vhc, Burbidge; 2, c, Williams; 3, hc, Wyatt; 4, F. A. Forse. HENS: 1, Mead; 2, 3, vhc, F. A. Forse; 4, c, B. F. Forse. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Marley; 2, Williams; 3, Williamson; 4, Vincent; vhc, Brooks. BUFF: 1, Bonwick; 2, Marley; 3, Brooks; 4, Arnold; vhc, Horsup. TICK: 1, 4, Brooks; 2, Marley; 3, Bonwick; vhc, Horsup; hc, Kerry; c, Arnold. VARIEG: 1, vhc, Marley; 2, Williamson; 3, Godfrey; 4, Roberts; hc, Griffin; c, Penfold. UNFLI. YELL: 1, spl, Griffin; 2, Dalton; 3, Marley; 4, Brooks; vhc, hc, Roberts; c, Handscombe. BUFF: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Williamson; 4, Vincent; vhc, Bonwick; hc, Griffin; c, Basingthwaite. HENS: 1, 2, Marley; 3, Titmus; 4, Dalton; vhc, Griffin; hc, Handscombe; c, Bonwick. MULE, ETC.: 1, Dickinson; 2, Mead; 3, Godfrey; 4, Burbidge. UNFLI: 1, spl, 4, Godfrey; 2, Mead; 3, Marley; vhc, hc, Ovenden; c, Dickinson. GOLDFINCH: 1, B. F. Forse; 2, Cooper; 3, Ovenden; 4, Basingthwaite; vhc, Marley; hc, Arnold; c, Godfrey. GREENFINCH: 1, Marley; 2, 4, hc, c, Hellens; 3, Godfrey; vhc, Morris Bros. LINNET: 1, Morris Bros; 2, 3, Ovenden; 4, Hellens. SISKIN, ETC: 1, Cooper; 2, South; 3, Marley. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC: 1, Morris Bros.; 2, Hellens; 3, Handscombe; 4, Baldry; vhc, Fish. INSECTIV. SMALL: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Morris Bros.; 2, Baldry. THRUSH, ETC: 1, Handscombe; 2, Baldry; 3, Leclair. FOREIGN: 1, Ovenden; 2, Quelch; 3, Morris Bros; 4, Bartlett; vhc, Penfold. SELL. (10/-): 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Burbidge; 4, Shankley. (15/-): 1, B. F. Forse; 2, Williamson; 3, A. B. Forse; 4, Bartlett; vhc, Fish.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.C.

Edinburgh Norwich Canary and Mule Breeders Club, held their 8th annual show in the Buccleuch Parish Hall, on Nov. 16th. This is one of the best class shows we have had the pleasure of visiting, and really represents the Scottish National show on a miniature scale. The hall is one of the cosiest and most suitable for a bird show, there being splendid top light and nicely arranged staging. Another matter which we admired greatly was the height of judges' tables, which were at a suitable distance from the floor to admit of birds being seen at first glance; it also saved a great deal of unnecessary lifting about and upsetting. Office bearers: Pres. Mr. A. Rodger, vice-pres. Mr. J. Kay, sec. and treasurer, Mr. W. Dunlop, Committee: Messrs. G. Brown, Atkinson and Buglass. Entries mustered close on 450, which speaks well for the breeding season with Edinburgh fanciers. Quality throughout was excellent, and not a few really splendid specimens were on view. Norwich were here in strong force and well up in type and colour. The clear buff hen which won in a class of 29, also secured Hyde's spl for best exhibit, being a really excellent one. Crests contained some very promising youngsters, Mr. D. W. Cairn's crested hen being first and runner-up for Hyde's. Borders were a grand show and contained some toppers; Buff cocks were choice, and here the Cup-winner turned up, and also secured B.F.C. Medal for best Border. Greens or Cinnamons were a good lot, and the honour was won by a very nice Buff Cinnamon hen. British also were a fine display. Mule classes were well to the fore, Mr. A. Rodger winning Cup and spl with a fine Linnet and Can. Mule. Mr. J. McLay had the handling of Norwich, Mr. H. Bennet Borders and Mr. J. Goodfellow Brit, For and Mules. Their awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (19): 1, 2, 5, spl, Holmes; 3, Smeaton; 4, spl, Winter; 6, spl, Wilson; 7, Finnie. BUFF (22): 1, 2, 5, two spls, Holmes; 3, spl, Alcorn; 4, Buglass; 5, Winter; 6, Wilson; 7, Thomson. GREEN, ETC. YELL (8): 1, 5, Alcorn; 2, Thomson; 3, Holmes; 4, Martin; 6, Wilson. BUFF (15) 1, Smeaton; 2, Finnie; 3, 4, Holmes; 5, Martin; 6, Alcorn; 7, Buglass; 8, Dunn. CL., ETC., YELL HEN (11): 1, spl, Dunn; 2, spl, Buglass; 3, Smeaton; 4, spl, 5, 6, spl, Holmes. BUFF (29): 1, spl, and Hyde's, Finnie; 2, 3, 4, spl, Holmes; 5, Carson; 6, spl, Carson; 7, Martin; 8, Alcorn. GREEN, ETC. YELL (6): 1, Buglass; 2, Thomson; 3, Drysdale; 4, Winter; 5, 6, Wilson. BUFF (11): 1, Smeaton; 2, Holmes; 3, 6, 8, Finnie; 4, Wilson; 5, Alcorn; 7, Dunn. NOVICE YELL. (7): 1, spl, 3, spl, Anderson; 2, spl, 5, 6, spl, Charleton. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Duric; 2, Charleton; 3, 5, Anderson. CREST CK (9): 1, Alcorn; 2, spl, 4, Cairns; 3, spl, 5, 6, spl, Henderson. HEN (6): 1, Cairns; 2, Holton; 3, Elder; 4, Finnie; 5, Dunlop. CRESTBRED CK. (13): 1, spl, Cairns; 2, Alcorn; 3, Thomson; 4, Finnie; 5, Holton. HEN (12): 1, 5, Henderson; 2, spl, Jack; 3, spl, Elder; 4, 5, Carson. CINN. CK. (7): 1, Finnie; 2, 3, 7, spl, Henderson; 4, 5, Cheap. HEN (5): 1, spl, Henderson; 4, 5, Cheap; 2, 3, Durie. GOLD LIZARD (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Dandie. SILVER (5): 1, 2, 3, 4 Dandie. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Samuel. BORD. CL., ETC. YELL CK. (20): 1, 5, spl, Lumsden; 2, Hook; 3, Brown; 4, Welsh; 6, Holmes. BUFF (27): 1, Cup, spl, B.F.C.C. Medal, 2, 3, Lumsden; 4, spl, Alcorn; 5, Brown; 6, Welsh. GREEN, ETC (13): 1, 4, spl, Dandie; 2, spl, 3, 5, Buglass; 5, Samuel. A.O.C. CK. (14): 1, Finnie; 2, Holmes; 3, Welsh; 4, Alcorn; 5, Anderson; 6, Samuel. CL. ETC. YELL HEN (19): 1, spl, Kay; 2, 3, two spls, Lumsden; 4, Alcorn; 5, Brown; 6, Holmes. BUFF (23): 1, 3, 4, Lumsden; 2, Hook; 5, spl, 6, do. A.O.C. (10): 1, 2, Anderson; 3, spl, Kay; 4, Finnie; 5, Jack; 6, Samuel. NOVICE YELL. (13): 1, 5, Welsh; 2, spl, 3, Kay; 4, 6, Anderson. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 2, 5, Welsh; 3, spl, 4, Kay; 6, Anderson. SCOTCH CK. (4): 1, spl, 2, Foster; 3, 4, Thomson. HEN (8): 1, 5, Foster; 2, 3, Thomson; 4, Laird. NOR. P.H. (old birds) (9): 1, Ranken; 2, Alcorn; 3, Buglass; 4, 5, 6, Dunn. HENS (2): 1, Martin; 2, Buglass. BREEDING PAIRS (9): 1, Martin; 2, 4, Alcorn; extra 2, Thomson; 3, Finnie. MULE, LIGHT (2): 1, spl, 2, Martin. DARK GOLDIE (6): 1, Martin; 2, 4, 5, 6, Welsh; 3, McFarlane. A.O.V. (6): 1, Cup and spl, Rodger; 2, 3, 6, Carson; 3, spl, Anderson; 4, Alcorn. OLD MULE (6): 1, 3, 4, Arrighi; 2, 5, 6, Foster. BRIT AND FOR. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Foster; 2, spl, Dandie; 3, spl, Anderson; 4, Arrighi; 5, spl, Martin; 6, Rodger. LINNET (9): 1, Craig; 2, 5, Finnie; 3, Arrighi; 4, 6, Samuel. GREENFINCH: 1, Brown; 2, 4, 5, 6, spl, Finnie; 3, Arrighi. BULLFINCH HENS (5): 1, Foster; 2, Dandie; 3, 5, Arrighi; 4, Cairns. A.O.V. (breeding Finch) (8): 1, 2, Arrighi; 3, Samuel; 4, Button; 5, Atkinson; 6, Elder. BRIT. (5): 1, Dandie; 2, 5, Arrighi; 3, Hutton; 4, Rodger. FOR: 1, 2, Arrighi; 3, Elder; 4, Hutton.

KIRBYMOORSIDE.

The third annual show of the Kirbymoorside and Dis. F.A. was held in the Market Hall on November 21st. Eleven classes were provided, and the entry was a record one, being forty more than last year. The birds were staged at the far end of the upper room, free from draughts, and with plenty of light. The hardworking and able secretaries are Messrs. Iced and Calam, who, assisted by the stewards had everything in good order. The wants of the birds received every attention at the hands of the cage-bird steward, Mr. H. Hill, and his willing helpers. Our variable climate was on its best behaviour, and with plenty of sunshine caused a goodly number to visit the show, which was a decided success. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. YORKS CL. (24): 1, vhc, Cooper, leader yellow, fine head, neat feather, nice narrow back, good wings and tail carriage, well up on leg; 2, Ormandroyd, buff, lovely quality of feather, hardly so stylish as winner, but very nice wings and tail; 3, Wilton, capital feathered buff, shapely, fine quality; hc, Watts; c, Ireland. TICK, ETC. (18): 1, spl, for best Yorks, Davison, long, upstanding stylish bird, nice feather and colour, grand position, sweet head, good wings and tail, straight as a pencil, wing ticked yell., easy win; 2, Wainwright, buff, mkd. cheek and wing, fine length, nice style and feather, good second; 3, Riley, variег., long, raking bird, of nice shape, fine carriage; vhc, Ormandroyd; hc, Ireland; c, Watts. A.O.V. CAN. (13): 1, Hodgson, buff, Belgian, nice sweet head, good shoulders, in good feather, would show to still better advantage if a little quicker in gaining position; 2, c, Wilton, Crest-bred, fine cushion-shaped head, turns up well, heaps of feather; 3, Calam, nice veiny feathered, clear-bodied Crest, some thought a little deficient in eyesight; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Garbutt, No. 10 same owner, clear Crest-bred, good bird, but blind. LOCAL.—CAN. (8): 1, Sonley, yellow Yorks, nice narrow back, smart style and feather, looks like a hen, and if so, is a good one, wins comfortably; 2, 3, Sample, leader long, nice shape and style, fails to leader only in wing carriage, third buff, capital feather, bit shorter in body; vhc, Rumble; hc, Master Sample; c, Lines. NOR. (11): 1, vhc, Hesp, leader fine, close feathered buff, good, deep, broad chest, in nice order; vhc, beaten only in feather; 2, Calam, yell. unflig., capital feather and colour, nice head and chest, very promising; 3, Lee, buff, lovely quality, nice type, but trifle on slim side, good third; hc, Sonley; c, Humble. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, for best Brit. in show, Mrs. Simpson, nice square cut blaze, large and bright, fine size and shape, neat button and wing bars, nice condition, wins; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, little beauty, lovely condition, grand polish, nice face and wings, not quite so good in shape or so large in blaze as leader, good Finch, though; these two stood clean away from the rest; 3, Watson, nice face and body colour; vhc, Sonley, good shape and size, capable of being moulted into a good Finch; hc, Wilton; c, Leefe. BULLFINCH (16): 1, Calam, hen and one of the best we have seen for some time, great size, grand, glossy, jet-black cap, clearly defined wing bars, very steady; 2, Harper and Nicholson, good cap bars and general condition, nice breast, very steady, in fine condition; 3, Smith, field-moulted and a fine Bully, though not quite so steady as leaders, which were house-moulted; vhc, Woods; hc, Jackson; c, Sherwood. LINNET (11): 1, 3, Stamp, both colour-fed, leader nice shape and colour and markings, in good trim all through, 3, very similar but hardly so clear in markings; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good shape and finish, a shade clearer in markings, steady as a top; vhc, Palmer; hc, Leefe; c, Sealman. MULE, ETC. (10): 1, spl, for best bird in show, Mrs. Simpson, five-pointed Goldfinch and Can. Mule, nice shape, feather and condition, very fair size and staged in spotless condition, a gem; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good, dark Linnet and Can., nice colour, fair size, in nice order; 3, Wainwright, nice condition, lightly mkd. Goldfinch and Can.; vhc, Wilton; hc, Mrs. Price; c, Humble. A.O.S. BRIT. (10): 1, Mrs. Simpson, nicely-laced, bright-coloured Bramblefinch, not big but very good; 2, Chapman, well mkd. Thrush, good colour and size, fairly steady and surely worth a more suitable cage; 3, Wilton, good mealy Redpoll, nice size and condition; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Denham. SELL. (10/-) (14): 1, Wilton; 2, Sample; 3, Barfe; vhc, Cooper; hc, Calam; c, Sonley.

GUILDFORD F.A.

The fourth annual show of the Guildford and Dis. F.A., was held Nov. 19th and 20th, at the Drill Hall, when a goodly number of exhibits were staged. Mr. A. C. Yorke made an excellent secretary. Assisted by Mr. C. Turner, he had all the arrangements well in hand, and to them is due a large measure of credit. Mr. Billett judged.

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL (11): 1, spl, Oliver; 2, Yates; 3, Rogers; 4, Philpot and Cross; vhc, hc, Parrott. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Philpot and Cross; vhc, Thomas; hc, Oliver. A.C. (6): 1, Parrott; 2, Adams; 3, 4, Oliver. CREST (6): 1, Hinysom; 2, 4, Hale; 3, Gabriel; vhc, Towers; hc, Evanden. CRESTBRED (7): 1, 3, Hale; 2, Haysom; 4, Gabriel; hc, Redgwell; c, Hinds. NORWICH (6): 1, spl, 3, Yates; 2, Jupe; 4, vhc, King; hc, Read. SELL (15/-) (12): 1, Jupe; 2, Yates; 3, Philpot and Cross; 4, Towers. MEMBERS' CAN (6): 1, vhc, Towers; 2, Oliver; 3, 4, hc, Philpot and Cross. BRIT. LINNET, ETC: 1, Hinds; 2, Carter; 3, Hobbs; 4, Gunnell; vhc, Parker; hc, Steer. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 4, Carter; 2, hc, Jupe; 3, Hinds; vhc, Miss Askham. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, Punter; 2, 3, Carter. MULE, ETC: 1, hc, Lamb; 2, Askham; 3, Carter; 4, Gunnell.

GRAVESEND.

Annual show of the Gravesend F.S., held in the new Market Hall (a commodious and well-lighted place) on Nov. 19th and 20th. Several of the classes were cancelled owing to fewness of entries. This was accounted for by the dates clashing with other shows. The committee are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their management, everything being attended to in a thoroughly practical manner, with Mr H. R Jewiss as secretary Mr. A. Terry, treasurer; Mr. S. C. Stevenson, chairman; Mr W. Gates, vice chairman, and Messrs. J. Bassett, J. Stewart and R. H. Terry as Cage Bird Stewards. Owing to the illness of Mr. J. North, of Reading, the awards were made by Mr. J. C. Wilmot of Bedford, who gave general satisfaction.

NOR CL. (8): 1, spl, for best in show, Farrow, very typical buff, excellent type, teaming with quality, 2, Stewart, lovely yell, rich in colour, correct type, in fine condition (hard lines meeting the 1st prize bird). This bird was 10/6 special for best members' bird also Hyde's special; 3, Farrow, another good yell; 4, Marshall, nice specimen, fails only in body properties; vhc, hc, Gibbs; c, Skillen and Bassett. TK. ETC. NAT. COL. (5): 2, spl, Terry, buff marked, well made bird with real Bullfinch head and neck; 3, 4, Goodrum, nice quality, buff marked, and yellow; vhc, Skillen and Bassett; c, Smith. UNFLI. (13): 1, spl, for second best in show, Marshall, a grand yellow, of excellent type, and in prime condition; 2, Sidgwick, very large, yellow marked, should make a rare stock bird; 3, Gibbs, buff of good type, nice colour; 4, Whent, similar bird to third; vhc, Stewart, Acland, Marshall; hc, Miss Unstead. YORK BUFF (4): 2, spl, for best York, Skillen and Bassett, has good shoulders carries wings nicely, stands well on perch; 3, Nunn, nice slim bird; 4, Foxen, very fair in head just shows a slight frill. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Gibbs, very nice even marked buff Nor., of correct type; 2, Sidgwick, similar bird; 3, 4, c, Cundy, with Cinn., the third being the best type; vhc Miss Unstead and Yates. SELL (20/-) (7): 1, Sidgwick; 2, Mrs. Acland; 4, Whent; vhc, Stewart, Yates. (15/-) (11): 1 Mrs. Acland; 2, Whent; 3, Sidgwick; 4 Skillen and Bassett; vhc, Lancaster, Marvin; hc, Nunn, Tompkins; c, Patterson, Stewart. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, spl, Harris, very fine, large bird, with brilliant blaze and body colour; 2, Baker, very smart Finch, in lovely condition, runs the winner very close; 3, Wickham, has good blaze but not quite ready; 4, hc, Goodrum; vhc, Acland; hc Richardson. LINNET (6): 1, Wickham fine bold bird of good colour and nicely pencilled; 3, Marshall, rich colour and pencilling; 4, Nettleingham, good bird but lame to day; vhc, Unstead; hc, Tebbut; c, Watson. A.O.S. SMALL (6): 1 Baker, Nightingale, fair bird bit lumpy today; 3, Smith, a bonny Siskin, good colour and cap; 4, vhc, Unstead; hc Bardoe. LARGE (4): No 1st prize; 2, very smart Waxwing, of good colour and excellent condition; 3, Carter, lovely Starling in brilliant plumage and spotted from head to tail; 4, Lean and Son, equally good Missel Thrush, in rich plumage and steady; vhc, and mem. spl. Watson, excellent Thrush. SELL. (BRIT.) (4): 2, Acland, very pretty Bramblefinch in good condition; 3, (no name), nice Goldfinch; 4, vhc, Fellows, fair Bullfinch and Goldfinch. LOCAL CLASSES CAN (7): 1 Spunner, very good Norwich; 2, Nunn, capital Yorks; 3, another nice Norwich; 4, Skillen and Bassett; hc, Spunner, King. MULE (7): 1 spl, Bassett, dark Goldfinch Mule of rich colour throughout; 2, 3, 4, Terry, three very nice Goldfinch Mules, not much between them; vhc, Watson; hc, Smith; c, Rogers.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Members show held at the Station Hotel November 16th, 92 Birds being staged in a large well-lighted room. Mr. Bewick, of Chester-le-Street, judged. Mr. T. Wilkinson, one of the members, delighted the company with his splendid gramaphone. Mr. Nicholson secretary, and Mr. Dobson had everything in perfect order, assisted by a good staff of helpers, so that all passed off right well.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1 Toy, nicely pointed young bird, 2, 3, vhc, Reed. BUFF (11): 1, Reed; 2, (no name); 3, vhc, Davison; hc, Mitchieson; c, Toy. YORKS YELL. (5): 1, hc, French; 2, Mitchieson; 3, Pickering; vhc, c, Dobson. BUFF (12): 1, 2, French; 3, Hudson; vhc, Dobson; hc, Toy; c, Pickering. YELL. BORDER (8): 1, Corkrill, sweet little bird, wins easy; 2, vhc, c, Nicholson; 3, Toy; c, Corkrill. BUFF (7): 1, c, Corkrill, winner another good one; 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson; hc, Harrison. A.O.V. (3: 1, 3, Toy; 2. Davison. PAIRS (7): 1, Corkrill, pair of good Borders; 2, c, Toy; 3, Reed; vhc, Nicholson; hc, Mitchieson. MULES (6): 1, French, large dark Goldfe; 2, Hills, sweet little Siskin, some preferred; 3, Toy, light Goldie hen; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, c, Marwood. LINNETS (13): 1, 3, Chalmers; 2, Hudson; vhc, French; hc, Hills; c Wilkinson. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, French, graud Bullie; 2, Marwood, Goldie; 3, Hills, Bramble; vhc Hills, another good Bullie; hc, Hudson; c, Wilkinson. LINNETS, OPEN (13): 1, Nicholson, good bird, plenty of work on it; 2, Core, another good one, fine rich colour, shows well; 3, Walker, vhc, Donison; hc, Reuniceon; c, Hills.

BAILDON ORIGINAL C.B.F.A.

Members show held Nov. 23, at the Bay Horse Hotel. Judge, M. A. Sykes, of Bradford. 109 birds were staged, all of nice quality.

YORK. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, hc, Ackman; 2, Greaves; 3, Halliday; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Tyler; c, Rhodes. BUFF: 1, spl, Tidgwell; 2, Rhodes; 3, 4, Halliday; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Hudson and Dawson; c, Jennings. YELL. TICK.: 1, spl, Alderson; 2, Tidgwell; 3, vbc, c, Halliday; hc, Hudson and Dawson. BUFF: 1, spl, Hudson and Dawson 2, Fawcett; 3, c, Tidgwell; 4, Greaves; vhc, Alderson; hc, Halliday. YELLOW HENS: 1, spl, Halliday; 2, Fawcett; 3, Tyler; 4, vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Hudson and Dawson; c, Ackman. BUFF: 1, vbc, spl, Halliday; 2, hc, Greaves; 3, Atkinson; 4, Fawcett; c, Alderson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, spl, Fawcett; 3, Tyler; 4, vhc, Halliday. BRITISH: 1, spl, Halliday; 2, hc, Tyler 3, c, Tyler; 4, vhc, Fawcett. 12/6 SELL.: 1, 4, spl, Halliday; 2, Alderson; 3, Fawcett; vhc, Greaves; hc, Jennings; c, Wilson. SELL., 10/6: 1, 4, spl, Tidgwell; 2, vhc, Halliday; 3, Haithwaite; hc, c, Holmes. 10/6 SELL. HENS: 1, c, Alderson; 2, 3 Halliday (special for most points in hen class); 4, vhc, Tidgwell; hc, Holmes. J. Tidgwell most points for President Cup; W. Fawcett second for most points in Ambler Cup; J. Halliday and Hudson and Dawson equal points, Hudson medal and Society medal; J. Halliday wins spl most points in show; J. H. Atkinson for best hird in show; T. Tidgwell Sandiford medal. (Please note that all matter for publication must only be written on one side of the paper.—ED.)

EASTBOURNE.

A largely increased entry this year was the result of Eastbourne F. and F.S.'s appeal to the Fancy, and the display of quality in the Cage Bird section was very apparent. The cage birds were staged in the New Hall in Seaside road, and an excellent room it is. Mr. C. Attree was again at the helm of affairs, and a more enthusiastic fancier or energetic hon. secretary it would be difficult to find. His two able coadjutors Messrs. J. Gibbons and H. Mills (the assistant hon. secretaries) were indefatigable in their efforts to lighten the labours of Mr. Attree. The Society has a most generous and ever-ready president in Major J. F. Maitland, J.P., while the list of vice-presidents is a lengthy and influential one. The committeemen are Messrs. E. G. Horn (chairman), C. Puckett (vice-chairman), C. Cole, W. Fry, A. Burgess, O Tutt, N. Sayers, G. Tugwell E. Gibbons, E. L. Newman, A. Thompson, J. Tucknott, J. Hobden, E. Gunsden, Welsh, J. Bridges, and G. Crump. Mr. T. Gale won special for best exhibit throughout the whole show, the winner being a rattling variegated Crestbred, with a massive head, wide entrance and dense, and long in head feather. The quality throughout the show was highly meritorious. The Cage Bird stewards were Messrs. Tugwell, Hobden, and Cole, all of whom rendered able assistance during judging. Again at Eastbourne, coincident with many other shows this season, British birds made an excellent display. Mr. Geo. Gardner made the awards. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Spinner, a rich coloured, thick-set bird, shapely and fine silky feather; 2, Wheeler, chubby, fine quality; 3, Kilby, lovely quality, rich colour; 4, Miles, hot colour; vhc, Miller. NOR. CL. BUFF (10): 1, 2 spls., Spinner, chubby, rich colour, well wound up; 2, Frost, close boxy feather, nice shape, bloomy; 3, Kilby, fine quality; 4, Mills; vhc, hc, Wheeler; c, Miss H. H. Keasley. NOR. A.O.V. (13): There were two or three self-coloured cinnamons in this class which, of course, were passed as being wrongly entered. 1, spl., Spinner, wing ticked, good quality, shape and colour; 2, Kilby, lovely quality, nice shape, slightly damaged tail; 3, Miles, another ticked, of good shape, looked a bit slack; 4, Miller, grand quality ticked yellow, trifle frilled at chest; vhc, Miller; hc, Frost; c, Miles. YORKS YELL. (6): 1, Frost, nice and silky, stands well; 2, Wheeler, yellow just a trifle weak at neck; 3, Miles, plenty of length, grand feather texture; vhc, Wheeler, hc, Taylor; c, Sherwood. BUFF (10): 1, spl., hc, Wheeler, the winner lovely feather, straight as a dart, nicely proportioned, neat head and beak, a good one, well shown; 2. F. J. Green, very similar, but loses just a bit in finish at chest and waist; 3, Frost, still typical; 4, Taylor; vhc, Gibbs; c, Newman. YORKS. A.O.V. (5): 1, spl., Taylor, nearly evenly-marked, very smart and full of quality, nice pipe tail; 2, Newman, ticked yell., gets up well; 3, Frost, cinnamon variegated, trifle strongly built, but rare quality; vhc, Adams; hc, Cole. CRESTS (6): 1, Gale, ticked on thigh, heavy crest, but dense, good body; 2, Mills; 3, Hedges. CRESTBRED (6): 1, spl., Gale, variegated, grand head, wide entrance, good length of turnback, really nice one; 2, Hedges; 3, Mills. A.O.V. (4): 1, Hyles Bott, a sweet little Border Fancy; 2, 3, Green, a Lancashire Plainhead and a Lizard respectively; vhc, Bott. PAIRS 11): 1, Miller; 2, Colls; 3, Denne; vhc, Tugwell. MULES, LIGHT (4): 1, Wilson; 2, Blagrove; 3, hc, Soffener; all Goldie-Canary. MULE, DARK (9): 1, spl., White, a very nice Greenfinch-Canary, well shown; 2, Hobden; 3, Gibbs; vhc, Hole; hc, Sherwood; c Hole. GOLDFINCH, field-moulted (7): 1, Hedges, the best face, richest colours, and cleanest cutting; 2, 3, hc, c, Hobden; vhc, Saunders. GOLD, house-moulted (14): 1, spl., Jupe, a right good one, face, bars, buttons, chestnut, and burnishing, very steady; 2, Spinner, wide in face and square, but not yet ready; 3, Gibbs, very smart, also not ready; vhc, Denne; hc, Hooper; c, Tugwell. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl., Jupe, bold, grand poll, nice chest and back colour, steady and clean at thighs; 2, Carter, well after leader, hardly so polished; 3, Partridge, Russian hen (the schednle stated "Bullfinch"; 4, Catt; vhc, Partridge; hc, Hooper; c, Tugwell. LINNET (12): 1, spl., Carter, a very nice one, rich in colour and markings, well burnished and steady; 2, Newman, good shape and markings; 3, Cole; 4. Tugwell; vhc, Osborne; hc, c, Hobden. A good class. FINCH, A.V. (13): 1, spl., White, a topping Bramhling; 2, Osborn, rich-coloured, lovely feathered Greenfinch; 3, vhc, and hc, Hobden; vhc, Cole; c, Toms. BRIT. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl., Bailey, Cornish Chough; 2, Colls, Thrush; 3, Miss Hopwood, Yellow Bunting; 4, White; vhc, Miss Walker; hc, Swift; c, Crowhurst. FOR. (6): 1, spl., Calderwood; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Partridge. LOCAL NOVICE CLASS A.V. (4): 1, Toms; 2, vhc, French; 3, Hole. SELL. (10/-) (4): 1, Green; 3, hc, c, Thompson. MEMBERS. YORKS (10): 1, spl., Green very smart and well put down; 2, Frost; 3, Cole; 4. Taylor; vhc, hc, Taylor. NOR (5): 1, Cole; 2, Frost; 3, vhc, Hedges. BRIT. A.V. (7): 1, spl., 2, Cole; 3, 4, Hobden; vhc, Hedges; hc, Tugwell. CHILDREN'S CLASS. CAGE BIRDS. A.V. (3): 1, Doris Ellis; 2, Tom Hole; 3, Nora Newman.

WISHAW.

Annual Show of the Wishaw C.C. was held in Watson's Hall, November 16. The entries were 28 less than last year, owing to the backward season, but some of the finest specimens ever shown in Wishaw were entered. During the afternoon and evening the show was visited by a large number of fanciers and visitors, and Mr. Wm. Robertson, the energetic secretary, is to congratulated on the great success obtained, his arrangements being carried out with marked ability. The judges, whose decisions were received very satisfactorily, were Messrs. J. Kean, Edinburgh, and H. Moreland, Falkirk, assisted by Messrs. J. Cook and J. Watson, Wishaw. SCOTCH FANCIES—YELL. ETC., COCK: 1, Craig; 2, spl., Ramage; 3, Allardice. BUFF: 1, spl., Balfour; 2, Craig; 3, spl., Ramage. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., best bird in hall, 2, Craig; 3, Murdoch. BUFF HEN: 1, Craig; 2, spl., Allardice; 3, spl., Balfour. YELL. FOUL, ETC. HEN: 1, 2, spl., Craig; BUFF HEN: 1, Allardice; 2, spl., 3, spl., Murdoch. OLD FANCY COCK: 1 spl., Ramage; 2, 3, spl., Allardice. HEN: 1, 2, spl., Allardice 3, Ramage. CREST COCK: 1, 2, spls., Roy; 2, spl., 3, spl., Watson. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Watson CREST-BRED COCK: 1, Watson; 2, spl., Gemmel; 3, Roy. HEN: 1, spl., Frew; 2, 3, spl., Watson. YELL. P.H. COCK: 1, Frew; 2, spl, Gemmel; 3, spl., Watson. BUFF: 1, best bird in section, two spls., Watson; 2, Frew; 3, Gemmel. YELL. HEN: 1, Frew; 2, Gemmel; 3, spl, Watson. BUFF: 1, spl., Watson; 2, 3 spl. Frew. OLD NOR. CREST: 1, 2, Watson; 3, spl., Boyd. CREST-BRED: 1, spl, Roy; 2, spl., Boyd; 3, Cringles. PLAINHEAD: 1, Frew; 2, Gemmel; 3, M'Allister. BORDER FANCIES: CL. ETC, YELL. COCK: 1, spl, Watson; 2, spl., Balfour; 3 Allardice. BUFF: 1, Small; 2, spl., Irwin; 3, Allardice. YELL. VAR.: 1, spl, Allardice; 2, Watson; 3, M'Allister. BUFF: 1, Small; 2, spl., Allardice; 3, spl., Watson. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Irwin; 2, Allardice; 3, Watson. BUFF: 1, 2 spls., 3, Allardice; 2, spl., Small. YELL. VAR.: 1, Watson; 2, spl, 3, spl, Allardice. BUFF: 1, spl., Small; 2, 3, Watson. OLD BORD. COCK: 1, 2, spl., Small; 3, Allardice. HEN: 1, spl., M'Allister; 2, Small; 3,spl, Watson. VARIETY CLASS, BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 2 spls., Small.

LANCASTER.

The ninth annual exhibition of the Lancaster and Dist. C.B.S. was held November 15 and 16 in the Cromwell Hall, a well adapted hall for the purpose. The show was in every way a fine one. Entries totalled 244 in the 29 classes, averaging, therefore, over 8 per class, with a challenge cup and 34 spls.; the committee of management consists of Messrs. S. Mulliner, Chairman; W. J. Fisher, Vice-chairman; A Harper, assist. sec., H. J. Brown; hon. treasurer; T. Fisher, C. Cafferty and Son, T. Mercer, T. Swainson, H. Capstick, W. Ormond and J. W. Hinde. Mr. H. J. Brown is the able sec.,to whom much of the credit for the success of the show is due. Mr. R. Sutcliffe, Shipley, judged. NOR.CL.YELL (4): 1, Bailey and Wilkinson; 2, Dr. Hird; 3, 4, Winn and Hinde. BUFF (7): 1, Vart; 2, 4, hc, Winn and Hinde; 3, Bailey and Wilkinson; vhc, Dr. Hird; c, Mercer. TICK. OR VAR. (9): 1, 2, Winn and Hinde; 3, Dr. Hird; 4, hc, Bailey and Wilkinson; vhc, Cafferty and Son; c, Haythornthwaite and Son. UNFLI. (20): 1, Winn and Hinde; 2, Dr. Hird; 3, Dixon; 4, c, Vart; vhc, Haythornthwaite and Son; hc, Bailey and Wilkinson. HEN (10): 1, 3, Dr. Hird; 2, vhc, Bailey and Wilkinson; 4, c, Winn and Hinde; hc, Brown. CINN. YELL (7): 1, 2, 4, hc, Brown; 3, vhc, c, Winn and Hinde. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Brown; 4, vhc, Gardner. CREST (4): 1, Vart; 2, 3, 4, Gardner. CRESTBRED (4): 1, Vart; 2, 3, 4, Gardner. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1. vhc, Fisher; 2, Cafferty and Son; 3, Mulliner; 4, Milner. BUFF (4): 1, Mercer. 2, Haythornthwaite and Son; 3, 4, Mulliner. TICK. ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4. Cafferty and Son. TICK. OR VAR. (11): 1, Cafferty and Son; 2, 4, Haythornthwaite and Son; 3, Fisher; vhc, Milner; hc, Mulliner; c, Gradwell. HEN (7): 1, Gradwell; 2, Cafferty and Son; 3, 4, Mulliner; vhc, Haythornthwaite; hc, c, Mercer. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brown. MULE 1907 (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Jackson and Bond. ANY AGE (4): ditto. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Durston; 2. hc, Vart; 4, Fisher; vhc, Jackson and Bond. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (8): 1, c, Durston; 2, 3, Fisher; 4, Mercer; vhc, Vart; hc, Helme. A.O.V. BRIT. HARD (10): 1, hc, Winn and Hinde; 2, 3, c, Fisher; 4, Mulliner; vhc, Durston. SOFT DO. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Durston. SELL (10/-) (13): 1, Harper; 2, Swainson; 3, hc, Vart; 4, Bailey and Wilkinson vhc, Parkinson; c, Winn and Hinde. (15/-) (14): 1, vhc, Bailey and Wilkinson; 2. Winn and Hinde; 3, Harper; 4, Brown; hc, Gardner; c, Vart. GIFT (15): Winn and Hinde; 2, Gradwell; 3, Dixon; 4, Harper; 5, Ormond. AMATEUR NOR. (10): 1, 2, 4, Dixon; 3, c, Vart; vhc, Gradwell; hc, Swainson. YORKS. (5): 1, Harper; 2, Gradwell; 3, vhc, Milner; 4, Swainson. NOVICE NOR. (18): 1, 2, Hoyle; 3, Pennington; 4, Ormood; vhc, Mulliner; hc, Parkinson; c, Stables. YORKS. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Harper; 3, Mulliner. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Sault; vhc, Rickard; hc, Hardy.

SELBY.

Selby and Dis. held their fourteenth annual show in the Armoury, on Nov. 21. Mr John Hy Dixon, the secretary, worked very hard amongst the exhibits, looking after their welfare, and he was ably assisted by Messrs. Vallans, Sadler and Haigh. The quality of the exhibits was of the finest and they were about the best that have ever been staged at Selby. Messrs. Watts, Barrett, Booth Bros., Kemp and Son, Reed and Green put down some lovely Yorkshires, and in the Norwich section, Messrs. Heap, Harland, and Axe exhibited some most typical birds. Mr. W. Mandell, Bradford, judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, Watts, blaze of colour, well up on leg, long flights, piped tail, full of quality, grand position; 2, Rand, very slim, typical, pale colour, not quite so long as winner, but a good one; 3, Wainwright, lacks just a little in colour, nice type, good head, very fair chest; 4, Chippendale, full of quality, rich colour, good head, not looking over well; vhc, Mosson and Son; hc, Wood; c, Simeson. BUFF (14): 1, hc, Barrett, grand position, rich colour and quality, wins spl for best bird in two classes; 2, Green, straight as a rush, well braced wings, good head and chest, fine stamp, puts a little more time to grow tail together; 3, Casey, rich colour, full of quality, neat head, bit down; 4, Shoesmith, long bird, grand quality, wants more handling; vhc, Talbot; c, Reilly. TICK. ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Booth Bros., very stylish, grand back, rich colour, long flight and tail; 2, Kemp and Son, wing marked, position A1, good head, wings and tail, not quite so long as winner; 3, Green, eye-lick., neat head, nice back, good position, lovely quality, very steady; 4, Watts, capped on head, teeming with quality, long flights and tail; vhc, Barrett; hc, Moss and Son; c, Reilly. BUFF (11): 1, spl, (best marked bird), Reed, neck marked, grand position, rich colour, superior type, shown well; 2, Chippendale, good colour, nice quality, neat head and tail; 3, Hudson, thigh ticked, typical, on the stout side, but good; 4, Watts, nice type and quality, inclined to cross wings at times; vhc, Peck and Fawcett; hc, Kemp and Son; c, Robinson. HENS (15): 1, spl, Kemp and Son, blaze of colour, feathered like wax, piped tail, grand flights, a gem; 2, Palframan, full of quality, typical, pale colour, fails only in length; 3 Hudson, pale colour, grand back, nice breast; 4, Robinson, rich colour, long flights and tail, well up on leg, might, in the estimation of some have gone up one; vhc, Earle; hc, c, Barrett. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL (6): 1, Hesp, blaze of colour, good head and back, superior stamp, nice all over; 2, Axe, unflig., grand quality, short, lovely type, wants a little more colour; 3, 4, Harland, third pale colour, nice quality, chubby, fourth rich colour, good head, nice quality; vhc, Robinson; hc, Taylor. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Harland, first wins spl for best Nor., good head and chest, full of quality, rich colour, short flights and tail; 2, Hesp, typical, hoxey feather, good head; 3, Axe, chubby, rich colour, short wings and tail, good breast; 4, Duckett, junr., nice quality, very fair substance; vhc, no name; hc, Taylor. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, best Canary in show, 3, Axe, first dark Crest, even wing, third Yell. Cinn.; 2, vhc, Edwards, grizzled Crest Nor., clear body; 4, Morris, dark crest, clear body; hc, Miss K. S. Nicholas; c, Peck and Fawcett. BRIT. SMALL (13): 1, spl, 2, Axe, first Yellowhammer, grand feather, very steady, second Goldie, grand blaze, beautiful buttons, both put down in the pink of condition; 3, Binns, Treecreeper, grand bird, but lacks just a little in condition; 4, Norwood, Chaffinch; vhc, Howard, nice Greenie; hc, c, Goodhall. SELL. 15/- (17): 1, Casey; 2, Taylor; 3, Green; 4, Axe; vhc, Simeson; hc, Hudson; c, Booth, Bros. MEMBERS'. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Parvin; vhc, hc, c, Dixon.

MATLOCK.

The eighth annual exhibition was held Nov. 14th, in the Victoria Hall, Matlock Bank—a capital place for the purposes of a show. Entries were good, there being 64 in only 5 classes. The quality of the whole of the exhibits was excellent; in fact. It was said repeatedly that never was there seen a better lot of birds at Matlock. Norwich were a perfect picture, and the Yorkshires were not far behind in quality. The British Finch class was a grand success, there being some very strong competition here. The local class came up beyond all expectations in the way of variety; quality here too, was well up, and there were some splendid fanciers among the exhibitors. Much credit is due to the secretaries, Messrs. A. H. Slater and F. Turner, who had the arrangements well in hand, and to the stewards, who all worked hard and well. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

YORKS (11): 1, 3, Wall; 2, Ormondroyd; res, Sheldon; vhc, Taylor; hc, Brotherhood. NOR: 1, Nutt; 2, Greaves; 3, Mason; res, vhc, Wilson and Fox; vhc, Ball and Sons, and Walker. BRIT. FINCH: 1 Poole; 2, Gentle Bros; 3, Cooper; res, hc, Dallman; vhc, Ward; hc, Webster. FOR: 1, Ballington; 2, vbc, Poole; 3, Barrow; res. vhc, Astles. LOCAL A.V.: 1, Gentle Bros.; 2, Kersey; 3, vhc, Greaves; res, Wilson and Fox; vhc, Nutt (2) and Shaw; hc, Cooper and Son.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Loughborough show, held November 23rd, was a complete failure, owing to the Cage Bird Union refusing to grant them a licence, because Burton-on-Trent show was being held on the same date. The Loughborough officials and fanciers could not understand this treatment, because one show is in Derbyshire and the other in Leicestershire. It kept all the fanciers around here and Leicester way from exhibiting at Longhborough, therefore they had to cancel seven classes. The Town Hall is a very good, well-lighted place for a show, and in the secretary, Mr. Frank Mee, the local fanciers have a very good official. Mr. George Lander (Leicester) judged all the classes that stood, and his awards were well received. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, hc, Wall, grand length bird, full of quality; 2, Walsh, also well-drawn and good in length and quality, close up; 3, vhc, Foster, grand yellow hen, leading. Buff (6): 1, vhc, Foster, two good birds, leader very typical and neat; 2, Wall; 3, G. Taylor, two more extra good birds. UNFLIG.: 1, hc, Crateley; 2, Foster, very close run, couple of fine typical buffs; 3, c, Wortley, a smart, well-drawn yellow; vhc, Walsh. BRIT. SMALL (9): 1, hc, Coltman, grand Goldfinch, good square blaze, shines like satin, bonny bird; hc, good Siskin; 2, very smart house-moulted Bullfinch; 3, Huhbard, grand Linnet, will hold its own in a Linnet class; vhc, Smalley and Son; c, Mee, a fine class. Class 60 had 12 entries, comprising Yorkshires, Mule, and Norwich, all in one class: 1, 2, 3, hc, Dufner, all Norwich, very good ticked wings, yellow, leading, 2 and 3 smart buffs; vhc, Blower, good coloured var. Goldfinch Mule; c, Wortley, Yorkshire; hard class to judge.

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FALKIRK.

The 19th Annual Show took place November 16 in the Oddfellows' Hall, when there were over 400 exhibits. The judges were Messrs. John McLay, Kirkintilloch, and Mr. J. Gardner, Bathgate, whose awards, after a hard day's work, seemed to give every satisfaction. Mr. Wm. Clubb, secretary, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Clubb, got through his duties in a most creditable manner, everything being done in a workmanlike style. The committee, who are all experienced hands, rendered every assistance. Mr. Hugh Moreland, the veteran Norwich fancier, who, by the way, is the originator of this society, was there doing yeoman service. The office-bearers consisted of the following:—President, Mr. Geo Davie; Vice-President, Mr. R. Reoule; sec., Mr. Wm. Clubb; Committee, Messrs. T. Wallace, M. Baird, A. Eadie, Hugh Moreland, H. Sharp, R. Dickson, Jos. Binnie and James Morris. The hall which has often been described—is one of the most suitable for a cage bird show, and was well lighted. The attendance was good, and from what we heard, this show is likely to prove a great success. Norwich classes were exceptionally large and some great winners were staged, as were also Borders. British and Hybrid classes also contained some good specimens.

The Young Bird Section.

CL. ETC. YELL. P.H. (14): 1, spl. cup, 6, Smart, grand all-round bird, lovely sheen, wins well; 2, 5, Sharp, also right good one, rare type; 3, Ovenstone, good body and condition; 4, Bishop; 7, McNaughton. BUFF (22): one of the best classes we have seen; 1, 6, 7, Bishop, 1, lovely type, graud style, good 1st; 2, 5, spl., Smart, nice head, good wings and body, pressed hard; 3, McFarlane, good Buffie type, nice feather; 4, Reid, much the same. VAR. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, 6, Baird, right good type, nice feather, shows well; 2, 4, Sharp; 2, nice body, good silky feather; 4, good sound body; 3, McFarlane, pressed, all there as to quality; 5, Scaife. BUFF (11): 1, 7, spl., Moreland, beauty for type, shown in faultless condition, wins; 7, fair bird, not yet ready; 2, Penman, grand upstanding bird, good quality; 3, Smart, much the same, close up; 4, Sharp, good quality of feather, nice head and wings; 5,6,Baird. NON-FED YELL (7): 1, Reid, large bouncing bird, good type; 2, Baird, all there as to quality, good second; 3, 7, Dickson, just fails a little in body, yet good; 4, Hamilton and Wallace; 5, Jarvie; 6, Grant. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Binnie, big bouncing bird, full of quality, 2 also right good one, nice brace; 3, Hamilton and Wallace, fails slightly in body, good head and wings; 4, 5, 6, Dickson, trio of fairly good ones; 7, Moreland. CREST (9): 1, spl., and cup, McNaughton, lovely drooping crest, grand frontal, nice centre, great quality of body feather; 2, Esson, grand body; 3, spl., Grant, lovely formed crest; 4, McFarlane; 5, Sharp; 6, Johnstone; 7, Russell, all pretty fair specimens. HEN (6): 1, McNaughton, wins handsomely, good all-round; 2, Duchart, also good one, very fair crest, good feather; 3, Johnstone, nice body, size and feather; 4, Esson, close up; 5, Daniel; 6, Grant. CRESTBRED COCK (8): 1, 7, Esson, large massive, immense broad skull, good brows and body feather; 2, Dickson, body feather all there, nice head, fine size; 3, Morcland, must have pressed; 4, McNaughton, not far behind; 5, spl. Mitchell; 6, Grant. HEN (8): 1, McFarlane, nice type, brows and size, abundant feather; 2, 4, Esson, 2, grand size and feather, fails only in head; 4, very nice exhibit; 3, Johnston, good body and size; 5, Dame; 6, McNaughton; 7, spl., Duchart. BORD. CL. YELL. (21): A grand class, many good ones having to stand down; 1, Mitchell, typical birds, needs no comment; 2, Munnock, another right good one, in lovely condition; 3, Wilson, grand stamp, pressed; 4, McWatt, one of the same kiduey; 5, McKenzie; 6, Hamilton and Wallace; 7, spl., Cousins. BUFF (24): Another clinking class; 1, Mitchell, grand type, tight as wax, in rare trim; 2, 6, Munnock, 2, fine stamp, nice close wings, good carriage; 3, Morkland, nice typical bird close up; 4, 7, McWatt, we liked; 5, Cousins. FOUL YELL (4): 1, McWatt, nice silky feather, good type; 2, Davie, also good stamp, rare order, close up; 3, Reid, just slightly shallow on back, but very nice feather. BUFF (8): 1, Wilson, tight as wax, correct type, wins; 2, McWatt, lovely quality, fine and tight; 3, Davie, nice jaunty Border, not far behind; 4, Mitchell, good body; 5, McIntyre; 6, Reid; 7, Aitken, all nice birds. A.O.V. YELL. (11): 1, 3, spl., McWatt, yell. foul one of the finest we have handled, a little gem; 3, quite a good one; 2, Mitchell, fine typical Border, nice wings and body; 4, spl., Wilson, nice round head, good carriage; 5, Hamilton and Wallace; 6, Consins; 7, Reid. BUFF (10): 1, 7, Wilson, 1, lovely evenly marked, full of quality, wins well; 2, 4, spl., McWatt, Cinn. marked, good wings, nice pear-shaped body; 4, var., good stamp and condition; 3, Auld, var., type and condition good, quite a nice one; 5, spl., Cousins, we liked; 6, Hamilton and Wallace. HYBRID (9): 1 6, 2 spls., McWatt 1, Grand Goldie Can., large body, full of colour, will yet be heard of; 6, buff Linnet-Can., 2, Corbett, Siskin-Canary, fine size, nice cap and colour; 3, Ovenstone, Linnet Can., good specimen; 4, 5, Hendry; 4, variegated Goldie Can., fairly good one; 7, Reid. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, spl., Baird, nice yell., Cinn., good type; 2, Aitken, clear yell. Scotch Fancy, good action; 3, spl., Muir, dark eresthred, nice feather and head; 4, Hamilton and Wallace, buff Yorkshire, great length, nice condition; 5, Grant, Cinn.

The Old Birds.

PLAINHEAD COCK COL. FED. (14): 1, Miller and Eadie, nice type, rare carriage, grand fettle; 2, spl., 4, Sharp; 2, lovely tick, good quality, plenty colour, 4, very typical; 3, spl., Baird, fine size and colour, good head and wings; 5, Bishop nice var; 6, Jarvio; 7, Mitchell. HEN (13): 1, spl., 7, Bishop, grand type, full of substance, wins; 2, Sharp, cap mkd., lovely colour, rare condition; 3, Smart, clear, good type, nice silky feather; 4, Jarvie, also a clear, in good fettle; 5, spl., Ovenstone; 6, Simpson. COCK NON-FED (9): 1, spl., Binnie, clear yell., good stamp, rare order, wins; 2, Baird, var. yell., good quality, large bouncing bird; 3, Bishop, clear yell.; 4, Black, clear yell., we liked; 5, spl., Dickson; 6, 7, Hamilton and Wallace. HEN (4): 1, Baird, nice ticked buff, chubby, rare condition; 2, 3, Hamilton and Wallace, both var. yell. of good quality; 2 excels in body and condition. CREST COCK (9): 1, 3, Esson, 1 evenly marked, great quantity of body feather, splendid drooping crest, well centred; 3, nice size and feather, very fair crest; 2, McNaughton, must have pressed winner hard; 4, Moreland, lovely made crest, good body, we liked; 5, Johnstone; 6, Grant; 7, Miller and Eadie. HEN (6): 1, McNaughton, lovely hen of real size, crest all there, well groomed; 2, Miller and Eadie, good body feather; 3, Davie, much the same; 4, Esson; close up, grand condition; 6, Russell. CRESTBRED COCK (9): 1, spl., Johnston, large feathery bird. Immense broad skull, an easy first; 2, 3, 5, spl., Esson, 2, body all there, beaten only in skull; 3, some liked best; 4, McNaughton, good head; 6, Duchart; 7, Davie. HEN (9): 1, Esson, good broad head and brows, plenty of feather; 2, Morcland, grand stamp; 3, McNaughton, abundance of feather, good head and size; 4, Ovenstone, good brows, size and feather; 5, Duchart; 6, Johnstone. BORD. COCK (11): 1, spl., Auld, very typical clear buff, tight as wax, an easy winner; 2, Munnock, evenly and nicely marked yell, grand condition; 3, spl, Mitchell, tick yell, nice type, good wings and tail; 4, Auld, same stamp, pressed; 5, spl., Miller and Eadie; 6, Reid; 7, McWatt. HEN (11): 1, McWatt, even buff, good stamp, nice jaunty bird; 2, Wilson, lovely cl. yell., sweetly made head, nice wings; 3, Reid, grizzle buff, tight as a drum, good type; 4, Miller and Eadie, cl. yell.; 5, Arnott; 6, Auld; 7, Cousins. BRIT. AND FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (14): 1, Bishop, Goldie, nicely buttoned aud tanned, not yet up in blaze; 2, Angus, Bullie, good dense cap, nice wing bars; 3, spl., 6, Corbett; 3, Goldie, good body, fine condition, wants time; 4, Auld, Bullie, fails only in colour; 5, Morris; 7, Brisbane. LINNET (11): 1, Brisbane, nice chubby bird, well pencilled, solid colour; 2, Bishop, good colour and size, shade longer; 3, Cousins, very nice colour, inclines to be restless; 4, Sharp, good all-round; 5, Corbett; 6, Muir; 7, Moreland. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 3, spl., Sharp, outstanding bird, size and colour all there, well shown; 3, in good condition, deeper fed; 2, Miller and Eadie, lovely wings, well fed, good solid body; 4, Baird, good one; 5, Clarkson; 6, Scaife; 7, Clubb. SISKIN ETC. (13): 1, 2 spls., Bishop, beautiful colour-fed Siskin, distinct bib, clear cut cap, nice wings; 2, 6, Brisbane; 2, Twito, rich nut-brown colour, well pencilled, grand sheen; 6, Lesser Redpoll; 3, Marshall, Siskin, fails in size to winner, nice cap and markings; 4, Corbett, another nice Siskin, close up; 5, Morris; 7, Arnott. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (14): Right good class; 1, Miller and Eadie, Bramble, nicely spangled, clean cut on breast, size and condition, all there, shows well; 2, Cousins, Chaffie, grand feather, clear wings, rich breast colour, steady; 3, spl., Sharp, Bramhle, dense black head and deep breast colour; 4, Rennie, Chaffie, nice bird, not yet up in colour; 5, spl., Band; 6, Brisbane; 7, Moreland. BRIT. (11): 1, spl., Hendry, yell. Wagtail, shown to perfection, in grand order, nice exhibit; 2, 6, Miller and Eadie; 2, Spotted Woodpecker, nice distinct markings, shown in grand style; 6, Bunting, 3 spl., 7, Baird, Yellowhammer, grand colour, lovely feather, nice head and cheek marks; 4, Dewar, nice spangled Mavis, shown in faultless condition; 5, McFarlane, nice Snow Bunting. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, spl., Ovenstone, Canary-Bullie, lovely colour, best of condition, clear cap, wins well; 2, spl., Sharp, Greenie-Bullie, right good one for size and colour, steady, well shown, barely ready yet; 3, Ovenstono, Goldie-Greenie, shows parentage, well—nice Goldie blaze; 5, Black, large yell. Greenie, nice order; 6, Ryder; 7, Brishane. GOLDIE, ETC., FOR. (5): 1, Sharp, nice clear cut blaze, deep and even in colour, good body and condition; 2, Reid, chases hard, also in grand fettle; 3, spl., Angus, not quite ready; 4, 5, Moreland. FOR. (5): 1, 2 spls., Moreland, King Parrot, in pink of condition, great depth of colour; 2, Miller and Eadie, pair of small Foreigners; 3, Dewar; 4, Hendry. HYB. PAIRS (5): 1, Overstono; 2, Moreland; 3, Kirkwood; 4, Baird; 5, Miller aud Eadie.

BIDEFORD.

Bideford held their annual open show Nov. 20th in the Market Hall. The day was a miserable one, being very wet, cold and dark. There were plenty of stoves to keep the hall warm, but the light was not of the best, there being no top light, which made judging rather difficult. There was a good entry, and classes on the whole were well filled. The British were a feature of the show, some grand birds being staged, and put down in tip-top condition; notably Mr. Poole's Golden crested Wren and Black Cap, and Mr. Lock's winning Goldfinch, which held same position last year, and also first at Barnstaple. In the British class, for Goldfinch or Bullfinch there were two sets of winners. In the local classes, competition was very keen. Some real good birds were staged. Judging did not commence until late (nearly 3 o'clock), and as was only to be expected, grumbling was much in evidence among the local men. Mr. Sing is an ideal secretary, hard working and most obliging, and the committee is composed of genuine fanciers. Mr. G. Billett judged.

YORKS. (8): 1, vhc, Lashbrook and Sons, first yell., good length, grand quality, straight as an arrow, staged to perfection; 2, Gilling, another yell., very nice exhibit, good quality, just a wee bit slack about thighs; 3, res., Pincombe; third cinn. marked yell., a real gem, long and excelling in quality and style; vhc, Langmead. NOR. (8): 1, Pedlar, a bouncing buff, grand quality, splendid head and chest, nice and cobby, neat wings, well tucked up, wins; 2, vhc, Luxton, another buff, nice head and body, not very much to choose between third, Dalling, yell., nice quality, inclined at times to carry one wing badly, some thought might have gone up one; vhc, Hammett and Son; vhc, Gay. NOR. CREST. or C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Piper, first Crest, well-known, the Plymouth, Barnstaple Cup and Nottingham winner, needs no further comment, second and third same persuasion; res., Webber; vhc, he, Priscott. SELL. 12/6 (15): Some remarkably cheap birds here: 1, hc, Symons, Belgians; 2, Hughes and Barton, useful Scotch Fancy; 3, Hammett and Son, buff Nor.; res., Pincombe; hc, Langmead, Lashbrook and Sons, Luxton, Priscott, Dark, Shortridge and Eastman. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, res., E. Collins (Barnstaple), noted Linnet Bully, real gem; res., noted Goldfinch Redpoll, some thought should have been higher; 2, Poole, nice Greenfinch Can.; 3, Carter and Willis, var. Mule, good Nor. type, nice exhibit; vhc, Farley and Priscott; hc, Priscott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Lock, real gem, not one of the largest, but a beautiful exhibit, in grand condition, nice blaze, polished like satin; 2, 3 hc, Priscott, second noted Bully, very nice bird and a great winner; third, Goldfinch, another nice bird, hardly so finished as winner; ex. 3, Barrow, real good bird, very wide expansive blaze, nice square cut, square as a postage stamp, should make a topper; res., Symons; vhc, Kirell (2), Hughes and Barton, French, Loosemore; hc, Dunn, Wills and Carter. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1 2, Poole, first golden-crested Wren; little swell; second Blackcap, beautiful exhibit, and both nicely staged; third, Risdon, Magpie, a grand exhibit, beautifully shown; ex. 3, Davey, Hawfinch in nice condition, god exhibit; res., Priscott; vhc, E. Collins (2), Hughes and Barton, Perkins, Symons;; hc, Symons. FOR. (7): 1, Poole; 2, vhc, Miss Meredith; ex. 2, Miss Beresford; res., Mickewight; vhc, Bale. LOCAL: CREST or C.B. (7): 1, hc, Priscott; 2, 3, Davey; vhc, Langmead. YORKS. (15): 1, 2, hc, Germau; 3, Shortridge and Easton; vhc (2), hc, Symons; hc, Langmead. Elliott. A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Symons, Belgians; vhc, Langmead; hc, Hughes and Barton. MULE (7): 1, 2, vhc, Priscott; 3, vhc, Symmns; res., Hughes and Barton. BRIT. (18): 1, vhc (2), Symons, first, Owl, shown in fine condition, second Folland, Thrush, good bird; 3, vhc, Kirell, grand Blackbird nice coral cere and legs, grand lustre, Barnstaple winner hard lines; vhc, (2), hc, Hughes; hc, Priscott.

BRANDON COLLIERY.

Brandon Colliery Linnet fanciers held their first show on Nov. 16th, in the Workman's Club. In the three classes, entries numbered 52. Mr. W. Rutherford, of Roddymoor, Crook, officiated as judge, and complimented the members on the splendid collection of exhibits. His awards gave all round satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH (11): 1, spl, M. Bailes; 2, W. Wilson; 3, Briggs; 4, Jane. LINNET (33) (8 prizes in this class): 1, spl, and spl for best in show, R. Wilson; 2, 6, Carus; 3, Fairless; 4, Kennedy; 5, 8, A. Bailes; 7, Reed. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, R. Wilson; 2, Carus; 3, Brady; 4, Fairless. G. Reed, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful members' show, held November 16th, 93 birds were staged, and Messrs. S. Dean and W. Blakey placed the cards to the satisfaction of all members. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; 2, hc, Ackroyd; 3, c, Crowther; 4, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Bastow; 4, Taylor Bros.; hc, Benn; c, Bairstow and Chapman. TICKED, ETC., YELL COCK: 1, Benn; 2, 4, Taylor Bros.; 3, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Woodrow; 3, Bastow. BUFF: 1, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Pickles; 3, Benn. CL. ETC., YELL HEN: 1, Hardaker; 2, hc, Taylor Bros.; 3, Crowther; 4, c, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, Bastow. BUFF: 1, hc, Bastow; 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Hinchcliffe; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Ackroyd; c, Woodrow. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. HEN: 1, Bastow; 2, 3, Norton; vhc, Thornton. YORKS. STOCK (above 6½ inches): 1, Crowther; 2, Hardaker; 3, Shaw; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Bairstow and Chapman. SELL. CK. (15/-): 1, Bastow; 2, hc, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Benn; 4, Shaw; vhc, c, Thornton. HEN (12/6): 1, Hardaker; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Taylor Bros.; 4, c, Bastow; vhc, Norton; hc, Thornton.—E. W. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

The first annual exhibition in connection with the Sutton Coldfield and Erdington Society was held on Nov. 20th and 21st, in the Masonic Hall, Sutton. The Cage bird section was staged in the Mayor's Parlour, which is a very nice room lighted by electricity and free from draught, being at the same time roomy and the ceiling very lofty. The exhibits were well staged and attracted a large number of visitors and local fanciers. Among the birds on view was a King bird of Paradise, exhibited by Mr. DeVon, of London. Its gorgeous plumage proved a great attraction. It was shown to perfection and was awarded the special for best bird in show. Mr. G. Lawrence's well-known Canary-Bullfinch Mule arrived at the show in a state bordering on collapse, and when judged was on this account only placed reserve. We saw this bird at Bromsgrove the day previous, when we remarked on its excellent condition and bloom. We are glad to say that towards evening the bird was almost itself again. Another exhibit in this class, a handsome Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid exhibited by Mr Tonks, was passed for being blind, much to the astonishment of the exhibitor, who was, we were assured, totally unaware of the fact, the bird having been in the money on previous occasions. A most unfortunate happening was an annoying blunder on the part of the printer, as, when the catalogues were delivered, the numbers were wrong, and proved to be quite useless in locating the owners of the various exhibits. With the able assistance of the chief steward, of the Cage bird section, we were able to arrive at a list of winners after a little delay. The capable and courteous secretary, Mr. Jones, under circumstances well calculated to upset anyone, came out of a trying ordeal with every credit. Mr. J. H. Brindley made his initial appearance as judge at an open show, and gave general satisfaction, taking much care and patience in making the awards. The Crest and Crestbred classes were amalgamated. Created pairs 25/-, were cancelled, Nor. and Yorks, 15/- Sell. were amalgamated and the A.O.V. for British Hard and Softbill were also cancelled.

Critique.

CREST OR C.B. (13): 1, 2, 3, Marshall, leader dark Crest, good body substance, crest of nice radiation and centre; 2, almost green crest, not quite so good in body as winner, crest feather denser, very fair droop and radiation; 3, green Crestbred, nice substance and lash, good entrance; 4, res, Memmott, heavily var. Crest, bonnet rather on small side; vhc, hc, Smith; c, Sturges. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL (7): 1, 2, 3, Davis, nice team, winner a big bird, lovely type. A1. head and neck, short flights and tail, good colour; 2, very similar, failing to leader only in neck; 3, var. cobby build, nice short feather; 4, Mrs. Peacock, big bird of good substance, not quite in condition to-day; vhc, Broadhurst, lovely var., excellent type and colour, good head and neck; vhc, Wells; hc, Colloby and Brown. BUFF (7): 1, Russell, very typical, nice depth of chest, short in feather, excellently carried wings and tail; 2, Davis, lovely var, showing nice frosting, good bold head, a close race; 3, 4, Wells, leader clear of good type and nice quality; 4, richly coloured var, rather browy perhaps; vhc, Broadhurst, tick on neck, good type and quality, very cobby; hc, Mrs. Peacock, big slashing bird, lovely feather; c, Archer. HEN (6): 1, Wells, clear yell, good substance, nice head and neck, fine bold front; (no second awarded); 3, Broadhurst, lovely buff, excelling in type and quality, nicely mealed, well carried wings and tail of short dimensions, pressed hard; 4, vhc, c, Wells; 4th, yell., nice exhibit, rich quality, lacking only in substance; hc, Colloby and Brown. UNFLI (7): 1, Garfield, yell, of nice type, good head and neck, shade coarse in quality perhaps, but a fine one, closely followed by 2, Broadhurst, a var. yell. of lovely type and style, not one of the biggest, but teeming with quality, very close thing; 3, Mrs. Peacock, var. yell, good size, nice quality, very fair type; 4, Wells, a wing marked medium size, fails only in head and neck; vhc, c, Colloby and Brown; hc, Hartshorn. YORKS. YELL (10): 1, Wells, clear, good length, nice head, neck and back, well wrapped wings and tail, feather like boxwood, nice position and style; 2, Raybould, ticked of lovely quality, good stand, well up on leg, stylish, wee bit on small side; 3, Harris, grand length, good back and wings, close up; 4, Sturges, another lengthy one of nice quality; res, Burke, Cinn mkd, good feather and position; vhc, Fallows, Richardson; c, Hawkesford, Raybould, Fallows. BUFF (7): 1, Burke, strongly built clear, A1 position, nice head and neck, good back and wings, shows thighs nicely; 2, Paddock, hot-coloured bird, lovely quality, good head and neck, well-braced wings, fails slightly in position to leader; 3, Wells, long straight bird, good position, nice boxey feather, well-wrapped wings, good head and neck; 4, Harris, wing-marked, nice quality feather, good position; vhc, Fallows, good quality, nice position; hc, Palmer, nice bird, wants tubbing; c, Sturges. HEN (7): 1, 2, Paddock, leader clear yell, lovely quality, well up on leg, beautiful back, tight-fitting wings and tail, very stylish and bready, easy win, 2nd, grizzle-capped yell, of great length, well up on leg, straight as a rush, not quite the style of winner; 3, Richardson, another yell, of rare quality, nice position and feather, good head and neck; 4, vhc, Wells, still another yell, good position and quality of feather; res, Burke, yell. again, very fair type. UNFLI. (8): 1, Paddock, thigh-tkd yell., not one of the biggest, but teeming with Yorkshire properties, nice head and neck, well packed wings and tail, stands nicely; 2, Wells, clear yell., strong build, excellent quality of feather, very nice style and position; 3, Burke, lovely, stylish tkd. buff, rich quality, good position, nicely-braced wings and pipe tail, good third; 4, vhc, Harris, 4 good length and position, nice quality; vhc, Allen, buff of good length, nice wings and tail; hc, Coton; c, Palmer. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, Tams and Son, almost clear Goldfinch Canary, most charming exhibit, shown to perfection, won on condition; 2, r, Lawrence, 2 Greenfinch-Bullfinch, often noted, in excellent feather, rich colour and bloom, r, Canary-Bullfinch, see introduction of report; 3, Tonks, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice medium-sized bird in lovely feather, colouring on head and breast, shown in beautiful trim; 4, Lees, almost even mkd. Goldfinch-Canary, beautiful exhibit, charmingly shown; vhc, Russell, Archer. Members.—Can. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Wells, buff Yorks, nice quality and position, nice length, 2 big bouncing Nor., good quality feather, droops tail little, 4 yell. variegs.; 3, Gabb, very fair yell. Nor.; hc, Stevenson, nice tkd. Yorks. SELL. (15/-) (Nor. and Yorks amalgamated): 1, Hartshorn; 2, Handford; 3, Wells; 4, Garfield; vhc, Hughes. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, Osborne, medium size, nice square-cut blaze, good body colour, very steady, wins; 2, 4, Wells, 2 rather smaller than winner perhaps, but nice, steady exhibit, 4 eight years old Finch, looking very much at home; 3, Hughes, big bird, well burnished blaze, richly tanned body. BULLFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Anderson, nice cobby bird, grand cap and breast, well defined bars, very steady; 2, none; 3, Osborne, slightly smaller, lovely quality, well defined cap, rich breast colour, nice tight feather; 4, Barrett, another nice one, but not quite ready yet; hc, Beasley; c, Wells. FOR. (7): 1, De Von, King Bird of Paradise, takes special for best bird in show, shown in faultless trim, exhibit of great interest; 3, 4, Jones, White Java, splendid feather, 4 pair Pekins, also in good feather.

SALE OPEN O.S.

First annual members' old-bird show held Nov. 9th at the Sale Hotel. Entries totalled 303, this being highly creditable, seeing the society was only formed at the end of last February. Yorkshires were a choice collection, special for best Yorkie and best bird in show falling to Mr. Bleasdale's yellow hen. Norwich turned up in good numbers. Mr. Unwin won the Pearson Challenge Cup with four nominated birds, gaining four firsts. Borders were fairly numerous, and here Mr. Wardleworth won special for best. Good birds were shown in the British and Foreign classes. The duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr. Geo. F. Hardcastle, he paying all prize-money, specials and point specials out to the successful exhibitors by 6.30 p.m. on the day of show. He was ably backed up by Mr. J. Irlam, the assistant secretary, by Mr. W. Thurston Buckley, the chairman, and Messrs. Ball (vice-president), J. Leigh, J. Gray, F. Field, H. Whitney, E. Bleasdale, W. Whalley, C. H. Smith, A. Taylor, E. Schofield, W. Fildes, and others. These gentlemen worked with a will, and everything passed off without a hitch. There was a grand array of specials, the principal winners of same being Messrs. J. Waters, most points in show, best green Border, most points in Borders, etc.; R. Unwin, challenge cup and spl. most points in Nor.; J. Lindsay, most points in Yorks.; S. Beaty, gold medal, runner-up for cup, spl. for best team of Brit., and spl. most points in For.; J. Irlam, best unfll. Nor. and best Nor. in amateur section; W. Whalley, best Nor. cock in novice classes; and W. Fildes, best Nor. hens, etc.

COTTAGERS.—CAN. OR MULE: 1, Potts; 2, Mrs. Smallwood; 3, Cliff; 4, Miss Millington; vhc, hc, Fields; c, Derbyshire. BRIT.: 1, Ellis, splendid Thrush, in fine condition; 2, Potts; 3, Cooke; 4, hc, Holt; vhc, Smallwood. FOR.: 1, 2, Ratcliffe, Grey Parrot and Amazon, both in nice condition. AMATEUR.—YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, J. Lindsay; 3, vhc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Lindsay; 3, 4, vhc, Hardcastle. TICK. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Lindsay; 3, 4, vhc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. Lindsay; 4, vhc, Hardcastle. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, J. Lindsay; 4, vhc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. Lindsay; 4, vhc, Hardcastle. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, J. Irlam; 2, C. H. Smith; 3, Kilvert; 4, vhc, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, hc, Unwin; 2, C. H. Smith; 3, Irlam; 4, c, Hardcastle; vhc, Kilvert. TICK. YELL.: 1, Irlam; 2, J. Hurst. BUFF: 1, R. Smith; 2, C. H. Smith; 3, hc, Irlam; 4, vhc, Hardcastle. YELL. HEN: 1, R. Unwin; 2, Kilvert; 3, C. H. Smith; 4, Hardcastle. BUFF: 1, R. Unwin; 2, R. Smith; 3, 4, Hardcastle; vhc, Irlam. TICK. YELL. HEN: 1, R. Unwin; 2, 4, C. H. Smith; 3, Kilvert; vhc, c, Irlam. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Kilvert; 4, C. H. Smith; vhc, Irlam; hc, Hurst. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, vhc, Irlam; 2, 4, R. Unwin; 3, Kilvert; hc, c, Hurst. BUFF: 1, 4, R. Unwin; 2, Hurst; 3, Irlam; vhc, Hardcastle; hc, Kilvert. BORDER, CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Waters; 2, Wardleworth; 3, Beaty. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Waters; 2, Beaty. MARK. YELL.: 1, Beaty; 2, Wardleworth; 3, 4, Waters. BUFF: 1, Wardleworth; 2, 3, 4, Waters. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Beaty; 3, Waters; 4, Wardleworth. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Waters; 2, Beaty. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Waters; 3, 4, Beaty. HEN: 1, 3, Waters; 2, Beaty. A.O.V. CAN. CK.: 1, Lindsay. HEN: 1, Lindsay; 2, Hurst. MULES: 1, 3, Hurst; 2, Irlam. NOVICE—YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Bleasdale; 2, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Bleasdale. TICK. YELL.: 1, Bleasdale; 2, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Morgan; 2, 3, 4, Bleasdale. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bleasdale. BUFF: 1, 3, Bleasdale; 2, Barnes. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Fildes. BUFF: 1, Whalley; 2, Fildes; 3, Field. TICK. YELL.: 1, A. Shawcross. BUFF: 1, Whalley; 2, A. Shawcross. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Fildes. BUFF: 1, Fildes; 2, 3, F. J. Field. BUFF MKD. HEN: 1, Fildes; 2, 3, 4, F. J. Field. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 2, Fildes. BUFF: 1, F. J. Field; 2, 3, 4, Fildes; vhc, Whalley. MULE: 1, 3, 4, hc, Taylor; 2, vhc, Whalley; c, A. Shawcross. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Allcock; 2, Whalley; 3, Morgan; 4, c, Hurst; vhc, Kilvert; hc, Schofield. BULLFINCH: 1, Beaty; 2, A. Taylor; 3, Schofield; 4, Morgan. GREENFINCH: 1, Schofield; 2, 4, Whalley; 3, c, Hurst; vhc, W. Smith; hc, Morgan. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Hurst; 2, vhc, hc, c, Irlam; 3, Whitney and Son; 4, Schofield. LINNET: 1, 2, J. Gray; 3, vhc, Hurst; 4, c, A. Taylor; hc, W. Smith. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, W. Whalley; 2, W. Smith; 4, J. Irlam; vhc, Hurst; hc, Field; c, Whitney and Son. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, Beaty (Hawfinch); 2, W. Smith (Tree Sparrow). SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Beaty, Yellow Wagtail and Black Redstart in order named; 3, 4, Smith. FOREIGN: 1, vhc, Hardcastle, nice Pekin Nightingale and a Madagascar Weaver; 2, 3, Beaty, Black-headed Gouldian and Scaly-breasted Lorrikeet; 4, Whitney and Son, Budgerigars. GIFT: 1, Hardcastle; 2, 3, Irlam; 4, W. Smith.

INVERNESS.

The twenty-seventh annual show was held 26th Nov. in the Music Hall, a fine room place in which to hold a fixture of this description, the light being very good in the daytime, the hall being brilliantly lit up by electricity in the evening. Its advantages were made the best use of by the hard-working and enthusiastic fanciers who compose the Inverness O.A. The newly-elected Provost, in a stirring speech, on behalf of the Cage-bird Hobby, declared the exhibition open to visitors at one o'clock. Mr. A. Urquhart, the secretary, and his assistant, Mr. K. Urquhart, played a large part in the carrying out of the work, and to their tact, courtesy, and desire to please everybody concerned was due the great success achieved. The entry was about the same as last year, but the quality throughout was far in advance of that of any previous fixture. The Scots Fancies, only four in two classes, were a great disappointment. How is it that this grand bird has fallen so far back in recent years? When we look back just a few years, recollections of good old fanciers come vividly before us, such as J. B. Falconer, T. Urquhart, J. Johnstone, T. Young, E. Todd, J. Duncon, H. Gibb and A. R. Langlands, all of whom in the days of yore exhibited each more than turned out at this fixture altogether. The Norwich came up well and of those with the red tickets it was difficult to single out any for special mention. British numbered about the same as last year and there were some deck-sweepers amongst them. The Yellow Wagtail exhibited by J. T. Nicholson, was indeed a stormer, grand colour, size, steady as a rock and put down with a masterly hand. The Magpie of Mr. Todd's was also a gem, not a feather out of place and shown as he knows how. The Siskin, shown by J. Law, some thought lucky in winning special for second best British; he is undoubtedly a good one and likely to be heard of later. CAGE BIRDS competition proved a great success and was keenly entered into; the best first was adjudged to be the Magpie of Mr. Todd, which well deserved the honour; the second went to W. and R. Duncan for their second prize Buff cock Norwich, a bird possessing good style and quality, but slightly uneven in colour. The third was captured by Mr. Milne, Arbroath, with his var. hen, a good one, though some are of opinion that it might be shorter in tail and flights. Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen, judged all Canaries, Mules and Goldfinches and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. C. Ross, Forres, here made his debut as a British bird judge and the way he spotted the winners left very little room for criticism.

The Canary Section.

SCOTS FANCY HEN (1): 1, W. and R. Duncan, buff, in good form, very fair shoulders and length of side. SELL., 20/- (3): 1, 3, Junner, yell., good size, lacks only in style, third nice specimen; 2, W. and R. Duncan, tkd. yell., should make a nice stock hen. YORKS. NON-FED (8): 1, 2, Anderson, first buff, grand, long bird, feather like wax, very typical, slightly rough at thighs and vent, second not quite the feather of his stable mate, but a good sized one; 3, hc, Lavin, third yell., nice colour, grand slim yell., like a cigar; c, Mackenzie, No. 1, some thought he had had at least an occasional smell at the pepper pot. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Craig, former well shaped, neat and trim in rare bloom, latter very jaunty little fellow, feather in tail broken; 2, Simpson, another good one, inclined to cross wings, close up, not much between three; vhc, hc, Connochie. BUFF (6): 1, Simpson, good colour, on the large side, perhaps, but wins here; 2, 3, Craig, former nice colour and type, needs training to show cage, latter another well shaped nice one; vhc, bc, Connochie; c, Macleod Bros. A.O.C. (5): 1, 3, Connochie, first even-mkd., correct type, and A1 colour, really a good Border, wants washing, third a green, well drawn, little flat on top, but very good even colour, nice type for a green; 2, hc, Craig, second larger, rich colour; vhc, Simpson. NOR. UNFLI. (8): 1, Anderson, grand size for a youngster, plenty depth, nice type and carriage; 2, Milne, very promising bird, hardly through moult, but worth its place; 3, Thompson, fine size, needs some filling in at chest, yet good exhibit; vhc, hc, Stanford, both Crests will improve. CREST (10): A good class; 1, 2, Mackie, no getting away from this couple, first wins hands down, beautiful leafy crest, perfect centre and radiation, fine size of skull, second also good skulled one, nice frontal but lacks the radiation of winner, nice droop; 3, Stanford, smaller in skull nice oval shaped crest; vhc, Ross; hc, Smith; c, Mackenzie. CREST BRED (9): 1, Mackie, a gem, heavy variegated, wonderful cushion-shaped skull, great broad entrance, a bird to be proud of; 2, Paterson, clear, nice head and entrance, well shown, but beaten to-day; 3, Ross, good sized one, appeared little soft when taking notes; vhc, J. Mackenzie; hc, Smith; c, W. Mackenzie. NOR. CL., ETC., COCK, NON-FED (6): 1, Gordon, true Nor., grand type, short tail and flights, wins; 2, Macdonald, great size and quality, slightly browed, but worth its place; 3, Todd, another large one, hardly finished, lovely colour; vhc, Macmillan; hc, Miller; c, Mann. HEN (8): 1, Macdonald, fine shaped hen, good colour and quality, nice head, well placed; 2, Todd, not quite the size of winner, chubby, wants little handling; 3, Smith, nice bird, very fair neck and breast good; vhc, Stanford; hc, Miller; c, Macdonald. BUFF CK. (13): A good class; 1, Sarden, true Nor., grand quality, full chest; 2, Fraser, chubby, finely mealed, close up; 3, Maclean and Russell, another chubby one, only lacks in size; vhc, Gordon; hc, Paterson; c, Macdonald. HEN (8): 1, Fraser, good shape and feather, wants washing; 2, Anderson, fails only in type and size to winner, well put down; 3, Paterson, fine size and type, crosses wings little or might have gone one up; vhc Clark; hc, Macmillan; c, Falconer. VARGTD. COCK (7): 1, Paterson, grand deep chest, nice size for a yell, looking very fit, wins; 2, Mactavish, nice chubby one, good feather and colour; 3, Wattie, good type, rather leggy perhaps; vhc, Gorden; hc, Shearer; c, Wink. HEN (3): 1, Paterson, correct type, lovely colour and substance, wins; 2, Wattie, good colour, nice body; 3, Wink, small one, not quite in condition. CINN. (2): 1, Stanford, small, but very fine exhibit; 2, Stewart, fine type, shown in bad cage. COLOUR FED CINN: 1, Ewen and Anderson, wonderful sized and coloured one, type little obscured perhaps; 2, Todd, very typical, nice size and colour. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Macdougall, first great sized buff, nice feather, good position; second yell., good colour, nice exhibit; 3, Gordon, good York, if properly shown, give him a wash Mr. G.; vhc, Brodie. NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. COCK (7): 1, Thompson, good type, colour and substance, nice tail and flights; 2, Clark, same remarks apply, fails only in condition to winner; 3, Anderson, good coloured chubby bird, nice quality, our choice; vhc, W. and R. Duncan; hc, Maclean and Russell; c, Paterson. HEN (6): 1, Maclean and Russell, correct type, nice colour, full head; 2, Thomson, very fair all over, close up; 3, Lumsden, nice bird, very fair colour; vhc, W. and R. Duncan; hc, Todd; c, Paterson. BUFF (6): 1, Anderson, grand quality, beautiful colour, nice head and neck, wins; 2, vhc, W. and R. Duncan, second good type, nice neck and head close up; 3, Paterson, large, lovely colour; hc, Lumsden; c, Maclean and Russell. HEN (4): 1, Thompson, grand size, correct type, nice head and neck, well mealed, pity it crosses wings little; 2, Anderson, good type and size, tail broken; 3, Paterson, nice type, well mealed, in fine order; vhc, Todd. VARIEG. COCK (6): 1, Thompson, a deck sweeper, rare colour, head, neck, and chest, will take some beating; 2, hc, Paterson, second grand shaped one, good substance; 3, Gorden, beautiful colour and type, rather long tail perhaps; vhc, Mackie; c, Maclean and Russell. HEN (7): 1, Thompson, correct type, well up in size, fairly rich colour, wants a wash; 2, Maclean and Russell, good size, nice colour and condition, some preferred; 3, Milne, make good stock bird; vhc, c, Paterson; hc, Clark.

Mules, British and Foreign.

MULE CL. CK. (4): 1, Bruce, very light Goldie-Can., nice size, little pale in colour; 2, Gavin, Goldie-Canary, another very light one, good colour, very unsteady, or would have won; 3, Mackenzie, nice Linnet-Canary, beaten here. DARK (6): 1, Lumsden, Linnet-Canary, nice size and colour in fine condition; 2, McBean, Siskin-Canary, rare size for this cross and good colour, wants some handling; 3, Mackenzie, Goldie-Canary, small for a buff, but very good colour; vhc, Cumming; hc, Murphy. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Stanford, nice Goldie, well coloured and defined, square blaze, nicely tanned, in full plumage; 2, Durward, good blaze and well mooned, rather light in tanning, house-moulted; 3, Macdougall, dark and undefined in blaze, good buttons, very unsteady, when taking notes; vhc, Mackenzie. SELL., 10/- (8): 1, hc, R. Duncan, big bouncing Nor., great size, nice colour, cheap; 2, Milne, very typical Nor., nicely mealed; 3, Smith, clear Crest; vhc, c, Todd. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Law, a gem, beautiful breast colour, dense, well defined cap, fine slate coloured back, perfectly marked wings, the right size, not too big to make one suspicious of his nationality and by no means too small, wins and something in hand; 2, Ross; we could not locate the whereabouts of this "Bullie"; 3, Macleod Bros., very large one, nice cap and whites fails only in breast colour and bloom; vhc, Snowie; hc, Martin; c, Cumming. SISKIN, ETC. (13): A good class; 1, Law, Siskin, nice sized and shaped one, grand colour, well put down, no bib; 2, Smith, Siskin, splendid exhibit, large, fairly well shaped, nicely defined bib, in rare bloom, wants flights on right wing or might have won; 3, Nicholson, nicely marked Redpoll, good sized one in fine bloom; vhc, Macrae; hc, Macpherson; c, Ross. LINNET, ETC (3): 1, Law, nice Lintie in rare form, good pencilling, grand deep brown wings, perfect whites, wins; 2, Macdougall, nice size and bloom, excels in pencilling; 3, Cumming, steady as a rock, trifle light on breast perhaps. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Ewen and Anderson, grandly shaped Greenie in fine form, beautiful wing and tail bars and well up in size, presumably a yellow, but "anight was falling when taking notes; 2, W. and R. Duncan, another nice all-round Greenie, fine colour and size; 3, Smith, same remarks apply, somewhat unsteady; vhc, Gavin. A.O.S. LARGE: 1, Todd, gem of a Magpie, not a feather out of place, nicely marked, great size and put down like a new pin, wins comfortably; 2, Brands, Blackbird, dense colour, nice size, perhaps a little pale in cere and bill, steady; 2, Gavin, a tip-top Bramble, wonderful size and colour, wrong classed. SMALL (7): 1, Nicholson, yell., Wagtail in A1 form, finger tame, best we have seen for some time; 2, Todd, Yellowhammer, steady as a rock, dense markings, rare, bloom, good second; 3, Anderson, Bramble, good colour and size; vhc, Gavin; hc, Duncan; c, Mackenzie. BRIT. SELL. (5): 1, 3, Todd, former pretty Siskin, in good trim, latter sweet Bramble; 2, Smith, Greenie, rather small, but in good form and well shown. PARROTS (3): 1, Fotheringham, yell. fronted Amazon, big fellow, in good condition, a talker we heard; 3, Anderson, Roseate Cockatoo, large one, looking well. A.O.S. FOR. (2): 1, Bruce, Black headed Gouldian, a perfect picture, but wants part of outer toe of right foot; 2, Clarke, Siberian Bullie, great size, fails only in colour. AVIARY: 1, Duncan, beautiful selection, all in good condition, some nice Nor. amongst them. SINGING COMPETITION (10): 1, Fraser, won with his range of changes which included hollow bell, schockle and flute; 2, Todd, nice sweet singer, very nice bill, gluck and schockle rolls; 3, Gillanders; vhc, Urquhart; hc, Mackenzie.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' Show, held Nov. 9th. Birds staged at 8 p.m. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Bentley; 2, Mann; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett; 4, Self. BUFF: 1, 4, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Sykes; 3, Self. HEN: 1, Sykes; 2, Young; 3, Self; 4, Mann. NOVICE YELL.: 1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, Gelder; 4, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Gelder; 2, Hammond; 3, Simonette; 4, Hargreaves. UNEVEN MKD. ETC.: 1, Hunter; 2, 3, Gelder; 4, Gudgeon. HEN: 1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, Oliver; 4, Hunter.—S. Dean, sec.

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION C.M. AND H.B.

First annual show held November 13th at headquarters, The "Crown" Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. The room is an ideal one for show purposes. The birds, which were staged down one side in three tiers, looked very cosy and comfortable, there being plenty of light both in daytime and at night. Entries were not large in number, but the quality was extra good throughout. In the Champion Nor., Mr. F. J. Martin carried all before him with a very fine team, winning spl. for best unflighted bird. In the Champion Yorks, Mr. C. Mabey did likewise. In the novice sections, the principal winners were Norwich Mr. W. Sawyer, and Yorks, Mr. A. J. Head. The committee consists of Messrs. W. McGregor, F. J. Martin, C. Pick and W. Sawyer, and all worked with a will and had everything spick and span. Mr. A. J. Head makes an excellent secretary. There was a good attendance, and no doubt the Society's first venture will prove a success. Mr. T. Heath judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. COCK: 1, 2, vhc, Martin, 3, Cooper Bros. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Martin; 2, 3, Cooper Bros. HEN: 1, vhc, hc, Martin; 2, 3, Cooper Bros. NOVICE NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, hc, McGregor; 2, W. Sawyer; vhc, c, C. Sawyer. BUFF (4): 1, W. Sawyer; 2, 3, vhc, McGregor. HEN (3): 1, 2, McGregor; 3, W. Sawyer. YORKS CHAMPION YELL. CK. (8): 1, 2, vbc, Mahey; 3, hc, Best; c, Peck. BUFF CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mabey; hc, Best. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, hc, Mabey; vhc, Best; c, Peck. NOVICE YORKS YELL. CK. (8): 1, hc, Mrs. Gill; 2, vhc, c, Head; 3, Ralph. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Ralph; 2, 3, vhc, Head; c, Mrs. Gill. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, hc, Head; vhc, Mrs. Gill. A.O.V. 1, 2, 3, Martin MULE: 1, 2, Best. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Head; 1, Goldfinch, 3, Greenfinch; 2, Best; vhc, Goldfinch ditto; hc, c, Burgess, Greenfinch and Linnet. SELL. (6): 1, Cooper Bros.; 2 Martin; 3, vhc, hc, Best.

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HASTINGS.

The ninth annual show of the Hastings C.B.S. was held November 19th and 20th in the Central Hall, a place well adapted for a bird show, as it is very free from draughts and centrally situated. Entries totalled 470, being an excess of 90 over any previous show. The quality was first-class almost throughout the show, many grand birds being staged in the open Nor. and Yorks. classes. Birds of great merit were to be found in the classes devoted to members. Local breeders have certainly feather and quality in their Nor., and well shaped bodies; they should be able to produce birds that will give a good account of themselves. Mr. Warr staged a rare team of Yorks. In the members' classes, and succeeded in capturing most of the firsts. The exhibits were nicely staged, and received the best of care and attention from a good body of genuine and most enthusiastic fanciers, who seemed to vie with each other in their endeavours to make the show a success. Mr. Mabey had the misfortune of his team of Yorks., arriving at the show too late for judging, although we heard that they were dispatched in good time. Messrs. Godden make a pair of thoroughly hard working and courteous hon. secs., and they had arrangements well in hand. Everything passed off without a hitch of any kind. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL: 1, 2, hc, Hodder, winner grand in feather, full of quality, nice shape, good head, neck and back, rich colour; 2nd nice shape, good colour; 3, Miles, fine colour and quality, nice back, not quite so short in body; 4, Baker, nice shape and quality, very fair colour; vhc, Lowe; c, Bellamy. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Hodder, magnificent colour, full of quality, grand back, good flights and tail; 2, Miles, nice colour, splendid quality, good neck and back; 3, c, Rennie, nice head and neck, good stamp, bit longer in body; vhc, Lowe; hc, Baker. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Baker, neck ticked, grand shape, beautiful quality, fine head and neck; 2, Rennie, thigh tick., grand shape, nice head and colour, not in full form yet; 3, Miles, thigh tick, grand colour and quality; 4, bc, Boyden, marked head and wings, lovely shape, nice flights; vbc, Lowe; c, Hodder. BUFF (9): 1, Baker, grizzled on back, grand quality, close fitting jacket, nice shape, short flights; 2, c, Miles, ticked over left eye, grand shape and colour, just a bit free in feather; 3, Lowe, mkd. cap, neck and wings, lovely head, full of quality, nice colour; 4, vhc, Boyden, head and eye and left wing, grand body; hc, Hodder. HENS (13): 1, vbc, Baker, yell., wonderful colour for a hen, nice shape and quality, good flights, tail, and head; 2, 4, Hodder, neck ticked buff, grand colour, frosting, and quality, good head and back; 4th yell., lovely colour, nice wings, lovely wings and tail; 3, Spinner, yell., grand shaped body, nice feather, short flights and tail; hc, Lowe; c, Ellis. UNFLI. YELL. (8): 1, Lowe, splendid colour, well up in quality of feather, very fair shape, nice wings; 2, 3, Hodder, marked bead, eyes, and wings, colour and quality excellent, good shape, beaten only in colour; 3rd nice shaped clear, very fair colour and feather; 4, Baker, grand colour, full head and neck, too long perhaps in barrel; vhc, Bellamy; hc, Ellis; c, Miles. BUFF (9): 1, Spinner, beautiful coloured buff, excellent quality, nice shape, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Hodder, grand colour, quality, and shape, short wings and neat tail, hardly so well dished up; 3rd nice shape and feather, short flights and tail, good head; 4, Baker, nice body, deep chest, good colour; vhc, Lowe; bc, Miles; c, Bayley. GREEN, ETC., MKD. (5): 1, 3, Hodder, Self Jonque leading, magnificent quality, rich colour, good feather; 3, buff, good shaped body, nice bead and neck; 2, Lowe, buff, good shape and feather, bit long perhaps in tail; 4, Bayley, hot coloured, var. yell., plenty of size, good shape; vhc, Godden, A. E. OPEN NOVICE NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Cosin and Crisp, fine bird, grand colour and quality, nice head; 2, Richardson, splendid colour, nice back, not quite so much substance; 3, Godden, H., beautiful shape, good head and flights; 4, Penuells, grand quality, little longer in body; vhc, Ransom. BUFF (8): 1, Richardson, good shape and colour, nice flights; 2, Pennells, fine body, well mealed, good quality; 3, Godden, H., nice feather and colour, little longer in tail; 4, Cosin and Crisp, well shaped body, nice back; vhc, Neame; hc, Hale; c, Harris Bros. HENS (4): 1, Richardson, shaped nicely, ticked, buff, rich quality, good head; 2, Godden, H., yell., grizzled tail, good shape; 3, Pennell, yell., nice quality, neat head and neck only; 4, Hale, good colour, fails only in feather. UNFLI YELL. (5): 1, Martin, grand colour and quality, nice shape, short flights and tail, neat head; 2, Harris Bros., shapely, good quality, nice head and neck; 3, Richardson, grand colour and head, bit slack over left shoulder perhaps; 4, Godden, H., very fair bird; vbc, Ransom. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Richardson, grand colour, shape and quality, nicely packed flights and tail, smart exhibit, 3, nice colour and quality, very fair head; 2, Godden, H., shapely, nice quality, head and neck, fails only in colour; 4, Ransom, very typical; vhc, Hale. OPEN CHAMPION. YORKS CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, spl, Rennie, rare length, slim built, well on leg, nicely drawn, neat head; 1, 2, 3, Knight, thigh tick, grand length, pale colour, not quite so narrow at shoulders perhaps, 3, nice quality, neat head, good stand; 4, c, Webb, hot colour, straight and stands well; vbc, Mabey; hc, Hawes. BUFF (10): 1, Knight, rich colour, nice length, stand and style, very neat tail; 2, Hawes, lovely feather and quality, neat tail, well braced wings; 3, hc, Webb, good length and stand, fine back; 4, Warr, lengthy, straigbt; vhc, Rennie; c, Patrick. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Rennie, marked eyes and wings, straight as a pencil, well on leg nice colour and quality; 2, Hawes, heavily marked, straight as a rusb, beaten only in colour; 2, 3, Patrick, Cinn. marked head, eyes and wing, grand quality, 4, hardly the length and feather; vhc, Webb. UNFLI (13): 1, Webb, buff straight as a gun barrel, grand feather and style, slim built, stands well, neat head; 2, c, Patrick, yell., finely drawn, well up, good colour, nice narrow shoulders; 3, hc, Knight, buff, grand colour and stand, neat tail; 4, Warr, yell. lengthy, plenty of colour; vhc, Rennie. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, bc, Hawes, grand feather, nice length, good stand, well up on leg, very smart; 2, Warr, good length and position, stands up well, close up; 3, c, Knight, Cinn. tick mkd. neck, head and left wing, slim built; 4, Rennie, grand feather and quality; vhc, Webb. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, c, Rennie, Cinn. ticked wings, grand feather good quality, length and style, nice stand; 2, Patrick, clear, finely drawn, stands well, pale colour; 3, 4, Knight, hot fed, long wings and tail, beaten only in stand; 4, slim built, good feather; bc, Webb. MEMBERS' NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, hc, Ellis, eye ticked, grand quality, shape and colour; 2, Bellamy, nice shape and feather, lovely wings and tail; 3, Coombs, hot colour, slimmer in build; 4, Cragg, nice quality and colour; vhc, Pennells; c, Harris Bros. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Ellis, splendid shape, colour and quality, good wings and tail; 2, bc, Douch, nice back wings and tail, fine colour and quality; 3, Bellamy, shapely, wings and tail well braced; 4, c, Godden, A. E., nice quality. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, Ellis, marked right wing, grand colour and quality; 3, c, Bellamy, nice feather and quality, not quite so chubby; 4, Harris Bros., clear, good size and shape; vhc, Douch; hc, May. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Ellis grand quality and colour, nice close fitting jacket, good back and head, smart, unflighted; 3, vhc, Harris Bros., lovely shape and feather, good wings; 4, Brooks, heavily marked, shapely, full of quality; hc, c, Douch. HENS, YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Ellis, nice shape, good colour and quality; 2, very shapely, nice feather, 3, beaten only in feather and head; 4, hc, Bellamy, grizzle capped, fine contour; hc, May; c, Pennells. BUFF (10): 1, c, Ellis, thick set, good feather and quality; 2, 4, Bellamy, grand shape, nice head, wanted a tubbing, 4, typical; 3, Ransom, good shaped variegated, nice quality; vhc, Godden; hc, Pennells. UNFLI. YELL. (13): 1, spl, 3, Ellis, cheek marked, grand shape and colour, nice quality, grand head and neck; 2, Brooks, clear, nice quality, lovely colour, not quite so full in head and neck; 4, Bellamy, full of colour, nice wings; vhc, Button and Upton; hc, Ransom; c, Harris Bros. BUFF (16): 1, Pennells, cheek marked, grand quality, rich colour, well mealed, nice shape; 2, 3, Ellis, clear, rich colour and quality, grand back, fails to winner only in head, 3, nice shape and feather, magnificent quality; 4, Harris Bros., right wing marked, rich colour, neat head; vhc, hc, Button and Upton; c, Coombs. YORKS CL. YELL. (5): 1, Warr, grand colour, nice quality, good stand; 2, Bond, typical in many respects, good stand; 3, Morris and Son, nice upstanding, pale colour; 4, Barham, nice bird, very fair stand; vhc, Dawson; hc, c, Sherwood. BUFF (7): 1, Coombs, grand feather, stand and quality; 2, Dawson, beautiful feather and lengthy; 3, Stubberfield, nice type, good feather; 4, Barham; vhc, Randall; hc, Sherwood. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, hc, Warr, thigh tick, grand length, well drawn, good stand, neat head; 2, 4, Nagel, thigh tick, stands well, only beaten in colour and quality; 4, hot colour; 3, Godden, J. H., wing tick, pale colour, good back; vhc, Dann; c, Barham. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Warr, thigh tick, grand feather and stand, nice quality, 2, beaten only in feather, 3, beautifully feathered; 4, Dawson, lovely feather and stand; vhc, Coombs. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Warr, thigh tick, grand colour and quality, nice stand and well on leg; 2, Randall, very lengthy, pale colour; 3, Dawson, same remarks apply here; 4, Morris and Son, Cinn. marked wings; vhc, Godden; hc, Brooks; c, Nagel. BUFF (11): 1, Warr, thigh tick, slim built, nice pipe tail, good feather; 2, Stubberfield, not quite so slim but good, lengthy, well up on leg; 3, Bond, Cinn. marked wings and cheek, nice feather and quality, stands beautifully; 4, Coombs, hot colour, fails only in stand; vhc, hc, Godden; c, Morris and Son. UNFLI YELL. (5): 1, Warr, marked head, neck, wings and tail, good colour, long and slim; 2, Morris and Son, nice bird, very fair colour and quality; 3, Nagel; 4, Bond; vhc, Barham. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Warr, grand stand, nice colour and feather, neat bead, narrow shoulders, 3, nice feather, bit too strong perhaps; 2, Godden, J. H., bot colour, slim built, straigbt; 4, hc, Coombs, slim built, nice wings; vhc, Dann; c, Brooks. CREST (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Button and Upton, a good team, leader pied tail green, thick long frontal, coming well to beak end, good droop and radiation, wins Silver Cup, 2, marked wings and neck, not quite the density and length of frontal crest; bc, c, Duck. CREST-BRED (8): 1, 3, 4, vbc, Button and Upton, another good team, winner a clear of grand quality of feather, nice skull, good entrance, plenty of head feather and well lashed, runner up for cup; 2, Duck; hc, c, Phillip. A.O.V. (8): 1, McDonald, nicely spangled gold Lizard; 2, 3, vhc, Phillips, smart yell. Border and buff Border in good feather; 4, Warr, nice green Yorkie; hc; Duck. SELL. PAIRS (30s.) (13): 1, Douch; 2, 4, Ellis; 3, Godden, A. E.; vhc, J. H. Godden; hc, Warr; c, Bellamy.

Other Classes.

TEAM OF FOUR (12): 1, Pennells, good cage of Buff Nor., nice type, feather and quality 2, Warr, smart lot of Yorks; 3, Sanders, nice lot of Bramble Finches; 4, McDonald, four nice Cordon Bleus; vhc, Ellis; bc, Douch; c, Bellamy. MULE, ETC. 1, 2, Morris and Son, Redpoll Siskin, good feather and markings; 2, Goldie Bullie, nice feather, rather on the small side; 3, Duck, buff Greenfinch Canary, good size and colour; 4, Dawson, Linnet-Canary, nice feather and shape; BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, 4, Ellis, grand bars and blaze, nice tanning and buttons, 4, good wings; 2, Morris and Son, grand feather, nice tanning, not so square cut in blaze; 3, Stubberfield, bit dark in blaze, good body; vhc, Brooks; bc, Barham; c, Cragg. BULLFINCH (5): Pennells, very smart all round, excellent breast, colour and cap; 2, Dawson, nice feather, cap and bars; 3, 4, vhc, Barbam, good colour and cap. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Pennells, very nice Siskin, good colour, cap and mark; 2, 3, Stubberfield, grand feathered and coloured Lesser Redpole, 3, Linnet, good size and shape; 4, vhc, Barham, pale coloured Siskin, but well marked; hc, Hayden; c, Gibson. A.O.V. HARD. (8): 1, Ellis, nice Hawfinch, good feather and well cut bib; 2, Pennells, smart Chaffinch, good feathers and whites; 3, Stubberfield, nicely spangled Bramblefinch; 4, c, McDonald, grand coloured Chaffinch; vhc, Sanders; hc, Dawson. SOFT. SMALL (5): 1, 2, Mc Donald, nice feathered, Blackcap and pied Wagtail, in good feather; 3, Barbam, nicely marked Skylark. LARGE (6) 1, vhc, Barham, grand Missel Thrush, splendid colour, well spotted; 2, Sanders, good Long Thrush, well mooned and good colour; 3, Button and Upton, nice Magpie, well cut and lustrous; hc, c, Hazelden. NOVICE MEMBERS, NOVICE NOR. (8): 1, Brooks, nice, buff good colour; 2, vbc, May; 3, hc, c, Cragg; 4, Bedwell. YORKS (3): 1, 3, Randall; 2, Dann. PARROTS, ETC. (6): 1, 4, vhc, Johnson, nice pair of Senegal Parrots, 4, good pair Quaker Parrakeets; 2, Picknell, beautifully feathered and good coloured Ring neck Parrakeet; 3, Harris Bros., Lemon Crested Cockatoo, nice condition; hc, Coombs. SMALL FOR (8): 1, 2, vhc, Johnson, splendid pair of Crimson Crested Cardinals, 2, Indian Mynah, nice, fails only in colour; 3, vhc, Barham, good coloured Siberian Goldfinch; 4, Lane, nice pair Budgerigars, well marked and good colour; c, McDonald. CANARY, ETC. (Residents only) (15): 1, Cornford, smart ticked yellow Yorks, nice stand and style, good length; 2, 3, Dennard, neat and feathered yellow Nor., 3, good feathered buff 4, Harrod, buff Nor., neat feathered, good shape; vhc, Tottie; hc, Phillips; c, Dormer. BRIT. (8): 1, Jarratt, nice Magpie; 2, 3, Lane, nicely spotted, Long Thrush, 3, good Jay; 4, Clarke, good coloured and nicely capped Bullfinch; vhc, Greenwood; hc Cornford; c, Wood. GIFT: 1, Ellis; 2, Godden; 3, Barham.

Questions about Yorkshire Canaries.

With Some Answers by Expert Breeders and Exhibitors.

(Concluded from page 398.)

The list of questions is given on page 398 of last week's number.

Mr. R. Halliday replies:—

(1) Purchase birds in pairs from a well-known and reliable breeder of winning Yorkshires.

(2) Yes, if you have no birds to mate up to those which are unrelated; if you have several such you will not need fresh blood.

(3) Yes, both ways, if right birds are used.

(4) In feather only.

(5) Do not mind which, provided they mate in other points.

(6) Get to know what your hens prefer, and act accordingly. Some hens feed better with the cock helping, others not so well.

(7) No; but I use one hen and one cock when birds are not quite so long as I like.

(8) Egg food all the time; crushed rape seed after young are taken from hen.

(9) Early part.

(10) In their first two seasons.

(11) Cannot say. I prefer them to remain under hen until hatched out.

(12) Cannot account for, but think great cleanliness would prevent them getting anything to cause the ailment.

(13) Constant handling in show cage, so that they become as fearless in it as in the old.

(14) No hard and fast rule; they come both ways.

(15) Yes.

(16) Best I know.

(17) An unfed would stand little chance against a level-coloured (fed) bird if equal in all other respects.

(18) Cannot say; prefer other material.

Mr. E. Radley replies:—

(1) Go to the best and most reliable breeder of the day and purchase three pairs of the best properly-matched birds he will part with.

(2) No; it is useless to introduce fresh blood until you understand the strain of your birds.

(3) No.

(4) Difference is in feather only.

(5) In my opinion there is no difference.

(6) No; she would not be so liable to give up sitting.

(7) Yes; with one cock and one hen you get stronger young.

(8) Fresh egg and bread, German rape soaked 24 hours in cold water, a little maw seed, all mixed; crushed mixed seed when five weeks old.

(9) In the early part.

(10) In the second and third years.

(11) 16 days is my longest experience.

(12) Eating more seed than they can digest. Remedy: Milk sop and a few drops of whisky and glycerine in drinking water. Use insect powder.

(13) Hang show cage in front of them, handle often, and set them in rows on table with cards cut, so that they must stretch to look over.

(14, 15) Yes.

(16) It is correct.

(17) Should take 10 points preference.

(18) Too many.

Mr. S. Drake replies:—

(1) Should not advise going to a deck sweeper for his birds, but to a breeder who pops in with a winner now and again, as these are the men who supply the deck sweepers. An honest breeder will give the beginner best instruction and best value. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred show birds do not breed show birds. So it is necessary to go where they are bred, as is done by the large exhibitors in Yorkshire. Should advise pairing a small, tidy yellow hen, a lot too small for the show bench, but with a bit of real breed in her, to a good, long upstanding Buff cock, well on the leg and of good feather, but too large for bench. These can easily be had of nice feather if large.

(2) Stick to your own birds if you have plenty, and always pair best to best. If you have only one pair you must introduce new blood the following season, as they will be too near akin to pair. I believe in in-breeding, but no nearer than cousins. By doing this, if you have two good birds related, and as near perfection as possible, they will breed to line; that is, like will produce like fairly often. You can pair the following year to a bird not related, and they will not depart much, if any, from the way they were bred before. Do not run away with the idea that you will breed show birds in every nest, because you will not, but you are getting nearer to perfection by so breeding.

(3) An advantage is to be gained by this method, but it is necessary to know the reason why done before such advantages can be secured. If birds are put together any way, disappointment must be expected. I know some double Buff, feathers like satin, which lay close as wax, and shine like silk.

(4) It is my impression that double yellows deteriorate both in bone and feather, but with double Buffs size can be gained; only one needs to know when and where to do it. From double yellow one gets, as a rule, very harsh feather, but a good Buff bred by this method is a bird to be valued.

(5) I prefer nice, tidy yellow hens, as you get type and quality of feather. I like breed on the hen side. In the breeding room of an old pro. exhibitor, whom I know, I don't think a hen above 5½ inches can be found. If pairing up Norwich I have the hen buff and the cock yellow. From two double buff hens and yellow cocks I have reared 11 young, 10 of which are yellows.

(6) I let my cocks stay all along unless I want to try one with another hen, or unless he annoys his mate. The cock seldom fails to assist hen to feed the young, which, in my opinion, are made in the nest.

(7) No, but I do not practice it myself for reasons given above.

(8) Have given full details in my lecture before the Manchester Society, report appearing in CAGE BIRDS of March 17th and 24th.

(9) In the early part, as the birds are then in pink of condition.

(10) I like a two-year-old cock to a young hen; a good pair of birds will breed excellent specimens up to four or five years.

(11) In March when it is cold. They will keep longer than in July, when the egg will begin to incubate immediately laid, and at a certain stage will rot if not sat on. I do not advise keeping eggs longer than three or four days in hot weather; in cold they will keep a week, if turned daily.

(12) Have treated subject fully in the lecture referred to above.

(13) From five weeks old, constantly running them into show cage, and keep them there for a day now and again.

(14) Yes, if the stock is line bred. If not, you have no sound foundation, and will breed neither type nor quality. Always bear this in mind—stamp the type in stock first; quality will follow, and you can easily get size.

(15) Yes. Have bred a four-pointed hen myself this season, and many very nice specimens in the past, but as shows nowadays do not provide classes, such birds do not pay for the trouble they give. Halifax, until a year or two ago, made these classes, but they were always failures. A perfectly marked bird is very rare, but it is a class that is faked a lot. I could fill a book with rare tales of even-marked birds.

(16) It is my impression that the standard is undergoing slight alterations, or, rather, the block of the bird is. A committee has had this under consideration for some time, and, I believe, are getting one as near perfection as possible.

(17) No; if a bird is equal in every respect except colour, it should stand equal chances with a coloured bird.

(18) A most difficult question. Some people would take half as long again as others. I have bred the first cross Belgian, and a novice could trace no sign whatever; but sometimes signs will show for generations. It is here that line breeding must be departed from until the required type is obtained, and much discretion must be used. It is impossible in a short space to give details in such a way as to make them understood.

Variations in Birds.

Abstract of a Lecture Recently delivered before the L. & P.O.S.

By F. FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

(Continued from page 374.)

Only recently, Mr. Seth Smith has shown that the Yellow-rumped Finch of Australia shows in some cases a decided tendency to turn into the Chestnut-breasted Finch.

Structural Variations.

In addition to variation in colour we have also to consider structural variations, though these are very much rarer. We are, however, familiar with the slender Yorkshires and chubby Norwich type in Canaries and wild Finches, and this probably is very widely distributed. In the Pekin Robin, which is generally of a very chubby type, I have occasionally noted very slender and beautiful specimens. If this bird would only breed in captivity and were taken up by the Fancy, I doubt not we should have a breed of Yorkshire Pekins. The shape of the beak is a structural point in which variation is familiar, especially in the case of the Goldfinch, where you have all noticed the somewhat Roman-nosed tendency shown in some Siberian cocks. This variation reaches its maximum in the Reed-Bunting, of which there is in some localities a race with a bill almost like that of a Bullfinch, yet it seems to grade into the ordinary kind with the typical Bunting's bill. It is easy to see how variations of this kind may be of advantage to their possessors and thus how the form of the beak might become fixed under certain circumstances. I have seen the head of a Rook, with a prolonged and slender bill, very like a Chough's, and there is a skull of a very long-billed Starling in the British Museum.

A very remarkable variation is that which sometimes occurs in the common Pigeon, which is at times partially web-footed. I have only once seen such a specimen myself, but of late years quite a number have been reported. The character is not, I believe, usually inherited, but should anyone desire it, I have no doubt that by selection a race of web-footed Pigeons could be perpetuated. It is easy to see how this variation might be useful. The Pigeon, although in no way a water-bird, will sometimes alight on water to drink when the element is not easy of access from the shore. The web-footed specimen ought to have a considerable advantage when starting again. It is possible that in this way water-fowl became web-footed. No doubt when their ancestors first took to swimming they had no web to their feet, as is still the case with the common Moor-hen.

Propagation of Variations.

This brings us to the subject of the propagation of variations. The first appearance of the yellow or buff Canary is, of course, lost in mystery: all we know is that the Canary, when first mentioned in Natural History literature, was a green bird, and we do not know whether the yellow colour arose suddenly or whether it was produced by working from pied birds; but as to colour breeding in Canaries, you all know much more than I do, and I merely wish here to give a few hints as to the possible production or re-production of light varieties in other birds. Attempts to do this have usually ended in disappointment. Some years ago Mr. C. Swailes recorded that he had tried to produce light coloured Redpolls by pairing and breeding from white and cinnamon ones, but could never get anything different from the normal form. I had a similar experience myself in Calcutta. I once procured, at about the same time, a cinnamon cock Sparrow and a white hen; these I gave to a friend, who had an aviary, and the birds bred there, but the one young one produced was a dis-appointment, as it was hardly lighter than an ordinary common Sparrow.

In connection with this subject, however, I would here direct your attention to Mendel's "Law of Heredity." According to this, when you cross a normal form with its variety, such as a grey with a white mouse, the offspring will all be of a normal colour. If, however, these be crossed among themselves you will get a white form again in the proportion of one to every three coloured specimens, and if these whites be bred again between themselves they will infallibly produce whites in their turn. It is therefore expedient, if, when crossing a coloured bird with an Albino one, the results become coloured, to retain these specimens of the second generation with particular care, and try what they will produce when bred in their turn. Sometimes, of course, by good luck, the results may turn out the other way and the white bird is dominant, as it is called, in which case the problem is very much easier. White or light colours must be very easily bred in some cases. We have white varieties of all our poultry, and among Cage Birds, in the Java Sparrow, Bengalee and domestic Dove; while in addition to the yellow Canaries, of late years, as you all know, yellow Budgerigars have been raised. These probably appeared suddenly as pied and pale Budgerigars are almost unknown.

To show how important it is always to breed from varieties if possible, I may mention that the only two blue Budgerigars ever bred were produced from yellow parents, which is not at all what one would expect. A whole breed of white wild ducks was also recently raised from two white "sports."

Jonque and Mealy.

The distinction between Buff and Jonque cage birds is familiar to all of you. It is most conspicuous and best known in Canaries. Mr. G. E. Weston has pointed out that it occurs in British Finches generally, and I have myself observed it in groups remote from these. Thus the Grey-headed Porphyrio, a large blue Moorhen, common in India, is usually decidedly mealy in colouration, but a Jonque form of it occurs—if one may apply such a term to a blue bird—in which the mealy edgings of the feathers are absent, so that even the grey head which gives the species its name is not to be seen in such examples. The same thing occurs in the black Swan, which is never quite black, but in some of which the grey edges to the feathers are much more noticeable than in others. In a pair of these birds I recently observed, the male was rather mealy and the female decidedly black. Mealy birds have, as everybody knows, a fuller covering of feather and thus furnish an explanation of the tropical forms of widely-ranging species. They are smaller and richer in colour than those found in temperate climates, the more fully feathered though duller-coloured birds being better fitted to stand the cold, whilst it is the brighter but thinner-plumaged ones which are more at home in a hot climate. It is therefore quite easy to see how local races arise. In some cases the two forms are found existing side by side, in others, circumstances favour the almost exclusive production of one or the other variety. The reddish and grey varieties found in Owls possibly are Jonque and mealy types.

(To be continued.)

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The Cape Sparrow (*Passer arcuatus*).—A handsome species, now more frequently on the market and a most suitable subject for the outdoor aviary.

Adult male: Upper surface, cinnamon-red, wash with grey on the neck and upper back; lesser wing coverts, cinnamon-red; middle and greater coverts and quills, black, the former edged with white and the two latter with brown; tail feathers, black, edged with rufous; crown, black; sides of neck and lower half of cheeks, white; ear coverts, lores, upper half of cheeks, throat and upper breast, black; remainder of under surface, dull white, washed with grey on sides of body; beak, black; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length, 6ins.; tail, 2½ins.

Adult female: Duller than the male; crown of head, sides of face, and throat, dusky; breast and abdomen, whitish-buff. Total length, 5⅝ins.; tail, 2¼ins. Habitat: South Africa, extending to the Transvaal on the east, and to Benguela on the west.

The Grey-Headed Sparrow (*Passer diffusus*).—A pretty species which may be readily recognised by its grey head, pale moustachial streak, ruddy brown wings, white throat, and dull white abodmen. Total length, 6ins.; tail, 2¼ins. Habitat: Ranges over the whole of S. Africa, and also in W. Africa, from Senegambia to the Niger region.

Swainson's Sparrow (*Passer swainsoni*).—Larger than the preceding species (*diffusus*), but similar, though having the upper surface darker brown; rump, bright chestnut; under surface, ashy-grey, lighter on the throat and abdomen. Total length, 6½ins.; tail, 2⅛ins. Habitat: According to British Museum catalogue, Vol. xii., from Bogos Land and Abyssinia to the Zanzibar district in East Africa.

The Rufous-Backed Sparrow (*Passer pyrrhonotus*).—A handsome species, local to Sindh, very seldom to be obtained.

Adult male: Head and ear coverts, grey; eye streak, chestnut; upper surface, ruddy chestnut, with dark centres to the feathers of the back; wings and tail, dusky, with paler edges; throat, black; under surface, whitish-brown. Total length, 5ins.; tail, 2ins.

Adult female: Differs from the male in being altogether browner, lacks the ruddy back and black throat of the male.

The Yellow-Necked Sparrow (*Passer flavicollis*) —A pretty Indian species ranging over the greater part of India, where it frequents groves, avenues and gardens. It has a similar note to *P. domesticus*, and nests in holes in trees. The eggs are greenish-white, thickly blotched and streaked with purplish-brown.

Adult male: The upper surface is principally ashy-brown; below, pale brownish-white; shoulders and lesser wing coverts, rich chestnut; there are two bars across the wings, formed by the white tips of the coverts; beak, black; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 5½ins.; tail, 2ins.

The Abyssinian Golden Sparrow (*Passer luteus*).—This really fine species calls for a more lengthy description, as it is often to be obtained and fairly ready to nest in captivity, though, so far, I think, young have only twice been reared in this country. A pair I possessed for some months made themselves quite at home in my aviary; built the usual untidy nest in a Hartz travelling cage, and steadily sat; unfortunately, just before hatching was due, I carelessly left a flap open in the aviary and I lost these and others before their absence was noticed; the three eggs left behind were fertile and almost due to hatch. The birds were amiable, rather noisy, and very fond of turning out the contents of the seed pan. A well-coloured cock is a fine fellow indeed, some individuals have the whole of the head, neck and breast, rich canary-yellow.

Adult male: Above, chestnut; rump sulphur yellow; the wing feathers have dark centres and are edged and tipped with yellowish-white; head, neck, side of face, and the whole of the under surface, sulphur yellow, merging into whitish on the lower abdomen and ventral region; thighs dusky. Total length, 5ins.; tail, 2ins.

Adult female: Entirely lacks the brilliant plumage of the male; she is brown above, more or less washed with chestnut, the wing feathers having dark centres and light edgings; head and neck, pale sandy-brown; sides of face, light ashy; remainder of under surface, pale whitish-brown tinged with yellowish. This species is very variable as to the intensity of the yellow colouring, some individuals equalling the rich hues of a Norwich Canary; others decidedly of a whitish sulphur yellow. Habitat: It ranges over North-East Africa.

The Arabian Golden Sparrow (*Passer euchlorus*).—This is a closely allied species, much richer in colouring than *P. luteus* being almost entirely rich yellow. Its range is confined to Arabia.

Adult male: General colour, rich yellow; greater coverts, white, with outer webs yellowish; primaries and quills, blackish, with white outer edges; tail feathers, blackish, edged with pale yellowish-brown; cheeks, whitish-yellow. Total length, 4½ins.; tail, 2ins.

Adult female: Upper surface, ashy-brown, more or less suffused with yellow; wing feathers, blackish, mostly with darker centres and ashy edgings; under surface, yellowish-white, more yellow on the fore-neck and breast.

The Alario Finch (*Alario alario*). — This bird is also known to the Boers as the Mountain Canary. Although clad in sombre raiment, the Alario Finch is yet a pretty bird, but its tameness and sweet song are its chief attractions. A healthy bird is an almost incessant songster. It does not appear to object to captivity, and as it soon becomes quite "chummy," it is an ideal cage or aviary bird. It crosses very readily with the Canary, but it cannot be said that the progeny are handsome birds. Mr. Fillmer bred this species in 1896, making use of an open Canary nest box, building therein a beautiful little structure of hay and lining it with hair; incubation lasted 12 or 13 days; two young were hatched, which left the nest when about a fortnight old, but were notable to fly for several days. They were reared on soft food, seed, green food, considerable quantities of chickweed and lettuce being eaten. The young birds resembled the adult hen, but were greyer and more speckled. I have found this bird to do well on a dietary of canary, rape, hemp, paddy rice and millet, with green food; they also take a little of the fruit and soft food supplied for there fellow captives.

Adult male: Bears a strong resemblance to the Three-coloured Mannikin as to its plumage; head, throat, fore-chest and a streak down each side of breast, black; remainder of under surface, buffish-white; upper surface and tail, ruddy-chestnut; quills, black; beak, brownish-grey; legs and feet, dark grey. Total length, 4½ins.; tail, 1⅞ins.

Adult female: Differs materially from the male, is a much duller and plainer bird. The upper surface is brown, streaked with dusky; she lacks the black head, throat and side streak of the male, and her breast and abdomen are pale brown, with darker markings on the throat and breast.

The Green Singing Finch (*Serinus icterus*)*.—This beautiful Southern and Western African bird resembles the English Siskin, as to form, size and markings, but is richer in colour and slimmer built; it is fully as active and entertaining among the branches as our native Tits.

The adult male is greenish above, striated with black, merging into pure yellow on the rump; upper tail coverts, dusky with yellow margins; lesser wing coverts, greenish-yellow; remaining coverts and quills and tail, black, and blackish edged with yellow, tail feathers tipped with light-grey; crown green, with blackish striations; lores and ear-coverts, black; forehead, eye streaks, and cheeks, yellow; under surface, bright yellow, separated from the cheeks by a broad streak of black; beak, light horn colour; legs and feet dusky-brown. Total length, 4 2-5 inches; tail, 1¾ inches.

Adult female: Similar, but slightly duller in colour; browner on the upper surface, and with a small white spot on the chin; for all that, these distinctions in many pairs are infinitesimal, and not apparent in many individuals unless the birds are handled. It is also known as the Eastern Yellow Seed-eater. These birds are hardy and enduring, though there are losses in acclimatising, but, once over the transition period, they may be considered good for four, five, or six years. They are very attractive and pleasing, with a good power of song and fully capable of holding their own in any company. They will not tolerate any other species of *Serin* when breeding.

(*To be continued*).

*I have not followed Captain Shelley, who insists on *butyraceus* as the correct name for this species, but have adhered to the nomenclature of the British Museum Catalogue.

STRAY NOTES ABOUT MULE BREEDING.

By Claude St. John.

Wintering Muling Birds.

There is often a difficulty in carrying out the stereotyped advice to run Finches intended for muling with Canary hens during the winter months, for the simple reason that many of the best Finches, which one naturally wishes to breed with, are wanted for certain shows at intervals during the season. The mere separation to show for a few days at a time is no real detriment to the object of keeping them together, but it does not always add to the Finch's steadiness to take him from, say, a large flight cage and put him in a show cage for a day or two. On the contrary, many Finches I know are detestably wild when so treated. In the show cage they bang about in a way that would put many a fresh-caught bird to shame.

To Show or Not to Show.

This should not be a troublesome question in the case of moderate specimens, as only really good ones need be thought of for showing; and for all the rest of more than average quality, if likely to be required for show, I would prefer keeping them in a single cage (nearly corresponding with the ordinary show cage) until the end of the season. Then the change from one cage to another would have no effect on them, and they would always be as steady as it was their nature to be when required for any show, and they could still be kept on good terms with their future partners by hanging the cages side by side, or even hanging the Finch's cage nursery-fashion on the front of the flight.

Helps to Match-Making.

There can be no doubt that the method of keeping the Finches and Canaries together through the winter helps to make matches amongst them in the spring, especially in the case of Goldfinches, Siskins, and Greenfinches. Linnets are far more tractable and it is no uncommon thing for a comparatively fresh-caught bird to mate successfully with a Canary with little or no previous opportunities for forming an acquaintance. When uncommon mules are to be tried for, I should as far as possible endeavour to run the parents together during the winter. The plan has other decided advantages in its favour, besides making the birds familiar with each other, not the least of which is that both birds are gradually accustomed to the same class of food and treatment long before the breeding season arrives, and then what sometimes happens to be a real obstacle to breeding uncommon or rare varieties of mules is avoided.

About Adjusting the Diet.

Although most breeders recognise the necessity for some adjustment of the diet to suit both sides in mule-breeding, it is not infrequently treated in a one-sided manner, by endeavouring to wean the Finch on to a diet which is most suitable for the Canary. Now, the Canary is a far more accommodating creature in this respect than any of the Finches, and if one made an effort to bring a hen Canary on to a diet resembling the natural food of the Finch, it would be found a much easier matter than it is to bring a Finch on to the orthodox diet of a Canary and still retain its health and full breeding vigour. Why should not the Canary be accustomed to something approaching the Finch's natural food, instead of the latter having to go all the way in the opposite direction? Far better strike a happy medium and let the birds meet each other half-way in the matter of diet. The Canary would probably gain by such an adjustment; the Finch would lose but little, or perhaps nothing at all; and the breeder would gain in every way, in the ease with which the birds would be managed, the condition of the birds, and in results from the breeding cages.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Doings of the Chaffinches.

During the past month the aspect of the country has entirely changed. It has been a splendid autumn, and the glorious colouring of the foliage has been all that one could desire. Gradually the leaves have fallen, until now the bare branches of the fine old elms cut sharply against the wintry sky. With the beech it is different: the long pointed buds and the husks of the nuts prevent the beech woods having quite so bare an appearance. Wherever these trees grow the gay coloured Chaffinches are always to be found, for this year the harvest is fairly abundant. Consequently the bachelor birds, as they are sometimes called, are numerous. Yearly their numbers are regulated by the beech mast crop. Three seasons ago it was something exceptional; the branches were weighted down with the fruit, and some of the beech woods were consequently alive with feathered creatures; the flocks of Chaffinches were of enormous size. This year we do not appear to have exceptionally big gatherings, but, nevertheless, the birds are abundant, and some of them are of splendid colour. One we saw recently was, at the first glance, mistaken for a Robin, so bright and ruddy was his colouring. The breast colour of the Chaffinch is often deceiving; with the full blaze of daylight upon it, it sometimes appears pale and like that of a very ordinary specimen, but with a change of position comes an extraordinary change of colour. The light catches it at a different angle, and it is then that we see how beautiful this common bird really is. Upon closer examination the breast feathers appear to be edged with a pale silvery sheen. It is in reality the high condition and quality of plumage, which in certain lights shows irredescent, in the same manner as the neck feathers of the Starling or wing of the Magpie. Very few of our perching birds undergo greater change of plumage during the year than does this gay bird. The top of the head or cap, as it is called, has only the faintest trace of the rich blue we shall see in the spring; the brown of the back is not so dark, neither the green at the root of the tail. We are told that this change of plumage occurs without the loss of a single feather, that it is only the edges that get rubbed off as the spring advances. This may be so, but to me it has more the appearance of a change in colouring caused by the extra richness of blood, incidental to the healthy condition necessary to the fulfillment of the wild birds' duty during the pairing season.

An Unwilling Favourite.

The favourite foster-parent of the Cuckoo is undoubtedly the Meadow Pipit, the Hedge Sparrow making a good second.

A Note on the Swift.

It has been stated by many that the common Swift is unable to rise from the ground, but experiments prove that the bird can fly away directly it is put down. If the hand is held over it for a short time the muscles become cramped, and it is then only able to crawl in a floundering manner.

Ravens and Moles.

In Yarrell's "Book of British Birds," the author mentions a pair of Ravens that lived almost exclusively upon moles. He had special facilities for examination of the cast up pellets of bone and fur, consequently we cannot doubt the assertion. One would like to have determined the way in which the birds were able to obtain their prey, for the mole seldom gets above ground, and then chiefly after dark. These rodents are most destructive, and since Hawks, Owls, Ravens, etc., have been so much persecuted, they have in some places increased enormously.

The Death of a Swan.

A young swan has been picked up in the street at Devizes, Wilts, having its neck broken. It came in contact with the telephone wire, which it broke with the force of its flight. Some of these big birds, when in full flight, must hit with tremendous force anything with which they come into contact. I have seen a wounded Pheasant crash through the underwood, snapping the branch off like rotten wood. A Pheasant flies fast, and, being a weighty bird, comes to the ground with a thud when hit. I have known a flock of wild fowl to go clean through a short net, although the nets are strongly made, so much so that a single bird seldom gets away, but a flock of a dozen or so flying fast would require a good strong net to stop them.

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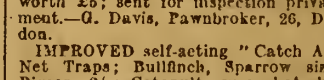
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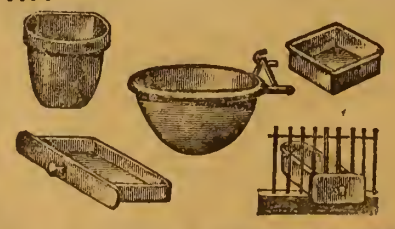
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COCKS, Linnets, 3/- dozen, cocks, Larks, 1/6; 20 mixed birds, 1/6; 5 dozen cock Larks for 7/-.—William Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

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Notice.—I send out on approval, entirely at my own risk to any part of Great Britain, and guarantee in song before sent, not fresh-caught rubbish; cash or deposit; warranted English cock Goldfinches, 1/6; extra selected large birds, for show bench, light, muling, well-buttoned, grand square blaze, good tan chest, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; Goldfinch Mule, sings pure Goldfinch song, used bird catching two years, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; red-breasted cock Brown Linnets, best songsters England, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/6 dozen; Linnet-Mule, good bird catcher, 5/6, 7/6; cock Greenfinches, three 1/-, six 1/6, 2/- dozen; cock Skylarks, grand songsters, big, fine birds, 1/-, three 2/-; cock Woodlarks, King of songsters, in splendid song, 2/6, three 6/6; Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, all singing well, 4/-, three 11/6, six 22/-, twelve, 42/-, hundred £17; hens 2/-, three 5/-, 18/- dozen; open Norwich show cages, 1/- each, 9/- dozen; penny tin fountains, 6d. dozen, three dozen 1/3, 4/- gross; Linnets, Goldfinches, call cages, made of best white pin, 6d. each, 4/6, 5/6 dozen; box bird-lime, best world, 4d.; talking Parrots, amusing pet, 15/-, 20/- 30/- each, one comes out his cage on your shoulder, says 100 words, £3 10s., worth £7.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

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Belgians.

TWO classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

HIGH-CLASS Belgians, list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BELGIANS from my strain, winners many firsts, gold, silver medals; approval.—Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.

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TWO pair of grand Borders for sale on approval.—Shearer, 24, Almada-st, Hamilton.

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HIGH-CLASS Borders, clears and marks, singles and pairs, well matched; approval.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Liverpool.

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ALL my Cinnamons for sale from Godley's strain.—Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

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TWO cinnamon cocks, full song, 7/6 each, large cinnamon hen, 5/6; 1907 bred.—Baines, South-st., Buxton.

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YELLOW and buff cocks, 1907 birds, large, sound colour throughout, 12/6 and 15/- each; two good large buff hens, 7/6 each.—E. White, St. Newlyn East, Cornwall.

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1907 BIRDS. Yellow Cinnamon cock, 8/6; Yellow Cinnamon Green cock, 7/6; Buff Cinnamon Green cock, 7/6; Buff Cinnamon hen, few light feathers in tail, 5/6; inspection invited; approval; stamp reply.—Maynell, 17, Eltham-st., Walworth, S.E.

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Winner at all the leading shows can spare few good birds, reasonable.—H. Riding, Walmsley-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

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NINE classes, medal, 20 specials, Scottish National Show.

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SIX crested hens, 1906, 1907, 5/- each. Viles, 1 Warstone-terrace, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CRESTS, Crestbreds. Owing to removal, the stock cages for sale.—Wm. Payne, 30, Cowhurst-rd, Black heath, S.E.

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NOTICE.—Grand green-crested cock, 30/-; green or variegated crestbreds from 20/- to 50/- each, all young healthy birds; same strain as my winners, see report Rochdale, Burnley, Sheffield, Manchester, Nottingham, this season. Birds sent on 3 days approval. — Walter Radley, Paradise Square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

BARGAINS in Champion Crest Blood Winning hundreds of prizes, cups, medals, etc.; can spare a few good crests and crestbreds, the right sort, no rubbish; plenty of nice veiny feather, all birds on approval; from 1 upwards to clear; single or pairs, state your wants Stamp.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

BUY from the breeder.—A few to spare from my well-known strain, large clear crestbred cock and green crested hen, green crested cock and large crestbred hen, 95/- pair; grey crested cock and green crestbred hen, 70/-; grey crested cock and green crestbred hen, 55/-; others from 22/6 pair approval; deposit. — Clarke, 266, Freeman-st Grimsby.

HEAVILY-FEATHERED Crests and Crestbreds; all cold room bred, and of the highest quality; no rubbish kept; hens from 5/-; cocks, 7/6; matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; grand lot of Crested hens at prices to suit all; few exhibition specimens to spare, reasonable; highest satisfaction guaranteed to new as well as old customers; approval.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MASSIVE even-marked dark crest cock, 10/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, beauty, 10/6; yellow even marked dark crest hen, 9/6, gem, massive buff green ditto, 7/6; massive yellow variegated crestbred cock, 9/6; buff ditto, monster, 10/6; massive variegated crestbred hen, 8/6, yellow variegated ditto, grand skull, 10/6; splendid value, all grand stock birds, Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had a successful season can offer following exceptional value in highest class crests, crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains, monster green crest cock, grand crest, 15/6; massive feathery even marked ditto, 15/-; monster clear crested cock, 14/6; monster variegated dark crest hen, 13/6; massive heavy feathered clear crest hen, 13/6; large feathery winged marked dark crest hen, 11/6; monster green crestbred cock, gem, 15/6; monster clear buff ditto, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto grand skull, 13/6; massive clear yellow crest-bred hen, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated buff, ditto, 13/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Large matched pairs of my champion Crests, from 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; single birds from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

HARRY MILLS,

Duke-street, Northampton, half stock for sale; leaving town, state wants, can be seen by appointment; winnings last season, £25 cup, gold medal, C.C.C. Cup, Plymouth, Challenge Bowl, over 50 money prizes and specials, and bred every bird shown; approval; stamp reply.

CREST AND CRESTED-BRED.

At our club show Nov. 30, I have for sale crested cock, first and special, crested bred cock, first; no better blood. Frost, Joyce and Roberts strain; pairs and odd birds on approval; stamp particulars; inspection invited. — Broadhead, grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

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Don't pay fabulous prices for birds that are no better than those I offer at half the price; winners from £2 to £4; giant pairs that can breed champions, at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-, and 60/- per pair; many big winners supplied by me at moderate price; approval; see last week's advert.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

Dutch Frills.

HIGH-CLASS Dutch Frills; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

EIGHT classes, 20 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

NORWICH Greens, cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/-; cash or deposit.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

FOUR 1907 Green Norwich cocks, good type, healthy; approval, 10/- each.—Bairstow, 13, Tennyson-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, buff cock, 4th Newcastle, hc, Manchester, 35/-, others 7/6 to 15/-; approval. —T. Carlile, 137, Rake-lane, Liscard, Cheshire.

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YORKSHIRE and Norwich Greens; few stock birds for disposal, my own breeding, no bought stocks; prices reasonable.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

A FEW good pairs of Yorkshire greens, Self or Foul, for disposal, same strain as my noted winner, see CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 30; state wants; deposit system, stamp reply.—Geoff Benson, 46, Wordsworth Ave, New Brighton.

I HAVE bought the whole of Mr. Deacon's Yorkshire greens; they include about 40 of Mr. Wardale's best show and stock birds, and another 30 got together regardless of cost; I can spare some grand show birds that have won in keenest competition; also some grand stock birds; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

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HIGH-CLASS LANCASHIRES; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SPLENDID buff Plainhead cock, 12/-; buff Coppy hen 15/-; approval; from winning strain.—Naden, 18, Royd's-st, Rochdale.

YELLOW Lancashire coppy cock, buff hen, large birds, 25/-; yellow Norwich cock, 15/-.—Johnson, Railway Hotel, Newport, Wight.

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JAS. LAW, 76, Merefield-st., Rochdale, has few pairs 1907 Lancashires to dispose of, related to my winners at Crystal Palace, Burnley, Rochdale, etc.

TWO buff coppy cocks, 15/- and 20/-; two buff Plainheads, 10/- and 15/-; buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; also few Crests and Crest-breds; approval; stamp reply.—Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154 Fleet Street London, E.C.

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TWO classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

FOUR pair Lizards, grand birds, 10/- pair; bargains.—Trunis, Bury, Suffolk.

TWO Silver Lizard hens 1907, one Gold hen 1906, 4/- each; lot 10/6.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

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STILL a few left, 1907 Gold and Silver hens, Fisher's strain; approval. Inspection invited. Stamp particulars. Broadhead, grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

SEVENTEEN classes, over 30 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, 4/-; first P.O. gets him.—75, Canrobert-st, E.

HIGH-CLASS stock birds for sale; approval.—Melrose, 76, Pilrig-st., Edinburgh.

NORWICH cocks from 6/-, hens, 3/-.—W., 5, Wineadon-lane, Kilburn, London.

1907 NORWICH hen Canaries, 2/6, 3/-; cash or deposit.—Breese, Aviaries, March.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED crest and crestbred Canaries, stamp reply.—Winton, Nethergate, Dundee.

COLOUR-FED cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/-.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

GRAND lot Norwich, best strain, cheap to clear; exchange.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

NORWICH buff cock, grand singer, 7/6, worth double.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich for sale; approval, stamp reply.—T. Seed, Fern House, Station-rd, Rishton

EIGHT good pairs Norwich Plainheads, cocks, full song, 7/6 pair; 52/- lot.—M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

BARGAIN. Ten honny Buff Norwich hens for 30/-; some unflighted, cold room.—Savage, Journalist, Rugby.

TWO green, 2 broken green cocks, 1907, full song, 5/- each, hens 2/6 each.—Baylis, Post Office, Castle-st., Bristol.

ONE orange yellow, one buff, 1907, Norwich hens 4/6 cash; deposit; approval.—Hance, 22, King-st. Tring, Herts.

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich (Sandiford), yellow and buff, 6/-; hens, 5/-; stamp.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

SEE advert. last week; one pair, 12/6; to sell few cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/6.—Martin, 82, Queen's crescent, N.W.

FEW Norwich Plainheads for sale, 1907 birds, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-.—Davies, 402, Wargrave-rd. Earlestown, Lanc.

CHAMPION Norwich, have 30 pairs for disposal cheap, to clear.—Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd Darnall, Sheffield

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COLLINS' strain, a grand lot, cheap, to clear; my winners at Bournemouth and Bristol.—Tope, Hoe-st., Plymouth.

RELIABLE Norwich, grand shape, pairs 10/6 12/6, 15/-, upwards; approval.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-rd., Norwich.

VARIEGATED cock, 10/6, in full song; also hen, 3/6.—Mrs. Macadam, 24, Cambridge-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-; Yorkshire, 6/6; Mules from 4/-; Linnets, 1/-.—Coles (side door), 109, High-st., Borough, London.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, show or stock, 15/-; £1 pair; inspection invited.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

THREE young clear Norwich cocks, in full song; lot, 13/-.—Marsh, New-st., Desborough, Northants.

YOUNG Yellow Norwich cock, with dark tail, 7/6; Buff cock, 6/6; colour-fed; stamp.—Miss Dent, Pittville, Cheltenham.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has a few pairs left, 12/6 pair; natural or fed; must be cleared; approval; stamp.—4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

FEW young Norwich cocks 5/6, hens 3/-; cold-room bred, splendid condition.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-st, Southwark, London.

FEW large typical Norwich to spare, reasonable approval with pleasure; state wants.—F. C. Agar, 157, Church-st., Whitby.

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NORWICH Phenomenals, some good stock birds for sale, from 7/- upwards.—J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

CLEAR or variegated buff cocks, 8/-, 10/- each; hens 5/- each, approval.—Coutts, Lawrence-st, Broughty Ferry, Scotland

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SEVERAL good Norwich bred and kept in outdoor aviary, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6.—Foxon, 44, New-buildings, Hinckley.

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MARLOR [illegible] from their winning strain, 12/6, 15/- pairs; see show reports; deposit.—Clare-street, Dene [illegible]

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[illegible] Norwich cock, winner 2nd, £1; Yellow hen, winner 1st, 2nd, pairs, 12/6; bargains; exchange Crests.—Beard, Llandrindod.

J. TRENGOVE, 7, High-st., Rishton, near Blackburn, high class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited

TYPICAL hens, two ticked Buffs four clear Yellow, 6/- each; approval; Sandiford's strain, direct. —E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

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HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6, grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton Windmill, Belper.

COCKS, variegated Buffs, 8/6, 10/6; variegated Yellow, 10/6; hens, 4/6; pairs, 15/-; natural colour —Dutton, 45, Oxford-st., Gorton, Manchester.

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FEW large Buff unflighted Norwich cocks, colour-fed, Vardy's, Gowing Miles, Moffat strain direct, 5/6 each; approval; stamp.—Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

HIGH CLASS, prize-bred Norwich buff cock, 20/-, yellow variegated hen, 30/-; buff variegated hen, 30/-; buff hen 15/-, worth double.—Hendry, Glamis-rd, Forfar.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, the best obtainable for stock and exhibition, from 7/6 each, ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

1907 NORWICH cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; Irons' strain; 1907 ticked Buff Yorkshire rock, 10/-, prize strain; approval.—Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

F. IRONS has some good Norwich for sale; see reports last week, eight first, one second, one third, and seven specials; approval; stamp.—Ivery-rd., Northampton.

LIVING up; some grand flighted and unflighted Norwich, winners and bred from winners, fed cold-room, 7/6 upwards; stamp.—Knight, Glynne-st., Canton, Cardiff

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d extra, approval, deposit. Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

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GLOSTER pair of Norwich, with breeding cage, 11/-, also cinnamon capped Yorkshire hen, 3/6, own breeding, cash or deposit.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

H. J. BANBURY has typical Norwich for disposal, from winners at Exeter, Plymouth, Wimborne, Bristol, Bournemouth; cocks from 12/6, hens, 10/-.—Preston-rd., Yeovil.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, prize strain, all 1907, cocks from 5/6, hens 3/6, pairs 7/- and 8/6, approval.—Mrs. Harbour, 20, Trelawney-rd, Paragon-rd, Hackney, N.E.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, cocks from 4/9, hens from 1/9; cash guaranteed; colour-fed cocks, 5/- and 6/- each, hens from 2/- to 3/6.—G. Brown, 44, Hartlebolsnew-st., Leicester.

PRIZE BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6 2/- each; clears or variegated; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred. Heathcote, 56, Havelock-st., Leicester.

A. SMITH, 55, Bardowie-street, Possil Park, Glasgow, has a few good Norwich Plainheads for sale; can be seen Glasgow and West of Scotland Club show, Saturday, 14th December.

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C. ROBERTS champion Blackpool Norwich, noted for size, type, and quality; reasonable prices; show birds from 30/-; stock birds from 12/6, all on approval.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

160 LARGE, unflighted Norwich, from winners, perfect condition, type and quality, many fit for show, cocks from 10/6; inspection invited; approval; deposit.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

I CAN spare a few good Norwich same as my winners, yellows and buffs, both sexes, prices reasonable; satisfaction guaranteed. Approval; stamp.—W. Crindell, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

SEE to-day's show report for my wins at Tamworth; have some splendid show and stock birds to part with cheap; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/-; approval.—Adcock, Aldergate, Tamworth.

NORWICH.—Owing to pressure of business, must clear, breeding and show cages, packers and accessories; few selected pairs from 25/- pair; sell lot cheap.—Clegworth, Grocer, Well-st., Bolton, Lancs.

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/- 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; bred from exhibition birds, cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-; not suited, money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

WILLIAM WRIGLEY, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich few birds for sale cheap, same strain as my winners; see show report; approval; stamp reply.—Church-st, Godley, Hyde; inspection invited.

LARGE healthy Norwich Canaries, 4 cocks, 7 hens; 1 cock Linnet, 4 singles, 1 double breeding cages, 1 large flight cage, etc., good as new, £3; good stock for beginner.—W. Hawkins, 53, Berners-st., Leicester.

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GRAND pair Norwich Canaries, cock large variegated Buff, second prize winner, Yellow hen, third prize winner, sacrifice £1 10s., worth double; approval, deposit, cash.—Roger Cragg, 132, Queen's-rd., Hastings.

GRAND stock birds, for sale in splendid condition, yellows and buffs, natural and fed cocks, 7/6; hens 5/- upwards; cash or deposit; stamp reply; inspection invited.—Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

TWO yellow variegated cocks, two clear buff hens properly matched, 20/- pair; buff ticked cocks, clear yellow hen, 20/- pair; few good stock birds, 10/- upwards, bred from winners; approval.—Williams 196, High-st., Cheltenham.

MR. PICKERSLEY can spare some exceptionally good yellow and buff cocks and hens, 1906 and 1907 bred, related to his well known Crystal Palace and other winners; a few very fine stock birds.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

NORWICH Plainhead, a bargain; four unflighted clear Buff, two marked Buff, two Yellow marked, 5/6 each; year-old clear Buff cock, two unflighted clear Buff cock, 12/6 each (Irons' strain); approval.—Lockwood, 2, Percy-st., Furtown, Hudd.

NOTICE, four pair Norwich Canaries, deep Yellow variegated Crested Greenfinch and hen Canary breeders; all healthy, fine birds; sell or exchange; wanted, Parrot, oil apparatus, concert flute, or offers.—W. Lowe, Leabrooke-rd., Alfreton, Derbyshire.

NORWICH, still supplying matched pairs, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- upwards; travelling cage 3d extra; approval; cold-room bred; deal rs supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

A LADY offers charming Norwich songsters, superior notes, for 10/6; also one long Yorkshire songster, same price; either sent on approval willingly upon receipt of money order, or same can be deposited with Editor.—Mrs. Redgrave, Cossington-rd., Canterbury.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, large, healthy and prize-bred cocks, 6/-, 7/6 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- upwards; no rubbish offered; few exhibition specimens left, 15/ upwards; enquiries invited; approval as usual.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich hens; four grand short, stout Buffs, fed, clears, and ticked, 7/6, 10/6; perfect feather; large variegated Yellow hen (1906), 12/6, worth double; two matched pairs, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 20/-; Buff cock, Yellow hen, 20/-.—Cockhill, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has some of the right kind of Norwich and Cinnamons to part with. Those short chunkey ones with good head and neck. The ones that tell on the show bench; prices right; approval with pleasure; stamp.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE for two good 1907 buff Norwich stock cocks, brass hanging lamp, fifty candle-power, complete, suit shop. Invalid's bed table, patent solid walnut, three positions; pair Indian made cabinet photo frames, metal and brass, design, chinaman pulling 'rikshaw. Pair Indian ash trays, no dealers, no rubbish wanted, or offered; on approval.—Morris, 24, Ravensdon-st., Kennington, London.

LOOK here. I am offering you some grand Norwich; large, round, cubby birds in fine condition; Buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6, and 12/6; Buff hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, and 7/6; Yellow cocks, 7/6 and 12/6; you try one, and if not satisfied money returned; you can't trade on better terms.—Sherlock, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

Mr. MARSH invites you to call any time and inspect his Norwich Canaries, in yellow, buff and grecus, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, upwards; sent carriage paid; seven days approval; travelling cage 3d. — Freemason Aviaries, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

GENTLEMEN requiring Norwich, I have a grand stock to dispose of, all 1907 birds, cold room bred cocks on full song and bred from good birds, clear yellow and buff cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; ticked and variegated cocks, 4/6 and 5/6 each; 20 nice young hens, 2/6 and 3/- each; a few stock birds, real bargains, 12 months old, two yellow Norwich cocks, 10/- each; colour-fed, two buff cocks, 10/- each; one Lancashire variegated hen, 3/6, all bred from show birds and real bargains; having to dispose of my stock of birds through bad health; can be seen at any time; all on approval; cash or deposit with Editor.—Matthews, 13, Bloom-st., Edgeley, Stockport.

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41, Askew-rd., Middlesbrough, have about 40 good Norwich, for sale, either show or stock birds, same as our recent winners; approval; stamp reply.

SECOND PALACE HEN STRAIN.
5/6 per pair, 8 pairs large and good quality Norwich, every bird my own breeding, not dealer's rubbish; if not full value money willingly returned.—Mr. Hulse, 73, Chatsworth st., Leicester.

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Having selected my stock pairs, I can dispose of a few high-class Norwich Plainheads, pairs matched for breeding, at 15/-, 25/-, 40/-, 50/-.—34, Rotherham New-rd., S.E.

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breeder of high-class Norwich Plainheads, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, upwards; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, upwards; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; travelling cages, 3d. extra, seven days' approval; deposit—19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

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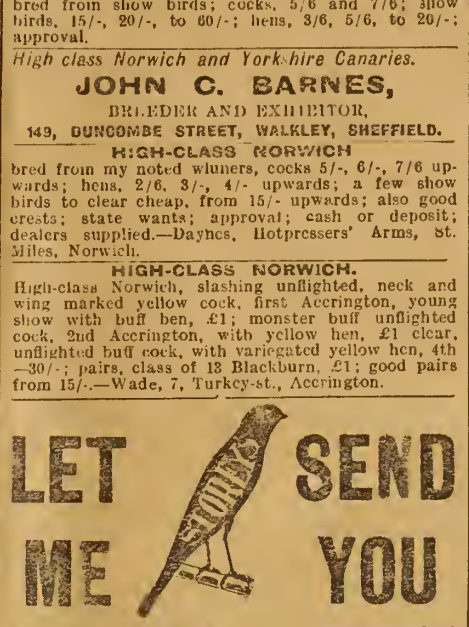
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SINGING CONTESTS.

YORK.

Weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, 22 of the best birds in York were hung up in pairs to compete for five good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some good singing was heard before a crowded house, with the following result:—1st, J. Stotbard; 2nd, Firth; 3rd, W. Wilson; 4th, Booth; 5th, Buckle. Judges, Messrs. W. Perry and J. Mason.—J. SMITH, hon. secretary.

BLACKBURN LINNET S.A.

The Blackburn Linnet Singing Association held their annual feather show November 30th. The prize winners were: 1st, G. Rostron; 2nd, W. H. Toping; 3rd, A. Catterall; 4th, G. Rostron. There was also a week-end singing contest. Prize winners: 1st, W. H. Topping; 2nd, R. Haybirst; 3rd, J. Harrison.—R. HAYHURST, sec.

LEWISHAM.

Held at the Coach and Horses, High-street, Lewisham, November 30th; was won by Barber, with 4 score 4 chalks; 2nd, Robinson, 3 score 10 chalks; 3rd, Larney, 3 score 7 chalks; Butcher, 2 score 16 chalks; Ingram, 1 score 17 chalks. Special for most chalks in November was won by E. Robinson. A Christmas pudding is being given for the contest winner on December 21st as a special prize; all intending competitors please enter early with Mr. F. HOUGHTON.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly singing contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Dec. 1st, when 24 of the best birds in Leeds sung for 3 good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson. Some very good singing was heard before a packed house. 1st and 3rd prizes went to T. Stead, 2nd prize A. Hodgson. Judges, T. Hineson, C. Cooper. Also held, Nov. 24th, a German Canary singing contest, when 17 very good birds sang for 3 good prizes; 1st and 2nd prize, W. Rowe; 3rd prize was shared by Messrs C. Biss and Lacy. Judges, T. Summers and H. Hardcastle.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL.

Linnet singing contest held at the New Inn, St. Philip's, Nov. 30th. There were a good number present, but the singing was not up to the usual standard, owing probably to the weather. The result was 1st prize and spl, Froggy Walker; 2nd, C.B. spl, Will Sheppard. The winning bird sung 104 songs; 2nd bird, 67; 15 mins hanging; 5 pairs entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Parsons and H. Griffiths. Time-keeper, Mr. H. Jones. W. SHEPPARD, hon. sec.

BLACKBURN LARK F.A.

Final show of the season held at headquarters, "The Good Samaritan," Gramshaw Park, Blackburn, on November 30th, when a most pleasant and successful show was held, after which the members had a hearty good "hotch potch" to which all did perfect justice. The association is in a very flourishing condition, every member who staged a bird being entitled to a prize. There were a splendid lot of birds shown in both the fed and wild classes, which must have given the judge something to do to arrive at his decisions. Eighteen wild and 15 fed birds were exhibited. Fed: 1st, J. Sheffield; 2nd, J. Walmsley; 3rd, S. Fletcher. Wild: 1st, W. Cooper; 2nd, H. Ainsworthy; 3rd, J. Jackson. The judge was Mr. N. Bury (Accrington), who gave very general satisfaction. We are now getting ready for singing contests (which commence in February), with a membership of very near fifty. That genial lover of song, Mr. David Bentley (Great Harwood) attended, and, in his speech at the supper, very kindly promised us a potato pie supper at our first sing in the coming season. We shall have two silver cups and a gold medal to sing for in the club sings next year, and we ask all Lark fanciers around here to join the association.—JOHN SHEFFIELD, sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The monthly meeting was held in Oddfellow's Hall, Nov. 7th, when a successful year was brought to a close. The office bearers for the ensuing year are: Messrs. Robert Dickson, president; Robert Rennie, treasurer; William Clubb, secretary. All Society business to be addressed to W. CLUBB, 14, Cockburn Street, Falkirk.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Nov. 30th, when the chairman (Councillor) D. R. Jones, presided over a good attendance. On conclusion of business in connection with annual show, the chairman called upon Mr. Portsmank, who delivered his promised lecture on Red Mite, etc., which proved one of the most interesting and instructive ever delivered before the members. After several questions from the members to Mr. Portsmank, a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. SIMON, Sec.

THE SHOWS.

SHIPLEY.

This society held its annual show on November 30th, in the Institute, Saltaire. It would be next to impossible to eulogise this hall too highly, it is well adapted to the purposes of a bird show. Here was perfection as regards light, the hall was absolutely free from draughts, and the temperature could be regulated to a nicety. The exhibits were all nicely staged, and presented a very uniform and pleasing appearance. The quality all round was of the best, and entries were good, totalling over 500. Nearly all the crack exhibitors were represented by the best of their studs, so that the competition was of the keenest description, very little separating many of the winners. Mr. H. Dobson carried out his secretarial duties in a most pleasing manner, and was the personification of tact, zeal and courtesy. He was well supported by a good body of willing workers, consisting of the following: Messrs. D. Marsden (chairman), H. H. Towers (vice-chairman), H. Stubb (treasurer), and a huge number of members. Mr. J. H. Payne judged the open classes, and Mr. H. Hodgson the novice and selling classes.

Open Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Ambler, shows to perfection, well on leg, nicely braced wings and tail, straight as a pencil, good colour and quality; 2, Shackleton, lovely quality, slim bunt, narrow shoulders, nice pipe tail; 3, Cooper, long, racing bird, stands well, good wings and tail; 4, Towers, nice colour and quality, straight and stylish; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Ogden Bros., c, bnl. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, real beauty, feathered to perfection, stands like a soldier, grand quality, wings and tail, worth going a long way to see; 2, Long, beautiful colour and feather, straight as a rush, good position; 3, 4, vhc, Wadsworth, grand quality of feather, straight as a rush, nice back, 4 grand colour, slim bunt, nice tail and wings, beautifully frosted; hc, Ogden Bros; c, Wilcock. TKD. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Shackleton, ticked on head, grand colour, position and quality of feather, nice wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Wilcock, eye and wing marked, good length, well drawn, nice wings and tail; 3, Ambler, thigh ticked, lovely quality, stands well, good flights and neat tail; 4, Bailey and Swanger, thigh tick, lovely colour and quality, grand back; vhc, Priestley; hc, Mason; c, Hellwell. BUFF (17): 1, Bailey and Swanger, wing ticked, beautiful colour right through, well drawn out, grand position, nice flights and tail, a gem; 2, Shackleton, neck ticked, slim built, stands well, beautiful quality of feather, nicely folded tail and good flights; 3, 4, Wilcock, head and wing tick, grand length, nice feather, 4, ticked on shoulder, grand feather, full of quality; vhc, Walsh; hc, Towers; c, Holroyd UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Mason, fine length, stands like a Guardsman, lovely colour and quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Bray and Charlesworth, cheek ticked, magnificent feather and quality, good wings and tail; 3, Peel, thigh tick, grand colour, stands well, good back; 4, Long, wing tick, grand length, beautiful feather and quality; vhc, Wadsworth, hc, Wilcock; c, Shackleton. BUFF (20): 1, 4, Bray and Charlesworth, thigh tick, feathered like boxwood, good stand, nicely braced wings, neat tail, 4 thigh tick, splendid feather, nice stand and style; 2, c, Long, grand length, full of quality, nice pipe tail, well braced wings; 3, Radley, grand feather and position, beautiful wings and tail, neat head; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Towers. YELL. HEN (21): 1, vhc, Helliwell, wing ticked, stands well on clever pair of legs, beautifully feathered, nice colour and quality, wings and tail well packed, straight as a rush; 2, Long, clear, grand feather and quality, slim built, stands well, good wings and tail, close up; 3, Walsh, neck ticked, unflig., grand length, beautifully feathered; 4, Wilson, grand feather and stand, good wings and tail; hc, Shackleton; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (20): 1, Halliday, clear, real beauty, good length, grand position and style, beautiful colour and feather, well braced, in good form; 2, Bailey and Swanger, neck ticked, another gem, good length, nice wings, tail and position; 3, Ogden Bros, mkd. cheek, eyes and wings, grand colour, well feathered; 4, Wadsworth, thigh tick, grandly feathered, full of quality; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Ambler; c, Walsh. CINN. MKD YELL. (12): 1, 2, Cooper, mkd, cheek and wings, lovely feather and quality, finely drawn stands well, grand wings and tail, 2 mkd. wings and cheek, fine drawn, grand quality, close up; 3, Alderson, mkd. cheeks and wings, beautiful colour, good stand; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd., cheeks and wings, grand colour, good length and style; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hartley; c, Wood. BUFF (13): 1, Denton, neck and wing mkd., lovely colour, full of quality, feathered like a Java, good wings and tail; 2, Smith, mkd. neck and wings, straight and stands well, good wings, neat tail; 3, Bottomley, mkd. head, cheek and wings, good length, nice stand; 4, Hirst, mkd. wings, grand feather, quality and stand; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Cooper; c, Chiltenden. CINN. TKD (9): 1, Denton, mkd. neck and back, lovely colour, full of quality, good length, nice wings and tail, fine stand, buff; 2, Ambler, shoulder ticked buff, grand position, well up on leg, nicely braced wings and tail, good feather, close run; 3, Blackburn, wing ticked yell., good length, well drawn, grandly feathered; 4, Ogden Bros., ticked wing and head, yell., grand colour and quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Blackey; c, Alderson. YELL HEN (20): 1, 3, Bottomley, mkd. cheeks, head and wings, stands to perfection, beautifully feathered, well braced wings and tail, fine quality, 3 mkd. wings, cheeks and breast, grand quality; 2, Ambler, mkd. wings and checks, grand quality, stands well, good flights and tail; 4, Priestley, mkd. head and wings, nice colour; vhc, Dobson, hc, Grayshon; c, Denton. BUFF (25): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., cheeks and wing mkd., grand position, fine colour and quality, well up on leg, good flights, closely folded tail; 2, c, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd eyes and right wing, stands well, grandly feathered, nice length; 3, Blackburn, eye and wing mkd., grandly feathered, finely drawn; 4, Blakey, mkd. head, wings and neck, feathered like a Java; vhc, Grayshon, wanted a wash. A.V. NOR. (17): 1, 2, 4, hc, Holmes, unflig. buff, leading, grand shape, colour and quality, short flights and tail, 2 yell., grand colour, nice shape, 4 grissle capped buff, nice shape and quality, good colour, nice wings and tail; 3, Lloyd, mkd eyes and back, grand colour and quality of feather, buff; vhc, Clifford; c, Jeffreys. HEN (14): 1, 4, Mottram, grand shaped buff, nice feather and colour, wings well braced, neat tail, 4 buff, grand shaped body, good under-colour, beautifully mealed; 2, c, Holmes, yell., grand colour, nice shape, full of quality; 3, Lloyd, clear yell., nice shape and feather; vhc, Clifford; hc, Hammond. BRIT. HARDBILL (20): 1, 3, Chick, Hawfinch, a beauty for size, colour and condition, well cut bib, in the best of order, 3 Bramblefinch, beautifully spangled, rich colour on breast, splendid feather and condition; 2, Duncan, Goldfinch, grandly cut blaze, of good colour, nice wing bars and buttons, very steady; 4, Edmondson, yell. Bunting, good colour, well mkd. head, in splendid feather, nice colour and clean cut cap; 2, hc, Jowett. SOFTBILL (13): 1, 3, Chick, Wheatear, one of the best out, rare size, grand feather and markings, very steady, well shown; 3, Blackcap, a gem for feather, nice colour and clean cut cap; 2, hc, Axe, grandly spotted, beautifully feathered Song Thrush, good, bold head and eye, well shown; 4, vhc, Mason, one of the best Nuthatches we have seen for a long time, grand colour, feather and size; c, Duncan. MULE, ETC (15): 1, 2, Tams and Son, clear, buff, Goldfinch Canary, nice feather, good wings and shape, 2 Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand feather and colour, a wee bit rough at one side of face, or might have won; 3, Inman, very smart Goldfinch-Greenfinch, grand wing bars, beautifully feathered; 4 Duncan, grand feath red Linnet-Greenfinch, nice size and shape; vhc, Ward; hc, Cowgill; c, Lamb.

Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (17): 1, Livesey, grand quality, lengthy, good back and wings; 2, Chippindale, grand length and shape; 3, Drake and Son, splendid quality and shape; 4, Morris and Shackleton, good size, straight; vhc, Wood; hc, Smith; c, Robertshaw. BUFF (22): 1, Leach, grand quality and colour, nice shape; 2, 3, Coates, 2 grand shape, stands well, nice quality and feather; 4, Hammond, grand shape and size, nice quality; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Wade; c, Jagger and Ackroyd. HEN TKD., ETC., YELL. (23): 1, Slater, big stashing bird, grand colour and quality; 2, Morris and Shackleton; nice type, good quality; 3, Middlebrook, good size, quality and colour; 4, Shepherd, nice type and quality, well up; vhc, Sowden; hc, Lodge; c, Grange. BUFF (24): 1, Armstrong, uneven marked, grand shape, style and colour, wins; 2, Crossland, ticked wing, grand length and style; 3, Allen and Swaine, thigh ticked, nice type; 4, hc, c, Frankland, uneven mkd., grand quality; vhc, Drake. TKD., ETC., YELL. (22): 1, Frankland, grand, raking hen, good quality, wins; 2, Shepherd, nice hen; 3, Lodge, nice length, grand quality; 4 Denby, a similar exhibit; vhc, Shaw Bros., hc, Rudd; c, Gelder. BUFF (21): 1, Drake and Son, grand, stylish, leggy hen; 2, Bateman, lengthy, good shape, nice position; 3, Lodge, lovely quality, style and shape, a gem; 4, Drake and Son, another good, stylish hen; vhc, Dyson; hc, Wade; Simpson. SELL. 20/-, YELL. (29): 1, Garnett; 2, Townsend; 3, Murgatroyd; 4, Whitfield; vhc, Jagger, Ackroyd; hc, Greenwood; c, Laughey. 15/-, BUFF (27): 1, Exton; 2, Garnett; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, Long; vhc, Lane; hc, Dean; c, Laughey. 12/6 (25) 1, Smith; 2, Greenwood; 3, Allan and Swaine; 4, Sowden; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Mason; c, Feather.

ASHINGTON AND HORST.

This show was held on Nov. 30th, in the Harmonic Hall, under C.B.U. Rules. The Hall is one of the best possible, being well lighted and free from draughts. The total entries reached 236, this being 60 more than last year. Mr. J. Robson placed the cards, and his judgments seemed to give satisfaction. The exhibits were splendidly staged, and high credit is due to the committee for the manner in which the show was conducted. The society are to be congratulated on having such an able chairman as that well-known exhibitor, Mr. Thomas Floyd, who was here, there and everywhere. Secretary Jos. Miles is also a most obliging and capable fancier, and had everything well in hand, exhibitors present being paid their prize money. Altogether the venture proved a gratifying success, which must have delighted the local fanciers, and well repaid them for their efforts. The list of officials is: Chairman, Thomas Floyd; secretary, Joseph Miles; treasurer, Arthur Davison; committee, James Miles, T. Thompson; J. Jacques, J. Armstrong, S. P. Lackey, S. Evans, E. Floyd, J. Smith, A. Dippie, R. Richardson. Specials for most points in whole show fell to Jos. Miles, 72; Thomas Floyd, 57; Jos. Armstrong, 52; and S. P. Lackey, 51. In members' classes, Jos. Miles, 54; Jos. Armstrong, 33; S. P. Lackey, 32; T. Floyd, 31; James Miles, 20.

Open Classes.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl. E. Cowling, grand type and splendid colour, a topper, well-known; 2, Rowell, good in quality and chubby; 3, Floyd, typical, nice colour; vhc, Thompson; hc, c, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, spl, Floyd, splendid type, grand head, wins (also clock, special for best bird confined to Ashington and Birst); 2, vhc, T. Thompson, grand exhibit, good shape and quality; hc, c, Lackey; c, Davison. HEN: 1, spl, Cowling, a topper; vhc, Lackey; hc, Taylor; c, Floyd. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, spl, Floyd, grand type and quality, very steady; 2, Cowling, good colour; 3, Armstrong; vhc, French; hc, Miles; c, Lackey. UNFLI. BUFF: 1, spl, W. Scott, grand type, full of quality; 2, Lackey, fine bird, good size and quality; 3, Miles; vhc, Thompson; c, Floyd. CINNAMON: 1, spl, 2, 3 in each class, Riding, need no comment, grand exhibits; vhc, Jacques. CREST: 1, spl, Taylor, good body, fine neat crest, wins; 2, Younger Bros.; 3, Marshall, also two good ones. CRESTBRED: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Younger Bros., grand bird, plenty of feather; 2, Marshall, another good one; 3, Appleby. YORKS (6): 1, 3, Dykes, 1st, grand quality and splendid colour, wins Ramsden's Goblet; 3rd, neat exhibit; 2, vhc, Walsh, another good one; hc, Charlton and Anderson; c, Davison. BORDER YELL: 1, spl, Rowell, splendid colour and quality; 2, J. Armstrong; 3, Hudspith and Soulsby, couple of neat stylish birds; vhc, Lackey; hc, Hawkins; c, Dippie. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Irwin, good, jaunty bird; 2, Rowell, neat all over, travels well; 3, Lindsay, fine shape and quality; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Hudspith and Soulsby; c, Dipple. HEN (15): 1, spl, hc, French extra good type and feather; 2, Dippie, smart, stylish, nice shape; 3, Rowell, good one all round, travels well; vhc, Hawkins; c, Armstrong. SELL. 12/6 (14): 1, spl, Miles; 2, Davison; 3, Lackey; vhc, Dykes; c, Rowell. LINNET (11): 1, spl, French, well-known winner, grand colour and markings; 2, Hudspith and Soulsby, another real good one; 3, Jas. Miles, nice shape and colour; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Atkinson; c, Dunn. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, Welch Bros., Treecreeper, wins easy, also spl. best British; 2, 3, Miles. HARDBILL (12): 1, spl, Jas. Miles, Hawfinch, grand colour and quality, a good one; 2, Dippie, Yellowhammer, good size and colour, nicely marked; 3, Floyd, Bullfinch, good bird; vhc, hc, Forster; c, Pattie. FOREIGN: 1, spl, vhc, Porteous; 2, Cockburn; 3, Mackenzie.

Members' Classes.

NORWICH YELL: 1, 3, Floyd; 2, Armstrong; vhc, Richardson; hc, Miles; c, Jacques. BUFF: 1, spl, vhc, hc, Lackey; 2, Miles; 3, Jacques; c, Floyd. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Floyd; 3, hc, Thompson; vhc, Miles; c, Jacques. BORDER YELL: 1, spl, Armstrong; 2, Smith; 3, Miles. BUFF: 1, spl, hc, Miles; 2, Dippie; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Smith. HEN: 1, spl, Miles; 2, hc, Armstrong; 3, vhc, Dippie. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Miles, Yorks; 2, Davison, even Norwich; 3, c, Miles, Cinnamon; vhc, Richardson; hc, Jacques. NOVICE: 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, S. P. Lackey; 3, c, Jacques. LINNET: 1, spl, 3, James Miles; 2, Armstrong; vhc, Thompson; hc, Jas. Miles; c, Floyd. HARDBILL: 1, spl, James Miles, Hawfinch; 2, Dippie, Yellowhammer; 3, hc, Jos. Miles, Chaffinch; vhc, Floyd; c, Thompson.

DUNDEE.

The City of Dundee and Dist held their seventh Annual Show in the Gymnasium, Ward Road, on Nov. 30, under the patronage of the Scottish Brit. B. and M.C., and the Scottish P.C. The "Gym" is a most suitable place, nicely lighted, free from draught, plenty of room and comfortable. The weather was at its best, and the sun shining brightly—the judges had everything in their favour; entries totalled over 500; we were sorry to hear that they were 75 short of last year, but what was lacking in number was easily made up for in quality. Crests were exceptionally strong and some of the finest exhibits were staged to perfection. The Crested cock shown by Mr. J. McLay was a real topper, almost green, with plenty of substance. Another bird of special note was the green crested hen shown by Mr. Geo. Mackie; it is one of the first water, plenty of substance and grand formation of crest. Norwich classes were back on last year; still, some grand exhibits were staged. A lovely Challenge Cup presented by Mr. James Howie for the best in show, was won by Mr. Geo. Davidson, with a Norwich clear buff cock of the right type and grand quality of feather; this bird also won the Club Medal for best Norwich belonging to a member. Mule classes were up to the standard, some old champions coming well to the front. Duncan and Logan winning most of the prizes in this section. Mr. J. Patterson won most honours in the Border classes. This was without doubt as good a judged show as we have had the pleasure of seeing this season. The Secretary, Mr. Alex. Miller, kept hard at work the whole day, and deserves great credit for his able management. He was well backed up by the vice-president, Mr. John Byers, and a strong committee. Judges: Crests, etc., Mr. Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; Norwich, Mr. John Adams, Dundee; Borders, Mr. John Craig, Brechin; Mules, etc., Mr. Alex. Cochrane, Edinburgh—and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

The Canary Section.

DARK CREST CK. (11): 1, 3, McLay, both heavy var., two grand exhibits, splendid bodies, abundance of feather, crests large and of capital radiation; 2, Whitton, marked on both wings, crest of good size and shape; 4, Welsh, ticked on eye, a good turned out; 4, Wilson, very sweet bird, clear body, good centre and droop; 5, Miller, a green of good size; 6, Forbes; 7, O. Mahoney. HEN (12): 1, Mackie, grand hen and no mistake, much admired—almost green, well up in size, crest large and of excellent shape, dense, nice droop, well turned out; 2, Forbes, another dark one, in prim condition, large dense crest, of good radiation and droop; 3, McLay, heavily var., also well up in size, crest of good formation, real good exhibit; 4, Wilson, cl. body, very sweet, smaller than those in front; 5, Whitton; 6, Dryden; 7, Stewart. CL. CREST (4): 1, 2, Bruce, winner runner-up for cup, tremendous head, great length of feather, neat well-formed crest, nice droop, good leafy feather; 2, neat centre, not at all a bad one; 3, Burden, another typical bird; 4, Brown, neat crest. CRESTBRED (13): 1, 3, McLay, 1, Cl., grand entrance, well lashed, very good body; 3, heavily var., fine domeshaped head, good entrance, well up in size; 2, Mackie, rare good green, splendid wide dome, skull, well lashed, good size and shape; 4, Welsh, ticked on eye, a good one; 5, Gray; 6, Dryden; 7, Wilson. HEN (9): 1, Mackie, rare bodied clear, very stout, wide cushion skull, grand entrance, lashed to perfection, followed closely by 2, McLay, green, good wide head, massive frame, grandly browed, extra good feather; 3, Whitton, nice cushion and width of skull; 4, Miller, real good yell.; 5, Dryden; 6, O'Mahoney. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (15): 1, Mackie, dark crested cock, quickly claimed; 2, Bruce, same; 3, McMaster, C.B., marked wings and head, good stock bird; 4, Miller; 5, Welsh; 6, Love; 7, Low. NORWICH CL. YELL. (9): 1, Mitchell, rich in colour, nice silky feather, very neat wings and tail, very wild at time of taking notes; 2, Steel, very thick set, a youngster of good colour and quality; 3, Forrest, another hot fed one, A1 quality, good head, nice carried wings and tail; 4, Chalmers, good Nor. properties; 5, Allcorn; 6, Harris; 7, Jamieson. BUFF (6): 1, Cup and Medal, Davidson, big bouncing bird, chubby body, grand head and chest, feather and carriage excellent, wins; 2, Howie, tip top quality, nice level colour, just crosses wings a little; 3, Chalmers, nice type, good colour and quality; 4, Dempster; 5, Bowman; 6, Steven. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Howie, a gem for type, all there, lovely texture of feather, hot level colour, rare good hen; 2, Martin, plenty of substance, good head and neck, bright colour, carried well through; 3, Fraser, shapely, lovely feather and colour; 4, Hampton, hot fed, well turned out; 5, Harris; 6, Davidson; 7, Steven. BUFF (10): 1, Howie, nice short thick set hen of lovely quality, beautifully carried wings and tail, a taking exhibit; 2, Soutar, marked on head, well built and typical; 3, Aikenhead, another good stamp of a hen, A1 quality, well balanced, short wings and tail; 4, Chalmers, nice class of feather; 5, McLay, very sweet in quality and colour; 6, Fraser; 7, Steele. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, Chalmers, saddle mkd., one of grand substance, rare head and neck, nice rounded body, well finished behind the legs, teeming with quality; 2, Wylie, marked on both wings and head, topper for colour and quality; 3, Brown, well up in colour and quality, good head, plenty size, some preferred for second; 4, Scaife, variegated, sweet quality, beautifully turned out; 5, Aikenhead; 6, Malloch; 7, Dempster. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Forrest, slightly marked on eye and wing, nice rounded chest, A1 quality and colour; 2, Davidson, large, grand substance and quality, fine level colour, rare head and neck, must have pressed hard; 3, 5, Howie, two very sweet exhibits, teeming with quality and colour; 4, Harris, another of right stamp; 6, Grewar; 7, Wylie. YELL. VARIEG. HEN (12): 1, Davidson, a gem, cap and wing mkd., grand head, lovely rounded body, rare colour, and teeming with quality, beautifully carved wings and tail, grand hen; 2, Forrest, good type, well up in colour but down in rare bloom; 3, Adam, variegated, nice exhibit altogether; 4, Crosbie, grand bodied hen, good head, well filled in neck, nice level colour and quality; 5, Lyall, good type; 6, Bowman; 7, Chalmers. BUFF (9): 1, Howie, a taking exhibit, marked both eyes and wings, very stylish, grand quality of feather, neat bold head, grand carried wings and tail; 2, Milne, also good type, a good one; 3, 6, Fraser, 3 marked both wings, nice substance; 4, Steele, good type; 5, Chalmers; 7, Harris. UNFLI CK. (16): 1, Davidson, short thick set yell., beautiful shape, nice rounded head, well filled in neck, rich in colour, wings and tail perfect, wins; 2, 3, 5, Howie, a good team, two huffs and a yell., put down in rare bloom; 4, Mitchell, cl., also of good type and quality; 6, Milne; 7, Steven, a rare good class. HEN (20): 1, 5, Howie, winner yell., grand substance, bouncing bird of good quality, nice soft texture of feather, rattling colour, well put down; 2, Lyall, good shape, nice head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 3, Mitchell, good type, close in feather, sweet quality; 4, Soutar; 6, Taylor; 7, Muir. NON-FED CK (11): 1, Marr, cl. huff, a model for shape, quality and finish; 2, 5, Howie, also buff, lightly marked, similar in size and quality; 3, Chalmers, teeming with quality; 4, Bowman, grand bodied bird; 6, Jamieson, also well up in size; 7, Reid. HEN (13): 1, Winter, almost green, a gem for shape and colour, close feather of good quality; 2, Marr, buff variegated, of the right type and quality, makes a good second; 3, Harris, typical, well carried wings, 4, 6, 7, Howie; 5, Lyall. SELL. (29): 1, Steven, buff, marked eyes and wings, nice style, A1 quality, good colour caused a bit of competition; 2, Soutar, yell., a good one; 3, Milne, 4, Bowman; 5, Harris; 6, Wylie; 7, Smith. BORD. CL. YELL. CK. (16): 1, Patterson, grand body, splendid carriage, in tip top form, feathered like wax; 2, Lawson, very sweet and stylish, good carriage, in lovely feather; 3, Brown, beauty for feather and style; 4, Reid, in grand bloom; 5, Christison; 6, Aikenhead; 7, McKenzie. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Patterson, fine colour and shape, teeming with quality, very stylish; 2, McKenzie, very compact carriage, in spotless condition, a rare mover; 3, Auld, another of the right type, lovely position, best of quality; 4, Christison, nice stamp, good feather; 5, Easson; 6, Stirling; 7, Sadler. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Patterson, in grand trim, fine front, rare head and neck, lovely feather, hard to find fault with; 2, Walker and Stirling, very neat and stylish; 3, Easson, sweet head and neck, lovely compact wings; 4, McKenzie; 5, Lawson; 6, Douglas; 7, Arnott. BUFF (10): 1, Patterson, sweet head, grand shape and style, lovely feather; 2, Christison, very smart shape; 3, Easson, typical, very jaunty, best of feather and condition; 4, Lawson; 5, McKenzie; 6, Sadler; 7, Tolmie. ANY COL CK. (10): 1, Patterson, nicely marked, a gem, and no mistake, rare mover in spotless condition; 2, Walker and Stirling, marked both wings, very smart and nice feather; 3, McKenzie, sweet head and neck, A1 colour, a good one; 4, Logie; 5, Stirling; 6, Hutcheson; 7, Auld. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, marked eyes and wings, smart little hen, very stylish, grand feather; 2, 4, Walker and Stirling, same markings, two good ones; 3, Patterson; 5, Harper; 6, Hutcheson; 7, Logie. SELL. (19): 1, 6, Wallace and Stirling; 2, Logie; 3, Christison; 4, Patterson; 5, Brown; 7, Lumsden.

Mules Brit.sh and Foreign.

LIGHT MULE CK. (9): 1, 2, Duncan and Logan, two stormers, winner clear Goldie Canary, well up in size, grand colour and blaze, put down in faultless condition, 2 Greenie-Bunie, rare size, fed to perfection, made good second; 3, Cunningham, Linnet-Canary, lightly marked, nice size and condition; 4, 5, 6, Arrighi, nice team; 7, Dickie and Smith. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Duncan and Logan, couple of grand Mules, not fed, not a feather out of place, well up in size; 3, Grewar, another Goldie-Canary; 4, Hamilton; 5, Nicol; 6, Samson, 7, McQuinton. CANARY-MULE (11): 1, 6, Duncan and Logan, 1 Canary-Bunie, well up in size and colour; 2, Fraser, Siskin-Canary, splendid colour and size, showing cross very distinctly; 3, Pendrigh, Greenfinch-Canary, lovely quality of feather, nice level fed, A1 size, tip-top condition; 4, Ross, another large Canary-Bunie; 5, Arrighi; 7, Tait. GOLDIE BRIT. (14): 1, Reid, good square blaze, rich tanning, good moonings; 2, Pendrigh, must have pressed winner hard for honours, grand type, good coloured face, nice, square cut, rich in colour and markings, full of life; 3, Anderson, a good finch; 4, McQuiston, another good one, nice size; 5, Findlayson; 6, Watson; 7, McGill. BULLFINCH (18): 1, Jackson, grand breast colour, well up for size, rare dense black cap, and large defined wing bars, closely followed by 2, McQuiston, nice size and shape, well defined cap, rich breast colour; 3, McDonald, almost equally as good; 4, Strachan; 5, Cullen; 6, Watson; 7, Mitchell. GREENFINCH (11): 1, 2, Aitken, two lovely shaped Greenfinches, grand size, well fed in the best of condition; 3, Munro, nice finish; 4, McQuiston, real good one, nice, even colour, grand size and condition; 5, Thomson, also well up in size; 6, Hislop; 7, Mitchell. LINNETS (21), a stormer of a class and some good ones had to stand cardless: 1, Arrighi, tremendous size and colour, clear from the rest, rare mover, and in prime condition; 2, 6, Dryden, 2 very pretty Linnet, nice tone of colour, finely pencilled, shining like satin; 3, Brown, another of similar type and finish, very little between them; 4, Davidson, lovely breast, covered with good pencilling, steady as a rock, nice polish; 5, 7, Ramsay, have seen them looking better. SISKIN (11): 1, Barclay, nice sized Siskin, grand colour, nice cap and lacing; 2, Arrighi, good colour, fine black-cap, rare bib, nicely laced on thighs, must have pressed; 3, Mitchell, yell., fed one, in nice condition; 4, 6, Crockatt, in rare feather; 5, 7, Dickie and Smith. REDPOLL, ETC. (10): 1, McQuiston, grand coloured Twite, nice size, well turned out; 2, 5, Dickie and Smith, 2 lovely coloured Redpoll, very smart and shapely, nicely laced, grand bib; 3, Munro, Twite, beautiful colour and markings; 4, McGillivray Bros.; 6, Nicholson; 7, Wilson and Campbell. CHAFFIE, ETC. (13): 1, Brown, lovely Bramblefinch, good size, shape, colour and spangle, closely followed by 2, Reid, charming Chaffinch, large, nice shape, splendid colour, superb condition; 3, Hislop, another grand Bramble, in perfect feather, lovely wing bars, rich colours; 4, Law, Chaffie, well up in colour and markings, very smart Finch; 5, McDonald; 6, McGillivray Bros.; 7, Samson. BRIT. SMALL (8): 1, 5, 7, Pendrigh, winning with a gem of a Redstart in faultless condition, much admired, 5 Wryneck, also in grand condition; 2, Nicholson, Yellow Wagtail, nice shape and colour, very graceful movements, and well pleased with the surroundings; 3, McDiarmid, another Wagtail, in spotless condition, nicely staged; 4, Montague; 6, Nisbet. LARGE (9): 1, 5, Crockatt, 1 gem of a Waxwing, often described, looking well as ever, nice and steady; 2, 4, Brown, 2 beauty of a Missel Thrush in grand bloom; 4, Blackbird of the right colour and finish; 3, Gilmour, Hawfinch, beautiful bib, nice size, good hars, A1 condition; 6, Cummins; 7, Pringle. SELL. (17): 1, Wylie, nice Goldie Mule; 2, Watson, Whydah; 3, 5, Storrar; 4, Colville and Son; 6, Smith; 7, Wilson and Campbell. FOR. GOLDIE (12): 1, Arrighi, good size, large clean cut, shapely, blaze of rich colour, nicely tanned, well polished; 2, Pendrigh, another good one, very little between the two, best of shape; 3, Munro, face of nice size, clean cut, good bars and moons; 4, McQuiston, very taking Goldie, in beautiful condition, brilliant coloured face, nicely tanned; 5, Henderson; 6, Neish; 7, Nicoll. BULLFINCHES (10): 1, McDonald, rare size and colour, good cap; 2, 4, Jackson, two lovely feathered exhibits, well up in breast colour; 3, 6, Pendrigh 3 shapely, good size, rich coloured breast, well carried down, rare bars and condition; 5, Nicholson; 7, Brown. FOR. SMALL (10): 1, Gowan, Paradise Whydah, in the pink of condition, rare tail, nicely shown; 2, Crighton, pair of pretty Grassfinches, feathered like wax, staged to perfection; 3, McDiarmid, Scarlet Tanager, in nice condition and colour; 4, Colville and Son, yell. Budgerigars, in lovely feather; 5, Watson, Pipthl, in beautiful feather, nice and steady; 6, Mitchell; 7, Birse. LARGE (8): 1, Nisbet, crimson wing, a beauty; 2, Arrighi, Black-headed Calghe, in good feather; 3, Dolan, Amazon.

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BIRMINGHAM.

Held in the large Assembly Room of the Crown Hotel, Station Street, on Dec. 4. The birds were nicely staged along three sides of the room, and made a good display. Entries came up well, close on 300 being on view. Norwich were well to the fore both in numbers and quality. Yorkshires were a little disappointing, but Cinnamons and Crests, though not very numerous, were a grand lot, while the British classes were a treat to see, quality being of the very best. Members' Classes contained some capital specimens, and the management was first class. Mr. Wilkins, the courteous and energetic secretary, had everything in good order, and was ably assisted by Messrs. Smith, Collier, Davis, Paddock, Walker, Cowley, Wells and others. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. NOR. YELL. (11): 1, spl. for best Norwich, Jelfs, grand head and chest, good carriage of wings and tail, fine quality, nice size and condition; 2, Godley, equal in shape, lovely colour; 3, vhc, Davis, another nice one; 4, hc, Eckersley, nice shape and type, very fair feather; c, Symonds and Son. BUFF (11): 1, Houghton, variegthe Gloucester winner, bit lame on one leg, does not show so well to-day, grand type, lovely carriage; 2, Wootton, cap marked, nice crest, good shape packed wings, close up; 3, hc, Eckersley, nice chest and head, capital quality; vhc, Godley; c, Davis. UNFLI. (24): 1, spl., for best Members' buff Nor. and Hyde's spl., Gilbert, beautiful soft silky feather, nice warm colour, best of shape, carriage and feather, a really grand young buff, one of the best; 2, spl., for best Members' Yell. Nor., Broad burst, well built, variegd., splendid feather, brimful of quality, very promising; 3, Godley, grand type capital feather, full of quality; 4, vhc, hc, Eckersley, nice team, leader good big one; c, Hall. HEN (14): 1, Jeffs, buff, gem for type and quality, neat head wings and tail, nice jaunty carriage, in fine condition; 2, Wootton, big, fine built hen, nice shape. 3, Williams, buff, nice feather and quality; 4, Gilbert, variegd; vhc, hc, c, Eckersley. CREST (8): 1, spl., for best bird in show, Godley, dark wing marked Crest, grand shape, size and formation good all round, could do with a rest; 2, Peace, nice crest, good shape, grand bird; 3, Axe, good bird; 4, Wilks, nice veiny feather, worth its place; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Marshall; c, Peters. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Godley, variegd, big massive birds, carrying heaps of feather, good entrance, well lashed; 2, 4, Wilks, green leading, nice entrance, fine broad skull, plenty of feather, good second, fourth, variegd, nice back; 3, vhc, Wilkins, clear, fine head, well clothed, neat head; hc, Peace. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, spl. for best Yorks., also spl. for best Members' Yorks., Burke, fine, long, well built bird, beautiful feather, nice colour, best of carriage, neat head, wings and tail; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., fine length, good shape, nice wing carriage; 3, 4, Wilson, nice type and style; 4th, hc, Casey; c, Wainwright. BUFF (11): 1, Wilson, cap and neck marked, full of style, grand carriage, nice one; 2, Paddock, fine size and quality, 3, Burke, fine length and shape; 4, Wainwright, nice straight bird; vhc, Williams; hc, Allen; c, Palmer. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Ogden Bros. long, smart shapely bird of good feather, marked eyes and wings, lovely colour; 2, 4, Bowes, leader variegd., grand feather, capital shape, spoiled by being unsteady; 3, Wilson, nice style and length; vhc, Ankers. BUFF (5): 1, Pulian, nice shape, neat wings and tail, capital carriage; 2, Wilson, nice stand fine quality; 3, Caton, good length and position; vhc, Wainwright, longest bird in class, seems to have been spoiled in the wash. HEN (9): 1, 2, Ogden Bros., yell., nice shape and d[illegible] buff marked, nice length, good head and wing carriage; 3, Casey, nice quality, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Paddock, grand feather and shape; vhc, Wilson; hc, Collier; c, Allen. CINNAMON (10): 1, 3, 4, Godley, leader yell. of splendid size, capital shape and feather, good sound cinn. colour, 3rd fine sound coloured buff, good shape and size, 4th not far behind 2, Mrs. Howe, big, fine built buff good quality sound colour good [illegible]; vhc Mr. C. Cowley. SELL. (£2) (21): 1, Godley; 2, Waring; 3, Marshall; 4, Eckersley; vhc, Silvers; hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Midgley. (£1) (31): 1, Hall; 2, Marshall; 3, Godley; extra 3, Wilks; 4, Axe; extra 4, vhc, Wells; vhc, Dipple; hc, Wootton; hc, Eckersley; c, Adcock; c, West. MULE, ETC. (13): 1, 2, 4, Lawrence, grand team, leader Canary Bully in ne condition; 2, Greenie Bully, fine shape, in capital condition, good 2nd; 4th Linnet Bullie, nice shape and colour; 3, Tonks, good Greenie Goldie, fine shape, size and condition, worth its place; vhc, Williams; vhc, c, Tams and Son; hc, Smith, Miss Thomas; c, Ward; a grand class. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Axe, grand build and size, fine blaze, wing bars, and buttons in fine condition, easy win; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, grand derp, bright-coloured blaze, neat wing, bars and buttons; 3, Tonks, nice face and wings, in splendid condition; 4, Tams and Son, good inch; vhc, Weaver; hc, c, Castle. A.O.S. HARDBILL (12): 1, 3, Chick, leader Hawfinch, one of the best we have seen, head grand, fine colour, size and condition; 3rd grand Bramblefinch, well laced, carries himself nicely; 2, 4, Axe, well known yell. Bunting, in nice condition; 4th equally well known Hawfinch, in grand order, good one beaten by a better; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell, good Chaffinch, nice order, steady; hc, Miss Thomas and Charles; c, Callear. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Jonea, beautiful Cornish Chough, fine size, grand beak and legs, fine dense glossy plumage; 2, Axe, grand Song Thrush, well marked, good shape and carriage, close fight; 3, Poole, Gold-Crested Wren, in nice trim; 4, Chick, grand Magpie, in fine condition; vhc, Williams, good Nightingale; hc, Miss Hopwood; c, Williams; a real good class. [illegible] CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Silvers; 2, 3, Eckersley; 4, Gilbert. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Eckersley; 2, Gilbert; 3, Wells. UNFLI. (8): 1, 2, Broadhirst; 3, 4, c, Eckersley; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Silvers. CREST (5): 1, Marshall; 2, Price; 3, Gilbert; 4, Smith. CRESTBRED (5): 1, Marshall; 2, Price; 3, Midwinter; 4, Smith. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Wells; 2, Burke; 3, Paddock; 4, Allen. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Burke; 2, Paddock; 4, Wells; vhc Allen; hc, Collier. UNFLI. (5): 1, 3, Burke; 2, Paddock; 4, vhc Collier. CINN. (2): 1, 2, Silvers. NOVICE (12): 1, Dipple; 2, hc, c, Owen; 3, Rose; 4, Jones; vhc, Marlow. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Wells; 3, Gilbert; 4, Burchall. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, Gilbert; 2, 3, 4, Wells. NOVICE SELL. 20/- (2): 1, Jones; 2, Price.

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NOR. (12): 1, v, Allen, yell., short and cobby, good colour and quality; 2, Ison, hard, nice shape, good quality, leather very typical; 3, Handley and Son, yell., nice colour and quality, rather longer; h, Handley; c, Linsey. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, Palmer, var. crest, good size body, fairly dense drooping crest, claimed; 2, v, Brookes, Grey Crest useful bird; 3, Linsey, var., Crest Bred, fair head and lashing. YORKS. 1, 2, spl., Moore, buff, nice length, well carried, wing and tail, nice feather; 2, Handley and Son, yell., very fair length, typical; 3, Gifford, buff, nice head, rather thin in neck; vhc, Linsey. SELL. (10/-) (6): 1, 2, Linsey; 3, v, Ison. MULE (9): 1, Brookes, smart buff 4-pointed Goldfinch; 2, v, Williams, hen Bullfinch and Canary; 3, Cutting, dark yell. Goldfinch and Canary; h, Lambert; c, Bye. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, spl., Jeeves, small blaze, nice cheeks, fairly good markings; 2, Thompson, very mixed blaze, good cheeks and moonings; 3, Dean, small head, nice shaped bird; v, Cousins; h, Williams; c, Westrope. BULLFINCH: 1, spl., Smith, nice size, good crest, dense cap; 2, v, King, loses only on crest colour; 3, Williams; h, Hearne; c, Edwards. LINNET (12): 1, spl., Gifford, nice size, good ticking; 2, Argent, very similar; 3, Westrope, close up; v, Helmer; c, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, spl., v, Smith, well marked Twite, nice size, well shown; 2, c, Edward, smart good coloured Siskin, 3, Chapman, Redpoll, in good order; h, Rolf; BLACKBIRD ETC. (13): 1, spl., 2, Smith, well-spotted Thrush; 2, well shown Missel Thrush; 3, Robinson, very fair Blackbird; v, Morley; h Linsey; c, Chapman. SMALL (12): 1, spl., 3, Lambert, 1, good Wheatear; 3, nice Bramblefinch; 2, Ridgewell, nice steady Chaffinch; v, Hawes; h, Smith; c, Berry. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl., Linsey, very fine Magpie, rare size, good contrast of colours; 2, Ridgeon, very fair Hawfinch; 3, Christmann, Magpie, very fair size and density of colour; v, Morley. NOVICE (26): 1, spl., Skinner, fair var. crest-bred; 2, spl., Banyard, ticked yell. Nor.; 3, Bainbridge, buff Nor.; v, Dean; h, Campion; c, Linsey.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

The North London C.B.A. fifth annual show was held in the Library Hall, Stoke Newington, on Nov. 29th and 30th, and although the entries were not quite so numerous as those of last year, the show was an excellent one. The quality in the Norwich Plainhead classes was of a very high order, a remark which will be all the more apparent when we mention that the teams of Messrs. Hodder and W. Morris were present in full force, the latter gentleman securing the cup with a rattling unflighted ticked buff, and his team of yellows was much and deservedly admired. Mr. Hodder, however, gave Mr. Morris a tight race for position, and the competition between these two gentlemen's birds was a matter of considerable interest. In champion Yorkshires, Mr. Rennie had quite a field day, and amongst his winners were some really fine birds. In the amateur section the Norwich challenge cup fell to Mr. Landgridge, but Mr. Reynolds also staged a fine team, and annexed many prizes. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Pegrum and Done were the chief winners. In the novice classes, Mr. Marley annexed the Norwich Plainhead cup, but the competition was very keen, and the prize winners more widely represented. In Yorkshires the chief winners were Messrs. G. T. Green, Williams and Penton. Mr. Forse won the British bird cup with a smart Goldfinch, and generally the quality of the British birds was good. Altogether, however, we think the Society has good reason to congratulate itself on the show. Mr. R. P. Harper, the hon. secretary, did yeoman work, aided by the assistant secretary, Mr. [illegible], and the verdict "Well done" may be pronounced upon the efforts of one and all. [illegible] the staging was conveniently arranged, the birds being placed at a nice height for being viewed, and the light was excellent, both for judges and sightseers. The show management of Messrs. J. W. Rennie and S. A. Griffin, gave evidence of intimate acquaintance with the work. Messrs. J. Robson and S. Cook judged.

CHAMPION SECTION: NOR. YELL. (7): 1, 3, res., vhc., hc, c, Morris; 2, Hodder. BUFF (7): 1, 3, res., vhc, hc, c, Morris; 2, Hodder. HENS (8): 1, 2, res., vhc., hc, c, Morris; 3, Hodder. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Morris; res., Hodder. BUFF (5): 1, cup, res., vhc, Morris; 2, 3, Hodder. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2 spls, 2, res., Rennie; 3, Sweetman. BUFF (6): 1, 2, res., vhc, hc, Rennie; 3, Forse. HENS (6): 1, spl, 2 3,, res., vhc, Rennie; hc, Sweetman. UNFLI. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Rennie; 3, Sweetman. BUFF (3): 1, spl, 2, Rennie. CREST or C.B. (6): All the prizes and honours to Mr. Farmer. MULES, ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mortlock, with a very nice trio. AMATEUR SECTION: NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, 3, Langridge; 2, vhc, hc, c, Reynolds; res. spl, Cawthorne. BUFF (8): 1, 3, vhc, c, Reynolds; 2, cup, spl. res, 2 spls, Langridge. HENS (7): 1, vhc, Langridge; 2, res., hc, Reynolds; 3, Pike; c, Cawthorne. YORKS. (9): 1, 2 spls, 2, c, Pegrum; 3, res., vhc, hc, Done. MULES, ETC. (3): 1, spl, Cawthorne; 2, Reynolds; 3, Pegrum. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Williams; 2, spl, 3, Harper; res, spl, Marley; vhc, Griffin; hc, Cox; c, Williamson. BUFF (12): 1, Bonwick; 2, res., Marley; 3, vhc, c, Harper; hc, Neal. TKD. [illegible] YELL. (5): 1, Morgan; 2, Marley; 3, Bonwick; res, Williams; vhc, Neal. BUFF (7): 1, res., Marley; 2, Griffin; 3, Harper; vhc, Hale; hc, Nelson; c, Neal. HENS (12): 1, spl, 3, Marley; 2, res, Harper; vhc, Hale; hc, Morgan; c, Williamson. UNFLI. YELL. (9): 1, cup, 3 spls, 3, Marley; 2, Morgan; res., Harper; vhc, spl, Neal;; hc, Griffin; c, Hale. BUFF (10): 1, spl, res., Marley; 2, hc, Williamson; 3, Hale; vhc, Harper; c, Morgan. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 2 spls, hc, Green; 2, 3, spl, vhc, Forse; res., Penton; c, Turner. BUFF (5): 1 Green; 2, Neal; 3, Morgan; res., Forse. MKD., ETC. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Forse; 3, Green; res., Candle; vhc, Green; hc, Penton. HENS (3): 1, Penton; 2, Williams; 3, Rowson. UNFLI YELL. (4): 1, Williams; 2, Candle; 3, Penton. CREST or C.B. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, res., Anson. MULES, ETC. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2 spls, Baldry; 2, Marley; 3, vhc, Penton; res., Titchmarsh; hc, Woodman. A.O.V. (7): 1, res., Bell; 2, Woodman; 3, c, Kitson; vhc, Mackenzie; hc, Mumford. BRIT. GOLDIE (16): 1, cup, 2 spls, Forse; 2, Mumford; 3, Pike; res., Harris; vhc, Mortlock; hc, Baldry; c, Bell. BULLIE (4): 1, Woodman; 2, 2 spls, Harris; 3, Bell; res., Marley. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Marley; 2, Pike; 3, Baldry; res., Kitson; vhc, Harris; hc, Hale; c, Pretty. LINNET (8): 1, 2 spls, vhc, Marley; 2, Pike; 3, res., Mortlock; hc, Baldry; c, Hale. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Mortlock; 2, Pike; 3, Marley; res., Harris; hc, Woodman. A.O.S. FINCH CK. (5): 1, Harris; 2, Forse 3, Mortlock; res., no name. SMALL INSECT. (3): 1, 2, Baldry; 3, no name. BLACKBIRD ETC. (4): 1, Baldry 2, Forse; 3, 2 spls, Bell; res., no name. FOR. (5): 1, spl, vhc, Baldry; 2, 3, Harris; res., Woodman. SELL. 15/- (8): 1, spl, hc, Harper; 2, Langridge; 3, Hale; res, Baldry; vhc, Sweetman; c, Neal. 20/- (3): 1, Hale; 2 Sweetman; 3, Cawthorne. PAIRS, 35/- (3): 1, Hale; 2, Sweetman; 3, Green.

BRISTOL.

Seventeenth annual show of the Bristol F.A. was held in the Drill Hall on December 4th and 5th. This year cage birds were staged in a separate room, and a most admirable one it is, quite free from draughts and with the best of light. Had the committee only advertised this fact, we think they would have had a considerably augmented entry. The quality of exhibits all round was first-class, and entries were good, many of the best on circuit being put down. Amongst the Crests, special mention should be made of the grand youngster of Mr. Taylor's, the Crestbred of Mr. Pool's, and the Yellow Crestbred of Mr. T. J. King's. Cinnamons were a good lot, and Yorkshires, too, made a nice show, several of the leading exhibitors of this variety being represented. The bowl winner of Messrs. Shearn and Owens is a gem, and was put down in good form. Amongst the Norwich were some good, Mr. Baker's ticked Yellow being much admired. Britishers were grand in quality, many of the best being staged. Of the management we cannot speak too highly. Mr. Ind, as usual, had charge of this section, and right well did he perform his duties. Had plenty of help from a good lot of enthusiastic and well known fanciers. Mr. T. Smith judged Crests, Crestbreds, Lancashires, and Cinnamons, Mr. J. H. Payne taking all other classes.

Mr. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Tristem, magnificent colour, well extended down flights and tail, grand wing carriage; 2, Pethick, grand shape and colour, good back; 3, Wasley, nice deep chest, good feather; vhc, Baker; hc, Banbury; c, Miles. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Pethick, grand colour, full of quality, nice wing carriage, good shape; 2, Miles, thick-set, grand colour, short wings and tail; 3, Baker, nice feather colour, quality, and wings; vhc, Kilby; hc, White; c, Bowyer. TKD. ETC. (8): 1, spl., 2, Baker, neck tick, yell., magnificent shape, grand feather and quality, good head, Palace winner; 2, grizzled on back, grand shape, full of quality, short flights and tail; 3, hc, Miles, thick ticked yell., grand colour, good shape, well braced wings; vhc, Rickard; c, [illegible]. HEN (17): 1, Baker, yell., wonderful colour, good shape, and nice quality and head; 2, Collins, short cobby body, neat wings and tail, good feather; 3, White, head and shoulders tick, buff, good-shaped body; vhc, Pethick; hc, Wasley; c, Brown. UNFLI. (26): 1, Pethick, yell., grand colour and quality, nice shape, good head and neck, and short flights and tail; 2 c, Baker, grand shaped buff, full of colour and quality, close up; 3, Bowyer, shoulder tick buff, nice feather and quality; vhc, Roberts; hc, Brown. NOVICE A.V.: 1, hc, Eynon, yell., good shape, colour, and feather; 2, Townsend, nice-shaped buff, good feather and quality; 3, Fowler, neck and rump mkd. buff, grand shape and feather; vhc, Bawn; c, Brown. YORKS., CL. YELL. (17): 1, Morris, straight as a pencil, well up on leg, grand position and style, good feather and quality; 2, Garland, finely drawn, grand stand and style; 3, Fellows and Flynn, rare length, good stand, nice wings; vhc (no name); hc, Lovell; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Bull, fine drawn, stands well, good wings, back and tail, lovely colour and quality; 2, Lovell, neck ticked, grand position and style, nice feather and quality; 3 (no name), well up on leg, finely drawn, good feather; vhc, Long; hc (no name); c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (12): 1, spl, Long, clear, stands like a soldier, lovely feather and quality, well braced wings and tail, a gem; 2, hc, Morris, grand length, stand and style, nice head, narrow shoulders; 3, Bull, eye marked, good length and position, nice wings and tail; vhc, Smith; c, [illegible]. BUFF (14): 1, Halliday, clear, gem for feather, stand, style, and quality, grand wings and tail, well up on leg; 2, Price, grand stand and style, nicely drawn out, narrow shoulders; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. head, cheeks and wings, good back, nice length and stand; vhc, Lovell; hc, Morris; c, Elsmore. NAT. COL. (8): 1, Keegan, slim built, yell., excellent stand and feather, slim built, good wings and tail; 2, Pool, buff, grand feather and quality, stands well; 3, vhc, hc, Lovell, clear yell., grand colour, nice wings and tail; c, Richardson and Groundwell. A. COL. UNFLI (38): A grand class; 1, bowl, Shearn and Owens, yell., straight as a dart, good length and finely drawn, splendid colour and quality, wins well; 2, Long, buff, fine position, nice length, good wings and tail; 3, Keegan, yell., chest and shoulders mkd., grand quality and colour; vhc, Knight; hc, Smith; c, Fellows and Flynn. NOVICE A.V. (18): 1, 3, Martin, yell., nice position, grand feather and quality, wings well braced; 3, yell., hot colour, good stand, nice wings and tail; 2, Brown, smart buff, good feather, position and quality; vhc, Smarthwaite; hc, Stonelake; c, Horler. MULES, GOLDFINCH (13): 1 (no name), yell, ticked eye and wing marked, grand colour, good size and shape; 2, Wasley, six-pointed buff, grand colour and feather; 3, Collins, another six-pointed buff, good shape, size and feather; vhc, Lees; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c (no name), A.OV. (10): 1, (no name), Jonque Greenfinch Canary, grand size, feather, shape and quality, real beauty; 2, Collins, lightly marked Linnet, grand feather, shape and quality; 3 (no name), buff Siskin, nice colour, feather well marked; vhc, King; hc, Lees; c, Caines. No. 440, good Canary Bullfinch but very sick. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, Lewis and Dymond, grand square cut blaze, nice bars, buttons and cheeks; 2, good bars and buttons; 3, Herbert, nice bars and buttons, well tanned, good feather; vhc, Clark; hc, Bull; c, Manley. BULLFINCH (9): 1 (no name), splendid colour, grand cap and bars in beautiful order; 2, Russell, splendidly feathered, nice bars and well defined cap; 3, Anderson, nice cap, good breast colour; vhc, Pound; hc, Attwell; c, no name. LINNET (9): 1, 2, 3, Lovell, grand team, very well known crack leading, looking well; vhc, Bull; hc, c, Pool. HARDBILL (15): 1, Jones, grandly feathered, good coloured Hawfinch, nice bib, well shown; 2, no name, magnificent Yellow Bunting, grandly marked, beautifully feathered; 3 Manley, grand Bramblefinch, nice feather, colour, and spangling; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, c, Bull. MEMBERS' NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl., vhc Brown, grandly coloured nice body, full quality, good head and neck; 2, Tristem, unfli., nice shape, colour and quality, takes cup for best Members' Young Bird; 3, Tristem, nice shape and quality. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Brown, good team the well known wing tick leading; hc, Tristem. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Bull, leader grand feathered good positioned bird, neat wings and tail; vhc Roberts. BUFF (3): 1, Stonelake, ticked on head slim built, nice colour and feather; 2, Bull, slim built, nice bird; 3, Barry, good stand. MULE (5): 1, 2, 3 Bull, buff Goldie Canary, mkd. wings, head and tail; 2, good buff, Greenfinch Canary; 3, well marked Siskin Canary; vhc, hc, Caines. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Bull, grand feather, nice face, bars and buttons; 2, 3, Buckland, second nice square cut blaze. LINNET, ETC. (1): 1, Bull, good Linnet well pencilled and good colour. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3 Tree Pipit, Starling and Bramblefinch, all in good feather.

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Third Round.

At the headquarters of the above Federation, on Nov. 30th, the competition for third round took place in connection with the Ashton-under-Lyne Show. Mr. Davies placed the cards. Lanc. A.V. (3): 1, Stockport (Garner) 7 points; 2, Oldham (Lowe) 6 pts; 3, Hazel Grove (Broadhurst) 5 pts. Lizards A.V. (3): 1 Stockport (Garner) 7 pts; 2, 3, Oldham (Lowe) 11pts. Crest or C.B. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (Oldham) 7 pts; 2, Oldham (Fitton) 6 pts; 3, Ashton, 5 pts. Nor. A.V. (5): 1, 2, Ashton, 13 pts; 3, Stockport (Davies) 5 pas; 4, Oldham (Young) 4 pts; vhc, Hazel Grove, 3 pts. Yorks A.V. (4): 1, Ashton, 7 pts; 2, Stockport (Slater) 6 pts; 3, Oldham (Nelson) 5 pts; 4, Hazel Grove, 4 pts. A.O.V.: 1, Stockport (Hill) 7 pts; 2, Hazel Grove, 6 pts; 3, Ashton, 5 pts; British (3) 1, Stockport (Hill) 7 pts; 2, Hazel Grove, 6 pts; 3, Ashton, 5 points. Total: Stockport, 39 points; Ashton, 35 points; Oldham, 32 points; Hazel Grove, 31 pts. Up-to-date points:—

	Hazel Grove	Oldham	Ashton	Total
Stockport - -	33	40	39 -	112
Oldham - - -	36	36	32 -	104
Hazel Grove -	38	31	31 -	100
Ashton - - -	31	30	35 -	96

SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

The above Society held their Annual Members' Show in the Commercial Sale Room, on Nov. 23rd. The room is a splendid one for a show, being spacious and well-lighted. From fourteen exhibitors 8 birds were staged, which made a record entry. Mr. Sandiford's Medal for best fed bird in show was won by Mr. E. Sutton, with a yell. Norwich. The Society's Cup, for most points throughout year, was won by Mr. T. Johnson. Mr. A. Hirst judged and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, hc, c, Sutton; 2, Johnson; 3, Halsall; vhc, Martin. BUFF (8): 1, Martin; 2, 3, hc, Sutton; vhc, c, Milburn. HENS YELL (6): 1, Martin; 2, 3, hc, Sutton; vhc, c, Milburn. BUFF (8): 1, c, Halsall; 2, vhc, hc, Sutton; 3, Johnson. YORKS. YELL. (11): 1 2, 3, Riley; vhc, c, Kay; hc, Linaker. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Riley; 3, Linaker; vhc, Wright; hc, Halsall; c, Bullough. HENS YELL (10): 1, Riley; 2, Kay; 3, Rimmer; vhc, Bullough; hc, Linaker; c, Halsall. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, hc, Riley; 2, Linaker; 3, Bullough; c, Kay. NAT. COL. (8): 1, 2, Halsall; 3, hc, Linaker; vhc, Wright; c, Cropper. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Milburn. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, 2, 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Adams; c, Rimmer. BRIT. HARDBILLS (9): 1, vhc, c, Adams; 2, 3 Rimmer; hc, Johnson. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Adams; 2, Hodson; 3, Johnson. SELL. (15/-) (4): 1, Johnson; 2, Riley; 3, Milburn; vhc, Bullough. (7/6) (5): 1, Sutton; 2, Riley; 3, Halsall; vhc, Bullough; hc, Milburn.

DARLINGTON.

Members' Section.

YORKS CL. ETC. (8): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Cooper; 3, 4, Carter; vhc, Ranson; hc, c, Stephenson. UNFLIG. DO. (7): 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Cooper; 3, Carter, 4, Brown; vhc, c, Stephenson, hc, Wilson. NOR. CL., ETC. (8): 1, c, Allan; 2, Carter; 3, Holland and Grainger, 4, Rolfe; vhc, Stephenson, hc, Todd and Son. UNFLIG. DO. (17): 1, Crossing, 2, Allan, 3, 4, c, Holland and Grainger; vhc, Rolfe; hc, Rutherford. A.O.V. (12): 1, 3, 4, Todd and Son, 2, Rutherford. MULE, ETC. (15): 1, vhc, hc, Todd and Son; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Ranson; 4, c, Rutherford. BRIT (13): 1, 3, Rutherford; 2, Ranson; 4, Todd and Son; vhc, Rolfe; hc, Rumley; c, Carter. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS. CL., ETC. (13): 1, 2, Stephenson; 3, Underwood; 4, c, Carter; vhc, Ranson; hc, Brown. NOR. CL., ETC. (14): 1, Crossing; 2, vhc, c, Rolfe; 3, hc, Allan, 4, Stephenson. A.O.V. (10): 1, vhc, c, Carter; 2, 4, Horton; 3, Hesseldine; hc, Allan.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB ANNUAL SHOW.

The sixth annual show of the Northern Crest Club was held at Sunderland on November 22nd and 23rd, in connection with the Sunderland C.B.S Show. The special winners were [illegible] (bred in 1907): 1, 3, T. Taylor, wins 5 guinea cup, a gold and silver medal and 8/- cash; 2, 4, Dobson and Son, gold and a silver medal and 6/- cash; 5, William Routledge, silver medal and 1/- cash; 6, William Stoves, silver medal. CREST-BRED (bred in 1907): 1, A. Lister, wins 5 guinea cup, a gold medal and 5/- cash; 2, William Routledge, gold medal and 4/- cash; 3, J. G. Hutchinson, silver medal and 3/- cash; 4, Stanger and Herdman, silver medal and 2/- cash; 5, Dobson and Son, silver medal and 1/- cash. 6, Robert [illegible] silver medal. Winners of silver medals in old classes:—YELLOW Crest, Currah and Son; yell. C.B., Stanger and Herdman; light Crest, Thos. Pearce; dark Crest, William Stones; Crested hen, J. Lands; pair for Crest breeding, Dobson and Son; Crest-bred cock, T. Taylor; Crest-bred hen, R. W. Mole. Novice class: G. Graham, the silver medal presented by Mr. George Goulden.

WEYBRIDGE.

Held Dec. 4 and 5. In the past Weybridge Show has been limited to a radius of ten miles, but this year the committee decided to add a few open classes to the schedule. The response, however, excepting in the Yorkshire classes, was not very encouraging. Visitors to the show in the splendid Holstein Hall, though, had a very nice collection to look over. The entry in the ordinary radius classes came up as well as ever, and the competition in them was very keen, many of the contestants having won high honours at other important events, and it was much for the keenness of the local [illegible] to [illegible] strict pitting their best teams against each other. The [illegible] in the restricted classes, fell to a handsome bird shown by Mr. H. [illegible], the Corporation Insec., whose exertions have caused the Weybridge Show to become so popular in the district. The British and Foreign [illegible] were not numerous but were of most excellent quality. Thirty-six classes were scheduled, and they contained 140 exhibits. Messrs. W. J. Randall and C. Benstead, the chairman and vice chairman, set their colleagues a very excellent example by the manner in which they laboured, and to the credit of all concerned, it may be said they nobly followed the good lead given. The other members of the executive were Messrs. R. Ellwood, A. C. Smith, F. Jones, A. Marchant, E. Palmer, T. Smithers, W. Fogwell, T. Buggins, H. Parrott, A. Potter, F. Foster, and J. Howard, with Mr. Garratt as treasurer. The Rev. Spencer R. A. Buller, presided at the luncheon. The day unfortunately was dull and the task of judging arduous. Mr. J. Robson judged.

Open Classes.

CRESTS, ETC. (6): 2, hc, Fellows, very nice quality green C.B., well formed skull, densely feathered; 3, vhc, Hale, clear body, dark crest, neat centre, well radiated, capital [illegible]; 4, Scott, eye and wing marked C.B., neat shape and nice feather, absent, Payne. NOR. (6): 2, 4, vhc, hc, Eaton, brace of very shapely yells., nice quality and sound colour, leader tightest in feather; 3, King, another good typical yell., well feathered, rich colour; c, Spousfo.d. YORKS. CL. (14): 1, spl., Oliver, grand shape and carriage, very neat in feather, stands well up; 2, hc, Philpot and Cross, very smart buff, grand feather [illegible] beautiful carriage; 3, Joiner, another stylish buff of good length, stands well; 4, c, Dykes, shapely, lengthy buff of good nerve; vhc, Rogers, absent, Mabey (2). TICKED, ETC. (12): 1, hc, Dykes, very smart eye ticked yell., beautifully drawn out, closely feathered and full of go; 2, 3, Oliver, both head tkd. yells., nice shapely bodies, good legs, capital feather and style; 4, Joiner, thigh tkd., yell., nice length and stands well; vhc, Eaton; c, Rogers. BULLFINCH, ETC. (6): 2, Fellows, very rich coloured Bullie, large well cut cap, clear bars, in grand fettle; 3, Hobbs, fine coloured Bullie, grand shape and feather, nice chest; 4, Carter, nice bodied Goldie, capital bars and buttons, not up in blaze yet; vhc, Barnes; hc, c, Mr. Som. A.O.V. HARDBILL (3): 2, Carter, nicely marked Meadow Bunting; 4, Cooper, very pretty Siskin, good colour and lacing; vhc, Hobbs. SOFTBILL (4): 2, 4, Galloway, very handsome little Goldcrested Wren, and a Tree Creeper, both in grand fettle; vhc, hc, Cushing. FOR. SMALL (3): 2, Meadows, handsome pair of Long-tailed Grassfinches, beautifully marked and in grand feather; 4, Cushing, absent Payne. LARGE (5): 2, vhc, Cushing, very nice pair of Bulbuls; 4, Miss Wade, Pileated Jay, colour and feather, absent, Miss Coates (2).

Radius Section.

CREST, ETC. (6): 2, 3, 4, Beauchamp, really nice trio of Crests, two wing marks and a variegvhc, Miss J. Machin; hc, c, Mrs. Dashwood. NOR. CL. (7): 1, hc, Beauchamp, very smart buff, nice type rich under colour, well mealed, soft silky feather; 3, 4, vhc, Wheeler, leaders two grand shaped well fed buffs of beautiful quality and style; c, King. HEN (9): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Wheeler, leaders two charming buffs, close and compact in feather, full of colour, well mealed and very nicely put down; 2, c, King, grand shaped, compactly feathered buff good colour and style; 3, Beauchamp, nice quality good coloured Yell. TICK., ETC. (7): 1, hc, c, Beauchamp, very smart and chubby, thigh ticked buff, capital colour and feather, well mealed; 3, 4, vhc, Wheeler, wing marked yellow, and neck ticked bull leading, very nice quality, rich even colour, well shown. BRIT. 1907 (7): 1, 3, 4, yell., takes Ramsden's spl. and two buffs, trio of very typical, rich-coloured, grand'y feathered birds; vhc, hc, Beauchamp; c, King. YORKS, CL. (9): 1, 4, hc, two spls. Parrott, leader lengthy, well drawn buff, beautiful quality, nice even colour, stands like a soldier, takes spl for best Yorkie, also spl best bird in the show, a clever and popular win; 4th nice racy yell., well staged and full of swagger; 2, c, Philpot and Cross, another beautiful buff full of quality, grand shape and carriage, 3, vhc, Wheeler, lengthy yell, stands well, shows to perfection. HEN (9): 1, 2, 3, spl, Wheeler, splendid trio of neat and natty lasses, beautifully clothed, splendid figure, put down in nice style; 4, Parrott, very shapely, nice feathered buff, handles well. TICK., ETC. (9): 1, 2, spl, [illegible] tkd. head, yell., and a chin. tkd. bull, two most racy, well-drawn birds, standing on good legs, beautifully [illegible]; 3, [illegible] yell., and four-pointed buff, two birds of rare style, shape, and quality, smart and well [illegible] Rogers; c, Beauchamp. BRED 1907 (8): 1, 4, Wheeler, check tkd. yell., and a clear, two grand, well-tapered birds, beautiful in quality and style; 2, Beauchamp, head tkd. yell., grand shape and style, nicely feathered, and handles well; 3, vhc, Parrott, another charming and typical yellow, sweet shape and feather; hc, French; c, Rogers. BOBBIN (6) 2, 3, 4, hc, Ellwood, bonny trio, very nicely staged, rare quality of feather, and worthy of more extended competition [illegible] yellow and even-marked yellow; vhc, c, Eyes. CINN. (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Beauchamp, [illegible] good, sound coloured yells. of nice shape and quality. SELF, DK.: 2, 3, Cooper, very neat Goldie-Bullie hen; No. 1,001 Ellwood, "wrong class," a variegd. Goldfinch Canary. NOVICE NON-MOULD, A.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, Cooper, variegd. yell., and two clear yell. Yorks, nice shape, style and feather; 4, Briggs, neat buff Nor. of nice shape; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Mrs. Dashwood. GIBT (3) 3, Parrott; 4, vhc, Wheeler. SELF. 21/- (7): 1, 4, Beauchamp; 3, vhc, hc, Wheeler; hc, Parrott. HEN, 15/- (3): 3, vhc, Wheeler; 4, Parrott. BRIT. BULL OR GOLDEN (7): 1, Eyes, very nicely marked Goldfinch, capital colour and feather; 3, Hedges, rich-coloured, shapely, well-feathered Bullie; 4 c, Miss Turner, capital little Bullfinch hen, grandly marked and nice feather; vhc, Miss Machin, Dorney; hc, Cooper. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Miss Turner, bonnie, little, natural colour, Siskin, nicely laced, good colour, and compact in feather; 3, 4, vhc 12). Hedges, coloured Siskin, nice shape and markings, and very pretty, but rather wild Linnet; hc, c, Smith. A.O.V. (4): 3, Cooper, very nice-coloured, close-feathered Greenfinch, good shape and size; 4, Eyes, rich-coloured, nicely-spangled Bramblefinch; vhc hc Hedges. SOFTBILL (4): 3, Joubert de la Ferte, lovely Yellow Wagtail, grand colour and feather, nicely marked, very steady and well shown; 4 vhc, Hedges, charming little Robin, fine head, beautiful rich breast, nice feather; hc, Howard. FOR. (8): 1, 3, 4, hc, c, Joubert de la Ferte, very handsome Long-tailed Grasshinch, lovely colour; 3rd nicely marked good coloured Spice Bird; 4th good, well marked Ribbon Finch; 2, Eyes, very fine and large Russian Bullfinch, splendid colour; vhc, Miss Machin.

PEMBROKE DOCK.

The eighteenth annual show was held Nov. 27th, in the Market House—a very suitable building for the purpose. The exhibits were well staged and everybody was satisfied with the smart arrangements of the hon. sec., Mr. Thos. Hay, to whom great credit is due. Pembroke Dock show is blessed with a plethora of workers and men who understand the routine of show work with Mr. Hay at their head. The entry did not come up to expectations owing to Cardiff Cage Bird Show being held the same day. However, what were there excelled in quality and were fit to win in strong classes. The committee were forced to delete some of the prize-money as before explained due to shortness of entry. Mr. John Blackey judged, and his awards met with general approbation.

CRESTS, C.B. (3): 1, 3, vhc, Gwyther, Crest of exceptional merit, densely feathered, nicely radiated, well defined centre, grand Nor. type; third big Crestbred, well cushioned head, good entrance, very nice quality; vhc, Crest. NOR. P.H. (7): 1, Tucker, buff, grand size and substance, beautiful mealing, good short wings and tail; 2, Matthews, very shapely yell., grand colour, nice head properties, very clear; 3, See, another good yell. for type and size, will make a good one if properly moulted; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Cole; c, Allen. YORKS. CL. CK. YELL. : 1, Creber, well known yell., grand length and carriage, nicely fitting wings and well rounded off with a good sound jacket; 2, Gwyther, well filled neck and back, nice position and carriage; 3, Lewis, well finished Yorkie, good style and position, put down in nice [illegible] Edwards; hc, c, Griffiths. BUFF (8): 1, Creber, lovely shaped Yorks., straight as a gun barrel, put down in sporting condition, a decided win; 2, Nicholas, nice straight gentleman, good legs, best of wings and tail; 3, Matthews, good length, well feathered, neat folded tail, well carried wings; vhc, hc, Tucker; c, W. Lewis. MULE, DK. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 2, Longden, yell. Linnet-Mule, grand size and colour, staged in fine style; 3, Chapman, clinking Goldie-Mule, rare colour; vhc, Jones; hc, Lewis. BUFF GOLDFINCH: 1, John, wins, strong class of Goldies, neatly cut face, good bars and tans wins nicely; 2, Lewis, well up in blaze colour, good tans, well buttoned; 3, Ray, good tans and back colour, nice sized Britisher; vhc, Longden; hc, Thomas; c, Jenkins. GOLDFINCH GREYPATE (5): 2, Whitehouse, good face and tans, nice sized; 3, Brown, neatly cut, good body colour; vhc, Lewis; hc, Jenkins; c, Davies. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 2, Ray, nice nut-coloured Siskin, well defined cap nicely laced at thighs; 3, John, in lovely feather and condition; vhc, Noot; hc, Paulin. SOFT BILL (4): 2, John, Skylark, well defined, and marked shield, good condition and feather; 3, Jenkins, Thrush, well spangled, good ground colour; vhc, Gillies; hc, Edwards. SELL.: 1, Londen, Scots, pair of remarkably cheap birds; 2, A. W. Lewis; 3, W. Lewis; [illegible] Tucker; c, Andrews. LOCAL CLASSES: LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Robin, nice sized Linnet, [illegible] nice polish and finish; 2, W. Lewis, well known Greenfinch, nice colour and condition, a claw missing; 3, Evans, Greenfinch, again a nice size, in best of feather; vhc Griffiths; hc, Lewis; c, Gillet. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Evans, good cap front and bars steady and plenty of size; 2, Brown, close up, good breast; 3, Tucker, Siskin, neatly feathered, good colour

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CRADLEY HEATH.

This society held their first open show on November 27th and 28th, in the Schools, Cradley, and it proved a great success, as entries came up well, taken all round. There were only three classes for cage birds, and one had to be cancelled. For lack of support, but the two others were well supported. The able secretary, Mr. H. Grainger, had everything well in hand. Judging was over in good time, and cards quickly up. Mr. Witton judged. CANARY: 1, vhc, Capewell, nice stylish buff Norwich; 2, 4, Fallows, two nice Yorks., yellow leading fine length, good shape, nice head and tail, in its right place; 4, was a very fair buff ticked; ex. 4 Mullet, buff crested Norwich, fair size, plenty of feather, nicely shown; 3, res, Weeks, buff Plainhead, leading, nicely fed, fair size, neat head, well shown, res, a very taking buff Norwich; c, Bloomer. BRITISH: 1, 3, Jones, grand Wryneck, leading, followed by his well-known Blackcap, both shown in good form, easy win; 2 vhc, Capewell well made, good coloured, Bullfinch leading; 4, Homer, very good Thrush, nicely mounted, in very fair condition and feather; r, Hall.

BRISTOL.

Members' Classes.

MEMBERS. CREST (3): 1, 3, spl., Mrs. Roberts, nice quality birds, good length and droop, 2, Tristem, good in centre, nice feather. CRESTBRED: only one, Bull. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, c, Tristem, very shapely, rich even colour, beautifully shown; 2, 3, 4, Brown, rare good team, high quality, nice shape; vhc, spl., Taylor; hc, Mrs. Roberts. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, hc, Brown most excellent lot rare shape and style, superb quality; 4, Tristem, very smart; vhc, Taylor; c, Norris. HENS (18): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Brown wonderful lot, rich deep colour, nice short bodies, in the pink of condition, leader takes two members' challenge cups and 5 other spls.; 4, Taylor, fine big yellow, nice colour and quality; vhc, Fulvell. UNFLI. (16): 1, 2, 4, vhc, spl., Brown, say ditto to last class and you have it; 3, spl., c, Taylor, grand bodied clear buff, nice quality and colour; hc, Tristem. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, hc, Lovell, very finely drawn, grand quality and style; 2, Mrs. Garland, nice length, well shaped body; 3, Martin, grand type and position; 4, Bull, very shapely; vhc, Parsons; c, Morgan. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Bull, nice stylish birds, well feathered; 3, Stonelake, capital shape and style; 4, Martin, nice feather, good position; vhc, Garland; hc, Lovell; c, Morgan. HENS (9): 1, Lovell, very stylish buff, grand quality; 2, Burgess, lovely yellow, close up; 3, 4, Mrs. Garland, two nice yellows, want training; vhc, Bavvy; hc, Follwell; c, Bull. UNFLI. (21): 1, Newman, very sweet yell., grand shape; 2, 4, vhc, spl., Mrs. Garland, very nice typical buffs; 3, Lovell, nice body; hc, Parsons; c, Bull. A.O.V. (1): 1, Brown, rich coloured yellow Cinn. NOVICE (24): 1, Martin, very nice yell. Yorks., stands well, capital shape and quality; 2, 3, hc, Walton, nice trio of Norwich, good silky feather; 4, Brown, good buff Yorks.; vhc, and two spls., Tilley, nice light Goldie Mule; c, Holler.

MEMBERS' HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3 Bull, with a grand team of Hybrids, rare colour and quality, and well shown as usual; 4 Bussey, a real good dark Goldie, lovely condition and colour; vhc, Maggs; hc, Tilley. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Lovell, a fine big Bullie, very bold, full-chested bird out up in colour yet, but wins; 2, Bull a real good Goldie, nice square blaze and rich wings, very shapely; 3 Jones another good Goldie, nicely tanned, good face and wings; 4, Bussey, a very shapely Bullie, hardly the size of winner, but capital colour; vhc Tilley; hc, Manley; c, Buckland. LINNET, ETC: 1 Lovell, with a bonny little Siskin, very shapely, good rich colour, nice cap; 2, Bull, a grandly pencilled Linnet, good upstanding bird, lovely condition; 3, Lovell, a bold Linnet, good colour nicely marked; 4, Rosier a houny Redpoll, with just a touch of colour, capital wing bar; vhc, Tilley; hc, Lovell; c Bull. GREENFINCH (12): 1, Nicholls, a pure, bold natural-coloured bird, well proportioned, lovely head, good colour throughout; 2 Bowerman, a big upstanding bird, rare chest and head spl mild wings, in lovely condition; 3, Coppey, a fine, bold colour-fed bird, hardly the substance of winners, shows plenty of yellow; 4, Bull a beautiful hot-coloured bird, very shapely, a wee bit small; vhc, Arnold; hc No name; c, Lovell. A.O.V. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, Bull with a good Bramble finch and Greenie respectively, both shown in capital condition; 3, Bryant, a bonny Bramble finch, very shapely bird will improve in colour; 4, Bond Bros., another big Bramble-finch, might have been shown a bit better, a good bird; vhc, Brown.

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BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A good muster of members and friends met at the Assembly rooms, Bingley on Nov. 19th, to witness a washing exhibition, kindly given by Mr E. Townley, Bingley. There were 8 birds put through, to the astonishment and delight of many. Mr Townley gives the birds a thorough overhauling, and he had some real dirty ones to wash. He showed how great the contrast was between a clean washed bird and a dirty one. His method was to have three brushes, one for each bowl. He liked brushes for washing better than sponges, as one had a better chance of getting the soap thoroughly out of the feathers, which was most essential. A hearty vote of thanks, brought a most instructive meeting to a close. A. LIVESEY, hon. sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B

Meeting, Nov. 11th. Mr. F. Parrington was nominated for membership. The Toronto C. and C.B.S. (Canada) exchange of Medals was accepted. Recommendation by the Council that there be no change in determining winners at the various judging competitions was adopted. After an exhaustive explanation by the Chairman and Mr. A. W. Curtis, the Council's recommendation was adopted to an amendment to rule 13 of the C.B.U., viz.: "The Executive Council shall consist of one representative from each of the twelve districts; they shall be nominated by the Societies affiliated in each district, not less than twelve weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, and he elected by ballot taken by each Society in the district for which he has been nominated, and the result declared at the Annual Meeting. The candidate must have resided in the district for the twelve months immediately preceding to such nomination and must not be in arrears with his subscription to his Society." Mr. Burn's amendment to rule 17 of the C.B.U. (unanimously carried) was:—to add after the word show in the fourth line, "Non-affiliated Fanciers will not be allowed to exhibit at affiliated Club Shows." Result of Yorkshire judging competition was (Champion) Mr. P. G. Cooper, 5 points (Amateur) Mr. A. C. Burn, 12 points and (Novice) Mr. G. Bryant, 11 points. Mr. A. E. Rouse presented three Special prizes for the Annual Show. V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

OUR RECENT DOUBLE NUMBER.

A host of congratulatory messages from kind friends reached us concerning our last Double number, and the coloured plate of Hybrids it contained, and we must apologise for pressure on space preventing our acknowledging same earlier, or printing more than the appended few of those received.—EDITOR.

I think the plate last week and the double number one of the best I have seen.—A. S. BAWN (Bristol).

I thank you for the lovely coloured plate and double number last week.—J. ROWLANDS (Port Dinorwic).

I much appreciate the beautiful coloured plate given away with the splendid double number.—J. W. CURSON (Lowestoft).

I was very much interested in and pleased with the coloured plate given away with CAGE BIRDS. I have been a reader many years.—W. HELLES (Walthamstow).

I heartily congratulate you on your coloured plate last week. It is the best I have ever seen. I wish you even greater success.—WM. LLOYD (Pendlebury).

I must congratulate you on your big double number—a big two pennyworth—and the plate, which is a splendid piece of work, writes Mr. JAQUES (Doncaster).

Many thanks for the beautiful coloured plate. It is splendid. I have been reading your paper just twelve months, and I must say it is far better than any bird paper I ever read.—JOE BYRNE (Dublin).

I think the coloured plate of Mules given away this week is charming, and a great credit to the artist, also to CAGE BIRDS for publishing such a wonderful plate for we Mule fanciers.—F. COLLINS (Camborne).

What a grand issue of CAGE BIRDS you have given us to-day, with supplement and plate. Every success in your new venture is the wish of an old subscriber.—N. N. HUXFORD (Lyme Regis).

I was agreeably surprised to see my Norwich Plainhead depicted on one of the pages of your grand Double Number. It is a very good picture and I thank you much for placing him there. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. HODDER (London, E.C.).

Your latest coloured plate was very favourably commented on at our last meeting, and it was also decided to again keep our place on your Map of Shows, but the date of same was left over until another meeting.—J. LOGAN, hon. sec., Dysart C.B.S.

I cannot allow your double number to pass without congratulating Mr. Norman on the coloured plate of Hybrids. It is one of his best, exquisite in every detail. How I wish I had them in the flesh. They are simply superb.—GEORGE DIX (Barnstaple).

I think your double number a treat. I must congratulate you upon your splendid drawing of my Unflighted Yellow, first at Dulwich and Peckham and special for best Norwich shown by a member. Kindly send me on another double number, as I want to send it to New Zealand, where I have just sent some birds at a high figure.—W. MORRIS (Stoke Newington).

Your special number is full of valuable and reliable matter. All Scotch exhibitions of any importance are ably reported, and I know many who retain CAGE BIRDS as the standard record for reference, etc. The beautiful plate is an exquisite work of art, and nothing but praise is heard in its favour. Your growth and expansion know no bounds. That your journal may continue to prosper is the earnest wish of—THOS. SMITH (Glasgow).

Of the many plates you have prepared for your many readers, none will please the Mule breeders more than the one with this week's issue. I call it superb. If we can only be as successful in breeding the living gems during next season's operations as your artist has been to put them on paper, there will be some eye-openers at next year's shows. Thanking you for the beautiful plates we have had from time to time, and wishing CAGE BIRDS still more progress in the future.—FRANK THOMAS.

Allow me to say your double number this week is a treat. The plate of hybrids is specially interesting to me as it is this part of the fancy I am most interested in. Although from business demands I am unable to exhibit, I have tried various crosses for years, with more or less success. It would be unfair to mention any one of the birds on the plate—they are all perfect, and the colouring is most beautiful. Wishing you all success.—J. W. MITCHELL (Morley).

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At meeting held November 21st, after the prizes and prize money had been presented to the successful exhibitors, the chairman, Mr. J. G. Lawrence, announced that he had one of the most pleasing functions of his term of office to perform, which was to present the secretary with a marble timepiece subscribed for by the members, as a small recognition of his services, so ably carried out. He hoped the secretary would fill the post for many years to come. Mr J. C. Birch was greeted with applause, and in thanking the members for the very handsome present, said he should always prize it for its value, but more so for the kind feeling that prompted its presentation. He had, he said, no wish for remuneration, his aim being to forward the interests of the society, and he was rewarded sufficiently if his efforts were appreciated. Mr. H. J. Rogers said he was proud to be able to say that he prevailed on the secretary to take up the duties when the society was in low water, and he was pleased at the change in the society's financial position, and asked all members to assist in furthering the club interests which were full of promise for its future.—J. G. LAWRENCE, chairman

CLUB REPORTS.

RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

Monthly meeting held Monday, Nov. 18th, in the Town Hall buildings. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the chair was occupied by Mr. Livingstone. A good deal of discussion took place regarding the show on December 21st, to be held in Rechabites Hall. The secretary was instructed to write to all absent members informing them that entries for the show will close December 10th, and urging them to make the show as great a success as possible.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Nov. 19th at temporary headquarters, 202, High-st., Lewisham, Mr. Legg in the chair. It was decided to remove headquarters to the Rochock Hotel, High-street, Lewisham, where we have obtained a nice room, having a private entrance, entirely distinct from the public entrance to the hotel. Also decided to hold a table show of cage birds (all varieties) on January 7th. Will all members attend on December 3rd next? Kindly note that from that date meetings will be held monthly instead of weekly as heretofore.—H. Thos. Lucas, hon. sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The members held a judging competition November 16th, at headquarters. Twelve birds were put up for competition, and these were judged by Messrs. Cruise and Cowgill. Competitors were afterwards allowed to judge, to see who should be winners of the four money prizes. There was a fairly good entry of members who had each drawn for place. The winners turned out to be: Messrs. J. Northrop 1; H. Peacock 2; G. White 3; W. Laycock 4. This for a first effort was a success, one good point about it being that it gave a good insight into the problem of what constitutes a winning Yorkshire.—H. Hill, Sec.

DARLINGTON AND D.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held at George Hotel, November 20th. The balance-sheet of second annual open show was read and accepted, we have again to report a balance in hand after all prize money and expenses are paid, and also an increase of 124 entries more than last year. On our next meeting night, December 18th, it has been decided to make arrangements for a members Table show, to be held during the Christmas holidays, when several special prizes on hand will be allotted to the classes arranged. The "Pike Pease Bowl" won by Mr. J. Cuthbertson for best bird shown in the members' classes at our open show was handed over.—R. S. Black, Hon Sec.

DYSART O.B.S.

Annual meeting was held November 23rd, at Normand Hall, when there was a good attendance of members. After hearing Secretary's report of last show, the balance-sheet was passed. It was agreed to purchase the bird racks, and after meeting all other expenses the Society was found to be in a flourishing condition. The business of the society was followed by a Social and a very happy evening was spent. Songs were rendered by all the members present, and some selections on the gramaphone by H. Bisset were very much appreciated. It is hoped this is only the forerunner of many more happy "annuals" to come. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by Messrs. D. Walker, the President, J. Macgregor and R. Trail, who gave us one of their fine comedies, and by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—J. Logan, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Important General Meeting at Manchester.

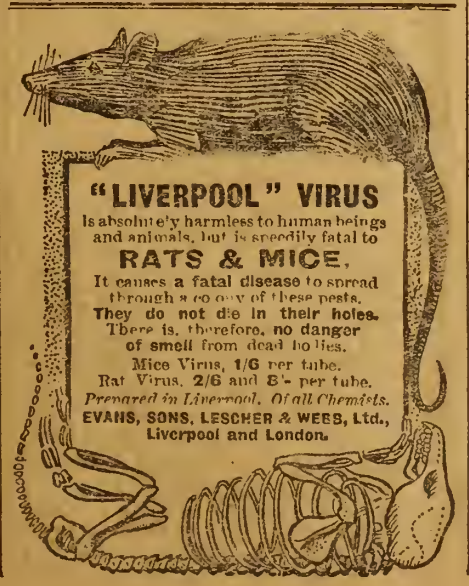
At the annual meeting at the last Palace Show it was moved that in future a general meeting of the club be held at the club show annually, and in accordance with that resolution the same was held at Manchester Show. The attendance and the enthusiasm shown by the members augurs well for a new life for the club. The membership for the past four years has been on the decline, and it is to be hoped that now the members have awoke to the fact, it will become their duty to bring the club up to its former strength and prestige. Mr. W. A. Bladon, the president, took the chair, and was supported by Messrs. E. Godley, H. Riding (Rishton), A. Bentley, J. Wilson, J. T. Hargreaves (Great Harwood), J. Rukin (Rawtenstall), G. E. Bairstow, G. A. Mallinson (Halifax), J. H. Heys (Waterfoot), W. Milburn (Southport), and R. J. Pretty, hon. sec. (London). The president expressed his satisfaction at such a goodly attendance, and hoped they would bring forward any matters that they were desirous of discussing with a view of promoting the welfare of the club. The minutes of the annual general meeting having been read, Mr. Wilson said the present specials (which were moved at that meeting) were not at all satisfactory, and he thought to give each member a chance there should be four selected birds, say, one in each class, as it would be better for the competition. He further advocated the drawing up of a standard, and having the judges to judge to it. Mr. Riding asked the number of paid members, and on being informed that some 20 subscriptions were still outstanding, he thought there must be some foundation for such a falling off of membership. Mr. Godley suggested that when giving specials they should go to those who had not won a first prize. Mr. Bentley pointed out that the four points specials were given with the idea of getting a better entry at the shows, and contended that to debar the first prize winners would not improve the entry. Mr. Bladon contended that the club could not debar those winners, and further they had no right to debar them. Mr. Wilson, further defending his point of nominated birds, contended that when a bird is nominated under one judge they may do all right, but under another they may go down, and then someone else would step in for the points. Mr. Godley replied that the club gives 5s. for the most points, and first prize winners not to count. Mr. Heys asked if the club could not do more for the novices, as at present they had no chance for these points specials, only the gold medal for points throughout the year; the only chance they did get on their own was at the club show once a year. Mr. Bentley suggested a special for most points, and to sink the other specials for one year. Mr. Bladon thought that the suggestion to sink the specials was a good one, and by doing so they could get a big fund in hand. Accounts were handed round, showing an income of £12 12s. 10d., against which was an expenditure of £6 2s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £6 2s. 1d., the cost of the medals for last year being included in the expenditure. After some discussion, Mr. Wilson moved: That we do away with expensive specials, and in future nominate one bird in each class, and the points at the end of the year count as first, second, third and fourth. Mr. Riding seconded. Mr. Rukin opposed, contending that if a novice nominated his birds, he probably would star his worst, and he further suggested that at each show must in club's patronage a prize be given for the best bird shown by a novice. Mr. Heys moved an amendment. That the novice be catered for the same as the champion, and to give prizes at all patronage shows, one bird to be nominated for in each class. Mr. Rukin seconded. Mr. Wilson asked to withdraw his proposition in favour of Mr. Heys' amendment, and the same being put to the meeting, it was unanimously carried. Mr. Riding asked if something could be done with respect to the water tins. He complained that they very seldom got a turn back from the shows, and suggested that we have the round ones. Mr. Wilson supported, as did many other members, and Mr. Riding putting it as a proposition, which Mr. Wilson seconded, it was unanimously carried. Mr. Godley suggested that it be done gradually, so as to use up the present stock; this was also agreed to. Mr. Wilson expressed his opinion that the rule respecting the position of the perches should be enforced, which Mr. Barstow supported. But some members contended this was the fault of the club cage—that it was out of date, and that it did not show off the bird properly. The President agreed, and also mentioned that they wanted a special packing case for them, and suggested that a square cage be adopted. Mr. Wilson, in supporting, moved: That we adopt a cage the same size as the Norwich Flamhead, but painted gobstin green. Mr. Bladon suggested that all the cages be repainted next year, as the question of the proposed alteration must come before the annual meeting at the Palace. A question was raised as to the present stock (as one member remarked he had just bought a dozen) if this alteration was adopted, but it was pointed out that it would be a gradual alteration, and another suggestion was to use them in selling classes. The President asked Mr. Milburn (an old Cinnamon breeder) if he would rejoin the club, and he agreed, and thereon was proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation. Mr. Godley intimated that next season he would give 5s. as a special at each patronage show, and, further, he would stand down if Mr. Dorner would do the same. Mr. Bladon thanked Mr. Godley for his offer, and hoped it would be accepted. It was pointed out during the meeting that the number of paid members in 1904 was 69, in 1905 49, 1906 44. The meeting lasted two hours. Mr. Wilson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon for presiding, Mr. Riding seconded, and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Bladon thanked the members for their attendance, and asked the thanks of the meeting for Mr. Pretty for having specially come from London to attend. Mr. Bentley seconded, and the Secretary briefly replied, and terminated a most interesting meeting.

SALE OPEN O.S.

At a meeting held November 25th, Mr. W. T. Buckley presiding, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wm. Procter Pearson for the Silver Cup presented to the society. Mr. Reginald Cullen wrote thanking the officials of the last show for the way the exhibits were looked after, also promising to give a sterling silver cup for competition at our next old bird show. The sum of 21s. was voted to the secretary and 10s. 6d. to the assistant secretary for their services in connection with the show. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Gardner for the loan of the staging; [illegible] for the use of the room, and all the special prize givers. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Alf. Wellings, thanking him for the great pains he took with judging. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the date of the dinner has had to be altered to January, 1908. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Gray, J. Leigh, J. Hurst, J. Irlam and the secretary has been formed to make arrangements for the same. Mr. H. Whitney wins the clock for selling most tickets (128); Mr. F. Field coming second with 116. —Geo. F. Hardcastle, Hon. Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

A very fair number of members and friends attended monthly meeting on November 13th to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. R. Russon. Having everything in readiness, Mr. Russon commenced to wash a bird in the following manner: he first dipped the bird in the water for a few seconds, and then with a sponge, commenced to wash the tail, at the same time well rubbing in the soap. Having finished the back and sides, he turned the bird over, well washing breast, chest, neck, and head. The beak received special attention; it was, said he, the most particular part, and wanted doing well, for as a rule that was the part which showed most dirt. He did not mind the soap getting into the bird's eyes, as this did not seem to harm the bird. Having finished lathering the bird all over, he proceeded to rinse same, in the next basin, at the same time, telling his audience to he very careful to get all soap off them or else their labour would be in vain. If they did not get all the soap off the birds, they would look worse than if never washed at all. After well rinsing the bird, he very carefully wiped same all over with the drying cloth, getting as much moisture as he could out of the feathers. He then transferred same to the drying cage. Several questions were asked; Mr. Russon answered very satisfactory. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Russon. It was then decided to hold an open show of Cage Birds in January. Four new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a very enjoyable evening.—J. Jones.



THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given per next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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An Amusing Chaffinch.

Two years ago my father and I were out every other day trying to catch a white Chaffinch. It seemed a beauty in every way although it was a little grey on the neck, but all the rest was as white as snow. It seemed to be very shy with the other Chaffinches, and we tried in vain to catch it. I was told that it was killed by another boy.—James McAlpine (age 12 years), 18, Donaldson Place, Tannochside, Uddingston.

The Goldfinch.

One of the handsomest birds is the Goldfinch. It has a rich gold band on its wing and that is why it has been named the Goldfinch. We can hear its sweet song in the middle of April. It is a smart and beautiful bird and for this reason is kept in cages. It is often paired with Canaries in order to breed mules. It feeds on thistle seed in winter, which it finds in the fields. The nest may be found in apple trees or such-like places. The eggs number four or five, which are white, thinly spotted with reddish brown and pale purple.—Mar on Thomas (age 12), 3, St. Thomas Street, Lampeter.

A Veteran Blackbird.

It may be interesting to record the death of an old Blackbird, which has just taken place at Harrogate. He was captured by his owner 15 years and 7 months ago, and as he would be at least a month old when caught, he had reached the ripe age of nearly 16 years. For five years he was clothed in the normal plumage of his kind, but after the fifth moult white feathers began to appear, increasing in numbers after every moult, until at the time of his death a considerable portion of his plumage was white. The veteran continued in good health and song until the end.—Sent by C. E. Falkingbridge (age 15), 17, Grange Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks.

We have got a Starling which is a little darling, with speckles on his breast and a long and pointed beak. When I make his food he acts very rude; he stands upon his perch and gives me lots of cheek.—Mary Gentry (age 13), 54, Moreland Street, Goswell Road, London, E.C.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Mountsorrel.—Dec. 26th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 5 open classes: Nor. 4, Cinn. or Mule 1, Brit. 1, For. 1, A.O.V. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 19th to G. H. Smith, Mountsorrel, Loughboro.

Gateshead (C.B.U., N.B.D. and M.C., C.C.C., Bord.C.N. and C.C., N.C.C., F.B.C., E. and W.B.F.C.C., N.B.C., M. and F.B.C., Cinn.C.C., B.F.C., S.F.C.C., and N.Y.C.C.).—Dec. 13th and 14th, at Burt-terrace Drill Hall, Bensham-road.—Judges, Messrs. Vardy (Norwich and Cinn.), Gardiner (Crests), Wilson (Bord. Fancies), Robson (Yorks., Scot. Fancies, Pairs, Sell. and Gift), and Weston (Mules, Brit. and For.). 75 open classes: Nor. 10, Cinn. 4, Crests 9, Bord. 16, Yorks. 6, Scot. 3, Pairs 1, Sell. 6, Gift 1, Hyde's 1, Mules 3, Brit. 11, For. 4, and 28 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and a good list of spls. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 7th to Taylor and Grieve, 68, Edward-street, Gateshead.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak.—Dec. 14th, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Jas. Sandison, Jas. Smillie, W. Haddow, P. Pettigrew, and R. Farmer. 49 open classes: Nor. 12, Crest 2, Bord. 13, Mule 5, Brit. 15, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and spls. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 9th to Richard Gadsden, 19, May-street, off Bothwell-road, Hamilton.

Dove Holes.—Dec. 14th, Doves Holes Schoolroom.—Judge, Mr. R. Bowker. 6 local classes: Yorks., Nor., Mule, Brit., For., and members' 1 each. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 7th to Messrs. Millner and Barton, Dove Holes, Buxton.

Barrow (C.B.U.).—Dec. 13th and 14th, Baths, Abbey-road, Barrow-in-Furness. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings. 42 open classes: Yorks. 9, Nor. 11, Bord. 4, Cinn. 2, Crest 2, Scot. 2, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 6, Gift 1, and 6 novice members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5s., 3s., and 2s., Cage Birds competition, and good list of specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 7th to W. Willison, sec.

Leigh (C.B.U.).—Dec. 20th and 21th, Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis. 22 open classes: Nor. 5, Yorks. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1, For. 1, extra stock 1, Gift 1, and Linnet (in hop cages) 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., and 3s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 16th to A. Parks, 41, Wardour-st., Atherton, Lancs.

Tunbridge Wells.—Dec. 11th, Camden Hall, Camden-road.—Judges, Messrs. Wraight and Knapp. 9 members' classes. Fee, 6d. Entries close Dec. 8th to H. G. Whibley, 13, St. James' Park, Tunbridge Wells.

Burton-on-Trent (C.B.U.).—Dec. 14th, Staffordshire Knot Auction Room.—Judge, Mr. J. Bexson. 24 open classes: Nor. 9, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 8, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s 6d. Entries close Dec. 10th to A. Emery, 239, Shobnall-street.

Keith.—Dec. 18th, Longmore Hall.—Judge, Mr. T. Fraser. 18 open classes: Nor. 6, Crest 1, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell 1. Prizes, 7s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 13th to D. D. Milne, 69, Regent-street.

Pendleton and Salford (C.B.U., C.C.A.).—Dec. 13th and 14th, Town Hall, Broad-street.—Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and W. Booth. 53 open classes: Yorks. 10, Greens 8, Nor. 7, Bord. 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 6, Mules 4, Novice 12, and 17 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2/-. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 9th to W. Jackson, 17, Caton-street, Tamworth-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Truro (C.B.U.).—Dec. 26th, Market House.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 23 classes: Nor. 5, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Scot. 1, Pairs 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5, Sell 2. Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 16th to J. Tippett, Alverton-terrace.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Shipley O.S. Show, held November 30th, was a decided success, the entries again coming up remarkably well, averaging fully eight per class in the 27 classes provided. The cinnamon marked hen classes were a grand lot, twenty in the yellows, and twenty-five in the buffs, and the face of the genial secretary of the C.M.Y.C.C. (Mr. R. Garnett) wore a broad smile as he looked them over. British etc., also came up well, forty-eight in the three classes provided, being a big improvement on previous shows. Here some grand birds were on view, and proved a big attraction to the visitors. I was sorry to hear at this show that the Bullfinch, the property of Mr. J. Edmondson, of Allerton, winner first at Leeds and Chesterfield, etc., had passed over to the great majority during the week; in fact, it was entered for this show, but died between entries closing and the show day.

THE Committee of the C.M.Y.C.C. held a meeting at the Shipley O.S. headquarters (Victoria Hotel), to investigate the charge brought by Messrs. Cook and Son against an exhibitor, for alleged trimming of a cinnamon-marked buff hen, shown at Manchester, the property of another fancier, who is a member of the C.M.Y.C.C. After hearing a great quantity of conflicting evidence from both sides, the Committee were unable to convict, as no tangible proof of trimming could be obtained. The bird under dispute was brought to the meeting for inspection, but as it is many weeks since the alleged trimming took place, the bird would have had time to get into proper order again, and therefore could be of no use to the Committee in their investigations.

ANOTHER charge brought by Messrs. Cook and Son against the above-mentioned fancier, of alleged borrowing of a bird for exhibition, comes under the jurisdiction of the Yorkshire Union, and will probably be dealt with at a meeting to be called at Laisterdyke Show, to be held on December 14th. Messrs. Cook and Son's case will also be brought forward at the same meeting, as the bird for which they have been suspended by the C.M.Y.C.C. was shown at two Union Shows, and therefore will also have to be dealt with by the Y.U.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. VARDY (Huthwaite).

A meeting was held in a private room at the "Workpeople's Inn," Huthwaite, on November 30th, for the purpose of presenting to Mr. W. Vardy, so well known in the Norwich Canary fancy as a foremost exhibitor and popular judge, with a purse of gold, by the fancier friends in his immediate neighbourhood. As it was the day for holding the first annual show at Huthwaite, many fanciers availed themselves of the opportunity to be present, and amongst others we noticed Messrs. Collings (Nottingham), W. and T. Twine (Hucknall), Adnett and Driver (South Normanton), George Walker (Pleasley), Beardall (Huthwaite), Ingram, Devenill, etc. Mr. J. Thompson, the popular sec. of the Huthwaite C.B.S., occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen sentences announced the purpose of the meeting, concluding by asking Mr. W. Roslyn (Mansfield) to make the presentation.

Mr. Roslyn, after briefly reviewing the history of the fancy since Mr. Vardy first embarked in it, now some thirty years ago, and saying with what interest he had watched his career and his manful efforts to get to the top and keep there, in the face of great difficulties, made the presentation in the following words:—"Mr. Vardy, I am honoured by being asked by your neighbouring fanciers to present you this purse of gold, as a token of the respect in which you are held by them, and to wish for them that your health, which has been so tried for the past two years, may improve, and that you may be restored to perfect health again. I do so, sir, with the greatest pleasure, and sincerely hope that this money so generously subscribed by them may be a blessing to you and yours." Mr. J. Driver, in a neat little speech, explained that the "little gift" had been confined to the immediate neighbourhood because they wanted Mr Vardy to realise the esteem in which they held him.

Mr. Vardy having by this time somewhat recovered from his surprise, said: "Fellow fanciers and neighbours. Words altogether fail me to say how much I thank you for the generous gift just handed to me by Mr. Roslyn, whose face we are at all times glad to see amongst us, and I value the gift more on account of the kindly spirit in which it has been given than even its value, acceptable as that will be to me. Gentlemen, again I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The usual votes of thanks having been accorded, a very pleasant meeting concluded.

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CLACKMANNANSHIRE and Dist. Annual Show of Cage Birds in Co-operative Hall, Alloa, **Saturday December 7th. J. W. BOGOCK, Sec., ALLOA.**

SWINDON Show, Genuine Appeal, no Humbug. Not 50 entries In all sections up to date. Now Fanciers, what's up. Bound to extend, First Post **Mon. Dec. 9th** send entries we will Classify. Under C. B. U Rules. **Northover & Watson. Hon. Secs 154, Redcliffe Street.**

NARBERTH DECEMBER 11th, 1907. Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds. C.B.U Licence. Judges: H.GUNN, Esq., P. PROUD, Esq. J. B. EVANS, Esq. Entries extended to 8th day of December, 1907. First Post Schedules apply **JAMES OWEN, Sec.**

CHESTER SHOW (C.B.U Rules). **Dec. 11th, 1907.** Ents. close Dec. 7th or 1st post Dec. 8th. **8 Open Classes.** 3 Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and British Hard or Soft Bill. **Prizes 15/-, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry Fee 1/6.** Judge: A. Wellings, Schedules from **A. J. RED, Hon. Sec., Abbey Buildings, Chester.**

READING and District Cage Bird Society. Annual 30-mile Radius of Reading, and Members' Show of Cage Birds (Canaries, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds). **Palmer Hall, West St., Reading. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11th** Entry Fee (non-members) 1/6 30 Classes. Record quantity Special Prizes (really worth having). Judge: Mr. J. Robson. Entries close Immediately, send on at once. Prize Money 10/-, 5/- and 2/6, guaranteed. For Schedules apply—
C. A. CHARLES, 4, TALFOURD AVENUE, READING.

PORTH and DISTRICT C.B.F.S. **First Annual Open Show, Dec. 12th, 1907.** (Under C.B.U. Rules.) Judges—J. H. Payne and J. B. Evans. Grand Classifications. Specials every Class. **Send Entries on at once.** Schedules ready. Apply—J. **CHALLENGER, 37, High Street, Cymmer, Porth.** Ent. 1/6; prize money 10/-, 5/-. 2/6.

RUTHIN. C. B. Show (open) **Dec. 19th,** 14 Classes, 14 Sp. prizes, for most points, Silver Cup Judge. J. Williams, L'pool. **Williams & Roberts Hn. Secs.**

CARMARTHEN

No Amalgamation. Full Prize money for 5 entries.

Dec. 12th.

Entries terribly short—accepted up to first post **Monday, December 9th.** If no schedule, send on, we will classify. C.B.U. Licence and under patronage of Welsh Cage Bird Club. Judge Chas. Houlton Esq. 27 classes. 10/-. 5/-. 2/6. Fee 1/6. **JACK FRANCIS, Secretary.**

GATESHEAD and District C. B. S. (C.B.U rules.) **Dec. 13th & 14th** Prize Money, 10/- 5/-, 3/-, 2/- (guaranteed). 74 open classes, 25 members, Valuable specials galore: to go. Chall. Cup gold medals, &c Under patronage, S.F.C.C., Nat. B.B. & M.C., E. & W.B.F.C.C B.F.C.C. International contest, Chs. C.C., Crest C.C., N.C.C., C.N. & C.C. cup show, Y.C.C., N.Y.C.C., Northern B.B. & M & F.B.C. Popular Judges; Messrs Vardy, Robson, Gardiner Weston & J. S. Wilson. Entries close December 9th. Schedules sent to last year's exhibitors, others apply **Taylor and Grieve, 68, Edward Street.**

EDINBURGH Ornithological (Open) Society,

Will hold their **54th Annual Competition** and Exhibition of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, in the ARTILLERY HALL, GRINDLAY STREET, EDINBURGH, on the **12th and 14th DECEMBER.**

Two Novice Classes.

Schedules ready. **JAMES MELROSE, Secs., 97, Montgomery Street, Edinburgh.**

BARROW-IN-FURNESS

10th Annual Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, **DECEMBER 13th & 14th.** Under C.B.U. Rules. Schedules now ready. Entries close **DEC. 7th.** Judge: A. Wellings.
W. Willison, Sec., 15, Methuen Street, Vickerstown, Barrow-in-Furness.

PENDLETON & SALFORD

O. S. 15th Annual open Show Dec. 13 and 14, 1907. C.B.U. Rules,

At the Pendleton Town Hall Y. C. A. Patronage, Birds can be sent from Chester to Pendleton and will be looked after. Please send entries and we will classify. Classes as follows. 10 Open Yorkshire classes; 7 Open Norwich classes; 3 Open Border classes; 9 British and Mule classes. Specials for every class. 8 Open Green classes. Judges: Messrs. Battye and Booth. Schedules from **Mr. W. JACKSON 17, Caton St., Old Trafford:** or **Mr. O. STRINGER 11, Spring Gardens, Seedley, Salford.**

HURRY UP WITH YOUR ENTRIES FOR

BURTON-ON-TRENT

Show, DECEMBER 14th. Under C.B.U. rules. OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

Prize money guaranteed in 14 days after show. Classes: 9 for Norwich, including pair class, £2 limit and 1 natural colour; 2 for Yorkshires, 1 A.O.V. not previously mentioned; 2 for Mules and Hybrids; 7 for British; 2 Foreign. 1 selling, 15/- including cage. Entries close December 10th, extension impossible. Numerous specials. Cage Birds Competition. Send on entries, I will classify. **Hon. Sec.: ARTHUR EMERY, 239, Shobnall Street.**

HAMILTON Cadzow Oaks' Ornithological Society, Annual Open Show.

Of Norwich, Crests, & Border Fancy Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Cage Birds will be held in the Town Hall, Hamilton, on **Saturday December 14th, 1907,** Norwich Plainheads, 12 Classes; Crests, 2 Classes. Judge; Mr. J. Sandison, Aberdeen. Border Fancy, 13 Classes. Judges: Mr Jas Smillie, Kilmarnock and Wm. Haddon, Hamilton. Mules, British and Foreign, 22 Classes. Judges: Mr P. Pettigrew, Glasgow, and Mr. R Farmer, Secretary of the S.B.B. & M. Club, 132 Specials, 2 Cups and Full Prize Money guaranteed in every class. No Cancelling or Amalgamation. Prize Money, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, entry fee, 1/6 per Bird. Open Specials free. Schedules can be had from Richard Gadsden, Secretary, 19, May Street off Bothwell Road, Hamilton.

LAISTERDYKE BIRD FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Under Yorkshire Union Rules and the Patronage of the Y.C.C. & C.M.Y.C.C.

Grand Annual Exhibition of Canaries

Will be held in the TYERSAL BOARD SCHOOL, Laisterdyke, Bradford, on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th.** Judge: W. H. SHACKLETON, Esq., of Girlington, Bradford. Entries positively close on December 11th.

Schedules to be had from the Secretary. **J. POWNALL, 69, NEW HEY ROAD, WAKEFIELD ROAD, BRADFORD.**

BRADFORD (WEST), C.B.A.

Open Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, on **DEC. 20th & 21st,** in the Whetley Lane School, Girlington Bradford. Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., & Green Club. Specials for every Class. Judges: M. Broadley, Windhill, & W. Mundell, Bradford. Entries positively close Tuesday **DEC. 17th.** Classes for British Birds are 1 Linnet, 1 A.V., Hard, & 1 Soft Bill Class, 1 A.V., Mule Class. For Schedules, apply **T. CLEGG, 55, LUPTON STREET, BRADFORD.**

Great Annual Show at

DUNFERMLINE

Jan. 1st, and 2nd. 1908. Grand Classification,

Numerous Specials. Entry money 1/6. Prizes: 12/-, 8/-, 4/-. Judges:—Messrs. Cochrane, Edluburgh; and Campbell, Stirling. Schedules from, **R. Bowie, The Cusset House, Dunfermline.**

DON'T FORGET

WAKEFIELD Roller Canary Club Fifth Open Show and Contest **DECEMBER 13th & 14th. 1907.**

Sec. J. Netherwood, Wakefield.

HARROGATE C. B. S.

HURRY UP, FANCIERS.

Under C.B.U. Rules. B. & C.B.B. & M.C. Patronage. Open Show, **Sat. Dec. 14.** Entries close Dec. 10th. 20 Classes. Kindly assist us. Not a single entry to hand. Will accept up to Wed., Dec. 11. Enter early. **C. Hy. Barnwell, 6, Providence Terrace, Hon. Sec.**

HELP! HELP! HELP!

(Held under C.B.U. Rules). **Fanciers don't let the**

WELLINGBOROUGH

Show fall; postponed from **OCT. 30th & 31st,** to **DEC. 17th & 18th, 1907,** through such short entries. Fanciers buck up and help us. Judges: W. VARDY and J. GOODALL. Good prize money and good specials. Anyone not receiving Schedule apply to **W. HOWE, Hon. Sec., 9, Ranelagh Rd., Wellingborough.**

DON'T FORGET

KEITH

is on **Dec. 18th.** Grand Classification, and Popular Judges. Entries close Dec. 13th. Schedules from **D. D. Milne, 69, Regent St,** Fed or non-fed birds to compete in all classes,

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LEIGH

Open Show of Can. Mules, Hybrids, British & Foreign Birds Under C.B.U. Rules.

In the Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate, Leigh on Friday & Saturday **December 20th & 21st, 1907.** Judge; **A. G. Davis, Manchester.** Schedules now ready.

A. Parks, Hon. Sec. 41, Wardour Street, ATHERTON.

ANNAN Show of Poul., Pig., Cage birds, Cats, Rabbits & Cavies. Judge: (C.B.), J. Smillie, of Kilmarnock. **DEC. 21st.** Splendid Classification, (10 classes for Borders), Numerous Specs. Schedules, **A. Irving, Annan.**

TIDESWELL Poultry and Cage Bird Show. Under C.B.U. Rules. **December 21st, 1907.** Judges: Messrs. J. N. Harrison and T. Bexson. Secs.: R. Handley, Poultry. J. Brocklehurst, Cage Birds.

BROXBURN C. B. O. S will be held in the Public Hall on **Sat. Dec. 21st.** Judges: Norwich J. McLay, Kirkintilloch Borders, H. Bennet, Kelso. Mules, B. & F.J. Livingston, Bathgate, and J. Brown, Edinburgh. Entries close Dec. 16th. Schedules ready. Sec. W. Nellson, Greendykes Rd

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SEAHAM HARBOUR & Dis.

C.B.B.A. First Annual Open Show, DECEMBER 21st 1907.

(Under C.B.U. Rules). Grand Classification and all guaranteed, money specials for each class, and extra specials for each section. H. W. Battye, Esq., will judge. Entries close Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1907. Schedules from **J. M. NICHOLSON,** Sec., **7, Sophia St., Seaham Harbour.**

PWLLHELI & Dis. F. S. of P., Pg., Cage Birds, R.C. & Eggs (open to Wales). **On Dec. 26.** Town Hall, Pwllheli. Judge: Cage Birds, S. Hatwin, Esq., Liverpool. Numerous cups and spl. in all classes. 8 P. cup bt. canary in show Entries close Dec. 17. Schedules ready apply, W. H. Davies, 7, Mount Ter.

MALTON (YORKS.) 12th Annual Show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit. Dec. 26, (Boxing Day) Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. (Entries close Dec. 19th, certain).
Schedules from Geo. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

TREDEGAR SHOW. DEC. 27.

Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. £12 in Money. Cups and other Spls. Schedules ready—Sec. J. TURNER, Glenyrafon House, Sidhowy.

COVENTRY

Fur and Feather Society's 16th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, etc., will be held in the Sydenham Palace (the finest bird-room in the Midlands), on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th.**
Schedule will appear in this paper next week.
SHEFFIELD & GILBERT, Hon. Secs., 8, Earlsdon Street, Coventry.

PLYMOUTH W.F.S Great Open Show of Dgs., P., Pgs., C.B., (under C.B.U. Rules), R., C., Cvs., M., (under M.C.pat). and Children's Pets At the Market **Jan. 1st, 1908.** Judge: (C.B.) T. Deehle, Esq. Ents. close Dec., 23rd 1907 Schedules: **A. Camp, Bedford Hotel, Plymouth.**

BAILDON C.B.F.A. Ann. Show Dec. 28th. 1907. Mechanics' Inst. C.B.U. Lic. Jdg.: H. W. Battye, Esq Bradfld Over 40 sp, 14 classes; cash Sp in each cl. 10/- Best bird in show. 7/6 2nd best do. 10/- most points do Entries close Dec, 24th. Schds. W. T. Dobson, Hon Sec 28, Northgate.

ST. ALBANS C.B. &c., G. Gardner (Jdg.) Open an £1 Illm. class es. C.B.U. **Jan. 1, 1908.** Sched. shortly. **ODELL & HESTER, Hon. Secs.**

KILMARNOCK O. A.

Show of Cage Birds, **Jan. 1st & 2nd, 1908.** Popular Judges. Full prize money in all classes. Schedules now ready **J. Blane, Sec. 36, Titchfield St.**

GUISBROUGH Under C.B.U. Rules. **3rd. Annual Open Show** of Canaries, Hybrids, Foreign and British Birds, **Jan. 1st, 1908** Judge: Mr. Cowgill. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. For Shedules apply to **W. T. SIMPSON,** Secretary.

FORFAR Show.

Keep in mind Great Annual Show at Forfar **JAN. 1st. and 2nd. 1908.** Judges: Norwich, A. Thomp on; Aberdeen; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.

PLUMSTEAD & Woolwich C.B.S. Open Show. January 2nd & 3rd.

PWLLGWAUN. PONTYPRIDD and DISTRICT. 1st Annual Open Show of P., Pgns., C.B., & R. **Jan 9th, 1908.** Splendid Classification, (over 20 medals) and other specials. Judges: Messrs. Hodge & Hill. Joint Secs. **Eborn & Stedman, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.**

SHOW SECRETARIES.

NOW READY.

"Cage Birds" Artistic Six-coloured Lithographic Poster, for Advertising Cage Bird Shows, etc.
Write for Price and Specimen to—
F. CARL, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

TWITTERINGS.

Mr. R. Bibb (Kidderminster) writes: CAGE BIRDS is a splendid medium for advertising.

Mr. F. Gordon, sec. Sunderland C.B.S. has removed to 17, Kayll Road.

We learn that Mr. Forrest's varieg. buff cock won Hyde's and Ramsden's special, and special for best member's bird at Perth Show.

Members of the L. and P.O.S. are asked to note change of date of annual meeting to December 11th (Wednesday evening).

Mr. W. P. Barnes writes informing us of his change of address from 44, Commercial Road to 12, Saunder Terrace, Grantham.

Entries for Laisterdyke close December 10th. We look to fanciers for a splendid entry. Sec., J. Pownall, 69, New Hey Road, Bradford. —(ADVT.)

Up to time of writing, writes Mr. John Challenger, sec. of the Perth Show, I have only received 18 entries. Will fanciers kindly help us?

Kirbymoorside report credits Mrs. Simpson with first and special for best bird in show, writes Mr. T. Marwood, Brompton. It should be Marwood.

Barrow, December 13th and 14th. Fanciers hurry up and give us a good entry. Splendid specials. W. Willison, 5, Methuen Street, Walney.—(ADVT.)

The first show of the newly-formed Tivyside Fanciers Society is, we hear, to be held at Cardigan on January 15th, when Mr. C. A. House will judge.

It was not my bird which won at Cardiff in the yellow hen class, nor did I get a fourth prize with a yellow marked cock as reported, writes Mr. R. L. Crisp (Chelsea).

Crook (original) report credits Broughton with second in Buff Yorks., writes Mr. F. Brown (Crook) and Hirst also second; this should read second Brown, third Hirst.

Mr. A. Wellings, we hear, will judge Douglas (Isle of Man) Show on January 1st, next.

Fanciers should see grand classification at Edinburgh. Sec., Jas. Melrose, 97, Montgomery Street.—(ADVT.)

I won third prize at Sutton Coldfield Show in the Bullfinch class, and not Mr. Osborne as stated, writes Mr. J. H. Barnett (Walsall).

The Green Canary Association (Liverpool) has fixed upon February 14th and 15th next for its club show, and Mr. J. C. Barnes, (Sheffield) is, we hear, the appointed judge.

From my last advertisement I sold birds all over the country, and several to Liverpool to a noted exhibitor, which shows CAGE BIRDS has a good circulation.—A. THOMAS (Loftus).

I hope fanciers will not forget Ruthin's first show, writes a Ruthin correspondent, when we are offering 14 classes, and a special in each, with Mr. J. Williams (the "Mule King") as judge.

It may interest your readers, writes Mr. A. G. Kendrick, Coventry, to know that I received for preservation this week a pure cinnamon Sparrow, shot at Langley Green, Worcestershire.

We have elected an extra judge for Huddersfield Open Show, writes the sec., Mr. Sam Lodge. Mr. J. Dawson will judge Yorkshires, and Mr. George Level (Huddersfield) the Norwich classes.

Kindly thank the numerous readers who replied to my advt. re Pom. puppy, through your columns, writes Mr. J. H. Rowles, Bilston. It is quite impossible to answer all, having over forty up to date.

The balance sheet of the U.K. Belgian Canary Association, which reaches us from the hon. sec., Mr. W. B. Cobb, shows an income of £9 7s. 6d., and, we are pleased to say, a small balance on the right side.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. LANGMAN (Plymouth.)

It is with great regret, writes Mr. T. Pope, that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. J. Langman (Plymouth), which occurred on November 26th. The deceased gentleman was partner with the late Mr. T. Kent, and a few years ago they were great winners in the Crest and Norwich classes at all the leading shows. Although Mr. Langman had practically ceased to keep any birds, he was keenly interested in the Fancy up to the last, and was a subscriber to the W.C.O.S., which Society was greatly indebted in past years to him for his efforts to promote its welfare. Although, perhaps, not well known to the younger generation of fanciers in the West, those of the older school, especially members of the W.C.O.S., know what a genuine fancier and good fellow the deceased gentleman was, and expressions of sympathy are everywhere heard in and around Plymouth for his sorrowing relatives.

Mr. W. H. Tavener also writes:—Little did we think just four years ago, when I notified you of the death of Mr. Tom Kent (of Crest and Norwich fame), that the junior member of that old firm, Mr. J. Langman, would also follow in so brief a time to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. By his death another link with the Fancy in the past is severed, and serves to remind us of the other dear and gone but not forgotten worthies who so ably upheld the prestige of the Fancy down West, and of the W.C.O.S. in particular. May we always keep their memories green. To his sorrowing wife and children we tender our sincere sympathy.

Kindly state that I have had so many answers to my advert. (winning Yorkshire hen) in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. Ashworth, Southport, that I cannot reply to all. I think your paper is a grand advertising medium.

Mrs. A. Bayly, of Margate, writes that she bred and sold to Mr. Warner the clear yellow Norwich cock taking first prize in class of 18 at Tonbridge, and special for best in show; also the buff hen that took second in same class.

I had such a successful sale the week before last, writes Mr. S. Martin (Rochester) that I had to drop my "ad." I cleared my stock right out, thanks to CAGE BIRDS. I must also apologise to the many whose orders I could not execute.

Kindly inform all applicants for my Rollers advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. E. Miller (Uttoxeter), that they were so numerous that I could not possibly answer them individually; applications came from all parts of the country.

Northampton Show report credits T. Hinds with 1st and 2nd in the Norwich yellow class, writes Mr. T. Irons, Northampton, 1st and 3rd in the buff class, and Fennell with 1st in the hen class; in each case the name should read T. Irons.

At the recent Sudbury Show, Mr. J. F. Hills had on exhibition (but not for competition) his noted lemon-crested Cockatoo, the age of which is put at 80 years—for noise and fun it can still give the "young 'uns" a start and a beating.

Being a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, which I consider a good paper both for advertising and show reports, we beg to draw attention to the mis-spelling of our name in show reports—Linton instead of Sinton.—A. and W. SINTON (Jedburgh).

The Lancaster Primrose Avicultural Society will hold an open show in the Park Hotel Assembly Rooms on Jan. 18th next, writes Mr. H. J. Brown, the sec. It will be under C.B.U. Rules, and fanciers should look out for the schedule; it will be a good one.

My birds arrived back from Bolton Show early on the Saturday night, and I received prize money first post Monday morning, writes Mr. H. F. Hardy (Littleborough), and I think the committee are deserving of both praise and support for such promptitude.

His many friends in the fancy will be interested to learn that Mr. H. J. Hawes has taken over the old-established bird business lately carried on by Mr. H. Jones, at 15, Parliament Place, Forest Gate, where he will keep a first-class stock of all species of birds.

I much regret to say we have been compelled to cancel all cagebird classes at Brackley Show, writes Mr. W. G. Pollard, the hon. sec. Entries averaged only three per class, and in the absence of a rule for reducing the prize money we had no other alternative.

The annual dinner of West London F.A. is to be held at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, on Thursday, December 12th, at 7 p.m. Mr. J. Dewhurst, the hon. sec., 52, North End Road, West Kensington, will be pleased to send particulars and tickets to friends.

A fawn Goldfinch was caught near Camborne last week, writes Mr. F. Collins. It is a nice bird, with a good blaze and markings. There is also a pure white Linnet here, flying about. I am trying to catch him and if I succeed will let readers know. Further, we have three white Blackbirds in the district.

Owing to a printer's error, writes Mr. W. Jackson, sec. of Pendleton and Salford O.S., the schedule of show states that exhibits must be delivered on December 10; this should read December 12th. We are having three Border classes, and exhibitors are asked to give us a good entry.

Permit me to offer my congratulations both to you and to your artist, writes Mr. Geoff. Benson, New Brighton, upon the splendid picture of my Self Buff Green which you kindly placed in so prominent a position in last week's CAGE BIRDS. I and many of my friends who know the bird are greatly impressed with the clever life-like production.

Kindly convey through your splendid paper my thanks to Capt. Perreau (4th Gurkhas, Punjab, India) for his kindness in publishing therein his appreciation of my bird trap. Though it is many weeks since I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, I still receive orders weekly (including a large repeat order from the above gentleman).—A. BUTLER (Sheffield).

Kindly note misprints in Hamilton Cadzow Oaks Show schedules, writes Mr. R. Gadsden, sec.:—Class 25 should read Yellow, Green or Cinn. Cock or Hen; class 45, Buff, Green or Cinn. Cock or Hen. There is an additional class: Any variety small hard-billed British bird not classed. Specials 130, 131 and 132 are not confined to Glasgow and Western Counties, but are open.

We had the misfortune upon receiving our Wryneck and Long-Tailed Tit from Crook show to find both birds dead, writes Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby (Yarm-on-Tees). Upon making enquiries we found they had been delayed for about 20 hours on the railway. We have claimed on the N.E.R. Company for damages caused by alleged neglect of their servants, there being no blame attached to the show committee.

The following particulars of the United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association Cup were too late to be inserted in the Edinburgh Ornithological (open) Society's schedule, writes the hon. secretary, Mr. W. B. Cobb:—Silver Challenge Cup (value £5 5s.) presented by F. Reddihough, Esq. The member gaining most points (two highest birds in each class to count) in Belgian classes after the last show to hold the cup for the year. Cup to be won twice, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of any exhibitor.

At a committee meeting of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club, held November 30th, with Mr. J. Greaves in the chair, an alleged case of trimming came before the committee, writes the secretary, Mr. R. Garnett. The bird was produced for the committee to see. After hearing evidence both for and against, the committee decided that they could not uphold the objection as the evidence was so contradictory, also owing to the length of time since the alleged trimming took place. The deposit was returned to the complainant.

I have at time of writing received only two entries in cage bird section, writes Mr. J. Francis, hon. sec. Carmarthen Show, and I urge fanciers to send in their entries at once. We have 27 classes, and want to make this year's show a record one. I may point out that we never amalgamate classes, and always pay full prize money, if only five entries. We have four Yorkshire classes and would be grateful if some of the big men from the county of broad acres would patronise us. Entries are extended until first post Monday next, December 9th.

I have sold the whole of my winning Borders, writes Mr. D. H. Tedstone (Brecon); in fact all my Borders. These birds cost me a lot of money as the strain was built up from the following studs:—Messrs. J. B. Evans, Duncan and Logan, Patterson, Arnot and Jamieson, D. Jenkins, and R. H. Jones, so you see they are from good rooms. Mr. Patterson's yellow hen, the bird of the year, is amongst them. Mr. J. B. Rees (Abercanaid) is the purchaser. I sold out to make room for my Norwich. I have not the time to run two varieties.

Order Next Week's XMAS DOUBLE NUMBER Now or You May Miss it.

TO OUR READERS.

Next week will be issued CAGE BIRDS' great annual Christmas number. It will consist, as usual, of a huge budget of literature and pictures, not forgetting the ever-popular coloured plate. Our readers will have observed the remarkable number of small advertisements CAGE BIRDS has published each week of late. This is an infallible test of circulation, and we are profoundly grateful for the continued favours showered upon us by a sympathetic and discerning public. The many thousands of people who regularly read CAGE BIRDS have during the past month or two been again handsomely augmented, and before the season is over we hope to publish another certificate of *actual sales*, which will prove, we think, astonishing reading to those who are not cognisant of the extent to which our hobby has grown of late. Cage bird fanciers who remember exactly how much reading matter was provided for them before our journal, CAGE BIRDS, arrived, may well stand amazed at the number of show reports, articles, letters, etc., now published weekly for their benefit, but they never forget to attribute the blessings they now experience to their once "little pal," CAGE BIRDS, and they are equally certain that were CAGE BIRDS, by some unforseen calamity, to be suddenly destroyed, the position of the cage bird fancier would indeed be a parlous one. Be that as it may, we are obliged to our friends for the kindly tokens of goodwill which are continually reaching us, and we trust to long deserve their encouragement and their pardon for such errors as we may in our human disposition from time to time commit.

Will intending advertisers in our Christmas Number kindly make a point of sending in their announcements as early as possible next week, and so help us and our printers over what will be a very heavy task.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Dec. 6 and 7. **Cockermouth F.C.**
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Hartlepools C.B.S.** (H.W.B., J.Mn.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Rotherham C.B.S.** (W.V., J.B.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**L.C.B.A. (Westminster)** (T.J.K., J.R., R.H., C.H., P.F.M.G., W.T.P.)
Dec. 6 and 7.—**Ulster O.S.** (W.T., A.W.)
*Dec. 6 and 7.—**Wigan C.B.S.** (J.T.)
*Dec. 7—**Tideswell.** (A.G.D.)
Dec. 7. **Cupar** (E.G.W., J. McL., H.B., P. McQ.)
Dec. 7. **Kilmarnock C.B.F.S.** (J.S., D.Bk., J.Y., J.Fn., P.McK., D.J., J.B.K.)
Dec. 7 and 9. **Ilkeston O.S.** (C.H., R.R., J.H.R.)
*Dec. 11. **Chester** (A.W.)
Dec. 11.—**Reading C.B.S.** (J.R.)
*Dec. 12.—**Carmarthen.**
Dec. 12.—**Perth C.B.F.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
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*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc., W.H., P.P., R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Laisterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
*Dec. 17 and 18.—**Wellingboro'.**
Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 27.—**Coventry and Dist. F. & F.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2 1908. **Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Wm., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.L.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., L.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.E.H.
*Feb. 7, 8, 10 & 11 **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

At a public meeting held in the Kelty Co-operative Hall on November 28th (Mr. James Wilkie, president, in the chair), it was decided to have a cage bird section in connection with the Kelty and Blairadam Show, on October 17th, 1908, writes Mr. J. Ford, sec. The balance sheet of the last showed a good balance on the right side, so that exhibitors can rely upon getting fair treatment.

We note that in a recent issue of the 'Hove and Portslade Star," that esteemed fancier and well-known judge, Mr. Walter Swaysland, of Brighton, appeared in all the glory of martial array, appended to the portrait being an interview which a local scribe had with this worthy Urban Councillor and volunteer enthusiast at his neighbouring bird stores. Mr. Swaysland's father, we learn, was the owner of the celebrated collection of Owls on the West Pier, recognised as the finest in the world; whilst Mr. Swaysland's own exploits in the fancy have accounted for about 40 gold and silver medals, cups, etc., besides a host of money prizes. The article concludes:—"Who does not know Mr. Walter Swaysland? Who has not received one of his giant boxes of matches? Bright, cheery, jovial, he is, in spite of his 54 years, one of the youngest of us all. Long may he remain so."

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Important business for Annual Show.—W. Robinson, sec.

Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 7, Club Room, 7.30. Election of delegate for C.B.U. Members to be clear on books or cannot participate in benefits from show. Wm. Wallison.

Belgrave and Dist., F.F.S.—Dec. 10, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. Entries for Members' Show, to be med Dec. 26, Cage Bird Cup for competition.—W. H. Kiley.

Brighouse and D. C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show and other business.—F. Mitchell.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Textile Hall, 7.30. Nomination of officials for 1908, and other important business.—F. E. Holden.

City and Suburban A. C.B.—Dec. 9, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Judging Competition in Crest and Crest-breds. Judge J. S. Clarke, Esq.; three silver medals presented. Visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 7, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Birds to be staged for 8 p.m. Members' Show, Yorkshires. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting, Bradford.—P. Stansfield.

City of Wakefield C.S.—Dec. 10, Coffee Tavern, 8. Balance Sheet for 1907, and Open Show accounts.—Netherwood and Keeley.

Darlington C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Half Moon, Northgate, 8. Payment of members' prize-money and specials, and settlement for year.—E. Brunskill.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Headquarters, 8.30 sharp. Paper on the General Management of Canaries, by Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton.—J. J. Mullett.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Dec. 6, Fountain Inn, 7.30. Entries for Members' Show, and other important business.—W. Ashworth.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Lockhart's Cafe. General business.—T. Taylor.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Extra meeting Dec. 7, Butchers' Arms, 8. Arrangements for Members' Boxing Day Show.—S. Dean.

Halifax O.S.—Dec. 7, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), will give Washing Exhibition of Canaries. Friends invited.—J. F. Thackray.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, St. George's School, 8. Monthly meeting.—T. Allsop.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Dec. 7, Lockhart's 55, Briggate, 7.30. Important business. Members bring all unsold tickets if possible.—C. Towes.

Leeds C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Nomination of officers; prize-money paid.—Wilkins and Hornby.

Leith O.S.—Dec. 14, Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, 7.30. Important.—G. Brown.

Leicester C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table Show (1) A. V. Nor. Buff (except unflig.) Open. (2) Ditto Novice. (3) A.O.V. Canary, Open. (4) Mule or Hybrid Open. (5) A.V. Field-moulted British Open. Judges, Messrs. Stevens and Hunt.—J. Heighton.

Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.—Dec. 12, Headquarters, 7.30. Concert and Distribution of prizes and specials won at Annual Show.—B. F. Forse.

Liverpool Bird Breeders Association.—Dec. 12, Oldham Hall, Brit. Bird Night Show. Entries at meeting; cup for most points.—H. Barratt.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 6, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Important business.—J. Simon.

L. and P.O.S.—Dec. 11, The Raglan, Aldersgate Street, 8.30. Annual General Meeting. Will members note alteration in date.—H. L. Brown.

Manningham C.B.A.—Dec. 7, Mowbray Arms, 7.30. Arrangements for Open Show, and nomination of officers for 1908.—E. Kemp.

Metropolitan Association of C.M. and H. Bds.—Dec. 12, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.15. Important business.—A. J. Read.

N. and S. Shields and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 11, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of officers, new members, etc.—Wm. Duke.

North London C.B.A.—Dec. 11, Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Distribution of prize-money, Annual Show. All show tickets must be returned at this meeting.—R. P. Harper.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 9, Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Members' entries for Open Show to be in at this meeting.—W. Jackson.

Sale Open O.S.—Dec. 9, Sale Hotel, 8. Paper on Cage Making, etc., by F. J. Field.—G. F. Hardcastle.

South-West London C.B.S.—Dec. 12, Plough Hotel, 8.30.—Important business in regard to a special; other general business.—Lilley.

Sunderland C.B.S.—Dec. 7, at Smoke Cafe, as usual.—F. Gordon.

West Bromwich and Dist. — Dec. 10, The Dartmouth Hotel, 8. General Show business.—T. Duffield.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 7, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. F. Benn (Great Horton). Also meeting to allot specials (during judging).—E. W. Johnson.

Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 2, 6, The Broadway, 8. Arranging schedule for Annual Show and Judging Competition on Norwich.—W. H. Colman.

Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 7, at 8. Business, nomination of officers for 1908, and Tea and Social.—E. Broadby.

Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 9, Vine Hotel, 8. Election of judge (Members' Show), and Washing Exhibition by Mr. F. J. Weaver. Fanciers Invited.—P. Howes.

York C.B.S.—Dec. 9, All Saints' Schoolroom, York. Last meeting of year.—T. Boyle.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 8—1st post: **Chester**—A. J. Red, Abbey Bdgs.
" **9—Gateshead**—Taylor & Grieve, 68 Edward St.
" **10 Burton-on-Trent**—A. Emery, 239 Shobnall Street.
" **10- Laisterdyke**—J. Pownall, 68, New Hey Rd. Wakefield Road, Bradford.
" **13—Keith**—D. D. Milne, 69, Regent Street.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 8—Narberth—Jas. Owen.
" **9**—(1st post.)—**Swindon**—Northover & Watson, 154, Redcliffe Street.
" **9**—(1st post)—**Carmarthen**—Jack Francis.
" **11—Harrogate**—G. H. Barnwell, 6, Providence Terrace.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Kirbymoorside; Derby; City of Bradford; Crook Original; Gravesend; Earlstown; Bolton.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

For Rules see issue of Nov. 23.

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Pairing and Purchasing.

Bert.—1. If you know the breeding of the ticked yellow cock, and he comes from marked stock, then I should advise you to pair him to a clear buff hen. But if he is bred from clears, then you may pair him to a variegated. Judging from the stock he threw last season, I should say pair him to a clear. 2. You will do quite right in pairing the variegated yellow, son of his, to a clear buff hen. You should get two hens, such as you want for from ten to fifteen shillings each. 3. It all depends upon what you wish to breed; if self greens, then pair green hen to a green cock, but if ticked and marked, then pair it to a clear. 4. Good sen greens bred from good Norwich stock are not very easy to procure. You may try a heavily variegated and you will be sure to breed some greens, probably the greater proportion. Such a bird would be easier to purchase than a self, and would answer your purpose equally well. You should be able to get what you want for about a sovereign.

Breeding Results.

Grocer.—I do not think the birds will take any harm by your removing them to the new room, but I should certainly do as you suggest and keep the racks away from the wall six or eight inches. 2. It is, as you say, quite against the rule to recommend any particular advertiser. If you look through the columns of Cage Birds you should find an advertisement of some good and successful breeder who would no doubt supply you with a good stock bird for the sum you name. 3. A great deal would depend upon the stock from which your hen was bred. If she came from decent feathered birds, then you may reasonably expect to breed something good from the yellow cock, which you say is as tight as wax, but on the small side, seeing that you have plenty of size in the hen. You would probably get some medium sized buds, and, no doubt, a few that would follow the cock.

Norwich as Breeders.

Motor Boat.—Sometimes there are good matched pairs at shows in the classes provided for breeding pairs at limit prices, such as would suit you, but I should advise you to obtain the opinion of a practical fancier before purchasing. See that you have young birds; have unflighted ones, and you will be alright. There are plenty of breeders that would be only too pleased to supply you with a good well-matched pair of stock birds at a reasonable price. Look over the advertisements in Cage Birds under the heading of Norwich. 2. Let the staple diet be plain Canary seed, with an occasional pinch of the following mixture as a change and a treat, say, twice a week: Hemp, Niga and German rape. 3. You may take the cock away if you like, but I should advise you to let him remain; that is, of course, if he goes on the right way.

A Question of Temperature.

Phoenix.—As you say your room is quite dry and that you only find a little moisture on the nails which comes through the roof when the weather is frosty, I can quite imagine the quantity of moisture from the nails is but small, and not sufficient to cause any vital dampness. I do not think the loss of your two hens was in any way attributable to the room, as they died at the end of the summer, when the place would be thoroughly dry. If you had a wooden floor, instead of stone, you would be surprised at the difference it would make. I should advise you in the winter months to cover your cages over with an old blanket.

Down in the Dumps.

E.W.—Stop giving your birds the boiled rape and give instead a little boiled carrot. Let them have on alternate days, for a fortnight, in a small teaspoonful of egg food, for each bird, as much Aromatic Confection as will stand on a threepenny piece. Give in the drinking water fresh daily for a week, a piece of Sulphate of Iron about the size of a small pea.

Out of Sorts.

David Price.—Let your bird have as much Aromatic Confection as will stand on a threepenny piece, and mix with a small teaspoonful of egg food on alternate days for ten days. On the days he is not having this, give in the drinking water eight drops of tincture of quinine. By this time the looseness you complain of in your birds' bowels should be stopped.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

A Nervous Specimen.

Alpha.—From the description of your bird's movements and condition, I can only come to one conclusion, viz., that your bird is practically blind. Perhaps it may be able to see just a little, but I don't think so. If you keep it in the same cage it will find its seed and water all right, and may live and continue to sing for you, as from your description I don't think there is anything else the matter with it.

Hints on Breeding.

A.S. (Newcastle).—1. My advice is, Keep the hens in as large a flight cage as you have at your disposal through the winter, and the cocks singly in good-sized breeding cages. There is no real necessity for the pairs to be together, until you pair them up for breeding. 2. Derbyshire lime, unless you wish to have them painted, then enamel is best; 3. Let the birds' staple food be sound, clear White Canary in the hoppers, and give three times a week half a teaspoonful per bird of the following mixture: 2 parts summer rape, 1 part mawseed; keeping the birds clean and daily well supplied with good gritty sand and clean water.

Out of Condition.

H.P.—Your bird has caught cold. Probably through being in an open wire cage and through being kept in the kitchen, it will most likely be subject to sudden variations of temperature. Cover the cage up at nights, and keep it hanging lower than the gaslight. Give in drinking water fresh daily ten drops of whisky, and six drops of glycerine well mixed. Keep free from draughts and feed as you have been doing up to the present.

BORDERS

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Cinnamons.

Walton.—Your green cock has been bred from a cinnamon strain. I suppose the young cin. marked will be cinnamons. 2) I am afraid you may expect the most of the progeny heavily variegated cinnamons from this pair, you might get a few with only a few light feathers in tails and flight, but there is too much class blood for what you are wanting. However, they would make good stock birds, either for marks or self. From this pair you would get self greens and cinnamons, but would greatly depend on the class blood they carry. The most of them show the cinnamon feathers, which would be of the very finest quality, and if the cock bird has colour you would see the influence very marked. Pleased to see you are such an admirer of "C.B." Push it along.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREAVES.

A Weak "Understanding."

P.H.H.—Your bird is suffering from weak legs, a complaint many Crest and Crestbred birds suffer from, and in some strains is hereditary. You do not say the age of your bird, but certainly they do not improve with age. All you can do is to give a tonic; the best for this complaint is nux vomica. Put six drops in its water for three days, then every other day for a week. Feed on good sound seed and give plenty of room for exercise.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

All in Moult, etc.

Studley.—You are feeding on much too heating seeds, also keeping your birds too hot—45 to 50 degrees is plenty in the daytime, and 50 to 55 at night. Drop the groats and oatmeal for a time entirely. Give equal parts rape and Canary always, and the mixed seed twice a week only, with egg food likewise (not both on the same day). Let your birds bathe freely, and stir a spot or two of glycerine into the water. Let them have a little green food (free from frost) occasionally, also ripe fruit such as apple, pear, banana, or orange, frequently. Get an ounce or two of citrate of iron and quinine crystals from a chemist, and every second day dissolve a small teaspoonful in a pint of water and give all the birds to drink.

Breeding Canaries.

F. B. Parsons.—Several varieties of Canaries are "easy to breed"—Yorkshires, Norwich and Borders, for instance—and are quite suitable for a beginner. Rollers are the same, and in addition have a very fascinating song, especially when well trained. Why not visit a good bird show, see the different varieties, and then pick out the one you fancy most? 2. All the above breeds are good songsters, the Norwich and Yorkshires the loudest voiced, with Borders next. The Rollers cannot be compared with either, as their song is artificial to a great extent, and quite peculiar to the bird. 3. It is contrary to the rules of this paper to recommend any particular advertiser, or place to purchase birds. There are many good and reliable dealers and fanciers advertising in CAGE BIRDS every week.

Five Rape Samples.

Aeolus.—Sample No. 1, at 4d. per lb., is excellent summer rape. Of the other four, at 3d. per lb., No. 4 is not summer rape at all, but, in my opinion, simply charlock. No. 2 I am not keen on, but No. 5 seems nice, and No. 3, I like much, and would just as soon use as the high-priced sample.

Canary Seed.

T. Hood.—Yes: I should say the sample of canary-seed is good value at 3d. per lb. It is probably Spanish, though better samples of that kind are to be had. It looks mostly well-ripened, and tastes well. I say "mostly," because the grains seem to vary somewhat in size and colour, suggesting a blend of two sorts of seed.

Birds Dying.

C.M.U.—Am afraid I cannot advise you to much purpose. Your loss of birds, and the way you lose them (some dying in a few hours; others bad for a long time) point to some infectious complaint being rife amongst the stock. You should certainly send a dead body up for post-mortem examination, to Mr. North. In the meantime, isolate all the healthy birds in clean cages, in a room to themselves. Give plenty of milk-sop to eat. In a pint of water dissolve a small teaspoonful of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine, and give this to drink daily for a time. Keep in a room at a not too low temperature. Treat the unhealthy ones the same, and keep them strictly to themselves. Possibly you have had the misfortune to recently introduce an unhealthy bird amoug them. Re the young; perhaps you take them from their parents too soon. The egg should be dropped when feeding themselves, but soft food must still be given.

Weak on Legs.

Anxious.—You should fill an egg-cup, or tall, slender wine glass, with fairly hot, very strong whisky and water, and immerse the bird's legs in same for two or three minutes night and morning. In its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) for ten or twelve days stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food from the chemist. This treatment should soon put the bird right, seeing that in other respects he seems quite well. Write again, if necessary.

SCOTCH FANCIES.

Answered by R. WRIGHT.

Sitting "Huffy."

Camlechie. — I think your trouble is either caused by a draught or by faulty feeding. If the former, try and prevent it, and keep birds covered over with a cloth at night. Feed on plain canary seed (best Spanish) as a staple diet, with a third of German summer rape added one day; the next, half a teaspoonful egg food, with ten drops Chemical Food mixed through it, and sprinkle a pinch of maw seed on top. Let them also have twice a week a small piece of boiled carrot. Give in water for four days (fresh daily) 10 drops tincture of aconite, and after replace until well with 10 drops tincture of quinine. If they are wheezy take equal parts of paregoric, whisky and glycerine, mix together and give 15 drops in water. If you give the latter discontinue the other tonics. Your query is very meugre; you might have given me more information. Catch the bird and rub the pen feathers lightly between the finger and thumb.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Wing Injured.

Novice.—(1) I don't think the hen's breeding will be affected by the injury, if, as you say, she can hop from perch to perch alright. The only danger there is, is that she might drag some of the [illegible] The birds may stay together another month, after that you should separate the cocks and hens, but don't pair them up till the end of March; just keep them in separate cages. (3) You may try your luck with a cock Canary, then Linnet, but generally the sexes are reversed, the hen bird being a Canary.

Enamel v. Whitewash.

Toby.—There can be no question about enamel being better than whitewash for your breeding cages. You should first of all give the cages a coat of ordinary paint, then rub them down with pumice stone, so as to make smooth, and finally give a coat of the enamel. If you make a good job of it you will henceforth have little trouble with red mite.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The Wren and the Sex of Robins.

Fancier, No. 2.—The Wren is a totally distinct bird to the Robin, so your friends that "know a little about natural history," and say that the Wren is the "female of the Robin," have yet a good deal more to learn—like the majority of the rest of us. There is Mr. Wren and Mrs. Jenny Wren, husband and wife, and barely a quarter the size of the red-waistcoated Robin. There is very little difference in the looks of Mr. and Mrs. Robin, especially in the winter, though in the summer Master Bob has the richest coloured vest, and at all times has the red of the breast and face (among the cheeks) more expansive, that is, extending further back. He is, too, more cheeky and pugnacious. This query of yours is one I have more than once had asked of me, and there seem to be quite a number of people who believe the "old woman's tale" about the Wren being the "female of the Robin." A friend of mine once asked me (when I was laughing at him over this very thing): "But do the female Robins sing?" "No," I replied. "Well, then, Mr. Know-all, he cried, "perhaps you'll tell me how it is no-one ever sees a red-breasted Robin that is not singing?" But the answer was easy. "You think they never do so," I said, "but the fact is people never look. I'll wager in nine cases out of ten it is the song alone that draws your attention to the bird." And he was bound to admit it. There are plenty of hen Robins to be seen by those who specially look for them. Zebra and Ribbon Finches are easy to keep; this, however, is a question for the foreign bird department.

All Together.

L.B.P.—I can't quite grasp the size of your cage in the recess—5 feet high, 3 feet 3 inches wide, and 1 foot deep you say, which, I presume corresponds to 5 feet high, 3 feet 3 inches long, and 1 foot from front to back. This is a very awkward size—height is of very little advantage. It would be far better to divide it, so that it made two cages, each 2 feet 6 inches high. Each compartment would then comfortably hold one pair of Bullfinches and one pair of Goldfinches — but you could not well get eight birds in it as at present arranged. What do you mean by "placing the food"? If you refer to receptacles, then outside seed-hoppers would be best—the sort that the birds put their heads through holes to get at. But inside hoppers would also answer well; most bird-shops keep a good stock of such-like suitable appliances.

Management of Hawfinch.

No Tail.—You need have no fear as to the Hawfinch turning out a nice pet. I like the bird very much, personally. It is true they can be very "racketty" and unsteady when first caged, but can be got delightfully tame. I prefer a canvas-topped cage at first. Sunflower should be a Hawfinch's principal food—get it (the seed) sound and plump (with good kernels) Given this, and a mealworm or two every day, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; a little patience, and he will take them fearlessly, so great is the bird's love for them. They are an invaluable agent in steadying a Hawfinch. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, dari, groats, summer rape, small maize, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beech-mast, walnuts, plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. One never need be fast for dainties acceptable to the Hawfinch. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, and these should be given in the pod when obtainable. Let the bird bathe freely.

Russian Goldfinches.

Persevere.—Evidently you had not read your last week's CAGE BIRDS when you penned your query, for therein I dealt fully with the treatment of Siberian (including, of course, Russian, too) Goldfinches. There is no possible method of treatment which will "make sure of Goldfinches not going wrong"—I have no reason, however (if I may say so) to grumble at the result of the method I adopt, and which I gave last week. A cold-room is most certainly the best to keep them in.

German Paste.

W. H. Dearnabey.—German paste is sold at practically every bird-shop in London, and I should have thought you would have had little difficulty in getting it in Manchester. Try a bird-shop near to where you live; and if not kept there, run down to Tib Street and enquire at the bird-shops in the neigbbourhood—you are hardly likely to "draw a blank" there.

Sex of Song Thrush.

Christian—Cock and hen Song Thrushes are exactly alike in plumage, therefore the only safe way to sex them is to hear them sing. Many old, experienced fanciers can make a good guess at the sex; but it is only a guess when all is said and done. Often the hen is a finer bird than the cock; as witness the fact that some of the most famous exhibition Thrushes have been of the gentle sex. The cock is generally a longer, flatter headed bird (when viewed in profile), is more alert in look and manner, and generally the deepest brown on the shoulders (upper back). Some will tell you he has always a clear spot (free from mooning, or marking) just beneath the lower mandible; but I know for a certainty that this is not always the case. Others say that a bird with the bar of light brown feathers across the wing coverts (upper part of the wing) very distinct and clear, invariably turns out a cock. "You pays your money and takes your choice."

Linnets with Diarrhœa.

D. Price.—Prepared chalk is a simple and effective remedy for diarrhœa. Get a pennyworth or two from the chemist, and well mix half-a-teaspoonful with two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Keep the water off the birds' cages for some time, to make them thoroughly thirsty, then offer the chalk mixture, stirring it well up. When they have had a good drink, take it away, and repeat the procedure after a further interval. This is usually sufficient, but the chalk can be given as necessary, until the bowels assume a normal condition. I should drop giving niger as a regular thing, if I were you. Let the birds have maw-seed liberally, until well again. It is often best to give birds, suffering with diarrhœa, a dose of saline medicine, to clear out any irritating matter from the stomach—as much sulphate of soda as will just cover a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water will act admirably. For the Goldfinch you mention, stir six drops (not more) of chlorodyne into two tablespoonfuls of water, for a few days, and see if this improves its condition.

Feathers Gone.

Linnet.—Undoubtedly, the presence of red mite in any quantity could cause the loss of neck and head feathers, and stop the bird from singing. The best thing you can do is to get some Keating's insect powder, and well dust it among the plumage of the Linnet, especially at root of tail, under the wings, and round the neck, working it well down to the skin with the tip of a finger (gently, of course). Then place the bird in a new, clean cage, and hang same in a fresh spot, if possible. The old cage can be stowed for a few minutes in a very hot oven, or washed out with boiling suds (not knowing what kind of cage, makes it difficult to advise) By-the-way, work some powder with the finger-tip round the head of the bird, keeping it out of the eyes as far as possible. Do you, as you ought to, let the bird bathe frequently?

A Jay; and Show Cage, &c.

Anxious.—Last week, I gave full details as to the feeding of a Magpie, and that answer covers the Jay, Jackdaw, and the like, equally well. The Jay should always be given the opportunity to devour a little ripe fruit at frequent intervals. The stock cage must be as large as you can conveniently accommodate—not less than four foot long, three foot high, and two foot from back to front, though an extension in length and width would be a vast improvement. You will do far better to get your show cages from any up-to-date cage maker advertising in our columns, rather than try to make them yourself, as you will do but little, and possibly lose much in effect. Write and get prices; you can safely leave yourself in the maker's hands as regards size, as he will know the exact requirements. For the Jay, have the inside and wires a very light blue or green (very pale), while many exhibitors favour these shades for the show cages of Hawfinch s, though, personally, I prefer a very dark (holly) green for wires and inside woodwork. Outsides black, in both cases.

Wild Seed, etc.

Cantab.—I do not know the precise name of the wild plant you enclose, but it belongs to the same order as the wild mustards (Charlock), probably all of which are eaten by the birds in a state of nature. I always gather some, when in seed, for my own birds. Like yourself, I have frequently seen flocks of Linnets, etc., feeding upon it I should advise you to pair a good-sized cock Goldfinch with the hen Linnet, which built and laid last season; a good Goldie-Linnet Hybrid is a valuable show-bird, and very pretty. Hope your Cinnamon-coloured Sparrow is still thriving. I am very interested in all rare-feathered birds. Sorry your specimen and query got mislaid.

A Variety of Things.

H. S. Thomas.—The German hen Bullfinch is not larger than any good English hen Bullie—many are very small, in fact. The Foreign (i.e., Siberian) Goldies and Bullies are bound to throw the largest progeny, being so much larger themselves. Fanciers differ very much in opinion as to the breeding propensities of Foreigners and Britishers. I have heard heated arguments, some "old hands" saying there is no difference 'twixt them, some favouring one or the other. My own opinion is that there is a good deal of luck in getting hold of the right bird, and that both kinds are difficult to get to cross successfully. Redpoll, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Siskin-Bullfinch will afford you splendid ground to experiment on; while you could add Hawfinch-Bullfinch and Canary-Bullfinch. For your aviary hand-net, write any of the large advertisers of fanciers requisites using our columns; or try a local fishing shop—a strong butterfly-net is sometimes used, but they are too "baggy" for me. I should prefer a clear or ticked pink-eyed Yorkshire hen; she should be clear-bred—not from marked stock.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

The Sexing of Java Sparrows.

H. V. Johnson.—This can only be told by comparison; while the head of the male is a little more snaky in appearance than that of the female; it is the shape of the beak that I always depend on for sexing my birds, and though at first it is a little difficult to discern, the eye soon becomes trained, and it is then fairly easy to distinguish the sexes among a number of birds; but it is difficult even for the expert to tell the sex of an individual bird. The beak of the female is narrower at the base and more tapering than that of the male; this difference is most distinct when viewed in profile. I should be inclined to think it would be Common Grey Waxbills you would get under the name of Senegal Waxbills, but, of course, under this designation the dealer could fairly send you any species of Waxbill he happened to have in stock that came from this locality; so that it is quite possible that two purchasers would each receive a different species. Bib Finches are diminutive and plainly-clad birds. The principle colouring is browns of various shades, and a small black bib under the lower mandible, from which it takes its names. It has been well known for years, but has been somewhat uncommon on the market the last few years.

Resembling the Redpoll.

Shama.—This is a trim little bird, about the size of the English Siskin; it is a brown bird, with darker centres and streaks to most of the feathers, giving it somewhat the appearance of a Redpoll, but the browns of its plumage are greyer; and when the wings are tightly closed over the back, no other colour is visible, but when it sits at ease, or is seen on the wing, its brilliant yellow rump makes it appear almost brightly-coloured. It is a gay little fellow, and once it is over the hardships of importations, nothing seems amiss with it. Its song is very sweet, mellow, and fairly sustained, and in the vilest weather. In my garden aviary, it is vivacious, merry, and nearly trilling his little lay. As you have the Grey Singing Finch, I may say the browns and markings of The Yellow Rump are somewhat similar, as is also its song, but the Grey is the better performer. I should not advise the keeping of two species of Serins in the same cage, as all the genus *Serinus* are most intolerant of one another. Very shortly, nearly all these birds will be described in "Housing and Keeping Foreign Birds," and the poorest performer among them is not to be despised for song. Green Singing Finch

and Grey-necked Serin are both handsome birds and good songsters. All the species thrive well in either a roomy cage or the garden aviary.

The Feeding of Budgerigars.

J. Rukin.—The treatment of Budgerigars is so simple that it is almost impossible for the merest tyro to go astray, providing the birds are kept clean, protected from draught, and not kept in too small a cage. In fact, they are more productive in an outdoor aviary, than they are under the conditions of cage [illegible] If kept in a cage, a pair ought to have one of the box type, not less than 2½ft. by 1½ft. by 2ft. high, with plenty of branches to climb about on, and two cocoa-nut husks fixed high up in opposite corners, with the husk openings towards the light. Diet: Canary, millet and spray [illegible] a week, grit, cuttlefish, green food (lettuce, grass or clover) and water ad lib. When they have young to feed, supply oats daily. Do not supply husks till next March, when they can be left to choose their own time for breeding. They frequently take a little time to settle down before doing so.

Treatment for Young Grey Parrot

E.W.—It largely depends on how the bird has been treated. If it has been fed on boiled maize, you must continue same till you find it eating heartily of the dry seed diet; as soon as this occurs, gradually wean it from the boiled maize, this latter only keeps fresh one day and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Diet: A seed mixture of 2 parts each Canary and oats and one part each hemp, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. In addition, supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, raw carrot or little (dry) boiled potato; keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, and let it satisfy its thirst 3 or 4 times a day. Do not give table scraps of any kind, neither tea, coffee or milk slops, nor any kind of animal food. The bird must be kept warm and out of all draught, at the same time it must not be kept in a vitiated atmosphere. If the bird should appear weak or ailing in any respect on arrival, it should be carefully treated at once.

The Safest Plan with a Parrot.

C.B.—Such case ought not to be treated by correspondence, nor yet dealt with by unskilled hands. I cannot conscientiously advise any other course than to call in a Vet., he would remove the offensive matter, and from your description of the bird's condition it should soon be in condition again. Your query does not indicate whether the matter is fluid or of a cheesy substance. In either case it must be removed, and the wound cleansed with some anti-septic wash (from a chemist). A little zinc or spermaceti ointment would assist healing. Diet the bird as advised regularly in this column, and do not give table scraps, slops or any kind of animal food. In such a case I should not attempt to treat a bird of my own, but call in a Vet., it is quicker, safer and saves the bird possible needless suffering; and I strongly advise you to take this course.

A Red-Faced Lovebird.

L.G.—It is certainly customary for these birds to roost and yours may do so even if you put a box in your cage. At the same time a box would supply some novelty for the bird, possibly arouse its curiosity and help to kill ennui; but you must so arrange that it can be readily got at for cleaning. If you keep it in a room in which lights are burning till fairly late, arrange to have a cover in front of cage, and unless mice get in and disturb it, this should check its restlessness.

A Shaft-Tailed Whydah.

H.P.—(1) This bird is mostly known as the Paradise Whydah, which is the better name for it, as the Queen Whydah is also known as the Shaft-tailed Whydah. Canary, millet and spray millet, green food, a few ants' eggs (if it will eat them), and two or three mealworms or other insects per bird daily—grit, water and cuttlefish, of course. (2) Velvety black on the upper surface, the under-surface is a combination of black, white and a kind of mahogany-chestnut colour, the body of the bird is about the size of a Sparrow; in the summer its tail plumes are fully 12 inches long. (3) I have so kept, but all depends on space and what kind of a night shelter you have attached. The worst feature is they moult during our winter, and are, of course, in worst condition and least able to bear cold at this period. Of course, with a bird in the moult, on the first sign of its looking puffy, etc., it should be removed indoors.

Caging of Waxbills, etc

R. M. Young.—(1) Take out the nest box or husk till the spring, well furnish the cage with twiggy branches, and keep a spray or two of millet hanging about; this should cause them to take more exercise; a blind before the cage when they are finally left for the night should keep them secure from cold. I keep all these birds out of doors all the year round in a large aviary. (2) The only thing to do is to cage the Waxbill up separately till it is in condition again, as it is very improbable the other birds will let the feathers grow. Waxbills and many small Finches often pick the feathers off one another's heads when confined in cages, and sometimes also when in aviaries. In the cage, I think it occurs from want of occupation—so the remedy is obvious, try and supply them with plenty of exercise, keep the food vessels in various parts of the cage, and once a bird is bare, cage it up separately until it is in condition again.

Diet for Grey and Amazon Parrots.

F.H.—(1) The diet for a Grey Parrot is given in our reply to "E.W." in this issue, to which I must refer you; yours being an adult bird, should not require any boiled maize, it will be better without it, and in your case the water can be continuously left in the cage, and the caution as to grit will not be necessary. (2) The diet for a Blue-fronted Amazon is very similar—give the same seed mixture as you do the Grey, with the addition of one part small Indian corn. About a tablespoonful of boiled maize may be given once or twice a week with advantage. Note—boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept very clean). Also supply so as to vary the diet (not altogether), ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food, boiled potato (dry), raw carrot, and nuts; with regular supplies of grit, cuttlefish and water. Do not in either case give any table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Disdemed and Salvin's Amazons.

Pat.—I am sorry, but among the many works I possess, though they mention them, none give a description of these two species, and since your query came to hand I have not been able to get over to the Natural History Museum, but I will let you have an answer in an early issue. I may say, that they are large, handsome birds, and I should say, like most of the Amazons, fairly intelligent and possibly rather noisy. However, I don't care to trust memory too much, especially with a species only seen at rare intervals, but I will supply the information in some near issue.

The White-wood Swallow.

Barney.—I presume the bird you mean is the White-eyebrowed Wood Swallow Shrike (Artamus superciliosus). The upper surface of this is grey, and greyish-white on the under parts, the wing and tail feathers are tipped with light grey, giving a rather pretty spangled effect when the wings are closed; the breast is ruddy-brown; a distinct white superciliary streak is the only white in its plumage, and to this the bird owes its vulgar name. The hen may be said to be a subdued copy of the male, the white superciliary streak is only faintly marked, and the spangling on the wing scarcely discernable. They are largish active birds and require a good sized cage. Dietary should consist of some good insectivorous mixture— say, game meal, or crushed puppy biscuit, ants' egg, dried flies and ground silkworm pupae, in equal parts' same crumbly moist for use, such fruit as they will eat, and a fairly liberal supply of mea worms and other insects. I will enumerate a few others: Dusky Wood Swallow (A sordidus), Masked (A personatus), Little (A minor), Grey-breasted (A cinereus), and the White-rumped (A leucopygialis). If this does not meet your need, please repeat query. To every pound of the sample of soft food mixture sent, add 1lb each of ants' eggs and dried flies, and when mixing add 1 part crumbled sponge cake (stale). A good home-made food is given above, it only requires the addition of sponge cake to make it suitable for Tanagers, let them have as much ripe fruit as they will eat, also a few insects. I never use egg myself, for the reason that it putrifies very quickly.

An Indisposed Paradise Whydah.

J.W.G.—You will find the full treatment given in reply to another querist in this issue. Let it have a leaf of fresh lettuce two or three times a week, also a piece of apple to pick at. Give it for the next fortnight 3 or 4 mealworms daily and a spider or two if you can capture them. A couple of mealworms per day will help to keep these birds in condition. If the bird does not improve in a week's time, repeat query with full particulars. Note.—If you burn gas in your kitchen the cage must be placed below the level of the lights, whether gas or oil. The bird has not got over the journey to this country, and it is possibly tainted with some septic affection, contracted during same. Give one dose of Dinneford's magnesia (half-teaspoonful in four times its bulk of water) for one day, repeating the dose in 3 days' time; if it appears weak, use the chemical food in between. Keep its cage strictly clean—hope it will soon improve.

Pheasants and Parrakeets.

Grinston.—(1) I cannot give this, perhaps the editor can give you the number containing Mr. Arthur's article on Cockatiels. (2) There is no reason why these birds should not agree together. (3) Pheasants, Parrakeets, etc., have been kept in smaller aviaries than yours. Provide plenty of food hoppers, so that they will not have to crowd round one or two vessels, and they should do well. There is no reason why the Pheasants should not hatch out their own eggs, but they are rather erratic this respect. Better results are obtained by using some small breed of fowls, such as Silkies for the purpose, and this is the course I advise you to take, though you can give the Reeves' an opportunity to incubation after you have secured sufficient eggs for the Silkies [illegible]-to incubate [illegible] you will have luck with them. Note, logs and nest boxes for Parrakeets should be placed as high up as possible.

What Parrot?

S.A.—I think you have some immature species of Amazon, but which, from your description I cannot say. However, if you will send me the size of your bird, I will name it for you in our next issue.

Some Fine Singers.

One in Doubt.—I am of the opinion that you have a Grey Singing Finch, if so, you are rightly informed, they are very fine singers. I could have recognised the bird with more certainty had you described the colour of its under-surface. It is quite possible you may have an immature Albino Finch, this also is a sweet singer. If you will describe it a little more fully, I shall be able to definitely name it for you. Hybrids have been reared between these birds and a Canary, so that the experiment you purpose making with a Linnet, is not a hopeless one by any means. It is an interesting occurrence, but not a very uncommon one, for the Canary to hatch the Linnet's eggs, and successfully rear the young. One of these should be useful in attempting the cross you propose with your Foreign Finch.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Irish Show Report (Fair Play all Round, R. D., and others).—The etiquette of the Press prevents our dealing with this matter, or commenting on same. Our Irish contemporary appears to have made all the amends possible.

Newark Show (Unknown Friend).—Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending along this report. You will see by last week's issue, however, that it happened we had made arrangements to receive one from another source.

Posters (C.B. Reader, Campbletown).—Many thanks for your kind offer. We are sending them to your newsagent as suggested.

Report (J. Davies).—Accept our best thanks.

What is Approval? (Lee Van Royl.—Your letter is one of a kind we cannot possibly publish, as so many quite innocent people would be placed under a cloud of suspicion thereby. We agree with you as to the utility of the deposit system; always adopt it when dealing with strangers.

Mis-spelt Name (A.J.W.S.)—We much regret the inadvertent wrong spelling of your name, and will do our best to get it in correctly in the future—printers are terrible folk, you know.

A Disclaimer (W. Nicholson).—Your letter is of a most libellous character, and before we could entertain its publication, we should want enlightening as to the reason you "fit the cap" on yourself regarding the perpetration of the two deeds you wish to disclaim.

Goole (J.R.).—Thanks for your notes. As it happened, we had arranged for a report from another quarter.

Opinion (Rhondda Fancier).—We cannot say more than that the fancier you name is a well-known breeder and exhibitor of the variety. You must use your own discretion.

Birdie Affection (A Hollingshead).—The people you mention are entirely wrong, and can have had little intimate experience of birds, for most pet birds certainly become exceedingly attached to their owner, and recognise him (or her) without difficulty at any time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR,—Re Mr. H. W. Walsh's complaint. For the information of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS, and in answer to Mr. Walsh's letter of last week, I append a list of shows where I have exhibited at, last season and this. Last season I exhibited at South Shields, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Wallsend, Barrow, Birmingham, Windhill, Nantwich, Llanelly, Swansea, Guildford and Hanley, and won over 30 money prizes, including 9 firsts, 10 seconds, and 2 specials for best Yorkshire in show (I am not giving the minor prizes). This season, so far, I have exhibited at Peterboro', Windhill, Leicester, Welsh National, Cambridge, Blackpool, Barrow, Swansea, Ashington, and Shipley, and won over 20 money prizes, including 6 first and specials, 7 seconds, and 5 thirds. I trust that the above will be sufficient to convince Mr. H. W. Walsh that he is not the only Walsh possessing a winning strain of Yorkshires. The contents of his letter are of such a damaging nature to my interests, that unless he withdraws the accusation, along with an apology, the matter may have an unpleasant ending. I am not assuming to be somebody else, as it is my own name, with the full address.

W. WALSH (Baildon).

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—In his reply to my letter, Mr. Morris says he wishes me and all fanciers to understand that it was from no jealous motive he wrote. I am not aware that anyone has imputed jealousy to him, but if one may form an opinion from his letter, I should say that it was a most deplorable exhibition of petty jealousy, and I venture to say that had Mr. Morris won the shield, no complaint would have been heard from him. Mr. Hardy did give his expert opinion, and chose the Norwich he knew to be the best in the show (a wise choice, too). I was asked to stand by his award and back up the same. This I did, and it is immaterial to me how Mr. Morris accepts the award. Mr. Morris also asks why his Buff was awarded first. Really, I do not know; I am not an expert, and am not supposed to give expert advice. Doubtless the judge saw some merit in it, hence his award. I was very pleased to see Mr. Hodder's letter. His Yellow Norwich was a grand exhibit, and well merited its award. The magnanimous spirit he shows commends itself to all fanciers—it has the ring of a true sportsman in it, and shows he can take a defeat with the same good grace that he does a win. May the same spirit dominate the whole of the fancy. I have no wish to say anything further in reference to these awards.

E. BAKER.

WITHHOLDING AWARDS & PRIZE-MONEY AT KENTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Having had the pleasure of perusing the Dover and District Show catalogue, singularly enough the first item to attract my notice was on the last page, "Dover Record," 995 entries. Well, this is indeed a satisfactory matter, and I congratulate them heartily. But on looking more closely into this catalogue, I found that in the Cage Bird Section it is a "record" which is not likely to give this show a record entry in this section another year. It is to the British I wish to particularly refer, although the other part of the C.B. Section suffered. The whole section numbered some 36 classes, and, as per schedule, half prize money would be paid in classes with less than eight entries, but, in addition to this, no less than 14 first prizes, 1 second, and 9 thirds (a total of 24 prizes) were denied the exhibitors, thereby the Dover Society stopped £2 7s. 6d. from those who sent along their entries and signed the usual entry form, thereby accepting the show rules. Are they legally entitled to do this? Although the Kent County C.B.A. also reduced the number of prizes per class at their late show, ought they, in the interest of the C.B. Fancy, to give their patronage at this sort of show? Now, as regards the British Section. The Softbill classes numbered respectively three and five entries, first, second, and third being given in these classes. The Hardbill classes were not treated in the same manner. Why? It cannot be said that the exhibits were not worthy of it. There were to my certain knowledge more than one exhibit in the Hardbill classes which had not, this season anyhow, won a second prize, and had won in quite as good if not better company than the winning Softbills referred to. Is this fair to those who are trying to win the K.C.C.B.A. British Bowl? I hope if any Dover member condescends to try to explain away the hard facts I have considered it my duty to lay before your readers, he will deviate from the usual way, and not begin by referring to me as a disappointed exhibitor, or that my intention is to depreciate this record show, my object being only to show how unjustly some show committees treat their exhibitors. In conclusion, I should like to hear an opinion on the fairness to exhibitors of appointing the pigeon judge, good judge that he undoubtedly is, to do the C.B. Section as well, making a total of about 450 exhibits in 61 classes. Was there sufficient daylight in Dover on the 26th inst. for this?

COMMUNE BONUM.

THE SONG OF THE EXHIBITION ROLLER.

SIR,—Seeing the criticism as to the monotony of the Rollers' song at Leeds Show, I can only say it is too true. In this struggle for purity we are fast losing the beautiful variations we used to get, and are now reduced to, say, four or five changes. People listen to my birds and say, "Yes, it is very beautiful, but is it not rather monotonous?" I can only admit it is true. I was short of singing birds lately, and purchased a Roller (I won't mention names), but it was quite refreshing to hear the variety and brillance of its performance, compared with mine, although I had given four times the amount for my own. Again, with regard to training and feeding, how little isolated breeders know about the correct methods of getting them in song and keeping them so. I think if some prominent breeder would give his views, it would be helpful to many besides myself. Personally, I can never got mine in anything like full song till December, and I have several now that are not full. Yet we have birds by the thousand that will sing almost as soon as unpacked. How is this? Is it a matter of feeding, breeding or training? I feel quite sure that Rollers would be much more popular if a little more light were to be thrown upon the more elementary things alluded to. Although, as I said before, I give as much as one and two guineas per bird, I can rarely breed one so good; they go off into high whistles, etc., and it occurred to me, it might be because they were not kept and fed under proper conditions. If some fancier will come to the rescue, with some such advice as I have indicated, I am sure it would be appreciated by other amateurs like myself, who are quite isolated from any club. As I don't want to advertise myself I will sign this VARIETY.

ALLEGED NEGLECT OF AN EXHIBIT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to bring to fanciers' notice the mismanagement and cruelty to my exhibit, a Greenfinch cock, at Cradley Heath and District Show, held November 27th and 28th. I safely packed my bird in carrying case, with food and water tins in same, at seven o'clock, Tuesday, 26th, and duly despatched him to the show, thinking he would certainly be in safe hands on arrival. Judge of my surprise when I visited show about nine o'clock on the 28th for the purpose of bringing my bird back, to find bird on cage bottom dying. I immediately reached cage down, and found my bird without food or water. I called the attention of one of the stewards to it, and he went in search of the person who unpacked my bird. When questioned as to not having been supplied with food and water, he replied that no vessels were sent with the bird. I contradicted him, and upon finding out my case, food and water tins were found inside, just as when despatched by me. One or two fanciers present tried every possible means to bring bird round, but without success. What I cannot possibly understand is how on earth could the bird be taken out of case without tins being seen or heard knocking together? Again, even though I had forgotten to enclose tins, should not vessels of some sort have been provided and charged to me? Is the rule at above show that exhibits, no matter of what value, should be allowed to die for the sake of a penny food and water vessel? Where was the "management" to allow a bird to be staged two days without food and water? When I called the Secretary's attention to it, he replied, "Get permission to take him out." Nice apology this. Ah! This is the first time I have exhibited at shows, and if it is not sufficient to dishearten a new beginner, what is? I have almost made up my mind to let secretaries and the management do all the showing and winning themselves for the future—all they want is £ s. d.; exhibits can live or die when they have got your entry fees. I sincerely hope no other fancier's bird shared the same fate as mine, and also write to thank the fanciers for the trouble they went to to try and bring bird round. I might add that the bird was in the tickets.

JOHN LATHAM.

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ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT AT DULWICH AND PECKHAM SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to J. E. Reeves' suggestion, I beg to inform him that I absolutely refuse to do anything of the kind. His comments I can well afford to treat with the contempt they deserve. G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

SIR,—There is no doubt Mr. Woolhouse had too many entries—more than his staff could cope with. I was allowed in at 2.45 on the first day of the show, but what good was it to me, as a novice anxious to learn something? There were no catalogues out until about 5 o'clock, and then, of course, without awards in. I made four entries and the only one that I could find was my Goldfinch Mule (still on the floor at 4.30). I saw Mr. Vardy judge a class of Norwich and after he had awarded the cards another bird was brought up (marked absent) so Mr. Vardy had to judge again and the absent bird was awarded 2nd. How's that for mismanagement? There was not much chance to see the prize birds, as cages were packed half-way in front of each other, birds and cards quite out of sight. I might mention that the light has each year been very bad, and there is room for a great improvement. I came away from the show disgusted, and considered I had wasted both time and money. C. MARTIN.

SIR,—In my opinion the greatest credit is due to the officials for the way in which they worked, in the face of the very adverse circumstances, to make the show a success. I visited the show at seven o'clock on the first night, and was told of the difficulties which had been met with; the members of the club must have worked very hard to get things into any order at all. With reference to the feeding and watering, I went to my bird directly I entered, and found that he had both food and water. I then visited I think, pretty well every bird, and, with one exception, failed to see any case where it had not been attended to. As an exhibitor I was perfectly satisfied that the officials had done everything in their power to make the show a success, and I think far more credit would have been due to Mr. Reeves if, when he saw how things stood, he had taken off his coat and lent a hand, instead of waiting until after the show to find fault with men who did everything possible to put things right. S. STEPHENS.

This correspondence must now close. ED.)

A FANCIER'S DEPLORABLE LOSS.

SIR,—You will be very sorry, I am sure, to learn that I have lost the whole of my stock of birds (except my Waxwing) by suffocation. It was rather late (11.15) when I reached home on Saturday night from Winsford Show. I lit the stove, which was a syphon, about 12 o'clock, and left it burning all right. Feeling rather tired, I did not pay it a second visit, as I usually do, but retired to bed. On entering the room on Sunday morning, I found something had gone wrong with the stove, and the whole of my collection of birds dead. What caused the mischief I am at a loss to understand, as I am always very careful to see the stove is properly trimmed and kept clean. My own theory is that something caused the flame to draw up very much (but what, I know not), and make smoke, which, of course, turned into soot. This would adhere for a time in the barrel of the stove, then drop down the chimney of the lamp into the burner, which would choke, and so cause it to smoke more. I have a fume pipe attached to the stove but this I suppose, did not carry away the smoke fast enough, but allowed it to escape into the room. My stock consisted of a choice lot of Norwich, Yorks and British, many winners being among them—a better lot I never had My loss cannot be less than £50, to take them at a very low valuation. My well-known Waxwing is the only bird I have left. I brought him back from Winsford Show with me, and did not take him into the room that night.

ARTHUR C. BROTHERHOOD.

SIR.—We regret to learn that Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, of Newport (Salop), the well-known exhibitor and judge, has lost the whole of his valuable collection of birds, consisting of a choice lot of Norwich, Yorkshire and British, including many well-known winners. All bird lovers will feel much sympathy with Mr. Brotherhood in his loss. It had taken him fourteen years of hard work, with great expense, to build up his strain, and he had given unceasing care and attention to his pet hobby. It is estimated that his minimum loss is £50. It is proposed to open a subscription list to help Mr Brotherhood, who is a working man with a large family, to start afresh. Subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by P. VICTOR WILLIAMS,

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A REPUTED CANARY-CHAFFINCH

SIR,—It will interest readers to hear of a veritable rara avis—a Canary-Chaffinch, with Canary beak, Canary legs, Canary back, mixed Canary and Chaffinch wings and tail, and a Chaffinch breast. Born in Hampshire, it was bred by people who had no idea of breeding. They simply put Chaffinch eggs under a Canary, which produced a hen Chaffinch. This they reared; and the next year (last year) they matched it to a Canary, the result being the specimen described above, to produce which has for many years been the great ambition of the Mule Fancy. I shall certainly send to all shows, including the Crystal Palace, so that it may be judged by the very best. Meanwhile, this grand bird may be seen at 93, Lower Sloane-street, S.W. T. DAWSON.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY CLUBS.

SIR,—I am delighted to see Mr. Harrison taking up the Scotch Fancy in England; he is a resourceful gentleman, and with the knowledge he gained in Greenock, he should be able to guide the management of shows in England. If I might be allowed to make a suggestion, it would be in favour of the following classification: Clear or foul yellow cock, ditto hen; piebald or green yellow cock, ditto hen; clear or foul buff cock, ditto hen; piebald or green buff cock, ditto hen. Prize money: 1st, 25s.; 2nd, 20s.; 3rd, 15s.; 4th, 10s.; 5th, 5s.; 6th, card. No deduction for prize card. Entry money, 2s. each exhibit. Shows on these lines would draw from Scotland. If there is a fancier that can do it, that man is Mr. Harrison. Wishing him success,

SCOTCH FANCIER.

THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY.

SIR,—I think the following is worth note, and that all societies should take a pattern by Shipley. I sent four entries in two classes. I took two first and specials and two thirds and special most points. My birds arrived back early on Sunday morning looking grand, and on Monday morning I received my prize-money and the special, a splendid fountain pen, which I am using to write this. We often see secretaries writing to say they are short of entries, but when once an exhibitor sends to a show and he has to wait a few weeks for settlements, he fights shy of them again. We have to pay our entries and the railway carriage spot cash, and I consider that we should have our prize-money within the week.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

THE APPROACHING DECAY OF CAGE BIRD CLUBS.

SIR,—The above heading may appear rather startling, but those who peruse this letter will, I am sure, agree with the writer. It is a well-known fact that the working classes are the sole supporters of our clubs. In the long winter evenings they forfeit their glass of grog, or beer, to enable them to procure materials for their breeding and show cages, which are mostly made at their homes. The housewife's smile is one of happiness, knowing her partner's ambition is to try and climb the ladder of fame by trying to breed two or three good show birds. As the breeding season advances, each fancier is doing his level best in getting his birds in perfect order. When the young are hatched they leave their beds at daylight, so that the old birds can have the fresh egg food for their young. In due course a visit is often made to each other's bird rooms, to see how Dame Fortune has favoured them. A remark is very often made as follows: "Well, old man, you have a good one there; it will take some beating." Then comes the club meeting, a date is fixed for the "show" in due course, an appeal is made to the public to support the working man's hobby, and this is generally responded to. Some kind donor presents a valuable cup, others silver medals, etc., and these are given in good faith for the working class hobby. The show day arrives, and every true fancier is full of glee, thinking his bird will be to the front. The show is visited by the fanciers, and the birds inspected, when a gloom comes over their countenances. They gaze upon birds of great value, they having been hired or bought for the occasion. The judges' awards are for the best birds, the board is swept, the true fancier's prizes are nil. They leave the building dejected men, vowing they will sell out at any price and have done with the hobby for ever. This is exactly what our clubs are drifting to. I would suggest that all members belonging to the cage-bird clubs be requested to sign a declaration that all exhibits shown by them are their own breeding, and if there are any doubts respecting this, members should have full power to visit the bird room and inspect the birds, and if any member objects to this, he should be expelled from the society and not allowed to exhibit at any shows. No honest fancier would mind showing his birds in this case. If this were carried out, the true fancier would then have an opportunity of getting to the front again. FANCIER.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—On looking over CAGE BIRDS, I need not say I felt somewhat alarmed, until I came to look whose signature was at the bottom of a letter, and saw it was only "W. Aitchison." We are getting somewhat accustomed now to Mr. Aitchison and his annual attack on the Scottish Plainhead Club, and more especially on its somewhat dull and stupid secretary. He charges me with cowardliness and evasion of the truth, and quotes a circular sent out by me to members of the club. We will now try and follow him through this wonderful letter, and I shall do my best to answer him. He commences with the 1906 Contest, Kelso Show, and says it did not comply with the conditions of the English Plainhead Club, viz. they did not give either patronage or support to mixed shows. All I have got to say on this is that there were no such conditions in connection with contest. How was it, Mr. Aitchison, that those self-same conditions were proposed at Manchester, on Saturday, 26th October, 1906 (you were present at the show), and confirmed at Preston Show in December, if such a rule was in force? Mr. Hector (Aberdeen), who was one of the promoters of the contest, says no such conditions were attached to the contest, such as mixed shows, and four money prizes, although personally I am quite in favour of such conditions. I should like to remind Mr. Aitchison (if he has a convenient memory—other readers have long ones) to look over his letter in CAGE BIRDS, September 29th, 1906, and see whether he mentions any conditions of the contest in it, and to consider whether he and others did not cause the Kelso Committee the expense he talks about. The General Meeting of the Club was held on 16th February this year. I wrote Mr. Raynes on April 10th, and received a reply on May 2nd. Several letters passed, arranging matters satisfactorily; reply received in July; voting papers issued by Mr Scaife Fauldhouse, July 25th; returned to Mr. J. Young Rutherglen, Tuesday, 30th July; returned to me August 3rd. The result of vote, along with classification, was sent on to Mr. Raynes. He replied, giving fixtures of competitions, and resulted as stated in circular. It will now be seen how far Mr. Aitchison is from telling the truth—July is not October. He draws attention to the business-like way the E.P.C. is managed. I have asked over and over again for any new condition of contests. The mixed shows and four money prizes were new conditions. Were the Scottish Club consulted? Perhaps Mr. Aitchison was. All I have got to say is that the club was not. If December was a condition of the Contest arranged by the Committee of the Scottish Club, why is it not in the minutes of the club? I have spoken to several of the then committee who arranged about the contest, and have been told that they know nothing about December conditions. The first time I knew of such a supposed condition was from Mr. Raynes last August (although, as I took no part in arranging the first contest as far as the Plainhead Club was concerned, I am not prepared to say Mr. Raynes is wrong). But if such was the case, why was it not brought to my notice before I took the vote? I am glad to see Mr. A is pleased in my just doing what I promised when I took office of secretary. I stated then, and I state now, I shall be guided by the members. I promised every member would have a copy of revised rules, and that no person would be on the roll without he had paid his annual subscription. What has been the result? Not what you predicted (failure), Mr. Aitchison. As you will see by the circular, a special meeting of the club took place at Glasgow. Along with the rest of the members, you, Mr. Aitchison, got notice of the meeting. You were at Glasgow; did you come to the meeting, like a man, to state your grievances? No; you were too much of a coward to do so. You state the next highest in votes should have got the contest. That may be so at a public meeting, but not so when votes of members who cannot attend the meeting are concerned. You cannot override the vote of the majority; besides, you would have just done what you say Kelso was led into. You would have caused Glasgow and West of Scotland a great deal of expense for losing the contest. But perhaps you would not have minded that. You next refer to what you call the "kernel" of the whole matter. You are far off the mark, Mr. A. This Scottish National bubble was burst long ago, and may well stink in some of your nostrils. But perhaps it would be as well to remind you that you are wrong again, as it was not at an adjourned general meeting of the S National that I was expelled (as you state I was). I still declare I was not a member, and could not be expelled, as all the meetings I attended were adjourned general meetings, and I had a perfect right to attend. I stated when I left the meeting that night I was finished with the S. National. I have just as much regard (perhaps more than what you have) for the Scottish National, and I have good reason, seeing the part I took the first four years of its existence. What my opinion may be of some of the members who managed it, is quite another matter. It is a long road that has no turning. You surely take the members of the Scottish Plainhead Club for a lot of fools. It just comes to this: that the members of the Scottish Plainhead Club are not to have a say in the contest at all. There is no use in taking a vote, as the contest, when in Scotland, has to take place (according to Mr. Aitchison) at the Scottish National. As to the circular sent out to the members, I stand by it, whether it pleased Mr. Aitchison or not. It is plain to everyone who takes an interest in this International contest, that matters in connection with it will have to be rearranged and put on a sound footing. It must be settled the first thing, at beginning of the season, where the contest has to take place. In conclusion, I have got to say, Mr. A., that when the contest took place in England, we always managed to send a team to meet them, very often when shows were on the same date in Scotland. One case I know where nearly all the exhibitors' birds were sent to Pendleton, and got a commended ticket, when there was a show not 200 yards from his own door, where he could have been well repaid for a large entry. Don't you imagine all the hardship is on the English Club side. We were not granted a second opportunity for contest; it was the E.P.C. who brought new conditions in on 1906. When you next write Mr. Aitchison, stick to the truth, as your letter is full of misstatement from beginning to end. If you did not receive your voting papers until October, how comes it I got them returned from Glasgow on August 3rd? You also state it was at the adjourned annual meeting I was expelled, when it was at a committee meeting on 27th September; and allow me to tell you the Plainhead Club never was in a better condition—17 months ago there were 46 on the roll, now there are 121 on it, and all paid. Compare the competitions this year and last year, and you will see whether it is doing good work to the open societies or not, as well as to the membership. Is this what is troubling you?

D. SMITH,
Secretary.

[A letter, signed "A Worker," has reached us concerning the above matter, but as the writer's name and address are not given we are unable to deal with it.—EDITOR.]

HYBRIDS AT PERTH SHOW.

SIR,—With reference to the above, and in reply to Mr. Ovenstone, I was surprised to see that his Canary-Bullfinch Mule was wrong classed at Perth, as being a Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. I can certify that the bird is no such cross, having gained 1st last year at Bo'ness under me. Being at Grangemouth on business on Friday previous to Perth Show, I saw the bird, just as it was going to Perth, and remarked "That I never saw it looking better and showing the cross so distinct." The best thing Mr. Ovenstone can do in future would be to send to shows where judges know what kinds of birds they have before them.

A. W. WATSON.

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—Will you please grant me a little space to ask a few questions on the above subject? The heading of this letter may seem somewhat strange, seeing we have a standard and model of this bird laid down for our guidance, but the fact remains that something is wrong if we take the placings of some of our winning Norwich at different shows, and under judges who are supposed to know what is required. As an example of in-and-outness, let me take the buff cock that was 1st and McLean Cup winner at last City of Glasgow Show. A week or two later this same bird was shown at a second-rate show (as compared with City of Glasgow) under a judge who, I am led to understand, has bred many good birds, and has long since left his apprenticeship behind, yet it was passed altogether by him. From report in CAGE BIRDS of City of Glasgow Show on this buff cock, you would think by the good things said in his favour that a better bird could scarcely be found. If report and the City judge are correct, then the judge who passed this bird must have been wrong. Bear in mind, the bird was in the same good condition and health as it was in when exhibited at City of Glasgow Show. As a novice, I want edification—that is my reason for asking for information as to which judgment is wrong. I shall be pleased if any one will set me right. I am getting my stock together for forthcoming breeding season, and competent advice will be much valued.

ST. MUNGO.

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FOLKESTONE.

In its magnificent Drill Hall, Folkestone, on December 3rd and 4th, held the best show ever seen in the town, the entry right through being a record, to which consummation the cage birds very materially contributed, as they supplied 350 of the grand total of 1,000. A most extensive classification had been sent out, but some of the classes failed to fill. Norwich came up most excellently, and made quite the best show that we have seen at any mixed fixture this season in numbers and quality they were alike good, and the competition right through the section exceedingly keen. In the British came more keen fighting. There was much interest evinced in the disposal of the specials, and Mr. Dubson's task was by no means easy in deciding between Messrs. Broad's Crest and Mr. Morris's beautiful yellow Norwich. The Crest won, and weight and value possibly did it, but there, when it comes to a tussle between two champions, one must give way. The birds were very nicely arranged on suitable staging, which was covered with crimson cloth, and decorated with flowering and foliage plants. The committee were most attentive to their duties, and did their utmost to make a big success, which there were indications in the gate that it would be. This year's officials are Messrs. J. W. Witham-Wignall, chairman; A. C. Coleman, vice-chairman; Capt. J. O. Welch, treasurer; L. A. Brett, E. Brown, E. Clark, F. W. Coates, J. Collins, C. Davison, J. D. Drach, A. H. Gambrill, J. L. Greenland, J. S. Saunders, R. Sharpe, T. Teater, A. Weller, A. Wotton and Sergt. Sharpe, and a better lot one could not desire. Mr. J. Dobson judged, and there was very little grumbling at his decisions.

NOR. YELL. (12): 1, 2, spl, 2nd best in show, Morris, two gems, rare shape, rich, bright colour, shirt flights and tails, beautiful quality; 3, Spinner, rare shape and quality, carries a wealth of colour; vhc, c, Gibbs; hc, Mrs. Bayly. BUFF (17): 1, 3, res, Gibbs, beautiful colour and meal, nicely feathered, winner best in depth and width; 2, Richardson, neat, close feathered bird, short and smart; vhc, Ellis; hc, Barkaway; c Jones. TICKED YELL (11): 1, Spinner, wing marked, very rich colour and quality, nice shape and style; 2, res, vhc, Gibbs, shapely, even coloured, nice feathered, neck ticked; 3, Patterson, very pretty tour-pointed colour, fine in feather; hc, Mrs. Bayly; c, Ellis. BUFF (9): 1, Richardson, fine, big bold var., grand colour and quality; 2, Gibbs, grizzled neck, nice shape and colour; 3, Marshall, shapely, good coloured thigh tick; res, Berry and Mitchell; vhc, Taylor; hc, Mitchell. HEN CL. (12): 1, Patterson, neat cobby bird of grand shape, feather and colour, well mealed; 2, Richardson, another good quality buff, nicely fed, and shapely; 3, Gibbs, good typical buff of nice colour; res, Spinner; vhc, Marshall; hc, Terry; c, Morris. TICKED (9): 1, c, Gibbs, very smart, high coloured var., grand quality, nice shape; 2, Richardson, neck ticked buff, very typical, capital feather, well mealed; 3, Reeve, var. yel, rare colour and beautiful silky feather; res, Morris; vhc, Berry and Mitchell; hc, Marshall. BRED 1907 (26): 1, Ellis, wing ticked yellow, superb colour and quality, very nice shape; 2, Patterson, very shapely buff of good colour; 3, Gibbs, grand bodied yellow, splendid colour and feather; res, Ellis; vhc, Spinner; hc, Morris; c, Bellamy. HEN (14): 1, 2, Ellis, splendid pair, full of colour and quality, nice short bodies, neat wings and tails, shown in rare form; 3, res, Morris, another charming pair, rare, good Norwich type, lovely colour and feather; vhc, Spinner; hc, Gibbs; c, Mrs Bayly. NON-FED (5): 2, Weller, shapely, tight feathered yellow; 3, Terry, nice quality var. buff; vhc, Reeve; hc, Osborn. CREST (5): 2, spl. best in show, spl. beat members' bird, Broad, the noted winner, often described; 3, Button and Upton, nice shaped, well centred; vhc, spl, Broad; hc, Jenner; c, Sargeant. BRED 1907 (5): 2, vhc, Broad, very shapely even marked, nicely drooped; 3, Button and Upton, var, neat centre, good front; hc, Thompson; c, Jenner. YORKS. BUFF (6): 2, Leaver, the Dover winner, very fit; 3, Mabey, grand shape, feather and style, capital bird, well placed; vhc, Rayner; hc, Sales; c, Austen. BRED 1907 (8): 1, spl, 3, beat members', Gibbs, yellow wing ticked, grand colour shape and carriage, handles well; 2, Rayner, neat and stylish buff, stands well; 3, Morris and Son, very showy, nice feathered yellow; res, Mabey; vhc, Lockett; hc, Green; c, Reeve. HEN (8): 1, 3, res, c, Reeve, grand shaped buff, very close in feather, stands like a soldier; 3rd, another stylish bull; 2, Sales, beautiful little buff, stands very nicely, rare shape and quality; vhc, Mahey; hc, Green. BORDER. YELL. (9): 1, hc, c, Lockett, very typical, close and smart in feather, grand style; 2, res, vhc, Bowes, beautiful body, rare style, grand feather; 3, Abbott, capital body, nice style. LIZARD, SILVER (6): 2, Green, capital colour and wing, neat cap, grandly feathered; 3, Abbott, shapely and nice quality, distinct in spangle; vhc, Heritage, Fisher; c, Johnson. MULE, DARK: 2, spl, 3, Marshall, Jonque Goldie, and Jonque Greenie, with capital colour and very tight in feather; vhc, Boncey; hc, Ward; c, Gannell. HYBRID (5): 2, Morris and Son, very nice Gold-Bullfinch, rich colour, capital shape and feather; 3, Gunnell, Greenfinch-Redpoll, good shape, feather and colour; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Brett. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, best British, Jupe, very finely cut, rare shape, grand face, bars, and buttons; 2, Wickham, if anything even richer in colour, rare shape, hardly so long, very fit, a tight one; 3, Gunnell, good blaze, grand body colour, beautifully marked; res, Shaw; vhc, Morris and Son; hc, Ellis; c, Weller. BULLFINCH (14): 1, 3, Jupe, two big, rare shaped birds; large deep caps, beautiful backs and bars; 2, Kew, brighter chest, grand cap, not quite so wide in chest; res, Wickham; vhc, Shaw; hc, Young; c, Woodcock. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Osborn, good shape, nice even colour, splendid wings and tail; 2, Wickham, beautiful even colour, nice feather; 3, Kew, grand quality of feather and rich colour; res, Johnson; vhc, Shaw; hc, Moore; c, Young. LINNET (9): 1, Kew, smart little fellow, capital shape, rich colour and well marked; 2, Pankhurst, very rich colour, grand feather; 3, Shaw, another sweet little bird, very nicely marked and grand colour; res, vhc, spl, Johnson; hc, Gunnell. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 2, Acland, well marked, good coloured Siskin, capital shape and marking; 3, Shaw, neatly marked Redpoll, capital feather; vhc, Wickham; c, Pankhurst. SMALL SOFTBILL (8): 1, 2, 3, Brett, takes spl 2nd best members' bird, a well marked Shorelark; 2nd, the Dover winning Wheatear, about the largest and best coloured we have seen for some time; 3rd, very smart Robin, splendid team; vhc, Hopwood. LARGE (8): 1, Heritage, Waxwing, capital colour and marking; 2, Miss Palmer, beautifully spangled Thrush, grand colour; 3 res, vhc, Brett, the Dover winning Great Grey Shrike, in splendid form; hc, Dell. NOVICE (5): 2, spl, Berry and Mitchell, shapely, good coloured, nice feathered yell Nor; 3, Gambrill, very pretty Bullfinch, nice shape and colour; vhc, Weller; hc, Done; c, Howland. SELL 25/- PAIR (5): 2, Marshall; 3, Moore; vhc, Richardson; hc, Weller; c, Bade. SINGLE 20/- (8): 1, spl, Jupe; 2, Moore; 3, Mrs. Bayly; vhc, Green; hc, Boncey; c, Taylor. 10/- (11): 1, Muore; 2, Wraight; 3, Thumpson; res, Lockett; vhc, Mrs. Bayly, hc, Ward; c, Braithwayt. FOR. (6): 2, spl, Hollands, very nice Indian Ring-necked Parrakeet, in grand fettle; 3, Miss Conway-Gordon, grand little Blue-Bonnet, rich colour and well marked, in lovely feather; vhc, Saunders, splendid Grey Parrut, rich silvery colour and, grand eye; c, Acland.

CHELMSFORD.

With an entry of near upon 170, in a show limited to a nine-mile radius, Chelmsford O.S. may well take credit to themselves. Of course, many circumstances contributed to this result. One was the possession of a veteran cage bird enthusiast as joint hon. secretary with Mr. S. J. Ballard, Mr. E. J. Ripper, who knows what cage bird fanciers want, because he knows how to show and win. In addition, the society has an excellent president in Mr. H. C. Wells, J.P., a practical committee, and an efficient band of stewards, amongst whom was the veteran fancier, Mr. A. Brazier. Add to this a beautiful hall, well lighted, commodious and free from draughts, and a capital entry, and there is no wonder all went merrily as a marriage bell. The quality throughout was good, especially in the Norwich Section. Crests and crestbreds were of average merit, and Brit. and For. numerous and good. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and we heard no grumbling at his awards. NOR. YELL. NAT. CLR. (11): 1, spl., Outten; ; 2, hc, Willett; 3, vhc, Clift; c, Temple. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Willett; 2, c, Parkin; vhc, Temple; hc, Clift. CL. YELL (9): 1, spl., 2, vhc, Outten; 3, Rippon; 4, hc, Puxley; c, Clayden. BUFF (12): 1, Outten; 2, cup, spls., 3, Collicott; 4, Puxley; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Clayden; c, Collicott. TK. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, spl., 4, Clayden; 2, c, Outten; 3, Puxley; vhc, Collicott; hc (2), Rippon. BUFF (6): 1, Outten; 2, Collicott; 3, Clayden; vhc, Willett; hc, c, Puxley. CRESTS (8): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Lewis; 3, Collicott; c, Rippon. C.-BRED (7): 1, spl., 2, 3, Lewis; vhc, hc, Rippon; c, Charles. A.O.V. (8): 1, Clayden; 2, Parsons; 3 (no name); vhc, Outten; hc, Crown; c, Collicott. HEN (9): 1, 3, Puxley; 2, 4, Collicott; vhc, c, Clayden; hc, Outten. SELL (25/-): (11): 1, c, Collicott; 2, Clayden; 3, Lewis; 4, Willett; vhc, Rippon; hc, Temple. (15/-): (12): 1, Collins; 2, 4, Willett; 3, Clayden; vhc, hc, Collicott; c, Ireland. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Miss Runnacles; 2, spl., French; 3, Clayden; 4, Temple; vhc, Parsons; hc, Parkin; c, Frost. LINNET (8): 1, spl., 3, Willers; 2, Temple; vhc, hc, French; c, Parkin. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Butcher; 2, Pannell; 3, vhc, French; hc, Turner; c, Frost. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (4): 1, French; 2, 3, Ireland; vhc, Butcher. LARGE (6): 1, spl., 3 vhc, French; 2, Miss Ethel Craig; 4, clover. GIFT: 1, Puxley. FOR. (6): 1, spl., Miss Ethel Craig; 2, 4, Clover; 3, Temple; vhc, Ireland.

ALTRINCHAM C.B.S.

The Fourth Annual Show was held on Nov. 23rd at the Lecture Hall, Navigation Road, Broadheath. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, was the judge, and his placing of the awards gave satisfaction. On this occasion the show was confined to members of the Society, and some superb specimens of birds were staged. The quality and standard of the various kinds of birds exhibited have gone up very considerably during the past year, and among the birds staged were those that have been winning at the various open shows throughout the country. Mr. R. Unwin was the winner of the Ross Challenge Cup. The room was very suitable for the purpose, being free from draughts and having good light. Mr. S. Harrison handled the secretarial duties in his usual masterly manner, assisted by a good working set of stewards, with the help of Mr. J. Douglas as assistant secretary. The entry was a record one for a members' show, numbering over 300.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Royle; 4, Irlam; vhc, Critchley. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, Smith; 3, c, Critchley; 4, vhc, Royle; hc, Wilkinson. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Royle; 2, Critchley; 3, Irlam; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, vhc, M. Bowen; 3, Harrison; 4, Royle. HEN CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Unwin; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Bowen; hc, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, Bowen; 3, 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Critchley; hc, c, Royle. UNFLI. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, hc, Unwin; 2, Irlam; 3, c, Critchley; vhc, Royle. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, Critchley; 3, Irlam; 4, vhc, Royle; hc, Wilkinson. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Harrison; 2, Drinkwater. FOUL YELL.: 1, Harrison. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Harrison; 2, Drinkwater; 4, hc, Royle. GREEN, ETC., HEN: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, 4, Drinkwater. CIN. MKD. ETC.: 1, 2, Harrison. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Miss P. Worrall; 3, Brennan. BUFF: 1, 2, Brennan; 3, vhc, Miss P. Worrall; 4, Critchley. TICK. ETC. YELL.: 1, Brennan; 2, 3, 4, Miss P. Worrall. BUFF: 1, 4, Brennan; 2, vhc, Miss P. Worrall; 3, Critchley. HEN TICK. ETC. YELL.: 1, 4, Bayley; 2, c, Brennan; 3, vhc, hc, Miss P. Worrall. BUFF: 1, Brennan; 2, 3, 4, Miss P. Worrall. GREENS SELF YELL: 1, 2, Vernon; 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, hc, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Vernon; 3, Drinkwater. FOUL YELL.: 1, vhc, Vernon; 2, Harrison; 3, 4, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, 3, Vernon; 2, 4, Drinkwater. CIN. TICKED ETC.: 1, Harrison. HEN GREEN, ETC.: 1, Harrison. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, hc, Bayley; 2, Blackshaw; 3, c, Wardleworth; vhc, Waters. BUFF: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 3, Wardleworth; 4, Harrison; vhc, Bayley. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Bayley; 3, Wardleworth; 4, Waters. BUFF: 1, Bayley; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Wardleworth. HEN CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Blackshaw; 2, 4, Bayley; 3, Harrison; vhc, Waters; hc, Wardleworth; c, Wilkinson. BUFF: 1, c, Waters; 2, 3, vhc, Bayley; 4, Wardleworth; hc, Harrison. GREENS SELF YELL: 1, Drinkwater; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Waters. BUFF: 1, 2, Drinkwater. FOUL YELL.: 1, Waters; 2, Drinkwater; 3, Bayley. BUFF: 1, Wilkinson; 2, Waters. NOVICE SECTION NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Douglas. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Head; 3, Douglas. TICK., ETC., BUFF: 1, Fildes; 2, Douglas; 3, Head. UNFLI. CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, 3, Fildes; 2, Douglas. BUFF: 1, Fildes; 2, Potts; 3, Hickson. GREENS, FOUL BUFF: 1, Head. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Broom; 2, Hickson. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Broom; 3, Hickson. TICK. ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Broom; 3, Hickson. BUFF: 1, Hickson. HEN CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Buskey. BUFF: 1, 4, Broom; 2, 3, Buskey; vhc, Hickson. CIN. TICK. ETC.: 1, Mrs. H. Mills. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Buskey. HEN CL. ETC.: 1, 2, Buskey. NAT. COL.: 1, Potts; 2, Hickson; 3, Broom; 4, Head. MULE ETC.: 1, Beaty; 2, 3, 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Potts. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Beaty; 3, 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, White; c, Critchley. GREENFINCH: 1, Schofield; 2, Beaty; 3, White. GOLDFINCH: 1, Beaty; 2, Schofield; 3, Bowen. 4, Taylor. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Beaty; 3, Harrison; 4, hc, Taylor; vhc, Schofield; c, White. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Potts; 2, Schofield; 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Irlam. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Irlam; 2, White A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Beaty; 2, Harrison. SOFT BILL: 1, 2, Beaty. FOR. SMALL: 1, Beaty. LARGE: 1, Beaty.

CASTLE DOUGLAS.

Annual Show held Nov. 30, in the Town Hall, and in the cage bird section it proved a great success, there being a great increase in the number of entries. The quality, too, was of the highest order. Scotch Fancies opened the programme and brought together a very choice selection, the three winning birds in both classes being good all-round specimens. The special for best was awarded to the yell. var. hen. Borders followed, and here the competition was keen, some well known studs being represented. The special for best in this section was awarded to a grand uneven buff cock, and winner at Dumfries lately. Norwich and Yorks were an excellent all-round collection, the latter being a very level lot, the winners especially well drawn and well staged. Norwich were good, the special winning bird being the uneven buff cock. Mules were a warm lot, and keenly contested. Go dfinches, British and Foreign, were a show in themselves, the winners in each class being outstanding specimens. The special winning bird was a fine Yellowhammer, put down in a masterly fashion. Foreigners were good, the palm going to the grand pair of Indian Finches, which can only be described as living pictures. The society this year secured the largest hall in the town, it makes an ideal show room, being well lighted and roomy. Cage birds were neatly arranged at the end, free from all draughts, and on a raised platform, which gave the show a well-finished appearance. The management was all that could be desired. The hon. secs., Mr. J. C. Burnie, knows his work thoroughly, and had everything ready—the hall cleared for judges, cards up, and catalogues to hand—early. The smaller items were carefully attended to. He was ably seconded by Mr. McAllister, who had charge of the financial affairs. They received splendid assistance from a large and enthusiastic committee, whose labours were greatly appreciated by a large crowd of visitors and exhibitors. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, and his awards were well received.

Canary Classes.

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (10): 1, 3, Thomson, leader buff pied, nice size, grandly filled in shoulders, well rounded, good free drive, gets to position freely; 2, a slashing green, grand depth across, rare sided bird; 2, Mrs. McCandlish, good yell., nice depth across, grand side; 4, Edgar, buff, good depth, fine top end; hc, Welsh; c, Bell. HEN (9): 1, spl., 3, Edgar, leader, good one, grand quality, rare depth across, prominent, large shoulders, well filled in, good drive, grand side, a yell. var.; 3, large, yell, plenty of substance, long side; 2, c, Thomson, good showy var., buff, very free, fine depth across, well rounded in shoulder; 4, Mrs. McCandlish, strong made up buff, grand depth across, wants handling; hc, Welsh. BORD. CL. CK. (13): 1, McCreadie, yell., exceedingly well drawn, fine positioned one, correct size, grand front, lovely wing carriage, well staged; 2, Gilchrist, buff, well rounded, grand position, rare head and front, in rare feather; 3, Marchbank, nice shapely yell., grand size, neat head and front; 4, Burnie, buff, fine position, nice condition; hc, Welsh; c, Robinson. HEN (10): 1, Marchbank, gem of a yell., lovely size, grand round head, fine full front, cleanly tapered and very nice in wing carriage; 2, 4, Robinson, 2nd box-fathered buff, a beauty for position, lovely wing carriage, 4, yell., gold feather, nice front, grand size; 3, Gilchrist, nice feathered front and carriage; hc, McCreadie; c, Welsh. VAR. CK. (11): 1, spl., McCreadie, real gem, lovely feathered bird, rare head, beautifully drawn, splendid wing carriage, rare pipe tail and position, A1; 2, Thomson, yell., grand feather, well moulded, fine style, neat wing carriage, rare quality throughout; 3, Gilchrist, strong-shouldered bird, grand wing carriage, splendidly cut underneath; 4, Rae and Son, yell., grandly moulded in front, full and free, grand rounded head; hc, Crearie; c, Robinson. HEN (5): 1, Gilchrist, topper, lovely position, fine head, grandly drawn in front, good wing carriage, nice feather, a clear win, worthy of keener competition, foul buff; 2, Burnie, uneven nice position, good stamp, fine level wing carriage; 3, McCreadie, cinn. mark, tight box-feathered one, grand front and carriage; 4, vhc, Connerton, even yell., good feather. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Welsh, grand Yorkie, cleanly got up, fine body, tip top wing carriage, rare head, well drawn, hot colour; 2, 4, c, McMinn Bros., 2nd raker for length, grand legs, fine wing carriage; 4th, another long rare-sided bird; 3, vhc, Heron, buff, nice made one, close and tight in feather, and good wing carriage. HEN (3): 1, Welsh, high tone bird, grandly drawn, fine carriage, rare tops and wing carriage, nice size grand colour; 2, 3, McMinn Bros., very fine carriage, neat front, well balanced wings; 3, good buff. NOR. P. H. CK. (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, McQueen, a grand trio, winner hot fed var. buff, grand size, lovely shape, well carried wings, fine and full in front; 2, clear buff, grandly feathered, lovely shape, 3, very stout chested; 4, Rome, grandly feathered, a good class; vhc, Nicholson. HEN (8): 1, 2, McQueen, pair of toppers, leader regular Bullie made one, grand chest, lovely wing carriage, well tapered below; 2, large, got up, bird, grand carriage, good 2nd, hard to separate; 3, Dunbar, nice bodied yell., good foul front; 4, rc, Andrew, buff, in rare bloom; c, McMinn Bros. A.O.V. (4): 1, Thomson, yell., Belgian, good one, are length of side, plenty depth across, fine droop, grand shoulder, exceptionally well staged; 2, Devoy, very nice crest, good length of feather, nice radiation, coming well down, fine body and quality throughout; 3, McKeand, another crest, good centre and side, well groomed; 4, Harper, Crestbred, nice length of feather, good body and substance.

Other Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (6): 1, Rome, four-pointed Goldie, in grand bloom, feathered like wax, fine size and quality of feather, lightly marked; 2, Crobin, hot fed, 6-point, good dense face, fine size; 3, Ferguson, very nice all round var. Mule, very light on wings, in grand order; 4, Bell, another var. Goldie, good face, in grand bloom; hc, Doolan; c, Burnie. DARK: 1, McQuiston, Jonque Goldie, dense colour throughout, enormous blaze, great depth, lovely wing bars, fine size, teeming with quality; 2, Doolan, Jonque Linnet, nice size, good quality of feather, very nicely marked, a taking exhibit; 3, Porteous good all round Greenie Mule, good colour and shape; 4, Rome, buff Goldie, good throughout, well up in colours; hc, Kelly; c, Johnstone. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (19): 1, c, Portcous, gem for quality, dense blaze, grand size, well cut, dense nap, finely toned down, good full-fronted bird, lovely shape, steady as a rock; 2, McQuiston, large and expansive blaze, rare shape, and size, teeming with quality; 3, 4, McMinn Bros., 3, another good one, very close in colour throughout, well put down; 4, another nice all-round inch; hc, McCairn. GOLDFINCH FOR. (8): 1, McQuiston, dense blazed one, very deep and expansive, well cut face, grand body colour, back and buttons, lovely sheen throughout; 2, McMinn Bros., well up in colour, grand size; 3, Thomson, another nice one, grand sheen on feather, good cut bird; 4, McNeillie, good shapely bird, nice colour and quality; hc, Gourlay; c, McKinnell. BULLFINCH (7): 1, McQuiston, an easy win, grand all over, size a treat, cap monstrous, well cut, enormous bib, deep breast colour, well staged; 2, Ladlaw, good one, very shapely, fine cap and breast colour; 3, Welsh, good all round Finch, fine full make; 4, Gannony Bros., another taking Finch, nice size and feather; hc, Patterson, c, Burnie. GT. FINCH, ETC. (10): 1, McNeillie, good Linnet, fine colour throughout, lovely facing, well spangled on breast, fine wing flights, teeming with quality; 2, c, McMinn Bros., good Greenfinch, rare wing flights, grand dense colour throughout, well up in size, well staged; 3, Porteous, good shapely large Linnet, good deep colour throughout; 4, Boone, nice Lesser Redpoll, in field plumage; hc, McQuiston. BRIT. SMALL HARDBILL (8): 1, spl., 3, Crearie, leader topping Yellowhammer, grand size, dense colour throughout, marked to perfection, steady, shining like a piece of satin, easy win; 3, good Hawfinch, grand bib, fine size, ground colour; 2, McQuiston, noted Corn-Bunting, good colour and markings, steady, well staged; 4, Millar, Bramble-finch, nice cap, good breast colour; hc, Ladlaw; c, Welsh. FOR. SMALL (7): 1, Mason, pair of clinking Red-headed Gouldians, in superb condition, living pictures and no mistake; 2, 4, 5, 6, McKinnell; 2, very nice large sized yellow Bodgerigar, in A1 order; 4, white Java, in spotless order; 3, Thomson, pair of Nonpareils, good colour and steady. LARGE (4): 1, (no name), good Ornamental Parrakeet, in grand trim; 2, Halliday, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, in very nice feather, grand size; 3, Brodie, South African Grey, fine size; 4, McKeand, Chinese Duck, a very interesting exhibit, but many thought it was hardly a cage bird. SELL. (10/-) (7): 1, Crosbie, large 4-pointed Goldie Mule; 2, Andrew, buff Norwich; 3, Edgar, Scotch Fancy; 4, McMinn, Yorkshire; hc, Johnstone; c, McQueen. (5/-) (9): 1, McKeand; 2, Thomson; 3, Austin; 4, Rae and Son; hc, Devoy; c, Sheman. GIFT CLASS (7): 1, Thomson; 2, McQueen; 3, McMinn; 4, McKeand; hc, Crearie; c, Burnie.

KEYNSHAM AND DISTRICT F.A.

The Keynsham and District Fanciers Association held their annual show on November 30th. We were, however, sorry to find our section very poorly represented—one class stood, and only eight entries in that. It seems a pity a better classification could not be given, and a recognised cage bird judge appointed. This and an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS would undoubtedly bring about more satisfaction. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, Russel; 2, 3, Jones; res, Linden.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

The Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S. held their annual show on November 30th. Mr. Bewick judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Nutley, the hon. secretary, worked very hard to make the show a success; in fact, was here, there, and everywhere. NORWICH CL. YELL.: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Gowland; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, spl, Lawson; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Winn. TICK. YELL.: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Gowland; 3, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Lawsun; 3, Fenwick. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Gowland; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Lawson. BUFF: 1, spl, Winn; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Gowland. GREEN: 1, spl, Lawson; 2, Fenwick; 3, Gowland. PAIRS: 1, spl, J. Wilson; 2, Fenwick; 3, Winn. YELL (1907): 1, spl, H. Wilsun; 2, Winn; 3, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, spl, H. Wilsuu; 2, Fenwick; 3, Gowland. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Lawson; 3, Gowland. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Lawson; 2, Gowland; 3, H. Wilson. CREST: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, J. Wilson; 3, Brown. CINN. BUFF: 1, spl, Fenwick; 2, Gowland; 3, J. Wilson. HEN: 1, spl, Fenwick; 2, Nutley; 3, H. Wilson. CINN. (1907): 1, spl, H. Wilsun; 2, Gowland; 3, Fenwick. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Gowland; 2, Fenwick; 3, J. Wilson. A.O.V. (1907): 1, spl, Fenwick; 2, Wilson; 3, Hann. PAIRS: 1, spl, J. Wilson; 2, Fenwick; 3, Hann. LINNET: 1, spl, Brown; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Fenwick. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Brown; 3, J. Wilson.

GOOLE.

In connection with Goole show held on November 28th, Cage Birds were provided with nine classes, and taken altogether, the show was a great success, the 59 classes bringing 1070 entries. This and the good gate will ensure a financial success, a result thoroughly deserved by the Society. Cage birds were nicely arranged at one end of the Market Hall, a capital place for such a show. The light being excellent and the space ample. The secretary, Mr. G. Butler is a most energetic official, and had the arrangements in capital order. Cage birds, limited to £5, came up splendidly and made a very attractive section, whilst many good birds were on view. They were well looked after by the stewards, Messrs. Harrison and Robertson. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged. YORKS. (23): 1, vhc, hc, Champion, 1st yellow, grand length and position, nice shape, good feather, hot colour; 2, 3, 4, Emery, 2nd, clear buff, beautifully feathered, nice length and style, good build, 3rd, good colour, shape and feather, lengthy, 4th, yellow, of nice shape and feather, needs training; ex 3, Spencer, another grand in feather and in position, loses in length; ex 4, Murrell, long, slim bird of good shape, not nicely shown; 5 hc, Ramsden, good yellow; vhc, Barrett, Wainwright; hc, Ramsden, rare class for quality, and the committee alowed on request a couple of extra prizes. NORWICH CL. (10): 1, Axe, grand shape, colour and feather, thick-set yellow; 2, Thompson, buff, of nice shape, feather and colour, rare back, not quite fit yet; 3, Moore, yellow, nice colour and feather, thick-set and chubby; 4, Moakes, nice quality, colour and feather; 5, vhc, Butler, good big buff; hc, c, Savage. TICK, ETC. (8): 1, Axe, buff, marked on head, nice type, good colour and feather; 2, vhc, Butler, buff, marked head and wing, bouncer, good in quality and shape; 3, Moore, thigh ticked bull, good one; 4, Moakes, smart and shapely; 5, hc, Mason, good stamp; c, Lindsay. A.V. BRED 1907 (19): 1, Osborne, wing marked Crest, of good type, good sized crest, nicely formed and well shown; 2, Moore, very typical, hot colour, good feather; 3, Cooper, yellow Yorkie, nice shape and feather, well up on leg, stylish; 4, Weldrake, good Yorks, nice feather, needs training, wouldn't show; 5, Savage, very smart Norwich, nice shape and colour; vhc, Shoesmith, Murrell, Butler, Moakes, Lindsay; hc, Whitehead; hc, Spencer. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (15): 1, Wainwright, Goldie Canary, bull, marked eyes and wings, grand shape, nice flush, little more size and would do well; 2, Axe, Cinnamon, grand colour, nice type, A1 feather; 3, Garton, Crestbred, good skull, well lashed, nice entrance; 4, vhc, Osborne, nice crest; 5, hc, Calam; vhc, Peck and Fawcett; vhc, hc, Members' spl, Robertson. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, 2, 3, Axe, grand trio, topping Goldfinch leading, seemed beautifully feathered, well marked yellow Bunting, third, a very nice Hawfinch; 4, Garton, nice Greenfinch; 5, Harison Bros., good Bullie; hc, Mrs. Lambert; c, Isherwood. SOFTBILL (5): 1, Axe, Song Thrush, a gem, in fine feather; 2, 3, Harrison Bros., both Thrushes and good ones; 4, Garton, another good Thrush; 5, Binns, nice Nuthatch. FOREIGN (7): 1, Mrs. Lambert, a rattling good blue-fronted Amazon; 2, 3, vhc, Harrison Bros.; 2nd, Budgerigar, in fine feather; 3rd, good red-headed Gouldain Finch; 4, 5, Garton. SELL (13): 1, Wheldrake; 2, Peters; 3, Lindsay; 4, Calam; 5, Savage.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

The Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland held their Annual Exhibition on Nov. 28th and 29th, and for the show the Committee secured the spacious and grandly-lighted room of the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland. The room is as near perfection for the purpose as one could wish to have. The staging arrangements were capital, and the light being from the top, the exhibits could be viewed without any trouble. Under the direction of Mr. Sholedice, the capable and obliging secretary, who was well backed up by a hard-working Committee, headed by the respected Chairman, Mr. R. Devitt, everything seemed to go with the proper swing. Amongst others who worked hard, were Messrs. Dnignan, treasurer; Fry, Killeen and Cloke. Visitors patronised the show fairly well considering the bad weather on the first day. Yorkshires were, of course, the main feature of the show. The classification in this section was good, and the response was first-rate in the open classes, well over the hundred being staged; while in the classes confined to Nonco.our-fed birds there were over fifty birds exhibited, a few of which, in the judges' opinion, had, it was said, tasted of the forbidden fruit. In the six classes set apart for the Novice, seventy birds were exhibited, and over and above these four Limit or Selling classes were provided for the "straight 'uns," which contained over thirty more of the birds of the broad acred shire, making a total of over 250 Yorkshires, which must have been very pleasing to the officials and members of the Irish Yorkshire C.C. The quality was grand all through. In the Novice classes were put down birds of rare type, style and quality, and we venture to say that this was the best display of the Yorkshire Canary ever seen in Ireland both for quality and quantity. Crests and Plainheads, though under the Club's patronage and support, did not make a big show as regards numbers, but quality was good. Hybrids and Mules were a grand lot, averaging nearly ten per class. The teams of several exhibitors made a really grand show in themselves. The Britishers, next to the Yorkshires, were the feature of the show, leading off with a grand class of 25 Goldies. Linnet classes were distinctly good, the winner being one of the best, and dirt cheap at catalogue price, £4. Larks and Bullies were a grand lot. The majority of the placed birds, in fact, were all good enough to win at most shows, and were staged in such first-class style as to be a credit to the exhibitors. The Foreign were somewhat poorly represented, the only entries being a grand Toucan and a good Grey Parrot. We hope the show may be as good in success financially as it was from a fancier's point of view. We found the Dublin fanciers a capital lot all through, and we wish them and their Society the best of good fortune. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

Canary Classes.

YORKS. CINN., ETC. (8): 1, 2, c, T. O'Reilly, leader marked bead and wings, fine length, good style, nice carriage, 2nd, nice type and quality; 3, Neville, smart shape; vhc, O'Keeffe; hc, Cloke. HEN (10): 1, T. O'Reilly, wings and head mkd, fine, long, smartly built hen, of good quality; 2, South, nice feather, long and good shape, nice hen, both yells; 3, Cloke, buff, similarly mkd grand quality; vhc, Sheridan and Fry; hc, O'Keeffe; c, Coyne. CL. YELL. CK. (14): 1, c, O'Reilly, grand head, legs and tail, capital style, shape and leather, well up on leg, wins; 2, South, fine shape, well drawn, good carriage of wings; 3, T. O'Reilly, fine, long, well-shaped bird of good position, wants tubbing; vhc, McQuade; hc, Cloke; c, Duignan. HEN (12): 1, 2, T. O'Reilly, leader has it in head, both nice, long drawn, typical hens, not much difference; 3, Sheridan and Fry, grand hen, drops tail a bit, or would have pressed; vhc, Cloke; hc, South; c, Duignan. BUFF (15): 1, Hawkins, grand head, well-filled back, neat feather, good position and carriage; 2, South, beautiful quality of feather, good shape, close up; 3, hc, spl. for best third, Sheridan and Fry, nice colour and finish, good shape and feather; vhc, c, O'Reilly; c, Duignan. HEN (12): 1, C. O'Reilly, very stylish, neat wings and tail, grand shape; 2, O'Keeffe, good head, grand carriage and shape; 3, Fortune, nice hen, neat head and wings, good hen; vhc, Mulligan; hc, c, T. O'Reilly. TICK, ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Ramsden's spl, also Ashbourne's spl, Sheridan and Fry, tick head, lovely type, feather and condition, neat wings and tail carriage; 2, Duignan, a gem of an unflighted long, well placed legs, nice carriage of wings and tail, very promising, made a good fight; 3, hc, C. O'Reilly, cap marked, good shape, colour and feather; vhc, Fortune; c, Cloke. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Duignan, very nice team, all of good quality, leader best in head and shape of body, second, long, slim build, third, hardly the length, but of superior quality; vhc, T. O'Reilly. hc, C. O'Reilly; c, Mulligan; Nos. 9 and 10, w.c. BUFF (8): 1, spl. for best Yorks. Ck. in show, McQuade, mkd eyes and wings, long raking bird, nice head, good back, wings and tail, capital carriage, well up on leg, colour and feather, grand, a really good one; 2, c, Sheridan and Fry, ticked on neck, also a gem of a bird all over; 3, Rowans, spl, Cloke, ticked over beak, nice position, lovely quality and colour; vhc, Duignan; hc, T. O'Reilly. (6): 1, Coyne, nice shape and feather, good all over; 2, c, Sheridan and Fry, nice feather good shape; 3, vhc, T. O'Reilly, green on small side; hc, Duignan. NOR. COLOUR-FED CLASSES: CL. YELL. (8): 1, McQuade, nice style, well up on leg, good length; 2, Sheridan and Fry, nice, straight bird, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Devins, well up on leg, nice shape, stylish; vhc, Woods; hc, Fortune; c, Kenny; No. 8 w.c.; No. 3 disqualified for alleged colour-feeding. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hawkins, first neat shape and feather, nice style, second, good hen, close up, bit stronger built; 3, Barclay, good feather; vhc, Kenny; hc, Sheridan and Fry, O'Neill. BUFF (8): 1, spl. for best in Non-fed classes, Sheridan and Fry, real nice Yorks., best of carriage, neat head, wings and tail, nicely braced well worth colour feeding; 2, Tighe, another typical bird, neat wing carriage and feather; 3, Duignan, nice shape; vhc, c, spl. for best fourth in Non-fed classes, Sholedice; hc, Kenny; No. 1 disqualified for alleged colour-feeding. HEN (10): 1, McQuade, nice stylish hen, nice quality and carriage; 2, Sheridan and Fry, neat feather, good shape, close up; 3, Duignan, very shapely; vhc, T. O'Reilly; hc, Fortune; c, McKenzie. TICK, ETC. (10): 1, c, Sheridan and Fry, var. buff, good shape, length and carriage, in fact, a real good York; 2, Sholedice, cap tick yell., nice shape and feather; 3 vhc, T. O'Reilly, leader green pied, big, fine bird, good colour; vhc, McKenzie. HEN (8): 1, Sheridan and Fry, var., nice shape, good stand, fine quality; 2, hc, c, T O'Reilly, cinn. marked buff, good shape and feather, needs a wash; 3, Kenny, clear yell., beaten shape; vhc, Sholedice. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, spl. for best cock in Novice classes, Huggard, grand length and shape, capital wing carriage, nice pale yell; 2, Farrell, lovely feather, fine nice carriage, good second; 3, Carson, big built bird, of exceptional carriage, really nice, dirty or might have been higher; vhc, Fry; hc, Mellveen; c, Fleming. HEN (10): 1, Huggard, good all round hen, nice and typical; 2, Mellveen, neat hen all round; 3, Devins, capital feather; vhc, Fry; hc, Farrell; c, Casey. BUFF (13): 1, Gillen, nice length and shape, fine quality of feather; 2, Dowling, lovely shape and carriage, looks like a hen, if so, a good one; 3, Devins, nice compact little bird; vhc, Farrell; hc, Huggard; c, Mellveen. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl for best hen in Novice classes. Devins, two nice typical hens of good quality, not much to choose between the two; 3, c, Huggard, not far behind; vhc, Farrell; hc, Thompson. TICK, ETC. (14): 1, 3, Huggard, leader fine, long var. yell, good feather and shape, 2nd, eye ticked buff, nice type and feather, good wing carriage; 3, Dowling, yell, neck marked, nice shape and length; vhc, hc, Farrell; c, Fleming. HEN (8): 1, Devins, head tickel, yell., nice shapely and full of quality; 2, Farrell, nice stylish cinn. mkd; 3, Fleming, eye and wing nice shape; vhc, Gillen; hc, Carroll; c, Casey. SELL. YORKS. COCK (21/-) (9): 1, South; 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, T. O'Reilly; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Kenny; c, Fortune. HEN (4): 1, Kenny; 2, Sheridan and Fry,; 3, Killen; 4, T. O'Reilly. A.O.V. (1): 1, Barclay. YORKS. (15/-) (11): 1, Woods; 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, Fortune; vhc, c, Killen; hc, Fanning. HEN (7): 1, Fleming; 2, vhc, Killen; 3, Jackson; hc, T. O'Reilly; c, Kenny. A.O.V. (3): 1, Stewart; 2, 3, Thompson. CRESTED (4): 1, spl. for best Crest, Tate, wing marked D.C., nice centre and formation, good size, nice shaped body; 2, vhc, Farrell, clear, nice centre, well arranged; 3, Boles, neat centre. HEN (1): Tate. CRESTBRED (2): 1, Tate; 2, Boles. HEN (2): 1, Tate; 2, Farrell. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, spl. for second best Nor.-Carson, unfl., beautiful type and quality, neat wing carriage, wins; 2, Barclay, another good typical bird, not far behind, full of quality; 3, c, Stewart, cap ticked yell., nice chest, good head; vhc, Trotter; hc, O'Reilly. HEN (5): 1, Mulligan, a gem for shape all over; 2, Barclay, nice typical hen; 3, Thompson, neat feather and shape; vhc, Trotter; hc, Carson. BUFF (9): 1, spl. for best Nor., Barclay, brimful of quality, smooth as glass, not a feather out of place, neat head, good chest, fine wing carriage, a regulnr swell; 2, hc, Mulligan, grand Nor., close up; 3, Stewart, grand head and chest, nice feather; vhc, Carson; c, Dawson. HEN (7): 1, Carson, regular stormer all over, typical hen of the finest quality; 2, Mulligan, fine type, grand quality; 3, vhc, Barclay, good hen, just a wee bit weak in head; hc, Thompson; c, Mrs. Mitchell. VAR. (5): 1, Barclay, buff, lovely type, teeming with quality and colour; 2, Stewart, lightly marked yell., rich colour, nice chest and wing carriage, a good one; 3, Thompson, fine one vhc, hc, Gillen. HEN (2): 1, Barclay; 2, O'Reilly. SCOTS CL. CK. (2): 1, 2, Birch. HEN (2): 1, 2, Birch. A.O.C. CK. (2): 1, Birch; 2, O'Reilly. HEN (2): 1, Birch; 2, O'Reilly.

All Other Classes.

MULES. GOLD, AND CAN., LIGHT (9): 1, Tate, mkd wings and about eyes, in lovely condition, clean as a new pin, nice coloured yell; 2, Mulcahy, another yell, mkd eyes and wings, fine size and shape; 3, c, Dawson, in nice feather and condition, marked eyes and wings, buff, looks like a hen; vhc, Mulligan; hc, McCaldin. DARK (18): 1, Tate, yell, beautiful rich colour, grand face, fine condition and size, grand exhibit; 2, Mulcahy, buff, grand colour and condition, nice one; 3, Carson, grand, bright coloured yell, not far behind, worth its place; vhc, Harvey; hc, McCaldin; c, Wall, a really grand class. LINNET AND CAN., LIGHT (2): 1, 2, Wall. DARK (9): 1, Dawson, grand size, fine head and front, in splendid trim, we liked it; 2, 3, McCaldin, hot in colour, two very creditable exhibits; vhc, hc, Harvey; c, Wall. A.O.V., MULE, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl. for best Mule or Hybrid, Lavery, with Greenfinch-Bullfinch, leading in nice order, fine colour; 2nd, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand colour, in the pink of condition, put up a good fight; 3rd, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice colour, condition and size, very nice specimen; hc, O'Neill; c, Cloke. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (25): 1, Carson, good shaped Finch, nice blaze, neat wing, bars and buttons, beautifully tanned body, carries himself grandly; 2, vhc, Lavery, two nice Finches, second we liked much, but wants steadying, grand bright face, good body and wings; 3, Breslin, nice colour on body, neat wings and carriage; hc, Killeen; c, Cloke. LINNET (12): 1, Ross, grand stout, cobby built bird, good head, fine, full, round chest, with which to show off his splendid markings, which are carried well all through, a real topper; 2, c, Killeen, full of nice markings, good colour and polish; 3, McCaldin, nice shape, size and condition; vhc, hc, Mulligan. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Mulcahy, grandly laced Siskin, fine size and condition; 2, vhc, Cloke, Twite and Redpoll, neat natty little birds in beautiful condition; 3, Miss Perrin, nice Redpoll, in grand order; hc, Roydhouse. LARK (14): 1, Redmond, fine size and colour, good markings, very steady; 2, Breslin, lighter in shade, well marked and fairly large; 3, hc, Wall, good markings, beautiful back, very steady; vhc, Barclay; c, Hosford. THRUSH, ETC. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Mulcahy, leader grand coloured Thrush, shape and condition, grand, well-spotted chest, 3rd, nice Starling; 2, Phillips, gem of a Starling, grand markings, in nice trim, near thing between this and winner; hc, Claney; c, Dowling. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Roydhouse, grand, dense glossy cap, rich coloured breast, nice wing bars, good one; 2, Ross, another good Bullie, nice colour and condition; 3, vhc, Wall, grand head and wing bars, worth their places; hc, Mulligan; c, Killeen. HEN (5): 1, hc, Mulcahy, leader, grand one, good head and wings, fine size and condition; 2, Ross, nice Bullie; 3, vhc, Breslin, a brace of nice ones. A.O.S. SEED EATERS (8): 1, Phillips, grand Hawfinch, fine size and condition, good one; 2, Ross, really fine Greenfinch; 3, Cloke, very nice Greenfinch. SOFTBILLS (3): 1, 2, Phillips, Cornish Chough and Waxwing, both in splendid condition, and grand specimens; 3, Roydhouse, Tit, in nice trim. GIFT CLASS (9): 1, Fortune; 2, Sheridan and Fry; 3, c, Duignan; vhc, Lyons; hc, Hawkins. PARROT, ETC. (1): 1, spl. for best Parrot, Cloke. SOFT (3): 1, Burton, McGuckin and Phillips, grand Toucan in fine order, worthy of beter competition. CAGE BIRDS' COMPETITION: 1st prize, Messrs. Burton, McGuckin and Phillips; 2nd South; 3rd, Sholedice.

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JARROW.

The first show of the Jarrow and District C.B.S. was held Nov. 29th and 30th, in the Mechanics' Institute, an admirable place for a bird show, being spacious, well lighted and free from all draughts. Considering this was the initial venture, and that several shows were being held on the same dates in close proximity, the show must be looked upon as a success, the entries numbering about 500. The quality in most of the classes was first rate, many notable winners being put down. The weakest section was the Norwich. Crests and Crestbreds were capital classes, as were the Yorkshires and Borders. The Mules and British were well represented by numbers and quality. The Members' classes contained many good birds that would no doubt have given a good account of themselves in the open competition, Yorkshires and Borders being the strongest in point of quality. All the exhibits were nicely staged at a convenient height and were well and carefully looked after by a good and enthusiastic body of fanciers, amongst the hardest workers being Messrs. Campbell (chairman), Sanderson, Blore, McKenzie, Wilkinson, Binns, Alty, Bowen, Picken and Hornsby. In the latter fancier, we think we met the record in our long experience of all sorts of shows as regards veteran workers. Mr. Hornsby is eighty-six years of age, but despite this fact he was working like a "two-year-old" amongst his fellow members, staging the exhibits the night before, until a late hour, and we hearn he was at the show soon after seven o'clock the next morning waiting to again take his share in the work. All honour to such an enthusiastic and energetic fancier of the old school, of whom the Society are justly proud. Mr. Carrick, the hon. sec., although quite new to the work, carried out his duties thoroughly well, and in a most conscientious manner—one would never think it his first attempt. In addition to his tact, he was most courteous and obliging. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards in the open classes, Mr. R. Bewick taking the Selling and Members' classes.

The Canary Section.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (5): 1, Godley, good colour and quality, rare head and neck; 2, Lawson, grand feather and quality, nice lights and tail, level colour and good shape; 3, Harland, grand feather, nice quality, good shaped body, fine stand and tail-man, good one, bit soiled; vhc, Tait. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Godley, magnificent shape, grand colour and quality, nice head and neck, good wings and tail, close in feather. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 3, Harland, buff, grizzled root of tail, nice shape and feather, neat tail, third grizzled on back and head, nice shape, good feather, wanted a tubbing; 2, Stanger and Herdman, neck ticked, good feather, shapely. HEN (4): 1, 4, Godley, yell., nice colour and quality, good head and back; 2, Dobinson, buff, grand feather and shape, short wings and tail, good colour, good one, well got up; 3, Harland, yell., good, shaped body, nice colour and head. BRED 1907 (10): 1, French, cl. yell., fine shape, colour and feather, good wings and tail, neat head; 2, Godley, cl. buff, grand colour, good in head, nice wings and chest; 3, Harland, yell., excellent head and neck, good colour and quality; 4, hc, Dobinson, buff, grand feather, good shape, nice head, a bit soiled; vhc, MacRay; c, Lawson. CREST BUFF (3): 1, Stoves even wings, frontal crest of good width and density, fine texture and droop; 2, Godley, even wing marked, nice droop and good centre, dense; 3, Lister, marked wings and tail, excellent frontal and droop. HEN (3): 1, McColl, rare bodied one, dense crest, neat centre; 2, Routledge, even wing marked, nice frontal and centre, velny feather; 3, Lister, marked on back good frontal, a bit twisted at centre to-day. BRED 1907 (6): 1, 3, Taylor, marked wings and breast, round crest of lovely expanse and droop, nice centre, good body, grand one, takes special for best bird in show, well known winner, third green, good, roand crest; 2, Routledge, grand frontal crest, of good density and droop; 4, Lister, grizzle, good front; vhc, Hands. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Marshall, grizzle, nice back crest and good frontal, neat droop, well filled centre, second grizzle, nice frontal and droop, hardly fit yet; 3, Godley, clear, good frontal, neat centre, excellent quality; 4, Lister, grizzle, nice frontal and quality; vhc, Stoves; hc, Donnally. C.B. CK. (8): 1, Stoves, grand length of head feather, good rise over beak, nice wide entrance, fine body; 2, 4, Taylor, green, good skull, long in feather on back, nice length over beak, fourth grand front and well feathered skull, a bit soft when judged; 3, Hutchinson, wing and neck marked, dense head feather, some feathers in pipe over entrance, will improve; vhc, Lister; hc, c, Godley. HEN (9): 1, Hendley, clear, good shaped skull, well clothed with a wealth of long and wide feather, nice entrance; 2, Taylor, var., long head feather, nice shaped skull, dense and good in texture; 3, 4, Marshall, good shaped skull, wide head feather, close up, fourth good length of head feather; vhc, Crawhall; hc, Woodhouse; c, Donnally. BRED 1907 (8): 1, Lister, grand skull, fenther long and wide, good dome-shaped head, rare entrance; 2, Richardson, good head feather and nice shaped skull, thick Bullfinch-shaped body, good exhibit; 3, Hutchinson, marked on shoulder, good length of bend feather, nice shaped skull; 4, Tait, nice body, good length of head feather, nice back skull; vhc, Peretledge; hc, Crawhall; c, McColl. PAIRS (6): 1, Taylor, grand pair and well matched; 2, 3, Marshall; 4, Hands, three more good pairs, with little to chooso between them; vhc, McColl; hc, Woodhouse. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, sound colour, good shape and skull, well burnished, second nico shape and good feather, third good size, shape and skull; 4, vhc, Taylor and Sanderson, good shape and colour. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, grand colour, nice shape and feather, good skull and well burnished, second good shape and feather, third grand colour, nico shape; 4, Crawhall, fair size, nice tone of colour; vhc, Taylor and Sanderson. UNFLI. (7): 1, 2, 3, Hargreaves, grand shaped and good coloured jonque, short wings and tail, second buff, nice colour and shapely, third another shapely jonque, nimost as good in colour as leader; 4, vhc, Godley, jonque, very good shape and colour; hc, Stanger and Herdmnn; c, Taylor and Snnderson. BORDER YELL. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Wilson, even wing marked beautiful shapo and feather, nico wings and tail, good carriage; 2, Hopper Bros., ticked head, good shape, carriage and wings; 3, French, cheek marked, nice feather and shape, bit soiled; 4, Hawkins, tick, head, good shape, jaunty carriage; vhc, Johnston; hc, Cox; c, Bowen. BUFF (7): 1, Hopper Bros., lovely feather, grand shape, well braced wings and closely folded tail, a gem; 2, French, another good one, close on heels of winner, typical, smooth in feather; 3, Wilson, head and neck mkd., grandly feathered, like boxwood, nice back, wings and tail; 4, Whitaker, marked neck, back and wings, lovely feather, nico shape and carriage; vhc, Hawkins; hc, McWilliams; c, Reeves. HEN (11): 1, Hopper Bros., marked eyes, cheeks and neck, most beautifully fenthered, grand shape and carriage, sweet head, good wings and tail, real gem; 2, Wilson, marked eyes, neck, and wings, grand feather and shape, nice carriage, fine exhibit; 3, French, cl. yell., grand feather and quality, nice shape and carriage, 4, Hawkins, cinn., wing tick., beautiful leather, shapely and good in carriage; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Johnston; c, Ronald. BRED 1907 (10): 1, Hopper Bros., beautifully moulded yell., lovely feather, colour and shape, nice head, wings and tail; 2, Wilson, yell., grandly feathered, nice wings, tail and carriage, a good one, 3, Hawkins, buff, grand feather and shape, good wings and tail; 4, Johnston, yellow, nice shape and feather, good style; vhc, McWilliams; hc, French, c, Bowen. SCOTS. (7): 1, 2, Chapman, yellow, good top, nice reach, gets tail well under, good depression of head; second heavily marked yell., good long-sided bird, tail well under; 3, vhc, Bell, buff, nice top; 4, c, Little, buff, good top, gets tail well under, but shorter in reach; hc, Harvey. YORKS. YELL. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, Walsh, straight as a rush, close feather of good quality, stands well, good wings and tail; 2, Stebbings, marked head, wings and neck, good length, nice wings and tail; 3, Hedden, nice stand and feather, well on leg; 4, Cuthbertson, thigh tick, hot colour, good wings and tail; vhc, Crawhall; hc, O'Hagen; c, Thompson. BUFF (10): 1, Walsh, stands like a soldier, straight as a rush, good feather, wings and tail; 2, Rhodes, good position and feather, nice length and style; 3, Cuthbertson, hot colour, nice pipe tail and good wings; 4, Allison, straight as a rush, pale colour; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, O'Neal; c, Hedden. HENS (15): 1, Rhodes, head and eye ticked yellow, grand feather, nice quality, stands well, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, Stebbings, yellow, good feather and quality, nice wings and tail, loses only in stand; 3, Walsh, buff, grand feather, good wings and tail; 4, Cuthbertson, yellow, finely drawn, excellent feather and quality; hc, O'Neal; c, Duke. HEN (1907 BRED) (14): 1, Walsh, buff, tight as a Java, good style and stand, nice wings and tail, wins well; 2, Stebbings, yell., long and finely drawn, hot colour, straight as a rush; 3, Rhodes, wing, neck and thigh ticked yell., beautiful shape, grand feather and quality; 4, hc, Thompson, yell., good length and nicely feathered; vhc, Cuthbertson; c, Crawford. PAIRS (4): 1, Godley, good pair of Norwich Plainheads, yell. cock, good in shape and colour and smart buff hen; 2, Rhodes, yell. Yorks. cock of good length and shapely, good feathered buff hen; 3, Jobling, nice pair of Norwich; 4, Hyslop, very decent pair of Lizards.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC. HYBRID (5): 1, 2, 3, Maddison, nearly clear Siskin-Can., nice feather, colour and good wings, very rare; 2, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, grand feather and colour, nice shape, put down in rare form; third lightly marked yellow Go'dfinch-Can., good size for the colour; 4, Eliwood, var., buff Goldfinch-Can., nice feather; vhc, Millburn. DARK (12): 1, 2, 3, Maddison, jonque Siskin-Can., well up in size, beautifully marked, grand in colour, shown in masterly style, second jonque Greenfinch-Can., good colour and size, third buff Greenfinch-Can., good size, full of quality, shapely; 4, Dutton, nicely feathed and good coloured jonque Linnet-Can.; vhc, Furlong; hc, Dickens; c, Duke. BRIT. GOLD OR GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Stanger and Herdman, Goldfinch, good coloured, square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, well tanned chest, in nice order; 2, Allison, Bullfinch, good breast colour, nice cap, feather and wing bars; 3, Robson, Goldfinch, bright in face, good bars and buttons, chest well tanned; 4, no name, Bullfinch, nice cap and bars, a bit unsteady; vhc, hc, Harkney; c, Dickens. GREENFINCH (8): 1, no name in catalogue, grand jonque, good size, shape, body colour and wing bars; 2, no name, jonque, nice feather, colour and bars, a good one; 3 Maddison, buff, good size and shape, nice feather and bars; 4, no name, yell., most beautifully feathered and rich in colour, nice wing bars, on the small side; vhc, no name; hc, Markwell; c, McVay. A.O.V. BRIT. (11): 1, McVay, grand Chaffinch, nicely feathered, good whites and cap, very steady; 2, 4, Forster, nicely spangled and good coloured Bramble-finch, rich on breast, fourth Yellow Bunting, nicely marked and good in colour; 3, vhc, Maddison, nice feathered Crosshill, in the best of condition; hc, Hyslop; c, Shepherd and Son. LINNET (18): 1, 2, Pickles, grand coloured back, nicely pencilled on breast and sides, very steady and well polished, second another good one, close on heels of winner, stylish; 3, Stanger and Herdman, well pencilled, good shape and nice whites in wings; 4, vhc, Dunn, good shape and feather, nicely pencilled on breast; hc, Atess and Hanley; c, Cockburn. THRUSH, ETC. (8): 1, Bates Bros., grandly spotted Song Thrush, rare size, good feather and condition, bold head and eye; 2, McGin, lovely colour, distinct in spots, nice size; 3, hc, Dixon, nicely spotted and good in feather; 4, Smith, fine feather and shape, close up; vhc, Taylor; c, Bage. LARK (13): 1, Lawson, grandly pencilled, good size, colour and shape, shows well; 2, Bage, nicely marked, grand feather, comes well up to cage bow, beaten only in colour; 3, 4, Allaway, third grandly marked and good colour, shows well, but carried right wing down a little, fourth good in feather and nicely marked; vhc, King; hc, Potts; c, Appleby. A.O.V. BRIT. (6): 1, Lewis, Chough, good size, colour, bill and legs; 2, 3, Waters, second smart Nightingale, good colour and feather, third nice feathered and rich coloured Blackbird; 4, Forster. FOR. A.V. (5): 1, Young, grand Blue Mountain Lory, good colour and feather; 2, Gillespie, another fine exhibit; 3, Walton, nice pair Black-headed Gouldians; 4, McKenzie, good Diamond Finch, in nice feather; vhc, Taylor. YELL., 20/- (8): 1, Crockatt; 2, Woodhouse; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, Bainbridge and Dixon; hc, Binns; c, Richardson. DO. 15/- (10): 1, Crockatt; 2, Bainbridge and Dixon; 3, Woodhouse; 4, Hands; vhc, Tyson; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Hyslop. DO. 10/- (6): 1, Jobling; 2, Frenon; 3, Tyson; 4, Thompson; vhc, Woodhouse; hc, Duke. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, vhc, Alty; 2, c, Richardson; hc, Harris. BUFF: (8) 1, hc, c, Alty; 2, 3, vhc, Richardson. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, c, Richardson; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, hc, Alty. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Alty; 2, Thompson; 3, hc, c, Richardson. NOVICE A.V. (4): 1, O'Hagen; 2, 3, vhc, Harris. CREST HEN (3): 1, Tait; 2, 3, Sanderson. COCK (1): 1, Sanderson. C.B. COCK (4): 1, 2, Sanderson; 3, vhc, Donnelly. HEN (4): 1, Sanderson; 2, Donnelly. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Tait; 3, vhc, Donnelly CINN. (5): 1, vhc, c, Maughan; hc, 2, 3, Sanderson. BORDER YELL (9): 1, Bell; 2, 3, Bowen; vhc, Thompson; hc, Maughnn; c, Blore. BUFF (12): 1, Bell; 2, 3 Blore; vhc Thompson; hc, c, Bowen. YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Alty; 2, vhc, hc, Thompson; 3, Campbell; c, Furlong. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc, Thompson; 2, Allison; hc, c, O'Hagen. HEN (7): 1, 3, Allison; 2, hc, c, Thompson; vhc Campbell. NOVICE, BRED 1907 (13): 1, 3, Campbell; 2, c, Carrick; vhc, Metcalf; hc, Butler BRIT. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 3, Picken; 2, vhc, hc, Simmons. RED-POLL, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Furlong. A.O.V. FINCH (18): 1, Alty; 2, vhc, Allison; 3, Athey; hc, c, Furlong. MULE (2): 1, Allison; 2, Furlong. CAN. A.V. (7): 1, 3, hc, Thompson; 2, vhc, c, Bell. LINNET (21): 1 Alty; 2, 3, Wilkinson; vhc, Picken; hc, Navin; c, Fillary.

GRAND XMAS NUMBER NEXT WEEK.

LAUNCESTON (Cornwall.)

Show was held on November 20th, and turned out a success. The four Norwich classes were not well filled, but some of the best birds in England were exhibited. Mr. W. Parnell's Yellow, which won the special for the best in the show, was a nice, fat, chunky bird, splendid type, and a credit to the owner. Messrs. Spillman and Collins also exhibited some grand Norwich Clearies. In the Yorkshire classes some of the leading West country exhibitors were represented, and Messrs. Parnell and Son put down two clinking specimens, which carried off both first prizes. In the Mules class many birds could have won under different classification. Mr. R. Browning, who has been to the front with Mules, for many years, won 1st and 2nd with two birds that were turned out in the pink of condition. The Goldfinch class contained twelve entries, the winners being well selected. Many without a card had won elsewhere, but were not good enough at this show. The large and small British classes were well worth going a long way to see. In the former the well-known Cornish Chough, "Prince," easily held its own, being a fine specimen of this now very rare bird. "Prince" went direct from Launceston to Cardiff (next day), and pulled off another 1st prize, beating Messrs. Bossey's Jay, Howe's great Grey Shrike, and Munley's Waxwing. In the small British bird class five or six birds would have won had they competed in classes for their variety. A splendid Wryneck won first, and a grand Yellow-hammer was placed second. The Foreign class, although small in number, was well up in quality, a fine King Parrot leading the way. In the local classes Messrs. Gloyn, Stapleton, Hocking, and Sargent, and Mrs. Mules exhibited nice birds. The Judge, Mr. T. D. Deeble, Plymouth, had some splendid classes to sort out, and he took great pains, and, what is more, selected the best birds in each class. The hon. sec. was Mr. F. Bright, whose name is a guarantee of the efficiency with which this section was looked after. The points special was won by Mr. Spillman. OPEN CLASSES.—NOR., YELL.: 1, Parish; 2, vhc, Spillman; 3, Collings; hc, Hawkins; c, Gist. BUFF: 1, Collings; 2, Spillman; 3, Parish; vhc, Watson; hc, Sewery. HEN: 1, Collings; 2, Parish; 3, vhc, Spillman; hc, Watson. UNFLI.: 1, Spillman; 2, Collings; 3, Parish; vhc, Lobb; hc, Allen. YORK., YELL.: 1, Parnell and Sons; 2, Pincombe; 3, Martin; vhc, Webb; hc, Lashbrooke and Son; c, Bugle. BUFF: 1, Parnell and Son; 2, Farmer; 3, Thomas; vhc, Camp; hc, Martyn; c, Bassett. MULE: 1, 2, Browning; 3, vhc, F. Collings; hc, Watson; c, Pristcott. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (cage-moulted): 1, Clark; 2, Webb; 3, Polkinghorne; vhc, Rowe and Hancock; hc, Miss A. Giles; c, Farmer. BRIT. SMALL: 1, vhc, Thompson; 2, Camp; 3, Rowe and Hancock; hc, c, Mabbott and Jordan. LARGE: 1, Jones, Cornish Chough, "Prince"; 2, Thompson; 3, Camp; vhc, Pond; hc, Veale and Son. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Tremlett; 2, 3, Tarrelt; vhc, Rahey Bros. SELL. (10/-): 1, Roberts; 2, Rahey Bros.; 3, Watson; vhc, Allen; hc, Wilks; c, Webb. LOCAL CLASSES.—CANARY: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Gloyn; 3 vhc, Mrs. Mules; c, Gomm; c, Parsons. MULE: 1, 3, c, Stapleton; 2, Gloyn; vhc, Master Dingley; hc, Jasper. GOLDFINCH. BRIT (cage-moulted): 1, Hocking; 2, Sargent, jun.; 3, Gloyn; vhc, Miss O. Higman; two hc's, vbc, Stapleton; c, Tickle.

WOOLWICH.

The Woolwich P.S. held their 34th annual show in the spacious Drill Hall, on the 28th and 29th Nov. The cage bird section came up fairly well, although some amalgamation had to be resorted to. Mr. J. D. Reed, the secretary, had his hands full, but he acquitted himself splendidly. The show committee consisted of Messrs. Eves, Winder, Fairfield, and Curtis. Councillor J. J. Messent is president of the Society, Mr. H. P. Murphy, chairman of committee, and Messrs. C. H. Hitherstay and J. W. Ames, vice-chairmen. The quality of birds was very good, some very smart Norwich Plainheads being shown by Messrs. C. E. Silk, A. J. Kilby and other well known fanciers. In Mules and Lizards, which were sent by such men of renown as Messrs. Marshall, Parkman, Allison, Osborne, and others, an evidence of the quality to be met with. Cup for the best members' exhibit was won by Mr. F. Johnson with a Crest, and the other special winner were Messrs. Marshall, Golding, Pittis, Richardson and Johnson. The class for foreign birds was a very nice one, Miss Brammer winning with a grand pair of Lorries in beautiful feather. The Mule class contained a nice specimen of the Redpoll-Greenfinch Cross; Goldfinches were few in numbers, but top-op in quality; a spanking Linnet won in its class, and a lovely Chaffinch stood first in the A.O.S. Seedeaters. Members' classes came up well. Mr. Geo. Gardiner judged. OPEN CLASSES.—NORS. YELL.: (5) 2, Silk very stylish, looked as if it had had a rough journey; 3, vhc, Lowe. BUFF (6): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Bulgin, former neat and nice pose. NOR. (9): 1, Silk, ticked Buff, won easily, nice type and quality; 2, 3, hc, Kelly, Yellow, grizzled at root of tail, nice shape, lovely quality, third clear Buff, beautiful quality; res., Pavey, nice Yell., unfl., should make up well; vhc, no name; c, Martin. A.O.V. EXCEPT CRESTS (6): 2, Silk, Yell. Cinn., nice colour and quality; 3, res., Baker, Belgians of good stamp; vhc, Dr. Sedgwick. CRESTS (5): 2, 3, Mrs. Smith. MULES (5): 2, Gennell, Redpoll-Greenfinch, well shown; 3, Marshall, dark Goldfinch Canary, very good one; res., McLellan. SELL (20s.) (8): 1, Marshall; 2, Ackland; 3, hc, Dr. Sedgwick; res., Kilby; vhc, Mrs. Lowe; c, Mrs. Smith. GOLDIE. ETC. (5): 2, Allison, nice bars and buttons, in grand feather; 3, Wickham, topper close on heels; res., Gunnell; vhc, Worth, hc, Allison. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2 spls., Marshall, a beautiful Linnet, shone like glass and rich in colours; 3, Wickham, a pretty Siskin; res., Gunnell; vhc, Warren; hc, Simants. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (6): 1, Miss Brammer, really good Chaffinch, shown in nice feather; 3, Ackland, Hawfinch, good colour, bit soiled at end of tail; res., Gunnell; vhc, Simants; hc, Colcs. FOR (6): 1, Miss Brammer, Lorries; 3, res., Cushing, a Redrump and pair of Port Lincolns; vhc, Ackland; hc, c, Miss Coates. MEMBERS' CLASSES, YORKS. (5) 1, spl., Pittis, very stylish; vhc, spl., Golding; hc, Pittis; c, Newnham. NOR. CL. YELL (5): 1, hc, Richardson, winner well to the front in type, quality and colour; res., Marshall; vhc, Golding; hc, Pawley. BUFF (5): 1, spl., hc, Richardson, leader very typical and good feather; res., vhc, Marshall; c, Golding. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Richardson, grand quality, nice shape; vhc, Marshall; hc, Pittis. HEN (7): 1, res., vhc, hc, Marshall, nice quality; 2, Pittis, close up; c, Richardson. CREST OR C.-B. (7): 1, cup, spl., 2, res., Johnson, very nice Crest leading; vhc, hc, c, Harris. MULES (5): 1, Marshall, topping Greenfinch-Canary; res., vhc, Marshall; hc, Johnson; c, Worth. SELL (20s.) (6): 1, Marshall; 2, hc, Harris; vhc, Pittis; c, Richardson. SELL (10s.): 1, Marshall. GOLDIE. ETC. (6): 1, 2, Johnson, winner smart, well posted Goldfinch; res., Richardson; vhc, hc, Worth; c, Marshall. LINNET. ETC. (4): 1, Johnson, Linuet, wins; vhc, Marshall; hc, Worth; c, Johnson.

BERWICK.

Berwick and Dis. held their first annual exhibition on November 28th. The town Exchange, in which it was held, is an excellent hall for the purpose, being compact and splendidly lighted. The managing committee informed us that they would have it more comfortable still in future. As this was a first venture, of course these difficulties can scarcely all be surmounted at the first attempt. The staging was tastefully done, and presented a taking appearance. Berwick is a grand centre both as regards the number of fanciers and railway facilities. It is to touch with trains coming North and South, and this enabled fanciers to muster in goodly numbers. The list of office bearers was in itself sufficient to induce fanciers to help the society in their new venture, and this they did, a good entry turned up in most of the cage bird classes. President, Mr. H. G. M'Creath; vice-president, Mr. J. E. Carr; and chairman, Mr. W. K. M'Creath; committee, Messrs. R. Gray, G. Hogarth, J. L. M'Creath, J. Martin, W. Elder, T. Beveridge, T. Renwick, H. Thompson, W. Hay, T. Walker, A. Short, A. Thompson; auditors, Messrs. R. Calder and J. Peacock. The show secretaries, Messrs. Smart and Hay, are too well known in the Fancy to be introduced here; both worked with untiring energy for the welfare of the show. Two better adapted secretaries could not be found, and it is very gratifying to learn that everything passed off smoothly under their charge. We were pleased to see Mr. A. Hay again on the show bench with his team, the largest in the show, and it was surprising to learn that this was the only time he had exhibited this season, pressing duties keeping him from the bench. In the small British Hardbills he turned out an easy winner with one of the finest hen Greenfinches we have seen staged this season. Most of the above committee are well known fanciers, and we must congratulate them on the efficient manner in which their several duties were carried out. Scotch Fancies were short in entries, but a few very good specimens were staged. Norwich contained some extra fine birds and of grand type, the winning Buff Plainhead securing the special award for best Norwich in show. Border classes came out in full force, and a few eye-openers were here on view. Buff cocks and hens were grand classes, and contained many a real good one. Selling classes came up in strong force, and contained some very useful birds, while a number of these found new owners. Entries totalled 227 in open classes, and members' classes nombered 67. Mr. R. S. Bewick, Chester-le-Street had the judging of Norwich, variety British and Mules, and Mr. W. Bell, Jedburgh, judged the Border and Scotch Fancies and A.O.V. classes. Their awards were very well received, little adverse comment being heard.

Critique.

SCOTCH FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Lugton, good length of body, nice drive and droop; 2, Little, heavy topped one, deep rib, lovely circle; 4, Gladston; 5, Thompson. BUFF (2): 1, Hyde's special, 2, Thompson, warmer grand size and make, very stylish; 2nd another good bird. A.O. COL. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Lugton, ticd, A1 top and fine reach, very nervy; 2, Little, well put together. BUFF (5): 1, Elder, leading with nice green, well filled up shoulders and back, good drive; 2, Lugton, very similar stamp; 3, 4, Thompson, good ones. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Cameron, very neatly rounded body, nice head and eye, best of colour, wins well; 2, 3, 5, Grey, good colour, well laid on flight; 4, Rowell, sound colour, good back; 6, Gardiner. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 7, Grey, one of the real Bullie stamp, grand in head, back and short wings, best of chests and neatly rounded; 2, Brown, grand quality all over; 3, Cameron, splendid feather and finish. A.O. COL.: 1, Grey, very fine var. yell., good size, fine feather; 2, Cameron, very hot and level colour. UNFLI. YELL. (8): 1, Brown, best of heads, well set on, neat wings, good exhibit; 3, Gardiner, hot colour, good feather and finish; 4, 5, a Hodgson; good finish; 6, Grey; 7, Gray. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Cameron, first again leading with a splendid var., very short, grand quality, wins well; 2nd also A1 type and finish; 3, Brown, good colour, nice head; 4, Grey, nat. col., of good substance, A1 head and front; 5, Hay; 6, Marshall; 7, Makins. BORDERS CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Wilson, good feather, neat head and back, finely turned front; 2, Patterson, very neat in head and body, good pipe tail, close up; 3, 4, Poole, nice body, fairly well rounded in front; 5, 6, Smart; 7, Hopper Bros. HEN (15): 1, Johnston and Young, good head, back, and flights; 2, Bennet, grand colour, very neat head, nicely rounded front; 3, 6, Poole, wee bit unsteady, good quality; 4, 5, 7, Smart. BUFF CK. (19): 1, 2, spl, best Border in show, Bennet, pair of beauties, shown in pink of condition; 3, spl, Wilson, very neat head and body, best of wings; 4, Hopper Bros., good feather, nice style, well drawn body; 5, Dippie; 6, Watson; 7, Hay. HEN (22): Grand class here, and contained some real gems; 1, 2, Bennet, leader Glasgow winner, rare feather, very neat body, best of tails, closely pressed by 2nd, Perth winner, polished like satin, one of the best we have seen this season; 3, Wilson, A1 type and finish, lovely feather, neat wings and carriage, good enough to win at most shows; 4, Russell, grand stamp, also neat head, back, and tail, not much behind; 5, Shiel; 6, Brown; 7, Hopper Bros. EVEN MARK. (3): 1, and B.F.C. medal, Johnston and Young, good type and colour; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, St. Boswell's winner, looking very fit, heavier markings; 3, Jeffary, good markings, nice stamp. UNEVEN MARK, ETC. (15): 1, Bennet, again leading with a neat lady, 3-pointer, the Morpeth winner, very neat head, good short wings and best of tails; 2, Wilson, 3-pointed, in splendid feather, close up; 3, Patterson, cinn. mark, lovely feather, good wings and front; 4, Johnston and Young, the old hero of many a hard battle, looking better than last season; 5, Smart; 6, Russell; 7, Walker. GREEN, ETC (6): 1, Bennet, green, of grand grassy colour, fine pencilling; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, also green of good sound colour, shade duller feather; 3, Brown, cinn., good type and quality; 4, Johnston and Young, good cinn.; 5, 6, Hadwin. A.O.V. (6): 1, Bennet, buff Belgian, good depth of body, fine stand and droop; 2, 5, 6, Gladston, also Belgians; second yell. tick, good reachy body, good depth; 3, Fairbairn and Foreman, crest, nice body, good droop and radiation of crest; 4, Elder, Belgian, good square shoulders. LIGHT CLR. ETC. (5): 1, Bruce, leading with well-known var. Linnet-Mule, good size, very neat shape; 2, 4, Fairbairn and Foreman; 3, Suthern; 5, Shanks. DARK CAN.-MULE: 1, Reid, Goldie-Mule. SELL., 20/- (3): 1, Gardiner; 2, Bennet; 3, Makins. 10/- (14): 1, Bennet; 2, Rowell; 3, Scott; 4, Schooler; 5, Arnot and Jamieson; 6, 7, Nichol. 7/6 (13): 1, Dippie; 2, Bennet; 3, Hay; 4, Mason; 5, Hay; 6, Walker; 7, Scott. LINNET (3): 1, Cormack, sound, nut brown colour, nice markings; 2 Cochrane, nice body and colour; 3, Frizzle, similar in colour, fine shape. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, Hay; 2 Montague; 3, Rennison; 4, Miller; 5, Smart. LARGE: 1, Schooler, good Song Thrush; 2, Kinghorn; 3, 4, Roper. FOR. (8): 1, Mason, leading with a splendid Tanager; 2, 5, Bruce; 3, Montague; 4, 5, Short; 6, 7, Grey. LARGE: 1, Mackenzie, 2, Knox, 3, Sutherland, 4, Burns. HYDE'S (11): 1, Thompson MEMBERS' CLASSES: SCOT FCY. YELL.: 1, Gladston; 2, 3, Thompson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Thompson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Benning. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hay; 4, 5, Marshall. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Smart; 2, 7, Walker. BUFF: 1, 2, Smart; 3, 6, Hay; 4, 5, 7, Walker. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Gladston. BUFF: 1, 2, Gladston. BRIT.: 1, Hay; 2, Schooler; 3, Roper; 4, Smart. CAN OR MULE, AMATEUR: 1, 4, 6, Benning; 2, 3, Marshall; 5, R. Marshall; 7 Schooler. NOVICE: 1, 2, 4, Benning; 3, 5, Marshall.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.O.B.

The annual autumn event in connection with this popular and ever-increasing society was held at the Church Institute, Marylebone, Nov. 22nd and 23rd, and eclipsed all previous association records. To have to chronicle an entry of 456 at a members' show is a pleasant task, and compliments are the subject of the record. Anyone who visited the show could not fail to realise that the Association not only enjoyed popularity, but must inevitably be exercising a power for good upon the Fancy in London. The magnificent array of cups, shields, and other like trophies of interest was an eye-opener. The arrangements and the general management of the show, too, were smoothly, courteously, and methodically conducted by that astute, clever, kindly and practical secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, who has few equals in enthusiasm, certainly few superiors. The 433 entries represented the contributions of 58 exhibitors, so that a satisfactory proportion of the membership took part. The quality of the exhibits all round was excellent, and the number of visitors large, representing a substantial "gate." Catalogues sold rapidly. Canon and Mrs. Barker (the former of whom is the president of the Association), visited the show and amongst other London fanciers we noticed Messrs. Vane, Banoy, Frostick, Tomber, Geo. Gardner, Turner, R. J. Pretty, R. L. Crisp, Tyson, Lilley, Birch, Adamthwaite, Dewhurst, Norman, Trower, and Newley. The winners of cups were Coronation, Mr. Easterling; Yorks., Mr. Crisp; Nor., Mr. Curtis; Novice, Mr. Watling; shield, Mr. Lazarus; crest cup, Mr Shepherd; Novice crest, Mr. Dickinson; hen, Mr. Pooley; Mayfair, Mr. Rouse; Grosvenor, Mr. Curry; Trower, Mr. Francis; Wynne points, Mr. Wyse, best in show, Mr. Pooley (Crests, best Brit., Mr. Francis (Woodpecker). Last year the entries totalled 315, so that the entries exceed last year's total by 100 or more, and the list of prizes included the magnificent total of 95 specials, including 13 cups. The chairman of the council (Mr. A. C. Burn) was most assiduous in his efforts to make the show a success, and every member of the council work'd heart and soul to the same end. Mr. J. Robson judged Canaries, and Mr. C. Prior Mules, Brit. and For. Speaking generally, the Nor. Plains, in all sections, made a grand show. Crests, too, although not so numerous, were of highly meritorious quality. Yorks. were A1, and the Brit. section was a treat to see. The show was a really grand success, and should do much to augment the membership of the Association.

CHAMPION SECTION: NOR. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Curtis; 2, Rennie; vhc, Wynn; hc, Hart; c, Cooper Bros. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Curtis; 2, Rennie; 3, hc, c, Wynn; vhc, spl, Goodall. HEN (15): 1, vhc, Curtis; 2, 3, hc, Cooper Bros.; vhc, Rennie; c, Goodall. CRESTS CL. (4): 1, 3, Pooley; 2, France. CRESTS, A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Pooley; 2, France. C.B. (4): 1, spl, 2, France; 3, vhc, Pooley. YORKS YELL. (12): 1, 2, Easterling; 3, vhc, Hawes; hc, Davis; c, Rennie. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Crisp; 2, Burton; hc, c, Easterling. HEN (10): 1, Easterling; 2, hc, Burton; 3, Rennie; c, Davis. CINN. (12): 1, Wynn. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Goodall. AMATEUR SECTION: NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Burn. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, Buckman; vhc, hc, c, Burn. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Burn. CRESTS CL. (1): Offord. CRESTS A.O.V. (2): 1, spl., 2, Lazarus. C.BRED (4): 1, shield, 3, Lazarus; 2 vhc, Offord. YORKS YELL. (2): 1, 2, Lewis. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Lewis. HEN (2): 1, 2, Lewis. NOVICE SECTION, NOR. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Hamlin; 2, vhc, Wheller; 3, c, Lathlieff; hc, Kelly. BUFF (5): 1, Hamlin; 2, vhc, Kelly; 3, hc, Lathlieff. HEN (7): 1, spl, Hamlin; 2, vhc, Kelly; 3, c, Wheller; hc, Lathlieff. CRESTS, CL. (8): 1, spl, 2, Dickinson; 3, Ashby; vhc, hc c, Offord. CRESTS, A.O.V. (12): 1, hc, c, Dickinson; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Shepherd. C.BRED (11): 1, Bryant; 2, hc, Offord; 3, Ashby; vhc, c, Dickinson. YORKS. YELL. (20): 1,spl, 3, Page; 2, vhc, Allen; 3, Menhenett; hc, Simpson; c, Pullinger. BUFF (18): 1, Menhenett; 2, Knight; 3, hc Allen; vhc, Morrison (2). HEN (20): 1, Allen; 2, vhc, Page; 3, Watling; vhc, Pullinger; hc, c, Hodges. CINN. BUFF: 1, Miss Shepherd. PURE BRED NOR. (2): 1, Hart; 2, Miss Shepherd. CRESTS (3): 1, Shepherd; 2, 3, Pooley. C.BREDS (2): 1, Pooley; 2, Shepherd. YORKS.: 1, Knight. CINN. (3): 1, 2, Wynn; 3, Miss Shepherd. OPEN NOR., NAT. COL (3): 1, spl, 2, Curtis; 3, Large. YORKS. NAT. COL (5): 1, spl, 3, Page; 2, Ducker; vhc Watling. LIZARDS (6): 1, spl, 2 3 vhc, hc, c, Wynn. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (4): 1, spl, Goodall; 2, spl, Dickinson; 3, Mrs. Cooper. DARK (8): 1, Martin; 2, Wyse; 3, Thorpe; vhc, hc, Elgar; c, R. Elgar; (purchased): 1, Wyse. BRIT. COLD FINCH (16): 1 spl, vhc, hc, Rouse; 2, vhc, Francis; 3, Wyse; hc, Ducker. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Vincent; 2, 3, Francis; vhc, Wyse; hc, Simpson. GREENFINCH (12): 1, spl, Goodall; 2, Morrison; 3, hc, Francis; vhc, Thorpe; c, Curry. LINNET (13): 1, spl, 2, Goodall; 3, Curry; vhc, hc, Wyse. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, spl, Francis; 2, hc, Rouse; 3, Goodall; vhc, Wyse; c, Miss Shepherd. REDPOLL (12): 1, spl, Goodall; 2, Curry; 3 Easterling; vhc, Morrison; hc, c, Wyse. A.O.S. FINCH (14): 1, spl, 2, Francis; 3, Morrison; vhc, Curry, Hawes; hc, c, Rouse. BUNTINGS (16): 1, spl, Curry; 2, c, Wynn; 3, vhc, Francis; vhc, spl, hc, Wynn. FINCH, ETC. HEN (11): 1, spl, Thorpe; 2, Francis; 3, Curry; vhc, c, Rouse; hc, Wynn. SOFTBILL, SMALL (9): 1, Goodall; 2 Vincent; 3, vhc Francis; hc, c, Morrison. SOFT BILL, LARGE (9): 1, spl, 3, hc, Francis; 2, Goodall; vhc, Hawes; c, Mrs. Maher. RARE FEATHERED: 1, Rouse. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2 spl, Miss Shepherd. LARGE: 1, 2, Miss Shepherd. SELL. 30/- (2): 1, Hawes; 2, Burton. 15/- (4): 1, Hawes; 2, Martin; 3, vhc, Offord. PAIRS, 30/- (2): 1 Martin; 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, hc, Bryant; vhc, Hodges; c, Trussler. DO. 40/- (6): 1, c, Curtis; 2, Davis; 3, Cooper Bros.; vhc, Hawes; hc, Lazarus.

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WINSFORD (Cheshire).

Third annual show took place in the Town Hall, on Nov. 30th. The hall is a capital place, being well lighted, warm and quite free from draughts. Entries came up well, numbering 128, an average of nearly thirteen per class. Bullfinches always turn up in strong force, a great number being kept in the district, and some of them without a doubt are capable of holding their own with the best. The Goldfinch class of 19 was a fine one, containing some capital Finches. Mr. Bowes held the whip hand, capturing first and second. The winning Bullie of Mr. Wigley's is a gem, and held same position last year. The Nightingale belonging to Mr. Williams, which stood at the head of the A.O.V. is a very fine specimen, one of the best on the show bench to-day. Mr. Brotherhood's champion Waxwing, which accounted for the first card in the large British, was the centre of attraction to many of the visitors. The Linnet-Bullie belonging to Mr. Pitchford, easily accounted for the Mule or Hybrid class, and, shown in lovely bloom, was awarded the spl for best in show. Canaries are not catered for very lavishly. We think the committee would do well to add a few more classes of the popular varieties to the schedule another year. The four classes that were provided contained some very typical specimens, and the winning birds were generally well selected. The exhibits were nicely staged (except the Yorks. which were "skid" a little too much) and were well looked after by an enthusiastic committee, a capital hard working body of fanciers. Mr. Ollier, the hon. sec., had everything well in hand, and a better man to fill his unenviable post it would be hard to find, he being courteous and obliging to all. The "gate" came up well, the platform where the birds were staged being pretty well packed nearly the whole of the time. Two classes in our section failed to come up to the requisite number to entitle them to full prize-money, but we understand full money will be paid throughout; the committee are to be complimented for so doing. Mr. H. Tams judged.

GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (19): 1, spl, 2, Bower leads, a magnificent Finch, very expansive blaze, well cut, grand colour, very rich tanning, good bars and buttons, very smart carriage, second trifle large, very rich blaze, smart; 3, E. Weedall, nice bird, good face, wings and body colour; vhc, Thompson, Kennerley; hc, Sandbach; c, Birtwistle. LINNET (19): 1, spl, Bower, sweet shape, rich colour, wealth of lacing carried well down, nice style, in lovely bloom; 2, Pitchford, nice size and shape, good body colour, and breast work; 3, E. Weedall, good shape and colour; res., Taylor, very cobby bird; vhc, Joynson, Clark; hc, Curzon; c, Crimes. BULLFINCH (14): 1, spl, Wigley, marvel for shape, large well cut cap, very dense in colour, well domed, wing bars, grand back, lovely condition, house moulted; 2, Davies, better breast colour than winner (field plomage), nice wing bars, size and shape; 3, Bradburn, very smart Bullie, very similar to winner, only trifle smaller; res., J. W. Weedall, another good one; vbc, Birtwistle; hc, Acton, Sadler; c, Johnson. A.O.V. SMALL (15): 1, spl, Williams, magnificent Nightingale, good size and colour, very steady, carries a lovely bloom, well shown; 2, Bower, nice shape and size, natural coloured Greenfinch, good wings, well put down; 3, J. W. Weedall, air Chaffinch, not over large, nice breast colour and wings; res., Moot, nice sized and conditioned Bramble; vhc, Ollier and Blackburn, very fine Reed Bunting, shown in lovely condition, very steady, pressed; hc, Hanson, Weedall; c, Davies. LARGE (6): 1, spl, Brotherhood, well known Waxwing, in fine form, so often described needs no further comment; 2, Moot, very nice Song Thrush, good size and colour, nicely mooned, in good feather; 3, c, S. Weedall, well known Redwing, looking rather "down" to-day; res., Tomkinson, nice steady Starling; vhc, Wigley. YORKS. CK. (11): 1, spl, Gray, smart unflighted Buff, nice shape, well filled in neck, good quality, well up on legs; 2, Hawley, very fine, well drawn yell., grand shape and style; 3, Knowles, very stylish tick buff, rare length and type, well carried wings and tail; res., E. Weedall, yell., nice length and type; vhc, Goodall; hc, Williams. HEN (13): 1, spl, 2, Gray leader very stylish buff, good length and position, rare quality and condition, second very capital length, straight as a pencil, wings well carried; 3, Knowles, yell., eked on head, nice level colour, good type; res., Simcock, fine clear yell.; vhc, Weedall; hc, Goodall; c, Hawley. NORWICH CK. (12): 1, spl, Spilsbury, hot coloured yell., some thought lucky; 2, Wootton, very chubby tick buff, rare back, head and chest, grand quality; 3, vhc, Crimes, very compact tick, unfli. yell., rare head, short, thick neck, good back and chest, nice wings and tail, hardly so good in colour as first; res., Perry, nice ticked buff; hc, Williams; c., Pitchford. HEN (6): 1, spl, Williams, buff, lovely shape and full of quality, grand head and neck, nice short tail, carries a lovely bloom, Stanley, etc., winner; 2, Wootton, gem for type and quality, but looking puffy to-day; 3, res., Crimes, ticked buff, grand shape, very short in flights and tail, nice condition; res. nice quality yell.; hc, c, Spilsbury. MULES (13): 1, spl, 3, Pitchford, leader very fine Linnet-Bullie, nice colour, shows parentage distinctly, in capital condition, takes spl. for best bird in show, third very smart Siskin-Greenfinch, in lovely bloom; 2, Robinson, very fair, uneven buff Gold-Can.; vhc, J. W. Weedall, dark Gold-Can., nice size and colour, Palace winner, hard lines; hc, E. Weedall; c, Henderson.

ORMSKIRK.

A capital collection of birds and a good attendance of the public was the outcome of the second members' show of the Ormskirk and Dis C.B.S., held on Nov. 30th, in the clubroom at the rear of the "Buck i' th' Vine" Hotel. Mr. P. Waring, of Preston, again handled the birds in a very satisfactory manner. Awards:—YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, Field; vhc, hc, c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Gardner; 3, vhc, Lewis; hc, Walker; c, Field. CL. ETC. HEN: 1, spl, 2, c, G. J. Johnson; 3, vhc, Walker; hc, Gardner. GREEN CK.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Leatherbarrow; 2, hc, Field. HEN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Leatherbarrow; vhc, Field. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL CK: 1, spl, 2, Tasker; 3, T. Johnson; vhc, Walker. BUFF: 1, spl, Tasker; 2, 3, T. Johnson; vhc, c, Lindsay. CL. ETC., HEN: 1, spl, 2, T. Johnson; 3, vhc, Tasker; hc, c, Lindsay. A.O.V.: 1, T. Johnson. HYB: 1, spl, 2, T. Johnson; 3, Lewis; vhc, Radcliffe. BROWN LINNET: 1, spl, Moss; 2, Lindsay; 3, Lewis; vhc, Walker; hc, Mawdsley. BRIT HARDBILL: 1, spl., and spl. for best Hardbill in show, Tasker; 2, 3, Moss; extra 3, Lindsay; vhc, c, T. Johnson; hc, G. J. Johnson. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, spl, hc, T. Johnson; 2, 3, Hesketh; vhc, Lindsay. SMALL: 1, spl., spl. for best Softbill and Silver Medal for best bird in show, 2 3, Walker (Nightingales and Yellow Wagtail). FOR: 1, spl, G. J. Johnson; 2, hc, Walker; 3, vhc, Moss. SELL: 1, spl, Gardner; 2, Tasker; 3, Tiffen; vhc, T. Johnson; hc, Walker. Special for most points in Yorks classes, Leatherbarrow. Special for most points in show, Walker. T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

EARLESTON.

Earlston O.S. held their annual show in the Corn Exchange on 30th November. The society has an excellent official in their secretary, Mr. J. Brockie, whilst the treasurer, Mr. A. Purvis, and the committee, are all good fanciers, Messrs. Pringle, Cairney, Purvis, Aitchison, Stallord, Morris, Murdison, Couchy, Aitken, Leslie, Bannerman, and Lamb, working very hard. Cage birds were well up to this society's average entry, and in the various classes were some very select specimens. The Border Fancies were quite the feature of th show.

BORDER CL. YELL. OR FOUL CK. (5): 1, 2, Lamont, leading with the Galashiels winner, looking very fit, 2nd neat head and wings, sound level colour; 3, Linton, good body, well carried flights; 4, Brockie, neat short wings, nicely rounded body; 5, 7, Brockie; 6, Thompson. HEN (4): 1, spl, Bennet, beauty for type, sprightly carriage, well drawn; 2, Brockie, good type, well placed wings and neat tail; 3, Blackie, similar type, neat head; 4, Brockie. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Bennett, former model for type and condition, well drawn, 2 better colour, grand position, hardly ready; 3, McKenzie, good in type, neat head, well placed wings, not much behind; 4, Blackie, stronger build, good feather; 5, Aitchison; 6, Bruce; 7, Arnot and Jamieson. HEN (6): 1, spl and spl best opposite sex to medal winner, Bennet, with his Perth winner, tick head, on of the best for type, neat head well rounded, full body, well drawn; 2, Gilchrist, clear, good type, jaunty carriage, neat tail; 3, Sinton, neat head good wings, 4, Arnot and Jamieson, neat body, good carriage; 5, Gordon; 6, Brockie. EVEN MARK. (4): 1, B.F.C. medal, Gilchrist, buff, in good feather, well balanced markings; 2, McKenzie, well-known winner, nice markings and feather; 3, Watson, yell., fair good markings; 4, Wood. UNEVEN, ETC., VAR. AND YELL. (5): 1, Gilchrist, good in type and finish, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Bennet, 3-pointer, good markings, well placed wings, neat tail; 3, Brockie, neat type, well finished; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, nice one; 5, Aitchison. BUFF (10): 1, Gilchrist, good body, neat carriage, A1 feather; 2, Cockburn, lovely tapered body, neat head, just a shade finely drawn; 3, Brockie, similar stamp, jaunty carriage, fine free head; 4, Robertson, good type and feather; 5, Thomson; 6, McKenzie; 7, Arnot and Jamieson. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, 4, Thomson, good in ground-colour and pencilling, neat type; 2, Bennet, real grass green, nicely pencilled, hardly fit; 3, Blackie, similar type, good colour; 5, Gordon; 6, Arnot and Jamieson. NOR BUFF (3): 1, Cameron, var., A1 type, lovely mealed feather, hot colour; 2, Pringle, good colour, nice body; 3, Lugton, typical well finished. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, 2, Brown, very neat cut blaze, excellent wing bars, 2 nice rich body colour; 3, Hardy. BULLFINCH: 1, Laidlaw, neat cap and rich body colour; 2, Ford, heavier body, deep colour; 3, Small, neat type; 4, Winton; 5, Russell; 6, McQuillan. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Bruce, lovely rich plumage, neatly shaped body, wins well; 2, Bell, good colour, neatly modelled; 3, Gordon Bros., larger body, nice shape; 4, Small, similar make, good in feather; 5, Dick. LINNET: 1, spl, Brown, nice nut-brown colour, good pencillings; 2, Butler; 3, Campbell. LARGE: 4, spl., Sinton, well known Field arc. 2 Ro- n, good feathered Magpie; 3, Blackie, nice Hawfinch. SMALL: 1, Montague, Grey Wagtail; 2, Laidlaw, Meadow Pipit; 3, Sinton; 4, Ford; 5, Bell. . n Bennet won the gold medal for most points in Border Fancy classes.

EGREMONT (Cumberland).

The Twelfth Annual Show of this Society was held on November 29th and 30th, in the Town Hall, a place well adapted to such a show—good top light and all exhibits staged at a convenient height. Norwich opened the programme; although not large in numbers, they were grand in quality. The winning yellow hen is a beauty, not her first win, and will be heard of again. Messrs. Moffat, Younghusband and Wilcock put some rare teams down. Yorkshires were very strong both in numbers and quality, and Messrs. Stewart, Wilcock, Brown, Irwin and others put down teams which did credit to them. Border Fancies came up badly three classes out of the five provided having to be cancelled. There were only 12 entries in the two remaining classes. Surely Egremont deserve better patronage than this, how can show committees give good classification when badly supported? British birds were also somewhat badly supported, four classes having to be cancelled. The Goldfinches were a splendid lot, tho winner being a real gem. Linnets numbered 25, and gave the judge some work to separate. The Committee worked hard and well ,and every praise is due to them for the manner in which they attended to all the exhibits. The secretaries are Messrs. Woodburn and Lucas, to whom much credit is due for the safe and successful conduct of the show. Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, placed the awards, which on the whole, were favourably received.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Wilcock, grand type, colour and quality, wins; 2, Croucher, good type and style; 3, vhc, hc, Moffat; 3rd, very similar bird in type to winner; 2, Younghusband, wrong class ticked thighs. BUFF (6): 1, Younghusband, splendid shape, good head and neck, wins; 2, res, vhc, Moffat, second, a chubby bird, good colour and quality; 3, Younghusband, very typical; vhc, Todd, big bouncing bird. TICK, F'C., YELL. (5): 1, Younghusband, grizzle neck, grand type, colour and quality; 2, Moffat, similar, runs winner hard; 3, Moffat, marked on saddle, short tight feathered bird; res, Moffat; vhc, Sumpton. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Wilcock, head and neck marked, a heavily var., pair of very good birds, rare type and colour; 3, Todd, marked cap, splendid type, grand colour and quality, close up; ros, Moffat; vhc, Younghusband; hc, Croucher; c, Wilson. HEN (5): 1, 3, Moffat, Lt. yell. eye and wing mark, rare type, colour and quality, grand exhibit, wins easily; 3rd, very neat exhibit; 2, Younghusband, clear yell. short chubby good-necked bird; res, Wilcock; vhc, Sumpton.—SELL (4): 1, 3, Moffat, 1, yell. marked eyes and wing, nice quality; 3rd, clear buff, good quality of feather; 2, Wilson, buff marked neck, neat type and quality; res, Noble, nat. col., one out of condition. YORKS. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Bradley, long, slim, nicely drawn bird, well up on leg; 2, res, Stewart; 2nd, rare shape, good quality, grand wing carriage, stands on good legs, res, neat, well drawn exhibit; 3, Wilcock, nice build and fairly well drawn; vhc, Douglas; hc, Irwin; No. 5, Coulson and Woods, wrong class, ticked; No. 6, Fisher, wrong class, ticked. BUFF (10): 1, Ferguson, long, grandly drawn, well up on leg, and good wing carriage; 2, Wilcock, good colour and quality; 3, c, Brown, very nice and well drawn; res, Bradley; vhc, Coulson and Woods; hc, Fisher. TICK ETC., YELL. (14): 1, res, Stewart, 1st smart, racy bird, well up on leg, good colour and quality; res, cap and wing mkd and well drawn; 2, Irwin, marked wings, nice quality; 3, Brown, grizzle shoulder and marked wing, splendid colour, nice shape and quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Douglas; c, Milner. BUFF (7): 1, Irwin, eyes and wing mkd, grand quality, well up on leg; 2, Brown wing marked, Whitehaven winner, well drawn, nice quality, vhc, hc, Tweedie; c, Wilcock. HANS (12): A grand class no less than six birds which have won 1sts under different judges, 1, Douglas, clear yell., splendidly moulded grand quality and colour, good wing carriage, 2, 3, res, Stewart, a speciality trio, 2 bun leading, each of them been firsts before, well drawn, excellent quality of feather and well up on leg, very hard to separate; res, clear yell., long, slim, well drawn hen, good style; vhc, Wilcock, slim and typical; hc, Irwin; c, Ferguson, Whitehaven winner, not looking at her best. SELL. (12): 1, Douglas, clear yell., neat, short feathered bird, grand style, a good one; 2, Park, ticked bodied bull, nice and long, 3, res, Stewart, 3rd, yell., smart exhibit, neat head, well drawn; vhc, Bradley; hc, Irwin; c, Pearson. BORD. FANCY TICK, ETC., DEEP (9): 1, 2, Levason, marked winged leading, tight feathered, good type and quality; 2nd, similar and runs winner close; 3, Elwood, ticked over eyes, splendid quality and smart action; res, Poole, grizzle head, nice colour and quality, moved with freedom; vhc, Simon. HEN (6): 1, 2, Poole, evenly marked bull leading, splendid colour, neat head, nice pair of wings; 2, yell.-marked on wing and over beak, jaunty and graceful exhibit; 3, Douglas, clear yel., slim; res, Wilson, evenly-marked bull, looked soft when we saw it; vhc, hc, Levason. SELL. (15): (2). 1, Johnstone, dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cheap bird, 2, Sumpton, bull Nor., good type and quality, could win in the open; 3, Elwood, Scotch Fancy, Cleator, Moor second and Whitehaven winner, very cheap, would win its seat very soon; res, vhc, Monat. DARK CANARY MULE (9): 1, res, Davies, 1st, large Linnet-Canary Mule, splendid shape, and markings shown in tip-top condition, res, nice Goldfinch; 2, 3, Dixon, Greenfinch and Linnet, Greenfinch leading, showing the Greenfinch properties, good shape and colour; 3, sweet Linnet; vhc, hc, Bertram and Bell, Linnet and Greenfinch; c, Johnstone, Linnet. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, 2, 3, Kearton and Winter, winner a splendid bird, grand square blaze, good bars, hard to find fault with; 2nd, another good one; 3rd, fine big Finch, good bars and buttons; res, Rundle, nice little Finch, good blaze, brown; vhc, Murphy and Jenkinson; hc, Watson; c, Carlyle. LINNET (35): 1, res, Kearton, big bouncing Linnet, beautifully pencilled and well staged; res, nice colour; 2, Mrs. Wilson, very fair size; 3, Keough, similar in many respects to winner; vhc, Kearton and Winter; hc, Carlyle; c, Hilton. FOR. (5): 1, Tyson, Macaw, Whitchaven winner; 2, 3, res, Thompson, splendid trio Red-sided Eclectus, often described, leading; 3rd, blue-fronted Amazon; res, nice Alexandrine Parrakeet; vhc, Murphy and Jenkinson.

HUTHWAITE.

The first annual show of the newly-formed Huthwaite and district C.B.S. was held Nov. 30, in the large room of the "Workpeople Inn," Huthwaite, a room well adapted to the purposes of a show, having a good light and a very cheerful appearance. The birds were well staged, where they could be seen to the best advantage, not a bird being in the shadow. The management was excellent, judging was over in good time and cards were up and the doors opened punctually at the hour advertised. Mr. Thomas Dove, Sutton-in-Ashfield, judged, and although he had only about 80 birds to place, we did not envy him his task, for this was no ordinary local show, every bird staged being a winner in the best company. The competition was a battle royal, amongst giants. There was not a waster in the whole show, and all were put down as only such men as those named in the list of awards can put them down. The committee consisted of the following fanciers, all being well-known as exhibitors and some of them as leading judges, Messrs. W. Vardy, J. Driver, J. Ingram, J. Vaughan, J. Adnett, F. Beardall, G. Walker, J. Hatton and treasurer and chairman, Mr. Geo. Marshall. The secretary is Mr. J. Thompson; he was courteous to everyone, and has a quiet, smooth, but determined way of "bossing his show" which spells success as a show secretary. It will be noticed that there is a general lack of vhc, hc, and c cards; these men do not believe in what they call "codding cards," and if their birds are not good enough in the best company to get in the money, they do not care for the mere paper card. Two silver medals were given for best red fed birds, Mr. W. Vardy taking Sandiford's, and Messrs. Adnett and Driver, Peats' medal.

NOR. YELL. COCK (5): 1, Beardall and Walker, grand yell., chest like a Bullie, neck well filled and good colour; 2, 3, Marshall and Vaughan second nice size, third equally good; vhc, Vardy, very close up. BUFF (6): 1, Marshall and Vaughan, grand bird, full of substance, frosted like silver; 2, Beardall and Walker, well-known grizzled back, very taking exhibit, full of life, good drive, well cut away, always one to be reckoned with; 3, vhc, Vardy, both well known. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Adnett and Driver, leads well to-day; 2, Beardall and Walker; 3, vhc, Vardy, full of quality. BUFF (5): 1, Vardy, sweet, even-marked, tight, and full of bloom, real little Nor. lady; 2, Beardall and Walker, clear hen of undoubted merit; 3, Butler, good hen, in good company; vhc, Marshall and Vaughan. YELL. CNFLI. (4): 1, 2, Vardy, leader best type; second, good, a red-hot one; 3, Adnett and Driver, young grizzle necked, ought to be heard of when over next moult; vhc, Twine. BUFF (5): 1, Vardy, grand clear; 2, Beardall and Walker, ticked bird, with wonderful record, never before beaten, little soft to-day, looking tired; 3, Adnett and Driver, wing and neck marked Nor. all over; vhc, Butler, tight as wax. DARK CREST CK. (3): 1, Osborne, nice wing marked; 2, Nuttall, similar bird; 3, Riley, broken green. HEN (3): 1, Riley, dark var. buff, had just been made a K.C.B.; 2, Osborne, var. buff, nice type; 3, Lane, good quality. CREST (1): 1, spl, Riley. CRESTBRED CK. (1): Nuttall. HEN (3): 1, Lane, green hen, useful stock hen; 2, var., close up; 3, Osborne, clear hen of good feather. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Wilson var. yell. easy first; 2, Smedley, another var. BUFF: 1, Wilson, neat bird; 2, Smedley, well up to winner. MULE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Vardy grand dark Lin. Can. leading today, followed by the old 4-point Goldie-Can; 3, Longton, sweet Goldie-Can, saddle and head marked. NOR. STOCK, PAIRS (9): 1, 3, Marshall and Vaughan, var. yell. cock, buff hen, grand pair, hen perfect beauty, third very similar pair; 2, Adnett and Driver, grizzle head buff cock, yell. hen, little to choose in three, all good winners; vhc, Beardall and Walker, very useful looking; hc, Vardy, all close up, a truly grand class. NOR. SELL. 10/- (2): 1, Adnett and Driver; 2, Twine. No room for 10/- birds at this show. A.O.V.: 1, Adnett and Driver. MEMBERS YELL. NOR.: 1, Hatton; 2, Scott. BUFF: 1, Hatton; 2, Scott. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Wilson, nice steady Bramble-finch, good colour and spangle, second plump, well feathered Bullie, nice cap and colour; third, greenie, in good form. FOR., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Thompson, first nice yell., Budgerigars, second and third green Budgerigars.

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SUDBURY (Suffolk).

This show, which was held on November 26th in the commodious and well-lighted Drill Hall, in connection with the local live stock show, was a decided success, especially when it is borne in mind that the Cambridge show was held the next day. Added to this the schedules sent out bore the following rather unique announcement:—"The show this year is being held under Poultry Club rules, but is not under license from the Cage Bird Union in consequence of that Union's rule No. 17." Cage birds occupied the whole of the capacious balcony, the exhibits being well looked after by the stewards. The secretary, Mr. C. H. Row, is a very able official, and had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. Silver judged. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Outten; 2, Allen, little to choose between the two, both in prime show form; 3, Schofield, good Nor. type; vhc, Wilson, well shown; r, Collcott; hc, Wicker; c, Dr. Masters. BORD.: 1, Outten, well to the front, in lovely feather; 2, Carter, closely pressing 1st; 3, Claydon; vhc, Schofield; hc, Carter; c, Collcott. NOR. TICK., ETC. (15): 1, Claydon, our own choice, beautiful wing marks, nicely capped head; 2, Outten; 3, Wilson, some preferred to 2nd; vhc, Clark; hc, Collcott; c, Puxley. A.O.V. (9): 1, Strutt, nice conditioned, shapely Yorks., we take to be the 1st winner at Bamtree; 2, hc, Mayhew, 2nd really good Crestbred; vhc, Clark; c, Walker. MULES, ETC. (3): 1, Brown, well known winner in this district; 2, Outten, Goldfinch Canary, will improve with time; 3, Lawrence, Siskin Canary, in nice feather, showing off the Siskin well. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Row, Bullie, clear win, typical, well deserved its position; 2, Clark, the best Goldfinch in class; 3, Runnacles, a picture of condition; 3, vhc, Pyman; vhc, Burling and Wicker; hd, Braybrook. BRIT. HARDBILL (1): Ridgeon and Co., very fair Hawfinch. SOFTBILLS: 1, Carter, well shown Redstart, in nice feather, will improve in brightness of colour; 2, Pyman, nice Wheatear, lovely colour; 3, Carter, very steady, evenly-mooned Thrush; vhc, Row, nicely conditioned Magpie, rather small; hc, Mrs. Bailey, with really good Jackdaw. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Row, a fine team; 1st, pair of Blackheaded Gouldians in the pink of condition; 2nd, Rufous-tailed Finch, better known in Australia as Star Finch, a fine exhibit; 3rd, a good Siberian Goldfinch. LARGE (11): 1, Ribbans, Port Lincoln Parrakeet, one of the best we have seen; 2, Miss Parmenter, exceptionally fine Alexandrine Parrakeet in fine feather; 3, Webster, bright and clean King Parrot; vhc, Curson, nice Blue-fronted Amazon; hc, Burling and Fenwick, two grand Lemon-crested Cockatoos. Mr. J. F. Hill's exhibited a grand Toucan and his old Lemon-crested Cockatoo, 80 years of age, neither of the birds being entered for competition. SELL., 10s. 6d. (11): 1, 2, Allen, 1st Nor. Canary, 2nd Buff; 3, Puxley, cock and hen Canary; vhc, Claydon and Wilson; hc, Wicker; the best bird and cage in this class was a Rosy-breasted Cockatoo, in lovely condition, perfectly tame, and sent in a really good cage.

DUNBAR.

Dunbar and District held their 4th Annual Exhibition in the Assembly Rooms on Nov. 27th. President, G. Cunningham, Esq.; vice-president, G. Davidson, Esq.; secretary, Mr. J. R. McIntosh, a hard working and able official; treasurer, Mr. R. Huntly; committee: Messrs. Bell, Law, Burns, Harley, Gullen, Bisset, Gibson, Allan and Russell, all good and tried fanciers. Entries turned up rather disappointingly in numbers, but the quality was of the best, competition for the 2 Scotch Fancy Cups, bringing out some of the cracks from "Auld Reekie." Mr. John McLennan of that town staging two beauties in his clear buff hen and buff pied hen, winning both Cups (the second time) for best old and young birds. Borders turned up pretty well, and the shield, which was the magnet to draw them out in this section, was again captured by Mr. A. Gilchrist. This being the third year he has carried off this beautiful trophy, it now becomes his own property. Mr. Adam Melrose (Galashiels) handled Scotch fancies, and Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso) Borders. Norwich, etc. Prize tickets were up on the cages in good time and their awards gave general satisfaction.

SCOTCH YELL. OR FOUL CK (3): 1, Scott, good reach and substance; 2, McLennan, fine neck, good back and droop. HEN (6): 1, spl, McLennan, grand top end, gets well down, fine nerve; 2, Scott, fine shoulders, rare droop and action; 3, Reid good body and style, unsteady; 4, Huntly, very fair one; 5, 6, Allan and Son. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, McLennan, winner, of grand substance, rare size and reach, takes perch well; 2nd, shade heavier body, rare substance, broad mark; 3, spl, 4, spl, Reid, good style and nerve; 5, Burns; 6, Allan and Son. HEN (2): 1, Cup, for best old bird McLennan, the Galashiels winner, solid substance, grand top, finely rounded rib and shoulder, grand hen; 2, Patterson, nice body good style. PIED, ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, McLennan, green of fine reach and depth of body; 2, Scott, good drive and very nervy; 3, Farquhar, similar style; 4, Burns, good back and shoulder; 5, Patterson. HEN (4): 1, 2, Scott, pied grand reach and size, well placed shoulders; 3rd square shoulders, good back, fine drive and neck; 3, Allan and Son, trifle smaller, good style. PIED, ETC BUFF CK: 1, Scott, immense size, solid shoulder, well filled in back; 2, Farquhar, nice shoulder, good length. HEN: 1, Cup for best young bird, McLennan, a topper for substance and depth of body, grand head and droop, draws well. BORDERS. CL. YELL CK. (8): 1, shield and B.F.C. Medal, Gilchrist, model for style, neat rounded head, fine jaunty position, lively feather; 2, 3, Patterson; 2nd, good colour, well finished feather, good tail; 3rd similar type, A1 wing carriage; 4, Simpson, good bird, level colour, not much behind winners; 5, Robinson; 6, Allan; 7, Law; 8, Burns. HEN (9): 1, 3, Patterson, lovely feather and type, well drawn body, wins well; 3rd, shade stouter body, good finish and type; 2, spl., Allan, higher colour, neat head, good back, well rounded; 4, Robinson, nice one, sound level colour, good head, close up; 5, Haddow, just too much of the bath; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Barrie; 8, Gordon Cl., ETC. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Haddow, good type and feather, rather full in head, nice position; 2, 7, Patterson, lovely feather and sound colour, short buff body; 4, Thomas, grand quality feather, well rounded body, rather soft when judged or might have been higher; 5, Allan; 6, Leitch; 8, Heugh. CL., ETC., HEN (8): 1, 2, Patterson, leading with a charming one, beautiful head and back, neat pose, very close tail; 2, lovely feather, nicely rounded body; 3, Robinson paler colour, best of types, neat head, not far behind; 4, Arnot and Jamieson, good feather, neat body, jaunty style; 5, Barrie; 6, Leitch; 7, Bruce; 8, Burns. EVEN MARK (6): 1, Patterson, buff, well balanced eyes, well finished feather; 2 Thomson, cinn. yell, good balanced markings, fine bloom; 3, Haddow, fainter marks, grand type 4, Simpson, best of feather, wee bit unsteady; 5, Gilchrist. UNEVEN, ETC. (9): 1, Haddow, grand 3-pointed buff, in lovely feather, well drawn body 2, 3, Patterson, both 3-pointed, both grand quality and well finished feather, close up; 4, Thomson, 3-pointed buff, shade heavier body, well rounded; 5, Simpson, 6, Leitch, about as good as any, but soiled in feather; 7, Arnot and Jamieson, 8, Law. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, 4, Thomson, both good grass greens, of good type, and well pencilled, 2, 3, Patterson, grand feather, nice sound colour and pencilings; 5, Simpson and Bugness, level body colour, good type; 6, Arnot and Jamieson, 7, Brown. CREST (7): 1, spl., Murray, neat droop and well lined centre, good long body feather, 2, 3, 4, Allan and Son, 2nd, dense crest, good droop, hardly lined out in centre yet, 3, clear crest, good substance and feather, 4, Grizzle, plenty of feather, fine droop, not ready; 5, Farquhar. CREST-BRED (7): 1, spl., Murray, good body feather, nice skull and brow, 2, Farquhar, clear body, very fair head properties, 3, 4, Allan and Son, former clear yet of grand substance and feather, 5, Scott. BORDER SMALL (4): 1, spl., Simpson, grand Hawfinch, lovely cut bib, nice bright feather; 2, Johnson, nice coloured Brambleinch; 3, Nisbet. GIFT (4): 1, Scott; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Heugh.

ECCLES (LANCS.).

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual show on November 30th, at the Crapes Hotel, Patricroft, when there were 129 birds staged, in a very remote room. Members' classes were a great success, but we were sorry to see that the entries in the open classes came up rather badly. We hope the committee will be better supported another year, and would suggest that they throw the show open to all comers, instead of confining it to a radius. The committee consists of very energetic young fanciers, and with the secretary, Mr. F. Wheatley, who spared no pains, and the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Clowe, had everything in first-class order. The principal winners in the open classes were Messrs. W. E. Knowles, A. E. Clowe, S. Cook, E. Houghton, and T. H Mort, whilst specials in members' classes were won by Messrs. Hawkesworth and Cashwell. Mr. J. Pendlebury judged, and his awards were his awards:—YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Knowles, well-known Cinn. mkd., Bolton, etc., winner, grand bird, in every respect; 2, Walker, clear extra feather and shape, grand style and position, nice back, wings and tail; 3, vhc, Clowe, 3 clear, unflg., grand length and colour, superior quality and carriage, good bird. HENS (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Clowe, leader splashed faced yell., grand type and quality, nice colour and style, 2 head mkd. yell., long, raking bird, 3, very smart clear. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Clowe, clear unflg, red hot colour, rare size and shape, grand quality, good head, neck and chest; 2, Hindley, clear, grand type and size, good colour and quality; 3, Whittaker, wing mkd., smart bird. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Cook, clear, well-known winner, grand size, shape and quality; 2, Hindley, variegated, extra short and thick-set, all front, grand quality and colour; 3, Butterworth, heavy variegated, good type and quality; vhc, Robinson. HENS (3): 1, spl, Cook, well-known winning clear, looking grand; 2, Boothman, another grand hen, clear unflg., extra shape and quality; 3, Hindley, cap mkd., very nice hen MULE (4): 1, 2, spl, Houghton, 1st even wing mkd. Goldfinch-Canary, grand quality and size, shown in good condition, 2 Bullfinch-Linnet, showing both crosses distinctly, nice feather, and condition; 3, Rose dark Greenfinch-Canary; vhc, Holden. BRIT. (8): 1, 3, spl, Mort, 1 grand Thrush, well spangled, grand feather, staged in A1 style. 3 Goldfinch, good blaze and tan, nice size, very steady; 2, Walker, well-spangled Starling, good size, splendid sheen and finish; vhc, B thel; hc, Lovell; c, Nicholl. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YORKS. YELL (7): 1, hc, Cassin, clear, grand length, excellent quality, and type, grand position and carriage; 2, Walker, noted in open class; 3, Young, ticked on head, grand length and position; vhc, c, Halliwell. YELL. HENS (7): 1, 2, spl, for 2nd best Yorkshire, Halliwell, 1st ticked on wing, unflg., magnificent quality and style, straight as a rush, 2 clear, another grand hen; 3, Dawson, clear, nice type and position; vhc, hc, Hawkesworth; c Dawson. BUFF (7): 1, spl for best Yorks, hc, Hawksworth, clear, unflg., nice length, grand type and quality, good position and carriage; 2, Dawson, another clear, grand quality and type; 3, Young, clear, nice exhibit, but slovenly in wing carriage; vhc, c, Halliwell. HENS (9): 1, 2, hc, Cassin, 1 ader CINN., wings and head mkd., grand quality and type, nice length, and good position, 2 clear, nice length and position; 3, vhc, c, Hawkesworth, ticked on head, grand Yorks, rather unsteady. GREEN (5): 1, Halliwell, grand, sound coloured yell., splendid type and quality; 2, Dawson another self coloured yell., nice style and quality; 3, Hawkesworth, very good buff; vhc, hc, Bacon. NOR YELL. (6): 1, hc, Dawson grisale-tailed unflg., grand quality and type, fine head neck and chest; 2, vhc Astley, cap mkd., unflg., grand type and quality; 3, Orford, clean, grand quality and shape. HENS (2): 1, Hawkesworth, clear, grand type and colour; 2 Dawson. BUFF (8): 1, hc Hawkesworth, clear, unflg., beautiful colour and shape, nice size and quality; 2, Astley, variegated, grand shape and quality; 3, c, Dawson, head and saddle marked, nice quality and colour. HENS (12): 1, spl for best Norwich, 3, Hawkesworth, leader eyes and wing mkd., certainly not a large one, but for type, quality, colour and carriage, a daisy, 3 heavy variegated another grand hen; 2, vhc, Orford, 2 wing marked, grand type and quality; hc, Astley; c, Dawson. GREEN (4): 1, 3, Hawkesworth, 1st foul buff, grand Nor. type and good quality, 3 very similar; 2, Dawson, another foul, nice exhibit. CREST (4): 1, 2, Crowther, leader grisale, very neat crest, nice shape and quality 2 another grisale; 3, vhc, Bacon, heavy variegated. CREST-BRED (4): 1, 3 Bacon, lightly variegated, big bird, nice skull and feather, 3, variegated; 2, vhc, Crowther, fine head eyes, nice size and feather. BRIT. HARDBILL (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Astley, a grand team, Bramblefinch Chaffinch, Redpoll, Chaffinch and Linnet, respectively, shown in one order; hc, Hawksworth. SOFTBILL (9): 1, Walker, Starling (noted in open classes); 2 Hawkesworth, Skylark. MULES (4): 1, vhc, Hawksworth, dark Goldfinch-Can; 2, Wheatley, very nice dark Linnet-Can.; 3, Astley, another dark Linnet-Can. GIFT CLASS (2): 1, Dawson; 2, Hawkesworth. YORKS. NAT. COLOUR (3): 1, Astley; 2, 3 Chadwick. NOR. DO. (2): 1, 2, Crowther. SELL. 12.6 (2): 1, 2, 3, Clowe.

PAIGNTON AND DISTRICT F.A.

Seventeenth annual show held November 27th in the Public Hall (open to members only). The Secretary is Mr. A. B. Battershall, and the Society is lucky in having such an excellent official. Mr. John Davies judged.

YORKS.: 1 spl, 2, 3, vhc, Hodge. NOR YELL.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Nick, winner nice clean cut bird. CINN.: 1, spl, 2, Jeffrey, winner lovely frosting for a hen; 3, vhc, Nicks' res., Fox. NONFLI YELL.: 1, 3, res., Nicks; 2, Jeffrey. BUFF: 1, Fox, clinker for shape and quality; 2, vhc, res., Nicks. MULE: 1, spl, 3, hc, Phillips, winner a lovely 6-pointer; 2 Lethbridge, var. Linnet-Canary in good trim; res., Fox; vhc, Hodge. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, Tozer, grand Bullie; 2, Lethbridge, lovely Hawfinch; 3, Elliot; vhc, Whiteley; res., Kershake. LARGE: 1, 3, Whitley; 2, Fox. FOR. LARGE: 1, Whitley; 2, 3, Poulter. SMALL: 1, spl, 2, 3, Whitley, winner a Cardinal in superb condition.

BANBURY.

Try what they would, and securing the patronage of the C.B.U. as they did, the Banbury Society were unable to get a substantial entry, and although the management, the classification, and the list of specials were alike excellent, the result was discouraging, so far as entries were concerned. There were 14 classes and the entries only mustered 88. But the quality, however, was excellent. Messrs. Hazlewood and Nelson, the hon. secretaries, did their utmost to secure success, but while they richly deserved it, they did not get it. Messrs. H. Dale and G. Lovell, the stewards, did their duties well, and the judge, Mr. J. Nuson, got through in good time. Special for best in show was won by Mr. Mills, with a topping variegated dark Crest. Mr. Irons, of Northampton, sent a fine team of Nor. Plains. The Brit. birds were a nice collection. The weather was most inclement, it raining hard during the afternoon; in the evening a fairly good number of townsfolk visited the show.

NOR. (17): 1, spl, bc, c, Irons, leader grandly finished buff, very full of under-colour, well frosted, a bird of quality and good shape; 2, hc, Lewin, former a ticked yell, lovely in quality, rich colour, nice body; 3, spl, Dale, var. buff, good type, fairly good quality, nice under-colour, very smart; vhc, Mullis, Gilbert; c, Bull; spl, Nelson UNFLI. (9): 1, Lewin, lovely tone of feather, nice body, smart exhibit; 2, Gilbert, also rich tone of feather, nice shape; 3, Irons, best of quality, bit long in flights perhaps; vhc, Brooks, Soden, Hall; hc, Bull; c, Mullis. CREST OR C.B. (9): a grand lot for quality; 1, spl. best in show; 2, 3, c, Wilks, grand team, leader var. D.C., nicely lifting headpiece, well drooped, good centre, etc.; 2, beautiful C.B. green, some thought might have won, wide entrance, massive skull, long and dense in head feather, right good one; 3, very shapely green Crest, velvy feather, good for motion and droop, fairly massive; vhc, hc, Grant. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, Hall; 2, Grant; 3, Nelson; vhc, Dale; hc, Lewin, Wilks; c, Soden. BRIT. (9): 1, Miss Hopwood, very pretty Blackcap, looking a trifle worn; 2, hc, Osborne, leader magnificent Reed Bunting, glorious markings, steady, shone like silk and had hard lines to-day; hc, bonny Greenfinch; 3, Castle, Hawfinch, spoilt by a damaged tail, else good; vhc, Dancer; c, Burn.

DUBLIN.

The Dublin Pigeon, Cage Bird and Poultry Association held their seventh annual show on Nov. 14th and 15th, in the Rotunda, Sackville Street. The room is well adapted for the purpose. The arrangements were all that anyone could or might desire, and we must here say that all praise is due to the secretary and stewards for the able manner in which they looked after the specimens under their charge. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. BELGIANS: cancelled. SCOTCH COCKS: 1, and reserve, J. Lavery, 1, variegated Buff, long wing bird, free action, very shapely; 2, 3, and c, L. Birch, 2, clear buff, splendid drive; 3, clear buff, good shoulders and action: vhc, S. F. O'Reilly. HENS: 1, 3 and reserve, J. Lavery, 1, clear buff, grand size and nicely circled, a good one; 3, variegated, good bird, but lacks condition; 2, vhc, and hc, L. Birch, 2, clear yell, nice shoulders, with [illegible] of merit; c, S. F. O'Reilly. [illegible] COCK: 1, 2, 3 and reserve, W. Camp, 1, variegated, good shape and very cobby, with good nice drooping crest; 2, good shape and size, fails crest; 3, nicely capped. CREST HEN: 1, W. McMath, yell, grand crest and body properties, wins easy; 2, and 3, W. Camp, a brace of good youngsters; reserve, W. J. Birse. CREST-BRED COCK: 1 and vhc, Camp, 1, variegated, full of substance and good shape, wins; 2, McMath, good size, abundance of feather, runs winner close; 3 and reserve, Birse, 3, variegated, ought to improve. HEN: 1, 3 and reserve, Camp, marked neck and wings, good head and plenty of feather, in grand form; 3, variegated fair size, good body properties; 2, Davins, marked eyes and wings, much similar to 1; vhc, W. J. Birse. NOR. PLAINHEAD YELL. COCK: 1, and spl, Barclay, really good youngster, splendid head, rich colour and grand shape, easy win; 2, Mulligan, good shape and size; 3, Trotter, scarcely so compact, yet nice head; reserve and hc, Camp; vhc, Killen; c, O'Reilly. No. 33, McMath, must have been missed, or would have been well up (a really good bird) BUFF COCK: 1, Mulligan, nice size and quality, very clean cut; 2, Barclay, grand head, nice shape, fails quality; 3, reserve and vhc, Camp, 3, splendid colour and quality; hc, Trotter; c, M. Wall. YELL. HEN: 1, Mulligan, rich colour, very neat and compact, easy win; 2, 3 and reserve, Camp, 2nd not so smart, but larger than 1st; 3rd on the long side, fails head: reserve rather low in condition. BUFF HEN: 1 and vhc, Camp, 1, good size and full of substance, wins; 2, Barclay, nice bird, rich colour and well staged; 3, Reilly, neat and cobby; reserve, C. J. Mulligan. NOR. TICKED, VARGTD, or MKD. COCK: 1, Mulligan, grizzled on bead, excellent quality, good chest, very compact; 2, and vhc, Barclay, 2nd, yell, short and cobby, run winner close; 3, reserve and c, Camp, 3rd ticked buff eyes and wings, nice short flights and tail, fails head; hc, W. McMath. TICKED, ETC., HEN: 1, Barclay, yellow, full skull, nice compact body and extra quality, wins; 2, reserve, and vhc, W. Camp, buff, a fine big bird, fails quality to first; 3, Mulligan, rather weak in skull, otherwise a nice exhibit; hc, O'Reilly; c, Dobbin. CL. YELL. YORKS. COCK: 1, O'Reilly, good quality and size, splendid position and feather easy win; 2, Hosford, another good one; 3, Cloke, good quality bird, wee bit on strong side; reserve, hc and c, O'Reilly; vhc, Camp. CL. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, hc and c, O'Reilly, 1, beautiful head and feather, good on leg, a real gem; 2 and reserve, 2nd larger and stronger than 1st, not as neatly finished; 3, Hosford, very neat and compact, but on small side; vhc, Camp, best of quality and feather. CL. BUFF YORK. COCK: 1, and c, Hosford, good upstanding bird, exceptional quality, wins easy; 2, O'Reilly, a very nice exhibit; 3, Mulligan, nicely cut and of good quality; reserve, Cloke; vhc, Hawkins; hc, O Reilly. HEN: 1, O'Reilly, nice head and feather, good on leg, with plenty of style; 2, and hc, Sheridan and Fry, 2nd not so well finished, rather unsteady; 3, Hawkins, good one, but on small side; res., O'Reilly; vhc, Mulligan; c, Camp. YORKS., CINN. or CINN. MKD. COCK: 1, 2, and c, O'Reilly, 1st nicely rounded head, splendid cut and finish, extra good; 3, res, and hc, W. Camp, 3rd splendid exhibit. DITTO HEN: 1 and vhc, O'Reilly, ticked on head and wings, nice cut hen, cram full of quality; 2, Devine, buff, ticked on head, fails size to winner; 3, Cloke, nice feather and finish; res., hc, and c, Camp. COCK: 1, res., and vhc, O'Reilly, 1st buff show in the pink, a real beauty; 2 and 3, O' Reilly, 2, yell., not so good underneath as 1; 3, ticked on head, nice feather; hc, W. Hawkins; c, Hosford. TICKED, ETC.; HEN: 1, O'Reilly, yell., mkd head and wings, nice colour and exceptional quality, very racy; 2, 3, and hc, Duigenon, stands on a pair of good legs, really nice exhibit; res., Sheridan and Fry; vhc, S. F. O'Reilly; c, S. K. Hosford. NON-FED CLASSES—YORKS. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, Sheridan and Fry, easy win, nicely staged; 2, Jackson, falls wing carriage to winner, good bird; 3, Huggard, very nice bird, but not in condition; reserve, vhc, c, Camp; hc, Devine. YORKS. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Hawkins, little gem, wins easily; 2, Sheridan and Fry, plenty of leg and fair quality; 3, res, and vhc, Sholdice; 3, not in the best of condition. YORKS. CL. BUFF COCK: 1, Huggard, nice upstanding bird, with nice head and wings; 2, Sheridan and Fry, good length and feather; 3, Thompson; res. and hc, Camp; vhc c Sholdice. HEN: 1, Huggard, good head and wings, nice pipe tail shown in the pink; 2, res, Sheridan and Fry; 2nd, falls wings and fine; 3, c, O'Reilly; 3rd, good exhibit; vhc, W. C. Sholdice; hc, Miss O. Smyth. YORKS A.O.C. CK.: 1, Sheridan and Fry, marked head and wings, a good one, wins; 2, O'Reilly, Foul green, fails head, rather stocky; 3, McKenzie, marked head and wings, extra good quality; res, N. Thompson; vhc, c, W. C. Sholdice; hc, Miss O. Smyth. HEN: 1, Sheridan and Fry, marked head and wings, a nice cut and stylish bird, wins; 2, Mulligan, good bird, lacks finish; 3, Thompson, runs well for second place; res, Miss O. Smyth, splendid quality; vhc, McKenzie; hc, Wicklow; c, Sholdice. NOV. CLASS, YORKS. CL. YELL. COCK: 1, Huggard, good head and colour, stands well up and tapers well away; 2, Fanning, nice size, but not so typical as first; 3, M'Kitterick; res, Devine, splendid colour; vhc, hc, Farrell; c, Gillen. CL. BUFF COCK: 1, McIlveen, a very nice racy bird and carries a pair of good wings; 2, res, Gillen, extra good colour and shown in the best form, fails head; 3, hc, Farrell; 3rd, tip-top quality; vhc, Devine; c, Thompson. YORKS CL. LL. HEN: 1, Devine, nice tapered body, well up on leg, splendid feather; 2, McIlveen, rather snaky, or otherwise a good one; 3, vhc, Farrell, beautiful feather and style; res, Keating; hc, Forrest; c, McKenzie. BUFF: 1, Devine, a real good one, wins easy; 2, Thompson, shown to disadvantage; 3, McKettrick; res, McKenzie; vhc, Farrell. YORKS. TKD, ETC., CK.: 1, Forrest, grand colour and nice shape, wins easy; 2, Huggard, nice bird; 3, McKenzie; res, Devine; vhc, McIlveen; hc, Fanning. HEN: 1, res, Gillen; 1st, Clnn. marked, one that we liked well; 2, Casey, an extra good exhibit; 3, Fanning; vhc, Devine; hc, McKenzie; c, Forrest. MULE OR HYBRID, CL. OR VAR.: 1, McMath, marked cheeks and wings, a real beauty, easy win; 2, Mulcahy, marked eyes, wings and tail, hardly fit, but a topper; 3, Sleater, rather heavily marked, but a good one; res, Wall, another of them, might have stood higher we thought; vhc, Wright; hc, Owens and Magee; c, Milligan. This class was a real treat, and many of them we think will be heard of again. MULE OR HYBRID, DARK: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lavery, 1st, Goldie-Bullie, beautiful feather and shape; 2nd, Linnet-Bullie, extra good markings and nicely finished; 3rd, Greenie-Bullie, good size and rare quality; res, c, W. Wall; hc, J. J. Cloke. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wall, splendid blaze and shown in the pink, a trimmer; 2, Killen, another good one, fails size to winner; 3, Lambert, not so well cut in blaze, but shown to perfection; res, b, Lavery; vhc, Wright; c, Mulligan. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, res, Wall; 1st, extra large and very cobby, easy win; 2nd, better colour, a good one; 3, Dobbin, runs well for second place; vhc, E. Killen. BRIT. LINNET: 1, Sleator, nicely pencilled, good shape with plenty of size, wins; 2, c, Killen; 2nd, smaller than first, but a little beauty, very steady; 3, Mulcahy, not so vigorous, fails finish to above; res, Newman; vbc, R. Green; hc, W. Reilly. REDPOLL OR SISKIN, BRIT. LARK: 1, vhc, Lombard; 1st, a big 'un, very steady, shown in the pink; 2, bc, c, Wall; 2nd, beauty, bold as brass; 3, Hartford, fine upstanding exhibit; res, Dowling (an exceptionally good class). BLACKBIRD, THRUSH, OR STARLING: 1, 2, Phillips; 1st, Starling, rich plumage and nicely spangled; easy win; 2nd, Blackbird, really fine specimen, shown to perfection; 3, Driscoll, Thrush, nice size, but not at its best; res, Dowling; vhc, hc, Wall; c, Mulcahy. A.O.V., SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, Phillips, Hawfinch, nicely mkd, plenty of size and steady; 2, Carolan; 3, res, hc, Dobbin; vhc, Wall. A.O.V. SEED-EATING BRIT.: 1, 2, Phillips; 1st, Chough, 2nd, Waxwing, pair of beauties, their owner is to be envied; 3, res, Wall; Nuthatch, very nice and sprightly bird; res, Blue-winged Jay; an extra good quartette. FOR. GOLDFINCH (cancelled). BULLFINCH (cancelled). PARROT, MACAW, COCKATOO, OR LORRIES: 1, Cloke, Grey, large size and good feather; 2, Mrs. E. Smith, Indian Hill Parrot, shown in perfect condition; 3, res, vhc, Wall; hc, Ryan. GIFT: 1, 2, Camp; 3, vhc, hc, Dobbin; c, Sholdice.

OAKENGATES (Salop).

This show was held in the Town Hall on November 27th, and, for a first attempt, must be voted a success. Entries in the cage bird section came up really well, especially considering that the fixture was not advertised in *the* cage bird paper. The judge had far too much to do, it being late on in the afternoon before the cage bird judging was over. Mr. Lawrence Corbett makes an ideal secretary, sparing no pains in looking after both the exhibits and the visitors; he was well backed up by a hard-working band of stewards, consisting of Messrs. J. T. Eaton, J. T. Kearton, and R. Slaughterer. Mr. A. J. Gladwin judged. OPEN CLASSES (16): 1, spl, vbc, Brotherhood, tick. yell., grand colour and quality, nice shape and condition; 2, Beard, good quality Buff, nice exhibit; 3, Campbell, clear yell., rare type and quality, deserves its place; vhc, Wells, Eaton; bc, Callear, Bailey, Wells; c, Barnsley, Machin. YORKS. (15): 1, spl, vhc, bc, Johnson, very racy clear yell., nice type and position; 2, c, Wells, yell., rare length, strongly built; 3, Campbell, another good yell.; vhc, Beard, Eaton; bc, Tranter. BRIT. HARDBILL (8): 1, spl, Callear, very nice Hawfinch, not one of the largest, but very nice colour, well marked, steady, in nice condition; 2 (no name), Goldie, good flush and tanning, nice and steady; 3, c, Potter and Bracey, good Bullie, dense colour, well cut cap, in rare order; vbc, Brotherhood, Wells; bc, Bullen and Williams. SOFTBILL (6): 1, spl, Brotherhood, well-known Waxwing, in grand order; 2, Williams, grand Nightingale, rare size, in lovely form, Oswestry, Bromsgrove, etc., winner, in fresh hands; 3, Eaton, Meadow Pipit, well marked, shown in fine condition; vhc, Lees, Jones, Bullen and Williams. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, Bodley, good Gold-Bullie, in nice feather; 2, Wells, beautifully shown buff Gold-Canary, nice size and feather; 3 (no name), heavily-marked buff Gold-Canary; vhc, Callear, Gold-Bullie, larger, grand flush; vhc, Cotterill, Pickering, Ball; hc, Harris, Bullen and Williams. LOCAL CLASSES.—CANARY (20): 1, spl, 2, Meeson, leader very decent green Crest; 2nd nice yell. Yorks.; 3, hc, Thompson, rare size, grand quality tick. buff Nor.; vhc, Brotherhood, Callear; hc, Eaton, Machin, Bailey; c, Whittingham, Johnson. A.O.V. (12): 1, spl, Callear, very good uneven buff Gold-Can. Mule; 2, Potter and Bracey, nice Goldie, rare finish, nicely tauned, good condition; 3, vhc, Bullen and Williams, nice Bullie; vhc, Barnsley, Bailey, Machin, Edward; c, Ball.

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COWDENBEATH.

The annual show of above society was held in the Masonic Hall, on 30th November. The entries this year were somewhat disappointing, despite the fact the society had given an extended classification. The Scotch Fancy, with 12 classes, had an entry of a little over 80, but what was lacking in numbers, was made up in quality, some grand birds being shown. The Norwich, etc., had a few very nice exhibits, but what was very noticeable, some of them were badly staged, which spoiled their chances greatly. In the Hybrid class, Mr. Paton showed his now well-known light Siskin-Mule, which for rarity and condition was all that could be desired. A fine specimen of the Cornish Chough, belonging to Mr. Crockatt, Arbroath, was very much admired; the beautiful lustre shone like velvet. Much of the success of the show is due to the indefatigable efforts of the secretary, Mr. William Falconer, who had everything in apple-pie order. He was ably assisted by a hard-working Committee. Judges, Mr. J. Stenhouse and Mr. W. Hogg, who did well.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—CL. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Barclay, fine free neck, grand size and top, nice mover; 2, Dodds, fine reach, tail well under perch; 3, Renton, very fair size, and quick in action. BUFF (missed from catalogue): 1, bird of grand substance, fine square shoulders, good movement; 2, grand drive and fine top end, very stylish. YELL. PLD CK.: 1, Petrie, good, solid body, hard up on end, fine length of wing; 2, spl, Barclay, good size and reach; 3, Miss Barr, nice stamp, good style. BUFF: 1, Petrie, massive bird, grand style and action, good reach and top; 2, Miss Barr, plain on top, good size and reach; 3, Beattie, nice stamp, takes good position, fine top end. GREEN, ETC. CK.: 1, Barclay, grand size, rare length of side and wing, fine free action; 2, Gibson, good size, fine style and reach; 3, Beattie, nice size and plenty of reach; 4, Beattie. YELL. HENS: Cancelled. CL. BUFF HEN: 1, Petrie, grand size, plenty of substance, good reach and shoulders; 2, Dodds, very fair size, fine mover, nice side and wing. YELL. PIED: 1, Barclay, good top end, and reach; 2, Allan, similar to first, and stylish; 3, Petrie, grand one, rare free style and action, well worth its place. GREEN, ETC.: 1, spl, Barclay, nice solid body, good top end and reach. SELL. CK.: 1, Gibson; 2, Hutton. HENS: 1, Hutton; 2, Raeburn. NOR YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Barclay, variegated, good size and shape, nice front; 2, Fisher, clear, good head and neck, fine quality, good wing carriage; 3, Barclay, another clear, nice stamp, nice level colour and quality; 4, Wilson; 5, Wardrope. HEN: 1, Taylor, clear, nice size and shape, grand quality and colour; 2, Logan, clear of grand size and colour, fine, chubby body; 3, Barclay, foul, good head and neck, finely fronted, well put down; 4, Fisher; 5, McQue; 6, Lawrie and Welsh; 7, Brown. BUFF CK.: 1, McQue, fine, bold bead, grand substance, good shape and colour; 2, spl, Fisher, good quality of feather, nice size and shape, grandly mealed; 3 (no name), fine head and neck, good shape and quality, nice short wing; 4, Barclay; 5, Brown; 6, Lawrie and Welsh. HEN: 1, Fisher, clear, rare size, short and chubby, nice quality; 2, spl, Wilson, close up, little to choose between, grand feather; 3, Logan, grand size and shape, nice finish; 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 5, 6, Barclay; 7, Barr. CREST CK.—1, McCall and Henderson, mkd. wings, D.C., nicely radiated, good body; 2, spl, 3, Watt, 2 green, massive crest, nicely groomed, good quality, 3 clear body, mkd. wing; 4, Stein. HEN A.C.: 1, spl., Watt, clear body, wing mkd. chest of grand formation. CREST HEN (class missed from catalogue); 1, a green with nice headpiece, grand body; 2, varieg. buff, very fair crest; 3, varieg. crest of nice size and formation. SELL.: 1, Barclay; 2, Logan; 3, McCall and Henderson; 4, McVicar. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, spl, Roberts and Don, clear yell., good type, nice quality, fine level colour; 2, King, yell., mkd. head, nice front, good wing carriage, nice taper; 3, Wilson, clear buff, good colour and condition; 4, Peters; 5, Cargill; 6 (no name; 7, Campbell. HEN: 1, 7, Kerr, typical Border, nice quality and condition; 2, 3, Cargill, little to choose between, fine type and quality; 4, Barrie; 5, Wilson; 6, Roberts and Don. COMMON CAN.: 1, Cargill; 2, Davidson; 3, Fisher; 4, Campbell; 5, M'Vicar; 6 (no name); 7, Beattie. MULE, ETC.: 1, spl, Beattie, Goldie-Bullfinch, nice size and colour, grand condition; 2, Adamson, Linnet-Bullfinch, on the small side, good colour and condition; 3, Sharp, Greenfinch-Canary, very fair size and colour; 4, Paton, well-known light Siskin-Canary-Mule, some thought to be an easy second. DARK MULE: 1, spl, Davidson, large Goldfinch-Canary, grand colour and condition; 2, Young, another Goldfinch-Canary, looks like a hen; 3, Dowuie, good-sized Goldie-Canary in nice order; 4, Bauld; 5, M'Gorum. LINNET: 1, M'Gorum, good size and shape, well laced; 2, Russell, on small side, nice colour and lacings; 3, Russell, another of good colour and lacing. GREENFINCH: 1, Sharp, grand size and colour, in the best of condition; 2, Mitchell and Hutt, all there for size, nice colour and condition; 3, Paton, lovely Greenie, nice grass-green, in good condition; 4, Linnet and Brown; 5, Beveridge. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Paton, big colour-fed Siskin, large, deuse cap, good wing bars; 2, Malcolm, mealy Redpoll, not the largest we have seen, but of very good colour and lacings; 3, Malcolm Bros., nice sized nat. coloured Siskin; 4, Penman. BRIT. LARGE: 1, spl, Barclay, Meadow Pipit, good size and markings; 2, Crokatt, grand Chough, very rich beak and legs, superb lustre, some thought should have changed places with first; 3, Caithness, Meadow Pipit, in very fair order. SMALL: 1, 2, spl, Malcolm, 1 Pied Wagtail, grand condition, well staged, 2, Lark, nice size and condition; 3, Mitchell, real good Lark, nice markings. FOR.: 1, Methven, red-headed Cardinal, in beautiful condition; 2 (no name), Lovebird, in excellent plumage, but badly staged in a Scot. Fcy. cage; 3, Thomson, nice Lovebird, in good order; 4 (no name); 5, Crockatt. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Davidson, large Goldie, rich blaze, nicely mooned; 2, Cargill, Bullfinch, grand cap and wing bars, good breast colour; 3, Campbell, Bullie, nice size and breast; 4, Beveridge; 5, Simpson.

CONSETT.

The Consett, Blackhill and District Society held its eleventh annual exhibition on November 16th, and met with rare success all round. That they are anxious to do their best for the cage bird section is proved by their this year (the second they have catered for them) engaging a separate hall to hold the birds, and much improving the classification. The entries showed this was appreciated, for nearly 150 more birds were to be seen than last year. Three or four classes had to be struck out, but taken on the whole the response was very fine and the birds worth going a long journey to look over. The day was an unfavourable one, unfortunately, but a crowd of fanciers attended nevertheless, and expressions of pleasure at the admirable arrangement and management of the show were heard on all hands. The staging is good, and we had plenty of room to move about, though late in the day the crowd got very thick, which looks well for the financial side of things. The Yorks made a nice lot, some good quality ones being put down by Messrs. Elliott, Carter, Cooper, Ellwood, Cuthbertson (some of whose birds we thought had hard luck), Taylor, Kemp and Sons and Davison. The Norwich were the pick of the show, some rare birds appearing, noticeably those shown by Messrs. Wade and Carr, Thompson, Stanger and Herdman, Bindett, Slater, and Bewick and Son. In Crests Mr. Hands held the whip hand as it were, while Messrs. Routledge, Almond, Bewick and Son, W. Taylor, and the Rev. Rickaby ran him close. Mr. Harvery put down a fine Scots Fancy, and Mr. Taylor and Mr. Craig were the runners-up. In Borders the winners were Messrs. Hawkins, Scott, W. Taylor, Lee, and Lindsay, who put down very typical ones. The Variety Breeds and Foreign, were a very pretty collection, and attracted much attention (especially the "talkers," among the parrots, most amusing birds). The chief winners came from Messrs. Maddison, Taylor, Forster, Oliver, Urwyn, Dunn, Clark, Stanger and Herdman, Shepherd and Son, Rocks, Stephenson, Ledger and Mackenzie. The members' silver cup was secured by Mr. W. Routledge, with his variegated Crest, a real good specimen, while the "Murray" cup went to Messrs. Stanger and Herdman. A real good lot of fanciers looked after the cage birds, and left nothing undone for their comfort. Messrs. T. Collins, L. and T. Emerson, O. Gray, A. Nichols (who very ably took charge), J. Thorpe, and E. Thompson being prominent in the good work. The duties of secretary fell on the shoulders of Miss M. Hutchinson, and that very heavy task was carried through in a manner which brought words of praise from all—lucky Consett to have such a capable lady at hand. Her brother, Mr. W. H. Hutchinson, was, unfortunately, unwell, a fact all deplored, and we were glad to learn he is on the high road to recovery. His sister's good work must be a great consolation to him. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) gave satisfaction as judge.

YORKS CL. CTC., YELL (11): 1, spl., Elliott; 2, Carter; 3, c, Cooper; vhc, Cuthbertson; bc, Davison. CL. TICK, ETC., 1907 (12): 1, Ellwood; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, vhc, Taylor; hc, Carr HEN (11): 1, Kemp and Son; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Davison; vhc, Colling; hc, Elliott; c, Emerson. NOR. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Thompson; vhc, Smith; hc Smith; c, Atkinson Bros. BUFF (15): 1, Thompson; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Wake and Carr; vhc, Mason; hc, Hunter; c, Harrison Scott. CL. TICK, ETC., 1907 (23): 1, Wake and Carr; 2, W. and J. Bindett; 3, Slater; vhc, Harrison and Scott; bc, Hobbs; c, Smith. HEN (14): 1, spl., Thompson; 2, Bewick and Son; 3, Wake and Carr; vhc, bc, Atkinson Bros.; c, Stobbs. CREST UNFLI. (7): 1, Hands; 2, Routledge; 3, Almond; vhc, Bewick and Son; hc, c, Emerson. C.B. (7): 1, Hands; 2, Bewick and Son; 3, Almond; vhc, Routledge; hc, Emerson; c, Gray. PAIR (for Crest breeding) (10): 1, Hands; 2, Taylor; 3, c, Rickaby; vhc, Bewick and Son; hc, Routledge. SCOT FANCY (7): 1, Harvey; 2, c, Taylor; 3, hc, Craig; vhc, Lambvey. BORD. (9): 1, Hawkins; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Lee; bc, Harrison Scott; c, Snell. HEN (10): 1, Scott; 2, Taylor; 3, Lindsay; vhc, c, Snell; hc, Hawkins. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Maddison; 2, hc, c, Taylor. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Forster; 2, Urwyn; 3, Oliver; vhc, Curry and Gardner; bc, Purvis; c, Snaith. LINNET (10): 1, spl., Stanger and Herdman; 2, Clark; 3, Dunn; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Bewick and Son; c, Betton. A.O.V. BRIT. FINCH (18): 1, Forster; 2, Rocks; 3, Shepherd and Son; vhc, and hc, McKay; c, Clark. FOR. PARROTS (9): 1, spl., McKenzie; 2, Ledger; 3, Stephenson; vhc, Brown. SELL. (15s.) (20): 1, Slater; 2, Taylor; 3, c, Thompson; vhc, Bates Bros.; hc, Mrs. Woodhouse. (7s. 6d.): 1, Taylor; 2, Harrison Scott; 3, hc, Charter; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; C. Snell. MEMBERS CLASSES: NOR. (20): 1, Slater; 2, vhc, Brown; 3, Stephenson; hc, Smith; c, Thompson. Crest OR C.B. (17): 1, spc., cup, Routledge; 2, vhc, Emerson; 3, Gray; hc, Thorpe; c, Thompson. YORKS (7): 1, 2, Forster; 3, Colling; vbc, hc, March; c, Thorpe.

OLDHAM.

The Oldham and Dis. C.B.S. held its annual show on Nov. 23rd in the George Street (Bardsley Brow) schoolroom. Although there were numerous counter attractions in the town—New Zealand v. Oldham football match, very severe weather, hail, sleet and rain—the "gate" proved very satisfactory, and spectators were loud in their praises of the excellent fare provided. The Federation of Cage Birds competition (Ashton-under-Lyne centre) took place in connection with this function, seven classes being allotted. Exhibits numbered over 200. The room is well-lighted, free from draughts, and centrally situated. The show arrangements were in the capable hands of Messrs. Sharples (president) Ackroyd (secretary) and Steeple and Nelson (vice-presidents), who piloted the arrangements, to all outward appearances, in a very efficient manner, and were ably backed up by Messrs. Cocker, Fitton, Harrison, Hampshire, Lowe, Shums, etc. Mr. Ackroyd makes a very able secretary, and deserves every credit for the capable manner in which he carried out the arrangements. Lizards and Lancashires were rather poorly represented as regards numbers; quality, however, was very pronounced. This is a most singular instance, when we take into consideration the fact that we are at the "home" of the varieties. Messrs. Hampshire, Lowe, and Fisher, had the Lizard classes to themselves. In the Norwich classes the birds of Messrs. Davis (a new exhibitor, who has purchased some very fine birds that have been winning up and down) Young, and Foxall were to the front. The Yorkshire section included some good specimens from Messrs. Bradley, Clayton, Gray, Wagstaffe and Fitton. Some excellent birds were up for disposal in the £1 selling class; Fitton's green Crestbred (fourth) was claimed by a member of the Stockport Society. Mr. R. Cowherd, the genial secretary of the Middleton Society, was deputed to act as representative of the C.B.U., and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements. After a decade, Mr. Bowyer, of Leek, was invited to adjudicate, and great pains he bestowed on all the classes. Light was against him at times; semi-darkness being prevalent on two or three occasions, which necessi[illegible]his waiting for natural light.

SPECIALS: Open best Lancashire shown by a member of the Lancashire C.A., Mills. Most points in classes, Hampshire (2), Davies (2), Fisher, Hardy, Bradley, Clayton, Law and Sharples, one each; best Nor., Davies; best York., Bradley; most points by member in open, Hampshire. MEMBERS' CLASSES: Hampshire (6), Mills (4), Fitton (4), Young (3), Steeple (2), Nelson (2), Rowbotham (2), Lowe, Eckersley, Sharples, Ackroyd, Martin and Gibson, one each. Best Lizard, Hampshire; Lanca., Mills; Crest or C.B., Fitton; P.H. Nor., Sharples; York. Wagstaffe; Lizard hen, Hampshire; Nor. hen, Nelson; Selling, Young; vhc, Fitton; best throughout, Mills; second, Lowe. LIZARDS, CL. CAP GOLD (5): 1, 4, Hampshire; 1st, nice large dark 'un, neat back, just a little pale in face; 4th, rather on the small side, good centre rows, really fine quality; 2, Lowe, good second, neat ground work, plenty of it, not quite as distinct as winner perhaps; 3, Garner, big bird for a Gold, sound ground work, nice head, few feathers tipped or might perhaps have stood higher; vhc, Nuttall. SILVER (7): 1, 2, 3, Hampshire, 1st, excellent specimen, a second year's bird, stands well ahead in ground colour and spangling; 2nd, similar, markings more symmetrical, just lacks the colour of winner; 3, newiag commences rather low down on back, excellent breast markings, a grand trio; 4, hc, Fisher, big, rich colour, kept down probably because of tippings on covert; vhc, c, Lowe. BROKEN SILVER (4): 1, 2, Fisher, 1st, choice exhibit, big, well-defined spangling, abundance of lacing on body, wins well; 2nd, large, mealy bird, not quite so dense in the "moons"; 3, Hampshire, broken over eye, grand markings, very fair density. LANCS. YELL. COPPY (4): 1, W. Mills, grizzled, neat coppy, not of great substance in body, but very neat, lengthy bird, good position; 2, Garner, beautifully neat coppy, just lacks the length of leader, good second; 3, Mills, long, rather slender, very fair colour, stands well. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, Fitton, shows very good type, grand head points, nice radiation, tkd on wing, plenty of good feather; 2, 4, H. F. Hardy, 2nd, Crestbred, good eatraace, well lashed, variegated; 4th, Crest, clear, nice shape, good centre, nice droop; 3, Oldham, Crest, rather long-sided, fails only in head, tkd wings and tail; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Nuttall. NOR. YELL. CL. ETC. (8): 1, 4, Davis, 1st, solid, deep colour, nice shape, short flights and tail, well put down; 4th, another good shaped bird, plenty of colour, tkd. on wiags; 2, Foxall, tkd on skull and wings, neat, round bead, well coloured, nice chest and body; 3, Sharples, grizzled oa neck, fine in featber, good type, broad entrance to skull; vhc, Massey; hc, Youag. BUFF (12): 1, Youag, typical specimen, very neat bead, good size, nice flights and tail; 2, 3, Davies, 2nd, big, bouncing bird, grand condition, neat round head, ruas a tight race to 1st for position; 3rd, similar to second, full of quality; 4, Massey, not quite so big perhaps, but nice shape, frosty appearaace; vhc, Sharples; hc, Heap; c, Foxall. YORKS. YELL. CL. ETC. (12): 1, Bradley, ticked on crown of head and patch on neck, fine, upstanding bird, grand feather, A1 coadition; 2, Gray, clear, excels in colour, closely drawa flights aad piped tail, loses only in head points; 3, Wagstaffe, very leggy, shows off well, just a little frilly on breast; 4, Foxall, neat head, very nice compact bird, extra quality; vbc, Davies; hc, Fodea; c, Fitton. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Clayton, extra long, rather thick, close in feather, neat wing carriage, fails just a little in position; 2, Cray, slim, pleaty of "swagger," well shown; 3, Fitton, grand colour, big, strong in head, feather like boxwood; 4, Wagstaffe, aice bead, short, well-drawn flights, leggy; bc, Nelson; c, Foden. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, Law, 1st, well-known Missel Thrush, in fiue fettle; 2ad, Grey Wagtail, tight in feather, very steady, both in good coadition; 3, Massey, Redstart, nice exhibit, but did not show off quite to advantage, perhaps a little shy; 4, vhc, Rowbotham, nice Bramblefinch aad Greenfinch; c, Hartley, good Greenfinch. SELL. (£1): 1, Sharples, big buff Nor., in fine feather, would make fine stock bird; 2, Rowhotham, yell. Lanc., very neat coppy, good front, stands well; 3, Foxall, yell. York., good representative of his caste, excellent exhibit, cheap bird; 4, Fitton, C.B. green, well lashed, nice front; vhc, Lowe, Cinn. Nor.; hc, Steple, Lanc. coppy. MEMBERS' CLASSES, LIZARDS, CL. CAP GOLD (4): 1, 4, Hampshire; 2, Lowe; 3, Eckersley. SILVER (5): 1, 2, 3, Hampshire; 4, vhc, Lowe. BROKEN GOLD (1): Hampshire. SILVER (2): 1, 2, Hampshire. LANCS. YELL. COPPY (2): 1, Mills; 2, Eckersley. BUFF (1): 1, W. Mills. YELL. P.H. (2): 1, Lowe; 2, Mills. BUFF (3): 1, Mills; 2, Hampshire; 3, Eckersley. CREST (4): 1, Fitton; 2, Steeple; 3, Harrison. C.B. (3): 1, Fitton; 2, Hampshire; 3, Harrison. NOR. YELL. CL. (1): 1, Young. BUFF (5): 1, Sharples; 2, 4, Young; 3, vhc, Simms. YELL. TKD., ETC. (2): 1, Steeple; 2, Sharples. BUFF (4): 1, Young; 2, 3, Sharples; 4, Nelson. YORKS. YELL. CL. (3): 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Thomas; 3, Nelson; 4, Hordern; vbc, Wagstaffe. YELL. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Fitton; 3, Martin; 4, Mirfield; vhc, Thomas; hc, Eckersley. BUFF (5): 1, Martin; 2, Wagstaffe; 3, Thomas; 4, Mirfield; vbc, Harrison. A.O.V. (1): 1, Fitton. BRIT. (5): 1, Gibson, nice Goldfinch; 2, Simms, sweet Siskin; 3, Thomas, grand Bullfinch; 4, Dalzell, lovely Linnet; vhc, Pickering, another good Linnet. SELL. (£1) (11): 1, Eckersley; 2, Steeple; 3, Mirfield; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Young; hc, Ackroyd; c, Pickering. HEN CLASSES, LIZARDS, COLD, BROKEN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Hampshire; 3, E. Lowe. SILVER (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Hampshire; hc, Ackroyd. LANCS., COPPY (4): 1, Rowbothum; 2, Eckersley; 3, Mills; 4, Lowe. P.H. (4): 1, Mills; 2, Eckersley; 3, 4, Lowe. CREST OR C.B. (1): Rowbotham. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Nelson; 2, Young; 3, Sharples; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Gibson. BUFF (4): 1, Steple; 2, 3, Young; 4, Eckersley. YORKS. YELL. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Nelson; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Hordera; 4, Fitton; vhc, Wagstaffe; hc, Thomas; c, Hampshire. BUFF (6): 1, Wagstaffe; 2, Steeple; 3, 4, Thomas; vhc, Fitton; hc, Mirfield. A.O.V. (2): 1, Ackroyd; 2, Steple. SELL. (£1) (8): 1, Young; 2, 3, 4, vhc, c, Hampshire; hc, Steeple.

SOUTH LONDON C. AND F.A.

South London C. and F.A. held their 33rd anaual show at the Public Baths, Old Keat-road, on November 27th. This society is one of oldest in London. The hall is a fine one, and most suitable for a show of this kind, well lighted at top and sides, and comfortably warm. The secretary and treasurer is Mr. G. A. Jefferys, and the assistant-secretary Mr. C. Wallace-Davis—both very able officials, and deserving great credit on the management of the show. The chairmaa is Mr. G. Munday, and the vice-chairmaa Mr. T. Rombach. These, together with Messrs. G. F. Maies, S. Harris, aad A. J. Done, worked very hard to make the show a success, which it proved to be. In the champion Plainhead Norwich classes the principal winners were Messrs. Munday, Richardson, and Males, who showed some splendid specimens; Mr. G. Munday won 1st and three specials with a grand unflighted yell., and cup for best young bird in the show. Mr. Richardson won five firsts in Norwich, aad Mr. Males was well up in most classes. The winners in Yorkshires were Messrs. Done, Biss, Males, and Richardson, who showed some really fine specimens. In Crests and Crestbreds, Messrs. Horton, Spowage and Bizley showed some grand birds. The principal winners in the novice classes were, in Norwich, Messrs. Wilmot, Johnson, White and Palmer; in Yorkshires, Mr. Scott, who simply swept the board; and in Crests and Crestbreds, Messrs. Johnson, Palmer, and Bizley. Messrs. Johnson, Spowage, Males and White were the winners in the British section; Mr. White won 1st and special for best British in show with a fine Tree Pipit. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (4): 1, Muaday, good quality wing marked bird, wins well; 2, Males, another wiag-marked, close up; 3, Harriss, nice quality; vhc, Richardson. BUFF CL. (5): 1, spl. 3, Richardson, 1st good quality, type and colour; 3rd another good one; 2, Munday, good colour, a really fine bird; vhc, Males; hc, Harriss. BUFF. [illegible]KED, ETC. (5): 1, Richardsoa, a really good variegbird; 2, 3, Males, 2nd good quality, 3rd very nice bird; vhc, Biss; hc, Harriss. HEN (7): 1, Munday, very good wing-marked yell., good type and quality; 2, vhc, Richardson, 2nd nice variegbuff, grand type and colour; 3, Males, fiae bird; hc, Harriss; c, Biss. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, three spls, including cup for best young bird winaer, Munday, really graad yell., good body, tail and wings compact, nice rouad head, a gem; 2, hc, Richardson, 2nd very nice exhibit, good type and quality; 3, colour spl., Hollands, very hot, very typical; bc, Harriss; c, Males. BUFF (9): 1, vbc, Richardsoa, very good one, colour aad quality A1; 2, Hollaads, another good bird, nice body, close up; 3, Harriss, typical, little smaller; hc, Males; c, Biss. BUFF. TICK., ETC. (3): 1, Richardson, very good grizzle head, nice bird; 2, Biss, grand varieg. bird; 3, Males, a fine exhibit. HEN (7): 1, bc, Richardson, yell., type and quality very good; 2, c, Biss, 2nd a fiue-bodied bird, nice wiags aad tail; 3, Munday, buff, good in featber; vbc, Hollaads; c, Biss. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (3): 1, Males, yell., lovely bird; 2, 3, Done, 2nd nice feather, 3rd not quite so good in feather. BUFF CL., ETC. (3): 1, Done, nice bird; 2, 3, Males, 2nd typical, but small, 3rd good feather. HEN (4): 1, Done, good cian. marked yell; 2, Biss, nice variegated buff; 3, vbc, Males; 3rd very good buff. UNFLI. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Biss, very fine exhibit, nice type and colour; 2, 3, Males, aeat ana close together; vhc, Done. BUFF CL. (4): 1, Biss, very nice, of good type and quality; 2, Males, another nice one, very fair feather; 3, Richardson, grand type, rather oa small side; vhc, Done. BUFF, TICK., ETC. (3): 1, Males, typical wing-marked one; 2, Done, nice all over; 3, Richardson, another nice one. UNFLI. HEN (2): 1, Done, nice type; 2, Males. Classes 198 to 201 cancelled. CRESTS OR C.B. (4): 1, vbc, spl. for best vhc, Horton, very large crest, good droop and feather, well over beak; 2, Bizley, aice Crestbred, large head, grand length of feather; 3, Spowage, very nice varieg. Crest. UNFLI. (4): 1, 2, Horton, 1st good Crest, slightly varieg. in crest feathers, splendid exhibit; 2nd, another fine exhibit well showa; 3, vhc, Spowage, cleso up. Classes 206 and 207 cancelled. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. CL., ETC. (3): 1, Palmer, very good buff; 2, White, lovely yell.; 3, Clark, nice non-fed. UNFLI. (6): 1, 2, vhc and spl, hc, c, Wilmot, 1st good yell., 2nd varieg. buff; 3rd Johnson, typical yell. Classes 212 aad 213 cancelled. YORKS. UNFLI.: 1, two spls, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Scott, 1st a real gem, good length, type and quality; 2nd, cinn. marked yell.; 3rd another nice one. CRESTS (4): 1, spl, 2, Johnsoa, 1st good round crest, aice droop; 2ad another fiae crest; 3, Palmer, beautiful crest; vhc, Bizley. CRESTBRED (4): 1, spl, 3, Johnson, 1st clear large head, pleaty of feather; 3rd aaother good bird; 2, Palmer, large varieg.; vhc, Bizley. UNFLI. CRESTS (4): 1, Archer, nice bird; 2, Palmer. CRESTBRED: 1, Bizley; 2, Archer; Class 220, cancelled. UNFLI. A.O.V.: 3 good Lizards. CAN. MULE: 1, White, Linnet-Canary, fine exhibit; 2, Males, Goldfinch Mule, well shown; Class 223 cancelled. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, spl, Johnson, very nice Goldfiach, wins well; 2, Richardson, another good Finch; 3, Males; vhc, Seyer. BULLFINCH BRIT.: 1, Johnson, good breast colour, fine cap, wings and tail; 2, Spowage, another nice bird, close up; 3, Munday, well shown; vhc, Robinson. LINNET (5): 1, spl, Johnson, smart Linnet, good colour and markings; 2, 3, Robinson, two nice exhibits, well staged; vhc, Spowage. A.O.S. BRIT. SEED-EATING (4): 1, Johnson, Greenfinch, nicely shown; 2, Spowage, Bramblefinch, in good conditiou; 3, White, fine Redpole; vhc, Robinson, nice Chaffinch. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, spl. for best Brit. in show, White, Tree-pipit, in splendid condition; 2, Spowage, Blackbird, fine specimen. FOR. SMALL: 1, White, large, good Goldfinch; Class 230 caacelled. SELL. (£1 1s.): 1, Richardson, yell. Nor.; 2, Palmer; 3, vhc, Johnson; all cheap birds. 10/6: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Done.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Bournemouth held their 17th Annual Show in the Winter Gardens, Nov. 26th and 27th, and it must be registered as a great success so far as entries were concerned. But the weather at the time of our leaving was "simply awful," and we think must seriously affect the gate. Entries came up to close on 600, and some of the Cream of England put in an appearance. The show was opened by the Earl of Malmesbury, accompanied by Lady Calthorp, supported by the Mayor of Bouraemouth and some of the leading residents. Mr. J. A. Crawshaw, vice-president, worked most ardently for the good of the Society, and was most busy and courteously backed up by the chairman and a good committee of workers. The secretaryship was in the hands of Messrs. Leech and Jones, and we doubt if it would be possible to find two men who could give them many lengths start in this capacity. Their work all round was admirable. The mode of keeping class references we have never seen equalled. Messrs Heath and E. Sik did the judging, the former taking open Canaries and the latter British and Foreign and Members' Canaries.

NOR. CL. YELL (8): 1, 2, Banbury; 2nd, was a bit the bigger of the two, 1st, very smart appearance, cleaner cut away behind—a good point in a first-class Nor., both well fed, teeming with colour; 3, Miles, also a good one, very typical, must have pressed hard; vhc, Lowe; hc, Tope; c, Schneider. BUFF: 1, Lowe; 2, Miles, two very high-class birds, need no comment, except that we think both did battle at Portsmouth when their positions were the reverse; vhc, Clarke; hc, Tope. TICK YELL (4): 1, Miles, well ahead with one of right stamp; 2, Tope, extra good quality of featber; 3, Lowe, heavily marked Yell., fine bird, which some preferred; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Miles, slight tick, both well moulted, good shape and style; 3, Lowe, nice typical bird, close up; vhc, Schneider. HENS: 1, Lowe, lovely one, good style, type aad quality; 2, Miles, another beautiful hen, close up all over, good all round; 3, Kilby, good substance, has nice quality; vhc, Neal; hc, Clarke. UNFLI. (10): 1, Banbury; 2, Tope; 3, Lowe; all three true Plainheads, lovely shape and quality, hard to separate; vhc, Lowe; hc, Miles; c, Clark. NOVICE SECTION came very short of entries, only 2 clears and 4 hens. CLEARS: 2, Cooke; c, Millet. HENS: 2, Cooke. CRESTS (CL. BODY) cancelled. A.O.V. (3): 1, Tope, fine, large Crest, big body, nice texture; 2, Gale, all over a show bird, some thought could have won; 3, Marshall, another fine Crest, extra well formed. CREST HENS (3): 1, Greenwood and Burson, extra good frontal, beautiful centre and radiation; 2, 3, Gale, 2nd, very neat and nice; 3rd, beautiful frontal. CRESTBREDS (6): 1, Neal, fine, lashing good broad head, wins well; 2, Tope, Clear, wonderful head feather; 3, hc, Roylance, nice entrance, well clothed. CLASS 18 and 22 (amalgamated): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Joiner, do him great credit, nice lot of birds. YORKS CL. YELL. (11): 1, Dobson; 2, Carson; 3, Smith, close race, all really good, typical Yorks., which wanted a bit of separating; vhc, Fortunato; hc, Thomson; c, Whittome. BUFF (6): 1, Rorke, true Yorks., fine feather, grand stand, wins well; 2, Carson, aaother good oae, close up; 3, Withers, not quite the length, otherwise very good; vhc, Smith; hc, Whittome; c, Arnold. UNFLI. (10): 1, vhc, Carson, former nice straight yell., lovely quality; 2, Rorke, almost equally good buff, true to type, grand position; 3, Smith, handsome varieg. bird, well drawn; bc, Thomson; c, Rogers. YELL. HENS (12): lovely lot of birds; 1, Withers, grand ciun. mark., straight as a rush, wins "hands down"; 2, Carsoa, another sweet hen, full of Yorks. properties; 3, Dohson, good oac, straight, fine positioned hen; vbc, Adams; hc, Harris. BUFF (11): Another fine lot, scarcely a bad one amongst them; 1, Rorke, with scarcely a fault; 2, Dobson, a real gem also; 3, Withers, deserved all she got, fine shape and stand; vhc, Withers; bc, Smith. CINN. (7): 1, 3, Clarke, yell. and buff respectively, very fine birds, worth their positions; 2, Lowe, a large yell., typical and good; hc, Carter; c, Oliver. NOR. NON-FED (11): 1, Brooke; 2, Farrer; 3, Hayman; vbc, Kcarle; hc, Bartlett; c, Hart. ROLLERS (9): 1, Wisdoa; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Russell, Wyatt. A.O.V.: 1, vbc, Fisher, very nice Lizard; 2, Cherrey, souud-coloured, sbapely Green; 3, Fortunato, natty, typical Border; bc, Lowe. LIMIT (21s.): 1, neat, nice Crest. BRIT. COLDFINCH (13): Crand lot; 1, 3, Carter, 1st fine bird, easy winaer here; 3rd another very fine Finch; 2, Carrier, looked like the Portsmoutb 1st, good all round, in nice condition; vbc, Herbert, Arnold; bc, Neal; c, Cook. BULLFINCH (16): Fine lot of birds; 1, Russell, a gem shown in pink of condition, good cap, aice breast and bars; 2, Carter, close up, fine specimen; 3, Gilbert, another cliaking Bullie; vhc, Wyatt; hc, Flintoff; res, Jones and Goddard. GREENFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Miss Thomas, lovely Chaffinch, very bright in markiags, very steady; 2, Feltham, another good Chaffiach; 3, White, wonderfully fine Creenfiach, steady aad well shown; r, vhc, hc, Gerrey; c, Lean. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, Russell, lovely Twite, shown in very masterly style; 2, Taviaer; 3, Craddock, both beautiful pencilled Linnets; r, vhc, Ashford, another good Twite; hc, Cook; c, Clemments. REDPOLL, ETC. (11): Splendid lot of birds; 1, Russell, one of the very best Siskins we have seen; 2, Carter, grand Redpoll; 3, vhc, Loag, another aice Siskin; hc, Cook; res., Miss Ashford, good Mealy Redpoll. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, Carter, lovely Bunting, in grand form, very steady; 2, Miss Ashford, very good Brambling, lovely condition; 3, Goddard, in good feather; vhc, White. A.O.S. (12): 1, Lean, splendid Fieldfare, sbowa to perfection; 2, Phillips, lovely Thrush, only 10/-, worth much more; 3, Carter, very pretty Tree Pipit; r, vhc, Thomas; hc, Cerrey, Davis, Mayne, Russell, Wyatt. MULE, ETC., LICHT (10): 1, Hamblin, six-poiated yellow, a gem of the first water; 2, Parsons, similar bird, good eye markings; 3, Bennett, clear, but nob shown to best advantage—tub him, Mr. B.; r, vhc, Winter, another good bird; hc, Hambling, Thomas; c, Cheetman. DARK (19): Grand lot of birds; 1, Carter, very fine Goldie and Bullie, shown la A1 form; 2, Lamb, handsome bird, breast feather somewhat handicapped him; 3, Reeves, Brambling Chaffinch, very rare cross, distinct parentage; r, vhc, White, Greenfinch and Canary, very bright in colour, in splendid feather; vhc, Nlnaers, Arnold; hc, Thomas, Barrow. FOR. LARGE (10): 1, Leecb, fine Amazon Parrot, in grand plumage; 2, Neal, another almost its equal, not quite so bright in colour; 3, Adams; res, Mrs. Flint, Salmon-breasted Cockatoo, one of the best we have seea; vhc, Windebank; hc, Cook. BUDGERIGARS, ETC.: 1, Loader, Peachfaced, good one; 2, Eileen; 3, Hoal, Budgerigars, not much to choose; r, Feltham; bc, Mayne. LARGER THAN JAVAS (6): 1, Mayae, nice Bulbul; 2, r, Feltham, Brazilian Seedeater, good feather; 3, Bridge, Cardinals, nice pair; hc, Pope. A.O.S. SMALL. (13): 1, Carter, Blackheaded Gouldian, grand bird; 2, Barrow, fine Goldfinch; 3, Mayne, pretty Waxbills; vhc, hc, Jones; hc, Phillips, Hyacinth. MEMBERS' CANARIES: Were very large. NOR. YELL. (14): Grand lot, well selected; 1, cup, Mathews; 2, Neal, and medal; 3, Gerrey; r, Thomas; vhc, Neal; hc, Cheetham. BUFFS (16): 1, 3, vhc, Russ; 2, Goodland; r, Neal; vhc, Kearle; hc, Cheetham. CRESTS (14): Grand lot; 1, 2, Neal, equal to open class birds; 3, Goodland; r, vhc, Russell, Wyatt; hc, House, Kearle. CRESTBREDS (9): Another nice lot; 1, Crooke, very fine-headed bird; 2, Clements; 3, Cheetham; vhc, Goodlands, Neal. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, Baker; 2, 3, r, Wyatt; all good birds. BUFFS (8): 1, Fortunato; 2, 3, Wyatt. LIMIT (19): 1, 3, hc, Evans; 2, Baker; r, vhc, Brooke. PAIRS (Canaries) (15): 1, Neal, grand pair Crests; 2, Baker, Yorks.; 3, Thomas, Cinnamons. COLLECTIONS (4): 1, Neal, Crests and Crestbreds; 2, Goodland; 3, Wyatt. GIFT (8): 1, Jones; 2, Neal; 3, Cheetham. NON-FED: 1, Ashford; 2, Brooke; 3, Bartlett. CHALLENGE CUP CLASS: 1, Neale, best Crest in show, when fit will make a champion, still in pen feather in crest, very large, splendidly radiated; 2, Wyatt, good Yorkshire; 3, Neale. BRIT COLDFINCHES (15): 1, Winter; 2, Neale; 3, Ashford. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Wyatt; 2, vhc, Wyatt; 3, Clemnents. BRIT. SMALL.: 1, Parsons; 2, Neale; 3, Mayne. MULES: 1, Thomas; t 3 Ashford

LITTLEBOROUGH.

Littleborough, a hamlet situated about three miles from Rochdale, and bordering on to the moorlands, possesses a body of fanciers who are pushiug the hobby in the district, and this year tried their hand at offering open classes. They can, undoubtedly, compliment themselves on their first venture as their appeals brought forth a responsc averaging nearly 14 birds per class. In the Lancashire classes, 17 entries, a very good collection for quality was exhibited. In the Yorkshire section, 49 in three classes, were displayed some very fine "gentlemen" of the variety. Mr. Fitton won special for most points. Norwich classes, 13 aud 15 also were supported well, and Mr. Hirst won the special allotted for most points. Messrs. Smith and Sellars won spl. for most points in the unlighted Yorkies, and spl. for most points gained by a member throughout the Yorks. classes, also Club's spl. for most points in show and spl. for best bird (excluding Lancs.) in show. Mr. Mills gained spl. most points in Lancs, and Mr. Fish for best exhibit shown by a member. The room chosen was all that could be desired, being the well-lighted hall of the Conservative Club. The judge was Mr. Edward Lowe, of Oldham, and general satisfaction was expressed with his awards. He was well supported by the very excellent secretary, Mr. Crossley, and two able stewards, Messrs. Smith and Hallows, who had cards up and points spl allotted almost instantly judging had finished. Another compliment might here be given these gentlemen for the speedy manner in which they had their catalogue published. Messrs. Smith and Sellars were unfortunate in losing their Lancashire coppy, which had won for them second in the open and first in members. After judging, the stewards placed all the transferred members' birds back into the open classes, and during this process Mr. Smith noticed his bird take a drink and then collapse. In addition to the stewards and secretary, Messrs. Howarth, Sellars, Myers, Mills, Fish, Brooks, and Woodhead worked well and were always on the move.

OPEN CLASSES: LANC. COPPY, A.V. (8): 1, hc, Mills (W), yell, neat and compact, plenty of length, nice grizzle coppy, perches seemed rather too round, bird slipping very often; 2, Smith and Sellars, yell, nice coppy, good centre, nice round back, fine feather; 3, Crossley, buff, big bird, good body; 4, vhc, Adams, another very neat one; c, Turner. P.H., A.V. (10): spl, 1, 4, Mills, 1st, buff, grand head, broad entrance, abundance of feather, good style and rare lengths, well filled in at neck; 4th, yell, neat and compact; 2, Fish, nice yell, grizzle on neck, well made; 3, Crossley, buff, very good skull, extra length, good broad back, stands well; vhc, Turner; hc, Howarth; c, Adams. NOR. YELL. (13): 1, Hirst, clear grand ground colour, massive good round head, rather coarse feather, wins well; 2, Claytou, tkd on skull, strong in head points; 3, Woodall, clear, very nice specimaca, fair head and chest properties; 4, Todd, var. very neat, jaunty bird, good carriage; vhc, c, Smith and Sellars; hc, Schofield. BUFF (15): 1, Hirst, clear, good round head, typical, in nice feather, a gem; 2, Smith and Sellars, clear chubby, very fine feather, large, good exhibit; 3, Schofield, tkd on skull, fiue condition, good feather, nice shape, neat carriage; 4, Crossley, grand entrance and round head, rather pale; vhc, Brooks; hc, Todd; c, Schofield. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, Fitton, round head, good body, tkd on skull, good wing carriage, fine feather, well up on leg, nicely put down; 2, Smith and Sellars, very good length and quality, fiac bird; 3, Hartley, typical, does not seem at his best, slim, very eleaa cut, leggy; 4, Hirst, neat, plenty of length; vhc, Schofield; hc, Blackburn; c, Simpson. BUFF (15): 1, Fitton, shows good Yorks. properties, nicely moulded and developed, pretty head; 2, Faulkner, another tip-topper, with nice frosty coat; 3, Hirst, but little below the standard of others; 4, Clayton, tkd, steady as a rock, good length; vhc, Shaw; hc, Smith and Sellars; c, Mayers. UNFLI. (24): 1, Smith and Sellars, yell, lovely colour, grand position, neat head, full of quality; 2, Hirst, Cinn. mkd., nice head, leggy, good feather; 3, vhc, Faulkner, yell, blaze of colour, carries flights and tail neatly, nice head; 4, Clayton, buff, plenty of quality, pale in colour; hc, Schofield; c, Smith and Sellars. MEMBERS' LANC. YELL. COPPY (4): 1, Smith and Sellars, also 2nd in open; 2, Fish, good bodied bird; 3, Laycock; 4, Crossley; two very fair specimens. BUFF (6): 1, Crossley, also third in open; 2, Brooks, very neat bird, feathered well over brow; 3, Mills (J.), very neat throughout; 4, hc, Laycock; vhc, Fish. CL. YELL. P.H. (6): The first three stood out well, a nice trio; 1, Crossley; 2, Mills (J.); 3, Whitworth; 4, Laycock; vhc, Mayers; hc, Hollows. TKD. (1): 1, Fish. BUFF CL. P.H. (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Hollows, not much between them for quality. BUFF TKD. (5): 1, Fish; 2, Howarth; 3, Smith and Sellars; 4, Crossley; vhc, Laycock, a very good class. COPPY HEN (6): 1, 4, Crossley; 2, Laycock; 3, Mills (J.); vhc, Fish. P.H. HEN (6): 1, hc, Crossley; 2, Fish; 3, vhc, Howarth; 4, Brooks. LIZ. GOLD (2): 1, Smith and Sellars, very fair bird, good back; 2, Woodhead. SILVER (5): 1, Howarth; 2, Woodhead; 3, 4, Smith and Sellars; vhc, Hollows. CREST (2): 1, Mills; 2, Laycock. C.B. (3): 1, Mills; 2, Laycock; 3, Crossley. YORKS YELL., Cl.. (7): 1, Smith and Sellars, also first in open; 2, 3, Crossley, 2nd, very neat bird; 4, Whitworth; vhc, Woodhead; hc, Howarth; c, Tattersall. YELL. TKD. (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Crossley; 3, Woodhead. BUFF (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Brooks; 3, Rigg. TKD. (3): 1, Smith and Sellars; 2, Tattersall; 3, Howarth. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Smith and Sellars; 3, Brook, very good trio, indeed. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Smith and Sellars; 2, 4, Crossley; 3, Brooks; vhc, Mayers; c, Woodhead. BRIT. (6): 1, 3, Crossley, first Goldfinch, very neat blaze, nice colour, third, steady Bramblefinch; 2, Rigg, Bullfinch, nice one; 4, Smith and Sellars; vhc, Hollows. A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, Crossley; 2, Smith and Sellars; 3, Rigg; 4, Hollows. SELL. 10/- (6): 1, Fish; 2, Brooks; 3, Smith and Sellars; 4, Rigg; vhc, hc, Whitworth.

BOLTON.

After a lapse of several years Bolton and Dis. O. and R.C.S. held an open show, without doubt the most successful ever held in Bolton, on Nov. 22nd and 23rd, in the Co-operative Hall, Bridge Street. The hall was a magnificent one for the purpose, and was voted by both exhibitors and visitors to be one of the best in the country, being very well lighted and absolutely free from draughts. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. Jas. Stringer, the President, Mr. F. Procter, and Mr. R. Hollas, treasurer, everything was in apple-pie order, and all that could be desired was done. The last of the Birds was returned early on the Saturday night, in order to ensure their reaching home the same night. The successful exhibitors were paid their prize money in the afternoon. Special credit, however, must be given to Messrs. T. H. Cooper, R. Parkinson and C. Ellison, who were most energetic and devoted workers throughout both days and to whom the best thanks of the Society are due. The other members of the Committee, viz., Messrs. Eccleston, S. Smith, James Smith, Jun Smith, John Smith, Massey, J. Lomax, J. R. Mitchell, Lougworth and others also worked hard and helped to make the show the success it was. The show was formally opened by Mr. Councillor Joseph Edge, J.P.—an old member of the Society—who in a few appropriate remarks congratulated the Society on the splendid quality of the exhibits, wishing them every success. Entries totalled about 350, and included some very fine specimens in every section. Yorkshires came up well and were a very level lot, type size and quality being well maintained throughout, especially in the cases of Mr. J. Hodgson's clear Buff, and Mr. G. Wear's Yellow hen—two magnificent Yorkshires. In the Norwich classes, many notable winners were staged, including the usual grand team exhibited by Mr. T. Seed, another grand team belonging to Mr. J. E. Davies, and several very good specimens owned by Messrs. Dent, Cook, Hirst, Winter and Raynes. In the Crest Section Messrs. Hart, Hardy and Wilkinson, staged three stormers, and in the Border classes the now well known local Border fancier (Mr. H Parkinson) and Mr. C. C. Blackshaw accounted for most of the spoil. In the Mules, British and Foreign Birds, Messrs. Ward, Howarth, Almond, Mort and Makin staged some grand birds. CAGE BIRDS prizes were won by Mr. J. Almond, Hawfinch, 1; Mr P. Hardy, Crest-bred, 2; and Mr. Parkinson, Norwich Buff Hen, 3. There was also a members' Roller contest, which proved a good attraction to visitors. The judges were Messrs. J. Trengove, Canaries; J. Walsh, Mules, British and Foreign; and T. W. Walton, Rollers; and their awards gave every satisfaction. All prize money and money specials have been paid.

YORKSHIRE CL. YELL. (8): 1, Cooper, grand length and quality, well up on leg, neat head, nice colour, shade strong; 2 and members' spl. for best Yorks., Mitchell, slim, stylish, well drawn bird, grand position and quality, nice back, wings and tail close up; 3, Lane, extra slim and leggy, beautiful quality and type, stands like an officer, well worth its place; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, not quite the length, but exquisite type and quality, real good Yorks.; vhc, Burton; hc, Binns; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (12): 1, Hodgson, a gem of the first water, teeming with quality, well up in size, lovely type, nice colour and position, carefully selected; 2, Binns, hardly the length, but grand quality and carriage, nice back wings and tail, stands well, shown in grand form; 3, Spencer, brimful of quality, splendid type and position; 4, Mitchell, grand quality and type, nice back, well traced wings, good pipe tail; vhc, Lane; hc, Hirst; c, Knowles. TICK. (16): 1, W. R. Knowles, Cinn., wing mkd, grand one, fine length and position, splendid quality and carriage, straight as a rush, a good win; 2, 4, Burton, couple of rare Yorks., second thigh tkd. Yell., grand length, rare wings and tail, beautiful feather and type, fourth Buff, tkd. on head, rare colour, nice length, good back and position; 3, Holmes, grissle-headed Buff, good length, stylish and leggy, magnificent quality; vhc, Spencer, Cinn., wing and neck mkd. yell., nice colour; hc, Mrs C M. Sunderland, very slim and stylish; c, Wright. YELL. HENS (16): 1, 4, Wear, couple of Clears, leader a gem all over, shines like silk, stands well up, best of backs, wings and tail, magnificent quality, nice length, 4 grand hen, superior quality and style, hard to find fault with; 2, Kirkham, Clear, another grand hen, extra good carriage and style, nice length; 3, Ogden Brothers, longer but rather stronger perhaps, grand quality and position; vhc, Holmes, long, stylish hen; hc, Burns, very neat bird; c, Brooks. BUFF (12): 1, 3, Burton, couple of Clears, 1 nice length, excellent quality, splendid shape and position, a topper, 3 grand length and quality, rare back, wings and tail, neat head and neck, must have pressed; 2, Burns, long raking Clear, good carriage and style, pretty smooth in front; 4, Knowles, tkd. head and thigh, another typical Yorks., splendid quality, type and length, well worth its place; vhc, Cooper, nice length and type; hc, Hopkins; c, Hirst. UNFLI. (17): 1, Wear, buff, ticked on cheek, grand length and position, superior quality and colour, nice back, wings and tail, very stylish; 2, Burton, clear yell., red-hot colour, grand quality and style, good length and position, Blackburn winner; 3, Binns, yell., grand length, colour and quality, close up; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, clear buff, not a large one, but for type, quality, colour and position, a gem; vhc, Crossley, clear buff, grand, long bird; hc, Spencer, long raking clear yell.; c, J. and J. Hopkins. NOR. CL YELL. (8): 1, T. Seed, red hot colour, grand head, neck and chest, good quality and size, well braced wings and tail, 2, Hirst, Blackpool and Blackburn winner, really grand Nor., looking fit, often described; 3, Senior and Hartley, grand size and colour, beautiful quality and carriage, hardly as chubby; 4, J. and J. Hopkins; vhc, Roberts; hc, Dent; c, Horsman. BUFF (13): 1, Ramsden's medal for hottest fed, T. Seed, still another win for the old champion; 2, c, J. and J Hopkins; 3, Dent, extra good quality and type, beaten only in substance; 4, Cook, grand size and shape, rare colour and quality, good big one; hvc, Davies, grand, chubby bird; hc, Roberts. TICK. ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Davies, heavy varie., rare colour and shape, good size and quality, make a grand stock bird; 2, Cook, cap and wing mkd., splendid colour and quality, loses substance; 3, Mellor, grand quality and type, rare colour and quality, trifle smaller; 4, Longworth, nice quality and colour; vhc, R. Seed. BUFF (8): 1, Dent, head and face marked, good colour and quality, rattling size and type, nice head, neck and chest; 2, T. Seed, cap neck and wing marked, grand colour and quality, nice shape hardly substance of leader; 3, Senior and Hartley, head and wing marked, nice colour and quality, good shape and carriage; 4, Curwen, heavy var., grand type, quality and colour; vhc, Davies; hc, Proctor. YELL. HENS (16): 1, vhc, Dent, leader clear Blackpool winner, grand size and shape, rare colour and quality, one of the best out; 2, Senior and Hartley, another clear, grand colour and quality, good broad, deep chest, very nice head and neck; 3, Davies, head and wings grand quality and type, nice colour and carriage; 4, T. Seed, clear mkd., rare colour and size, nice quality and carriage; vhc, Raynes, eye and wing marked, unfl., good hen; c, spl, for best yell. hen shewn by a member, Cooper, wing grand quality and type. BUFF (8): 1, Cook, clear, beautiful quality and type, extra short and thick set, good level colour, grand carriage, a bonny hen; 2, Dyer, simply, nice colour, size and quality, rare head, neck and chest; 3, Davies, nice size and colour, grand quality and shape, inclined to cross wings a little; 4, Parkinson, grand quality and shape, hardly thu size; vhc, Cooper; hc, Davies; c, Senior and Hartley. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, Clominson, clear rare size and shape, teeming with quality and colour, splendid carriage and condition; 2, Hirst, clear, hotter colour, rare head, neck and chest, all front, grand quality, one of the right sort; 3, Davies, wing mkd., grand shape, colour and quality, hardly as compact perhaps; 4, T. Seed, clear, grand quality and colour, seems little out of condition; vhc, Senior and Hartley, grand quality and colour; hc, Roberts; c, Curwen. BUFF (19): 1, grand class; 1, T. Seed, Blackpool and Preston winner, dark tail, grand size, colour and quality; 2, Issott, clear, grand quality and colour, good head, neck and chest, well packed wings and tail; 3, Dyer, another clear, red-hot colour, superior quality and type, nice size and carriage; 4, Boothman, clear, very short and cobby, grand quality, beaten only in colour; vhc, Hirst, good thick set bird, wants steadying; hc, Longworth, nice quality and type; c, Smith. NAT. COL. YELL. (3): J. and J. Hopkins, the old varie. yell. 2, 3, Winter, second heavily varie., extra shape and size, grand carriage, nice quality, fine head, neck and chest, all front, 3, foul green, good quality and type, fails a little in substance; 4, vhc, Simms, ticked on head again, nice type and quality; hc, Howarth; c, Raynes. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Raynes, leader clear, extra quality and shape, rare head, neck and chest, real good Nor.; 2, hc, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Winter, clear, magnificent quality, extra type and carriage, fairly bold head; 4, Senior and Hartley, even mkd., grand quality and type; c, Mellor. CREST. (8): 1, Wilkinson, clear body, dark, good crest of nice size, nice leafy feather, well centred, grand substance of body; 2, Brotherton, lightly varie., dark, good, neat crest; 3, Stringer, heavy varie., grand frontal, good centre, hardly so good at back perhaps, still a good crest; 4, Turton, wing mkd. dark, another grand one, hardly so neat in crest as leaders; vhc, Simms; hc, Laidlow; c, Hardly. CRESTBRED (12): 1, 2, Hardy, first lightly varie., grand skull, carrying heaps of feather, well lashed, fine substance of body, good quality, a stormer, wins easy; second green, another grand. C.B., wonderful substance, beaten only in head; 3, Hyde's, hc, c, Brotherton, green, plenty of feather nice substance and head, a good third; 4, Stringer, all of a bail when we saw it a grand bird, when in condition; vhc, Proctor. CREST, 1907, (8): 1 Hart, green, well radiated crest, extra good droop and centre, a grand exhibit; 2, Simpson, grissle crest, neat, good frontal, trifle weak at sides perhaps; 3, Brotherton, clear body, dark, very similar; 4, Wilkinson, wings marked dark, well centred; vhc, J. and J. Salisbury; hc, Ogden; c, Stringer. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, hc, Blackshaw, eyes, cheek and wing marked, little model, wonderful quality of feather, nice shape and grand mover; 2, Cherry, clear, very neat in type, all there for style, but little behind in quality; 3, Wagstaff, green, little gem, teeming with quality, best of heads and wing carriage, put down in the pink; 4, Wagstaff, another good one; vhc, Parkinson, Manchester winner; c, Cleminson and Curwen. BUFF, (19): 1, 2, 4, Parkinson, grand team, all exquisite quality, correct type, put down in AJ form; 3, Cleminson and Curwen, clear, grand quality and carriage, typical and good; vhc, Cleminson and Curwen; hc, Blackshaw; c, Proctor. A.O.V. (5): 1, Walsh, yell. Scot Fancy, good type and position, nice side and feather; 2, Hales, buff do, another nice exhibit; 3, Hodgson, buff Bel., gets well in position, grand shoulders, nice size; 4, Howarth, green Nor., grand type and quality; vhc, Senior and Hartley, even mkd Yorks. MULE, ETC. (8): 1, Ward, Linnet Bullfinch, unique 11, well-known winner; 2, Hart, dark, Greenfinch-Canary, nice size, shown in good condition; 3, J. and J. Salisbury, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, on the small side, but in very grand feather; 4, Issott, dark Linnet-Canary; vhc, J. and F. Leach, Goldfinch-Canary; hc, T Jackson, Greenfinch-Canary; c, S. Smith SELL., 30/- (14): 1 Cherry; 2, Proctor; 3, F. Ellis; 4, Parkinson; vhc, Simpsou; hc, Howarth; c, Raynes. £1 (13): 1, Wagstaff; 2, Senior and Hartley; 3, Crossley; 4, Elbs; vhc, Smith; hc, Wear; c, Davies. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Howarth, first easy win, good size, shape and markings; second, not quite so distinct in markings, but very steady; 3, Mrs Miller, well staged, nice colour and markings; 4, Haslam; vhc, Fisher. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Almond, nice size, good tan, blaze and buttons, very steady, well shown; 2, Law, smaller, but extra good blaze; 3, Senior, nice Finch, very fair colour; 4, Crompton, not quite clear enough in whites perhaps; vhc, Turton; hc, J. and F. Leach; c, Whitehead. BRIT. HARDBILL (12): 1, 3, vhc, Almond, well-known Hawfinch, leading, looking well; third Bramblefinch, in lovely condition, grand colour and markings; 2, Hunter, grand Greenfinch, beautiful colour and sheen, a real gem; 4, Burton, Crossbill, in good condition, and very steady; hc, Philpott, Corn Bunting; c, Brough, Bullfinch. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Mort, well spangled Thrush, good size, in lovely condition; 2, Hunter, grand, grey Wagtail, nice colour and steady; 3, Walker, Nightingale, well-known winner; 4, Crompton, Nightingale, nice exhibit, fails just a little in colour; vhc, Senior, good Gold-crested Wren; hc, Crompton, Wryneck; c, Philpott, Wagtail. FOR (5): 1, Makin, Grey Parrot, grand size, good colour, in perfect feather and condition; 2, 3, vhc, J. and F. Leach, red-headed Gouldian Finch, Pekin Robin and Ribbon Finch s, all in grand condition and put down in good form; 4, Ditchfield, green Amazon Parrot, grand exhibit, but not quite at its best.

ROLLER CANARIES (bred 1907): MEMBERS ONLY (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, W. Whittaker, hollow roll, 6 points, hollow bell 2, bass roll 2, flute note 3, excellence 4, total 17 pts.; 2, hollow roll 4; hollow bell 4, flute note 2, bell tour 2, excellence 3, total 15 pts.; 3, hollow roll 3, bass roll 2, Gluck 2, flute 3, bell tour 2, total 12 pts.; hc, c, Massey and Ridings. 1907 BRED (Members' own breeding) (6): 1, W. Whittaker, hollow roll 6 pts., hollow bell 4, bass roll 2, flute note 3, excellence 4, total 19 pts.; 2, Massey and Ridings, hollow roll 3pts., hollow bell 3, bass roll 2, flute note 2, bell roll 2, bell tour 2, total 14 pts; Whittaker, 3rd, hollow roll 4 pts., hollow bell 3, bass roll 2, bell tour 2, total 11 pts.; vhc, Massey and Ridings; c, Whittaker. NOVICE (1907 bred, members' own breeding) (4): 1, J. Bramhall, hollow roll 4 points, hollow bell 2, bass 2, flute note 2, bell tour 2, total 12 pts.; 2nd, J. Hartley; No. 2 and 3 did not sing. SELLING (9): 1, Massey and Ridings; 2, 3, c, Kremner; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Watkins.

BUCKSBURN AND WOODSIDE.

The Bucksburn and Woodside O.S. held their annual show in the Burgh Hall, Woodside, on November 23rd. It proved to be the largest show yet held. Over 400 entries were beautifully staged round the room, which is lighted from both sides and free from draughts. The management was all that could be desired. The President, Mr. John Thomson, knows how to handle a show of this description, and he stuck to his post from morning till night, and kept everything moving in the best of order. The secretary, Mr. Alex. Thomson, has no equal in running a successful show. He adds to the funds year after year, is a hard working fancier, and does his best to please everybody. May he long continue in this office. The committee consists of the following:—Messrs. F. Scott (vice-president), Strachan, Dunn, Dugald, Johnstone, M'Pherson, Milne, Wright, Lyon, Jamieson, Stephen, Will, Duncan, Park, Rae, Ross, Duffus, Fraser, Stewart, Taylor, and Silver, all excellent fanciers. The Norwich classes contained some grand specimens of Nor. of beautiful type, and teeming with colour and quality. British birds created very strong competition, and the honours were well divided. The judges were: Mr. Milne, Montrose (Norwich, etc.), and Mr. Geo. Finnie, Aberdeen (British and Foreign), and their awards gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Jamieson, rich, deep, solid colour, good size and best of quality; 2, Rae, good shape, well up in size, nice wing carriage, fails only in colour to winner; 3, Lawrie, best of colour and quality, short wings and tail, not at all a bad one; 4, Dunn, grand colour and quality; 5, Thomson; 6, Fyfe. HEN (10): 1, Daniel, good shape, full head and neck, best of colour, just a little open in feather, very nice; 2, Duffus, A1 shape and size, deep chest and full neck, grand quality, fine level colour; 3, Sandison, another good hen, rich in colour, lovely texture; 4, Garden, nice round-chested bird of A1 quality, fails little in head; 5, Will; 6, Strachan. BUFF CK. (11): 1, 2, Garden, both grand quality, nicely mealed, best of type, short, well packed flights and tail; 3, Thomson, ticked on head, good shape, nice and full in head and neck, grand colour and quality; 4, Dunn; 5, Thomson; 6, Craig. HEN (12): 1, 3, Thomson, winner large, fine-fronted bird, teeming with colour and quality, lovely wings and tail, graud hen; 3rd not quite so large, good shape, A1 quality; 2, Duffus, short, thick-set hen, beautiful feather and rare colour, nice short wings and tail; 4, Steele; 5, Garden. VAR. YELL. (13): 1, Dunn, good Nor. type, rich in colour and quality, spreads tail just a little; 2, Scott, cap and wings marked, fails only in colour to winner; 3, Davidson, not quite so large, but good colour and quality, nice wings and tail; 4, Thomson, well fed; 5, Steele, rattling good colour and quality, wins medal for best fed in show; 6, Garden. HEN (10): 1, Garden, grizzled on head, very typical, grand colour and quality, well-carried wings and tail; 2, Ledingham, marked wings, good type and colour, little open in feather; 3, Will, not quite so large as winner, rare colour, teeming with quality; 4, Thomson; 5, Davidson; 6, Dunn. VAR. BUFF (13): 1, Strachan, a gem, nice shape, grand undercolour, tip-top condition, lovely turned out; 2, Mackie, marked wings and eyes, best of quality, good type and colour; 3, Rae, another fine qualified bird, good substance, and A1 colour; 4, Law; 5, Will; 6, Thomson. HEN (10): 1, Sandison, rattling, good hen, A1 shape and size, deep chest, full neck, grand quality, level colour; 2, Rae, nice shape very smart exhibit, grand colour, nice carried wings and tail; 3, 6, Garden, good stamp, rich in colour and quality, grand head and neck; 4, 5, Thomson PAIRS (4): 1, Strachan, grand balanced pair, a clear buff cock of the right build, and a tip-top yell. var., hen rare size and quality, wins; 2, Garden, yell. cock and buff var. hen, also a good stock pair; 3, Craighead and Duguid; 4, Steele. UNFLI. YELL. (11): 1, Strachan, fine size and shape, grand colour and quality, good head, short wings and tail, nice texture, a gem; 2, 4, Garden, former clear, grand quality of feather, good shape, nice colour; 4th vargtd., best of colour and quality; 3, Dunn, stormer for colour, good type and quality; 5, Will; 6, Sandison. HEN (13): A grand class; 1, Thomson, a gem, right type, good head and neck, chest as round as an apple, lovely back, good wings and tail; 2, 3, Craigbead and Duguid, both good type and quality, damaged a little in tail; 4, Strachan, clear, dark tail, teeming with quality, best of colour; 5, McPherson; 6, Garden. BUFF (13): 1, 5, Garden, winner marked wing, wonderful size and shape, grand quality of feather, nicely mealed; 5th not quite so large, lovely quality, fine under-colour; 2, Rae, good type, lovely back, well-carried wings and tail; 3, Davidson, nicely frosted, good quality and colour; 4, Thomson; 6, Copland. HEN (14): 1, Strachan, well up in size, make a rattling good stock hen; 2, Craighead and Duguid, not quite so large, but grand quality of feather; 3, Scott, good colour, nice stamp; 4, 6, Garden; 5, Whyte. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Scott, fine shape, grand feather and quality wings and tail well braced, closely followed by 2, Mackie, grand shape and quality, nice back, well carried wings and tail; 3, Smith, not quite so large; fine texture, A1 quality; 4, Garden; 5, Shepherd; 6, Hay. HEN (9): 1, J. Thomson, beautiful feather, close as boxwood, nice shape, grand quality wins; 2, 3, Adams, 2nd typical hen of the right stamp; 4, Dunn; 5, 6, Smith. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Whyte, nice model, lovely quality, well turned out; 2, Scott, best of shape, fine soft texture, must have pressed; 3, Garden, nice shape and style, good quality, well put down; 4, Smith; 5, Lawrie; 6, Fraser. HEN (9): 1, Duffus, grand substance, short, thick-set hen, beautiful quality, nice carried wings and tail; 2, Stewart and Milne, very sweet, not quite so large; 3, Lyon, good type and quality; 4, Smith; 5, Garden; 6, Connon. VAR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Lyon, rare size, good type and quality; 2, Steven, good stamp, wing carriage, not at all a bad one; 3, 6, Garden; 4, Shepherd; 5, Craigbead and Duguid. HEN (8): 1, J. Thomson, thick-set, graudly moulded body, good quality, short wings and tail; 2, G. Whyte, just beaten on head, yet a nice one all round, shapely and stylish; 3, Smith, very promising; 4, Shepherd; 5, Matthews; 6, Steele. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Jamieson, lightly marked, a wonder for size and quality, grand head and neck, good one; 2, J. Thomson, nice bird, lacks only in size to winner; 3, A. Thomson, beautiful shape, teeming with quality; 4, Allan; 5, Beattie; 6, Connon. HEN (8): 1, Campbell, saddle marked hen, rare size and quality, wins easily; 2, Fyfe, good quality, just lacks the substance of winner; 3, Garden, short and chubby, teems with quality; 4, Jamieson; 5, Scott; 6, Shepherd. SELL., 10/- (10): 1, A. Thomson; 2, Stewart and Milne; 3, Scott; 4, Taylor; 5, McPherson; 6, Craigen and Dugnid. CREST CK. (8): 1, Mackie, large, denscly-feathered crest, very fine centre, drooping well all round, back well filled in; 2, Jamieson, not quite so large, crest of nice formation; 3, Smith, good quality crest, with a nice amount of feather, but just loses in radiation; 4, 6, Knight; 5, Jamieson. C.B. CK. (10): 1, Mackie, large, nice cushioned head, plenty of feather, nice quality, well put down; 2, Scott, well up in size, but scarcely the density of head feather; 3, Smith, nice stout built bird, a good one; 4, 6, Coutts; 5 Steven. HEN (3): 1, Smith; 2, Mackie; 3, Jamieson. GREEN CK (14): 1, Garden, rare size and substance, bold bouncing bird, good quality; 2, Thomson, nice one, teeming with quality and rare colour, well turned out; 3, Silver, fails just a little in quality; 4, Craighead Duguid; 5, Rae, 6, Ledingham. HEN (4): 1, Daniel, well up in size; 2, Garden, best of colour, good type and quality; 3, Strachan, nice shape and A1 colour and quality; shade small; 4, A, Thomson, CINN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Rae, clinking, good colour; 2, Ewen and Anderson, also well up in colour; 3, Strachan, grand type and quality, we liked very much; 4, Jamieson. HEN (6): 1, Gow, good one, finely moulted, feathered to perfection; 2, Ewen and Anderson, rare colour, best of condition, stylish, 3 and 5, Park; 6, Sandilson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, Rae, well up in size, good colour, closely followed by 2 and 3, Ewen and Anderson two good ones; 4, 6, Park; 5, Matthews. HEN (3): 1, 3, Ewen and Anderson; 2, Rae. VARIETY (4): 1, Craig; 2, Gow; 3, Whyte; 4, Law. NOVICE, CK. (18): 1, Cobb, one of the right type, grand colour and quality; 2, Steele, well fed, nicely turned out; 3, 5, Silver, two nice exhibits; 4, Webster; 6, Westwood. HEN (12): 1, Cobb, nice type and quality, good hen; 2, Steele, fine texture, nice colour, well carried wings and tail; 3, 6, Findlay, right stamp, teeming with quality; 5, Taylor. MULE (8): 1, Ewen and Anderson, clinking good Linnet-Canary, rare size and colour; 2, Rae, nice Siskin-Canary, showing cross very distinctly, rich in colour, nice cap; 3, 4, Stewart and Milne; 3, Greenie-Canary, pale in colour; 4, nice specimen of Goldie-Linnet, some thought might have gone up a little; 5, Anderson; 6, Langlands. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 4, Whyte, 1st well up in size, huge blaze, richly-tanned body, best of buttons, a really good Finch; 2, Ewen and Anderson, not quite so large perhaps, but very rich in colour, nice squarecut blaze, steady and stylish; 3, Lyon, good size, well-cut blaze; 5, Langland; 6, G. Whyte. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 3, 4, Lyon, winner large, well up in colour, jet black cap, nice back and bars; 3rd, hen, very cobby and shapely, grand-headed bird; 2, Coleville and Son, not quite so large, rich in colour and markings; 5, Fraser; 6, Whyte. LINNETS (9): 1, 4, Lyon, 1st a grand Linnet for size, rare width of chest, lovely clear, rich colour, full of pencilling, in nice bloom; 2, Anderson, also well up in size, rather dark in colour; 3, Langlands, a very good Linnet, not quite steady yet; 5, Mitchell; 6, Matthews. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Langlands, 1st Siskin rich colour, good size and shape, excellent cap, well-marked wings; 2nd mealy Redpoll, a wonder for size and colour; 3, Wm. Rae, nice size and colour, well laced, well turned out; 4, Steele; 5, 6, Rae. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, Ewen and Anderson, Yellowhammer, fine, big, well-marked bird, lovely deep colour, and steady; 2, 3, 4, Lyon, 2nd hot-coloured Bramhlefinch, fine head, well spangled, very steady; 3rd Greenfinch, good shape, well fed; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Milne Bros. LARGE (4): 1, 3, Milne Bros., winner lovely Blackbird, teeming with quality, staged to perfection; 3rd nicely-marked Thrush; 2, Langlands, Hawfinch, in A1 order. FOR. (8): 1, Langlands, pair of Redheads, in pink of condition, closely followed by 2, Watson, Whydah, often described; 3, Coleville and Son; 4, 5, 6, Whyte.

WORTHING.

The Worthing F.A. held their fifteenth annual show on November 27th and 28th. The show venue was the Literary Institute, an ideal place for the purpose, having a good top-light and being free from draughts. Mr. Councillor W. Walter is the chairman, and Mr. H. Hopper was the steward. The hon. sec. is Mr. H. Tate, who is both able and obliging, and who deserves credit for the way in which he, with the aid of the chairman and steward, carried out the arrangements. There was a record entry of 146 in nine classes, which gave the judge some hard work. The quality throughout was grand, many noted winners putting in an appearance, and, in some cases, had to be satisfied with an honour, so keen was the competition. Two sets of winners could be found in almost every class. Some excellent birds were put down by Messrs. A. Burtenshaw, Councillor J. G. Denton, E. Hearsey, E. Skinner, and others. We hope the society will see their way clear to extend the classification next season. Mr. W. R. Miles judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction. YORKS. (22): 1, spl, 2, Burtenshaw, former grand clear yell., rich colour, beautifully drawn, good type and feather; 2nd wing marked yell., not quite the length of winner, but a good one; 3, Denton, grand saddle-marked yell., wonderful length, nice silky feather; vhc, Skinner, Williams, Burtenshaw, and Wells; hc, Hearsey, Hill, and Walter. NOR. (18): 1, spl, Miller, wing marked yell., rare size and colour, beautiful wing carriage, smart exhibit; 2, Walter, good clear yell., nice type and quality; 3, Rose, even-marked buff, wonderful quality, good pair of wings, natural colour; vhc, Walter, Miller; hc, Denton (2), two rare-bodied birds. CREST OR C.B. (14): 1, spl, spl for best Canary, Grasett, even-marked Crest, nice drop, good centre, fine leafy crest; 2, Gale, large, little open in centre, but otherwise very good; 3, Grasett, nice crest, fine size, but beaten here; vhc, hc, Gale, Grasett, and Mrs. Partridge. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, two spls, Hooper, a topper of the right shape, immense blaze, nice square cut, in splendid condition, also takes spl for best Hardbill Brit.; 2, Wells, lovely Finch, very smart, a good 2nd, will improve; 3, Williams, nice blaze, not quite up in colour, yet good whites, not at his best; 4, Walter, another good one, will improve with time; vhc, Gibb, Stubb, and Burtensbaw; hc, Donne; c, Ireland. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH (15): 1, spl, best bouse-moulted Bullfinch, Stubbs, very large Finch, wonderful colour, good cap, nice wings and bars, a credit to owner; 2, Miss Hopwood, Chaffinch, good exhibit, nice lustre, fine size and feather; 3, Williams, another nice Bullfinch, splendid colour, good cap; vhc, Gibb, Skinner, Tyfield, and W. Brown; hc, Hearsey and Williams. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, 2, 3, Miss Hopwood, 1st Nuthatch, grand exhibit, well shown; 2nd Starling, beautiful bird, with lovely sheen and lustre, one of the best we have seen for some time, in full bloom; 3rd Chiffchaff, sweet little exhibit, in faultless condition; vhc, Jupp, Miss Pollington; hc, Fyfield. FOR. (10): A hot lot; 1, vhc, Partridge, lovely Black-headed Gouldian Finch, wonderfully bright colour, good in markings, not a feather out of place, well shown; 2, Forde, pair of good-coloured Bishops, nice feather, a good second; 3, Miss Couch, monster Grey Parrot, sound in colour, best of feather; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Pearsons, Caplen. NOVICE A.V. (13): 1, Master Wisden, one of the best Siskins we have seen, rare size, good colour, well shown; 2, Miss Mayer, good yell. Yorks., shown in a Nor. cage, which told somewhat against it; 3, Fyfield, nice Goldfinch, good blaze, grand breast; vhc, Fielder, Williams. SELL. 12s. (20): 1, Walter, good Yorks.; 2, Doune; 3, Fyfield.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else

LOWESTOFT.

The first annual show of the Lowestoft and District C.B.S. was held in the Public Hall, Nov. 21st and 22nd. Competition was limited to Suffolk. The quality of exhibits was noteworthy, equal to many all-England shows. Entries in 25 classes totalled 380. Mr. George Francis, hon. secretary, is very "O.F.," and with the help of Mr. E. L. A. Crow, secretary Lowestoft Fanciers' Society, that good old fancier, Mr. Harry Hart, and the general committee, consisting of Messrs. Nichols, Kirk, Catchpole, Blackburn, Parke, Lay, and Bagshaw, things were made to go along very pleasantly. Mr. Jacob Mackley (Norwich) judged all classes, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction. Mr. E. L. A. Crow represented the C.B.U. NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 2 spls, 2nd spl., 4, Francis, leader a grand specimen, all there for colour and quality, 2nd beautiful type and quality, hardly the size, will be heard of again, 4th another good bird; 3, Schofield, good all-round bird, nice length, deserves its position, vhc, Blackburn, Hart, Kirk; hc, c, Hart. BUFF (18): 1, spl, 2, 4, Francis, trio of beauties, former good size, nice colour, very typical, out of the Cambridge pair, 2nd same class of bird, only a youngster, not yet at its best, 3rd Crow, real good bird, short and thick, claimed at catalogue price, ex. 3, 4, Schofield, two very useful birds, colour A1, although smaller; vhc, Hart; hc, Carter, c, Lang. TICK., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, 2, vhc, Francis, leader handsome bird, quality, type, and size combined wins hands down;2, another nice bird, grand colour; 3, Parke, thigh tick, typical, hard to choose between; 4, Kirk, noble bird, absolute Norwich, badly shown; vhc, Hart, Schofield; hc, Lang; c, Carter, Crow, Blackburn. BUFF (16): 1, Parke, grand bird, nice size and quality, claimed. 2, 3, 4, Francis, very typical, nice quality, very hard to separate; vhc, Hart, Crow; hc, Kirk; c, Lang. NOR. HEN (25): 1, Rackham, sweet clear yel., beautiful type and quality, looks like paint, 2, eql. 3, eql. 4, Francis, former hard to part from No. 1, stouter, other two bulls, and nice ones too; 3, Parke, a wonderful hen ,marked wing and neck, changed hands; eql. 4, hc, Hart; c, Catchpole, a nice hen, too, for a novice. NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Wigg, rare depth of colour, nicely shown; 2, 3, Francis, former a youngster, nice size and quality; 4, Botwright, marked yel., typical; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Kirk; c, Hart. CREST COCK (11): 1, vhc, Mrs. Crow, saddle back marked, nice round crest, well filled in front, fine centre, all over a beauty; 2, 3, Corke, former massive green, nice shape crest, worth position, 3rd nice bird; 4, Wigg; vhc, Bagshaw; hc, Hart. HEN (9): 1, 3, Mrs. Crow, winner unfit., fair sized crest, good shape all over a nice youngster, green, good centre, smaller; 2, Rev. Dickson, variegated, neat crest, little to choose; eql. 4, Rev. Dickson. Corke, both good birds, could win at some shows; vhc Hart, Wigge; hc, Corke. C.B. COCK (13): 1, Mrs. Crow, heavily variegated buff, good size and skull, head feather dense and long, the Cambridge winner; 2, 4, Rev. Dickson, nice yel., heavily variegated, head feather long; 3, Hart, very nice bird, vhc, Lowe, Wigg; hc, c, Corke. C.B. HEN (9): 1, Corke, lightly variegated, big body, with plenty of feather, one of the good 'uns; 2, c, Mrs. Crow, another beauty, long leafy feather, hardly so wide as winner; 3, Lowe, loses in size, yet a nice bird; 4, Wigg; vhc, Bagshaw; hc, Hart. CINN (10): 1, spl, Crow, a clinker, red hot, sound clr. colour, a good win; 2, Hart, another real good bird, loses only in colour; 3, Lang, nice colour, but smaller. PAIRS CRESTS (9): 1, Wigg, both variegated, crest hen, C.B. cock, a decent pair; 2, Lowe, gzl crest cock, C.B. hen; 3, 4, Hart, two very useful pairs, hard job to part the four pairs; vhc, Grimmer. PAIRS PHDS. (16), "a wonderful class": 1, spl, 2, Francis, winners both clears, very typical, fine size, colour, and full of quality, 2 nice yel. hen, tick buff cock, very useful, run very close by 3, Parke, both clears, all there for type and quality, three pretty pairs; eql. 3, Kirk, good pair; eql. 4, Hart, Lang, both worth having; hc, Schofield, Grimmer; c, Hart; some good pairs without cards. MULE or HYB. (11): 1, Francis, Goldie-Greenie, excellent colour, wants filling out, should be heard of again; 2, vhc, c, Savage, former the Yarmouth winner in other bands, yel. Goldie-Canary; 3, 4, Crow, both nice, neat, well fed yel. mules, more size would have done it; hc, Hurn; c, Botwright. NOVICE SECTION — NOR CL. YELL. (19): 1, Disney, good type and colour, a nice exhibit; 2, Clark, not the size of winner; 3, Nichols, equal to any in class, fine size, type, and quality, with another moult should want some stopping; eql. 3, Rackham, real good yellow for size and quality; eqnl. 4, Lay, Catchpole, two useful birds; vhc, Nichols; hc, Rackham, Disney; c, Catchpole. BUFF (27), an extraordinary class: 1, Rackham, a stormer, large, nice type and quality, with colour, could stop some champions; 2, Clark, another grand buff, better colour; 3, Nichols, little to choose between, well fed; eql. 4, Lay, Rackham, two very typical birds; vhc, Nichols, Seabrook; hc, Clark, Hatch; c, Clark; one bird in this class. No. 26, a rare stamp of Norwich, partly fed, otherwise would have been in money. TICK YELL (17): 1, 2, Disney, marked head and wings, nice quality and colour, not stout enough; 2, spl., better stamp, colour off; 3, Nichols, nice but small; 4, Catchpole, thigh tick, good size; vhc, Palmer, Nichols; hc, Clark, Doddington, latter a nice stamp, yellow variegated, loses in head; c, Catchpole BUFF (18): 1, 2, Nichols, former a grand youngster, for which a good price was refused, fine stamp, size, and quality, will want some beating another year; 2, marked eye and wings, another grand bird; 3, Lay, head and eye marked, good shape; 4, Gooch, nice stamp, nice quality; vhc, Clark, Hatch; hc, Catchpole, Rice, Clark NAT COL. NOR. (9): 1, Nichols, fine colour and quality, ought to be fed; 2, Castleton; 3, 4, Mulford; vbc, Catchpole. CREST or C.B. (10): 1, Smith, crest, fair size and shape, not at all a bad bird; 2, c, Munford, clear body, dk. crest, wants grooming, deserves position; 3, 4, Lay, green C.B. cock, plenty of feather, hard to choose winner; 4, clear body, dk. crest, a nice hen; vhc, finch, grizzle crest; hc, Lay. PAIRS PHDS., matched for breeding (16), another hot lot: 1, vhc, Nichols, former a good stock pair; 2, Rackham, yel. hen, buff cock, little to choose; 3, Dodington, a nice pair of cinnamons, well shown; 4, Lay, a real good pair Norwich; vhc, c, Catchpole; hc, Hatch, all worthy of the title Norwich. BRITISH.—GOLDFINCH or BULLFINCH (15): 1, 2, vhc, Lang, a nice trio, all Goldies, not much to choose between them, real Britishers, good in face, wings, and chest; 3, 4, vhc, Cook, leader a slashing big Bullie of sound colour, breast, and dense cap, well filled in at thighs; 4, vhc, Goldies, could win at some shows; eql. 4, Crow, a Goldie of good points, nice sound face, we liked him much; vhc, Hurn; hc, Blackburn; c, Pyeman, Fenn. A.O.V. SEED EATING (8): 1, Fowell, Bramhling, a taking bird, but not the lacing of an exhibition Bramhling, 2, Cook, a bonny col. fed Siskin, with good thigh markings and bib; 3, Nichols, Greenfinch, a nice feather, well placed; 4, Francis, Linnet, of good size, but falls in breast markings; vhc, Lister; hc, Castleton; c, Rice. A.S. INSECT EATING (6): 1, Fowell, slashing Magpie (the Norwich winner in fresh hands), well cut in whites, but slack in feather; 2, 3, 4, Carter, Redstart, Thrush, and Yellow Wagtail in order named, fair birds, leader, really nice bird, and with a good mount should make a good one, shown in much too large cages and heavy; vhc, hc, Crow, Magpie and Shorelark, latter might have gone up a peg. FOR. (13) a good class, and winners well selected, a difficult class to judge, it is evident, exhibitors are amateurs, as three cock Budgerigars were in one cage, another contained two orange cheeks and a cordon blue; the first prize bird was curson blue fronted Amazon, in rare feather and condition; 2, Fowell, a grand green Cardinal, in fine feather, good colour and markings; 3, Larke, a nice grey Parrot, not shown to best advantage, no fixed perch for the bird's comfort so had to hang on wires; 4, vhc, and hc, Crone, leader a Russian Goldfinch, rather restless; equal 4 and (2 hcs), Sladden, leaders pair yell Budgerigars; vhc, Curson; hc, Ainslie. SELL (15s.) (16): 1, Lang; 2, 3, 4, hc, Hart; vhc, Taylor Smith EXTRA STOCK (16): 1, Hart, Crest and Crest-bred; 2, Grimmer, Crest and Crest bred; 3, Blackburn, pair Phds (2 cocks). WASHING (9): 1, 3, Hatch; 2, vhc, Nichols; 4, Blackburn; hc, Clark.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire.)

The Macclesfield fanciers had a rare good show in the Assembly Rooms, a good building, well lighted, and free from draughts on Nov. 30th. Judging from the crowds of people who blocked the aisles, there should be a nice balance in the hands of the treasurer. The birds staged were of more than average merit, and taken altogether we have no hesitation in saying that the show was an improvement on any show held in Macclesfield for many years past. Some of the classes did not fill very well; many of the exhibitors, we were told, could not get their birds in condition fit to show Mr. Bowyer judged and took the greatest pains with his work. The secretary and committee seemed to have done everything possible to make the show attractive and a success. A feature of the Macclesfield show, which some of the large show committees might copy, was the graceful palms, and other foliage plants.

LANC. YELL. COPPY. CK. (4): 1, Rushton, slightly nicked, real coppy., long-sided and shown fit; 2, Riseley, ticked, good in coppy and neck, nice build; 3, vhc, Lee, both useful coppys, with rare quality of feather. BUFF; cancelled. YELL. PLAINHEAD (5): 1, spl., 2, Rushton, first best substance, and excels in head, second nice size, good length; 3, Riseley, excellent size and substance; vhc, Smith; hc, Lee. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Rushton, good shape and feather, fine head, stout body; 2, 3, Riseley, pair of well moulded birds, rare quality of feather, latter a very promising youngster; vhc, Smith; hc, Lee. COPPY. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, Lee, a good trio, winner stands out for size and coppy; 3, Rushton, good stock bird; vhc, Riseley; c, Smith. PLAIN HEAD HEN: 1, 3, Lee, first stout hady good head, third spoiled by standing too much across the perch, 2, hc, Rushton, second a nice fellow, good type; vhc, Smith; c, Riseley. GOLD LIZARD (3): 1, Cundiff clear cap, good size and well spangled; 2, 3, Holland, former very hard and fine in spangling, very useful broken cap. SILVER (3): 1, 3, Holland, winner bold spangling, good quality, third no cap, good quality of work; 2, Cundiff, distinct in spangling, looks like a bird that should improve. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Holland, useful trio. YELL NORWICH, CL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Shore, first as tight as wax, rare shape, nice colour, third shown in the pink of condition, grand type; 2, Rowhotham, stout build, good feather; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Rowhotham; c, Freeman. BUFF (10): 1, Lee, very tight and close feathered, good body; 2, Shore, rare shape and quality; 3, Freeman, as good as any in type and feather, loses by colour; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Rowhotham; c, Oliver. YELL., ETC. (8): 1, Rowhotham, nice size and condition; 2, vhc, Shore, second var., a real good Norwich type and feather; 3 Broadhead, well shown; hc, Smith; c, Cundiff BUFF (6): 1, spl. hc, Shore, winner grand quality, shape and condition; 2, Rowhotham, in good feather, nice in shape; 3, Bunting, good type hardly fit; vhc, Clarke; c, Snape. YELL HEN (15) 1, Broadhead, good Norwich pattern, shown in grand trim; 2, hc, Shore, var., one of the best out for type and quality; 3, vhc, Rowbotham, very neat; hc, Lee. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Rowhotham, cobby build, good round head, and nice quality; 2, vhc, Shore, tight as wax, rare quality all over; 3, hc, Freeman, good in shape and feather; hc, Cundiff. YELL. UNFIT. (14): 1, spl, Oliver, good colour, tight build; 2, Lee, fine shape, good condition, not as good in colour; 3, Shore, lovely feather; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Bunting; c, Rowbotham BUFF (14): 1, Broadhurst, stout looking, short feathered; 2, 3, Lee, both good Norwich type, and grand quality; vhc, Cundiff; hc, Freeman; c, Shore. YELL. YORKS. CK (7): 1, 2, Broadhead both typical shape, and good in colour, winner good wing carriage and close whipped up behind; 3, c, Clarke, nicely whipped up behind, good wing carriage; vhc, hc, Bradley, tight as wax and rare good type. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Bradley, first best type, good feather, shown well; 3, c, Wright, typical, neat; hc, Clarke YELL. HEN: 1, Wright, very tight in feather, good wings; 2, 3, Bradley, good condition. BUFF HEN (5): 1, Snape, good quality; 2, 3, Bradley; Broadhead; hc, Wright.

TS (5): All Broadhead, a very good team winner very sound in crest. CRESTBRED (5): Again all Broadhead, the winner immense skull, hard to beat in head. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Broadhead, Goldfinch, wonderfully fit, good blaze, good in crown, nice size; 2, vhc, hc, c, Cross, former a hard feathered Greenfinch, very steady; 3, Lund, nice Goldfinch, hardly as fit as the winner CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Cross, winner a good Bramhle, second a steady, good coloured Chaffinch; 3, Lund nicely marked, little Redpoll BILL (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Cross, winner a Lark, second a steady Blue Tit, third a good Lesser White Throat. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, c, Cross, winner South African Black Cap and Canary, remainder Linnet-Canary; 3, Bunting. NOVICE: COPPY (3): 1, spl, 2, Wallworth, winner good size and substance, neat coppy; 3, Hall YELL NORWICH (9): 1, Barber, good type and shown well; 2, Collis, good body, nice head: 3, c, Bracegirdle nice quality; vhc, Roone; hc, Wallworth BUFF (10): 1, spl., hc, cross in rare feather, good Norwich pattern 2, 3, Barber, good shape, well wrapped up; vhc, Roone, YELL. TICK., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Roone, very good feather, winner excels in type; 2, Mrs Somerville, BUFF (10): 1, Cross, tight as wax, rare shaped body, good head: 2, Barber, best in colour; 3, Collis, good colour, wants tightening a bit; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Bracegirdle; c, Holland YELL HEN (8): 1, spl, Barber, best in shape; 2, Wall worth, good quality, well shown; 3, Hall, tight in feather, cobby built; vhc, Roone; hc, Barber; c, Cross. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Roone, rare good pair of buffs; 2, Bracegirdle, nice head, well balanced body; 3, hc, Barber; c, Holland.

WEST OF SCOTLAND NORWICH, ETC., ASSOCIATION.

The eighteenth annual show and competition of the West of Scotland Nor. and Bor. Fancy Can., Mule, Brit. and For. Bird Association was held November 30th in the City Templars' Hall, Ingram-street. The president is Mr. J. J. Manson, L.D.S., and vice-presidents Messrs. A. Buchanan and J. Laurie; sec. and treas., Mr. Geo. Smart. Judges, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) and Mr. M. Craig (Glasgow). The weather conditions were most unfavourable, being very foggy and dark, which seemed to have its effect on many of the exhibits. This is the oldest Nor. etc., club in Scotland, and still teeming with life. The entries were sixty in excess of last year, or a total of 320. Norwich were a very good show. Borders and British birds were also a creditable turn out. The prizes were both numerous and valuable, and competition was keen. There were six handsome cups (a medal being given with each cup), and many other specials, about fifty in all, the result being a handsome entry. The Association is to be congratulated on their success. The hall is an excellent one for such an exhibition, being roomy and well lighted, and the birds were splendidly staged. Cup and medal winners were as follows:—Association Cup, for most points, Plainheads, Mr. Geo. Scaife; Association Cup and medal for most points in Crests and C.B., Mr. John Young, the same gentleman also winning the points cup in Border Fancies. Cup, most points in Mules and Hybrid, was won by Mr. A. Buchanan. Cup, by J. J. Manson, Esq., for most points in Brit. birds, was won by Mr. J. Muir; cup, given by J. J. Manson, for best young bird in hall, was won by Mr. S. McNaughton, with a Green Cres. cock, wing marked, a very typical bird. There was a good turn out of fanciers, and the general public, and had the weather been more favourable, no doubt there would have been a very large "gate." The courteous and obliging sec. Mr Smart, and his band of able helpers, had everything in the best of order, and such a successful result will no doubt spur the management on to greater efforts, if possible, for next year. The judges' awards were quite satisfactory, there being no grumbling heard. NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 3, McAulay, nice team, excellent shape and colour, close feather, fine and silky, grand substance; 2, Scaife, very shapely, perfect in wing and tail carriage, shows nicely; 4, hc, Hutchison, nice colour, good finish and substance; vhc, Stone; c, ——. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, Scaife, 1st real model, nice shape, in perfect feather, wing and tail, wins its place; 2, 3, spl, McAulay, an excellent team, nice and shapely, 2nd shows somewhat better than 3rd, neat in wing; 4, Melville, another nice exhibit; hc, Hutchison; c, ——. VAR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 4, Scaife, 1st good markings, rare size and shape, colour, and quality, put down in A1 condition; 2, spl, 3, McAulay, 2nd head and wing markings, grand feather, close as wax, little between, good substance; vhc, Young; hc, Crawford; c, Hutchison. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Scaife, 1st head and wing mark., grand size, shape, and qual., rare colour, nice silky feather: 2nd neat and stylish, good team; 3, Campbell, neck and wing mark., a good exhibit; 4, Stone, another typical exhibit; vhc, hc, McAulay; c, McNaughton. CREST CK. (10): 1, spl, McNaughton, best in hall, young bird, nicely marked, Green Crest, well balanced, nice large body, put down in the pink of condition; 2, 3, spl, Young, nice team, 2nd neat drooping crest of good quality and large; 3rd nice clear body and dark crest; 4, Duncan, good wing marked, D.C., very fairly dense in frontal; vhc, Adamson; hc, c, McInnes. HEN (11): 1, spl, Young, wing marked, Green Crest, nice droop and shape, good size, wins its place easy; 2, McNaughton, saddle-back Green Crest of A1 quality; 3, McInnes, Grizzle Crest, nice shape and feather, typical; 4, spl, Duncan, neck and wing marked, nice drooping Green Crest. CRESTBRED CK. (7): 1, 3, McInnes, 1st well-built, good shape, fine head and rise, good width of skull; 3rd nice shapely head and featber; 2, McNaughton, typical and good, nicely shown; 4, vhc, Adamson, 4th a var., good size of body, fine skull; hc, C. Campbell; c, G. A Henderson HEN (8): 1, Young, full of merit, good size, lovely skull, carries wealth of head feather, of nice silky texture; 2, 4, Adamson, 2nd Buff Green, grand size, fine large skull, head feather dense and well lasbed; 4th typical; 3, G. A. Henderson. BORD., CL. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Brownlie, 1st nicely built, splendid colour and quality, good jaunty carriage; 4th, nicely moulded and rich colour; 2, 3, Young, 2nd lovely colour, very jaunty carriage, and grand shape; 3rd another jaunty bird, well finished; vhc, Hutchison; hc, Lawrie; c, ——. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 4, spl, Young, well moulded, lovely finish; 4th, good shape, very prim; 2, spl, Lawrie, grand shape and quality, feather like wax, and neatly moulded, close on winner; 3, spl, c, Brownlie, very smartly moulded, nice jaunty carriage; vhc, Hutchison; hc, ——. VAR. YELL. (12): 1, 3, Young, 1st eye and wing ticked, grand exhibit, nice shape, rare colour, fine close feather; 3rd, wing marked, nice shape, colour, and quality; 2, c, Brownlie, former very shapely, grand colour, jaunty carriage; 4, J. Lawrie, a sweetly-moulded bird of promise; vhc, Hutchison; hc, ——. BUFF (12): 1, 3, spl, Young, 1st sweetly moulded, grand carriage, in lovely feather; 3rd tick. on head, shapely; 2, spl, 4 Brownlie, 2nd a bird of fine build, put down in fine condition, good bird; 4th very close up; vhc, Lappin; hc, Boyd. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, 3, Brownlie, Green, very neat, nice jaunty carriage, and feather close as wax; 2, 4, Lawrie, 2nd cinn., of excellent merit, grand shape, nice jaunty carriage; 4th, cinn., good feather; vhc, c, Hutchison; hc, Wilson. MULE, LIGHT (3): 1, Hunter, good size, rich colour, in lovely condition; 2, 3, Buchanan, 2nd, Siskin Mule, shown in lovely condition; 3rd similar stamp, very fair size. DARK (6): 1, spl, Lawrie, Gold. Mule, grand colour and feather neat, in lovely condition, nicely put down; 2, spl, 3, Buchanan, a grand team, in lovely feather, good style; vhc, 4, Hunter; hc, Anderson. HYBRID (2): 1, 2, Buchanan Gold. Linnet, nice size and colour, in excellent condition. AMATEUR NOR. (7): 1, 3, 4, Wilson, three excellent exhibits, all in good feather, 1st real model; 3rd, 4th, very typical; 2, spl Melville Plainhead, clear, of grand quality, and very typical; vhc, hc, McFarlane. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Duncan, very typical team, put down in A1 condition, 1st a real model; 3, 4, Montgomery, another nice pair Green Crests, beautifully staged. BORDER (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Montgomery, a truly wonderful win, all in excellent feather, staged to advantage, must have proved a hard task in judging for place; hc, c, Wilson. AMA. MULE, ETC. (1): 1, Anderson, in grand condition of feather. NOR. CLEAR (7): 1, Hutchison, grand colour and quality, well filled neck, good chest, rare bloom; 2, Campbell, grand one, rare colour; 3, spl, Stone, shade on the long side, but nicely shaped, and in lovel colour; 4, Hutchison, good colour and quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Crawford; c, McAulay. VAR. (10): 1, hc, c, McAulay, grand size and shape, excellent colour, yell., lovely quality; 2, spl, Crawford, splendid size nice neck shape; 3, Hunter, var. yell., typical, nice size, shown in lovely condition; 4, Campbell, var. yell., should improve; vhc, Scaife. A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, Lappin, 1st shown in grand condition, well staged; 2, Wilson, Scot. Fancy, good drive, nicely-filled shoulders, good length of wing, tail well under; 3, hc, Lennie, Yorks., nice and erect, in excellent feather, fine pose, good head and neck, nicely filled back; 4, Thomson, Scot. Fancy, fine bird. CREST (8): 1, spl, Duncan, neat centre and frontal, nice droop and radiation, good back; 2, hc, McNaughton, nice centre and droop, good back; 3, Lappin, Green Crest, nice feather and droop, shade open in centre; 4, Montgomery, Green Crest, of fair quality; vhc, Wilson; c, Smart. CRESTBRED (11): 1, vhc, c, Montgomery, var., nice cushion and skull, good entrance and lashing, wins well; 2, McAulay, shade smaller skull, nice length of head feather; 3, McNaughton, nice quality feather and skull; 4, Munro, nice cushion and skull, good feather; hc, Lappin. CL. BORD. (5): 1, Browulle, sweetly moulded, grand type, well put down, nice exhibit; 2, Lappin, very typical, neat, and jaunty carriage, close on 1st; 3, Hutchison, good head, nice body and quality; 4, Wilson, very fair head and neck; vhc, Manson. VAR. (7): 1, Brownlie, grand wing and feather, good colour, very jaunty carriage; 2, hc, Lawrie, very typical, shown in grand condition; 3, 4, Lappin, a good team, very neat, good colour; 3rd close up on 2nd, little between; vhc, ——; c, Hutchison. Class 28 cancelled. DARK MULE (3): 1, spl, Thomson, nice s/e Gold. Linnet Mule, in lovely feather, well put down; 2, 3, Lawrie, Linnet and Goldie Mules, in fine feather, and perfect condition. LINNET (11): 1, spl, 2, 4, Muir, 1st nice shape and colour, well laced, in perfect feather, 2nd large, good shape, colour, and lacing, grand condition; 3, Buchanan, nice shape and colour, grandly inced; vhc, Wilson; hc, Muir; c, Cochrane. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (12): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Muir, 1st nice size and shape, rich bold face, nicely tanned body, good bars and moonings; 2, Montgomery, very fair size, clean, well-cut blaze of excellent colour, good cheeks, body colour, bars and moonings; 3, c, Hunter, nice face, clean cut, in splendid bloom, rich body colour; 4, spl, Cochrane, good exhibit, nice colour, blaze. BULLFINCH HEN (9): 1, Buchanan, nice smart Bully, in splendid feather, well put down; 2, Muir, fine condition, very steady, nice head and wing bars; 3, Anderson, very steady, in lovely feather and condition; 4, spl, hc, Cochrane, nice feather and condition; vhc, Muir; c, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC. (17): 1, 3, Muir, 1st a gem of a Siskin, nice cap and colour, well laced; 3rd another Siskin, nice cap and colour; 2, hc, Brownlie, very fine Redpoll in the pink of condition; 4, Buchanan, another Redpoll of almost equal merit to 2nd; vhc, Cochrane; c, Lawrie. BRIT. SMALL (15): 1, spl, hc, c, Anderson, Wagtail, in rich feather and condition, nicely put down; 2, spl, 4, Muir, 2nd Redstart, real good Redstart, in lovely feather and condition, 4th a very good Wagtail; 3, Muir, Greenfinch, a gem, splendid shape, feather, and colour; vhc, Buchanan. LARGE (2): 1, J. Muir, Jay, very nice colour and markings; 2, Anderson, not seen. GOLDFINCH FOR. (6): 1, spl, Hunter, rare square cut blaze, grand colour and condition; 2, hc, A Muir, shade smaller, nice body colour, well cut blaze, nicely staged; 3 Wilson, rich square blaze and body colour, good bars and moons; 4, hc, A. Muir, nice deep rich blaze, richly tanned body; vhc, Lawrie. Class 37 cancelled. LARGE FOR. (1): 1, A. Muir, Parrot, in good feather. SELL. (11): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, c, Hunter; 4, A. Muir; vbc, Montgomery; hc, Young.

EPSOM AND EWELL.

The 10th Annual Show of the Epsom and Ewell Fanciers' Association was this year held in Sutton, and proved a great success every way. The cage bird section although not numerous, contained some birds of rare quality, and which have held their own at previous shows up and down the country. The Silver Challenge Bowl for best bird was again won by Mr. R. R. Broome, with a charming Buff Yorkshire, put down in the pink. The judge was Mr. F. J. Green (of Lancashire fame), and his awards were well received NOR YELL. CL., ETC. (3): 1, Stroud, the noted ticked, splendid shape and colour, hardly in full bloom to-day; 2, Spinner, fine bouncing Clear, shade longer in flights and tail, well shown; 3, Wheeler, soft when judged. BUFF (6): 1, Wheeler, rare size, splendid skull, good colour; 2, Spinner, grand shape, short and thick-set, full of quality; 3, Muscutt, sweet bird all over, brimful quality, splendid colour, thick-set; vhc, hc, Stroud. HEN (6): 1, Spinner, tkd on neck, bonny hen, nice shape and quality; 2, Muscutt, fine buff, splendid colour rare size; 3, vhc, Stroud, another buff, larger than leaders, very typical; hc, Wheeler. YORKS. YELL., ETC. (4): 1, Blaker, good lengthy Clear; 2, vhc, Broome, longer, fine shape, quality and style; vhc, very fine var yellow; 3, Wheeler, red hot colour, nice length, very typical. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 2 spls, Broome, 1st, lovely Clear, like wax, takes Cup best in show, splendid shape and style, grand legs; 2nd, ticked on neck, long, very stylish, beaten in condition; 3, Wheeler, splendid quality, fine shape, rich colour; vhc, Blaker, "wrong class" var. yellow. HENS (4): 1, 2, Broome, splendid buff, some preferred to Cup winner, fine length, splendid quality, beautiful style, a true Yorkie; 2nd, ticked yell, lengthy, very stylish, fine feather hardly the bloom of winner; 3, Wheeler, rich, taking buff, neat racy hen slightly soiled, which told against her; vhc, French. A.O.V CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Saunders, fine team Cinns., winner the old noted yellow his sixth year and 37th first prize, takes special 2nd best in show; 2nd, 3rd, two typical specimens; vhc, Broome. MULES. DK. (4): 1, Muscutt, dark Goldie-Canary, nice size, rich face, wins well; 2, 3, vhc, Truclove; 2nd, nice buff Goldie-Canary, good colour and condition. HYBRIDS (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lamb, splendid team, an attraction to the section; 1st, Linnet-Bullfinch, full of colour shows cross plainly, beautifully staged; 2nd, six-pointed yell Goldie-Canary, taking exhibit, splendid quality, nice size; 3, vhc, two nice Redpoll-Goldies, very rich colour. BRIT (5): 1, Spinner, splendid coloured Goldfinch, fine square blaze, well-buttoned, very trim; 2, vhc, Truclove, shade larger good one; 3, Kingsnorth, nice coloured Bullfinch. LINNET (3): 1, Spinner very nice bird well laced, nutty colour; 2, Kingsnorth, well-shaped, but unsteady; c, Taylor. FOREIGN (1): 3, Watford pair Australian Doves. SELL. (6): 1, vhc, Muscutt; 2, Wheeler; 3, Saunders.

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DARLINGTON.

The third grand annual exhibition in connection with the Darlington C.B.S., took place on Nov. 30th. The show was under the C.B.U. rules, and was held at the Corn Exchange, a place of a spacious character, well lighted, free from draughts, and in close proximity to the station, proving itself a most commendable place for such an occasion. Entries rolled up well, making a total of 660, thus creating a record, and giving the judges plenty to do to separate them, so keen was the competition in most of the classes. The schedule issued was a capital one, with a host of good cash specials, medals, etc. The show was opened by the Mayor of Darlington, Conn. Chas. Starmer, his speech being of a most encouraging nature. Mr. E. Brunskill replied in quite a masterly fashion, and one heard a rumour about, that for the next Borough election he deserved to be nominated as a prospective candidate. The staging was excellent, and every bird could be seen at a glance, great credit being due to those responsible for such neatness. A special word of praise must be tendered to Messrs. F. W. Reeks and C. Moss, who spent all Friday night in the show room, unpacking, and looking after the welfare of, the specimens that arrived. The committee of management consists of a band of very excellent workers, all doing their utmost to help on matters to a successful issue. The following are those who put their shoulders to the wheel to no mean purpose viz:—Messrs. R. Todd (chairman), H. C. Carter (treasurer), W. Allan, J. Brown, W. Carrol, W. Croshug, M. Corner, G. W. Cuthbertson, C. D. Cooper, W. Grainger, C. Grainger, H. Gregory, F. Horton, Hy. Holland, R. Hildon, C. Moss, Jas. Henderson, R. T. Hanson, J. Henderson, H. Heseldine, J. Keaton, J. Kirtley, H. Moss, J. Lumley, F. Reeks, T. Raine, A. Richmond, W. Rutherford, J. G. Stephenson, H. Todd, W. Underwood, H. Wilson and J. Wade. Many of these are well-known fanciers, practical and enthusiastic, and it is no wonder everything went off so smoothly and well. The worthy sec., Mr. E. Brunskill, is a most valuable asset, and Darlington are exceedingly lucky in having in their midst such a really capable secretary. He has every item at his finger tips, and is most obliging and courteous. No grass is allowed to grow under Mr. B.'s feet. Mr. P. M. Carter, acts as his "under study," and is also entitled to considerable praise for the capital assistance he renders. Yorkshires, the "Birds of Grace and Beauty," made a capital display, competition ruling very keen in most of the classes Norwich, too, provided a capital assortment, many of the birds being of superb quality. Borders, "the Bantams," added greatly to the attraction of the show. The British were one of the best collections we have seen this season, and many topping specimens were present. Members' classes contained a lot of very meritorious specimens, and one could have selected a goodly number, quite capable of doing well in the upper circles The judges were Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) and J. Walsh (Blackburn), and their awards appeared to give entire satisfaction. Judging was over in good time, the cards displayed quickly and the management throughout superb. The Silver Medal, presented by Mr. A. Brown, for hottest fed, went to Messrs. R. Todd and Son.

Mr. J. C. Barnes's Classes.

YORK CL. YELL. (12): 1, hc, Wilson, magnificent feather, great length, rare back flights and tail, a topper; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, couple of choice specimens, former rattling colour, beautifully clothed, stands like a guardsman, very close up; 4, Mountain, lengthy and of lovely outline, superior feather; vhc, Rand; c, Edmondson. BUFF (8): 1, Hodgson, feathered to perfection, smooth as a gun barrel, delightful type; 2, 4, Cuthbertson, former, another charmer, pity one could not give two first, fourth, longest in class, stands well; 3, Green, wax like feather, stands finely, nice back and flights; vhc, Mountain; hc, Elliott; c, Wilson. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, Edmondson, thigh tick, wonderful length, grandly feathered, perfect position; 2, Midgeley, marked right wing, full of quality, lengthy and stylish, nice head, good in carriage of wings; 3, Cuthbertson, thigh tick, rare feather, A1 position, very lengthy; 4, Wilson, marked left wing and cheek, full of nerve, rattling quality; vhc, Kemp and Son; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Green. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, both lovely exhibits, winner ticked neck, superb feather, rare length, magnificent position, stylish and delightfully shown, third, thigh tick, feathered like a Java, lovely outline; 2, Wilson, marked left wing, teems with quality, long sided, grand back, well on leg; 4, Carter, thigh tick, good in feather, nice length and stand; vhc, Holmes; hc, Hartley. HEN (16): grand lot: 1, Edmondson, yell. marked right wing, tight, as though chiselled out of marble, straight as a pencil, slim, well on leg, lovely damsel; 2, vhc, Cuthbertson, cl. buff, magnificently feathered, very lengthy, perfect back and wings; 3, Kemp and Son, capital quality, stands well, nice length and well on leg; 4, Midgeley, buff, almost four-pointed, smooth as glass, full of style; hc, Elliott; c, Hodgson. UNFLI. (18): rare lot: 1, Ogden Bros. yell, marked wing and eyes, ablaze with colour, rich feather, great length, capital position; 2, Kemp and Son, cl. buff, rattling quality, fine, long drawn bird, upstanding capital wing carriage, most promising; 3, Clayton and Smith yell, ticked left side of neck, lovely quality, stands well, nice length; 4, Wilkinson, buff, nicely feathered, good position; vhc, Cuthbertson; c, Wilson. NORWICH CL. YELL. (10): 1, Hope, good colour and of grand quality, short and thickset, well up in size, clean cut; 2, Stead, lovely colour, rare substance, capital head, neck and chest, shade longer; 3, Harland, well up in colour, nice size and shape; A1 quality; 4, Sherrington, gem for substance, very shapely, begins to show wear and tear; vhc, Hesp, hc, Wake and Carr; c, Pickering and Wright. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Hope, winner a bouncer, well known and often described, one of the best; second, short and thickset, rare quality, nicely mealed; 3, Hesp, full of colour and quality, shapely and good size; 4, Sherrington, capital feather, A1 colour, well frosted, very shapely; vhc, Carter; hc, Wake and Carr. TKD. (14): 1, Pillar, buff, thigh tick, grandly feathered, fine colour, covered with rich frosting, nicely cut; 2, Godley, yell, marked wings and head, capital colour and quality, nice shape, jaunty and well across perch, close up; 3, 4, Wake and Carr, couple of nice exhibits, third, buff, marked right wing, good in quality and colour, nice size and type; 4th, yell, thigh tick, shapely and of A1 colour, good front; vhc, Hope; hc, Agar; c, Vart. HEN (16): grand lot: 1, Mennard, cl. yell, wonder for size, rattling colour, quality and shape, well-known winner, still looking grand; 2, Stead, cl. yell, red hot, feathered beautifully, sweet shape; 3, Pickering and Wright, buff, marked head, A1 quality, delightfully mealed, clean cut; 4, Sherrington, cl. buff, hot in colour, rich quality, nice substance and shape; vhc, Harland; hc, Marshall; c, Godley YELL. UNFLI. (19): choice lot: 1, Hope, marked cap and right wing, Bramley, Hull, etc., winner, often described, looking well; 2, Pickering and Wright, cl. possessing fine substance, capital colour and feather, shapely, very promising; 3, Hunter, marked both wings and eyes, good in colour and quality, A1 type; 4, Middleton, marked right eye, rare quality, colour and shape; vhc, Harland; hc, Williams; c, Mennard. BUFF (17): rare class: 1, c, Hunter, couple of true Norwich, winner marked wings and eyes, feathered to perfection, A1 colour, all type; 2, Pickering and Wright, cl, slashing feather, good colour and mealed, capital shape; 3, Godley, marked right wing, ablaze with colour, lovely quality, fine substance; 4, Sherrington, mild left wing, rattling substance, A1 colour; vhc, Turner; hc, Wake and Carr. BORDER, YELL (8): 1, 4, Walker, clinkers, former, cl. smooth as glass, lovely shape, full of action; 4th, marked wings and eyes, capital shape and carriage; 2, 3, Morrell, former, cl, tight as a Java, shows well; 3rd, cl, again lovely quality, sweetly moulded; vhc, Wilson hc, Hawkins; c, Wilcock. BUFF (8): 1, Walker, marked right eye, smooth as a bottle, lovely out line and action; 2, Wilson, cl, another topping specimen, equal in shape just beaten in closeness of feather; 3, Brown, marked right eye, grand quality and shape; 4, Hawkins, cl, A1 quality, far away; vhc, Muscott; hc, Wilcock. HEN (7): 1, Wilson, buff, marked wing and eyes, quite a charmer, feathered to perfection, delightful shape; 2, Brown, marked wings, eyes and tail, tight as a Java, sweetly moulded; 3, Morrell, cl, yell, grand quality, nice type, appeared somewhat down in condition; 4, Hutchinson, cl, buff, shapely and of nice carriage; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Wilcock. CINNAMON (6): 1, 2, 3, Godley, trio of his characteristic specimens, yell, buff, and yell, respectively, all possessing sound colour, delightfully burnished, shapely and well up in substance; 4, Pickering and Wright, yell, capital colour and shape, nice size; vhc, Todd and Son hc, Riscborough. CREST, ETC. (9): 1, Sutch, buff var. D.C., nice substance, capital quality, crest round as a hoop, good thatch; 2, vhc, Metcalfe, buff, var. C.B., abundance of rich quality feather, grand shape, with good rise of skull; 3, hc, Brown buff, cl, body, grizzle crest, very shapely, capital feather, crest of fair size and shape, well packed; 4, Almond, cl, buff, C.B., rattling quality, well up in size, nice head; c, Gibson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Hodgson, cl. buff, Belgian, superior quality, fine square shoulders, full of nerve; 2, 3, Riseborough, former Gold Lizard, cl, cap, fine ground colour, full of neat and distinct rowing, third, cl, buff Lancashire, good substance and quality, capital head; 4, Elliott yell, green Yorkie, lengthy, good position, rare feather; vhc, Cleminson; hc, Oliver. PAIRS (8): 1, Godley, Nor. Plainheads, cock, grand colour, size and shape, hen capital feather, well mealed good type, choice pair; 2, Cuthbertson, Yorks, both of good length and position, look capable of throwing right stuff; 3, hc, Fenwick, Cinns, good size and quality, rattling colour; 4, Oliver, Yorks Greens, cock lengthy and stands well, hen full of quality, good pair; vhc, Riscborough; c, Wake and Carr SELL 20/- (14): 1, Taylor and Smart; 2, Townsend; 3, Sutch; 4, Hope; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Stevens; c, Almond. SELL. 15/- (22): 1, Orton; 2, Taylor and Smart; 3, Pickering and Wright; 4, Wilson vhc, Gibson; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Cuthbertson. SELL. 10/- (21): 1, Cleminson; 2, Almond; 3, Godley 4, Stevens; vhc, Greenfield; hc, Atkinson; c, Grainger.

Mr. J. Walsh's Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Ward, Lin-Bullie, capital size, grand shape, lovely quality, a beauty; 2, Beaty, buff Gold Can., six-pointed, well up in substance, fine shape, grandly balanced markings 3, Ward, Redpoll-Bullie, fine size and shape, A1 quality; 4, hc, Maddison, buff marked, Gold-Can well feathered, very neat; vhc, Sokell. DARK (10): 1, Todd and Son, Greenic-Can., rare size and shape, delightful colour and feather, staged in rattling form; 2, Cuthbertson, Lin.-Can., capital colour, shapely and of good substance; 3, Beaty, Gold-Can good in colour and size, not a feather misplaced grand face; 4, vhc, Coffey, Lin.-Can., nice shape and size, capital colour, well marked; hc, V smith and Hawkins; c, Shorney. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Axe, well-known winner, looking better than we have seen him for some time, often described: 2 Duncan, believed to be the Leeds winner, no one could have grumbled had this won, magnificent specimen; 3, Beaty, very shapely, good size, capital blaze of nice shape, lovely bars and buttons; 4, hc, Hutchinson, good in shape and substance; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Nicholson and Son. BULLIE (21): 1, vhc, Laidlaw, fine substance, rattling shape, cap dense and of good polish, lovely breast colour; 2, 3, Beaty, couple of bonny Finches, both of good size and shape, capital quality, former leads slightly in colour of breast; 4, hc, Woods, another true Britisher, shapely, grand colour; c Rohinson. LINNET (26): 1, Axe, stormer, magnificent colour, wonderful substance, pencilled to perfection, clear and distinct; 2, Coffey, another charming specimen, grand nutty colour, beautifully burnished, sweetly marked; 3, Duncan, grand all over, not quite so large as two previous; 4, Beaty, another hard to find fault with; vhc, Simpson; hc, Mogie; c, Milburn and Flintoff. GREENIE (16): 1, 3, Hunter, former shade the largest, both rare colour, shape and quality, in tip-top order; 2, Coffey, fine size and shape, A1 quality, deep in colour; 4, Todd and Son, good in shape, nice colour, fine size; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Crosier; c, Riseborough. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, Chick, Bramble, slashing shape and substance, magnificent colour, delightfully ticked; 2, Hunter, Chaff, possessing rare size and shape, lovely markings and quality; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Bramble, pretty as paint, splendid shape and colour, grand markings; 4, Recks, Chaff, we much admired, staged for all he was worth; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Hughes and Henderson; c, Fenwick. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, vhc, Waters, prettily marked Twite, rare shape and substance, beautifully pencilled, best of colour; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, lovely quality and shape, nice size, capital cap and pencilling; 3, Mallory, Redpoll, finely feathered, shapely and of nice size; 4, Coffey, Twite, good in substance,, shape and colour; hc, Taylor; c, Robinson. A.O.V. FINCH (5): 1, Axe, noted yell. Bunting, so often described that further comment is unnecessary; 2, Beaty, Hawfinch, capital size and shape, lovely colour, grandly cut bib; 3, 4, Fenwick, Yell. Hammer and Hawfinch respectively, both neat exhibits, well staged; vhc, Wilson. SOFTBILL, SMALL (6): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Treecreeper, fine size and shape, grand in colour, nicely marked; 2, 3, Nicholson and Son, former yell, Wagtail, in best possible condition and staged in delightful manner, third, Gold-crested Wren, in nice order and well put down; 4, Binns, fine Nuthatch, in good fettle; vhc, Hunter; hc, Wade. LARGE (6): 1, Cluck, Chough, well-known winner in delightful bloom, a picture; 2, 3, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, choice team, Starling, Waxbill and Blackbird, in the order named, like satin; 4, Duncan, Song Thrush, good size and shape, nice moonings and colour; vhc, Porteous. FOR. (9): 1, 3, Nicholson and Son, Green glossy Starling and pair superb Tanagers, former in perfect feather and greatly admired, third, very taking; 2, 4, Booth, pair Diamond Finches, in lovely trim and staged in capital style; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; hc, Law.

ISLE OF THANET P.S.

This excellent and progressive Kentish society held its tenth annual exhibition on Nov 20 and 21, in the Hall-by-the-sea, Margate. They had a very nice fixture, and though entries ran small in one section, many birds of the right quality put in an appearance. Their was no question about the many visitors being well pleased with them, as they were the most popular part of the very fine and suitable hall. In the open Norwich classes, Mr. F. J. Gibbs had a walk-over, putting down some fine birds, which took practically all the spoil. Mrs. Bayly, Mrs Elliott, Miss Gwynn and Messrs. Taylor, Patterson, W. Jones, Holmes, Boncey and Thomas also had out some nice Plainheads. Crests and C.B.'s only mustered 7 in two classes, and Mr. Broad was in both with excellent specimens. Yorks. were also up but in small numbers, and here Messrs. Leaver, Gibbs, Shetler, and Reeves shared the prize-money with typical birds. Out of the entries in the Dark Mule class, four had to be "wrong classed" owing to having light feathers about them. The local classes were the brightest spot of all, for they proved that Kentish fanciers' can turn out good birds, well up to the required standard of their varieties. We were very pleased to see this. The birds of Mrs. Bayly, Miss Gwynne, and Messrs. L. J. Shaw, W. Jones, J. Brown, A. C. Morre, E. J. Kew, A. Hoybin, S. Boncey, and M. Marsh were highly meritorious The British and Foreign made a most attractive display. The chairman, Mr. J. Bing, and assistant sec., Mr. J. Brown, were very active, and rendered great help to the able hon. sec., Mr. W. J. Jones, who is a fine worker and a capable, well-liked official. The stewards, Messrs. H. J. Matthews, A. Moore, L. Shaw, and S. Boucey, did everything possible for the comfort of the birds, and the committee, a lot of good fanciers, also did their part well Mr. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Gibbs; 3, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, spl., 2, 3, Gibbs; 4, Patterson; vhc, Miss Gwyn. TICKED, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 3, Gibbs; 4, Jones; vhc, Taylor; hc, Patterson; c, Miss Gwyn. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Gibbs; 4, Patterson; vhc, c, Mrs. Bayly; hc, Taylor. NON FED CL., ETC. (8): 1, spl, 3, Holness; 2, Mrs. Elliott; 4, vbc, Boncey. TICKED, ETC. (5): 1, Holness; 2, Taylor; 3, Thomas; 4, Boncey; vhc, Mills. CREST (4): 1, 2, Broad; 3, Eagleton; 4, Mirams. CREST-BRED (3): 1, spl., Broad; 2, Jenner; 3, Eagleton. YORKS CL. ETC. (12): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Leaver; 2, Gibbs; 4, hc, c, Shetler. A.O.V. YORKS (6): 1, 3, Gibbs; 2, 4, Reeve; vhc, Shetler; hc Pallett. PAIR (4): 1, spl, Patterson; 2, 4, Gibbs; 3, Broad. DO. (for breeding) (6): 1, 2, 4, Gibbs; 3, Miss Gordon Conway; vhc, Taylor:; bc. Patterson. MULE DARK (7): 1, spl, Ward; 2, Boncey; 3, Thomas; four were marked wrong class. LIGHT AND HYBRID CLASSES were cancelled. SELL (25s.) (9): 1, Sidgwick; 2, 3, Moore; 4, Kew; vhc, Jones; hc, Patterson; c, Mrs. Bayly. DO. (20s.) (8): 1, Mrs. Bayly; 2, Green; 3, Sidgwick; 4, Patterson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hogbin; c, Brown. DO. (15s.) (12): 1, Jones; 2, Green; 3, Mrs. Bayly; 4, Hogbin; vhc, Patterson; hc, Sidgwick; c, Boncey. DO. (10s.) (13): 1, Sidgwick; 2, Wraight; 3, Mrs. Bayly; 4, Patterson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Reeve; c, Moore. LOCAL CLASSES: NOR. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Mrs. Bayly; 2, 3, c, Jones; 4, Moore; vbc, Boncey; hc, Brown. BUFF (11): 1, spl., Shaw; 2, Jones; 3, Moore; 4, hc, Brown; vhc, Kew; c, Houseden. TICK, ETC. (12): 1, Kew; 2, 3, c, Jones; 4, Brown; vhc, hc, Miss Gwyn. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, and spl., Hogbin; 3, Boncey; 4, Marsh. BULLFINCH (8): 1, vhc, Kew; 2, Brett; 3, Young; 4, Shaw; hc, Matthews; c, Mrs. Southon. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl., Wickham; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, Thomas; vhc, Boncey. LINNET (4): 1, spl., Pankhurst; 2, Shaw; 3, 4, Kew. BRIT. GREENFINCH (9): 1, vhc, Shaw; 2, Wickham; 3, hc, Kew; 4, Thomas; c, Brodrick. LARGE BRIT. (4): 1, spl., Brett; 2, Wickham; 3, Kew; 4, Hunt. SMALL (6): 1, Brett; 2, Miss Hopwood; 3, Wickham; 4, Patterson. PARROT, ETC. (6): 1, spl., Miss Conway Gordon; 2, Mrs. Acland; 3, Barker; 4, Boncey. A.O.S. (5): 1, Miss Conway Gordon; 2, Young; 3, Matthews; 4, Skeg; vbc, Ray.

HAZEL GROVE.

Hazel Grove and District C.B.S. held their annual show on November 15th and 16th. Judge, Mr. J. Wood, of Stockport. Messrs. G. H. Massey, G. Broadhurst and J. Potts had a tie, with 27 points each, for most points gained with four birds bred by exhibitor. The Federation Cup: Hazel Grove, 38 points; Oldham and District, 36; Stockport B.F.A., 33; and Ashton and District, 31.

FEDERATION CLASSES: LANCASHIRES: 1, Hazel Grove, 1st; Oldham, 2nd and 3rd; Stockport, 4th; LIZARDS: Oldham, 1st and 2nd; Stockport, 3rd; Ashton, 4th. CRESTS OR C. BREDS: 1, Hazel Grove; 2, Oldham; 3, Ashton. NORWICH: 1, Ashton; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Stockport. YORKS: 1, Stockport; 2, Ashton; 3, Hazel Grove. A.O.V. CAN OR MULE: 1, Hazel Grove; 2, Oldham; 3, Stockport; 4, Ashton. BRIT.: 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Ashton. YELL. COPPY (1): 1, spl, Broadhurst. BUFF (3): spl, 1, 3, Broadhurst; 2, Oldham. YELL. PH. (1): 1, spl, Brooks. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Broadhurst; 2, Oldham. COPPY HEN (4): spl, 1, 4, Brooks; 2, 3, Broadhurst. PH. HEN (2): 1, spl, Brooks; 2, Broadhurst. GOLD LIZARD (2): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Beswick. SILVER (2): 1, 2, spl, Beswick. GOLD HEN (2): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Beswick. SILVER (1): 1, spl, Beswick. CREST (3): 1, 2, spl, Oldham; 3, Stafford. CREST-BRED (4): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Garner; 3, Hall; 4, Oldham. CREST or C.B. HEN (3): 1, spl, Oldham; 2, Stafford; 3, Garner. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Beswick; 2, Stafford; 3, Oldham; 4, Garner. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Dickinson; 2, Stafford; 3, Garner; 4, Snape; vhc, Clarke; hc, Potts. TKD., ETC., YELL (6): 1, spl, Stafford; 2, Massey; 3, Dickinson; 4, Oldham; vhc, Garner; hc, Potts. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Massey; 2, Garner; 3, Oldham; 4, Stafford; vhc, Clarke. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, Snape; 2, Massey; 3, Dickinson; 4, Garner; vhc, Potts; hc, Oldham; c, Beswick. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Massey; 2, 3, Stafford; 4, Dickinson; vhc, Clarke; hc, Garner; c, Potts. UNFLI. YELL (4): 1, 2, spl, Stafford; 3, Potts; 4, Massey. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Dickinson; 2, 3, Stafford; 4, Garner; vhc, Oldham; hc, Broadhurst. YORKS YELL. (4): 1, spl, Potts; 2, Dickinson; 3, Clarke; 4, Snape. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Potts; 2, Beswick; 3, Dickinson; 4, Clarke. YELL HEN (3): 1, spl, Dickinson; 2, Potts; 3, Beswick. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Potts; 2, Garner; 3, Beswick; 4, vhc, Wood. UNFLI. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Beswick; 2, Potts; 3, Clarke. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Potts; 2 Clarke; 3, Beswick. YELL. CINN. (1): 1, spl, Broadhurst. BUFF (1): 1, spl, Dickinson. CINN. HEN (1): 1, spl, Massey. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Massey; 2, 4, Potts; 3, Garner. MULE: 1, spl Oldham; 2, Garner; 3, Brooks; 4, vhc, hc, Hall. GOLD, ETC.: 1, spl, Hall; 2, Dickinson. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Massey; 2, 3, vhc, Hulme. A.O HARD BILL: 1, 4, spl, Hulme; 2, Snape; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Hall.

CAMBRIDGE.

The 14th Annual Show of the Cambridgeshire A.S. was held in the Corn Exchange on Nov. 27th and 28th when the reputation of the Society was upheld in the highest degree. Mr. W. Driver, the hon. secretary acquitted himself well on this occasion as usual, and the arrangements were smoothly and successfully carried out. The Committee of management are fanciers of experience, and they rendered the most efficient and valuable aid to the secretary. The attendance was large, and the exhibits in the cage bird section were a source of great attraction. This was particularly so in the Foreign bird section, where Mr. Curtis, who judged, had a hard and delicate task. So meritorious were the exhibits, that they provoked the admiration of all parties. That astute show manager, Mr. Ramsden, of Crystal Palace fame, was on the alert to secure the patronage of Mrs. C. Anningson, whose exhibits were the feature of the show. This lady secured the Sectional Cup, with a most lovely Eclectus Parrot, charming in its glossiness and brilliant in colours. Mr. Stubbing's blue and yellow Macaw came in for a great share of admiration, and Messrs. DeVon and Co.'s splendid King Bird of Paradise was as lovely as it is rare in these Islands. Amongst the Foreign bird exhibits were the Leadbeater Cockatoo, the Cuba Parrot, the Shaft-tailed Whydah, the Long-tailed Whydah, Senegal Parrot, the Sugar bird, and many others, truly a glorious collection. Canaries came up well, and the Norwich and Crests were good. Mr. Palmer secured special for best Canary in the show, with a grand Crestbred; and the British were grand. Mr. W. Cook, sent a fine team, including a very fine Nutcracker, in splendid feather. Goldfinches were a teaser. One of the most beautiful Magpies we ever remember to have seen, at least, so far as condition and markings go, was shown by Mr. W. Linsey. Altogether, the show was a splendid success, and everything passed off satisfactorily. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

Open Classes.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Eaton, very nice body, neat head, very well up in polish; 2, 3, vhc, Brooks, a good team, leader fine in quality; 3rd, rare quality, little on the small side; hc, Tbring; c, Smith. TD., ETC. (8): 1, spl, 3, vbc, Brooks, grand shaped, short tail and flighted yell, good quality; 3, ticked buff; 2, Lees, grizzle-backed yell., lovely glossy feather, rather curled at throat; hc, Dillingham; c, Eaton. CRESTS (8): 1, Bloomfield, var. fairly massive crest of veiny feather, good body; 2, Hitchell, clear body, D.C. neat crest of nice length of feather, good body, well shown; 3, vbc, Brooks, former var. D. Crest, massive, very nice lay; bc, c, Shearman. C.B. (6): 1, spl, spl. best Canary in show, Palmer, var. wide entrance, massive back, skull, grand reverse, good one; 2, hc, Shearman, former green, rare head, massive; 3, Brooks, nice bead, dense feather; vbc, Bloomfield. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, vhc, c, Brooks, former rich coloured, fine quality Cinn., well burnished; 2, 3, Shearman, former yell. cinn, latter a nice buff ditto, the yell. grand body; hc, Ingram. UNFLI. (11): 1, Brooks, buff Nor.; 2, c, Clifton, yell. cinn.; 3, vbc, Shearman, Crest; hc, Irving. MULES (8): 1, spl, Pye, Goldic-Bullie, nice feather; 2, spl, Lees, four-pointed Goldfinch-Canary, well shown; 3, Bloomfield, also Goldfinch-Canary; hc, Brooks; c, Culling. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Jupe, rare wide flush face, clean cut collar, rare wing bars and buttons, a good one; 2, Mitchell, very close and similar to winner; 3, Timœus, bright and sparkling, good face; bc, Popple; c, Rowles, a grand class. BULLFINCH (11): 1, spl, Mitchell, a nailing good Finch, beautiful wide poll, very lustrous, clean as thighs, rare shape, fairly rich in breast; 2, 3, Jupe, two grand ones for breast colour, well posted; vhc, Anderson; hc, Wilmott; c, Popple. A.O.S. BRIT. LARGE (14); a truly grand class: 1, Cook, magnificent specimen of the Nutcracker, shown in fine fettle and very steady; 2, spl, Linsey, Magpie, a knock-out for markings, beautiful plumage in faultless condition; 3, spl, Smith, beautiful Missel Thrush; vhc, spl, Frost; vbc, Christmas, Poole, and 1933B, no name; hc, Risdon, Smith; c, Quantrell, Clark. SMALL (7): 1, spl, Cook, charming Redstart; 2, 3, Osborn, topping Greenfinch and equally nice Chaffinch; vhc, c, Frost; hc, Quantrell; c, Lambert. SELL. (12/6) (9): 1, Ingram; 2, Rogers; 3, Lees; vbc, Palmer; bc, Rilly; c, Linsey. FOR., MACAW, ETC. (8): 1, 2, spls, hc, Stubbings, winner blue and yellow Macaw, lustrous, pure in colours, well shown; 2, 3, 2 spls, vhc, Mrs. Anningson, magnificent Leadbeater Cockatoo, lovely blue and red Macaw, and a Salmon-Crested Cockatoo; c, Miss Coates. PARROTS, ETC. (10): 1, Cup for best For. in show, spl, res, vhc, Mrs. Anningson, the Cup winner being a splendid Eclectus shown in magnificent form, grand Cuba Parrot being reserve, and a pair of blue mountain Lorries reserve; 2, spl, Cook, tri-coloured Lorry; 3, spl, Chivers, Dufresnes Amazon; hc, Deighton; c, Miss Coates. A.O.S. SMALL (13): 1, spl, De Von and Co., a truly lovely King bird of Paradise, the colours of which were dazzling with gloss; this bird came in for much admiration; 2, spl, bc, c, Mrs. Anningson, former fine specimen of the Long-tailed Whydah; the vhc was a Ghosthead Lovebird; 3, spl., Cooper; a fine Shaft-tailed Whydah; vhc, spl., Cook.

Local Classes.

NOR. A. V. (6): 1, 2 spls., 2, Caudley; 3, spl., Hard; vhc, Ison; hc, Rogers; c, Bainbridge; a nice class for quality. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, 2 spls, Argent, very fine Linnet, rich breast, feather like wax; 2, spl, Wesson, pretty, good coloured Redpoll; 3, vbc, spl, Smith; hc, Gifford; c, Edwards. GOLDIE, ETC. (12): 1, 2 spls, Williams, nailing good Goldfinch; 2 spls, Lambert, well marked, lustrous Chaffinch; 3, Chapman; vhc, Smith; hc, Ainger; c, Hinson. SELL. (7/6) (8): 1, Smith; 2, Bainbridge; 3, Linsey; vhc, Ison; hc, c, Edwards. FOR. A.V. (13): The whole of the prizes and honours, including 5 specials, falling to Mrs. Anningson, with a Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, a Redsided Eclectus Parrot, a Senegal Parrot, a green glossy Starling, pair Pekin Robins, and a King Parrot—a wonderful collection from one exhibitor.

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Means and Methods of Mating.

A knowledge of how the birds have been bred is very useful. The Border Fancy is one of the most prolific breeders in the world, thus counteracting the cheapness in price when selling surplus stock.

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In the second year the young from one pair may be mated to the young from the other pair, the markings being again regulated as far as possible, the birds to be yellow and buff respectively. Cinnamon blood is used in this variety, as in others, and is very useful at times, especially in the breeding of even-marks. A bird with a faulty wing carriage should be mated to one that is extra good in wing carriage. Similarly a bird with a flat head should be mated to one with a full round head. All faults as well as good qualities must be taken into consideration, so as to eradicate as far as possible such faults in the young birds. Colour feeding is not necessary with this breed, the natural beauty of which is one of its chief characteristics, and colour feeding does not suit it.

In feeding, the birds may have a staple diet of Canary seed, with a pinch of German rape seed every second day. In winter a piece of ripe apple may be placed between the wires of the cage twice a week. In summer the apple may be replaced by a bit of dandelion or a little lettuce or watercress. The cage or cages must be cleaned out once a week at least, or trouble in the shape of some kind of disease is likely to ensue.

Incubation, Before and After.

If the weather is suitable, the birds may be paired up by about the first week in April if in a cold room, or if in the kitchen or a warm room, about a fortnight earlier. A week or so before pairing, the birds may be given a half teaspoonful of egg food every second day until the hen has laid; the food must be stopped until the day before the young are due to hatch, plain Canary seed only being given during incubation, which lasts for 13 or 14 days. A cage not less than 20 inches long and 18 inches high should be used, but if larger so much the better for the birds.

On no account must the birds be paired before they are in condition, which they show by the cocks rushing about the cage and breaking into song every few minutes, and by the hens flapping their wings, putting their heads out of the water holes,and calling to the cocks. If paired when out of condition the result will most likely be a loss of time and temper, which might have been avoided with a little patience in getting the birds into form.

Some breeders pair one cock with two or more hens, but beginners will do much better if they keep to one cock and one hen until they have gained some experience. No hard and fast rule can be laid down for each individual to follow, some hens doing much better if left to hatch and rear the young by themselves, while others will sooner let the young starve than go without food themselves; in such cases the cock bird is left to assist.

Birds, like human beings, have their fads and fancies, which can only be found out by observation. Some hens are very restless when sitting, and you can hardly get near them without their leaving the nest. But with others you can do almost what you like, and they will take no particular notice. When the hen is restless a piece of cardboard on the front of the cage where the nest hangs usually proves useful, making the place more private; the bird cannot then see you very much.

Practical experience is the best teacher in bird management, as in other things. When the birds have been paired up a week, if all is well, you may look out for the first egg; sometimes, however, the birds take longer, especially if paired up early, when the weather is unsuitable, or when the birds are not quite ready. If on the morning you expect a hen to lay, you find her all doubled up and breathing hard, you may conclude that she is egg-bound, and must be taken in hand at once. Catch the bird gently and hold her over a jug of boiling water, so that the steam penetrates all over the abdomen: hold her thus for five minutes or so, then replace in the nest. She will then, in all probability, lay the egg. A drop of castor oil in the beak will greatly assist, and a pinch of inga seed once a week during the winter is a good preventative.

Tending the Young Birds.

When the birds are paired, supply a piece of cuttle fish bone for the formation of the egg shell, and thus prevent the laying of soft-shelled eggs. Egg food must be supplied to the parent birds as from the day before the young are due to hatch; it is best to use the yolk only for the first three days, after which the white may be used. The egg must be chopped very fine or passed through a piece of perforated zinc, then mixed with half its weight in powdered biscuit.

The young birds leave the nest when about three weeks old, can usually feed themselves with egg food when about four weeks old, and can crack Canary seed when about six weeks old. When they are able to eat egg food they should be removed to another cage, and supplied with egg food fresh three times each day. A pot of crushed hemp and Canary seed should also be placed inside the cage, as an inducement for them to eat seed, after which they may be gradually changed on to Canary and rape seed. Egg should be supplied only occasionally until the moulting season commences, at about the end of July.

Selection of Birds for the Show Bench.

Presuming you have bred a good few youngsters, the next thing is to go over them and see which are most likely to make good show birds. This brings us to the standard or points which a bird must possess to enable it to compete successfully on the show bench

There must be no angles on a good Border, the head and chest must be nicely rounded, but not so prominent as those of the Norwich. It should have a jaunty and stylish appearance, be good in feather and carriage, ever on the alert, and full of life and vivacity. When in health and condition they are truly a charming picture, and invariably capture the heart of the bird-lover.

Having selected a few of the youngsters, place them one or two in a cage and take special care of them during the moult. They are not so likely to get damaged in this way, so much as they would be if caged in lots together. A bath on warm days will greatly assist the moult; it may be given at any other time when the weather is suitable. A little crushed linseed mixed with the egg food during the moult will help to put gloss on the feathers.

(To be continued).

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL.

The Cage Bird Traffic in the United States.

By HENRY OLDYS (Assistant, Biological Survey, U.S.A.)

In the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture.

(Concluded from page 315)

What's in a Name?

Most of the cage-birds from Africa, which are brought to London, Liverpool, Marseilles, Bordeaux, and other European ports in immense numbers, are secured for beauty of plumage, not song. The African Weavers, 994 of which were imported during the year, in addition to attractive colouring, offer an interesting exhibition of their skill in the art that has given them their name. At nesting time, if furnished with worsted or other suitable material, they will weave this in and out of the wires of their cages, making neat and compact examples of their handiwork. Bishops and Madagascar Weavers are brilliant red and black in their colouring, Cut-throats have a band of red across the throat, from which is derived the name and Whydah birds (incorrectly called "widow" birds) have extremely long tails. The group furnishes an instance in which one family contains both Bishops and Cut-throats. A Napoleon also figures among its members, and all are frequently associated with Japanese Nuns and Brazilian Cardinals.

Waxbills numbered 555 in the year's importations. These include the dainty little Cordon Bleu, or Crimson-eared Waxbill, various species of Silverbills, and several other kinds. The Violet-eared Waxbill, a bird of radiant, prismatic beauty, is brought to England but has apparently not yet come to the United States. The tiny Zebra Finches, easy to keep and breeding readily in captivity, are favourites with the bird-keeping public, 591 coming in during the year. African Siskins are also somewhat popular, and a small but increasing number of Edel-singers, or African Gray-singers (the Grey Singing Finch.—Ed.), one of the few African species that have a pleasing song, are imported annually.

African birds generally bring 1 dol. 50 cents a pair at wholesale. Most of them have light, unmusical, but not disagreeable, notes, and being bright and active, give life to room or aviary where they are confined. While the breeding time of most of them is during our winter (the seasons being reversed south of the equator), many of the little immigrants adapt themselves readily to the changed conditions and breed in the summer of the North Temperate Zone.

A Charmer from Australia.

Ordinary Australian birds also sell well for 1 dol. 50 cents a pair wholesale. Of these, apart from Shell Parrakeets, Diamond Sparrows are imported in the largest numbers, the year's supply being 332. Australia is notable, however, for its charming Lady Gould Finches, which, perhaps, reach the highest point of beauty and elegance attained by any of the smaller cage-birds of the world. (The bird illustrated under this name is that known to us as the Black-headed Gouldian.—Ed., "C.B.") Few are sold in this country, possibly because of their high price—9 dols. to 10 dols. a pair at wholesale—and because they are difficult to keep (an English fancier says of them that they suffer all the ills that beset other cage-birds, and several special ones of their own). They are highly prized in England where they have been bred a number of times. The main reason for their unusual mortality seems to be improper treatment. Because they come from the warm climate of Australia, they are usually kept where they have plenty of sunlight. As a matter of fact, however, as recently pointed out by a writer in "Bird Notes," they inhabit dense scrub, and in their natural habitat avoid the direct rays of the sun. To place them in a small cage in the sunlight is a very effective method of destroying them. Lady Gould Finches are attractive in their ways as well as in appearance. They tame readily, are not pugnacious with cage mates, and exhibit many individualities of disposition. They have a very interesting little dance, that sometimes forms part of their courtship.

Omitting Parrots, Gray Cardinals are the principal cage-birds imported from South America. In England these vie in favour with our own Cardinal, from which they differ, being gray in colour, with no red exeepting about the head. During the last fiscal year we imported 455, which were retailed at 3 dols. 50 cents each. A number of different species of small birds are annually brought from Mexico and Cuba, but none in important numbers except Tomeguinos, known also as Grasquits or Melodious Cuban Finches and Olive Cuban Finches, according to species. These sell for 1 dol. 50 cents a pair wholesale, and 665 entered during the year.

Birds Bred in Captivity.

In Europe, as has been stated, great interest is manifested in breeding cage-birds. This interest attaches to the propagation, not only of rare birds, but of many species that are commonly found in aviaries. There is a great difference in the ease with which birds may be bred in captivity. Some, such as Shell Parrakeets, Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, Strawberry Finches, and our own Bluebirds and Indigo-birds, breed readily and their young can be raised without much difficulty. But some of the Parrots and small cage-birds refuse to mate, others will not sit on their eggs, and others yet neglect their young. To breed such species requires much patience and ingenuity, and success is valued accordingly.

In the United States where bird fanciers are few and lack association, there is not the same general interest in the breeding of captive birds. Few Oriental birds other than Java Sparrows, and but few of the small cage-birds from Africa and Australia, have been successfully bred in the United States. Among the more important birds that have been reared in this country are the Canary, Shell Parrakeet, Black-crested Mina, All-green Parrakeet, Gray Parrakeet, Cockateel, Graceful Ground-Dove, Barred-shoulder Dove, Zebra Finch, white Java Sparrow, gray Java Sparrow, Cut-throat Finch, and Saffron Finch Some Hybrids have been produced by breeding Canaries with Goldfinches, Linnets, and other birds, thus securing well-known and greatly valued Mules.

Exhortation to American Enterprise.

The large and rapidly growing demand for Canaries and other cage-birds that has sprung up in the United States, and that is now satisfied by importations from abroad, suggests the possibility of establishing the industry of raising birds for market on this side of the Atlantic. It is more than likely that interest in the keeping of cage-birds will continue to spread, and that its growth will result in the development of societies, periodicals, annual shows, and other features that mark its advance in Europe. Breeding Canaries for market brings, as has been shown, several hundred thousand dollars annually to the peasants of the Hartz Mountains of Germany; Canaries of fancy shapes that command high prices are regularly bred in England, Scotland, Belgium, and other countries; and it is important to note that in nearly every instance the pursuit is carried on as an adjunct to some other occupation. There is no reason why the American market should not be supplied by American breeders. The need already exists; imported birds are not so well adapted to our climate as those raised here, and home production would obviate the large losses incident to the ocean voyage.

Difficulties to be Met.

Many difficulties must be met. Captive birds are subject to numerous diseases and, under the most favourable circumstances, require careful treatment. Attention to diet is important, particularly in the case of soft-billed birds, whose food is chiefly insects. Questions of suitable temperature for aviaries, of securing sufficient open-air exercise without undue exposure, of preventing destruction of birds or their eggs by cage mates, of inducing birds to breed, and many other problems constantly tax the patience and skill of the aviculturist; and owing to climatic differences between Europe and America many of these questions would doubtless have to be settled anew.

But American ingenuity and energy should be able to meet and overcome all obstacles and establish the business on a paying basis. Due weight should be given the fact that the experiment requires little capital. It can easily be started at small expense and extended only as profits justify extension. The field is a promising one. The success attending cage-bird breeding in Europe, the great demand for birds as pets in this country revealed by our large importations, the superior value of those bred in America, and the facility with which the business can be established and maintained offer strong inducements to American enterprise.

Foreign Cage-Birds at Home.

The most familiar to home bird-lovers of all Indian "Softbills" is, however, the Liothrix or Pekin Robin, and when I first visited his haunts in the Himalayas—it was at Darjeeling—it was not long before I heard the pretty five-noted call which betrayed his presence. Judging by the frequency of the sound, the birds were very common, but they are much more likely to be heard than seen, being of a retiring nature, much like our Hedge Sparrow; while their colour, gay as it looks in a cage, is well adapted for concealment. Every now and then, however, one of the pretty birds would show itself in a tree, or flit to a roadside fence, so that the beauty of its coral bill and orange-streaked wings could be well observed; but, on the whole, the species cannot be called a conspicuous one, even where it is numerous.

Finches, with the exception of the common House Sparrow, are not very noticeable members of bird society in India. Once only did I see the Avadavat in the wild state, when I saw two cock birds in some long grass, far away from any habitation. Yet, in the Tiretta Bazaar, the bird market of Calcutta, may constantly be seen scores of the little red, white-dotted fellows and their brown mates, for numbers are captured for sale. So with the other little Finches. I once observed a few of the little drab Indian Silver-bills coming down to drink at a singularly filthy little pond, and I seem to recollect once coming across the black-headed Mannikin. With the spangle-breasted Nutmeg-bird, or Spice-bird, I met more frequently. Some nested in the grounds of the Forest School at Dehra Dun, in which district I met with the other Finches I have mentioned.—FRANK FINN, F.Z.S., etc., in "Ornithological Oddities."

Mannikin Brevities.

Some Observations on a Well-known Group of Foreign Birds.

By "MUNIA."

Although generally common and well known to all keepers of foreign birds, it is not so commonly known how many or what birds belong to the Mannikin class, over and above the few species bearing that familiar term as a portion of their common name. Probably very few bird keepers would, if asked to make a list of Mannikins, include such apparently dissimilar birds as the Java Sparrow and the Nutmeg Finch. Yet both species properly belong to that class.

The Pert and Lively Java Sparrow.

Of course, it goes without saying this does not necessarily mean that all these species should be classified together from an exhibition point of view, and, in fact, there are not wanting authorities who consider that the Java Sparrow would be better associated with the Weaver birds. That he differs from the typical Mannikin in being a more pert and lively creature, and in having slightly more pretension to a song, must be admitted, but, even so, a Java can be a dull and listless bird at times. That is, I have known individual specimens to be habitually dull and morose, quite apart from any question of health or condition.

Such specimens as I have in mind appear to be more deeply imbued with the true Mannikin characteristics than the general run of Javas—characteristics which may be summed up briefly in the observation that their sole interests in life are divided between a well-filled seed box and a favourite perch whereon to digest, meditate, and grow fat. Fortunately these are exceptions.

Both the Grey and the White Java are too well known to need any description at all. The uncultured Grey is in all respects preferable to the White variety—at least, such is my humble opinion—being more distinctive and attractive in appearance, and of rather more lively habit. But when one desires to attempt breeding with the birds, a proportion of white birds is almost essential to success.

The Bengalee is also a purely domestic variety, and is generally believed to be a fertile Hybrid between a member of this family and a Grassfinch—the Striated Finch and the Indian Silverbill.

A Lengthy Family Tree.

The Mannikins which are distinguished by the term are the Two-coloured, Three-coloured, White-headed, Black-headed, Bronze, and the Magpie. Of these, the Bronze and the Black-headed are probably the most common, the White-headed is far less freely imported, whilst the two-coloured species is somewhat of a rarity.

The Bib Finch, known also as the Dwarf Finch and African Parson Finch is a Mannikin, and has been bred in this country in an outdoor aviary. Its "bib" is a patch of black of bib-like shape on the throat. It is a more pleasing bird than the majority of the true Mannikins.

Another of the family is the Nutmeg Finch, now frequently known as the Spice Bird, so-called from a fancied general resemblance of its plumage to the spice of that name. Its pretensions to beauty are not of a high order, and its habits as a cage bird in my experience, are of the dullest kind. Its song is little more than a low vibrating hum, and is quite inaudible to some ears, though easily caught by others.

The Striated Finch is a Mannikin, and one too which has little interest beyond the fact that it is supposed to be one of the progenitors of the Bengalee. In colour it is of a smoky-brown of varying depths. It is, however, not a very common species in the market.

The Sharp-tailed Finch has many points of resemblance to the last-named, but is more of a ruddy tone of brown generally. It is always ready to attempt breeding, but its efforts very often end in failure. The greatest success seems to be found when it is bred with the Bengalee, which it also greatly resembles in its vocal inabilities, if I may coin a term which aptly applies to all the members of the Mannikin tribe.

The Chestnut-breasted Finch may form a fitting conclusion to the list of Mannikins. It inhabits Australia, and thus differs in habits from the majority of Mannikins, which are mostly natives of India, Africa, and adjacent islands. It is also rather more brightly coloured, and its song more powerful than is that of the typical Mannikins. In captivity it is very free with making attempts to breed, which are by no means always successful. But they doubtless add to its interest in captivity as being the chief cause of its pretty and curious dances and love-songs to its mate.

VARIATIONS IN BIRDS.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

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Cause of Variation.

It naturally occurs to everyone to ask what is the cause of the appearance of variations, and so far the only answer to this is simply that we do not know. What causes variations is, in fact, now the chief problem of biological science. Fanciers had proved, long before the evolution theory was worked out by Darwin, that once you have got your variations, and these happen to be hereditary, you can modify form and colour to an enormous extent, but how they are produced in the first place is a real mystery of nature. There would, however, seem to be a close connection between some forms of variation and local constitutional disturbance. The fact that pale colours appear if a bird, through advancing age or indisposition is in low condition during the moult, is an indication of this, and in this connection it may be observed that light colour-varieties are often found to be weaker in constitution and softer in feather than the normal types. It may here be asked, how, in this case (supposing white forms to come, as appears to have always been the case, from coloured ancestors), white species of birds have arisen at all? But in answer to this, I must point out that it is quite possible for an individual or species to be weak in one respect and strong in another. There is a case on record of a pied cock Blackbird which was observed in the wild state to get continually whiter, and he ultimately died from natural causes, so that his constitution could not have been good. At the same time he was the champion fighter of the neighbourhood, so that if a hen Blackbird wanted a mate it had to be this bird or none at all. Thus if his colour had been hereditary, he would have been the founder of a pied strain. It is rather significant that the very colours indicative of constitutional disturbance, such as white and black in brown birds, and yellow in green birds, should also be those so often constituting an ornamental appearance in the males. It looks as if masculine beauty were acquired at some cost constitutionally, just as among ourselves the golden hair and rosy cheeks of the typical beauty do not necessarily mean a good constitution.

There is evidence that in some cases the white colouration is becoming common in nature. In some wild species of Herons which frequent the sea-shore, white varieties are quite common, and I may here recall to you the fact that there are more species among the Herons constantly white than in any other family of birds. Here, then, the white varieties, whether by the force of heredity or by being more courageous or more cunning than their neighbours, have evidently managed to establish themselves permanently. I may mention that some of the above variable Herons are white when young and grey when adult.

Of course there is also the possibility of white or pied birds being more attractive to the hens than those of the ordinary colour, but there is at present so little evidence that the preferences of hen birds have anything to do with the male's appearance that we cannot invoke the aid of sexual selection in explanation of colour peculiarities with the same confidence as we can natural selection or the force of prepotent heredity.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 159.

A CUTTLEFISH HOLDER.

Sent by J. Pepper, 23, Mill Street, Coventry.

The above sketches show a cuttlefish-bone holder which I use and find very useful. It is simple to make, only requiring a hole to be drilled through the perch, and the wire bent through it as seen in illustration. The



A Cuttlefish Holder.

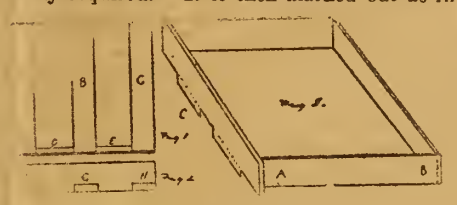
advantage of this holder is that, being connected with the perch, it is always easy of access to the birds. It can also be used for apple or anything of like nature. Again, when one side of the cuttle bone is eaten away, it can be turned round.—J. PEPPER.

No. 160.

A SAFETY SAND TRAY.

Sent by Charles T. Draper, 22, Printing Office Street, Doncaster, Yorks.

This is an idea suitable for a small aviary or flight or other cage. By its means you are enabled to have a deep sand-tray without danger of losing your birds through the opening whilst cleaning out. Fig. 1 is a sketch of a cage-bottom fitted with this idea A, B, and C are three bars of wood, ¼in. thick, nailed on to the bottom of the cage. and D and E are two other pieces of the same thickness fixed between the outside ends of these. The back of the tray C. Fig 2, is first cut one inch broader than is really required. It is then marked out as in



Safety Sand Drawer.

Fig. III., the pieces F, G, H being slightly broader and deeper than the bars in Fig. I. The drawer may now be fitted together (as in Fig. 2), the remaining extra ½in. in the back projecting over the sides. The piece in the side marked A, B, should not be permanently fixed in, but should be fixed on swivels, which allow it to turn upwards, leaving an opening through which the sand may be scraped when cleaning. By this method the drawer will not come right out, but the projections on the back will catch on D, E, underneath, and on the wire frame above.—C. T. DRAPER.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Well-known West Country King Parrakeet.

The King Parrakeet depicted on our front page this week is the property of that well-known West-country foreign-bird enthusiast, Mr. William Young, of Taw Vale, Barnstaple. The owner informs us that he has had the bird six years, and that in five seasons he has shown it at Barnstaple Show, winning 1902 first and special, 1904 second, 1905 second, 1906 first and two specials, 1907 first and two specials—the second special being for the best exhibit in all the foreign-bird classes. Mr. Young adds: "He is a grand large bird, 15 inches in length, and has a good broad tail. His plumage is most beautiful, the delicate pale green bar on the wings being strongly marked (this is rarely shown in coloured plates of "His Majesty"). He is in tip-top condition. The 'King' is well described by Mr. H. S. Davies in your recent well-got-up supplement."

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BEEF TEA with valuable Vegetable additions.
A Breakfast Cup for a 1d.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Birds and Lighthouses.

It is supposed that the change of means of lighting our many lighthouses has caused more damage to migratory birds than formerly. The old system of a steady light might have attracted a great number of birds, but, at the same time, it acted as a beacon to direct them to the shore, whereas the quick flash so much in use now has attracted fewer birds. But more of them have been killed by dashing themselves against the lantern, in consequence of the blinding nature of the powerful electric light.

The Bearded Tit.

The beautiful Bearded Tit is still a breeding species with us, and long may he remain so. But, as an instance of the risk these rarer birds run, I was recently informed of an expedition by two so-called sportsmen in search of these little beauties, and also of their return quite unsuccessful. They loudly regretted that the birds had disappeared before they had had a chance of adding them to their collection. No doubt collectors of skins and eggs are more to blame for the extermination of many of our rarer birds than ordinary bird-nesters and genuine sportsmen.

Beautiful "Bobbie."

The Robin is beautiful anywhere, but I like to see him best in the woods, where his ruddy breast is in harmony with the brown and yellow tints of the autumn leaves. Such pictures will be plentiful presently, for in a few weeks the foliage will change, and the bird one can find in the woods at any time between autumn and spring, for all the Robins do not seek the homestead during winter's reign. Many Robins no doubt emigrate across the seas, for where some half dozen of them are round the building now, it will not be long before they have diminished to one, or possibly two.

Wild Birds' Habits.

As winter advances wild birds draw near to human habitations, for although wild creatures live principally in the woods and fields, and feed from Nature's store, yet when hard times come they fly to man for food and protection; not only the small Buntings and Finches, but even the larger Jackdaws, Jays, and the cunning Magpies; the last mentioned forages through the orchard or round the outlying buildings, and will not refuse offal of any kind, generally plentiful enough in such places. At times like this they often pounce upon some unlucky mouse or Sparrow, thus doing the farmer and gamekeeper a good turn, running the risk of a charge of shot from the ever too ready gun.

The Diminishing Magpie.

A friend once told me that he knew of a wood where nearly a hundred Magpies roosted nightly; such a sight must be well worth a visit. At one time these beautiful birds were extremely common in Ireland, and big flocks could be seen retiring to their roosting sites. No doubt persecution has somewhat reduced their numbers: it is only in favoured localities in England that one is able to occasionally catch sight of one.

A Note on the Gull.

It is remarkable the difference there is in the behaviour of birds under different conditions. The Herring Gull, for instance, when out at sea, will fly round and round a boat within almost arm's length of the occupants, and will occasionally settle upon the water quite near. On the other hand, when roaming along the beach, and low-lying mud flats, they are wary and difficult to approach, and when flying inland or up some tidal river they are very careful to keep well out of gunshot; perhaps the birds feel that their range of vision is somewhat limited, and that objects of the riverside and inland are hardly so familiar to them as the small boat upon the open waters.

Birds of One Egg.

In reply to an enquirer, in the article you mention the naturalist may have been writing of the sea birds of a certain district, when he names the Gannet, Guillemout, and Razorbill, as being three of our British birds laying a single egg. We can add to these the Puffin, Manx Shearwater, Fork-tailed Stormy and Fulmar Petrels. There may be others, but these are all that occur to us just now. These are all British breeding species, although somewhat local. The Fork-tailed Petrel is one of our rarer birds. Its breeding places are on the western coast of Scotland, the Island of St. Kilda being its chief stronghold. It is here that this bird was first discovered as a breeding species.

LOOK OUT for Next Week's Double Number.

Advertisements continued from page 459.

Mainly Canaries.
To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE good Norwich or Yorkshire cock for Mules, Rollers, or Lizards.—196, Ball's Pond-rd., London.

GRAND Buff Norwich cock, 15/-; exchange Yellow and Buff Yorkshire hens.—Pickering, Hallings, Todmorden.

EXCHANGE pair Germans for Norwich cock, or will sell pair for 6/6.—Mr. Lyon, Railway Bridge, Burscough.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries for pair Yellow Budgerigars.—Knowles, The Aviaries, Helston-rd., Penryn, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE cock Canary or Goldfinch mule, on full song, for true bred Persian Kitten, male.—E. Morter, Colchester.

WANTED, white or rare-feathered Hardbills for Crests, muling Canaries, or Mules (light or dark).—Dr. Galloway, Aberdeen.

PAIR Yorks, winners, for pair Norwich, or what offers, yellow Norwich hens; approval.—McDougall, Fruiterer, Fort William.

EXCHANGE three Roller Canaries, as bred (hatched July 5), and cash for boy's bicycle.—B., 28, Purves-rd., Kensal Rise.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for good Siberian cock Goldfinch or two English ditto.—Anderson, 17, North-st., Bishopmill, Elgin.

1907 Norwich, two cocks, 6/- each, three hens 2/- each, exchange hand-printing press. — 1, St Thomas's Pathway, Chester.

GRAND stout Norwich cock, grand stock bird, 1906; exchange cutlery; stamp reply.—Brown, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

MATCHED pair prize-bred 1907 Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, or offers boots or cylinder records.—33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool.

SIX J-Belgians and Yorkshires, cross cock Canaries for sale, 12/6 each; or exchange; approval.—Symons, Brookfield, Bideford.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Canaries, all bred from winners, for Norwich Plainheads, must be good stuff.—Hardcastle, Harley-rd, Sale.

CRESTED and Crestbred cocks, 10/-, 12/- each; wanted massive Crested cock; offers Cinnamons.—17, Strode-rd., Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE two Norwich hen Canaries and cock Goldfinch for a good cock Canary, or sell 7/6.—19, Edgington-rd., Streatham, S.W.

TWO variegated Norwich, songsters, full song, 6/- each; exchange new boots, size 7; Roller cock, 6/-.—Baines, South-st., Buxton.

FIVE English singing cock Canaries, far superior to common Germans, 5/- each; will exchange.—F. Curtis, Imber-rd., Warminster.

TYPICAL pair of Yorkshires for sale; or exchange for Yellow Norwich cock; must be good.—D. Barnes, Richmond terrace, Shelton, Staffs.

SPLENDID high-class Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper or brass.—M. Cooper, 25, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

SELL or exchange two Crested cocks and four Crestbred hens, also four Lancashire cocks; offers.—Shenton, 39, Ballhayc-green, Leek.

EXCHANGE three Sib-bred hens for Siberian cock Goldfinch approval.—Gilbert, 29, Victoria Avenue, Newtonards, County Down, Ireland.

WANTED offers in German Rollers or Yorkshires, good songsters, for eight Homer Pigeons; mutual approval.—Hilton, Rhosddu, Wrexham.

CLEARANCE, 50 Canaries for sale, 2/9 each; or exchange anything useful.—S. Sly, 4, Arch-hill square, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

SONGSTERS, strong yonng cocks, clean and healthy, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; exchange Zebra Finches.—Eveson, 334, Coldharbour-lane, Brixton.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cock buff, 1907, 15/-, will exchange for clear yellow hen, 1907, or sell.—T. Wilson, Co-operative terrace, Johnstone.

EXCHANGE singing Canaries, 6/- each, for Yellow Norwich hens; no rubbish wanted.—Wm. Thomson, Park Grove, Parkneuk-st., Motherwell.

TWO St. Andreasberg Rollers, Seifert strain, full Rolling song, 8/6 each, or exchange; offers.—Pearson, 55, New-st., Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill.

FOUR handsome Fox Terrier pups, 11 weeks old, dogs, 10/-; bitches, 7/6; exchange Canaries, Foreign birds.—Ireland, Parliament-st., Morecambe, Lancs.

FOUR Norwich cocks, and two hen Canaries, unflighted, also cock Hawfinch, grand bird, bed linen or anything useful.—Waterson, Hunter-st., Burton.

MARLOR BROS. will exchange two 1907 Yellow Norwich cocks for large Yellow var. cock; approval; stamp; see "Norwich."—7, Clare-st., Denton, Manchester.

ARTHUR BUSHTON, Keighley, will exchange a high-class pair Yorkshires, Buff cock and Yellow hen, for two Rosecombed Blues or Black Wyandotte pullets.

NORWICH cock, 8/-; three Norwich, one Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; exchange good large unflighted Yellow Norwich hens.—18, Keen's-terrace, Mitcham.

EXCHANGE pair of good Cinnamons, Millburn's strain, for two good Yellow or ticked Yorkshire cocks, or sell 20/-.—E. Williams, 160, Portland-st., Southport.

TWO Crested cocks, one Yellow Grisley Crest, other variegated, 10/6 each; or exchange for four Plainhead cocks.—F. Turvey, 105, Nothgate-st., Bury St. Edmunds.

FOR sale, Norwich songsters, fine birds, 5/- each; or exchange winning Yorkshires or heating apparatus for bird-house.—J. Busby, 46, Heygate-avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

FOUR hens, 1907, small side, greens and cinnamon, grand feeding strain, 7/-; exchange Roller cock or hand-reared Linnet.—Pattison, 31, The Terrace, Gravesend.

WINNERS Norwich, cards sent, 20/- pair; or exchange dressing-case, breech-loader, or anything useful; good condition; approval; giving up Fancy.—Jones, Dolperis, Nant-Llanberis.

PAIR high-class Norwich Plainheads, 30/-; pair prize-bred Yorkshires, 25/-; pair Cinnamons, 14/-, or exchange for good talking Parrot and cage.—Tomard, 85, Victoria Bridge, Leeds.

PAIR Yorkshires, long, typical, 15/-; pair ditto, 20/- grand pair Norwich, stout, clears, perfect feather, 15/6; exchange for new household linen, or boy's clothing; offers.—Cockhill, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

ONE Norwich cock and two hens, one Roller cock, new breeding cage, four-compartment, nest pans and bottles complete, sell 21/- the lot; or exchange cloth, anything useful.—Gardner, 3, Rutland-terrace, Filey.

SALE or exchange, two prize Border hens, clear, and one three-pointed, also two whistling cocks, all young birds, sell 25/-, or exchange 30/- in hosier or household goods.—Alex. Beveridge, jun., 11, United-buildings, Faulkhouse.

W. BARKES, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will exchange either Norwich Plainhead or Yorkshire Canaries for large Goldfinch cocks and good Bullfinch hens, or offers in three-compartment breeding cages.

FIVE pairs typical colour-fed Yorkshires, 1907, 12/6, 15/- pair; three days' approval; wanted good Crested hen, 1907; dinner service, exchange any of above.—Brown, 11, Melrose-avenue, Wood Green.

MULES, two cock Goldies, 7/- each; two Linnets, come on finger, 6/- each; hen Bullfinch, proved mules, 4/-; all good birds, lot 26/-, exchange common Canaries, or nearest offer, cash.—Withington, 2, Spring Hill, Longton, Staffs.

MUST be cleared, through illness, regardless of cost; several pairs of outdoors, typical Yorkshire; parents costing pounds; accept 6/- pair, worth £1; Batley, Ambler, Knight strain; or exchange; no live stock.—Mrs. Vernon, jun., South Molton.

Mainly Foreign.
To be Sold or Exchanged

WHAT offers in cock Canaries for King Amazon Parrot? Can say 20 words.—mather, 65, Albert-rd., Wigan.

AUSTRALIAN Grey Parrot and cage; exchange for exhibition Goldfinch Mule and basket, or offers.—Myles, 2, Leonard-st., Arbroath.

MAGNIFICENT Blue-fronted Amazon talking Parrot, good cage, 65/-, or exchange to £4.—Pearson, 55, New-st., Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill.

EXCHANGE complete set Cassell's "Living Animals of the World," new, for Foreign birds.—C. H. Naylor, Craven Villas, Kent-st., Hasland, Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE Amazon talking Parrot and cage, value £2, for two pair of Yorkshires, Yellow, or Norwich Canaries, or useful exchange.—Nettleton, Rudstone, Bridlington, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 107 "Amateur Photographer," 92 "Model Engineer," 32 "Motor," for good air-gun or Foreign birds.—W. G. Naylor, Craven Villas, Kent-st., Hasland, Chesterfield.

LOVELY pair show Border Fancies, both winners, 20/-; exchange Yellow Budgerigars; wanted pair Gouldians and Ornamental Parrakeet; approval.—Thomson, 53, English-st., Dumfries.

CAPE Sassie, and cage, in grand song, fit to win anywhere; four Yorkshire show cages and two cases; best offer in cash or useful exchange; no rubbish wanted.—W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

GREEN Ring-necked Parrakeet, caged year, and large cage. Also one Goldfinch, 2 Linnets, cocks, pair Chaffinches in large flight cage, house moulted; exchange for good gent's cycle.—Nickson, Chnreh View, Ramsbottom.

Miscellaneous
Sale or Exchange

PAIR black-laced military leggings for cock Goldfinch.—116, Cottrell-rd, Cardiff.

FERN globe and stand, sell 8/6; exchange.—Cowper, Jacob's Well-lane, Wakefield.

FOX terrier dog, very game, nicely marked, 20/-; or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

BROWN handbag (new), 10/6, or offers; exhibition Goldie, or Bullie.—Kirk, 56, Queen-st., Crewe.

BLACK coat and vest, to 6, exchange Canaries.—Potter, 3, Middlewood-st., Hulme, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE terrier dog, sweet pet, ten months, £3 3s.; or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

SQUIRREL, very tame and handsome, charming pet, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

CAMPBELL'S melodeon; exchange three cock Goldfinches or offer.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

BEAUTIFULLY-MARKED Blue Dutch Doe, 6/-; or exchange Canaries.—Erbes, 56, High-st., Camden Town.

WHAT offers, Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules, for lady's silver watch and chain?—Mills, Nelson-st., Brighton.

WHAT offers in Rollers, for 94 CAGE BIRDS numbers, and 12 coloured plates;—Davies, Water Bailiff, Lampeter.

IRISH terrier dog, good pedigree, 12 months, very fine specimen, 40/-; or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Yorkshire terrier, 2 years old, to value, 15/-.—Spence, Tudhoe Colliery, Spennymoor.

EXCHANGE for free wheel bike, a half-plate camera, and an electric medical battery.—Jefferies, Thame, Oxon.

PAIR of Duckwing Game Bantams, 7/6; or exchange Canaries or Goldfinches, cocks.—Christmas, Histon, Cambs.

WHAT offers in Canaries for a phonograph and 12 records?—Cunningham, 24, Shipley-st., Stockport-rd., Longsight.

SALE or exchange, six fowls for 15/-; or exchange for foreign birds cage.—Oliver Hancock, Wickwar, Glos.

EXCHANGE black and tan terrier bitch, for good Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries.—Bates, 15, Astley-st., Hull.

WHAT offers in Canaries, two dog ferrets, worked and well broken red bitch.—S. Bone, White Hart Hotel, Thrapston.

WANTED, Children's boots, clothing and offers for five dozen hen Linnets, value 7/6.—H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris.

BARGAIN, good violin, take 20/-, or exchange for Canaries, or offer.—W. Parker, 3, Stuart Cottages, Stanmore, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE wire-hair Fox Terrier puppy bitch, well bred, for cock Canary, or sell 10/-.—Clement, 21, High-st., Taunton.

WILL make pair boots to your measure for two Roller Canaries, full song, or offers.—Moy, Bootmaker, Staple-rd., Jarrow.

SLIGHTLY crossed Whippet bitch, 18 months, sell 15/-; exchange cock Goldfinches, Canaries, or offers.—Kirk, Hankey-st., Pet shop.

PURE bred buff Orpington cock and three Canaries; exchange Hawfinch or Goldfinches, must be sent first.—Binns, Alne, York.

GOOD Crystal Palace aviary; exchange two pairs of boots, ladies' or gents', or sell 12/-.—Particulars, Young, 19, Petley-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets, 25/-, silver Geneva watch (new), one cock two hens.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crosmyloof, Glasgow.

LARGE Flemish buck or doe pedigree, 6/-; exchange Sib Goldie, or Roller cock; approval.—Westwood, 13, Vic Cottages, Windsor.

FOR sale, five tame Rabbits, full grown; sell cheap or exchange pair Canaries; anything useful.—A. Tomkins, Stoneaton, Ludlow.

EXCHANGE 20th Century gas lamp, almost new, for Yorkshire cock, songster.—Wells, Roselyn-cottages, Ham Hill, Sandland, Kent.

CLARIONET by Camp, London, good playing order, 15/-; exchange birds, fronts or wire; offers.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

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EXCHANGE nickel-plated five-chamber revolver for Canaries or Britishers; approval.—Chapman, 4, Upper Procter-st., Moorfield, Bristol.

Good condition, 35 numbers Dante's Vision Illustrated, by Dore; sell or exchange for good cock Canary.—Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

PERSIAN Queen, black, in kitten, 20/-; ditto tortoise-shell, in kitten, 20/-; others from 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson's Aviaries, Greenwich.

I WILL enlarge any photograph in first-class style in exchange for Canaries or cages; value 7/6.—Hindle, Photographer, Bastwell, Blackburn.

WHAT offers for five racing pigeons? Two flown York, two flown Retford, one flown Essendine.—Packer, 54, Rhyl-st., Kentish Town, London.

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for grand pair Belgian Hares? Can win in keen competition, or sell 25/-.—Particulars, 4, City-rd., Cardiff.

PIANO, by Rolfe, Cheapside, sell £4 10s.; exchange cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, singing.—56, Hamilton-square, Kipling-st., Bermondsey.

BARGAIN, gent's bike, free wheel, new tyres (30/-), wanted exchange phonograph, or offers.—Johnson, Stuart Cottages, Stanmore, Middlesex.

EIGHT CAGE BIRDS coloured plates, framed, 4/6; 30 unframed, 4/-; exchange British or Yellow Norwich hen.—Salter, 34, Otford-rd., Barnsbury, N.

LADY'S richly engraved silver watch, splendid condition, almost new; what offers, Canaries.—Grantham, Fruiterer, Station Grove, Wembley.

BRASS phonograph horn and stand, six records, night commode, all perfect; exchange Canaries; offers; approval.—Sanford, King-st., Morecambe.

FOR sale, black and white Dutch buck, 10/-; two does, 5/- each, winning strain; exchange Canaries or British.—Clegg, Middle-row, Campfield, Leeds.

LLOYD'S Encyclopædic Dictionary, complete in 42 sixpenny parts, unsoiled, exchange cage birds, offers, anything.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE back numbers Graphic, Lady, Queen, including autumn and Christmas numbers, for British hardbills.—Madmsmead, Burghley-rd., Bristol.

41 CAGE BIRDS, Feb. 2nd to date, 24 coloured; 25 1/- parts Cassell's Canaries and Cage Birds; what offers in cash.—Wahwlow, 39, Lupton-st., London, N.W.

EXCHANGE gent's dressing case, with razor, hair, nail, tooth, shaving brushes, etc., for Roller Canary; must be good songster.—Brown, 84, Roman-rd., Ilford.

Phonograph, nearly new, 24-inch brass trumpet, recorder and reproducer, 50 records; sell £4; or exchange lady's or gent's cycle.—Ollife, Church Green, Witney.

EXCHANGE auto-harp, cost £2 2s., quite new, for one cock and two hen Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich, or any good breeds.—Pryle, Castle-st., Shuddlaw.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, finger tame, hen Canary, sure mulers, sell or exchange Yorkshire or Pomeranian bitch; or offers.—Kirkpatrick, 13, Fusehill-st., Carlisle.

PURE-BRED Black Minorca cockerel, 6/-; exchange Goldfinch Mule, Finch note, 1906 bird; will give little cash extra for good bird.—Williams, Postman, Builth.

EXCHANGE malden fox terrier bitch by that grand sire, Chougna Remus, for Canaries, or British or baby's high chair; sell £1.—11, Lynn-st., Hyde-rd., Manchester.

SUNBEAM cycle, perfect condition, cost £14, accept £5 10s.; or exchange anything useful to value.—Particulars, F. H. Turvey, 105, Northgate-st., Bury St. Edmunds.

LADIES' and gents' silver-mounted umbrellas, 9/6 each; also seven-piece dining-room suit in figure green cloth, new, sell £8 10s.—Walker, 34, Hathaway-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

PARROT cage, square, cost 25/-, practically new; hand-reared cock Thrush; exchange large cock Goldfinches; large Norwich hens; cash.—Mineral Water Factory, Birkenhead.

BARGAIN for beginners, eight single breeders, with rack, all accessories, four flights, movable fronts, 30/-, or offers; exchange.—Thirlwell, West View, St. John's-rd., Wembley.

NEW packing case and four show cages, suitable for Crests; what offers? anything mechanical, magic lantern, phonograph, camera, no live stock.—W. Linley, 10, Northolme, Gainsboro.

EXCHANGE melodeon, Boss patent, with box, cost 25/-, for Hartz Mountain Roller cock Canary on song, or sell 15/-.—Joseph Matthews, No. 11, Heaton-terrace, Chirton, Northumberland.

TO painters. Will exchange New Practical Decorator, by Audsley, 100 beautiful plates, cost 75/-, for Canaries; best offer in Mountain Rollers accepted.—Tom Rogers, 75, High-st., Wem.

FORFEITED pledge, grand pair of field glasses, 10 mile range, sling and case complete, 10/6; exchange house-moulted British or Canaries. F. Bruce, 4, Adelaide-st., Cawdor, Manchester.

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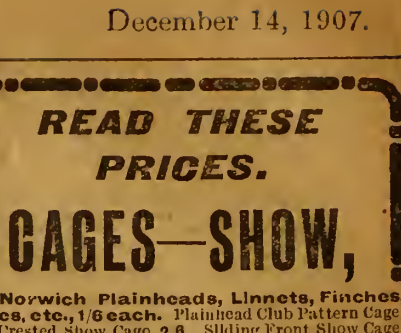
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NOTICE! Goldfinches, Bullfinches, cocks, 1/6; selected, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/- each; Bramblefinches, cocks, 9d., three for 2/-; hens, 6d., three for 1/-; Red-breasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Larks, Starlings, warranted cocks, 6d. each, three for 1/3, dozen 3/6; hens 3d., three for 6d.; Greenfinches, 4d. pair; Blackbirds, Thrushes, cocks, 1/6, three for 3/6; approval, deposit.—Gould, Aston Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

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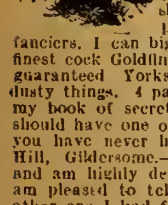
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SOME good Borders to sell; I have won 13 1sts, 17 2nds, 10 3rds; also Border Fancy medal.—Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, clears and marks, singles and pairs, well matched; approval.—Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Liverpool.

CLEAR and uneven Yellow cocks, clear and tick Buff cocks, Buff and Yellow hens; approval, stamp. —Nixon, 76, Denton-st., Carlisle.

PRIZE bred Borders, several typical hens, 2/- each; nice buff cock, 4/-; exchange British.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

FEW really good Borders, Greens, Clears, and Marks, singles, pairs well matched; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

BORDER Fancy yellow and buffs and yellow and buff unevens, cocks, from 6/-; hens from 3/-.—J. Brockie, 3, Janefield, Earlsborn, Berwickshire.

COLOURED plate of Border Fancy Canaries sent post paid, carefully packed, on receipt of four 1d. stamps.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BORDERS, Yellow, Buffs, and variegated, show condition, from prize strain; cocks from 8/6; hens from 3/6.—Parkinson, 35, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

BORDER Fancy Canaries, show or stock birds, clears, marks, greens, from 12/6 pair; approval.—Tom Hancocks, Border Fancy Aviaries, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

BORDER Fancies. Prize and prize-bred, 1907, Yellows and Buffs, cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens, 5/- upwards.—Welsh, Police Station, Auchencairn, Castle Douglas.

FEW odd Yellow and Buff cocks, from 7/6; matched pairs; see reports L.C.B.A., Dulwich, Welsh National, Swansea, Bristol, Merthyr.—Sheldon, South Parade, Llandudno.

FINE selection of exhibition Borders, in perfect condition, also carefully selected pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; state wants; approval.—Tulloch C. Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.

EVEN buff cock, clear yellow hen, uneven yellow cock, uneven buff hen, yellow green cock, also six odd hens, will sell in pairs, singly or offers in cash for the lot.—Approval.—Hill, Ettrick Terrace, Hawick.

CHAMPION Borders for sale, including several noted winners; yellow cock, winner six 1sts, 25/-; ditto, winner 1st and 2nd, 20/-; and several others; state wants.—Wilson, 117, Harrington-rd., Workington.

ROBERT THOMAS having bought almost entire stock of a well-known breeder and exhibitor of Border Fancies, can now supply show and stock birds; all colours, including winners; please state wants.—53, English-street, Dumfries.

BORDERS, cold room bred, show condition, same strain as my cup and Border medal winner at Innerleithen; see reports; yellow green cock, 3rd Dulwich, strong class, 10/-; all colours; cheap; approval.—Cairns, Sandridge, Innerleithen, Scotland.

PRIZE BORDERS.
Some twenty-five winners for disposal, at low prices to clear. Yellow and buff, clear and variegated —as also evenly marked birds, including the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners in the "Even" class at the L.C.B.A. Show last week.—Wolley Seiranac, 40, Bessborough Gardens.

Cinnamons.

TWO classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

GRAND Cinnamon Border cock, gem, full song; bargain, 10/-.—Lunn, Spalding, Lincs.

CINNAMONS, winners, 1907 birds, 15/-, approval, deposit.—Henderson, 1, Nicolson-square, Edinburgh.

GIVING up cinnamons, grand lot stock birds for sale; stamp reply.—Tams and Son, Church-street, Longton.

CHAMPION, large Cinnamon Crests, bred from winners, 10/6 each; ten days' approval.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

TWO buff cinnamon cocks, unflighted, 7/6, 10/- each; yellow green cock, 10/-; approval.—Bassett, 196, Shirland-road, London.

CINNAMONS, good young healthy stock birds, 8/6 and 10/- pairs; a few single cocks.—Peters, Pauton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

YELLOW cock, buff hen, 30/-; ditto 20/-; 2 yellow cocks, 5/- each; small one, yellow cock, 15/-; also a few Norwich cocks, hens, clears, marked, cheap to clear; approval; stamp reply.—Demain, Brook-st., Clitheroe.

FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries, Dormer's strain, prices very reasonable; wanted, large typical Yellow or Buff Cinnamon hen; exchange typical Yellow or Buff Cinnamon cock.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley.

CHAMPION CINNAMONS.
E. CODLEY, Rishton, nr. Blackburn,
Breeder & Exhibitor, has a few choice birds for sale. Also **Norwich.**

Crests and Crestbreds.

NINE classes, medal, 20 specials, Scottish National Show.

CRESTS and crestbreds, 1907, for sale, cheap.—17, Somerleyton-rd., Brixton.

FOR bargains in Crests, see last week's advertisement.—Clarke, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

FEW 1907 strong crestbred Canaries, full song, 6/- each.—McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.

PRIZE bred Crest and crestbreds; stamp reply.—James Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

CRESTED cock, 20/-; exchange Green or Buff Crestbred hen.—Boutcher, Eastgate, Exeter.

GRAND Foul Green Crested hen, 12/6; approval, deposit.—Mitchell, Draper, Millwood, Todmorden.

A few good Crests and Crestbreds for disposal; state wants.—Kilmister, 10, Priory Terrace, Cheltenham.

GOOD CLASS Crests and Crestbred hens from 2/6; cocks from 5/-; stamp reply.—Newsholme, 11, College st., Keighley.

CREST and crestbred cocks, guaranteed healthy condition, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens 3/6.—Leng, 161, Broad field rd., Catford, S.E.

GRAND lot 1907 Crest and Crestbred, single or pairs; state wants.—Brown, Rose Cottage, Alersrd., Bexley Heath, Kent.

FOUR grand crested cocks, large birds, 6/6 each; Crestbreds 6/-; approval; cash.—Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

DARK Crested hen, wing marked; buff Crestbred cock, good, 12/6 each; approval, deposit.—Sanders, Market-place, Ely, Cambs.

GOOD Crestbred cocks, 2nd, 3rd, 4c; few good hens cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Lowe, 37a, Mariners-street, Lowestoft.

CREST cock Crestbred hen, unrelated, exchange good Yorkshire cock, sell 12/-.—F. Horler, 103, Lincoln street, Barton-hill, Bristol.

BURGESS and SON, Eastover, Bridgwater.—Crest and Crestbreds, best blood obtainable 10/6 upwards; approval; no common birds kept.

FIVE dark crested cocks, 6/-, 8/- each, 1 crested hen, 1 crested cock, 6/6 each; or lot, £2 2s.—G. Roberts, South Creake, Fakenham.

CRESTS, Crest-breds, champion strains, winners, among them, from 10/6 to 20/6; stamp particulars. —W. Campbell, Leishman-sq., Atva.

BARGAINS, Crest and Crest-breds, single birds from 10/-; pairs, 15/6 and upwards; approval.—John Hesketh, 49, Campbell-st., St. Helens.

TWO pairs crested cocks, crestbred hens, both pairs, bred from last season, 15/- each, cost 30/-; Slater, 23, Salford-rd., Streatham Hill.

1906 green Crested Norwich hen, 60/- for sale, or would exchange for good Crestbred cock to value.—Mason, Beccles-road, Gorleston-on-Sea.

STOCK Crest cocks and hens, bred from winners, Barnett and Joyce strain, from 10/-; approval.—Bennett, 46, Wenlock-street, Luton, Beds.

G. SMART, South Carmyle-avenue, Carmyle-by-Glasgow; Crests and Crestbreds from 7/0 upwards; Joyce, Ley, etc., strains; inspection invited.

A FEW well-bred Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, from own winners; singly or pairs; approval. —Ingram, 76, Fernley-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

I have several matched pairs, also odd Crested hens, 1907 bred, to spare; pairs from 20/-; hens from 10/-.—J. E. Ashby, 73, Chelverton-road, Putney.

TWO Norwich Crested cocks and two Crested hens, evenly marked, 15/-, to clear; approval, deposit.—C. Heath, Wood Turner, 42, Snitton-rd., Watford.

ONE yellow crestbred cock 12/6; one grizzle crested cock, 15/-; or offers in Norwich hens, or Siberian Goldfinches.—James Currie, Auchterarder, Perthshire.

CRESTED-BRED hens, massive feathery birds, variegated, 10/-; clear 15/-; variegated 7/6; ditto 5/6; no rubbish; approval before purchase.—Ralfs, 71, Glebe-road, Norwich.

CRESTS, good pairs, 12/6 pair, clear buff C.B. hen, 7/6, very large; green crest, 5/6; healthy and cheap—to make room. — Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

CLEAR body hen, good dark crest, £2; variegated crested-bred cock, large and plenty of feather, 15/- pair; £2 10s. lot. Approval. Cash or deposit.—18, Merton-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL notice.—A few Crests and Crestbred cocks for sale, from 20/-, related to my £70 pair strain; state wants; stamp for reply.—J. Griggs, 80, Hagley-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have about 30 crests and crestbreds for sale from 20/- per pair upwards. Barnett's strain, approval.—Inspt. Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

CRESTBRED, yellow cock, 30/-; 2 buff crest hens, 20/- each, 8 months, one crest buff cock, 18 months, 30/-; two crest hens, 10/- each; dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 10/-.—Newman, 572, Lees-road, Oldham.

FIRST feather shows, 1907, winnings, cup, medal, two other specials; I have 100 birds, good stock Crests and Crest-breds, cocks from 10/-; pairs from 20/-; approval; deposit.—H. Denham, Blackboy-rd., Exeter.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, can spare large Green Crestbred cock, with wing-marked dark Crest hen, 70/-; Grey Crest cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 60/-; bred from my winners; approval.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, challenge bowls Barnstaple, Bristol, Plymouth, etc., single cocks, and properly matched pairs from 60/-; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CLEAR body grizzle crest cocks and hens, 8/- each —good specimens, worth £1; crestbred yellow variegated cocks, dense feather, 7/6; also smaller crest and crestbred cocks, 4/6 and 5/6.—Broadbent, 22, Langsett Road, Sheffield.

THREE young Crestbred Buff cocks, brothers to my winning hen, £1 each; also one nice pair clear Yellow Crestbred cock, Buff Green Crested hen, cold room, £2 10s.; approval, deposit.—Bemrose, 6, St. Alban's-terrace, Sherwood-st., Nottingham.

W. H. BALE, breeder and exhibitor of high-class crests, has several pairs to part with, bred from my winning strain, from 20/- pair; also grand lot of crestbred cocks and hens from 10/- each; stamp particulars; approval.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

BARGAINS; through illness; 1907 prize-bred cold-room Crests, Crestbreds, matched pairs, breed winners, 15/-, 20/-; few very large feathery Crestbreds, 50/- each, worth £5, for stock or show; monster feathery dark Crest hen, fit Palace, £20, cheap at £40; single birds cheap; easy payments taken; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.

I'NEVEN marked buff dark Crest hen, 2nd Birmingham, 1st Erdington, 1st King's Heath, £3; uneven marked buff Crestbred cock, profuse head feather, £3 10s., or £6 the pair; uneven marked yellow dark Crest cock, 45/-; green Crestbred hen, 45/-; or 85/- the pair; green Crested hen, 40/-; Green crested hen, 60/-; two green Crested cocks, 15/- each.—Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-road, Erdington, Birmingham.

AM compelled to sell all birds excepting one pair for want of room; dark Crested hen (1st Guildford members), 30/-; heavily variegated ditto hen, 15/-; ditto, 12/6; clear Crest hen from double Crests, only one I have, 15/-; heavily variegated dark Crest cock, lovely crest, 25/-; Crestbred cock, 17/6; two ditto, 15/- each; ditto hen, 15/-; ditto hen, 10/-; five others, ranging from 7/6 to 12/6; all bargains; approval.—John Towers, River View, Woodbridge-rd., Guildford, Surrey.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe-st., Plymouth; over thirty years breeder of Crests and Crestbreds; has fifty to part with, combining the strains of diploma winner for best Crest in show, and my champion Crestbred Yellow, claimed at catalogue price last year; see report of my winnings at Plymouth, Bristol, Bournemouth, Penzance, etc.; show birds from £5; pairs from 50/-; a young clear body dark Crest hen, six months, perfect crest and radiation, a stormer, £15; all birds sent on approval to known fanciers; stamp [illegible]y.

HIGH CLASS crest, crestbred, feather comes to bill end, 15/6 the pair, and upwards, or single, Norwich Plainheads, grand stock birds, good stamp, size and quality, 12/6, 15/6, 20/- the pair; seven days' approval.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

CLEAR yellow crest cock, 1906, 25/-; clear yellow crest cock, 1907, 15/-; green crest cock, 1906, 12/6; green crest cock, 1907, 10/6; clear buff crest cock, 1907, 15/-; buff crestbred hen, dark cap, 1907, 10/-; clear buff crest hen, 1906; 6/6; buff wing and tail marked, crest hen, 1907, 5/-; cold room bred and kept.—Flynn, 2, Ardlin-terrace, Saltcoats, N.B.

HAVING had a successful season can offer following exceptional value in highest class crests, crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains, monster green crest cock, grand crest, 15/6; massive feathery even marked ditto, 15/-; monster clear crested cock, 14/6; monster variegated dark crest hen, 13/6; massive heavy feathered clear crest hen, 13/6; large feathery winged marked dark crest hen, 11/6; monster green crestbred cock, gem, 15/6; monster clear buff ditto, grand head, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, grand skull, 13/6; massive clear yellow crest-bred hen, 15/-; massive heavy feathered variegated buff, ditto, 13/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

BARGAINS in champion crest blood, winner of hundreds of prizes, cup, medals, etc., can spare the following: variegated crestbred hen, winner, 27/6; green crested cock, winner several prizes, 45/-; young clear body dark crest hen, winner, 50/-; young crested hen, variegated, good bird, can win, 40/-; do. 30/-; young green crestbred cock, 20/-, dark crested hen, clear crestbred cock, good pair, 40/-, cheap; clear body grizzle crest and green crestbred cock, 35/-; cheap pair, green crested cock clear crestbred hen 35/- pair; wings marked, dark crested hen and crestbred cock, 30/- pair; clear body, dark crest and green crestbred cock, pair, 50/-; all sound and good leafy feather; many others; approval; cash or deposit; state wants; stamp for particulars. —Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

MRS. E. L. A. CROW, LOWESTOFT.

Winner C.C.C. 10-guinea Challenge Bowl, also prizes Crystal Palace, Nottingham, Norwich, Diss, Cambridge, Lowestoft, and L.C.B.A., has crested, and Crested-bred, both sexes, for disposal, from 20/- each; on approval.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS

Also a few Plainheads for sale. Having selected my breeding stock, I can spare about 70, guaranteed all my own breeding, from the best of blood. I have not a bird in my rooms that I do not know how it is bred; see show reports at Norwich, Diss, and Lynn. Prices on application. — Gaze, Aldeby Grange, Norfolk.

CHAMPION CRESTS.

Heavily feathered Crests and Crestbreds for sale; large birds, good skulls; Crested cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; Crested hens 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; Crestbred cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; Crestbred hens, plenty of feather, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6; seven days' approval; travelling cages 3d.—Arthur Thompson, 197, Bradford-road, Frizinghall, Bradford.

SILK'S FAMOUS CRESTS.

Don't pay fabulous prices for birds that are no better than those I offer at half the price; winners from £2 to £4; giant pairs that can breed champions, at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-, and 60/- per pair; many big winners supplied by me at moderate price; approval; see last week's advert.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH and French Frills, good birds, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each.—W. Rudd, The bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

EIGHT classes, 20 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

STOCK or show, state wants, pairs from 17/6; stock cocks from 10/6; stamp.—Greengrass, 118, Alwyn-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, high-class birds, sent on approval; deposit; reasonable price; stamp.—Caples, 41, Hughes-street, West Derby-road, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, selfs, fouls, also clears, own breeding from winners; see show reports; state wants, stamp reply.—Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

FOR SALE, Yorkshire Greens, selfs, fouls, also clears, own breeding from winners; see show reports; state wants, stamp reply.—Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

A FEW good pairs of Yorkshire greens. Self or Foul, for disposal, same strain as my noted winner, see CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 30; state wants; deposit system, stamp reply.—Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth Ave, New Brighton.

I HAVE bought the whole of Mr. Deacon's Yorkshire greens; they include about 40 of Mr. Wardale's best show and stock birds, and another 30 got together regardless of cost; I can spare some grand show birds that have won in keenest competition; also some grand stock birds; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, show or stock birds, including winners; stamp reply.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

HENS clear buff, coppy and plainhead, grand birds, 25/- each, 1907 birds.—Hughes, tailor, Tweedale-street, Rochdale.

A FEW good pairs of high-class Lancashires for breeding winners; approval willingly; stamp reply. —Smith and Sellars, 3, Trafford-street, Littleborough, nr. Rochdale.

TWO buff coppy cocks, 15/- and 20/-; two buff Plainheads, 10/- and 15/-; buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; also few Crests and Crest-breds; approval; stamp reply.—Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 151, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

LANCASHIRES, buff coppy cock, three buff Plainhead cocks, buff Plainhead hens, also three first cross Lancashires, yellow coppy cock, yellow Plainhead cock, yellow Plainhead hen, also few crestbred cocks, cheap; stamp, deposit.—Johnnie Laycock, 31, Banklield-st., Colne, Lancashire.

Lizards.

TWO classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

CLEAR-CAPPED, broken-capped, and un-capped Lizards, 3/6 each to clear.—Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale.

Norwich.

BUFF cock, 2 do. hens, 12/6; offers.—Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent.

SEVENTEEN classes, over 30 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

ONE pair of good young Norwich, 15/-; approval. Askew, Cross st., Kendal.

HIGH-CLASS stock birds for sale; approval.—Melrose, 76, Pilrig-st., Edinburgh.

NICE 1906 clear buff Norwich hen, 4/-.—Smithson, Sunnymede, Crossgates, Leeds.

CINNAMON marked cock, 2 hen do., 12/6; offers.—Kent Avenue, Ashford, Kent.

FEW Norwich for sale, all colours, approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

COLOUR fed Norwich cocks, 1907, 5/- each.—Smith, 55, Vivian-rd., Wellingborough.

TWO good Yellow cocks, 1907, for sale, 7/6 each. —Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

COCKS, full song, natural or colour-fed, 5/-; hens, 2/6.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Shelfield.

COUNSELL, 14, Pollard-st., Blackburn, high-class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply.

BUY from the breeder; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

LARGE ticked buff Norwich cock, full song 5/-; hen 2/6; approval.—Dower, Penrhyn, Cornwall.

TWELVE good bred Norwich cocks, from 7/6; hens 5/-.—The Butler, The Knoll, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 deposit; approval.—Smith, 126, Lodge-rd., West Bromwich.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, all colours, some good birds.—Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

EXHIBITORS.—Clear buff Norwich cock, winner, 20/-; approval.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

DEALERS wanting reliable Canaries, trade price, send stamp particulars.—Ralfs, Glebe-road, Norwich.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 7/-; cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, 5/-.—J. Young, Alnwick Station.

NORWICH Canaries, few good birds left; also 1907 Sib. hens.—Foxall, 25, Edburton-avenue, Brighton.

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich (Sandiford), yellow and buff, 6/-; hens, 5/-; stamp.—Bosworth, Sheldon, Birmingham.

NORWICH Plainheads, good Norwich Plainheads, pairs, from 8/6; stamp reply.—Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

FOR sale, eight small young Norwich hens, outdoor bred, 15/- the lot.—Smith, 10, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

GOOD Buff Norwich cock Canary, 7/6; bred in outdoor aviary; splendid stock bird.—H. Pettit, Horley, Surrey.

STOCK birds; have several excellent Norwich to spare, cocks and hens, cheap; approval.—Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

PRIZE bred Norwich fed and natural colour cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

HAVE some useful Norwich stock birds for sale, cheap; or what offers?—J. Park, Crown-place, Carfin, Motherwell.

FEW typical Norwich, from 15/- pair; also odd cocks and hens; reasonable.—Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

FEW young Norwich hens, 2/6, 3/-, cold-room bred, from good breeders.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-street, Southwark, London.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- each, hens 3/- each; most yellows, pair crests, 30/-; approval.—Lay, 65, Norwich-rd., Lowestoft.

SPLENDID colour-fed Norwich clear or marked cocks, 6/-, 7/6, hens 2/6; approval, deposit.—Barry Green, Long Buckby.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-; Yorkshire, 6/6; Mules from 4/-; Linnets, 1/-.—Coles (side door), 159, High-st., Borough, London.

NORWICH Plainheads, some good stock birds for sale from 7/- upwards.—I. Hale, 32, Nightingale-road, Clapton, London, N.E.

NORWICH songsters, selected, 6/-, 6/6, hens, 2/6, 3/-; matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/-, 10/-.—Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

HUGH TYRER, 60, Bostock-street, Warrington, has good Norwich cocks from 7/6, hens 4/-; some winners amongst them.

HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6, grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

MR. JNO. ALLEN has a few pairs left, 12/6 pair; natural or fed; must be cleared; approval; stamp.—4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

SEVERAL good cocks and hens, 1906 and 1907 bred; reasonable prices.—F. B., 61, Broadwater-rd., Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

GIVING up Norwich. Large 1906 buff cock, 7/6; variegated, 1907 cock, smaller 6/6; hen 3/-.—Jones, Renwick-terrace, Walsall.

TWO Norwich cocks, 6/6 each; eight hens from 2/- to 3/6 each.—Charles Butchart, 293, Swanston-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

BRED from Collins' strain direct; a few good cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs; approval; stamp. —Tope, Hoe-st., Plymouth.

WOOTTON'S champion Norwich, a few for sale, with size, type, and quality; approval; stamp.—17, Wedgwood-st., Wolstanton.

YELLOW Norwich hen Canaries, good healthy birds, 8/- the three to clear; approval, deposit.—Blower, Vickers-rd., Erith.

SEVERAL pairs of 1907 Norwich, 6/6 pair; also 3 crestbred hens, 4/- each; large birds. — Isaac Ford, Ashley, Box, Wilts.

SEVERAL good Norwich bred and kept in outdoor aviary, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6.—Foxon, 41, New-buildings, Rinckley.

FOUR Norwich cocks, variegated, and four Buff hens, clears, 25/- lot.—C. Heath, 42, Sutton-rd., Watford. Approval, deposit.

FOUR hens, Canaries; three yellow Norwich; one large Crested bred, 10/-; four, bargain.—F. Henshaw, 21, Victoria-road, Chichester.

BARGAINS; 1000 large clear Buff cocks, 8/-; Green hens, 3/6; 10/6 two; good birds.—Racktycoft, Newsagent, Sunbury, Middlesex.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, cheap, all bred from or related to my winners this season.—Hicks, 242, Orchard House, Paignton.

HAVE some grand pairs at 15/6, worth double; approval; inspection invited.—Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

J. G. MOAKES, matched pairs from 15/-; inspection invited; approval; stamp reply.—Shoulder of Mutton-yard, South Normanton.

TYPICAL hens, two ticked Buffs, four clear Yellow, 6/- each; approval; Sandiford's strain, direct. —E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

GEO. BAKER, 35, Oscott-rd., Perry Barr, Birmingham; high-class Norwich for sale, or exchange good Cinnamons, approval; stamp reply.

ABOUT 50, mostly bred from winners, cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6; or in one lot.—Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Basford, Nottingham.

NORWICH Plainheads, from my noted winning strain, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/- upwards; approval; stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

NORWICH bred songsters, rich colour, cold-room, large stock; cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6.—L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

TICKED yellow cock, 17/6; clear yellow, 15/-; large deep-chested buff cock, 15/-; approval, deposit.—Thomas Young, Market-avenue, Oldham.

LARGE Norwich, green cocks, 6/-; hens 4/-; one pair yellow, even marked cinnamon Yorkshires, 12/-. Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

J. SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, has excellent Norwich Plainheads, 7/6, 8/6 pair; unapproachable value; approval; declining the Fancy.

FRANCIS JARVIS has one pair of good Plainheads for sale; also two cocks, one clear yellow and one buff var.—Glen Village, Falkirk.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 6/6, 7/6; grand typical prize-bred stock; approval.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EXHIBITION Buff cock (1907), winner vhc, 15/-; others from 7/6; hens from 3/6; seen any evening.—Breeder, 73, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich, London.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; if not satisfied money returned.—Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads for stock or song, single or pairs, cocks 6/- upwards; hens 3/- upwards.—Spooner, 68, Dairsie-rd., Wellhall, Eltham.

CHAMPION Norwich Plainheads.—Not having time to exhibit I am disposing of the whole of my winners, see reports, apply—Spinner, 23, Leslie Park-rd., Croydon.

PAIR Palace bred Norwich, specially paired to produce winners, handsome breeding cage, 10/- lot; cheap treble; approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

MISS STOREY has the best Norwich Canaries at low prices; send postcard for new illustrated price list.—Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

CHAMPION Norwich, sure winners, the best obtainable for stock and exhibition, from 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SEVERAL typical Norwich Plainheads for sale; pairs from 12/6; exchange Buff hens for Yellow or good British.—Handscombe, Palmerston-rd., Walthamstow.

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THREE 1907 Yellow-green Norwich cocks, 1 clear yellow, 5/- each; 1 green hen, 2/6, 1 crested hen, 3/6, in fine feather.—Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., East Sheen.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH, can spare 4 unflighted buff cocks, grand type and quality, 10/- each, same strain as my winners.—Young, Silverleigh Cottage, London-rd., Thornton Heath.

LARGE yellow cock, £1, stout neat buffs, 15/-; splendid type and quality, from first prize parents; small hens, 5/- and 7/6; approval.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

BARGAIN, ten hen Canaries, mostly Norwich, cold-room bred, healthy, 15/-; too cheap for approval.—William McBain, Roadman, Major-lane, Oldmeldrum, N.B.

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TYPICAL Norwich, buff cock, 12/-; 5 buff hens, 1 grand stock hen, 10/-; others 6/- each. Vardy's strain; grand bargains; approval.—C. Clolow, Garden Bank, Leek, Staffs.

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A FEW high-class colour-fed Norwich for sale; Clear, Yellow, or Buff cocks, 12/6 each; pairs, matched for breeding, 15/6 to £1 pair.—Barratt, 38, Lower Ford-st., Coventry.

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NORWICH Canaries for sale, cocks from 4/6; hens from 1/9; sex guaranteed; colour-fed cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; hens from 2/- to 3/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

I have a few real toppers for sale, both show and stock; call and see them evenings, Saturday afternoons, Sundays.—Churchard, 20, Rankin-street, Askew-road, Shepherd's Bush, W.

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GRAND young Norwich cock, 1907, bargain, 8/-; also cock Goldfinch mule, 7/-; both these birds won 2nd prizes at Long Eaton District Show.—Parkinson, Newsagent, Cobden-st., Long Eaton.

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WINNING unflighted cocks; large silky yellow, 2nd, 10/-; wing-marked buff, perfect wings and feather, 3rd, 7/6; variegated Yellow, grand quality, 2nd and 3rd, 10/-; Buff, lovely type, 1st and 3rd, 10/-; large 1907 flighted Yellow cock, ticked, 10/-; 1906 Buff cock, size, type, colour, 2nd last month, 10/-; large variegated Yellow cock, damaged eye, otherwise grand condition, 7/6, cash returned if not satisfactory.—Jeffery, Winner-st., Paignton.

CAN spare few stock hens, yellows, buffs, from 8/6, birds bred this year from my stuff have won several firsts, etc.; also two challenge cups, no bounce or bunkum.—Williamson, 63, Murchison-rd., Leyton.

FOR sale, two champion Norwich cocks, 30/- each, or exchange buff Orpington Pullets, or anything useful. Also show, breeding, flight, single cages; sent on approval willingly.—15 the lot.—149, Lymington-rd., Torquay.

CHRISTMAS presents. Handsome Norwich singing Canaries, 8/6 and 13/- each; matched pairs for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair; own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed.—Stathlomaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich; some good birds to spare reasonable; few on small side, but lovely type and quality, from 8/6 to 15/- cash; see latest winnings Hastings L.C.B.A., etc.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

GRAND prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, cocks, for stock or song, 5/6 and 7/6 each; hens, 3/6 and 5/6 each; show birds, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; same strain as my winners at Norwich; approval.—Geo. Wright, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

CAN spare three clear buff and two variegated Yellow Plainhead, cocks; one crested cock, yellow body, dark crest, high-class birds, 10/- and 12/6 each, room wanted.—Pender, Station-road, Langley Mill, near Nottingham.

NOT having time at my disposal, I am reluctantly compelled to dispose of nearly all my stock of Norwich; anyone requiring show or stock birds will do well to write, or pay a visit to Fred Barraclough, 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

SIXTY Norwich, 10 Yorkshires, single or pairs, own breeding from Palace and other well-known strains, all colour-fed; type and quality A1; cocks, 7/6 upwards; hens from 3/6 each; approval.—Jaggard, 30, Lee-rd., Dovercourt.

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COCK Goldfinches, breed mules, 7/6 each, Siberian Goldfinches, 5/-, 6/-; selected Goldfinches, 2/6; Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; pairs, 7/-; Yorkshire cocks, 6/6; Hartz Mountain Rollers, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6—Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

NORWICH Plainhead, a bargain; four unflighted clear Buff, two marked Buff, two Yellow marked, 5/6 each; year-old clear Buff cock, two unflighted clear Buff cock, 12/6 each (Irons' strain); approval.—Lockwood, 2, Percy-st., Fartown, Hudd.

CLEAR buff Norwich hen, unflighted, winner, cards sent, good type and quality; splendid head, now in show condition, 30/-; also clear yellow hen, unflighted, grand type and colour, 12/6; approval.—James Andrew, Yougland, Kirkcudbright.

NORWICH. About 40 cocks and hens for sale, owing to removal; cocks from 6/-; hens, 2/6, upwards; also Yorkshires, Goldfinch Mules, and outdoor aviary, 12 ft. by 4 ft. 6 in. by 5 ft.; cheap for cash.—Taylor, 30, Wadley-rd., Leytonstone, Essex.

NORWICH, still supplying matched pairs, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- upwards; travelling cage 3d. extra; approval; cold-room bred; dealers supplied.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Unthank-rd., Norwich.

BUFF Norwich cock, winner, 2nd Rochester, ditto Kent County; first Deptford, 30/-, unflighted buff hen, 1st special, Deptford, 3rd Cambridge, class 27; hens, 20/-; few warranted bred from winners, cocks, 20/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-.—Marshall, 50, Church-st., Woolwich.

THIRTY Norwich Plainheads for sale, cocks and hens, reliable strain; can be seen at Glasgow and West of Scotland Club show, 14th December, 122, Ingram-street, or after 6 o'clock any night, Saturday all day.—A. Sloan, 292, Denmark-street, Possilpark, Glasgow. Come and see for yourself.

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Having selected my stock pairs, I can dispose of a few high-class Norwich Plainheads, pairs matched for breeding, at 15/-, 25/-, 40/-, 50/-.—34, Rotherhithe New-rd., S.E.

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Large matched pairs of my champion Crests, from 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; single birds from 15/6 each; state your wants; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

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Bred from my noted winners; cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens 2/6, 3/-, 4/- upwards; also good Crests; state wants; approval; cash or deposit; dealers supplied.—Daynes, Hotpresser's Arms, St. Miles, Norwich.

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A splendid pair of Norwich Canaries, and a two-compartment breeding cage, 10/6; or one pair of Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cage, 12/6; loose fronts; sliding partitions, 35in. long, 14½in. high; same cage for both offers; complete; send for list, and see CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.—Graham Could, 11, L. South-st., Coventry.

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Yorkshires, lengthy and upstanding, A1 quality, and well on leg.

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Can spare the following birds: monster clear yellow cock, 1907 bred, good chubby type, full of quality, real topper, Bishop's strain, price 22s. 6d., cost £2 2s. recently; massive clear buff cock, stout, rare tail and wing carriage, beautiful frosted, can win, a bouncer, Vardy's strain, price 21/-; another clear buff cock, Iron's strain, very large, and stout, price 15/-; one of the best yellow hens, 1906 bred living real gem, bred many noted winners, Baker's strain, price 12 6, cost treble, also one, Mackley's strain, champion breeder, price 7/6; monster clear buff hen, short, stout, and teeming with quality, an ideal hen, rare breeder, Irons' strain, price 10/6, dirt cheap; also others; please state wants, many great winners supplied, and scores of testimonials received; send your orders at once, and get first choice, only large typical Norwich sent out.—Apply, George Cubley, Roman Villas, Long Sutton.

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CLEARING out. About 50 Yellow and variegated Hartz Rollers for sale; good songsters; cocks, 4/-; hens, 1/6 each.—Andrew M. Fitt, 47, Cross Flatts-terrace, Beeston, Leeds.

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FOR sale (all together or separately), three cocks and three hens; Hartz Mountain Roller Canaries, strong, healthy birds, fine songsters, bubble note, bred this year; cocks, 20/-; hens, 3/6 each; also parent birds, excellent for breeding, 20/- the pair; clearing off my stock.—Apply Miss Richards, Lynch House, Sevenoaks.

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WANTED, one dozen cock Goldfinches, also dozen cock Bullfinches.—Collinge, Bankside, Bacup.

WANTED few good Norwich hens, exchange new tea set.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

WANTED, exhibition Goldfinch, British; give exhibition Border cock, value £1.—Lunn, Soalding.

WANTED, Yorkshires, in exchange cock Goldfinch, Norwich hen.—Eastoe, 147, Copenhagen-st., King's Cross.

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WANTED, Yorkshires or Norwich Cinnamons, also Yorkshire or Norwich greens, or Crests with deposit; stamp for reply.—Thomas, Ambleithorn, Halifax.

WANTED, exhibition Foreigners, or large Crest-bred hen; will exchange high-class Border Fancy Canaries.—Leach, Joppa-terrace, Portobello, N.B.

WANTED, 1907 Yellow hens, Norwich, Yorkshires, or Cinnamons; exchange good stamp cock Finches; healthy.—Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton, Devon.

WANTED, weekly supply Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Mules, Parrots; state prices, cash sent first.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

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WANTED, large unflighted Yellow Norwich hen, on approval; exchange unflighted clear Buff Norwich cock, value £1, won 2nd.—Attwood, 32, Goodnestone-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

WANTED, good class Norwich, exchange brass wire drawing-room cage, about 12 by 8, cost 8/6; also two Yorkshire show cages, new condition, sell lot 11/—Howard, 2a, Stuart-street, Luton.

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TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, one bred Mules, 7/6 and 5/- each.—R. Mellor, 58, Bradley Hall-rd., Nelson.

LARGE Canary-reared cock Greenfinch and two good Norwich hens, 5/-.—Duckworth, Tennyson-street, Mansfield.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch; exchange three large exhibition Thrushes, or sell 10/- each.—Davey, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

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EXCHANGE exhibition Linnet and Greenfinch, house-moulted, for cock Mule; anything useful.—Pullen, Sloane-st., Brighton.

TWO grand Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 12/6 each, or exchange Norwich; no rubbish wanted; approval.—Beach, Gardner-road, Morecambe.

FOR sale, five good cock Linnets; or exchange for good Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary.—H. Hamans, 29, Willis-st., Poplar, E.

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GOLDFINCH, fierce house-moulted large hen Canary Sib bred light mulers, 10/-, bargain, exchange —Parke, 30, Essex-rd, Lowestoft.

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EXHIBITION cock Grey Wagtail, winner of 1st, 10/6; or exchange two Yellow Norwich hens.—Wilkinson, 6, Marat-st., Waterloo, Liverpool.

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EXCHANGE hand-reared Thrush, cock Linnet, caged three months, hen Canary for Yorkshire or Roller cock.—Vasper, 12, Carnforth-st., Birkenhead.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, Finch notes, 5/6 each; cock Siskin Mule, he first time shown, 6/6; card sent.—D. Nickerson, Rotton-row, Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, two Redpolls, all cocks, for pair of Yorkshires.—Stubberfield, Cambridge-rd., Bexhill, Sussex.

COCK Siskin, moulted, full song, suit catcher, real gem; exchange for Mule or Canary songster, 6/6.—Lambert, 13, Reddings-lane, Sparkbill, Birmingham.

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CLEAR 1906 Buff Yorkshire cock Canary, cock Siskin Mule, both full song, 10/6 each; exchange large 1907 Norwich hens, or house-moulted Goldfinches or Linnets preferred.—Fern, Moorside, Cromford, Matlock.

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To be Sold or Exchanged

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BUFF and yellow Scotch Fancy cocks, 12/6 each; or exchange.—Sharp, 5, Keir-street, Perth.

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TWO 1907 colour-fed Norwich cocks, 6/- each; 11/- two; offers.—Duckworth, Tennyson-street, Mansfield.

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EXCHANGE a gent's 18-carat gold watch, new, for any variety Canaries, value £14; offers.—Creese, specialist, Leyton.

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EXCHANGE good Crested cock Canary for two good Yorkshire hens; mutual approval.—7, George's-rd., Holloway, N.

STOUT Norwich cock, grand stock bird, 1906, 8/6; exchange knives, forks; stamp.—Mills, 34, Suttonrd., Liscard, Cheshire.

SPLENDID pair Yorkshires, two Norwich cocks and hen, 1907, 15/-, sacrifice, room wanted.—22, Abyssinia-road, Clapham Junction.

WANTED, white or rare-feathered Hardbills for Crests, muling Canaries, or Mules (light or dark).—Dr. Galloway, Aberdeen.

TWO 1907 Yellow Lancashire Coppy hens, 15/6; exchange good songsters.—Jesse Cryer, 9, Brookland Cottage, Wardle, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE, Lancashires, Norwich or Border Canaries for good boots or shoes, or anything useful.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom.

TYPICAL pair Yorkshires, 1906, sell 15/-; exchange for pair of good clear Norwich; approval.—Barnes, Bourdon-rd., Anerley.

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TWO large hen Canaries, sell or exchange house-moulted cock Siskin, or offers.—G. Swift, Wards End, Starkholme, nr. Matlock, Bath.

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PRIZE bred Borders, one cock, two hens, 13/6, exchange for good British or foreign birds.—A. Short, 44, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth.

PRIZE bred yellow Yorkshire cock, full song, day, gaslight; exchange three cock Goldfinches.—Stubbs, 238, Well-street, Winsford, Cheshire.

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FEW Yorkshires, hens, yellow or buff, 1907, sell 4/- and 5/-; or offers, exchange.—Mr. J. Lamonby, 45, North End Grove, Portsmouth, Hants.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Yorkshires for crest or Lancashire coppy cock, or sell £1; must be good on approval.—Dingley, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

BUFF Norwich hen, value 10/6, exchange gent's boots, size seven; pair of Norwich for children's.—Beaumont, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

GRAND upstanding Buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6; or exchange Norwich or Roller cock; approval.—Ernest Bunting, Matlock Green, Derbyshire.

THREE yellow Norwich hens, 2 clear, 1 variegated on small side; exchange for yellow variegated Norwich cock fed.—Lunt, 53, Coare-street, Macclesfield.

EXCHANGE six full bred 1907 cold room Roller hens for good Schoolmaster, sell 15/-; approval.—Hadfield, 41, Westfield terrace, Birch Vale, Stockport.

SALE, high-class Yorkshires, 15/- to 25/- per pair; exchange pair for large show Norwich; deposit and approval.—Francis Nicholson, 30, Boyd-st., Glasgow.

GREEN crested or variegated Crestbred (hens), for good unflighted yellow Norwich hen, sell 12/6 each.—Porter, Cabinet Maker, Porter Glen, Hangunwater, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE good Norwich cock for eye and wing-marked stubby Yellow hen, unflighted, or sell for 8/6; approval.—R. Stirling, 67, Woodbury-st., Tooting, S.W.

TWO fine Yorkshire cocks, can win, 15/-; genuine large Sib hen, 7/6, or exchange typical unflighted Norwich; offers.—Apply, 3, Clare Villas, Singlegate, Merton, S.W.

PAIR Borders and two common hens for sale, or exchange for large Bullfinch s, Goldfinches, or Scotch Fancy.—Wotherspoon, 49, Cambridge Drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE pair young pigeons, short distance fivers (champion strain), for good unflighted yellow Norwich cock; approval.—Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

TWO pairs of good Yorkshire-Canaries, one pair of Norwich in pink of condition; exchange toy Yorkshire terrier or toy Bull terrier, or offers.—Palmer, Ernest-street, Arbroath.

TYPICAL pair Norwich, massive birds, 20/-, exchange exhibition Britishers or Yorkshire cock, must be on approval; no rubbish.—John Stone, White's Hill, St. George, Bristol.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cock, deep yellow, with Cinnamon marked hen. 1907. bred from my winners, 15/-, or exchange rifle.—Parkinson, chemist, 203, Gloucester road, Bishopston, Bristol.

BUFF cock (winner) 12/6; foul green hen, beauty, 15/-; yellow cock, 8/6; buff hen 4/6; all Norwich, gold medal, 17/6; wanted, big, yellow muling hens, Goldfinches; offers.—Atkinson, Market-place, Guisborough.

GOOD single breeder and pair of Rollers, cock singing, 7/6; single breeder and house-moulted Linnet and hen Canary, 5/-; exchange cock Mule; Crystal Palace aviary, good condition, 36 by 14, 5/-. —Wokes, 17, Ellalield-rd., Wortley, Leeds.

SELL or exchange pair Cinnamon Yorkshires, 1907, and breeding cage; exchange anything useful for house, or sell 20/-; approval, deposit.—N. Underwood, 73, New Park-street, Devizes.

FOUR Norwich hens, 5/9 the lot; cock Linnet Yorkshire hen, bred Mules, 4/6 the pair; cock Mule from above, full song, 5/6.—Fordham, 42, Quarry-street, Woodhouse-street, Leeds.

MAGNIFICENT Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, cage acclimatised, 40/-; exchange Hybrid, good Yorkshire or Norwich; approval; other offers entertained.—Machin, Bridgtown, Staffordshire.

LARGE Crestbred cock, winner, 17/6; two young yell Nor. hens, 10/6 and 15/6; latter winner special, best bird in show; exchange yell. Norwich cocks.—Howarth, 68, Bury-street, Heywood.

YORKSHIRES, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 12/6; Buff cock, Yellow hen, 10/6; variegated Buff cock, Yellow hen, 15/-; Buff cock, 8/-; three Buff hens, 4/- each; approval.—Rand, Hanson-st., Redcar.

EXCHANGE one pair Yorkshires, buff, cinnamon cock, and deep yellow hen long slim birds for carpenter's plough or cramp, or best offer.—Jno. Bayles, junr., 138, Front-street, West Buckland, Durham.

SPLENDID ticked yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; light variegated cock Goldfinch-Mule, 10/-; 1907 birds, full song; pair Blue Pied Pouters, 6/-; ring, white fan tail hen 2/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens.—Roper, 134, Chester-road, Seven Kings, Essex.

GREEN Crestbred cock, variegated crested hen, 25/-; exchange unflighted Norwich Plainheads; must be large; also green crested cock, green Crestbred hen; exchange pair Yorkshires, standard length; approval.—Davenhill, Whitebridge, Stone, Staffs.

TWO buff Yorks cocks, two yellow Norwich cocks 10/-, 12/6 each, three yellow Yorks hens, three Norwich buff hens, 3/6 each, cold-room and cage or exchange for Linnet or Goldfinch Mules, singing.—Dixon, 1, Morden-terrace, Morden-road, Merton.

SALE or exchange—Eight Yorkshire hens, and four Yorkshire cocks, typical birds, from a good strain; also three Yorkshire carrying cages and three Yorkshire show cages, exchange cinnamon Norwich; must be good birds; approval.—Sellars, 14, Windsor-rd., Hebden Bridge.

A TIER of three double breeding cages, hand polished, mahogany fronts, cyprus sides and back enamelled, red mite proof, double set of perches, and all breeding appliances; three pairs of Yorkshires, one pair Norwich, £5 the lot; these cages are an ornament to any room.—Regent, 8, Albert rd., Levenshulme, Manchester.

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CLUB REPORTS.

UNITED KINGDOM BELGIAN C.A.

The officers for 1907-8, and the winners of the various club competitions during the past season are as follows:—President, Mr. Frank Reddihough; auditors, Dr. Wm. McMath and Mr. J. McLennan; committee, Messrs. J. Robertson, Capt. A. J. Philp, J. F. Bewar, Wm. Thornton, W. Hughes, and Robt. Findlay; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Wm. B. Cobb, Glencairn, Burley Hill, Leeds. Graeme Memorial Shield Competition: — Manchester, Mr. F. Reddihough; Edinburgh Scottish Metropolitan, Capt. A. J. Philp; Gateshead, Capt. A. J. Philp; Belfast, Mr. John Neill; Scottish National, Capt. A. J Philp; winner, Capt. A. J. Philp. Medal winners: Manchester—silver, Mr. F. Reddihough; bronze, Mr. J. Robertson. Edin. Scot. Metropolitan—silver, Mr. J. McLennan; bronze, Mr. John Munro. Gateshead—silver, Capt. A. J. Philp; bronze, Mr. F. Reddihough. Belfast—gold, Mr. John Neill. Scottish National—gold, Capt. A. J. Philp; "Toronto," Mr. J. Robertson.— W. B. Cobb, Hon. Sec.

WASHING EXHIBITION BEFORE THE WIBSEY & DIST. C.B.S.

Members were treated on Nov. 30 to a very interesting and instructive washing exhibition, given by Mr. S. Dean (Secretary of the Great Horton Society). His method was altogether new to our members, and several decided to try it when washing for our members' show on Dec. 7. Mr. Dean put two birds through the tubbing process, and then asked if a novice would try his hand. Mr. F. Pickles then put a bird through, and adapted himself very well to the new style. Mr. Dean afterwards put two more through and the remaining two were tubbed by Mr. D. Sutcliffe, an old fancier well known in the Yorks. fancy. Mr. Dean afterwards gave his reasons for dispensing with the old style of drying in the cloth before the fire. By the questions asked it was evident that some of the members were very interested in the new method, as practised by Mr. Dean. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dean for his interesting exhibition.—E. W. Johnson, hon. sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual smoking concert and presentation of special prizes won at annual show took place November 28th at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E. The President, Mr. J. Peacock, was unfortunately not able to be present owing to a prior engagement. His place in the chair was very ably filled by Mr. F. J. Gain ("News of the World"), who also presented the special prizes to the fortunate winners. The arrangements for the concert were in the hands of Messrs. A. E. Rogers and W. R. Wall, who had arranged a capital programme, the principal items of which were heartily applauded. Mr. Grif Williams sang "The Sailor's Grave"; this gentleman has a fine baritone voice, and knows how to use it, and he received a great ovation. Mr. Jenner (tenor) sang "My Queen," "Promise of Life," etc., with fine effect. Mr. Elliott gave a cornet solo, "Songs of Araby," and, as an encore, 'The Lost Chord." Mr. Cunningham recited "The Cruise of the Nancy Bell," with fine dramatic effect, and was heartily applauded. Mr. Mazzoni sang (in character), "I am one of the Upper Ten" in fine style; everyone hoped to have the pleasure of hearing him again on some future occasion. Mr. Syd Winhurst, an old friend, was very funny in "Potted Poetry," and "All for the Sake of Finningan." When this gentleman sat down there were smiles on the faces of the company that remained there for the rest of the evening. A novelty was provided in the form of an exhibition of sleight-of-hand by Mr. Pickthorn, who was particularly clever with the manipulation of playing cards. Mr. Alf. Baker ably presided at the piano. The principal prize winners were Messrs. R. L. Crisp, Mabey, Maxwell, Brownlie, Hollands, Wall, Waterman, Morris, Johnson, Cranfield, Keefes, Rees, and others. A vote of thanks to the chair, artistes, and the gentlemen who had arranged the concert, brought the meeting to a close. The annual general meeting has been fixed for January 2nd, 1908.—W. Hodson, hon. secretary.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Usual monthly meeting was held at headquarters November 28th, Mr. Handley in the chair. Owing to a misprint in the special cards, members will be allowed to use at patronage shows drinkers that do not measure across front more than 2½ inches, or less than 2¼ inches; the other measurements as per cards. A long discussion took place on the advisability of sending a representative to last show to see that the rules of the society were carried out, and it was decided to put a motion to this effect on the voting papers, and take a vote on it, Mr. Deacon making the motion. Mr. Hales gave notice of motion, that we do not give patronage to any society that does not give at least four money prizes, and Mr. Chivers gave notice to move that we have a standard Yorkshire show cage.—S. Hadwin, secretary.

LEWISHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting November 26th, Mr. E. S. Lugg in the chair. Letters were read from A. W. Hiscox, Esq., late Mayor of Lewisham, and from Mr. J. Sandiford, of Preston, expressing their pleasure in accepting the posts of vice-presidents. Mr. E. E. Colley and Mr. W. T. Kinnear expressed their pleasure in accepting similar positions. A vote of thanks to these gentlemen was passed. Nine new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Pilcher and Faux (Bickley) Young and Wraith (Bromley, Kent), Bennett (Streatham), Blow and Dowling (Catford), Mrs. Steed (Lee), and Mrs. Jordan (Lewisham). This brought the total membership to 31—a result most pleasing to the executive; the wish was freely expressed that this should be increased, if possible, to 50 by the 31st December. Only by the assistance of all fanciers resident in the district can this result be obtained. A short discussion ensued on the "management of stock during the show season," and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—H. Thos. Lucas, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters on Nov. 25th. After the election of Mr. Farrington, the following were submitted for membership:—Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, P. Tavener, W. Coles, H. R. Jacobsen. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. A. S. Wheller, on the sudden death of his wife, and a wreath was subscribed for by those present. The payment of prize money and presentation of special prizes took place; a pleasant feature being the return of prize money to the funds. A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Hart, Shepherd, Curtis, Wyse, Hawes, Goodall, Burton, Easterling, and Miss Shepherd and Mrs. Wyse for services rendered at the recent annual show. Mr. B. J. Cooper expressed his pleasure at finding that smoking was prohibited at that show, and trusted that at all future shows this rule would be enforced, for it was obvious that the birds would greatly benefit by this needed change. The long looked for "Cage Making" Demonstration by Mr. A. W. Curtis, took place and was witnessed by 43 members and friends, including five ladies. In less than an hour, a complete single breeding cage was made (with the exception of the wire front, which was purchased), and a detailed description of each part and particular design given as he proceeded. All the tools employed were fully described, and a hint given as to the most economical way of procuring them. The members followed operations with absorbing interest; they were performed with the consummate skill and dexterity of a master hand. Hearty applause greeted Mr. Curtis at the conclusion, and upon him presenting the cage to the member who had made the most entries and taken the least prize money at the recent show. The chairman expressed the members' thanks and appreciation for the instructive lesson given them, and Mr. Curtis replied, remarking that his sole idea was to do his best to help the Novices. V. Wynn, hon. sec.

BRADFORD (EAST) C.S.

Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary.

Mr. W. Cruise gave his lecture on "My experiences in breeding Yorkshires," before a good assembly of members and friends at Park Chapel Schools, on Dec. 3. He took the greatest care in detailing all the hundred and one things that tend towards the making of a true fancier. Mr. Cruise said that he started in the Fancy abut 20 years ago, and although his methods had not perhaps been as direct towards the goal of success, as some whose names he could mention, still he had always tried to keep in his eye the ideal he was striving for, and this had eventually led him on to the satisfaction of knowing that the birds he had won with, both in the novice classes and since in the open, had all been bred in his own room. He urged those present to take great pains in pairing up their stock for breeding. Never pair two together, he said, that have a similar fault, attention to these things means all the difference between a successful and a non-successful breeder. He always let his birds fly about the room for a month or five weeks before pairing them up for breeding, as this, he said, gets them into champion condition. He did not know whether having eggbound hens was the result of following this course. This was a point that was taken up by many of those present who gave strong testimony to the beneficial results they had obtained by following such a course as this. That size and colour are essential in a Yorkshire all would agree, but he did not believe in sacrificing other good points for these, for with regard to size, his best results had been obtained from what he might term medium sized pairs. In feeding his stock during the breeding season, he used tea-biscuits and egg, given dry for preference, as it seemed to be more palatable, and kept the birds in better condition during the time they were feeding young. Mr. Cruise was asked many questions after his lecture. One was, did he believe in in-breeding; he replied that anyone who attempted this ought to thoroughly understand his stock before he ventured, as he thought that if carried to excess it would ultimately lead to a poor constitution of birds. Another asked if he believed in running a young cock with two hens the first year, and Mr. Cruise replied that he never made a practice of running a young bird with more than one hen the first year, as he had seen good and promising young birds practically ruined by running too much. Another asked if he could give any reasons for young birds slipping the perch, and in reply, he said that he thought it was through weakness in the bird's legs. Asked if he believed in using artificial heat, he said that he was no believer in it. Several more questions were asked, and were all answered in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Lightowler proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. E. Johnson, secretary of the Wibsey Society, in a very appropriate manner, and supported by Mr. Hill. This was put to the meeting by the chairman, Mr. G. R. Rushworth, and carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Cruise afterwards responded to same. Five new members were elected during the evening and the Society, has now a membership of 50.—H. Hill, Secretary.

THE SHOWS.

ILKESTON.

The 7th annual show was held in the Victoria Hall, Bath Street, on Dec. 7th and 9th. About 400 entries turned up in 38 open and 6 members' classes. The Norwich averaged in open about 10 per class. Crests and Crestbreds came up somewhat poorly, averaging 7 per class. The Yorks. averaged 9 per class. The Hybrids and Britishers came up very well and averaged 13 per class. The committee were gratified at the hearty support given to their liberal classification. Only 30 birds all to'd were in the 6 members' classes. The quality in the Nor. was very good, and in most cases well known winners once again came to the front. The Crests were fair, though none of the real cracks were here; why? They ought to support such good classification as this. One or two crack teams of Yorks, turned up, and these, of course, found their way well into the spoil, with birds of high-class merit. The two Hybrid classes were good; the several crosses on view were above the usual average. The Britishers made the show to-day, and throughout these classes some very excellent birds put in an appearance. Competition ruled very keen and close, and very fine points indeed had to be looked for to divide them. A little condition here and there made all the difference. The Foreigners were pretty, and some very perfect birds were staged. The Victoria Hall is a well-lighted room, opposite the Midland Town Station, and only two minutes' walk from the G.W.R. The committee worked with a will like one man to put all in order, and the stewards did their work manfully and quickly, and kept the judges busy. Mr. Marriott, the treasurer, and the secretary, Mr. Thos. Smith, both worked well together, and the secretary is quite unassuming, and carries out his work in a cool painstaking manner. The judging was started in good time and the classes were labelled with prize cards as fast as they were judged, and visitors could at once see how the birds had scored. About 120 patrons gave donations of from 6d. upwards towards the funds, for the success of the show. Great credit is due to those who laboured so well to get all these persons to subscribe. Mr. Rhodes judged Crests. Mr. Roe other Canaries, and Mr. Houlton, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds. Taken on the whole, it was a good show, and we hope the gate was a good one.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL. YELL (4): 1, 2, Bishop, 1st, very large, broad head, fine colour; 2nd, typical and neat, good quality; 3, Winterbotham, very cobby, fine colour and feather; vhc, Hunt and Brentnall. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Bishop, capital cobby bird, lovely bloom and conditiou, rare type; 3rd, also good thick-set bird; 2, Drakely, fine stamp real beauty full of quality well finished; 4, Marshall and Vaughan, right shape; vhc, Needham; hc, Williams; c, Pender. TICK (11): 1, Beardall and Walker, buff, grizzle saddle, gem all out, size, shape, colour, quality and condition, all there; 2, Marshall and Vaughan, tick wings, grand colour, fine feather, yellow; 3, Moakes, ticked head buff, a gem in all points; 4, Wooton, tick nape, buff, fine shapely bird; vhc, Riley; hc, Drakely; c, Fox. HENS (10): 1, Nutt, clear yell, really grand shape, full of quality and conditiou; 2, Beardall and Walker, buff, large, cobby, fine bloom and condition; 3, Wooton good yell; 4, Marshall and Vaughan, fine feather; vhc, Rollin and Aiton; hc, Twine; c, Fox. UNFLI (13): 1, Bishop, clear buff, real beauty, pretty as paint all over; 2, Hunt, ticked neck and marked wings, a storming yell; 3, Beardall and Walker, buff, tick nape, fine shape; 4, Moakes, very stylish buff, grand feather and condition; vhc, Thompson; hc, Smith; c, Bishop. NAT. COL: 1, Fox, good clear yell; 2, Beardall and Walker, marked eyes and neck, fine typical buff; 3, Howkins and Gopsill, marked wings, a yell; 4, Rollin and Alton, good clear yell; vhc, Winterbotham; hc, Shaw; c, Burrows. LINNET 20/- (15): 1, Wooton, clear yell; 2, Needham, unfighted buff, ticked head; 3, Drump; 4, Riley; vhc, Bamsey; hc, Caylor; c, Beardall and Walker. 30/- PAIRS (19): 1, Midgley, well balanced pair; 2, Needham, grand pair for size, shape and quality of feather; 3, Riley, a good pair; 4, Williams; vhc, Caylen; hc, Winterbotham; c, Rollin and Alton. 10/- (13): 1, Midgeley, yell, marked head, wings and tail; 2, Nutt; 3, Pegg; 4, Hunt; vhc, Oliver; hc, Beardall and Walker; c Wooton. CREST YELL. (4): 1, Bowers, var., D.C., large, well-formed crest, nice centre, good droop, well coated; 2, Wood, very good all round crest, fine feather, well coated; 3, Cowperthwait; 4, Smith, fine crest, when pens are all gone from top of crest, good size. A.O.V. (9): 1, 4, Brown, dark wings and back, D.C., A1 condition, fine size crest, well centred; 4th, good buff Grey Crest, nice formation, well centred, in grand feather and condition; 2, Wood, nearly green, well filled, good centre and droop; 3, hc, c, Cowperthwait, clear body, D.C., lovely formed crest, nice droop, splendidly put down; vhc, J. Brown. CREST, UNFLI. (5): 1, Brown, green, foul tail, D.C., wide crest, nice centre, good size body and lengtb of feather; 2, Davis, good; 3, Sisson, green, rare shape and droop of crest; 4, Bunn, grey crested yell; vhc, Cowperthwait. LIMIT 30/- CRESTS (10): 1, Wigginton, marked wings, D.C., fine size; 2, 3, Simms, ver; fine, heavy var, D.C., 3rd, yell crest, good frontal crest; 4, Cliff, nearly green, moderately good; vhc Twine; hc, Cowperthwait; c, Goode. CRESTBRED CK (9): 1, 3, Cowperthwait, dark head and wing marked, very massive build, nicely raised skull, wealth of frontal feather, fine condition; 3rd, lovely cushion-shaped head, flowing with feather, short beak, very good body; 2, Wooley, var., dark bead, good length of feather; 4, Calver and Sou, green, good size body, plenty feather; vhc, Davis; hc, Twine; c, Simms. HEN (6): 1, Davis, nearly green, beautiful shaped head, nice entrance and frontal, short beak, good flow of feather; 2, Sisson, nice sweet bead, cushion like, good entrance; 3, Simms, heavy var., good length feather and size; 4, Cowperthwait, yell, fine all round bird; vhc, Kerry. UNFLI. (3): 1, a grand clear, rare substance, buff, sweet cushion-shaped bead, good entrance and frontal; 2, Davis, clear yell; 3, W. Brown, dark head, clear body, good length. LIMIT 25/- (11): 1, Wooley, dark head and wings, head nicely raised, wealth of feather; 2, Sisson, green; 3, Smith dark bead and wings, very useful; 4, Bamsey; vhc, Jacklin; hc, Cowperthwait; c, W. Brown. YORKS. YELL (10): 1, Murgatroyd and Son, tick wing and neck, regular upstanding, stylish bird, neat all through, straight as a post; 2, Foster, clear, rare style, close fitting wings to neat body, well-wrapped up tail; 3, Hawley, finely drawn, lovely feather and position; 4, Wood, flatter head, nice slim bird, AI condition; vhc, Ormondroyd; hc, Glover; c, Brooks. BUFFS (9): 1, Murgatroyd and Son, ticked eyes and wings, long, fine drawn bird, small head, well up on legs; 2, Ormondroyd clear, nice feather; 3, Hawley, fine upstanding bird, grand feather and condition; 4, Marriott, round shoulders, showing plenty racy breed; vhc, Goucher; hc, Wood; c, Hooley. HENS (4): 1, Murgatroyd and Son, cinn, tick head, yell, grand, stylish hen, in best of feather and condition; 2 Foster, buff, very pale, thicker through stands up well; 3, Ormondroyd, full of style; 4, Wood, fine bird, grand quality all over it. UNFLI. (7): 1, Thorpe, very fine breedy yell, splendid form and stands up well and full of nerve; 2, G. Jeffrey, breedy; 3, Rogers and Orchard, buff, ticked head, real good all round Yorks; 4, Goucher, buff; vhc, Glover; hc, Hooley. YORKS. ANIT 20/- (13): 1, Thorpe, stylish yell, cheap; 2, 4, Taylor, ticked eyes and cheeks; 3, Wells; vhc, Glover; hc, Worthley; c, Murgatroyd and Son. CINN. (5): 1, 2, Brown Bros; 2, 3, Nicholas; 4, vhc, Bexson. A.O.V. (8): 1, Pegg, even mark yell Nor; 2, vhc, hc, Pickering; 2nd, Gold Lizard, good bird; 3, Wooley yell Plainhead, fine size and substance; 4, Squires. LIGHT, ETC. HYBRID (8): 1, 3, Lawrence, Linnet-Bullie and Greenie Bullie, both in good form, first tightest condition; 2, c, Loughton; 2nd, 6-point buff Gold Canary, nice size, good colour and condition; 4, Hingley; vhc, Freer, pretty Gold-Green; hc, Hill. DARK CAN. (9): fine class: 1, Lawrence, good size Canary-Bullie, rich colour, good shape and feather, in best condition; 2, Lover, pretty cinn. Green-Can, fine size, feather and condition; 3, Swift, very fine yell Siskin-Can, grand colour, shape and markings A1; 4, Caunt, very fine buff, Linnet-Can, splendid colour feather and finish; vhc, Cooper and Son; hc, Somerfield; c, Thompson.

British and Foreign.

GOLDFINCH (20): capital lot, one or two too good for this class in some opinions. 1, Hunt, grand shaped bird, rich, deep, clean cut blaze, plenty rich tan on body, rare moons and bars, tight feather and steady; 2, Hampson and Billington, fine all round Finch; 3, vhc, Hurst, very even pair, former best blaze and richer and better finished all through, fine chested birds, all these; 4, Hexter, very chubby, real typical Welshman, a grand Finch when in tighter condition; hc, Somerfield; c, Henshaw. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Hurst, a gem, size, shape, colour, cap, wings and tail all in A1 condition; 2, vhc, Chick, pair superior birds, former best head and body and all round condition, both hens; 3, Jeffreys, capitally built bird, A1 feather and bloom; 4, Asbury, grand body, fine feather, bloom and condition; bc, Rollin and Alton; o, Hensbaw. SISKIN (10): 1, Hurst, almost perfect, splendid cap, bib, body, colour and markings, good size and glossy; 2, Jeffreys, almost equal to first; 3, Taylor, grand bead and body markings, fine feather and condition; 4, Howkins and Copsill, very black cap, deep colour and good condition; vhc, Henshaw; bc, Trueman; c, Hunt, the best bit of Siskins seen out this season together. GREENFINCH 16): another fine lot of excellent birds: 1, Hurst, regular stormer for size, colour, shape, quality and condition; 2, Lover, fine, rich glossy condition; 3, Cooper and Son very fine headed bird well set on, nice feather, well shown; 4, Jeffreys, grand colour, good body, very tight in feather and condition; vhc, c, Pickles, pair of grand conditioned birds; hc, Henshaw, fine Finch when tight. Wrong class (Cannt), a Siskin. How is this, Mr. C.? LINNET (17) very good indeed: 1, Jeffreys, beautiful bird for size, shape, carriage, markings, feather and condition, very showy, stands up firm; 2, Gay, equally good in nearly all points, ran winner hard; 3, Rollin and Alton, very fine size, shape, colour and markings, very steady; 4, Hunt, grandly marked rare size; vhc, hc, Pickles, beautifully marked pair, fine colour, feather and condition; c, spl. for best nat. col. Linnet, Henshaw, a genuine good nat, col. bird, fine size, shape and markings, big bird. TWITE, ETC. (10): 1, c, Caunt, good average Twite, fine colour, feather and markings, steady nice trim; 2, Chick, good mealy Redpoll, fine markings, good feather and condition and steady; 3 Hampson and Billington, grand cobby Twite; 4, Hurst, another good Twite, fine markings and condition; vhc, Brocklesby; hc, Henshaw. BRAMBLE, ETC. (13): 1, Chick, perfectly marked Bramble, fine size, rich, glossy condition and steady; 2 Gay, very superior Chaffinch, in splendid bloom, polish and steady, well shown; 3, Goode very good Bramble, fine big bird; 4, c, Hampson and Billington, very smart Chaffinch, a beauty; vhc, Henshaw, good Bramble in hot company; hc, Adcock; very neat Bramble tight in condition. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, 2, 4, Chick, capital Shrike, equally good Fieldfare, rattling big Magpie, all in the pink of health and condition very strong team; 2, two spls. for best Lark, J. Brown, a very fine Skylark, very broad, full of markings all over, sound in feather, steady, and shows first class, real good one; vhc, Poole, very pretty Pipit, steady, grand markings, well shown; hc, W. Goode, junr., very smart, well-marked Yellowhammer; c, (no name) very smart, slim Skylark. FOR., LARGE (8): 1, F. Howe, famous King Parrakeet, in splendid colours and condition; 2, Poole, grand pair of Parrakeets, in perfect feather; 3, Miss Smith, fine Alexandrine, talking champion; 4, Baxby, very pretty pair of Rosellas; vhc, Baker, blue-front Amazon, in splendid feather; hc, Ballington; c, Botham. SMALL (5): 1, 3, Caunt, lovely pair Grassfinches and a pretty Orange Bishop, well shown; 2, Hexter, very smart small pair of Zebra Finches; 4, Sisson, nice pair Nutmeg Finches, good feather; vhc, Cliff, pair of Badgerigars. SELL 15/- (9): 1, Wooley; 2, Sisson; 3, Durance; 4, H. Ball and Son; vhc, Bexson; hc, Wigginton; c, Kerry. GIFT (8): 1, Straw; 2, Gregory; 4, Thompson; vhc, Cliff; hc, Brocklesby; c, Marriott. MEMBERS' NOR. FED (11): 1, 2, Fox; 3, Martin; 4, Shaw; vhc, Hunt and Brentnall; hc, Pender. CREST, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Brown. YORKS: 1, 3, Straw; 2, c, Gregory; 4, vhc, hc, Eaton. A.O.V. 1, Eaton; 2, Shaw. BRIT (7): 1, 2, c, Henshaw, fine Greenfinch, nice Chaffinch, and a Hawfinch, in order named, first in grand form and condition; 3, Brocklesby, very nice Bullfinch, in good order; 4, vhc Gregory, bonny Linnet and pretty Redpoll; hc Marriott, thin Linnet well marked. Special best Siskin, Hurst.

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DARTFORD.

The Dartford and Dis. Association held their annual show in the Conservative Hall on Dec. 10th and 11th. The few classes provided did not fill up as expected, therefore the committee cutalled the prizes in most of the classes; but the judge awarded the full quota in some classes, where there were 8 entries. Mr. Lambert, the secretary, had the birds nicely staged, and their wants well looked after. The attendance was fairly good, and the quality of the birds in most classes was well up to the average of Kentish shows. The special for best bird in the show was awarded to Mr. Stewart, for his yellow, a typical Norwich. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

NOR. BUFF: 1, withheld; 2, Stewart, grand shape, nice feather and colour, well mealed; 3, withheld; res, Barkaway, very good colour and feather, tight as wax; vhc, Frost, good shape and quality. YELL: 1, 2, withheld; 3, spl, Stewart, superb quality, rare colour and size, fine head, neck and chest; res, Frost, nice size and shape. YORKS: 1, withheld; 2, Nunn, rare length, slim, splendid back flights and tail; res, Taylor, rich quality and colour; vhc, Taylor, Nunn. A.O.V.: 1, withheld; 2, Frost, cinn., fine depth of colour, good size and shape; res, Unstead, nice colour. MULES: 1, Smith, Gold-Can, nice shape, colour and condition; 2, Taylor, Green-Can, grand shape and feather, lovely colour, very well shown; 3, Jenner, four-pointed Gold-Can, nice shape and colour; res, Unstead, Gold-Can, the Whitstable winner, well beaten here to-day; vhc, Harris. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Jupe, grand, clean cut big blaze, colour coming up well, nice moons, splendid breast; 2, Wickham, nice flush clean cut, good tan and moonings; 3, Jupe, Bullie, splendid cap, wings and tail, lovely back and breast, good colour; res, Jennie, nice Goldie; vhc, Baker, White. LINNET: 1, withheld; 2, spl, Unstead, grand shape, head, breast and wings, A1; 3, Pankhurst, good colour, markings and condition well maintained; res, Wickham, beautiful shape and markings; vhc, Kemp, Mettlengham. A.O.S.: 1, Baker, Nightingale, in superb condition; 2, White, Lark, in splendid trim, very well shown; 3, res, Unstead; 3rd, very good Siskin; res, Greenfinch, rare size, shape and bloom; vhc, Smith, Heritage.

INNERLEITHEN.

The twenty-sixth annual exhibition of cage birds under the auspices of the Innerleithen O.S., was held in the Volunteer Hall, Innerleithen, on Dec. 7th. The hall was an admirable one for a show, being of a nice size, free from draughts, and in close proximity to the railway station. Cage birds were staged in a part of the hall by themselves, and what was lacking in numbers was accounted for by quality, some tip-top specimens facing the judges. Norwich Plainheads and Borders' classes contained some stormers, some of them being staged in a manner giving credit to their owners; while the British and Foreign winners could all win at any large open show. The greatest falling-off was in the Border and British sections. Of the secretary and assistant one can only speak in the highest praise. They were very courteous and obliging, and they are the right men in the right place, with three real fanciers as president, vice-president, and treasurer, in Messrs. L. Cockburn, J. S. Keddie, and J. Hope. While giving them all praise, one must not forget to remark that they had every encouragement to work, being backed up by one of the largest and most hard-working committees we have seen connected with a show for some time. Among the committee we found Mr. Watt, last year's secretary, who resigned the secretarial duties owing (we understand) to family bereavement. Under the circumstances he got through a great amount of work in his usual kind and painstaking manner. The show was confined to the counties of Peebles, Selkirk, Galashiels, and Melrose, and taking this into consideration the management ought to congratulate themselves on the entry received. A climatic change met us when a few miles from Innerleithen; we came in contact with a lot of snow, all the hills and dales in this part of the country being clothed in white garments. This told greatly against some of the birds while being judged. The show was well patronised during the day. Mr. James Alexander (Lilliesleaf) judged the Borders, while Mr. Anthony Hay (Berwick) took the remainder. Their awards appeared to meet with approval all round. BORD. YELL (10): 1, Rodger, grand quality, nice head, close-fitting wings, hard pressed by 2, Linton, another good one; 3, Blackie; vhc, Brown; hc, Tait; c, Cowan. HEN (12): 1, vhc, Tait, 1st grand cl., lovely head and well-balanced wings, finished with a nice pipe tail; 2, Linton; 3, Watson; hc, Cowan; c, Cockburn; No. 6, Blackie, cardless, a very taking exhibit. BUFF COCK (9): 1, 3, Blackie, 1st nice head and chest; 3rd close up on winners; 2, Cockburn; vhc, Reid and Philips; hc, Cowan; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, cnp, and B.F.C.C. medal, and two spls., Cairns, one of the best buff hens we have seen for some time, grand head and chest, best of wings, finished off with a nice taper behind; 2, Linton, presses winner hard, another good one, faultless; 3, Watson; vhc, Lind; hc, Gordon; c, Cockburn; a grand class. EVEN MARK (6): 1, spl., 2, Blackie, 1st buff, eye and wing mark, grand quality and markings; 3, Cockburn, nice type and quality; vhc, Watson; hc, Tait; c, Brown. VAR., ETC. (8): 1, Blackie, yell., eyes and wing marked, nice type, sound colour; 2, Robertson, var., both wings and eye, grand quality, nice wings and tail; 3, hc, Tait, 3rd wings and head marked, close in feather, presses winners; vhc, Cockburn; c, Linton. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Blackie, lovely grass green, grand shape, tightly feathered, wins well; 2, Reid and Philips, good cinn; 3, Watson, another green, close up; vhc, c, Cairns; hc, Murray. FOUL (10): 1, Linton, foul on left wing, we liked; 2, Brown, buff hen ticked on head and left wing, feathered like boxwood, rare wings and pipe tail; 3, Watson, grizzle cap buff, nice head and chest; vhc, Reid and Philips; hc, Murray; c, Cairns. SELL. (7/6) HENS (5/-): (11): 1, Watson, frizzle cap, foul buff hen, bargain at 5/-, worth a ticket in an open class; 2, Cowan, nice yell.; 3, Brown, grand clear buff; vhc, Tait; hc, c, Cockburn; a cheap lot. CAN. (confined) (10): 1, 3, spl., Smith, 1st clear buff, grand feather and shape; 2, spl., Berry, senior nice yell., grand wings and tail; 3, Smith; vhc, Hone; hc, Berry; c, Richardson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Brown, grand colour, nice chest, lovely condition; 2, Innes, close up; 3, Blackhall; vhc, Chamers; hc, spl., c Wilson. BUFF (10): 1, Lugton, grand buff, foul tail; lovely condition; 2, Blackhall, cl., hot one, nice skull and Bullie chest, presses winner hard; 3, hc, Brown, another clear; vhc, Keddie; c, Wilson; No. 5, Blackhall, about best in class, but claw gone told against it. VAR. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, cup for best young bird and Hyde's spl., Wilson, yell., marked on neck, back, and tail, stormer for size and quality, grand head and chest, red-hot colour, wins easily; a grand team; vhc, spl. for best out of tickets. Keddie; hc, Lugton; c, Blackhall; a grand class. HEN (6): 1, spl., hc, Blackball, 1st high-coloured yell., marked wings and eyes, grand body feather, hot colour; 2, vhc, spl., Keddie; 3, Brown; c, Innes. CL. TICK HEN (11) 1, vhc, Wilson, 1st grand cl., Bullie type, grand feather, an easy win; 2, Lugton, grand colour; 3, Innes; hc, Hughes; c, Keddie. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lugton, Scotch Fancy, cl., grand top end, nice length of side, free worker, wins well; 2, 3, vhc, Craig, all Scotch Fancies, a nice green leading; 3rd yell. pied, close up; hc, Wilson, cl. buff, D.C. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Pringle, one of the finest Goldies we have seen out this season, wonderful size, nice polished blaze, well rounded; 2, 3, Brown, 2nd nice tanned colour, fine bars and buttons; vhc, Innes; hc, Mason. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Ewart, wonderful size, well cut cap, dense colour, one of the best, wins well; 2, hc, Mason. 2nd good bars and cap; 3, Innes, another good one, lovely condition, presses 2rd hard; vhc, Robertson, another champion; c, Mrs. Goodfellow. HARDBILL (6): 1, Murray, Siskin, very compact and good in lacing; 2, vhc, Brown, 2nd Linnet, topper for size and pencilling; vhc, Bramble; 3, Robertson, nice Chaffinch, grand colour throughout, nice exhibit; hc, Mason, Bramble-finch, best in class, but shown minus half a tail, keeping it back; c, spl., Ewart, Linnet. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Mason, Nuthatch, lovely condition, wins well; 2, Robertson, Magpie, nice exhibit; 3, spl., Berry. MULE, ETC. (3) 1, spl., Blackhall, light Goldie Mule, grand feather, nice size, shows the Goldie well; 2, Cockburn, dark Greenie Mule, in nice feather; 3, Imrie, Linnet Mule. FOR. (4): 1, 2, spl., Mason, 1st splendid Tanager, the Berwick winner, in the pink of condition, hard pressed by 2nd, a pair of Red-headed Gouldians, rare exhibits, in faultless condition, the finest exhibits we have seen for some time; 3, Mrs. Rathie; vhc, Watt.

MIDDLETON.

The Middleton O.S. held their eighth annual show of cage birds, under C.B.U. rules, in the Assembly Room, Old Boar's Head, on December 7th. Judge, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington. The Lancashire and Lizards Club had guaranteed their classes, but entries came up badly in that section owing to their clashing with Bristol and L.C.B.A. Shows. Yorks and Nor. were a fair lot. The winner in the Buff Yorkshires was a grand tick. bird, the property of a South African visitor, Mr. Papayanni, who is taking out a good lot of Yorkshires with him this month. We wish him good luck with them. The competition in the members' classes was keen for the possession of the society cup, which was won by Mr. Bescoby. His tick. yellow and clear buff Yorkshires would have been easy winners in the open classes. Mr. Thomas made a good fight, being only one point behind. LANC. COPPY YELL.: 1, 2 Butterworth, winner well drawn out, stands nicely 2nd good head and body; 3, Rowbottom, nice head BUFF: 1, 3, Buttorworth, winner clear nice coppy, good size; 3rd nice head, wants substance; 2, Rowbottom, tick., big bird, slip perch a little. LANC. PLAINHEAD YELL.: 1, Law, clear, plenty of size, stands well; 2, Oldham, grand head, broad entrance. BUFF: 1, Oldham, good head, rare length and substance. GOLD LIZARD: 1, vhc, Miss M. Whipp, clear cap, good size, nice spangles; 2, Dewsnap, broken cap, good ground colour, nice spangles; 3rd another good one, close up, hard to part; 4th, nice head, good size. SILVER: 1, 3, Miss M. Whipp, winner good cap, plenty of size, full of work, a gem; 3rd, similar bird; 2, 4, vhc, Dewsnap, with a nice lot, full of good spangles. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Dooley, wing ticked, good feather, well drawn out, stands well; 2, Clarke, wings and cheek marked, hot colour, slim, good feather; 3, Fitton, ticked neck, nice back, wings and tail; 4, Papayanni, ticked wing, long, raking bird, well up on legs, grand stock bird; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Cundall; c, H. Foden. BUFF: 1, Papayanni, ticked neck, stylish, grand feather, good back, wings and tail; 2, Cundall, clear, pale colour, good feather, nice position; 3, Foden, wing ticked, stands well, nice back; 4, Fitton, nice head, good feather and position; vhc, Faulkner; hc, Wild; c, Bescoby. UNFLI.: 1, hc, Faulkner, red-hot colour, nice wings and tail, well drawn out; 2, Clarke, stylish, nice feather, good position; 3, Parker, wing ticked, nice feather, well up on legs; 4, Bradley, head and cheek marked, grand quality; vhc, Smith and Sellars; c, Bardsley. NOR. YELL.: 1, Foxall, ticked wing and head, well up in colour, grand shape; 2, Woodall, clear, full of colour; 3, Connor Bros., grand type and feather; 4, Raynes, nice head, good feather and colour; vhc, Smith and Sellars; hc, Mellor Bros.; c, Young. BUFF: 1, 2, S. Cook, 1st rare head, neck, and chest; 2nd, wing ticked, good round head, typical, pair of grand specimens; 3, Connor Bros., clear, cobby, nice feather; 4, Young, ticked eye, good colour, nice shape; vhc, Lord; hc, Mellor Bros.; c, Sharples. UNFLI.: 1, Foxall, buff, ticked neck, nice round head, full neck, good colour and quality, a gem; 2, vhc, Raynes, wing marked yell., excellent quality and colour; 3, Smith and Sellars, clear buff, nice type, full of colour; 4, Sharples, yell., ticked head, hot colour, good size; hc, c, Young. BRIT.: 1, Chick, Cornish Chough, in splendid bloom, well-known; 2, 3, Law, a Missel Thrush and a Grey Wagtail, shown in spotless condition; 4, hc, Walker, 4th, good Nightingale; hc, yellow Wagtail; vhc, Mellor Bros, Bramblefinch; c, McDonald, Bullfinch. SELL. (20/-) 1, 2, Law; 3, Brookes; 4, Rowbotham; vhc, Howarth. MEMBERS' CLASSES, LANC. COPPY: 1, 2, Oldham. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, Oldham; 3, 4, Hampshire. GOLD LIZARD: 1, 2, 3, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, 2, 3, Hampshire. CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Thomas; 2, Wagstaff, 3, Oldham; 4, Bescoby. BUFF: 1, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaff; 3, 4, Clegg. YELL. TICKED CK: 1, Bescoby; 2, Wagstaff, 3, Thomas; 4, Clegg; vhc, Ward. BUFF: 1, Bescoby; 2, Thomas; 3, Wagstaff. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 3, 4, Taylor; 2, Dean; vhc, Ward. CL. YELL. NOR: 1, 2, Craighill; 3, Reynolds. BUFF: 1, Banks; 2, 3, 4, Craighill; vbc, Reynolds. TICKED BUFF: 1, Banks; 2, 3, 4, Craighill. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Clegg. NOR. PLAINHEAD: 1, Dean. MULES: 1, Wagstaff; 2, Craighill. BRIT: 1, Thomas; 2, Cowherd; 3, 4, Craighill. A.O.V.: 1, Clegg; 2, Wagstaff.

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HAVERFORDWEST.

Held on December 5, in connection with the local show. Cage Birds were staged in an upstairs room all to themselves; it was a very comfortable room, free from draught and well-lighted. Entries came up well, considering the many shows being held, and the poor railway service. The officials worked well, and the arrangements were excellent. Messrs. Phillips and Williams, the joint hon. sec's did well ,and deserve great praise, whilst the stewards of the Cage Bird Section deserve a word of encouragement for the earnest way in which they carried out their duties. Mr. W. H. Love, acted as representative of the C.B.U. An excellent arrangement in the general interest of exhibitors, but one which on this occasion was not needed, as everything was so splendidly carried out. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

YORKS. (Amalgamated) (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Crebes, very nice team, long, slim yell leading, grand position, colour and feather; 2nd, thigh-tucked buff; 3rd, clear yellow; res, Nicholas; vhc, hc, Morris. CRESTS (3): 2, spl. best Canary and Hyde's spl, Gwyther, big dark Crest, nicely radiated, good droop; res, vhc, Evans. NOR. CL. (10): 1, spl, hc, Jones, yell, nice shape, beautiful soft feather, good colour; 2, 3, Love, leader yell, grand shape needs flung down, 3rd, good shaped buff; res, James; vhc, Pudner Bros; hc, Muscott, Gwyther. TICK. ETC. (2): 2, Jones; hc, Nicholas. GOLD FINCH, MULES (9): 1, c, Thomas, good buff, ticked both eyes and one wing, grand shape and feather; 2, Jeffreys, yellow, six-pointed, grand feather and quality; 3, James, nice six-pointed buff; res, Evans; hc, Owens; c, Jones; No. 4 absent. SELL. 10/- (9): 1, Longdon; 2, Bancroft; 3, Evans; res, John. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, vhc, Lewis, winner, grand face, nice back, bars and buttons, in fine bloom; 2, Pudner Bros., nice face, good whites; 3, Longdon, large and square blaze, grand size, clear whites, grand when in form; res, Jeffreys; vhc, Howells, White, John; hc, Nicholas, John. BULLFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, 3, Jeffreys, Bullfie and Greenie, in order named, both grand colour and very steady; 2, Bancroft, Greenie, splendid colour and sheen, close run; res, Lewis; vhc, Davies, Bateman; hc, Bethell; c, Phillips, Adams. LINNET (7): 1, vhc, Jeffreys, leader grand colour and pencilling, in fine feather; 2, Lewis, nice feather and steady; 3, Bancroft, nice one; res, White; hc, Adams. A.O.S. FINCH (9): 1, Davies, topping Bramble, grand colour and spangling, very steady; 2, Lewis, Bramble, deep colour; 3, Bancroft, very smart little Siskin; res, Hughes; vhc, Ford and Son, Love, Gamage; c, Bethel. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (7): 1, Love, yellow Bunting, grand in colour, beautifully marked; 2, Davis, same variety; 3, Hughes; res, Nicholas; vhc, John. THRUSH (7): 1, spl. best Brit. Price, gem for size, colour and mooning, in perfect feather; 2, Lewis, rich colour, both very steady; 3, Owen, grand size and well-marked; res, hc, Jenkins; vhc, Thomas. BLACKBIRD (cancelled). GIFT (4): 1, Howells; 2, 3, Lewis.

WATFORD.

The West Herts F.A. held their show, which was limited to the county of Herts, and a ten miles' radius, in the Clarendon Hall, December 10th. The exhibits were nicely arranged at one end of the gallery in a good light, and formed a very pleasing sight. A large classification had been issued, but the entries not coming in over well, the committee resorted to amalgamation. Norwich made a rattling good class, many excellent birds being staged. Yorkshires were rather uneven in quality, some real gems heading the list, but the quality fell away towards the end of the classes. Some very choice exhibits were to be seen in the A.O.V., and in the Hen classes. The strength of the show, however, laid amongst the Britishers, which were simply superb, all the leaders being birds of wonderful colour and quality, and a better lot for condition of feather we have never seen. Foreigners were a small, but very choice lot, the section was well managed by a splendid set of stewards, under the leadership of that good fancier and sportsman, Mr. J. Goodall, amongst them being Messrs. Withers, Pearse, Buckingham and Quantrell, who worked like Trojans, whilst the secretarial work was in the hands of the experienced enthusiast, Mr. C. A. Edwards, who received able assistance from his father, and Mr. J. Wrench; with such a grand staff of workers, it goes without saying that everything was in good order, and went smoothly. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (18): 1, spl, Goodall, very neat buff, capital head, neck and chest, neat wings and tail, nice even colour and good quality of feather; 2, c, Eaton, beautiful shape, grand feather, sound colour; 2, Battison, good chubby shape, nice head and neck, capital style and quality; 3, Brandon, nice quality, eye ticked yellow, very hot colour, good shape and carriage; 4, Shirley, neck ticked yell, grand colour and quality, over fat; res., vhc, Spall; hc, Pigg. HEN A.V. (10): 1, Pearse, very nicely balanced crest, neat centre, capital droop; 2, Pigg, short, cobby, close-feathered buff Norwich, splendid wings and tail, and nicely shown; 3, Goodall, very shapely, nice feathered yellow Norwich, bonny hen; 4, Shirley, rare bodied buff, of lovely quality, only needs a bit more substance of head to be a topper; res, Brandon; vhc, c, Battison; hc, Eaton. YORKS., CLEAR (11): 1, spl, 2, Mabey, long raking yellow, of lovely quality, tapers well away, and stands splendidly; 2nd, charming buff, tight as wax, given a bit more leg, would be a top sawyer; 3, Eaton, nice, long, stylish, good coloured yellow, handles well; 4, hc, Sears, very smart yellow, nice shape, but would not show, wants handling; res, Buckingham; vhc, Young; c, Pigg. TICKED, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Mabey, a clean sweep, a grand, stylish, well-made team, wonderful quality and shown to perfection, buff, yellow saddle marked, buff, and var. cinnamon, in order named; res, Pigg; vhc, c, Buckingham; hc, Eaton. A.O.V. (8): 1, Pearse, even-marked crest, grand centre, beautiful droop, densely feathered; 2, Goodall, long, stout, well-balanced, stylish yell. Lanes. Plainhead; 3, Titmus, very nice shaped cap and wing-marked crestbred, plenty of feather of good quality; 4, Giddings, another shapely wing-marked crest, fairly well feathered; res, vhc, Mrs. Hall; hc, Frost; absent Looker. SELL. (21/-) (8): 1, 4, Mabey; 2, Giddings; 3, Shirley; res, vhc, hc, Pearse. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Harris, very rich coloured, nice fronted Goldie, beautiful bars and buttons, and very steady; 2, Pearse, rare shaped Bullfinch, grand cap, nice rich breast, in good fettle; 3, hc, Withers Bros, grand bodied Goldie, nice rich blaze, capital back; 4, Titmus, another grand little Goldie; res, Buckingham; vhc, Quantrell; c, Pearse. A.O.S. HARD BILL (16): 1, 4, spl, Withers Bros, most lovely Chaffinch, rich, lustrous colour, beautiful markings, grand cap, in rare fettle; 4th, very bright coloured, well-spangled Bramble, of good size; 2, res, c, Goodall, handsome little Linnet, well-marked, good colour and shape, and a lovely Twite, rich [illegible] and very steady; 3, ex 3, vhc, Quantrell, [illegible] Greenfinch, deep, bright colour, rare wings and tail, in lovely feather, and a beautiful Siskin, a gem for colour and marking. SOFTBILLS (8): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Withers Bros., one of the finest grey Wagtails we have seen for a long time, lovely colour and feather, and very steady; 3rd, grand black Redstart, a beauty for shape and style, not quite fit; 2, Shirley, a magnificent Tree Pipit, wonderful colour and sheen, rare shape and feather, beautifully marked; 4, Quantrell, rich, deep coloured Blackbird, splendid bill and crest, in grand feather; res, Watts; hc, Burridge; c, Goodall. FOR. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, spl, Watts, grand team, leaders very handsome Superb Tanager, and a rich coloured Red-rump Parrakeet, both in splendid condition, a brace of gems; 3, spl, Withers Bros., grandly coloured and well-marked pair of Pekins, in nice feather; 4, Meadows, nicely-marked, well feathered pair of long-tailed Grassfinches; res, Mrs. Edwards.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A members' show was held December 7th. Messrs. F. Benn and J. Holroyd, of Great Horton, placed the cards to the entire satisfaction of all. 96 birds were staged. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. 1, 4, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Shaw; 3, Crowther; vhc, hc, Ackroyd. Pickles. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, Crowther; 3, 4, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, c, Bastow; hc, Baistow and Chapman. TICKED, ETC., YELL COCK: 1, Johnson; 2, hc, Chapman and Bateman; 3, c, Shaw; 4, Taylor Bros.; vhc, Crowther. BUFF: 1, Wilman; 2, Thornton; 3, Hinchcliffe; vhc, Johnson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Hardaker; 2, Crowther; 3, 4, Taylor Bros.; hc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, hc, Taylor Bros.; 3, Hardaker; 4, vhc, Thornton; c, Chapman and Bateman. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Bastow; 2, 3, Norton; vhc, Taylor Bros. YORKS. STOCK BIRD over 6½ in.): 1, 4, Thornton; 2, Johnson; 3, Crowther; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Taylor Bros. SELL. COCK: 1, hc, Bastow; 2, Bastow and Chapman; 3, Pickles; hc, Bastow; 2, Baistow and Chapman; 3, Pickles; 4, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; c, Ackroyd. HEN: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, c, Hunter; 3, Norton; 4, vhc, hc, Bastow.—E. W. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

The Leicester C.B.S. held their members' annual show on Dec. 7, at headquarters—the Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High-street. The room in which the show was held is a splendid place for the birds, being well lighted and quite free from draughts. The management was very smart indeed; the Secretary, Mr. Heighton, and committee, are to be complimented when we take into account that there was a dinner in the room the night previous, and that they had to fix the staging the morning of the show. This done, the birds were soon in their classes. Judging commenced soon after 10 o'clock, and by the advertised time for opening, 1 o'clock, the judging was over and all the birds had their prize cards up. Mr. T. Gilbert, of Coventry, judged, and his awards were favourably rece[illegible]

NOR. CL., ETC. YELL (4): 1, Stevens, good colour and type, nice wing carriage; 2, Edwards and Smith, good type, head and neck; 3, Heighton, good head and neck; vhc, Lauder. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Edwards and Smith, first good type and colour, lovely quality; second heavily var. CL., ETC. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Lander, good type, head and neck, nice short wings and tail; 2, 3, vhc, c, Edwards and Smith, second splendid colour and quality; third large bird, good type; hc, Wheatley. UNEVEN, ETC. BUFF (6): 1, Stevens, heavily var., good type and quality, nice short wings and tail; 2, Lander, marked eyes, wings and rump; 3, hc, c, Edwards and Smith, ticked wing grand colour and quality; vhc, Heighton. UNFLI. YELL. (3): 1, 2, spl, Stevens, both grand colour and quality, nice wing carriage; 3, Lander, var., good colour. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Stevens, leader clear, grand quality, nice, even colour; 2, Edwards and Smith, ticked wing, grand colour, third grand colour and quality, marked tail; vhc, Heighton; hc, West. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, Heighton, grand type, good colour and quality; 2, Stevens, very similar; 3, hc, Edwards and Smith, var., unfli., good type. BUFF (8): 1, Lander, unfli., grand type and quality; 2, 3, c, Steveus, two birds of splendid colour and quality; vhc, hc, Edwards and Smith. NAT. COL. (2): 1, West, clear buff, good colour; 2, Heighton, var. CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wheatley, large buff leading, followed by two good yellows; vhc, West. A.O.V. (2): 1, West, large pied yell. Cinn., grand colour; 2, Wheatley, buff pied cinn., good quality. MULE (8): 1, Lander, yell. marked Goldfinch and Canary, good colour; 2, Stevens, dark Linnet and Canary, grand colour; 3, Lander, dark yell. Goldfinch and Canary, good colour; vhc, Hunt; hc, Edwards and Smith; c, West. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Tyler, very stylish specimen, good blaze and bars; 2, Lander, good blaze and markings; 3, Hunt; vhc, Archer; hc, Collins; c, Whitmore. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Tyler, good type, nice cap, good colour; 2, Collins, very similar; 3, c, West, large, steady bird; vhc, Hunt; hc, Curtis. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Moore, grand colour, nicely laced, very steady; 2, c, Tyler, nice type, well marked; 3, Whitmore, nicely marked; vhc, Hunt; hc, West. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Archer, Greenfinch, good colour; 2, 3, Hunt, Bramble, nicely marked Chaffinch, good colour; vhc, Heighton; hc, West; c, Lemon. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Lander, Twite, nicely marked, very steady; 2, Heighton, Siskin, good colour; 3, hc, Collins, Redpoll; vhc, Hunt. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, Hunt, yell. Bunting, good colour; 2, West, Thrush; 3, Tyler, yellow Bunting. HEN: 1, 3, Collins, Bullfinch, nice cap, good size, and nicely marked Siskin; 2, Hunt, Bramble, in splendid condition; vhc, Tyler; hc, Ride; c, Harrison. SELL., 21/-: 1, 2, Edwards and Smith; 3, Lemon. 12/6: 1, Moore; 2, Harrison; 3, Claypole. NOVICE, CL. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Wood, good type and colour; 2, 3, Claypole; vhc, Lemon. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Dent, var. yell., grand stock bird; 2, Harrison, nice quality; No. 1 wrong class buff. CL. ETC. BUFF (3): 1, Curtis, good colour and quality; 2, Harrison, large, good type; 3, Lemon, good colour and quality. VAR. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Tyler, grand type and quality, good colour, second good type and quality, third nearly green, lovely colour; vhc, Curtis; hc, Goode. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Claypole, good type, nice wings and tail, even colour; 2, Moore, nearly evenly marked, good colour and quality; 3, Tyler, good colour and quality; hc, Spence; c, Lowe. BUFF (8): 1, Tyler, var., good colour and quality, nice wings; 2, Claypole, lovely quality, good colour; 3, Lowe, tick eye, good type. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl, vhc, Tyler, tick wing, good type, head and neck; 2, c, Claypole, cap and wing marked, very nice hen; 3, Whitmore, tick wing, smart hen; hc, Archer. BUFF (11) including a few cocks, which were marked W.C.: 1, Claypole, good size and quality; 2, 3, Tyler, both good colour and quality; vhc, Wood; hc, Spence; c, Burbidge. NAT. COL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Wandley, eye and wing mkd., good colour; 2, Moore, green, of good type and quality; 3, spl, for best nat. col. hen, Tyler, nice chubby bird, good wings and tail; vhc, Lowe. BUFF: 1, 2, Tyler; 3, Lowe. A.O.V. (5): 1, Collins; 2, Lemon; 3, Tyler; vhc, Freer.

BELFAST.

Held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, on Dec. 6th and 7th. The hall is well lighted and free from draught. The birds were staged in the Scotch style and on glancing round the room one had a full view of all the exhibits. The entries numbered about 400. The Norwich were not much in advance of previous years, but the Yorkshires, Mules, and British have made rapid strides. The advance in the Yorkshires is owing to the Y.C.C. of Ireland. The Scots did not turn up very well, the majority of the fanciers having had a bad season, but still some grand birds were staged. Some of them are very useful birds, and could win in either Belgian or Scotch classes; some had, in fact, won in the two classes. The committee are well worthy of confidence, as every care is taken in respect of the exhibits. Mr. Robert Trimble, the hon. sec., is very obliging, and knows and performs his duties well, every assistance being rendered to him by the committee. The British and Mule classes were a grand lot. Mr. W. M. Thornton judged the Scots, and Mr. A. Wellings the remainder. BELGIANS (9): 1, 2, 5, Neil, 1st good shoulders, fine reach in neck, neat head; 2nd good legs, fine reach and head; 3, Ronaldson, grand head and neck, plenty of nerve; 4, Tedford; 6, 7, Connell. SCOTCH FANCY, YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, 5, Ronaldson, fine position, legs well set back, immense reach; 2, Hamilton, clean in front, grand circle, tail well under perch; 3, Moreland, fine head and position, wings well fitting; 4, McCann; 6, Neill; 7, Lavery. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Ronaldson, 1st rare good reach and nerve, immense shoulders; 2nd some preferred, nice wings, good all over; 3, 4, Hamilton, 3rd nice carriage and circle, good legs and firm position; 5, Neill. YELL. PIED CK. (7): 1, Ronaldson, rare feather, good legs, wings well fitting to the sides, stands firm in position; 2, 3, Lavery, pair of gems, A1 for position, fine heads hard, plenty of nerve; 4, McCann; 5, R. Trimble; 7, R. Trimble. BUFF (7): 1, Lavery, well up on legs and shoulders; 2, Cloughley, good position all through, grand form; 3, Neill, pressing others very hard, plenty of nerve; 4, McCann; 5, R. Tremble; 6, Thompson; 7, Erven. GREEN CK. (5): 1, 2, Lavery, two gems, fine reach and shoulders, legs well back, tail well under; 3, R. Trimble, another very good one, hard to separate; 4, Neill, very typical; 5, W. Trimble. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Ronaldson, three fine hens, real models. BUFF (9): 1, Thompson, gem all over, fine position, grand shoulders, moves well; 2, 7, Lavery, 2nd rare form, good condition, wings well braced, shoulders well filled, stands firm; 3, Moreland, quick in action, tail tight to perch; 4, Thompson, well worth her place. YELL. PIED (4): 1, Cloughley, very smart, good carriage, neck, and shoulders, well formed; 2, Loughridge, straight back and legs; 3, R. Trimble, nice position, active and travels well; 4, Ronaldson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, R. Trimble, nice reach in neck, good shoulders; 2, Hamilton, finishes off well; 3, W. Trimble, good form, nice sweep from top; 5, Ervin. GREEN (4): 1, 3, Ronaldson; 2, Russell; 4, Neill. SELL. CK. (25/-) (3): 1, McClelland; 2, W. Trimble; 3, Cloughley. HENS (25/-) (6): 1, Wright; 2, W. Trimble; 3, Neill; 4, McCann; 5, R. Trimble. CREST CK. (13): 1, 2, Tate, 1st good centre, well down at back, good front; 2, splendid shape; 3, McCoo, good head and back; 4, 7, Fisher, 4th nice crest; 5, Lightbody; 6, Montgomery. HEN (10): 1, 3, Tate, 1st grand one, fine droop, good centre, well filled at back, good front; 2, Fisher, another good one with plenty of feather, good front and droop; 4, McCoo, good form; 5, Montgomery; 6, Trueman; 7, Lightbody. CRESTBRED CK. (8): 1, 4, Tate, fine skull, well lashed, short beak, immense feather; 2, Lightbody, little to choose for first place; 3, Beattie, fine body, good skull; 5, McCoo; 6, Fisher; 7, Montgomery. HENS (8): 1, Tate, gem, grand head, abundance of feather; wins well; 2, 3, Fisher, 2nd rare quality of feather; 3rd good in appearance; 4, Montgomery, good feather, well lashed; 5, McCoo; 6, Lightbody; 7, Carson. NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (20): 1, McConnell, grand type and colour, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd grand head and chest, well braced wings; 4, 5, Barclay; 4th good wings and feathers; 6, Oilbert; 7, Teasy. BUFF (18): 1, Gilbert, rare type, good head, thick neck; 2, Adams, splendid quality of feather, well frosted; 3, Muligan, fine type and quality of feather; 4, Carson; 5, Kirk; 6, Stewart; 7, Barclay. TICK BUFF (9): 1, Muligan, fine carriage, good feather and position; 2, Stewart, very smart, good front, nice colour; 3, Loughridge, fine type and colour; 4, Barclay, good wings, carriage, type, and position; 5, Owens and Magee; 6, Beattie; 7, Gilmore. VAR. (12): 1, Stewart, very deep colour yell., fine silky feather, good head and chest; 2, Barclay, grand buff, fine sweep, good wings; 3, Gilmore, fine buff, good head and chest, nice wings, short tail; 4, Osborne, buff, good type and colour; 5, Thompson; 6, Adams; 7, Beattie. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (14): 1, Thompson, grand head, good rise from beak, clear eyes, rare colour and condition; 2, Loughridge, nice type and colour, good wings, stands well; 3, 4, Gray, third good colour; 5, 6, Connell; 7, McConnell. BUFF (10): 1, J. McClelland, nice and cobby, plenty of chest, grand feather; 2, 5, Thompson, fine colour and feather, neat wings, clean cut; 3, Stewart, little to choose between; 4, Carson; 6, Tate; 7, W. McConnell. TICK BUFF (9): 1, 5, Barclay, 1st beautiful type, clean chest, well cut; 2, Mulligan, very stylish, good carriage and quality; 3, T. Teasy, fine chest and body; 4, Beallie; 6, Carson. VAR. (6): 1, Gray, real good one, like wax in feather, splendid type; 2, Barclay, rare quality, good head and neck, well filled; 3, Tate; 4, Teasy; 5, Osborn; 6, Neill. SELL. CREST OR C.B. (£1) (7): 1, Tate; 2, Osborn; 3, Carson; 4, Fisher; 5, Kirk; 6, Trueman; 7, Muligan. NOR. (15/-) (12): 1, Thompson; 2, Adams; 3, 5, Stewart; 4, Gilmore; 6, Gray; 7, Bertram. HEN (15/-) (3): 1, Carson; 2, Adams; 3, McCann. YORKS CL. YELL. 9: 1, Hoggard, good position, nice wings, well drawn, steady; 2, Clarke, almost equal to winner; 3, Magnire, nice type, well up on legs; 4, 7, South; 4th good carriage and feather; 5, Reilly; 6, Neill. HEN (9): 1, Sheridan and Fry, splendid position, fine feather, good legs and wing carriage; 2, Reilly, good head and neck, stands well up on legs; 3, Cloke, wings well fitting on side; 4, South; 5, Edwards and Tiger; 6, Muligan; 7, Welsh. TICK, ETC. CK. (12): 1, McQuade, fine buff, grand back and length, good wings and head; 2, 6, Cloke, 2nd fine yell., well up on legs, pipe tail; 3, Reilly, splendid buff for feather, like silk; 4, Duignan; 5, Sheridan and Fry; 7, Welsh. CL. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Sheridan and Fry, two rare type, good head and wing carriage, well staged; 3, Tiger, nice colour and steady; 4, Duignan, good back and legs, little frilled; 5, 6, C. J. Muligan; 7, Cloke. HEN (7): 1, Sheridan and Fry, fine silky feather, good position, well-filled neck; 2, Reilly, fine upright, stands well up; 3, 4, Muligan, splendid quality; 5, Walsh; 6, South; 7, Reilly. TICK, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, 7, Duignan, a rare good lot, first real gem, like wax, all well staged; 4, Mulligan; 5, Sheridan and Fry; 6, Fleming. NON-COL. FED. (11): 1, Davis, very fine built, nice carriage; 2, Quade, another fine one; 3, Sheridan and Fry, stands well up, good legs and wings; 4, 5, 7, Sholdice; 6, Dulgnan. HEN (10): 1, Quade, beautiful position, nice head and neck; 2, Sheridan and Fry, good carriage of wings; 3, 5, Sholdice; 4, Huggard; 6, 7, Duignan. NOVICE CL.: 1, 3, Gillen, 1st fine upstanding, nicely finished; 2, 5, Devins, 2nd pressing first hard; 4, McIlven; 6, Huggard. HEN (5): 1, 3, Huggard; 2, 4, Devins. TICK CK. (3): 1, Huggard; 2, 3, Devins. HEN (4): 1, Gillen; 2, 3, Devins; 4, McIlven. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, McCollum, 1st fine Lancs coppy, good head and wings; 3, 4, 5, Osborne, 3rd and 4th Lizards. CAN. MULE CL., ETC.: 1, 5, Tate, 1st smart Goldfinch, nice colour and blaze; 2, McNeilly, good one; 3, McPeake, Linnet var., tight as wax, steady; 4, Muligan; 6, Owens and Magee; 7, Bannon. A.O.V. DARK: 1, Tate, full of colour, fine blaze and wings; 2, Carson, rare colour; 3, 5, Harvey, Linnets, fine rich colour, well marked; 4, 6, McCaldin; 7, Grieshaber. HYBRID (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lavery, 1st fine Greenfinch-Bullfie, splendid rich colours; 2, 3, Goldie-Bullie, well up in blaze, all well staged. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (18): 1, Carson, fine rich blaze, good mooning and chest marks; 2, Tighe, very bright colour on blaze; 3, 6, Killen, 3rd good rich colour on back, well mooned; 4, Tate; 5, Ross; 7, Lavery; grand lot. LINNETS (19): 1, Trueman, good size, well pencilled, rich colour; 2, Ross, good colour and markings; 3, McCaldin, good back, well laced; 4, Grieshaber; 5, Killen; 6, Boyce; 7, Owens and Magee. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Tate, 1st fine Yellowhammer, marked to perfection, fine cheek marks and back colour; 3, Ross; 4, Hart; 5, Fletcher; 7, Montgomery.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Annual show was held on Dec. 7th. The Secretary, Mr. H. Fenwick, always courteous, worked very hard and with help from Messrs. J. Winn, and M. Dixon, and the worthy Chairman, Mr. S. Thompson, all things went off very satisfactorily. Mr. Jas. Stanger judged and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl., 2, Gowland; 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1 spl., 3, Appleby; 2, Wilson. PAIRS (for breeding): 1, spl., Feuwick; 2, 3, Winn. YELL. HEN: 1. spl., Dixon; 2, Appleby; 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1, spl., Winn; 2, 3, Fenwick. GREENS: 1, spl., R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenwick; 3, M. Dixon. CINN. YELL.: 1, spl., 3, Gowland; 2, R. H. Dixon. HEN: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, Fenwick; 3, Gowland. YORKS: 1, spl., 2, J. Appleby; 3, Lewins. CREST HEN: 1, spl., Mrs. Davison; 2, Mrs. Heal; 3, Wilson. PAIRS (for Crest breeding): 1, spl., Widowfield; 2, 3, J. Hardy. CRESTBRED HEN: 1. spl., Widowfield; 2, Hann; 3, Mrs. Heal. NOR. CINN. NAT. COL.: 1, spl., 2, Stables; 3, Wilson. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Wilson; 2, Widowfield; 3, Gowland. LINNET: 1, spl., Appleby; 2, Wilson; 3, Smith. FOR.: 1, spl, Wilson; 2, Stables; 3, Marshall. SELL. (7/6): 1, spl., M. Dixon; 2, R. H. Dixon; 3, Stables. NOR. UNFLI. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, spl., Fenwick; 2, Wilson; 3, Mrs. Davison. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., Widowfield; 2, Wilson; 3, Appleby. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, Gowland; 2, Wilson. PAIRS (for breeding): 1, spl., R. H. Dixon; 2, Wilson; 3, Winn. CINN. YELL.: 1, spl., 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenwick. BUFF: 1, spl., 3, R. H. Dixon; 2, Fenwick. HEN: 1, spl., M. Dixon; 2, Wilson; 3, Fenwick. DARK CREST: 1, spl., Mrs. Davison; 2, Widowfield; 3, Wood. CRESTED HEN: 1, spl., Widowfield; 2, 3, Wood. CRESTBRED HEN: 1, spl., Widowfield; 2, Hann; 3, Wood. NOR. OR CINN. NAT. COL.: 1, spl., M. Dixon; 2, 3, J. Stables. A.O.V.: 1, spl., Wilson; 2, Widowfield; 3, Hann.

STOCKPORT F.S.

What is admitted to be the finest collection of Canaries ever got together in this district was the Stockport Fanciers' Show, held at the Boar's Head, Market Place, on Dec. 5 and 6. The entries numbered between 300 and 400, including many that have won premier honours at the leading shows in the kingdom. Some valuable trophies were offered for competition, including Mr. Gaskarth's challenge cup, of the value of £10 10s., which was won by Mr. T. E. Davies, a silver cup for amateur, novice, and British bird sections, and silver tea urn, runner-up to challenge cup in champion section. The judge was Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek.

CHAMPION SECTION: YELL. COPPY. CK: 1, 2, 3, Rushton. LANC. BUFF COPPY. CK.: 1, 4, c, Rushton; 2, 3, Garner; hc, Gaskell. HEN: 1, vhc, Rushton; 2, 4, Garner; 3, Brookes. PLAINHEAD HEN: 1, Brookes; 2, 3, 4, Rushton. LIZARD, CL. CAP GOLD CK: 1, Garner; 2, Harrison; 3, Massey. SILVER CK.: 1, 2, Massey; 3, Harrison; 4, Gaskell. BROKEN CAP GOLD CK.: 1, Davies; 2, Gaskell; 3, Massey; 4, Garner. GOLD HEN: 1, Davies; 2, Gaskell; 3, 4, Massey. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Shore; 4, Stafford. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, 3, Shore; 4, Dickenson. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Davies; 2, 4, Shore; 3, Stafford. BUFF: 1, Davies; 2, Dickenson; 3, Harrison; 4, Shore. YELL. HENS: 1, Davies; 2, Massey; 3, 4, Shore. BUFF: 1, 2, Shore; 3, Dickenson; 4, Stafford. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Potts; 2, Slater; 4, Dickenson. BUFF: 1, 2, Potts; 3, 4, hc, Slater. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 4, vhc, hc, Potts; 2, 3, Slater. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, vhc, Slater; 2, Dickenson; 4, Potts. BUFF: 1, 3, Potts; 2, Dickenson; 4, hc, Slater. CREST CK.: 1, Davies; 2, Stafford; 3, Garner; 4, Stafford. CRESTBRED CK.: 1, Stafford; 2, Garner; 3, Massey; 4, Brooks. CREST, OR C.B. HENS: 1, Stafford; 2, Davies; 3, Stafford; 4, Garner. CINN. YELL.: 1, Davies; 2, Dickenson; 3, Massey. HENS: 1, Massey; 2, Davies. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Davies; 2, Massey; 3, Potts; 4, Gaskill. MULE: 1, Massey; 2, Dickenson; 3, Beswick; 4, Harrison. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Massey; 2, Gaskell; 3, Dickenson. LINNET: 1, 4, Dickenson; 2, 3, Gaskell. A.O.V., HARDBILL: 1, 3, Dickenson; 2, Gaskell. FOR., LARGE: 1, Nelson. SCOTCH OR BELGIAN: 1, Massey. AMATEUR SECTION. LANC. COPPY. CK: 1, 2, Oldham. HENS: 1, Oldham. LIZARD, GOLD, CK: 1, 2, 4, Beswick; 3, Higham. HENS: 1, Dean; 2, 4, Beswick; 3, Higham. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Beswick; 4, Dean. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 3, Hill; 2, Beswick; 4, Dean. YELL HENS: 1, 3, Dean; 2, Beswick; 4, Hill. BUFF: 1, 2, Dean; 3, Oldham; 4, Hill. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Higham. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 3, Higham; 2, Beswick. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, 4, Higham; 2, Hill. CREST COCK: 1, 2, Oldham. CREST AND C.B. HEN: 1, Oldham. CINN. BUFF: 1, Hill. A.O.V.: 1, Dean; 2, Hill. MULE: 1, Oldham; 2, Dean; 3, Hill. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hill. GOLDFINCH: 1, Dean. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Dean. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. A.O.V. HARD BILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. SOFT BILL, SMALL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill. NOVICE SECTION. SILVER LIZARD: 1, Booth; 2, Forrester; 3, Greenhalgh; NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Forrester; 3, Greenhalgh; 4, Boswell. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Boswell; 3, Forrester. YELL. HENS: 1, 3, Forrester; 2, Boswell. YORKS. YELL CK.: 1, Forrester; 2, 4, Watson; 3, Booth. BUFF: 1, Albiston; 2, Forrester; 3, Kitchingman; 4, Booth. YELL.: UNFLI.: 1, Watson; 2, Reek; 3, Albiston; 4, Booth. YELL. HEN: 1, Booth; 2, Forrester; 3, Reek; 4, Albiston. BUFF: 1, Forrester; 2, Watson; 3, Albiston; 4, Reek. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Booth; 2, Forrester. MULE: 1, Booth; 2, Forrester. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Reek; 2, Watson; 3, Greenhalgh. LINNET: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Greenhalgh; 4, Forrester. A.O.V. HARD BILL: 1, Greenhalgh; 2, 3, Forrester.

SANQUHAR.

Held in the Public Hall, Sanquhar, December 7th. The number of entries was not so large as at last year's show, which was the record one, but the quality of the stock made up for the deficiency. The hall is nicely lighted, centrally situated, and is in every way an ideal hall for a show. Although the entries were a bit short, it was through no fault of the joint-secretaries, who performed their duties in a very business-like manner. Sanquhar always got a lot of entries from Muirkirk, but their show was on the same date. Kilmarnock Cage Bird Show also affected the entries in a great extent. Mr. John Calderwood judged the Canaries, and the following are his awards:—

BORDER FANCY.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, T. McCredie, neat exhibit, good type, full of quality; 2, Clark, another very taking bird; 3, Clues, good bird. HEN: 1, 2, McCredie, 1 neat little bird, well shown, 2 nice yellow ticked, well shown; 3, Marchbank, very neat little hen; 4, Hastings; vhc, L. Wood. BUFF CK.: 1, McLaughlin, good buff, shown well; 2, Clark, also a good cock; 3, R. and T. Thomson, good bird, well fed; 4, McCredie; vhc, Lee; hc, S. Montgomery; c, Holden. HEN: 1, 3, McCredie, 1 nice buff tick hen, 3 neat buff hen, close up; 2, Marchbank, little beauty, badly shown; 4, Montgomery; vhc, Clark; hc, McEwan; c, Hastings. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Holden, nice little hen, very nicely and even mkd., good type and quality; 2, McCredie, also a good bird; 3, Montgomery, nice bird. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Clues, nice type of bird, well shown; 2, R. and T. Thomson, another good varieg. hen; 3, Marchbank, good bird, well set. BUFF: 1, McCredie, fine buff varieg., best Border in show, easy winner; 2, R. and T. Thomson, very nice bird; 3, Holden, good bird, very nice quality; 4, McMillan; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Elliot. GREEN, ETC.: 1, McMillan, nice yell. green, finely pencilled, special type and quality; 2, Holden, good bird, colour, well carried down; 3, R. and T. Thomson, very good colour; 4, Montgomery. NOR. CK.: 1, Holden; 2, R. and T. Thomson. HEN: 1, Holden; 2, R. and T. Thomson. CRESTED OR C. BRED: 1, Martin Welsh; 2, 3, Holden; 4, vhc, Chas. Vere. COMMON CAN.: 1, McMillan; 2, Hains, jun.; 3, Johnstone. BRIT.: 1, Crearie; 2, Laidlaw; 3, McNairn; 4, R. and T. Thomson; vhc, McGavin; hc, Connel; c, Walker. CAGE BIRD, SELL. 7/6: 1, R. and T. Thompson; 2, Frame; 3, Henry Hunter; 4, Elliot; vhc, Lee; c, McGowan. LOCAL CLASSES.—CL., ETC.. CK.: 1, Wm. Kirkhope, neat little cock; 4, Wood; vhc, Brown; hc, Frame, c, yell.; 2, Elliot, another yell.; 3, Harrison, nice yell. McGowan. HEN: 1, Elliot, very nice little ticked buff hen, needs wash badly; 2, McMillan; yellow hen; 3, Kirkhope, buff hen, needs good tubbing; 4, Elliot; vhc, Wood; hc, McGowan. A.O.V.: 1, Frame, neat little buff, one of best exhibits in show, fit to carry off premier honours at a larger show; 2, Frame, good bird, close up. SPECIALS.—Medal by Border Fancy Club, confined to members B.F.C. Club. Won by McCredie. By R. Thompson, Crawick, won by McCredie. By Mr. Waugh, Sanquhar, won by McCredie. Silver badge, by "A Friend," Holden. Silver badge, by Mr. R. Thomson, Dumfries, won by Kirkhope. By Mr. Wm. McMillan, won by David Frame.

SIDMOUTH.

The twelfth annual show of this Society was held on Dec. 5th, in the Drill Hall, in an upstair room, which was set apart for the cage birds only. The exhibits were nicely staged and received the best of care and attention from a few good and enthusiastic fanciers. Entries came up very well, and the quality in most of the classes was very good. The Goldfinch class had an entry of 20 and was voted the best ever seen at this fixture. Yorks. were good in quality, the winning birds of Messrs. Parnell and Son and Messrs. Brayshaw and Jowett being much admired. All the Rev. Joyce's entries were absent in the Crest and Crestbred classes. The special for best bird in show fell to Mr. R. Browning's grand four-pointed yellow Goldfinch-Mule, a lovely exhibit. Mr. Fred Farrant again had the handling of the secretarial ribbons, and it would be superfluous on our part to say that he carried out his duties in a thoroughly workmanlike and conscientious manner. As usual he was most obliging and courteous, truly the right man in the right place. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Lashbrook, Sanders, Cartes, and Barton as stewards. Mr. J. H. Payne placed the awards.

Critique.

CREST. (8): 1, 2, Evins Bros., green, good, wide thick froutal, nice droop and radiation, leafy feather, second marked wings and tail, neat, well formed crest, good radiation, well filled centre; 3, Greenwood and Burson, nice frontal and droop; 4, Treasure, nice droop. C.B. (3): 1, Hobbs, nice entrance, good length of head feather; No. 2 and 3 absent. NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Redwood, unfli., good shape, close, soft, silky feather, short wings and tail, nice head; 2, Nicks, good colour, grand head; 3, 4, Mitchell, nice feathered unfli., fourth, good shape. BUFF (5): 1, Redwood, spleudid shape, full of quality, nice deep chest, short wings, a gem; 2, Sewery, nice colour and quality, good wing carriage, nicely mealed; 3, Robinson, nice head and back, good quality of feather; 4, Jones, good colour. HEN: 1, Redwood, grand shape, buff, beautiful undercolour, well mealed, good head, neck, wings and tail; 2, Hopkins and Alsop, yell., grizzled tail, nice shape, good wings and tail, level colour; 3, (no name), wing marked, good colour and quality, nice cobby shape; 4 (no name), nice feather. YORKS. YELL. TICK., ETC. (7): 1, spl, Parnell and Son, beautiful position, well on leg, good length, colour and quality, nice wings, back and tail; 2, Lashbrook and Sons, wing and thigh ticked, slim built, neat head, good colour and quality; 3, Bowden, shoulder ticked, straight as a rush, good feather and stand; 4, hc, Brayshaw and Jowett, cinn. marked, nice feather, stand and style; vhc, Thomas; c, Stone. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Brayshaw and Jowett, grand feather and quality, good colour, wings well placed, stands well; 2, Price, good feather and quality, nice stand; 3, Parnell and Son, thigh ticked, grand colour, nice length; 4, Lashbrook and Sons, good length, nice wings and tail; vhc, Lang; c, Broomfield. HENS (7): 1, Parnell and Son, huff, beautiful position, well on leg, grand wings and tail, nice length, good colour and quality; 2, 4, hc, Lashbrook and Sons, slim built yellow, well on leg, good stand and style, nice feather; fourth huff, good feather and quality; 3, Lang, cinn. marked, slim built, good position; vhc, Brayshaw and Jowett; c, Stone. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Biddick, yell. Scots., nice top, good drive, gets tail well under and nice depression of head, third buff Scots., nice top-end, neat head; 2, Symons, buff Belgian, good shoulders, nice straight back and tail, gets into position quickly; 4, vhc, Moist, buff cinn., good shape, feather and colour. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, spl, 3, 4, Browning, grand team, first four-pointed yellow Goldfinch-Canary, lovely feather, colour and shape, nicely balanced markings, in grand order, third 4-pointed buff, beautiful colour, grandly feathered, good wings and markings, fourth 4-pointed buff, nice size, shape and feather; 2, Lees, even wing marked yellow, good feather and shape; vhc hc, (no name); a good class for quality. DARK (9): 1, 3, Browning, Linnet-Bullfinch, lovely feather and colour, good size, shape and condition, third jonque Greenfinch-Canary, wonderful size, grand colour, shape and feather; 2, Edwards, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, nice shape and feather, good size beautiful wing bars; 4, (no name), Goldfinch Redpoll, good size, feather, colour and markings, real good one; vhc, Priscott; hc, Elston; c, French. GOLDFINCH (20): 1, Herbert, square cut blaze, grand back, nice tanning on chest, good bars and buttons; 2, vhc, Carrier, good bars and butons, nice cheeks and back, chest well tanned; 3, Hopkins and Alsop, grandly tanned, well cut blaze of good colour, nice bars and buttons; 4, Baker, beautiful bars and buttons, good square cut blaze of nice expanse; vhc, Giles; hc, c, Ellis. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Edwards, good cap and bars, nicely defined, beautiful feather, very steady; 2, Oatey, grand cap, feather and bars, steady, good shape; 3, Flintoff, best coloured breast in the class; 4, c, Priscott, grand cap and bars, nice colour; vhc, Sewery; hc, Symons. LINNET (3): 1, Edwards, nicely pencilled, good colour and shape; 2, Jordan. A.O.S. (6): 1, Manty, Waxwing, grand feather, markings and colour; 2, Lean, grand Fieldfare, lovely colour and markings, nice size, very steady; 3, Rowe and Hancock, Hawfinch, good feather, nicely cut bib; 4, Russell, Siskin, grand size, feather and markings; vhc, (no name); hc, Symons. SELL. 20/- (16): 1, Moist; 2, Evins Bros.; 3, Nicks; 4, Hobbs; vhc, Edwards, Broomfield; hc, Bailey, Thomas; c, Priscott. 10/- (12): 1, Priscott; 2, Redwood; 3, Rowe and Hancock; 4, Brayshaw and Jowett; vhc, Roberts, Bailey; hc, Evins Bros., Flintoff; c, Thomas. LOCAL. NOR. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Barton, crestbred, nice head, feather, good skull and body, second even wing marked crest, neat crest, good droop; 3, Collier; vhc, Sanders; c, Keevil. YELL. TKD. ETC. (4): 1, Lashbrook and Sons, good shape, feather and colour; 2, 3, Collier; second good shape; 4, Keevil. BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, Lashbrook and Son, marked wings, neck and eye, good shape, colour and quality, second nice shaped clear; 3, Collier, clear, nice head and neck; 4, hc, Sanders, nat. col. good shaped body, capital feather; vhc, Stevens. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, Lashbrook and Son, well on leg, slim built, good feather and very stylish, second well up on leg; 3, Lang, slim built, nice pipe tail; 4, Sampson; vhc, Potter. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Lashbrook and Son, slim built, good colour, second neck and thigh tick, good stand and style; 3, Lang, good length and style; 4, Wright, neck ticked, good length; vhc, Potter. A.O.V. CAN., ETC. (3): 1, Lashbrook and Son, good coloured jonque Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Collier, buff. Siskin-Canary, rare size; 3, Hyne-Haycock. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Barton, nice blaze, good wing bars, well tanned chest, in nice feather; 2, Collier, good blaze, bars and buttons; 3, Farrant; 4, Lashbrook and Son; vhc, Stevens; hc, Sanders; c, Goldsworthy. A.O.S. BRIT. (): 1, vhc, Start, nicely spotted, good feathered Song Thrush; 2, Houghton, Starling, good feather and spangling; 3 (no name), Thrush, nicely mooned; 4, Lashbrook and Son, nice Yellow Bunting; hc, c, Goldsworthy. NOV. A.V. (4): 1, Farrant and Son, nice buff Nor., good colour and shape, grand head, back and neck; 2, 3, Coles, unfli. buff Nor., nice shape, third var. yell. Nor., nice shape; 4, Hender, cinn. mkd. yell. Yorks.

YEADEN, GUISELEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Members' show held on Dec. 7th in the Liberal Club, Guiseley. The hall is a well adapted one for the purpose, being nicely heated and free from draughts. Eighty birds were staged, and the show was a real success. Mr. R. Garnett judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Frankland. BUFF: 1, vhc, Frankland; 2, 3, Myers; hc, Hardaker; c, Muschamp. TICK YELL.: 1, Myers; 2, Hardaker; 3, vhc, Frankland. BUFF: 1, 2, Frankland. UNEVEN. MKD.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Hardaker; vhc, Wheatley. YELL.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, c, Frankland; vhc, Bearpark; hc, Thornton. BUFF: 1, vhc, Frankland; 2, Wheatley; 3, Myers; hc, Bearpark; c, Thornton. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Myers; 3, hc, Frankland; vhc, Bunting. BUFF: 1, Thornton; 2, vhc, Bearpark; 3, Frankland; hc, Hardaker; c, Wheatley. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, 3, Bearpark; vhc, hc, Frankland. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Hardaker; 2, vhs, hc, Frankland; 3, Bearpark. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, Hardaker; 3, c, Bearpark; vhc, Thornton; hc, Frankland. FOUL MKD.: 1, Myers; 2, Thornton; 3, Bearpark. STOCK: 1, vhc, Frankland; 2, Thornton; 3, Muschamp; hc, c, Hardaker. The special prizes competed for at the young bird show and the winter show are as follows: Frankland, teapot, 43 points; Bearpark, teapot, 38 points; Thornton, box cigars, 32 points; Hardaker, dress length, 31 points; Myers, cruet, 22 points; Mrs. Gilroy, silk handkerchief, 13 points; Muschamp, carvers, 12 points; Rudd, silk handkerchief, 10 points; Wheatley, bottle black heer, 10 points.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly singing contest held at the King's Head, Sbannon Street, on Dec. 8th, when 26 birds sung for four good prizes, given by Mr. W. Tillotson, before a crowded house of friends. Some very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of all. 1st prize, F. Gally; 2nd, J. Nicholls; 3rd and 4th, shared by T. Stead and W. Fisher. Judge, J. Clarke; Timekeeper, T. Chadwick.

T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street. 23 birds sang for five good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some very good singing was heard before a good company. Result: 1, J. Firth; 2, A. Watson; 3, J. Slothard; 4, Buckle; 5, Oldroyd. Judge, Mr. Perry. Hon. Sec.: J. Smith.

PENTONVILLE, LONDON.

On Dec. 5th the return match took place at the "Beehive," Pentonville Hill, between the "Bee Hive" and the "Prince of Wales," 3 Chaffinches against 3. Home and home race, scores to carry; first heat at the "Prince of Wales." The "Bee Hive" birds took a lead of 8 score, 4 chalks, finally winning by 8 score, 7 chalks. There was a large gathering at both houses. Birds competing for the "Bee Hive": "Doctor," "Country Dick," "Ily. Hack." Free handicap for Chaffinches takes place at "Bee Hive," open to all comers. For date and particulars see advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Fred Westmore, timekeeper.

HICKING CUDDY (Durham).

Mr. Wm. Farn, "Bay Horse Inn," Hicking Cuddy, intends holding a linnet singing contest on New Year's Day, 1908. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed, Brandon; timekeeper, Mr. Wm. Rutherford, Roddymoor; hookkeeper, Mr. Wm. Fairless, Brandon. First bird hung 1 o'clock (Advt.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder, Exhibitor and Reporter. 12, Launder Terrace Grantham.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, E. Judge of Canaries and all kinds Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Admitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 425, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Nortbgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, Bodmin. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds. Seventeen years successful Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

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In the Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate, Leigh on Friday & Saturday DECEMBER 20th & 21st, 1907. Judge; A. G. Davis, Manchester. Entries close December 16. Schedules now ready. A. Parks, Hon. Sec. 41, Wardour Street, ATHERTON.

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DECEMBER 21st.
Entries Close Wednesday morning next, DEC. 18th.
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Last North of England Show This Year.

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BROXBURN C. B. O. S will be held in the Public Hall on Sat. Dec. 21st. Judges: Norwich J. McLay, Kirkintilloch Borders, H. Bennet, Kelso. Mules, B. & F.J. Livingston Bathgate, and J. Brown, Edinburgh. Entries close Dec. 16th, Schedules ready. Sec. W. Neilson, Greendykes Rd'

MALTON (YORKS.) 12th Annual Show of Cage Birds. £5 Limit. Dec. 26, (Boxing Day) Judge: Mr. H. W. Battye, Huddersfield. (Entries close Dec. 19th, certain). Schedules from Geo. M. Horsley, 25, Vine Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

OVER, WINSFORD & DIST. FAN. SOCIETY. 9th Annual Open Show. P., Pg., R. & C.B., Black Bear Hotel, Over. Boxing Day. Prizes 5/-, 4/- & 2/- Ent. 1-. Judges: J. Lewis Pty J. Pamplion, Pgn., C. Hamilton, C.B. Ents. close Dec. 19. Schedules C. BAKER, 92, Woodford Lane, Over, Cheshire.

TREDEGAR SHOW. DEC. 27.
Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats and Cavies. £125 in Money, Cups and other Spls. Schedules ready—Sec. J. TURNER, Glanyrafon House, Sirhowy.

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WEST BROMWICH
AND DISTRICT
First Annual Show on FRIDAY, DEC. 27th. Entries close Dec. 16th. Judge George E. Russell. J. DUFFIELD, Hon. Sec. 13, Braybrook Street, WEST BROMWICH.

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DECEMBER 27th, 1907.
Entries close December 26th. Prize money paid within 14 days together with numerous Specials. Cage Birds. 1st 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2, 6. Entrance Fee, 1/6. Judge: E Noakes, Esq.
Class 48, Nor., Plain. (Nat. Col.); 49, ditto, Cl. Tick. or Uneven. Mark. Yell.; 50, ditto, ditto, Buff; 51, ditto, ditto, Yell., unfli; 52, ditto, ditto, Buff, unfli.; 53, ditto, ditto, Yell. or Buff, Hen; 54, Canary, any other variety; 55, Mule or Hybrid; 56, British Bird smaller than, and including, a Lark; 57, ditto, larger than a Lark; 58, Foreign Bird, any variety; 59, Selling. Single or Pairs, price not to exceed £2 2s.; 60, ditto, Pairs, price not to exceed £1 1s.; 61, ditto, price not to exceed 12/6.
AMATEUR CLASSES.
Class 62. Nor., Plain., Cl. Tick. or Uneven. Mark. Yell.; 63, ditto, ditto, Buff; 64, ditto, ditto, Yell. or Buff, unfli.; 65, ditto, ditto, Yell. or Buff, Hen.
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HUDDERSFIELD O.S.
Will hold its ANNUAL SHOW of CANARIES on DEC. 28th. 17 open classes, 8 novice (open Norwich classes, £5 limit). Splendid room, well ventilated. Under the patronage of Y.C.C. and C.M.Y.C.C. Judges—Yorks.: J. DAWSON, Esq., Bradford; Norwich; GEO. LEVEL, Esq., Huddersfield. Schedules now ready. S. LODGE, Sec., Jacobs Row, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

BAILDON C.B.F.A. Ann, Show Dec. 28th. 1907. Mechanics' Inst. C.B.U. Lic. Jdg.: H. W. Battye, Esq. Hudsfld. Over 40 spl 14 classes; cash Sp. in each cl. 10/- Best bird in show, 7/6 2nd. best do. 10/- most points do. Entries close Dec, 24th. Schds. W. T. Dobson, Hon. Sec. 23, Northgate.

Brother Fanciers, Don't Forget **CROOK** and District Cage Bird Show. (Under C.B.U. Rules.) In the Mechanic's Hall, SAT., DEC. 28. Judge: E. Brunskill. Entries close Sat., Dec. 21. Schedules now ready. Wm. RUTHERFORD, Hon. Sec., West Roddymoor, Nr. Crook, Co. Durham.

ELGIN Open Show OF
POULTRY, PIGEONS, CAGE BIRDS & RABBITS,
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1908.
Judges: Poultry—CLEM WATSON, London; Pigeons—A. SANDERSON, Inverness; Cage Birds—P. PETTIGREW, Glasgow. Attractive prize list and many specials. Schedules ready.—Apply A. D. McCASKIE, 2, Commerce Street, Elgin, N.B.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE. 6th Annual Open Show of P., Pgs. R. & C. B. (C.B.U. Rules), will be held in the National Schools, on Wed., Jan. 1st. Ents. close Dec. 24th, For Schedules apply—T. HAYWOOD, Secretary

ST. ALBANS C.B. &c.. G. Gardner (Jdg.) Open and £1 lim. classes. C.B.U. Jan. 1, 1908. Ents. close Dec. 18. ODELL & HESTER, Hon. Secs.

PLYMOUTH W.F.S. Great Open Show of Dgs., P., Pgs., C.B., (under C.B.U. Rules), R., C., Cvs., M., (uder M.C.pat)., and Children's Pets. At the Market Jan. 1st, 1908. Judge: (C B.) T. Deehle, Esq. Ents. close Dec., 23rd, 1907. Schedules: A. Camp, Bedford Hotel, Plymouth.

GUISBROUGH Under C.B.U. Rules 3rd. Annual Open Show of Canarics, Hybrids, Foreign and British Birds, Jan. 1st, 1908. Judge: Mr. Cowgill. Prize Money 8/-, 4/-, 2-, 1/-. For Shedules apply to W. T. SIMPSON, Secretary.

FORFAR Show.
Keep in mind Great Annual Show at Forfar JAN. 1st. and 2nd. 1908. Judges: Norwich, A. Thompson; Aberdeen; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.

KILMARNOCK O. A.
Show of Cage Birds, Jan. 1st & 2nd, 1908. Judges: J. Haddon, Hamilton, and Allan Roberts, Thornlichbank Schedules now ready. J. Blane, Sec., 36, Titchfield Street, KILMARNOCK.

HERTFORD
JANUARY 8th & 9th.
Poultry, Pigeons and Cage Birds. Judge: C. H. BILLETT. Prize money 12/-, 6/-, 3/-, fee 1/9. Special 2/6 each class. Separate Cage Bird Room. Money in 3 days. Entries close Dec. 19th. Sec.—F. LOOKER, HERTFORD.

BRADFORD (WEST), C.B.A.

Open Show of Canaries, Mules & British Birds, on **DEC. 20th & 21st,** in the Whetley Lane School, Girlington Bradford. Under the patronage of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., & Green Club. Specials for every Class. Judges: M. Broadley, Windhill, & W. Mundell, Bradford. Entries positively close Tuesday **DEC. 17th.** Classes for British Birds are 1 Linnet, 1 A.V., Hard, & 1 Soft Bill Class, 1 A.V., Mule Class. For Schedules, apply **T. CLEGG, 55, LUPTON STREET, BRADFORD.**

Great Annual Show at

DUNFERMLINE

Jan. 1st. and 2nd. 1908. Grand Classification,

Numerous Specials. Entry money 1/6. Prizes: 12/-, 8/-, 4/-. Judges:—Messrs. Cochrane, Edinburgh; and Campbell, Stirling. Schedules from, R. Bowie, The Cusset House, Dunfermline.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S. Show,

Wednesday and Thursday 1st and 2nd January, 1908.

CORN EXCHANGE, GRASSMARKET, EDINBURGH.

114 Classes, no amalgamation, no cancelling. Under the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead, Crest, Border Fancy and Yorkshire Canary Clubs, Green Canary Association, and the National and Scottish British Bird and Mule Clubs. **Challenge Shield, Cups, Medals and 230 Valuable Specials.** Popular Judges. Schedules now ready. **Entries close Monday 23rd. December. JAS. WINTER, 11, Parkside St., Edinburgh.**

TRURO

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GRAND C.B. SHOW. JAN. 2nd. Excellent accommodation in Town Hall. Lib. sp's. Good classification. Seth Fenn., Nor. Bor. Fan., B. & F. Judge, G. Marlin, Esq. G. STEEDMAN, Balmillac, Falkland.

PLUMSTEAD

OPEN SHOW & WOOLWICH C.B.S. (C.B.U.) **January 2nd & 3rd, 1908.**

Schedules, W. PAWLEY, 13, Elven Road, Plumstead.

KING'S HEATH

B'G'HAM. JAN. 8 & 9.

Under C.B.U. Judge: Mr G. E. Russell. Entries close Dec. 31st. **F. H. FORSYTH, Sec.**

PWLLGWAUN.

PONTYPRIDD and DISTRICT. 1st Annual Open Show of P., Pgns., C.B., & R, Jan 9th, 1908. Splendid Classification, (over 20 medals) and other specials. Judges: Messrs. Hodge & Hill. Joint Secs Eborn & Stedman, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.

WALTHAMSTOW

January 9th. & 10th, 1908.

Judges: Canaries, Mr. C. A. House; Mules and British, Mr. H. Norman. Entries close January 1st. to **C. W. MEAD, 16, Clarmont Road, Higham Hill, WALTHAMSTOW.**

ST. HELENS and District Ornithological Soc.

Will hold their **Annual Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under C.B.U. Rules, in the Town Hall, on **Friday and Saturday, January 10th & 11th, 1908.** Under the Patronage of the Crest Club and Green C.A., and the E. and W. Border C., and the Foreign Bird Club. Judges: J. Robson., Esq, and C. Houlton, Esq.

Sec., T. VOSE, 120, Morley St., St. Helens.

MANCHESTER

1908 SHOW, Oct. 30, 31.

Secretaries please note.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of a least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Barrow C.B.S.** (A.W.)
Dec. 13 and 14—**Edinburgh O.O.S.**
*Dec. 13 and 14 **Gateshead** (W.V., C.G., J.R. J.S.W., G.E.W.)
*Dec. 13 and 14.—**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** (H.W.B., W.B.)
*Dec. 14.—**Burton-on-Trent** (J.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Harrogate C.B.S.** (H.W.B.)
Dec. 14.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.** (J.Sn., J.Sc. W.H., P.P. R.F.)
Dec. 14.—**Leicterdyke B.F.A.** (W.H.S.)
*Dec. 17 and 18.—**Wellingboro'.**
Dec. 21—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
*Dec. 21.—**Seaham Harbour C.B.A.** (H.W.B.)
*Dec. 27.—**Coventry and Dist. F. & F.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fe., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R. J.H., J.Wm., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S. P.McQ., A.R.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H.J.K.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.H.)
*Feb. 7, 8, 10 **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

TWITTERINGS.

I had over 20 replies to my "Crest" advertisement, writes Mr. W. J. Banks (Honor Oak Park).

Mr. E. Alston (Darvel), we learn, won the Jamieson silver cup and gold medal for most points at Kilmarnock Show.

Kindly note change of address, writes Mr. J. T. Burnett, from 21, Branch Street, Nelson, to 93, Oxford Road, Burnley.

We took £23 "gate" money at the recent Cockermouth Show, writes Mr. W. M. Walker, so that our show was a grand success.

Messrs. Miles and Spencer's birds (of Trowbridge) were, we regret to learn, absent from Bristol Show, through the illness of Mr. Miles.

My last advert. in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Charles R. Phillips (Wood Green), has kept me busy for three weeks with excellent results.

Entries close for Bradford West on December 17th (Tuesday). Splendid prize list. Host of good specials. T. Clegg, 55 Lupton Street.—(ADVT.)

The "Variety Class" in the schedule of Bradford West Show, writes Mr. T. Clegg, the sec., should read "Any variety of Canary or Mule."

Mr. Bald, of Bathgate, is giving a special of 10s. 6d. for the most points in the British Section of the Broxburn Show, writes Mr. T. Sharp, President.

At Jarrow Show the Crest-bred hen that got first prize belonged to me, and not Hendley as reported, writes Mr. John Atess, Toronto, Bishop Auckland.

Eccles Show report gives specials in open classes, writes Mr. A. Wheatley, secretary, whereas there were really no specials given in any of these classes.

Kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement last week, writes Mr. P. H. Harris (Bedford Square), as they are too numerous to reply to individually.

Messrs. Sheffield and Gilbert, secretaries of the Coventry and Dis. F. and F.S. Show, inform us that their schedules are now ready, and may be had on application.

Weybridge Show report gives my name as 2nd with Crest-bred, writes Mr. G. Fellows (Southampton). It should have been 1st and spl. My Bullfinch also took spl.

We have to acknowledge a seasonable gift from Mr. J. Francis (Lowestoft), which takes the shape of a box of exceptionally fine specimens of the tasty "Lowestoft b'oater."

Eastbourne Show states 1st Hayles Bott vhc Bott, writes Mr. W. Eagle-Bott, Hayward's Heath. This should read 1st. sp. vhc Eagle-Bott, as my Borders gained these awards.

We had a grand show at Weybridge, writes the sec., Mr. H. E. Parrott, and hope next year to greatly increase the cage-bird classification. Thanks for the excellent report.

I will receive entries up to Saturday, 2nd post, writes Mr. W. Howe, sec., Wellingborough Show. We are very short of entries again, and we must go through this time.

I am credited with judging at Cowdenbeath Show on 30th November, writes Mr. W. D. Hogg (Oakley), but this should have been Mr. J. Hogg, so "Honour to whom it is due."

I look for my CAGE BIRDS every Friday morning, writes Mr. F. R. E. Handscombe (Walthamstow); it is a treat to read, especially when you give us such good plates as the recent "A Blend of Canary Blood."

I had plenty of replies to my advertisement re Bunting. V. WYNN (London, W.)

Macclesfield Show report yellow hen class, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, sec., should read 1st Broadhurst, not Broadhead; and Class 24, Green, Gold, etc., 1st Broadhurst, not Broadhead.

In the recent Middleton Show, writes Mr. R. Cowherd, secretary, Mr. W. Bescoby won the members' silver challenge cup again as last year, winning by the narrow margin of one point.

I won 2nd prize in the Brit. Goldfinch class and also 3rd prize in the Mule class, in the recent Oakengates Show, writes Mr. G. H. Finney (Oswestry). In catalogue no name was given.

The judge of cage birds at the forthcoming Falkland Show, writes Mr. Geo. Steedman, secretary, is Mr. Geo. Marlin (Hamilton), and not Mr. Geo. Martin as printed in the schedule.

Bournemouth Show report, Dark Mule Class, writes Mr. W. White (Cowes), should read 3rd, White, yellow Greenfinch and Canary Mule; Miss Reeve's Bramblefinch-Chaffinch standing next.

A pretty and effective picture postcard reaches us from Mr. H. Denham (Exeter), depicting sixteen of his birds and the prize-cards and trophies they secured at the 1907 First Feather Shows.

Writing in reference to the recent Reading Show, Mr. G. A. Charles, the secretary, says: We owe the success of entries to your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, and hope to give you more support later on.

Members of the Morriston and District C.B.S., please note, writes Mr. D. Jeremy, secretary, that general meetings of the Society will be held henceforward on the last Saturday in each month, and not on the first as heretofore.

I had hard luck for your Coupon first prize at Weybridge, writes Mr. H. E. Parrott, as I nominated in the "Clear Yellow or Buff Yorkshire Cock" class, two out of three, and my best one I accidently put in un-entered cage, therefore he could not compete, and he won the cup for best Canary, and Gold-centred Medal for best Yorkshire in the show.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS from the first number, and have certainly found it the best there is about.—MRS. BAYLY (Margate).

Kindly record my wins at Colchester Show in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Hasler, junr. (Colchester), as it was my first exhibit of cage birds. I won 1st and spl and spl for best Nor. Canary in show, and also 1st spl in Goldfinches. I take in CAGE BIRDS regularly; and could not do without it as it has led me to this success.

My winning Waxwing has just died, writes Mr. W. H. Manley (Bristol). Only recently he took 1st and spl at Sidmouth. From the show (which closed on Tuesday night) he arrived home on the Friday evening at 8.30. Thanks to the railway company this delay caused a chill, inflammation set in, and from this he died.

A really beautiful and appropriate calendar for the coming year reaches us from Mr. E. Taylor, the well-known fanciers' specialist, of Bradford. It takes the form of a bird-cage, which contains a collection of birds, the whole fitting together in a very ingenious manner. It should be in great demand among Mr. Taylor's customers.

Will members of the Cinnamon Canary Club, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, note that there is no alteration in or reduction of the points specials allotted for the season. In the Gateshead schedule there is a mistake; it should read £3 3s. for most points, £2 2s. for second, £1 1s. for third, and 10s. 6d. for fourth most points.

My recent advertisement of Mules brought so many applicants that it would be impossible for me to reply to each one, and I would like to thank them through CAGE BIRDS. Your recent plate of Mules I consider magnificent; it makes one's eyes sparkle. I received post cards of Hybrids, and consider them grand value.—C. MACHIN (Bridgtown).

We feel it our duty to say that although "Avisine" has only been advertised two weeks in CAGE BIRDS, we have been deluged with applications for it, P.O.'s rolling in from every conceivable corner of the British Isles, and even from Germany. This, we consider speaks volumes for the popularity and circulation of CAGE BIRDS. It has been a very pleasant surprise for us we can assure you.—AVISINE CO. (Millom).

Xmas Holidays.

SPECIAL OFFER to senders of undisplayed SMALL PREPAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

Two Insertions for Price and a half.

Owing to the Xmas Holidays, advertisements for the issue dated DEC. 28th must close on MONDAY, DEC. 23rd, and despite the huge increase in our circulation, we have decided to again offer to advertisers the same advantages as last year. We are therefore prepared to accept Advertisements for our next two issues, for the price of one and a half insertions, provided the wording remains exactly the same. Orders must definitely state that the announcement is for the two weeks (special offer) and must be accompanied by the fee for the two insertions.

AS AN EXAMPLE.—An advt. costing a shilling for one insertion will appear in our issues dated Dec. 21 & 28, at a cost of eighteen-pence, provided the order is sent now. We make this offer to induce advertisers to send in their orders this week for the Xmas Holiday week, and so spare themselves trouble, and us a heap of detail work when the time at our disposal will be necessarily short.

I have been fortunate enough to win the challenge bowl for best local bird at Diss Show three years in succession, writes Mr. H. J. Gooderham, so that it is now my own property. I also secured the cup for most points in local classes.

Report of Altrincham Show gives Norwich Self Buff (Green) 1 Harrison, 2 Drinkwater; also York Cinn. Tkd., etc., 1 Harrison, which should read 1 Drinkwater and 2 Harrison, and 1 Drinkwater, respectively.—P. DRINKWATER (Altrincham).

I have had the misfortune to lose my best Buff Norwich hen, 1st at Sunderland, Blaydon, and Wallsend, writes Mr. A. Grey (Morpeth), and have sold my clear Buff, 1st and spl best Nor., Berwick, and 1st Sunderland, Wallsend and Blaydon.

I have just heard from the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. A. Sheffield, hon. sec. of Coventry and District F.S. Show, that we cannot have a licence as our date clashes with West Bromwich Show, although our date has been the same for a number of years.

Special attention is drawn to Mr. W. Gore's advertisement in Roller Canary column of present issue. His offer of Canary and cage at reduced price will probably meet with favour of many persons desirous of purchasing suitable Christmas presents.—(ADVT.)

Sheffield C.B.S. has fixed November 6th and 7th, 1908, for their next annual open show, and has again secured the spacious Temperance Hall, writes Mr. T. Bishop, the hon. sec. The judges engaged are Messrs. Robson, J. Bexson, H. W. Battye, and E. E. Smith.

Your printer made the price of my Belgian hen, advertised in last week's CAGE BIRDS, 10s. instead of 70s., writes Mr. R. J. Baker (Chichester), and I have been flooded with telegrams and letters for her. Kindly explain this, which will account for my not answering all wires and letters (an impossible task).

Having received a number of letters in respect of the ruling of the Woolwich and Woolwich C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Pawley, the sec., permit me to state that the meeting is open to the United Kingdom. I should like also to state that no prizes whatever will be withheld at our annual show on January 2nd and 3rd.

A meeting of the Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S. has been held, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the sec., for the purpose of forming a combined members' show between their own Society and the South Shields' Society, to be held either in Christmas week or New Year's week, and it is hoped the members of both societies will rally round and make it a great success.

Mr. W. H. Tottle (Plymouth) writes acknowledging receipt of prize money won in the CAGE BIRDS' Competition in connection with a recent show. He adds: CAGE BIRDS is greatly appreciated in this district. As a novice I have found it of the greatest service, and my children are always waiting for it, as they like to read the stories by Uncle Peter.

We hear that strenuous efforts are being made to beat all Southern records in the Border Fancy section at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, Messrs. Brownlie and Ramsden having put their shoulders to the wheel for this purpose. Already over 30 very valuable specials have been collected for the section, and when the list is complete it promises, we understand, to somewhat stagger lovers of the tiny Border.

Every class at the recent Bristol F.S. Show, which brought 5 entries, was kept in, and full prize money will be paid, writes the hon. sec., Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, though the result must be a considerable loss on the section. The 10-guinea Lancashire bowl was won outright by Mr. W. Hardy (Oldham). This is the third bowl of 10-guinea value won outright from the Bristol F.A. There are, however, still more to follow. Visitors and exhibitors were warm in their approval of all that was done, so there is little doubt that the arrangements will be repeated next year, when it is hoped that exhibitors will give the B.F.A. the support their enterprise and sacrifice merits.

Good Entry at Gateshead.

We hear from Mr. Taylor, the sec. of Gateshead Show, that they have a fine entry, with most of the "cracks" competing—which promises a treat to the visitors. Here are details of the entry:—Norwich, 205; Cinnamon, 40; Crests and C.-B's., 143; Scotch Fancy, 44; Yorkshires, 120; Borders, 224; Mules, 50; British, 189; Foreign, 52; Any other Variety, 28; Selling, 105; total, 1,200.

SUPPLEMENT TO
"CAGE BIRDS" CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

With Beautiful Colored and Art Plates and other Illustrations.

The Dipper (*Cinclus Aquaticus*).

By S. A. SANDY.

A British bird rarely seen in captivity, and one which has proved a puzzle to aviculturists to keep alive for any length of time, even under conditions apparently particularly suited to it, is the subject of this interesting paper.

This species is one that is rarely met with in captivity, and, I fear, little is known of its habits even when at liberty except by a very limited number of fanciers. Its chief haunts are in the vicinity of fast-running streams, and, so far as my information goes, there are few suitable localities in the midland and south-eastern counties. I have never heard of any specimens being taken near London. On the streams in Yorkshire it is fairly common and breeds freely; it also breeds in suitable spots in Derbyshire and most parts of Wales, whilst I am told it is frequently met with on the Scottish burns, where it may be seen perching on the large stones that rise a few inches above the water.

Nesting Operations.

The nest is a somewhat cumbersome affair, composed of grass, moss, and leaves, and usually has an inner lining of dead leaves.

The Dippers commence their nesting operations as early as February if the weather is at all favourable, and rear two, and sometimes three, broods during the season. The family usually numbers four or five, so that the old birds may be said to be kept busy while the nesting operations last.

There is practically nothing in the plumage to guide one in distinguishing the sexes, although in my opinion the hens are a trifle smaller and duller. In the adult male the head and nape of the neck are brownish, with the flights and tail a rusty black, throat and upper part of breast pure white, the lower part of the breast being a rich chestnut shading to black on the flanks and underparts, back black with greyish mottlings, bill black. The flight feathers are rounded like those of the brown Wren, which this bird much resembles in general appearance, and particularly in the carriage of the tail, which is short and points upwards.

When perching on a low post or stone the wings are dropped slightly, and the tail spread like a fan. When moving on the ground the Dipper is awkward in appearance. It walks similarly to the Starling, except that it curtseys almost to the ground every few feet it goes. It does not hop like a Thrush or Blackbird, but when going short distances it takes a flying jump from place to place. It is about the size of a small Thrush when full grown, but scarcely appears so large owing to the short tail.

Young Adventurers.

I was fortunate enough last spring, through the medium of the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS, to obtain some young hand-reared specimens about a month old. They were fully fledged and picking up well. In their nest-feathers they were very different in plumage from the adult bird I have described. They might very well be described by saying the head and upper parts were black, with whitish margins to the feathers, and the throat and breast creamy white, with fine black streaks, the flanks and belly almost black. I parted with two of my stock to a well-known fancier, but, like myself, he was unable to keep them alive long, one dying the following day.

Cage Accommodation.

I kept my bird in a cage 2 feet 6 inches long, 1 foot deep, and 18 inches high, covering the cage bottom with sand about an inch deep, and moss. I need two perches, one near the bottom and one rather high up. I also turned a small flower-pot bottom upwards, and stood it in the centre of the cage. I kept a bath 9 inches square and 1 inch deep always hung on the cage-front for the bird to walk about in. Immediately I put a fresh supply of water in the bath the Dipper was into it, putting its head under the water, and going round the bath pecking at the sides under water. It then used to settle down to a fine splash, which, although good for the bird, was anything but desirable for the cage, which soon contained more water than the bath.

Feeding Methods.

When I first had the bird I was very much concerned as to the best food for it, but decided to start with a mixture of soaked puppy biscuit, dried flies (a liberal supply of these), ants' eggs, and a little hard-boiled egg, together with a good supply of gentles and chrysalides, and a few mealworms. I used to put the gentles etc., into the water, and the bird would pick them up from the bottom. It appeared particularly fond of the chrysalides. I also tried a few small earthworms, but although it would occasionally eat one it was not at all keen about it.

The fancier through whom I obtained the birds went to some trouble to ascertain definitely what the young were fed upon. He placed a very fine net at the entrance of an arch containing a nest with young, and when the old birds struck the net, when returning with food, they were captured, and both had a small worm known amongst anglers as "Strawbait"—possibly so called by reason of its floating on top of the water in a piece of dry grass or small curled leaf.

The "Strawbait" is the larva of the Caddis Fly. A second nest was tested in the same manner, and the old birds were found to be using similar food. This insect would therefore appear to be the natural food of the Dipper. The Caddis-worm is very similar in size and colour to the mealworm, which is too well known to all bird-keepers to need description.

The Outdoor Treatment.

On the food I have described my Dipper thrived, and after keeping him about a month in the cage I cleared an outdoor aviary of its occupants and placed the bird in it. The floor-space was 6 feet by 2 feet, and the height about 7 feet, so that it could take plenty of exercise. In addition to the ordinary perches, I put in several flower-pots the reverse way up, and some bricks on end, and these were more often used than the perches, except for roosting. I used a large zinc pan for water, 18 inches across by 4 deep in the centre, and when any insects were thrown in the bird would take a flying jump from the nearest flower-pot into the centre, and quickly get them out. It appeared to revel in water, and during the day was more often in the bath than out of it.

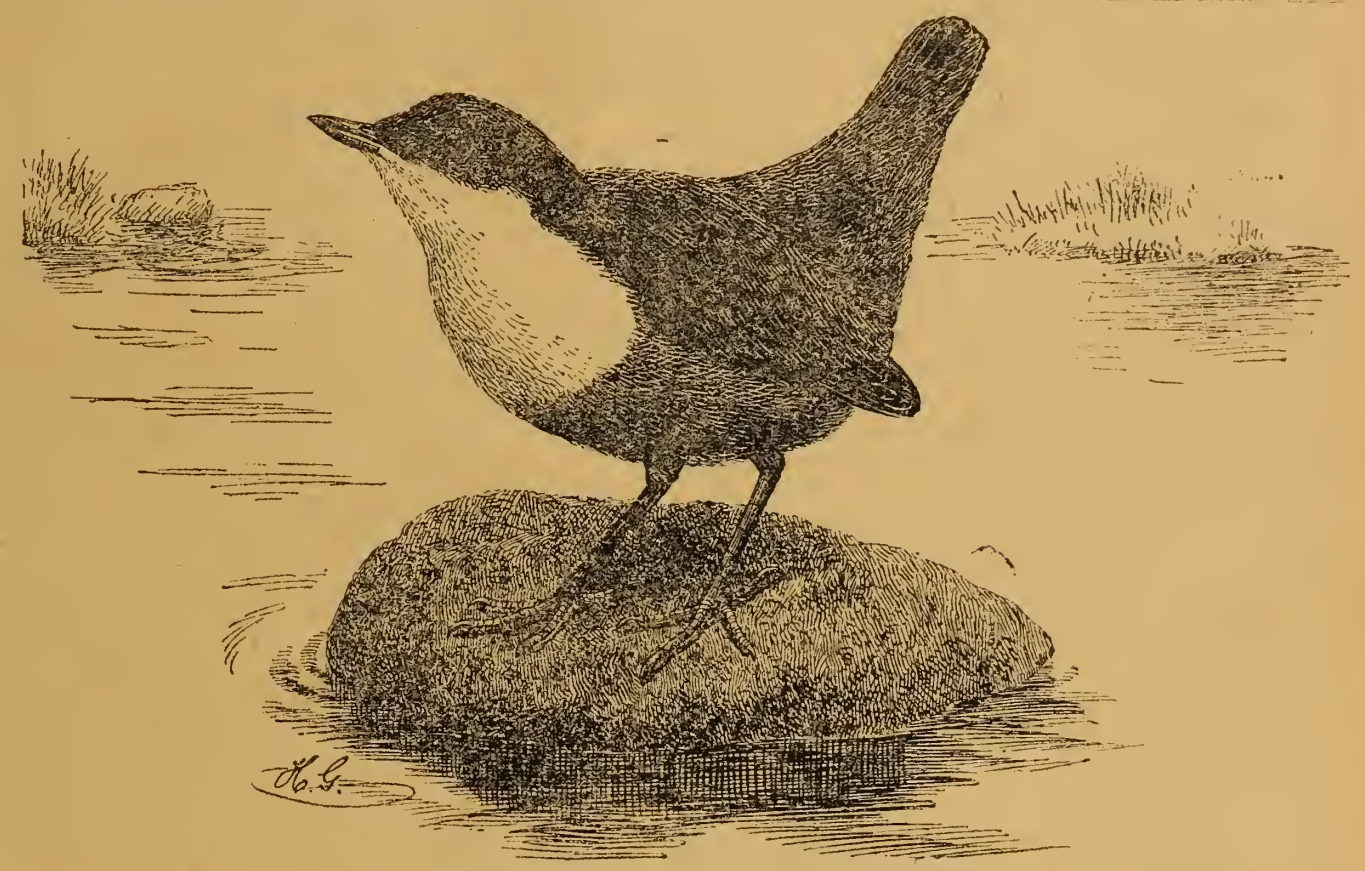
Towards evening on June 24th, when about two months old, it commenced to record its song, which was similar to that of a young Thrush, although perhaps rather more of a warble. In a week from starting the notes became quite loud. About this time I had another specimen of the species, which I placed in the same aviary, and although they fought a little at first, they soon became on good terms and did well for a bit. One, however, would persist in roosting close to the wire, and for safety I cleared another aviary with glass round it, and removed the two to it.

The floor of this one was wood covered with cocoanut fibre, which I kept well damped. I put in the flower-pots, etc., but after a few days the two birds began to show signs of what appeared to be cramp in the legs, and gradually got from bad to worse, refusing food, even gentles and mealworms, and to a great extent forsaking the bath. After being in the second aviary about ten days one died, and a week later the other also. Both were very thin.

A Question of Flooring.

The floor of the first aviary was covered with tarred felt, into which had been pressed a good quantity of grit and sand, making it very much like an asphalte path, and it was suggested to me that this species—in fact, all species of water birds—will not live long upon a wooden floor. Cement or earth would have been far better, and less likely to cause them to go crampy. I am inclined to think the wooden floor was to a great extent, if not wholly, responsible for my birds' death.

I am fairly satisfied that my feeding was not much at fault, or they would not have thriven upon it so long as they did. I heard of one or two other fanciers trying their luck with Dippers, but I believe my specimens survived the longest. Several attempts have been made to keep them in the aviaries at the Zoo, but I am told the percentage of deaths has been very high; and the old birds are very shy, and it is not often visitors can get a good look at them.



THE DIPPER, OR WATER OUZEL.

This dainty, shy little frequenter of our moorland streams, will be found the subject of the article on this page.

Adaptability to Captivity.

From my experience I am quite convinced that Dippers are adaptable to captivity if hand-reared, and would make very interesting occupants for an outdoor aviary, which I think is their proper place. Some experienced fanciers insist that they cannot be kept, but from my recent trial I disagree with them, and should be very interested to hear from any fanciers who have tried what their experiences have been. I do not think they could be kept in an ordinary cage, although it would of course be quite possible to show a Dipper the same as a Thrush.

I do not recollect ever seeing a Dipper on the show bench, where I am sure it would be attractive, and no doubt stand very high up in the awards. All being well, I shall try again next year under altered conditions, when I shall hope for better results.

Note our Xmas Competitions.

The General Management of Canaries.

By MRS. A. WATTS.

One of our foremost lady fanciers explains the methods that have brought her success in the production of exhibition canaries.

In my estimation there is no hobby so interesting as the breeding of Canaries for exhibition. They are full of interest from the time they are hatched, they cost no more to keep than do common ones, and they are far more profitable. I like the Yorkshire Canary best. To my mind it is one of the most graceful of our Canaries, and in addition is quite hardy.

On Pairing Up.

I generally breed with about fourteen hens and half as many cocks. Some people do not believe in pairing one cock with two hens. I have tried both ways. I had a buff cock last year for which I had only one hen, and I left him to help bring up the young. The day the young ones were due to hatch I looked to see if there were any, and found them all dead in the bottom of the cage with their legs broken and fearfully mutilated.

On the other hand, I had a very good hen that would not feed the first year. The next year I tried her again, but she left her eggs before they were due to hatch, and let them get cold. Then I thought I would leave the cock with her; the result was she fed well, as he would not let her sit too long on the nest, but sent her off to feed the young ones. They brought up not only their own young ones, but some from other nests that had too many.

Before pairing the birds I have the cages thoroughly cleaned and painted. I then paint every crack and crevice with paraffin as I find it keeps down the red mite better than anything I have tried.

When I have got the cages and the room all clean, I pair up the birds. They very seldom quarrel, but settle down to "housekeeping" at once, being in the best of health and ready for the breeding season weeks before the time. I think there is nothing like attending well to your birds during the winter months, giving plenty of good canary seed with a little German summer rape twice a week, clean water every day, and a bath every sunny day. A slice of apple now and again is greatly appreciated.

I use rather course sea sand, which I like better than any other. I select the hens for breeding as soon as I can, and turn them into the biggest flight I have. I never give egg food till they are paired up, as they do not seem to need any.

In and Out of the Egg.

I use terra-cotta nest pans on wire brackets, and I give the hens for building purposes, moss which has been previously dried in the oven, also some cow-hair to line the nests with. Before putting the nests in the breeding cages, I line them with soft woollen material, and paint the outside with paraffin. I remove the eggs every morning until the third evening, substituting a china egg. When I put the three eggs back, I sprinkle them well with Keating's Powder.

Every morning while the hen is laying I give her a teaspoonful of egg and bread crumbs made sweet with castor sugar. When she has finished laying I do not give her anything but plain canary seed and clean water every day. After the seventh day I give a bath, which is greatly appreciated and very refreshing to the hen. On the evening of the thirteenth day I give a supply of egg food and also some hemp.

When the young are three days old I give a small piece of watercress, lettuce, or groundsell, whichever I can get. I feed them with egg food four times a day, at about 9 o'clock in the morning, at dinner-time, at about 5 o'clock, and last thing at night, when I go in with a candle and fill up the egg tins again ready for the hens to feed from when they wake up in the morning.

I often go into my bird-room at this time, and never do so without looking at the bottom of all the cages which contain young birds, to see if any have fallen out of the nest. I have saved many a bird's life, even when they have been quite cold and to all appearance dead. I put them between my hands and breathe on them, and then hold them in front of the fire; if there is any trace of life left they soon recover and open their mouths to be fed.

On Preparing the Young Ones.

When the young are about three weeks old and leave the nest, I put them in a Yorkshire show cage (not having a nursery cage) which I hang in front of the breeding cage, so that the mother can feed them through the wires, but cannot pluck them. Then I put the cock back with the hen, and give the latter a clean nest and some more building material. I give the young ones some egg food, and as soon as I see them feeding themselves I put them into a breeding cage and gradually get them on to hard seed, which they can crack for themselves when six weeks old.

During the warm weather I give them a bath every day, which to my mind keeps them in better health than anything. There is nothing I dislike to see so much in a bird-room as birds with feet clogged and wings and tail bedraggled and dirty. Birds cannot be vigorous and healthy unless properly attended to. Sometimes when birds begin to feed themselves they seem to droop. When they do so I stop the egg-food and substitute bread soaked in hot sweetened milk, together with some crushed hemp seed, which seldom fails to bring them round.

When they are about eleven weeks old I put them on colour-feed, very weak at first, gradually getting them on to the right strength. I cannot understand some people thinking it cruel to colour-feed; all mine will eat it even if their tins are full of seed. The most difficult thing for me is to get them off colour-feed—not to get them on to it.

Towards the end of the moult I mix some crushed linseed with the colour-feed, in order to give the birds a gloss on their feathers. Twice a week I put a small piece of sulphate of iron in the drinking water for the purpose of fixing the colour.

I never cover them up, but I take care that the direct rays of the sun do not fall on them. Before they begin the moult I pick out all the best and moult them in twos; but I have often found them moult quite as well in flight cages.

Training for the Show Bench.

I think the most difficult thing in the showing of Yorkshire Canaries is training them to be steady in show cages. I hang a show cage on to their moulting or flight cages, and they soon learn to hop in and out. When they are quite used to the show cage I take it off and place it (with the bird in) on a table. Before I begin to feed the birds in the morning, I take about half-a-dozen birds in show cages and place them close to where I keep the seed. It takes less than five minutes getting them out and putting them back, and is the only way to get them steady. Some birds take a lot more training than others. Some I have got steady by taking out only once or twice; others I cannot get nearly so steady, though I have taken them out five or six times a day.

It is much better to have all birds trained to come into show cages, as they can be seen much better. If they are in flight cages, and you want any particular bird out, it is much easier to have them trained to come out than to have to catch them, as they become very terrified and will not show to advantage.

Then comes the show season, and everyone knows how essential it is to have everything as clean as possible. Washing a Canary is rather a difficult process at first, but with a little practice one can soon manage it.

In conclusion, I would strongly recommend anyone who has the spare time and is a lover of the "feathered tribe," to try this fancy. I am certain that if they have patience and perseverance enough they are sure to succeed.

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The Story of "Tommy" the Blackbird.

By MRS. F. E. RICHARDSON GRIFFITHS.

In this chatty article is related an interesting chapter of the life of a pet Blackbird, which, though christened Tommy, laid eggs and reared a family in captivity.

It was at a garden party in June, 1904, that I first encountered "Tommy." Just before leaving, my hostess invited me with some of her other guests to take a stroll round her pleasant shady grounds. In a secluded spot loud shrieks of terror fell upon our ears, and we soon beheld a tragedy. The family cat had pounced upon a plump young bird, which was uttering most agonising cries. To rescue the poor victim was the work of a moment, and the cat was borne away to the house looking back over its mistress's shoulder with an expression of baffled longing at the plump and appetising morsel of which it had been deprived.

Having rescued the bird, I now considered it to be the captive of my bow and spear, and bore it home in triumph in a paper bag. It proved to be a young Blackbird just out of the nest, and quite unhurt except for a very slight injury to the wing by which the cat had seized it.

It was quite unable to feed itself, but took worms from our fingers. I was most anxious that little "Tommy," as I named it, should live, and next morning rose from my bed at 4 o'clock to have a look at the bird. He was alive. Quickly I dressed myself and went out to the garden carrying the little cage, in which he had spent the night. I soon procured some worms, and to my joy Tommy evidently thought I was his mother and 'gaped' in the most satisfactory manner. From that day I became a slave.

A Domesticated Pet.

I had just begun to take in CAGE BIRDS. Having bought a pair of Canaries I thought I would take in the paper for a few weeks, just to put me in the way of their management. Three years have passed, and I am still taking it and would not miss a number on any consideration. I found a most interesting article therein on the rearing of young Thrushes and Blackbirds and studied their treatment eagerly.

Tommy throve well on the prescribed diet, but would not feed himself for many days. I am sure he could have done so, but preferred to make his willing slave wait upon him. Soon I purchased a proper cage. Tommy would come out to take a bath in a pie dish on the floor, and would take a bit of bread from my mouth; in short, the bird became a great pet. While still young poor Tommy had a terrible illness, through being hung outside just after the bath. A chilly wind was blowing, and I found the poor bird lying on his side unable to move. He was taken indoors and placed in a basket in which was also a hot water bottle. Everything was done that we could think of; but the bird seemed to be in terrible pain and we despaired of saving his life. All that day he remained in the basket, and was fed on bread and milk. By next day, however, he had quite recovered, but all his beautiful tail feathers had come out, and for some time the bird presented quite a "Manx-cat-like" appearance.

Just a Slight Error!

It was gradually borne in upon us that we had made a slight mistake as to the sex of Tommy, but we decided to submit "him" to the milkman for an opinion. The verdict of that worthy, delivered with some evident contempt for our ignorance, was "That's an 'en Blackbird, Mum!"

And so he was!

I know more about birds now, and could not make such a mistake again. What was to be done? To part with our pet was not to be thought of; so, though deprived of the music we had hoped for, Tommy still remained an honoured inmate of our home.

The following Spring it occurred to me that Tommy wished for a mate. I had a small aviary made for her outside, where she could take plenty of exercise and, a boy having procured for me a nest of five young Blackbirds whose tail feathers were just sprouting, I set to work to hand-rear Tommy's future husband. One of the birds seemed weakly and died, and the four others were all hens!

I kept them till the autumn, and then opened the aviary door and let them go. One, which I had named "Chickey," was very loath to depart, and next morning my husband met her in the garden, a sad object indeed, having evidently not at all benefited by her freedom. She thankfully accepted a beetle from his hands, and from that day has been an out-door pensioner and is generally to be found somewhere near the aviary which is Tommy's home.

Tommy has a Mate.

The following spring I was lucky enough to find a young cock Blackbird which had had its wing hurt and was unable to fly. It never became as tame as it might have been had it been hand-reared, but last year Tommy built a beautiful nest, laid five eggs, and was the proud mother of four young ones. Three of them soon died—the fourth, a cock, had been out of the nest some days when I saw the parents 'hustle' it and refuse to feed it any more. I took the little creature away from them, but it was too old to hand-rear and next day it was dead.

After this, Tommy laid four more eggs, but the nest slipped down and the eggs were broken. It seemed as if she were to have no luck. This spring she again showed signs of wishing to nest and I provided her with plenty of dried grass and moist clay. The cock bird was in splendid condition, singing beautifully, and one morning out he flew right over my head when I opened the aviary door! Poor Tommy! Her nest was still unfinished, but she continued to work away at it with feverish energy.

I did not know what to do, but at last I decided to let my pet go as I feared she would be very miserable without her mate. She declined to go, however, but came into the house, sat on my head, and gave the liveliest demonstrations of her affection for me. Twice I let her go, and twice she followed me into the house twittering joyfully to me with outstretched neck.

A Family of Three.

On being put back in the aviary Tommy completed her nest, but I had little hope of her eggs being fertile. The faithless husband was seen two or three times close to his old home, and then he came no more, having evidently taken to himself another wife. It was not till he had been gone a little more than a week that Tommy laid four eggs and sat on them for fourteen days when, rather to my surprise, she hatched three fine young Blackbirds. The fourth egg was not fertile.

These have done well, and have been attended to with the greatest devotion by their mother. They are now (at time of writing this) thirteen days old and are fully feathered and should be out of the nest very soon. At first Tommy fed them upon nothing but worms, grubs, and other live food, and the task of procuring these for her in sufficient quantity was no light one. I was therefore very glad to see her feeding them with the food she always has in the aviary—ground oats, ants' eggs and dried flies mixed with grated carrot, or chickweed. At the time I noticed her giving them this there were worms in the box, and she has had quantities of live food all the time she has been attending to her children, but it has been a comfort to know that when the supply of live food ran short she would fill up the gaps with this.

I have had much pleasure and not a little hard work in connection with "Tommy," but never have I regretted the day when I rescued her plump little body from the cruel jaws of the cat.

Birds of the Marshes.

At this time of the year there is no place like the mud flats and marshes by the sea coast in which to study the habits of many birds. Some of them which breed far away upon the mountain slopes and high moors, collect in large flocks and make their way to the coast upon the approach of winter. One of the most interesting of these is the beautiful Golden Plover. The flocks of these are exceedingly shy and wary, and most difficult to approach, they rise into the air before one can get near them, protesting loudly against the intrusion, soaring to a great height, and performing most graceful revolutions. During migration, when thousands of these pretty birds pass from north to south, they feed frequently by night, and when the moon glistens upon the wet mud-flats they may be seen running here and there in search of their favourite foods. It is probable that our British birds go far south, and it is birds from farther north that we occasionally see upon the marshes round the south coast.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the REV. C. D. FARRAR.

Chapter I.—The Pleasures and Pains of Aviculture.

I sometimes think that the pleasures of aviculture resemble those problem plays of which we hear so much, and acquire beauty according to the square of the district. It is related of Solon that when someone asked him why he had never married, he gave no answer at the time; but within a few hours procured a servant to run into a room to tell the man who had asked him the question that his only son was drowned, and when he saw the agonies into which the poor father was thrown, observed that he had given the reason why he had never married. I sometimes think that Solon was right. I have felt as melancholy over some of my losses as though I had been editing a comic paper. Readers who, like supercilious Mr. Peter Magnus, are not fond of anything original, had better skip these articles. If, with young Marlow in "She Stoops to Conquer," they can say more good-naturedly, "He's a character, and I'll humour him," let them proceed.

In the following pages I am going to relate actual personal experiences, sometimes very sad and bitter, but all literally true. I have kept and studied birds for more years than I sometimes care to remember, but that is no reason why my statements should be doubted, unless you are of the opinion of the late Montague Williams, that the longer a policeman had been in the force, the less you should believe him.

The longer I live the more it is borne in upon me how very little we know about birds, compared with what is to be known, and the phrase so often on Newman's lips, "We know so little!" is just superseding the formula of cocksureness in the language of avicultural speculation. What I am going to relate hereafter is not intuitive wisdom on my part, but all has been gathered slowly and painfully among the thorns of experience. I shall never venture to say of anything, "This is sub-intellectum," as the theologians do when they take a great deal for granted.

In the past I have generally resolved on a similar plan to that adopted by "Koko" in Mr. Gilbert's "Mikado," who, with a view to becoming perfect as an executioner, was going to begin with a guinea-pig and work his way through to the second trombone. It's expensive, but it's eminently satisfactory; but then, as Adam said when he found Eve in the garden, "We're born to trouble!" You know how the ghost told Hamlet he could a tale unfold whose lightest word would harrow up his soul? Why, I could tell five-score and still not have exhausted my stock-in-trade.

I make no claim to omniscience. I am not much more ignorant than other men of my age, but I never pretend to know what I do not, and if I don't know anything I am not beyond asking for information, like poor Rose Dartle. I am always open to correction, but if I have doubt as to my informant, I am very much like the Scotchman, "a dour devil to convince." Many of the statements that I have read in the bird papers are so strange and weird that they remind one of the Oxford undergraduate who wrote in his examination in reply to a question on the Life of our Lord "these facts are not related in the gospels, and there is no allusion to them in the Fathers, but they are fully detailed by Dr. Farrar." But it is only a doctor who can make people swallow anything either in drugs or in statements.

We have all, I suppose, some small jealousy. I think, at least I trust, I am not quite abnormal in this, as I do like to see a swallow, hear a cuckoo, eat a strawberry, before anyone else.

Above all things I like to be able to do in bird-life what nobody else has done before. Are we not told of Achilles that he loved to be first in the battle? Do you remember how gardeners sometimes place flower pots on sticks above dahlias and put a hat peg in the bottom and all the earwigs and nasty creepy things climb up them and then the men come round in the morning, take off the pot and kill all the "beasties?" What has bird-keeping done for me? It seems to draw all the dark and gloomy thoughts away from my mind and heart. I know that if ever I develop criminal qualities it will be because I have no birds.

I have sometimes seen advice given to beginners which fairly "settled" me, as the Americans say. I felt inclined to ask the writer whether he had ever kept birds. It put me in mind of the sly words of Mr. Helliwell Sutcliffe, in one of his books. "Yo put me i' mind of Parson, that ye do. Parson wer up here yester'een, an he axed me how things wer going. N'er so well, says I, and the Parson says, Don't be downcast, says he, God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. Parson, says I, looking slantways at him, did ye ever go in for sheep rearing? 'Nay, says he. I thowt not, says I, sches, master it fair raffles me whiles I hear folk talking o' what they do'ant understand."

In aviculture it is the difficulties that add a zest to life. There would not be any fun in a thing if we all could do it. There is a kind of zest in walking on the edge of a beautiful precipice that would be lost if we had wings. A man must overcome opposition, face ridicule, turn the other cheek, have patience and wait ten years and then if not broken down by contumely and drudgery, perhaps something else, he will get his reward. It is the old, old story of the Port of Bethesda that we so often find strongly expressed in bird-life, "while we are coming another steppeth down before us." I have found this again and again. After years of endeavour, after buying some rare and expensive pairs of birds, after getting them breed, I have opened the Avicultural Magazine to find that some mere tyro, by a strange bit of luck, has managed to forestall me, and at the imminent risk of something inside giving way under the strain, I have managed to restrain myself. But I feel certain that I looked as dejected as the ruined gambler in a very celebrated picture. I felt as dull as Sterndale and Hopkins. Many a deed is done in birddom recorded only in that book, which holds the names of those men or animals, souls or no souls, who tried. If you succeed be thankful. If you fail, remember fallen Wolsey's words to Cromwell, "I charge thee, fling away ambition," recall also Luther's message to Milanethen, "Tell Philip to leave off thinking that he's going to rule the world." Of aviculture it is true as of everything else. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Even in our recreation we should aim at perfection rather than remain on a dead level or become an all-round duffer. We should take as our motto, "Quod facio, vali facio." Some men, I know, attain to such stupendous heights of bird knowledge that I feel before them like the insignificant worm. They produce in me that feeling of "dropping down deadness of manner" which Sydney Smith once said that Bishops loved to see in their clergy.

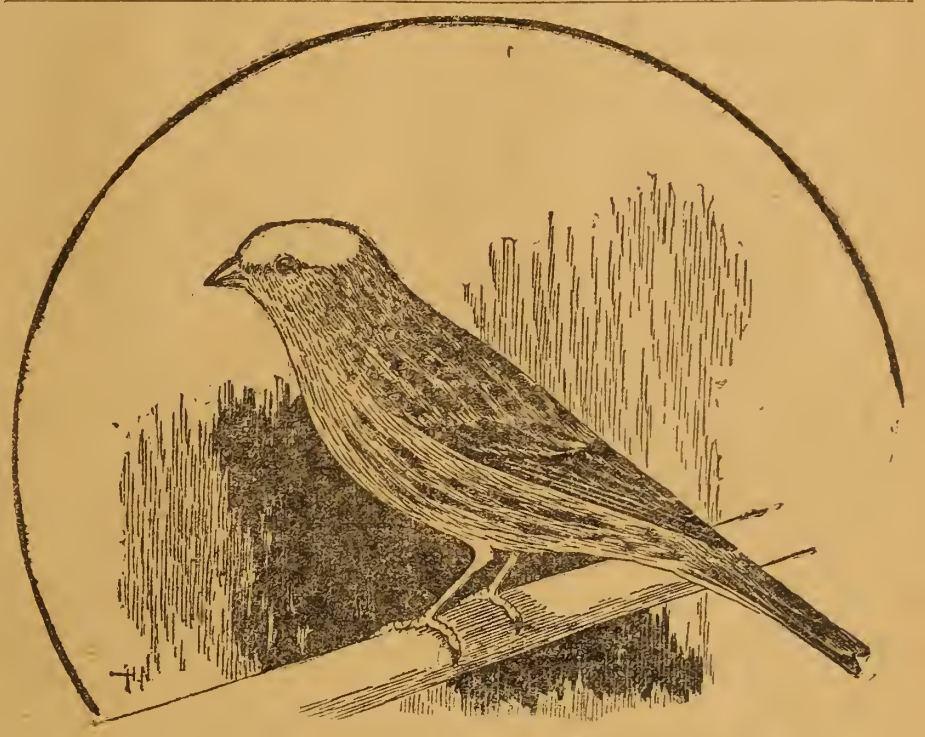
And now I will end, or perhaps someone will be saying of me what a plain-spoken old woman said to her Scotch Minister. "Well, Janet, and how did you like my sermon yesterday?" "A weel, Minister, since ye hae speared, I maun just tell ye that I had three objections to it. In the first place ye read every word of it; in the second place ye did na read it weel, and in the third place it was n'a worth readin."

(To be continued.)

STRAY NOTES ON WILD BIRDS.

How Birds are Destroyed.

The big punt gun has been responsible for some heavy wild fowl bags. It is something between an ordinary gun and a small cannon, and is worked upon a swivel in the bow of the boat; it carries a much larger load than an ordinary gun, and will kill much farther. As a proof of its destructiveness, Booth records that he once shot seventy Knots and twenty four Goodwits with one discharge. These were actually picked up, and half as many more were swept away by the flowing tide. Fortunately the Wild Birds Protection Act has prevented much of this work, or some species by now would be almost extinct.



A SOUTH-COUNTRY LIZARD CANARY.

Winner of First Prize at Sutton Show for Mr. W. A. Truelove.

A Nest of Starlings.

The number of eggs laid by a Starling is generally from four to six. For some unaccountable reason they seldom all hatch out, but three nests I knew of last season contained, one of them three and the other two four young ones each. Where bird life is concerned there is no hard and fast rule, as the health and state of condition are important factors in the reproduction of the species. As an instance of how easily one may be mistaken, some time ago a well-known naturalist and keen observer stated that the Missel-Thrush laid four eggs, never more, and rarely less. I have a full clutch of three in my possession, and one of two, and have seen a clutch of five eggs all hard set. But the rule is undoubtedly four eggs to the clutch. A week ago I saw it stated in print that the Starling was single brooded, and another writer distinctly says it is double brooded.

The Roosting Sparrow.

Although the House Sparrow is almost a domesticated bird, he has not yet quite deserted wild nature's ways. He still loves to roost in the trees and shrubs, although many snug corners may be found around the chimney stacks and under the eaves of the dwellings in town. About an hour before sundown small flocks begin to make their way to the parks and open spaces in London. These flocks are of all sizes, and number anything from a dozen to a hundred birds. No doubt the first few starters collect others as they proceed, a few being added here and a few there. It is quite interesting to watch them coming in; the stream is continuous right up to the setting of the sun, and the chatter from the trees continues for some time afterwards. There can be no question concerning the hardiness of the Sparrow, he will always roost in some favourite tree, no matter what the weather is like.

The Selection of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for Stock.

By J. C. BARNES.

The two varieties with which I wish to deal are the two most popular breeds, viz., Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires, and my remarks will, I hope, help the beginners in our ranks who aspire to "exhibition form." Having been a breeder of these two classes of Canaries for many years, and having gained a fair amount of success on the show bench, what I am about to write and advise will be exactly what I have found, by careful study and by practical experience, to be the quickest and surest way to success. Every true fancier's ambition is to produce something worth looking at, and from which he will derive pleasure. Let your watchword be progression; do not be satisfied with sticking in one position—"Get on," and don't be left behind in the race. Perseverance is the secret of success.

Some 15 years ago, in my novice days, the advice one saw published was very meagre. There was no CAGE BIRDS then. To-day it is far different. New beginners can gain much genuine information by scanning every week the columns of CAGE BIRDS. The Fancy has much to thank this most popular (and pioneer) journal for.

Correct Norwich Points.

Taking the Norwich Plainhead first, one must bear in mind that the correct bird should be short and cobby, with feather of a silky texture. The colour of a specimen is also a great consideration; substance must also be in evidence, and the head should be round with a nice rise from the beak. The neck must be short and thick, the chest deep and of good breadth across, the back broad and straight (not a "roach" back), and the wings should be short, and should meet at the tips, and not overlap. The tail also should be short, closely folded, and carried straight (not droopy). The eye should be round and bold (not half-moon shape, brought about by browing), and the cheeks should be somewhat prominent. Endeavour to procure a bird of jaunty carriage, quick in movement, and not of a languid description. Phlegmatic specimens I do not care for—the "happy-go-lucky" fellows are those that capture the firsts and specials.

The Stock Cocks.

In selecting my stock, I like substance on the male side. I am not against having a cock bird which has a little more feather than pleases the eye, providing it is of silky texture; indeed, the majority of large birds carry superfluous feather. A bird with a good broad head suits me best; if it should "brow" a little I do not discard it. In most cases birds breed youngsters narrower in head than themselves, and birds very often come with the entrance far too narrow to make them good ones. My contention is, therefore, that by breeding with stock cocks that are extra broad (which makes them appear sulky), you often get youngsters correct in head character.

I must have thick necks if possible. I detest thin ones, as they are a bugbear. You cannot get a neck too thick. Heads and necks are the hardest parts of a Norwich bird to get perfect, or anything approaching to perfect, so keep a strict eye on these two very necessary items.

As regards the other essentials of the male: have size, with the wings and tail as short as you can get them. Another very important thing in cocks is their colour; it should be bright, and not bricky or dull. In breeding operations it is generally admitted that size and colour come from the male parent; this I quite endorse. Remember to avoid pinched and flat-headed birds, thin necks, overlapping flights, droopy tails, long barrels, and stilty legs.

The Stock Hens.

Good hens are an essential to success in high-class breeding; without such you will not climb very high. Type and quality, two of the greatest qualifications, come from the female. A hen of medium size is my choice. I found out long ago that you procure your best youngsters from such.

Large hens, as a rule, are coarse in feather, languid in movement, have a bad carriage, and are not over good feeders their smaller sisters, on the other hand, are quicker in action, smarter in carriage, and are decidedly better feeders. Bear in mind that young birds well fed for the first few days of their existence have a sound foundation provided, which paves the way to success.

The feather I like to see on a hen is of a soft, silky texture, close and compact, and not at all harsh. The shape of a hen should be short and thick through, cleanly cut away around thighs, short legs just showing the hock, and with as much of its body in front of the perch, and as little behind as possible.

As far as possible have nothing to do with birds with clear bodies, but with marked heads ("cap marked," as it is termed in the Fancy). Such a marking as this tends to spoil the outline of the bird. It also often appears to make a bird look narrow in head. Both these appearances are blemishes which tell very much against a specimen. Again, birds marked on the saddle are not to be encouraged, nor birds marked on breast with otherwise clear bodies; these I shun. Grizzled tails also are not favoured very much by me.

Neat and suitable markings that find favour with almost everyone are such as both wings and one eye marked, or one wing and both eyes marked; or, again, one wing marked. Any of these are attractive, and they do not tend to spoil a bird's finish or outline.

When Mating Up.

Always endeavour to mate one clear bird and one marked bird. It does not signify much which is the marked one. By so pairing you will breed youngsters both clear and ticked, suitable for the present-day classification. I might here say that by using a marked cock you are apt to breed more marked youngsters than you would if you utilised a marked hen with clear cock. The hen breeds the markings out quicker than does the cock.

Always try and rectify a failing in one or other of your birds by pairing up to one which is strong in that particular point. If the cock is rather long-sided, pair him to a very short-sided hen; or, if the hen is rather weak in head, pair her to a cock with an extra good head, and so on. The usual method, as is generally known, is that one of the birds must be yellow and the other buff. For my own purposes I prefer a buff cock paired to a yellow hen; I find you get the best results in this way.

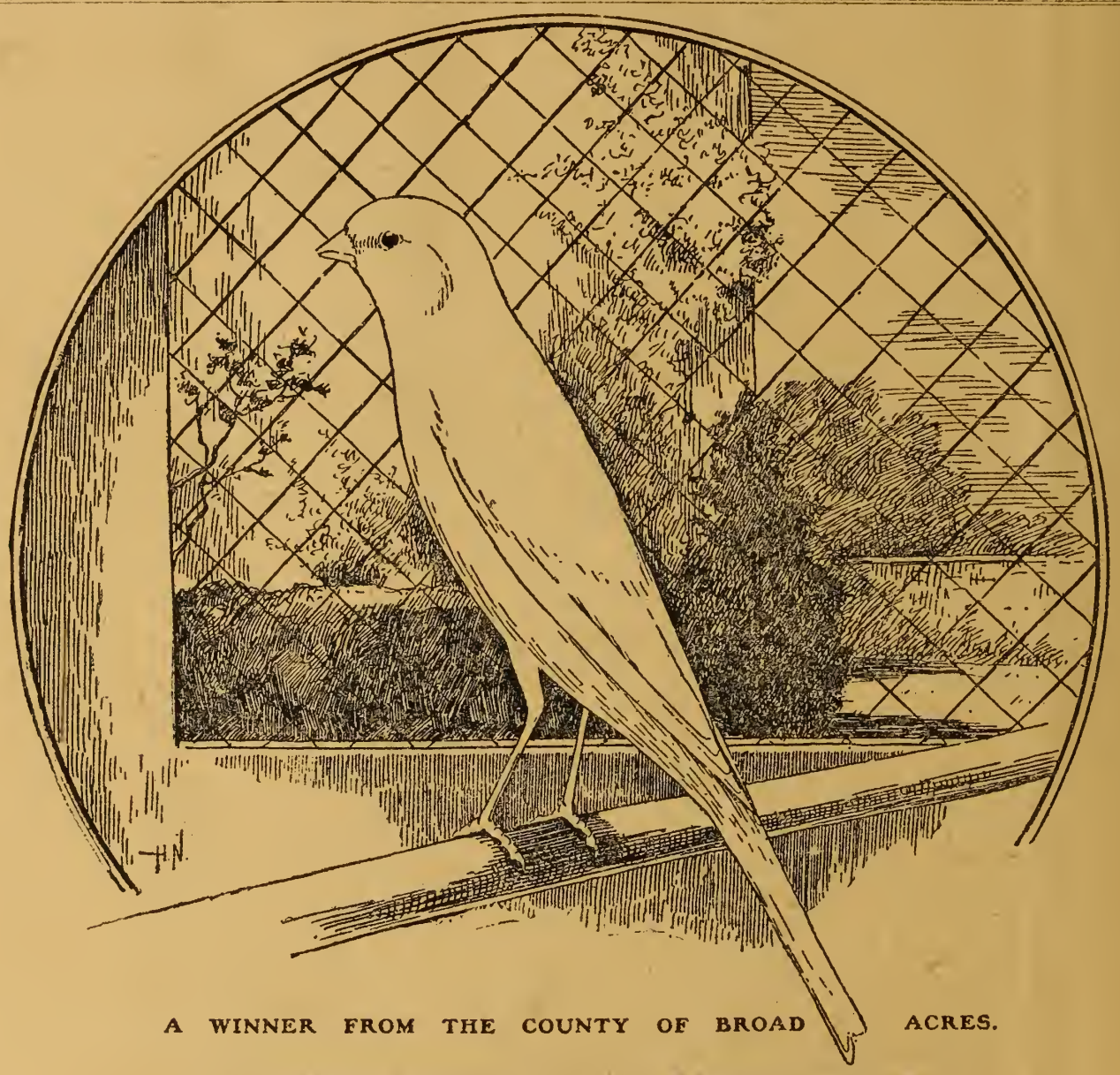
Never pair up stock that is not sound in health. If you do you will repent it. Unhealthy birds are not worth harbouring. To become a successful fancier you must consider robustness of constitution. No matter how good a hen may have been, if it has gone amiss shun the bird, and don't persuade yourself to use it. It is not what a thing has been, it is what it is that's most important.

I have often been asked my opinion as regards results obtained by running one cock with one or two hens. My firm belief is that if you are breeding for the show bench one cock to one hen is by far the best method. The youngsters you get by this procedure are larger and stronger by far than those you would get if you ran your cock bird with more than one hen. Of course, should you require birds for singing purposes only, you can with advantage utilise one cock with two or even more hens.

The Yorkshire Considered.

We will now turn to the Yorkshires—birds of "Grace and Beauty," as they are often termed. The three great essentials an up-to-date specimen must possess are length, position, and quality.

In an exhibition bird you must have soft, silky texture of feather fitting tightly to the body; no loose feather should be seen. The bird should appear as though chiselled out of marble, and should carry a polish.



A WINNER FROM THE COUNTY OF BROAD ACRES.

The noted Buff Yorkshire exhibited by Mr. W. H. Shackleton (Girlington, Bradford).

On Colour and Markings.

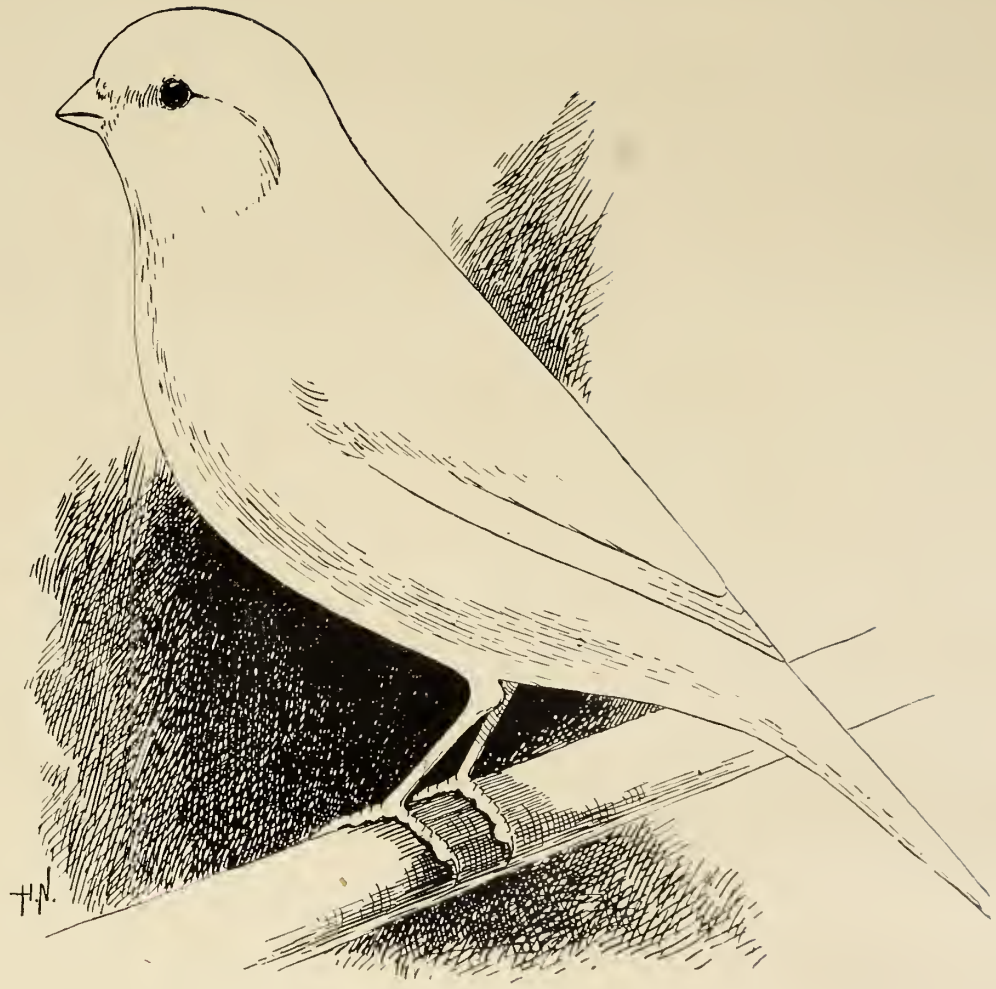
Variegation (or green blood) is the fountain-head of colour; this I have proved over and over again. I am never without a fair amount of dark blooded birds in my room, as I know their value. Depth of colour, so necessary on the show bench nowadays, I am fully convinced, cannot be got without the assistance of dark blood. At times you may have read of someone speaking against variegation, but let me advise you not to be misled by any such assertions. As sure as there is yolk in eggs so is there colour in variegation. Observe for yourself; should you have the opportunity of visiting a good show, inspect the various specimens, and you will invariably find that the ticked and marked birds are much better in colour than the clears. I do not say that you will not come across one or two clears that compare very favourably with the marks for colour, but in many cases, in fact, I venture to say in nearly all cases, those clears have been bred from marked or variegated parents.

Again the bird must stand erect—as straight as a rush, in a manner of speaking. The length must be at least 6¾ inches; if a little more all the better, say 6⅞ inches. I have seen many birds looking well over seven inches long do a lot of winning at one period or another.

The head of a Yorkie should be nice and round, with a good eye placed not too near the beak. The neck should be fairly long, with just a shadow of thinness showing, and the back should be well filled in. The wings should be long, and built up of nice broad feather (not pin feather), fitting closely to the body. The breast must be solid and not frilly, while the body should be wedge-shaped, with neat, long waist. The tail should be long and neatly folded, and the legs of good length, well showing the thighs, the latter covered over with nice short silky feather. The bird should be sound on feet, and should possess nerve and swagger.

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NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARIES.

TWO SUGGESTED MODELS: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

In connection with this plate, readers should note Competition in body of paper.



SOME TRIUMPHS OF HYBRID BREEDING.

REDPOLL-BULLFINCH (Male)

REDPOLL-BULLFINCH (Female)

GOLDFINCH-SISKIN.

GOLDFINCH-LINNET.

LINNET-BULLFINCH.

The Rise and Progress of my Foreign Bird Contingent.

By W. R. SMELLIE, M.A.

"I could a tale unfold, whose lightest word
Would harrow up thy soul, freeze thy young blood,
Make thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres,
Thy knotted and combined locks to part,
And each particular hair to stand on end
Like quills upon the fretted porcupine."
HAMLET.

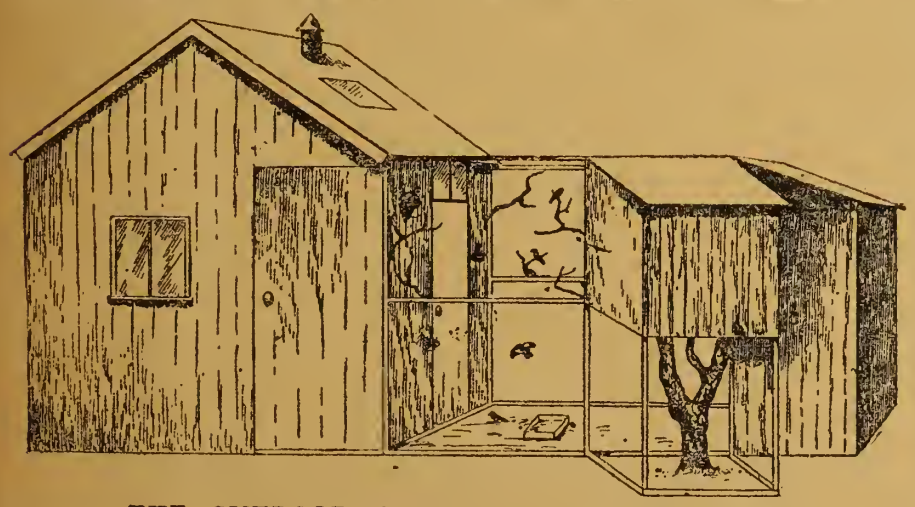
Occasionally we find the novice armed only with blind luck and ignorance achieving results that the man of experience would scarcely dare even to hope for. However, the people thus favoured by the gods are few and far between, and most of us have got to acquire both our goods and our knowledge by the ordinary rough road. The royal road is barred to us. Indeed my first experiences of foreign birds form, when related, a harrowing tale much akin to that which the ghost in "Hamlet" could unfold.

The Natural Result of Ignorance.

Possessing a fair-sized out-door aviary (8 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot) connected with an inside portion, I resolved to try my hand at keeping foreign birds, seeing I had been fairly successful with British birds. In carrying out this good resolution, my initial ignorance, spiced with ill-luck, helped me to build up an experience which, if communicated to brother novices, may save them many a coin, many a sigh and perchance a swear.

In the hardest frost I could pick I sent off a postal order to an advertiser in CAGE BIRDS for a pair of Bengalese and a pair of Avadavats. These little beauties arrived, coming all the way from London to the heart of Scotland, being little the worse for their long journey. I may say here that they came neatly packed in a travelling cage with plenty of seed. They were sent away at night, I got them the following morning and their fare was sixpence. After a long, cold journey they should have had some warmth and some water with a little brandy or chemical food in it, and should have been kept indoors till the mild weather came. But I did not possess this knowledge then and the result was disastrous.

Up to this time I had only perused the foreign bird section of CAGE BIRDS in a kind of half-interested casual manner, with the result that I had only half-knowledge and disconnected facts to go on. One disconnected fact was responsible for killing the birds. I knew that foreigners lived in out-door aviaries even in winter, but I did not know that they had to be acclimatised.



THE OUTDOOR AVIARY OF MR. SMELLIE.

Relying on this I put these delicate little birds out in the aviary, in the inside part, of course, but next morning alas! four corpses, stiff and stark, greeted my astonished gaze. The little cock Avadavat with his splendid plumage, red beak and extreme tinyness, made my unwitting cruelty appear a heinous crime. The lesson to be drawn from this is, "Never buy in winter unless you get acclimatised birds or supply artificial heat."

Undaunted by this calamity, I immediately bought a pair of Spice Birds and a pair of Mannikins. Profiting by past experience, I kept these in the house, but one had some disease of the throat. This I failed to isolate—result, four more corpses within a fortnight. Moral:—Separate the healthy and the unhealthy. At this point, my bad luck ran itself out, and now my foreigners live their allotted span, giving me time to enjoy them and observe their habits.

Fickle Dame Fortune Smiles.

The severe lesson I had had, kept me from worrying the Post Office officials, buying postal orders till the spring came. Then again I took the field and purchased a pair of White-headed Love Birds. These were cheap and hardy, but of a lazy, morose and melancholy disposition, which, combined with their cold-blooded villainy, has kept me from ever having any fondness for them. They, like the rest of my foreigners, live mainly on white millet and Canary seed, and they eat at such a rapid rate that at first I could not believe they shelled the seed at all.

They have another peculiarity connected with their feeding; most birds feed a little pick at a time, and are always at it, but these birds believe in having one good gormandise, and then a long fast. This could perhaps be explained if we knew more about them in their wild state. Between the meals they sit like the "Boys of the Old Brigade," shoulder to shoulder, occasionally breaking the monotony by making cowardly grabs at some unoffending bird that happens to come near, and woe betide it if once you hooked beak grips it.

Again they will amuse themselves by soberly performing a few gymnastic tricks, and, as a last resort, they have a sedate fight with each other. Altogether they are a most unsuitable bird for an aviary of small birds. This fact will be more evident when I further expose their villainy later on.

Champion Light-Weights.

I next sent for a pair of White-bellied Mannikins and a pair of Avadavats. They arrived in excellent health, only the Avadavats turned out to be Red-cheek Waxbills. But I didn't mind that in the least, as they have proved themselves to be interesting, bold little fellows. So small are they that I marvel they don't slip through the half-inch mesh wire netting. In fact their magnificent stature earned for them the name of the "microbes" and (to draw the long bow) when they tackled a meal worm I was'nt sure sometimes "which would eat t'other."

However, these little chaps are not to be bullied by any bird, no matter what its fighting weight is. I have watched them repeatedly fighting and beating birds three and four times their weight. Their beak, like Fitz-James' blade, is both sword and shield. They use it both to strike and to guard, which I know of no other bird doing to the same extent. In fact I have seldom seen them getting a peck at all in a fair fight.

They are very fond of a bath in the sunshine and their temerity in the water is appalling. The bath, when a proper depth for other birds, takes them up to the neck, but they plunge fearlessly in and splash and splutter, good oh! Though daring, they are wary, and if a cat comes in sight their warning "chee-hee-up" is the first alarm signal given, followed generally by the "ja-ack" of the Bramble-finch. Many a cat is deeply indebted to them for the slug or dart it gets from my never failing air-pistol.



TWO RARE FOREIGN BIRDS.

SCALY CROWNED WEAVER

(Upper figure)

Exhibited by Mrs. Leslie Miller.

INDIAN SUN BIRD

(Lower figure)

Exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

In summing up concerning these little Waxbills, I would say if you have a pair rejoice and be exceeding glad, if not, buy, borrow or steal a pair, but don't on any account come trying to steal mine.

The Mannikins, although by no means such lively little sprites as the Waxbills, are nevertheless well worth keeping. They are quiet, peaceable, interesting little fellows, always together and looking just like old Indian sagamores—the way they sit crouched up quietly surveying all around.

Luck on Luck.

My lucky star was still in the ascendant, for I got a pair of young aviary-bred Budgerigars given me. These showed their youth and baby plumage by having no yellow tuft of feathers on the front of the head. Soon, however, they acquired their adult plumage, and prepared to nest. The hen, however, probably on account of her youth and plumpness, was egg-bound, sitting moping with ruffled plumage, laboured breath and swollen, heaving abdomen. Two hours steaming and oiling gave the required relief, but it was sometime before she regained her usual health and she neither sat the egg nor laid any more.

This mishap put an end to breeding operations for some time. They are restless, enterprising, amusing birds. The bathing operations of the Waxbills are funny, but the antics of the Budgerigars surpass everything. Their shortness of leg seems to make them very nervous about entering the water, but on the other hand they seem in a frenzy for a bath when they see the other birds spluttering and sending the spray all around. They are thus on the horns of a dilemma, wishing for a bath and yet afraid to venture. They attempt to solve the difficulty in a very off-hand manner. They watch till a small bird is in and then try to leap on to its back and make a stepping stone of it. The stepping stone naturally resents this and makes off.

The next plan of these knowing birds is to hold on to the side of the bath with one powerful foot, while with the other foot and the wings they make quite a creditable splutter.

Feminine Jealousy and its Results.

I now got another hen in a present, and having heard that it was customary to run one cock with two hens just as with Canaries, I determined not to buy another cock. The result was a miserable failure of the worst sort, for the jealousy of the two hens spoiled all. They fought for the same husk, laid and then broke each others eggs and nearly broke my heart. And such a row did they make, that little would have made me break their necks.

I, however, removed the much sought after husk and managed to get one hen to lay and sit four eggs. While she was in the husk the cock was going to put the other hen to nest, and his amorous ongoings so irritated the sitting hen that she had frequently to leave the husk to punish the other hen and scold her faithless mate. Both operations she performed with much skill and more zeal.

Incubation, under such circumstances, could hardly be successful, but she managed to hatch out two. One died immediately, but the other did well for about a week, till the mother in one of her hurried punitive exits dragged the little fellow out and I found him dead below the husk.

"No more 'Mormon' work for me," quoth I, and I at once procured another cock Budgerigar. This more natural arrangement works excellently and breeding operations are progressing favourably. These birds I find to be specially well suited for an aviary and they do not bully the little birds to any serious extent. Perhaps I have got extra good natured ones, but I have found them nice birds for an aviary and no tyrants and I would have no hesitation in recommending them to any aviculturist, even one with a mixed collection.

I have purchased Spice Birds, Green Avadavats, Cutthroats, and several other varieties, all of which are beautiful, interesting and amusing, but I will only relate the history of the Cutthroats, and of one Green Avadavat.

The history of the Avadavat is soon told, for he perished the first day I got them, done to death by a Love-Bird. The foreigners like to sit close together, for warmth I suppose, and the little Green Avadavat, ignorant no doubt of the surly nature of the Love-bird, had tried to sit close to him. The poor little fellow got a nasty compound fracture of the skull for his pains, and had I been able to lay hands on the murderer at the time, he would have got a compound jerked neck with various other complications.

The Cutthroats are great favourites of mine. The cock looks as if he had got a nasty slash across the throat sometime in his youth. During the month of June my bird fairly coloured up, and the red slash stood out like raised plush.

(To be continued.)

USE OUR PICTURE POSTCARDS.

Mule and Hybrid Breeding Experiences.

By MARGARET E. M. HEWITT.

An interesting account of a lady's experiences of the "ups-and-downs" of Mule and Hybrid breeding, from which much practical information is to be gleaned.

I turned my attention first to Linnet Mules as a friend had made me a present of a hand-reared Linnet, and I had already a young variegated hen Canary named "Twitters." The young couple set up housekeeping in one of the side divisions of my Crystal Palace aviary, and while "Twitters" was building the nest, "Taffy," the Linnet, used to amuse himself by pulling little bits of wood out of the nest to the floor of the cage, where, apparently in an ecstasy of delight, he would twist round and round, fluttering his wings all the time.

An Early Decree Nisi.

This I then thought very pretty and amusing; but I thought differently when, after the young birds were hatched, I found him playing the same game on the sand at the bottom of the cage, only this time, instead of a piece of wool, he had one of his children in his beak, held by the little tuft of grey down at the top of its head. After this "Taffy" had to be removed for a time.

There was only one cock bird in this first brood of four, and a very fine fellow he was, very much larger than either his father or mother or his three plain sisters, and although he was quite an ordinary dark Linnet-Mule, he was very much admired for his extremely tight, glossy plumage, large size and elegant figure.

Once I was persuaded to give 8s. for a Linnet because he had been the father of some variegated Mules, and the younger birds I bred from him certainly had a few pure white feathers in tail and wings, but such slight variegation is rather a blemish than an improvement.

How a Cinnamon Mule was Bred.

By far the most interesting Linnet-Mule that I ever reared is my Cinnamon Linnet-Mule, which was hatched under the following circumstances: I had long since discarded my Crystal Palace aviary, and I had at the time of which I am writing a bird-room, in which about thirty birds flew about at their own sweet will. Besides Canaries, Goldfinches, Siskins, and Redpolls, I had two Linnets, both of which were sold to me as cock birds. One of them that I had bought on the 15th of July, and had named "Swithun," was particularly tame, and would feed from the hand. I do not know its former history, but I should say it had very likely been hand-reared.

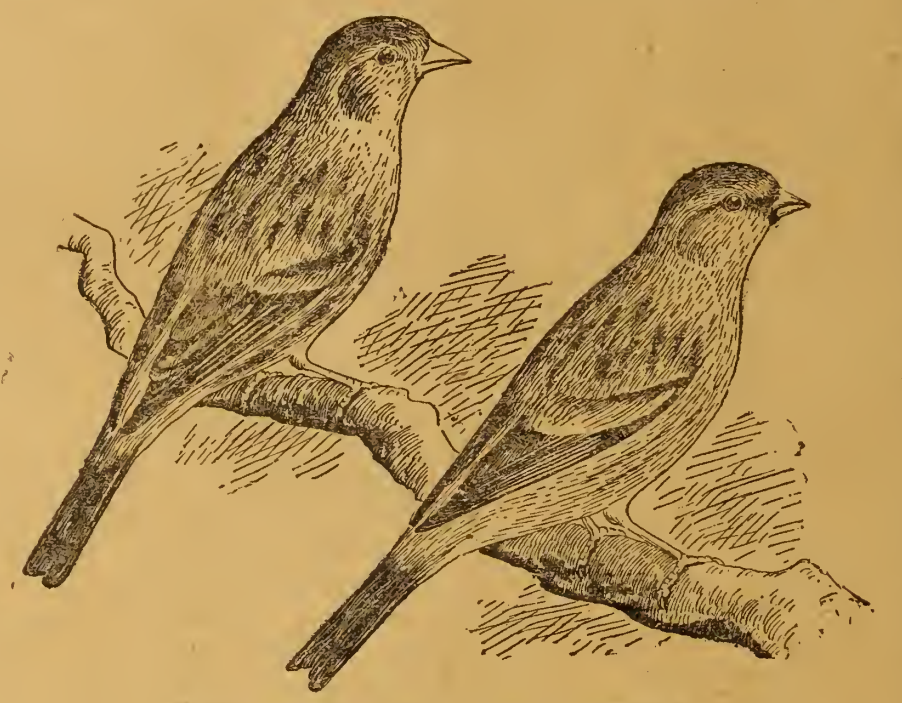
The following spring I found it was building a nest in a square wooden nest-box that was hung up against the wall in the bird-room, and, to my surprise and delight, it laid five eggs, and sat splendidly, only coming off the nest for food. This is, I believe, an unusual thing for a Linnet to do in captivity. I never saw the other Linnet take any notice of "Swithun," but I began to hope that I might succeed in rearing some young Linnets, or, possibly, some Mules. The eventful day arrived when the eggs should hatch, and I hurried up to the bird-room to find, lying on the window-ledge, three young birds with little black bodies and tufts of grey down, and all three quite dead.

Here was a disappointment! "Swithun," or one of the other birds (but I strongly suspect "Swithun" herself), had carried the young birds to the window, and either killed them or left them to perish. I looked into the nest, and there were the other two eggs not yet hatched. Now it happened that I had a hen Canary sitting on eggs in a cage in my boudoir, so, without a moment's delay, I took "Swithun's" two remaining eggs and popped them into the Canary's nest.

A Mystery Solved.

Within an hour I looked to see if they could have hatched, and found—not another little nigger like the three dead ones in the bird-room, but a young bird with as pink a body as a clear Canary, with tufts of white down, and with (what was still greater surprise), pink eyes showing under the skin. The mystery was solved; the father of the young birds was one of my Cinnamon Canaries, of which there were several in the bird-room, and this young one, being a hen, had the light skin and pink eyes of the Cinnamon, whereas the others were doubtless cocks, and had they lived would have been ordinary dark Linnet-Mules.

For the benefit of the uninitiated I must here state that unless both parents are of Cinnamon blood, the young cocks never have the Cinnamon plumage and pink eyes, only the young hens have that distinction. This I have proved over and over again, and it is a fact known to all bird fanciers. The next day another young bird with a black body and grey down was hatched in the Canary's nest, and grew up to be a very pretty dark cock Linnet-Mule, but the hen Mule with the pink eyes was the treasure, as such birds are most uncommon, for I suppose the father would be a Linnet and the mother the Canary in the case of ninety-nine Linnet-Mules out of a hundred, and it would then be impossible to breed Cinnamon Mules.



TWO EASILY-PRODUCED HYBRIDS.

Siskin-Canary. **Siskin-Redpoll.**

(See notes in Mrs. Hewitt's article.)

"Vanilla," as I called her, became a beautiful bird of that delicate shade of fawn colour that one seldom sees in Cinnamon birds. She is now four years old, very tame, and will feed from my hand. She has been flying about my boudoir this morning, while I have been writing this account of her, and she has now flown back happily to the large cage which she shares with the Greenfinch-Mule, whose story I must tell presently.

Siskin-Redpoll Hybrids.

I had in my bird-room two cock Siskins and three Redpolls, a cock and two hens. I had had the cock many years, but the hens I had bought only the autumn before, and they were so wild that whenever I went into the room they would fly frantically from one end to the other, as long as I was there. I mention this to show what pleasant surprises one often has in the delightful hobby of bird-keeping, for it was one of these hens that built a nest the following July in a square wooden nest-box hanging on the wall of the bird-room, and sat so well that she would allow me to walk about the room without flying off her nest. She laid five eggs, but as I thought it very unlikely that she would hatch them, I placed two of the eggs under a Canary that was sitting on eggs in a cage in my boudoir.

On the twelfth day one egg was hatched in the Redpoll's nest, and two in the Canary's, but one of these died. The next morning another was hatched in the Redpoll's nest, and the fifth egg did not hatch, so I had three young birds, two under the Redpoll and one under the Canary. Directly the last one was hatched, I noticed that it looked rather different from the other two, it was smaller, and the down was of a lighter shade, nearly white, although the body was quite dark.

Model Parents.

The cock and hen Redpoll were indefatigable in feeding the two young birds with groundsel and chickweed, which I gave them three times a day. The other birds did not disturb them at all, although one of the Linnets used to try and help with the feeding sometimes. I never saw either of the Siskins go near the nest. The difference in size between the two young ones in the Redpoll's nest was more apparent after a few days, and I was afraid of the smaller one being smothered by the larger and more vigorous nestling, so I transferred it to the Canary's nest, and she fed the two under her charge with untiring care. But there was a marked difference between these two also, not much in size as in the shape of the beak.

The young bird in the bird-room left the nest on the fourteenth day, and it was pretty to see the pair of Redpolls following it about, and watching over it lest the other birds in the room should molest it. When it was fully fledged it was a very pretty little creature, with plumage of a greyish hue, the breast very light, densely speckled with black. I was surprised that this should be the plumage of a young Redpoll, although I knew that the nest feathers of a bird are generally very unlike the adult plumage; but I was still more astonished when little "Plucky" (as I called him) began to moult, for then the silver grey on the breast was replaced by a very pretty yellow green, and by degrees the plumage became that of the Siskin, except that the green was much less vivid, and the top of the head was dark olive green, instead of black.

"Plucky's" Parentage Solved.

There was no longer any doubt about "Plucky's" father. It must have been one of the Siskins, although neither of them took the slightest notice of the young bird: His song was more like that of the Redpoll than the Siskin, but in his manners and in his greediness he resembled the Siskin. We had a very hot summer the year he was two years old, and the bird-room being at the top of the house was very hot, although the French windows were open all day long. The heat affected "Plucky" in a peculiar way; all the feathers came off his head and neck, and for months he was perfectly bald.

I thought I would try the open-air treatment for him, so I sent him to an outdoor aviary, and he came back to me after four months in splendid plumage. He lived for nearly five years, and when he died I took him to a naturalist to be stuffed. I asked him if he knew what the bird was, and he answered without hesitation, a "Siskin."

I have still the history of the other two young birds, "Tot" and "Pet," to relate. "Tot," the youngest and smallest, was exactly like the old Redpoll, who must have been his father, which accounts for the difference which I noticed from the first between him and his half-brother. He was rather a weakly bird, and did not live much more than a year. As soon as he attained to his adult plumage there was not the slightest doubt about his being a Redpoll and not a hybrid. "Pet" was the only hen, and was a most engaging little bird; her head and back were brown like a Redpoll's, but on the breast, wings, and tail there was a faint tinge of green, and there was no doubt that she (as well as "Plucky") was a Siskin-Redpoll hybrid.

A Hybrid's Attempt at Breeding.

She and a cock Canary, with whom she was brought up, were much attached to each other, and one spring she built a nest and laid two tiny eggs about three-eighths of an inch long, which, of course, did not hatch; but it was very pretty to see the little creature on her nest, with the large yellow Canary feeding her. She, like "Plucky," did not live to complete her fifth year.

I never found any difficulty in rearing these delightful little birds—the cross between the Siskin and Canary. They were always charmingly tame, and had only one fault—greediness, inherited from their Siskin father. They were bred in a large-sized breeding cage, with wired top and sides. I do not like the box-shaped breeding-cages at all; the birds do not get enough air when a cage of that sort is used.

I only once paired a cock Redpoll and hen Canary, and I had no success with them, as the only young bird that was hatched had a deformed beak, and after a little while the mother seemed to be disgusted with its appearance, and refused to feed it; but it lived long enough for me to see that it would have had a yellow breast and brown head and back, so no doubt it would have been an attractive little bird.

The Admired Goldfinch Mules.

These Mules are by far the most generally admired, and are no doubt much more handsome than any of the others. Some people find great difficulty in rearing them, because of the tiresome habit that the Goldfinch has of pecking the eggs as soon as they are laid; but I must have been fortunate in this respect, for out of the five or six Goldfinches that I have had, there was only one that could have been accused of pecking one of the eggs, and even in that case I am not sure it was not the hen Canary that pecked it.

I have always been very desirous of obtaining a good light Goldfinch Mule, and I have spent a good deal of time and money in the endeavour; but I am obliged to admit (as so many others have done) that after all there is a good deal of chance about it, although, of course, you do have a better chance if you get the right sort of parents. Many years ago I gave a guinea for a Goldfinch that was reputed to be the father of Light Mules, and his children certainly were variegated, and one of them was a beauty with a good deal of white about it; but none of them could be called Light Mules, although an ancestor of the Canary's had been the mother of perfectly clear Mules.

Not Fashionably Bred.

Then on another occasion, from a hen Canary with no illustrious ancestors, I bred much handsomer Mules, one with a perfectly clear yellow breast and a little crest on the head, as the mother was a crested Canary. After in-breeding for many years, I produced the year before last a hen Canary that I thought really did look likely to be the mother of Light Mules. She was nearly white, except for cinnamon markings on head and wings, and, of course, with pink eyes. Great was the excitement last summer when, after two nests of empty eggs, one young Goldfinch Mule was hatched, but I must say, notwithstanding all the hopes raised by her mother's lovely appearance and pedigree, "Ena" is a very ordinary little dark Mule, and her only charms are her extreme docility and intelligence. And now I come to the last Mule whose history I have to relate.

My Greenfinch Mule.

A wounded Greenfinch flew into the house of a friend of mine through an open window. He may have been hurt by a cat; anyhow, his wing was bleeding, and he never recovered the use of it, but he soon made himself happy in a cage, and became very tame. After two or three years he was given to me, and as he was then in full song I thought I would provide him with a mate. During that summer and the following one I tried him with five different hen Canaries, but he took a violent dislike to each of them until the fifth.

He seemed to take a fancy to her, and all went well. Two young birds were hatched, but one of them was deformed and blind, and had to be destroyed. The other "Leo," is very like a Greenfinch, but much more slim, and of a much brighter shade of green. The yellow bars on the wings are very clearly defined, and in the spring the top of his head is very lustrous, his under-parts are bright yellowish-green, and he is full of life and vivacity. His mother was a handsome jonque Canary, which accounts for the brilliancy of his plumage.

He has three distinct songs, one that of a Canary, another that of the Greenfinch, and a third is the song of a Goldfinch which was in the same room with him when he first began to sing. He is more of a Greenfinch than a Canary in his ways, and is a very strong bird, never ailing and always bright and cheerful. As pets I much prefer Mules to Canaries; they have much more intelligence, and, being more hardy, they live longer.

Budgerigar Breeding for Pleasure & Profit.

By J. T. WILSON.

The breeding of the pretty and lively Budgerigar is a familiar pastime, and a profitable one, with many lovers of foreign birds. Our author here gives a few hints to beginners.

The first thing to be considered in the breeding of Budgerigars is the aviary, and for the benefit of novices I will describe my first aviary. It faced south-west and consisted of an open wire flight, 6ft. by 4ft. by 6½ft. high. Attached was a shed 4ft. by 4ft. by 6½ft., which had a pane of glass 2ft. square let into the roof and protected by wire meshing. In the shed I fixed eight cocoanut husks, with the entrances towards the centre of the shed, thus letting the light from the glass roof fall on them.

The flight was made with ¾in. mesh wire, and had some dead branches for perches. I made a small fountain with cement bottom, and planted the rest of the ground with grass, a handful of oats, and a little chickweed; with the exception of a little patch running across the centre, which I covered with shell gravel and crushed mortar. I then nailed some pieces of cuttlefish bone in places where the birds could easily reach them, and my aviary was complete.

The School of Experience.

The grass seed sprouted in a little over a week, and when it was an inch high I turned three pairs of Budgerigars into the aviary. From accounts I had read, I got it into my head that I should have about forty birds at least by the end of the season, but I soon awoke to the cold reality of the case. When I bought my birds they seemed to me to be in the pink of condition, and not a feather was out of place; but, alas! when I had had them about a fortnight they began to moult, and I afterwards found out that they were young birds, and that this was their first moult.

It was towards the end of July before my first lot of eggs appeared. At that time I noticed that the birds cropped off every bit of grass seedling directly it appeared. There were five eggs in the clutch, four of which were hatched, all the young being successfully reared without any trouble or fuss whatsoever. I also had a nest from one of the other pairs during the same year—five young ones—and the third pair did not breed at all.

Differences between Young and Old.

Of course I soon noticed points of difference between the unmoulted youngsters and the adult birds, for I was determined not to be had again. At first there is no difference externally between the two sexes, the cere of both being a very pale blue. On the approach of the moult, however, the cere of the hen begins to go white, and that of the cock bird assumes a slightly deeper tint of blue, but nothing like the depth of colour seen in the adult bird in good condition.

Another point I noticed was the difference in depth of colour of the feathers of the wings and breast. If the bird has feathers of a pale bluish green down the breast, instead of the proper verdant hue, the novice can at once put it down as a youngster. In a young bird also the feathers of the wings are of a grey colour, with faint lemon yellow edging, whilst in the adult bird they are darker, being almost black, and with deep Canary yellow edging.

I am giving this information in the hope of preventing novices from being gulled with youngsters when they want adult birds.

Some Breeding Difficulties.

I have not so far encountered the dreaded egg-binding. If I did, I should most certainly try the olive oil and steaming jug remedy, for from what I have heard it would seem to be most efficient. Soft eggs are also a trouble I have never had to deal with, doubtless because my birds have a plentiful supply of grit, cuttlefish bone, and crushed egg-shells. The last-mentioned is an exceptionally good thing, and to novices I say: "Never be without some in your aviary and you will never know what the sight of a soft-shelled egg is like." I have also been told that it is a good preventative of egg-binding.

The number of eggs laid is generally 5 or 6, sometimes reaching 7; and incubation lasts about 10 days. The young birds hatch out in the same order as the eggs were laid, viz., one every day. In the face of these facts, it seems impossible that the last one, being nearly a week younger than the first, should be able to hold its own. Nevertheless, accidents of this kind are rare.

As a rule there are three nests each season, but I warn novices not to look for all three in the first season, or they will doubtless be disappointed, as I was.

If the weather is genial the young birds' stay in the nest is limited to about a month, but if the weather is colder their stay will be proportionately longer. Like other birds, however, when once they leave the nest they never return to it.

A Simple Fare.

When the birds are rearing young, I give them, in addition to their ordinary food, viz., millet, canary, etc., some good white oats in the husk. I once tried my birds with Quaker rolled oats, but they seemed to prefer the ordinary oats, shelling them themselves. I also give crusts of bread (dry) which they eat with avidity.

To my mind no birds are more easily reared than Budgerigars. Dry bread crusts and oats are all the extras needed—no bother making egg-food every day, as in the case of Canaries. I advise the beginner to start away with yellow Budgerigars if they can afford it, as they breed as easily and quickly as Greens, and the young ones are worth twice as much as Greens. In this way the money comes back again. Their treatment is exactly the same as that of the Green Budgerigars here enumerated. My parting advice to novices is to cut out the following and keep it by them "Don't trust to memory; you are bound to be caught napping if you do."

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The Siberian Bullfinch.

Its Treatment When in Captivity.

By "LOXIA SARMATICA."

The management of the giant Bullfinch which comes to us from the far-away steppes of Russia and Siberia is here dealt with, and some entertaining anecdotes of special pets retailed.

Though not a foreign bird as the term is usually applied—one's thoughts turn at once to tiny Avadavats, Zebra Finches, and the like—yet my attention has for some years been attracted towards these beautiful foreigners. For size, and depth of breast colour, I know of no equal to a good, well-shaped, Siberian Cock Bullfinch—the hen, too, being a very noble bird.

The scheme of colouring is the same as that of ordinary English Bullfinches, but the great difference lies in the size, for, in some cases, the Siberians, or Russians, are equal in size to a young Thrush. During the last five years about two dozen Russian Bullfinches, cocks and hens, have been in my possession, and of their tameness and docility, I can speak very highly.

Is it a Short-lived Bird?

Unfortunately many Siberians are very shortlived, owing to the change of climate, and the hardships which they undergo during their journey to England. They often arrive in a very dilapidated condition, through being packed in those tiny wicker cages, which hardly give them room enough to turn round. Yet with care, and roomy cages, and frequent opportunities for bathing, their plumage recovers most wonderfully. I have had some terrible wrecks, and have seen the plumage daily become bright and shiny, and the colours deep, true and pure, all due to fresh air, good food, and roomy cages, and especially to great cleanliness of cages, good perches, seed and water vessels. Yet some birds do live to become very old, and at the present time, I have a cock who is blind in one eye from cataract, and who is five or six years old, and yet is fresh and vigorous, and almost the healthiest bird I have.

Housing and Temperature.

I have spoken of the cages which they should inhabit, and it must be remembered that these Bullfinches are monsters, and therefore that the size of the cage must be correspondingly large, for Bullies are such busy birds, always moving and jumping about, and in order to secure to them the large amount of space necessary for the exercise of their wings, they must have large cages. In my own house, I have devoted a room with a tree in it to my birds, and they have perfect liberty, but this is not possible to all bird lovers. In this condition my Bullies live and flourish, and moult up well.

Many persons imagine that Siberian Bullfinches need warmth; but it is a mistaken kindness to keep them in warm stuffy rooms. My experience is that they are best in a quite cold room, free from damp or draughts, of course. The feathers are tighter, the colour on the breast is more true, and the bird keeps in stronger health to resist disease.

A Severe Test.

Moulting is a hard time for all captive Bullfinches, and abundantly illustrates the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. It is especially hard to these Russians, weakened as they are by the change of climate, the close confinement in transit, and sometimes by the mismanagement or ignorance of purchasers. The bird is thus in a weak, low state of health, and what is normally a healthy physiological process, degenerates into an illness more or less serious, sometimes ending fatally. To my mind, the process of moulting is analogous to the replacing of a child's milk teeth by the permanent ones—the new pushing out the old.

At the time of writing, I have a pair of Russians moulting very badly, and am debating whether they will live or die. This morning the hen seemed likely to pass away, but I think the cock will live and do well. They have outdoor life from 6.45 a.m. to 6.45 p.m. with a cool cover over the tops of the cages. If a Russian survives, and, as many of mine have done, sings throughout the period of moulting, the chances are that he or she will harden and live for some years.

The Most Successful Feeding.

I always think it a wise provision of Nature, that berries and fruit are ripe at about the moulting season, for there is nothing like wild food for Bullfinches during the moult. I always give blackberries *ad lib* when ripe and privet berries in season, having well prepared the way with strawberries, raspberries, currants, or any fruit in fact that I can get. During the moult, I find about 10 drops of the citrate of iron in solution, added to the drinking water, most beneficial, and I fancy, but it is only an idea, that it helps to fix the colour.

The tendency of Siberian Bullfinches is to lose in depth of breast colour at each successive moult—to become paler. As I looked round my bird-room to-day, I could distinguish between the moulted and unmoulted birds from this one point alone, though I have some which have kept their colour very well, particularly so the old blind boy mentioned earlier in this paper.

I find the most successful food in the bird-room is Canary, German rape, white sunflower, and a very little hemp and linseed. The hemp I use mainly for teaching my Bullfinches to feed from my hand. I find they are very fond of the large white sunflower seed, but I think it wants to be given in moderation. I love to see a Bullfinch turn a sunflower seed round and round in his beak, bringing every part of it under the action of his saliva to soften it, till at last he is able to crack it. I also find that ripe apple pips are much appreciated when cracked.

Attempts at Breeding.

What the breeding prospects of Russian Bullfinches are, I am unable to say. My own experience is that the eggs are unfertile, possibly due to some error of diet. I have had some Russian-English, and Anglo-Russian alliances, also alliances of cock and hen Russians, but in no case have the eggs been fertile, and in some cases no eggs at all have been laid. I should very much like to know whether anyone has ever had young birds with a Russian cock as father.

An Affectionate Example.

Siberian Bullfinches are deeply affectionate birds, as a rule, both towards their owners, and towards their mates. I have experienced some splendid instances of this—one especially is worthy of note. I had a pair of Russians in my bird-room, called Big Bobby and Big Minnie. Though very fond of his Minnie, Big Bobby far preferred me, and used to kiss me, and pull my hair. When I went into the bird-room, Big Bobby would come immediately on my arm, run up my shoulder, and walk round pulling my hair as he went, calling "Here, here" to his Minnie. Often I have stood with my baby on one arm, and Big Bobby on the other. Minnie would often eat out of my hand and mouth but she was distinctly standoffish.

One morning, after my early visit to the bird-room, I heard Big Bobby crying pitifully, calling out loud enough to be heard all over the house. When I went to the bird-room there lay beautiful Big Minnie dead on the floor. She had apparently died suddenly, and painlessly, for not a feather was ruffled. When I picked up the dear body, Bobby flew after me to the door of the bird-room, crying sorrowfully. For some days afterwards when I appeared in the bird-room, he flew to me, hoping that I would bring back his Minnie. His cries were so sad that I caged him, and kept him with me as a pet, hoping to divert his thoughts from his sorrows. I flattered myself that I had succeeded, for he began to sing and I returned him to the bird-room, but he did not long survive his mate, for he had a fall from the tree, hurting his wing, and a slow wasting disease set in. So now Big Bobby and Big Minnie are only a sweet memory.

I have many happy remembrances of the loving ways of my other Siberian Bullies, but Big Bobby and Big Minnie are very often in my thoughts. I trust my few words may inspire others to take an interest in these tame and beautiful creatures.

Canary Breeding for Cottage Fanciers.

By THOMAS E. NICHOLSON.

A North-country Canary-lover outlines the methods by which he manages the stock in the kitchen of his cottage.

During my four years of Canary breeding, I have only had either the small back scullery or the living kitchen as at present for the pursuit of my hobby. In the scullery I had three pairs up for breeding, and bred ten young, and this, despite the fact that there was no sun for them until late in the afternoon during summer, and none at all during winter.

Breeding in a Spare Corner.

I had better results when my birds were kept in the living kitchen, facing south, here at my present address. I put up three pairs and bred twelve one year, and seventeen the next. But I prefer the cooler place, as the young birds were stronger and more robust than those bred in the kitchen. In the latter place, the Yorkshire Canaries seemed to grow too much feather; the heat, I suppose, helps to produce this result. If I had had my present stock of birds in the scullery I should have done better, I feel certain. So I advise beginners first of all to get healthy birds to commence operations with, and not to do as I did in my first two seasons—have birds that were always ailing. When I got healthy birds I had the best of success; I killed off all birds that came off my first purchases—hard lines, but I did so, and am not sorry now.

My present stock was bought from an old breeder of nearly 60 years' experience, and these having been bred in an outbuilding, with no heat whatever, are strong and healthy, and are also good feeders. I have not one bad feeder now as I had before, when I had to rely upon one or two hens to bring up my young birds, which were then only in a moderate condition, and not as new, strong, good birds. So that if one has only a spare corner in a kitchen, he can do a little bird-breeding if he only gets healthy stock to start with, looks well to them, and keeps them clean, as they must be in a living kitchen.

Home-made Cages.

My cages were made by myself, several of them having wire fronts to them. The size of an ordinary single breeder is 17 inches by 15 inches by 9 inches, and will just fit into the corner next to the fireplace and the outside wall and window. I do not believe in putting birds up near the roof of a room. I have persuaded the owners of some I have seen so placed to lower the cages to about 18 inches from the ceiling, and this has brought better results, the birds singing much better than before in several cases.

Our kitchen is not underground, and therefore has the advantage of being very lofty, having more space for the admission of fresh air. I could keep them a good deal higher than is the case in some houses, but prefer them low enough to be able to reach them comfortably, resting them on a platform. In the breeding season I have put them about 2ft. from the floor, with a flight cage underneath, so as not to have them too low. This makes them look very neat, especially where all are clean and freshly put up.

A Lesson on Feeding.

My method of feeding from January to March is to give food not too rich, as the birds come freely into song, when in robust health, without any special feeding. This I find to be the case with my own and my friend's birds, his being in a cold room. I give the following for staple food: good Conary and a little German seed mixed in seed boxes; also once a week a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds and a piece of apple or boiled carrot two or three times a week. I also occasionally grind up a raw carrot in a mill and mix with one Osborne or arrowroot biscuit, giving the birds a half teaspoonful each in place of the apple until the first week in March.

I then give egg proper, but I often give a bit of sponge cake or roll during the winter, about once every fortnight or so. My egg food is made from eggs one or two days old (my own), with four arrowroot or Osborne biscuits. I like either sort of biscuit, and have done well with both. I give this mixture twice a week, together with a little maw seed on top, until the birds are paired up during the last week in March. After this, and until the hen has laid, I give mixed seed, or niga and maw, and this, together with young dandelion leaves, lettuce, or chickweed, is her food until her full clutch are laid. During incubation only seed and fresh water are given, but these every morning.

On the thirteenth night I put a small teaspoonful of egg food in the cage for the hen to commence to feed with first thing in the morning, if any of the eggs are hatched out. I also leave the kitchen window blind up so that the feeding is started as soon as daylight appears. I give them cracked hemp seed the next morning (the 14th day) and green food the following morning. This I find to have the best results. I am, however, always ready to learn of any better way, if another can be proved to be as good.

Looking after the Young Ones.

I give egg and biscuit three times daily when the young are being fed, and also plenty of green food after the second day, so as to keep the egg food sweet for them to feed on in the early morning, at noon, and at about 5 o'clock p.m.—the last feed. This prevents the food turning sour in the hot weather. I give plenty of hemp, cracked, and German rape seed in separate vessels in the cage bottom, together with plenty of good sand on the drawer.

When the young are ready to leave the parents, that is, when they are about four weeks old, I put them into the flight cage underneath the breeders, and give them egg food and crushed hemp, canary, rape, maw and linseed, together with some medium oatmeal, in a separate pot, until they are able to crack canary seed properly. I give them no green food, as one runs the risk of setting up inflammation by so doing. I also give a few Quaker oats on a sand tray, with plenty of good clean sand and a piece of cuttle fish bone in the wires of the cage for them to pick at.

I might add here that I have a good supply for the hens also all the year. I continue to feed the young on egg food and cracked hemp in small quantities until after the moult, together with linseed added to canary and rape. I also give scalded rape and biscuit about twice a week, as I think it beneficial for them. When they are first put into the flight cage, I give about ten drops of tincture of gentian in water, using an ordinary water glass, so that they do not drink too much water. This helps to brace them up if they happen to get down at all when weaned from their parents. If the above directions were always followed, I am certain not many of the young would be lost after weaning.

Lighting and Other Matters.

Breeding over, I clean all the cages, washing and scrubbing them well in soapsuds and rinsing them in clean water. I leave them to dry in the fresh air. Then I put my birds in the flight cage, which I have made to fit into a corner for them to fly about loose in. It is a splendid place for moulting purposes and for the winter. It also does service for the hens in spring until pairing time, keeping them in a nice hard condition. I keep a piece of cuttlefish bone hung up in it for them to pick at.

Of course, if I were thinking of showing I should cage the birds separately on top of the flight. It stands 4½ft. from the floor, so that there is plenty of room above it for several single birdcages. In spring, as at present, I have four cocks on top in cages, and some hens in flight, getting well advanced for the coming season.

Each time the cages or flights are removed I wash and distemper the walls where the cages have been in order to keep the corner thoroughly free from red mite or any infectious dirt that may have got there. In the front of the flight I also hang a good-sized bath for them to bathe in when disposed to, which is almost every day. I add a little Condy's once a week.

My cages are enamelled inside and stained outside, and are very neat-looking when fitted in a recess, either ready for birds or with them in. They have been admired by all who have seen them, and they do not look out-of-place among other things in the kitchen. They are not in anyone's way, and my children play in front of them during the day without in any way disturbing the birds.



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The Selection of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for Stock.

By J. C. BARNES.

(*Concluded from page 500.*)

In my stock cocks I like plenty of length and a nice amount of substance. Good bold heads, with well-filled necks and long wings and tails are also essential. Thin-necked birds, no matter how long they are, I do not favour, as, without doubt, one of the greatest evils in the Yorkshire is the thin neck (as though tied round with something). Once you get thin necks in your strain, it is one of the hardest of jobs to breed it out again.

Another very prevalent failing in this variety is the frilly breast. This, to a great extent, has been brought about by trying to get the birds extra slim, and perhaps by the introduction of foreign blood. Avoid frills as far as you possibly can. Let your birds be well up on leg, with plenty of daylight showing between them. Good long legs, showing the thighs well, are a great essential for exhibition purposes. Should your bird show a little square in the shoulders, so much the better; I prefer a little of what is termed "breed."

The female side of the proposition, as in the Norwich, has a great deal to do with the breeding of up-to-date specimens. In the hen I do like quality, and, above all, position. Hens about 6¾ to 6⅞ inches are of a useful length for stock. Let them be as smooth in feather as it is possible to get them, also wedge-shaped. Wings should be long and carried in a V-shaped fashion, and should not overlap at tips. The back should be straight and well filled in, the breast smooth, and not too prominent; it should also be solid on front. The bird's waist should be long and tapering, and the tail of good length and closely folded. The position of the bird should be straight up, and not crouchy (or in a circle, so to speak). Shun the same bad points in a hen as have been mentioned in reference to cocks.

Points about Pairing.

You need not bother to any great extent over the colour of a Yorkshire, although colour, no doubt, adds in many cases to the exhibition value of a bird. If you have, say, a typical bird that is pale in colour competing with a bird equal in character, but of better colour, then, of course, colour points will lose the former premier place.

Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires are very useful to cross into your ordinary Yorkshires occasionally. This will help you considerably in colour producing. By such an introduction you are also on the right road for gaining quality of feather.

When pairing up, follow the lines as advised in the case of Norwich, viz., yellow to buff, clear to ticked; the points one is deficient in should be the strong points of the partner, and so on. Do not have your birds too nearly related—cousins are quite near enough. Bear in mind, though, that in breeding, carefully carried out (and I have found it to be correct by practical experience), is the royal road (if there is such a thing) to success.

The Age of Birds.

Both in Yorkshires and Norwich I always endeavour to have one of my birds two years old, and the opposite one a year old. I find that the best results are gained in this manner. As regards which should be the senior, I must admit I like the male to be the elder of the two. It is my firm belief that by this method you procure larger youngsters than you do otherwise. Understand that I breed from one-year-old cocks and two-year-old hens; still I just state my preference here.

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The Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A. have just issued their new membership card. It is very neatly got up and contains a full list of the officers of the Association and its rules.

A certain Newcastle journal lately wondered how it happens that bird fanciers know what eminent ornithologists do not, viz., that the Linnet has a red breast after shedding his nest feathers, but that this red breast never appears again after the first moult." We wonder, too—but it is where the writer picked up his information.

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Mr W. H. Bamsey writes:—I reported recently about a grand young crested bird being in existence in Derbyshire, on September 21st. I had the pleasure of paying a visit to its owner—Mr. Wm. Brown, of Holbrook Moor. It fully bore out the description given me, and it bids fair, although in moult, to have a great future in front of it. It is the best bird I have seen in this district, and I am indeed very proud of this young recruit. I may add that this plodding young fancier's bird-room is quite a little show in itself, clear bodies, dark crest, or dark crest and even-winged birds, being quite the order, he having had very fair luck this season. Messrs. T. Hayes, B. Woolley, and W. Mellor, I noticed, have also a few good Crest and Crest-birds. This healthy spot in Derbyshire seems to suit crested breeding.

A Lonely Fancier.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS in for about four years, writes Mr. J. F. Derry (Cannock Wood, Staffs.), and have never failed to have it weekly. It was an old fancier who recommended it to me as a great help in the Canary Fancy. The one thing I do regret is that I am the only Canary breeder in the whole neighbourhood for a couple of miles round. When I read your accounts of shows, I wish I lived where I could have a chat with some really good fancier, and also that I could breed show birds myself.

A Good Record.

I was agreeably surprised, writes Mr. E. B. Denton (Windhill), when I got my CAGE BIRDS on Friday last and saw such a good illustration of my Cinnamon-marked Buff Yorkshire upon its front page. Without wishing to be at all boastful I may say he is one of the best Cinnamon Marks which has been bred for some years. His wins, I think, will bear me out in this statement. Being exhibited upon fifteen occasions, he has won twelve firsts and one second prize, the latter win being at the Crystal Palace in 1907, after a very heavy show season. He was out of the cards altogether at Manchester, and only got a he card at the Cinderella Fund Show last year. A rather late hatched young one, he was not out so very soon in the season, but when he did come out he gave a very good account of himself, as the above record proves. I have refused some very tempting offers for him as I was loth to part with a bird of such merit when I had been successful in breeding him. Allow me to thank you for your trouble in producing the illustration of my bird in the paper to which I have been a subscriber since its foundation.

Interesting Speeches at Wallsend.

At the recent Wallsend Show the judges' luncheon was a most successful function. M. McDonald, the worthy chairman, was at the head of the table, and called on the judges to pass their views on their day's labour. Mr. Mundell, in an eloquent and lively speech, expressed his opinion of his variety, and Messrs. Pirnes and Bruce also gave their views on the splendid specimens under them. Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Crawhall, of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., T. Robson, the Northern Crest Club, and W. Currah, the latter gentleman telling of the great strides he saw being made in the cage bird fancy; also of the brotherly feeling that now existed among fanciers, and of the care that was taken of the exhibits, when at home and at shows. Mr. Hutchison, of Newcastle, that stalwart lover of the feathered tribe, made a striking address, fully explaining his ideas of making a great show that would be second to none in Britain, the Newcastle district being as every one knew, a great commercial centre with money, as a rule, pretty plentiful. Fanciers, he said, were being recruited every day, and the district at present had exhibitions every week end. He thought that by combining together one great show could be successfully held, and that at Newcastle (being an easily got-at centre, with a grand hall), which would put the Palace into the second position. The health and prosperity of the Wallsend Society being pledged, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the judges, speakers, members and visitors present, and a bumping vote to the worthy chairman, a successful repast and friendly meeting was brought to a close.

TWO CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS FOR READERS.

OUR NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY PLATE.

Where Do They Differ?

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The Closing Date, remember is January 20th next.

RULES.

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

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No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

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All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 20th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

Late Entries.

Entries have come in so surprisingly well, writes Mr. J. Francis, sec. Carmarthen Show, that I fear some exhibitors will be under the impression that the urgent appeals sent to them were not genuine. Those fanciers who have responded will understand the position when I explain that on the advertised date of closing I had less than 300 entries. Two days later the number was 450, and we have closed with a total of 1,250, in all sections. It will thus be seen that 800 entries were received between Thursday and Monday morning. A number of classes with only two and three entries have been allowed to stand, as some slight return to fanciers who supported us in such a generous manner.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Dec. 17, Temperance Hall, 7.30. Judging Competition and Table Show of Canaries, birds to be staged, 7.30.—J. T. Harding.

Bradford and County B.B. and M.C.—Dec. 17, Market Tavern, Bradford. Business to arrange for General Quarterly Meeting.—W. R. Myers.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Dec. 17, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' Washing Competition; four money prizes; Fanciers invited.—H. Hall.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Dec. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for 1908.—T. Clegg.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 14, Old Kings Head, 8. Presentation of Framed Photo to Mr. W. Horsman; Fanciers and friends welcome.—G. Stansfield.

Crook Original Cage Bird, etc, Soc.—Meeting, Dec. 18, usual place, 7. Business, Presentation of Cups and Settlement for Year.—A. Bowes.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Dec. 18, George Hotel, 8. Arrangements for next Table Show and Other Business.—R. S. Black.

Ealing, Hanwell, and Dist. F.S.—Jan. 2, 1908, Mission Hall, Church Road, 8. Annual Meeting. Members' Prize Money to be sent by Dec. 21.—W. Bird.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Dec. 14, Barley Mow, 8. Prepare Boxing Day Show and Arrangements for specials for same.—J. E. Hudson.

Garston B.B.A.—Dec. 18, Wellington Hotel, 7.30. Night show Yorkshire and Norwich, and Judging Competition (W. H. Gregson, Burnley, judge).—A. Wilkinson.

Glossop, Hadfield, and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Howard Arms, 8. Nomination of Officers; also five or six New Members to be Enrolled.—H. S. Waters.

Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 16, Headquarters, 7.30 prompt.—H. Sharples.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.—Dec. 21, Church Schools, 8. Judge, F. Allen. Members Note Change of Date from Dec. 26.—A. Holden.

Great Horton O.S.—Dec. 14, Butchers' Arms, 8. Monthly Show and Important Business for Open Show.—S. Dean.

Green Canary Association.—Dec. 19, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Washing Exhibition and Competition. Members taking part to bring their own Birds; prizes given.—S. Badwin.

Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. — Dec. 19, the Albion Hotel, 8. Washing Exhibition by Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek). Fanciers Cordially Invited.—C. J. Robinson.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 10, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Important Business.—A. Parkes.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Bird in Hand, 7.30.—I. Simon

Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 26, Daybrook School, 7.30. Special Business.—F. Broadhurst

M. and N.C.O.S.—Dec. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Entries for January Show, etc.—E. H. Jones

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Crown Hotel, 3. Table Show, Members' Cup; Judging to start 3 o'clock; Fanciers and Friends Invited.—A. Wake.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—7.30, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street. Enrolment of new members, etc.—J. R. Slack. (No date given.—Ed.)

Plumstead, Woolwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 19, Trinity Schools (Beresford Square), 8. Lecture on Foreign Birds. Fanciers Welcome.—W. Pawley.

Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.U.—Dec. 19, Windsor Castle, Harrow Road, N, 8. Table Show of Brit. and For., and Judging Competition.—J. C. Birch.

Sale Open O.S.—Dec. 16, Sale Hotel, 8. Open show for next year, etc.—G. F. Hardcastle.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.—Dec. 14, Station Hotel, 7. Special Meeting; Members Must Attend.—J. M. Nicholson.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30 prompt. Monthly Members' Show.—A. E. Morton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Dec. 17, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Date of Annual Dinner.—W. Stafford.

Walkley and Dist. C.B.S. (Sheffield).—Dec. 16, 8. First meeting; election of officers, meeting room, rules, syllabus, etc. All amateurs welcome. Our first meeting will be at White Horse, Creswick Street, in room kindly lent by Mr. Fox.—E. Broadbent.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 17, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Show Business.—T. Duffield.

Wibsey and Dist C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Washing Competition.—E. A. Johnson.

Willington Quay and Dist. F. and F.S.—Dec. 17, Turk's Head, 7.30. Entries close for Members' and Open Classes at this Meeting; look out for Schedule in CAGE BIRDS.—W. T. Winter.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Dec. 14, Horse Shoe Hotel, 7. Important Business and Subscriptions.—W. Ross.

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CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

A Wrong Prescription.

H.L.—The glycerine would not affect the bird in the way you describe. I think he is suffering from a chill or cold. Give in the drinking water for three days six drops of acetate of ammonia, after which give fresh daily in the drinking water for ten days, fifteen drops of syrup of tolu, and six drops of paregoric. Keep it in a cosy corner, your feeding also is quite right. Some birds sing much quicker than others after the moult.

Singing and Showing.

A.E.—The fact of your hen singing after she has finished up the breeding season by rearing nine young ones, will make no difference to her breeding next season. Many hens will sing and breed well, so you need have no fear. (2) I think your bird will sing shortly. I presume he is quite healthy, as you do not say anything to the contrary, and your feeding also is quite right. Some birds sing much quicker than others after the moult.

Wheezing at Night.

(No Name).—Seven days is not long enough to make any appreciable difference in the appearance of a bird which is afflicted as badly as yours. I should advise you to continue with the same treatment for at least another fortnight, when you should see a big improvement in her. If not, then I am afraid she will not be of much use for breeding with next season.

The Rearing of Young.

Novice. — Your method of feeding was quite right, and you cannot do better than follow it up in the future. So many young birds died last season, just at the age of yours. Most fanciers attributed it to the changeable weather we had, just at the time you mention, and I am strongly of opinion that it was the cause in your case. I sincerely hope, for your and every other breeder's sake, that the climatic conditions will now be much more favourable for Canary breeding. I also hope you will succeed in rearing some nice youngsters. Take heart, for I see no reason why you should not.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

Little Birds Agree.

Herbell.—I could not guarantee that your cock Canary and cock Linnet would agree together, but you might try them when you have time to watch them. In any case if you intend to breed with the bird, get him out of the small drawing-room cage and into one big enough for him to get more exercise. Your feeding seems to be all correct, but birds for breeding are best kept in a room to themselves; those kept in a living-room are at all times liable to go amiss.

The Effect of Gas on Birds.

White Rose.—From what you write as to your management and the condition of your birds, I can only come to one conclusion as to the cause: that is, that you burn more gas in your bird-room than is good for your birds; and perhaps, in addition, you may not have your bird-room sufficiently well-ventilated. My advice is, burn as little gas as possible, and after you have finished attending to your birds, turn out the light, cover the birds up, and open the windows a few minutes to allow all the foul air to escape. See that the room is well-ventilated during the day. Your feeding is all right, but I don't think anything else is the cause of your birds being in their present condition, besides the gas. I have personally known of several cases exactly similar where this has been proved to be so.

Building a House.

Big Ben (Cardiff).—Your plan for your house is on right lines, but it will certainly be damp unless you either cover it with some damp-proof material, or have double boarding all round, with a space of at least two inches between the boarding. Then again, it will be far too small when finished; but of this you should be the best judge. I think you will wish you had made it wider when you get birds in. Your idea of having shelves and fronts, and making the back of the hut for cage backs, is all right in theory, but bad in practice. I have tried this against a ceiling in my own room, but soon discarded this plan. In conclusion, I may say, I greatly prefer an inside room to any wooden hut for birds.

A Bird with a Cough.

Martin De Backer.—Give your bird his ordinary seed, and in addition give a little egg-food or boiled milk sop. Rub if you give the sop, squeeze as much of the milk out of it as you can, and mix well into it six drops of syrup of Buckthorn. Give this fresh each morning for four days, and then for one week, give in place of the syrup of Buckthorn, six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food, and in its drinking water, fresh every morning, ten drops of good Scotch whiskey and six drops of paregoric. Continue this treatment until well.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Canary Seed; and Breeding.

Tich.—Only three grains of the Canary seed reached me; the rest got lost owing to you putting same loose in the envelope. Expect it got out in the course of the post, or was spilled when letter was opened at the office of CAGE BIRDS. The little that I saw looked plump and well-ripened, and not at all dear at 6d. the quart. Better can be had, of course. I don't quite know what your point is, when asking whether two German hens and a Yorkshire cock "in his first-feather," will be all right for breeding next year. There is no reason whatever why they should not breed—that is, so far as can be told from a statement like this—if they are in fit condition. You will, of course, merely produce good singing "mongrels" from such a mating. If you had some other reason for asking this question, will you kindly set it out more clearly?

Young Casting Feathers, etc.

B.A.—I think the reason of the young casting feathers is clear; removing them from a cold-room in which they were bred and moulted, to the warm kitchen brought the trouble about. If you intend to teach them, and winter them in a warm room, you must either moult them in the latter, or move them before the cold weather sets in. Your other procedure is quite right. I certainly think it is far the best plan to keep young cocks being taught their song in a room by themselves—that is, away from the hens. It is not essential that the youngsters should be kept in the dark while being taught, but I know Continental breeders, who give all their young pupils an early breakfast, then shut them down (so they are in semi-darkness, and quiet and attentive) when the bird-organ, or the schoolmaster, is set going. Young birds undoubtedly listen more attentively, and so learn more quickly and accurately, when some such plan is adopted. If a bird-organ is being used, it is easy to darken a room; but a living "schoolmaster" wants to see more-or-less light while he is "teaching."

A Little Out of Sorts.

W.A.W.—For two days give to drink two tablespoonfuls of water in which has been well stirred (fresh daily) half-a-teaspoonful of dandelion juice, from the chemist's. After a day's interval on plain water, give one more dose. Feed well, giving a little egg-food every day for a time; then maw-seed one day, egg-food the next. After the dandelion juice, for 14 days, just colour his drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food; half-a-teaspoonful to two tablespoonsful. If at any time he seems constipated, stop the chemical food for a day, and give the dandelion juice. This treatment, will, I think, put the Roller right again.

Song of Songsters.

R.L.—The song of the young from a Norwich cock paired to a German hen would not be much improved unless the young were trained under a good Roller cock. The hen Roller has much influence on the song when paired to a cock Roller, of course; but when paired to a Norwich, well, that is a very different story. You must not forget that the song of the best Rollers is largely artificial—i.e., almost everything depending on their training. High-bred youngsters will produce the best song when well tutored; on the other hand, they will sing bad notes and tours with the lowest of the "low-bred" if permitted to hear and learn.

GREENS.

Answered by S. HADWIN.

Puffy Norwich Green Hen.

No Name.—You do not say how long your bird has been ill, but from what I can gather from your letter, the bird seems to have chronic asthma, which is practically incurable. The remedies you have tried are good, and as they have proved ineffectual, the most humane course will be to put the bird out of pain by killing it. During weather like that we have had recently, the bird must have suffered severely.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch Ailing.

J.L.—Parish's Chemical Food was no good for your bird; you should have tried him with a purgative that would act on the liver—say dandelion juice (taraxacum). If alive when you read this reply; get two or three pennyworth of dandelion juice from the chemist, and stir a good half-teaspoonful into each two tablespoonsful of drinking water. Give for three successive days, then on alternate days for a short time, being guided by the state of the birds excreta. Besides maw-seed, let him have niger seed liberally, and while ailing, crack his hemp seed (fresh every day).

Cheap Lark Food.

R.H.S.—To tell you the truth, I don't believe in "cheap" foods of any kind—so many have nothing but their cheapness to recommend them, and that is usually a negative quality, inasmuch as one's birds do not thrive while eating them. Again, it is not good for any of the usual softbill birds that their food should be "only moistened with water," and Larks are certainly included in this statement. Why, clover grass is one of the best possible things to give a Skylark to make it sing, and keep it healthy, also to assist it during the moult. Chopped green-food of different sorts (tender grass, chickweed, lettuce, etc.) grated raw carrot and mashed cold boiled potato, are indispensable, in my opinion and experience, to the health of the majority of softbill birds, both large and small. I can recommend the following as a very efficient and cheap stock food for Larks: game meal (without grit) or crushed puppy biscuits, three pounds, finely ground silkworm pupæ, half-a-pound, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, a quarter pound each, by weight. It will keep a long time. A few mealworms and other insects should be frequently given; also a little seed, in a separate dish.

Mating of Goldfinches.

Abbess.—It is sheer guesswork, of course, but I should say that the moulted Britisher would be a likelier breeder than the Russian you have just bought. You never can tell, though (as another philosopher has remarked), for Goldfies are funny things, and only a trial can prove whether any bird will or will not breed. Some fanciers have stated in CAGE BIRDS that they actually prefer steady, black-legged Britishers to house-moulted birds for muling purposes, holding they possess more "go" and life. Many fanciers often experience not the slightest trouble to induce black-legged Russian or Siberian Goldies to breed. I never worry, personally, so long as a bird is steady and "kind tempered." I should recommend you to show preference to a good, strong young hen Canary; or one not more than a season old. May and June are the two great months for the early Mules; it is usually not much use looking for fertile eggs earlier, especially with birds kept under natural conditions.

Staging a Goldfinch.

Snow.—Whether a Goldfinch needs hand-washing, depends largely on where its owner lives—if in the smoke of a large town, then it most assuredly will. Even when one is living in the country, one's Finches get soiled in time, travelling to and fro, and at the shows, when a "tubbing" becomes an essential to winning in keen competition. Indeed, it is wonderful what an improvement a skilfully accomplished wash can effect in the looks of a Goldie (or any other British bird) even though appearing quite clean before being touched with the soap. A tight fight is frequently settled by this matter of condition in the contending birds. A very pure, mild soap should be used, and clean boiled rain-water where possible—never very hard water, which should be boiled, and softened with one or two spots of toilet ammonia (or Scrubb's cloudy ammonia). Tub the bird three or four days (at least) before the show, and lightly syringe him every day afterwards with soft water, in which has been well stirred some finest quality glycerine, a good teaspoonful to a pint of water. One requires to allow a few days after the wash, to get all the "bloom" on the plumage.

Desirable Crosses.

H.S.G.—Out of the list you give, the cock Chaffinches, Bullfinches and Linnets will not be likely to indulge in crossing so long as you keep the hens of the same species in the aviary. In any case, it is doubtful whether the cock Chaffies would interbreed with any of the birds you have, as, up to the present, the only properly authenticated Hybrid from these birds is the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch. The Yellowhammer, too, is a very doubtful breeder; he is much more likely to spend his time chivying the others about, and making them uncomfortable. I think your best plan would be to remove the hen Linnets and Chaffinches, and turn in half-a-dozen more hen Bullies. The best crosses would be Siskin, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Goldfinch and Linnet-Bullfinch, in order named, probably, though this depends largely on the individual excellence of the progeny. Chaffinch, or Yellowhammer Bullfinch Hybrids would "cap" the lot— "if" you breed them! Your aviary is a nice size; don't overcrowd it.

Food of Woodlarks.

J.P.—Bread soaked in cold water, and mixed with crushed hemp seed and grated liver, or hard-boiled egg, does not appeal to me at all as a staple diet for a Woodlark, and I certainly should not give it to any of my own birds. It must be messy stuff, and very apt to turn sour in hot weather. You should try the stock-food recommended "R.H.S." in this week's issue, which is, I think, as good as one need wish for, and certainly most successful in keeping these birds in the pink of condition, and on song. The grated liver and the egg can be added now and again, and make an acceptable change; but finely-minced green-food, etc., must not be forgotten. Woodlarks ought certainly to have a regular supply of live food—many droop for want of it, I am sure. There is certainly nourishment in ants' eggs, and good nourishing properties, too, in good quality eggs. I have often kept tiny softbills on nothing else for a considerable period, as they would not touch other articles of food, unless alive. Many real good insectivorous foods are advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week.

More about Woodlarks.

New Reader.—The feeding of Woodlarks is dealt with in one or two other replies this week. Give the stock-food therein advised, damped (not made sloppy) with plain water now and again, at other times moistened with some vegetable ingredient or other. A little seed should be given in a separate vessel. A good stock cage can be made out of the usual type of Skylark cage, one perch being placed in same. The bird likes a turf; and must also have a dust bath. Many of the makers of cages advertising in our columns stock a special Woodlark cage, and this you would be sure to find quite suitable. The cage I myself like best is one of the pattern known as the "Lark runner" (only longer and wider from front to back) with doors at each end, and a canvas roof. A large turf fits in at one end, a perch over the other (the "dust-bath" end), and the food and water vessels hang on the front. In this you will have no trouble with their feet, given reasonable cleanliness.

About a Bullfinch.

College.—The Bullfinches you have seen on the show-bench may have been black-legged (not housemoulted) specimens. Anyway, it is no use colour-feeding a bird except during the moult—and you say yours has already reproduced its coat. You should have given it plenty of ripe blackberries, privet berries, black cherries, straw and raspberries, and other natural colouring agents, while moulting, or as in season (you can get lots of fine privet berries now, and even through our advertisement columns). I know that a good many fanciers are fond of croaking. "You have to colour-feed to win," but I also know that some of the biggest winning Bullies out have been moulted without even the proverbial "smell" at the pepper pot.

Goldfinch and Greypate.

T.H.H.—There is no definite age when a Greypate ceases to be a Greypate. Strictly speaking, a Greypate is a young Goldfinch with a grey pate, that is, a head on which no trace of the red adult plumage is to be seen. Therefore so soon as the "blaze" begins to show, so soon does the young Goldie cease to be a Greypate. This, however, does not come about at the same age in every individual bird—some are more forward than others. There will after Christmas still be many last season Goldfinches showing very little trace of the blaze. The blaze is the sure guide to youth in the Goldfinches; the song is another guide to the experienced fancier, of course. Numbers of last season Goldies are on song now; I have many myself, and so have other fanciers, without a doubt. I do not personally keep the hen Canary in the cage exactly for steadying purposes, but more to show the fresh-caught Goldies their way about—to food and water, for instance. I never worry myself as to whether the "stimulating food" will upset her—most old hens can stand a rare lot of it!

An Interesting Aviary.

K.D.F.—1. The Dipper has always proved a most difficult bird to keep in captivity, as I believe you already know, and possibly your bird may be sickening, as so many others of his kind have done before him when confined in aviaries. If so, the food will be of little moment. I don't see how you could possibly better it—it is surprising, in fact, how you manage to supply the live-food with such regularity and so liberally. The Dippers certainly ought to thrive; indeed they have already lived a gratifying length of time with you, viewed in the light of other experiments in the same direction; 2. You cannot improve on this feeding for your Wrens; 3 The Gold-crest, common Wren, Flycatcher, Chiff-chaff, Swallow, Willow and Wood Warblers, would, I think, find ample room in the aviary along with its present inmates. You must not turn them out until the spring is well advanced, however, or you'll run serious risk of losing them. By-the-way, I have long since given up the habit of mixing mealworms, gentles, and other live foods among my biscuit, etc., stock-food, and for this all-sufficient reason; the latter is immediately thrown out of the receptacle in the mad hunt for the former, and gets scattered and trampled all over the floor—anything, in fact, but eaten.

Brevities.

Cheap Lark Mixture (D. Atkinson).—Curiously enough your query is anticipated by another reader this week. Note reply to "R.H.S."

A Question of Colour-feed (G.D.).—There is only one colour-feed you can use for Yellowhammers and Chaffinches, and that is the same as for Canaries, viz., tasteless pepper. It is advertised largely in "C.B.," especially towards the beginning of the moulting season. I trust this answers your question, which is not altogether plain.

Young Cock Larks (J.R.).—If you get really large, bold birds, you can be practically sure of their sex. I am sure there are many dealers using our columns who would gladly send you two genuine cocks if you intimate that you are prepared to pay a reasonable price for them.

Mode of Pairing (Sambo).—You can mate all the Finches you mention (Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Yellowhammer) with hen Canaries. The usual method of trying for the Canary-Bullie Hybrid, however, is cock Canary to hen Bullie. And if I were myself seriously trying the Chaffinch and Yellowhammer crosses, I should mate up both ways, i.e., with the sexes reversed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

"One in Doubt."—In reply to your query respecting some fine singers, the printer has misinterpreted my copy, and made me say you may have an immature "Albino Finch."—I wrote "Alario Finch."

Treating Parrots.

H.W.M.—It all depends upon circumstances. A Parrot that has only been say, two or three months in this country, ought not to be kept in an entirely cold room, but in one in which a fire is burning during the day—say, your ordinary living-room. On the other hand, a bird that has spent practically the whole of the year in this country, providing it was thoroughly fit, would fare well enough under the conditions you name. Under any conditions, even the most hardy species must be protected from draught. It is not necessary to purchase two young birds in order to get one to live; the losses with young Grey Parrots occur mostly from the insanitary conditions of importation, in consequence of which they come to hand with the germs of disease in their systems, which sooner or later cause them to "shuffle off." As soon as a young Parrot is able to crack seed, that should form its staple diet, but until it can do so you must supply boiled maize (this only keeps fresh one day, and food vessels must be kept strictly clean); at the same time a supply of the seed mixture must be kept in the cage, and as you observe, the bird taking this, gradually discontinue the boiled maize. Seed mixture: two parts each canary and oats, and one part each hemp, dari, wheat and sunflower seeds; also give, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), boiled potatoes (dry), green food (leaf of fresh lettuce at the season), with regular supplies of cuttlefish. Water had better only be offered three times a day till it becomes accustomed to same. You must not give table scraps, milk, or other slops, or any kind of animal food.

Breeding Birds in Cages.

"S'il vous plait."—(1) Plum-headed Parrakeets are probable breeders in a cage; at the same time many of them refuse to do so unless they have sufficient room for flight; (2) Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and possibly Peach-faced Lovebirds; (3) This must be large to give any chance of success, say, as a minimum, 3 by 1½ by 2ft. high; supply 2 husks or log nests of suitable size for the respective birds in each cage. Only one pair must occupy each cage; (4) You would most certainly have greater prospect of success in a box cage. However, the case is not by any means hopeless with these two species. Fix a cocoa-nut husk in each dome, and put a screen over the outside of dome to give the birds privacy. Do not supply husks till next March, when you can put them in; supply hay and a canary nest bag, and leave them to take their own course. If any young are hatched, supply some good soft food mixture daily.

What Parrot?

P. G.—Your bird is a male Cockatiel, a native of Australia; it is a hardy species, and only needs protection from draught. Canary, millet, and a few oats, with green food, grit, and regular supply of water will be ample to keep this bird vigorous and healthy. As regards talking, I think not, though

I have heard of several that spoke plainly and a fair number of sentences, but such were mostly hand-reared birds, which had been taken in hand from the nest. What I mean is, that I do not consider an imported bird or an adult will learn to talk; there are, of course, exceptions to all rules, and we may hear of such in this case. Mix a little millet with the canary seed, but if it should refuse it, the bird will thrive well enough on canary seed alone, but offer it a few oats occasionally.

A Species of Amazon.

A C.—You appear to me to have some species of Amazon. If you send me a description of the plumage on the various parts of its body, I shall then be able to tell you what species it is. I should have asked you for this in my last reply, but I gathered from your query that your friend knew its name. When a bird has been improperly dieted as yours has been, it generally ends in feather plucking, etc., and you may consider yourself fortunate that the case is no worse. Continue the diet you are now giving, and the treatment already advised, and it should soon lose this annoying habit; but you cannot expect anything but a gradual resumption of normal conditions. Do not give Parrots any table scraps, slops, or any kind of animal food. Till you are sure your new purchase is quite healthy, do not let it come into contact with your Amazon. If it is a young bird, it will perhaps need a little boiled maize; but if it is eating heartily of a dry seed mixture, it will be better without it. Again, if it has been fed on boiled maize before reaching you, do not stop this suddenly, but gradually discontinue it. See reply to H. W. M. in this issue for correct and full dietary. Keep it free from draught.

Size of Waxbills.

"Box Cage."—The Zebra Waxbill is the smallest of the Waxbills; the Avadavat ranks next, the Common or Grey, the Australian, and the Orange-cheeked are about equal, but a little larger than the Avadavat. The Green Avadavat is about the size of its crimson congener, and very prettily and chastely clad. All are small birds and seed-eaters. There are some very pretty birds among the genus "Spermophila," but these are somewhat quarrelsome in the confines of a cage. The Fire-red and Lavender-backed Finches are very neat and pretty little birds, about the size of the Avadavat, but they are rather dear, being still very rare. Not a great deal larger are the Silverbills, Ruficauda, or Rufous-tailed Finches. All the above are seed-eaters, and none of them difficult to keep in condition.

Treatment of Foreign Finches.

J. Flynn.—Canary, millet, spray millet, cuttlefish, green-food, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing will fully meet the simple needs of the Weavers and Finches you name. Of course, all birds suffer more or less when kept in confined quarters, and if you find any of your birds getting unduly fat, a timely dose or two of Epsom Salts (but you must not scour them), and a liberal supply of green-food, should soon work an improvement. If their cages are at all small, train them to take a daily fly round the room, you can soon train them to return to the cage as desired by placing some dainty tit-bit they are fond of therein. The terms, flighted and unflighted, are barely applicable to foreign birds; repeat this portion of your query to one of our Canary experts.

Cockatoo Lost His Feathers.

D P. (Jarrow).—I can only say, in addition to my previous reply, that if you are quite sure it is not pecking or pulling its feathers, there is no need to continue to spray with quassia solution. Continue the chemical food in its water as already directed, also give it sulphur by some means. The best way to give this is to slightly damp a piece of bread or Madeira cake and well dust it with flowers of sulphur. Recovery will not be rapid, and you must persevere with the treatment. Do not keep too warm; at the same time protect it from draught. Encourage it to take plenty of green-food and ripe fruit, also as much cuttlefish as it will eat. I take it, from your note, that the bird is constitutionally weak, and that the recovery of its plumage will be rather slow; but as the bird appears otherwise fairly healthy, it should ultimately recover same. Permit me to congratulate you on your success with the Blue Mountain Lories.

Parrot for Household Pet.

Pulchræ Aves.—Tastes vary so in this respect, that a reply is very difficult. Some want a talker, others a pet they can handle and fondle; some prefer a large one, others a small one, while others again prefer gorgeous apparel before anything else. If you want a really good talker it must be either an Amazon or Grey. If, on the other hand, you want a wrist bird, or a tame pet you can have at liberty in your room and about you, then you cannot do better than get a Tui or some allied species. It is not large, but at the same time is a handsome, bright green bird, relieved with a few small patches of yellow. All the genus "Brotogerys" make good pets, they are not very common, and consequently not cheap, neither are they very costly, and one or other of the species can usually be obtained, viz., the All-green, the Orange-winged, the Yellow-winged, the Orange-flanked, the Tovi, the Tui, and the Golden-fronted Parrakeets; perhaps the three last would be the most suitable.

Amazon Running at the Nose.

"Nightingale, J. C."—Spray the bird's nostrils twice daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. Do not keep it in the warmest part of your room, rather where the temperature is the most equable and yet free from draught. It will do no harm if a little of the solution is swallowed. In lieu of spraying, you can dab the nostrils with the solution, using a small camel-hair brush, but the brush must be well cleansed, and a fresh portion of the solution used for each occasion. If it should go off its food at all, you had better write at once, supplying the fullest details you can.

Chummy and Companionable.

S.W.—It is the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo (Cacatua roseicapilla). They are not as a rule noted for talking capacity, though accounts have been published recently in CAGE BIRDS of quite accomplished talkers: nevertheless, it is a fact, that the majority of these birds do but little in this respect. They make chummy, companionable birds, and are interesting for their acrobatic antics. There is but one thing you can do, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it by constant repetition, and it should ultimately, at any rate, speak a word or two. It is perhaps best to cover these birds up at night, but there should be a small space on top of cage left uncovered for ventilation; I don't think such covering up will help it to talk, or make it easier to teach it to do so. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food, it is a hardy species, and only needs protection from draught. Diet as advised regularly in this column.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Recovery of Expenses (A. Carter).—If you received no notification of class being cancelled (or entry fee was not returned) then we think you could recover expenses on the one exhibit concerned. You should write to the chairman (or one of the committee) seeing the secretary ignores your letters. You most certainly are entitled to the return of the entry fee.

"Lively doings at Lancaster" (Member).—Such a letter as you send us we could not possibly publish over a nom-de-plume. It comes within reach of the law of libel, we are afraid, from beginning to end.

Photograph (J. Simon).—We should very much like to publish the photograph you so kindly send us, but we are afraid it is not clear (sharp) enough to reproduce satisfactorily. We will, however, see what our printer thinks on this point.

Sidmouth Show (F.F.).—We are very much indebted to you for sending us a report of the fixture, but unfortunately we had already made arrangements to receive one. Pleased to hear it proved a success.

Cheap Roller Cocks (W. Hatcher).—You should apply to one of the wholesale dealers and importers of German Canaries advertising in our columns. We cannot (it is against our rules) recommend any particular dealer or dealers.

IN THE COURTS.

The Railways and the Carriage of Live Stock.

Last summer Mr. J. W. Ramsden took up a case for the C.B.U. with reference to a member's bird being lost on rail, with negligence alleged. The railway company pleaded their limitation clause, and it was agreed to await the Appeal Court's decision in the dog case—which was on all fours with this case. The Court has just decided in favour of the railway company, so the limit imposed by the railway companies seems now legally held to be a reasonable one. The appended is a condensed report of the case in question:—

An appeal by the Midland Railway Company raised a point of great importance not only to all the railway companies, but to exhibitors and breeders who have to send valuable dogs from one part of the country to another by rail.

Mr. Williams, the plaintiff, was owner of a pointer bitch, Rose of Gerwn, which was said to be of the value of 500 guineas. In February, 1905, he sent the dog from Neath by the Great Western Railway consigned to Chester, under a contract which contained the condition that the railway company would not in any case be responsible in the event of loss for a greater sum than £2 unless the higher value were declared at the time of delivery to the company and a percentage of 1¼ per cent. (minimum 3d.) paid upon the excess value so declared. En route the dog was transferred to the Midland Company and arrived at Chesterfield about 6 p.m. It was placed in the parcels office, and about midnight the basket in which the dog was packed was found to be on fire, and the dog was burned to death. An action was brought by Mr. Williams to recover £300, the agreed value of the dog. The company paid £2 into court, and pleaded that under the contract note they were in no case liable to pay more.

The real question raised at the trial was whether the contract note—which is the same in all companies—was "just and reasonable." In support of Mr. Williams's contention that it was unreasonable, it was urged that the same percentage was charged no matter what distance the dog had to travel; and, further, that the amount which he would have to pay to get the benefit of the company's extended liability on a dog of the value of £300 would come to £3 15s., which was out of all proportion to the risk. The £3 15s. was five times the rate which a third-class passenger would have to pay, and nearly three times as much as the first-class fare of a passenger.

Mr. Justice Walton held that the owner of the dog was entitled to judgment for the £300, the value of the dog.

After a long legal argument, the Earl of Halsbury said the question was whether the plaintiff (Mr. Williams) was entitled to say the condition as to declared value was unreasonable. He did not agree with the decision come to by Mr. Justice Walton, whose findings he did not distinctly understand. He thought it not only reasonable that there should be a percentage, but the fact that the 1¼ had lasted over sixteen years without question was evidence that the percentage was reasonable. That being so the appeal must be allowed.—Sir Gorell Barnes agreed.—Mr. Justice Bigham said he agreed that if the reasonableness of this condition was to be considered with reference to the evidence that was given its reasonableness had been established. But even if the question was to be considered apart from the evidence he should have been prepared to hold that this rule on its face was reasonable.—Judgment was therefore entered for the railway company, and the appeal was allowed with costs.

Then—and Now.

When I came into the Fancy I did not know a Norwich from a Yorkshire, but CAGE BIRDS soon taught me better. I have not missed an issue since the autumn of 1904, and it has been my guide since then. In 1906 I got in the tickets with every unflighted Yorkshire I put on the Bench, while I have two Thrushes, 1905 nestlings, which CAGE BIRDS taught me how to feed, that have not yet been beaten—first and special every time.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

OUR COLOURED PLATE.

Some Triumphs of Hybrid Breeding.

For Mr. Norman's painting of some of the most charming of our known Hybrids, which accompanies this Christmas number, we anticipate an even warmer welcome than that which greeted his recent plate of Mules, "A Blend of Canary Blood," to which, indeed, the present plate may be said to be a companion picture. The blending of the colours and structural peculiarities of the different parents is depicted in the masterly fashion readers of CAGE BIRDS long ago began to associate with Mr. Norman's truthful brush. In most of the Hybrids between two British birds (especially between bright-coloured species), the sexes are distinguished by considerable differences in the plumage. This is well shown in the cock and the hen Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids seen in the plate (two rare birds, by-the-way, painted from specimens loaned by that cute breeder, Mr. T. Dixon, Wigton). The young cock greatly resembles the female (even after the moult) until his second year. The beauties of the Goldfinch-Siskin, Goldfinch-Linnet (painted from the well-known winners exhibited by Mr. E. J. Lamb, Kingston-on-Thames), and Linnet-Bullfinch crosses will be apparent to all.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Tideswell.—Dec. 21st, Bagshaw Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Harrison and Bexson. 8 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 16th to HANDLEY and BROCKLEHURST, secs.

Hugglescote.—Jan. 1st, National Schools.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 15 open classes: Nor. 6, Yorks. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 1, Local 1, Members' 1, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 24th to T. HAYWOOD, North-street, Hugglescote, nr. Leicester.

Plumstead, Woolwich (C.C.C. and C.B.U.).—Jan. 2nd and 3rd, Trinity Schools, Beresford-square, Woolwich.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 30 open classes: Nor. 7, Yorks. 6, Crest 4, Bord. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 3, and 30 Members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 23rd to PAWLEY and NEWNHAM, 13, Olven-road, Plumstead.

Seaham Harbour (C.B.U.).—Dec. 21st, Co-operative Hall.—Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye. 23 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 4, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Bord. 3, Pairs 1, A.O.V. 1, Males 1, Brit. 3, Sell. 2, Hyde's 1, and 10 Members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 18th (first post) to J. M. NICHOLSON, 7, Sophia-street.

Bradford (West) (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C., G.C.A.).—Dec. 20th and 21st, Whetley Lane Schools, Girlington.—Judges, Messrs. Broadley and Mundell. 35 open classes: Yorks. 19, Nor. 8, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 3, Brit. 3, Gift 1, and 8 Novice (members) classes. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., and 2/-. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 17th to T. CLEGG, 55, Lupton-street.

Broxburn.—Dec. 21st, Public Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. M'Lay, H. Bennet, J. Brown, and J. Livingstone. 36 open classes: Nor. 9, Bord. 9, Mule 2, Brit. 14, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 16th to W. NEILSON, 32, Greendykes-road.

Hexham.—Jan. 1st, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr T. H. Welch. 3 open classes; Can. Brit. and For. 1 each. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 25th to P. GILLHESPY, North-terrace.

Elginshire.—Jan. 1st, Corn Market Hall, Elgin. Judge, Mr. Peter Pettigrew. 31 open classes: Scot. 1, Nor. 15, Crest 2, Bord. 1, Pair 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and 1s., and good list of specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 24th to A. D. M'CASKIE, 2, Commerce-street, Elgin.

Kingsbridge.—Jan. 15, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. J. B. Dyer. 4 local classes. Can. 1, Brit. 1, Mule 2. Prizes, 5s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 31, to E A. HEAVEN, 2, Alvington Terrace, Kingsbridge, S. Devon.

Western Fanciers' (C.B.U).—Jan. 1, 1908, Plymouth Market. Judge, Mr. T. Deeble. 26 open classes. Yorks. 5, Nor. 5, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Mules 3, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., 6d. Fee 1s 6d. Entries close Dec. 23, to W. J. SLOMAN. 6, Fairfield Villas, Peverell, Plymouth.

Buckie.—Dec. 25., Fishermen's Hall. Judge, Mr. J. Lyon. 27 classes. Scot. 2, Nor. 9, Crest 2, Cinn. 1, Roller 1, A.O.V. 1, Pair 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1, Mule 1, and Members' 1 Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 18, to GEO. STEWART, 8, Cathedral Street, Buckie.

Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd (C.B.U).—Jan. 9, New Town Hall, Pontypridd. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 11 classes. Yorks. 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 2, For. 1. Prizes 7s 6d., 4s., and 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close Jan. 2, to EBORNE and STEDMAN, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.

Paisley.—Jan. 1 and 2, New Drill Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Watson, J. A. Stewart, Wm. Muirhead, J. M'Lennan, D. Holden, Geo. Fulton, A. G. Cameron, J. Mossie, and M. Craig, 61 open classes. Scots. 23, Crest 4, Nor. 9, Yorks. 2, Bord. 8, Mule 3, Brit. 11, For. 1. Prizes 15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., and 2s., and a good list of specials. Fee 2s. Entries close Dec 25, to A. M. BAIRD, 23, Neilston Road.

Thurso.—Dec. 25, Artillery Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. Robt. Smillie. 21 open classes. Scot. 2, Nor. 3, Crest 4, Colour-fed 1, Common 2, Yorks. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 6s. 6d., 3s., and 1s. 6d. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 18, to J. D. MILLIKIN, Castle Street.

St. Albans (C.B.U).—Jan. 1, Drill Hall. Judge, Mr. G Gardner. 20 open classes. Nor. 4, Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, and 6 LIMIT classes. Prizes 6s., 4s., and 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 26, to ODELL and HESTER, 19, Thorpe Road.

High Wycombe.—Dec. 27, Oakley Memorial Drill Hall Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 12 Radius classes. Yorks. 1, Nor. 2, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee 2s. Entries close Dec. 16, to S. C. PEARCE. 114. Oxford Road,

CORRESPONDENCE.

LATE CANARY BREEDING.

SIR,—Being a great advocate of open-air breeding, I should like to bring before your notice an unusual instance of late season breeding of Canaries. I had hatched on November 1st a nest of two. On the 22nd they were flying about, and they are now doing well. They were hatched and bred in the open. I have been a constant reader of your paper ever since its commencement, and I have never seen in print, or heard of any other Canaries being hatched so late in the season. I should be pleased, therefore, if you would kindly publish this information. I have been an open-air breeder for the past ten years, with very good results. I have bred 64 Linnet Mules this season with great satisfaction. I should be very pleased to show the birds to any callers.

WILLIAM ACLAND.

245, Cassland-road, South Hackney.

THE DIPPER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—Some time ago I wrote to you telling of my efforts to keep the Dipper in an aviary. They (my birds) are still alive and healthy, and would have been on the show bench at Dublin if the secretary had sent me a schedule as requested. I wrote off about a week before entries closing, and then set to work to prepare my birds. They were steady and in glossy plumage, and I had just got some new show cages for them. Judge of my sorrow when the day of the closing of entries arrived and no schedule had appeared. All my trouble and labour were in vain, and I have probably lost the opportunity of showing them this year, as I do not like to send them far away. The show, too, has lost a chance, for I believe they would have been the first Dippers exhibited (for a long while at least), and would have been a great attraction. CAGE BIRDS is a splendid paper, easily the best. I am sure fanciers will sympathise with me in having lost an almost certain win.

K. D. FITZMAURICE (Miss).

THE NOVICE QUESTION.

A Point for Lancashire Shows.

SIR,—I would like to know the rule with regard to the showing of British birds throughout the country. In London and district I noticed that amateurs and novices are allowed to show their British specimens at open shows, in the champion classes, without any fear of a win throwing them out of the novice Canary section. I also noticed what bumping classes they got at both open and members' shows, and I thought how differently the novice was treated down South, and how he appreciated this kindness by helping to fill classes at the open shows. How different this to our treatment here in Lancashire, where no classes are provided for the amateur or the novice in the open shows. A novice can only show with the certainty of being fired out of the amateur Canary section if he wins anything with his British. I contend this is not right. Why should these points be counted against us in the Canary section? We breed our Canaries (I have bred every winner I have shown) but we buy our British—a wide difference. Yet the latter, when we have got them, are of very little use to us for show purposes, seeing we are only able to show them against our fellow-members at about three shows a year. And the novice with a couple of good birds only requires to win a few times to reduce the number of birds to almost vanishing point in the two usual classes for members' Hardbill and Softbill—sometimes only one class. Fancy a Thrush and a Redpoll both in the same class, both real good birds; do you think the judge is born who could do justice to these two birds in one class? What price the Redpoll, and its owner going to the trouble and expense of staging it again? I have also seen a House Sparrow in the same class. In my opinion this kills sport, because a man would be most foolish to stage a bird that he knew, before it left home, had not a ghost of a chance of winning. The consequence is that though we see so many British in our members' rooms, there are very few put on the bench. If a novice has a real good one, he must either kill the class after a short time, keep his bird at home, or sell; and I have the pleasure of knowing more than one fancier with birds fit to win in the open, but they are also Canary breeders, fighting their way up with a strain of their own. More power to 'em, more honour in breeding than buying birds! What are they to do? Well, I think it would be for the good of the Fancy to allow them to show their British at any open show in the kingdom without any hindrance, with Hybrids between two British birds or between British and Canary to be classed with the Canary section. Then I believe we would soon see extensions of classes and double the number of birds in them, the novice encouraged, and grist brought to the mill of struggling shows.

LANCASHIRE THROSTLE.

A FANCIER'S DEPLORABLE LOSS.

SIR,—I beg to thank most sincerely the following ladies and gentlemen who have sent me donations for Mr. A. C. Brotherhood's loss: CAGE BIRDS, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Burton, 10s. 6d.; Ned Loring, Esq., 10s.; Mrs. Broughton, 10s.; Rev. W. J. Burges, 10s. 6d.; Rev. J. P. Noble, 2s. 6d.; A. Heber Percy, Esq., £1; Rev. J. Percival Farrar, 10s.; Boville Spencer, Esq., 5s.; Mr. Hall, 4s.; Mr. Hindley, 5s.; Hon. Gerald Hill, 2s. 6d. P. VICTOR WILLIAMS.

THE LOWESTOFT LAW SUIT.

SIR,—Early in the year you very kindly published in CAGE BIRDS the fact that my society had had the misfortune to be dragged into a law suit, through an accident at our late show, December 5th, 1906, caused by the fall of an advertisement board, which had been standing outside the show building. The board fell on and injured a lady who was passing. You also recorded that the County Court Judge non-suited the plaintiff, but refused to allow my society costs. On the advice of our solicitor, Mr. H. E. Everitt, the action was taken to the Appeal Court, and I am pleased to inform you the decision of the County Court Judge was reversed, the Divisional Court deciding in our favour, with all costs, so that, thanks to the able management of our legal adviser, the matter is now cleared up, and without costing the society one penny. With this case unsettled my committee thought it inadvisable to run a show this year, but we now hope to carry on the society as hitherto, and have our annual show in 1908. E. L. A. CROW.

THE APPROACHING DECAY OF CAGE BIRD CLUBS.

SIR,—Seeing some correspondence in your valuable paper on the above subject, I shall esteem a great favour if you will allow me a little space, as it seems to hit a certain society to a nicety. I might say a new society was started in this district with the intention of encouraging the novice fancier, of drawing more new members into the interesting hobby of bird breeding, and of promoting the welfare of our feathered pets. After the society was formed it was decided to have a show, every member being in favour. A committee was formed to wait on the public to see if it were possible to get special prizes. The public responded most generously; a number of medals were given, and a splendid cup was also given to the points in Plainhead classes. Everybody was delighted, and would try their best to gain some of these specials, and therefore made several entries. Show day arrived, and the members visited the show to see how things stood with them. But, alas! what a disappointment for them, as they saw birds of great value that had never been seen before by any member, although the exhibitors' rooms were visited a very short time previous. What do we learn? The birds were supplied by the judge, and, of course, he had placed them all in the money, therefore giving a fancier who had spent his time and labour in trying to breed a good bird no earthly chance whatever. This, mind you, by men who had promised to help the novice. Instead of helping them, it has about broken their hearts, as several have vowed they will never again be a member of that society. And can it be wondered at? Some people get so carried away in their desire to win, that they throw prudence to the wind, and either borrow or hire their winners; or do anything, as long as they win. Where is the honour? I'm at a loss to know why, as years go on, this class of fancier still stands in the same way as he did when a novice, as he cannot gain experience unless he uses his headpiece to pair up successfully to breed winners. I notice "Fancier" suggests there should be a visiting committee. With him I agree, and it was put to this society and carried; but at the next meeting it was rescinded. Why? Because it would interfere with those that did not show honestly. The sooner a club adopts a visiting committee, I think, the better, as it will stop a lot of dishonest practices that are now being carried on. I don't agree with "Fancier," that a man should be debared from showing, unless he shows his own birds, that are bred by himself. On the contrary I give a man credit if he can buy a winner, for if it were not for such buyers, one would not know what to do with the birds one breeds. What I think should be done by all societies, is to make a rule and compel all exhibitors to put in the schedule the name of the breeder of the bird shown by them, and thereby give the credit where credit is due. In conclusion, should this meet the eye of anyone who is accustomed to such tricks as stated it may pull him up before the practice gets too far, for as sure as there is a sky, it will be found out sooner or later; then, what a degradation! EXHIBITOR.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

SIR, — The annual business meeting of the City O.A. is to come off on Saturday, 21st December, and it is to be hoped every member within reasonable distance will fill his niche and take part in the proceedings. It is the place to clear up all differences. It has been suggested that it would be an improvement to abolish the severe tax of special prizes, and let the money wasted in that direction flow into the coffers of the Association. The City should lead in matters of reform, and here is a golden opportunity. I am sure our hard working secretaries will welcome the change. The canvassing for special prizes is the most unpleasant part of their duties, they have enough to do otherwise, and deserve every encouragement. Fellow fanciers come and help in healthy reformation! A MEMBER.

THE COCKERMOUTH FEATHER SOCIETY SHOW.

SIR,—Permit me this opportunity of thanking those fanciers who so generously rallied round us last week, and in every department assisted in making our show one huge success. After explaining in your columns how the C.B.U. had dealt with us, I ventured to ask your readers to give us a record entry. They did so, and some went so far as to forward with their entries letters of sympathy. Why, Sir, we had entries from Carlisle sent in the same sporting spirit, and not with any feeling of antagonism to their own show. I hope our success will be an object lesson to the C.B.U. to give more consideration to the so-called "smaller" shows, and to conduct their affairs in a more business like manner. Our total entries were 1,055, our takings in the room over £40, our visitors coming from the Scottish borders to Furness, with cheap bookings from stations within a radius of 15 miles. I commend these figures and the enterprise which made them possible to Mr. Lythgoe. I would conclude with a special word of thanks to our friends in West Cumberland, for their generous practical support GEO. OGLETHORPE.

WITHHOLDING AWARDS AND PRIZE-MONEY AT KENTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Commune Bonum" has rushed into print entirely unaware of the true facts. It is always advisable to support facts, where possible, by figures; but statements should be as free from prejudice as figures are accurate in detail. Without taking up too much of your valuable space, permit me to deal in order with your correspondent's complaints. There was no record entry in the C.B. Section, thanks (?) to the action of certain local executive and ordinary members of the K.C.C.B.A., who boycotted the show. Some months since something of a local executive split took place in that association, and the ill-feeling generated from the same found expression in this boycott, though the Dover F. and F. Society—as a society—had no part in it. This explains why so little cancellation took place. Now as regards awards. This was our seventh exhibition. The judge was at liberty to award and to use his discretionary powers as in former years. Therefore I infer that the Hardbill classes received higher awards because of their higher merit. Surely "Commune Bonum" does not demand a first, second, and third award in each class irrespective of standard merit and the number of exhibits? Permit me, sir, to make an emphatic and strong protest against the unwarrantable assertion that the Dover Society has "done" exhibitors. This expression is as unnecessary and uncalled for as the truth of your correspondent's "hard facts" is to find. Far more considerate and worthy of a sportsman would it have been to communicate direct to my committee making these complaints and asking for explanations. Had this exhibitor even approached the Society, by suggestion through the K.C.C.B.A. after his cause for complaint against the latter, it would have received, at the least, the courteous consideration he has denied to us. I have little or no knowledge of the method of calculating points for the K.C.C.B.A. bowls; but it must always seem to the impartial, unprejudiced by self-interests, that first in a class of eight will generally be of higher merit than in a class of, say, four; and unless the judge has some voice in the matter there will assuredly be safer ground for complaint. As to the appointment of the pigeon judge—to whom the sincere thanks of the Dover Society are due for helping us out of a dilemma—to judge C.B. Section, it may be news to your correspondent to hear that I did not receive notification of Mr. North's inability to officiate until first post on the day previous to the show. Further, the number of exhibits in the sixty-one classes referred to were about 405, and not "about 450." This is another "hard fact" in which the error is on "Commune Bonum's" side—an error of hasty condemnation which, in the future, he will do well to avoid. I am sure your readers' love of justice will deprecate the "bull-at-a-haystack" method of rushing into print before one is sure of their figures. In face of the above facts, some may naturally conclude that "Commune Bonum" should have been written "Self-Interest."

ARTHUR S. HORREX,
Hon. Sec. D. and D. F. and F. Society.

SIR,—I fully agree with Commune Bonum as to treatment at Dover and District Show. I was a winner of three firsts and a special, for which I have had most elaborate cards and a cheque for 12s. 6d. instead of 30s. Even taking half prize-money, this should have been 15s. One class of two entries should have been cancelled; my bird was first, and I have a first prize card, but I only receive 2s. 6d., as the award stood at half second-prize money. Now, as the entry fees were to my mind excessive (considering the show), namely, 1s. 9d. each, and the carriage of birds is 2s., there is not much over for time and trouble when you get 2s. 6d. for a first prize. Another class was amalgamated, but only half prize money was awarded. It seems to me that once entries are made and the £ s. d. is safe, then the show committee start exercising their advertised rights, to do as they please as regards money, amalgamation, cancelling, or anything else that takes their fancy, and the poor exhibitor is nowhere. But they must not forget that if there were no exhibitors there would be no money. So surely their "mainstay" should be studied a little. This is no case of a disappointed exhibitor, as I did well, EXHIBITOR.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—Noticing a letter from "Scotch Fancier," in which he alludes to the eight classifications, permit me to say that I am hopeful of seeing at least one show in England with such classification next year. It could easily be arranged in a central town in connection with an annual fixture. But while we have certain funds in hand, it is members we want. "Scotch Fancier" says such and such would draw from Scotland; yes, but we want their support also. Any way, I promise Scotch fanciers, if they will only give their support to the club, there will be no need of complaint for want of encouragement next year. I have just received from a fancier twenty shillings, four members' subscriptions. I will be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to become a member.—J. HARRISON, 145, Balby Road, Doncaster.

CLASHING OF SHOW DATES IN CUMBERLAND.

SIR,—The border county, though fairly extensive in area, is only thinly populated, but its people are thoroughly sport-loving, and fanciers of every kind of animal and bird, followers of every sturdy, manly game and pastime are exceptionally numerous. This sporting instinct is fostered by a multitude of clubs and societies, who in organising their gatherings find it increasingly difficult to avoid clashing with others, a necessity due to the sparse population. Might I suggest that representatives of the various poultry, pigeon and cage bird societies in the county should meet at an early date in the New Year, and in conference endeavour to arrange amicably and expeditiously dates, etc., for their various shows. I should be glad to make arrangements for such a meeting. GEO. OGLETHORPE,
Lorton, Cockermouth.

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—Following up the letter by St. Mungo, we are in the same fix this way. It is true, we have a standard of the Norwich Plainhead for our guidance, but when some judges go for "Rooks" and others for "Tomtits" we really hardly know what to call a show specimen. At Kent shows of late years we have had first prize winners of large size—sometimes a little browy, rather long, and not always tight in feather. Now this season at two shows the birds we should have called wasters from our best pairs have come home with flying colours—little birds, short and good quality. If we wish to catch the judge's eye, and we do not happen to know his pet type, does this mean we must put two birds in each class—one a "Rook" and the other a "Tomtit"? I have shown a typical buff cock that has taken first in a strong class of 32, but under another judge he came in "commended" only, and yet on looking round he was practically the best bird in the class. But this judge went for the colour, yellow, whereas I contend a really rich buff with boxwood feather, short all over and good head, is more difficult to breed than a small yellow bird. This one is well fed and shown in grand form. Another buff that took two firsts under two judges, under a third one only came in third, and again a yellow of small size beat him. What standard can be worked for when opinions differ so much? PERPLEXED KENTITE.

THE SONG OF THE EXHIBITION ROLLER.

SIR,—With reference to "Variety's" letter in your issue of 7th inst., my experience of breeding Rollers has been similar to his, and with him I shall be glad if some prominent breeder would kindly give us his views, which would be greatly appreciated by another AMATEUR.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Baker's letter, he seems very hard hit over something. Instead of me showing "the most deplorable exhibition of petty jealousy," it seems to be vice versa. I did not approve of the way in which the judging was carried on. Three judges were appointed to judge, and should have completed it, or left it alone. If we allow this kind of thing to continue, where will it stop? As Mr. Baker admits he is not an expert, he should not have undertaken to finish an expert's work. W. MORRIS.

THE GIBSON CUP.

SIR,—The Gibson Cup was got by a certain Scotch fancier to be competed for at the Scottish National Show, and it was understood to be for the Scotch Fancy section, which is having a hard struggle for existence. The other sections could not leave it there, and troubled the donor, in my opinion unnecessarily, and the outcome of that interference is that the Cup is to go year by year round the various sections. That is not a satisfactory arrangement, in my own opinion, and I would like to have, through your columns, Mr. Wright's version of the terms upon which the Cup was originally given. I see plainly that there is a disposition to crush out the Scotch Fancy Canary, which is and will ever remain the most valuable of the Canary tribe. A SCOTCH FANCIER.

THE LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—For a long time past I have been turning over in my mind the advisabilty of someone calling attention to the growing craze for length in the Yorkshire Canary. It does seem an absurd thing to me to fix upon a standard length of say 6¾ inches, and then for three out of four of the winners at quite a number of shows to be found measuring anything, from 7 inches to 8 inches. Some of these birds, I know, get it in "tail." I am not saying this in any vein sarcastic, but really I have often wondered whether some of our judges have begun to confuse the Yorkshire Canary with the Long-tailed Whydah. I mean, of course, in the matter of length of tail. No doubt size is very attractive to people, who have a large optic and want a lot to fill it, and as length generally accompanies size, it is probably concluded that a good big 'un in this respect ought always to beat a good little 'un. My word! and some of the long-tailed, flat-sided, coarse-headed, ugly-beaked, flaky-feathered, loose-breeched specimens that have been taking the prizes—not winning them—have been ocular demonstration that it is "size that appeases the passion" of some judges. But where will this tend? Will it tend to improve the variety? Will it tend to make or mar the beauty of the Yorkshire of the future?

J. T. CLIMB.

AN ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

SIR,—I think Mr. W. Walsh must have misunderstood my letter of last week. If he will read my letter again he will find that I did not say, nor did I insinuate, that he was masquerading under an assumed name; neither did I say that I was the only Walsh that owns a winning strain of Yorkshires. What I did say, however, was that I was the owner of the strain of Yorkshires that is winning at the Yorkshire Union shows under the name of Walsh. That I again assert, Mr. Editor, and with your kind permission will prove. But first, just to clear the ground a little, if Mr. W. will turn to the last paragraph of my previous letter he will see how, by a very small outlay on his part, he could have prevented its being written. And now for the proofs. Up to date there have been ten Union shows, and I find in going through the catalogues that the following awards have been secured by birds exhibited under the name of Walsh: 7 firsts, 10 specials, 4 seconds, 4 thirds, 4 fourths, 5 v.h.c.'s, 4 h.c.'s, and 3 c.'s all but one v.h.c. being won by my birds (Mr. W., kindly correct me if I make a mistake). Here, Mr. Editor, let me apologise to you for having written the above, and to assure you, Sir, and your readers, that my object in writing has been, not to damage anyone's interest, but merely to protect my own. Finally, if Mr. W. had not seen fit to demand me to withdraw the accusation (what, by the way, is the accusation, I wonder?), and also apologise, I would have been content to have let the matter end with his last letter. H. W. WALSH.

Halifax.

HYBRIDS AT PERTH SHOW.

SIR,—I expected to see Mr. Langland's reply to my letter by this time, but evidently he does not care to vindicate his position. Now, in all fairness, he should at least let me know why he marked my bird wrong class. When a judge comes to a decision such as this, he surely must have some reason for it. Exhibitors do not pay entrance fees and railway expenses—which are in all conscience heavy enough—to have this treatment meted out to them. If he has made a mistake, and we are all liable to err, the best thing he can do is to own up to it.

JAMES OVENSTONE.

AN S.Y.C.C. MATTER.

SIR,—For the enlightenment of those gentlemen who are showing such abnormal eagerness to elevate Mr. G. J. Warley to the champion section and for the special edification of the sporting (?) fellow member who protested against him before troubling to inquire into the facts, I would inform them and him that the novice classes held at Rochester Show Dec. 17 and 18, 1906, were confined to novice members of the S.Y.C.C. and were not open novice classes. I have documentary evidence in front of me now to prove this. My only object in writing this is that Mr. Warley has been threatened with all the pains and penalties, etc., should he still show in the novice section, although it is obvious he is still a novice according to the present rules of the S.Y.C.C.

R. P. BROOME,
late Hon. Sec. S.Y.C.C.

ALLEGED DISCOURTEOUS TREATMENT AT A SHOW.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for inserting my letter *re* Birds sent to a certain Midland show, and the treatment I received. I must say that up to time of writing I have had no communication whatever, neither have I had my money returned, although as stated, the date of the show was October 23rd. I also beg to inform you that I have (as seen by show reports) sent to Lowestoft, Diss and Sudbury where, I may say, I received the utmost courtesy from secretary, and stewards; all possible was done in feeding and packing birds. These are small and large soft bills which I have taken to this year, after reading an excellent lecture from Mr. Sandy (in CAGE BIRDS, May 25th and June 2nd) and the other valuable knowledge inserted each week in your paper. My Redstart and two Gales will feed from hand—both through the netting and with hand inside cage door. "ONE OF THE MUGS."

TREE SPARROW-HOUSE SPARROW AT WESTMINSTER SHOW.

SIR,—I was greatly surprised to find that my entry No. 7 in Class 115 had been marked "wrong class" by the judge. Why this is so it is impossible to understand, the class being for A.O.V. Hybrid between two British birds, and the Hybrid in question being the result of a cross between the cock Tree-Sparrow and hen House-Sparrow. The bird was bred in my outdoor aviary during the past summer, and was hatched by a Canary hen, who reared it with a little assistance from myself. Anyone at all familiar with the two species from which it is derived (and surely Mr. Houlton is not ignorant of the distinctive markings and colours of such very common birds) can see at a glance that it is not a pure-bred example of either *P. domestica* or *P. montana*. I will just point out a few distinctive characteristics. Tree-Sparrows, of both sexes, have a distinct patch of black on each cheek. Their heads are of a beautiful claret-brown colour, unbroken by any mark of another colour whatever. At the throat there is a V-shaped black mark, the breast, etc., being whitish-grey. There is a white collar round the back of the neck. As everybody knows, the cock House-Sparrow has the cheeks dirty greyish-white, quite unmarked. The sides of the head are dark brown, and the crown and back of the head are dirty brownish-grey. The black of the throat extends to the breast, where it spreads out in a more or less irregular fashion, some old males having quite a black waistcoat. The parts which are whitish-grey in *P. montana* are dinghy-grey in *P. domestica*. In my bird the black cheek mark of *P. montana* is only very faintly indicated. The sides and back of the head are bright brown, the crown greyish. The throat mark commences V-shaped, so to speak, but extends down the chest in an irregular band. Like its father, the white parts are much purer in colour than the corresponding parts of the House-Sparrow. The white collar is quite apparent, but only extends half-way round each side of the neck. In addition to these differences, there are many other subtle ones between this bird and pure-bred examples of either of the parent species which are at once apparent to the expert eye. In face of the above facts it seems incredible that a man of Mr. C. Houlton's experience could make such a mistake.

WATSON LYLE.

AN ALLEGED ACCUSATION AGAINST A BRISTOL EXHIBITOR.

SIR,—At the Bristol Fanciers' Show, Dec. 4th and 5th, I took 3rd in a class of 15, and won the Crocker Cup with a Norwich P.H. The cup was for the best bird bred by exhibitor in 1907 any variety. Now, it has come to my notice that I am accused of buying the bird to win it with, and that it is a bird bred 1906. In the first place, I should give the judge credit for knowing a flighted from an unflighted fed bird, and what is more, I can prove to all concerned that I bred this young bird, and bred the mother of same. The cup winner took second in June last at the B.C.B.S. first feather show, and in August it took v.h.c. at Brislington, h.c. at Downend, v.h.c. and Mr. Brown's special (value 20s.) for the best unflighted bird any variety. Now I challenge the member who has spread the rumour to prove that I did not breed this bird, or else make an apology through CAGE BIRDS, or before the members of the B.C.B.S. at their club meeting on January 1st, 1908.

H. FOWLER.

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

THE SHOWS.

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KIDDERMINSTER.

The above well-managed society held their annual show on Dec. 11th and 12th, in the Town Hall—a grand place for a show, plenty of light, so that exhibits could be seen easily. The Norwich and British were splendid, some grand specimens being staged. The foreign did not come up to expectation. Mr. Hall's winning yell. Norwich was a grand bird. The Wryneck of Mr. Hingley's is a fine one, and took leading honours in the British section. The three British classes were amalgamated, which caused some grumbling. Councillor Harold Watton opened the show, before a good number of Fanciers, and said that as he was an exhibitor himself, he was very pleased to see such a very fine lot of cage birds and children's pets, which were a credit to their respective owners. The show was nicely decorated with CAGE BIRDS coloured posters, which were much admired. The committee would be wise another year, to have a cage bird judge; it would, according to the remarks we heard, increase the entry without a doubt. Mr. Jones, the secretary, worked hard for the success of the show, and deserves great credit; he was backed up by a capable lot of stewards, who all knew their work to a nicety. Mr. Jefferies had charge of our section, so that exhibitors were sure of their birds being well looked after. Mr. Forsyth judged. YORKS (2): Bishop, nice buff; he, Farmer and Sly. NOR. (11), a very good class: 1, 2, spl, Hall, fine pair, yell. and buff in order named, yell. true Nor. grand quality, good head and neck, neat wing carriage, wins, buff good size, nicely mealed, both well shown; 3, Elleson, nice yell., feather or two out of place; r, Hingley, eye and wing tick., buff, good breast, nice wing carriage, will improve with time; vhc, Horner; hc, Capewell, Cradley Heath winner; hc, Guest and Miles. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Bishop, Hinckley and Leicester winner, in good condition, dark crest, of nice radiation, good centre, well shown; 3, hc, Munn, two German songsters; r, Miles. BRIT. (Amalg): 1, 2, vhc, Hingley, Wryneck, Waxwing, Hawfinch, Wryneck good feather and condition, very steady, well pencilled, nicely shown, Waxwing nice crescent and bib, good tail, Hawfinch in very fine condition, a nice trio; 3, Perry, Goldfinch, very fair specimen; r, vhc, Potter and Bracey, grand Hawfinch in good plumage, fine bib and tail, very large, hard lines; vhc, grand Bullfinch, shown in the best of condition, good cap and wing bars, fine coloured breast; vhc, Miss Tavell; hc, Sly, Tate, Capewell. FOR.: 1, spl, best Brit. or For., Jews, Red Cardinal, a very fair exhibit; 2, Hingley, nice pair of Black Gouldian Finches; 3, r, Poole, scarlet Tanager, leading, well put down.

FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

Final Competition.

The final show was held on Dec. 5th and 6th, at the headquarters of the Stockport Society—the Boar's Head. The following are the results. Mr. W. Bowyer judge.

LANCS. A.V. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (7 pts.); 2, Oldham (6 pts.); 3, Stockport (5): LIZARD A.V. (5): 1 Stockport (7 pts.); 2, Hazel Grove (6 pts.); 3, Ashton (5 pts.); 4, vhc, Oldham (7 pts.) CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Oldham (7 pts.); 2, Hazel Grove (6 pts.). NOR. A.V. (4): 1, Stockport (7 pts); 2, Oldham (6 pts.); 3, Ashton (5 pts.); 4, Ashton (4 pts.). YORKS. A.V. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (7 pts.); 2, Stockport (6 pts.); 3, Ashton (5 pts.). A.O.V. (4): 1, Stockport (7 pts.); 2, Hazel Grove (6 pts.); 3, Oldham (5 pts.); 4, Ashton (4 pts.). BRIT. (3): 1, Hazel Grove (7 pts.); 2, Stockport (6 pts.); 3, Ashton (5 pts.). Total pts.: Hazel Grove, 39; Stockport, 38; Oldham, 31; Ashton, 28. Final table:—

	Hazel Grove. Pts.	Oldham. Pts.	Ashton. Pts.	Stockport. Pts.	Total Pts.
Stockport ...	33	40	39	38	150
Oldham ...	36	36	32	31	135
Haze Grove ...	38	31	31	39	139
Ashton ...	31	30	35	28	124

A gathering of representatives was held on Dec. 6, when the cup was handed over from the Hazel Grove Secretary to their neighbours, the Stockport Society. Mr. F. Steeple, President (Oldham), in a very encouraging speech, referred to the object of the Federation, viz., the creation of good feeling between the neighbouring societies and the improvement of attendances at show. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to hand the cup to the recruits, who had gained the position by 11 pts. Mr. Dickinson, president of Stockport Society, in accepting the cup, said he was pleased that they had won the trophy, and hoped that the Federation would prosper, as it had created great interest amongst the members of the respective societies during the show season. Mr. Walters, of Hazel Grove, said they had tried hard to maintain their hold of the cup for another year, but were proud of the fact that it was not being taken out of Stockport. Mr. Broadhurst, treasurer of the Federation, also spoke of the interest taken in the Federation.

CUPAR, (Fife.)

Cupar, Fife and Dist. O. S. held their twentieth annual exhibition of Canaries on Dec. 7. The Corn Exchange, in which the show was held, is a splendid hall for the purpose, being of good dimensions, lofty and well lighted. President, Mr. G. White, Vice-Presidents Messrs. A. Allan, J. Gibson, and D. J. Watson, the secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Ruddiman, who is one of the most capable and obliging managers we have had the pleasure of making personal acquaintance with, had the working of the show in apple pie order, and he was well backed up by a large and hard working committee, comprised of the following fanciers:—Messrs. Goodfellow, Robertson, Drysdale, Edmond, Welch, Speed, Burton, Gillespie, Low, Smith, Beggie, Dick, Houston, Morgan, Donaldson, and Cairns. Entries were well up to the average and good quality was here on view throughout. Scotch Fancies embraced over 70 entries, and these were well handled by Messrs. E. G. Wright and C. Berwick. Norwich varieties were well to the fore and Crests were well represented. Mr. J. M'Lay, of Norwich fame, had the handling of this variety, as well as the Plainhead classes, and his awards were well received. Borders were not so strong in quantity as we have seen here, but quality was well upheld, and some lovely birds were on view. Mr. H. Bennet gave his awards in this section, and his duties were performed to the satisfaction of most of the critics. This breed. British classes contained a grand variety, and helped to make an attractive display with their various and beautiful colours. Mr. M'Quiston judged these varieties and gave general satisfaction. Entries numbered over 325, and the judges got through their work in good time. Catalogues with awards filled in, were on sale by half-past 2 o'clock, which was very satisfactory. The show was well patronised during the day by visitors.

SCOT. F.YELL. FOUL CK. (7): 1, Allan, long-ribbed decided top drive, good length of tail; 2, 4, Wallace, 2nd finely turned shoulders, rib and tail; 3rd, Hope, grand length, finely moulded body, good nerve and reach; 3rd, Ness; 6, Low; 7, Keill. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Low, and 5, Low, immense size, well proportioned head and top, grand depth of body, wins; 2, Hope, good length body and tail, fine reach; 3, 4, Wallace, massive shoulders, fine head and neck; 6, Allan; , Gibson. YELL. PIED, ETC. (3): 1, Merrilees, very reachy neck, good shoulders; 2, Ramsay, solid rib and shoulder, nicely turned. BUFF (7): 1, Hope, A1 head, neck and shoulder, nicely turned rib and tail; 2, Wallace, similar type; 3, 6, Ramsay, heavy topped one; 4, Auchterlonie; 5, M'Gregor; 7, Stewart. YELL. FOUL HEN (8): 1, spl., 4, Wallace, splendid neck and shoulders, takes perch well; 2, Merrilees, good style and nervy; 3, Hope; 5, Keill; 6, Ramsay; 7, Wallace. BUFF (7): 1, Keill, grand back and shoulders, well placed legs; 2, 3, 6, Wallace, similar type, good back and rib; 4, Ramsay, long body, A1 drive, good action; 5, Auchterlonie; 7, M'Gregor. YELL. PIED (7): 1, 5, Low, winner grand head and droop, well set on shoulders and nicely turned rib and tail, a taking mover; 2, Ramsay, good nervy style, nice droop; 3, Allan, good shoulders; 4, Merrilees; 6, 7, Auchterlonie. BUFF: 1, 7, Wallace, former grand top and rounded shoulders, well balanced action; 2, Allan, good deep rib; 3, 6, M'Gregor, good top and circle, fine worker; 4, Merrilees; 5, Keill. SELL. COCK (20s.) (9): 1, Wallace; 2, J. Wallace; 3, 6, Angus; 4, Thompson; 5, Duncan; 7, M'Gregor. HEN (7): 1, Wallace; 2, Stewart; 3, Gillies Bros.; 4, Miller; 5, Thompson; 6, Gibson; 7, Ness. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, spl, Bolton, chubby body, nicely rounded head, sound colour; 2, Gardiner, good colour; 3, Ferguson, similar stamp; 4, Malcolm. BUFF (5): 1, Lawrie and Walsh, real Bullie type, grand head and colour, nicely mealed; 2, Bolton, good colour; 3, Malcolm, neat chubby body, close feather; 4, spl, Brown, A1 colour; 5, Gardiner. VAR., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Ferguson, hot colour, good type; 2, Sharp, neatly rounded; 3, Dickson, good feather; 4, Kerr, neat body. BUFF (4): 1, Ferguson, neatly rounded head and body, good short flights, sound colour; 2, Ross, chubby body; 3 (no name); 4 Robertson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Gardiner, lovely feather, good short body, and flights well carried; 2, Ferguson, good colour; 3, Winter, grand feather, shade slimmer body; 4, spl, Bolton, fine shape and size, good feather; 5, Brown; 6 Logan. BUFF (5): 1, Ferguson, good in body shape, neat head and wings, well carried; 2, Winter, well finished, neat make, seemed to be slightly lame; 3, Dickson; 4, Logan; 5, Sharp. SELL CK. (10s.) (7): 1, Bennet; 2, Ferguson; 3, Thompson; 4, 5, Logan; 6, Ruddiman; 7, Low. HEN (10s.) (5): 1, Forrest; 2, Bennet; 3, Lawrie and Walsh; 4, Malcolm; 5, Davidson. CREST. CK. (6): 1, spl., Henderson, large body, long feather crest, well filled centre, lovely droop; 2, Buchanan, good shaped crest, well filled centre; 3, 5, Reed, good feathery body; 4, spl., M'Call and Henderson, large crest; 6, Dick. HEN (4): 1, Brown, massive body, good length of feather, well formed crest, nicely filled in; 2, Watt neat crest, good droop; 3, Brown, hardly in; 4, Jackson. CREST BRED CK. (5): 1, spl., Sharp, plenty supply of feather, full round skull; 2, Cunnison, good lovely feather; 3, Buchanan, feathery head, good width; 4, M'Call and Henderson; 5, Kemp. HEN (6): 1, M'Call and Henderson, A1 cushioned head, well browed, good body substance; 2, Dick, long body feather; 3, Winter, plenty grand feather; 4, Watt, very massive body; 5, Henderson; 6, Low. CREST OR C.B. (1907) (7): 1, 3, Reid, grandly groomed crest, neat formation, 3rd similar; 2, Findlay, crest of good feather, dense and fine quality; 4, spl, 7, Sharp, 5, Duncan, 6, Brown. SELL CREST [illegible] C.B (11): 1, Findlay; 2, Low; 3, Sharp; 4 (no name) 5, Cunnison; 6, 7, Reid. BORDERS, CL., [illegible] YELL. CK (8): 1, B.F.C. medal, Patterson, grandly feathered foul, neat head, good wing carriage; 2, Wilson, A1 quality feather, finely tapered body, close up; 3, Shields, another good one for type and position; 4, spl., Lumsden, neat head, finely placed wings; 5, Douglas, 6, Peters; 7, Watt and Storrie. HEN (11) 1, Patterson, again to the fore with his Dunbar winning foul, in lovely bloom, neat fitting wings, close tail, had to beat in her class; 2, Gilchrist, another fine foul, well tapered body; 3, Shields, good modelled body, well laid on wings; 4, Wilson, good feather and position; 5, Douglas; 6, Brown; 7, Peters. CL. ETC., BUFF CK. (12): 1, spl., Wilson, real gem, full round head, nicely carried, well set up body, grand bloom; 2, Haddow, similar type, lovely feather; 3, Bickerstaff, neat body, good wing carriage, grand level colour; 4, Patterson, similar type; 5, Bennett, 6, Lumsden; 7, McKenzie. HEN (12): 1, Wilson, well set up, neat round head, good wing carriage, finely tapered; 2, Patterson, finely drawn body, very neat wings, and best of tails, bloom nearly perfection; 3, Bickerstaff, similar stamp, neat head, good sound colour; 4, Shields, A1 type, neat round head, good back and wings; 5, Peters; 6, Walker; 7, Brown. EVEN MARK: 1, M'Kenzie, well known buff, in splendid bloom, very taking markings; 2, Patterson, grand feathered buff, splendid eyes; 3, Haddow, grand type and feather; 4, Thomson, Cin. Yell., nice markings; 5, Gilchrist; 6, Speed. UNEVEN (8): 1, M'Kenzie, Selkirk and Perth medal winner, splendid 3-pointer, finely moulded body, neck, and head; 2, Haddow, another grand 3-pointer, lovely type and feather, just getting into high condition; 3, Patterson, good buff var., excellent body and well carried wings; 4, Shields, A1 feather and colour; 5, Peters; 6, Watt and Storrie; 7, Hutcheson. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, 4, Thomson, Dunbar winner, Sound Grass Green, A1 type; 2, Patterson, finely pencilled, good type; 3 (no name); 5, Dandie; 6, Ruddiman. BOR. SELL. (10s.) (8): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Bennett; 3, M'Kenzie; 4, Patterson; 5, Muir; 6, Haddow. COMMON CAN. (6): 1, 6, Duncan; 2, Cargill; 4, Watson; 5, Spence. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl., Dandie, Lizard, neat cap, good spangling; 2, Lumsden; 3, Lister. YORKS. MEMBERS' CLASS (Local) (15): 1, 7, Low; 2, Gibson; 3, Ruddiman; 5, medal best Border (confined), Ruddiman; 4, spl., Robertson; 6, Gillespie. MEMBERS' A.O.V. (8): 1, Low; 2, 4, Ruddiman; 3, 5, spl., Morgan; 6 Speed. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, spl., Pendrigh, lovely blaze and cheeks, neat buttons, well tapered body; 2, Thompson, grand body colour; 3, Calder, neat blaze and wing bars; 4, Fiddes; 5, Anderson; 6, A. Anderson; 7, Cairncross. BULLFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, 4, Mackie, former lovely cap and breast colour, well shaped body; 2, Calder, very sound breast colour; 3, Cargill, good breast and wings; 5, M'Donald; 6, Watson; 7, Thompson. LINNET (4): 1, Calder, large hold carriage, lovely pencilling, level colour; 2, Craig, light colour; 3, Watt and Storie; 4, M. Craig. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, spl., Craig, leading with a gem of a Siskin, grand size, deep colour, neat cut cap and bib; 2, Munro, good exhibit, beautiful feather; 3, 6, Mather, lovely Redpoll, nice shape and deep colour; 4, Reid, Siskin; 5, Lumsden; 7, Bowie. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Aitken, beauty Sir level colour and markings, feathered to perfection, an easy win; 2 (no name); 3, Aitken, another good one, hardly so well finished as winner; 4, Craig; 5, Thompson; 6, McCall and Henderson; 7, Lister. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (9): 1, spl., Gilmour, lovely Hawfinch, good head and bib, grand body colour; 2, 3, Craig, Bramble and Yellowhammer, in good feather; 4, Millar; 5, Pendrigh; 6, Mitchell and Hutt; 7, Bowie. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Pendrigh, Bearded Tit, good bloom; 2, Miss M. Crichton, Lark, in grand feather. DARK CAN. MULE (6): 1, Dick, good sized Linnet Can., sound colour; 2, Pendrigh, Greenie, good colour and size; 3 (no name), Greenie also; 4, Davidson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Duncan. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC. (11): 1, spl., 4, Pendrigh, A1 Goldie, good blaze and buttons, large wing bars; 2, M'Donald, grand coloured Bullie, neat cap and wing bars, very distinct; 3, Davidson, Goldie, good size and well cut blaze; 5, Dick; 6, Mather; 7, Dandie. FOR. A.O.S. 1, Irvine, foreign crested Cardinal, in good feather; 2, Colville, Yell. Budgerigars; 3, Beveridge, Red Crest Cardinal; 4 (no name), Green Budgerigars; 5, Kerr; 6, Lister.



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CHESTER.

Held Dec. 11th, in the Corn Exchange, Eastgate, very suitable for the occasion, being well lighted from the top, the birds could all be judged without being moved. The members' classes were well filled. There were eight open classes. In the open Yorks., the competition was very strong, while the Norwich were a real treat. There were birds left out quite capable of winning at most shows. The British open class was an exceptional one, there being so many varieties in it. The capable and courteous hon. sec., Mr. Red, had everything in first class order, and the work seemed no trouble to him. He was well backed up by a good committee. Mr. A. Wellings judged, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS. YELL. (23): 1, Knowles, grand condition, good wings, nice head and well finished; 2, Fitton, splendidly drawn, good legs, wings well fitting; 3, c, Dykes 3rd splendid type, good carriage, nice quality; 4, Horner, little broad, but a fine bird; vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Parray; c, Slater. BUFF (12): 1, Knowles, nice one, clean sweep, good legs and pipe tail; 2, Fitton, in every way a good one; 3 and Ogden Bros., good carriage, well up in position; vhc, Parray; hc, Dykes; c, Slater. HEN: 1, Parray, real gem, full of quality, fine carriage, wing well; 2, Dykes, fine buff in the pink of condition; 3, Slater, grand carriage, well braced, deserves her place; 4, Knowles, very typical and stylish; vhc, Ogden Bros; hc, Horner; c, Edwards. NORWICH YELL. (13): 1, Cleminson, grand type, good chest, clear head and good carriage; 2, Roberts, good shape, nice position, good in chest; 3, Jones and Chester, fine colour and feather, short and neat; 4, c, Davis, the noted winner (not looking well); vhc, Rennie; hc, Hill. BUFF (20): 1, 2, Davis, two real gems, 1st, fine silky feather, deep colour, well frosted; 2 good type, well braced and good chest; 3, Hall, running second very close; 4, Lofthouse, in fine form nice carriage and position; vhc, Bowen; hc, Rennie; c, Jones and Chester. HEN (17): 1, 2, Davies, both in the pink of condition, fine feather, the winner a little the best in front; 3, Cleminson, grand buff, good head and neck, fine wing carriage; 4, vhc, Seed; 5th, very nice bird; hc, Lewis; c, Lofthouse. A.O.V. CAN. (13): 1, 2, 3, Davies, first Belgian, good shoulders and legs; 2, Crest, good centre and front, well formed, 3rd, one of the noted cinnamons, fine colour and type; 4, vhc, Seed, fourth, crest, neat, nice size, hc, Lewis; c, Lofthouse. BRIT. (26): 1, Kirkham, Wryneck, shown in the best of condition, very tight in feather; 2, 4, P. V. Williams; 2, Clough, brilliant coloured legs and beak; 3, Nightingale, very steady, in full song, after judging; 3, Chick, grand Hawfinch, very brilliant colour; vhc, Mort; hc, W. Williams; c, Miss Hopwood.

(Members' classes next week.)

HORTICULTURAL HALL (London).

Held in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on December 6 and 7. The classification opened with Crests and Crestbreds, which made a nice display, amongst them being several real stormers. A magnificent youngster is "King Edward," owned by Mr. T. Taylor (Gatoshead), and many envious looks were cast towards it. Another outstanding bird was the almost green, the property of Mr. W. Radley (Skelmanthorpe), a winner on many previous occasions. The same owner's Buff Var. Crestbred also stood out as one of the "plums." We were sorry to hear that Mr. Mills, of Northampton, had the labels reversed on two of his cages, which had come from Bristol Show, the consequence being that his young (1907) bird got into the old bird class, and his old bird amongst the youngsters, the result, we understand, being the probable loss of a member's cup, as the youngster had just accounted for one of the Bristol bowls. The mistake was not noticed, both birds getting awards in the classes they wrongly competed in. In the novice section, Messrs. A. Lazarus and T. Gale took the lead with Crest and Crestbred respectively, both far above the ordinary run of novice birds. Yorkshires, the birds of "Graee and Beauty," struck one as being a real good collection, probably the best lot yet seen at any Southern show this season. Some hard battles were fought between the Northern and Southern cracks in many of the classes. The Yellow Cock (clear) staged by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger was voted a topper, as also was the Clear Buff Cock which represented Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Both are well-known winners and appeared with their toilets got up to that pitch of perfection only master hands can reach. In a hot class of Yellow Hens Mr. J. Hawes (London) captured premier honours with an enchanting damsel, which for length and quality and neatness and style was almost perfection. Mr. J. Wilcock placed on view a lovely Yellow Cinn. Marked Cock, while the Clear Yellow, 1907 bred, successfully shown by Mr. R. L. Crisp, and the Clear Buff, 1907, owned by Mr. A. E. Pattrick, are a couple of highly meritorious and promising youngsters. Novice classes filled well, as is generally the case, and great credit is due for the manner in which they staged their choice ones, to Messrs. Moss, Holbrook, Dobson, and Silverthorn. The Norwich Plainheads were truly a grand lot. The Clear Yellow staged by that well known Isle of Wight enthusiast, Mr. E. Baker, found many admirers, and well it might. Mr. W. Whetstone also stood at the head of affairs with a magnificent Clear Buff, a real model. In the hen class competition ruled exceedingly keen, many big winners finding themselves amongst the cardless division. A superb exhibit is the Clear Buff Hen owned by Messrs. Hopkins and Allsop, which was closely followed by the noted Clear Yellow, the property of Mr. J. Sandiford. Both hens are charmers, and good enough to "fight for a kingdom." In the novice classes one could pick out several that could hold their own amongst the "upper ten." Very typical specimens were shown by Messrs. Wearden, Lawrence, Marley, Nichols, Tottle, and Keech. The Borders classes contained many lovely examples, and the "Bantams" drew expressions of admiration from a goodly number of those present on their pert and smart appearance. Very high-class exhibits were shown by Messrs. Brownlie, Jenkins, Seiranac, and Sheldon. The Lancs. and Lizards were fairly good in numbers, and an attractive lot, Messrs. F. J. Green, West, and Adams in the former, and Messrs. Rukin, Lawton, Dewsnap, Hampshire, Green, Fisher, and Wynn in the latter having out some grand birds. A distinct and pleasing novelty was the class for London Fancy Canaries ("stock birds"), which had eight entries, six birds facing the judge. They were not so perfect to the ideal as formerly, but we hope they will be brought back to their one-time beauty in the near future. We were inclined to prefer the second prize bird (Mr. A. G. Filby) ourselves. This gentleman staged four, and Mr. Tyson (who won) two. The Roller Canaries were a "knock-out" — there were no fewer than 55 birds in the young bird class! The Roller C.C. generously duplicated the prizes right through this class. The birds were a continuous source of pleasure to the visitors, and were nicely arranged in a warm vestibule. The chief prize winners were Messrs. Raudall, Whittaker, Fisher, Lyons, Merrick, Percival, Wilsdon, Kerr, Bramhall, Walters Bros., Whittlestone, Burton, Wirth, White, Roche, Norris, and Tweed. The cage section provided a most interesting display, and the wares of Messrs. Newley, Palmer, Hathaway, Lindsay, and Loveland were much admired. Messrs. Trower and Co., made a magnificent show of seeds, foods, and specialities on their stand, and Messrs. Carter and Co., also had in the hall a splendid stand of their seeds, etc. Mr. T. Dewhurst also exhibited his heating apparatus, a most efficient and moderate priced article.

The judges were Messrs. T. J. King (Crests), R. Halliday (Yorks), J. Robson (remainder of Canaries), C. Boulton (Hyb. and Brit. Hardbills), P. F. M. Galloway (Exjt. Insectiv.), W. T. Page (For.), and Lester, Roehl and Rettich (Rollers). Their decisions, on the whole, met with acceptance, as only an odd "grumble" here and there reached our ears.

The Canary Section.

CREST. YELL. (1): 1, Taylor, marked left wing D.C., capital feather, nice substance, crest of neat radiation, still in pen, should look well shortly. BUFF (5): 1, Pooley, cl. body, D.C., rare substance, chest fine size and shape, beautiful leafy feather, delightful droop and centre, a gem; 2, 3, Tyson, couple of bonny specimens, former cl. body, grizzled crest, possessing abundance of rich quality feather, crest large and of excellent formation, wee bit penny in centre; 3rd cl. body D.C., A1 quality, built on smaller lines, crest of lovely frontal, grand veiny feather, neat centre; 4, Mrs. E. Galloway, cl. body, slightly grizzled crest, magnificent quality, shapely and of nice size, crest well packed, capital droop and centre, neatness itself; vhc, Horton. BUFF (A.V. except cl. body) (7): 1, Radley, almost green D.C., wonderful specimen, well up in substance, grand shape and quality, crest of immense size, thickly thatched, lovely droop, centre rightly placed, a stormer; 2, Tyson, var. D.C., monster, superior feather, fine shape, crest large and as round as a hoop, well packed, delightful droop and centre, close on heels of winner; 3, Mills, almost green, slashing quality, lovely shaped crest, of great merit, shown in fine style; 4, Gibbons, heavy marked, A1 feather, nice shape, crest of good radiation, neat droop, nicely placed centre; vhc, Shearman, good all over, well put down; hc, Horton; c, Galloway. HENS (7): 1, Pooley, buff heavily mkd. D.C., rare quality, magnificent leafy feather, crest good size and shape, nice droop and centre, choice; 2, vhc, hc, Tyson, trio of taking specimens, former buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, good substance and quality, magnificent frontal, fine centre; 3, Horton, buff, marked wings, D.C., delightful leafy feather, shapely and of nice substance, worthy of its place; c, Slade. C.B. YELL. (4): 1, Johnson, marked wings and about head, rich quality, showing plenty of feather, nice width of skull, well lashed, in fine order; 2, Galloway, heavy marked, grand Norwich shape, feathered beautifully, nice broad head, good rise, very pleasing exhibit; 3, Clark, lightly var., showing abundance of rich feather, capital body, good in skull; 4, Slade, A1 quality, grand shaped body. BUFF (12): 1, Radley, var., a giant, wonderful quality, wealth of feather, massive in skull, great width and of good rise, lashed to perfection; 2, H. Tyson, marked wing, rattling feather, capital head character, wide, grand lash, not so massive; 3, Mills, almost green, very shapely and of good quality, nice size, one we liked; 4, Shearman, green, good shape, A1 quality, nice width of skull; vhc, Horton; c, Taylor. HENS (6): 1, 3, Tyson, winner buff green, capital veiny feather, very shapely and of good size, fine width of skull, 3rd buff bordering on green, A1 quality, good shape and head; 2, Clarke, buff, marked wings and about head, abundance of feather, of rich quality, good head and lash, not far behind; 4, Willis, buff var., very similar to third in merit; vhc, hc, Lilley, both good feather. CREST (1907) (11): 1, 3, Taylor, couple of very meritorious specimens, former the noted "King Edward"

full state d ess, a marvellous bird all through, often described, with luck has a great future, the best youngster we have seen this season; 3rd green, rare quality, grand shape, crest as round as a rim, splendid droop and centre, thickly thatched; 2, c, Shearman, buff, marked wings D.C., capital leafy feather, very shapely crest, clinking radiation, grandly drooped, centre neat; 4, Mills, buff var. D.C., rattling quality, slashing shaped body, crest of good size, beautifully drooped, not very far behind; vhc, Horton; c, Willis; hc, Mason. C.B. (1907) (8): 1, Tyson, buff green, superior feather, good shape, nice width and rise of skull, well lashed; 2, Shearman, buff, lightly var., rattling quality, well up in substance, shapely and of capital skull properties, nicely browed, must have pressed; 3, Radley, almost green, possessing plenty of feather of nice texture, good shaped body, A1 head; 4, Mills, buff, lightly marked, lovely quality, shapely and of nice size, capital skull and lash; vhc, Turner; hc, Horton; c, Lilley. OPEN NOVICE CREST (9): 1, 2, Lazarus, couple of fine exhibits, former buff, marked wing, D.C., grand leafy feather, good size and shape, crest round as a hoop, well packed; 2nd buff, marked back and wiugs, D.C., magnificent veiny feather, shapely and of good substance, crest of capital radiation; 3, Mrs. Crow, buff, marked back and wings, D.C., A1 quality, nice shape, crest of neat formation, good third; 4, Gale, buff, marked tail, grey crest, lovely feather, crest round as a rim, very neat, well put down; vhc, Braund; hc, c, Johnson. C.B. (7): 1, Gale, buff, almost green, rattling feather, well up in substance, shapely, grand width of skull, good lash, very bonny; 2, Crow, buff, almost green, A1 quality, fine shape and size, good width of skull; 3, vhc, Lazarus, buff green, capital shape, good size and feather, well browed; 4, c, Johnson, buff green, A1 quality, large body. YORKS. YELL. (13): 1, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, former a magnificent clear, smooth as glass, straight as a rush, rare back and wing carriage, well on leg, a topper; vhc, cl., not quite the length, but all there otherwise; 2, Wilcock, marked head and thigh, slashing quality, stands delightfully, well filled back, grand sided, good legs; 3, Pattrick, cl., slim and upstanding, superior feather, nice colour and full of style; 4, Rennie, thigh tick, longest bird in class, straight up in position, good back, flights and tail; hc, Shackleton; c, Mabey. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Shackleton, couple of "knock-outs," former cl. lovely salmon tinge colour, rare length, perfect position, not a feather out of place; 2nd tick neck, slashing feather, grand shape and length, showing thighs well, very close up; 3, Hawes, cl., teeming with quality, lengthy and of capital position, good front and well on leg; 4, Crisp, cl., beautifully feathered, straight as a gun barrel, stands on clever legs, shade stronger; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Knight; c, Wilcock. VAR. (14): 1, Wilcock, yell., marked wings and eye, slashing colour, full of quality, fine long drawn bird, grand back and wing carriage, neat waist; 2, Ogden Bros., buff, marked wing and head, delightful quality and colour, beautifully mealed, rare length and position, long sided, well on leg, close run; 3, vhc, Crisp, buff, marked wings and eyes, capital feather, A1 colour and frosting, grand position, not one of the longest, but one of the smartest; 4, Shackleton, yell., marked wings and eyes, A1 quality, fine length, capital stand when handled, but when left gives way somewhat; hc, Hawes; c, Rennie. YELL. HENS (17): 1, Hawes, ticked left wing, tight as a Java, lovely outline, fine length and stand, capital back flights and tail, real charmer; 2, Crisp, cl., smooth as glass, nice colour and position, lengthy and well on leg, grand wing carriage, close on heels of winner; 3, Knight, thigh tick, very lengthy, A1 quality and colour, delightful position, grand hen, well worth her place; 4, Ogden Bros., cl., good in feather, nice stand and length, neat back and wing carriage; vhc, Shackleton, cl., feathered like glass, good length; hc, Wilcock; c, Webb. BUFF (20): 1, hc, Bailey and Swanger, former noted ticked neck, smooth as a bottle, straight as a gun barrel, delightful carriage of wings and tail, quite a lady; 2, Wilcock, ticked eye, again of magnificent quality, stands like a rush, well on leg, lovely specimen; 3, Shackleton, marked left wing, superb feather and colour, beautifully frosted, full of nerve, well worth her place; 4, Elsmore, cl., very lengthy and of rattling type, when taking notes appeared rather "merry" for a lady; vhc, Ogden Bros., lengthy and of grand position; c, Rennie. YELL. (1907) (12): 1, Crisp, cl., wonderful length, tight as wax, magnificently feathered, straight up on clever legs, very promising youngster; 2, Forse, thigh tick, ablaze with colour, stands delightfully, A1 quality, capital back and flights, lengthy; 3, Shackleton, thigh tick, full of quality, good length and position, long sided, nicely drawn; 4, Webb, cl., tight as a Java, well up in position, capital back, wings and tail; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Mabey; c, Hawes. BUFF (10: 1, Pattrick, fine long drawn specimen, rattling quality and colour, neat frosting, stands grand, a gem; 2, Wilcock, marked head, smooth as wax, straight as a pencil, well carried flights, capital style, must have pressed; 3, Webb, marked thigh and left shoulder, A1 quality, good in colour and position, lengthy and well on leg; 4, vhc, Crisp, cl., superb quality, nice colour and length; hc, Warr; c, Mason. OPEN NOVICE YELL. (22): 1, Moss, thigh tick, exceptional length, feathered beautifully, rich colour, delightful position; 2, Stevens, cl., neat and narrow, grand position, very lengthy; 3, vhc, Edwards, cl., fine lengthy specimen, magnificent quality; 4, Watmough Bros., cl., capital feather and colour, stands like a guardsman, grand legs; hc, Martin; c, Simpson. BUFF (14): 1, Holbrook, cl., superior quality, grand colour showing neat frosting, A1 position, good length on leg; 2, Carson, cl., well feathered, straight as a rush, good length, stands on clever legs; 3, Allen, cl., beautiful quality, A1 position, grand flights and tail; 4, Cross, cl., delightful quality, rare style, few tail feathers not full length, which told against it somewhat; vhc, Le Rossignol, shapely and lengthy; hc, Rodgers; c, Sapwell. VAR. (19): 1, Dobson, yell., cin. marked wings and about head, marvellous length, lovely outline, superb feather and colour, a beauty; 2, Edwards, yell. var., capital feather, grand position, very lengthy and well on leg, close up; 3, Brooke, yell., marked wings, neatness itself, possessing magnificent quality, A1 position; 4, Mess, buff, marked left wing and eyes, fine long drawn specimen, well frosted, stands beautifully, one we liked; vhc, Forse, capital feather, typical; hc, Whittover; c, Mrs. F. Smith. YELL. HENS (9) 1, Dobson, marked right wing and thigh, rare length and position, beautifully clothed, grand colour, quite a charmer; 2, Wall, thigh tick, equal to winner in all respects, except length; 3, Allen, cap marked, nice feather and colour, when taking notes appeared a little "in the dumps"; 4, Withers, cin. mkd. wings and eyes, very shooty, rattling colour and quality, capital position; vhc, Holbrook, cin. marked, nice length and style; hc, Brooks; c, Martin. BUFF (15): 1, Silverthorn, ticked left eye, lovely colour, covered with delightful mealing, splendid position, good length and wing carriage; 2, Dobson, cl., shade shorter than winner, equal in other points, well staged; 3, Fergusson, cin. marked wings and about head, slashing feather and colour, neat and narrow, upstanding; 4, Smith, cl., stands well up, A1 quality and colour, capital wings and tail; vhc, Moss; hc, Thorpe; c, Withers. BRED 1907 (22): 1, Holbrook, buff, thigh tick, sweetly moulded, very lengthy, lovely salmon tinged colour, well mealed, a gem; 2, Cross, cl. buff, full of quality and style, capital back and wing carriage, not over long, but very taking; 3, Edwards, cl. buff, slashing quality, capital length, stands like a guardsman, neat waist and well on leg; 4, Miss M. Walker, cl. yellow, nice quality, good length, A1 position; vhc, Lohr, cl. yell., nervy, good stand, rare feather; hc, Picard; c, Watmough Bros. NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Baker, red-hot, rare substance, short and thick set, grand head, neck and chest, jaunty in carriage, clean cut, a gem; 2, 3, Sandiford, two lovely specimens, former grand depth of colour, rattling size, good body, A1 wing carriage; 3rd ablaze with colour, soft silky texturo of feather, capital shape and carriage; 4, hc, Hodder, full of fire, very shapely, A1 wing carriage, nicely cut away, very pleasing exhibit; vhc, Irons, grand colour and type, bit wild, does not show to best advantage; c, Morris, all type, rare quality. BUFF (13): 1, Whetstone, model for type, red-hot in colour, delightfully frosted fine carriage; 2, Lowe, larger even than winner, capital shape and cleanly cut away, little behind in colour, yet very choice; 3, Irons, warm colour, grand silky feather, well mealed, jaunty in carriage, rare body; 4, Hodder, smaller in build, yet all there otherwise, not a feather misplaced, a true Norwich; vhc, Cullington, very shapely; hc, Matthews; c, Milcs. TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Sandiford, noted eye tick, full of colour, rattling size and shape, all front, clean sweep, one of the best; 2, Rennie, more massive than winner, capital colour and shape, grand wing carriage, only just beaten in finish; 3, Miles, thigh tick, well up in substance, great depth of colour, A1 type, all front, nicely cut away; 4, Baker, ticked right side of neck, tho noted winner, looking grand when taking notes, but one heard it was "down" at judging time, hard lines, a real stormer; vhc, Matthes; hc, Tringham; c, Lowe. TKD. BUFF (9): 1, hc, Miles, both thigh ticks, former not a monster, but hard to find fault with otherwise, good shape, colour and style; 2, Hodder, marked wings and head, red-hot, capital feather and meal, very shapely, nice size, well cut away; 3, Matthes, marked wings and head, teeming with quality, rare colour and shape, not one of the biggest, but one of the best; 4, Morris, thigh tick, bouncer, rattling head, neck, and chest, capital feather and colour; vhc, Baker, saddle marked, all type, grand feather; c, Marshall. HENS (26): 1, Hopkins and Allsopp, cl. buff, magnificent colour, covered with delightful frosting, shone like satin, model for type, well up in substance, one of the best; 2, vhc, Sandiford, former noted cl. yellow, often described, looking as well as ever, pity there were not two first prizes, as she fully deserved one; 3, Irons, yell., marked right wing and head, another very charming damsel, true type; 4, hc, Hodder, cl. buff, cobby, fine size and of excellent colour and quality, clean under; c, Lowe; No. 2, Lowe, grand buff, good enough to win most shows; No. 7, Baker, champion yell., 1st Bristol, 1st Hastings, etc., cardless, a gem of gems. YELL. (1907) (16): 1, Whetstone, cl., short and thick-set, grand depth of colour, rich silky feather, fine substance, grand wing carriage, clean cut; 2, Morris, another very typical specimen, equal to winner in all points, a beauty, well shown; 3, Howe, cl., another grand shaped specimen, very little behind first two, if any, a long time since we saw three birds in one class so near in merit, they were like three peas; 4, Ellis, ticked left eye, red-hot, grand shape, good size and quality, jaunty in carriage, well cut; vhc, Lewin, big fine cl.; hc, Matthes; c, Lowe. BUFF (1907) (18): 1, Baker, cl., wonderful colour and quality, grandly frosted, rattling substance and shape, with luck has a great future; 2, Richardson, cl., possessing rare colour and quality, capital shape, grand carriage; 3, vhc, Hodder, thigh tick, very cobby, lovely colour and quality, capital front, A1 wing carriage, clean under; 4, Howe, cl., all type, rich silky feather, rare colour and meal, a grand Norwich, showu in the pink; hc, Lewin; c, Spinner. OPEN NOVICE. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, Wearden, fine colour, grandly feathered, very shapely, nice head, neck and chest, clean cut; 2, Martin, well up in size, rich silky texture of feather, good type; 3, 4, c, Harper, nice trio, former very shapely, good depth of colour, A1 quality, nice substance, 4th good in colour and feather, grand shaped body; vhc, Marley, good shape and colour; hc, Walker, typical. BUFF (14): 1, Lawrence, fine depth of colour, A1 quality and meal, rare head, neck, and chest, nice carriage; 2, Fuller, red-hot, capital feather, shapely, and of good size, well cut, must have pressed; 3, Barnett, good in type and size, nice colour, very bonny; 4, Neal, short and thick-set, rich silky feather; vhc, Rogers and Mazzoni, stylish, nice shape and feather; 4, Keech, grand type; c, Watson. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Marley, thigh tick, rattling colour and quality, fine shape, not over large, but all there otherwise; 2, Felce, bouncer, magnificent feather and colour, grand shape and carriage, one we very much liked; 3, Knight, marked right wing and tail, feathered like wax, capital colour; 4, Barnett, marked left wing, well up in colour, good type, clean cut away; vhc, Nichols; hc, Hollands; c, Hart. BUFF (9): 1, Nichols, marked right wing, ablaze with colour, covered over with rich mealing, fine shape and substance; 2, Felce, marked wings and head, red-hot, very shapely, excellent feather, good head and neck, bold front; 3, Marley, marked neck, all type, A1 colour and quality, nice wing carriage, very neat; 4, Hollands, marked neck, teeming with quality, nice type and size; vhc, hc, Harper, both of nice shape and feather; c, Dawson. HENS (17): 1, Tottle, yell., marked right eye and root of tail, smooth as box, grand type, good colour and quality; 2, Lack, yell., thigh tick, good substance and shape, capital feather; 3, vhc, Keech, yell., marked wings and eyes, bouncer, rattling colour and quality, all type, must have pressed; vhc, cl. buff, very shapely; 4, Felce, cl. buff, short and thick, lovely colour, nicely mealed; hc, Lawrence; c, Harper. UNFLI. (7): 1, Keech, cl. buff, warm colour, silky feather, grand shape, one of the best; 2, Lawrence, cl. yell., well feathered, capital colour and shape, nice size, close up; 3, Marley, buff, grizzled tail, close and compact in feather, good colour, very shapely; 4, Lawrence, cl. buff, well up in substance, A1 colour and quality, nicely frosted; vhc, Nichols, buff, marked wings and eyes, short and thick-set; hc, Hollands; c, Stacey. BORDERS, YELL. (10): 1, Brownlie, cl., light as a Java, sweetly moulded, magnificent quality, full of action, a beauty; 2, vhc, Seiranac, cl., very shapely and of capital feather, moves well; 3, Jenkins, cl., good shape and style, nice wings, sweet exhibit; 4, Pearson, marked right wing, full of life, rare shape, one we admired; hc, Aberdeen, stylish cl., capital quality; c, Wardleworth. HEN (9): 1, 3, Brownlie, cl., lovely feather, A1 shape, grand carriage, moves finely; 2, Aberdeen, very similar to winners, little divides them, a bonny cl.; 3rd cl., full of style, nice shape and feather; 4, Sheldon, grand quality, very shapely, capital carriage; vhc, Roberts; hc, Waters; c, Pearson. BUFF (14): 1, Jenkins, cl., feathered to perfection, sweet expression, grand shape, full of action; 2, 3, Brownlie, former slashing cl., grand shape and of excellent quality, splendid mover; 3rd marked right cheek, full of action, nice shape; 4, Sheldon, cl., capital shape, finely clothed, grand head and wings, not far away; vhc, Aberdeen; hc, Lockett; c, Pearson. HEN (19): 1, 3, Jenkins, winner, lovely cl., as cut out of marble, magnificent shape, grand mover, perfect carriage; 3rd cl., rather stronger in build, lovely quality; 2, 4, Pearson, tick right eye, fine shape, full of quality, close up; 4th cl., smooth as glass, very shapely; vhc, Roberts; hc, Aberdeen; c, Seiranac. EVEN MK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Seiranac, yell., marked wings and eyes, lovely quality, fine shape, moves grandly, a topper; 2nd buff, marked wings and eyes, grandly moulded, A1 quality and style; 3rd yell. marked wings and eyes, rare feather, nice shape, not far behind; 4, Waters, capital shape. UNEVEN (8): 1, Sheldon, yell., marked wings, eyes and neck, tight as a Java, magnificent shape, lovely carriage, gem of the first water; 2, Jenkins, buff, marked wings and about eyes, smooth as glass, delightful shape, full of action, another gem; 3, 4, Seiranac, two beauties; 3rd yell., marked wings and eyes, very shapely and of excellent quality, moves finely; 4th buff, marked left wing and eyes, A1 quality, good shape and style; vhc, Roberts; hc, Brownlie; c, Harker. GREEN, TC. (7): 1, Jenkins, yell. green, shone like satin, lovely shape, fine action; 2, Brownlie, yell. cinn. feathered to perfection, sweetly moulded, A1 carriage, must have pressed; 3, Seiranac, yell. green, lovely quality, nice shape; 4, vhc, Waters, yell. green, bit down when we saw it, capital feather; hc, Cunningham; c, Harker.

The Roller Canaries.

MEMBERS' CLASSES, YOUNG BIRDS (55): 1, Cup, spl, extra 1, spl, ex 3, spl ex 4, spl, F. J. Randall; 2, spl, ex 2, spl, hc, J. Lyons; 3, spl, c, W. Whittaker; 4, spl, F. E. Fisher; 5, spl, vhc, T. W. Walton; vhc, Wareing; hc, spl, Whittlestone; c, Percival. CHAMPION (20): 1, spl, Kerr; 2, spl, Merrick; 3, spl, Percival; 4, spl, vhc, Wilsdon; 5, spl, hc, Lyons; c, Whittaker; spl, Hesling. AMATEUR (25): 1, spl, 4, spl, Whittlestone; 2, spl, hc, c, Walters Bros.; 3, spl, Randall; 5, spl, Bramhall; vhc, Fisher. NOVICE (13) 1, spl, 3, spl, Randall; 2, spl, White; 4, spl, Burton; 5, spl, vhc, hc, c, Wirth. OPEN (10): 1, 3, Tweed; 2, Roehl; 4, Whittaker; vhc, c, Randall; hc, Wilsdon. LINNET (£2) (12): 1, 2, Roehl; 3, 4, Norris; vhc, Wareing; hc, Whittaker; c, Stewart.

Limit, Selling, and Stock.

CREST (£3) (12): 1, T. Gale, 2, 4, c, Slade; 3, Crooks; vhc, Horton; hc, Beagley. CRESTBRED (£2) (19): 1, Crooks; 2, Galloway; 3, Radley; 4, hc, c, Slade; vhc, Dunning; hc, Lilley. YORKS. 30/- (14): 1, hc, Knight; 2, Hands; 3, Crisp; 4, Warr; vhc, Watmough; c, Rennie. NOR. 30/ (13): 1, Richardson; 2, Midgley; 3, Brownlie; 4, Neal; vhc, Ellis; hc, Hodder; c, Keech. SELL. 30/- (40): 1, Crisp; 2, Cooper Bros.; 3, R. J. Howe; 4, Mrs. Crocker, 5, Rukin; vhc, Head, Knight, Woolhouse, Rennie; hc, Luff, Buckman; res, Miller; c, Cullington, Seiranac, Woolhouse. SELL. 20/- (31): 1, Luff; 2, Head; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Mabey; 5, Martin; vhc, Brown, Sidgwick; hc, Meadows, R. J. Howe; c, Dawson. EXTRA STOCK (44): 1, 2, Ashby; 3, Head; 4 vhc, (2), hc, Dawson; hc, Rennie; c, Baker and Gooch.

Lancashire, Lizard and London Fancies.

LANCS. COPPY (12): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Green, yell., A1 coppy size, substance, length, position, all there, third big buff; 2, c Adams nice substance of body, lot scaled in feather, grizzle or grey coppy, good stamp; 4, West, fine size; hc, Phillipson. PLAINHEAD (1): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Green, very strong team, deserving all they got; 4, West, also full of the real substance and position required. LIZARD, GOLD CL. CAP (7): 1, Rukin, clear cap, well formed, rare size, even spangle, rich colour, good in feather and condition; 2, Lawton, large, rare good back and cap; 3, Dewsnap, small, rare colour and condition; 4, Hampshire, well rowed, even, rare colour and condition; vhc, Hampshire; hc, Lawton; c, Dewsnap. BRIT. GOLD (9): 1, 3, Rukin, almost without cap, very profuse in even spangle, both cap and back and sides, good size, deep colour and condition; third almost clear cap, very good back spangle, and well up in size and condition; 2, Green, nearly clear cap; 4, Hampshire, nearly without cap, well spangled, fine size, good condition. SILVER CL. CAP (10): 1, Fisher, big, long cap, A1 back and side spangling, fine size and condition; 2 Lawton, longer, fine rows on back, even, bit long in cap, down nape of head, tight condition; 3, vhc, Dewsnap, stout body, short cap, well spangled back, nice colour; 4, Hampshire, good colour, shape and feather; vhc, Dewsnap; hc, c, Green. BROKEN CAP (8): 1, hc, Lawton, slightly broken in cap, grand body, finely spangled, even, in rare feather and condition; 2, Fisher, just broken in cap, fine built bird, nice size and colour; 3, Hampshire, nearly clear cap, bold bird; 4, Wynn; vhc, c, Dewsnap; hc, Lawton. LIZARD (5): 1, Hampshire; 2, Dewsnap; 3, vhc, Rukin; 4, Fisher, all more or less showing light tips in wings and tail feathers. LONDON FANCY (8): 1, hc, Tyson, good body, dark in wings and tail, somewhat in type like the Lord. Fancy, rich colour, good condition, like a yellow; 2, 3, 4 vhc, Filby, second we liked as showing more of the true character in wings and tail of the London Fancy, nice size and good shape and condition, third mixed wing and tail feathered, light body feather, fourth a pair, a good bit away from the dark wing and tail characteristics; vhc, a pair nearer the true character in both; Nos. 5 and 6 absent.

CAGE CLASSES, A.V. SHOW CAGES (27): 1, 2, 8, vhc (3), hc, c, Newley, a fine lot of up-to-date, beautifully made and finished show cages (Hawfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, Wagtail, Foreign, etc.), most reasonable in price; vhc, Hathaway, grand cage for Lories, high in price, but very high class; hc, Linsay, good Thrush cage. BREEDING CAGE (12): 1, vhc (3), Newley, double breeder leading, very practical in design and fittings, well made, cheap in price, singles for Nor. and Yorks. and 3-compartment Mules follow; 2, 3, Palmer, single and double breeders respectively, marvellous value for the money (4/6 and 7/6 respectively), and really well constructed and neatly finished, quite up-to-date in design, too; hc, Loveland, Linsay, a couple more excellent cages. TRAVELLING CASES: No award given in catalogue, but we noticed a well-made, and decidedly "ornamental" case on the staging, exhibited by Mr. Whittaker.

The Hybrids and British Hardbills.

The Hybrid classes must be counted a decided success. Some fanciers' lost their chances with really choice hybrids through their exhibits arriving too late for competition; they should see to it that they are despatched to arrive long before midday on the day of judging. Six Bullfinch Hybrids were entered, and Mrs. Askham scored 1st and 2nd with a cock and hen Canary-Bullfinch. It is but fair to say that had Mr. C. J. Ward's Linnet-Bullie and Redpoll-Bullie arrived in time for judging they would have fought hard for premier honours. The A.O.V. between two British birds brought together several fine and very interesting exhibits. One was claimed to be between a "House" and "Tree" Sparrows. The pairs matched for Hybrid breeding formed a very pretty and instructive class, a class that is worth putting on at all open shows. The British Hardbill section was very strong indeed, and an exceptionally fine lot of Goldfinches came together. They were remarkable for the close run and evenness of merit shown in the majority of the 26 birds present. We noted one very likely winner "Invicta" by name, who has had the misfortune to lose nearly the whole of two toes off the left foot. He would take a lot of beating if his feet were right. Bullfinches came up splendidly, a very superior level lot all through. The Greenfinches were real champions, and all the ticketed birds deserve the greatest praise. Hawfinches were a sight to see. Never has there been a better lot together, and after the winner, "Midland Chief" by name, it was the finest competition for places that could be.

UNEVEN, ETC., HYBRID (8): 1, Taylor, lightly var. yell., Gold-Can., real Nor. type, very solid, level colour all over, in fine tight feather and condition; 2, Beaty, 6-point buff and ticked nape, grand size, shape, colour and quality of feather; 3, Lamb, 6-point yell., tick thigh and rump, smaller, but beautiful colour and feather; 4, Dixon, 6-point buff, ticked cheeks, grand colour, feather and condition, nice size and runs second very close up; vhc, Hopkins and Allsopp; hc, Lack; Nos. 2 and 8 arrived too late to be judged. DARK GOLD-CAN. (11): 1, Marshall, grand Jonque, rare size and shape, brilliant bright colour, sound glossy feather and condition, nice blaze; 2, Coffey, grand head, size and colour; 3, Best, very fine buff, good brood chest, big face, well coloured, nice feather and finish; 4, Carter, fine, big buff; vhc, Pearce and Williams, good coloured yellow; hc, Beaty; c, Mortlock. DARK LINNET (6): 1, Coffey, well-known slashing, big bird, full of splendid markings, colour, shape, feather and condition, very glossy; 2, Dixon, fine head, a grand bird when in the best form and condition; 3, Morris Bros., well marked, very pretty shape; 4, Godfrey, small yell., in very nice condition; Nos. 1 and 3 absent. A.O.V. DARK CAN. (10): 1, Maxwell, very clearly marked yell. Siskin-Can., beautiful bright, level colour all over, tight as wax in condition; 2, Lamb, capital lengthy Twite-Can., very smart in condition, very glossy and sound feather; 3, Marshall, yell. Green-Can., nice colour, medium size, good shape and condition; 4, Wyse, big yell. Siskin-Can., make a good one when properly handled; vhc, Howe, yell. Green-Can., rich colour and good feather; hc, Macdougall; c, Palmer. BULLFINCH, HYBRID (6): 1, 2, Askham, Mrs., both Can.-Bull, cross, cock and hen, hen first in best condition, large bird, grand, champion shape; 3, vhc, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfinch and Green-Bull, former in best feather and condition; Nos. 2 and 5, Ward, both arrived too late for judging, champion good Linnet-Bull and Redpoll-Bull; a pity to leave them so late in despatching to the show. A.O.V. (11): 1, Cooper, about the most perfect specimen of Chaffinch-Bramblefinch one has seen, not quite the largest but grand markings, colours and feather, and neat in shape, feathered like a Java; 2, Taylor, very bold shaped Siskin-Greenfinch, just as perfect in feather and markings as one could wish for, nice size, symmetrical form; 3, vhc, Lamb, Redpoll-Greenfinch, and Redpoll-Goldfinch, former in splendid condition, latter had been bathing and was a bit out of condition; 4, Tonks, very choice Goldfinch-Greenfinch, fine flush, big, and clean cut, good size and well up in colour, and solid condition of feather; vhc, Gunnell, Redpoll Greenfinch, hc, Cutting, same cross; hc, White, Siskin-Greenfinch; c, Maxwell; wrong class No. 7, good Common Sparrow, been well kept and used to cage. PAIRS (MATCHED FOR HYBRID BREEDING) (9): 1, 4, Frostick, Greenfinch Bullfinch and Goldfinch Bullfinch respectively, both pairs look all over very likely ones to produce the required results; 2, Rouse, very affable pair, Goldfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, both fine birds, in best of feather; 3, Gunnell, capital Linnet and a yell. hen Canary, both very fine birds, right sort to select; vhc, Howe, Greenfinch cock and Hawfinch hen; hc, Wyse, Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen; c, Cutting. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (26): a rare good lot; 1, Hurst, the Pride of Liverpool, looking at his best now, and won after a very hard fight with 2, Williams and Morgan, very clean cut, big blaze, grand colour, good moons and bars, tight feather above; 3, Prior, rare body shape, very silky feather and condition and steady; 4, hc, Maxwell, deep colour blaze, nice even moonings and bars good, rich tan; c, Wyse. BULLFINCH (17): 1, 3, Beaty, really fine pair, full of peach like bloom, first excelling in size, width, general all-round fineness and finish; 2, Vincent, grand breast, good deep, well filled all round, sound in feather and condition, first slightly more massive and dense through; 4, White, lovely shape all over it; vhc, Howe, little behind former, all the above are a fairly level lot; hc, Mays; c, Carter. LINNET (19): 1, Vale, about the largest and best shaped one we have seen this season, full of markings, like satin in feather and condition; 2, c, Prior, grandly marked, like wax in feather, bit active on the perches; 3, Howe, beautifully coned from head to tail, nice size and good markings; 4, Carter; nice head, well shaped body, good back spangle, well up in size, steady; vhc, Maxwell, Beaty; he, Tavner, Coffey. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Hurst, the redoubtable Redpoll "Mauretania," a real wonder of all-round merit; 2, Rouse, enormous Twite, chest like a "wagon horse," only wants handling to make a champion; 3, Maxwell, splendid Siskin in every respect, grand cap, size, colour, markings and finish; 4, Howe, lovely lesser Redpoll, in perfect feather; vhc, Prior, good Twite; hc, Francis, Mays; c, Goodall. GREENFINCH: a bot lot; 1, Hurst, great size, wonderfully made in head, neck, shoulder and chest, grand deep level colour, sheen and polish of the very best and wins well; 2, Howe, well known winner, great bird in size and most properties; 3, Goodall, bold, fine big bird, all in him is grand; 4, hc, Coffey, very level and rich colour, both just beaten to-day in breast and condition a little, amongst a very hot lot; hc, Davis, grand shape and colour, good quality; c, Wickham, Curry. CHAFFINCH (20): 1, Maxwell, regular full chest, big head and shoulders, large bird in every way, lovely shade of colour and clear, well defined markings; 2, vhc, Howe, pair of fine birds, very hot fed, often before described; 3, Feltham, good colour and markings, fine feather; 4, Hurst, really fine bird, but not in the best of condition; hc, McVay, Curry; c, Henderson, Cocks, Prior, all worthy a card. BRAMBLE (11): 1, Howe, wins on his all-round perfect condition to-day, looking fine; 2, Prior, lovely spangle; 3, Chick, very large, beautifully spangled bird, rare colour and shape, well polished, couple of tail feathers growing surely kept him from the top, a fine bird; 4, Hathaway, grand size; vhc, Watson Lyle; hc, Cocks; c, Henderson. HAWFINCH (13): 1, Chick, "Midland Chief," Notts., etc., winner, late (Hakes), grand, all-round bird, with all the standard points of champion all over him; 2, Maxwell, rare good colour, nice breast, good head, even brown tone above, capital wings and tail; 3, Francis, little behind former, breast, good size and steady; 4, Wickham, rare size, good feather; vhc, Mays, nice bloom and condition; hc, Hurst; c, Frostick; Prior, a good all-round lot as anyone might wish to see, no better lot been shown together. YELLOWHAMMER (11): 1, Hurst, almost perfectly marked, capital size, level bright, deep colour, polished like glass; 2, Hunt, splendid head markings, grand colour and condition; 3, c, Prior, nicely refined in head markings as leaders, very good feather and finish in body condition; 4, Gunnell, fine body and condition really good; vhc, Curry; hc, Mays, the definition of head markings is where most of these birds fail, look well at first and second for good head markings. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Mays, really fine Corn Bunting, wins well; 2, Carter, almost perfect Cretolan Bunting, very steady; 3, Francis, very neat Cirl Bunting; 4, hc, Wynn, Corn Bunting and smaller Cirl Bunting, both in tight condition; vhc, Maxwell. HEN. BRIT. SEED., ETC. (16): very good class; 1, Morris Bros., very smart hen Hawfinch, in the very best of condition; 2, 4, Howe, grand Bully hen and a Cirl Bunting hen in fine feather, well conditioned; 3, MacDougall, very good feathered hen Yellowhammer, steady; vhc, Curry, fine hen Linnet; hc, Francis, hen Twite; c, Frostick, good hen Bully; c, Shiers, all were in really good feather and condition. MEMBERS: HYBRID: 1, Maxwell, a very neat Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good colours, shape and condition; 2, Pearse, Mrs., yell. var., Gold-Can., nice colour and shape; 3, Harper, buff var., Gold-Canary; No 3 absent; No 5 entered as a Chaffinch-Canary, appears to be a Pied Chaffinch. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Howe, very nice blaze, good colours right through, well defined; 2, Maxwell, almost equal in all points; 3, Lucas, also well up in merit to others; vhc, Marshall; hc, Cooper; c, Mrs. Pearse.

The Insectivorous British.

The Insectivorous section provided some interesting exhibits, but a few of the classes contained only four and five birds, unfortunatey. The Continental class was also very interesting and no doubt is a class much needed and I fancy that a few of the other Softbills staged, if they could speak, would tell us that they would be quite happy and contented in this class. The class for any other species Insectivorous bird, resident or migratory, although only numbering five exhibits, contained three uncommon and rare cage birds in the Nutcracker, Hoopoe and Red Shank. If we get many of the latter kind exhibited, they would form an interesting class, and I think personally that a class for them, to themselves, would be both necessary and useful, as it might contain many out of the way birds, such as the Woodcock, Jack Snipe, Common Snipe, Summer Snipe, Dottrel, Golden and Grey Plover, Curlew and a host of others. In the Albino and rare feathered class, we had some nice exhibits, amongst them an unusual cage bird, viz. Ring Dove; a curious freak was the 3rd prize Goldfinch, described as a Cinnamon, but really a Silver Grey. This bird excelled in buttons on wing, so much so that many an exhibitor would no doubt have been pleased to have such on an otherwise good British Goldfinch.

SONG THRUSH, ETC. (13): 1, Pearce, Thrush, large, shapely bird, well spotted right down to undertail coverts, fine colour; 2, c, R. J. Howe, former a Blackbird, nice glossy, dense black throughout, fine shape, and good deep orange bill, and eye cere; 3, vhc, Francis, former a Starling, very sleek, glossy, and well spangled, nice and tight in feather; 4, Mays, Thrush, a fine shapely bird, profusely spotted; hc, Carter. LARK OR PIPIT (8): 1, Maxwell, Tree Pipit, lovely quality and condition, grand shape and colour, very nice pencilling on breast; 2, Cooper, Shorelark, very steady, good colour for winter plumage; 3, Mays, Skylark, nice length and size, well pencilled on breast, a trifle restless at time of judging; 4, White, another fine Tree Pipit; vhc, McVay; hc, Cook; c, Hathaway; Chough, etc., cancelled. BLACKCAP OR NIGHTINGALE (11): 1, R. J. Howe, Nightingale, not quite the largest, but grand shape and condition, rich, warm, nutty brown in colour, good bold eye; 2, Francis, another Gale, larger, but not quite the colour of winner, otherwise a grand specimen; 3, hc, Frostick, former a Blackcap, a large one, good body colour, well developed, dense black cap, reaching well back over head; 4, Maxwell; vhc, Hathaway; c, Withers Bros.; absent, Baker and Chick. A.O.S. RESIDENT INSECTIV., SMALL (12): a good class; 1, 2, Maxwell, leader Treecreeper, a gem, good length of beak and head, nicely curved, good clear white breast, colour of silky texture, nicely mottled on back, wins, the latter, a smart Goldcrest, feather like wax, showing rich coloured crest well; 3, Morris Bros., good tight feathered, house-moulted, Bearded Tit, lovely colour and steady; 4, Wither Bros., Grey Wagtail, longest and most shapely in the class, but could do with clearer colour on breast, very steady; vhc, Mays, another good Goldcrest, failed to show crest at time of judging; hc, Cook; c, R. J. Howe. A.O.S. MIGRATORY, SMALL (13): This class was a hot one, containing in addition to the winners, many birds worth a prize; 1, R. J. Howe, Blue-headed Wagtail, a gem for condition and colour, excels in head markings, being very pure and distinct in the white stripes over eyes and nice and blue on crown of head, showing a good percentage of the bright spring plumage seen in the breeding season, one small toe nail missing, but bird not disfigured; 2, 3, Maxwell, leader Yellow Wagtail, perfect shape, size and condition, rich in colour, steady as a rock, latter Black Redstart, another rare exhibit, nice colour, and shape, just lacks the essential white marks on flights, or could have been higher; 4, c, Wither Bros., another Black Redstart, younger bird; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Vincent. LARGE (5): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, leader a Roopoe, rare bird, in good feather showing good length of head gear, not the longest of bills to be seen in this species, but a good all-round specimen, latter Red Shank in fine condition and uncommon as a cage bird; 3, W. Cook, Nutcracker, another rare species, in fine condition, was busy eating putty from a join in back of cage, trust no ill-effects; 4, Francis, great spotted Woodpecker, a nice bird hard lines to have to compete against the rarer ones. ALBINO (6): 1, Hakes, Albino Blackbird, large, shapely bird, fine colour, lovely condition; 2, E. J. Lamb, cinnamon Redpoll, a smart shapely little Redpoll of a true cinnamon shade; 3, Dr. Rowntree, Goldfinch, another freak, a Silver Grey, an interesting exhibit; 4, Vincent, Albino Ring Dove, unusual exhibit in cage bird classes, very clear in feather; vhc, Prior; hc, Winter. A.S. CONTINENTAL (8): 1, 3, Maxwell, winner a beautiful Wallcreeper, lovely exhibit, perfect feather and condition, latter a good Blue-throated Warbler, very steady, tight in feather, with good display of breast markings; 2, 4, Cook, great Reed Warbler, another uncommon species seldom seen on the bench, in good condition, but just a shade rough on throat; 4, Alpine, Chough in good trim; vhc Kilner; hc, Drake; c, Mrs. Partridge.

The Foreign Bird Section.

These were a numerous and classy lot, quite a galaxy of beauty being found among the 127 entrants, making the judge's task both a difficult and thankless one. Owing to the hall being occupied till quite a late hour on the preceding night, the exhibits had no time to settle down before judging began; had judging taken place a few hours later, several exhibits which were passed would certainly have received cards.

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (5): 1, Mrs. K. L. Miller, Blue-winged Lovebirds; 2, Mrs. C. Cooper, Yellow Budgerigars, very tight and of good colour; 3, 4, F. Howe, nice pair of Yellow Budgerigars. The most noteworthy exhibit in this class, a nice pair of rare Guiana, Lovebirds, was unfortunately robbed of its award (first), by an unfortunate clerical error on the judge's part. The award was given to the Guiana Lovebirds, but was unfortunately placed opposite No. 1 instead of No. 2 on his slip. When the error was discovered—too late for correction—the owner of No. 1 was quite willing to forego the prize, but the L.C.B.A. officials, ultimately and rightly, upheld the rule "that judge's slips must not be altered after being handed in." PARRAKEETS (16): A fine, varied, and interesting array, the gorgeous plumage of many of the exhibits being quite a feature of the section. 1, W. Cook, rare Black-crowned Lory, will be a gorgeous bird indeed when it has passed through another moult; 2, H. M. Cooper, the well-known pair of Red-vented Blue Bonnets, in fine condition, a rather doubtful pair, but given the benefit of the doubt; 3, C. Cooper, Barnard Parrakeets, an attractive pair; 4, G. W. Leavers, nice Senegal Parrot; ex. 4, K. L. Miller, grand pair many-coloured Parrakeets; vhc, Conway-Gordon, good Ceram or Chattering Lory; hc, Frostick, Alexandrine Parrakeet, good colour, very sleek and tight; c, T. Miller, K. L. Miller, Cooper, Dewhurst, Brammer; also exhibited very fine Chattering Lory, a well-known winner, not yet through the moult; its owner should have its claw cut; also Crimson Lorics, "puffy" when judged. PARROTS (8): 1, Mrs. Miller, rare and unique Dusky (or Violet) Parrot, in very finest condition, a most interesting and chastely coloured exhibit; 2, J. Tyson, very nice Grey, quite an accomplished linguist; 3, C. Cooper, very good Blue and Yellow Macaw; 4, W. Salisbury, nice Grey, also a good talker; c, Mrs. Summer; also exhibited Moluccan Cockatoo, attracting much attention by its varied and fluent utterances. WAXBILLS, ETC. (12): 1, F. Howe, St. Helena Waxbills, quite the finest we remember to have seen; 2, Warren-Vernon, Zebra Waxbills, good colour, very tight; 3, Meadows, good pair Green Avadavats; 4, Maxwell, very good Rhodesian Ribbon Finches, larger than the common species; vhc, Mrs. Cooper; hc, Townsend, Hodgson; c, Howe, Hodgson, and Partridge. MANNIKINS, ETC. (12): 1, F. Howe, Violet-eared Waxbills, very rich in colour, sleek and tight, quite one of the best we have seen; 2, 3, K. L. Miller, Sydney Waxbill, a beautiful, softly coloured bird and Melba Finch, a nice bird, but not quite so bright as some we have seen; 4, S. M. Townsend, good pair of the prettily-marked Rufous-backed Mannikin; vhc, M. B. Partridge, White Java Sparrows, very pure and tight; hc, K. L. Miller; c, Maxwell, Shiers and Cooper. GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (12): 1, K. L. Miller, scaly-crowned Weaver bird, an uncommon exhibit (which however bids fair to become rather common), in perfect condition, a pretty, quietly clad bird, in a pleasing array of browns, the feathers of the fore crown being black-edged with brown, standing out very distinctly, used from which the bird takes its name "Scaly-crowned"; 2, 3, Warren-Vernon, nice pairs of Diamond Doves and Queen Whydahs, in the order named; 4, vhc, Maxwell, Queen Whydah, just beginning to show signs of getting out of colour; hc, K. L. Miller; c, S. M. Townsend, F. Howe, and Hodgson. GROSBEAKS, ETC. (5): a most interesting class, containing several rare and fine Java exhibits, of which I believe the Lavender-headed Finch and Black faced form to be new to the show bench this season; 1, Maxwell, Lavender-headed Finch, very light in feather and of good colour. This diminutive Finch is a handsome little fellow; 2, Mrs. Galloway, Black faced form, a lovely bird, in very finest condition, its plumage being a pretty arrangement of Canary yellow, green, and black; 3, Mrs. Cooper, Black headed Sakin, an uncommon exhibit; 4, S. M. Townsend, nice Quail Finch, vhc, Maxwell, Sepoy Finch, an uncommon exhibit, the natural colour of the cock, is a fiery grenadine red, but in captivity they moult into orange yellow; hc, E. W. Harper, K. L. Miller, S. M. Townsend; c, W. Cook, nice nonpariel Bunting. TANAGERS (16): The class was worth a long journey to see, for gorgeous and irridescent plumage the Tanagers are almost unsurpassed. The Superbs alone (quite apart from the rarer species), were a feast of beauty, Mr. Dewhurst's specimen being very rich in colour (colour-fed). The Festive Tanager, a lovely bird of rich, grass green, var. with black on the upper surface, top of head, rich, blue and sides of face, golden-chestnut; a first appearance on the show bench: 1, 2, 4, Maxwell, Festive, Black-headed, and Maroon Tanagers, in the order named, a grand team; 3, equal 4, Townsend, with superb specimens of Magpie and White capped Tanagers; vhc, Miller and Millsum; hc, Warren-Vernon and Townsend; c, Dewhurst and Shepherd, each with very fine specimens of Superb and Scarlet Tanagers. Too great praise cannot be bestowed on every exhibit in the class. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (6): A small class, but of rare beauty, two of them, the Indian Sun Bird and Black-faced Sugar Bird, being decidedly rare: 1, Maxwell, Indian Sun Bird, a little smallish bird of great beauty, the whitish undersurface, lighting up the irridescent plumage of the upper surface, a unique and beautiful exhibit; 2, Townsend, Black-faced Sugar Bird, an equally beautiful and rare exhibit, sleek and tight in plumage, one of the largest of the Sugar birds, it certainly is not the least beautiful of this exquisite family; 3, T. Miller, very fine Gold-fronted Green Bulbul; 4, vhc, Townsend, good pair of quaint Japanese Lostnops, and a Green Bulbul. A.O. SPECIES (12): The feature of this class was of course the King Bird of Paradise (not the specimen which has been winning in the provinces), an exhibit of rare beauty, in very fine condition and well shown. Its glowing plumage cannot be described, neither could same be appreciated in the limits of an exhibition cage; 1, C. T. Maxwell, King Bird of Paradise, a grand exhibit, without a flaw; 2, De Ven, immature Bower Bird; very rare and attractive; 3, Millsum, Black throated Chinese Laughing Thrush, an uncommon exhibit, in very fine condition; a bold, handsome fellow; 4, Warren-Vernon, Bronze-headed Trogon, a beautiful exhibit, very tight and silken; vhc, Townsend, Warren-Vernon and Bromwich; hc, Miss Shepherd; c, Miss Shepherd and Withers Bros. HYBRID: Cancelled, only one entry.

Members' Classes.

CHAMPION CREST (6): 1, 3, Pooley; 2, hc, Turner; vhc, Horton; c, Tyson. C.B. (3): 1, Horton; 2, Tyson; 3, Pooley. CUP CREST (bred 1907) (7): 1, Slade; 2, 3, Tyson; vhc, Mills; hc, Gibbons; c, Turner.—CUP C.B. (bred 1907) (4): 1, vhc, Turner; 2, Mills; 3, Gibbons. AMATEUR CREST (6): 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, c, Lazarus; vhc, hc, Brown. C.B. and both cup classes, cancelled. NOVICE CREST (11): 1, Franz; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, Penny; vhc, Cross; hc, c, Mugford. C.B. (13): 1, 3, hc, Franz; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, Scott; c, Offord. CUP CREST (bred 1907) (6): 1, hc, Offord; 2, Franz; 3, vhc, Mrs. Litchfield; c, Penny. C.B. (bred 1907) (4): 1, Franz; 2, 3, Mrs. Litchfield; vhc, Scott. CHAMPION YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, Jones; 2, Crisp; 3, Hawes; 4, Warr; vhc, Bennett; hc, Hobby; c, Easterling. BUFF (16): 1, Hawes; 2, Warr; 3, Easterling; 4, hc, Warley; vhc, Crisp; c, Burton. CINN. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, Knight; 2, Dewhurst; 3, Easterling; vhc Rennie; hc, Mabey. HENS (17): 1, Bennett; 2, Jones; 3, Hawes; 4, Knight; vhc, Mabey; hc, Burton; c, Warr. CUP YORKS. (bred 1907) (16): 1, Rennie; 2, Knight; 3, Bennett; 4, Easterling; vhc, Warley; hc, Hawes; c, Warr. AMATEUR YORKS. YELL., cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Baker; 2, 3, Rorke; vhc, Paine. HENS (6): 1, 4, hc, Baker; 2, 3, Rorke; vhc, Paine. CUP (bred 1907) (11): 1, 4, Baker; 2, Rorke; 3, hc, c, Carson; vhc, French. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, Adams; 2, Lewis; 3, Lucas; 4, Smith. BUFF (4): 1, Adams; 2, Lewis; 3, Smith; 4, Lucas. HENS (4): 1, 4, Lewis; 2, Paine. CUP (bred 1907) (6): 1, Adams; 2, 3, Lewis; 4, hc, Lucas; vhc, Paine. CHAMPION NORWICH YELL. (16): 1, Rennie; 2, W. H. Howe; 3, Howard; 4, Curtis; vhc, C. H. Cooper hc, Godfrey; c, Cooper Bros. BUFF (18): 1, Rennie; 2, Crawfield; 3, Curtis; 4, Godfrey; vhc, hc, C. H. Cooper; c, Cooper Bros. HENS (16): 1, Reynolds; 2, Godfrey; 3, Rennie; 4, Wynn; vhc, W. H. Howe; hc, Cooper Bros.; c, C. H. Cooper. CUP (bred 1907) (18): 1, Morris; 2, 4, Godfrey; 3, W. H. Howe; vhc, c, Cooper Bros.; hc, C. H. Cooper. AMATEUR NOR. YELL., cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Buckman; 2, Baker; 3, 4, Rorke. CUP (bred 1907) (8): 1, 2, Buckman; 3, hc, Rorke; 4, vhc, c, Baker. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Burn; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 4, Neal. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Burn; 3, Neal; 4, vhc, Podd; hc, Mrs. Cross. HEN (7): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Burn; 2, Mrs. Litchfield; hc, Podd; c, Cross. CUP (bred 1907) (3): 1, 2, Mrs. Litchfield; 3, 4, Marley; vhc, Burn. A.O.V. classes (3), cancelled. HYBRID (5): 1, Maxwell; 2, Mrs. Pearse; 3, Harper. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, R. J. Howe; 2, Maxwell; 3, Lucas; vhc, Marshall; hc, Mrs. Cooper; c, Mrs. Pearse. Classes 139, 140, 141 cancelled. A.O. SPECIES (5): 1, Howe; 2, Maxwell; 3, vhc, Wynn; hc, Mrs. Pearse. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, Howe; 2, Maxwell; 3, 4, Cook; vhc, Baker. LARGE (4): 1, 4, Howe; 2, Cook; 3, Maxwell. FOREIGN SEEDEATER (5): 1, Mrs. Cooper; 2, Mrs. Warren Vernon; 3, Payne; hc, Dewhurst. SOFTBILL (7): 1, vhc, Dewhurst; 2, c, Mrs. Vernon; 3, Cook; hc, Howe.

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CARLISLE.

Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S. held their 32nd exhibition and competition, in the Queen's Hall, Victoria Viaduct, on December 6th and 7th. The show proved one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of this society, entries coming up well, numbering about 400, and the quality throughout being of the highest standard. In the two classes provided for Scotch Fancies, not a bad one was exhibited, birds possessing rare length and substance, and full nerve and action being the order of the day; especially was this the case in the gems exhibited by Messrs. R. and J. Thompson and W. Sloan. The Border Fancy classes (under the patronage of the B.F.C.C. and E. and W.B.F.C.C. were very well filled, and contained some of the choicest specimens we have ever seen. Most of the crack exhibitors staged teams which, for type, quality and carriage, were really marvellous. The medal for best Border was won by Mr. J. Calderwood, with his clear yellow hen, a regular topper, whilst the novice medal was won by Mr. J. Murray, jun., with his foul buff, a little gem, which would do credit to any champion exhibitor. Mr. Thomas very cleverly won in both the even marked classes, with a couple of birds hard to find fault with; other grand specimens were staged by Messrs. Wilson, Pennington, Dixon and Simpson, and Nixon. Norwich classes were fairly well filled, but what they lacked in numbers they made up for in quality, the majority of the exhibits being all that could be desired, possessing, as they did, all the essential points of a true Norwich, viz., good, bold, thick-set birds, feathered to perfection, ablaze with colour and possessing plenty of size. Many noted winners were amongst them, including Mr. E. Godley's clear yellow cock, clear buff cock, buff hen and unlighted yellow. Mr. A. Younghusband's marked yellow and buff and natural colour buff, and Mr. J. Atkinson's yellow hen. Crest classes contained several tip-top exhibits, the most notable being Mr. Godley's wing marked dark Crest, and his champion var. Crest-bred both well-known winners. Mr. Geo. Goulden's 2nd prize Crest-bred is also an exceptionally good one, being a grand bodied bird, with an excellent skull, carrying heaps of feather and fit to win in any ordinary competition. The yellow cock exhibited by Mr. Mountain, Mr. G. Tweedie's buff cock, and Mr. A. Nelson's natural colour buff in the Yorkshire classes were three very typical specimens. The quality all through this section though, was very good indeed. Mules, Hollands and British made a grand show, as only could be expected at a fixture held under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C. and N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. The classes contained birds quite capable of holding their own in any company. The special for best British was captured by Messrs. Laidlow and Robson, with their champion Goldfinch, an extra fine specimen, and a marvel for colour and size. Mention must also be made of the really smart exhibits of Messrs. Jackson and Bond, Davidson and Boyd, S. J. Nicholas, and W. M. Hill. The selling classes contained some very cheap birds, many of which were no doubt claimed. We were sorry to see the Foreign classes were cancelled, but no doubt it was owing to the clashing of the show with several others. The Queen's Hall is an ideal room for the purpose, being very spacious and well-lighted. All the exhibits were staged so that they could be viewed with ease, and everything possible was done to ensure the comfort of the exhibits. The Secretary, Mr. W. Thomas, is the right man in the right place, and carried out his numerous duties in a very courteous and masterly manner, and we feel it our duty to congratulate him on the general success. The assistant secretary, Mr. W. H. Wright, is a capable helper, and the committee, Messrs. Cranston (chairman), McGuffie (vice-chairman), Atkinson, Dawson, Dockerty, Gill, Harris, Johnstone, Jones, Lawson, J. Nixon, J. H. Nixon, Sloan, and Wilmot, also deserve high credit for the most excellent and efficient way in which everything was carried out, and especially on the way in which the birds were despatched home at 5 o'clock on the Saturday night. The judges were Messrs. J. Thompson (Wigton), Scotch Fancies and Borders, and Parker Robinson, the remainder. Both were very painstaking, and left little, if any, cause for complaint.

The Scotch and Borders.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (4): 1, 3, spl, R. and J. Thompson, leader buff variег., good size, very free mover, well filled in shoulders, shows well, a good one, 3 another buff variег., good length of side, grand shoulders, nice top end; 2, 4, Sloan, 2 clear buff, fine built bird, good substance, and quality, nice all-round, shapely bird, 4 another clear, very showy specimen. HEN (4): 1, 3, spl, Sloan, 1st neck mkd. buff, fine quality and position, grand shoulders, reach and side, a bonny hen, 3 buff variег., grand frame, nice rounded top end, fine drive; 2, 4, R. and J. Thompson, two fine hens, grand length of side, very stylish exhibits. BOR. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (20): a grand class: 1, 2, spl, Wilson, leader a real model, rare colour and style, exquisite quality, neat and very typical, well staged, 2 very similar bird, again grand quality and colour, well moulded, good mover, 3 Younghusband, rare colour, quality and carriage, beautiful wings and tail, very taking bird; 4, Gill, fine type, grand colour, splendid carriage and action, smooth underneath, worth its place; vhc, Poole, fine type, extra quality, good colour and carriage; hc, c, Sloan, two little beauties, grand quality and style. HEN (16): 1, spl, and spl. for best Border, Calderwood, a gem all over very neat, well-rounded front, grand quality and colour, fine type and carriage, grand wings and tail; 2, Wilson, very shapely, nice head, good wing carriage, teeming with quality, nice colour; 3, Levason, very typical specimen, beautiful colour and quality, a clinking Border, very close up; 4, Pennington, grand quality, nice colour, rare shape, rather unsteady; vhc, Nixon, another grand hen, not far behind; hc, Robinson, beautiful quality and type; c, Poole, neat, bonny bird, a rare class. CL. BUFF CK. (17): 1, spl, Wilson, grand type, wonderful quality, nice colour, fine mover, neat head, one of the best; 2, Duncan and Logan, another stormer, as tight as wax, the correct shape; 3, Murray, grand quality, lovely type, best of wing carriage, nice pipe tail, good third; 4, Pennington, all there for shape and quality, not far behind; vhc, Watt, grand quality, neat head, splendid finish; hc, Simpson, very neat specimen, neat wing carriage; c, Bulmore, very neat. HEN (16): 1, spl, Pennington, sweet exhibit, grandly moulded, fine wing carriage, nice colour, exquisite quality, good one; 2, Duncan and Logan, all there for shape and quality, neat wings and tail, sweet head, very stylish; 3, Simpson and Nixon, again grand quality, very typical, grand finish, well tapered; 4, Ellwood, grand bird, not yet in the tip-top condition of those above it; vhc, Watt, grand hen, very shapely and stylish; hc, Thomas, sweet little bird; c, Lambert, another nice hen. FOUL BUFF (16): 1, spl, and B.F.C.C. Novice medal, J. Murray, jun., mkd. over beak, superior quality, splendid shape, well filled in front, rare carriage; 2, Duncan and Logan, wing marked feathered like a Java, very typical, neat, rare tail and wings, very close up; 3, Nixon, mkd. saddle and back of head, extra shape and quality, neat head, well defined body, not far away; 4, Barclay, thigh ticked, real good Border, nice stamp and colour; vhc, Pennington; ticked back of head, grand quality and shape; hc, Sloan, thigh ticked, grand bird, little out of condition; c, McLauchlan, eye ticked, superior quality and style. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Dixon, wing mkd., real model, grand colour and quality, extra good shape and carriage; 2, Wilson, slight grizzle on neck, exhibit quality, fine shape, nice colour, best of carriage, good 2nd; 3, Calderwood, mkd. back and head, another of the right sort, grand quality and shape, well-rounded body; 4, c, Barclay, wing mkd., stylish, full of quality, good stamp; vhc, Duncan and Logan, ticked on head, grand quality and shape; hc, Sloan, cap mkd., good shape and colour. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (14): 1, spl, Pennington, mkd. eyes, neck, and wing, exquisite quality and shape, lovely position, very neat head, real gem; 2, Bulmore, mkd. cheeks and wing, grand quality and type, extra good carriage and style, very clean cut; 3, hc, Watt, eye and wings marked, grand type, neat head, nicely rounded body, good quality; 4, Meekly, mkd. eyes and wings, smooth as glass, best of wing carriage; vhc, Sloan, cheeks and wing mkd., very smart exhibit; c, Johnston, cheeks, neck and wing mkd., lovely quality and type. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Simpson and Nixon, face and wings mkd., excellent quality and style, very neat type, good mover, one of the right stamp; 2, Dixon, eyes and wing marked, extra quality and type, very stylish exhibit; 3, R. and J. Thompson, eyes and wings mkd., grand quality and condition, splendid carriage; 4, Pearson, very smart and stylish, nice shape and condition; vhc, McMillan, cheeks and wing marked, grand quality, neat head and finish; hc, Wright and Hyslop, cinn. marked, splendid little exhibit; c, Wilson, grand quality and type. EVEN MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Thomas, four-pointed, nice wing mark, grand-balanced eyes, extra quality and type, good colour, and carriage, regular swell, wins; 2, 4, spl, Lambert, 2nd even eyes and wings, grand markings, beautiful type and quality, best of carriage and condition; 4th similar markings, superior quality and style; 3, Connerton, six-pointed, teeming with quality, excellent type and carriage, little gem, good; 3, vhc, Harrison, eyes and wing marks, grand quality and type; hc, Varris, similar markings. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Thomas, well staged, gem, wonderful quality and type, finely-marked eyes and wings, perfect carriage and condition; 2, McVitie, another four-pointed, grand quality, neat head, well-rounded front, fine action; 3, Calderwood again, eyes and wing marked, a rare exhibit, worth its place; 4, Wilson, similar marks, grand quality and shape; vhc, Duncan and Logan, marks similar to leaders, extra type and quality; hc, Pearson, good quality; c, Simpson, neat eyes and wings. CINN., ETC. (8): 1, spl, A. and J. Thomson, green, sound colour, well pencilled, exquisite quality and shape, grand mover, little charmer; 2, McMillan, very similar all through, lovely quality and condition; 3, McVitie, another green, magnificent exhibit, grand quality and style, rare carriage; 4, cubby green, another tight-feathered specimen; vhc, c, Hadwin, two greens, very neat and stylish; hc, Dockerty, green, extra quality and condition. PAIRS (8): 1, spl, vhc, Simpson and Nixon, leaders clear yell. cock, rare colour and shape, and sweet, well moulded Buff hen, pair of the right sort; 2, Wright and Hyslop, wing and eye marked yell., and eye marked buff, a well matched pair; 3, Laidlay, pair of clears, stylish, and full of quality; 4, Sloan, another pair of clears, excellent quality and type; hc, Donaldson, ticked yellow and clear buff. SELL., 10/6 (12): 1, spl, Simpson and Nixon, marked buff; 2, Dixon, clear buff; 3, Wright and Hyslop, clear buff; 4, Robson, clear yellow; vhc, Gill; hc, McGuffie; c, McVitie.

The Norwich, Crests and Yorkshires.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Godley, red-hot colour, grand shape and size, rare head, neck and chest, nice quality; 2, Lawson, grand type, colour, and quality; 3, Atkinson, good size and quality, nice colour, neat wing carriage; 4, Cranston. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Godley, rare shape and size, grand colour, nice head and neck, good wings and tail; 2, McQueen, extra quality, grand type and size; 3, Winn and Hinde, grand colour and shape, nice quality, good carriage; 4, Bulmore, fine head, neck, and chest, good colour and shape; vhc, Lawson, good size and red-hot colour; hc, Kennan; c, Atkinson. TICK., ETC., BUFF (10): 1, Younghusband, thigh ticked, bouncer, extra shape and quality, grand colour and carriage, good, bold head, well filled in neck, rare chest, a topper; 2, McQueen, marked cheeks and wing, rare head, neck and chest, grand size and quality, close up; 3, 4, c, spl, Atkinson, leader marked head and wings, grand quality, colour and shape; 4, similar marked bird, grand size and colour, nice quality; vhc, Lockhart, ticked over head, good substance and quality; hc, Winn and Hinde, cap marked, grand quality, colour, and type. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Younghusband, ticked neck, grand size, and quality, fine head, rare colour and shape; 2, Godley, wings and face marked, hot colour, grand quality and shape, close up; 3, Atkinson, wing marked, superior quality and colour, grand carriage; 4, Davidson, wing ticked, good Nor.; vhc, Cranston; hc, Davidson. YELL. HEN (16): 1, spl, 3, Atkinson, leader clear, nice size and colour, grand quality and type, real good hen; 3rd, clear, good shape and quality, well packed wings and tail; 2, Godley, nice size, grand shape, good position and quality; 3, Shackley, clear, grand length and position, splendid quality; 4, vhc, Lowe, eye ticked, very slim and straight, rare quality, worth its place; hc, Miss Irwin. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Tweedie, wing marked, grand length and style, extra quality and position, nice back wings and tail; 2, Mountain, clear, very slim and stylish, grand position and quality; 3, Miss Irwin, clear, good size and type, nice quality and colour; 4, Thompson and Son, nice size and quality, good type and carriage; vhc, Shackley; hc, Sykes and Bayner. MAT. COL. (5): 1, 3, spl, Nelson, leader clear buff, rattling length, beautiful type and position; 3rd, clear yellow, very neat and stylish, good quality; 2, Miss Slack, clear buff, nice length, style, and quality, good position and carriage; 4, Sykes and Bayner, cinn. marked buff, grand length, good position; vhc, Barclay. SELL., 20/- (7): 1, R. and J. Thomson, Scotch Fancy; 2, Vere, Yorks.; 3, Lockhart, Goldfinch Mule; 4, Godley, cinn.; vhc, Sloan, Scotch Fancy; hc, Gullick, Yorks.; c, Longden, Greenfinch. UNDER 20/- (20): 1, McQueen, buff Nor.; 2, Lockhart, cinn. marked Yorks.; 3, McVitie, Crest; 4, cubby Nor.; vhc, R. and J. Thomson, Belgian; hc, Walsh, Wagtail; c, Dixon, Redpoll. 5/- (14): 1, Godley; 2, Lockhart; 3, R. and J. Thomson; 4, H. Thompson and Son; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Alexander; c, McVitie.

The Mules and British.

VARIEG. MULE (8): 1, 4, c, spl, Jackson and Bond, leader even eyes and wing marked Goldfinch Canary, nice size, red-hot colour, teeming with quality, grand shape and carriage, in rare bloom; 4th another Goldfinch Canary, face and wings marked, grand size and quality; 2, Cunningham, Linnet Canary, head and wings marked, a lovely exhibit, magnificent quality and carriage, put down in A1 style; 3, Dixon, four-pointed Goldfinch Canary, well-balanced markings, grand quality and condition; vhc, Cunningham, another Goldfinch Canary, marks very similar to leader; hc, Hill, marked saddle and eyes, Goldfinch Canary, grand quality. CAN. MULE (7): 1, 2, spl, Jackson and Bond, 1st Bullfinch Canary, rare size and colour, grand quality, in excellent condition, grand exhibit; 2nd cinn. Greenfinch, grand quality and size, showing both crosses distinctly; 3, hc, Walsh, dark Siskin Canary, splendid colour, beautiful little exhibit; 4, Dixon, dark Greenfinch Canary, rare colour and size; vhc, c, McVitie. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, spl, spl, for best Brit., Laidlow and Robson, good size, grand square blaze, good rich tan, grand bars and buttons, splendid quality and finish, wins well; 2, Davidson and Boyd, also a fine blaze, good size and tan, well defined buttons and bars, grand Finch; 3, McQuiston, a grand bird in every respect; 4, Longden, nice size and blaze, good buttons and tan; vhc (no name), good blaze, bars and buttons; hc, Coutts, good bars; c, J. Murry, jun. GOLDFINCH FOR. (10): 1, spl, Davidson and Boyd, rare size and colour, big, well-cut blaze, capital bars, real eye-opener; 2, Laidlaw, good blaze and whites, fine size and condition; 3, McQuiston, grand blaze and bars, good rich tan, shade smaller; 4, R. and J. Thomson, another grand Finch; vhc, Murphy, very nice bird; hc, Davidson, no doubt a grand bird when quite fit. LINNET (13): 1, Nicholas, good size, finely pencilled, rich nut-brown colour, fine type and carriage, very steady, well staged; 2, hc, spl, McQuiston, grand bird, well pencilled, nice size, extra tight in feather, good carriage and colour; 3, c, Walsh, another grand Linnet, good colour and size, worth its place; 4, vhc, Dunn, another couple of grand Linnets, 4th good colour and very steady. BULLFINCH BRIT. (9): a class of grand birds; 1, spl, Hill, big bouncing bird, fine quality, rare cap, lovely breast colour, good bars, ideal type, a clinker; 2, Walsh, perfection in nearly every respect, rare cap and colour, close up; 3, Coutts, very similar, well staged, worth its place; 4, vhc, Laidlow and Robson, couple of grand Bullfinches; 4th grand shape and colour; hc, Holmes; c, Walsh. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Nicholas, Lesser Redpoll, grand size and shape, rare bib, finely laced, beautiful quality and colour, little gem; 2, Longden, Twite, good size and shape, superior finish and colour, and well staged; 3, McQuiston, another Twite, grand exhibit, rather unsteady yet; 4, Laidlaw and Robson, Redpoll, very nicely marked, good bib; vhc, Walsh, another very nice Redpoll; hc, McVitie, good Mealy Redpoll. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Laidlow and Robson, Hawfinch, wonderful quality, tight as wax, grand colour, good bib, nice size and condition; 2, Laidlaw, Yellowhammer, good size, nice colour and markings, very steady and well shown; 3, 4, spl, Walsh, 3rd Corn Bunting, rich colour, good size, very well marked; 4th Yellow Bunting, nice exhibit; vhc, Winn and Hinde, another Yellow Bunting.



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COCKERMOUTH (Cumberland).

Cockermouth and Dist. F.S. held their third annual exhibition in the Tweed Mill on December 6th and 7th. Considering that Carlisle Show was on the same day, the entries came up well from the exhibition point of view. It was a great success. The efforts of the Committee and officials were well rewarded in the cage bird section this year, entries in this section were nearly trebled. The Norwich section was very fair, but Yorkshires were a splendid show, some well-known winners having to take a back seat. Border Fancies were a little show in themselves. British birds were not strong in numbers, but made up for this in quality of exhibits. The pick of the district were here, including well-known winning Goldfinches, Linnets, Mules, etc. The certificate of merit for the best bird in Canaries and mules was won by a yell. marked Goldfinch mule; the certificate of merit for best British was won by that well known Yellowhammer of Jas. Stewart's. Messrs. Snoddon and Thompson's Red-sided Eclectus won CAGE BIRDS 1st prize, J Sillwood's Scotch Fancy won 2nd, Hopper Bros. buff Border best 3rd bird. The arrangements and staging of the exhibits were carried out in an altogether admirable manner and won the commendation of both exhibitors and visitors. Mr. James Graham made an efficient and courteous secretary, backed up by a good working committee, of which Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe is chairman. While making notes we noticed Messrs. J. Ellwood, Duncan and several others seeding and watering all cage birds, making sure of the comfort of all birds entrusted to their care. One incident is worth recording: An exhibitor sent his water tin with 4 holes punched in; one of the holes about a quarter of an inch from the bottom; water could scarcely remain in tin. One of the committee had to plug one hole up to allow the bird to get water. This goes to show how carefully every detail was watched. The judges, Mr. J. S. Wilson, Workington, Cumarles; Mr. Jno. Wilson, Workington, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, carried out their duties in such a manner that left no room for grumbling. NOR. (six classes), five cancelled. HEN (4): entries stood: 1, Younghusband, yell., short chubby body, good head and neck, rare quality, wins; 2, Bunting, and Bell, neat exhibit; 3, Davis, grand short body, good colour and quality; vhc, Little. YORKS. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Stewart, long stylish, rare quality bird, grand wings; 2, Coulson, long; 3, Stewart, well moulded, grand wings and tail; vhc, Coulson; hc

Douglas; r, Walsh. BUFF (6): 1, Coulson, long slim, well drawn, good colour and quality, wings well braced; 2, Stewart, rare type and quality; 3, Ferguson, neat, compact feather; vhc, Walsh, well up on leg, racy looking; hc, Irwin; c, Elwood. TICK. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Ferguson, long well drawn rare length of wing; 2, Tweedie, ticked head, racy looking, well up on leg, good colour; 3, Stewart, very stylish, grand wings, well carried; vhc, Douglas; c, Tweedie. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Stewart; 2, nice length, rare quality, stands on a pair of good legs; 2, Irwin, ticked eyes and whg, rare quality and style; vhc, Walsh, rare length, very compact feather, hc, Brown, Whitehaven and Egremont winner, nice type, good quality, and position; c, Tweedie. HENS, YELL. (8): 1, Douglas, neat and compact in feather, rare quality; 2, Stewart, good length and quality, little to choose between them; 3, Ferguson, long raking bird; vhc, Irwin; hc, Davis; c, Douglas. BUFF (11): 1, 2, vhc, Stewart, splendid trio, winner stands away from anything in class, rare length, colour and quality, good wings and carried at the right place; 2, very compact in feather; 3, Irwin, a good bird; hc, Walsh, well moulded, rare quality of feather; c, Park. SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, Stewart, ticked yell., long racy bird; 2, Brunton, saddle-marked buff, stands well; 3, Thompson, cinn., vhc, Oglethorpe; hc, Davis; c, Douglas. HORD. FANCY, CL., ETC. YELL COCK (13): 1, Hopper Bros., sweet shape, grand colour, stylish; 2, Younghushand, nice type; 3, Poole, neat and compact; vhc, Simpson; hc, Lewthwaite; c, Walker. BUFF (12): 1, and medal, best Border, splendidly moulded, rare style, and put down in the pink of condition; 2, Walker, similar bird; 3, vhc, Hopper Bros., splendid type of Border, neat carriage; vhc, Brown; c, Plaskett Bros. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC. YELL CK. (6): 1, Hopper Bros., marked head and wings, neat and compact in feather, jaunty carriage, must have pressed hard for Border medal; 2, Lewthwaite, variegated, very neat good quality, short feather in tail; 3, Younghusband, marked neck, very neat in carriage, good wing carriage; vhc, Wilkinson, marked wing; hc, Rea; c, Ostle. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Plaskett Bros., variegated, well moulded, jaunty, good quality; 3rd, eyes, wing and cheek mark; 2, Brown, eyes and wing mark, tight in feather, neat wings and tail; vhc, Hopper Bros., wing marked, neat and compact, moved in nice style; hc, Levason; sc, Ellwood. HENS, YELL: 1, 2, Poole, winner marked over beak and on one wing, lovely specimen, sweet shape, perfection itself; 2, similar bird, marked wings; 3, Walker, good bird; vhc, Lewthwaite; hc, Younghusband; hc, Hopper Bros. BUFF (16): 1, hc, Ellwood, evenly cinn. mkd., a gem, like boxwood, wins; 2, vhc, Poole, evenly mkd., neat and compact, very jaunty; 3, c, Hopper Bros., clear buff, grand shape, lovely colour, very smart. GREEN, ETC. (7): 1, Brown, cinn., tight in feather, rare shape, lovely exhibit, wins well; 2, Bunting and Bell, green, very soft when we saw; 3, Walker, foul mkd. green, nice stamp; vhc, Ellwood, foul mkd. cinn.; hc, Deacon; c, McMaster. SCOTCH FANCY (5: 1, vhc, Willison, yell. grand head, neck, capital drive, good shoulder and depth; 2, best 2nd prize bird in CAGE BIRDS Competition and 3rd, Ellwood, yell., good head, grand shoulder, nice position, 3rd mkd. buff, fine, big reachy bird, grand action, presses, No. 1, Willison absent. SELL. 12/6: 1, 3, Brunton; 2, Thompson; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Rea; c, Johnstone. 5/- (5): 1, Ellwood; 2, 3, vhc, Brunton; hc, Little. DARK CAN. MULE (7): 1, vhc, Davies, large Linnet-Canary, splendid shape, feathered like boxwood, we think the Egremont winner; 2, Dixon, Goldfinch-Canary, good type, showing true parentage; 3, Johnstone, sweet Linnet; 4, Mrs. Graham, Siskin-Canary; c, Mrs. Dobie. A.O.V. (4): 1, certificate for best bird in Canaries and Mules, Dixon, yell, variegated Goldfinch-Canary, rare type, quality and colour, splendid blaze, wins; 2, Dixon, buff variegated Goldfinch-Canary, a good specimen; 3, vhc, Davies, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, leading, splendid shape, grand colour and quality. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, Kearton and Winter, grand team, leader grand square blaze, good brown, rare type and quality of feather, wins; 2, vhc, will improve; 3, Tiffen, neat size, good blaze, bars and buttons, presses; hc, Fitzsimons; c, Hutton Bros. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Oglethorpe, neat cap, good colour, well up in size; 2, Little, rare colour and gloss; 3, Ellwood, smart Bullie, neat cap, and colour; vhc, Tiffin. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Kearton, leader large, well marked one, rare pencilling, shown in fine bloom; 2, little to choose between; 3, Mrs. Wilson, nice nutty-brown, good type; vhc, Hutton Bros.; hc, Mrs. Wilson; c, Fitzsimons. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Penrice, Twite, leading splendid shape and pencilling, wins; 3, mealy Redpoll, splendid type, in good condition; 4th Lesser Redpoll; 2, Rydiard, Siskin, good cap and lacing, nice type and colour; vhc, Mrs. Christian; c, Mrs. Johnstone. GREENFINCH (3: 1, 3, Ellwood, 1 marvel for size, good colour, in best of condition, 3 nice type, colour and condition, little between 2 and this one; 2, D.B. Ellwood; vhc, Johnstone CHAFFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Oglethorpe, Bramble leading, nice body colouring and spangling, Chaff next, very smart, nice size and good markings, steady; 3, Mrs. Wilson, Bramble, a very neat specimen. Hawfinch class cancelled. A.O.S. SEEDEATER, SMALL (5): 1, certificate, best Brit., Stewart, well-known Yellowhammer, needs no comment, "perfection," Evans and Son, Crosshill, nice colour, type and very steady; 3, Oglethorpe, Reedbunting, nice specimen, beautifully marked; vhc, c, Evans and Sons, Yellowhammer and a Sparrow. SONG THRUSH, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Penrice, Blackbird, leading, grand one, good colour, well coloured beak and eye eere, 2 well mkd. Thrush, 3 Thrush similar to 2nd bar size. DOVES (14): 1, Walsh; 2, c, Stephenson; 3, Williamson: vhc, Sharp; hc, Forsyth. FOR., LARGE (6): 1, 2, 3, and best first prize bird in CAGE BIRDS Competition, Snoddon and Thompson, red-sided Eclectus Parrot leading, blue-frouted Amazon, and an Alexandrine Parrakeet, all of them well-known, and often described; 3 ,vhc, Sewell, grey Parrot, nice feather and condition; hc, Croue. SMALL (4: 1, Walker, pair of Budgerigars, shown in faultless form; 2, Oglethorpe, Golden-breasted Waxbill, rather soft when we saw it; 3, Snoddon and Thompson, snicebird in lovely bloom; vhc, long, Budgerigar. GIFT CLASS (11): 1, 2, Brunton, buff Border Fancy; 2, variegated, Nor.; 3, Simon, variegated, Yorks; vhc, Ellwood, yell. order Fancy, dark tail; hc, Oglethorpe, nat. col. Yorkie; c, Deacon, Border Fancy.

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KILMARNOCK.

Show held December 7th in the Art Gallery Halls, London road, and was a success beyond the most sanguine expectations. The entries numbered 630, and the quality was of the very best, birds of the finest quality taking part in the contest, so that the competition was extra keen. A pleasing feature with Kilmarnock is that the well-to-do classes and merchants take a practical interest in the exhibition, contributing to the funds (the donations amounted to close on £11), and by their personal attendance they encouraged the management. A good percentage of the visitors were ladies, and they seemed to be quite interested. The Scotch Fancy opened the show, and the quality was exceptional. Mr. McClure, whose name brings honour to him wherever he goes, had no less than five first prizes, and there was general satisfaction to find Mr. Findlay again in the tickets; he won quite a number, and the youngest convert to the Scotch Fancy captured a second prize. Messrs. Black and Smith, the judges, were congratulated on the very efficient judgment they bestowed upon their work, which was a pleasure, having capital material to operate upon. Mr. Young, whose care and precision are widely known, placed the Crests in order of merit, and gave satisfaction. The Crests and Crestbreds were a show in themselves; wealth of quality entered the competition, and as an indication of the strength of this section, the cup and gold medal for the best bird in the hall was won by a young Crest cock, the property of Mr. John Noble. The runner-up was Mr. McClure's cup winner, the Scotch Fancy foul buff cock. The medal for the best young Crestbred was awarded to Mr. Wm. Cairns. Seldom has a finer collection of Plainheads been brought together. The judge, Mr. Ferguson, had his task heightened with the quality put before him; he spared no pains, and his services were appreciated by the competitors. The medal for the Scotch Plainhead was secured by Mr. A. Sloan. Nowadays, a show without the Border Fancy Canary is a desert. Though mentioned last in the Canary section, they were by no means least. Their lively, bright forms add lustre to the gathering. Mr. McKenzie had a superior lot to handle; quality pressed so hard upon quality that judging must have been difficult, but Mr. McKenzie got through it with credit. The hall is nicely lighted, and it is admirably adapted—compact and free from draught. The weather, too, was cold, but the temperature had a cosy, comfortable feeling. The arrangements were admirable. The secretary, Mr. W. Watson, upon whom so much depended, was fully master of the situation; he had a fine grasp of the entire business. Willing and courteous, the society have in him the right man at the helm. The president, Mr. Adamson, guided the affairs with dignity and grace. The vice-presidents, Messrs. Hutchison and Calderwood, and the willing committeemen, vied with each other in rendering service. We have never come across a show where so much enthusiasm was displayed. An unusual number of shows was held to-day, so that it is a credit to Kilmarnock to have such a prosperous event. A very smart piece of work for a one-day show was the issue of a neat and complete slip giving the awards.

Canary Classes.

decided drive, fine droop, neat head, long neck, good back, wing and body, easy win; 2, Ralston, erect, nice drive, droop, and body, plenty of back; 3, Findlay, neat, tidy exhibit; 4, MacLaren, nicely positioned, fine type; 5, Frew, extra good bird, in good company. HEN (6): 1, McClure, champion yell. hen, erect, fine head, neck and drive, grand body, rare round shoulders, nicely positioned; 2, Lyon, nice all round typical hen; 3, Ward, wins here, good style and quality; 4, Powell, good type, wins; 5, Frew, grand stamp; 6, Hainey; 7, Reid. BUFF COCK (12): 1, 2, Findlay, erect, decided drive, nice head and neck, prominent shoulder, grand body and wing; 2nd, somewhat similar in type; 3, McClure, very fine exhibit, full of style and quality; 4, 7, Reid, nicely proportionate, sweet style; 5, c, Edgar, fine style and quality. HEN (10): 1, Ward, a beauty, neat and typical, could do with more size; 2, Kennedy, better size and substance, very good hen; 3, Findlay, fine specimen; 4, McClure, rare substance and quality; 5, Bowie, nice stamp; 6, Frew; 7, Borland. YELL. PIED COCK (10): 1, McLaruchlan, superior, good all round exhibit, erect, very decided in drive, fine head and neck, good shoulders and body; 2, MacLaren, erect, fine style, good body and active; 3, Ward, good size and style, wins; 4, Mitchell, taking style; 5, McClure; 6, Kennedy; 7, Pearson. HEN (6): 1, Livingstone, erect, nice head, neck and drive, fine round back, good body and wing; 2, Ilyres, erect fine head and neck, good shoulders, body and wing; 3, Niven, another nice hen; 4, McGeachie, fine substance; 5, Findlay; 6, Kerr. BUFF (11): 1, McClure, erect, rare drive and droop, fine prominent back, nice front, body and wing; 2, Paton, erect, fine drive and droop, good body and action; 3, 6, MacLaren, very nice, all round exhibit, 4, Reid, nice size and style; 5, Kennedy, sweet typical Scotch Fancy; 7, Niven. HEN (7): 1, Mitchell, grand size and substance, wins easily, good type; 2, Clark, erect, decided drive, fine shoulders, body and wing; 3, Hainsey, good all round, wins; 4, Findlay, fine size and body; 5, Borland; 6, MacLaren; 7, Findlay. GREEN, ETC., COCK (10): 1, McClure, champion young bird of this year, in splendid form, much admired, wonderful droop; 2, Niven, well-known winner, in splendid form; 3, Kennedy, erect, fine drive, body and wing; 4, Reid, nice style and stamp; 5, Findlay; 6, Workman; 7, Lyon. HEN (14): 1, McClure, large, rare substance and quality, grand style, finely positioned; 2, Niven, erect, fine drive, droop shoulders and body; 3, Edgar, fine quality, good substance; 4, Frew, grand size and quality; 5, Ward; 6, Findlay; 7, Hainey. SELL. CK. (5): 1, Workman; 2, Elgar; 3, Hainey; 4, Samson; 5, Findlay; 6, Bowie. CREST CK. (7): 1, Cairns, large var., fine crest, good size, lovely shape and radiation; 2, McLay, another beauty, good crest, fine shape, well radiated; 3, Reid, even crest, good substance, fine droop and finish; 4, Gardner, fine density and droop; 5, Shillinglaw; 6, McPhail; 7, Cunningham. HEN (9): 1, 4, Adamson, 1st, fine crest, nice shape and radiation, 4th, very fine bird, rare quality; 2, Cairns, massive frame, grand crest, well shaped and radiated; 3, Mackay, nice crest, shape and body; 5, Reid, good quality; 6, Clark; 7, McLay. CREST-BRED CK. (10): 1, Cairns, good entrance, well lashed grand substance and body; 2, McLay, similar, rare quality; 3, Reid, fine dome and skull, well lashed; 4, Mackie, fine style and quality, good one; 5, Cairns; 6, Noble; 7, McFarlane. HEN (6): 1, Reid, fine skull, good length; 2, Noble, nice var., grand head, feather of fine length; 3, Adamson, nice density and length of feather; 4, McNaughton, fine quality; 5, Cairns; 6, Brotherton. CREST CK. YOUNG (10): 1, 2, Noble, nice crest, good shape and radiation, beautifully groomed; 3, Mackie, fine shape, nice crest, well radiated; 4, Griffiths, good quality, wins; 5, Reid; 6, Thomson; 7, Cairns. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Noble, rare trio, good shape, well radiated and faultlessly staged; 4, Paterson, good stamp; 5, Reid; 6, Cairns; 7, Mackie. CRESTBRED CK. (10): 1, Cairns, very promising, fine skull, head feather dense, good quality; 2, 4, Griffiths, a taking couple, wide skull, good head feather; 3, Mackie, nice density and length of head feather; 5, 6, Adamson; 7, McLay. HEN (12): 1, McLay, exceptional quality, fine head feather, good length, nicely staged; 2, McPhail, another good one, wins here; 3, Mackie, nice feather, lovely condition; 4, Reid; 5, Esson; 6, Noble; 7, McFarlane. LIMIT CREST (£4): 1, Chalmers, very nice crest, good droop; 2, Reid, another fine crest; 3, Griffiths, good quality and style; 4, Thomson, nice type; 5, Noble; 6, Adamson; 7, Paterson (£1): 1, Thomson, nice shape and quality; 2, Reid, good stamp; 3, Thornton, good shape; 4, McLay, nice quality; 5, Cunninghum; 6, Davy; 7, Robertson. CRESTBRED (£3): 1, Paterson, nice pied, good quality; 2, Gardiner, beautiful green, fine size and shape; 3, Reid, nice quality; 4, Adamson, good stamp; 5, Shillingshaw; 6, Thomson; 7, Thornton (£1): 1, Cairns, good quality and shape; 2, Reid, nice style; 3, Ovenstone, good quality; 4, Wyllie; 5, Thornton; 6, Gardiner; 7, Adamson. NOR CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (8): Judged by John Ferguson: 1, Chalmers, rich colour, nice leather, neat wings; 2, Sloan, good quality and colour; 3, Hutchison, fine quality and shape, rich colour; 4, Cameron, good size and quality; 5, Johnstoue; 6, Watson; 7, Aitchison HEN (12): 1, 6, Watson, 1st, rare shape and substance, good wing carriage, lovely head; 2, Sloan, nice colour, feather good quality, wings well placed; 3, Calderwood, good chest, rare substance and quality; 4, Hutchison, nice all over; 5, Miller; 7, Lowe. BUFF (12): 1, W. Watson, thick-set body, fine shape and substance, nice quality of feather; 2, Chalmers, good shape and body, lovely feather; 3, Cameron, fine quality and shape; 4, Easton, good shape; 5, Lowe; 6, Aitchison; 7, A. Watson. HEN (10): 1, Sloan, champion, neat and shapely, lovely feather, nice carriage and wings; 2, McLay, another grand bird, neat and stylish, fine quality; 3, Aitchison, nice all over exhibit, shapely; 4, Miller, good stamp; 5, Chalmers; 6, Miller. VAR. YELL., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Calderwood, grand substance, rare head and neck, nice body, well finished, full of quality; 2, Chalmers, fine shape and colour; 3, Muir, nice shape and size, plenty of quality; 4, Aitken, good stamp; 5, Hutchison. HEN (6): 1, Scaife, gem, full of quality, nice size and shape; 2, Watson, good body, splendid carriage, fine quality; 3, Cameron, good type and shape; 4, Chalmers, grand stamp; 5, Hutchison; 6, Gowan. BUFF, ETC., CK. (11): 1, 4, Calderwood, 1st, splendid colour and quality, fine shape and substance, wins easily; 2, McLay, fine size and substance, lovely quality of feather; 3, Cameron, good all round type, 5, Muir; 6, Bowie; 7, Chalmers. HEN (14): 1, Watson, very stylish, good shape and quality, wins easily; 2, Chalmers, fine substance and quality of feather, well staged; 3, Cameron, good shape and quality; 4, Baird; 5, Breadon; 6, 7, Frazer. UNFLI. (14): 1, 6, Howie, 1st, grand substance, colour and shape, wins; 2, Hutchison, another fine bird wins; 3, Scaife, fine shape and quality; 4, Muir; 5, Cameron. NON-FED (13): 1, Chalmers, grand shape and colour, lovely feather and carriage; 2, McLay, gem, full of quality, fine feather; 3, Tarrant, good shape and style; 4, Sloan, lovely condition, grand quality; 5, Muir; 6, Calderwood; 7, Willison. NOVICE CLASS (14): 1, 3, Cowan, good shape and quality, A1 condition; 2, Brown, good quality; 4, Rae; 5, Jones; 6, 7, Willison. SELL. CK. (15/-) (13): 1, Smillie; 2, Alston; 3, Tannock; 4, Kirk; 5, Baird; 6, Hutchison; 7, Muir. HEN (8): 1, Alston; 2, Easton; 3, Chalmers; 4, Morton; 5, Calderwood; 6, Withers; 7, Willison. BORD. FCY., CL. ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Smillie, fine type and quality, lovely feather and carriage, nice colour; 2, Paterson, grand size and type, fine quality, good feather and carriage; 3, Voy, another beauty, lovely feather, nice wings and carriage; 4, No name; 5, Dempster; 6, Willison; 7, Richardson and Gordon. HEN (12): 1, Smillie, nice type, lovely carriage and feather, fine quality; 2, Paterson, finely-moulded grand feather and carriage; 3, Murdoch, presses hard, good quality; 4, Guthrie, grand stamp; 5, Aitken; 6, Strathearn; 7, Peel. BUFF (14): 1, no name, gem, lovely feather and carriage, teeming with quality; 2, 3, Smillie, both good quality, lustrous feather, fine carriage and wing; 4, Leitch, lovely shape and style; 5, Lawson; 6, Paterson; 7, Peel. HEN (13): 1, Bennett, grand type and quality, rare carriage, lovely feather; 2, Paterson, nice style, feather and condition; 3, Smillie, very stylish, full of quality; 4, Laith, good stamp; 5, Clark; 6, Jones; 7, Willison. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Smillie, lovely plumage, grand quality and carriage, wins; 2, Jones, beauty, nice feather and condition; 3, Murdoch, grand type and feather; 4, 5, Willison; 6, Lawson; 7, Dempster. HEN (8): 1, Bennett, graceful and stylish, wins easily; 2, Guthrie, gem, beautiful feather, good style; 3, Scoular, good type and quality; 4, Shearer; 5, Kelly; 6, Willison; 7, Hutchison. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Bennett, another gem, full of quality, lovely feather; 2, Paterson, fine quality, silky feather, grand carriage; 3, Alston, beauty, nice carriage; 4, Blair; 5, Leitch; 6, Paton; 7, Guthrie. SELL.: 1, Paterson; 2, Kelly; 3, Blair; 4, Lawson; 5, Minto; 6, Hannah; 7, Leitch.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

Close upon 200 exhibits turned up in this section, and were judged by Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), Mr. J. B. King (Kilmarnock), who was also down to judge, being unable to attend. The awards seemed to give general satisfaction. Many noted winners were staged, including the disputed Canary-Bullie belonging to Mr. Ovenstone (Grangemouth), when it was again awarded 1st and spl. for the third time in succession by this judge. Many comments were made on this exhibit, but no one doubted its parentage. The outstanding classes were Hybrids, For. Goldies, Greenfinches, and large Brit., many winners having to go cardless. Two of the prizes offered by CAGE BIRDS were won by light Mules, viz., 1st prize, 10/-, Charles Douglas, and 3rd prize, Wm. C. Cunningham, over a dozen entries being made in this section alone. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, 6, Douglas, buff Goldie-Canary, ticked on eyes, grand condition, wins CAGE BIRDS 1st prize; 6th, var. Goldie; 2, 3, Cunningham, 2nd evenly mkd. Goldie in rare condition, presses; 3rd evenly mkd. yell., best of colour, wins CAGE BIRDS 3rd prize; 4, Menzies, monster Greenie-Canary, var., nice exhibit; 5, Leigh; 7, Porteous. HYBRID (9): 1, Sharp, Greenie-Bullie, in rare fettle, frequent winner often described; 2, 3, 4, Arrighi, 2nd Goldie-Bullie, in pink of condition, deep blaze, well marked, we liked; 3, Linnet-Bullie, good can, nice breast colour, also put down in fine trim; 4, Greenie-Bullie, quite a good exhibit; 5, spl., Cunningham; 6, Douglas; 7, McCaw. DARK MULE (15): 1, spl., Ovenstone, Canary-Bullie, which was recently passed as not being of that cross, looking well as ever, shows parentage clearly, popular win; 2, Marlin, large yell. Goldie-Canary, grand blaze, full of colour, good second; 3, McQuiston, another good one, 4, Watson, Greenie-Canary, plenty of size, nice condition and colour; 5, Leigh; 6, 7, Cunningham; 7th yell. Greenie-Canary GOLDFINCH, BRIT (14): 1, Porteous, lovely clear cut blaze, nice cheeks, and tan, clearly buttoned; 2, Johnstone, deep blaze good Finch 3, Reid, much the same, typical Britisher; 4, McQuiston, grand body, nice bloom; 5, Brown; 6, Robertson; 7, Porteous. GOLDFINCH FOR (13): 1, Arrighi, great depth of blaze, snow-white cheeks, nicely tanned and buttoned; 2, Sharp, clean cut blaze, best of condition and steady; 3, McQuiston, another good Finch, close up; 4, Marlin, grand blaze and colour; 5, Rare, good all-round Finch; 6, Livingstone; 7, McCulloch; a right good class all through. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, 7, Brown, nice moulted bird, pink of condition, good cap and bars; 2, Boyd, looks like a wild one, good colour; 3, Christie, nice hen, in best of feather, broad cap and wing bars; 4, Guthrie, cock, nice colour and feather; 5, McQuiston; 6, Dunsmuir. LINNET (10) 1, spl., Arrighi, City of Glasgow winner, looking well, an easy win; 2, Cunningham, also a good one, put down in grand fettle; 3, Marlin, fine colour and condition; 4, 7, McQuiston, plenty of colour and sheen; 5, Porteous; 6, Douglas. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Cunningham, good solid colour, nice golden bars, fine made head, a good win; 2, McQuiston, rare condition; 3, 4, Hald, 3rd noted winning hen, best shaped Greenie in class; 4th nice fed bird, in good fettle, well shown; 5, spl., Sharp, best of condition; 6, Cram; 7, Mackie; many fine birds cardless. SISKIN (8): 1, Martin, good size, teeming with colour, nice cap and bib; 2, 7, Cunningham, 2nd lovely condition, clear cut cap, nice wing bars; 3, Arrighi, good all-round, shown to perfection; 4, Hold, deep colour and large; 5, Barclay, nice wings and colour; 6, McCrirrick. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, McQuiston, Twite, good sound nut-brown colour, well pencilled, put down in grand order; 2, Allan, lovely Redpoll, full of colour and markings; 3, McCrirrick, Twite, good condition; 4, Carter, nice Redpoll; 5, Fisher, Twite; 6 (no name). HARDBILL, BRIT. (10): 1, Easton, Hawfinch, grand cap and bib, fine size and colour; 2, Sharp, Bramble, dense black head and shoulders, deep orange breast, nice 2nd; 3, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, in best of condition, steady as a rock, well marked; 4 (no name), Yellowhammer, nicely fed, good head and cheek marks; 5, Alston; 6, Cram; 7, Crearie. SOFTBILL (6): 1, McQuiston, Wryneck, lovely specimen, in grand condition, staged to perfection; 2, Montague, Grey Wagtail, right good one, nicely marked, grand colour, might be shown to better advantage; 3, Easton, another of the same in rare condition; 4, McQuiston, Bearded Tit, nice specimen, soiled tail; 5, Cumming. LARGE BRIT. (12): 1, spl., Livingstone, Green Woodpecker, shown in grand style, very interesting exhibit; 2, Richardson, Blackbird, best of condition, shining like satin, deep orange bill, steady as a rock; 3, spl., McQuiston, Cornish Chough, not looking as well as we have seen it; 4, Muir, nice Mavis, well spotted, good condition; 5, spl., Mackie; 6, Cumming; 7, Jeanie Morrison. REDPOLL (not moulted) (9): 1, Miller, grand size and colour, good broad head and bib, should make a good one; 2, Alston, much the same; 3, Allan, smaller, good markings and colour, nice bib; 4 McGavin, much the same as 3rd; 5, Gow; 6, Mackie; 7, McCulloch. FOR. LARGE (6): 1, spl., Tyson, Macaw, shown in faultless condition, lovely colour, much admired; 2, Cumming, King Parrakeet, grand condition, nice wing marks, deep in colour, good second; 3 (no name) African Grey Parrot, in faultless condition, talking like an "auld sweetie wife"; 4, 6, Alston, 4th pair of many-coloured Parrakeets, in grand condition, could be shown to better advantage, must have pressed; 5, Jamieson, nice Amazon. SMALL (7): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, spl, Alston, 1st lovely Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in pink of condition, a beauty; 2nd Parrot Finch, also in rare order, a good second; 4th Diamond Finch in best of feather, nicely spotted on sides; 5th, Double-banded Finch; 6th pair of Pintail Nonpariels; 3, 7, Pickles, pair lovely Long-tailed Grass Finches, nicely shown. SELL. (10/-) (13): 1, Guthrie, Goldie Mule; 2, Alston, yell. cinn.; 3, Menzies, Linnet-Mule; 4, McCaw, Siskin Mule; 5, Livingstone, Goldie; 6, McCallum; 7, Livingstone.

KELSO.

This old-established Society held their annual show on Dec. 4th, and the cage bird section was well up to former years, some grand birds being on view. This being the hot-bed of Borders and Norwich entries were good on an average. Norwich opened the programme and contained some really high-class specimens. All the winners were outstanding specimens, the unflighted classes being really good. The pick of the section, many thought, was Mr. Cameron's ticked buff cock, a beauty, short and chubby and feathered like wax. Borders followed, and here the competition was exceedingly strong, gems of the first water being in each class; many of the well-known Border firms being represented. The pick of this section was held to be the yellow hen, a beauty for type and quality, but as her owner Mr. Bennett has now secured his allotment of B.F.C. Medals for the season, another winner had to be found, and turned up in the ticked buff hen, a grand one, wins on her type, the property of Mr. Gilchrist, the runner up being the yellow cock exhibited by Mr. Smart. The judge was tasked to his uttermost in picking the winners, and probably such a collection of gems, will be hard to find again this season. British on the whole were good. The best Hardbill proved to be Mr. Laidlaw's Bullfinch, a gem for quality, and the Softbill was Mr. Laidlaw's Pipit, a well-known winner. Foreigners were a nice lot, the King Parrot of Mr. Moreland's being greatly admired, and winning special for best in section. Mr. T. C. Bennett was at the helm for another year, and this able secretary had everything forward in his usual faultless style. He was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who worked hard and to excellent purpose to make the show a success. Mr. J. W. Bruce judged, and his awards on the whole were well received.

Critique.

NORWICH YELL. CK. (8): 1, Beveridge, good specimen, fine full fronted bird, grand head, and the best of wing carriage, nice size and grand level colour; 2, 5, 6, Cameron, 2nd, a hot-fed one, nice quality throughout, fine wing carriage, and showy; 3, 7, Rowell, uneven, good quality of feather, and nice front; 4, Gardiner, a hot-fed yell, good quality throughout. YELL. HEN 1, 2, 4, Cameron, leader good large hot-fed, full-fronted bird, grand wing carriage, neat head, showy; 2nd, var, good one, rare chest, well cleaned out, and teeming with quality; 4th, good feather and nice size; 3, Grey, large yell, grand substance throughout, finish and style. BUFF CK: 1, spl, 3, 4, Cameron, leader a gem, not the largest, but a model, chubby, grand head, well-moulded, feathered like wax; 3rd, grand fronted bird, nice carriage and good substance; 4th hot-fed var, lovely feather; 2, Grey, heavy var, grand body, full-chested and well-cut, rare back and wings; 5, Pringle; 6, Dickson Bros.; 7, Rowell

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BUFF HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Cameron, leader good stout buff, good head and grand carriage, plenty substance throughout; 2nd, head mark, in grand bloom, nicely finished off; 4th, another grand feathered one; 3, Bennett, hot-fed, good feather. UNFLI. CK. (10): 1, spl, Pringle, short, chubby, rare chest, grand taper rather unsteady; 2, 4, 5, Cameron, good feather, lovely position and teeming with quality, grand wing carriage; 4th, buff, again grand feather; 3, Rowell, yell, hot-fed, in fine bloom, grand style. UNFLI HEN (6): 1, Pringle, good rounded bird, fine front and grand wing carriage, nice size, rather poorly staged; 2, Gardiner, yell. var., fair size, nice feather, good chest, grandly finished off, neat exhibit; 3, 4, 6, Cameron, buff, grand bloom, in marvellous condition, shade smaller; 4th, good stamp, but very unsteady; 5, Beveridge. BORDER YELL. CK. (9): 1, Smart, clinker for quality, grand feather, rare head and body, and the best of wing carriage, correct depth of chest, and neatly tapered; 2, Patterson, very fine position, grand taper and well carried wings, in fine bloom; 3, 4, 6, Bennett, good tapered bird, rather longer looking in wings; 4th, Foul, nice shape, well drawn; 5, Service. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 2, Bennett, leader a gem, lovely position, grand front and taper, rare wing carriage, neat head, teeming with quality, best Border in show; 2nd, nice bodied yell Foul, well drawn, good in wing carriage; 3, McKenzie, very nice bloom, grand carriage and size; 4, Gilchrist, good shape, fine-fronted bird; 5, Patterson; 6, Smart; 7, Jobson. BUFF CK. (8): 1, McKenzie, wins easily to-day, grand feather, correct size, beautifully drawn, fine wing carriage and neat head, staged to perfection; 2, 4, Bennett, grand carriage, fine position, neat front; 4th, another good positioned bird, nice front; 3, Gilchrist, grand feather, teeming with quality; 5, Allan; 6, T. C. Bennett; 7, Mather; No. 3 Duncan and Logan passed as having been fed. BUFF HEN (9): 1, B.F.C.M., Gilchrist, ticked head, grand shape, regular Border model, fine style, well drawn underneath, wins on shape; 2, 4, Bennett, gems for feather; 2nd, a head tick, cleanly cut, nice wing carriage, and good size; 4th, well-moulded and teeming with quality; 3, Duncan and Logan, tick, grand feather, nice front, lovely head, a shade nervous; 5, Patterson; 6, McKenzie; 7, Jobson. EVEN MARKS (3): 1, McKenzie, wins comfortably, grand type and well balauced markings, nice eyes, carried forward, good wings, winner of Hyde's spl; 2, Gilchrist, well-known winner, finely balanced in markings, rather loose in feather to-day; 3, Miss Young, nice shape and quality. UNEVENS (9): 1, Gilchrist, well-known winning yellow, grand fronted bird, beautifully drawn, fine wing carriage and style, good all round; 2, McKenzie, equally well-known buff uneven, in tip-top feather, splendid style and taper; 3, Patterson, well-rounded bird, fine size and style; 4, Robertson, nice shapely buff, good quality throughout; 5, McKenzie; 6, Bennett; 7, Service. GREEN OR CINN. (2): 1, 2, Bennett, leader best in ground colour and finely laced, both good typical Greens. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Dickson Bros., nice shapely Finch, fine size and good breast, coming well up in face, very steady and well staged; 2, Mason, dense blazed bird, good bars and finely cut, but wild; 3, Clark, another nice Finch, well up in colour, also unsteady a little. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl, 3, Laidlaw, leader a good one, dense breast colour, fine wing bars and neat cap, very steady, put down in grand bloom; 3rd, again well up in colour and condition; 2, Ford, grand one, rare cap and bib, dense colour, fine shape; 4, Mason, good shapely bird, nice size and quality; 5, Watson. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Campbell, Linnet, lovely shape and nicely laced, steady and in grand bloom; 2, Bowie, good sized Siskin, neat cap and bib, fine wing bars; 3, Watson, another Siskin in fine bloom; 4, Stavert, Linnet, dense in colour; 5, Ford; 6, Chisholm. A.O.V., SMALL (6): 1, spl, Laidlaw, well-known Pipit, looking as fit as ever, gem for colour, size and quality, staged to perfection; 2, Montague, good Grey Wagtail, fine size and well up in colour, good condition, nicely staged; 3, Ford, fair all round Bearded Tit, a regular acrobat, in fine feather; 4, Hay, Greenfinch, taking exhibit, well staged; 5, Moreland; 6, Sinton. LARGE (6): 1, Schooler, Song Thrush, very nicely marked, grand sheen on feather, nice size and well staged; 2, Sinton, the well-known Fieldfare, in very nice order, good exhibit; 3, Kinghorn, fair all round Missel Thrush, very steady; 4, Roper, well marked Thrush; 5, Stavert; 6, Mather. FOREIGN SMALL (3): 1, 2, Mason, charming superb Tanager, and a pair of grand Redheaded Gouldians, both grandly staged; 3, Hon. K Scott, nice large sized Green Budgerigar. LARGE (3): 1, spl, Moreland, City winning King Parrot, in grand condition, greatly admired; 2, Irvine, Green Cardinal, now in rare bloom, well staged; 3, Jackson, nice Grey Parrot, in fair good trim. A.O.V. (2): 1, Bennett, clinking Belgian, an easy win here; 2, Stoddart, a var. Yorkie, nice size and quality. SELL 7 6 (9): 1, Moreland; 2, Dickson; 3, Bennett; 4, Gardiner; 5, Cameron; 6, Rowell; 7, Allan.

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QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show held on December 7th, in the Granby Hotel. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) placed the cards, and a gave a good account of himself in his first appearance as judge. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Fowle; 2, Jagger and Ackroyd; 3, W. Jowett. BUFF: 1, 3, Fowle; 2, Myers; 4, Jagger and Ackroyd. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, W. Jowett; 2, Myers; 3, A. Jowett; 4, Smith. BUFF: 1, Jagger; 2, Myers; 3, Fowle. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, 4, W. Jowett; 3, Fowle. BUFF: 1, W. Jowett; 2, Jagger and Ackroyd; 3, Swaine and Allen; 4, Myers. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, H. Myers; 2, 3, Fowle; 4, Jagger. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Swaine and Allen.—S. JAGGAR, Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. held their fourth annual show on November 30th in the Albion Schoolrooms. The entries numbered 130. The special for best Norwich was won by Mr. J. Oliver. Mr. A. G. Davis placed the cards with general satisfaction. Awards as follows:—NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Oliver; 2, Foxall; 3, c, Grime; 4, Mellor; vhc, Baron; hc, Kelsall; BUFF: 1, spl, Mellor; 2, Foden; 3, Kelsall; 4, vhc, Oliver; hc, Harrison; c, Foxall. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Heap; 2, Kelsal; 3, Oliver; 4, vhc, Grime; hc, Foden; c, Foxall. BUFF: 1, spl, hc, Kelsall; 2, Oliver; 3, Mellor; 4, Baron; vhc, c, Heap. UNFLI.: 1, spl, 3, Harrison; 2, Foxall; 4, c, Mellor; vhc, Foden; hc, Grime. NON-FED: 1, spl, Grime; 2, Mellor. YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Foden; 2, 4, Foxall; vhc, Gee; hc, Clayton. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Foden; 3, Foxall; 4, Grayson; vhc, Clayton; hc, Gee. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Foxall; 2, 3, Foden; 4, Clayton. BUFF: 1, spl, Foxall; 2, 4, Foden; 3, Gee. UNFLI.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Foden; 4, Clayton. NON-FED.: 1, spl, 4, c, Foden; 2, 3, vhc, hc, McDonald. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, Foxall. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Harrison. MULE, ETC.: 1, spl, Heap; 2, 4, Harrison; 3, Grime; vhc, Foden; hc, McDonald. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, 4, Baron; 2, Logan; 3, McDonald; vhc, Kelsall. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, Baron. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Mellor; 2, Grime; 3, vhc, hc, Barou; 4, Grayson. SELL.: 1, 4, Foden; 2, 3, Foxall; vhc, Grayson. FEDERATION CLASSES.—LANC.: 1, Stockport; 2, Oldham; 3, Hazel Grove. LIZARD: 1, Stockport; 2, 3, Oldham. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Hazel Grove; 2, Oldham; 3, Ashton. NOR.: 1, 2, Ashton; 3, Stockport; 4, Oldham. YORKS.: 1, Ashton; 2, Stockport; 3, Oldham; 4, Hazel Grove. A.O.V.: 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Ashton. BRIT.: 1, Stockport; 2, Hazel Grove; 3, Ashton. —H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

NEWPORT.

The 21st annual show of the Newport F.S. was held on Dec. 4th, and was opened by the Mayor (Mr. A. Gill Martin, C.C.), who warmly congratulated the Society on its prosperity at its coming of age exhibition. The exhibits were good in all sections, many noted winners putting in appearance. The Nor. classes were small in numbers, but this was made up for in quality. Mr. W. R. Miles judged. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Cook, stormer of the right type and quality, beautiful wing carriage, showu to perfection, takes spl. for best Canary; 2, Morris, one of the right stamp; 3, Moorman, unfi. BUFF: 1, Morris, red-hot, beautiful type and quality, good one; 2, Cook, thick when judged, or might have won; 3, Moorman; vhc, Mew. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, Morris, good even marked, well balanced; 2, Bull, wing and tail marked, yell., beautiful type and quality; 3, Moorman, var. yell.; hc, Miles. BUFF: 1, Cook, again one of the right sort; 2, Morris, tick head, nice type and quality, splendid colour; 3, Bull, var., nice type and quality; hc, White. CREST AND C.B.: 1, Maddison, grizzle crest; vhc, Garnell; c, Maddison. YORKS: 1, spl., Morris, good clear yell., nice type, well drawn, good feather; 2, James, another good yell.; 3, Hood, buff, nice exhibit; vhc, Caddy, Morris; hc, Drake. A.O.V.: 1, Lowe, good yell. cinn., well drawn; vhc, Miles. PAIRS: 1, Cook, charming pair of Nor., which ought to do some good; 2, Morris, similar; 3, Lowe, Lizards, useful pair; vhc, Cook, Moorman. MULE LIGHT: 1, 2, spl., Morris, one of the best Greenfinch Mules we have seen, rare size, shown in A1 form; 2nd var. Goldfinch; 3, Miss Mew; vhc, Johnson. DARK: 1, White, Greenfinch, good size, shown to perfection; 2, Morris, another good one; 3, Prouten; vhc, Heal. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Clark, grand Magpie, beautifully shown, clean cut, immense size; 2, Deadman, Jackdaw, nice exhibit, clean as a new pin; 3, Gulliver, Jay, good; c, Hale. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, Cliverton, good Blackbird, will improve yet; 2, Bull, Thrush, nicely spotted, beautiful colour, well shown; 3, Upward, another good Thrush; vhc, Lowe, Cooper; c, Norris, Sutton. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., best Brit., 2, Lowe, two grand Finches; 3, Millington, good size; vhc, Bilk, Heal. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, White, three beauties, all house-moulted and a credit to any faucier; vhc, Harvie; c, Stait, Chambers. A.O.V.: 1, 2, White, former a champion Greenfinch, steady as a rock, will want beating; 2nd Bramble, good colour, well marked; 3, Lowe, another good Bramble. FOR. LARGE: 1, Williamson, a monster Grey Parrot, not a feather out of place, well shown; 2, Brown, nice Amazon; 3, Miss Pigow, another good Amazon. PARROT, ETC.: 1, Dennis, a grand bird, we heard 1st at Palace; Willford, four entries all marked we., were all pairs, should have been single. A.O.: 1, 3, Willford; 2, Morris; vhc, Johnson; hc, Caddy. SELL. (20/-): 1, Cook; 2, Morris; 3, Bull. (10/-): 1, 2, Morris; 3, Bull. A.O.V.: 1, White; 2, 3, Morris.

ABERDEEN.

The Aberdeen O.S. held their 52nd annual show (open to the United Kingdom), and under the Scottish N.P.C. patronage, which brought together some of the finest Norwich seen in Aberdeen for many years back. The ball-room music hall is the best hall in the City for a cage bird show, being nice and central, and high in the roof, but as it is only lighted from one side, we think it would be an improvement if the exhibits were staged around the room, instead of up and down the centre. Entries came up well, over 400 facing the judges. In the Norwich section, the most notable specimens that met our eye, were the young yellow cock, belonging to Mr. Geo. Davidson, a bird of rare colour and typical, also the Buff cock belonging to the same owner, the Dundee Cup winner, and Mr. Howie's very sweet yell hen of the right size and type. These two fanciers having previously won a N.P.C. Medal were debarred, and Mr. A. G. Forrest was the successful member, taking the medal with a grand yell. var. hen. The Members' Cup for best unflighted Norwich was gained by Mr. J. Hector; Ramsden's medal by Mr. Wm. Clubb, and Sandiford's Medal by Mr. Geo. Davidson. The management of the show was all that could be desired, and reflects credit on everybody concerned. In making the show the success it was, Mr. W. B. Mackie, the excellent secretary, was ably assisted by the treasurer, Mr. W. Silver and a hard working committee, comprising Mr. J. Hector (President), Messrs. J. E. Donald and W. Allan (vice-presidents), and Messrs. J. Strachan, J. Lyon, G. Mackie, F. Scott, A. Thomson, W. Rae, A. Rae, J. Holman, J. Wright, J. Sandison, J. D Matthews, J. Irvin, J. Balfour, W. Dunn, and W. Walker. The Norwich classes were judged by that highly esteemed fancier, Mr. A. McFarlane. Before starting, he informed the fanciers around him that type and quality were the points for him, colour would be left open, and we were pleased to see that this was carried out from start to finish, and all seemed pleased with the awards. The other sections were in the hands of those capable and respected fanciers, Mr. John E. Donald, and Mr. Peter Pettigrew, and they were equally successful in pleasing the exhibitors and critics who were present.

The Canary Section.

NORWICH CL. OR TKD. YELL CK. (18): 1, 6, Davidson, 1st, stormer for colour, rare type and quality, lovely head, a good leader; 2, Jamieson, nice level colour, teeming in quality and well up in size; 3, Dunn, very sweet, not quite so large, true to type, nice carried wings and tail, A1 quality; 4, Lawrie, same type, good colour; 5, Anderson. BUFF (12): 1, Davidson, best of shape, well up in size, rich in colour and teeming in quality, wings and tail perfect; 2, 3, Clubb, two exhibits of good type and quality, not quite so large as winner, still two good Norwich; 4, 5, Dunn, nicely feathered and well put down. VAR., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, Howie, away in front of anything in the class, cap marked, large, typical bird, of rare good colour and quality; 2, Dunn, hot-fed one, nice type, spreads his tail; 3, Scott, nice level colour, close in feather, well carried wings and tail; 4, 6, Clubb, A1 quality and colour; 5, Sandison. BUFF (13): 1, Davidson, almost even marked, beauty for shape and quality, nice, round head and chest, fine compact wings and tail, good one; 2, Winter, almost the same markings, all there for type and fineness of feather; 3, 6, Howie, 3rd, a rare chested bird, teeming in quality, and rattling good colour, neat wings and tail; 4, Adams, cap and wings, grand stock bird, best of quality, well up in size; 5, Hector, very sweet quality. CL. OR TKD. YELL HEN (8): 1, Howie, the Dundee winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Clubb, good hen, but looking very soft when taking notes; 3, Mackie, rattling good hen, type and quality all there, best of colour, wing carriage may have told against her; 4, Davidson, good typical hen, A1 colour and quality; 5, Hector; 6, Garden. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Thomson, two hens of the first water, rare, round chest, teeming in quality and condition; 3, Duffus, only fails in size to winner, best of type and quality; 4, Howie; 5, Wylie; 6, Dunn. VAR. YELL. HEN (8): 1, medal, Forrest, a bouncer and no mistake, stout, cobby hen, best of quality, nice carried wings and tail, in lovely condition; 2, 3, 4, Davidson, 2nd, the Dundee winner, cap and wing marked, a gem for type and quality, rich in colour, must have pressed winner, very little between them, 3rd, heavy var., a very promising young hen of the right type and quality; 5, Strachen; 6, Garden. BUFF (6): 1, Howie, well up in size, rare good head, nice round chest and teeming in quality, closely followed by 2, Garden, topper for type and colour, only fails in quality to winner; 3, Clubb, typical A1 quality, nice carried wings and tail; 4, Sandison, another good one; 5, Porter; 6, Rae. SELL. 10/- (18) 1, Strachan, rare coloured green, quickly claimed, best of type and quality; 2, Thomson, lovely shape and condition; 3, Lawrie; 4, Wylie; 5, G. Mackie; 6, Will. PAIRS A.V. (8): 1, 3, Garden, two well-balanced pairs, should breed winners; 2, G. Mackie, dark crested hen and C.B. cock, good stock pair; 4, Strachan; 5, 6, Clubb. NAT. COLOUR CLASSES, YELL. CK. (9): 1, Forrest, var. of good size and type and quality, neat short wings and tail, perfect condition; 2, Garden, cl, rich in colour and teeming in quality; 3, Mitchell, heavily var., nice bold bird, good substance and quality; 4, Steven; 5, Garden; 6, Leslie. BUFF (15): 1, Murray, real Norwich type, perfect feather and condition; 2, Duffus, marked eyes and wings, very sweet in quality, nice shape, well shown; 3, Clubb, typical, teeming in quality, best of condition; 4, Jamieson, rare size and quality; 5, Lawrie; 6, Howie. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Winter, short, thick, very shapely, with nice, short wings and tail; 2, Strachan, another of the right stamp, rattling good stock hen; 3, Mitchell, well up in size, rare chest, and A1 quality; 4, Garden; 5, Scoit; 6, Dunn. BUFF (13): 1, Hector, real Bullfinch type, good size, rare rounded chest, in spotless condition; 2, Warden, another of the same stamp, a grand hen; 2, Fyfe, marked on head, good shape, nice soft feather, well carried wings and tail; 4, Campbell, well got up, not a bad one; 5, Murray, worth its place; 6, Duffus. GREEN (8): 1, Rae, good stamp, rich in colour and quality, wins; 2, Harris, typical, rare quality of feather; 3, Sandison, we liked very much; 4, Gardeu; 5, Winter; 6, Riding. CINN. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 3, Riding, good size and shape, fine depth of colour, beautiful polish; 2, Strachan, must have pressed winner hard, fine substance and size, tip-top colour and lovely back; 4, Ewen and Anderson, a good one; 5, Rae; 6, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Rae, both of tremendous size, nice tone of colour; 3, Garden, fine shape and quality, only fails in size a little; 4, Riding; 5, Irvine; 6, Wilson. HEN (6): 1, 6, Riding, winner best of colour and quality; 2, Strachan, well up in size and colour; 3, Gow, pale in colour, good quality and size; 4, Clubb; 5, Ewen and Anderson. CREST HEN: 1, 2, Mackie, two real good ones. CREST CK. 1, Smith; 2, Knight, two nice birds. C.B. CK. (6): 1, 2, G. Mackie, good heads and plenty of feather, falling well over eyes; 3, Scott, similar in size, nice wide skull; 4, Smith; 5, Knight; 6, Steven. HEN: 1, 2, Mackie, well up for size, head feather very dense and long; 3, Duncan, nice head; 4, Smith; 5, Jamieson. NOVICE CK. (6): 1, Bryson, rattling good Norwich, rare type and teeming in quality; 2, Silver, good type; 3, W. Garden, nice bird; 4, Thomson; 5, Melf; 6, Gibb. HEN (6): 1, 6, W. Garden, winner excels in type and quality, well staged; 2, 5, Bryson, fairly stout, beautiful quality and in the pink of condition; 3, Thomson, A1 quality; 4, Gibb; 6, Wm. Garden. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mitchell, even marked Norwich, rare, good colour and quality; 2, Duncan, Yorks, lengthy, neat head and neck, good colour and feather; 3, Gibb, Coppy. BIRDS BRED 1907, CL. YELL. (11): 1, Clubb, rich in colour and very typical, smart exhibit; 2, 6, Will, both of good shape, 2nd, the smarter finish of the two; 3, Stewart and Milne, nice body, A1 quality and colour; 4, Sandison; 5, F. Garden. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, Mackie, three rattling good hens, correct type, best of colour and quality, will make good ones next year; 4, Garden, nice type and quality; 5, Clubb; 6, Thomson. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 6, Rae, winner a good fronted bird, of nice quality and size; 2, 3, Garden, another good one, very little to choose, 3rd, same owner, similar in type; 4, Duffus; 5, Anderson. HEN (9): 1, 6, Mackie, winner best of colour, good type, nice short wings and tail; 2, Thomson, good one, A1 quality, best of colour and condition; 3, F. Garden; 4, Hector; 5, Strachan. VAR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Stewart and Milne, very hot colour, nice size and shape, feather of lovely quality; 2, Mackie, good shape, not quite so warm in colour, but best of quality and nice carried wings; 3, F. Garden, nice shape and substance, quality A1; 4, Rae; 5, 6, Coutts. HEN (7): 1, 3, F. Garden, two hens of good size and lovely shape, good quality and colour; 2, Anderson, a good one; 4, Strachan; 5, 6, Thomson. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Strachan, grand bird, possessing true Norwich properties; 2, 3, Thomson, both of good type, fine bold heads, best of colour; 4, F. Garden; 5, Coutts; 6, Stewart and Milne. HEN (13): 1, and Cup, Hector, bird of good quality, beautifully mealed, shade on the long side; 2, Strachan, grand type and colour, good head and neck; 3, Anderson, fair size, well up in colour and quality; 4, Mackie; 5, Stewart and Milne; 6, Main. CINN. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Rae, best of colour and quality, good size, wins; 2, J. Irvine, another good one; 3, Ewen and Anderson; 4, W. Garden. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Park, 1st, good type and colour; 2, 3, Ewen and Anderson, we liked much, grand substance and hot-fed. HEN (5): 1, Irvine, grand yell, rare size colour and quality; 2, 3, 4, Ewen and Anderson, three good stock hens; 5, Park. CREST CK.: 1, 2, 3, Geo. Mackie. HENS: 1, 2, Geo. Mackie. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, Mackie. HEN: 1, 2, Mackie. HYBRID (5): 1, 3, 4, Dr. Galloway, winner nice yell Goldie Canary, best of feather and condition; 3rd, Greenie Canary, good size, rare colour; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Linnet-Canary, good cross, plenty size and colour, nice and steady; 5, Rae.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., CAN. HYB.: 1, Galloway, large, lightly-marked Goldfinch Canary, grand face, nicely coloured. DARK (6): 1, 2, Galloway, winning with a Greenfinch Canary, fine colour, size, and shape; 2nd, Siskin Canary, showing the cross very distinctly, nice cap, in fine feather; 3, Langlands, Linnet Canary, good size, rich colour, plenty of go; 4, Stewart and Milne, Greenfinch Canary; 5, Bean; 6, Anderson. HYBRID (2): 1, Stewart and Milne, pretty Goldie Linnet, nice blaze, fine colour; 2, Galloway, Siskin Greenfinch, A1 colour and condition. HYBRID PAIRS: 1, 2, Lyon, Greenfinch Bullfinch, well balanced pair; 2nd Siberian Goldfinch and Siberian Bully hen, in pink of condition and feather; 3, Duncan, Greenie cock and Bullfinch hen, also a good pair. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, 3, Lyon, two large well-coloured Bullies; 2, Hector, Goldie, grand size, large, bold, brilliant colours, square cut blaze; 4, Langlands, well up in size; 5, J. Whyte; 6, Thomsou. LINNETS (10): 1, 4, Ramsay, lovely pencilling on breast, good undercolour; 4th same type; 2, Davidson, fine pencilling, nice flights; 3, Anderson, fine size; 5, Langlands, not at all a bad one; 6, Stewart and Milne. SISKIN, ETC. (16): a rare good class; 1, Adams, easy winner, grand cap and bib, splendid exhibit; 2, Rae, nicely laced cap and fine condition; 3, Milne Bros., Twite, well laced, good colour throughout; 4, 6, Langlands, 4th Siskins, grand colour and size; 5, Steele. GOLDIE BRIT. (7): 1, Langlands, good size, rare blaze, very white cheeks, rich breast colour, back, and wings; 2, Lyons, good shape, steady, nicely staged; 3, A. Whyte, good colour and shape; 4, J. Whyte; 5, Milne Bros. BRIT. BULLIES (9): 1, 4, Milne Bros., best of colour, nice cap and wings; 4th, large, clear crimson breast colour, good cap; 2, 5, Watt, two inches of similar type, good colour and tip top condition; 3, Mitchell, well up in breast colour, good cap and bars; 6, Jackson. BRIT. LARGE (2): Milne Bros., winner lovely Blackbird, best of colour and condition; 2nd Thrush, also well put down in fine bloom; 3, Ritchie, Woodlark, greatly admired. SMALL (12): 1, 6, Milne Bros., winner gem of a Treecreeper, found a lot of admirers; 2, 3, Ewing and Anderson, Greenfinch and Yellowhammer, both good size and colour; 4, Lyon, Bramblefinch, in superb condition and very steady; 5, Warder. PARROTS (2): 1, McAllan, beautiful Grey; 2, J. M. Whyte. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 5, 6, J. M. Whyte, clean sweep, 1st a Whydah in grand condition; 2nd, Budgerigars in fine feather; 4, Langlands, pair of Red-headed Gouldian Finches, in fine bloom, nicely staged.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The fifth of this season's members show was held on Dec. 7th, at the Flying Dutchman Hotel. The competition this year has been very keen in both sections, and some really grand specimens have been shown. The novices in particular are to be congratulated both as regards quality and the manner in which their exhibits have been staged. Mr. Charles Whiting judged on this occasion, and his awards were well received. YORKS CL. ETC., U. YELL. CK.: 1, Stansfield; 2, 4, hc, c, Ludbrook; 3, Lingley; vhc, Mann. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Ludbrook; 2, vhc, Stansfield; hc, c, Wharton Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, Ludbrook; 2, vhc, hc, Lingley; 3, Wharton Bros.; 4, Stansfield. BUFF: 1, 4, Ludbrook; 2, c, Lingley; 3, vhc, Mann; hc, Stansfield. NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS YELL. CK.: 1, Plowright; 2, vhc, Pollitt; 3, 4, c, Fortnum; hc, Holmes. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Pollitt; 2, Fortnum; 3, Rhodes; hc, West; c, Warden. YELL. HEN: 1, Rhodes; 2, Hellewell; 3, vhc, hc, Pollitt; 4, Holmes; c, Bateman. BUFF: 1, Hellewell; 2, Rhodes; 3, 4, c, Pollitt; vhc, Holmes; hc, Horsfield.—P. STANSFIELD, Sec.

LEWISHAM & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 3rd, at headquarters, the Roebuck Hotel, Lewisham. Schedule for Table Show, Jan. 7th, at above address, drawn up, 33 classes, Judge, Mr. Robson. Birds to be caged at 7 o'clock. Schedules will be sent to all paid up members; unpaid by that date will not be entitled to show. All fanciers' wishing to join will be put forward at a special committee meeting and if elected will be eligible to show.—H. T. LUCAS, hon. sec.

TAMWORTH.

The first annual show of the Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S. was held on November 30th, at College-lane Schools, and was confined to a radius of 14 miles, excluding the Birmingham lunelers. The room was a well lighted one, and free from draughts. Entries were only moderate, but the quality of the exhibits was good. The Rev. J. H. C. Clarke opened the show. The hon. sec., Mr. J. E. Brown, was unable to be present owing to a very unfortunate accident. Mr. Adcock, with the committee—Messrs. Hatton, Archer, Machin, Lawton, Colloby, and Benton—had all arrangements well forward. We think an open show next year would be successful if again run on correct lines. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Hathaway, good feather, nice head and neck, and wins easily; 2, Colloby and Brown, typical bird on the small side; 3, Hatton, nice type and colour, good quality feather; vhc, Archer. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Wells, lender heavily varieg., well across perch, good type and size, closely followed by a large clear, A1 type and quality; 3, Archer, wing marked, big bird; vhc, Hathaway; he, Beaton; c, Adcock. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, he, Adcock, leader good type, nice head and neck; 2, grizzle capped, short cobby bird, rich colour, good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Colloby and Brown, 3rd heavily marked, good all over; c, Hatton. BUFF (12): 1, spl, best Nor., 3, he, Adcock, leader clear, grand bird, good all over, extra quality feather; 3rd, ticked, excellent type and quality; 2, Hathaway, another clear, grand type and quality; vbc, Smith; c, Colloby and Brown. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, Hatton, a nice trio, leader excellent quality yell. hen, good head, neck, and back; 2nd buff, plenty of substance, good size, nice round front; 3rd, clear buff, nice tight feather, good quality; vhc, Benton; he, c, Adcock. YORKS. YELL. (4): 1, spl, 2, Wells, leader thigh tick., good head and neck, well-braced wings, feather like boxwood. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Wells, leader typical clear, good quality, grand back, wings and tail; 2nd similar bird, strong build, good quality feather; 3, Spencer, clear, nice position, good quality feather; vhc, he (no name). A.O.V. (Members'): 1, 2, Lawton, pair of Lancs., leader nice buff coppy; 2nd, grizzle Plainhead, another nice bird; neither shown to the best advantage; 3, Colloby and Brown, heavily mkd. Bord., good quality. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, two spls, 2, 3, Wells, leader six-pointed Goldfinch Canary in good condition; 2nd, same cross, well shown; 3, Linnet Canary, dark buff, good colour and quality; vhc, Bellamy; he, Archer; c, Hatton. BRIT. HARDBILL, SMALL (5): 1, 2, spl, vhc, Wells, leader Bullfinch, nice, short, thick-set bird, good cap and bars; 2nd, Goldfinch, nice square blaze, very steady; 3, Adcock, Chaffinch, another very steady one; he, Clemipson. SELL., 20/- (5): 1, 3, Wells, 1st pair Norwich; 2nd, nat. col. Yorks.; 2, Storer, pair Nor.; vhc, Steventon. 10/-: 1, Hathaway, Nor.; 2, Bellamy, Nor.; 3, Steventon, Yerks.; vhc, c, Wells; he, Smith.

WIGAN.

The lanchers of cage birds are only few in numbers in connection with the Wigan and Dist. Society, but what they are lacking numerically they make up in thoroughness and experience. A fine lot of helpers—Messrs. Simpson, Crabtree, Bennett, Dyer, Jameson, Rhead, Sharrock, Thornley and Williams—put in an appearance at their annual show on Dec. 6th and 7th, which was held in the Old Court Hall, King Street. The mayor had consented to perform the opening ceremony, but was unable to be present. The deputy mayor took his place, and in a neat short speech spoke of the benefit there was to be derived from such a hobby. Mr. Ridge briefly thanked the deputy-mayor. Greens were a feature of the show, there being no less than 98 entries in the eight classes. Mr. Deacon staged some very typical birds in the Norwich section and Messrs. T. Seed and Clemin.son also stood well up with their very fine and well-known teams. Points specials were won by the following:—Messrs. Burton, Lane, Clayton, Vernon, Hegginbottom and Riley, Carswell, Deacon (4), Cleminson (2), Seed (2), Parkinson Simpson, Dyer, Walsh, Pitchford, Almond, Boardman, Keighley and Whittaker, Clark, and Bullough. Mr. Simpson was the winner of "Hyde's Special." CAGE BIRDS great prize competition was won by Mr. Parkinson, with a clear yell. Nor. hen; 2nd, Pitchford; and 3rd, Herd. For members' points throughout the show, Dyer gained 37, Simpson 31, Rhead 29, Bennett 21, Crabtree 11, Ridge 10, and Sharrock 5. The secretarial reins were in the very competent hands of Mr. Ridge, he having everything in ship-shape order. One of the soft-billed birds, a Wryneck, was in a very poor way, and was being well cared for by the secretary. Mr. J. Trengove, Rishton, judged.

YORKS., CL., ETC. YELL. AND BUFF cancelled, also YELL. HEN. BUFF HEN (7): 1, 2, and c, Barton, 1st good carriage and position, fine silky feather, moderate colour, easy winner; 2nd, fine feather nice shape and tail, flights disarranged; 3, Bullough, neat, slim, stands well; vhc, Knowles; he, Lane. UNFLI. (9): 1, Cavanagh, yell, clear, splendid colour, red hot, extra lengthy, neat feather, shows well; 2, Whittaker, buff, grizzled on left flight, plenty of length, nice position, strong colour; 3, vhc, Lane, yell. cl., well up on leg, very racy and bold; he, Simpson; e, Burton. GREEN SELF. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Clayton, self, nice ground colour and back, grand position, splendid piped tail, black legs, minus hind toe on right foot; 2, Hughes, self, nice rounded head and neck, slim, dark legs; 3, foul, tightly drawn, strong head, leggy; he, Drinkwater; c, Tempest. BUFF (16): 1, Vernon, good length, nicely frosted, good back, under-colour rather light, dark legs; 2, Hughes, thick set, well filled in at neck; 3, Benson, good round back, nice markings, well filled in at neck; vhc, Drinkwater; he, Tempest; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (17): 1, 3, Hegginhottom and Riley, 1st self, excellent type, slim, very good colour, good bock, very taking; 3rd, another taking exhibit, very neat, in fine feather; 2, Drinkwater, neat little head, well shaped neck and wing carriage; vhc, c, Carswell; he, Hughes. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Carswell, 1st dark throughout, nice grassy green, plenty of work and pride; 2nd, nice colour, neat round head, good legs and beak; 3, Hughes, runs well up to 2nd, light, very fine carriage and type,; vhc, Deacon, he, Walker; c, Hadwin. NOR. (11): 1, he, Deacon, foul, big, long-sided, very dense, nice markings; 2, Harrison, self, nice head, good broad entrance very chubby and in neat feather; 3, Davies, foul, good colour, grand type; vhc, Moss; c, Hawkes. SELF. ETC. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, Deacon, 1st, self, very nice type and position, very dense, full of quality; 2nd, self, runs winner well up, nice position and feather; 3rd, foul, another good typical specimen, very neat; vhc, Ryno; he, Hawkes; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Deacon, large, good head, deep colour, very good feather; 2, Walker, neat type; 3, Ryno, self, plenty of work on, stands well across perch, clean cut; vhc, Isaac; he, Hadwin; c, Moss. BUFF (13): 1, Deacon, self, abundance of work on, typical, low; 2, Harrison, very nice position and carriage, flights and tail; 3, Davies, good entrance, broad skull, neat feather, light beak and legs, vhc, Parker and Abbott; he, Wilcock; c, Ryno. CL. TKD YELL. (8): 1, Cleminson, red hot 'un, good head points; 2, Seed, big, bouncing bird, well up for colour, neat carriage, nice round chest, good flights and tail; 3, Cleminson, neat position and carriage; vhc, Dent; he, Dunn; c, Dyer. BUFF (7): 1, Seed, extra good colour, excellent feather, nice round chest, beauty, teeming with quality; 2, Leeming Bros., big varieg., very neat in feather, carriage A1; 3, vhc, Dent, tkd. on head and face, typical, good substance; he, Bevan; c, Herd. HENS YELL. ETC. (8): 1, Parkinson, cl., very neat, well drawn in feather, fair colour, little pinched in head properties; 2, Dent, tkd. on left flight, good head; 3, Herd, very good colour and rich feather, nicely shown; vhc, Barker and Abbott; he, Dyer; c, Fenny. BUFF (9): 1, he, Cleminson, varieg., good opening, nice broad skull, neat shape, good feather, 2, c, Barker and Abbott, very typical and neat, good carriage, clean cut; 3, Dyer, neat and typical, plenty of quality; vhc, Herd. UNFLI. (12): 1, he, Seed, true Bullfinch type, colour and carriage good, dark feather in tail; 2, Issott, good second, strong colour; 3, Cleminson, yell., cl., good size, neat head and carriage, plenty of colour; vhc, Dyer; c, Herd. SELL. (single or pair), (£1) (7): 1, Simpson, pair of crests; 2, Dyer, pair of Nor. (claimed); 3, Andrews, do.; vhc, Riley; he, Critchley; c, Dickinson. (12/6) (8): 1, Dyer, yell. Nor.; 2, Riley, buff York.; 3, Cleminson, bull Nor.; vhc, Andrews; he, Barker and Abbott; c, Clark. A.O.V. (14): 1, c, Walsh, Scotch Fancy, good colour, nice position, fine carriage; 2, Pitchford, Bullfinch-Linnet (?) in fine feather, neat-markings on back; 3, Johnson, Greenlinch, Bullfinch; vhc, Eccles; he, Issott. LINNET, BROWN (6): 1, Pitchford, pencillings very distinct, fine condition, steady; 2, Adams, very steady, large; 3, Whittington, good size; vhc, Johnson and Radcliffe; he, Boardman; c, Fisher. BRIT. HARDBILL (15): 1, 2, vhc, Almond, Hawfinch, well known winner, again put down in fine fettle; 2nd, Goldfinch, nice colour and markings, good blaze; 3, Millar, Bullfinch, well up in colour, good jet black, he, Boardman, Waxwing, fine feather, colours very distinct, c, Adams, Bramblefinch. SOFT BILL (7): 1, Boardman, very steady; 2, Dyer, Song Thrush, good even markings, nice feather; 3, Crompton, Nightingale; vhc,he,Mort; c, Adams. NOV. NOR. (£4 limit) (17): 1, vhc, c, Keighley and Whittaker, cl., very nice head and feather, excellent shape, neat carriage; 2, Leeming Bros., varieg. yell., nice type, good head, good 2nd; 3, Coupe, buff, clear, very neat, full of quality, shown in fine order; he, Longworth. YORKS (8): 1, Clark, yell., plenty of length, flights well drawn and long neat tail and head, grand feather; 2, Cavanagh, Tit, beautiful quality of feather, shows well, grand bird, pressed; 3, he, Fletcher, cinn. mkd., good wing and tail carriage, stylish; vhc, c, Goodhall. GIFT (5): 1, Bullough; 2, Sharrock; 3, Rhead; vhc, Ridge; he, Dyer. MEMBERS' CLASSES NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Simpson; 2, Rhead; 3, Dyer. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Crabtree. HEN (2): 1, Dyer; 2, Simpson. YORK. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Bennett. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Sinpson; 3, he, c, Ridge. NOVICE A.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, c, Rhead.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

The Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association held their annual members' show on Nov. 29th and 30th, in the Alexandra Hall, Islington, Liverpool. The number of entries was much below the average, only some 253 birds being staged. Though poor in numbers, the exhibits were considered good in quality. Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) placed the cards on the Yorkshires, and Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) on the Nor., Brit., and the rest of the exhibits; their awards gave general satisfaction. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, McNulty; 2, Coffey; 3, Hunt; vhc, G. Royden. BUFF: 1, Coffey; 2, Kay; 3, McNulty; vhc, Thomas. TKD. YELL.: 1, Thomas; 2, Wright; 3, J. Royden. BUFF: 1, McNulty; 2, Richardson; 3, Wright; vhc, Coffey; he, Thomas. HEAVILY VAR. YELL.: 1, Orme; 2, Coffey; 3, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Coffey; 2, Handley; 3, Orme; vhc, Abraham. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, G. Royden; vhc, Kay; he, Thomas; c, J. Royden. BUFF: 1, J. Royden; 2, McNulty; 3, F. Isaac; vhc, Thomas. TICK. YELL.: 1, Wright; 2, Hunt. BUFF: 1 ,Coffey; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, J. Hunt. CINN. TICK. YELL.: 1, McNulty; 2, Kay. HEN: 1, Thomas; 2, J. Hunt; 3, Coffey; vhc, Bracegirdle. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, T. Royden; 2, Wardale; 3, Bratherton; vhc, Felland. SELF BUFF: 1, Wardale; 2, Handley. FOUL YELL.: 1, Thomas; 2, Wilson; 3, Wardale; vhc, Bell; he, Hadwin; c, Wardale. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, Hadwin; 3, vhc, Bell. SELF, ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Wardale; 2, Handley; 3, Dixon; vhc, Chivers; he, T. Royden; c, Folland. BUFF: 1, Handley; 2, 3, Hadwin; vhc, Dixon; he, Folland; c, Brindle. SELF, ETC., YELL. (1907): 1, McDougall; 2, Handley; 3, Chivers; vhc, Wilson; he, Richardson; c, Dixon. BUFF (1907): 1, McDougall; 2, Thomas; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Dixon; he, Folland; c, Handley. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Sutton; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, Walker. TICK: 1, Hillmen; 2, E. Thompson; 3, Rigby; vhc, Wright. HEAVILY MKD. YELL.: 1, Bracegirdle; 2, E. Thompson. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, McMillan; 3, F. Isaac. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hillmen; 2, Wright; 3, W. Walker; vhc, F. Isaac. BUFF: 1, 2, Hillmen; 3, F. Isaac; vhc, McMillan; he, F. Isaac; c, F. Isaac. CL. ETC. YELL. (1907): 1, 2, Sutton; 3, vhc, W. Walker. BUFF (1907): 1, Hillmen; 2, W. Walker; 3, McMillan; vhc, Rigby. GREEN SELF BUFF: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Hayes. BUFF: 1, Wardale; 2, W. Walker. FOUL YELL.: 1, Wardale; 2, W. Walker. BUFF: 1, Hadwin; 2, Folland; 3, Hayes. SELF, ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Walker; 2, Hadwin. BUFF: 1, 3, Hadwin; 2, Bratherton; vhc, Richardson; he, Folland; c, Hayes. SELF, ETC., BUFF (1907): 1, Hadwin; 2, J. Walker; 3, Bratherton; vhc, Hayes. BORDER FANCY YELL.: 1, Hadwin; 2, Gore; 3, Johnson; vbc, Gore. BUFF: 1, Hadwin; 2, J. Walker; 3, Johnson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Gore; 3, Johnson; vhc, Hadwin; he, 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Hadwin. YORKS. YELL. NAT. COL.: 1, Handley; 2, Brindle; 3, Wilson; vhc, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Nimino; 2, Handley. HEN: 1, Brindle; 2, 3, Coffey. NOR. NAT. COL. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Bratherton; 3, Thompson. YORKS PAIRS SELL. (30/-): 1, Hunt; 2, Coffey; 3, Handley; vhc, Abraham; he, Fletcher. SELL. (15/-): 1, Bratherton; 2, Coffey; 3, J. Walker; vhc, Wilson; he, Hilmen; c, Handley. (10/6): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, he, Coffey; vhc, Isaac. LINNET MULE: 1, Western. GOLDFINCH MULE: 1, J. Royden; 2, he, A. Thompson; 3, McDougall. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Hurst; 3, J. Royden; vhc, T. Royden. LINNET: 1, Richardson; 2, Brindle. BULLFINCH: 1, Hurst; 2, W. Walker; 3, T. Royden; vhc, Coffey. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Hurst; 2, Coffey. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Coffey; 2, he, A. Thompson; vhc, Richardson; c, T. Royden. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, T. Royden; 2, J. Royden; 3, D. Chivers; vhc, T. Royden. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Fletcher; 2, Nimmo; vhc, F. Isaac; he, Gregory; c, Gore. BUFF: 1, 2, Gregory; 3, vhc, Fletcher; he, F. Isaac; c, Gore. GREEN YELL.: 1, Gore; 2, 3, vhc, Brindle. BUFF: 1, 2, Brindle; 3, vhc, he, Gregory.

TAVISTOCK.

Tavistock Cage Bird Society held their eleventh annual show on December 4th in the Market Hall. The weather was very bad, and no doubt somewhat interfered with the attendance. The cage bird section was handicapped by reason of the failure to procure a licence from the Cage Bird Union, on account of the fixture clashing with Bristol. The show was, on the whole, a very successful one. The arrangements were excellent, reflecting much credit on the secretary, Mr. A. R. Glanville, who was assisted by a large and very energetic committee. Mr. F. Dowdell placed the cards, and the awards appeared to give satisfaction. YORKS. (amalgamated): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Thomas; 1st and 2nd two good yellows, good length, style and carriage, smartly finished, very little to choose between them; 3rd dull, full of quality; he, Chapple; he, Large. NOR. CL. (Amalgamated): 1, spl, 3, Woodley, 1st buff, ticked on back, good colour and shape, lovely quality of feather; 3rd yell., good colour and quality; 2, Watson, buff, splendid shape; vhc, he, Hart; c, Parker. CREST AND C.B. (Amalgamated): 1, spl, spl for best in show, vhc, Evins Brothers, 1st clear Crest, good radiation and droop, good shaped body, full of quality; vhc, clear buff Crestbred, good length of head feather; 2, Parker, lightly varieg. Crestbred, splendid quality, good dome-shaped skull; 3, he, Woodley, 3rd heavily-marked Cresthred, good body, nice head; c, Davies. MULES: 1, 3, Collins; 2, Watson; vhc, Hart; he, Farler. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (Cage-moulted).—1, 2, W. and E. Martin, 1st grand size and colour, deep square cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 2nd splendid colour, like silk, rich blaze; 3, Mendham, another very nice exhibit; vhc, Large; he, Bowhay; we, Watson. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Mrs. Findley, Bullfinch, good size and colour, splendid cap; 2, Mrs. Davey, Hawfinch, good condition, rather wild; 3, Collings, very nice Yellowhammer; vhc, Roberts. SELL. (20/-): 1, Davies, cheap Crest; 2, Webber, nice Crest hen; 3, Thomas, good Yorkie; vhc, Chapple; he, Woodley; c, Hammett and Son. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR.: 1, spl, 3, spl for best in local classes, Smale, a good varieg. Crestbred, beautiful shape, and plenty of long head feather; 2, vhc, Venning and Son, two creditable exhibits; 4, Bowhay; he, Mills. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Doidge; 2, spl, Venning and Son; 3, Tremills; vhc, Bond. GOLDFINCH (Cage-moulted): 1, spl, 2, W. and E. Martin, two grand birds; 3, Bond; 4, Smith; vhc, Bawden; he, Tremills; c, Wilton.

DOUGLAS (Isle of Man).

The fifteenth annual exhibition of the Douglas (Isle of Man) C.B.S. was held Nov. 27th in the Mona Hall, Drumgold-street. The hall is well lighted and is in every way a grand place for a cage bird show. The entries turned up well, and the quality of the exhibits was excellent. The officials of the Society are: Messrs. A. E. Cross (chairman), G. Halsall (vice-chairman), Wm. Wade (treasurer), Geo. Corkill, Jno. Clucas, Wm. Crellin, Thos. Hogg, H. Kelly, J. W. Beck, and A. Baldwin. Mr. W. H. Gill is the hon. sec., and a very able one he makes, knowing the requirements of a show well and arranging everything to a nicety. He was ably assisted by Mr. R. J. Clague. Mr. W. Vardy judged and his placings appeared to give every satisfaction. CREST (6): 1, 3, Witherspoon, former D.C. of nice size and quality; 3rd grey crest; 2, vhc, c, Skillicorn, D.C.; he, Corkill. CRESTBRED (6): 1, vhc, Witherspoon, former good green, nice head, good size and quality of feather, latter good clear buff; 2, 3, he, Skillicorn, former nice var., grand head, a good bird, latter nice green; c, Corkill. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, spl., R. Caley, former grand type, quality and colour, extra good head, will take a lot of beating, latter unfli., good type, quality, and colour, a nice one; 2, he, Hogg, former red-hot in colour, wins medal for hottest fed bird, graud type, quality; vhc, Clucas, good size, nice head, colour; c, C. Caley. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Caley, grand type, quality, colour, size, good one, latter grand unfli.; 3, White, grand type and quality, not colour-fed; vhc, Clucas, good size and colour; he, Cowell; c, Crellin. YELL. MKD. (4): 1, Caley, check marked, good type, quality and colour; 2, Hogg, unfli., eye and wings marked, grand type, quality, colour; 3, vhc, Crellin, var., good size and colour. BUFF (7): 1, 2, R. Caley, 1st marked on wing, grand type, colour and quality; 2nd very nice unfli.; 3, Crellin, eye, wing mark, good size and colour; vhc, Carlett; he, Gill; c, White. YELL HEN (9): 1, 3, R. Caley, 1st nice chubby clear, grand type, quality, and colour; 3rd wings head marked, good quality colour; 2, he, C. Caley, 2nd good clear, nice cobby, good quality; vhc, Clucas; c, Hogg. BUFF (7): 1, R. Caley, large clear buff, good type, quality, colour; 2, 3, Hogg, 2nd nice var., grand head, short cobby; 3rd nice clear unfli., very nice quality; vhc, Cowill; he, Crellin; c, Gill. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, R. Caley, grand long drawn bird, best of quality, splendid head; 2, Barron, good bird, grand quality, well up on leg; 3, Wade, another very nice bird; vhc, Kelly; he, Hogg; c, Cowin. Nice class throughout. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Robt. Caley, 1st grand Yorks all over, hard to find fault with, plenty of length, splendid head and quality; 2, another good bird; 3, Barron, another grand bird, close up, hard to separate; vhc, Kelly, grand bird; he, Cowin. YELL. MARK (3): 1, R. Caley, marked root of tail, grand colour, quality, nice neat head, well up on leg; 2, Crellin, ticked back of head, nice fine drawn bird; 3, Barron, another nice bird, ticked on wing and head. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Cowell, nice quality bird, grand head, splendid wing carriage; 3rd another fine drawn bird; 2, c, R. Caley, splendid bird, hard to separate from first, marked in tail; vhc, Cowin; he, Wade. YELL. HEN (5): 1, R. Caley, grand long drawn hen, splendid quality, straight as a dart; 2, Barron, another good hen, close up; 3, Wade, also a nice hen, grand length, well up on leg; vhc, Cowin. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Wade, two splendid hens, 1st grand quality, nice carried wings, good length; 3, Cowin, close up; vhc, Crellin, also nice bird. CINN. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, Wade, nice var., good length, well up on leg and nice stand; 2, Corlett, another good var. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Wade, 1st wing, eye mark, grand quality, bird straight as a dart, nice piped tail; 2, marked on wings, another good bird; 3, Crellin, another good var.; vhc, Barron. CINN. HEN YELL. (3): 1, 2, Wade, wing marked, nice quality and stand; 2, eye, wing marked, another nice hen, close up; 3, Barron, marked head, splendid colour. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Wade, 1st eyes, wings marked, grand hen in every respect; 2nd var., also good. GREEN SELF (4): 1, 2, Witherspoon, 1st nice long-drawn yell., grand colour; 2nd buff; 3, Hogg, yell.; vhc, Crellin. CINN. YELL. (Nor. type) (5): 1, 2, 3, Hogg, all three nice birds, 1st winning in size and colour; vhc, Corkill; he, Witherspoon. BUFF (6): 1, Clucas, grand size, colour; 2, Gill, good size; 3, vhc, he, Hogg; c, Corkill. A.O.V. (4): 1, vhc, Witherspoon, 1st good buff coppy, good size and crest, easy win; 2, Cowin, heavily var. cinn. mkd. Yorks. nice length, quality; 3, Hogg, pied cinn., nice size and colour. LIZARD (5): 1, Crellin, broken cap, silver, good size, well spangled, grand exhibit; 2, 3, vhc, he, Witherspoon, 2nd clear cap, gold, nice spangled; 3rd broken cap, gold. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (2) 1, 2, Kelly, two very nice birds, very little to choose between, grand blaze, buttons, and bars, shown in faultless condition. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (2): 1, 2, Gill, 1st large, good colour. DARK GOLDFINCH CAN. MULE (3): 1, Gill, large buff, good blaze, well shown; 2, Witherspoon, nice bird; 3, Hogg, another buff. LINNET (house-moulted) (5): 1, 2, Kelly, 1st grand colour, well pencilled, shown in splendid condition, 2nd grand colour, pencilling; 3, Crellin, another very nice Linnet; vhc, he, Cowin. LINNET (not house-moulted) (5): 1, 2, 3, c, Kelly, 1st large, well pencilled, colour, grandly staged, 2nd another very nice Linnet, good colour; he, Cowin; this was grand class, all through not a bad one amongst them. LINNET CAN. MULE, DARK (5): 1, Clucas, very large buff, grand colour, quality; 2, 3, Gill, 2nd very nice yellow, splendid colour; 3rd another buff, nice colour; vhc, he, Corkill, two nice Mules; c, Hogg. BRIT. LARGE (2): 1, Gale, splendid Waxwing, one of the best, grand colour, size, very steady; 2, Witherspoon, good Song Thrush. SMALL (7): 1, Gill, Nightingale, grand—size, colour; 2, c, Corbett, Bramblefinch, good size, colour, well shown; 3, he, Kelly, 3rd Bunting in good order; vhc, Gale. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Corlett, grand size, colour, very steady; 2, Kelly, another very nice bird, good colour; 3, Gill. A.O.V. HYBRID (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, he, Gill, splendid team, 1st four-pointed buff Goldfinch, good size, quality, colour, shown in the pink; 2, dark Greenfinch-Canary, splendid size, colour; 3, vhc, two var., nice size and colour. SELL.: 1, 2, 3, he, Corlett; vhc, Witherspoon; c, Hogg.

MUIRKIRK (N.B.).

The annual show and competition of the Muirkirk O.S., was held in the Temperance Hall on Dec. 7th. President, Mr. William Gilchrist; Vice-President, Mr. James, Blackwood; treasurer, Mr. R. Thomson; secretary, Mr. James G. Torbett, with a business committee of twenty members. The hall accommodation was all that could be desired, ample room, splendid light, and free from any sign of draught, and it gave visitors, of whom there was a large turn out, ample facilities for viewing the exhibits, with every comfort. There was an excellent turn out in the cage bird sections—the entries were considerably over last year's total, and the quality all over very good. Bor. Fcy. were a fine collection, some noted winners being staged. The blue ribbon winner was a Yell. Var. ck., winner of Hyde's special, also B.F.C. medal, a bird of well-known merit, was 2 at Glasgow and Ayr, 1st at Kilmaurs and Troon, belonging to Mr. Thomas Findlay. The runner up for medal, etc., was a very fine var. ben belonging to Mr. A. Robertson, a typical bird, and staged in grand condition. The best Scotch ck. was a cl. yell. belonging to Mr. Thomas McKean, and the best second hen was a buff var. belonging to Mr. Wm. Mossie, the best third hen was cl. yell. belonging to Mr. John Dempster. The cage birds were judged by that well-known veteran, Mr. David Holden, Muirkirk, one of the most respected judges in Scotland, and whose awards gave general satisfaction. This is the society's fourth show and competition, and each year proves a marked advance on former years, and tends to show that the efforts of the management are being appreciated. The able secretary and treasurer, Messrs. James G. Torbett and Robert Thomson, ably supported by a hard-working committee, are to be congratulated on their success. One very pleasing feature we think should not pass unnoticed was the presence and assistance so heartily given by the secretary's and treasurer's good ladies, the Mrs. Torbet and Thomson, which was much appreciated by the members.

BOR. FCY. YELL. CK. CL. (6): 1, Findlay, a typical bird, 2nd at City of Glasgow and 1st Troon and Kilmaurs, in lovely condition; 2, spl, McKean, 2nd best cock in hall, grand shape and feather, good wings and tail, nice style; 3, Smille, nice shape and carriage, nice bloom on feather; vhc, Millar, very similar in shape to winner; he, Massey; c, Geddes. BUFF (4): 1, Robertson, very neat type, nice carriage, lovely feather, wing and tail, wins its place; 2, Hardie Brownlie, a known winner, looking well, little between 1st and 2nd; 3, Findlay, nice buff for style and shape; vhc, Paterson, very fair bird, nice body, wing and tail. YELL HEN CL. (7): 1, Findlay, first outing, a very promising bird, grand type; 2, J. and R. McGhie, very nice stamp, nice, jaunty carriage, neat head, wing and tail, neat; 3, spl, Dempster, and best, built on much the same lines as 1 and 2, shade restless, in grand condition; vhc, Mossie, nice and steady, very attractive exhibit; he, Duncan; c, Millar. BUFF HEN (9): 1, McKean, nice model, in lovely feather and bloom, novice medal winner at Selkirk; 2, Mossie, nice shape, close feather, and jaunty carriage; 3, Duncan, nice feather and condition; vhc, Smillie, good in head and neck, nice carrinage; he, Dempster; c, Findlay. VAR. CK. (3): 1, spl, Findlay, yell, of exceptional merit, winner of B.F.C. medal and Hyde's spl, grand type; 2, Dempster, nice head and very shapely, grand feather bloom; 3, Duncan, a very fine Border. HEN (7): 1, Robertson, very neat, shapely, runner up for medal, lovely feather and bloom; 2, 3, spl, Mossie, best second, a sweet model, well set up, fine bloom in feather as first, 3 another good bird, nice jaunty carriage, neat on head; vhc, spl, Findlay, quite as good in shape as 2nd and 3rd, but not in finish; he, McGhie; c, Dempster. EVEN MKD. (3): 1, 3, Haddow, 1, very nice model, was 3rd at Glasgow, nice carriage, and very jaunty; 2, Findlay, very close on winner, nice shape and jaunty carriage, little between 1st and 2nd. FOUL (7): 1 Mossie, marked on both wings, nice, typical bird, shown in lovely condition; 2, Findlay, buff marked on head, neat shape body and wings; 3, Duncan, nice shape, very jaunty action, feather like wax; vhc, Dempster, sweetly moulded, nice exhibit; he, Thomson; c, Haddow. GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Hardie and Brownlie, very neat, nice jaunty carriage and shape, lovely tight feather, rare condition; 2, Findlay, another on similar lines to first, jaunty, will improve; 3, Dempster, nice colour, shape and quality; vhc, Gillan, sweetly moulded, nice carriage, good colour, close feather, shows well; he, Taylor; c, Paterson. SELL. 10/6: 1, Duncan; 2, Easton; 3, Findlay; vhc, spl, Dempster; he, McKean; c, Hardie and Brownlie. BRIT. BIRD (9): 1, Findlay, Bullfinch, fine size, very steady, nice cap and bars, fine condition; 2, 3, Carrick, 2 Greenfinch, steady and lovely sheen, 3 Yellowhammer, grand colour and condition; vhc, Shankly, Siskin, nice colour and cap, fair markings and condition; he, Telfer; c, Rennie. BOR. FCY. Contd.: 1, Findlay, even marked buff of merit; 2, Duncan, grizzle head Buff, put down in lovely feather and condition; 3, Millar, cl. yell., very neat and stylish; vhc, he, Easton, cl. buff, neat and fine feather; c, Dempster. GIFT (6). 1, Findlay; 2, 3, spl, Millar; vhc, Dempster.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

DEWSBURY.

The first open show of Canaries in connection with the Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S. took place on Dec. 7th. The exhibition was under the guidance of the Yorkshire Union Rules, and was favoured with the patronage of the Yorkshire and Cinnamon-marked Canary Clubs. Total number of exhibits was 251, in the 20 classes provided, giving an average of over 12 per class. The Royal Hotel provided a nice-sized room for the staging of the specimens, which was carried out in neat order. The classification for Yorks was excellent, and brought together many well-known winners. The representatives of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger played a most prominent part. Mr. H. W. Walsh had on view his Palace winning tkd. yell. cock, still looking tip-top. Mr. J. Wilcock's Cinnamon ticked yell cock struck one as being one of the first water. In the novice section were several very choice specimens. Grand birds were shown by Messrs. Livesey, Wilson, Drake and Son, Robinson, Frankland and Lodge. Nor. Plainheads made a nice show, 28 birds in two classes. Messrs. J. W. Holmes and F. Hammond answered for most of the spoil, with fine exhibits. Selling classes provided many rare bargains. Hyde's special was captured by Mr. W. Cook, with a very nice Cinnamon mkd. yell. cock, teeming with quality. Sandiford's went to Mr. M. Ainley, his clear yell. Yorks being one of exceeding warmth. Radius specials for 2nd and 3rd best, fell into the hands of Messrs. Cook and W. T. Hall, respectively. The President is Mr. T. Hall, the Vice-President Mr. Mitchell, a couple of very useful officials. The treasurer is Mr. A. Cook, and in better hands the "shekels" of the society could not rest. A committee of management consists of all the members, which number upwards of 40, many of whom are well known practical fanciers, who know the full requirements of an open show, carrying out such duties to a nicety; they deserve great praise. Mr. B. Cook, the worthy secretary, is a hard and enthusiastic worker, and has the society's interests at heart, nothing being too much for him to do. He has our good wishes. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), had the placing of the cards, and his awards were very well received. Judging was over in good time, and cards were displayed promptly as each class was adjudicated upon, by Messrs. S. Taylor and N. Reynor, the acting stewards, who proved themselves very capable. We heard that prize money would be paid out at 5 p.m. to all winning exhibitors present at the show, a thing worthy of commendation, and which should not be overlooked by fanciers on future occasions. The secretary informed us, too, that all exhibits would be in the railway officials' hands, for the return journey, by 7.30 p.m., so as to arrive at their destination the same night.

YORKS. Cl. YELL. (10): 1, 2, spl, Batley and Swanger, former very shooty, excelling in feather, very smooth, straight as a rush, second almost equal in every respect, very bonny, capable of winning at most shows; 3, Farrar, lovely colour, lengthy, capital position, grand wings and tail; 4, Wadsworth, rare feather, good length, not far behind; vhc, Haigh; hc, Towers; c, Ainley. BUFF (12): 1, 2, spl, Batley and Swanger, couple of specimens full of character, former, rare position, feathered to perfection, best of backs, rattling wings and pipo tail, second grand quality, lengthy lovely wing carriage, very close up; 3, 4, Wadsworth, fine salmon-tinged colour, straight as a gun barrel, very lengthy, full of style, fourth, good length and position, A1 quality, grand back and wings; vhc, Priestly; hc, Blackburn; c, Lawford and Son. TICK YELL. (11): 1, spl, Walsh, mkd. right wing, red-hot, rattling position, well clothed, A1 wings and tail, clever legs, noted Palace winner; 2, Priestley, thigh tick, wonderful length, capital quality, nice stand, leggy and in line trim; 3, Peel, thigh tick, rare length, beautiful feather, long sided, well filled back, good third; 4, Bailey and Swanger, mkd. head, feathered like wax, full of style; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Lawford and Son; c, Wood. YELL. HEN (10): Grand class, two sets of winners could easily have been selected, one of the best seen for many a day; 1, Wilson, cl. smooth as a bottle, rare length, beautifully drawn, neat and narrow; 2, vhc, spl, Hellewell, cl., teeming with quality, slashing position, perfect back and wing carriage, grand legs, charming damsel; 3, Peel, cl., magnificent hen, lovely feather, straight as a pencil; 4, Wadsworth, cl., capital quality, rare stand and length, nicely folded, capable of winning at most shows; hc, Walsh; c, Fawcett. BUFF (13): 1, 3, spl, Walsh, cl., fine, long drawn specimen, upstanding, excellent feather, A1 wings and tail, third, mkd. left wing, lovely colour, covered with rich frosting, wonderful length; 2, Farrar, mkd. back of head, full of quality, beautiful position, fine back and flights, long sided; 4, Wadsworth, thigh tick, feathered to perfection, very stylish, well worth its place; vhc, Peel; hc, Wilcock; c, Blackburn. CINN TICK YELL. (16) a rare lot: 1, Wilcock, mkd. right wing and head, delightful feather, splendid position, fine length, perfect back and flights, shows for all he is worth; 2, c, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and about head, ablaze with colour, teeming with quality, very close run; 3, v, Cooper, mkd. wings and eye, capital feather, good length, full of style; 4, Mallinson and Son, mkd. wings and eyes, red-hot, straight up, good length, nice wing carriage; hc, Cook. BUFF (12): 1, Hirst, mkd. wings and eye, feathered like a Java, rattling position and length, splendid back and flights, grand legs, one of the first water; 2, Bottomley, mkd. both wings and head, lovely colour, well mealed, A1 position, good length, very close up; 3, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., trio of gems, third, mkd. right wing and neck, delightful feather and colour, lengthy, well up on leg; 4, Taylor and Haigh, lightly var., hot colour, finely frosted, shone like satin, rattling position; c, Dobson. YELL. HEN (24) a wonderful lot, several noted specimens had to stand down on account of condition; more than one showing signs of wear; 1, 2, spl, Mallinson and Son, couple of stormers, winner marked wings and head, fine long drawn specimen, beautiful position, superb feather, second marked very similar, feathered like glass, straight as a rush, capital wings and tail; 3, Taylor and Haigh, mkd. wings and head, teeming with quality, grand colour and position, very charming; 4, Towers, mkd. wings and eyes, full of style, A1 quality and colour, lovely outline; vhc, Cook; hc, Hall; c, Dobson. BUFF (20) another grand class: 1, spl, Blakey, mkd. wings, eyes and root of tail, smooth as a bottle, straight as a pencil, fine length, rattling back and flights, topper; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings and about head, full of quality, grand colour and meal, close on heels of winner; 3, Hall, mkd. wing and head, tight, stands delightfully, well filled back, good third; 4, Blackburn, mkd wings and head, nice quality, well up on leg, not far away; vhc, Hartley; hc, Sutcliffe and Son. SELL. 15/6 (18): 1, spl, Godforth, yell. Yorkie, dirt cheap; 2, Murgatroyd, buff Nor., a bargain; 3, Casey; 4, Cook; vhc, Garnett; hc, Taylor. SELL. 12/6 (9): 1, spl, Whitaker; 2, Fawcett; 3, Swaine; 4, Charlesworth; vhc, F. Smith; hc, H. Smith; c, Garnett. NOVICE YORKS CL. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Livesey, superior feather, slim, upstanding, capital back and wing carriage, could do well in open; 2, Smith, lovely quality, good position, well filled back, A1 wings and tail, very bonny; 3, Drake and Son, full of colour and quality, nice style; 4, Slater, good feather, capital length, nice wing carriage; vhc, Stephenson; hc, Lilley and Rothery; c, Wright and Son. BUFF (9): 1, Wilson, magnificent feather and colour, delightfully frosted, great length, rare position, best of wings and tail, beauty; 2, 3, spl, Coates, former, lengthy, capital position, full of style, pressed hard; 3rd, good length and position, well filled back, sweet specimen; 4, Leach, good outline, superior feather, nice position; vhc, Frankland; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Ainley. TICK YELL. (11): 1, Drake and Son, mkd. right wing, superior quality, fine colour and stand, good length, well on leg, full of style; 2, Townsend, mkd. wings, head and tail, nicely feathered, capital colour, A1 position, sweet expression; 3, hc, Frankland, mkd. both wings, smooth as glass, stands delightfully, capital back and flights; 4, Shepherd, mkd. right wing, very broody, superb quality; vhc, Robinson; c, Lodge. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Robinson, mkd. both wings, lovely salmon-tinged colour, fine, long drawn specimen, stands beautifully, a gem; 2, Lodge, mkd. left wing, exceptional length, capital feather, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Shaw Bros., mkd. left wing and eyes, teeming with quality, perfect position; 4, Townsend, mkd. wings and head, straight up in position, good feather, lengthy; vhc, Frankland; hc, Allen and Swaine. YELL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Frankland, cl., tight as wax, shone like glass, very lengthy, and leggy, lovely back and flights; 2, Shaw Bros., mkd. neck, capital colour and feather, A1 position, close up; 3, Simpson, mkd. wings and cheek, straight as a gun barrel, nicely feathered, good colour, sweet expression; 4, Denby, cl., superior quality, full of style, capital wings and tail; vhc, Miller; hc, Drake and Son; c, Lodge. BUFF (10): 1, 4, spl, Lodge, winner charming clear, feathered to perfection, grand colour, covered with rich frosting, splendid type, a gem, fourth cap mkd, exceptional length, good colour and style, A1 wing carriage; 2, Drake and Son, cl., smooth as a bottle, nice colour, capital position, lengthy, well on leg, very close up; 3, Leach, cl., good feather and colour, nice meal, sweetly drawn, very smart; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Wilson; c, Charlesworth. NOR. COCK (14): 1, vhc, spl, Holmes, cl. yell., good substance, grand depth of colour, rare head and neck, nice body shape, clear cut; 2, Jeffreys, cl. buff, sweetly moulded, well up in size, capital colour, nicely frosted, all front, close up; 3, Lloyd, buff var., very shapely, rich quality and colour, delightfully frosted, jaunty carriage; 4, c, Clifford, cl. yell., good colour and feather, nice type, good carriage; hc, Hammond. HEN (14): 1, 2, c, spl, Holmes, typical trio, winner, cl. yell., full of colour and quality, fine shape, rare substance, capital head, neck and chest, second, buff, mkd. left wing and eyes, red-hot for a hen, lovely frosting, shapely, good size, jaunty carriage, close up; 3, 4, Hammond, two good ones, former, cl. yell., hot colour, capital shape, grand wing carriage, latter, cl., yell., nice type, very typical; vhc, Mottram; hc, Clifford.

ROTHESAY.

The Buteshire United Fanciers held their seventh annual show on December 4th, in the Public Hall. The hall is one of the most suitable in the country, having plenty of good, bright daylight, and being free from draughts. The cage bird entries totalled 129, this being slightly more than those of last year, and the quality was superior. The exhibits were, in the majority of cases, well staged, there being a few in very poor cages which might have done better had they been better shown. Mr. Wm. Spence judged this section, and his awards in the Canary classes were well received, but some were heard to make a few complaints in the British and Foreign classes. Mr. S. Kennedy won the special for the best bird with a Yellow Scotch Fancy cock, and Mr. Hill won the special for second best with a grand Crested hen. The outstanding birds were two light Mules, shown by Mr. Douglas, of Tarbent, gaining first and second in both the open and confined classes. Mr. J. M'Crone acted as secretary, and very ably did he perform his duties. Mr. J. Clark, who usually "scooped the pool" in the British classes, did not show this year. CONFINED CLASSES.—SCOT. FCY. YELL., ETC., CK. (3): 1, 2, Miller, yell. cock, good neck, head and shoulders, nice style; 2nd, capital position, splendid shoulders, presses winner; 3, Napier, stylish. HEN (2): 1, Douglas, splendid yell. hen wins; 2, Lister, good shoulders. BUFF, ETC., CK. (3): 1, Miller, splendid buff cock, grand size and style; 2, 4, 5, Lister, well built; 3, Spelleey, nice bird. HEN (4): 1, 2, Lister, 1st buff hen, a clinker, capital shoulders, head and neck; 2nd, foul, nice shoulders and style; 3, 4, Napier, 3rd big hen, good one. YELL. PIED. OR GREEN COCK (1): Lister, grand head and neck. YELL. PIED., ETC., HEN (1): Lister, grand hen. BUFF PIED., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Miller, buff pied., good shoulders, position and style, wins; 2, Napier, another good one; 3, 5, McFlo, grand buff pied., some thought might have been second; 4, Douglas; 6, Spelleey. HEN (3): 1, Napier, buff pied., good style, head and shoulders, would have won in a bigger class; 2, Lister, nice position, worth its place; 3, Spelleey. CREST (5): 1, spl, Hill, hen a topper, carries plenty of feather, nice even chest, wins easy; 2, Hill, cock a good one, little split in crest; 3, Rankine, good bird; 4, Stewart. C.BRED (4): 1, 3, Hill, cock, 1st the outstanding bird in class, nice length over beak and wide entrance; 2, Stewart, grand front and feather; 4, Rankine. NOR. P.H. CK. (11): 1, Burgoyne, hot-fed, good even colour, nice head, neck and chest; 2, Hill, another nice one; 3, McFarlane, grand feather, nice flights and tail; 4, Stewart, good round head; 5, McKeller; 6, Jeffrey. HEN (17): strongest class; 1, McFarlane, splendid hot-fed yell., good head and neck; 2, 6, Munns, nice trig buff; 3, McPherson, yell., not shown to best advantage; 4, McPherson; 5, Jeffrey. A.O.V. cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, Wilson, 1st nice Goldie, grand blaze and chest, in splendid condition; 2nd bigger, fine square blaze and markings; 3, Halliday, another good Goldie, nice blaze; 4, Kirkwood; 5, Rankin. BRIT. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Derby, a nice bird; 2, Wilson, grand type, good colour, and shows well; 3, 4, Halliday, 3rd lovely colour, but wants steadying; 4th, another good one; 5, Jeffrey. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Halliday, 1st good size, colour, well pencilled; 2nd better marked, but smaller; 3, 4, Alaxander, 3rd grand colour. SISKIN, ETC. (5): All Siskins; 1, Wilson, wins well, good cap and bib, grand colour; 2, Alaxander, big, good colour; 3, Jeffery, grand cap and pencilling; 4, Minnis; 5, Kirkwood. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (2): 1, Wilson, good Bramble; 2, Wales, Greenfinch, grand size and colour. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Douglas, 1st almost clear Goldfinch Mule, only ticked at eyes, a noted winner; 2nd four-pointed Goldie Mule, grand colour, an easy win for both; 3, Napier, another Goldie dark, very big one; 4, Lamont, another Goldie, light; 5, Jeffrey; 6, Miller. OPEN CLASSES.—SCOT. FCY. CK. (5): 1, spl for best in show, 2, also three other spls, Kennedy, 1st yell., grand head, neck and shoulders, champion style; 2nd another topper, grand style; 3, Leister; 4, Douglas; 5, Macfarlane. HEN (2): 1, Douglas, grand yell. hen, fine position and style; 2, Leister. NOR. CREST OR P.H. CK. (7): 1, 2, Hill, 1st plenty of feather and even crest; 2nd, Crest, good droop; 3, McFarlane, Plainhead, good head and feather, some thought might have been one up; 4, Stewart. HEN (5): 1, Hill, Crestbred, good entrance and well over beak, grand body; 2, Stewart, Plainhead, grand type and feather, good crest and wings; 3, McKeller, Plainhead buff, grand body and tail; 4, Wilson, yellow, grand shape and feather; 5, Burgoyne. BULLFINCH (3): 1, spl, 3, Wilson, 1st splendid coloured Foreigner; 2, Halliday, nice size and shows well. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Alaxander, 1st Siskin, grand size; 2nd Linnet, good colour; 3, Minnis, Siskin. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): A peculiar class, with four Mules; 1, 2, Douglas, 1st almost clear Goldfinch Mule, a noted winner; 2nd, four-pointed Goldfinch Mule, another champion; 3, 4, Wilson; 3rd Goldfinch, grand blaze and chest markings; 4th Blackcap, in good condition, well staged; 5, Miller. FOR. (5): 1, 2, McFarlane, 1st Whydah, rare tail, in grand order, well shown; 2nd, Green Cardinal, in lovely condition; 3, 4, Wilson; 3rd pair Oryx beauties, much admired; 4, Swainsons, Lorrikeet, some preferred for 2nd, in faultless condition; 5, Duncan, Sib. Gildfinch, nice blaze.

EDMONTON.

Entries came up rather badly in the cage bird section of the Edmonton F.A. Show, at the Town Hall on December 5th. Some very nice Britishers were staged, also an interesting and large class of Foreigners. Mr. Williams acted as steward of the section, and carried out his duties most admirably. Mr. Burgess, the hon. sec., is a most energetic and urbane official, and he, with the rest of the officials, worked hard to bring about success. Mr. C. A. House judged. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, spl, Jennings, two neat stylish variegated, in nice feather; 3, Le Mare, close feathered clear buff. MULE (17): 1, 2, spl, Head, two fine big varieg. buffs, capital shape and quality; 3, hc, Jennings, another varieg. buff, not so much size; vhc, Persey. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, vhc, hc c, Williams, nice tight feathered non-fed buff of Norwich type; 2, Persey, another non-fed Norwich, varieg., close feathered and nice shape; 3, Pointer, clear non-fed buff, capital style and nice feather. BULLFF, ETC. (5): 1, spl, hc, Bell, well marked, rich-coloured Goldfinch, capital bars and buttons; 2, 3, Harris, nice bright smart Goldie, very steady, grandly feathered; 3rd, very fine Bullfinch hen, in good feather, and very clearly cut markings; vhc, Williams. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (8): 1, spl, Harris, large well-marked Chaffinch, capital colour, grand crest; 2, vhc, c, Williams, very smart, rich-coloured Chaffinch, very nice feathered, rare carriage; 3, hc, Bell, charming little Redpoll, rare colour and feather. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Bell, very nicely marked Missel Thrush, good size, nice colour and condition; 2, Williams, nicely marked, rich-coloured, shapely Skylark. FOR. (15): 1, spl, spl best in show, res, Harris, very handsome Pekin Nightingale, beautiful rich colour, grandly marked, and in nice form; spl, 2, 3, vhc (2), hc, Williams; 2nd very pretty little Quaker Parrakeet, beautiful colour, not quite through the moult; 3rd pair of Black-headed Mannikins, rich colour, well marked; vhc, Bocking.

DALZIEL.

The Dalziel O.A. held their annual confined show on Nov. 30th, in the Lesser Town Hall, Motherwell. President, Mr. John Roddie; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Allan; secretary, Mr. Wm. Paterson, in whom the Club have a hard worker, and one who has their interest at heart. The entries numbered just on 300, being nearly double that of last year, and quality was well represented. Mr. Chas. Owen's buff Nor. hen being shown in the pink of condition, he takes Gold Medal and Cup for best Nor. in show. Border Fancies were also well to the fore. Competition in the Mule and Brit. Sections was keen and the first Brit. Goldfinch shown by Mr. W. Arnott was at the head of the list, taking Medal for best British in section. Scotch Fancies turned out strong with some good birds amongst them, notably Mr. J. Roddin's young winning yellow, and Mr. T. Allan's winning buff. Mr. J. Scobbie won the Cup for most points throughout the show. Mr. Jas. Lawrie, Govan, judged Scotch Fancy and Borders, and Mr. Andrew Muir, Glasgow, judged Norwich, Mules and British; both gave general satisfaction.

SCOTCH FANCIES, YELL, ETC: 1, Roddin; 2, 4, Gray; 3, 5, 6, Mathieson. BUFF: 1, 2, Allan; 3, 4, Mathieson; 5, 6, Gray. OLD BIRDS, YELL: 1, 3, 4, Jack; 2, Allan; 5, 6, Mathieson. BUFF: 1, Mathieson; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Roddie. NOR., YOUNG CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 4, McInnes; 3, 5, 6, Arnott. OLD: 1 4, Arnolt; 2, 3, 5, McInnes; 6, Patterson. CL. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Mathieson; 2, Scobbie; 3, Patterson; 4, Watson; 5, Owens; 6, Hardening. HEN: 1, Scobie; 2, Mathieson; 3, 6, Wntson; 4, 5, Owens. BUFF COCK: 1, 6, Patterson; 2, Mathieson; 3, 5, Watson; 4, Owens. HEN: 1, Cup, Medal, best in hall, 4, 5, Owens; 2, 6, Mathieson; 3, Patterson, a grand class of 13. VAR. YELL., ETC: 1, Roddie; 2, 3, Owens; 4, 6, Watson; 5, Allan. BUFF, ETC: 1, Mathieson; 2, Watson; 3, 6, Allan; 4, 5, Roddie. OLD COCK: 1, Mathieson; 2, 4, Roddie; 3, 6, Watson; 6, Allan. HEN: 1, Arnott; 2, 3, Scobbie; 4, Patterson; 5, Allan; 6, Watson. OLD PAIRS: 1, Owens; 2, McInnes; 3, Allan; 4, Scobbie; 5, Watson; 6, Roddie. NON-FED: 1, 4, Scobbie; 2, Owens; 3, Arnott; 5, McInnes; 6, Hardening. SELL: 1, Scobbie; 2, Mathieson; 3, Owens; 4, Patterson; 5, Watson; 6, Roddie. BORD. Cl. YELL CK.: 1, 3, Mathieson; 2, 5, Allan; 4, 6, Scobbie. HEN: 1, Allan; 2, 3, 4, 5, Mathieson; 6, Scobbie. BUFF COCK: 1, Allan; 2, Scobbie; 3, McInnes; 4, Mathieson; 5, 6, Roddie. HEN: 1, 4, Scobbie; 2, 5, Allan; 3, 6, Mathieson. YELL. VAR: 1, McInnes; 2, 3, 5, Scobbie; 4, 6, Mathieson. BUFF VAR.: 1, 3, Scobbie; 2, Mathieson; 4, 5, Allan; 6, Arnott. YELLOW, ETC: 1, 2, 3, Scobbie; 4, Allan; 5, 6, Paterson. BUFF: 1, Allan; 2, 4, 5, Scobbie; 3, 6, Mathieson. OLD COCK: 1, Jack; 2, 3, 6, Scobbie; 4, 5, Mathieson. HEN; 1, Jack; 2, Allan; 3, 4, Scobbie; 5, Mathieson; 6, Gray. YOUNG MULE: 1, 4, Roddie; 2, 3, Owens; 5, 6, Allan. OLD: 1, 2, Roddie; 3, 4, Allan; 5, 6, Palterson. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Medal, best Brit., Arnott; 2, Owens; 3, Watson; 4, Scobbie; 5, 6, Jack. LINNET: 1, Patterson; 2, Scobbie; 3, Roddie; 4, Allan; 5, Mathieson; 6, Hardening. BULLFINCH: 1, Jack; 2, Scobbie; 3, Hardening; 4, Roddie; 5, Patterson; 6, Arnott., GREENFINCH: 1, Roddie; 2, Arnott; 3, Hardening; 4, 5, Patterson; 6, Allan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, 5, Roddie; 3, Hardening; 6, Watson. A.S. BRIT.: 1, 5, Jack; 2, Scobbie; 3, 6, Roddie; 4, Arnott. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 5, 6, Patterson; 2, Scobbie; 3, Roddie. GOLDFINCH. FOR: 1, Jack; 2, Allan; 3, 6, Roddie; 4, Hardening; 5, Scobbie.

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ILFORD.

The annual show of the Ilford F.A. was held in the Methodist Schoolroom, Ilford Lane, on Dec. 7th, and although the other sections all gave evidence of progress, the cage birds were hardly up to last year. This is to be regretted and we trust the cause may soon be removed and that the Cage Bird section of the Association may keep on equal stride with the other sections. All the arrangements were nicely carried out by the committee and the secretaries, Messrs. Simmonds and Drew, were most obliging. The show was visited by a good number of fanciers, and was, we hope, a financial success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. CL. (6): 1, 2, res., Cooper, very nice, shapely buff, of good colour and feather; 3, Collins, sound coloured, nice quality, yellow; vhc, Holliday. TICK. ETC. (6): 1, res., Cooper, sweet, ticked headed yellow, grand shape and quality; 2, 3, vhc, Holliday, two nice typical, neck ticked buff, of good colour and quality. YORKS., CL. (4): 1, 2, 3, res., Thurlow, nice, shapely team. TICK., ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Holliday, very close feathered, stylish, var. buff. BORDERS (4): 1, 2, spl, Overy, charming little clear bull and a green, both very tight in feather and of grand style and shape; 3, Reader, slim, racy yellow, of nice quality. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Cooper, two beautiful Cinnamons, rare colour and feather, nice size and shape; 3, res., Holliday, wing marked crest, and a var. C.B., two nice useful birds; hc, Collins. BRITISH REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Newell, grandly laced Siskin, beautiful colour and shape, nice size; 2, Drew, another neat little Siskin, hardly so well laced on sides; 3, Queich, well marked, rich-coloured Redpoll, steady him, Mr. Q.; res., Cooper. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Drew, charming little Robin, beautiful breast, good bold eye, in nice feather, and a very nice Greenfinch; 2, hc, Overy, rich coloured, well spangled Bramble; res, Queich; vhc, Cooper. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, spl, res, Cooper, very smart Goldie, fine blaze, neat buttons, rich bars and breast; 2, Overy, capital Bullie, nice glossy, clean cut cap, rich breast; 3, Queich, well marked, nice shaped Bullfinch hen; vhc, Drew. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Queich, two very pretty Trumpeting Bullfinches, in lovely condition. SELL. (3): 1, Arum; 2, Thurlow.

KING'S LYNN.

The annual show of the King's Lynn and District Fur and Feather Society (£5 Limit) brought an excellent entry of upwards of 200, which were arranged in the Corn Exchange, a capital building for the purpose, well-lighted and free from draughts. Messrs. S. D. Hunt (of Mule and Hybrid fame) and Barrett, are the practical and energetic hon. secretaries, and this fact alone was sufficient guarantee that the cage bird section would be well catered for. Moreover, the committee are all fanciers, and the band of cage bird stewards included the names of Messrs. A. Hall, J. B. Balding, W. H. Catton; H. J. Cole, W. Dickerson, R. Edmonds, T. Hall and T. Hubbard. Mr. Jacob Mackley judged. Norwich Plainheads were good classes, and the quality A1, Crests and Yorkshires were excellent, in point of merit, and the team of Mules and Hybrids sent by Mr. S. D. Hunt were the admiration of all who saw them. British birds were grand in point of merit, and indeed, the whole section excelled in this respect.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, A. E. Brooks, well-known winner, rare shape and size, lovely quality, quickly claimed at limit price, also winner of Messrs. Mackley Bros.' Silver Medal for best Norwich Plainhead in the show; 2, Gage, warm in colour, grand head and neck; 3, Disney, lovely quality of colour, hardly substance of winners; 4, spl, Handley, a grand bird; res, Long; vhc, Balding; hc, Rogers; c, Cole. NOR. CL. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Brook, rare size and shape, grand head, short tail and wings 2, Gage, rare size and shape, well placed; 3, spl, Handley and special, lovely quality of feather; 4, Bird, nice size, hardly the colour and quality of winners; res, Balding; vhc, Bird; hc, Rutland; c, Greenfield. NOR. Cl. OR TKD. HEN (13): 1, Gage, grand hen, rare size and shape; 2, Brooks, lovely shape and size; 3, Francis, fine quality; 4, spl, Handley, beautiful shape, nice colour; res, Handley; vhc, Long, Balding; hc, Smith, Cole; c, Greenfield. NOR. TKD. OR VAR. HEN (15): 1, Brooks, grand quality, wins well; 2, Gage, nice shape, rare quality, well placed; 3, 4, Francis, lovely feather and shape; vhc, Handley, Clarke; hc, Smith, Rogers. YORKS. CL. YELL. OR BUFF (4): 1, spl, 4, Murrell, the former grand bird and wins easily; 2, Handley, nice length and style; 3, Fysh, lovely quality of feather. YORKS. A.O.V. (3) special: 1, spl, 2, Murrell, the former a well-moulted bird of grand length; 2nd, lovely quality; 3, Fysh, another nice bird of good style. CRESTS (8): 1, 4, Gage, good size and excellent droop; 2, Brooks, good body and grand crest; 3, Balding, another good crest; res, vhc, Balding; hc, Mitchell; c, Cole. C.B.: 1, Gage, good size and plenty of feather; 2, Brooks, another grand bird; 3, spl, Balding, well placed. CINN: 1, spl, 2, 3, Balding, the former good size and rich colour; 2nd and 3rd, nice colour and quality; 4, hc, Dickerson, good colour and condition. MULES, LIGHT, special: 1, spl, 2, 4, Hunt, the former even-marked buff, lovely feather; 2nd, 4th, uneven-marked buffs, both great winners, beautiful waxy feather, shown to perfection; 3, Lees, a nice Linnet Mule; res, Simpson. DARK MULES: 1, spl, 2, 3, Hunt; the first a dark Linnet Mule; 2nd, Cinnamon-Greenfinch Mule, some preferred to the first, but both grand specimens, well placed; 3, Cinnamon-Siskin, a gem; all these three are great winners; 4, Rutland, very nice bird, but outclassed here. HYBRIDS: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Hunt, all well-known winners, the former a Chaffinch-Bramblefinch, which also secured the Medal for best bird in classes 92 to 95. GOLD. BULL., ETC. (18): 1, spl, Mitchell, a grand Goldfinch, fine face, bars and buttons; 2, Freeman, another almost equally good; 3, Harrod, Bullfinch, which won Cage Birds' special; 4, Lowne, a steady, nice bird, some thought should have been higher up in the list; res, Hall; vhc, Clarke, Graver; hc, Hall Haleby; hc, c, Dickerson. BRIT. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Tipple, a good Magpie, fairly steady, and in nice colour; 2, Watson; 3, res, Lowne, grand specimens. FOR., LARGE: 1, spl, Hunt, a grand Macaw, in lovely condition; 2, Adams, a nice Amazon Parrot; 3, Hunt, lovely Rosella Parrakeet, in beautiful feather; 4, Curson, another Rosella, hardly in such condition as the former; res, Bretton, also a good Amazon Parrot; vhc, Canatou. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Howe, yellow Budgerigars, a grand pair; 2, Howe, a Weaver, shown in A1 condition; 3, Hunt, Red-crested Cardinal, in grand order; 4, Hunt, Nigar bird, very rare; res, Adams. SELL. 10/-. (6): 1, Small; 2, 3, Kirkhead; 4, Adams; res, Rutland. GIFT (8): 1, Balding; 2, Greenfield; 3, Adams; 4, Hall; res, Hateley; vhc, Lock, Hall. MEMBERS' CLASSES. These contained some highly meritorious specimens, the competition being confined to Lynn members. NOR. A.V. (10): 1, spl, Hateley; 2, Dickerson; 3, Rutland; 4, Dickerson; res, Greenfield; vhc, Greenfield; hc, c, Hall. CAN. A.O.V. (5): 1, Baines; 2, res, Ricketts; 3 Hall; 4, Lock.

ROTHERHAM.

Rotherham C.B.S. held its tenth annual exhibition in the Masonic Hall, on Dec. 6th and 7th. The hall is a grand place for a show, very lofty, spacious, with good top light, so that birds could be comfortably staged, and every exhibit seen without handling. Snug inter-rooms provided the committee with nice accommodation for exhibitors' cages on the one hand, and warm and comfortable quarters for their hard working sec. and themselves on the other. The Patron of the Society is Earl Fitzwilliam; President, Dr. Wood, who, on behalf of the committee opened the show; the vice-presidents are Col Stoddart, J.P., A. M. Spencer, Esq., J.P., W. Reckett, Esq., A. Owen, Esq., J. Neal, Esq., Messrs. Harber, E. Lloyd, P. Neal. The working committee are Messrs. Eldgway, T. Twigg, W. Bagnall, W. Ducker, W. Brotherton, G. Tupman, F. Pearson, A. Hunt, G. Oakes, W. Turner, G. Stringer, J. Atter and G. H. Greenfield. Mr. G. Knowles is treasurer, and was ready and anxious to pay any prize-winning exhibitor "spot cash" if he were present. The secretary, Mr. J. C. Hayes, had everything in good order, and was ready and willing to give every assistance in his power to all comers. A goodly number of lady visitors attended, and seemed delighted with the show, more particularly with the British section. That keen lady fancier, Mrs. Moss, junr. (Huddersfield) was present, and showed a thorough knowledge of the points of the Norwich and Yorks. varieties. The quality in the open classes was very good, and in the members' classes some fine birds were put down. Novice classes filled well, showing the wisdom of the committee in providing such classes. The members' Yorks. Cup was won by Mr. G. H. Greenfield, with a sweet, young yellow tick; Mr. G. Stringer was a close runner up, whilst Mr. W. Turner was awarded the Members' Nor. Cup for a massive saddle-marked, unflighted buff; Mr. Ducker being close at his heels. Messrs. J. Boxson and W. Vardy judged to the apparent satisfaction of all. Mr. Bygate lent a very nice case of stuffed specimens, comprising a pair of Turtle Doves, with nest in situ, containing eggs and young.

Critique.

YORKS CL. YELL. (8): 1, W. Champion, in quality, colour and position, all there; 2, Wilkinson, quality as good, not quite the length; 3, Taylor, hardly so fine in quality as leaders; 4, a neat bird, shorter; vhc, Amery; hc, Wood. YORKS. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Bradshaw, lovely quality and bloom, good colour and frosting, comes into position quickly; 2, Bradwell, fine position, little between the two except colour; 3, Wood, sweet buff, close up; 4, Emery, good colour and position; vhc, Coates; hc, Dawson. YELL., TKD. OR MKD. (20): 1, Lindsay, beautiful buff of position and quality; 2, Champion, red hot yellow ticked on thigh, uncomfortably close was 3, Emery, another yell., which only loses in colour; 4, Wilkinson, wing and neck mkd yell.; vhc,, hc, Book Bros., wonderful class, many good, one had to go cardless. YORKS. HENS A.V. (17): 1, Moss and Son, unflighted yell., dainty little lady, full of blue blood; 2, Taylor, sweet buff, wearing exquisite silver veil, hard to separate the two; 3, Drabble, finely drawn yell, of good quality; 4, Bradwell, another good yell, fails just little in colour; vhc, Elshaw; hc, Taylor. YORKS. NOVICE (25): 1, Parkes, clear yell. of undoubted merit; 2, Drabble, another clear yell, stands not quite so good; 3, Parkes, clear buff, taking exhibit, not so finely drawn; 4, Bingham, wing marked buff, well up; vhc, Rutson; hc, Parkes. NOR. CL. YELL. (11): 1, Waters, a blazer, feathered in floss silk; 2, Hall, type all there, fails only to winner in sheen; 3, Stead, good solid bird, loses a little in tail; 4, Mitchell, unflighted, nice quality; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Adnitt and Driver. NOR. CL. BUFF (12): 1, Mennard, grand bird, all colour, mealed like gossamer; 2, Taylor, true Nor. type, only behind in colour; 3, Mennard, much like first, fails just a little in quality of feather; 4, Beardall and Walker, close up, looked a little soft; vhc, Adnitt and Driver; hc, Hunt. NOR. TKD. OR MKD., ETC. (15): 1, Beardall and Walker, well-known grizzle neck yell; 2, Hall, var. buff, good body, well cut away; 3, Wilkinson, grizzle neck buff, unflighted, good stamp; 4, Gregory, another good tick buff; vhc, Beardall and Walker; hc, Hall. NOR. HEN (18): 1, Adnitt and Driver, well-known clear yell, deserved her place; 2, Beardall and Walker, close up; 3, Hunt, loses a little to leaders in quality of feather; 4, Mitchell, grizzle-tailed, good build; vhc, Stead; hc, Mennard. NOR. NOVICE (20): 1, Brailsford, a really good buff, shown by quite a young fancier; 2, Atkinson, wing and neck mark yell., winner had nothing to spare; 3, Walton, good type and quality, fails just a wee bit in tail; 4, Duckett, junr., very nice exhibit; vhc, Ross; hc, Ross. MULE OR HYBRID (14): 1, Colton, Redpoll-Bullie, Derby winner, improving daily; 2, Pitchford, Lin.-Bullie, still blooming, a hard nut to crack; 3, Colton's old Siskin-Can., does not seem to get any older, a grand trio; 4, Wilson, solid dark Grenie-Can.; vhc, Walton; hc, Atkinson. A.O.V. (10): 1, Axe, wing mkd. dark crest, good centre; 2, 3, Peace, dark green crest, and lightly marked, crestbred with good long feather; 4, Colton, pair superb Parrot Finches, in good form; vhc, Axe; hc, Adnitt and Driver. SELL. 15/- (24): 1, Towuend; 2, Axe; 3, Evans; 4, Moore; vhc, Woolhouse; hc, Kemp and Son. GOLD OR BULL. (12): 1, Walsh, grand Goldie, deep, square cut blaze, good chestnut and whites, steady as a rock; 2, Harrison, Bullie, even colour, good cap and back; 3, Pogmore, Goldie in good form; 4, Simpson, another good Goldie; vhc, Milne; hc, Duckett. Several previous winners stood cardless here. LIN., SIS., RED OR TWITE (13): 1, Axe, Linnet, had colour, quality and steadiness combined; 2, Atkinson, Linnet, well up to winner; 3, Bishop, well pencilled Twite; 4, no name, another good Linnet; vhc, Bagnall; hc, Daykin. BRIT. HARDBILL, A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, Axe, Hawfinch, put down in A1 form; 2nd, a well-marked yellow Bunting, very steady; 3, Pogmore, looked like a hen Reed Bunting, in good form; 4, Milne, Crossbill; vhc, Pogmore; hc, Bishop.. A.V. SOFTBILL (12): 1, Axe, old champion Thrush, fresh as paint and as pretty; 2, Walsh, nice grey Wagtail, well shown; 3, Pogmore, Wryneck, one to be reckoned with; 4, Milne, well-known Pipit, looking overdone; vhc, Milne; hc Milne. GIFT CLASS (5): 1, Axe; 2, Pearson; 3, Hunt; 4, Greenfield; vhc, Bagnall. MEMBERS' CLASSES, YOUNG BIRDS, YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, 4, Greenfield; 2, Oakes; 3, Hayes; vhc, hc, Brotherton. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Stringer; 2, Bagnall; 3, vhc, Greenfield; 4, hc, Brotherton. YORKS. TKD. YELL. 1, 3, Greenfield; 2, vhc, Brotherton; 4, Woolhouse; hc, Bagnall. YORKS. TKD. BUFF: 1, Stringer; 2, Greenfield; 3, Oakes; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Pearson. YORKS. VAR. OR SELF GREEN: 1, Pearson; 2, 3, Woodhouse; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Oakes. YORKS NOVICE: 1, 4, Woodhouse; 2, 3, Thompson; vhc, Thompson; hc, Hindcliffe. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, vhc, Turner; 2, Ducker; 3, 4, hc, Hunt. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, 4, Turner; 2, 3, vhc, Hunt; hc, Twigg. NOR. TKD. YELL.: 1, Turner; 2, 4, Hunt; 3, Twigg; vhc, Ducker; hc, Bagnall. NOR. TKD. BUFF: 1, Hunt; 2, Ducker; 3, 4, Turner; vhc, Knowles; hc, Hunt. VAR. OR GREEN NOR.: 1, Turner; 2, Hunt; 3, Ducker; 4, Knowles. MEMBERS' OLD BIRDS, YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, Greenfield; 2, Bagnall; 3, 4, Brotherton; vhc, Ducker. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Greenfield; 2, Bagnall; 3, vhc, Brotherton; 4, Hayes. YORKS. TKD. YELL: 1, Greenfield; 2, 3, Brotherton; 4, Hayes; vhc, Bagnall. YORKS HEN: 1, hc, Brotherton; 2, Oakes; 3, Hayes; 4, Bagnall; vhc, Pearson. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, 4, Woodhouse; 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Hindcliffe; 4, hc, Woodhouse. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Ducker; 2, Bagnall; 4, Hunt; vhc, Knowles; hc, Turner. NOR. TKD. BUFF: 1, Ducker; 2, Hunt; 3, vhc, Hunt; hc, Ducker. NOVICE HEN: 1, 2, Ducker; 3, 4, Hunt; vhc, Turner; hc, Twigg. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Hunt; 2, 4, Greenfield; 3, Bagnall; vhc, Hindcliffe; hc, Twigg. SELL. 12/6: 1, Turner; 2, Ducker; 3, Twigg; 4, Hindcliffe; vhc,

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Held Dec. 6th and 7th, in the Christ Church Hall, a very suitable room in every way, much better lighted than the room used last year. The birds were staged at a nice convenient height, and were well cared for by the stewards. Mr. Woodhead had everything in good working order, but this is only what all who know him expect, and Hartlepool are very fortunate in having so capable and hard working a secretary. Entries were only moderate in numbers, but competition in some sections was very keen; especially was this the case in Yorkshires. Messrs. Cuthbertson, Ambler, Broughton, Edmondson, Towers, Hirst, Radley, Hodgson and others being successful. In Norwich, the teams of Messrs. Hill and Stewart, Hirst, Harland, Houghton, Cowling, Dobinson, Wake and Carr, and others accounted for most of the prizes, and included some typical birds. Borders were weak in numbers, but nice in quality, Messrs. Hopper Bros., and Mr. Wilson sending nice teams. Crest and Crestbreds too, were very low, but British and Mules were nice classes, and good birds were staged by Messrs. Marwood, Taylor, Todd and Son, King, Woods, Mogie, Livingstone, Dixon, and Nicholson and Son. Foreign, with only one class, was grand if only for Mr. Porteous' beautiful superb Tanager. This bird won special for best in show and well did it earn it. Members' classes, owing probably to slackness of trade among the exhibiting members, did not fill as well as usual, but some nice ones were put down. This is the first time the Society have held a two days' show, and we hope their expectations as to gate receipts, etc., will be realised, and that the show will turn out the success the committee deserve. Mr. H. W. Battye judged Canaries, Mr. Maddison the British, Foreign and Mules.

The Open Canary Classes.

YORKS CL. YELL (7): 1, hc, Cuthbertson, medium length, good feather, wonderful carriage in every way, grand head, shoulders, wings and tail, runner up to best bird in show; 2, Ambler, long one of the best, a close race for first position; 3, Dawson, good shape, nice colour; 4, Edmondson, nice quality and feather; vhc, Heddon; c, Wilcock. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Cuthbertson, leader long, well drawn bird, nice wings and tail carriage; 2, Hodgson, good length, nice type feather and carriage; 3, Towers, fine shape and feather, well up on leg; vhc, Ambler; hc, Hirst; c, Wilcock. TICK, ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Edmondson, long, fine drawn, upstanding bird, good head, back and wings, tail carriage of the best, should do well as a stud bird; 2, Towers, cap marked, long, slim, tapering bird, grand legs, wing and tail; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, lovely quality, smart wing and tail carriage, fine bird; 4, Wilcock, hot colour, nice shape and condition; vhc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Broughton. BUFF (11): 1, Ambler, well-known grizzled on shoulder, in best of condition, splendid wing and tail carriage; 2, Broughton, var., fine shape, good feather, nice length, close up; 3, Radley, beautiful shape all over, grand carriage, fine quality; 4, Chew and Stokoe, eye ticked, long drawn; vhc, hc, Cuthbertson; c, Hirst. HEN YELL. (10): 1, hc, Cuthbertson, nicely drawn, slim, stylish hen, grand feather, full of style, wins; 2, Broughton, another beauty of a hen, built on similar lines, capital feather; 3, Radley, grand shape, really grand hen; 4, Ambler, cinn. mkd, capital feather, colour and shape; vhc, Wilcock; c, Wood. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, two grand hens, leader longer, both beauties for feather and shape, put down in fine trim; 2, hc, Ambler, wing ticked, built on nice lines, not much between this and winner; 4, Broughton, nice quality, good shape, shade strong vhc, Radley; c, Wilcock. UNFLI. YELL. (9): 1, Hirst, nice one, smart and stylish, good all over, shape, wings and tail, grand feather; 2, Radley, full, close up; 3, Ambler, long, fine drawn bird, fine shape, well up on legs good head; 4, Cuthbertson, grand clear; vhc, Broughton; hc, Wilcock; c, Edmondson. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Cuthbertson, first lovely quality, full of style, neat shape head, wings and tail carriage, a good one; third, another good one; 2, Wilcock, beautiful quality, nice style and carriage, a near thing; 4, Ambler, big, fine, lengthy youngster, good feather and carriage; vhc, Broughton; hc, Arthur Radley; c, Towers. NOVICE YORKS: (13): 1, Wood, wing ticked yell, nice shape, grand colour and quality, neat head and wings; 2, 4, Tait, cap marked buff, nice narrow back, good style, fourth, yell, nice shape and style, good length; 3, hc, Precious, leader cap marked yell, nice style and feather; vhc, Dawson; c, Woodhead. CL. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, 4, Hill and Stewart, first, good build, grand head, nice chest, well over perch, fourth, grand head, quality, carriage, feather and colour; 2, Harland, good build all through, bit off in condition; 3, Hirst, nice shape and quality; vhc, Cowling; hc, Moore; c, Wilcock. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Hill and Stewart, first, lovely quality, good chest, in fine trim, third, good head, capital feather, long in barrel; 2, Cowling, big, bold bird, fine one for stock, good feather, seemed to have had a dip in drinking water; 4, vhc, Wake and Carr. TICK, ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Wake and Carr, nice colour, feather and carriage; 2, Houghton, nice head, neat wing carriage; 3, Hill and Stewart; 4, Agar. BUFF (9): 1, Houghton, var., lovely quality, colour and feather, nice deep round chest, short and cobby, a gem; 2, 3, Harland, leader grizzled root of tail, latter ticked back of head, both grand shapely birds, full of Nor. properties; 4, Moore, cap and neck marked, nice shape, good quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Hill and Stewart; c, Richardson. HEN YELL. (5): 1, Harland, well-known clear, good size, shape and feather; 2, Cowling, nice head and chest; 3, 4, Hill and Stewart, nice chest, fine feather; vhc, Walter Brown. BUFF (5): 1, Dobinson, superb feather, neat head, chest and wings, bonny hen; 2, Hill and Stewart, good quality, nice hen; 3, Lackey, good head and chest; 4, Hirst, very neat feather, typical; vhc, Taylor. UNFLI. YELL (9): 1, Hirst, cimbby build, grand, deep chest, short wings and flights, nice quality and colour; 2, Harland, quality and colour grand, in good trim; 3, c, Hill and Stewart, nice shape and feather; 4, Agar, nice shape; vhc, Moore; hc, Dobinson. BUFF (9): 1, Harland, grand, big, chubby built bird, good head, stout thick neck, good back and wings, in fine plumage; 2, c, Dobinson, good one, well built, nice head and front, feather as smooth as glass; 3, Wilcock, good quality, nice chubby build, gone in neck, which told against it; 4, Hill and Stewart, cap marked, nice quality, beaten type; vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Hirst. NOVICE NOR. (12): 1, Richardson, fine quality buff, chubby, nice shape, colour and feather, in nice condition; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Benn, very nice team, leader unfli. yell, in nice condition; 4, Fountain, buff, nice shape and feather; c, Neasham. BORD. YELL (4): 1, Wilson, marked wings and eyes, neat, natty little shape, nice carriage and feather; 2, Hopper Bros., nice sort, but bit soft when judged; 3, French, nice shape; 4, Lee. BUFF (4): 1, Hopper Bros., neat, typical, quality carriage, smooth as glass, in nice form; 2, Wilson, cap and cheek marked, grand feather and wings, good second; 3, Watson, neat feather; 4, French, good feather, nice one. HEN (9): 1, 2, Hopper Bros., leader buff marked wings, eyes and cheek, feathered like a Java, clean as a new pin, a gem; second, typical yell, wing carriage, grand, tight and smart plumage; 3, Wilson, eye, wings and cheek buff, neat and smart, close up; 4, vhc, French; hc, Watson; c, Clement and Hutchinson. CREST (3): 1, Radley, big, well-shaped crest, nice centre and frontal, good bird; 2, Hands, nice front; 3, Gibson, good. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Hutchinson, lightly marked, nice dome, good entrance, plenty of feather, nice quality; 2, Radley, nearly green, nice entrance, plenty of feather, well-shaped head; 3, Webb and Orton, good head, feather; 4, Hands; vhc, Bullen; hc, Gibson. STOCK PAIRS (10): 1, Cuthbertson, grand Yorks, well matched; 2, Almond, useful pair for crest breeding; 3, c, Howe, grand Nor., well paired; 4, Dixon, cinnamons; vhc, Hands; hc, Wilcock. A.O.V. (7): 1, hc, Summerhill, Scots, nice drive, head well down, good mover var.; 2, Hodgson, buff Belgian, nice head; 3, Dixon, good cinnamon; 4, vhc, Gardiner, cinnamon; c, Elliott. SELL. 15/- (16): 1, Mrs. Turner; 2, Radley; 3, Wilcock; 4, Taylor; vhc, Neasham; hc, c, Wake and Carr. 10/- (13): 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Taylor; 3, French; 4, Todd and Son; vhc, Williams; hc, Arthur Radley; c, Radley. GIFT (3): 1, Mrs, Woodhead; 2, Clarke; 3, Papple.

Hybrids, British and Foreign.

HYB.: 1, Marwood, well-known five-pointed Goldie, in splendid condition; 2, Todd and Son; fine, well-built, grand-coloured dark Greenie, grand size and condition; 3, Cuthbertson, nice build, well-marked buff Linnet; 4, c, Taylor, nice Siskin, good colour, neat feather; vhc, Hutchinson; hc, Hands. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Taylor, nice team, leader Greenie-Bullie, in nice feather, grand size; second, Goldic-Bullie, nice condition and colour, bit on small side; 3, Dr. O'Neal, Greenie-Goldie, nice exhibit, worth its place; 4, Raper, Goldie-Bullie. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, 2, King, brace of good ones, first, has it in size and shape, both capital well-cut, large blazes, nice tanned bodies, neat wing bars and huttons, standing clean away from anything else in class; 3, c, Clement, Hutchinson, nice Finch leading; 4, Thompson and Fox, good square blaze, nice body colour; vhc, Raper; hc, Neasham. BULLFINCH (6): 1, 2, Woods, nice breasts and caps, good wing bars, steady and in fine condition; 3, Allinson, nice cap, good deep colour; 4, Wake and Carr, not quite steady; vhc, French; hc, Todd. LINNET (12): 1, Mogie, grand clubby built bird, nice size, well marked, wins; 2, Thompson and Fox, neat markings; 3, French, capital shape, good stout build; 4, King, nice markings, nice condition; vhc, Hill and Stewart; hc, Waters; c, Neasham. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Livingstone, good colour, fine condition and shape, wins; 2, Todd and Son, fine size and body; 3, Forster; 4, Brown; vhc, hc, Nicholson; c, Robinson. A.O.S. SEED EATERS (7): 1, Dixon, Hawfinch, good head, flue size; 2, hc, Forster, Bramblefinch, nice lacing and condition; 3, Rutherford and Bright, Hawfinch, good size and condition; 4, Edmonson, yell Bunting, well marked, nice size and colour; vhc, Livingstone, Siskin; c, Mrs. Woodhouse. SOFTBILL (7): 1, 2, 5, Nicholson and Son, nice team, leader nice grey Wagtail, neat condition, second, fine Blackcap, hard race for first, good one, third, Gold-crested Wren, wet when judged, looking well when we saw it; 4, vhc, Waters, nice Nightingale and Blackcap in condition; hc, Mrs. Woodhouse; c, Taylor. FOR. (6): 1, 2, spl, for best bird in show, Porteous, first, one of the best superb Tanagers we have seen for a long time, put down in a masterly manner, clean as possible, which caused to show its brilliant colours to perfection, shining like silk, second, King, fine size, good colour and condition; 3, 4, vhc, Nicholson and Son, third, good glossy Starling, in fine order, fourth, Scarlet Tanager; hc, Bullen.

Members' Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Ratel; 2, hc, Williams; 3, Woodhead; 4, c, Easby; vhc, Ferguson. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Williams; 2, 3, Woodhead; 4, Ratel; vhc, Ferguson. HEN (7): 1, c, Williams; 2, Ferguson; 3, hc, Easby; 4, Ratel; vhc, Woodhead. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, 2, c, Pillar; 3, vhc, Chapman; 4, Jones; hc, Meynell. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Pillar; 2, and Hydes' special, Papple; 3, c, Meynell; vhc, Chapman; hc, Jones. HEN (11): 1, c, Pillar; 2, Jones; 3, Meynell; vhc, hc, Papple. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Hillier; 2, Ratel; 3, Guthrie; 4, Chapman. LINNET (3): 1, Guthrie; 2, Robinson; 3, Woodhead. SEED EATERS (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Woodhead; 3, Guthrie; 4, Pillar. HYBRID (3): 1, Williams; 2, Woodhead; 3, Hillier.

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Annual show (confined to the upper ward of Lanarkshire), held Dec. 7, and taken on the whole it proved a success. Scotch Fancies headed the list, but the numbers unfortunately were on the small side, though the quality was well up to former years. They were under the jurisdiction of that well known breeder, Mr. Higgins, and he left nothing to be desired. Norwich Crests and Plainheads followed and here the competition was keen, some real high-class specimens being staged, notably the buff Plainhead and the crested cock. British were a grand show and the foreigners a great attraction. Mr. C. McDonald judged these varieties, and his awards were well received. In Borders, competition was particularly keen, birds were plentiful and quality superb, many well-known West country winners being staged. This variety was judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction. The show was held in a grand hall, free from draught and well lighted, the staging being well and securely fitted up. The Society are fortunate in having an ideal secretary, Mr. Clark, who, through his untiring efforts, has brought the Society to its present flourishing condition. Everything was in A1 order, and he was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, who vied one with another to get through the work.

SCOTCH YELLOW CK.: 1, Kelty, nice shouldered one, fine substance throughout, well finished, full of action; 2, Jackson, another showy specimen, good drive; 3, Burnside, good quality, very taking. BUFF: 1, Chalmers, plenty substance, good top-end, well rounded, free in action; 2, Burnside, close up, fine quality and free in action; 3, Jackson, well built; 4, Paton. YELL. PIED CK.: 1, Dickson, very free action, grips well, strong across; 2, Reid, nice one, grand quality. BUFF: 1, spl, Jackson, real good one, fine depth throughout, throws himself into his work, graceful droop, in rare bloom; 2, Burnside, grand style; 3, Reid, nice specimen, fine top-end; 4, Watson, very typical. GREEN: 1, Reid, good one, fine style, very free mover, nice top-end and reach; 2, Burnside, again close up, high actioned bird; 3, Black, good quality throughout; 4, Kirk, stylish, nice size and length; 5, Jackson. SELL. CK.: 1, Burnside; 2, Shearer. YELL. HEN: 1, Reid, fine substance, free and prominent all over, good exhibit; 2, 3, Jackson, fine depth across. BUFF: 1, spl, Reid, very showy, large shoulder and rare reach, nice depth across; 2, Dickson, fine got up, good sided; 3, Paton, very neat; 4, Black. YELL. PIED HEN: 1, Kirk, rare, stylish bird, grand size and well filled in shoulder, in grand trim; 2, Reid, typical, a shade slower; 3, Burnside, good shape and fine substance throughout; 4, 5, Paton, well built. BUFF: 1, Paton, fine depth across, grand side, rare style; 2, Chalmers, close up, good shoulders, strong build; 3, Reid, stylish. GREEN: 1, Burnside, a fine lady, stylish and good substance; 2, Reid, nice quality throughout; 3, Chalmers, good all round. SELLING: 1, Chalmers; 2, Dickson; 3, Burnside; 4, Kelty. NORWICH YELL. CK: 1, Dickson, hot-fed one, fine shape, well drawn, in grand bloom; 2, 3, 6, McFadyen, second, nat. colour and good stylish bird, third hot fed one; 4, 5, Johnston, fine substance. HEN: 1, Johnstone, nat. colour, fine size and beautifully rounded, in nice order; 2, Reilly, var., good size and substance; 3, 4, 5, McFadyen, var., good quality. BUFF CK: 1, Johnstone, topper all over, grand size and rare shape, teeming with quality; 2, Reilly, well cleaned out, fine style, hot fed; 3, 4, McFadyen, good birds. HEN: 1, spl, Johnstone, perfect model, great front, well rounded, perfect wing carriage and rare finish; 2, McFadyen, grand depth of colour, fine feather; 3, Dickson, good stout bird, well rounded; 4, Johnstone. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, McFadyen, dense feathered, fine lash, noble entrance, in good order, third very nice entrance and plenty substance; 2, 5, Reid, green, dense feather; 4, Walker, good all-round; 6, Brownlie. CREST: 1, Walker, very good one, fine leafy feather, grand length, coming well down all round, nicely groomed; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, McFadyen, second close up, very fine headed bird, good top piece, in fine trim, third looks like making a good one. SELL. 15/-: 1, Reid; 2, 3, 4, McFadyen. BULL OR GOLDFINCH: 1, Telfer, Goldie, fine size and grand front, dense face, splendidly buttoned, in fine trim; 2, Somerville and McLean, Bullfinch, good deep, dense breast and nice cap, well staged; 3, Steele, Goldie, nice size; 4, Burrell, Bullie, nice shapely bird; 5, Shearer. A.O.V.: 1, Shankley, good sized Hawfinch, splendid feather, fine head and bib, steady; 2, Shearer, Linnet, deep colour throughout, fine frost and well laced; 3, 5, Telfer, nice Pied Wagtail, in very good order; 4, 6, Selkirk, slashing Yellowhammer, should make a good one. HYBRID: 1, 3, Johnstone, light marked Goldie-Mule, fine size and good quality; 2, McFadyen, good size; 4, Walker, nice var. Mule; 5, Selkirk. FOREIGN: 1, 4, 5, Telfer, Paradise Whydah, in very good order; 2, 6, McQuarrie, Zebra Finch in rare trim; 3, McFadyen, tip-top Goldie, in grand feather. BORDERS. YELL. CK.: 1, Somerville and McLean, fine, upstanding bird, well frosted, and nicely tapered; 2, Walker, good style, nice free mover; 3, 5, 6, Ritchie, another hot one, close up, grandly tapered; 4, Hardie and Brownlie, good bodied bird. BUFF CK.: 1, spl., 2, Walker, stylish bird, very free in position, good body, neat head, 2, another good one; 3, Hardie and Brownlie, grand feathered bird, well drawn; 4, Watson, good type, nice body and head; 5, Rae; 6, Park. EVENS: 1, Aitken, buff, fine type and quality, well balanced; 2, Park, yellow, well balanced markings, on the light side; 3, Waye, buff, fine quality; 4, Hardie and Brownlie, grand shape; 5, Walker; 6, Burrell and Boswell. VAR. BUFF: 1, Somerville and McLean, shapely one, good front and style, well staged; 2, 4, 5, 6, Walker, nice body, grand head and position; 3, Somerville and McLean, well-rounded, grand feather, fine position. VAR. YELL.: 1, 2, Walker, nice feather and good colour, grand shape, 2, again in nice order, fine frost and well drawn; 3, McQuarrie, nice all round, in good trim; 4, Somerville and McLean, good shapely bird; 5, Love and McLean; 6, Hardie and Brownlie. FOUL YELL.: 1, Somerville and McLean, head foul, grand taper and nicely filled in front; 2, 6, Walker, typical, grand wing carriage; 3, 4, Carmichael, nice type; 5, Hardie and Brownlie. BUFF: 1, Waye, grand position, well drawn, good front and wing carriage in A1 order; 2, Ritchie, nice quality throughout; 3, Holden, wing tick, shapely bird, well finished; 4, McQuarrie, a shade strong, but good type; 5, 6, Walker. YELL. GREEN: 1, Dickson, grand shape, solid colour throughout, well laced; 2, 5, Walker, rare grass green; 3, Watson, shapely bird, well laced; 4, Brownlie, rare type; 6, Carmichael. BUFF: 1, 5, Walker, nice one rare shape, well laced on back and side, in tip-top order; 2, Hardie and Brownlie, nice colour throughout, well tapered; 3, Carmichael, tight feathered bird; 4, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, B.F.C. medal, 3, 4, 6, Walker, grand shape, regular swell for action, finely rounded in front, rare head and wing carriage and teeming with quality; 2, Somerville and Son, another good one, neat in head, fine position and carriage; 5, Burrell and Boswell. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker, leading again with a pair of beauties, grand type and lovely quality; 3, Somerville and McLean, nice quality of feather, good front and finish; 4, Waye, good all-round, in fine bloom; 5, 6, Ritchie.

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Mr. Heath's Classes.

CREST (5): 1, Colledge, grand size, nice leafy feather, good centre, well finished back, grand substance; 2, Taylor, grea crest, splendid feather, lovely quality, great substance; 3, King, green Crest, marked wing, grand leafy feather, beautifully staged; vhc, Smith. CL., ETC. (6): 1, Colledge, Grey Crest, wonder for length, feather, good centre, well balanced, nice leafy feather; 2, Evins Bros., clear Crest, wonderful size, grand centre, nice feather and condition; 3, Pool, junr., grey Crest, nice size and feather; vhc, King; hc, Pool. MKD. TKD., ETC., BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Rev. Joyce, variegated. Crest, wonderful size, beautiful droop, nice leafy feather, grand frontal; 2, hardly the size crest, otherwise as good; 3, Colledge, green Crest, beautiful feather, nice size; hc, Bowyer; c, Ind. HEN A.V. (9): 1, Colledge, beautiful leafy feather, great size, grand centre; 2, King, green Crest, good centre, nicely radiated; 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson, variegated. green wonderful substance, grand feather; hc, Piper; c, Pool; c, Ind. CREST (Bred 1907), Bristol Bowl Class (13): 1, 3, Taylor, 1st green Crest, mkd. wings, marvellous size, grand leafy feather, well radiated, wins; 3rd, green, well radiated crest, nice feather; 2, Marshall, wonderful substance, well groomed, in lovely condition; vhc, Pool, senr.; hc, Simmonds; c, Ind. NOVICE (11): 1, 2, Lazarus, 1st grand size and shape, large crest, well radiated, good quality; 2nd grey Crest, good size and centre, well staged; 3, hc, Hoar, nice substance, grand leafy feather; vhc, Johnson; c, White. C.B. YELL. CK. (6): 1, King, variegated, wonderful substance for yell., well browed, nice length; 2, Bowyer, grand size, wide entrance, lovely feather; 3, vhc, Roylance, variegated. green, wide entrance, nice brow, grand leafy feather; hc, c, Ind. CL., ETC., CK. (13): 1, Colledge, grand size, beautiful dome-shape skull, wide entrance, grand brow; 2, hc, c, Pool, senr., 2nd clear, nice wide entrance; 3, Piper, wonderful substance, wide entrance, silky feather, close up; vhc, Mills. BUFF VARIEG., ETC., CK. (10): 1, 3, Pool, senr., 1, variegated, wonderful entrance, grand dome-shaped skull, beautifully browed, well shown; 3rd green, grand length feather, last year's bowl winner, beautifully shown; 2, Taylor, variegated, grand substance, wonderful width of skull, nicely browed; vhc, King; hc, Colledge; c, Bowyer. HEN A.V. (7): 1, Joyce, great substance, grand feather, well staged; 2, hc, c, Pool, senr., mass of feather, wonderful substance, beautifully staged; 3, Hoar, good size, grand silky feather, will improve; vhc, Colledge. BRED 1907 (18): 1, c, Mills, grand substance, wonderful length of feather, wide skull and entrance, grand silky feather; 2, c, Pool, senr., fine shaped head, lovely silky feather; 3, Bowyer, grand dome-shaped head, beautiful brow, we liked; vhc, Hobbs; hc, Piper; c, Colledge. NOVICE (8): 1, Lazarus, grand length, feather, nicely browed, wonderful substance; 2, Hoar, clear, grand quality and length of feather, good substance, close up; 3, hc, Johnson, green, good length feather; vhc, White; c, Young. CINN. CREST (4): 1, 2, King, beautiful Crest, nicely radiated, grand quality feather, well shown; 2nd another good one, just split in crest, close up; 197 and 198, Miles and Spencer, we could not find. C.B. (4): 1, 2, King, nice length feather, well browed; 2nd, variegated., ditto, splendid substance and feather, we liked; 202 and 203 missing. P.H. YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Dormer, blaze of sound, level colour, wonderful skull, grand feather; 2nd, large bird, hot colour; 3, Yates, grand level colour, nice condition, shines like glass; vhc, hc, c, Godley. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, grand team, 1st wonderful size and sound level colour, splendid head, beautiful feather and substance; 2nd one of the right shade, red hot, good type, well staged; 3rd another good one; vhc, Dormer; hc, Yates. CINN. HENS (7): 1, hc, Godley, grand level colour, lovely condition, grand skull, shines like silk; 2, Dormer, in beautiful condition, well staged; 3, vhc, Riding, grand level colour, good skull, deserves place; c, Cowley. CINN. UNFLI. (9): 1, hc, c, Godley, 1st sound, level colour, beautiful skull, shines like silk; 2, 3, Dormer, 2nd beautiful condition, sound colour, well staged; 3rd hot colour, nicely staged; vhc, Cowley. BRED 1907, Bristol Bowl Class (6): 1, 3, hc, Godley, 1st grand level colour, nice entrance, beautiful feather, shines like satin; 3rd good substance and entrance; 2, vhc, c, Dormer, 2nd grand condition and colour, close up. LANCS. COPPY YELL. (10): 1, Hardy, grand length of side, beautiful feather and coppy, good spread, very massive build; 2, Green, massive bird, great length of side, well staged; 3, Mills, another of great size, nice coppy, well finished; vhc, Adams; hc, Butterworth; c, Ind. BUFF (7): 1, Hardy, real giant, grand shape, lovely coppy, finished off well at back, in nice condition; 2, Nelson, grand neck and coppy; 3, Gardner, nice size, good coppy, well staged; vhc, Turner; hc, Adams; c, Butterworth. P.H. YELL. (9): 1, Lowe, ticked on streak, wonderful size, grand carriage, full neck, well lashed, nice dome skull; 2, Hardy, clear massive bird, wonderful length of side, grand neck, good skull; 3, Oldham, another good one, well staged; vhc, Garner; hc, Adams; c, Ind. BUFF (11): 1, Hardy, a real giant, large dome-shaped skull, grand fettle, well staged; 2, Oldham, grand length of side, nice finish at back; 3, Mills, "Tim Bobbin," just bobbed up here in size and carriage, well staged; vhc, Adams; hc, Green; c, Garner. BRED 1907 BY EXHIBITOR. Bristol Bowl Class (16): 1, 2, hc, Hardy, 1st wonderful size, grand shaped head, well finished back, real eye-opener; 2nd another massive bird of the right type, beautiful head properties, close up, pair of beauties; 3, Mills, great size, nice length of side, well filled back and neck; vhc, Buckley; c, Lowe. SELL. CREST, ETC., 40/- (8): 1, Simmonds, variegated. Crest, nice centre, well staged, cheap; 2, West, Lanc. coppy, good size, well staged; 3, Prescott, green Crest, good condition and feather; vhc, Lovell; hc, Minty. A.O.V., 40/- (11): 1, Dormer, good yell. cinn., hot colour, cheap; 2, Prescott, Greenfinch Mule, good condition, well staged; 3, Riley, variegated. Nor., nice size, colour and condition; vhc, Lovell; hc, Longden; c, Poole, senr. A.V., 10/- (14): 1, Elson, buff Linnet Mule, nice colour and condition, cheap; 2, Godley, cheap, yell. cinn., grand colour and condition; 3, Collings, buff Nor., good substance and condition; vhc, Dormer, Wood; hc, Pool, senr.; c, Davies. MEMBERS'.—CREST (8): 1, vhc, c, Ind, wing mkd. D.C., nice centre, well staged; 2, Roberts, very similar, good centre; 3, Joyce, green Crest, nice length and droop; hc, Tristan. C.B. (1): 1, Joyce, variegated, good entrance, well browed.

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FORRES.

The Forres and Northern Society held their twenty-first annual show on December 7th, in the Mechanics Institute, a hall admirable in every way for a bird show, being large, well lighted and perfectly free from draughts. Unfortunately the Cage Bird section had a severe drop in numbers owing, no doubt, to Aberdeen show being held on the same date. However, the quality of the birds was very good all through, and some notable Northern winners were on view. All the exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by an enthusiastic committee, which consisted of the following fanciers:—Messrs. C. Ross (chairman), Miller, McLennan, Campbell, Low, Grant, Ross, and several others who worked hard to get everything in order in good time. The exhibits presented a most imposing appearance, being arranged length-wise towards the stage, on which were placed no less than five Palace aviaries, filled to overflowing with all manner of birds. It formed a splendid background for the whole. The show sec., Mr. W. Cumming, although new to the work, carried out his duties to the letter, being most obliging to everyone. The committee are to be envied in possessing a sec. of such abilities. Long may he reign. Amongst the principal exhibitors were:—Messrs. Garden, Campbell, McLean, and Russell, Todd and others. The medals for best bird in hall were won by Messrs. McLean and Russell (second best), W. Paterson (Ramsden's), R. Ross (Hyde's), G. Russel (best Brit.), D. Ross, and A. Campbell. The winners were birds of exceptional merit. Scotch Fancies, it seems, have almost given up the ghost, as far as the north is concerned; anyhow, only one turned up, staged by Mr. C. Grant, who is not going to let his favourites go without a struggle. Mr. Martin, Hamilton, made the awards in all classes to the satisfaction of everyone.

Critiques.

SCOTCH FANCIES: 1, Grant, large buff pied hen, grand drive and action, reigns alone. NOR. PAIR (bred by exhibitor) 1907: 1, hc, Laing, light-bodied Crest and heavy var. Crestbred, pair of toppers, wins easy; 2, Cuthbert, var. yell and buff Plainheads, good type and quality; 3, Macnaughton, Crest C.B.; vhc, McLennan, good pair; c, Lumsden. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (11):-1, Garden, grand type, rich in colour, fine silky feather, neat wings and tail, a topper; 2, Macdonald, another good one; 3, Todd, nice typical bird, good size and colour; vhc, Miller; hc, McLennan; c, McLennan and Russel. BUFF (13): 1, Whyte, nice short chubby bird, good head; 2, Campbell, large tip-top quality, well placed; 3, Garden, big, bouncing bird, good head and chest, feathered like silk, excellent carriage; vhc, Junner; hc, Ross; c, Maclean and Russel. YELL. HEN (12): 1, hc, Maclean and Russel, gem for type and colour, rare feather, easy first; 2, Stanford, another good one; 3, Macdonald, nice head, grand wing carriage, a good third; vhc, Smith; c, Miller. BUFF (6): 1, Paterson, big, thick set hen, lovely quality, good wing carriage and tail; 2, McLennan, grand type, well balanced; 3, Lumsden, good quality, well put down; vhc, Mennie; hc, Wink; c, Maclean and Russel. VAR. CK. (10): 1, McTavish, heavy var. buff, grand substance, nice rounded body, teeming with quality; 2, Murray, feathered like wax; 3, Maclean and Russel, yell., splendid colour, grand type and quality; vhc, Wattie; hc, Miller; c, Maclean. HEN (7): 1, Paterson, lightly var. yell., immense size, rare colour, nicely turned out; 2, Todd, heavy var. buff, good type and quality; 3, Wink, lightly var. yell., all there for type and quality; vhc, Whyte; hc, Grant; c, Junner. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (K.N. FED) (4): 1, G Russell, large clear yell., red-hot, good size, fine Bully type, wins well; 2, Wink, another hot one, grand type and quality; 3, Maclean and Russel, good size, type and feather; vhc, Ross. BUFF (6): 1, Ross, large typical bird, well fed, nicely mealed, wins easy; 2, Lumsden, large, fine feather; vhc, McLennan; hc, Junner; c, Maclean and Russel. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Maclean and Russel, large, typical hen, grand even colour, nice quality; 2, Lumsden, gem, well up; 3, Whyte, good type and quality; vhc, McLennan. BUFF: 1, Paterson, clear, rare type, grandly mealed, a topper; 2, vhc, Maclean and Russel, another also good type, close up; 3, McLennan, fine quality and colour; hc, Garden; c, Russell. VAR. CK. (K.N. FED): 1, Paterson, large light var. buff, deep chest, nice wings and tail, wins easy; 2, Maclean and Russel, lightly var. yell., grand colour, beautiful wings and tail; 3, Roe, heavily var. buff, grand size, good head and neck, splendid colour and quality throughout; vhc, Campbell; hc, Maclean; c, Junner. HEN (7): 1, 3, Maclean and Russel, first clinker, grand head and body, champion colour, teeming with quality, clear win; third another good one similar to second; 2, Roe, buff, wing marked, well up in colour, in rare bloom; vhc, Todd; hc, Paterson. CINN. (K.N. FED): Rae, nice good yell. CINN.: 1, 2, Grant, buff and yell, former leading. CREST: 1, Todd, heavy var., bags of feather, well developed D.C.: 2, hc, Macnaughton, light D.C., plenty feather, neat crest, presses hard; 3, Stanford, clear body Crest, large, excellent shape: vhc, Cuthbert; c, Menzies. CRESTBRED (8): 1, Macnaughton, clear, good body, well lashed; 2, Stanford. BORD. FANCY: 1, Connachie, sweet 4-pointed yell., beautiful wings and tail, miles ahead, the best we have seen for some time; 2, 3, Connachie, former grand, grassy green, splendid pencilling, latter wing marked buff, neat head and body; vhc, Cross; hc, Ross; c, Miller. A.O.V.: 1, Garden, large, typical yell. green Nor. cock; 2, Todd, long, upstanding York. yell.; 3, Sinclair, buff green; vhc, Merson. SELL, 10/-: 1, Mclean and Russel; 3, vhc, Ross; hc, Junner. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, Mennie, large, grand coloured Lintie-Bullie, plainly showing parentage; 2, 3, Ross, big yell., greenie Mule, latter light var. Goldie-Mule; vhc, Todd. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Ross, big, bouncing yell. Siskin, splendid cap and bib, nice laced thighs; 2, Law, Redpoll, grand size, colour and marking; 3, Maclean, another good Siskin; vhc, Clark; hc, Maclean; c, Gillanders. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Campbell, splendid wedge-shaped Fineti, grand nutty brown back, splendid lacings; 2, Lumsden, another good one; 3, Law, another large Finch, superb colour and lacing, Inverness winner; vhc, Maclean; hc, Cooney. BRIT. BULLFINCH CK. (10): 1, Ross, topper, rare size, grand cap and bars, charming colour; 2, Law, another good one; 3, Wattie; vhc, Moir. HEN: 1, Ross, large grand coloured hen, steady as a rock; 2, Law, another topper; 3, Angus, good hen; vhc, Brown. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Moir, large buff greenie; 2 Clark, Chaffinch. SMALL BRIT.: 1, Ross, yell. Bunting, extra large yell., perfect V marked head, real gem; 2, Anderson, Bramblefinch, good colour and spangling; 3, Henderson, Bramble. LARGE: 1, Ross, Jay an old veteran, has to account for many first; 2 Ross, Fieldfare, charmer, shining with condition, well staged; 3, Todd, Magpie, grand exhibit, Inverness winner. FOR. SMALL (11): 1, Todd, Goldfinch grand square blaze, splendid bars and moons, wants a claw; 2, Carter, splendid pair of green Budgerigars; 3, Stanford, very nice Goldie. A.O.S.: 1, Forsyth, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, shown in faultless trim; 2, Merson, yellow Budgerigars, wrong class or might have won. BEST AVIARY: 1, Ross, charming exhibit, Palace aviary, ornamented in the latest style, filled with many rare exotic birds, Canaries, etc.: 2, Law, very similar: 3, Ross; vhc, Carter; hc, Henderson.

FALMOUTH.

The Falmouth and Dis. C.B.S. held its second annual show in the Polytechnic Hall, on Dec. 6th, under C.B.U. Rules. The building is admirably adapted for the purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Medlin, worked hard for the success of the fixture and deserves considerable praise; he was well backed up by a hard-working and painstaking committee, consisting of Messrs. Barnicoat, Johnson, Cowan and Trerise, with Mr. T. Burton as show manager. Everything was in the pink of condition and order, the entries exceeding last year's total, a very satisfactory result. The quality of the exhibits was far better than that of the previous year. The silver cup for best bird bred by a member, 1907, was won by Mr. W. J. Medlin, with a good yellow Cinn., in good feather and condition, the same exhibitor winning the point special. Mr. F. W. Dowdell (Plymouth) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, spl, hc, Clemence, grand type, splendid colour, good tail and wing carriage; hc, another nice one; 2, Davies, lovely shape, good colour and wing carriage; 3, Trevena, nice type, good packed wings close up; vhc, Ferrill, grand head and wings; c, Gaved. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Ferrill, grand colour, full of quality, nice wing carriage, good shape; 2, Kemp, thick set, short wings and tail, good colour; 3, Trevena, nice feather, fine quality; vhc, Clemence, good shape, and wing carriage; hc, Gaved, grand head and neck; c, White.. TICK (4): 1, spl, Ferrill, tick head buff, good size and shape, nice wing carriage; 2, White, tick wing yell., good colour and shape; 3, Clemence, tick wing buff, nice condition; vhc, Cooper, marked tail. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, vhc, Pincombe, nice position and style, grand feather and quality, vhc, even cinn. marked, good colour; 2, Webb, good length, stand and wings, very close run; 3, hc, Thomas, stands well; hc, lovely colour; c, Batton, nice wing carriage. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Jarmer, good wings, back and tail, lovely colour and quality, well mealed, easy win; 2, 3, Thomas, var., well braced wings and tail, nice length, third clear, good length; vhc, Symons, good carriage; hc, Oatey, grand back and tail. CINN. (5): 1, spl, 2, Pope, fine sound coloured buffs, good feather, nice size and shape; 3, Burton, yell., wonderful size and colour, neat wings and carriage; vhc, hc, Medlin, yell., beautiful colour, nice condition. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, Ryder, green crest, good shape and size, nice veiny feather on crest, second even marked D.C., good size and condition; 3, Rabey Bros., var., D.C., good all round, well placed; vhc, hc, Davies, var. Crest, neat crest, good centre, he buff C.B., good size; c, Medlin, Belgian, good head and shoulders. MULE, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, Collins, grand team leader, young Greeny Bullie, good colour and size, fine shape and quality, second four-point buff Goldie, good eye and wing markings, nice colour, third Linnet-Bullie, good breast colour, nice, all shown in good condition; vhc, F. Toy, var., good size and shape, non-fed; hc, A. Toy, dark Goldie, grand blaze and markings, c var. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Rowe and Hancock, wonderful square cut blaze, nice bars, buttons and cheeks, in grand condition; 2, Jarmer, nice blaze, fine bars and buttons, well tanned, very close run; 3, hc, Wall, bright coloured blaze, neat wing bars and buttons; hc, good bird; vhc, Polkinghorn, nice square blaze, good bars and buttons; c, Gaved, a grand class. BRIT., LARGE (7): 1, spl, Harris, Song Thrush, well marked, good shape and carriage; 2, Collins, Blackbird, good dense black, nice beak and eye; 3, Pellow, Lark, well marked, very steady; vhc, Pond, Thrush, good markings; hc, Jackett, another Thrush, neat bird; c, Lawes, good Blackbird. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, spl, vhc, Collins, grandly marked Bramble, nice colour and feather, very steady, vhc Siskin, good size and colour; 2, Austis, Bullie, splendid breast colour, grand cap, in beautiful order; 3, Roberts, good Greenfinch, nice wing bars, very steady; hc, Rowe and Hancock, sweet Siskin; c, Lawes FOR. (8): 1, spl, Tremlett, King Parrot, good colours and condition; 2, Cooper, Blue Mountain Lorry, nice colours; 3, Woolcock, Whydah, lovely colours; vhc, Enstace, good Budgerigars; he, Jackett, nice Grey Parrot; c, Drew. SELL., 15/- (14): 1, Rabey Bros., cheap Crest; 2, Ferrill, Norwich; 3, Davies, Crest; vhc, Webb, pair Yorks.; hc, Kemp, Norwich; c, Batten. MEMBERS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl, Trerise, non-flight., good colour; 2, Medlin, good size and colour, nice wing carriage, some preferred; 3, Cowan. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Medlin, good chubby body, good head and colour; 2, Cox, grand non-fed, nice wing carriage; 3, Trerise, splendid colour and wing carriage; vhc, Hosking. TICK. (5): 1, spl, Johnson, tick neck, grand chest, back and head, neat wings; 2, Medlin, tick eye and wing, splendid head and neck; 3, Trerise, tick. head, nice colour; vhc, Barnicoat, tick head; c, Cowan. NON-FLIGHT. (5): 1, spl, Trerise, yell., good colour, looking soft; 2, Johnson, fine head and chest, yell., tail broken, which told against him; 3, Medlin, var. buff, very chubby; vhc, Cooper; c, Burton. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, spl, 2, Opie, yell., tick, non-fed., good feather and shape, nice length, second grand colour back and tail; 3, vhc, hc, Tiddy, nice colour, yell., lovely wings and tail, vhc, good length, hc, very neat. BUFF (5): 1, Opie, clear, slim and stylish, good length, back and wings, vhc tick. neck, good stamp; 2, 3, hc, Tiddy, neat head, good neck, splendid position, third grand length and quality. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, spl, hc, Medlin, good quality and colour, nice shape, size and feather; 2, 3, Trerise, fine shape and colour, nice quality, third nice type; vhc, Burton, big and plenty of substance. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, Trerise, warm colour, lovely quality and size, second good shape and size; 3, hc, Burton, lovely colour and quality; vhc, Medlin, good size and shape. CANARY, NON-FED. (6): 1, spl, Richards, yell. Scotch, good shoulders, carries tail well under perch; 2, Johnson, yell. Nor., good head and neck, grand wing carriage; 3, Toms, Scotch, nice shoulders; vhc, Miners, buff Nor., fine wing carriage; hc, Barnicoat. MULE (6): 1, spl, Furneaux, Greenfinch-Mule, good colour, young, will improve; 2, hc, Richards, Siskin-Mule, good size and colour, hc Siskin-Mule; 3, Gosling, Linnet-Mule, big bird, light tail; vhc, Cooper, dark Goldie, good blaze and colour. CUP CLASS, 1907 (11): 1, vhc, hc, Medlin, good yell. cinn., good feather and size, vhc good bull Nor., very chubby, nice wings and tail, hc yell., dark cap and wing; 2, 3, Trerise, yell. cinn., good types and quality; c, Tiddy, Yorks., good tail and wings. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Legassick, lovely white face, grand blaze and tanning, good condition; 2, Cox, nice blaze and buttons, fine body colour, short of flights one wing; 3, Burton, close up, good rich blaze, grand feather and condition; vhc, Toms; hc, Miners; c, Gosling. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, spl, Mitchell, good spangled Starling, lovely gloss; 2, Beaton, Thrush, well spotted, splendid shape. SMALL (8): 1, spl, Burton, Bullie, good breast and cap, well marked; 2, vhc, Cox, Redpolls, grand colours and condition; 3, Miners, Chaffinch, nice colour and wing bars, unsteady; hc, Hosking, sweet Bramblefinch; c, Roberts, fine Bullie. FOR. (12): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Cox, first Pintail Nonpariel, grand colours, nice tail, third Black-headed Nuns, vhc Masked Weavers, hc Orango Checks, c White-headed Nuns, all shown in grand condition; 2, Opie, wild Canaries, good colours and condition.

DISS (Norfolk.)

Fourth annual open show held on December 3rd in the Corn Hall, one of the best halls in the Eastern Counties for a bird show. Great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. Gooderham, who makes a very able one, and knows his duties well. He was ably assisted by a committee consisting of Messrs. Burrows (chairman), Rice, W. W. Mowle, A. W. Mowle, Cooper, Dixon, Haystead, Morris, and Spurgeon. These are one and all able fanciers, and they worked hard to bring about the success of the show. One of the features of the show was a stand of stuffed specimens shown by one of the committee, Mr. Mowle, which attracted a lot of attention. Mr. Francis Taylor opened the show, and in a few kind remarks wished the committee every success. Mr. Robson judged.

Open Classes.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Rennie, ticked on head, good one, full of colour; 2, 4, Howard; 2nd clean unflighted, good head, neck, and chest, close up; 4th clear, unflighted, good, sound colour; 3, vhc, Brookes, clear, a good one all round; hc, Kirk; c, Miles. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Cullington, good head, neck, and chest, full colour and quality; 2, Kirk, good all-round Norwich; 3, Rennie, another good one, fine carriage, shape, and colour; 4, hc, Brookes, ticked on head, plenty of colour, good substance and shape; c, J. Howard. BEN (7): 1, Rennie, yell., good shape and carriage, well up in colour, nicely shown; 2, 3, 4, Miles, 2nd buff, good one, nice head and neck, close fitting flight; 3rd yell., nice hen, full of colour, good all round; 4th buff, ticked, a nice hen; vhc, c, Howard; hc, Cullington. CREST (6): 1, Mrs. Crowe, nearly whole green, good body, veiny crest, with good droop, nice centre; 2, 4, Woollard, 2nd a youngster, good one, beautiful drooping crest, close run with 1st; 4th another nice one, crest of good size, deserves its place; 3, Rose, clear body, grizzle crest, good all round one; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Howard. CRESTBRED (5): 1, Mrs. Crowe, lovely motioned head, plenty of feather; 2, Rose, another good one, not shown to the best advantage; 3, Woollard, nice head, plenty of feather, good condition; 4, Howard, nice exhibit, well shown; vhc, Mitchell. A.O.V. (6): 1, Crowe, yell. cinn., a good one, wins well; 2, 3, Sweetman, leader long, slim buff York; 3rd nice yell.; 4, Savage, sweet yell. green. SELL., 20/- (8): 1, A. Woollard; 2, Howard; 3, vhc, Alpe; 4, Rennie; hc, Williams; c, Scott. GOLDFINCH MULES, ETC. (6): 1, Savage, six-pointed yellow Goldio Canary, a beauty; 2, Howard, four-pointed buff Goldie Canary, good shape and carriage; 3, Crowe, another buff, good size and shape; 4, Chase, dark Goldie Canary, good colour and shape; vhc, Spurgeon; hc, Dins. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Nobbs, leader Greenfinch Canary, real good one, well up in size and markings; 2nd very nice Siskin Canary; 3, Day, Siskin Canary, nice exhibit. NAT. COL. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Dingle, leader ticked, good head, neck, well up in colour; 3rd clear, nice wings and tail; 2, Freestone, variegated, good head, neck, and chest, fine stock bird; 4, Burrows, good size and colour; vhc, Long; hc, Day; c, Nichols. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Freestone, leader ticked on head, good Norwich; 3rd ticked on flight, youngster, will make a good one; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Burrows, leader nice head, neck and flight; 4th a very nice hen. AMATEUR CLASSES.—NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Parker, clear, good head, neck and flight, full of colour; 2, 3, Bales, leader ticked, unfli., will make a good one; 3rd a clear; 4, Mrs. Gaze, clear, good one, nice all round Nor., well shown; vhc, Nichols; hc, Alpe; c, Barham. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Nichols, clear, full of colour, nicely mealed, well up in size, wins well; 2, Mrs. Gaze, clear, good all round; 3, hc, Bale, ticked on eye, nice short flight and tail; 4, Parke, variegated., splendid stock bird; c, Scott. HEN (6): 1, Mrs. Gaze, buff, lovely head, neck and chest, short flight and tail, a good one; 2, Parke, yell., unfli., will make a good one; 3, Alpe, yell. variegated., good flight and tail; 4, Barham, yell., good all-round hen; vhc, Scott; hc, Freestone. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, Mays, one of the best, lovely deep blaze, full of colour; 2, Williams, another good one; 3, Keymer, well defined blaze, good bird; 4, Cooper, a big one, nice blaze, little out of condition; vhc, Lowue; hc, Crowe; c, Mitchell. BRIT. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Mays, a beauty, wins well; 2, Mitchell, good one, well up; 3, Crowe, very nice exhibit; 4, Nolley, another good one. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (5): 1, Mays, lovely Yellowhammer; 2, 3, Lowne, leader Snow Bunting, splendid condition, little wild; 3rd very nice Chaffinch, well shown; 4, vhc, Cooper, good Bramblefinch and a Reed Bunting, both well shown. SOFT (11): 1, W. Lowne, Bearded Tit, lovely condition, well staged; 2, 4, hc, Carter, 2nd fine Thrush, splendid marking and colour; 4th Redstart, nice exhibit; 3, Mays, Golden-crested Wren, nice specimen, well shown; vhc, Mitchell; c, Cullington.

Local Classes.

NAT. COL. NOR. YELL. CK (11): 1, vhc, hc, Burrows; 2, 3, 4, c, Gooderham. BUFF (13): 1, Gooderham, win challenge cup for best in local classes; 2, Mrs. Price; 3, 4, hc, Burrows; vhc, Spurgeon; c, Cooper. HEN (14): 1, 4, Burrows; 2, vhc, c, Gooderham; 3, Randell; hc, Mrs. Scarfe. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR. (12): 1, Gooderham; 2, Dins; 3, Morris; 4, vhc, Rice; hc, Randell; c, Burrows. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Martin; 2, Mrs. Scarfe; 3, Spurgeon; 4, Derisley; vhc, Morris; hc, Mrs. Frost. BRIT. BULLFINCH (6): 1, hc, Mowle; 2, Gooderham; 3, Flatman; 4, Spurgeon; vhc, Offord. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, Rice, Siskin; 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Mowle.

LITTLEHAMPTON.

Littlehampton and District F.A., held their first members' monthly competition show at the Gratwick Hotel, on Dec. 4th. Mr. C. E. Baker (Hon. Sec.) is an excellent worker, ever ready to answer the call of duty. There were some good quality birds put down by the members. Mr. E. Mustchin had things all his own way with the Yorks., his buff hen being a gem. Norwich were good, and Goldfinches a small class, but good quality. Mr. A. Burtenshaw judged.

YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mustchin, the leader long, slim buff hen, wins; 2nd, another buff, smart, but not quite the length of leader; 3rd, nice Yorkie, bit open front; vhc, Twine; hc, Mustchin. NORWICH (8): 1, spl, 2, Calloway, leader chubby bird of good feather and even colour; 2nd, hardly so rich in colour as leader, very nice else; 3, Mustchin, large bird, scarcely the chest of others; vhc, c, White. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Calloway, fine, square blaze, nice head, well buttoned, very steady, wins; 2, Mustchin, another smart Goldie, not quite the size of leader; 3, Bonieface, large Finch, hardly so rich in colours. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Haddow, leader a crest with fair centre and droop; 2nd, var. Nor, very large; 3rd, another crest; hc, Mann; c, Haddow.

When you have read it, kindly pass this copy on to a friend.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Six-year-old Canary.

I have a variegated yellow Canary given me by my father. The bird has no toes on one leg, only a stump, so that he has flat perches to rest on. He sings all day, and when you go near his cage he droops his wings and comes to you. He likes a bit of fun very much. He is now six years old.—LESLIE LACY (11 years), 54, Middle Street, Deal, Kent.

*Uncle's Young Canaries.

My uncle has a number of Canaries, and last summer one of the hens had three eggs. Soon after they were hatched the cage door was accidently left open and the mother escaped. For a few days the young ones were fed by hand with new-laid eggs, finely chopped up. Then uncle put them with another bird which brought them up splendidly. In the aviary, where some of the birds are kept, there is a nice swing, and it is amusing to see them flying this way and that, on and off the swing.—From CHRISSIE DURRANT (age 12 years), 158, Woolwich Road, East Greenwich.

*A Pair of Satisfactory Siskins.

I have a pair of Siskins which I bought last Christmas for 3s. The hen had not a tail, and has since made two attempts to grow one and has at last succeeded. They were not very tame when I bought them, but now when you let them out you can catch them in your hands, make them eat off your hands, or tongue, or anywhere. They are the most interesting and satisfactory birds I ever bought. They bathe every morning and are not at all ferocious with the Canaries, which I have in the aviary. They live up in the dome of my aviary. The cock Siskin is the prettier one of the two, because of the green on his body; the hen is more speckled.—ALFRED L. WELLS (age 12), 3, Belsize Park, London, N.W.

TO DISTINGUISH THE BIRDS FROM THE FLOWERS.

A Curious Book from the U.S.A.

Professor Robert W. Wood, of John Hopkins University, U.S.A., author of an advanced treatise on the theory of light and various scientific papers, might claim close affinity to Lewis Carroll, the profound mathematician and creator of the inimitable "Alice in Wonderland." Mr. Wood's latest effort, according to the "Publishers' Circular," is a treatise on no less a subject than "How to Tell the Birds from the Flowers," aptly described as a "manual of flornithology for beginners."

Nature students who have hitherto wrestled with the annoying problem of differentiating between such homologous species as the Crow and the crocus, the Parrot and the carrot, the Cow-bird and the cowslip, the Blue Mountain Lory and the blue morning glory, will hail this little volume with shouts of joy. No longer need one worry over the close resemblance of the pecan to the Toucan, for though

"Very few can tell the Toucan
From the pecan—here's a new plan!
To take the Toucan from the tree,
Requires immense agil-i-tee,
While *any one* can pick with ease
The pecans from the pecan trees;
It's such an easy thing to do,
That e'en the Toucan he can too."

For years no scientist has been able to distinguish, to a reasonable certainty, between the common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) and the commoner turnip (*Brassica campestris*). Mr. Wood graciously illustrates the striking similarity between two typical individuals of either species, supplementing his life-like sketches with the following distinctive description:—

"To tell the turnip from the Tern,
A thing which everyone should learn,
Observe the Tern up in the air,
See how he turns, and now compare
Him with this inert vegetable,
Who thus to turn is quite unable,
For he is rooted to the spot,
While, as we see, the Tern is not;
But the turnip is not doomed to be
Thus bound to earth e-tern-ally,
For "cooked to a turn" may be inferred,
To change the turnip to the bird."

While the author's high standing in the scientific world places him beyond such attacks as have been directed against the writers of some nature books as being unnatural, we venture to criticise his drawings, which, though clever, are not always accurate. We even have the uncomfortable feeling that perhaps he is poking fun at us when he says, in writing of the Cow-bird and cowslip:—

"The Cow-bird picture, I suspect,
Is absolutely incorrect;
We make such errors now and then,—
A sort of cow-slip of the pen."

This little book is published by Paul Elder and Co., of New York and San Francisco.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

DEWSBURY Show, held on December 7th, under Y.U. rules, did not come up to the standard of the previous shows, in regard to entries, a total of 251 in 20 classes being below the average. The Cinnamon Marks again came up well, and I was pleased to see that the champions of old (Messrs. D. Mallinson and Son) were again on the war path, 1st, 2nd, and 4th with four entries falling to the lot of these veteran exhibitors. The Novice Yorkshires were a surprising failure, only 63 birds putting in an appearance in the six classes provided. This is in great contrast to the 48 birds in one class at Bradford City a fornight ago. Interest in the fixture generally, however, seemed as keen as ever, a nice lot of fanciers being present, and everything passed off very well indeed.

THE competitions for the trophies offered by the various clubs and societies in Yorkshire have now passed the half-way stage, and a summary of results should prove interesting, and spur the exhibitors who are just a little behind to greater efforts to reach the coveted positions. The three competitions of the Y.C.C. extend over ten shows each, the principal of the trophies being the 20 Guinea Challenge Cup, and the half-time score for this up to and including the Westminster Show is as follows: Bailey and Swanger, 69 points; W. H. Shackleton, 67 points; J. Wilcock, 58 points. However, as the secretary of the Y.C.C. has not yet received the catalogue, and has had to trust a little to hearsay, the points given above are not strictly official. Ramsden's Cup and Specials Competition: Wadsworth, 61 points; Wilcock, 41 points; Wilson, 25 points. Sandiford's Cup (for members residing outside Yorkshire): W. Broughton, 73; G. W. Cuthbertson, 71; A. Hirst, 13. Novice Competition: J. Helliwell, 36; H. H. Towers, 12; J. W. Wilson, 4; W. Blakey and F. Cross, 3 each.

THE competitions of the C.M.Y.C.C. extend over 14 shows, and Shipley being the seventh of the series, the points are given up to that show. Open Competition: Odgen Bros., 66; A. Cooper, 58; J. Wilcock, 54; R. Sutcliff and Son, 54; E. B. Denton, 48; A. Hirst, 47; H. Dobson, 47; W. H. Shackleton, 42, and many others are in close attendance. Novice Competition: A. Blackburn, 42; W. Blakey, 40; H. H. Towers, 18; Grayson, 9, and several other members get 2 or 3 points each. As there are five good prizes in the Novice list, they are practically going begging. Now ye C.M.C. novices, rouse up and make the pace a little hotter for these valuable specials.

THE Yorkshire Union trophies are to be competed for at all the eighteen shows held under their rules, and Shipley Show was the ninth of the season. The Shackleton £25 trophy is the principal item, and the following are at the head of the poll: W. H. Shackleton, 158; Bailey and Swanger, 157; J. Wilcock, 134; Odgen Bros., 125; H. W. Walsh, 102; Bray and Charlesworth, 95. For the H. W. Naylor Cup, W. H. Shackleton leads with 126 points: H. W. Walsh, 91; Ogden Bros., 74; J. Wilson, 41; and T. Murgatroyd and Son, 41.

THE competition for the Y.U. Novice medals (nine of which are given for Yorkshire, and three for Norwich, value 1 guinea each) is very keen, and the positions resulting from the first half of the shows can easily be reversed during the remainder of the season. Novice Yorkshires: A. Frankland, 109; H. Lodge, 85; F. Townsend, 69; P. Drake and Son, 63; Shaw Bros., 60; H. Coates, 59; E. Shepherd, 37; A. Livesey, 37; H. Myers, 36; E. Townley, 34; J. Robertshaw, 32; T. Fortnam, 32; T. W Wilson, 31; G. Newell, 30. Many others are close up to above scores. In the Norwich Novice section the following are the principal runners: J. Mottram, 78; J. W. Holmes, 76; A. Lloyd, 65; S. H. Jeffreys, 52; J. H. Greenwood, 42; J. Naylor, 33; W. H. Ball, 32. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

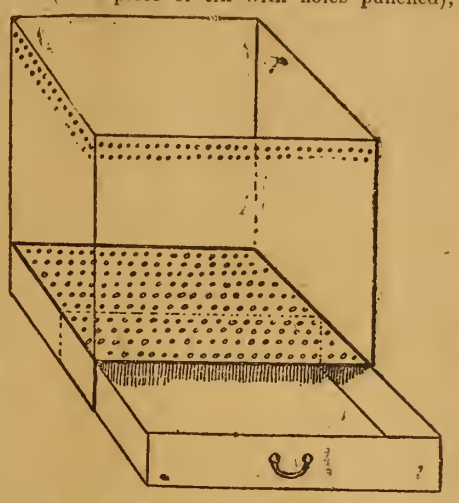
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 161.

A USEFUL MEALWORM BREEDING TIN.

Sent by P. Allen, 16, Birling Street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

Herewith I send a sketch of a useful mealworm breeding tin, showing interior of same. The idea is to procure the day's supply without disturbing the stock. It consists of a large biscuit tin, having a piece cut out of front to take drawer about two inches deep. Fixed inside, immediately above drawer, on a wood frame, is a square of coarse perforated zinc (or a piece of tin with holes punched),



A Useful Mealworm Breeding Tin.

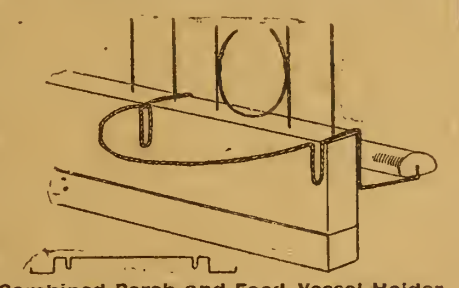
so that mealworms can pass through easily. The tin is filled three parts with alternate layers of bran and sacking, and also perforated with a bradawl two rows round top, and then stocked with mealworms. Until wanting to use the mealworms from same, the drawer is turned upside down to prevent the worms coming through. When ready for use, fill the drawer with meal. When meal womrs are wanted, tip the contents of the drawer into a sieve, just sift over, and there they are, ready for use.—P. ALLEN.

No. 162.

A COMBINED PERCH AND FOOD VESSEL HOLDER.

Sent by F. Knight, 2, Union Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

The following idea I find very useful for fixing the short perches at the front of the cages for the birds to get at the water bottle, etc. It enables one to do away with the long perch across the front of the cage, and



Combined Perch and Food Vessel Holder.

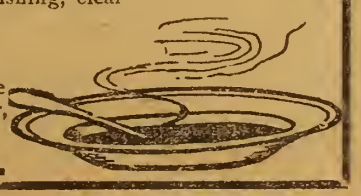
securely fastens the short perch, while it is easy of removal for cleansing when required (which is not often necessary when short perches are used). As can be seen by illustration, it can be both easily and quickly made by any amateur, all that is required being a gauge (made as seen at foot of sketch). By the use of a pair of round-nose cutting pliers they are then quickly completed.—FREDERICK KNIGHT.

JU-VIS



Simply drop a 1d. tablet of Ju-Vis into a breakfast cup of boiling water, add toast or bread, and you at once have a plate of delicious, nourishing, clear

SOUP



If a thick soup is preferred, make in a saucepan, adding Pea Flour, Corn Flour, Flour or Vegetables.

A Good Plate for a 1d.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

December Notes.

Up to the present time we have had very little real winter. Plenty of boisterous winds, and torrents of rain, but the temperature has been quite summer-like. The berries along the hedgerows have hardly been touched, save by the greedy Missel Thrushes; the Starling, Blackbird, and Song Thrush will hardly look at them yet, for insect food is still fairly plentiful, and, for the same reason, wild birds have not yea crowded into our gardens. In consequence of the favourable climatic conditions, we frequently get snatches birdy music. In some cases this is in rivalry of some male intruder, for during the winter months some species exhibit as much jealousy as they do in the spring; they take up a particular beat, and drive away all intruders. The fact of a bird singing lustily is sufficient to prevent a rival from settling.

The tuneful Skylarks are constantly fighting and buffeting each other. This may be the efforts of the old cock birds to secure for themselves the particular piece of ground away from younger rivals, or possibly alien birds are making themselves obnoxious by their presence. The influx of the foreign element is frequently the cause of so much Lark music in the dead of winter. The home bird by song challenges the stranger, and on some days the quarrelling is incessant, the meadows and fields in the district are occasionally alive with Skylarks, whilst at other times scarcely a bird can be seen.

As proof that all Larks are not subject to wandering far from home, a pair can be seen daily in the meadow from my window. These have nested there, and appear to have settled down comfortably for the winter. Occasionally the male bird will twitter a few silvery notes, or play a game of buffet with his spouse. This is quite in play, for they settle down to feed together, and follow each other about as though courting days had just commenced.

Notes from a Lighthouse.

It is astonishing what a number of birds are to be seen from a lighthouse during the period of migration. Lapwings, Curlews, Redshanks, Kittiwakes and Oyster-Catchers have all been seen on several occasions. A Swift once rested in one of the windows, the Blackcap was seen in the company of such strange companions as Dunlins and ring Plovers, and a Heron rested upon the rocks — surely a strange wanderer to be observed, even from a lighthouse. Then comes a cloud of small birds, such as Wheatears, Willow Warblers, Chiff-Chaffs, etc., one or two of which were picked up dead, either killed by shock or from exhaustion. Many birds pass in the night; it seems curious that creatures so fond of sunshine should choose night-time for the long journey to other lands.

London Gulls.

We seldom have the opportunity to study birds in flight at close quarters, but if we station ourselves upon one of the bridges in London we are able to not only see, but almost touch, the gulls, so closely do they fly to anyone feeding them. The other day some boys were giving them pieces of fish, and the birds were at once attracted by it; they flew round and round in front of the feeder, passing by and returning again. Whenever anything was thrown to them there was a rush for the tit-bit, which seldom reached the water below. Occasionally the lads put the fish upon the parapet of the bridge, and waited, until one, more daring than the others, took it. This was generally done by a bird with a small patch on his crown, which hung in the air, just above the lads, and was seldom seen flying round with the others. It is astonishing what a lot of people are interested in the doings of these birds.

Concerning the Crow.

The common Crow is the Carrion Crow of the naturalist, and is distributed throughout the wooded districts and the rocky coasts of England. It is rarer in Ireland and Scotland, its place being taken by its near relative, the Hooded Crow. To show how nearly these two are related it need only be pointed out that they freely interbreed in the districts where the species overlap, and the offspring are more or less fertile. In flight these birds are practically alike, they have the same regular steady wing beat, although when in pursuit of a smaller bird will show surprising agility in turning and twisting. The Carrion Crow is black with greenish sheen, and feathered nostrils, while the Hoodie is black with grey patch. During the winter months I have occasionally seen the latter beating up the tidal rivers of the south, keenly watching the shore for anything left by the tide. They feed upon all kinds of substances, and never miss an opportunity of doing to death a half-starved or wounded bird. Both these Crows are hated by the game-keeper, as they are powerful birds and add a good deal of cunning to their other vices.

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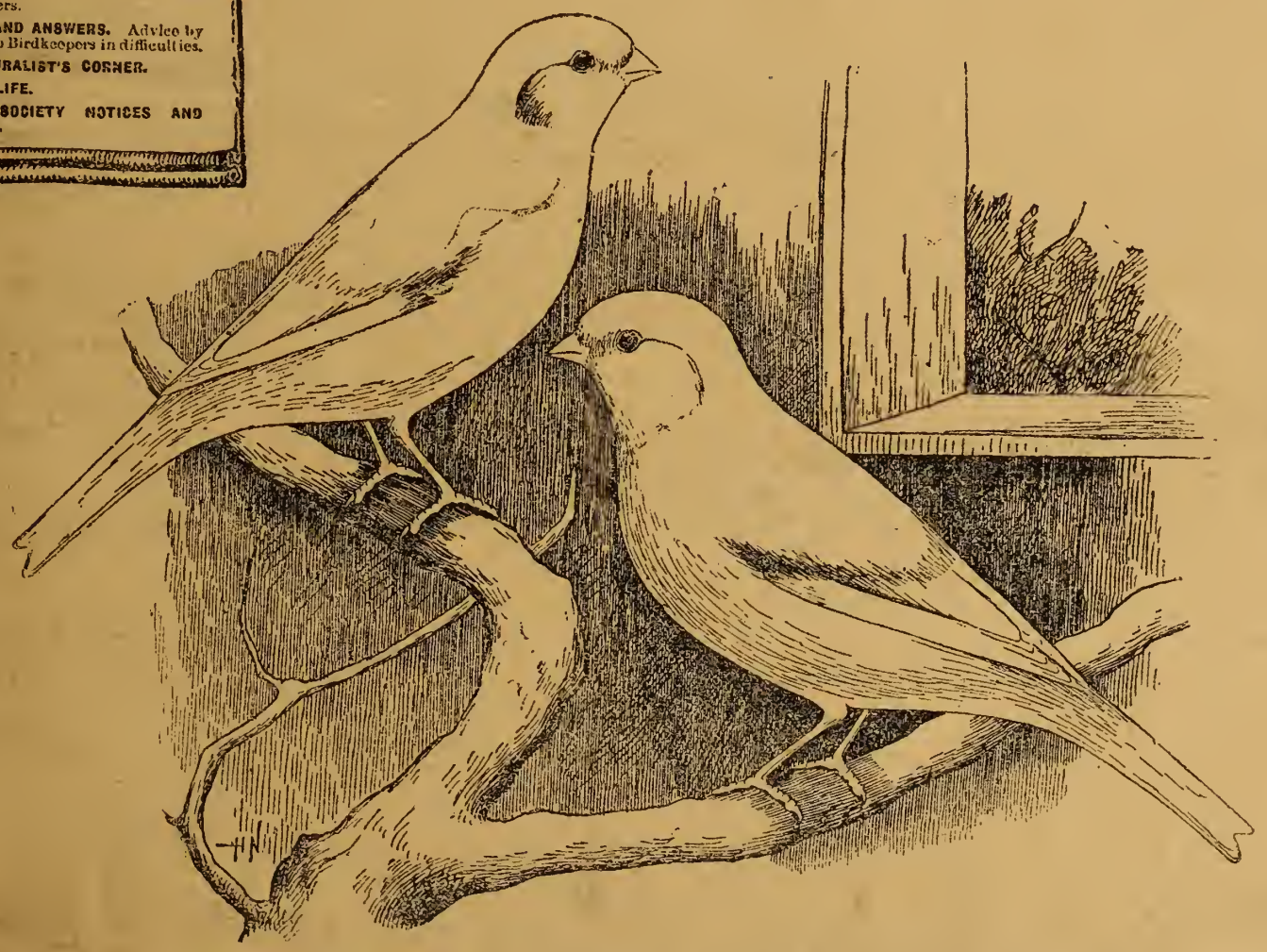
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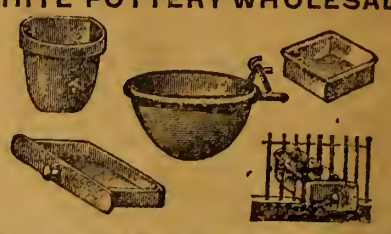
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English cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Bullfinches, 2/6; cock Linnets, 9d., 6/- dozen; cock Larks, 8d.; Siberian cock Goldfinch, 4/-; St. Andreasberg Rollers, 6/6, 7/0, 10/6; Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 7/6; all warranted cocks; approval.—John Mace, Bird Specialist, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

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We send everything out on approval, entirely at our risk, and if you are not thoroughly satisfied you only have to return it and we either replace it, or refund your money in full; what could be more straightforward; large warranted Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 2/- each; thee 5/-; extra selected for show or muling, 3/-, 4/- each; three 7/-; hens, 1/- each; large selected cock Goldfinch, singing, with cage, 3/-; cock Goldfinch, properly mated to proper hen Canary, 5/6 pair; Linnets, Linnets, large rebbreasted cock Linnets, three 1/6; six, 2/9; 5/- dozen; large selected, for muling and singing, 1/- each; three, 2/6; six, 4/-; selected cock Linnet, singing, with cage, 1/6; selected cock Linnet, properly mated to hen Canary, 4/- pair; grand large giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each, few extra large, with good large bold square blaze, full mooned wiugs, sure winners, wherever shown, 7/6, 10/- each. Larks, Larks, large upstanding cocks, three 1/3, six, 2/-; 3/6 dozen; few cage off separately and singing well, 1/-, 1/0 each, with cage, 6d. extra; large improved self-acting double trap cage, 1/-, 1/3 each, single trap cages, 6d., 9d. eacb; patent self-acting spring net traps, 1/3, 9d. each; round or square topped calling cages, 4d. eacb, 2/6 dozen; extra strong bird lime, best in England, 1/6 lb.; 10d. ½ lb.; 6d. ¼ lb. tins; loose netting, made from best superfine thread, ¾ in. mesb, 2 yds. wide, 2½d. per yd.; 8 ft. wide, 3½d. per yd.; clapnets, made from the above netting and sent all complete; pegs, poles, lines, etc., 3 yds. 4/-; 4 yds. 5/-; 5 yds. 6/-; 6 yds. 7/-; 7 yds. 8/-; 8 yds. 9/-; 9 yds. 10/-; 10 yds. 11/-; all 4 ft. deep, or any other size, made to order.—Parker and Widen, Bird Merchants, Farm-st., Birmingham.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

TWO classes, valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

HIGH-CLASS young Belgians for sale, price £1 to 25/- each, mostly cocks.—John Walmsley, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

BELGIANS, few good pairs for sale; bred from and related to prize winners.—Bennett, Little Herton, Sticklepath, Barnstaple.

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SEVENTEEN classes, cup and 30 specials, Scottish National Show.

TYPICAL Borders, prices reasonable, stamp reply; approval.—Hislop, 114, Baker-st., Stirling.

BORDER Fancy yellow and buffs, clear and unevens, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-.—Stevenson, Muir-st., Kirriemuir.

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FINE selection of exhibition Borders, in perfect condition, also carefully selected pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; state wants; approval.—Tulloch C. Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.

FROM Palace winners, grand stock from well-known exhibitor; name can be given; right stamp Border; list free; yellow, green and buff.—Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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LARGE stock of Cinnamons, very cheap, list free.—Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

TWO splendid 1907 Cinnamon hens, 4/- each.—Troke, 73, Holdenhurst-rd., Bournemouth.

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FEW good crest and crest-bred, bred from winners, hens from 4/6, cocks from 12/6.—Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish Square, W.

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WANTED, 1907 Crest hen, long frontal feather for stock purposes; fair price for a good bird; letters only.—Penn, 9, Ranelagh-rd., South Belgravia, S.W.

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FEW Crests and crest-breds for sale cheap, also a few first cross Lancashire and Crest; on approval deposit, stamp reply.—Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littleborough.

FROM my well-known strain; single cocks and properly-matched pairs from 22/6; approval, deposit; Crest breeder 25 years.—Clarke, 266, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

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HAVING selected my breeding stock, have about 30 crests and crestbreds for sale from 20/- per pair upwards. Barnett's strain, approval.—Inspt. Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.

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F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, can spare large Green Crestbred cock, with wing-marked dark Crest hen, 70/-; Grey Crest cock, variegated Crestbred hen, 60/-; bred from my winners; approval.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I find I can spare four pairs of good Crest and crest-breds, bred from original Plymouth blood, from £2 to £8 pair; stamp reply.—C. T. Hoar, 26, North-st., Plymouth.

BUFF wing-marked crested hen, green crestbred cock, 15/-, buff crested cock, green crestbred hen, 8/6 each; or 15/- the two -approval, cash or deposit.—Thomas Hirst, 39, Havelock-st., Ravensthorpe, near Dewsbury.

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YELLOW C.B. cock, with Green Crest hen, 15/-; wing-marked dark Crest cock, 8/6; dark Crest cock, 1st large selling class Kirby Moorside, in show cage, 17/6; approval; card sent.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

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DARK crested cock, 1906, 15/-; variegated crestbred hen, 10/-; the pair, 20/-; also one good pair Plainhead Norwich, 20/-; few odd buff ticked hens, 5/- upwards, few good Borders, for disposal from 3/-; hens, cocks, 6/- upwards.—Snell, Shield Row, West Stanley, R.S.O.

BARGAINS to clear quickly; well-bred 1907 cold-room Crests, crest-breds, winning blood; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, worth double; single birds cheap, from 5/- upwards to 50/-, according to quality; week's approval; cash or deposit; easy payments arranged; stamp reply.—Sills, Sharrow, Ripon, Yorks.

BARGAINS in champion Crest blood; winning hundreds of prizes, cups, medals, etc.; can spare a few good Crests and Crestbreds; the right sort, no rubbish; plenty of nice veiny feather; see last week's advertisement in Crests; all birds on approval from 15/- upwards; single or pairs; state your wants; stamp.—Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

GATESHEAD Show, Palace of the North; see reports this week what Roberts' Champion Crests and crestbreds can do, beating all the best winners of this season, two birds two 1sts, and specials in the best champion open classes; can supply show or stock birds at reasonable prices to suit all on approval.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

MASSIVE even marked dark Crest cock, 10/6; heavy-feathered Green Crest hen, 7/6; variegated ditto, gem, 5/6; monster variegated Crestbred cock, 10/6; Yellow variegated ditto, beauty, 9/6; Yellow variegated Crestbred hen, grand skull, 10/6; massive buff ditto, 9/6; splendid value; all grand stock birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crestbreds; Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster Green Crest cock, 15/6; massive heavy-feathered even-marked dark Crest cock, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest cock, 14/6; massive beavy-feathered clear Crest hen, 13/6; massive featbery variegated ditto, 13/-; even-marked dark Crest hen, Yellow beauty, 9/6; monster clear Crestbred cock, 15/6; massive heavy-feathered variegated ditto, 15/-; monster Green Crestbred cock, 13/6; massive heavy-feathered clear Yellow Crestbred hen, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated buy ditto, 13/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

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DUTCH and French Frills, good birds, 20/-, 25/-; 30/-, 40/-.—Rudd, The Bird specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

EIGHT classes, 20 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Norwich Greens, singles, pairs, carefully matched; few good show birds.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

EXHIBITION crested hen, 10/-; also high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Greens; bargains; cash or deposit.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

GREEN, foul, unevenly marked, ticked and clear Yorkshires, grand type and quality; all on seven days' approval.—Samuel Dean, 24, Crossley-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

I HAVE bought the whole of Mr. Deacon's Yorkshire greens; they include about 40 of Mr Wardale's best show and stock birds, and another 30 got together regardless of cost; I can spare some grand show birds that have won in keenest competition; also some grand stock birds; approval.—Metcalfe, Brythen-st., Liverpool.

Lancashires.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires, show or stock birds, including winners; stamp reply.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

PURE Lancashires, coppy and Plainhead, free.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich

GOOD yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, 30/-; cheap.—Robt. Taylor, 117, Manchester Old Road, Middleton, Manchester.

TICKED Buff Coppy cock, 17/6; buff Plainhead hens, 15/-, 12/6, bred from winners; stamp; deposit.—Adams, 17, Baron-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE Coppy hen, buff, two buff Plainhead hens; buff coppy cock, buff Plainhead cock; stamp, deposit.—Rushton, 102, Buxton-rd., Macclesfield.

BUFF Lancashire Coppy cock, he last Bristol Show, 30/-; two buff coppy hens, sisters to same, 15/- each; Norwich cock, 8/-; approval.—Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

"THE Art of Fancy."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOR good Lizards see my illustrated list frec.—Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

TWO Silver 1907 Lizard hens, 4/- each.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middleshrougb.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, show or stock birds, same as my winners Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, London, Middelton, etc.; approval; stamp reply.—John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

LIZARDS, 15 pair for sale, from 10/- to 15/- pair, or all in one lot to dealer; two large buff coppy cocks, two buff Plainhead cocks, on approval; stamp reply.—Edward Lowe, 39, Chadderton-rd., Oldham.

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PAIR London Fancies, 15/-.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

Norwich.

SEVENTEEN classes, over 30 valuable specials, Scottish National Show.

COUNSELL, 14, Pollard-st., Blackburn. High-class Norwich for sale; approval; stamp reply.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads on approval; list, particulars, free.—R. Handford, Derby.

BUY from the breedcr; Norwich Canaries from 3/-.—W. Turner, 2, St. Giles-terrace, Norwich.

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FOUR real good pairs of Norwich, cheap; room wanted.—D. Hunter, Hairdresser, Railway-st., York.

USEFUL buff and yellow broken green cocks for stock, 10/- each.—North, 435, Oxford-rd., Reading.

FEW good, high-class Norwich cocks for disposal, from 6/-.—R. Mellor, 58, Bradley Hall-rd., Nelson.

NORWICH Plainheads, cocks and hens, all colours, some good birds.—Orr, 129, Petershill-rd., Glasgow.

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HANDSOME cocks, in full song, 4-, 4/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/-, 6/6; grand value; approval.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.

PRIZE bred Norwich fed and natural colour cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6.—A. R. Langlands, Confectioner, Montrose.

FEW typical Norwich, from 15/- pair; also odd cocks and hens; reasonable.—Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

EXCHANGE two Buff hens, Irons' strain, for Yellow cock; must be good.—Hartsborn, 73, Edward-st., Burton-on-Trent

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NORWICH songsters, selected, 6/-, 6/6, hens 2/6, 3/-; matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/-, 10/-.—Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

SEVERAL good cocks and hens, 1906 and 1907 bred; reasonable prices.—F. B., 61, Broadwater-rd., Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

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AM leaving country, cock Canary, magnificent songster, nearly new cage, price 6/6, worth double. Askew, Junr., East Derebam.

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TYPICAL hens, two ticked Buffs, four clear Yellow, 6/- each; approval; Sandiford's strain, direct.—E. G. Roberts, Roobe, Cornwall.

NORWICH Plainheads, from my noted winning strain, pairs 12/6, 15/6, 20/- upwards; approval; stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

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NORWICH cocks, hens, yellows, and buffs, 5/- upwards, crested, crestbreds, 15/-, 30/-; Greenfinch mules, 2/6; approval.—Seay, Stonehaven, Scotland.

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PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/0, 0/0, 7/6 upwards, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, upwards; travelling cages 3d. extra; approval, deposit.—Carver, The Rose, City-rd., Norwich.

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NORWICH Canaries for sale, cocks from 4/9; hens from 1/9; sex guaranteed; colour-fed cocks, 5/- and 6/- each; hens from 2/- to 3/6.—G. Brown, 44, Bartholomew-st., Leicester.

TYPICAL 1907 marked Yellow cock and Buff hen, 10/-; 1907 four-pointed Buff cock, winner, 7/6; two smaller Buff hens, 2/- each, 3/6 the pair; approval.—Knaggs, Westgate, Guisbro.

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FIFTY Norwich and Yorkshires, for stock or to win, from 15/-, £1 pair; pleased to show how breed to anyone calling. Approval, deposit; see show reports.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer Avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, prize strain; all 1907; inspection invited; approval; cocks from 5/6; hens, 3/6; pairs 7/6 and 8/6.—Mrs. Harbour, 20, Trelawney-rd., Paragon-rd., Hackney, N.E.

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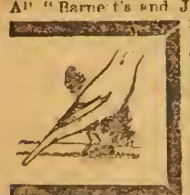


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WANTED, cage birds, exchange prize-bred Fantails, or sell.—Canning, Lisnevagh, Howth-rd., Dublin.

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WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also Canaries; state your price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley rd., Birmingham.

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WANTED, grand pairs Norwich, exchange; handsome engraved ladies' watch, solid silver, 28/- or a tent's 15/6; approval.—Brough, Greenwich, Ripley, Derby.

WANTED, any quantity (best prices given) Goldfinches, Hawfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, Canaries, etc., for cash.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, Gent's bike, good condition; exchange prize bred Yorkshires, or sell 12/6 to 30/- pair; approval; deposit.—Particulars, Clarkson, Pine-st., Burnley.

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WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, Siskins, etc., from catchers; best prices paid for good birds; cash before birds; or deposit.—Ward, Carr Vale, near Chesterfield.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 27 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson. Some very good singing was heard, to the enjoyment of a crowded house; 1st and 2nd prize shared by W. Tillottson and W. Fisher; 3rd prize, J. Harold; 4th, shared by T. Summers and S. Hardcastle. Judges, Cooper and Crane. Also a German Canary match on December 9th, when 11 good Canaries sang for three good prizes; 1st and 2nd, W. Wroe; 3rd, shared by J. Pratt and J. Chippindale. Judges, T. Summers and S. Hardcastle.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held their week-end singing contest Dec. 14, at Headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Thirteen birds competed for three prizes; winners, 1, J. Harrison; 2, R. Hayhurst; 3, W. H. Gopping. Also a contest, Dec. 7, and winners—1, G. Rostron; 2, J. Harrison; 3, J. Monk. Judge, Mr. C. McGreevey; timekeeper, W. Wrench; R. Hayhurst, secretary.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Crown Inn, North Street. Twenty-two of the best birds sang for five good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some very good quality singing for the time of the year was to be heard before a good company with the following result: 1st prize, A. Watsou; 2nd, J. Firth; 3rd, Key; 4th, Moore; 5th, Nicholls. Judge, Mr. Perry. Mr. Mason, timekeeper.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (LEEDS.)

The members of the Prince Albert Inn C. and L.A. met Nov. 17th, to witness a singing contest for three good prizes given by Mr. J. R. Saynor. 19 birds competed. Judges were Messrs. B. Jackson and W. Bineson. 1st, 2nd, H. Allen; 3rd, divided between H. Allen and J. Chippindale. Another contest, Nov. 24th, when 19 birds again competed for three valuable prizes. Judges were Messrs. G. Towers and B. Jackson. Result: 1st prize, H. Hayes 2nd, 3rd, H. Allen. Another contest December 1st for three special prizes. Twenty of the best picked birds in Leeds competing. The singing room was literally packed with visitors and friends, who came to hear Mr. H. Allen's champion once more in a contest. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and J. Smith; 1st prize, Mr. H. Allen's champion, who "ran away" with the contest; 2nd H. Hayes; 3rd, J. Chippendale. Contest held December 8th; three special prizes to be competed for between 20 birds. The large singing room was again literally packed; there was only standing room, when it was known that Mr. Allen was hanging his champion for the last time in a contest of any description. The bird again simply "ran away" with the contest, to the delight of all. The bird has a wonderful record. Judges were Messrs. B Jackson and J. Smith. Result: 1st and 2nd prize, H. Allen; 3rd, G. Atkinson. Also a contest on December 15th, when 14 birds sang for three special prizes. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and J. Smith. Result: 1st and 3rd, H. Allen; 2nd, G. Atkinson. A Roller Canary contest held December 8th, when 18 birds competed for five special prizes. Judges, Messrs. B. Jackson and H. Nutter; timekeeper, J. Chippendale. Result: 1st and 3rd, Binks; 2nd, E. Wood; 4th, G. Cockroft; 5, our worthy host, J. R. Saynor. Another Roller contest December 15th, 10 of the best picked Canaries in Leeds competing. That clever judge, Mr. H. Allen, consented to judge, together with Mr. Smith, and with Mr. Chippendale as timekeeper. Result: 1st and 2nd prizes divided between E. Wood and Binks; 3rd, A. Binner, everybody being highly satisfied at the decision.—E. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

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CLUB REPORTS.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

Washing Competition held at headquarters, Dec. 4th, when seven members competed. Comment upon the different styles of washing were freely indulged in; two advocated the use of borax in the first basin, whilst another used nothing but soap and a sponge. Three members kindly officiated as judges, and gave their awards to: 1st silver medal, R. Radcliffe; 2, drying cage, Ernest Hartley; 3, photo, E. Sidnway.—SAM M. CLAYTON, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

The last monthly meeting of the year was held Dec. 9th, in the All Saints' School-room, York. After the usual business a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Hewitt, of York, on "British birds and their habits." About 100 slides were used for the purpose. The large number of members and friends present were very much interested by the able manner in which the lecturer explained each feature of the bird life. The Chairman, Mr. D. Hunter, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hewitt, which was carried with loud applause. Mr. Watson kindly officiated at the lantern, and he did it so as to show the different birds to perfection.—T. BOYLE, Hon Sec.

BLACKBURN, L.S.A.

The Blackburn L.S.A. supper and concert took place at headquarters on Dec. 10th. A large gathering sat down to a splendid repast served in splendid style by the host. After the cloth was removed, the President, Mr. G. Rostron, took the chair. The usual loyal toasts opened the evening's entertainment. Mr. W. H. Topping, in a neat little speech, said that he thought the club was fortunate in having such an enthusiastic associate and veteran member as Mr. D. Bentley. Mr. Brown Bentley replied briefly, saying he would gladly convey the affectionate message home. Mr. McGreevey proposed the next toast "Host and hostess." Mr. and Mrs. Harrison responded in their own humorous and homely way. The musical part of the programme was most entertaining. The singers rendered their songs in their usual good style.—RD. HAYHURST, Sec.

LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held at Middleton Show, Dec. 7th. A fair number of members attended, and the president, Mr. J. Nadin, presided. It was resolved that the guarantee money be paid out to the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. and Middleton O.S. The Chairman read a letter received from the Secretary, who is compelled through pressure of business to give up th secretarial duties, and it was decided that the same be left over until next meeting, which will he the annual general meeting; it is hoped there will be a great number present. The decision of the members was, that the annual general meeting should be held at the showroom of the Rochdale Good Intent Society in January. The date and time will be inserted in CAGE BIRDS. Members and Lancashire fanciers are requested to take particular notice of this, the annual meeting, when a good attendance is necessary. JAS. LAW, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The members of this society thought it a very fitting time, seeing that Mr. W. Horsman (at whose house the society had its headquarters for 15 years) has had to remove to the Old King's Head, Allerton, to acknowledge in some practical way the many kindnesses received at the hands of both Mr. and Mrs. Horsman. This they did the other evening by presenting to Mr. Horsman a beautifully framed portrait of himself (in centre) and all the officials of the society—namely, Messrs. T. Fortnam, President, L. S. Clarkson, J. Hartley, and W. Wharton, vice-presidents, F. Ludbrook, Treasurer, P. Stansfield, Secretary, F. Rhodes, assistant Secretary, W. Bromham, J. Horsfield, Auditors, and F. Hammond, Secretary to the Yorkshire Union. Mr. T. Fortnam, in making the presentation, referred to Mr. Horsman's illness, and expressed the hope that in his new home his health would he greatly improved, that fortune would smile on him and his good wife, and that when looking at the faces in the picture now before him it would remind them of old acquaintances and the happy times spent with them. Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Ludbrook spoke, having known Mr. Horsman for something like 25 years. They said they had always found him a good and true fancier, and in Mrs. Horsman they had had a kind, courteous landlady. Mr. Horsman returned thanks, and the usual "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung in a most hearty manner by all present. Mr. P. Stansfield gave a few fine selections on the piano.—F. LUDBROOK.

WEST LONDON FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner in connection with the above association was held December 12th at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush. Despite the inclement weather about fifty members and friends of the association sat down to a capital spread, Mr. B. Stevenson (chairman) presiding. An excellent programme was provided, including the usual toasts to the King, the West London Fanciers' Association, the Visitors, the Kindred Societies, and the Press. After-dinner speeches in connection with the various toasts were made by Messrs. Easterling, R. Thompson, H. Grey, W. H. Mugford, and others, and, of course, the genial chairman, who performed his duties in a very able manner. Many very excellent songs were sung, which kept the company in the best of spirits; in fact, at the conclusion of the evening there were traces of the "smile that wouldn't come off." For this, Messrs. H. Walker, Duguid, and Seaton Holmes were largely responsible. The first-mentioned sang several songs, all with telling effect, among others being "The Old Sunny Window," "Singers and Talkers," and "The Language of London Town." Mr. Duguid sang "Don't You Think He's Mad?" "Side Slips," and others, and Mr. Seaton Holmes was no less amusing in his cleverly-arranged mimicry and mannerisms. A capital feature of the evening was the magical interlude of Professor Bond's. This gentleman kept the company interested for a considerable time with sleight of hand and other incomprehensible tricks. Miss E. A. Baker is a very sweet singer, and her songs, "Because," "Rose in the Bud," and others, were all highly appreciated. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. This is the first time this old society has held a dinner, and, judging from the attendance, the comprehensive [illegible] and the evident satisfaction of everyone who attended—these things constitute a sure criterion—it was a huge success. Doubtless, as was said, this will not be the last dinner, but, we hope, the first of many. Upon no one person does the success of the venture reflect greater credit than upon the hon. sec., Mr. J. Dewhurst. It must have cost him a deal of time and trouble, and he is to be congratulated upon the successful manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

BROUGHTY FERRY O.B.S.

Annual meeting held Dec. 4th, in the Bakers' Rooms, Mr. Carmyllie presiding over a good attendance of members. The auditors gave their report, which showed the Society was in a flourishing condition, and had a good surplus to the good on the year's working. Office bearers were elected for next season as follows: Messrs. Robt. Carmyllie, president; Kelll, vice-president; R. Whitton, secretary; Chas. Muir, treasurer; committee—Messrs. Jas. Campbell, M. Wilson, A. Curtis, S. Duncan, D. Merrilees, etc., etc. Next meeting, January 8th.

ROBT. WHITTON, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A meeting was held during the judging of the members' show, and the following large list of specials were awarded for the members' shows held this year:—1st prize, 25s. medal; 2nd prize, 20s. medal; 3rd prize, 12s. 6d. medal and 3s. 6d. in goods; 4th prize, 7s. 6d. travelling show case and 1s. in goods; 5th prize, 6s. in goods; 6th prize, 5s. in goods; 7th 8th, and 9th prizes, 4s. in goods; 10th prize, 4s. pipe and pouch; 11th and 12th, two books at 4s. each; 13th, 3-stone of seed; 14th, 2s. 6d. painted panel; 15th, 2s. 6d. pipe; 16th, 2s. 6d. couple of rabbits; 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2s. in goods. By the foregoing list of prizes all members who have exhibited at any members' show will receive a special prize value not less than 2s. Our Society is always well supplied with specials, and we are always ready to welcome new members and visitors at our headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn.—E. W. JOHNSON, (hon. sec.).

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Instead of the usual monthly meeting, the Society held a smoking concert on Dec. 7th in the Bisley Hotel. Members' prize money was first paid out and specials presented. Our treasurer, Mr. J. Davison, opened the programme proper with a song, "The school board man," which he sang in the local dialect, fairly bringing down the house. Mr. Barron (in the absence of Harry Lauder, who is in the U.S.A.) sang "I love a lassie" and "Fee the noo"; Mr. Spark sang "The Bay of Biscay" and "Village Blacksmith," and Mr. Hedworth, "The Wolf" and "Drinking." Messrs. Dixon, Gair, and Harrison Scott were equally well received. Mr. W. Ogilvie gave two violin solos, and not until mine host, Mr. W. Scott, called "Time, gentlemen!" did the company of 70 members and friends rise and sing in a lusty manner the National Anthem. I hope this enjoyable social evening will soon be repeated. The Chairman of the Society (Mr. J. Hands) ably presided, being well supported hy Mr. J. Davison, vice-chairman. Mr. D. Johnson acted in a capable manner as accompanist.

D. A. OGILVIE, Sec.

GREENWICH & DEPTFORD C.B.S.

One of those delightful functions which tend to bring the members and friends of any organisation closer together took place at the "Two Brewers," Church-street, Greenwich, on November 28th when the annual smoking concert of the above society took place. The chair was taken by Mr. Meades. The large room was filled to its utmost capacity. The pianist having played the initial overture, Mr. F. Putrin caused great amusement with a good song, "Read Between the Lines"; Mr. W. Barker sang "One Minute to Seven Last Night"; Mr. Jenkins, "Twilight"; Mr. Beach was a comic; Mr. F. Putrin sang "My New Pal," and Mr. W. Putrin sang "My Mother" and "Don't Sing a Coon Song, Please"; Mr. Jenkins gave violin solo. Mr. Nicholls sang "For Truth or a Lie"; Mr. Camphell, "I Want to Live a Little Longer"; Mr. W. Putrin "Oh! the Merry Widow" and "Looking for a Sweetheart"; Mr. F. Putrin sang "Bertie in Love" and "It's a Different Girl Again." During the evening the cups and specials, won at late autumn show by members, were duly presented. "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem concluded a most enjoyable evening.—C. W. HILL, sec.

HAYLE FANCIERS ASSOCIATION.

The annual supper was held at the White Hart Hotel, Dec. 2nd, when a good number sat down to an excellent spread hy Host Trevena. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Roskron. Others present included the Rev, Father Mullins, Messrs A W Thompson (treasurer); L. Cock (Cage Bird Sec.); W. Andrewartha (Pigeon sec.); H. Lee and W. Bellman (Camhorne); T. Rowe, J. Richards, W. Glanville, W. Symons, W. Dale and S. Maddern. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the chairman read a letter from the President, expressing regret at his absence, and hoping that the Society would continue to prosper. The chairman proposed the health of the President (Dr. Z. B. Mudge). He said a large amount of the success gained by the Association was due to the great interest taken in the Society by Dr. Mudge who was ever ready with a helping hand. The general secretary in supporting spoke in highest praise at the willing and ready manner of the President. The toast was received with musical honours. The President sent cigars for the members during the evening. Mr. T. Rowe proposed success to the Association, and in a very neat little speech complimented the officers on the grand show they got together, and also on the excellent quality of the exhibits. Mr. J. Richards in supporting said he was very pleased to see the Society come out on the right side financially, after the very bad weather we had on the show days. Mr. L. Cock, replying for the officers, said it was a pleasure to he associated with the Hayle Society; every one worked for the welfare of the show, and he hoped to have the pleasure of filling the office of Cage Bird sec. for many years to come. Mr. Andrewartha also replied that he could fully endorse what Mr. Cock had said, and he felt it an honour to he an official of the Society. "Our Supporters" was given by Mr. S. Maddern, and with his usual flow of oratory, supported by Mr. W. Dale. The following contributed songs: Messrs. Symons, Dale, Maddern. Wilkes, T. Rowe, S. Rowe, J. Kemp and W. Glanville, the last-mentioned bringing down the house with a song of his own composing. Messrs Thompson and Andrewartha accompanied during the evening. Father Mullins presented the Gen. Sec. with a gold medal, subscribed for hy the members.

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LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held December 12th, at headquarters, The Bay Malton, Great Portland-street, W. In the absence of the President, Mr. E. Pretty occupied the chair. Six new members were elected. It was unanimously agreed to change the meeting nights to the first and third Mondays in each month, commencing with the New Year. The programme for the ensuing year was dealt with, and several prominent lecturers were proposed, and the secretary requested to write to and secure. The schedule of the show of pairs matched for breeding was read and amended. The same will be judged by Mr. G. Gardner (who was appointed in January last). The meeting falling in Christmas week, will he abandoned, and held on Monday, January 6th, when the shows for the ensuing year will be fixed and judges nominated, who will he elected at the general meeting on January 20th. On the same evening a show of Yorkshires confined to novices will he held in conjunction with a judging competition. Mr. G. Armstrong (late of Sheffield) will judge, and also lecture on same, debate to follow.—R. J. PRETTY, Sec.

WASHING EXHIBITION AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

Meeting held December 9th, when a good number of fanciers were present to witness a washing exhibition hy Mr. F. J. Weaver, who very ably showed those present his method of washing a bird. The utensils used were three small enamel bowls, two badger hair shaving brushes, three soft cloths, and a very good drying box, size about 18 inches hy 12 by 9, all wood except half the front, which is glass. A door at the end, and a back which takes out for cleaning, four holes and small window in the top, completes the cage, which, when placed before the fire gives excellent results. Mr. Weaver commenced by placing drying box and cloths before the fire, then prepared the water and soap, Sunlight and Lavisine, which he used together, scraping a little of each into a tea cup with boiling water. When thoroughly dissolved, he emptied same into the first bowl of water, making a nice lather. He then proceeded to wash the bird, commencing at the feet, then the tail, wings, body and neck, and head last. He worked the lather well in with the first brush, after rinsing in the other two bowls, and paying special attention to the neck. He then rolled the bird into one of the cloths and placed it on top of the drying box for about five minutes, afterwards placing it inside to finish drying. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Howes also put a bird through. With a vote of thanks to Mr. Weaver this terminated a very interesting meeting.—F. HOWES

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Members of the club have received a ballot paper to vote either in favour of or against a club show. Out of those that have been received back again—and there were a good percentage—only three voted against, and even those promised a good entry if a show were held. About 150 entries were guaranteed by those that voted and also subscriptions and cash specials to the amount of £1 12s. 6d. Other specials are also promised. The committee would be glad to receive other promises hy way either of subscriptions or specials in cash or kind, from any member or from anyone wishing to assist us in this our first club show. The prize money will be on the sliding scale, with a shilling entry fee. A special classification was drawn up by the committee at a meeting held on Dec 14th, and they did not forget the novice exhibitor. Any fancier joining the club before the third week in January will be eligible to compete at this show; if they join the first week in January they will be eligible to compete for the spls. given at Neath on the 9th and Llanelly on the 12th. The club show will he held on January 30th, at Mountain Ash, and an outside judge (if possible one who has not visited Wales this season), will he appointed. Mr. T. L. Castree, the chairman, has kindly consented to he show manager and secretary; any matter in counection with the show must he sent direct to him to 44, Commercial Street, Mountain Ash. All other matters concerning the club, such as members' subscriptions, proposing new members, etc., must he sent to me. The usual subscription is 2/6. We are looking forward to a hig increase in membership this next month.—J. H. TEDSTONE, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Coventry (Godiva) (C.B.U.).—Jan. 11th, Chequers Hotel, Little Park-street.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 22 open classes: Nor. 8, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Sell. 6, Brit. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 4th to W. H. BRAY, 12, Berry-street, Coventry.

Forfar.—Jan. 1st and 2nd, Reid Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Alex. Thomson and J. W. Bruce. 32 open classes. Nor. 10, Bord. (non-fed) 9, Brit. 8, For. 1, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 24th to J. MCKINNON, 2, Muirbank, Brechin-road, Forfar.

Guisbrough (Cleveland).—Jan 1. Cleveland Hall. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill. 24 classes. Yorks. 5, Nor. 6, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2, Brit. 5, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 28, to W. T. SIMPSON, 25, New Road.

Cowal.—Jan. 1, Castle Gardens Pavilion, Dunoon. Judge, Mr. Robt. Wright. 13 open classes. Scot. 4, Nor. 4, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes 12s., 6s., 3s. Fee 2s. Entries close Dec. 25, to JOHN MACFARLANE, Florence Place, Argyll-st., Dunoon.

Dunfermline.—Jan. 1 and 2, Drill Hall, Bruce Street. Messrs. Coelhranc and Campbell. 36 open classes. Scot. 10, Nor. 2, Crest 5, Sell. 3, Common 1, Bord. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 9, For. 1, Gift 1. Prizes 12s., 8s., 4s. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 26, to R. BOWIE, The Gusset House.

Neath, Skewen.—Jan. 2, Drill Hall, Neath Abbey. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 3 classes. Can. Brit. and For. 1 each. Prizes 7s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close Dec. 26, to LLOYD and LEWIS, 10, High Street, Skewen, Neath.

Kilmarnock O.A.—Jan. 1 and 2, Agricultural Hall. Judge, Messrs. J. Higgins, and Allan Roberts. 33 open classes. Scot. 4, Crest 2, Nor. 6, Bord. 7, Mule 3, Brit. 8, For. 3, Sell. 1. Prizes 22s., 6s., 3s. and spls. Fee 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 24, to JOHN BLANE, 36, Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock.

Scottish National.—Jan. 1 and 2, in the Corn Exchange, Edinburgh. Patronage of the S.F.C., S.C.C., B.F.C.C., Y.C.C., G.C.A., N.B.H., and M.C., S.B.B. and M.C. One hundred and fourteen classes, prizes 15s., 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. (or medals to full value), entry fee 2s. Nor. 17, judges, W. Vardy and J. Fergusson; Crest 9, judge, J. McLay; Scots. 14, judges, A. Patterson, J. Hogg, W. Rodger and A. Melrose; Border 17, judges, T. McCreadie, J. Watson and P. McKenzie; Cinns. 2, Yorks 6, Greens 8 [illegible] 2, A.V. Sell. 1, judge, H. W. Battye; Mule 6, judge, A. R. Lamslands; Brit. 20, judges, A. R. Lamslands, P. McQuiston, and T. Stewart; For. 7, judges, T. Stewart; extra stock 1, Hyde's 2. There is a wonderful list of 238 special prizes, many of considerable value. Entries close Dec. 23 to J. WINTER, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.

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THE SHOWS.

MABLETHORPE AND DIS. F.A.

A show of cage birds was held on December 12th and 13th, in connection with the local show, in a large building adjoining the Louth Hotel. The entries came up fairly well, but the committee had to amalgamate the Fed Norwich, and Yorks., and the Non-Fed. Norwich, and Yorks. There were some good birds shown by Messrs. Young, Crowson, Atkin, and White. Messrs. Elvin and Andrews, the joint secs., deserve every praise for their able conduct of the show, and it is to be hoped they will have a larger entry still another year. Mr. F. Jackson judged, and his awards gave satisfaction. COL.-FED: 1, medal, Young, a clinking Yorks.; 2, T. Peplow, grand Norwich in good form; 3, Atkin, very nice Yorks.; vhc, Crowson, fine Yellow Yorks. NON-FED: 1, 4, spl, Crowson, clinking yell. Yorks., grand trim, stands up well; 2, Harpham, buff Norwich, good one, shown well; 3, Atkin, nice Yorks., stylish; vhc, White. SELL. 12/6: 1, Atkin; 2, Wing; 3, Crowson. BRIT.: 1, 2, White, 1st smart Goldie, steady, nice trim; 2nd, Bullie, good bird; 3, Atkin, nice Goldie.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

The 18th annual members' show was held on December 14th, in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. The weather was dry and clear, and the hall was comfortably filled during the whole of the afternoon. There were 70 classes under three judges, and over five hundred birds were staged. The Norwich and Crest section, Judge, Mr. W. D. Milne (Montrose), presented a splendid show, and so uniformly good was the quality that Mr. Milne had no easy time selecting the winners. Mr. Archd. Patterson was successful in gaining Challenge Cup for best young Canary, Mule or Hybrid, and the same bird also won the Stewart Challenge Cup and Gold Medal for best bird, all sections, shown by a Novice. This award gave general satisfaction, the bird being a perfect topper, showing type and quality at every point, and should be heard of among the topnunkers at many of our shows. Mr. Andrew Miller, Anniesland, judged the Borders and all other varieties of Canaries, and although the array was not quite so formidable, the quality was good, some of the Novices running well-known winners very hard for first places. Mr. G. G. Henderson's very fine Norwich Clnn. won Gold Medal for best old Canary, Mule or Hybrid, and Mr. R. Eastman won the handsome tea-set with his Yorks. The British and Foreign section under Mr. John Muir as judge, was indeed a treat, and needed all the skill of this well-known expert to place the birds in their relative positions. However, the task was well accomplished and everybody seemed satisfied. Every class here was exceptionally fine, some of the pick of British birds in Scotland being before the judge, and all joined, fanciers and visitors alike, in admiring the splendid condition of these pretty little feathered friends, the gems of our bonny land. The medal for best British or Foreign was awarded to Mr. Tom Erskine for his superb Tanager, and although this foreigner ousted our own birds, not a single grumble was heard, for truly this was a wonderful exhibit. The beautiful delicate colouring, the splendid condition, and the lovely sheen making "superb" the only word that could suitably depict this handsome bird. Over seventy other specials were annexed by the various exhibitors, and taking it all over the show was a great success. Larger entries, better quality and more visitors all constitute the show a record; it is hoped this will be broken next year. Much of the success of the show is due to the untiring efforts of the secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. A. Brown, who had the arrangements well in hand, and has proved more than once that he knows how to conduct a show. He was ably supported by Messrs. R. Eastman (President), W. Abercrombie (vice-president), A. K. Chalmers, A. Sloan, C. B. Whitelaw, P. Thaw, A. M'Callum, G. G. Henderson, J. Ferguson, G. M'Phail, D. Grabam, and S. Ward.

Young Birds.

NOR. YELL. CK: 1, Ramsden's Medal, Smith, nice bird, in fine order, a beauty; 2, M'Leod, real topper and no mistake, rare, good substance for a yell; 3, Sloan; 4, Colley; 5, Ferguson; 6, Thaw. BUFF: 1, 5, Easton, very nice head, fine colour; 2, Young, another nice one; 3, Chalmers; 4, Ferguson, 6, Tannoch. YELL VAR. CK: 1, Ferguson, marked on head and neck, very nice quality of feather, shown to perfection; 2, Thompson, rare and chubby, wing carriage A1, little more size would make a good one; 3, Henderson, rare size, good, round head, well put down; 4, Sloan; 5, 6, Crawford. BUFF: 1, spl, medal and Novice Cup, Patterson, nicely marked, good size, fine substance; 2, Patterson, built on similar lines as winner; 3, Henderson; 4, Crawford; 5, Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, McLay, good stamp, nice quality, wins easy; 2, Smith, another nice quality bird; 3, Tannoch, poor head, fair body; 4, Chalmers; 5, Crawford; 6, Ferguson. BUFF: 1, M'Leod, good size, true to type, rare shower; 2, spl, Smith, presses winner; 3, Sloan; 4, Graham; 5, Ferguson. YELL. VAR: 1, Tannoch, typical and neat, well put down; 2, Patterson, very chubby, good quality, well placed; 3, Crawford; 4, Ferguson; 5, Chambers; 6, Sloan. BUFF: 1, Gowans, lovely bloom, good type; 2, Henderson; 3, Easton, grand size; 4, Laidlaw, rare good one; 5, Sloan; 6, Smith. NON-FED CK: 1, McLay, nice quality; 2, 3, Patterson; 4, Easton. HEN: 1, McLay; 2, Patterson; 3, Thaw; 4, Young, 5, Chambers; 6, Gowans. BORD. YELL. CK: 1, Colley, nicely drawn, well carried wings and tail, wins; 2, Eastman, rare bloom; 4, McLay; 5, D Brown; 6, J. Brown. BUFF: 1, spl, Colley, sweet gem, shown to perfection; 2, D. Brown; 3, Eastman; 4, Whitelaw; 5, G. Henderson; 6, McLay. YELL. HEN: 1, Colley, ticked head, grand type, fine close tail; 2, 4, Whitelaw; 3, spl, Henderson; 5, D Brown. BUFF: 1, D. Brown; 2, Eastman; 3, 4, Colley; 5, Whitelaw; 6, Glen. CREST CK: 1, McPhail, D.C. var, nice broad entrance, rare leafy Crest, wins well; 2, Thompson; 3, McLay; 4, 5, spl, Griffiths. HEN: 1, McPhail; 2, Laidlaw; 3, McNicol; 4, Griffiths. CRESTBRED CK: 1, 2, Griffiths; 3, Tweedie; 4, Thompson; 5, McLay. HEN: 1, Thompson, wing marked, good cushion, nice broad entrance; 2, Stewart; 3, McPhail; 4, Crawford. YORKS. CK: 1, Gibb; 2, Martin; 3, spl, McDonald. HEN: 1, Gibb; 2, Crawford. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Chalmers; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, McLay; 4, Fyfe. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, spl, Sloan, Siskin mule a very good one, we nearly lost our eyesight looking for the white feathers; 2, McNeal, Goldie-Canary, grand mule, the lightness was visible in this one. DARK: 1, 3, spl, Sloan, 1st, nice fed Siskin-Canary, 3rd, very good natural Siskin-Canary; 2, Donaghy, Greenfinch-Canary; 4, Crawford; 5, Watson.

Old Birds.

NOR. YELL CK: 1, spl, Crawford; 2, Sloan; 3, J. Brown; 4, Sloan; 5, spl, Gamble; 6, Graham. BUFF: L. P. Thaw, rare true Nor. type, short and chubby, rare taking one, nice silky feather, best of head; 2, Smith; 3, Griffith; 4, Gowans; 5, Sloan; 6, Tannoch. BUFF VAR. CK: 1, Smith, rare size and type, very fine bird, good colour and quality; 2, Ferguson, good head, nice short wings and tail; 3, Erskine; 4, Gowans; 5, McPhail; 6, Graham. YELL. HEN: 1, Erskine, nice and typical 2, Smith; 3, Gowans 4th, we could not find when taking notes; 5, Chalmers; 6, R. A. Brown. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Sloan, nice typical wee hen, true Bullie type, well carried wings, shows well; 2, Ferguson; 3, Patterson; 4, (no name). YELL. VAR: 1, Thomson, nice head, good round front, nice quality; 2, Smith; 3, Gowans; 4, Graham; 5, spl, Tannoch. BUFF: 1, Chalmers, nice type, good head, rare front; 2, Chalmers, well-known winner, taking a back seat to-day; 3, 6, Donaghy; 4, spl, McLintock; 5, Martin. HEN: 1, spl, McLay, bonneer for size, rare front, good action wins; 2, Thaw, rare size of a yell, nice round front, good head; 3, Crawford; 4, 5, Sloan; 6, Young. BORD. YELL. CK: 1, Colley, neat exhibit, good type, full of quality; 2, Eastman, another taking bird; 3, 5, J. Brown; 3rd, nice sprightly chap, full of quality; 4, Whitelaw; 6, Geddes. BUFF: 1, spl, Whitelaw, good buff, shows well; 2, 3, Eastman, very close up; 4, J. Brown. YELL. HEN: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Eastman; 3, Chalmers. BUFF: 1, 3, Eastman; 1st, rare still, well drawn, a treat; 2, Whitelaw; 4, Colley; 5, spl, J. Brown. CREST CK: 1, McLay; 2, spl, Hyde's, Chalmers; 3, Laidlaw; 4, spl, Thomson; 5, McMillan; 6, Griffiths. HEN: 1, Chalmers; 2, McLay; 3, Tweedie; 4, Tweedie; 5, McMillan; 6, Crawford. HEN: 1, McPhail; 2, Thomson. YORKS. CK: 1, (no name); 2, Brown; 3 Crawford. HEN: 1, 2, McDonald; 3, R. A. Brown. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, G. G. Henderson, very nice exhibit; 2, Fyfe; 3, Scott; 4, Smith; 5, Scott; 6, Crawford. LIGHT MULE, ETC: 1, Erskine; 2, Craig. DARK: 1, Erskine; 2, T. Erskine; 3, Ward; 4, Geddes. A.O.V. DARK: 1, Erskine; 2, Sloan; 3, spl, Eastman; all of the Siskin cross. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Ward; 2, G. Henderson; 4, 5, Scott; 6, Hendry. LINNET: 1, 2, Henderson; 1st, good size, nice colour; 3, 4, Ward, some preferred to 2nd; 5, 6, McAllam, brace of toppers, splendid size, pencilling perfection, nice nutty brown. BULLFINCH: 1, Chalmers, good size and colour, good cap and bars, stands alone; 2, Taylor; 3, (no name); 4, George; 5, McMillan; 6, Forrester. SISKIN (FED): 1, 3, spl, Erskine; 2, G. G. Henderson; 5, McLintock; 5, 6, Craig. NON-FED: 1, spl, George, nice dense cap, well laced; 2, Erskine; 3, Crawford; 4, R. Eastman. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 6, Hendry, good flush, nice bib; 2, G. G. Henderson, extra good colour, in rare trim; 3, Sam Ward, rattling good Poll, the best of size; 4, Watson. TWITE, ETC: 1, M. Craig, peculiar colour, good size, nice stamp; 2, 3, Ward; 4, Graham; 5, G. G. Henderson; 6, Todd. GREENFINCH FED: 1, Ward; 2, McLintock, rare good yell, in best of condition; 3, Sloan; 4, Henderson. NON-FED: 1, Scott; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, Watson, good size and colour; 4, Donaghy, little wild; 5, Ward; 6, Graham. YELLOWHAMMER: 1, Craig, good, marked head, nice colour; 2, Erskine; 3, Hendry; 4, Ward; 5, Simpson. A.O.S. BUNTING: 1, Scott, nice, blackheaded Bunting; 2 Hendry, Snow Bunting; 3, Erskine, blackheaded Bunting. CHAFFINCH: 1, G. G. Henderson, rare size, good colour; 2, Gibbs; 3, Hendry; 4, 5, Craig; 6, Forrester. BRAMBLE: 1, spl, G. G. Henderson, rare size, good colour, well spangled; 2, Erskine; 3, 5, Craig; 4, Hendry; 6, Gibbs. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, Watson, good cap and bars, in very decent order; 2, Henderson, good colour, fine cap, well staged; 3 4, Hendry. A.O.V. HEN (for Hybrid breeding): 1, 2, 5, Erskine; 1st, nice Goldie; 2nd, Siskin; 5th, nice Greenie; 4, Craig. SMALL BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Erskine, 1st, good Crested-tit; 2nd, Blackcap; 3, Gray Wag; 4, Taylor; 5, Craig, Meadow Pipit. LARGE: 1, Sam Ward rare good Hawfinch in spanking form; 2, Craig, Hawfinch; 3, McAllam, very nice Song Thrush; 4, G. G. Henderson, Hawfinch; 5, Craig, Crossbill. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Laidlaw, nice face, well buttoned; 2, Brown, good size, nice flush, well tanned; 3, spl, Ward, rare good Finch; 4, G. G. Henderson; 5, spl, McNicol; 6, Sloan. SMALL FOR: 1, Erskine. LARGE: 1, Craig. SELL: 1, 6, McLeod; 2, Henderson; 3, Tweedie; 4, Thaw; 5, Brown. GIFT: 1, (no name); 2, Sloan; 3, Easton. HYDE'S: Winner, Chalmers, 2nd in Class 39, No. 7.

HYSON GREEN.

The Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. held their annual exhibition December 7th in that large and well-lighted room in connection with the Cricket Players' Inn. The show itself was one of the best the society has ever had, both as regards quality and quantity. The staging was, on this occasion, arranged differently, and was certainly a great improvement. The Norwich were truly a magnificent lot, and one would have to go to a great number of shows to see anything better. This district abounds with true Norwich Fanciers and birds. The Crests and Crestbreds were not very numerous, but some magnificent birds were staged, which do great credit to their owners. The Foreign and Britishers were a splendid lot, and were a show in themselves. The management was splendidly carried out. The officials were: President, Mr. R. Rhodes; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. F. Birch and G. C. Ley; treasurer, Mr. W. Cottingham; secretary, Mr. Ernest Garton, who is deserving of great praise on his successful management; assistant-secretary, Mr. T. Cutting; committee, Messrs. J. Bertie, E. Wolfe, F. Willis, T. Andrea, J. Breffit, and A. Bexton. Mr. Wm. Irvine, of Hucknall, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The premier prize for most points was won by Mr. J. Bertie, with a magnificent team. Other special winners were Messrs. J. Birch, G. Hill, E. Wolfe, and W. Cottingham.

NORWICH CL. YELL. (7): a most magnificent class; 1, Bertie, clinker, grand substance, shape and quality, good head and neck; 2, Hill, another good one, rare shape, splendid quality, grand head, Nor. all over; 3, Deverill, smart little bird, true Nor. type. BUFF (6): 1, Barns, nice size, true shape, short and cobby, well packed wings; 2, Hill, another good exhibit, rare Nor. type, splendid colour and quality; 3, Birch, yet another good one, nice size, beautiful quality, three good ones, not much between. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Birch, rare bird of right type, colour and quality; 2, Paling, another rare shaped bird, good wing carriage; 3, Deverill, nice specimen, well worth place. BUFF (11): grand class; 1, Bertie, wonder for size and substance, combined with type and quality, grand, neat, round head, wins well; 2, Birch, another good one, rare specimen all over; 3, Hill, not far behind, good all-round Norwich; three worth taking a good walk to look at. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (10): Another good class; 1, 3, H. Newman, 1st good yellow green, topper for shape, well-packed wings; 3rd much the same style, buff green, good one; 2, Hill, another good buff green, rare Bullfinch type, good substance. YELL. UNFLI. (9): a rare class of youngsters, should be heard of again; 1, Hill, bouncer for substance and shape, wins well; 2, 3, Birch, two bonny youngsters, right type, should be hard to beat after another moult. BUFF (15): big and good class; 1, J. R. Newman, beauty, right type, size and substance, wins well; 2, Sharpe, another good one, nice head and neck, splendid wing carriage; 3, H. Newman, nice sweet specimen, rare substance, well packed wings and tail. YELL. HENS (7): 1, Bertie, bonny lady, grand type and substance, well filled up neck, never been beaten; 2, 3, Hill, 2nd another sweet damsel, grand type; rare head and neck, splendid quality and colour; 3rd another hen of the right kind. BUFF (13): 1, Deverill, clear, sweet lady, correct Nor. type, clean cut away behind, good one; 2, Chambers, new beginner, deserves a medal for putting down such a beauty, sweet little damsel; 3, Paling, another good one, grand little hen, good shape, nice head and neck. STOCK PAIRS (9): 1, Sharp, rare pair, well balanced, wins well; 2, Birch, another pair worth their place, good size, substance and quality; 3, Hill, well balanced pair, should produce something. A.V. UNFLD. (6): 1, Chambers, rare exhibit for a novice, good shape, nice head, well packed wings; 2, 3, Bertie, a buff, ticked, and an even marked buff, both rare shape, good substance and quality, well worth colour feeding. YELL. D.C. (2): 1, Cottingham, useful bird, good size crest for a yellow; 2, Cowperthwaite, nice exhibit, neat, good-shaped crest. BUFF (1): Wolfe, good one, green, large, well-formed, heavy drooping crest. LIGHT (1): Brown, good specimen. A.V. CREST HENS (5): 1, Bertie, good specimen, rare substance and shape, large, well-formed, weeping crest, nice, leafy feather; 2, Wolfe, another good one, nice hen; 3, Holmes, another good hen. YELL. C.B. (3): 1, Brown, yellow green, rare substance, splendid head of good shape; 2, Bertie, another good one, clear, rare substance. BUFF (5): 1, Brown, rare specimen of its class, grand head, good shape, nice leafy head feather, wide entrance; 2, Bertie, another topper, great substance and feather; 3, Holmes, another fine bird, right kind. YELL. HEN: 1, Wolfe, useful lady for a yellow, good size, rare head and feather. BUFF (3): 1, Wolfe, really fine hen, grand shaped, cushioned head, nice entrance; 2, Bertie, good one, very close up; 3, Willis, useful for stock, good size. STOCK PAIRS CREST (2): 1, Wolfe, useful, large, good heads, wealth of right kind of feather; 2, Cottingham, another useful pair, close up. CREST, UNFLIG. (3): 1, Bertie, buff D.C., crest rare shape, size and quality, splendid droop, wins well; 2, Rensham, useful ben, nice crest; 3, Wolfe, good heavy feather. C.B. (3): 1, Wolfe; 2, Holmes; 3, Brown, three useful birds, not much to choose between them. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Bertie, grand team of Cinnamons, fine size and substance, good heads and necks, grand quality feather. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Caunt, first Bramblefinch, second, Goldfinch, both grand exhibits; 3, Garton, splendid Bullie, in the pink. FOREIGN SMALL (6): 1, Garton, pair of Pekins in splendid condition; 2, Garton, Orange Bishop, a gem. LARGE: 1, 2, Caunt, Budgerigars.

OBAN.

The annual show of the Oban C.S. was held in the Argyllshire Gathering Hall, on December 12. The cage bird section (confined to a local area) was not numerically as strong as last year, but the quality was very good, many of the exhibits being quite able to hold their own in open competition. The hall is a grand one for a show, well lighted and free from draughts. The committee are men of the correct stamp, and everything was done for the comfort of the exhibitors. Messrs. Nimmo and Paterson, the hon. secs. are to be congratulated on the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Mr. Wm. C. Smith (Balguhiddler) was judge, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. SCOTCH FANCY, CL., ETC., COCK: 1, hc, Fotheringham, well up, good length of side, very free mover, gets to work early; 2, vhc, Wedderspoon, stylish; 3, McCulloch, fine substance, well up on leg. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Fotheringham, very good team; 1st, nice style, fine quality, grand length of side; 2nd, another good one, grand drive, fine shoulders, good reach; 3rd, neat exhibit. PIED GREEN: 1, Fotheringham, good one, very free mover, gets to work early shows grand top end; 2, McCulloch, another good mover, nice shoulders, grand depth across; 3, vhc, Wedderspoon, fine stylish bird, well up on leg. NOR. COCK, COL. FED: 1, Bryce, cl., yell., good colour, fine type; 2, vhc, Skinner, not dry when judged, clear buff, grand Nor. type, nicely rounded, like a piece of wax, was awarded gold medal for best members' bird; 3, Clapperton, yellow grizzle back, fine stamp; hc, Simpson; c, Livingstone. HEN: 1, Cameron, grand buff, fine type, beautiful frosting, wins well; 2, 3, c, Skinner; 2, good yellow, grizzled fine stamp; 3, another good yellow; vhc, Hope; hc, Simpson. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, Cameron, nice typical buff, head finely rounded; 2, Pringle, another buff of the same type; 3, Hope, fine stout bird; vhc, Skinner; hc, Wright; c, McKinnon. BORD. FANCY CK: 1, Simpson, little beauty, grand condition, staged in grand style; 2, Clapperton, clear buff, nice shape, good head and wing carriage; 3, vhc, Skinner; 3rd, yellow, fine stamp; hc, Robinson. HEN: 1, Simpson, gem, and no mistake, like wax, staged to perfection, could win in better company; 2, 3, Skinner, two very nice ones. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, McDougal, two very nice Yorks., buff leading; 3, Pringle, another of the same variety; vhc, Alcorn. BRIT.: 1, McDougal, grand Missel Thrush, in faultless condition, steady as a rock, wins; 2, Simpson, very fine Hawfinch, good bib, splendid head colour, staged to perfection, must have pressed; 3, c, Skinner, very fine Siskin; vhc, Gray; hc, Campbell. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Skinner, two Siberians, 1st best in blaze, 3rd hardly ready yet, both grand polish; 2nd, good Britisher. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Hamilton, fine chubby bird; 2, Campbell, good colour; 3, Skinner, newly caught, apparently, will improve. LINNET: 1, Cameron, nice marked Linnet; 2, McDougal, grand colour, size and markings. TWITE: A grand class, not a bad one among them; 1, 2, 3, vhc, Skinner, rare team and no mistake, 1st, largest bird in class, full of markings, beautiful whites, nice colour; 2nd, must have been hard to separate; 3rd, good markings, beautiful colour; hc, Campbell; c, McCallum. HYBRID, ETC.: 1, 2, Skinner, 1st light Goldie Mule, nearly even marked, rare size, could win in better company; 2nd, fine yell. Siskin Mule, nice exhibit; 3, Livingstone, another Goldie Mule.—CAGE BIRD A.V. (confined to children): 1, McColl, pair of Budgerigars; 2, vhc, Fotheringham, both Scotch Fancies; 3, Clapperton, Siskin; hc, Cameron; c, McCulloch.

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GATESHEAD:

A Record-Breaking Event.

That go-ahead North-country Society, the Gateshead and District C.B.S. was favoured with a magnificent success at the show held on December 13 and 14, last. The splendid Burt Terrace Drill Hall, of which we had heard so much, and found even exceeded our high expectations, was filled with a collection of cage birds such as is rarely seen at any provincial fixture. It was not one section that towered above the others in number of exhibits, all were alike in being excellently filled, and with birds of the highest possible quality—the cream of the country, in fact. To come down to cold figures, 1217 birds faced the five judges, Messrs. G. Gardner, J. Robson, and G. E. Weston (London), W. Vardy (Hucknall), and J. S. Wilson (Workington), and these provided them with a busy morning's work. Luckily the light was very good the major portion of the time, and as the hall has plenty of windows on every side, in addition to a good top light, this assisted them greatly. The exhibits were splendidly staged, in the latest (and unquestionably the best) style—in flat tiers, resembling the shelves of a bookcase, a plan which leaves the maximum amount of space for visitors, and at the same time, displays the birds themselves in the best possible manner. The hall, too, was warmed to just the right temperature. The steady ding of the judges, and the staging and feeding of the birds were in the hands of skilled and tried fanciers, and so it is hardly needful to add that order reigned supreme, and that everything went off without a hitch. Under the watchful eye of the able secretary, Mr. T. Taylor, every precaution that could be thought of was adopted to safeguard the prompt arrival and despatch of the birds, and the confidence of the Fancy in responding with such a magnificent entry was not misplaced; while the management remains in the present hands, indeed, Gateshead will surely never lack for entries. Mr. Taylor is a fancier and exhibitor himself, so knows how he likes to be treated when he is showing, and he carries out the principle of "do unto others," etc., to the full, and this, needless to say, meets with due appreciation. In capability, enthusiasm, and courteousness, the president, Mr. A. Brown, runs his secretary very closely, and he worked his hardest to make everybody's path a smooth one. The other hardworking officials were Mr. F. F. Hawkins, the chairman, Mr. J. Weatherston, the vice-chairman, with Messrs. J. Brown, W. Longstaff, T. Kirkpatrick, G. Logan, R. Johnson, G. Buck, N. Jerdan, H. George, J. Little, R. Lowery, F. Hayes, and A. Lister as committee, and J. Grieve as assistant secretary, and a due share of the success achieved must be put to the credit of those good fanciers. Among the helpers were Messrs. G. Robson and J. Maddison, and other efficient stewards. The exhibition was declared open by the Mayor of Gateshead, Ald. A. Gillies, J.P., who made a most sympathetic speech, evidencing his good-will towards the Society, and his high appreciation of the keeping of pet birds as a first-rate hobby to take up. The awarding of the Challenge Cup for best bird in the show was one of the eagerly looked forward to events, and this knotty point took a bit of deciding, and roused quite a heated debate 'twixt the judges. Mr. Grey's buff Norwich, Messrs. Murgatroyd and Son's marked yellow Yorks, Mr. Taylor's young Crest, and Mr Williams' Goldie-Bullfie Hybrid were the contestants, and eventually the two latter were left in the ring, when a vote of the judges saw the Crest, the noted 'King Edward,' left the proud possessor of the trophy. His owner received hearty hand-shakes and congratulations from all round the hall, the victory being a highly popular one. In addition to the entry, Gateshead were favoured with a record "gate," and, what is always welcome, a record "take," at the sales office. On the Friday the attendance of fanciers was a strong one, but on the Saturday, despite the dismal weather conditions, bird-lovers flocked from all quarters, so that even the spacious aisles of the Drill Hall were taxed to their utmost holding capacity. The Gateshead Society certainly has cause for self-congratulation on its grand 1907 exhibition.

Norwich and Yorkshires a Hot Lot.

Norwich Plainheads opened the programme, and it was said on all hands that birds of higher quality had not been seen for many a long day, if ever, in this corner of England. Many noted studs fought it out for the prizes, and the coveted cards were pretty evenly distributed, "deck-sweeping" being rather too tall an order to be carried out at Gateshead. Graud exhibits for type, and silky, well-laid-on plumage, were to be seen right through the old-bird classes, while the three unflighted classes were scorchers, with 68 youngsters in them. The judge had an anxious time, but we heard hardly a grumble after he had made up his mind, and allotted the cards. Mr. A. Grey's (Morpeth) clear buff, a wonder for size, shape and texture of feather, and neatness itself, he considered the pick of the section, and a tough battle it waged for the cup. Other specimens of outstanding merit were staged by the same exhibitor, and also by Messrs. Harland, Sandiford, A. Brown, Cowling, Hope, Younghusband, Haigh and Son, Stanger and Herdman, Dobinson, Pickering and Wright, Slater, Mercer, Corston, Richardson, J. and J. Hopkins, and Hayes. It was a grand show of Plainheads, without a doubt. The Cinnamons were also a nice lot, while the Yorkshires were simply superb, and present in excellent numbers. Such a fine display of these graceful birds did great credit to the show. Taken on the whole, the type throughout was first-class, worthy of any fixture in the county of broad acres itself. The birds in the money were all admirable specimens, and Messrs. Cuthbertson, Murgatroyd and Son, Broughton, Stewart, Stebbings, Rhodes, Rennie, Carr, Tweedie and Grieve, are to be congratulated on the teams they put down. The Scots Fancies, too, made a trio of strong classes, a very pleasing thing, and Messrs. W. B. Cobb, Lugton, Willison, Little, Chapman, Sloan and Dixon staged some beauties, strong in all the true properties of the "bird of circle." They found many admirers. The bargains in the selling classes, attracted an eager crowd, and made Secretary Taylor rub his hands with satisfaction when the cash commenced to come in. Mr. Stoves, we heard, annexed Hyde's special.

Some Splendid Crests.

Crests and Crestbreds made a splendid show. There were about 150 in the 14 classes, the members' section contributing no fewer than 51 of the number, an average exactly equal to that of the open section. There seems to be a strong desire on the part of Crest-breeders in the north to get substance in body and quality of feather as well as crest, and in this point many of the birds shown were conspicuous. It is true that here and there a bird with a washed out appearance to its feather might be seen, but in many cases the buffs showed that beautiful mellow tone of feather which adds so much to the beauty and finish of any bird; and this is a step in the right direction. In the crestbreds many specimens were noticeable for the width as well as length of the individual head feathers, and this was combined with fulness, or density. What is referred to here as density has to do with quantity. There are crestbreds with length of head feather, and they have plenty of lashing to boot; but it is when one comes to test one of the full, long, dense ones, that the "clothing" is revealed to perfection. Mr. T. Taylor is to be congratulated upon securing the Society's champion trophy in this section with his grand young crest, "King Edward." This bird was first awarded special for best crest or crestbred over Mr. Roberts' wonderful crestbred, "Blackpool Wonder"—a close race decided on condition as the turning point, and then, after prolonged discussion, the judges awarded him the cup. We congratulate Mr. Taylor on his popular and deserved win. Indeed his comrades congratulated him on all hands. In the midst of congratulations on the general quality of the section, one feels bound to turn aside and note the regrettable falling off in yellows, for these in no way compared, in point of merit, with the buffs.

The International Border Contest.

The Border classes held two teams of winners, and some beautiful little gems, so stylish in action and manner that they fairly took the visiting public's heart by storm. Some keen comments were expressed by not a few—at times both amusing and instructive. The splendid entry of 224 exhibits faced Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington), which must have been very gratifying to him, and must also have been very trying to get through in such a limited space of time. This being the International contest between the Scottish Club and the English and Welsh Clubs, was the reason of so many champions coming together to do battle for their respective countries. We were a little astonished to find only a paltry six members upholding the cause of poor Auld Scotland, but what they lost in numbers was well balanced by the high quality of the exhibits brought forward by them, and they won comfortably. We are not quite sure of the total points of each club, as some of the members may have neglected to mark their entry forms, but hope to see the exact statement shortly. The most prominent on the Scottish side were Messrs. Bennet, Patterson, Brown, Arnot and Jamieson, Hislop and McVittie, who, amongst them, carried away nine of the firsts, the remaining seven being won by Messrs. Jenkins, Poole, Roberts, Dixon, and Thompson. The medal for best Border was won by a rare clear buff hen shown by Mr. Jenkins, all the way from Swansea. The Novice medal went to a grand buff foul cock, shown by Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling), which we greatly admired, and many thought it might have stood higher up in its class, if it was looking as well when being judged. We were unable to learn this, owing to Mr. Wilson having to leave early.

Three Fascinating Sections.

The Hybrids, British and Foreign sections all attracted an entry large in number, and of the very highest standard as regards quality. In the former the "Mule King," Mr. John Williams paid one of his scarce visits to the show-room (this season, at all events), and his wonderful examples of the Hybrid breeder's art were the admiration of all. His famous Goldie-Bullie lost the Cup by a "short head" only. Mr. C. J. Ward's Redpoll-Bullie is most promising, and the very light Siskin Mules of Mr. Paton provided a distinct novelty. We were sorry Mr. Maddison's example of this cross was absent. Competition was exceedingly keen—fancy the best clear Goldie out only getting a third! The Britishers were a remarkable collection from beginning to end, the strongest class of all, we thought, being that for Linnets. In this, by the way, we were astonished at the number of hens on view. We like pencilling certainly, but we also like it to be on a cock bird. The section special went to Mr. R. J. Howe's Hoopoe, a grand one. In the "Lark" class the judge apparently did not consult his schedule, as he put a Meadow Pipit 3rd, and this requires some stretch of imagination to be converted into a Lark (query, was the exhibitor indulging in one?). A lovely Albino Yellowhammer was put on view by Mr. Kell, but it had to be "wrong class," no place for rare-feathered birds being provided in the classification. The Foreign birds were a beautiful and fascinating assortment. Staged in a cosy and well-lighted spot, they attracted the admiring glances of every passer-by. In conclusion, we may say that the judges seemed, one and all, to have been successful, taking the classes on the whole, in placing the exhibits in their proper order of merit.

Mr. W. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Sandiford, 1st, grand type, full of quality and colour, in splendid condition, wins nicely; 3rd, another very fine bird in every respect, beaten a shade in substance but close up; 2, vhc, Brown, grand size, the best of quality and colour, with a really grand head, excellent wings and tail; 4, Harland, rare good bird for size and quality, very stylish, beaten only in colour; hc, Cowling; c, Grey, also two good ones; a grand class, all very close together.—BUFF (20): 1, spl., Grey, extra large one, of splendid type, teeming with quality and colour, grand chest and a wonderful good head, was out for the Cup; 2, Cowling, another really beautiful bird, grand type, excelling in quality and colour; 3, Brown, splendid shape and quality, fine colour and mealy shade finer in substance; 4, Hope, large one of good type and quality; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Irons; c, Godley; another splendid class of birds. YELLOW MARK (3): 1, Sandiford, eye mark, one of the best out, splendid type, clean cut all over, well up in quality and colour, put down in grand trim; 2, Grey, variegated, good substance, best of heads, beauty for colour and quality, close up; 3, Younghusband, grand size, teeming with colour and quality, perhaps a shade longer than the leaders; 4, Haigh and Sons, another very nice bird, close up, typical gem for quality; vhc, Rowell, also a most typical bird; hc, Wake and Carr; c, French. MARK BUFF (14): 1, Sandiford, thigh mark, a regular stormer, grand type and quality, extra good in head and chest, lovely under-colour and mealy; 2, 3, Harland, mark root of tail, grand size, excels in quality and colour, fine frosting, a close race; 3, mark back of head very nice bird all over, lacking the colour of its stable companion; 4, Stanger and Herdman, again splendid type, quality and colour A1; vhc, hc, Cameron; c, Brown. YELLOW HEN (11): 1, Cowling, a regular beauty, one of the best, hard to find a fault with; 2, Sandiford, another very good clear, chubby, teeming with quality and colour, very close up; 3, 4, Harland, lovely damsel, very short and chubby, grand in quality and colour, well worthy of the place; 4, real good hen, rather longer; vhc, Cameron; hc, McKay; c, Bewick. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Dobinson, a splendid clear, bouncer for size, lovely shape, very tight in feather; 2, Harland, another fine clear, plenty of substance, excellent head and chest, a grand hen; 3, vhc, Pickering and Wright, mark back of head, all there for type, good head, best of quality, rather long in wings; 4, Slater, another very nice hen, rare good type, a size smaller; hc, Haigh and Sons; c, Sandiford. UNFLI. YELL. (19): 1, Mercer, grand youngster for size, colour and quality, A1 shape, shown in splendid form, wins; 2, Dobinson, really splendid clear, very chubby and well cut, full of quality, a tight run; 3, Harland, grand type, excels in quality and colour also very close up; 4, Pickering and Wright, large bird of good quality, very taking shape; vhc, French; hc, Younghusband; c, Rowell; this was a splendid class, two sets of winners could easily have been found in it. UNFLI. BUFF (27): 1, Younghusband, one of the very best, as round as a ball, grand size, charming colour and quality, hard to find fault with anywhere; 2, Dobinson, another real grand youngster, a short, cobby clear, excellent colour and frosting; 3, Mercer, mark back of head, large and shapely, full of colour and quality; 4, Harland, grand bird for type and quality, close up; vhc, Godley; hc, Haigh and Sons; c, Wake and Carr; this was another extra good class, not a bad bird amongst them. UNFLI. HENS 22): 1, Sandiford, clear yellow, gem for size, best of type, tight as wax, with extra good head, wins; 2, Richardson, clear buff, another splendid hen, bouncer for size, real good texture of feather and shape; 3, Haigh and Sons, buff, good one for type, colour and quality of the best, excellent substance; 4, Corston, clear yellow, very nice size, beautiful quality and colour, very close up; vhc, hc, Irons; c, Brown, three fine hens; another exceedingly good class. NAT. COLOUR (13): 1, Irons, buff, mark root of tail, well-known winner, regular bouncer, often described, wins well; 2, J. and J. Hopkins, yellow, cap and wing mark, splendid type and quality, with the best of carriage, a model, but meets another stormer to-day; 3, Hayes, clear yell, grand size and quality, splendid head; 4, Grey, a buff, looks like a hen, splendid type and quality, very chubby, nice exhibit, hard lines to meet leaders; vhc, Carston; hc, Hay; c, Brown. CINN. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Godley, 1st, yellow of grand size, full of quality, regular good one; 2, Riding, another grand hird, only beaten in substance, fine tone of colour; 3, Yates, best of colour and quality, very shapely; 4, Dormer, another very good one all round, grand in quality. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Godley, a grand team in every respect, stands well out, 1st, extra good in size and colour, with best of quality, all of good type; 4, Yates, nice colour and quality; vhc, Taylor. HEN (6): 1, 4, 1, 4, hc, Godley, 1st, yellow of grand size, full of true colour and quality, regular gem; 2, 3, Riding, also two very good hens, the right type and colour; vhc, Dormer, close up, hard to separate. UNFLI (10): 1, 2, 3, Godley, 1st, yellow, one of the very best; 2nd, 3rd, two very good exhibits, hard to part; 4, vhc, Dormer, fine youngster, close up; hc, Hargreaves; c, Taylor and Sanderson.

Mr. G. Gardner's Classes.

CREST YELL. A.V. (6): 1, spl, 3, Curragh and Son, the leader a grizzle crest, good substance, nice long frontal and neatest in shape; third another grizzle, good frontal; 2, 4, vhc, Taylor, the former a bird with a mixed crest, more of it, long and finished in shape; fourth vgtd. dark crest, a very neat bird; hc, Curragh and Son. CREST CL. ETC. (9): 1, spl, Edwards, best formation, grizzle, nice substance, good centre and grand all round; 2, Lister, grizzle, dense, long front, inclined to squareness, a bonnie bird that was close on the winner; 3, Godley, clear crest, very dense and small centre, all round close on the others, these three were very close together; 4, vhc, Lazarus, the former another rattling good one; hc, Evins Bros.; c, Stoyer. CREST CK. BUFF A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, Roberts, "King of the North," in fine form, a bird with a grand frontal which does not spoil the formation, as some long frontals do, nice quality of feather, and good body, wins; 2, Godley, another rattling good bird, fine in dip and frontal, a bird that wants setting back anywhere, and only a good one can do it; 3, Armstrong, very nice, dense, and a gem; 4, Radley, long frontal, centre far back, very dense; vhc, Bewick, "Miner's King"; hc, Lister; c, Tyson. CREST HEN (8): 1, spl, Evins Bros., nearly green, very nice vein, good centre, droops well, nice formation; 2, McColl, another sweet bird, shapely and good all round; 3, Pearce, thick crest, nice length and shape, a topping hen; 4, Armstrong, veiny crest, rare quality; vhc, Tyson; hc, Routledge; c, Lister. CREST, 1907 (10): 1, cup, 2 spls, Taylor, "King Edward," grand frontal and formation, referred to in our notes above; 2, Tyson, a rattling good bird, with a long sweeping crest, one of the sort that improve, grand body; 3, 4, Dobson and Son, the former dense, nice vein, a bit tilted, but a very good one, fourth nice length and vein, good body; vhc, Almond; hc, Lister; c, Routledge, a fine class for quality. C.-BRED CK. (13): 1, spl, Roberts, "Blackpool Wonder," and a wonderful bird to boot, nearly green, with a massive head, looking like the dome of St. Paul's as against a pigmy, beside some pitted against him, grand depth of cushion, very wide in the entrance, the head feather, of rich vein, and with a wonderful turn back, a topper; 2, vhc, medal, Mole, vgtd., another grand beaded bird, said to be the Westminster winner, wide entrance, great width of back skull, deep in dome, very dense and wide in head feather, and splendid turn back; further, has a short beak and a rattling body; 3, Godley, well lashed and very long in turn back, massive in skull; 4, Radley, another dense and long feathered bird, with a head that appeals to one at a glance; vhc, Taylor, a lovely bird for finish and quality, grandly lashed head, sharply on the heels of fourth; hc, Tyson; c, Bewick. C.-BRED HEN (13): 1, spl, Armstrong lightly vgtd., very wide skull, back and entrance, long in turn back, wide in individual feather, nice body; 2, Tyson, nearly green, a hen after our own heart, grand body, indeed as big as a good many cocks in this respect, rich and veiny in feather all through, with beautiful bloom on top, dense and long in head feather and deeply cushioned, either might have won; 3, Evins Bros., another of the green persuasion, rare skull, dense in head feather; 4, hc, Taylor, the former vgtd., nice head; vhc, Richardson; c, McColl. C.-BRED, 1907 (15): 1, spl, Lister, ticked buff, grand head and entrance, very dense and long in head feather, a rattling body; 2, Stanger and Herdman, vgtd., with nice head-piece, well clothed, large in skull; 3, Dobson and Son, again good, but wide entrance; 4, Curragh and Son, wide entrance, good in turn back, rattling good youngsters these, and all close after the others; vhc, Evins Bros.; hc, Taylor; c, Tyson. PAIRS (1 C.-BR'EDING (11): 1, spl, Lister, massive vgtd., C.B. ck. and crested hen, the former grand skull and entrance, long and dense in feather, the hen a well formed veiny crest; 2, Pearce, a similar pair, very well balanced, and distinctly promising, good head properties; 3, Dobson and Son, another rattling pair, the crest being long in frontal and of good formation, the C.B. dense and good, both fit to breed good progeny; 4, Longstaff, another bonnie pair, looked like producing winner, if points in parentage are to count; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Edwards; c, Taylor, a stinging class to judge.

Mr. J. Robson's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl., Cuthbertson, lovely feather, gay as a Lothario, straight as a pencil, sweet head, well shown; 2, Broughton, very stylish, fine in quality, grand pose, grand despite a trifle curling at chest, a really pretty bird; 3, Stewart, grand quality, stands up well, and has style; 4, Murgatroyd and Son, again lovely quality and position, full of life, very bonny Yorkie; vhc, Fletcher and Bell; hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Heddon. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Stebbings, a sweetly pretty bird, full of rich under colour, beautifully mealed, had quite a luscious look, and has grand style; 2, Rhodes, a bird with splendid back feather, folding daintily over the flight roots at shoulders, rich in undercolour, bristling with silky quality, stands up well; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, poses well, dainty, full of go, nice quality Yorkie; 4, Broughton, racy, good quality, grand bird; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, Mather. TKD, ETC. (14): 1, spl, Murgatroyd and Son, a three-pointed yellow, of lovely silky feather, brought out for the final fight for cup, best in show, stands well, good whip, full of life, in lovely feather; 2, 3, hc, Cuthbertson, both these first-named were grand birds of lovely quality of feather, not a great deal to choose between them in this respect, grand style, full of life, a credit to their owners; 4, Stebbings, var, a bird of very attractive carriage, gets up splendidly, fine length and very well proportioned; vhc, c, Tweedie. HEN 17): 1, spl, vhc, Broughton, the winner a charming buff hen, heaps of quality, the best of style, stands up well, nicely carried wings and folded tail, bloomy, with good bottom colour, a bird to covet; 2, Stewart, a yellow, very sweet in style grand quality, pretty head, good wing carriage, well packed; 3, Rhodes, yellow, grand length, good quality and style, a rattling good hen; 4, Rennie, soft bloomy feathered buff, of lovely style and position, a typical Yorkie; hc, c, Cuthbertson and Son. YELLOW, 1907 (20): 1, spl, Broughton, a gem, not the hottest in colour, but very sweet feather, full of fire and well put down; 2, Murgatroyd and Son, a bird of grand pose, not quite so tightly packed perhaps, as the winner, but very rich quality, and full of Yorkshire fire; 3, Carr, grand position and style, a little loose in wing carriage when we were taking notes; 4, Stebbings, stands grandly, lovely quality; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Grieve; c, Cuthbertson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Tweedie, a smart one, with a nice clean waist and chest, goes up like a rocket, rare quality all through; 2, Stewart, plenty of sound undercolour, grand quality, stylish and a quick mover on the leg, going up well, neat head; 3, Cuthbertson and Son, lovely feather and style, full of Yorkshire properties; 4, Grieve, close up, a keen contest here, and they wanted some sorting; vhc, Carr; hc, Thompson; c, Rennie. SCOTCH FANCY, YELL., ETC. (13): 1, spl, Lugton, clear, rattling top and drive, long side, gets into position quickly, and sends tail well under; 2, Willison, massive top, plenty of reach, a quick mover, and sweet head; 3, vhc, Little, flaked, nice and lengthy, good top, rare reach, goes at its work quickly and well; 4, Cobb, good top end, rather slow at its work at first; a really nice exhibit: hc, Chapman; c, Lamb. BUFF, ETC. (13): 1, spl., Cobb, grand top end and side, sweet head, goes down and shows beautifully; 2, Sloan, clear, stands well, nice all through; 3, Willison, massive and very stylish, and a quick-actioned bird; 4, Chapman, well proportioned; vhc, Lugton; hc, Thompson and Son; c, Smith. SCOTCH FANCY HEN (15): 1, spl., and spl best in section, 4, Cobb, truly a grand hen, a Scottic all over; 2, Dixon, a very similar bird in some respects; 3, Lugton, a bird well cleaned out, nice top, and grand action; vhc, Dixon; hc, Little; c, Sloan. PAIRS, PLAINHEADS (10): 1, spl., Godley, rattling pair Norwich Plainheads, the hen a gem; 2, Hay, a pretty pair of Borders, jaunty carriage, and well matched; 3, Hampshire, an equally good pair of Lizards; 4, Cuthbertson, Yorkshires that for style and feather needed passing; vhc, Godley; hc, Cowling; c, Seeley. SELL. (30/-) (8): 1, spl., Toward and Aters; 2, Midgley; 3, Taylor; 4, Hay; vhc, Godley; hc, Edwards; c, French. SELL. (20/-)-(26): 1, spl., T. Taylor; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Hampshire; 4, Lee; vhc, Lugton, Turner Toward and Aters, Godley, Cherry, Taylor and Smart; hc, Woodhouse, Maddison, French, Hay, Longstaff; c, Hargreaves. 15/- (24): 1, spl, Rowell; 2, Axe; 3, Routledge; 4, Craig; vhc, Renuie, W. J. Taylor, Farrer, Taylor and Smart; hc, McGinn, Hampshire; c, Logan, Cherry, Richardson. (10/-) (20): 1, spl., Carr; 2, Rowell; 3, Hay; 4, Currah and Son; vhc, Hargreaves, French, W. J. Taylor; hc, Wake and Carr, Corston Dormer; c, Rennie, Sloan. (7/6) (14): 1, spl., Godley; Bennett; 3, Tate; 4, Rowell; vhc, Hay; hc, Hawkins, Godley, Hay; c, Maddison, Grieve. SELL. BRIT. ETC. (10/-) (13): 1, Davidson and Boyd; 2, 4, c, Johnson; 3, Prosser; vhc, Forster, Taylor; hc (2), Maddison. GIFT (8): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Jordan; vhc, Grieve; hc, Hawkins; c, Johnson.

Mr. J. S. Wilson's Classes.

BORDER CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Bennet, a gem of the first water, lovely head, grand back and wing carriage, well filled front, very clean below, rare colour and teeming with quality; 2, hc, Brownlie, very stylish carriage, rare texture of feather, finely laid on wings; 3, Walker, down in condition, nice-shaped head, fine front; 4, Poole, rare type, lovely condition and great depth of colour, nice back and wings; vhc, Arnott and Jamieson, nice level colour and grand quality; c, Curragh, good stamp, fine texture. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Bennet, a rare good one, lovely texture of feather, well modelled head and front, nice wing carriage, well placed; 2, French, nice colour and quality; 3, Patterson, similar type to 1st, nice, jaunty style, in good trim; 4, McCredie, another good one, grand head and modelled front, A1 wings; vhc, Poole, very nice style and action; hc, Ellwood and Walker; c, Skeldon. BUFF CK (18): 1, Bennet, grand condition, quality and colour, nice front and well rounded; 2, Hawkins, fine colour, fair good quality and shape; 3, Patterson, model from head to tail, lovely texture of feather, many preferred to win; 4, Jenkins, shade stronger in head, but grand bird, fine quality and condition; vhc, Ellwood and Walker, nice type, down in condition; hc, Thompson, one we liked; c, Poole. BUFF HEN (19): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal, Jenkins, a grand one in every point, rare stylish swagger, free in neck, good filled back, wings laid on to perfection; 2, Hawkins, quite another stamp: good colour and quality; 3, Sheldon, better shaped head, rare good type, nice texture of feather; 4, Bennet, nice stamp, in grand trim, rare colour and quality; vhc, Patterson, nice size, grand head and neck, shade soft when judged; hc, Brown, well modelled; c, Jenkins, nice type and size. EVENLY MKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Brown, two lovely marked hens, true type markings, and wings to match, nice type and style, former best in eye; 2, Bennett, rare condition and well modelled, fails only in eye

markings; 4, Whittaker, cinn. mark, good style; vhc, Thomas, good markings, but a shade larger; hc, Fuller; c, Arnott and Jamieson. EVEN BUFF (8): 1, spl., Patterson, lovely hen, true Border shape, like wax from head to tail, grand eyes and wings to correspond, finished to perfection, greatly admired; 2, Waters, grand style and symmetry, fine eyes and wings, good quality and condition, but we make her a five-point, being marked below rump; 3, Thomas, grand markings, and in fine condition; vhc, Fuller, grand markings, and in fair good trim; hc, McVittie, rare shape and nice size, very wild; c, Arnott and Jamieson. UNEVEN YELL. CK. (1): 1 Bennet, three-point, nice type, lovely quality, good marked eyes; 2, Sheldon, marked eyes, wings and across back, nice colour, very fair type and style; 3, Patterson, five-point, in rare trim, very stylish, lovely bloom, colour and quality; 4, Pennington, grand markings, style and quality, rare head and modelled buck, we liked; vhc, Walker, good head and nice size, in grand trim; hc, Roberts; c, Sincock. UNEVEN YELL. HEN (9): 1, Poole, lovely shape and style, a gem all over for colour, quality and condition, marked wing and neck; 2, Patterson, five-pointed, nicely modelled head and front, good colour and quality; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, another good one, nice balanced markings, lovely head and carriage, we liked; 4, Bennet, nice size, good colour and quality, seemed a shade dull to-day; vhc, Cubby, good markings and type; hc, Brownlie; c, Jenkins. UNEVEN BUFF CK. (10): 1, Roberts, marked eyes and wing, good markings and condition, nice type; 2, Whittaker, heavily marked, nice head and back, very fair condition; 3, Brown, grand type, nicely modelled, just a shade dirty, or he might have won; 4, Pearsou, five-point, in grand trim, lovely condition; vhc, c, Plaskett Bros.; hc, Patterson. UNEVEN MKD. HEN (15): 1, Dixon, grand markings, very stylish front, in grand bloom, like wax; 2, Patterson, five-pointed, fails in eyes, grand quality, condition of the best; 3, Poole, nice style, and jaunty head carriage, well modelled frout; 4, Ellwood and Walker, cinn. mark, good markings, lovely bloom, very stylish; vhc, McCredie, grand stamp, lovely head and feather; hc, Hislop; c, Pearson. TICKED YELL. (5): 1, Bennet, full headed hen, grand colour, feather of good quality, just a wee soft when taking notes; 2, Thompson, hen, marked eye and head, good model all over, grand quality, very tight in feather; 3, Patterson, cock, marked on rump, lovely colour and quality, rare stylish head, and as round as could be desired; 4, Brown, hen, marked on eye, nice type and very free head, good back; vhc, Jenkins. TICKED BUFF (15): 1, Thompson, cock, ticked on head, lovely colour, type A1, rare style; good back and wings; 2, Patterson, hen, ticked wing and breast, nice size and in grand condition; 3, Bennet, cock, ticked on neck, lovely sheen, nice type and quality; 4, McCreedie, ticked side of head, well modelled back and front, grand wing carriage; vhc, Hislop, novice medal winner, a rare good one, we liked, true Border all over, beautiful colour, style and conditiou; hc, Hopper Bros., another good one; c, Rowell. GREEN OR YELL. CK. (14): 1, 2, Bennet, good ones, nice shade of green all through, true type, well staged, and in grand trim; 3, Patterson, good in every respect, must have been a close race; 4, Jeukins, good colour and pencilling, just a shade down in condition; vhc, Arnott and Jamieson, yet another good one, proper shade of green; hc, Brownlie; c, Cubby, grand class. HEN (8): Bennet, grand hen, lovely shaped head, good modelled front, true grass-green shade, closely pressed by 2, Brown, cinn. hen, in spanking trim, a real model all over, beautiful colour, quality and condition; 3, Jenkins, good shape, nice style and quality; 4, Patterson, good one, nice style and front, true shade; vhc, Arnott and Jamieson, good type, quality, colour and markings, a shade unsteady, which might tell against her; hc, Hadwin; c, Amos. BUFF GREEN CK. (5): 1, Amos, fairly good in shape, fine colour and quality; 2, Cubby, cinn., fine type, in proper trim, feather of very fine texture, a model all over; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, grand shade of green, very fine colour and quality, well pencilled; 4, Hadwin, larger, good shade of green; 5, Taylor, wrong class (yellow green). HEN (10): 1, Bennet, a good one, nice size, grand type, colour and quality, in the pink of condition, well pencilled below; 2, Hislop, one of the best buff cinn. hens out this season, lovely shape, very stylish head, beautiful modelled back and wings, a treat; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, grand texture of feather, good markings all through, nice head, wings, well laid on; 4, vhc, Cubby, cinn. another good one, in the pink of condition, well modelled back and head; hc, McVittie, good type; C, Woodman.

Member's Classes.

NOR. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (11): 1, A. Brown; 2, J. Brown; 3, W. J. Taylor; 4, Buck; vhc, Moore; hc, c, Lee. BUFF, ETC. (10): 1, J. Brown; 2, vhc, W. J. Taylor; 3, 4, A. Brown; hc, Buck; c, Corston. HEN A.C. (10): 1, 4, A. Brown, 2, J. Bruwn; 3, vhc, Corston; hc, Buck; c, Hayes, Nos. 4 and 5 w.c. NOR. A. C. NOVICE (15): 1, vhc, Buck; 2, 3, 4, hc, Hodgson; c, Hardy. CINN. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Taylor and Sanderson; 2, Kirkpatrick; 4, Stanger and Herdman. BUFF (9): 1, 3, vhc, Taylor and Sanderson; 2, c, Kirkpatrick; 4, Bewick; hc, Stanger and Herdman. CREST CK. (9): 1, 3, 4, hc, T. Taylor; 2, Lister; vhc, Stoves; c, Logan. HEN (10): 1, 2, Almond; 3, Lister; 4, T. Taylor; vhc, Logan; hc, Bewick; c, W. J. Taylor, Nos. 6 and 9 absent C.B. CK. (13): 1, Lister; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, 4, T. Taylor; vhc, Corston; hc, Almond; c, Longstaff. HEN (10): 1, c, T. Taylor; 2, Almond; 3, Bewick; 4, W. J. Taylor; vhc, Longstaff; hc, Lister, No. 5 absent. CREST OR C.B. NOVICE (9): 1, 3, 4, Longstaff; 2, Hodgson; vhc, hc, c, Logan. SCOT. FCY. YELL. OR TKD. (1): 1, Little. BUFF, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Little; 3, Cowan. YORKS. YELL. or YELL MKD. (8): 1, 3, Grieve; 2, c, Mather; vhc; George; hc, Jerdan. BUFF, ETC. (8): 1, hc, Grieve; 2, 4, Jerdan; 3, Mather; vhc, Buck; c, George. HEN A.C. (8): 1, 2, Grieve; 3, Jordan; vhc, c, Mather; hc Stanger and Herdman. BORD FCY. YELL. OR YELL. MKD. (13): 1, 2, 3, 4, Bennett; vhc Jerdan; hc, Hawkins; c, Snell. BUFF ETC. (14): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, hc, Hawkins; 3, Jerdan; vhc, Hay; c, Snell. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Maddison; 4, Snell. DARK (HYB. EXCEPTED) (5): 1, 2, Maddison; 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, Hayes. LINNET (14): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2 Longstaff; 3, Moor (novice); 4, c, Hope; vhc, Bewick; hc, Snell. BRIT. FINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, 3, 4, Maddisen; vbc, hc, W. G Taylor; c, Hodgson. A.O.S.: Cancelled. FOR. (7): 1, A. Brown; 2, vhc, hc, Patterson; 3, W. J. Taylor; 4, Hodgson; c, Mather. A.O.S. NOVICE (10): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, 3, Kirkpatrick; vhc, Cowan; hc, Snell. YORKS. NOVICE (16): 1, 2, 3, Grieve; vhc, hc, Jerdan; c, Buck. BORD. FCY. NOVICE (11): 1, 4, hc, c, Jerdan; 2, 3, Reid; vhc, Snell. BRIT. NOVICE (19): 1, Longstaff; 2, vhc, Hodgson; 3, Hope; 4, Johnson; hc, Snell; c, Moore.

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Berwick-on-Tweed; Birmingham; Reading; Sidmouth; Chester; Wigan; Pendleton; Laisterdyke; Ilkeston; Hamilton Cadzow Oaks; Cupar.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

HYBRIDS, CLEAR, ETC. (12): 1, 3, hc, J. Williams, a clinking trio, the celebrated Goldfinch-Bullfinch leading, as big a wonder as ever, astonishing size and colour, and in lovely bloom, perfect picture, only lost the Cup for best in show after a stern fight with "King Edward," the noted young Crest, 3rd, the champion clear, about the best out to-day, grand size and shape, lovely blaze, wax-like condition, worth an equal first; 2, vhc, C. J. Ward, beautiful Redpoll-Bullfinch leading, also candidate for equal first, all there for size and shape, in grand condition, singing like a top, with another month this rarity should want betting, only a "baby" at present; vhc, the well-known Linnet-Bullfinch, a clinker; 4, Miss Reeves, undoubtedly the best Bramble-Chaffinch seen to date, in lovely condition, shows the cross to perfection, and seems to point to many previous impostors having been seen on the bench; c, Arrighi, another grand Goldfinch-Bullfinch. VAR. ETC. (10): 1, 2, 3, J. Williams, another hot trio, the noted light Linnet-Can. leading, a beauty all over, fine size and shape; 2nd, lightly-marked Greenie-Can. Jonque, hot colour, fine condition; 3rd, five-pointed Jonque Goldie-Can, looking lovely, marvellous colour and quality, grand size and shape, all staged in A1 style; 4, c, Paton, leader head and neck mkd. Siskin-Can., small, but apparently a yellow cock, lovely quality, shows cross well, pleasing exhibit; latter same cross, very lightly mkd, apparently a yellow hen; vhc, Arrighi, Edwards, two very nice light Goldfinch-Cans.; hc, Arrighi. DARK (19): 1, hc, J. Williams, rare big Linnet-Can, rattling substance and style, rich, sound colour, well marked, in beautiful trim; 2, Goodfellow, very fine Jonque Goldie-Can, beauty for size and shape, full of colour, polished like plate glass; 3, Watson, equally good buff Goldie-Can, again excellent substance and shape, tight as wax in condition, big, rich face, fine colour all over; 4, W. J. Taylor, Jonque Siskin, fine specimen, well built, stylish, sound and rich in colour, well marked all over, grand condition; vhc, Davey, nice Redpoll-Can; vhc, Todd and Son, very smart Greenie-Can; c, H. L. Williams, a very strong class, some good ones out in the cold. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, hc, King, leader a beautifully shaped, stylish bird, tight as a drum in condition, carries a fine bloom, expansive, rich blaze, grand wing bars and tan; 2, Stanger and Herdman, one we liked, cleaner colour contrasts than winner, well marked all over, face of nice size and beautiful tone of crimson, only just loses for tightness of feather; 3, Hurst, our old friend "Pride of Liverpool," undoubtedly a grand Finch, but not looking so well as we have seen him in past years, inclined to "gutter" in the under-blaze, for colour, and especially tan, hard to beat; 4, Carter, the widest and most expansive blaze of any, grand, cobby body, well tanned and marked, rare colour, well-known winner in fresh hands we think, looking slack and tired, needs a "vacation"; vhc, Davidson and Boyd, excellent all round Finch, hardly clear enough in colour contrasts; c, Axe, evidently a good brilliant-coloured Goldie, but quite "soft" until handled, another candidate for the "rest-cure." BULLFINCH (12): 1, Carter, a beauty, nice size, thick-set, shapely body, fine colour all through, grand cap and bars, finished off with a lovely bloom; 2, Allison, shade smaller, yet a clinker for type, hold well-cut cap, grand back and bars, rich breast, tight in plumage; 3, Walsh, fine stamp of bird, excellent polish, trifle paler in colour; 4, vhc, Woods, two birds of the right stamp, very hot in colour, steady and shapely, should mou't out well; hc, Edwards; c, G. Taylor. GREENFINCH (19): 1, R. J. Howe, the well-known champion, right ahead again to-day for size, quality and colour, in A1 condition, wants a lot of stopping; 2, Goodfellow, a regular blaze of fire compared with winner, and a fine stamp of bird to hoot, excellent size and shape, coat like satin; 3, Hurst, another beautiful non-fed, close up, very fine bird for shape and substance, lovely quality of feather; 4, Maddison, yet another clinker, rare good size and shape, rich tone of colour, fine wings and tail, seemed inclined to go a little soft; vhc, Pickles, also a beautiful Greenie; hc, Paton; c, Walsh; a very hot lot. No. 17, a curious, almost silver-coloured example, had to be "wrong-classed" as a rare-feathered bird. CHAFF, OR BRAMBLEFINCH (11): 1 R, J. Howe, charming coloured Chaffinch, for style, shape and markings a real gem, carries a bloom like a peach; 2, Mrs. J. Turner smashing good Bramblefinch, all there for size and shape, big, bold, steady fellow, grand colour and markings, well put down; 3, Walsh, another lovely Chaffinch, equal to winner for size, shape and style, hardly the same fascinating tone of colour, well marked, grandly polished; 4, Arrighi, very smart and stylish Bramble, beautiful colour and spangling, a little more size and would need beating; vhc, McVay, very large and smart Chaffinch; hc, G. Taylor; c, Reeks. LINNET (25): The grandest lot seen for many a long day: 1, Walsh a bouncer for size, rare big one, Norwich type, sound, nutty colour throughout, wonderfully well pencilled all over, tight as wax in feather, and grandly polished, a real flyer, apparently a new face in this fancier's team; 2, Arrighi, another stormer, right out of the ordinary, giant for size, Norwich type, fine tone of colour, bold, stylish bird very nicely marked, in splendid condition, much improved since last we saw it, only just beaten in depth of colour and pencilling; 3, Cassidy, another wonderfully big, finely built Linnet, grand head and chest, a mass of work all over, deep, sound colour, close up, a little lack of smoothness in neck feather told against it; 4, Hurst, well-known winner, sweet bird, slimmer built beautifully coned body, very rich, sound colour, excellent pencilling, all quality; vhc, Dunn, also a well-known winner, and a really grand exhibit; hc, Stanger and Herdman; c, French. SISKIN, ETC. (15): 1, 2, Hurst, a very fine Siskin leading, big and shapely, beautifully laced on flanks and cap, lovely even colour, well marked all over, latter an enormous mealy Redpoll, exceptional colour and quality for such a monster, splendid markings, inclined at times to show feathers at thighs; 3, Mallory, excellent Lesser, hot run for colour sound all over, grandly pencilled, good bib, in fine trim; 4, vhc, Arrighi, real fine Twite for colour, shape and style, very well marked a wee small, latter another excellent Siskin; hc, Prosser; c, Master Hutchison. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (13): 1, Axe, the well-known Hawfinch, a gem for markings, big, clean cut bib, hot colour, well polished, steady as a statue; 2, Walsh wonderfully good Yellowhammer, pressed winner very hard, rich and pure in colour, dense and clean in markings on head and cheeks and honest markings too, lovely condition; 3, Crockatt, another rare good Hawfinch, A1 at all points, loses only in bloom; 4, McVay, extra large and good Snow Bunting, grand feather, a little tender on its feet, or might have gone up; vhc, Hurst, again a fine Hawfinch, a well-known champion of the past, we fancy; hc, Fenwick; c, Dippie. No. 1, wrong classed, Kell., a charming Albino (yellow pink-eyed) Yellowhammer, perfection. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (13): 1, Axe, topping Song Thrush, large, very shapely and polished, beautifully mooned, in the pink; 2, Howe, equally good Blackbird, extra fine beak and eeres, big, bold fellow, dense in colour, shines like satin; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, another candidate for an equal first, rattling good Starling, steady, fine size and shape, mass of correct spangling, coat like glass; 4, Schoeder, very large, bold, well-conditioned Thrush vhc, Bage; hc, McWilliam; c, McGhan. A.O.S. LARGE SOFTBILL (6): 1, spl, 2, Howe, beautiful Hoopoe leading, fine crest, good colour and condition, exceedingly well and clearly marked; 2nd, equally fine Great Grey Shrike, steady, lovely condition; 3, Mrs. Woodhouse, Waxwing, excels in size, substance and depth of body colour, fine crest and wing and tail tippings; 4, Crockatt, close up with another smashing good Waxwing, has rather the best of it in the wax-like wing and tail appendages, but loses in size and body colour; vhc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, another charming Hoopoe, very fine head, loses only in clearness of wing barring, possibly a hen; W. C. Walsh, fine albino Blackbird, we hardly saw how this could be reckoned another species (vide class heading). SMALL (5): 1 2, Howe, gem of a Blue-headed Wagtail leading, in perfect trim, exceptional markings and colour; 2nd, beautiful Treecreeper, very well mottled, clean, silvery breast; 3, Walsh, rare good Wryneck, rich colour, beautifully marked all over; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, another very fine Tree Creeper, lost by a shade in breast colour; vhc, Montague, sweet Crested Tit. LARK (10): 1, Allaway, stormer for size and shape, very clean and distinct in marking, tight as a drum in feather, wee bit nervous; 2, McVay, another hot one for substance, very steady, shows "fluff" nicely, close up, but not quite so densely pencilled; 3, Walsh, real good Meadow Pipit, nice markings and shape, in fine bloom, probably ought to have been "wrong classed," as afterwards we noticed class heading simply said."Lark"; 4, Bage, another topping Skylark, lovely shape and markings, well staged; vhc, hc, Lawson; c, Smith. FOREIGN PARROTS. ETC (12): 1, hc, F. Howe, splendid Chattering Lory leading, beauty for colour and condition, a rare exhibit; 2, Tyson, the well-known Macaw, grand specimen; 3, Hollins; 4, McDowell, two more very fine Parrots, lovely condition, latter one of the best Greys we have met; vhc, Porteous, fine King, trifle down in breast colour; vhc, Ledger; c, Mackenzie. AVADAVATS, ETC. (12): 1, 2, 3, vbc, F. Howe, beautiful team, in the best of condition and staged to perfection, Diamond Sparrows, Spice birds, St. Helena Waxbills and an Orange Bishop; 4, Hollins, lovely pair Mannikins, in good form; hc, Sugden; c, Petterson. A.O.S. SEEDEATERS (15): 1, F. Howe, very beautiful Violet-eared Waxbill, perfect living gem; 2, Porteous, excellent Parrot Finch, fine colour and condition; 3, Arrighi, his noted Siberian Goldie, grand size, colour and blaze, looked a wee soft at times, we thought; 4, vhc, hc, Pickles, grand pair of Bicheno Finches leading, fascinating little things, excellent long-tailed Grass Finches and Masked Finches following; vhc, Davidson and Boyd, yet another fine Siberian Goldie; hc, Walton; c, Hollins. INSECTIV. (7): 1, DeVon, satin Bower bird, rare exhibit, badly shown, close pressed by 2, Brown, the noted Mynah, in faultless condition; 3, hc, Pickles, beautiful maroon and superb Tanagers, former a gem, hard on leader's heels; 4, Howe, fine Golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, now in lovely order, unfortunately has defective claws; vhc, Porteous, another charming Superb; c, Taylor.

THORNTON.

Annual show was held in the Public Hall, on 14th Dec. The entries in the cage bird sections showed a slight decrease on last year's total, but what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. The Society has a grand list of patrons and patronesses, who greatly help the excellent committee and encourages them to make this annual fixture a great success. The genial President, Mr. Alex. Leslie, is always on the move, seeing to the comfort of the exhibits as well as of the visitors. He is ably assisted by a strong committee. In Mr. James Moyes, the Secretary, the Society have the right man at the helm; he gets through his work with ease and promptitude. The judging of the Scotch Fancies was in the able hands of Mr. James Black (Arbroath), who got through his work in plenty of time. All other varieties were judged by Mr. John Goodfellow (Edinburgh), who had a good day's work, but he handled them in his usual able manner. Their awards were well received. The show was well patronised by visitors during the day.

SCOTCH FANCY. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Laing, nice decided drive, good droop and top-end; 2, Blair, erect, rare drive, neat head, nice depth, through heart; 3 Thomson, fine neck, grand droop nice length of side; 4, Rukis; 5, Gilmour; 6, Thomson. BUFF (6): 1, Allan, erect, decided drive, good shoulders, takes grand position; 2, Thomson, nice bird, rare droop, good top and length of wing; 3, Allan, similar to first, very quick in action; 4, Honeyman; 5, Grieve; 6, Leslie. YELL. PIED, ETC. CK. (4): 1, Laing, grand bird, nice decided drive, good head and neck; 2, Honeyman, fine droop, nice round shoulders, grand body and wing; 3, Rukis, wonderful drive, good top end, tail well under perch; 4, Gilmour. BUFF (3): 1, Allan, grand style and action, rare size, fine length of side; 2, Duncan, fine erect drive and droop, good head and neck; 3, Leslie, good size and style, nice exhibit. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN (9): 1, (no name), sweet head, grand all over, foul on head; 2, Moyes, grand body, fine erect drive, nice action; 3, Gillies Bros., lovely rounded shoulders; 4, Thomson; 5, Leslie; 6, Grieve BUFF (2): 1, Allan, fine erect dirve, good top-end, grand substance; 2, Gillies Bros., nice head and neck. YELL. PIED, ETC.: Cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Allan, first decided drive, good head and neck, good body and wing, second fine prominent shoulder, nice droop and top; 3, Thomson, erect, rare drive, nice depth through heart, good third; 4, McGregor and Balfour; 5, Leslie. SELL. CK. (6): 1, Blair; 2, Allan; 3, Thomson; 4, Duncan; 5, Grieve; 6, Leslie. HEN. Cancelled. CREST CK. (4): 1, Reid, variegated, nice shaped crest, good body; 2, Allan and Son, splendid crest, good droop and front; 3, Reid, green, nice crest, grand quality of feather; 4, Watt. HEN (4): 1, Watt, grand crest, nicely radiated, well staged; 2, 3, Reid, fine broad crest, third wing mkd. crest of good formation; 4, Allan and Son. CRESTBRED CK. (5): 1, Laverock and Summers, grandly lashed, good neck and body; 2, Hislop, massive build, good lashing, grand quality feather; 3, Smart, nice cushioned head, good exhibit; 4, Paterson; 5, Hutchison NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Barclay, fine head, good front and wing carriage, nice colour; 2, Trail, typical, grand quality and colour; 3, Wilson, nice chubby bird, rare substance; 4, Miln; 5, Hutchison. BUFF (10): 1, Buglass, grand type and quality, easy win; 2 (no name), another good one; 3, Trail, hot-fed, nice wing carriage; 4, McGue; 5, Souter; 6, Trail. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Barclay, grand head, rare body shape, nice level colour, well staged; 2, Laverock and Summers, ticked colour, well staged; 2, Laverock and Summers, ticked on right eye, grand front, fine quality and colour; 3, McCue, clear, good type; 4, 6, Trail; 5, Ness. BUFF (10): 1, Buglass, clear rare head and rich, fine chubby body, grandly finished all over; 2, Dickson, good type and quality, nice front and wing; 3, Dougal, nice quality and type, nicely mealed; 4, Wilson; 5, Trail; 6, Souter. VARIEG. CK. (4): 1, Dickson, yell., mkd. eyes and wing, grand head, good front, nice wing carriage; 2, Laverock and Summers, yell., grand substance and quality, nice level colour; 3, Sharp, nice exhibit, good colour and quality; 4, Malcolm and Baird. HEN (4) 1, Trail, buff, mkd. head and wing, nice type and quality, good level colour; 2, Milne, good head, rare body, neat wing carriage, well staged; 3, Malcolm and Baird, buff, good head and neck, fine quality; 4, Lawrie and Welsh. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Davidson, variog. buff, grand size and substance, good quality; 2, Wardrope, cl. yell., nice nat. col., good head and substance; 3, Stevenson, cl. buff, good shape and colour; 4, Trail; 5, Forrest. HEN (6): 1, Trail, clear buff, grand type and quality nice wing carriage; 2, Stevenson, grand shape and colour; 3, Davidson, full of quality, grand feather; 4, Wardrope; 5, Gove; 6, Brown. BORD. FANCY YELL. CK. (10): 1, Smith, clear, fine type, nice round head, good front, well filled in back, nice wing carriage; 2, Bennet, mkd. both eyes and wings, grand quality of feather, nice taper; 3, Peters, clear, good type, nice level colour, fine pipe tail; 4, Paterson; 5, King; 6, Hutchison. HEN (11): 1, Paterson easy win, grand type and quality, Border all over, 2, Hutchison, nice type, grand quality of feather, good wing carriage; 3, Bennet, clear, put down in the best of order; 4, Smith; 5, Arnott; 6, Walker. BUFF CK. (10): 1, Bennett, clear, grand colour and quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Peters, good shape and colour, nice jaunty carriage; 3, Walker, clear, good head and wings, rare pipe tail; 4, Barrie; 5, Leitch; 6, Arnott. HEN (10): 1, Bennet, even marked, in grand feather, put down in fine order; 2, Baird, clear, nice round head, good front and back, best of wing carriage; 3, Walker; 4, Peters; 5, Barrie; 6, Hutchison. BRIT. BULLFINCH (8): 1, McDonald, good cap and wing bars, grand breast colour, good shape; 2, Thomson, good wings and shape, fine cap and breast colour; 3, 4, Mackie, good cap; 5, Cargill; 6, Colville and Forsyth. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Brown, rich coloured Finch, good blaze, nice wing bars and buttons; 2, Thomson, nice square blaze; 3, Ness, bright colour on blaze, rare back, well mooned; 4, Anderson; 5, Nicholson; 6, Arnott. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Cargill, grand size and colour, good wings, well finished; 2, Mitchell and Hutt, lovely big Greenie, grand colour; 3, Arnott, nice exhibit; 4, Paton. LINNET (4): 1, Brown, easy win, grand nut brown colour, best of markings, in grand condition; 2, Brown, real good one; 3, Arnott, nicely marked; 4, Paton. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Paton, big colour fed Siskin, nice cap and wing bars, good lacings; 2, Russel, Twite, beautiful colour and markings; 3, Neisb and Kilpatrick, grand non-fed Siskin; 4, McKenzie. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Nicholson, nice yell., Wagtail, in grand condition; 2, Malcolm, Pied Wagtail, nicely staged; 3, Mitchell and Hutt, grand coloured Yellowhammer, good head markings; 4, Kerr; 5, Bowis. LARGE: Cancelled. LIGHT CAN.-MULE (3): 1, Lindsay, four-pointed Goldie, grand tight feather and condition; 2, Chalmers, buff varieg. Goldie, good size and colour, nice condition; 3, Sharpe, nice big Greenie-Mule in good order. DARK (3): 1, Chalmers, good sized Siskin-Mule, grand colour and condition; 2, Murray, real good Goldie-Mule, nicely staged; 3, Lindsay. HYB.: Cancelled. FOR. (8): 1, 2, Colville and Son, first Long tailed Whydah, in grand plumage, second fair love birds, in nice condition; 3, Beveridge, pair Red-headed Cardinals, nicely staged; 4, 5, Lister; 6, Trail. COMMON CAN. (3): 1, Brgid; 2, Christie; 3, Paton. SELL. NOR. (3): 1, 3, Trail; 2, Barclay.

CARDIGAN.

Some cage bird classes were offered in conjunction with the Fat Stock Show, which was held (the twenty-fourth annual) on December 11th. Mr. Bowker (Nantwich) judged. It was a very well managed fixture, and Mr. Morgan Jones proved himself an A1 secretary. NORWICH: 1, Portman; 2 3, vhc, Davies. YORKS.: 1, 2, Portman; 3, vhc Davies. A.O.V.: 1, Davies; 2, Griffiths; 3, George; vhc, Davies. LIGHT MULES OR HYBRID: 1, vhc, Thomas; 2, Portman. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Portman; 3, Spurry. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, D. J. Thomas, a little gentleman, all over a winner; 2, Portman, bigger Finch, nice feather and tanning; 3, George, good colour throughout; vbc, Griffiths, nice bars and tans, should make a winner; hc, Jeremiah, big Finch, not yet ready. BULLFINCH: 2, Miles, nice chest, chubby, very steady; 3, Davies. GREENFINCH. 2, D. J. Thomas. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Davies, well pencilled Linnet; 2, hc, George, Siskin; 3, vhc, Davies, Redpoll and Siskin. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, J. Davies, nice-coloured Bramble. PAIRS: 1, Portman, pair of Yorkshires; 2, George, Goldio and Bullie; 3, Jeremiah, Greenie and Bullie. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Morgan, Thrush; 2, Spurry. FOR.: 1, Tyler, Amazon Parrot; 2, Griffiths, Amazon Parrot; 3, Jones, Grey Parrot.

PICKERING.

This fixture was held on December 12th. It was not, however, the success of previous shows in this old-fashioned Yorkshire town. The arrangements for the comfort and safety of the birds were excellent. The exhibits were staged by themselves in a comfortable room upstairs. The secretary, Mr. John Wallis, under difficult circumstances, did well; he was ably assisted by his good wife. The committee, who worked hard, will do well to remember another year that it pays to get some classes guaranteed and then to boom the show by advertising. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Smith, best shape, nice colour; 3, Hesp, lovely colour and feather, nice condition; res., Calam. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, best bird in show, Hesp, leader rattling type, grand feather, thick set and compact, second another nice one, a taking exhibit; 3, Carter, nice chest and carriage of wings, good colour; res., Smith; vhc, Agar. TICK., ETC. (5): 1, Middleton, yellow, ticked on neck, nice soft feather, good colour; 3, Smith, thigh ticked bull; res., Hesp; vhc, hc, Agar. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Summerless, nice shape and style, good length and position; 3, Smailes, stylish, nice feather; vhc, Riley. BUFF (6): 1, Watmough, good length and position, wings well braced, fine tail; 2, Harrell, lovely colour, nice shape, length and feather; res., Davison; 4, Carter, thigh ticked, wrong class. TICK., ETC. (8): 1, Booth Bros., yellow, ticked cheek, nice length, style and position, good feather; 2, Smailes, yellow, marked cap and wing, nice shape and feather; 3, Booth Bros., pale coloured buff of lovely quality, nice head; res., Carter; vhc, Riley; hc, Davison; c, Middleton. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, 3, Bowson and Kimmings, both good ones, leader best flush and clearest in breast markings; 2, Watson, topper for blaze, nice feather, rather wild yet; res., Leefe, junr.; vhc, Calam. BULLFINCH (12): 1, 2, vhc, Woods, a grand trio, leader lovely colour and feather, very steady; 3, Harper and Nicholson, very steady, nice cap and bars; vhc, Parnaby; hc, Watson; No. 5, absent. LINNET (8): 1, 3, res., Stamp, a grand trio, leader best colour and markings; 2, vhc, Walker; hc, Leefe, junr. MULES (3): 1, Calam; 2, Carter.

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JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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A. C. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, E. Judge of Canaries and all kinds Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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& DIST.
FIRST ANNUAL OPEN SHOW.
(Under C.B.U. Rules) on **Friday, December 27th,** Entries extended to 24th. Judge: GEO. E. RUSSELL, Birmingham.
THOS. DUFFIELD. Hon. Sec.,
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COVENTRY

Fur and Feather Society's 16th Annual Open Show of Cage Birds, etc., will be held in the Sydenham Palace (the finest bird-room in the Midlands), on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27th,** under C.B.U. Rules. Schedule was published in this paper last week, entries may be made on plain paper and will be accepted if posted Saturday. Judge, E. Noakes Esq. **SHEFFIELD & GILBERT,** Secs. 8, Earlsdon St., Coventry.

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Will hold its ANNUAL SHOW of CANARIES on **DEC. 28th.** 17 open classes. 8 novice (open Norwich classes, £5 limit). Splendid room, well ventilated. Under the patronage of Y.C.C. and C.M Y.C.C. Judges—Yorks.: J. DAWSON, Esq., Bradford; Norwich; GEO. LIEVEL Esq., Huddersfield Schedules now ready. **S. LODGE, Sec., Jacobs Row, Lockwood, Huddersfield.**

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Wednesday and Thursday 1st and 2nd January, 1908.
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LUTON **JAN. 15th. 1908.** 1/6 Entry Fee—C.B.U. Rules. Open Classes for 6 Canaries. 5 British Birds, 2 Mules or Hybrids. **30/-** Selling Cl., 4 Foreign Birds, including a Parrot Class. Numerous Specials Schedules will be posted during next week to all last year's exhibitors, others please apply to **H. L. BELL, Kempton Villa, Luton,** Excursion fares from all the surrounding towns.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE. 6th Annual Open Show of P., Pgs. R & C. B. (C.B.U. Rules). will be held in the National Schools, on **Wed., Jan. 1st.** Ents. close Dec. 24th, For Schedules apply—**T. HAYWOOD, Secretary**

PLYMOUTH Western Fanciers' Society,

Open Show to be held on **JANUARY 1st, 1908,** in the Market, Plymouth. 36 classes for Cage Birds, under C.B. Union Rules. We offer you the unique opportunity of starting the year well. Tom Deeble judging. Entries close **Dec. 23.** to **W. WATSON, 13, William St., Devonport.**

FORFAR SHOW.

Keep in mind Great Annual Show at Forfar **JAN. 1st. and 2nd. 1908.** Judges: Norwich, A Thompson; Aberdeen; Border Fancy, British and Foreign, J. W. Bruce, Coldstream. Ents. close Dec. 24.
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& WOOLWICH C.B.S.
JANUARY 2nd & 3rd. OPEN SHOW.
C.B.U & C.C.C.
Entries close **December 23rd.** No Prizes withheld Send for schedule, **W. PAWLEY, 13 Olven Road, Plumstead.**

DEWSBURY Cage Birds, Rabbits, and Pigeons,
Friday, Jan. 3rd, 1908, in the Albert Hall Judge, Cage Birds, J. N. Harrison, Esq. Schedules from **MASON & SON, Hampden Cottage, Savile Town. Dewsbury.**

MANNINGHAM, C.B.A.

Will hold their open Show of Canaries and British Birds on **January 4th, 1908.** 17 Open Classes, 2 British, 8 Novice. Splendid room, well ventilated, excellent light. Judges: C. A. House, Esq., London; W. A. Cowgill, Esq., Bradford.
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PWLLGWAUN. PONTYPRIDD and DISTRICT. 1st Annual Open Show of P., Pgns., C.B., & R, **Jan 9th, 1908.** Splendid Classification, (over 20 medals) and other specials. Judges: Messrs. Hodge & Hill. Joint Secs Eborn & Stedman, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.

WALTHAMSTOW
January 9th. & 10th, 1908.
Judges: Canarics, Mr. C. A. House; Mules and British, Mr. H. Norman. Entries close January 1st. to **C. W. MEAD, 16, Claremont Road, Higham Hill, WALTHAMSTOW.**

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.
JAN. 11th, 1908. 1st. open show of Canaries 22 classes under C.B.U. rules. Judge J. Robson, Esq. Schedules of **W. H. BRAY 12. Bery Street, Coventry.**

ST. HELENS and District Ornithological Soc.

Will hold their **Annual Open Show** of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, under C.B.U. Rules, in the Town Hall, on **Friday and Saturday, January 10th & 11th, 1908** Under the Patronage of the Crest Club and Green C.A., and the E. and W. Border C., and the Foreign Bird Club. Judges: J. Robson., Esq, and C. Houlton, Esq.
Sec., T. VOSE, 120, Morley St., St. Helens.

BATHGATE
Show 11th January, 1908.
Under the patronage of the B.F.C., G. & W.C., S.B.B. & M.C. Clubs, also 2 Cups and over 100 open Specials for 50 classes. Judges, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch; W. C. Duncan, Coldstream; J. D. Leigh, Warrington; Wm. Laidlaw, Langholm. Entries close **4th January.**
Sec. R. BALD, North Bridge Street.

LLANELLY C.B.S. Show.
The Grand International Show of Wales.
Tuesday January 14th, 1908. Affiliated to C.B Union Judges: J. H Payne Esq. Canaries; E. Hawthorne Esq. Rollers., and J. B, Evans Esq. British. Entries positively close **January 9th. 1908.** Schedule of classes. 10 Norwich, 1 Crest or Crestbred, 16 Yorkshires, 1 Scotch Fancy, 7 Borders, 2 Cinnamons, 1 Variety, 3 Selling, 3 Mules, 17 British, 2 Foreign, 3 Rollers, 10 Local, **J. SIMON Hon. Sec. 12, Tyrfran.**

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Tivyside Fanciers' Association.
Open Show. Jan. 15th, 1908.
Poultry 36, Cage birds 16, Pigeons 8, also Cats Rabbits Dead Poultry, etc. Numerous Specials £1 1s given by the Mayor, for largest number of points gained (open). Judges, H. Abbot, Esq., Poultry. C. A. House, Esq., remainder. Entries close **January 8th, 1908.** Schedules **J. EVANS, Oaklands, Cardigan.**

REIGATE Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Show.

Open to Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hants. Grand Cage Bird Classification. **January 22nd. & 23rd. 1908.** Entries close **Jan. 13th.** Judges: Messrs. Broomhead, Jupe, Honeybone, Dominy, and J. Robson Schedules, &c., from **W. R. EAMES, Secretary, Reigate.**

ROCHDALE Ornithological Club Draw. 1st, 515; 2nd, 4195; 3rd, 3593; 4th, 4110; 5th, 184; 6th, 13; 7th, 873; 8th, 2929; 9th, 172; 10th, 1719; 11th, 3595; 12th, 1995; 13th, 2415; 14th, 4813; 15th 542; 16th, 277; 17th, 4173; 18th, 1236; 19th, 2417; 20th, 423. **J. Butterworth, 28, Smith St**

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To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

Dec. 21.—**Bradford West C.B.A.** (M.By.)
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*Dec. 27.—**Coventry and Dist. F. & F.S.**
Jan. 1 and 2 1908.—**Scottish National C.B.S.** (J.Fn., W.V., J.McL., A.P., W.R., J.H., J.Win., T.McC., P.McK., H.W.B., T.S., P.McQ., A.R.)
Jan. 1 and 2.—**Dunfermline & West Fife O.S.**
*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R., H.K.)
*Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H., J.R.)
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TWITTERINGS.

It is once more our pleasant duty to acknowledge the seasonable greetings and good wishes, almost overwhelming in number, that have reached us from readers of CAGE BIRDS. It gladdens us to know our journal has made the world-wide host of friends to which these greetings bear evidence, and to one and all we tender our heartfelt thanks, and reciprocate to the full the kind wishes showered upon us.

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our readers.

For Mr. Bald's 10s. 6d. special, the donor is not competing, writes Mr. Walter Neilson, sec. Broxburn Show.

Shields C.B.S. next open show will be held on October 30 and 31, 1908, writes Mr. Wm. Duke, the secretary.

I find CAGE BIRDS very good for advertising in, having had more orders for birds than I wanted.—G. DEAR (Hythe).

Will Mr. Terry, Junr., of Gravesend, writes Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford), please send me his address, which I have mislaid.

The Dudley and Dis. C.B.S. are holding an open show of Canaries on January 29th and 30th, writes Mr. J. J. Mullett, sec.

Ilkeston Show report, Class 16, No. 2, should have read 1st, C. and H. Twine, writes Messrs. C. and H. Twine (Hucknall Torkard).

The Reading and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. G. A. Charles, sec., intend holding an open show in November next, probably on the 18th.

Kindly notify that I have changed my address from 92, Hollings Road, Bradford, to 16, Lytton Road, Bradford, writes Mr. Walter Crabtree.

The ordinary meeting of the Oldham and District C.B.S. will not be held on Dec. 24th, owing to the festive season, writes Mr. A. Ackroyd, the sec.

I had so many replies to my advertisement, writes Mr. F. Horler (Bristol), that it would be impossible to answer all of them. I must thank CAGE BIRDS.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. McKenzie (Stirling).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. Hugh Moreland, that I have to inform your wide circle of readers of the sudden death of Mr. John McKenzie, of Stirling, on 6th Dec., at the age of 47, after only a day's illness. He was a member of the Border Fancy Club, the Falkirk and District Cage Bird Society, and the Stirling Ornithological Society. He had his birds entered for the Bannockburn Show, where the news of his death cast quite a gloom over those present, as he was widely respected in the district. There was a large turnout of fanciers and friends at the funeral. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family for their sad bereavement.

In the article on "Budgerigar Breeding for Pleasure and Profit," which appeared on page 503 in our Christmas Number, our printers made the period of incubation to appear as 10 days; this should have been 16 days.

I have retired my champion singing Linnet from all singing contests, writes Mr. H. Allen (Leeds), and henceforth he shall only be used for teaching young ones. Visitors, as usual, will be welcome to hear him at any time.

At Lurgan Show, writes Mr. McCollum, the sec., class 34, No. 9, the property of Messrs. Sheridan and Fry, should have been marked "challenge cup" in place of class 36, which was a novice class, and entered in mistake.

Diss Show, report of the Amateur Classes, credits Parker with 1st in Yellow Cock Class and Parke 4th in Variegated Buff, writes Mr. A. Parke (Lowestoft). This should read Yellow Cock, 1st Parke, Clear Buff, etc., 4th, Parke.

Kidderminster Show report gives Hingley as 1st and 2nd in the Brit. (amalgamated) class, write Messrs. Potter and Bracey (Broseley Wood, Shropshire); this should be Porter and Bracey, we having won with our Bullfinch and Hawfinch.

Hucknall Torkard C.B.S. are holding their annual members' show and supper in the Coffee Tavern on January 4th next, writes Mr. A. A. Asbury, the sec.; also we have fixed the date for our annual open show for November 13th and 14th next.

The recent Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. Show was the finest held in the town for a number of years, we hear, and a big success, so that the officials mean to go on a larger scale another year. Some of the best birds in England were present.

Report says Mr. W. Cairns won gold medal at Kilmarnock Scottish Crest Club Show for best 1907 crest-bred cock or hen, with his clear crest-bred cock, whereas I won the medal with my 1907 green crest-bred hen, writes Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch).

The following gentlemen have consented to act as judges at Bathgate Show on January 11th, writes Mr. J. Livingstone:—Crest, Crest-Bred and Norwich, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); Borders, Mr. Duncan (Coldstream); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. Laidlaw (Langholm) and Mr. J. D. Leigh (Warrington).

The balance sheet of the recent open show of the Penzance and District F.A. (duly audited) reaches us from the hon. sec., Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, and proves to be a highly satisfactory document, the excellent sum of £7 17s. remaining in hand, testifying to the excellent management and success of this fixture.

Dunfermline, January 1st and 2nd; splendid prize list, numerous specials. Schedules from R. Bowie, The Gusset House, Dunfermline.—(Advt.)

I won 3rd prize with my Foul Green Cock at the late Wigan Show, December 6th and 7th, writes Mr. J. Sykes (Halifax), and I see no name is stated in your report.

I thank all fanciers for their support in making this our record show, of 623 entries, writes Mr. R. Gadsden, sec., Hamilton Cadzou Oaks. Specials are being sent out as early as possible.

Mr. S. H. May's British Goldfinch, 1st and extra specials Bristol, 1st and special Stratford-on-Avon, 1st and special Diss, has been purchased by Mr. P. Harris, Bedford Square, London.

We have this week received two advertisements from a Mr. Ramsay and a Mr. Reynolds, both of which were without addresses. If the senders will communicate, we will insert same next week.

I will give as a Christmas present, writes Mr. H. H. Cooper (Luton), a 4-lb. tin of "Colorine," carriage paid, to the sender of the first order opened every day during Xmas week, for a 1-lb tin or over.

I took 3rd prize at Northampton Show in the class for Blackbirds, writes Mr. F. Smith (Northampton), and this being my first time showing, I thought I would let you know. My prize card was on Mr. Howe's cage, which contained a Blackbird (mine was a Thrush).

Mr. C. Houlton, we hear, is one of the judges elected for the Liverpool Amalgamated Show on New Year's Day, to be held at Birkenhead, and he will also share the honour of placing the cards at the Green Canary Association Club Show in February with Mr. J. C. Barnes.

Report of Cockermouth Show states in York buff-marked class "H. C. Brown, Whitehaven and Egremont, winner." My bird was first at Egremont; 2nd Whitehaven. I also won the gold medal at Whitehaven for most points gained with three birds by a member; also special for most points in show by a member.—W. Irwin (Harrington).

TWO CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS FOR READERS.

OUR NORWICH PLAINHEAD CANARY PLATE.

Where do they differ?

In connection with the art supplement accompanying last week's Christmas Number, entitled "Norwich Plainhead Canaries," we offer (under the following conditions), a prize of 10s. 6d. to the reader who correctly names the point in which the two suggested models differ. The opinion of one of our leading judges of the variety will be taken, and the competition will be decided on his reply. Postcards only must be used, and they must reach us not later than First Post, Monday, December 30th. The postcards will be placed by an independent person in a suitable receptacle, be well shuffled, and then drawn out, when the first one on which is written the correct solution (that of the afore-mentioned judge) will win a Cash Prize of 10s. 6d.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Chance for Birdie Artists.

Our Frontispiece last week was designed to be coloured. We offer a prize of half-a-guinea (10/6) for the best attempt at colouring the same which reaches us from one of our readers on or before Monday, December 30th next. The medium to be employed is left to the discretion of the competitor. The finished attempt should be packed flat, or rolled in a tube, whorever possible.

In both Competitions the Editor's decision shall be final.

"CAGE BIRDS" GRAND XMAS LITERARY COMPETITION.

EIGHT GUINEAS IN PRIZES.

At the time we held our Foreign Bird Essay Competition, some few months ago, many requests reached us to extend that competition to the other sections of the cage bird hobby. We could not conveniently do so then, but we have now decided to hold a Christmas Competition to meet the wishes of readers, and the **Editor** offers **four One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Canaries**. Competitors may deal with any one variety (such as the Norwich), or more than one variety (such as the Norwich and the Crest), and questions relating thereto, or may take the general management, breeding, etc., of Canaries from either the domestic or exhibition side.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **British Birds**. The habits, appearance, and management, etc., of any one particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the knowledge of the essayist.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on **Mule or Hybrid Breeding**, whether in cage or aviary, and between any species of bird (either British or Foreign).

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay written from the aviarist's point of view, embracing the fitting up, stocking, and general management of an aviary, whether of Canaries, British Birds, or Foreign Birds, or a suitable combination.

An original **Painting** of birds, **value Four Guineas**, will be awarded to the best essay, in the opinion of the judges, out of all the sections.

Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

There must be thousands among the readers of Cage Birds with much knowledge stored away in their heads upon the above subjects. Utilise the Christmas holidays to put that knowledge on paper for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, and in exchange for your experiences there may be a cash prize waiting that will help to buy some bird or other acceptable thing you are a-wanting. Turn your spare moments to account.

The Closing Date, remember is January 20th next.

RULES.

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of Cage Birds, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach Cage Birds office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 20th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Blackburn Linnet S.A.—Dec. 21, Old Red Lion Snig Brook, 8 p.m. Club business.—R. Hayhurst.

Bradford (East) O.S. — Dec. 26, Park Chapel Schools. Members' Show. Judge, Mr. J. Willman; four extra novice classes for those who have not won a money prize. Birds to be staged by 10.30 a.m.—H. Hill.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Dec. 26, Lion Hotel, Girlington, 10.30 a.m. Members' Show Judge, R. Sutcliffe (Winhill).—T. Clegg.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show and other business. — F. Mitchell.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Dec. 23, City Cafe, 8 p.m. A.G.M. Balance Sheet. Election of office-bearers, and date of next show. Important.—J. Kerr.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Dec. 23, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Nomination of officers for 1908, an dnomination of Judges for Pair Show.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Dec. 21, Flying Dutchman, 8. Balance sheet for Open Show, etc.—P. Stansfield.

City of Bradford O.S.—Boxing Day, Red House Inn, Barkerend Road. Members' Show, 13 classes, Competition classes, numbers 1 to 8. Judge, Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster).—P. Stansfield.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Dec. 17, Nag's Head, 7.30. Arrangements for January Show, and annual tea and smoker.—J. C. Heaton.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 23, Love's Hotel, 7. Final meeting; show business.—Wm. Rutherford.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Royal Hotel, 8.15 Delegate Report; arrangement for Members' Show, etc.—B. Cook.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Dec. 23, Barley Mow, 8. To arrange specials for Boxing Day Show. Competition Shows.—Judge, Mr. Cowgill.—J. E. Hudson.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Dec. 26, Butchers' Arms, 10 a.m. Members' Annual Boxing Day Show. Judge Mr. J. Bailey.—S. Dean.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Combined Club Show, Jan. 2; send as many entries as possible. Show commencing at 9; all birds be in then.—J. T. Carrick.

Loughborough and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Cross Keys, 8. Special arrangements for next show.—W. H. Wortley.

Middleton O.S.—Dec. 23, Headquarters, 8. Ordinary business.—R. Cowherd.

Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 28. Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30 p.m. To receive dues; other important business.—D. Jeremy.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Dec. 23. Chapel Street Mission Hall, 8. Prize money and cards.—W. Jackson.

Porth and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Headquarters, 7.30 p.m.—J. Challenger.

West of Scotland.—Dec. 28, Nelson Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Distribution of special prizes, etc.—G. Smart.

Wombwell and Darfield C.B.S.—Dec. 21, Royal Oak Hotel, Church Street, Wombwell, 7. Important business. Members note change of headquarters.—W. Ross.

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY NOTICE.

ADVERTISERS, SECRETARIES and CONTRIBUTORS generally should bear in mind that A L MATTER intended to appear in NEXT WEEK'S NUMBER OF "CAGE BIRDS," must reach our offices not later than FIRST POST MONDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 23rd. Owing to the awkward date the Xmas holidays fall on this year, it is imperative this must be STRICTLY ADHERED TO. Matter arriving after Monday's first post cannot possibly be dealt with that week.—EDITOR.

We hear from Mr. Sheffield, the secretary, that Coventry Show, on Dec. 27th next, will, after all, be held under the rules of the Cage Bird Union. They are hoping for a bumping entry from fanciers, and will accept any entries that are posted at once.

We are giving a medal, value 7s. 6d., for the best 4th bird in Wibsey Show, on Boxing Day, and Mr. J. Sandiford is giving a medal for the best Coloured bird fed with his Colour food. These are in addition to the 1st of specials I sent you a week ago, writes Mr. E. W. Johnson, the hon. sec.

Jarrow and Dist. C.B.F.S. and South Shields C.B.S. have combined together to hold a One Day Members' Show, writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, in the Eureka Hotel, Frederick Street, South Shields, on January 2nd; judge, Mr. Shepherd, of Newcastle. Members of both societies please rally up and give it a bumper, and visitors please come in good numbers. The joint secretaries are myself and Mr. W. Duke.

It is to be hoped, writes "Well-wisher," that the St. Helen's Show, to be held on January 10th and 11th, will receive good support. It is nearly three years now since the society held its last open show, and if this one gets successful support, it will pave the way for the holding of an annual open show at this time of year. It is, I think, a suitable time, between the Xmas holidays and the Palace Show. The committee and members are all hoping for a generous entry, and all care and attention will be bestowed on exhibits sent.

The 237 entries at Reading Show we thought most satisfactory, considering the fact that the Society had been in a moribund state for four years—no show held since 1901—writes the sec., Mr. G. A. Charles. We propose holding an open show next year, as the support this year incites us in this direction. There were a large number of really valuable specials, which, no doubt, materially increased entries, being for most points in classes. We had success, too, in selling many birds at the show. We had a good gate, and no doubt this would have been better, but, unfortunately, the Reading Dog Show came on same day. The committee are much encouraged at the result.

The total entries for our Gateshead Show were 1217, writes Mr. T. Taylor, the sec., and the gate was the largest on record. The sales also came out well, and again constituted a record. So that, taken all round, the show proved a huge success. At one time on Saturday it was only with some difficulty that anyone could get about the hall, so full of fanciers was it. The following were a few of the visitors: Messrs. Cobb (Leeds), Wright (York), Dunn (Portobello), McWilliams (Carlisle), Porteous (Hexham), Swan and Riseborough (Sunderland), Duke (South Shields), Roberts, junr. (Blackpool), Currah and Son (Gosforth). Marshall (Blyth), Dixon (Bedlington), and a great many others with familiar faces, but whose names escape me.

At Forfar.

At Forfar Show, writes Mr. John McKinnon, Class 132 ought to read "Evenly-Marked Yellow or Buff Cock," and Class 133 ditto hen.

The Blackbird's Christmas.

A Blackbird's nest, according to a daily contemporary, has just been discovered in a hedge at Castle Cary, Somerset, with the old bird busily engaged hatching out three eggs.

The Border Fancy C.C.

The annual general meeting of Border F.C.C. will be held in Corn Exchange Halls, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, on 1st January, 1908, at 11.30 a.m., writes Mr. M. Jamieson, sec. Business: Balance sheet 1907, election of office bearers, fixing time of next contest, motion that no club member accept more than two engagements as judge in one show season.

A Noted Hawfinch.

I have been a reader of your most valuable paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. Jas. Almond (Rishton), for four years, and I have always found it a great help. The bird with which I won a Cage Birds' competition prize was my noted Hawfinch (Toby) He is a hand-reared bird and has yet to face defeat. He has won first and special at the following shows: Burnley, Gt. Harwood, Hoyland, Blackburn, Preston, Blackpool, Bolton, and Wigan.

The Scottish International.

An error has crept into the prize list for our show, writes Mr. Jas. Winter, the sec. Class 78 reads: "Any Variety Canary Limit, 15s., classes 1 to 63 excluded"; whereas it should be classes 1 to 59 excluded. Also please intimate that I have received the following two specials since the issue of prize lists: 5s. for the winner of Gibson Cup; 5s. for the winner of Foreign Bird Trophy; presented by Mr. R. Eastman (president Glasgow and West of Scotland O.S.).

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F. CARL, 154, Fleet St., London, EC.

A Jaunt from Liverpool.

A good number of the Liverpool fanciers have decided to make up a saloon party to the Scottish National Show, writes Mr. S. Hadwin. The fare by the L.N.W. and Midland route is 8s. 6d.; added to this is 20s. for a saloon, which amount would be divided amongst those going. To the Fanciers about here the fact that the Greens are at the Scottish International will be a great attraction. Will any Fanciers wishing to join the party please communicate with me as soon as possible, so that the necessary arrangements can be made? The train leaves Liverpool on the evening of December 31st, returning on the night of New Year's Day. All communications in connection with the above to be addressed to me at 23, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**"Old Judge."** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards **Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Hadwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**"Schoolmaster,"** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Parks and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

A Bird with a Chill.

J. Clarke.—Try the following which I think will put your bird right, if not gone too far: Fresh daily in the drinking water fifteen drops of syrup of tolu, six drops of paregoric and three drops of acetate of ammonia. Let him have this for a week, then drop the acetate of ammonia and substitute six drops of good old Scotch whiskey, and let him have this on alternate days for a fortnight.

A Bird that Mopes.

E. Newman.—Let the first bird you mention have in two tablespoonfuls of water a piece of sulphate of soda about the size of a small pea twice in one week. The following week let it have fresh daily in drinking water five drops of tincture of steel and five drops of tincture of quinine. You may also give it occasionally a piece of sponge cake about the size of a walnut, over which put a few drops of sherry. 2. Rub a little vaseline on the legs a few times when the scaley covering you mention should come off easily.

Stuck in the Moult.

F.P.—I have known plenty of birds like yours that have stuck in the moult and have gone on all right. As you say yours is lively enough, I see no reason why this should not do the same. You may give it a tonic. Let it have in the drinking water on alternate days, for two or three weeks, five drops of tincture of gentian and five drops of tincture of quinine. You may also give it twice a week a half teaspoonful of egg food, to which add five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. 2. Give this bird a little boiled milk sop out of which squeeze nearly all the milk and then add as much aromatic confection as will stand on a threepenny piece. Do not give any rape seed during this treatment.

A Hard Breather.

Fifer.—Let your hen have in the drinking water fresh daily for four days, six drops of acetate of ammonia, after which let it have fifteen drops of syrup of tolu and six drops of paregoric every day for a week. This also must be given in the drinking water fresh daily. I think this will put her right.

Wholesale Loss of Feathers.

Anxious.—Your bird has evidently dropped into a false moult and I should recommend you to remove it to another room, when probably it may be checked. Let it have a small teaspoonful of egg food three times a week over which put six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. See that it is hung in a place quite free from draughts and cover over at nights with a warm cloth.

Clinging to Side of Cage.

New Reader.—Let me know if your bird gets in the position you say it does only at roosting time. Or does it do it in the day time? I shall be better able to advise you if I know. In the meantime let it have in the drinking water every day for a week or ten days five drops of tincture of steel and five drops of tincture of quinine. Should you see any difference in it after a few days of this treatment, let me know when writing.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

A Swollen Oil-Gland.

T.C.—Your feeding is all right except that you are using far more hemp seed than I think advisable. Stop the hemp and give half a teaspoonful of maw seed two or three times a week instead. Don't interfere with the oil gland, but put a pinch of Epsom salts in its drinking water fresh every morning for three days, taking the water away at night and returning it each morning. And for one week after that give in its water eight drops of syrup of buckthorn and 10 drops of whiskey and then for another week or ten days give 10 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water in place of the buckthorn and whiskey, when I think your bird will get all right again.

Crossing with Lancashires.

Stanley.—Yes, you can use the cross you name, but must be very careful what kind of bird you use. Let the bird be a cock bird, running it with a small typical tight feathered hen of the opposite colour. You will get the best results by this. But my own candid opinion is that it is not necessary or wise to use this cross as there are plenty of good big birds suitable for your purpose to be had as cheap as those you are thinking of getting, and that will give better results all round by a great deal. You will be a long time working out the objectionable points you will get by the cross you write about.

A Squeaking Specimen.

Helpless Novice.—Your feeding seems to be all right and from what you say I don't think there is anything seriously wrong with your bird. The squeaking noise it makes is due to nervousness. I have had birds myself that have been as sound as a bell, and that did not make this noise when I was outside the room, but as soon as I have entered begun to squeak. Had I been in your place I should have returned the bird, as you say it squeaked when you bought it. Still it is very annoying to hear every time you enter the birdroom.

CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS.

Answered by W. E. GREEVES.

Crests versus Plainheads.

"Silliw."—There is a decided difference between the two birds. The Crestbred being bred from one crested parent, has a large percentage of crest blood. The Norwich Plainhead has none. The exhibition points of the two birds are the extreme opposite, the Crestbred being a much larger bird, heavily feathered, with large well-arched head and heavy overhanging eyebrows. The Norwich Plainhead is short and tight in feather and should show no browing. I should recommend you to pair a Crest with a Crestbred, if you want to breed good Crests.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Breeding Questions.

Cis.—The very smallest cage I could recommend a breeding pair being kept in is 2 feet long; a 30 inch cage is, however, much better. It doesn't matter at all whether "medium class" or any other class of bird is being kept. Both cocks and hens should have the following mixture daily: best canary seed, three parts, summer rape seed two parts, by measure. On one day a week, give a good maker's mixed seed for a change; also, a little of a good prepared canary-bread (or egg and biscuit) and a pinch of maw seed can be occasionally offered, not both on the same day. A feed of rape seedlings now and again, or a little ripe, sweet apple, will complete a diet on which breeding stock will winter in grand condition (kept free from damp and draught), and come into breeding condition at the proper time.

Matters of Management.

J.S., Montreal.—I think you make a mistake in letting the birds remain too long in the small cages; they should have a spell now and again out in a larger cage. I don't like the two parts rape one canary mixture; I prefer 3 parts canary to 2 parts of rape, or else equal parts of each. They should certainly have the opportunity to take a little grit frequently; also have a pinch of maw, or a little lump of egg-bread, now and again. A great point is to keep them in a warm, equable temperature, quite free from draughts. The water must soon get foul, and you ought to brush out, or otherwise cleanse the interior of the small pots. Rollers and Hartz Canaries are fed the same. Norwich and Yorkshires would not hurt on the above diet; but plain canary would do for them, with some rape mixed in now and again.

A Moving Affair.

A Slater.—I have heard it said that the jar of traffic will addle eggs, but don't believe it myself. I bred birds in a room close to one of the main railway lines, and passing express and other trains shook the room all day and night, yet I had no epidemic of bad eggs, but very good luck, and this for several years. Anyway, you mustn't move your birds from the house into a cold bedroom now, or the probability is you will ruin them that is, unless you have a fire in, to make the temperature about the same as that of the living room. You could shift them when the warm weather of spring comes, and they would take no harm. Pleased you liked CAGE BIRDS so much; recommend it to your friends.

Roller Not Singing.

Cambrian.—Probably your bird has never thoroughly thrown off the effects of the moult. Try a course of rather higher feeding than usual. In addition to the ordinary canary and rape, give maw and mixed seeds and apple, etc., as advised "Cis" this week. A little egg-bread should be given daily, say, half-a-teaspoonful. You can make a splendid egg-bread by taking three tablespoonsful of finely crushed Osborne biscuits, and mixing with it two tablespoonsful of yolk of egg flake (get a quarter-pound of the latter, finest quality only, from an advertiser in CAGE BIRDS). Of this you should take the necessary quantity, and moisten it with 2 or 3 spots of Parrish's Chemical Food (from the chemist): don't add more, as it only wants to be just damp, not a pasty mass. This treatment should soon bring your own, or any other backward Roller, on song.

Another Backward Roller.

J.K.—Feed your bird as regards seed, etc., exactly as advised "Cis" this week, and for egg food and medicine, note reply to "Cambrian." You cannot do more than treat on these lines, and keep the bird cosy and warm (not stuffy hot, of course) I think a fortnight or so on the egg-bread and Parrish's food will make a great improvement in him. Try it, and see.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by "OLD JUDGE."

Feeding Hens.

Skewen.—"Feeders" or "Feeding Hens" are usually birds of a common kind which are paired up so that they may go to nest about the same time as the birds to whose progeny they are intended to act the part of foster-parents or "feeders." Many high-class birds are poor parents, particularly so Crests, Lancashires, and Belgians, and breeders of these varieties invariably use feeders, the eggs of the parents and foster-parents being changed a few days before they are due to hatch. This answers both your queries.

Will they Breed?

L. Burdon.—In April the birds you mention would only be eight months old. They doubtless would breed, but it would not be wise to let them do so. Birds ought to be at least ten months' old before they are put up for breeding. You can hardly expect strong healthy progeny from immature parents. Bide a wee, as our Scotch friends say. In breeding Canaries, as in many other things, it is often a case of "More haste, less speed."

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Nude Chaffinch.

Payn.—I find it difficult to account for the condition of your Chaffinch—there is nothing in your letter to guide me. Had he moulted when he became hare, or has he failed to moult? Are there some quills (stumps) remaining in the wings? Have you tested the cage for the presence of red-mite? How are you feeding? If you will give some particulars, including the above, I shall be most pleased to try and help you.

About Muling.

Silliw.—You can turn the two Linnets and two Goldfinches in with the Canaries during the winter if you like, providing the accommodation is sufficiently spacious; in fact, this will be a good plan. If you mean, however, that the Goldies have only been caged for the week (that is, very recently caught), then an element of risk might attach to the plan, as they might not thrive on the plain diet given to Canaries, and I should not recommend a lot of niger and hemp being given the latter, unless in an outdoor place, aviary or large flight, or in an indoor (cold room) aviary or flight. If non-house-moulted Finches they are hardly likely to be "up" for breeding before May comes in. The simplest plan is to use a two-compartment breeder, and give the couple the full run of this. When the hen commences to build, if the Finch interferes with the nest, put in the centre slide, and only let him in with the hen for a short time daily, either early morning, or in the evening. Even if he does not interfere, it is best to shut him off when she is laying and incubating, unless his harmless disposition is known, as egg-smashing is a common proclivity of the Goldie, and even the Linnet sometimes indulges in it, or pulls out the nest. The hen will hatch and rear the young herself. If a three-compartment breeder is used, then two hens to one Finch may be tried—one in each end, and the Finch in the centre.

Bullfinch Off in Colour.

Novice.—Am afraid you can do very little now. You ought to have used plenty of fruits and berries with colour in them during the course of the moult, and after, to have ensured a good breast colour; or you might have tried colour-feeding, if the bird will eat soft-food. Canary seed alone is poor fare for a Bullie; let him have some sunflower, teazle and summer rape daily, and occasionally a little maw and linseed. The wild seeds are good, and should certainly be continued. Your Goldie may not moult now until next season comes round; though possibly he may fall into moult in the spring. You could not do more than try a change from a cold room to a warm one, which might start him casting his plumage. Should it do so, keep him in the room right through the winter.

Water Freezing.

Goldfinch.—I do not know of any method that will keep water from freezing in an outdoor aviary (outside, of course, supplying heat). It is a nuisance one has to face. By giving the water slightly warm in the first place, the freezing can be postponed a short time, especially when the frost is not severe. I do not know of anything one can add to the water to attain this end, and I should imagine such a thing, if obtainable, would be likely to make it undrinkable. Glycerine has a decided effect on a bird's bowels, whatever effect it may have in preventing water from freezing (have never heard it mentioned personally in the latter connection). If any reader has experimented in this direction, he may let you know in next week's issue. One of my own outdoor aviaries, which had once been a rabbitry, had a tap in it, and by leaving this running gently, into a trough having a slight fall, I had little difficulty with frozen water, though I always had to "pack" the pipe well with rags and straw. In an outdoor room containing cages (as I presume yours is), the best plan is unquestionably to arrange for just sufficient heat to keep the temperature above freezing point, and no higher.

About Linnets.

Chorister.—1. The cages used when contest singing are those known as "hop" cages, or "hack" cages. "Long jump" cages, as the name implies, is a larger cage, though of similar type, into which the birds are sometimes run for a change. You can get a regulation "back" cage from any of the cage-makers advertising in our columns. The "hop" cage, in some parts, is all wire on a wood foundation, but the "back" cage has always the top and back of wood. 2. A pediment cage is one with a pediment (that is a shaped piece of wood for ornamental purposes) at the top. It is a fair-sized single cage, intended for a songster Canary or Mule, as a rule. 3. No doubt the manager of "C.B." could let you have the back numbers containing the articles on Linnet singing; drop him a line. 4. A bird is said to be "sprung" when he is in high breeding condition, hence "springing" a Linnet means forcing it into breeding condition, and so into full song.

"Gasping for Breath."

J.S.—The phrase "gasping for breath" really conveys very little—your bird may have a bad cold, or the gasping may be due to a severe internal upset. You give no details to guide me to a decision; you should have stated other symptoms, if any, state of excreta, etc. Anyway, assuming he has a severe cold, keep him in an equable temperature, out of all draughts, and get a chemist to mix you one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuhana wine. Of this, well stir half a teaspoonful into two table spoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. Tempt the bird to eat, with maw and ilger seeds. Write again if no relief seems afforded in a week's time.

One Easy; One Otherwise.

Novice.—1. There are certainly "grey" Linnets to be had, that is, with no red on the breast. All hens are "grey," whatever their age, and all house-moulted birds. Young cock Linnets are "grey," too; and old cocks as well until the approach of the breeding season. The red breast feathers, in fact, may be said to be the nuptial finery of the male Linnet. Young cocks are never so deep a red as old cocks, and a three-year-old male (and upwards) is usually the most gorgeously be-crimsoned of all. The older birds are richer (more nutty brown), in ground colour, too; though this varies according to whether they are "jonques" or "mealies," the former always being much the better in depth of body brown. 2. Your newly purchased Siberian Goldfinch ought, if he is a good boy, to fertilise eggs this coming season. I know many which did so last year. Still, of course, it would be folly for anyone to say one way or the other for certain; only time can prove that. One cannot even guarantee Canaries. The unsighted yellow Norwich ben should make him a capital mate.

A Hot Batch.

E.T.S.—Am afraid you overstep the limit in number of questions. Your harmless looking four in reality run out to above a dozen. The Cornish Chough has a long curved red beak and red legs; the Alpine Chough, a short yellowish beak and yellowish legs. The plumage is alike in both sexes, I believe. They require feeding on table scraps (meat, vegetables, etc.), flesh food, beetles, etc., the same as Magpies, Jays, and the Crow family generally. An outdoor aviary, 4 foot long by 2 foot from back to front, is hardly large enough; 5 feet by 3 feet would be decidedly better. The concrete floor should not be left bare, but be covered by a thick layer of coarse sand. The cock Bearded Tit has a black "moustache" (a pronounced black streak, broadly speaking) down each cheek, towards the breast. The hen has not this marking. Feed on the usual insectivorous mixture for small softbills, with plenty of mealworms, and other insect life, according to season. Bearded Tits are a resident species, and in a well-sheltered outdoor aviary, with snug roosting quarters, will winter all right. Questions respecting Red-headed Gouldians (foreign birds) must be sent to our Mr. Page. Iodine is no good for a "scurfy" head; you should have applied a mild sulphur ointment (from the chemist) or, failing this, a spot or two of paraffin, with the tip of a finger. I should think you might get an untried Chough for the sum named; but not a known winner. The amount you mention is a very modest one in fact.

Concerning the Lady.

Stanley.—Yes; an ordinary young Norwich hen, if a yellow, and of nice size and shape (substance) would make an excellent mate for your Goldfinch. It would certainly be better than a so-called sib-bred muling hen, with probably nothing else to recommend it other than a more-or-less dubious "pedigree." If you want a sporting chance of a light Mule, get a yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen, or a clear pink-eyed Yorkshire, from a known breeder; don't expect a good one for nothing, however.

White Jackdaws.

E. Schomann.—I don't think white Jackdaws are at all uncommon; in fact I fancy they are bred in considerable quantities on the continent, and many sent over to this country. I saw several at a well-known place in Covent Garden the last time I was round that way. If your birds are pink-eyed Albino Jackdaws then they are certainly rarities, and worth showing. Unfortunately, not many shows provide classes for Albino and rare-feathered birds. You would need to apply for schedules of the convenient shows advertising in our columns, and if a proper class is provided, enter your birds therein on the form sent with the schedule. The prizes vary, but will be found set out in each schedule. You would send the birds by rail, in proper show-cages; or take them yourself, if a metropolitan show. The procedure with regard to hand-washing birds is too lengthy to give here, you should consult "House's Canary Manual" (published by CAGE BIRDS) in which full details are given. You would "tub" a Jackdaw, however, as you would "tub" a fowl, or bantam. And keep an eye on its beak while about it; if the bird loses its temper and gets in a half-arm jab on the mark, it may knock you out.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

What Bird?

"Pate."—You have certainly given me a poser for the moment; I am inclined to think you have some European species, and not a Foreigner in the sense in which the term is generally used. However, I will think the matter over, and give you a reply next week. If you are aware of the locality the bird came from, it would certainly help out your description, and make naming an easier matter.

Parrakeets and Lories.

F.E.G.—You would find Greene's "Parrots in Captivity" as suitable as any of the cheaper works, and the plates, if somewhat over-coloured, yet give a fairly accurate idea of the general colouring of their plumage; copies are usually to be picked up by writing to the various second-hand booksellers for their list of Nat. History Books (2) I am the Editorial Sec. of the F.B.C. Subscription 10/-; entrance fee, 2/6. (3). The Lories are not difficult to keep in health, once they have got over the hardships of importation; they should have a full-sized Parrot-cage. As regards diet, supply plenty of soft, ripe fruit, a tin of canary seed, boiled milk sop, and also boiled rice; the two latter can be used on alternate weeks, so as to vary the diet. (4) Once Parrots are adult, after distinction is very difficult, and as this distinction varies with almost each species, you will see the impossibility of my giving you a general reply here. In aged birds, the legs and feet are usually heavily and coarsely scaled. In good-sized outdoor aviaries, many species of Parrakeets, such as Rosellas, Jennants, Blood-rumps, etc., breed freely and several species of Lories have been bred. Swainson's or the Blue-Mountain Lorry is one of the hardiest species, and a very handsome and brilliant bird.

Californian and Common Quails.

"River."—(1) They must not be put out of doors at this season, unless you purchase such as have been out of doors all the summer. I am doubtful as to their agreeing with the Common Quail, though I find that the Harlequin and Common agree fairly well together, but unless the aviary be very large, I really cannot advise you to make the experiment. It is in the breeding season that their pugnacity becomes most pronounced. My Common Quails have made no attempt to breed. Pile some brushwood up in one corner and you will probably have better luck next year. (2) Bib-finched cannot be termed free breeders, young have, however, been reared on several occasions, and given a strong and healthy pair,

they are certainly probable breeders. (3) You would find the following much more preferable: 2 parts Partridge meal, 1 part each nuts' eggs and dried flies, half a part each silkworm pupae and ground oriaset, with a sprinkling of scalded grocer's currants, and some crumbled sponge cake, when dumping for use. The mixture you propose would answer the purpose well enough, but that named above would be more wholesome. Grocer's currants should always be scalded, so as to both cleanse and soften them, consequently they should only be added when mixing for use. Three or four mealworms per day as well as other insects are very wholesome for all softbills.

Parrakeets for Outdoor Aviary.

"Parrakeets."—From your description of their demeanour, I am of the opinion that you have a true pair of Quaker Parrakeets; if so, you will find one of them a builder bird that the other, this is the female, her beak is also larger than the male. In plumage they are practically alike. Your query re Moustache Parrakeet will be answered next week. You could keep about a score or rather more Parrakeets in your aviary, but about four pairs for breeding purposes would be ample. You would like pairs of Red Rosellas, Blood-rumps, Blossomheads, and White-eared Conures, make a very fine show, and none of the birds are difficult to keep in health. You must fix up from ten to a dozen log nests, high up in the aviary, some in the shelter and some out of doors, under the roofed-in portion. A pair each of green and yellow Budgerigars would make a pleasing variety as to size, and the larger birds usually despise the smaller fry. If you should have any luck with breeding, you will soon have your accommodation filled. Note: Parrakeets very often only play at nesting during their first year in new quarters.

The Rose-Breasted Cockatoo.

A. W. Brown.—Your bird is the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicápilla*). It is a hardy and freely imported species, but the majority of these birds do not enjoy much reputation as talkers in this country. However, in Australia, their native country, their repute is high in this respect, and recently in CAGE BIRDS several accounts have appeared of quite talented talkers. Make a pet of the bird, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it, and seek to train it by constant repetition; it should ultimately learn to speak a few odd words at any rate. There are so many rare species imported now-a-days, that the prospects of the Roseate Cockatoo are not great on the show bench. Still, if in fine plumage and tight and sleek condition, it might catch the judge's eye. Show it in a roomy parrot cage. Newly imported individuals can mostly be obtained for about 8/6 each—of course, an acclimatised and talking bird would be worth much more.

Food for an Amazon.

A. J. State.—Always keep a tin of seed mixture in the bird's cage, it will ultimately take to it. Give it about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily till such times as you see it eating the seed mixture. Note: the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. You can let it have as much banana and other ripe fruit as it will eat; also plain biscuit, dry, not soaked; nuts, shelled walnuts are best; a little dry boiled potato or raw carrot; dry crust stale household bread and a little green food. There should be regular supplies of cuttlefish and water ad lib. Do not give table scraps, slops, or any kind of animal food. The seed mixture should consist of canary, oats, hemp, dari, maize, wheat and sunflower seeds. A good way to get a bird on to the seed mixture is to put a thin layer of boiled maize over same, and usually the bird soon finds the seed mixture very agreeable and to its taste.

Plumage of an Amazon.

A.C.—Your bird is a Blue-fronted Amazon. If you continue to treat strictly as advised in previous replies, its plumage should gradually resume its normal condition, it is very often a tiresome task breaking a bird of this habit, some individuals never wholly give it up; in the majority of cases, it has its source in improper dietary, as in your case; however, there is every reason to hope for success with your bird. It will be patience and perseverance that will win the day, combined with a wholesome diet, such as you are now giving. If the trouble should become more pronounced, write again at once.

A Parrot with an Injured Foot.

T.B.—This is another instance in which the case is only fully met by consulting a vet., it is so difficult to judge of the extent of an injury by correspondence. However, if you wish to deal with it yourself, foment the foot with a warm decoction of camomile flower, or poppy heads, using a mop camel hair brush for the purpose, partially dry, and then put on the embrocation, also using a camel hair brush for the purpose; if done with care, it should not occasion the bird any irritation or pain. Till the foot is all right again, keep the cage tray covered with pent moss litter (from a forage merchant), and remove the grating for the time being. Diet the bird as regularly advised in this column. Keep its bowels moving freely, but not really loose, with either Epson Salts or Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. On other occasions well colour the drinking water with chemical food. As regards a perch, use a natural one (with the bark on), about ¾ inch diameter. Hope the bird will soon improve, but had sprains or strains are frequently very troublesome, especially with a restless creature like a bird.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Photo (A. A. Asbury).—Many thanks for the interesting photograph; we shall hope to reproduce it in the near future.

Acceptable Advice (Bert).—We are indeed pleased to know our advice has proved so acceptable, and shall look forward to hearing the result next season.

Articles, etc. (H.S.N.).—We are much obliged for the contribution, and shall always be glad to hear from you.

New Society at Lowestoft (Fancier).—We cannot insert a notice such as you send us, except with the name and address of the sender attached.

Book wanted (New Beginner).—All the little "tips" you want on feeding, moulting, sexing, etc., will be found explained in simple language in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," price 7d., post free, from this office.

Late Eggs (J.W.R.).—We have kept no record of these "late eggs," but feel sure instances have been published of hen laying eggs during every month in the year.

Help and a Meeting (J. Livingstone.—Thanks for your promise of support, and we shall be pleased on our side to do whatever we can to help. No doubt one of our staff will be at the fixture you mention.

Not to be found (F. W. Willis).—We are unable to trace where the delay arose, but both answers have only come to hand this week. We do not know of any fault on your side.

Warning to Novices, etc. (J. Huggard).—While we are in complete sympathy with the views you express, your letter is not one we can see our way to publish, as it tends to throw the many straightforward fanciers under a cloud of distrust, and this, we are sure, would be rightly resented by them.

Opinion (No side).—Your only remedy, so far as we can judge from the stated facts, is to put the matter into a solicitor's hands and seek redress through the County Court; that is, if you are not agreeable to the return of the birds on both sides.

Report (D. M'D. Skinner).—Accept our hearty thanks for your kindness.

A Judge's Credentials (J. H. Adam).—The printing of such a letter as you send us would involve both yourself and this paper in an action for libel, and as, personally, we are anxious to spend as quiet and happy a Christmas as possible, we must forego the excitement of running up against the law.

Three Questions (Elm).—Any high quality enamel will do, bought from a paint-shop. For seed-eating birds, the usual plan is to have food and water vessels outside, and grit should be used on the floor of the cage in which the same are kept.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 135, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Redpoll (Mrs. Hoge).—Chronic softening of liver and acute pneumonia. Only birds in perfect health and plumage should be hung up out of door during sunshine this time of year.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

A SHORT time ago the Bradford City O.S. removed from their old headquarters at the Travellers' Rest, to more commodious rooms at the Flying Dutchman, but I suppose they would not have done so had not their old host and friend, Mr. Horsman, also intended a move. Mr. Horsman has taken a house a few miles from the centre of the city, where for the remaining years of his life he hopes to breathe the fresh air of the fields. On Saturday evening last a deputation from the society wended their way to their old host's new home, The Old King's Head, Allerton, bearing with them a splendid framed testimonial for preseutation to him, this taking the form of a group of the officials of the Bradford City O.S. surrounding Mr. Horsman.

UPON their arrival, however, they were doomed to disapointment, as unfortunately they found Mr. Horsman ill in bed; but after a consultation they decided to present it to his better half. Mr. T. Fortman, the President of the Society, made the presentation, in which he was ably assisted by two of the oldest members, Mr. F. Ludbrook and Mr. J. S. Clarkson. Afterwards all joined in the singing of "Rule Britannia" and "Auld Lang Syne," and wishing their old and worthy friend speedy recovery, they turned their steps homewards.

THAT prominent exhibitor of Yorkshires, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, made his first appearance as a judge at the show held at Laisterdyke, on Saturday last, and well does he seem to have merited the position, his awards being very well received. I heard several fanciers remark that they thought he had judged very consistently throughout, finishing up with the same type as he started with; and this is no mean tribute to Mr. S., as he had a good morning's work in going through the 391 birds entered.

THE Harrogate C.B.S. Open Show kas also held on Saturday last, the grand total of 314 entries, staged in the 20 classes provided, giving an average of nearly 17 per class. The British were a show in themselves, and were worth going miles to see, many noted winners being on view.

WHEN visiting Laisterdyke, on Saturday, I dropped in at the headqnarters of the society, and in the room set apart for the "birdy" men, I noticed something that, from an artistic point of view, quite took my fancy. The worthy host had a dozen of CAGE BIRDS coloured postcards of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, etc., beautifully mounted and framed in two sets of six, and well did they look.

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" 24—**West Bromwich**—T. Duffield, 13, Braybrooke Street.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 23—**Scottish National** (Edinburgh)—Jas. Winter, 11, Park Isle St.
" 23—**Plymouth**—W. Watson, 18, William St., Devonport.
" 23—**Plumstead**—W. Pawley, 13, Otven Rd.
" 24—**Baildon**—W. T. Dobson, 28, Northgate.
" 24—**Ruggiescote**—T. Haywood.
" 24—**Kilmarnock**—J. Blane, 36, Titchfield St.
" 24—**Forfar**—J. McKinnon, 2, Muirbank, Brechin Road.
" 24—**Elgin**—A. D. McCaskie, 2, Commerce St.
" 25—**Paisley**—A. M. Barra, 23, Nelston St.
" 25—**Hexham**—P. Gillespihy, North Terrace.
" 26—**Dunfermline**—R. Bowie, The Gusset House.
" 26—**Neath**—Lloyd & Lewis, 10, High Skewen, Neath.
" 28—**Guisborough**—W. T. Simpson, 25, New rd.

SOME OPINIONS ON OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

A very large number of congratulatory messages has reached us anent last week's Christmas Number, and we have to express regret that pressure on space prevents our acknowledging in this week's issue more than the few printed below. We much appreciate our readers' encouraging remarks.—Ed.

The Christmas number is grand. — D. H. TEDSTONE (Brecon).

The Christmas number was really good.—H. H. COOPER (Luton).

This week's supplement and plates are really good.—A. HIRST (Accrington).

Many thanks for the plates with CAGE BIRDS this week; they are beautics.—J. H. HILTON (Wigan).

Last week's CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. W. Francis (Lowestoft), was a wonder, and full of good things.

The Xmas Number is a splendid piece of work, and I am very pleased with it.—W. LAWTON (Glossop).

Many thanks for the beautiful coloured plate in CAGE BIRDS issue of the 14th inst., writes Mr. F. W. Willis (Wood Green).

The coloured plate in your Xmas number is simply grand, writes Mr. A. Parke (Lowestoft), and the models of Norwich makes one think how happy he could be with either.

The CAGE BIRDS' Coloured Plates I won at Reading Show arrived safely, and I am very pleased with them, and thank you very much, writes Mr. J. A. Lees (Oxford).

CAGE BIRDS Xmas number is a perfect treat, and is without doubt *the* cage bird paper. Your coloured plates are excellent, and I trust it may have the success it deserves.—JOHN MARTIN (Castle Douglas).

The coloured plates and supplements you issue from time to time are superb and all that could be desired, and your Mr. Norman stands out alone as an artist in cage bird circles. Last week's number was very good.—H. S. NEGUS (Cardiff).

I think the plate presented with the Christmas number about the best even CAGE BIRDS has given, which is saying a lot. The person who cannot find something to his taste in the Christmas number must be a peculiar creature.—A. E. CROSS (Woking).

The plate in this week's issue is grand, and a great credit to your artist, Mr. Norman. It makes one long to own a bird half as good as the two Norwich. The question is, When shall we get one to the type?—C. H. COOPER (West Ham).

Your coloured plate is a real knock-out to anything I have ever seen. Not only the two Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrids, but the Goldfinch-Siskin, Goldfinch-Linnet, and Linnet-Bullfinch are a treat. Thanks to your artist, Mr. Norman, for such a grand plate.—JOHN DIXON (Wigton).

Allow me to thank you for the splendid coloured plate in the Christmas number, writes Mr. J. T. Wilson (Fulham). What a beautiful bird that Linnet-Bullie is! It almost tempts me to give up Budgerigar breeding and devote my time to breeding a Hybrid like it. But I have heard that Hybrid breeding is very uncertain, so I had better stay on what I know is safe ground.

The coloured plate last week was a gem of the first water, and I must congratulate Mr. Norman for giving readers such a treat, while the literary supplement was first class. CAGE BIRDS cannot be beaten for supplements and coloured plates; it is at the top of the ladder. CAGE BIRDS is to its readers what the sun is that shines from the sky—Glorious indeed, and very bright.—A. H. C. LEGG (Porth).

Heartiest congratulations upon your Christmas number just to hand. It is indeed a grand twopennyworth, and should have a big sale. Mr. Norman's picture of Hybrids is a delicious production, and well worth framing. I am slowly recovering from the effects of a nasty chill and "run down," but the Christmas number has acted as a splendid tonic—better than bucketsful of medicine.—J. B. WATERMAN (Dulwich).

I was delighted with last week's exquisite plate, "Triumphs of Hybrid Breeding." The more I see of these living little treasures, the more enthusiasm it instils into me to try year after year. Please convey my congratulations to your artist, Mr. H. Norman, for the delightful plate he has produced us once again; it certainly does him great credit. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—A. J. MARLEY (Leyton).

THE "CHAMPION" LINNET.

Among its many proud possessions, says a Yorkshire contemporary, Leeds can boast of the champion singing Linnet of the world, and bird lovers will be interested to know how the owner of this phenomenal songster, Mr. Harry Allen, came into possession of this bird. About two and a half years ago Mr. Allen, who is a humourist, was singing at a private residence at Cawood, near Selby, when, having a little spare time, he received permission to catch a few birds. The champion Linnet was among them. It was then only some two or three months old, and he at once set to work to train it. At the age of five months, the bird took the first prize for quality at a contest in Newtown. Its fame spread rapidly, and when, soon afterwards, it entered for a contest at Batley, bird-lovers assembled from all parts of Yorkshire to hear it. It beat all competitors, notwithstanding that the contest was open to all England. Next came an All-England contest at Leeds, and again this wonderful bird came out at the top, Mr. Allen being then offered a ten-pound note for his rare acquisition.

Other All-England contests followed in rapid succession, and no fewer than five of these out of six fell to this feathered champion. At Bradford it defeated 34 of the best-picked birds of Yorkshire and Lancashire, the cup winner having to succumb to its entrancing melody. At Leeds, last year, it was eminently successful, and at Sheffield it wrested the first prize from 28 of the best time singers of Yorkshire. On that occasion it scored 57 points in two minutes, after having travelled 39 miles. In the Leeds district, it appears, the contests in which the Linnet engaged were contests of quality, but at Sheffield time was the test. The bird could not score unless it sang for three seconds at a stretch. The longer it held out in its two minutes the more points it scored. The champion ran up 18 "chalks" in one "hold."

Altogether, Mr. Allen's famous Linnet has won over a hundred first prizes. To the novice in bird matters this Patti among Linnets has quite an ordinary appearance. Darting about in its tiny cage in a back room of its new home in Beckett Street, the average city dweller might, at first view, see no more in it than a neatly-built sparrow. It differs outwardly in no way from the score or more of other Linnets which keep it in harmonious company, each in its small cage. But its owner takes one of these companions down from its hook and holds it in front of the champion. There is an excited movement on the part of the latter, a tight drawing-in of the wings, and then a quick outspreading of them, and the liquid notes pour forth full and sweet. In all his contests, with one exception, says Mr. Allen, the bird has won the first prize before he has been up one minute. He is a six-note bird, which is termed a good Linnet, running and turning like a German Canary, without the slightest click or jar in between.

WASHING EXHIBITION BEFORE THE CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Mr. W. Morris, of Stoke Newington, gave a washing exhibition at the last meeting of the City and Suburban A.C.B. In the washing competition which he also judged, Messrs. F. Pullinger, T. Monger, H. Hawes, W. Page, and T. Kelly, of the Novice section, competed, but no amateurs and champions would enter.

In deciding the winner, Mr. Morris's guides were (1) style of handling, (2) mode of washing, and (3) quickness, these being very conspicuous in the winner, Mr. F. Pullinger, with Mr. T. Kelly running him very closely. Whist the birds were drying Mr. Morris gave a few remarks emphasising the unnecessary way the soapsuds had been allowed to penetrate into the eyes, and the length of time taken over the operation; also the mechanical way in which the birds were handled. To illustrate his meaning, Mr. Morris commenced to wash a Yorkshire, pointing out that three basins were perfectly unnecessary, as it only required the bird to be held over the soapy water while he rinsed with the water out of the second basin, and so kept the second quite clear. During the process of washing he advised the members never to let a bird see them washing, as it had a tendency to excite it, and to carefully avoid "winding" it. If they used curd soap it would be the means of regaining the bloom upon the feather providing it was well rinsed. What apparently struck the members most was the perfect way which Mr. Morris dried his bird, doing away with the rolling up and placing it direct into its cage, where it at once began to groom itself. In answering a question Mr. Morris remarked that the birds should be placed two feet from the fire, and after the shivering stage be removed to the end of the room and then sprayed, after which it would commence to groom itself If a bird was exhausted during the washing you could depend upon it that it would not groom itself afterwards, with the painful result of rough plumage. It was a hard task for a novice to stage a bird in tip-top form, but when he did the reporters were not slow to recognise it and announce it in a most encouraging manner. The chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Morris, incidentally remarking that it must have been very gratifying to him to go right to the centre of Canary-land (Norwich) and take away the coveted honours that he did, which was seconded by Mr. A. W. Curtis, and Mr. Morris replied in a few well-chosen words.—V. WYNN, hon. sec.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARE THEY RECORD LATE EGGS?

SIR,—As a reader of CAGE BIRDS, I saw a short time ago that one correspondent had a canary that had laid eggs in October. Not long after that I saw that another correspondent had a Canary which laid eggs in November. I, however, have one that has laid four eggs in this present month, December. The first was laid on the 8th. I think this is a record. Will any reader kindly answer if it is not?

J. W. REDHEAD (Kettering).

FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL.

SIR,—Your reporter states that owing to the hall being occupied till quite a late hour on the preceding night, several of the foreign bird exhibits had not time to settle down before judging began. This is likely to convey to exhibitors (especially non-successful ones) that there was delay in getting exhibits staged. This is not correct, for, as a matter of fact, the benching occupied by the foreign birds was the first to be completed, and the whole of the staging throughout the show was done by midnight. True, the hall was in possession of a large fancy bazaar at 7 o'clock, but the management had provided a body of workers which in a few hours transformed the hall from a large bazaar to a gigantic bird show, and all the exhibits staged some hours before the judges arrived, so any omission of honours cannot be attributed to late staging.

H. ATTRIDGE.

LANCASHIRE BOWL AT BRISTOL SHOW.

SIR,—The competition for the above mentioned trophy has created a great deal of excitement for the last five or six years around Rochdale and Oldham, where the particular variety is most popular. This year saw three well-known fanciers—Messrs. Buckley (Royton), Swallwell (Oldham), and Hardy (Oldham)—on a level mark, with a couple of wins each. Thus the excitement, for the one who scored this year was the proud possessor of the £10 10s. silver bowl, presented by the Bristol Fanciers' Association, the birds competing being 1907 birds, bred by exhibitor. Mr. Swallwell was not a competitor this year, and as Mr. Ben Buckley scored a v.h.c., whilst Mr. Hardy was 1st, 2nd, and h.c., therefore the latter was the winner outright, and the runner-up. The winning bird is of massive size, extra in head properties, well filled-in at neck, of good position and length. This fine Plainhead is bred from the yellow Coppy cock which stood first in its class for old birds, and last year was only shown at Nottingham and gained a first. The only other time out was at the Rochdale Good Intent Show, in November this year, when he again stood first. The hen is a buff Plainhead, and has never been exhibited. The runner-up was a buff, with a very neat coppy, well radiated, and of good stature. It was bred from a buff Plainhead cock, which last year won first at Nottingham, and this season gained premier honours at Rochdale Good Intent and Bristol (only times shown), and a buff Coppy hen that has been in the money every time exhibited. This is a striking example of like breeding like. Mr. Hardy also won both specials—one for best Coppy, and the other for best Plainhead. The long journey had a telling effect on the birds, and as a consequence, no doubt through the cold whilst travelling, Mr. Hardy lost his winning buff Coppy, which also included in his big wins the one for the bowl in the year 1905.

"OWDHAM LAD."

THE DIPPER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I was much interested in the article relating to the "Dipper," in last week's grand number; the plates could not be very much improved upon, and I am sure does your artists great credit. It is now some ten or eleven years ago since I first had my attention drawn to this very interesting class of birds, and I was a very strict observer of them for some months. I had three given to me, that were caught on the Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley's estate, and as they were old ones, I had very little trouble with them. For the first day I had them I turned them loose into a large aviary, which was 22 ft. long outside, 7 ft. wide, 9 ft. 6 in. high at the back, and 6 ft. 6 in. at the front. It was divided into two parts. One was 14 ft. long, was all bricked in, with a skylight, and the bottom was laid with quarries, covered all over the bottom with brushwood. The outside was 8 ft. long, and was laid all over with turf. Let into the turf was a wooden tub, 4 ft. square, and 6 in. deep; holes were bored all round 1 in. from the top, so that it would never have above 4½ in. of water in it at the most. Into this I put several very large "cinders," so that the birds could hop on these. There was one thing very noticeable about them—they were extremely shy, and it was very rarely you could see them feed. So I arranged some old bushes up one side of the aviary, and into these they would go as soon as anyone approached them. It was only by keeping very quiet and still that they would venture to come out to feed again. Now, what my friend, Mr. Sandy, called "Straw Bait," we here call "Jack Jumpers," and we can gather them very easily along the canal banks, from among the rushes. I and my friends have spent hours getting them. Now, I tried another plan for feeding them, which I found very successful, and that was by getting a lot of mealworms, and then some good straws, which I cut up in lengths one inch long, well mixing these with the mealworms, and in a day or so they would all be inside these short lengths of straws. These I used to scatter about the aviary and in the water. The birds thrived very well on them, and they got them out of the straws very quickly indeed. I never tried giving them egg food, but I supplied them with live ant eggs, in all stages, which they relished very much. I never gave them any dried flies or dried ants' eggs, so I am unable to give any opinion about these. But I am a great believer in live gentles, as I think there is no food better than these for any kind of wild soft-billed birds. I may say I can get any quantity of these where I live, so that I never stint any of my birds; there are always some of these in my aviary. The way I fed my Dippers on these was as follows: I got six boxes, about 1 ft. square, 8 in. deep; then I got a bucket half-full of wet, sharp, red sand, the same as the bricklayers use, and put into this; also about two quarts of gentles. I then mixed them well up in the sand, and filled up the boxes. It was very rarely you could go down to the aviary, and not see one of the Dippers on the look-out for one of the gentles. I used to fill these boxes twice a week, and that was all they needed whilst in my care. I used to throw amongst the grass a lot of very small red earthworms, but whether they picked them up or not I am unable to say. I think they are well adapted for aviary, but not for cage life, as we could not keep them so clean in a cage as we could in an outside aviary. I think, too, it is very unwise to try and keep them in a cage, for they are not suited to it, and at the same time they would not get the amount of exercise, to keep them in good health and condition. With regard to exhibiting them, I don't think they are suitable for exhibition, and their place, like the Kingfisher, should be in an outside aviary.

JOS. JONES.

SUCCESSFUL HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—You may remember my writing you in reference to a Cirl Bunting, at the beginning of last season, and also about a cross between Thrush and Blackbird I was trying for. Well, I failed with this cross, but hope to get it this next season, and will let you know if successful. I also put up a Goldfinch and Bullfinch, which came off all right. I have enclosed a post-card with a male of that cross on my finger, as you will see, also a male from the same nest on my wife's finger. Don't you think they are very tame? I have not seen anything like it in CAGE BIRDS, only a parrot and a magpie. I should like to know if anyone else has got any so tame. They are an exact copy of Goldfinch—Bullfinch on the first plate of hybrids which you issued, except that they show the bar of Bullfinch across the wing. They have been fed on the simplest of diet since weening them from the egg-food—plain canary seed and hemp is all they have had. So you see it is not so expensive to rear hybrids as some of our experts make out. I am going in for hybrids for all I am worth this next season—Cock Bullfinch and Canary, Goldfinch and Greenfinch, Canary and Bullfinch, Redpole and Bullfinch, and Linnet and Bullfinch. I have not the time for getting them fit for show. I will here explain how I think I was successful first time of trying for hybrids: The Goldfinch was two years old, cage moulted; the Hen Bullfinch also was cage moulted. I penned them in a cage, box pattern, 12in. by 13in. by 9in.; so if they fought it was to be a "knock-out." I kept them there till late in the spring, and then turned them into a breeding cage, and fed them the same as I do my canaries. The Bullfinch laid all her eggs in a nest she made herself, but, of course, I had a Canary as foster parent to rear the young, which came off all right. So I would advise all who are trying for the cross to try this method of mating them, if they have failed otherwise. I must say that, had it not been for CAGE BIRDS, I should never have tried for hybrids.

A. J. BROWN.

[The photographs Mr. Brown so kindly sends are very interesting, and evidence to the remarkable tameness of his hybrids.—EDITOR.]

Note our Xmas Competitions.

SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—"Full of mis-statements" is the verdict of this "Will-o'-the-Wisp" of a secretary on my letter, in your issue of the 30th ult. (happily for the Scottish National, its "ex"; unhappily for the S.P.C., in full possession—certainly a valuable legacy to be the "sole proprietors" of). One thing certain is: they have a secretary with a reputation—a reputation secured for him by the Press placing him on a pedestal, and inscribing on it "a model secretary." Were I asked to write a truer inscription, it would be very, very different. I will prove this by his actions and words. When he retired from the secretaryship of the Scottish National he refused to give up the books of the society when called upon by his successor, and it was some time before wiser counsels prevailed, and he did so. The minute-book presented a terrible apology for one; minutes were written in ink up till the end of 1903, and in pencil till the 10th February, 1905; from that date till his "retirement" in 1906 no minutes are entered in the minute-book. "I have just as much regard (perhaps more than you have) for the Scottish National," are his words in his letter appearing in your issue of the 7th, in reply to mine. Oh, hypocrite! Who pulled down its show bills in the Glasgow and W. of S. Show on the 16th November? It is not words, but actions, that convince. He follows the quotation above with the words, "And I have good reason, seeing the part I took the first four years of its existence." Though you had done ten times more than you did, it was all undone when you turned traitor on it. Your own words, "I will do all I can against its interests," condemn you.

I will touch as briefly as I can upon the points raised in his letter. Re Kelso Show: Isn't it quite a sufficient reason when the E.P.C. say they don't support mixed shows? Get the conditions, and don't go floundering into mistakes, I repeat. Now as to Manchester: I was asked by the secretary and a number of members of the E.P.C. to go downstairs to their meeting, where the Kelso Show business was settled, but I refused on the grounds that I might be blamed for influencing its decision. I left the hall while they were deliberating. I had no hand in the decision, nor tried to influence anyone. Some are cowardly enough, I hear, to blame me as being a "wire-puller" in connection with the voting for the contest. I defy any member to say I ever tried to influence anyone, either by word or writing, in the smallest way. I certainly did write the President of the S.P.C. to try and get the contest brought off this year. I am no perverter of the truth—all my letters are founded on fact. If I unwittingly make a mistake (as I did unfortunately in my last, and which gave Secretary Smith the only semblance of a chance to controvert any statement contained in it), I at once apologise for it, which I now do. How I came to write October instead of Augnst (which I intended) I know not. However, I am glad it did not in the slightest alter what I meant to convey—that there was ample time between the meeting of the E.P.C. on 11th May and the intimating of the result about the middle of August, to learn that the contest could not take place in Glasgow on dates fixed. As for the other, it is immaterial whether expulsion took place at an adjourned annual meeting or the meeting after it; such a mere detail does not alter the fact that expulsion did take place. Next in order, I think, is "the contests take place in December." I am not surprised, Mr. Secretary, that you know nothing about such a condition. You seem to interest yourself in nothing, if you don't get it all your own way. Your predecessor managed to bring the contest off the four years he had to do with it, but you have killed the two you have had anything to do with. This does not alter the fact that it is one of the conditions. If the secretary of the E.P.C. says so, it is correct. Next, "predicted failure." I did not predict failure in a few weeks; give you plenty of rope and it will come the quicker. Special meeting in Glasgow; I was asked by a member, "Are you going, Mr. A.?" "No; they are making a proper muddle of the contest, and let them get out of it as best they can," was my reply. I am no coward, and would never have interfered with it at all but for the stabbing in the back of the E.P.C. executive. Next, it was very condescending of you to "promise members a copy of revised rules." Were they printed for your use only? You may remember when sending my receipt for annual sub. for 1907 you expressed the wish that any differences between us should cease. Don't you think your very first action would have a deterrent effect to such taking place?—viz., in keeping my name out of the list of members as eligible for election to office, and issued along with voting papers. It just amounts to this, it wasn't suiting your purpose to let me in. More secretarial work! Next, the Glasgow and W. of S. Show: This "Will-o'-the-wisp" tries to anticipate my thoughts when he says, "You would have caused Glasgow, etc., a great deal of expense for losing the contest." What rot! The show was passed before I penned a line. What was my real position in regard to Glasgow Show? When appealed to I gave two specials (value 20s.), cut up by them into three, and wrote them I would make some entries, and if their show was a failure to call upon me, and I would give them a subscription to help to defray it. I thought this letter had miscarried, as I got no acknowledgment, but saw it had been received from list of specials in schedule. Yet he writes: "I would not have minded it being a loss." I am too good a fancier to wish that any show should be a failure. Next, the "stink in the nostrils." I don't quite comprehend what he refers to here. If it is his exodus from the Scottish National, I can assure him that since his departure there have been no more "stinks." One other point I will only touch on, and that is the increase of membership. I am delighted with it; but I would like to see it composed of a permanent lot of breeding and exhibiting members; not of the fleeting sort, which are created for one year with the view of carrying the contest to a particular show. I was glad last year's correspondence resulted in getting scrutineers appointed, and I hope to get a rule passed that no member shall have a vote the year he is elected. This would stop the fleeting ones. It would be interesting to know how many joining in 1906 dropped out in 1907. Instead of "standing by your circular," if you had stood on it it would have been more to your credit.

WILLIAM AITCHISON.

(The above was held over last week.—ED.)

THE NOVICE QUESTION—A POINT FOR LANCASHIRE SHOWS.

SIR,—"Lancashire Throstle" touches a knotty point when he speaks of the novice question. I think, with him, that something should be done with regard to the definition of the novice in the separate sections governing a show. Some shows provide classes for novices, but they define a novice as "one who has never won a first prize in open competition." I have this show season been fortunate enough (?) to win a first in the British classes, and later a first with a Hybrid. I am also a breeder of Norwich Plainheads, but haven't as yet been fortunate enough to breed a first prize winner. Of course, I could easily do it — I mean, win a first. It is very simple. All you have to do is go to Mr. Seed and buy "Little King," or Mr. Rukin's £1,000 Lizard, or Mr. Crisp's Challenge Shield Yorkshire. I have only one objection to it myself, and that is my pocket is too deep—I mean very low down. But, then, the idea of making a struggling novice into a champion simply because he wins a first with a bird he has given a shilling for, after steadying and moulting it, and otherwise caring for it, is ridiculous in the extreme. The other day I received a schedule and circular from one of our leading societies, asking me to become a member, at the same time telling me I must sign a declaration that I was a champion, because I had won a first with a British? But shall I? I don't think!—at least, not until that society has altered its rules a little with regard to the novice.

LANCASHIRE ROBIN.

ANOTHER SAD LAMP DISASTER.

SIR,—Could you kindly spare me space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to thank those who have sent me letters of sympathy, respecting my late misfortune. On Tuesday night, November 26th, I attended to the wants of the birds as usual in my outdoor bird room, and lighted the lamp for heating purposes during the night, at 10 p.m., and left everything in perfect order, the lamp burning quite satisfactorily, and the ventilators all open. But on the wife's going into the bird room at 8 a.m., Wednesday morning, a terrible sight met her eyes. The whole of my Yorkshires, except six, had been suffocated through the lamp smoking, 44 in all, and two of the six have since died. I have a 3 in. flue pipe fitted 15 in. above the glass, and carried outside to a position where no direct wind can get down it, but very little smoke seems to have passed through this. The lamp that I used has always proved satisfactory, burning for four months last winter. It is a double burner, with copper reservoir. The glass was not broken, but it was full of soot, and the lamp had burned out in 10 hours. The temperature of the room was down to 45. As I left the lamp it should have burned 14 hours. The room and everything in it was black as coal, as well as the birds. I washed those that were left, as they could not rest until I had done so; four of them stood it, but two have died. This is four years' labour lost, but I hope to have another try later on. I should like to tender my sympathy to Mr. Brotherhood, as I know what his feelings are.

T. MONGER.

THE RECENT BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—No doubt some of the exhibitors at the above would wonder what "unregistered" stamped on their cage labels meant when they received their specimens home. It was done in a spirit of mischief by my son (only a boy) whilst the stewards were packing for the return journey. He had stamped several before he was noticed. His explanation was that they (the exhibitors) had not registered the price on labels, so he stamped "unregistered" on them! I trust the exhibitors who read this will accept this explanation—for who would care for a boy who was not mischievous? Also allow me to thank the exhibitors for their hearty support of our first show. I am sure we did all in our power to oblige fanciers who wanted birds back on Saturday night, or wanted them kept till Monday. Out of 330 entries only two mistakes were made, and I think they can be rectified without any unpleasantness. A. EMERY, Hon. Sec.

APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Kindly give me a little space to make an appeal on behalf of Mr. Benjamin Spiers, who has had the misfortune to lose his sight. The doctors at Moorfields Hospital have given him up, after nine months' treatment, and he has five young children, the eldest being only nine years, and in the other four he has one that can't walk and one that can't talk. He used to be a member of the North London Cage Bird Association, but not being able to attend to his birds he had a very poor season, only rearing six, of which three got into the cards at the Young Stock Show. But to keep the little mouths from crying out his birds have had to go bit by bit, and now the home is on the go. Mr. Spiers being one who used to be only too pleased to assist in the uplifting of the fancy, or a fellow fancier in distress, I therefore make an earnest appeal on his behalf, knowing there are fanciers who will only be too pleased to make a happy Christmas for one who has lost that which is so much needed in life. I shall be pleased to acknowledge any amount, no matter how small, as little amounts put together will make a big one. So fellow fanciers, send your mites along. J. H. NEAL (163, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, N.).

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—"St. Mungo's" letter, in the issue before last, anent the difference of judgment in the Norwich section at the City of Glasgow Show and another. The other was Dysart, judged by Mr. Ferguson. The City Show was judged by Mr. McFarlane. Report has it that Mr. Ferguson washed the buff cock that won the McLean Cup at the City Show, and was so enamoured (or professed to be) with this bird at the time of washing, that he expressed himself thus to its owner: "If McFarlane does not give that bird first at City Show, ask him the reason why." Yet, in face of his own reported statement, he passed it altogether at Dysart. Will Mr. Ferguson explain his position?

NORWICH CHAPPIE.

SIR,—For "St. Mungo's" and "Kentite's" enlightenment, I may state that the judge was not to blame for putting the buff cock out of the tickets at Dysart, as he would not show himself; he refused to get on the perches. The same judge wanted to wager me a crown that he would be first at the City of Glasgow; so that shows he knows a bird. This bird has the shortest tail and wings for his size that I have ever seen. His uncle is the champion buff cock of Scotland—ten firsts, and does not know defeat. I offered Mr. McFarlane £10 for this bird before he ever was exhibited. Referring to "Tom-Tits," a friend of mine stood first and special in the unflighted yellow cocks at the so-called Palace of Scotland. He has been shown twice since, once in a class of eight, and not a commended card. He showed a buff variegated cock (which he had on approval) at the Palace of Scotland, without getting a card. Now this was the best bird he had, but because it does not win, he goes and returns it. A fortnight later it wins first and cup for its owner. Mr. Winter's green hen, which has won all over Scotland get second at the Palace (Scotland's Palace), Mr. Ireland's yellow unflighted cock, first at Dysart in a class of 33, also stood cardless at the Palace; his buff variegated hen, which got nothing in a poor class at Govan Hill, got second at the Palace (Scotland's Palace, I mean), catalogued at £2 2s., and he took her home! I once sold four birds, three at 10s. each and one at £2, as I considered them dirt. Judge my surprise when I visited the contest between Scotland and England, judged by Mr. Cameron, to find the three at 30s. standing—buff cock sixth, yellow variegated cock second, yellow hen third. The yellow cock, second, was a fair bird, but the other three—well, 30s. was their value! So "Kentite," you have nothing to grumble at. "St. Mungo," if you are getting your stock together, do not get same in Scotland, as they have not got them. I hope you will be as fortunate as I was last year. I bred three winners in one nest. Yellow cock, first at Glasgow, the admiration of the hall; buff hen, first; and buff cock, second, the McLean Cup winner. Now, I will continue answering letters until this time next year, if the writers will sign their names; otherwise I will treat them with contempt.

ROBERT YOUNG.

THE LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—In your issue of December 14th, I read with interest and amusement the letter, re "Length of the Yorkshire Canary," and I think that our friend must have a measure, the inches of which are not "standard length," if he can measure the birds as shown to-day to be anywhere near 7¼ inches, not to speak of his statement of 8 inches. If Mr. Gibbs will take the trouble to place two pots or boxes 8 inches apart, and ask some of the owners to let him put one of the long ones between, I think he will have a nice bit of room to spare between the two articles. Myself, I have never been so fortunate as to see a "Yorkie" that could be made to measure 8 inches, either a stock bird or show bird, and would like to know where such are to be found. SAMUEL DEAN.

PARRAKEETS AT THE HORTICULTURAL HALL.

SIR,—In your report of the Horticultural Hall Show, my pair of Red-vented Blue-Bonnet Parrakeets are described as a doubtful pair, but "given the benefit of the doubt." They have been to a number of shows this season and have only been, I think, under the same judge twice, and this is the first time they have been accused of not being a true pair, and they would not have been this time, I am told, but for a gentleman from Bedford telling the judge they were two cocks. This is the third time he has seen them, so I do not think he knows much about them. Anyhow, I have had them twelve months, and if he knows more about them than I do, it seems strange to me. Last July one of these said cocks laid three eggs, but am sorry to say without any results. The explanation, and only explanation I can give, is that the hen of the pair is paired with a cock Yellow-vented Blue-Bonnet, and when I part them to send to a show the others always fight for a day or two, and I expect they had been at it the show day, as I only put them together the day before. I think it best to give this explanation, as if I sent them to another show they might be disqualified for being two cocks, which they are not, but a true pair. H. H. COOPER.

RAVENS AND MOLES.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS for November 30th, under "Ravens and Moles," in the Wild Bird Corner, some of the remarks concerning the moles are, in my opinion, misleading. It is stated that "these rodents are most destructive, and since Hawks, Owls, Ravens, etc., have been so much persecuted, they have in some places increased enormously." I wish to suggest, firstly, that moles are not rodents (gnawing animals), but that they belong to the order Insectivora (insect-eating) animals. Secondly, they are not destructive, but very useful little animals to the horticulturist. The only mischief they are guilty of is to sometimes work the soil up very near the surface of lawns and flower beds. This is when they are easily caught by Ravens or man. But this is more than compensated for by the mole, when considering that it lives entirely upon the destructive wire worm, and other grubs. I trust you will excuse me for calling your attention to this paragraph, because it is a pity to unwittingly libel such a useful little fellow as the British mole. He is already far too little appreciated by farmers and others. J. W. CUTMORE.

[The above letter we forwarded to our Mr. Norman, who replies: "I must thank Mr. J. W. Cutmore for pointing out my error, respecting the classification of the mole—a slip upon my part. Respecting their usefulness I cannot quite agree with him. I have seen valuable crops rendered useless by their work, and meadow land in such a condition that the hay crop was not worth the cutting. They are, further, nightly doing their best to uproot any strawberry-bed, and as their principal food is the common earthworm, not the wireworm (although they are greedy, and will eat almost anything), I could, personally, do very well without them, leaving the earthworms to the Thrushes, and the wireworms to the Starlings and Rooks. The usefulness of birds of prey is not recognised as it should be. Owls were one time fairly common in the old park in my village, but have all been destroyed; consequently, the place is overrun with rats, and I only hope the destroyers of the birds are troubled more than usual by these animals."]

WITHHOLDING AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY AT KENTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Although very much averse to entering upon a newspaper discussion, there are one or two items in Mr. Horrex's letter which call for some reply from me. Mr. Horrex charges "certain executive and ordinary members" of my association (the Kent County Cage Bird Association) with having boycotted the cage bird section of this society's show. The charge is entirely without foundation and altogether beside the fact. Certainly three of our executives refrained from showing, owing to personal reasons of their own, which I am not at liberty to detail, one having an old grievance, the other two a very recent one. The two latter are also members of the Dover F. and F. Executive, and one of them did as much, and probably more, real hard work in the interest of that society than anyone. He spent two days and one whole night in the show hall, and was one of the last to leave after the exhibits were packed up and in the hands of the railway company for the return journey. Mr. Horrex further refers to what he is pleased to term "something of a local executive split" in the K.C.C.B.A. The so-called "split" was the resignation of our chairman (who is now, and was at that time, the chairman of the Dover Fur and Feather Society) and a couple of others, followed by a third later, as soon as it was convenient for him to do so, because, forsooth, the members of the K.C.C.B.A. decided upon holding a show by a majority of 29 against 9. However, since that time the Association has done some excellent work, and most harmoniously, too, and their show was successful, in spite of adverse weather, in every detail. No, sir, the Dover F. and F. Society, in the matter of boycotting, are not the innocent, injured lambs their capable and energetic secretary would have your readers believe. Perhaps Mr. Horrex might with advantage to himself take the advice he offers to "Commune Bonum," in the matter of facts, etc.

GEO. SANDERSON, Hon. Sec., K.C.C.B.A.

SIR,—I was pleased to see in the current issue of CAGE BIRDS that the Secretary of Dover Society had the courage to try and explain away my "hard facts." To scan his letter in detail, he accuses me of rushing into print, instead of, as he proposes, writing to his committee for an explanation. This is rather a tall order for a non-exhibitor, and there is no doubt that his committee would have "laid my letter on the table," with an accompaniment of uncomplimentary remarks. Secondly, I never stated that in numbers the C. B. section was a record, but that it was a record reduction of prizes, one-sixth of these being disallowed, fourteen of which were first, without any authority in the rules stated in the schedule. Thirdly, I cannot see that the split in the K.C.C.B.A. explains why so little cancellation took place. Perhaps Mr. Horrex will make this more clear, although cancellation is, in my opinion, infinitely better than this serious reduction of prize money, making the premier award in so many cases 2s. 6d. for a 1s. 9d. entry fee. Now, to use Mr. Horrex's own words, "as to the awards," he makes no definite statement, but the only inference we can draw from his remarks is, that the judge knocked off the prizes in the hard-bill classes, as the birds did not merit first. Therefore the hard-bills had to put up with 2s. 6d. prize money as premier award, while the soft-bills, being of higher merit (?) gained first prizes. Should not the word "hardbills" in this portion of the letter read "softbills"? Now, I would like to ask, how many fanciers believe that the judge disallowed these prizes? Are not the awards put in the judges book, for each class, in Dover, as elsewhere? I think Mr. Horrex will have some difficulty in persuading us that this was not done. Presuming that this was so, have the Dover F. and F. Society, or any other society, for that matter, the right to knock off prizes wholesale? If a society wants to do this in 1908 let it be honest, and say so, then it will not be necessary for "Commune Bonum" to rush into print. The next little item refers to the first prize-winner in a class of eight, being better than the first prize winner in a class of four. This is information for the old hands, but "generally" is rather too strong a word for sometimes, aye, and oft-times, the smaller classes contain real good specimens. But surely this has no bearing on the present question, as, in three classes of hard-bills, numbering five, four and four respectively, no first was awarded, while in two classes of softbills, five and four respectively, first were given, and my contention is, that there was as good exhibits in the hard-bills, as in the softbills. I have seen the bulk of them this season, so know what I am talking about. My only remark in reply to the "news" about not receiving notice that the judge appointed would not be able to officiate until the day before is that I trust Mr. J. North is entirely restored to health now. As regards the number of exhibits, both "Commune Bonum" and Mr. Horrex's figures are wrong, as the correct number, as per catalogue is 425, my original statement being "nearly 450," while Mr. Horrex gives the number as 405. In conclusion, I should like to remind Mr. Horrex that my letter was not written from a "self-interested" point of view, and, perhaps, if they will only let us know exactly in 1908 what they are going to do, and get another C.B.U. license, we shall give them a bumping C. B. entry, a few of which may come from "COMMUNE BONUM."

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

SIR,—Evidently the fogs we have been experiencing of late have very much clouded the brain of Mr. Morris. By what stretch of imagination he can accuse me of jealousy, I am at a loss to understand, seeing that I was not an exhibitor at the Dulwich and Peckham Show, and had no bird within 80 miles of the same; neither was I interested in one exhibit there. The only argument he appears able to advance is that he does not approve the method of judging. Seeing that the runners-up were perfectly satisfied with the awarding of the shield, and knowing Mr. Morris was not concerned at all in the affair, one can only assume that there is something more behind this than he cares to say. For years the Dulwich and Peckham Society has been looked upon as a most exemplary one, and its shows have been looked forward to with a great amount of pleasure by fanciers generally. Unfortunately for its reputation, things went sadly against it this year. Every fancier knows by the correspondence that has taken place the calamity which befell it. Many fanciers who visited the show did their utmost to get matters right. If strangers were willing to do their utmost to save the society's reputation, what ought we to expect of its members? Now, sir, Mr. Morris was a member of that society; he was present at the show and knew what happened; he also knew at the time how and by whom the awards were made. Surely, if he considered there was any cause for complaint, he should have consulted his society, or brought the matter forward at a committee or general meeting. It is generally supposed that loyal members of a society will do their best to uphold the same, and not try to damn its future. Mr. Morris appears to think differently, for he waits until his society is brought into disrepute, and his chief is assailed on every hand, and everybody appears to be trying to get their foot upon his throat; then he rushes to the Press and raises the cry of the awards, and does his best to lead Norwich Fanciers to suppose that the Norwich section was absolutely ignored in the shield competition; then he finishes up by saying that he lost his bird after it came home from the show, thinking, I presume, that the inference drawn by the fancy would be that the same had been brought about by some neglect of the management. I ask all fanciers, is this fair or just? I stated, in my first letter, that the bird was looking very badly the latter part of the first day. Many other fanciers can prove the same. If I thought that Mr. Morris voiced the general opinion of the members of that society, I for one should leave it severely alone in the future, and I feel confident that I should not stand alone in doing so; but I am certain he does not. My profound sympathies are with Mr. Woolhouse and his committee, and I can assure them that if at their next show I am alive, and in the fancy, I shall support them to my utmost (and I have the assurance of many fanciers to do the same), for I feel confident that the calamity which befel their last show will not be likely to occur again. Now, I am certain that the three judges Mr Morris speaks of are remarkably well able to take care of themselves, hence, if necessary, can speak for themselves. This I can say, that with the exception of Mr. Morris, every other exhibitor appeared to be well pleased with their awards. The childish remark about my appearing "hard hit," I can afford to treat with the contempt it deserves. My object has always been to uplift and maintain the integrity of the fancy, and not lower its standard. Personal abuse won't affect me; I have always been in the habit of accepting that from whence it came. E. BAKER.

[We have no intention of re-opening the question of the management of this show, which has already had a good innings, and anything further said concerning the show must be confined strictly to the award in question, otherwise the matter must close.—EDITOR.]

Several Letters unavoidably held over.

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BURTON-O--TRENT.

The Burton C.B.S., a newly-formed society, held their first open show on December 14th, in the Staffordshire Knot Auction Room. Entries came up splendidly, numbering 330, so giving the society a good send-off. The quality of the exhibits was much in advance of anything seen at Burton for years. This was in evidence throughout the show. Many winners at other shows had to be content with cards, and, in some cases, not even that. Local bird-lovers were delighted with the feast provided, for most of them know a good bird when they see one. We may just mention that not one class had to be cancelled—a most satisfactory state of affairs at this the first venture. The showroom is a great improvement on the venue where they have hitherto been catered for; albeit the committee are so pleased at the support received that a strong endeavour will be made to obtain an even better one for a future occasion. In the Norwich section some grand exhibits were staged by Messrs. R. Hall, W. Neal, W. Whetstone, G. Gwilliam, J. Tyler, C. Birks, T. Gilbert, G. Herbert, and others. In Yorks., Messrs. A. E. Emery, G. Burke, and Jeffery were successful. In Mules, Messrs. P. V. Williams, and G. Lawrence were to the fore. British turned up well, some grand specimens being shown by Messrs. G. Osborne, E. Anderson, W. Gay, H. J. Chick, and P. V. Williams, and others. Foreigners proved very attractive to visitors, especially the beautiful King Bird of Paradise, shown by Mr. P. V. Williams; many expressed regret that the bird had lost its tail. The management was all that could be desired. The committee consist of the following: Chairman, Dr. Docherty; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Kirkland; treasurer, Mr. S. A. Dicken; Messrs. Hathaway, Secret, Parker, Elliott, Lee, Watson, Halliday, Hakes, Coltman, Cooke, Cameron, and Bellamy. Mr. A. Emery makes a splendid secretary, very obliging and courteous to all. He received very able assistance from Mr. C. P. Smith, as assistant secretary. The CAGE BIRDS competition resulted as follows: 1st, A. E. Wigginton; 2nd, S. Hakes; 3, Harris. The awards were made by Mr. J. Bexson (Derby).

Critique.

NORWICH, CLEAR, ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Neal, tkd. left wing, grand shape and quality, nice 1, Neal, tkd. left wing, grand shape and quality, nice colour, fine condition; 2, vhc, Davis, fine clear, rare size and shape, good carriage, nice colour and quality; 3, Dalman and Sons, clear, lovely type, nice quality and colour, close up; 4, Whetstone, nice size and shape, very cobby, excellent condition; res., Hunt; hc, Hope; c, Mason. BUFF (17): 1, spl, best Ner., Gwilliam, tkd. wing, gem for type, lovely feather, good size, in rare form; 2, Whetstone, very fine clear, good colour and quality, a close race; 3, Walton and Noakes, very typical, well up in size, nice feather; 4, Symond and Sons, good size, nice colour and quality; res., Drackley; vhc, Mason; hc, Noakes; c, Needham. UNEVEN MKD. (10): 1, Tyler, cap and wings marked yell., rare size and colour, nice quality; 2, Davis, var. buff, fine shape, size and quality, not looking so well as we have seen him; 3, Gilbert, neat var. buff, very typical, lovely feather, very close; 4, Mason, rare size and colour; vhc, Butler: hc, Hathaway; c, Miss Blagg. HEAVILY VAR. (16): 1, Hall, well known winner leading, shown in grand condition; 2, Walton and Noakes, almost green, grand size, shape and colour, rare quality, in full bloom; 3, Drakeley, very similar to second; 4, Mason, very cobby, good size and quality; res., Rathbone; vhc, Needham; hc, Heare and Hextell; c, Mason. HEN (17): 1, spl, Birks, very fine yell., splendid shape, well up in size, grand colour for a hen, nice quality; 2, Gwilliam, cl. yell., very typical, nice quality, good size, well placed; 3, 4, P. V. Williams, nice shapely buff and var. yell., both excellent type, good quality and condition; res., Butler; vhc, Hatton; hc, Mason; c, Walton and Noakes. UNFLI. YELL. (18): 1, 2, Hall, very fine clear, leading, followed by the wing mark, both well known winners, a credit to the breeder; 3, Whetstone, splendid clear, grand type and quality, nice size and colour, well worth his place; 4, Growdridge and Son, nice colour and quality; res., Needham; vhc, Rathbone; hc, J. M. Williams; c, Noakes. BUFF (20): 1, Gilbert, nice clear, very typical, lovely feather, fine condition; 2, Gwilliam, var., splendid shape, grand colour and quality, runs winner very close; 3, Neal, fine size and shape, good colour, nice feather and condition; 4, Needham, nice clear, good type, well up in size, in rare form; res., Butler; vhc, Growdridge and Son; hc, Walton and Noakes; c, Adcock. NAT. COL. (18): 1, Herbert, neat var. yell., nice quality, good condition; 2, res., Walton and Noakes, fine var. yell., nice shape, good size, well put down; 3, Mason, clear buff, rare size, grand quality; 4, Symonds and Sons, nice cobby, clear yell.; vhc, Herbert; hc, Bellamy; c, Gopsill. PAIRS (£2) (10): 1, Walton and Noakes, buff mkd. cock and yell. hen, cheap pair, quickly claimed; 2, c, Needham, useful pair; 3, Moore, good value; 4, Wright; res., Dalman and Sons; vhc, Howkins; hc, Mason. YORKS. YELL. (12): 1, A. E. Emery, nice clear, very slim, finely drawn, nice feather; 2, Burke, grand clear, fine length and position, lovely feather and condition; 3, Wells, very racy, well drawn, good position, close up; 4, A. E. Emery, rare length, nice colour and condition; res., Wortley; vhc, Raybould; hc Petts; c, Hawley. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Burke, very neat, lovely feather, well put down; 2, c, Jeffery, very slim and stylish, nice position, good quality; 3, Potts, fine clear, rare length, nice colour and quality; 4, Raybould, tkd. wing, nice type, good position; res., Ormondroyd; vhc, A. E. Emery; hc, P. V. Williams. A.O.V. (13): 1, Wigginton, buff dk. crest, good droop and radiation, nice quality, rare size, well put down; 2, Pegg, very nice four-pointed yell. Nor., good markings, excellent type and quality, fine condition; 3, Dicken, almost Green Crestbred, very massive, good skull, well lashed, close up; 4, Hampshire clinking clear, cap Silver Lizard, nice size and shape, well spangled, good ground colour; res., Truman and Rawlins; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Hampshire; c, Howkins. DK. CAN.-MULE (16): 1, P. V. Williams, fine yell. Linnet, rare colour, nice shape and carriage, good markings, in nice condition; 2, Symonds and Sons, buff Greenie, good size and shape, nice depth of colour, in rare form; 3, G. Hall, buff Goldie, nice size and shape, in lovely feather, close up; 4, Swift, capital Siskin, good size and colour, showing parentage well; res., Neal; vhc, Caunt; hc, Swift; c, Poole. A.O.V. HYBRID (10): 1, res., Lawrence, leader well known Canary-Bullie, often described, in good form; 2, Lander, var. yell. Goldie, nice specimen, well shown; 3, Cameron, Goldie-Linnet, good specimen o this cross, in splendid condition; 4, Smalley and Son, Goldie-Bullie, shows parentage well, nice condition; vhc, Wells; hc, Pitchford; c, Loughton. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Osborne, grand blaze, good tans, nice bars and buttons, nice style and quality; 2, Lander, nice stylish Finch, good clear cut blaze; 3, Tyler, nice blaze, good shape and carriage, excellent condition; 4, Harris, good Finch, worth his place; res., Allerton; vhc, Perkins; hc, Rathbone; c, Hexton. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Anderton, nice size and shape, grand breast colour, well staged; 2, Harrinson, well known winner, in fine form, little to choose; 3, res., Osborne, fine size and shape, excellent shape, house-moulted; 4, Tyler, nice size and colour, well shown; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Taylor; c, Gilbert. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, Gay, gem of a Linnet, beautiful shape and markings, rich colour, nice glossy condition; 2, Caunt, smart Twite, nice size, colour, shape, and markings, in fine condition; 3, Hewkins, capital Siskin, nice cap and bib, good size and markings, well shown; 4, Osborne, very fine Redpoll, in splendid condition, we heard was nine years old; res., Chick; vhc, Pitchford; hc, Chick; c, Hadley. GREENFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, Chick, fine Bramble, good size and colour, well laced, excellent condition; 2, Neal, large Greenie, very shapely, nice colour, steady; 3, Gay, smart Chaffinch, well marked, nice colour; 4, Dicken, another good Chaffie; res., Miller; vhc, Adcock; hc, Buswell; c, Hakes. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, spl, Chick, well known Hawfinch, Midland chief often described, wins well here; 2, Hakes, Yellow Buntling, nice size and condition, steady; 3, Hakes, another smart Hawfinch; res., Miller; vhc, Poole. SOFTBILL, SMALL (5): 1, P. V. Williams, very nice Nightingale, shown in excellent condition; 2, Poole, pretty Gold-crest Wren, staged very appropriately; 3, Chick, the finest Wheatear we have ever seen, looking soft, or might have won; absent, Pettefar and Pratt (2). LARGE (6): 1, P. V. Williams, grand Cornish Chough, grand coloured beak and legs, splendid plumage, shining like silk; 2, Underwood, splendid Waxwing, good size, well marked wings, not a feather out of place; 3, res., Chick, fine Magpie, could win at many a show, res. well known Chough; vhc, Lewis, yet another grand Chough; hc, Hakes, nice Blackbird, very fine class. FOR., SMALL (6): 1, Poole, lovely pair of Ruficauda Finches, staged in a most taking manner; 2, 3, Caunt, Orange Bishop, and pair of Grass Finches, in lovely condition very attractive; res., Hadley, Green Singing Finches; vhc, Hexter, Zebra Finches; hc, P. V. Williams, Siberian Goldie. LARGE: 1, P. V. Williams, well-known King Bird of Paradise, unfortunately minus its tail when we saw it, a great attraction to visitors; 2, 3, res., Hadley, Swainson's Lorrikeet, Barnard Parrakeets and Green Budgerigars, most creditable exhibits, in lovely condition. SELL., 15/- (23): 1, Wigginton, Crest; 2, Wright; 3, Davis; 4, Needham; res., Hampshire; vhc, Smith; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Ball and Sons. NOVICE MEMBERS (15): All Nor.; 1, 2, Elliot, buff mkd. eyes and wings, nice type, good quality and condition; 3, Adams, neat yellow; 4, hc, Ford, nice clear buff; res., Halliday; vhc, Pidouc; c, Wood.

SWINDON.

The Swindon F. & F. A. held its annual show on December 12th and 13th. There was only a fair entry for some reason we could not account for, and in many classes the first prizes were withheld. The exhibits were nicely staged in the balcony, and were well looked after by a good committee of fanciers. We only hope that they may have better support next year; they certainly deserve it. The Hon. Secs., Messrs. Northover and Watson, are deserving of the greatest of praise for the able manner in which they carried out their duties. They left no stone unturned to ensure the success of the show. The committee, too, worked well, and deserve credit. Mr. DeWinton judged.

CREST OR C.B. (8): 1, 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson, 1st, grand grizzle Crest, nice centre, well shaped body, good length of feather, wants some beating; 3rd, another lovely Crest, in grand condition, well shown; 2, vhc, Fellows, Crestbred, really good all round bird, grand size, nice head, good length of feather; res, hc, Rose. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, withheld; 2, three spls, Hopkins and Allsop, very cobby bird, in rare form, A1 type, lovely condition, well shown; res, Kilby, grand colour, nice feather well shown; vhc, Silk; hc, Bywater, really good all round bird. BUFF (4): 2, Dale, good chest, wings and head, in grand condition and well shown; res, Robinson, good, sound colour, nice shape; vhc, Bywater; hc, Holliday. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, two spls, Smith, clear, grand style, compact body, very smart on perch, win; 2, 3, Cuff, nicely drawn, lovely feather, well shown; 3rd, good all round bird; res, hc, Sendell; vhc, Silk. BUFF 6): 1, withheld: 2, hc, Sendell, long, fine drawn bird, in grand feather, well shown; 3, Smith, shapely bird, very compact in feather, nice condition; vhc, Jupe. A.O.V. (4): 3, vhc, Hopkins and Allsop; 3rd, grand Goldie-Can., nice size, good colour, very smart; res, Silk, cinn. Nor, good all round, put down in nice form. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Holliday, grand shaped bird, good size, deep coloured blaze, a marvel for a black leg, a bargain at the price catalogued; 2, vhc, Hopkin and Allsop, well-known winner, well put down; 3, Fulbrook, another beautiful Finch, rare moons and bars, and fine condition; res, Tebbut; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Phipps; c, Minty. A.O.S. FINCH (8): 1, spl, Jones, grand Hawfinch, one we have met before, fine bloom, very steady, wins well; 2, Holliday, good yellow Greenie, great size, nice condition, very steady; 3, Fellows, Bullfinch, nice wing, tail and cap, good colour and breast; res, Carter; vhc, Gibbons; c, Miss Fowler. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Jones, Redpoll, well marked on head, back and thighs, put down in nice form, very steady; 2, Russel, finest Siskin we have seen out this year for a non-fed one, simply teeming with quality, steady as a rock, a gem all round; 3, Fulbrook, Linnet, nicely pencilled on breast and back, very steady; res, Pinnel; vhc, Strange; hc, Cousin. SMALL (3): 3, Loader, Nuthatch, in very nice feather, steady and well shown; res, Osborne, well marked Reed Bunting; hc, Coates and Humphries. SMALL FOR. (6): 2, spl, 3, hc, Leavers, beautiful team, consisting of Diamond Finches, St. Helen's Waxbills and Java Sparrows, beautifully set down; res, Miss Hopwood, white-faced Cardinal, put down in fine form; vhc, Miss Colley. LARGE (3): Wade, Pileated Jay, a bird seldom seen on the show bench, put down in nice condition, very steady; res, Leavers, most beautiful specimen of the black-masked Parrakeet, perfect in feather, full of quality; vhc, Miss Morse SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, Jupe; 2, Holliday; 3, Greenwood and Burson; res, Silk; vhc, Loader; hc, Fellows; c, Miss Robinson. (12/-) (9): 1, Dale; 2, Holliday; 3, Greenwood and Burson; res, Jupe; vhc, Bywater and Sprules; hc, Fellows LOCAL A.V. (11): 1, Pinnel; 2, Still; 3, Bywater; res Smith; vhc, hc, Forster; c, Pigeon. MEMBERS' CLASSES, NOR. (4): 2, Carter; 3, Watson; vhc, hc, Sprules. YORKS. (6): 2, spl, Gorton; 3, res, vhc, Carter. BRIT. (8): 2, 3, Gorton; res, vhc, Leavers; vhc, c, Holton and Woodman.

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LAISTERDYKE.

The annual open show of the Laisterdyke B.F.A. took place on December 14th, in the Board School, Lilac Grove Street. It is a splendid room, in fact, one of the best in Bradford, being very lofty and well-lighted, and in every way extremely suitable for a show. The entries numbered 391 in the 24 classes provided, being an average of just over 16 per class, and the quality throughout was excellent. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the noted exhibitor, officiated as judge, and this being his first appearance in this capacity, great interest was taken in his placings, which were very well received. A grand list of specials was to be competed for, many of them being of exceptional value. The show was held under Yorkshire Union rules, and the patronage of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C. The secretary, Mr. J. Pownall, had everything in correct order, the work being gone through with all promptitude and care. He was ably assisted by Messrs. Turner, Lambert, W. Williams, T. Williams, Jagger, and a strong committee.

Open Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Ambler, lovely type, quality and style, well braced wings and tail, red hot colour, one of the best; 2, Cooper, good length and quality, nice shape; 3, Ogden Bros., neat quality, typical, fine position and style; 4, c, Wilcock, rich colour, grand type and quality; vhc, E. Radley; hc, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (16): 1, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape and quality, rich colour, good style and position; 2, 3, spl, Dyson, former lovely quality and shape, grand style; 3rd, nice colour and quality, very typical, well up in position; 4, Millburn, shapely bird, nice quality; vhc, hc, Wadsworth; c, Priestley. TICK, ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Priestley, very lengthy, grand type and quality, stylish; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, tick cheeks, grand shape, well drawn out behind, nice quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Walsh, ticked wing, shapely, grand quality, well up in position, red hot colour; 4, vhc, Bailey and Swanger, neat type and quality, A1 position and style; hc, Dyson; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (15): 1, Radley, splendid shape and style, lovely quality, good shoulders, neat wings and tail; 2, 3, spl, Wilcock; 2nd, lengthy bird, grand shape and quality; 3rd, hot colour, neat type and stylish; 4, Armstrong, unevenly marked, beautiful colour and quality; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; hc, Wadsworth; c, Sutcliff and Son. UNFLI. (23): 1, spl, Peel, slim, neat drawn yellow, good quality and style; 2, Dyson, ticked cheek buff, feather like wax, grand shape and stand, neat wing carriage; 3, Walsh, yell, good length, nice shape and quality, grand colour; 4, Spencer, another yellow, grand, long drawn out bird, splendid type; vhc, Priestley; hc, Wilson; c, Bailey and Swanger. FOUL, ETC. (16): 1, spl, Ogden Bros, grand shape and style, nice quality, well drawn, yellow; 2, Armstrong, buff, lovely type and style, extra quality and colour; 3, Millburn, yellow, very slim, neat bird, grand quality and colour; 4, Ramsden, very good shape and position, neat quality, stylish; vhc, Priestley; hc, Stubbs; c, Wright. CLR. ETC., YELL. HEN (16): 1, J. Wilson, lovely type and style, grand quality, sweet lady; 2, Peel, neat shape, well up on legs; 3, 4, spl, Helliwell, two grand ladies, neat type and quality, good position; vhc, Ingham; hc, Walsh; c, Walton. BUFF (15): 1, Wadsworth, grand type and quality, good positon; 2, 4, spl, Walsh, grand type and feather, well up in position, rich colour; 4th, neat shape and quality, nice style; 3, Peel, fine quality, shapely, good style; vhc, Dyson; hc, Wilcock; c, Ambler. UNEVEN, ETC. (22): 1, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros, uneven marked buff, grand shape, lovely quality and colour, nice position; 2, Rawnsley, foul cinn. marked buff, lovely shape, feathered like a Java, A1 position; 3, Ramsden, yell. mkd, grand shape, well up, neat quality; 4, Miss E. Wilkinson, yell., mkd., good position, neat quality and shape, rather soiled; hc, Cowgill; c, Morement. CINN. TICK., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Wilcock, grand shape and position, lovely quality, lengthy; 2, 3, spl., Ogden Bros., 2nd, nice length, good shape and quality; 3rd, very neat drawn, grand wings and tail; 4, vhc, Hirst, grand type, slim, good quality; hc, Towers; C. Wharton. BUFF (11): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., good length, grand shape and quality, fine position; 4th, good shape and stylish; 2, Ambler, shapely, fine quality, and style, nice length; 3, Bottomley, neat shape and quality, good solid colour of markings; vhc, Towers; hc, Smith; c, Hirst. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, spl., Wilcock, grand type and quality, good position and style; 2, Hartley, neat shape, fine quality, well up on legs; 3, Smith, very neat shape and quality; 4, Sutcliff and Son, good colour, nice shape; vhc, Bottomley; hc, Towers; c, Ambler. BUFF (14): 1, spl., Ogden Bros., good position, nice quality, and stylish; 2, Blakey, grand shape and quality, stands well; 3, Hartley, quality like wax, nice type and style; 4, Armstrong, neat shape, fine quality, good wing carriage; vhc, Sutcliff and Son; hc, c, Wilcock. SELL. (15/-) (19); 1, spl., Allen and Swaine; 2, Slater; 3, Parker; 4, Clark; vhc, Edmondson; hc, Swaine; c, Pollitt. (12/6) (20): 1, spl., Self; 2, Padgett; 3, Lane; 4, Brown; vhc, Pratt; hc, Wright; c, Radley. HEN (12/6) (13): 1, spl., Cowgill; 2, Pollitt; 3, Robinson and Sharp; 4, Clark; vhc, Brumfitt; hc, Pownall; c, Allen and Swaine.

Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (16): 1, vhc, spl, Chippindale, grand, lengthy, well drawn bird, lovely quality, nice position; 2, Livesey, very typical, good feather, nice pipe tail; 3, Ackroyd, good, long Yorkie, of nice shape and position; 4, Martin, rich colour and quality, good shape and position; hc, Drake and Son; c, Wilson. BUFF (18): 1, spl, Coates, grand quality and colour, true to type and stylish, good bird; 2, Leach, good shape, quality and colour; 3, Frankland, nice type, quality and position; 4, Wilson rich salmon colour, neat type, well up for quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Wright; c, Chippindale. TICK, ETC., YELL (17): 1, spl, Leach, uneven marked, grand type and position, rich colour, quality and stylish; 2, Drake and Son, tick wing extra good shape and style, lovely feather and colour; 3, Lodge, typical and fine quality, grand back, wings and tail; 4, Parker, grand position, good quality, correct shape; vhc, Mann; hc, Hudson; c, Townsend. BUFF (19): 1, Frankland, splendid type and position, lovely quality, shows well; 2, Townsend, grand quality, shape and style, in grand trim; 3, Crossland, long drawn bird, grand quality, neat wing carriage, nice close tail; 4, vhc, Shaw Bros., neat shape, nice quality; hc, Slater; c, Allen and Swaine. YELL. HEN (24): 1, Padgett, grand position and type, lovely feather, neat wing carriage; 2, c, Townsend, grand shape, good feather; 3, Shepherd, type and quality A1, good, stylish hen; 4, Drake and Son, all there for quality and shape, very stylish; vhc, Lodge; hc, Pownall. BUFF (25): 1, spl, Suggit, splashed back, grand quality and colour, neat type, fine position; 2, Ackroyd, position firstclass, rich quality and style; 3, Shepherd, good type and quality; 4, Crossland, lovely quality and shape; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Parker; c, Byard. NOR. CK. (12): 1, Lloyd, neat shape, quality and colour good, nice short flights and tail, very cobby bird, a buff; 2, Clifford, yell, good type and quality, nice substance; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Holmes good substance, rich colour, nice bird; 4, Mottram, grand quality and colour, good substance; c, Hammond. HEN (12): 1, Duckworth, buff, grand shape and substance, rich quality and colour; 2, 4, spl, Holmes, very cobby yell, nice quality, typical; 4th, un-mkd. buff, grand quality, short and cobby, rich colour; 3, Hammond, grand quality, plenty of size and substance; vhc, Clifford; hc, Mottram; c, Dobson.

WAKEFIELD & DIST. ROLLER C.C.

The fifth annual singing contest was held in the Guild Room, Co-operative Hall, on Dec. 13th and 14th. The show was in every way a success. Visitors came from Belton, Worksop, and other places. The room had been beautifully decorated by the ladies. Entries were more numerous than last year. The show was opened by the Mayor, W. H. Kingswell, Esq., who gave great encouragement. The Secretary is Mr. J. Netherwood, to whom much of the credit for the success of the show is due. Messrs. C. Roehl and W. Whittaker judged.

Strong Classes and Good Singing.

YOUNG BIRDS (bred 1907) (42): 1, 2, 5, Randall, 1st hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 4; schockel, 5; bell tour, 2; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; Gluck, 4; excellence, 2; total, 25 points. 2nd, hollow roll, 4; bass, 3; schockel, 5; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; Gluck, 3; excellence, 2; total, 21 points. 5th, hollow roll, 4; bass, 4; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; Gluck, 3; deduct faults, 3; total, 16 points. 3rd, c, J. Netherwood, 3rd, winner of the Wakefield Trophy, hollow roll, 8; bellow bell, 2; schockel, 4; bell tour, 2; bell roll, 2; excellence, 2; total, 20 points. c, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 5; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 4; total, 9 points. 4th, J. A. Steigart, hollow roll, 4; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; excellence, 2; total, 17 points. vhc, W. Whittaker, hollow roll, 6; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; excellence, 2; total, 16 points. vhc, T. W. Walton, hollow roll, 3; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; excellence, 1; total 15 points. hc (2), H. Reebuck, (1) hollow roll, 3; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 12 points; (2) hollow roll, 3; bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 3; total, 11 points. c, A. Percival, bass roll, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 9 points. OPEN (12): 1, H. R. B. Tweed, hollow roll, 6; bass, 4; hollow bell, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; Gluck, 4; excellence, 2; total, 28 points. 2 and 4, F. J. Randall, 2nd hollow roll, 6; bass, 4; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 5; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; Gluck, 5; excellence, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 26 points. 4th, hollow roll, 7; bass, 3; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; Gluck, 4; deduct faults, 3; total 20 points. 3rd, J. B. Hesling; hollow roll, 5; bass, 5; hollow bell, 4; schockel, 5; bell roll, 2; flute, 3; excellence, 1; total, 25 points. vhc, A. Percival, hollow roll, 4; bass, 4; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 3; Gluck, 2; deduct faults, 3; total, 19 points. hc, J. W. Norris, hollow roll, 4; bass, 4; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 3; total, 17 points. c, Percival, hollow roll, 5; bass, 3; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 3; total, 13 points. AMATEUR (14): 1, J. Bramhall, winner of 1906 cup, hollow roll, 7; bass, 2; hollow bell, 4; schockel, 5; flute, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 18 points. 2, H. Turpin, hollow roll, 4; bass, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; flute, 3; total, 15 points. 3, Wetherill, hollow roll, 5; hollow bell, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; excellence, 2; deduct faults, 1; total, 14 points. vhc, Drewett, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 3; bell tone, 2; bell roll, 1; flute, 3; deduct faults, 2; total, 11 points. hc, A. Foulds, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 4; bell tone, 2; flute, 1; deduct faults, 1; total, 10 points. c, A. Adey, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 3; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 9 points. NOVICE (26): 1, c, Whittlestone, 1st hollow roll, 6; hollow bell, 4; schockel, 3; bell tone, 2; excellence, 2; deduct faults, 1; total, 16 points. 2, F. Ward, hollow roll, 3; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 5; flute, 4; total, 15 points. 3rd, A. Kemp, hollow roll, 3, hollow bell, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; excellence, 3; total, 14 points. 4th, A. Boulby; hollow roll, 6; bass, 2; schockel, 4; flute, 2; excellence, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 14 points. vhc, G. R White, hollow roll, 4; schockel, 4; flute, 3; excellence, 2; total, 13 points. hc, Foulds, hollow roll, 4; hollow bell, 3; schockel, 2; bell tone, 2; flute, 3; deduct faults, 1; total, 13 points. Nos. 18, 19, 23 and 24 did not sing. LIMIT £2 (14): 1, A Foulds, hollow roll, 2; bass, 2; schockel, 4; bell tone, 2; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; water Gluck, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 14 points. 2, F. Oldroyd, hollow roll, 4; bass, 1; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; total, 11 points. 3, A. Percival, hollow roll, 3; schockel, 3; bell tone, 2; bell roll, 2; flute, 2; deduct faults, 2; total, 10 points. vhc, G. Wareing, hollow roll, 2; bass roll, 2; schockel, 4; bell roll, 2; total, 10 points. hc, J. Netherwood, hollow roll, 4; bass, 2; schockel, 2; flute, 2; total, 10 points. c, A. Dobson. Nos. 2, 10, and 14 did very little.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

The last of monthly shows for 1907, held Dec. 14. Mr. A. Lister judged. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Blakey; 2, Mann; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett; 4, Self. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Blakey; 3, 4, Self. YELL. HEN: 1, Blakey; 2, Self; 3, Mann. BUFF: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, Self; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Blakey. NOVICE YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Gudgeon; 3, 4, Oliver. BUFF: 1, Oliver; 2, 4, Gelder; 3, Gudgeon. YELL. HEN: 1, Gudgeon; 2, Kellett; 3, Gelder; 4, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, Hunter; 2, Gudgeon; 3, Oliver; 4, Gelder. The winners of the specials given for most points throughout the shows were won as follows: Open Section: 1, Brayshaw and Jowett; 2, F. Self; 3, W. Blakey; 4, A. Lister. Novice Section: 1, W. Gudgeon; 2, F. Gelder; 3, W. Oliver; 4, J. Kay. These prizes will be presented at a pie-supper and social to be held Jan. 4, at which both members and friends are welcome.—S. Dean, sec.

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BARROW.

The Barrow and Dis. C.B.A. held their tenth annual open show in Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness on December 13th and 14th. It was held at the Baths, almost within a stone's throw of Barrow Station. It is a place admirably suited for an exhibition of this kind; it has a glass roof which ensures good light. The exhibits were nicely arranged at a convenient height, doing away with the necessity for handling the birds. Entries hardly came up to expectations, in view of the excellent schedule sent out. This, no doubt, was owing to the clashing with Gateshead, but if not good in numbers they were well up in quality. Many really grand birds were present in almost every variety. Much credit is due to the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Willison, for his masterly handling of the show, everything going off smoothly and well. He was ably assisted by a strong committee of fanciers, of whom Mr. F. Wynn is president. The stewards were Messrs. I. Galt, Morrell, Crosby, Danson, Graves, R. Willison, E. Price, Higman and Scott, all of whom did good service, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the exhibits in their care. Mr. A. Wellings, of Prescot, judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

Critique.

YORKSHIRE GREEN SELF OR FOUL YELL. (7): 1 and spl, (best green), Ryno, nice ground colour, good markings, rare length, fine head, neck and wings, A1 position, plenty of style; 2, Clayton, nice markings and body colour, good position, nicely piped tail; 3, 4, CAGE BIRDS Competition, spl., Metcalfe, leader, slim very stylish, nice, sound, grass-green, grand markings; 4, another good one, nice head, neck and back; vhc, Brotherton; hc, Dixon, c, Chew and Stokoe. BUFF (6): 1, Beggin-bottom and Riley, nice green, beautifully marked, nice frosting, well-rounded bird, good position and carriage, 2 and 4, Dixon, leader, gem, nice rich ground colour, good markings and position; 4, foul just after having a bath; vhc, and hc, Metcalfe. SELF ETC. YELL. HEN (7): 1 and vhc, Heggin-bottom and Riley, Self, grand type, good colour and markings, nice head, well-filled neck, A1 position and style, wins well; 2, Ryno, very neat, slim and stylish, nice body colour and markings, good one; 3, Clayton, another good one, nicely marked; 4 and vhc, Dixon, leader, foul, bonnie hen, nice colour and markings, plenty of style, good carriage; hc and c, Metcayr. BUFF (5): 1 and spl, most points green, Ryno, bonnie hen, nicely moulded, lovely colour and markings, good position, stylish, wins; 2 and vhc, Metcalfe, leader, very neat, nicely marked, good type, nicely drawn; 3, Clayton, rare length, grand colour and markings; 4, Brotherton. YORKS. CL ETC. YELL. (18): Rattling class, two sets of winners in it: 1, Stewart, thigh tekd, Egremont, winner, lovely quality, nice head, well drawn, neat and stylish, good position and carriage; 2, Bradley, clear, good one' lovely quality and shape, abundance of leg and style; 3, Coulson and Woods, nice head, beautifully drawn, racy Yorkie, excellent quality and style, good one; 4, Douglas, nice clear, short feather, excellent quality, another good one; vhc, Mountain; hc, Ferguson; c, T. Brown. BUFF (15): Another grand class: 1 and sp. Best Yorks Chew and Stokoe, very long, well drawn, stylish Yorkie, nice colour and quality, good length of side, fine position and leg, wins well; 2, Bradley, similar to winner, nice position; 3, Ferguson, grand quality and colour, good position and stylish, good one; 4, Coulson and Woods, nice quality, well drawn, good style; vhc, c, Hirst, hc, Mountain. UNEVEN MKD. cancelled. HEN (8): Real nice lot of hens: 1, Stewart, teeming with colour and quality, very typical, good wing carriage, nice position, Buff; 2, Douglas, yellow hen, rare colour and quality, lovely shape and position, Egremont and Cockermouth winner, good one; 3, another gem of a yell., racy, slim and stylish, good position and leggy; 4, Park, nice one, slim and stylish; vhc and spl, Pearce, hc, Seward; c, Crosby. SELL. (15s.): 1, Brown, big, slashing buff, good quality, quickly claimed; 2, Stewart, tck. yell, good quality and shape, claimed; 3, Cowgill, another nice Yorkie; 4, Wilcock, vhc, Brotherton; hc, Thompson; c, Park. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (6): N.P.C. Patron: 1, Howe, gem, grand type, nice short flights and tail, good colour and quality, grand head, well-filled neck and back, good win; 2, Trengove, rare size, red bot colour, good quality, nice type; 3, Vart, similar to second, grand chest, nice short flights; 4, Coventry, nice quality; vhc, Park, hc, Shaw. BUFF (11), grand class: 1 and 2, Seed, leader, rare chubby one, lovely quality and colour, nice depth of chest, short flights, a gem; 2, very similar, good type, size and carriage, grand head, well filled-in neck, good chest; 3, Coventry, nicely mealed, good head, back, neck and wings; 4, Park, nice shape quality, and bead; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Cherry; c, Vart. TICK. ETC. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Trengove, grand one, rare type, nice short flights and tail good quality and head, a topper; 2, Coventry, tck. on head, good one, nice quality and colour. BUFF (10): rattling class; 1, 2, 2 spl., Trengove, leader, mkd. both eyes, gem for shape, grand quality and colour, good chest, nice short flights and tail; wins spl. cl. for best Nor.: 2, another beauty, nice chubby bird, grand shape and quality, good colour, close up, mkd. eyes, wings and tail; 3 and c, Coventry, good typical, nice quality; 4, Hirst, mkd. neck and wing, lovely quality and shape, nicely cut away; vhc, Booth; hc, Lees. UNFLI. YELL. (18): 1, Howe, good head, nice full neck, short wings and tail, grand quality, colour and shape; 2, Lees, good colour and quality, nice chubby bird, well cut away; 3, Coventry, shapely, nice quality and colour; 4, Seed, nice shape, colour and quality; vhc, Vart, hc, Hirst; c, Dixon. BUFF (8): 1, Seed, a topper, grand head, neck, back and wings, rare quality and colour, short flights and tail, wins well; 2, Booth, very similar, little to choose from; 3, Hirst, nice type and quality, good back and chest; 4, Vart, nice chubby Nor., good quality and colour; vhc, Lees; hc, Wynn; c, Coventry. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL., BUFF., YELL. HEN, BUFF and SELLING (15s.) all these classes cancelled. BORD. FCY. CL. ETC. YELL. (13): 1 and spl, Hopper Bros., grand shape, nice quality feather, compact neat head, nice jaunty carriage; 2, smart, lovely shape and quality, in nice bloom, well set up, moves nicely; 3 and c, Morrell, leader, nice shape, very compact, nice quality and colour; 4 and spl, Wagstaff, a gem, well set up, nice jaunty carriage; vhc, Large; hc, Cberry. BUFF (10): 1, Levason, wing mkd. buff, sweet model, tight and compact, nice jaunty style, good head, wings and shape; 2, Hopper Bros., mkd. side of head, another gem, rare shape, quality, and carriage, moves nicely; 3, Wilson, good head, nice shape and quality; 4, Wagstaff, nice Border, tight in feather; vhc, Smart; hc, Willison; c, Large. A.O.V. BORD. YELL (6): 1, smart eyes and wing mkd. yell, sweet head nice quality and type, very sprightly, quick in motion, good one; 2, Wilson, eyes and wings mkd, lovely quality and shape, nice head and carriage close behind; 3, Wagstaff, nice green, good colour and markings, good shape, very neat; 4, Hopper Bros., cap and wing mkd, good one; vhc, Large; hc, Morrell. A.O.V. BUFF cancelled. NOR. CINN. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 4 and spl, Godley, leader, lovely warm colour, nice head, well-filled neck and back, grand shape and quality; 3, another good one, rare quality, shape, and good, sound colour; 5 and vhc, and 2 spln, Wagstaff, real good one, grand quality, nice colour and shape, plenty of substance, rare head, neck and wing carriage; 4, nice shape, good colour and quality, in grand condition; hc and c, Plumb. BUFF (8): 1, Mrs. Howe, gem, nice level colour throughout, good head and neck, splendid wing carriage, grand quality; 2, 3 and hc, Godley, leading, with a bonnie buff, rare quality and colour, nicely frosted, best of shape must have pressed hard; 3, very similar, nice body, colour, good shape; 4, Brown, nice quality, good head, neck and wings; vhc and c, Wagstaff. CREST and C.B. cancelled. SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and 4 spls, Willson, leader, buff, neat head, well depressed, good shoulders, good back, wings and body, nice circle; 2, yell., rare length, grand wings and back, good high shoulders, long neck; 3, nice yell. bonnie head, long neck, good high shoulders; 4, somewhat similar in type. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Willison, leader, smart one, plenty of action, decided drive, erect, good high shoulders, nice back and wings; 2, buff, good head and neck, prominent shoulders, plenty of nerve and action; 3, buff, similar in shape, good one, nicely braced wings, fine high shoulders, head, neck and drive; 4, another nice one, typical. SELL. (12s. 6d.) (5): 1, Davies, yell. Nor., nice shape, colour and size; 2, Clayton, Yorks, nice quality and length; 3, Shaw, crest; 4, Vart, vhc, Wynn. (£1) (7): 1, Wagstaff, real good clnn., lovely quality; 2, Vart, nice variag. crest, good top-end, heap of feather; 3, Bradley, nice buff Yorks; 4, Withington; vhc, Cherry; hc, Brown, c, Graves. LIGHT CAN. MULE cancelled. DARK MULE (other than Canary-Bullie) (6): Grand lot, led by, 1 and spl, Cowgill, fine Grecnic-Can., good size and shape, nice type, lovely quality, nice colour and bloom; 2, Davies, Linnet-Canary, rich colour, nicely marked in grand condition; 3 and vhc, Jackson and Bond, leader, Greenfiuch-Canary, nice quality and shape, good size; 4, Coffey, gem, Linnet-Canary, rare size and markings, lovely colour and shape, rare bloom; hc, Cherry. MULE ETC. cancelled. GOLDFINCH ETC. (15): Grand class, containing many winners: 1, spl, and 3, Kearton and Winter, leading, with grand Goldie, very large, rich, clean-cut blaze, rich tanning; 3, another good Goldic, not far behind, nice colour; 2 and 4, Hurst, leader, nice Bully, good size, nice shape, rare cap; 4, Goldie, beautiful colour and quality, good bars and buttons; vhc, Walker; hc, Durston; c, Wagstaff. BROWN LINNET (16): Grand lot, led by, 1, Kearton, gem for size, colour and markings, beautifully penciled right down to legs, in rare condition and bloom; 2, Kearton, another gem of same stamp, good shape and colour; 3, Cowgill, nicely pencilled, good size and shape, nice head and back; 4, Coffey, nicely pencilled back, head and wings, shapely; vhc, Jackson and Bond; hc, Hurst; c, Kearton and Winter. SISKIN ETC. (7): 1, Hurst, Twite, nice size and shape, lovely finish and colour, good one: 2 and spl, Cherry, nice Siskin, nice cap, good colour, well defined bib, nice wing bars; 3, Coffey, nice Twite, well pencilled head, back and wings; 4, Flemming, good cap, colour and markings; vhc, Vart; hc, Ryard. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Hirst, gran dbuff, rare size, nice shape, good colour, quality and condition; 2, Coffey, grand head, back and wings, well marked, rich colour, close up; 3, Jackson and Bond, another good one, rare wings, good quality, fine head, neck and chest; 4, Flemming, nice Grecnie, nicely marked; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Vart, c, Wagstaff. BRAMBLEFINCH ETC., and A.O.V. SEEDEATER cancelled. GIFT: 1, 2, 4, Wynn, 1, Yorks: 2, var. Nor.; 4, Bord. Fcy; 3, Price. NOVICE: NOR. A.V. (19): 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Hannah, leader, bull, eye, neck and wing marked, nice quality and colour; 2, nice bird, buff, good head and well-filled neck; 4, buff, eyes and wings marked, nice shape and quality; 3, Treadwell, yell, nice quality and colour, good head, back and wings; hc, Seward. YORKS. (6): 1 and bc, Hayes, nice head, good length of side; 2, 3, Henderson, leaderi, nice buff, good quality and colour; 3, yell, nice quality and colour; 4 and vhc, Graves, nice yell, good position; hc, Hayes. BORD. (16): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Galt, leader, eyes and wing marked buff, nice quality and colour, good type; 2, yell, marked eyes and wings, and head, very neat, good quality and colour; 4, Cinn. Variegs., 3 and c, large marked eyes and wings, bonnie neat head; vhc, Galt, winner of Hyde's Special. NOR. CINN. and A.O.V. cancelled. BRIT.: 1, Hudson Goldfinch, good blaze bars and moons, nice tanning; 2, Metcalfe, Linnet nicely pencilled, nice colour and condition; 3, Hayes, nice Goldie, good blaze, well mooned, nice wing bars; 4 and vhc, Treadwell.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DIS. F.A.

A members' show was held on Decemher 11th at the Camden Hall, when some excellent birds were staged. Entries turned up exceedingly well. The sec., Mr. H. G. Whibley, had tho arrangements well in hand, and in apple-pie order, and he deserves every credit. Messrs. Wraight and Knapp judged, and their awards appeared to give satisfaction. CRESTS OR C.B.: 1, 3, vbc, Hayward; 2, Stepney; r, hc, Tickner; vhc, Knapp. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Knapp; 2, r, Taylor; 3, Richards; vhc, hc, Warner. NOR.: 1, 3, r, vhc, Warner; 2, c, Tickner. A.O.V.: 1, Knapp; 2, 3, Hughes; r, Borman. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3, r, Wraight; vhc, Richards. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Whibley; 2, Warner; 3, Stepney; r, vhc, hc, Wraight; hc, Waters. BRIT., LARGE: 1, 2, Warner; 3, Waters.

DOVE HOLES.

The first show of the Dove Holes F.S. was held in the schoolrooms on December 14th. The cage bird section was very well patronised considering that this was a new venture, and that several important cage bird shows were taking place in the Northern district on the same day. There was a lack of good staging (owing to no fault of the committee), and, in consequence, the birds were not shown to very great advantage, but they received every attention, and were all fit and well for the public inspection. Norwich (II), with the winner of special for best cage bird and British (13), were the best classes. In these, and the class for Mules, were some useful birds shown "not for competition." Messrs. Milner and Barton, the hon. secs., are to be congratulated on the success of this their first cage bird venture, and it is hoped even further support will be rendered another year. Mr. R. Bowker, who was to have judged, finding very large entries in the other sections, Mr. W. M. Marsden placed the cage bird cards. NOR.: 1, two spls, vhc, Walker; 2, vhc, Garner, W.; 3, Millward. YORKS.: 1, Foulds, MULES: 1, spl, Hargreaves; 2, Roberts; 3, Mrs. Fowler. BRIT.: 1, spl, Newlands; 2, Penner; 3, E. Fowler; vbc, bc (no name), Starling. FOR.: 1, spl, Newton; 2, Hart; 3, Coddington. MEMBERS, A.V.: 1, spl, Spencer; 2, Price; 3, Bennett; hc, c, Newlands.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

EDINBURGH (OPEN) O.S.

The Edinburgh (open) show was held on Dec. 13 and 14. For a Scotch Fancy and Belgian show, this event surpassed all previous open events this year, and presented a pleasing contrast with the open show recently held in Edinburgh. The Artillery Hall, Grindley Street, is well adapted for the purposes of a show and the exhibits were tastefully arranged around the hall, yellow cocks being first on the left and the young Belgians being last on the right. The staging rendered every facility for a minute inspection of the birds. Everybody seemed to be deeply interested. Groups were in evidence, handling the cages and discussing the merits and demerits of the winners. A West of Scotland yellow hen, which has been a steady winner, came in for extra attention through not being placed to-day, and owing to her superior qualities over the winners. The Scotch fancies totalled 288, or an average of 12 per class, and were of extraordinary quality and full of merit. It is evident that great attention is paid to the maintenance of heavy shoulders, which, needless to say, is necessary, by reason of the decadence of the pure Belgian. The Belgians and cross classes numbered 63 or 12 per class. In quality, however, they did not come up to the Scotch Fancy classes. Several nice Belgians were staged, but there were a number more of the Scotch Fancy blood than of the Belgian; indeed it has become so much a question of "which is which" that unless a halt is called the designation will have to be changed. An encouraging feature was the demand for Scotch Fancy. There were fanciers prepared to give handsome prices for what they wanted, but the owners were immovable. Good figures were forthcoming for the winners in the selling classes. Beyond all doubt there is a future for the Scotch Fancy. The Association has been most fortunate in the selection of office bearers. Mr. McLennan, the President, is very courteous, has the great advantage of being a practical breeder and exhibitor, and puts his experiences to good use at the show. Mr. Melrose, the Secretary and Treasurer, has worked many a show; his cheery, affable manner, makes him a great favourite. It is a pity he had not double the number of entries, which he would have been only too glad to have had. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Carson, Robertson, Hope, Mcikle and Drysdale, worked hard and harmoniously; everything went off well, and they cannot be too highly praised for the noble services they rendered. The executive are also to be congratulated upon the admirable arrangements of the whole proceedings. The cup and gold medal was won by Mr. McClure (Glasgow), with his foul buff cock. Scotch Fancy were judged by Messrs. Cook (Cowdenbeath), Webster (Greenock) McVee (Bonnyrigg), and Hailstones (Edinburgh), and the Belgians and Crossbreds by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh). The awards gave general satisfaction.

Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CK. (11) 1, King, massive framed, prominent shoulders, decided drive, fine head and neck, grand body and wing; 2, McClure, Crest, decided drive, sweet head and neck, good shoulder, body and wing; 3, Nairn, smart Crest, decided drive, nice head; 4, Pringle, neat and typical, smooth feather; 5, Smith, neat and nice style, 6, Foster, good stamp; 7, Lugton; 8, Muirhead. HEN (21): 1, Forrest, Crest, decided drive, long neck, sweet head, clean front; 2, Keill, massive frame, erect, nice drive, grand shoulder, body and wing; 3, McMillan, erect, nice drive, good neck, shoulder and body; 4, Carmyllie, grand frame, erect, decided drive, prominent shoulder, good body; 5, Smith, sweet, close feather, fine action; 6, 8, Pringle, lovely stamp; 7, McVee. YELL. PIED CK. (17): 1, Forrest, splendid leader, erect, decided drive, good reach and bead, rare shoulder, long body, wing and tail; 2, Scott, erect, nice drive, sweet head, nice body and wing; 3, Hope, erect, good droop, nice head and neck; 4, Farrell, sweet, tidy exhibit, good stamp and action; 5, Thorns, well-known winner, some thought might have been up; 6, Petrie, nice size and action; 7, Carmyllie; 8, Caldwell. HEN (5): 1, McLennan, well known, erect decided depression, good head and neck, grand shoulder, body and wing, plenty of actiou: 2, Carmyllie, erect, fine reach, good shoulder, body, wing and tail; 3, Livingstone, fine position, nice drive, good shoulder; 4, Maxwell, well known, erect, fine drive; 5, Dick, good all-round hen. YELL. FOUL CK. (11): 1, Scott, erect, nice depression, sweet head, good neck, prominent shoulders, good body, wing and tail; 2, McLennan, erect, neat head, fine neck, plenty of back, good body and wing; 3, Findlay, erect, heavy top, good reach and body; 4, Hailstones, smooth in feather, smart and ready; 5, Pringle, fine size and style; 6, Sinclair; 7, Wright; 8, Moffat. HEN (10): 1, 2, Smith, first erect, decided drive, fine head and neck, grand shoulder, body and wing, steady action; 2, Smith, erect, nice droop, head and neck, plenty of shoulder; 3, McLennan, grand type, plenty of style; 4, Hope, smart and good style; 5, Thornton, fine type, smooth feather; 6, Forrest; 7, Wright; 8, Foster. YELL. GREEN CK. (9): 1, Hendry, easy win, erect, nice head and neck, fine droop, good shoulder, body and wing, nicely positioned; 2, Hope, erect, bead forward, neat, fine neck and shoulder; 3, Maxwell, well known, good style and steady; 4, Strathearn, tried winner, good stamp, in excellent company; 5, Trotter, nice style; 6, Farrell; 7, Mackay; 8, Gibson. HEN (9): 1, Hannay, easy win, perfect model, sweet, typical, rare body, well positioned, very ready; 2, Dalgleish, smooth feather, good size and substance, fine quality; 3, McVee, good all-round exhibit; 4, Jardine, nice size and type; 5, Thornton, very neat action; 6, Dick; 7, Bowman; 8, Gibson. BUFF CK. (19): 1, 2, McLennan, grand stamp, erect, decided droop, neat head and neck, fine shoulder, second similar type, fine size; 3, Findlay, erect, decided droop, neat head and neck, good shoulder; 4, McClure, well known, hard lines for sueb a fine specimen to be so far back; 5, Muirhead, erect, good head and neck 6, Paterson; 7, Maxwell; 8, Johnstone. HEN (13): 1, Petrie, erect, fine reach, head well down, heavy top, grand body and wing; 2, 7, McLennan, second erect, decided droop, good shoulders, long body; 3, Hope, hard up, fine round back, nice head and neck; 4, Melrose, good quality all through; 5, Melrose, nice size and style; 6, Farrell; 8, Keill. BUFF PI CK. (16): 1, 2, 7, McClure, first erect, fine drive and droop, good shoulder, body and wing, wins: second another grand all over exhibit, rare quality; 3, Pringle, erect, good drive, plenty of shoulder, fine body and wing; 4, Hope, good size and quality; 5, Dalgleish, nice type; 6, Petrie; 7, Carmyllie; 8, Strathearn. HEN (11): 1, 3, McLennan: first rare quality, massive frame, erect, determined droop, fine depth through chest, third good size, erect, fine drive, head and neck, good shoulder; 2, Melrose, very good all over exhibit, grand size and quality; 4, Dalgleish, good style and quality; 5, Buyers, nice type, quick; 6, Kean, good quality; 7, Keill; 8, Smith. BUFF FOUL CK. (14): 1, 2, McClure, well known winner of last year, erect, very decided droop, sweet head, long neck, heavy shoulders, second this year's cup winner, won cup to-day, perfect model, often described Mule, admired, has an exceptionally good drive and depression; 3, Pringle, erect, nice modern style, full of quality; 4, Melrose, good average properties, wins here; 5, Blair, nice type; 6, Parke, good stamp; 7, McClure; 8, Forrest. HEN (7): 1, McClure, well known, full of quality, the right stamp, plenty of substance; 2, 6, Pringle, second wins here, erect, correct depression, good shoulders, fine body and wing; 3, Stocks, good size and type; 4, Paterson, sweet style, smooth in feather; 5, Nairn, good stamp; 7, Thomson, very stylish. BUFF GREEN CK. (12): 1, Paul, erect, fine droop, good shoulder, body and wing; 2, McMillan, steady winner, nice type, plenty of quality; 3, Nairn, well up, fine reach, good head and neck, plenty of shoulder, nice body and wing; 3, Baxter, smart and smooth in feather; 5, 6, Smith, nice size and quality; 7, Cairns; 8, Drysdale. HEN (7): 1, 2, Strathearn, both well known, fine size and quality; 3, Ronaldson, neat and typical; 4, Hutchison, fine quality; 5, Maxwell, good size and quality; 6, Blake, nice stamp; 7, Trotter. NOVICE CLASSES (LIMIT £5 5s.) CK. A.C.: 1, Meikle, good model, smooth feather, nice round back, finely positioned; 2, Forrest, erect, nice type and quality; 3, Yule, another sweet typical bird; 4, Dalling, good stamp; 5, Smith, very smart; 6, Dodds; 7, Fraser; 8, Bain. HEN (14): 1, Fotheringham, erect, fine drive, nice droop, good shoulders, body and wing; 2, Yule, nice, all round exhibit; 3, Robertson, good size and style; 4, Malcolm, fine style; 5, Bell; 6, Howden; 7, Forrest; 8, Thomson. BREEDING PAIRS (11): 1, McLennan, well matched, both erect, decided drive, good head, neck, shoulders and body wing; 2, King, nicely marked, rare quality and size, smooth in feather; 3, McClure, winners in double harness, wins here, rare quality; 4, Johnstone; 5, Pringle; 6, Mackay; 7, Thornton; 8, Hendry. SELL. YELL. CK. (15): 1, Kelli, erect, nice drive, neat droop, good shoulder, body and wing; 2, Miller, nice type, quick in action; 3, Thomson, modern type, smooth, fine action; 4, Smith; 5, Blake; 6, Longden; 7, Blair; 8, Hendry. HEN (9): 1, Carmyllie, grand size and substance; 2, Thorns, good type and quality; 3, 5, Purdie, third good stamp; 4, Reid; 6, McAdam; 7, Laing; 8, Farquhar. BUFF CK. A.C. (18): 1, Somerville, smart, tidy, sweet model and well positioned; 2, Dalgleish, smooth feather, nice style and good action; 3, Forrest plenty of substance, nice type; c, Johnstone, worth breeding, good strain; 5, Hardie; 6, Hutton; 7, McVee; 8, King. HEN (12): 1, Miller, grand style, full of action, well positioned; 2, 4, Carson, nice pair, good style, worth breeding; 3, Thomson; modern type; 5, Yule; 6, McAdam; 7, Hutton; 8, Kirk. BELGIAN FANCY YELL. CK (15): 1, Maxwell, cross type, erect, heavy top, good depression, fine body; 2, 4, Neill, fine shoulder, nice depression; 3, Thornton, Belgian type, grand qualities; 5, Fairley, City of Glasgow winner; 6, Greig; 7, 8, Philp. HEN (13): 1, McClure, well known winner, keeping position, in good condition; 2, Blair, nice type, good top; 3, Philp, light built, smooth in feather; 4, Dalgleish; 5, Forrest; 6, Robertson; 7, McMillan; 8, Dewar. BUFF CK. (17): 1, McLennan, cross type, resembles a Derby winner; 2, Robertson, Belgian caste, good type and depression, nice body; 3, Hope, grand type, grand shoulders, fine depression; 4, 8, Philp, smart and smooth in feather; 5, Buyers; 6, Hutchison; 7, Munro. HEN (7): 1, Robertson, Belgian caste, good shoulders and depression, fine body; 2, Greig, smooth in feather, smart style; 3, 6, Philp, close in feather and action; 4, Fairley; 5, Jardine; 7, Neill. BRED IN 1907: 1, Greig, sweet and smart; 2, 5, 6, 7, Philp, second neat Belgian caste; 3, Stewart, medium size, nice top; 4, Fairley; 8, Robertson.

LONG EATON AND DIST. C.B.S.

First members' show was held at the Blue Bell, Long Eaton, on December 1st, under the patronage of Mr. Councillor G. Smith, President, and Mr. H. M. K. Berridge, Vice-President. There were prizes galore; 25 medals, two silver cups given by Messrs. Smith and Berridge, also nine specials. It was a grand show. There were some very good exhibits, especially in the Crest class, both old and young; it was a very keen class indeed. As the club has only been in existence since March last, we can safely say that with 30 odd members we are in a happy and prosperous position. There was, however, no competition in the yellow crested (young) class, as the members that had birds were not eligible to compete for the silver cup presented by Councillor Smith, nor for the gold medal given by the society for this class. The prize went to Mr. J. Turner, secretary, his being the only bird shown. There was also a silver cup given by Mr. H. M. K. Berridge for crest-bred hens (young). For an infant club I think it stands, financially, second to none, thanks to the gentlemen interested in it, and especially to Mr. H. M. K. Berridge. While we have such gentlemen with us we shall never fail. He has the heartiest wishes of the members of this club for 1908. Prizes were presented to winner by Mr. H. M. K. Berridge, in the show rooms. Mr. J. Lowe judged.

NOR. CKS.: 1, spl, 2, Sheldon and Hallam, 1, fed bird, grand colour, well first, 3, Page, good hird nice shape. HEN: 1, Hallam and Sheldon, grand hen, very cobby; 2, Page, nice bird; 3, Dee, vgt., good shape and carriage. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Clark, 1 nice upstanding bird, well shown; 3, Rogers and Orchard. HEN: 1, Wood, nice tapered bird; 2, Hooley, good bird; 3, O. Clark. CREST CK. OLD: 1, spl, Turner, and best bird in show, splendid all-round bird; 2, 3, Wigginton, very good bird. HEN: 1, J. Turner, green hen, grand radiated crest, wins easy; 2, W. Turner; 3, Hays. CREST-BRED CK. OLD: 1, 3, J. Turner, 1 good bird; 2, Barker, splendid bird, plenty of head feather. HEN: 1, W. Turner, good shape; 2, Schofield, grand hen; 3, J. Turner, good bird. NOR. CK. YOUNG: 1, Page, good bird, nicely shown; 2, Parkinson; 3, E. Page. HEN: 1, Clark, nice cobby bird, well first; 2, G. E. Page, good bird, well shown; 3, Clark. YORKS. CK. YOUNG: 1, Clark, nice, upstanding bird; 2, Rogers and Orchard; 3, Wood, grand bird, good length. HEN: 1, Clark, very smooth and straight in feather; 2, Wood, almost equal to first; 3, Rogers and Orchard, lovely wing carriage. BORDERS: 1, Dyson, nice bird; 2, Dyson; 3, Hooley. CREST CK. YOUNG: 1, Barker, grand feather, nice crest; 2, Schofield, grand bird. HEN: 1, 2, J. Turner. CREST-BRED COCK, YOUNG 1: W. Turner, nice head; 2, Wigginton, grand bird, plenty of feather; 3, J. Turner, good size and shape. HEN: 1, and cup, J. Turner; 2, Schofield. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Hallam and Sheldon, splendid Bullfinch, lovely colour; 2, Hexter; 3, Rogers and Orchard. LARGE: 1, 2, Parkinson, nice Thrush, well mottled. MULES: 1, Dyson; 2, Parkinson; 3, J. Turner. FOREIGN: 1, Mr. Smith, Parrot; 2, Hexter; 3, Bentley. GREY: 1 and gold medal, J. Turner, grand bird; 2, 3, Barker, 2 nice head and body. YELL.: No competitors for this class, gold medal and cup goes to J. Turner, only bird shown. SELL. 10/-: 1, Wiggenton SELL.: 1, Bentley.

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HAMILTON, CADZOU OAK.

The annual show held December 14th, proved a record for entries. The Norwich, however, did not fulfil the expectations of the Committee After providing a splendid classification, many of the classes were half-ones; still, the quality was all that could be desired. That well-known Glasgow breeder and exhibitor, Mr. McFarlane, had forward a choice selection and obtained the coveted red card in every class except one. Mr. Menzies secured leading honours in the unflighted hens, with a grand bodied one, neat all round and well put down. Crests and Crestbreds were a fine collection, the winning birds of Mr. Gardiner's, being outstanding specimens. Mr. Sandison, of Aberdeen, judged these varieties with his usual ability. Borders followed, and as was only to be expected, were in force at this fixture. To day the East gave battle to the West, and in the majority of cases led the way. The veteran, Mr. Bennett had forward a choice team, captured no less than 7 firsts out of 12 classes. Mr. McKenzie had also forward a fine collection and managed to capture 2 firsts, his well-known buff even again leading for quality and type. This lady is at the present, an outstanding star. Mr. Gilchrist succeeded in again securing another 1st with his well tried and oft described yellow uneven, which seems to be one of the cast-iron mould, always as fresh looking as paint (its 6th successive first, I've heard). For the West, Mr. Turnbull, landed the Buff hen class cleverly with a gem for style and type. She also secured the B.F.C.C. Medal, and looked at home behind her special cards. The Novice class was really a teaser, and brought together no less than 30 (the Novices seem to be able to breed them). After careful selection, Mr. Haddow found a buff cock which he proclaimed ideal, with the result that up went the red on No. 9, Mr. Henderson's bird, and the onlookers in the gallery got a more easy breath or so, after the suspense of awaiting the result. This bird was a really good one for size, type and carriage, and in extra fine bloom. These classes were under those well-known West-country judges, Mr. Haddow and Mr. Smellie, and their awards in the majority of cases were well received, there being present a large gathering of the "midget" breeders. Mules followed, and were provided with a splendid classification and came forward in great numbers. Mr. Douglas accounted for the light classes with a pair of grand Goldie mules, both buff. One is a real gem, almost clear, except two very light eye marks, and for size all that could be desired. Both birds, however, could be improved in their toilet. The winning yellow dark, of Mr. Marlin's, Mr. Bishop's winning Greenie, and Mr. Cunningham's Goldie-Greenie, also deserve special mention. Britishers were the feature of the show, such a collection as could rasily outstrip many great provincial fixtures, and the prizes were well distributed, showing that in this variety, a corner is almost impossible, as gems are always being secured in unlikely quarters. All the winners were gems. These classes were judged by the veteran, Mr. Pettigrew, of Glasgow, and the Hon. Sec. of the S.B.B. and M.C., Mr. Farmer, of Edinburgh. They seemed to give complete satisfaction to exhibitors. One special feature of Mr. Pettigrew's judging is, he does not quietly shelve a Britisher if he has any doubts about its appearance, but in a business-like manner, tests it, and gives his award accordingly. The hall is an ideal one for a show. The weather and light were wretched at the start, but brightened up early, to the comfort of the judges. The show was nicely heated, and judging, considering the heavy classes, through in good time. As this show was blessed by a large array of beautiful and useful specials, the task was no easy one. Catalogues were on sale early, and everything went as merry as a marriage bell. The management was all that could be desired, the secretarial duties being in the hands of an expert, Mr. R. Gadsden, one of the most capable wielders of the pen, affable to visitors and exhibitors alike, and obliging down to the smallest detail. The Society are to be congratulated on having such a gentleman at the helm. He was ably assisted by his colleague, Mr. J. B. Smith, in the financial department, and the stewardship of the exhibits was under that capable veteran, Mr. Shearer. A notable feature of the show, was that all exhibitors present got their birds home, and some were on the road by 4 o'clock (remember this another year). A very pleasing opening ceremony took place when Mr. Smith, introduced to the large gathering present, Provost Pollock, and the worthy and esteemed gentleman in an eloquent speech, spoke of the good that the Cage Bird Fancy had accomplished in the district of Hamilton.

Norwich and Crests.

NORWICH CLEAR, ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3 McFarlane, leader grand body, fine and full; good colour and feather; 3rd, nice type, grand quality; 2, Braidwood, grand front, well filled up and nicely drawn, fine wing carriage; 4, Jeans, nice style, good quality throughout, fine feather; hc, McKenna; c, Johnstoue. BUFF (6): 1, 3, McFarlane, easy winner, grand bird, enormous front, beautifully rounded, well cleared out, grand carriage, A1 feather; 3rd, lovely type and feather, another gem for style, again in splendid bloom; 2, Malcolmson, nice feathered one, good front, well cleaned out, showy all round bird; 4, Roulstone, good quality and shape, nice size; hc, Nisbet; c, Gaskil. VAR. YELL CK: 1, McFarlane, nice body, well tapered off, full front, nice carriage, hot fed; 2, Hunter, grand feathered bird, rare tone of colour, good head and neck, well staged; 3, Braidwood, fine heavy var., stout body; 4, Hampton, good one, grand bloom; hc, Scaife; c, Shearer. BUFF (5): 1, McFarlane, well up in size, good front and back, well put down; 2, King, taking bird, in lovely feather, nice carriage, good head and neck, well tapered; 3, Moreland, nice shape, in grand bloom; 4, Scaife, graud moulded one, fine style; hc, Hampton. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, McFarlane, gem, and no mistake, lovely Bullfinch shape, plenty substance, grand carriage, tip-top wing carriage, best Nor. hen in show; 3rd, grand substance; 2, Malcolmson, good feather, nice front and carriage, well put down; 4, Hampton, nice substance and shape; hc, Jardine. BUFF (7): 1, 2, McFarlane, again to the front, two beauties, leader the best throughout, lovely order; 2nd, grand shape; 3, Roulstone, plenty of size, nice quality feather; 4, Jaffrey, nice shapely bird, good property; hc, Smith; c, Prentice. VAR, ETC. (7): 1, 3, McFarlane, nice chubby shape, grand front, well rounded head, even filled up, nicely drawn; 3rd, good style; 2, Scaife, rare feathered one, very well built, good front, nice carriage; 4, Edwards, large, bouncing var, grand quality feather; hc, Roulstone; c, Arnott. UNFLI. CK. (17): 1, 3, 4, McFarlane, marvellous trio, leader a gem of the first water, rare substance throughout, splendidly rounded, blaze of colour, a yell; 3rd, good bodied buff var, grand stamp; 4th, very nice, typical yellow, grandly fed; 2, Mitchell, almost the identical build of winner, gem for colour, good 2nd; hc, Jaffrey; c, Jeans. HENS (14): 1, Menzies, yell, very fine shaped bird, grand rounded front, topping wing carriage, grizzled tail, in fine bloom; 2, Malcolmson, good shape grand back, well rounded front, rare head, well placed; 3, Hampton, buff var, good bodied bird, rare substance, fine order; 4, Braidwood, heavy var, very taking exhibit; hc, McFarlane; c, Mitchell; a grand class. UNFLI. CK. (11): 1, 4, McFarlane, leader yelt, grand size, rare shape, full, free-fronted bird, tip-top style, in rare bloom, wins; 4th, var, splendid style and feather; hc, Martin, buff, good feather, nice carriage, fine back and wings, neat head; 3, Braidwood, good, shapely buff, grand front and feather; c, Mitchell. HEN (8): 1, 3, McFarlane, shapely, grandly rounded, rare head and front, fine wing carriage, nice order; 3rd, again good shape; 2, Roulstone, grand substance, large good exhibit; 4, Shearer, var, yell, nice front and feather; hc, Prentice; c, Mitchell; a grand class throughout. SELL. (12/6): 1, Shearer; 2, Jaffrey; 3, White; 4, McFarlane; hc, Alston; c, Roddie. CREST (5): 1, Gardiner, nice, shapely crest, fine length of feather coming well down in front, well groomed, fine substance; 2, (no name), nice, dense crest, plenty of it, var; 3, Page, green, good quality, well groomed; 4, Easton, shapely all round. CREST BRED (7): 1 (no name), a lashing green, great lash, nice entrance, groomed to perfection; 2, Easton, very nice, lashing good bred entrance, grand substance; 3, Gardiner, finely lashed, plenty substance; 4, Page, well browed, good entrance; hc, Nesbit; c, McKay.

The Borders.

BORD. YELL. CK. (11): 1, Bennett, nice shaped bird, good back and wing carriage, nice condition; 2, Waye, grand front, rare carriage, short feather, well put down, looks like the Lanark selling class winner; 3, Smart, nice bodied bird, good wing carriage, neat head; 4, Somerville and McLean, grand positioned bird, fine top end; hc, Graham; c, Craig. HEN (9): 1, Bennett, easy win, lovely positioned bird, grand size, rare head, back and wing carriage, well drawn, a topper; 2, McKenzie, good body and feather, but a bit unsteady, rare order; 3, 4, Walker and Stirling, 3rd, grand feather, lovely wing carriage; 4th, good rounded front, finely drawn, again in fine bloom; hc, Alexander; c, Craig. CL. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 4, Bennett, leader in grand feather, well drawn, good carriage; 4th, good one, grand stamp, showing to perfection; 2, Peel, good feathered bird, very finely drawn, nice wing carriage, well filled in back; 3, McKenzie, nice, shapely bird, very fine feather, good style; hc, Craig; c, Waye. HEN (18): 1, B. F. C. Medal, Turnbull, regular swell, lovely box feathered; 1, grand size, rare pipe tail, marvellous condition; 2, Gilchrist, lovely headed bird, well filled up in front, finely tapered; 3, Craig, good fronted bird, grand size and well drawn; 4, Robertson, nice feathered one; hc, Henderson; c, Peel; a grand class. EVEN MARKS (8): 1, McKenzie, buff, lovely type for a mark, well balanced eye and wing markings, best feathered Bord in show, marvellous condition; 2, Walker and Stirling, gem of a yell for type, rare body and wing carriage, well balanced markings; 3, Findlay, nice shapely bird, grand position; 4, Thomson, good all round cinn. mark; hc, Gilchrist; c, Aitken. UNEVEN YELL. (13): 1, Gilchrist, well-known light var, still leading, grand fronted bird, beautifully drawn, looks fresh as paint, wins comfortably; 2, Alexander, nice, typical bird, grand position, fine wing carriage, good order; 3, Bennett, grand feather, regular swagger style; 4, Peel, nice, stylish bird; hc, Duncan; c, Shearer. BUFFS (16): 1, Bennett, nice shapely bird, good front and carriage, in grand bloom; 2, McKenzie, well-known winner, in wonderful bloom, splendid carriage; 3, Duncan, lovely made bird, marble head, tip-top size; 4, Alexander, grand feather and style; hc, Wallace; c, Turnbull; grand class of birds. FOUL YELL. (9): 1, Bennett, sweet, wee bird, fine head, grand front and position, well drawn, in good trim; 2, Gilchrist, grand bodied bird, nicely drawn, rare condition; 3, Somerville and McLean, good feather and style, grand wing carriage; 4, McKenzie, nice feather and size; hc, Craig; c, Airlie. BUFFS (9): 1, Bennett, grand feathered one, nice back and wing carriage, neat size, well drawn; 2, Duncan, nice feather, in good form; 3, Waye, very shapely, in fine feather, well drawn, good front; 4, Holton, wing tick, good feather, well rounded; hc, Gilchrist; c, Peel. NOVICE CLASS (30): 1, Henderson, clear win, grand buff, splendid size, tip-top wing carriage, rare front and head; 2, Airlie, nice var. buff, good feather, grand size, well rounded; 3, Easson, another buff, very nicely got up, grand front and style; 4, Allan, yell, nice showy one, grand order; hc, Leitch; c, Smith; a teaser of a class to judge. YELL., GREEN. ETC. (11): 1, Bennett, well-known winner, sound colour throughout, very good type, in grand order; 2, 4, Thomson, 2nd, typical, graudly laced on back, a good one; 4th, grand solid colour throughout, well pencilled; 3, Laurie, nice yell. cinn, well laced, fine position; hc, (no name); c, Boyd, Junr.; a good class. BUFF, GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, (no name), green, fine type, grandly pencilled on back, good, solid colour throughout, grand size and shape; 2, Laurie, cinn, good one, fine lacing, very distinct markings, in rare bloom; 3, Tinline, green, very solid in colour, good flanks, well marked on back, taking exhibit; 4, Hamilton, very rich cinn, good lacing and carriage; hc, Findlay; c, Leitch.

Mules, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE, ETC. (10): 1, Douglas, grand one, almost clear, rare size, good colour, clear win, grand exhibit, a buff; 2, Sharpe, Grecnie-Bullie Hybrid, nice size, good dense colour, rare cap, splendid shape; 3, vhc, McFarlane, four-pointed Jonque Goldie, nice size, good colour, well staged; 4, Muir, Greenie-Bullie, good, large one; hc, Johnstone. VAR. CAN. MULE (16): 1, Douglas, slashing Goldie, grand size, a good one, buff; 2, Cunningham, tip-top Jonque, rare size and colour, put down in grand style, well worth its place; 3, Johnstone, hot fed Jonque, lightly marked; 4, Bruce, var. Linnet, grand size, but his toilet wanted attending to; hc, McFarlane; c, Cunningham; a rare class throughout. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Marlin, Jonque, good size, plenty substance, fed to perfection, in marvellous condition, wins; 2, Thomson, buff, enormous deep toned blaze, coming well down, fine size and good order; 3, Hamilton, nice Jonque Linnet, well marked, good colour; 4, Doolan, nice, taking exhibit, fine colour; hc, (no name); c, Whitelaw. VAR. DARK CAN. (13): 1, Bishop, hot fed Greenie, lovely feather, very steady, well staged; 2, Frazer, best buff Siskin music out this season, rare size and colour, splendidly marked; 3, Johnstone, Jonque Greenie, nice size, grand colour; 4, Marlin, tip-top Twite mule, rare size, splendidly marked, well worth its place; hc, Whitcford; c, Tait. VAR. HYBRID (7): 1, Cunningham, well-known Goldie-Greenie, rare size, splendid colours showing cross well; 2, Hepburn, dense blaze, very fine feather; 3, Buchanan, Junr, Bedroll-Goldie, nice one, fine shape and feather, taking exhibit; 4, Marlin, nice quality throughout, fine size; hc, Henderson; c, Whitcford. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (15): 1, Portcous, fine size, very full, dense expansive blaze, rare front, lovely cut cheeks, grand wing bars and buttons; 2, Hepburn, good face, lovely nutty brown on chest, good wing bars, fine size; 3, Calder, grand face, lovely feather; 4, Craig, good all round Finch; hc, (no name); c, Hynds. BULLFINCH BRIT. (16): 1, Nesbit, nice size, dense breast colour, grand black cap, well carried back, good bib, lovely wing bars, in tip-top form; 2, Calder, another dense coloured one, lovely crimson shade, grand sheen; 3, Jackson, good shape, fine cap and wings; 4, Hughes, dense capped bird, very expansive; hc Laidlaw; c, Wilkinson; a good class. BULLFINCH HEN (19): 1, Buchanan, Junr, topper, lovely size, grand cap and wings, put down in lovely order; 2, Johnstone, another grand one for shape, very clear cut on cap; 3, Sinclair, nice size and shape, fine tone of colour; 4, Davies, good shaped one, fine size and colour; hc, Livingstone; c, Whiteford. HEN FINCH, ETC (8): 1, Whiteford, slashing Russian Bullie hen, good colours throughout, in tip-top form; 2, Bald, well-known Grecnie, in rattling form, lovely tone of colour, grand wing flights; 3, Thomson, very nice Goldie, good a blaze as plenty cocks, fine size, very steady; 4, Sinclair, hen Siskin, nice size and colour, in grand order; hc, Moreland; c, Hepburn. LINNET (21): 1, 4, Martin, leader fine size, nice tone of colour, nicely marked; 4th, nice all round bird, free in pencilling, good tone of colour, full of life; 2, McFarlane, good one, grand polish, finely marked on front, nice wing flights, very shapely, worth its place; 3, Patterson, splendid flights; hc, Calder; c, Whiteford; a very strong class. FIELD MOULTED LINNET (17): 1, Wilkinson, gem for quality, steady as if band-reared, lovely condition, nice tone of colour, well laced on breast; 2, McDiarmid, nice shape, good tone of colour, lovely flights, in fine trim; 3, Calder, good one, grandly laced on breast, fine colour, very lively; 4, McDougal, good size, well up in markings, in fine order; hc, Neilson; c, Alston; extra good class. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Cunningham, not the largest, but a topper for quality, grand wing flights, lovely shape, fine, held fronted bird, regular blaze of colour; 2, Brannigan, another hot fed one, plenty size; 3, Johnstone, grand bird, lovely body and shape, good deep tone throughout, rare wing flights; 4, Dick, nice feathered one; hc, Bald; c, Davies. LESSER REDPOLL (22): 1, Allan, grand size, lovely shade of body colour, nice cap and bib, a gem for feather, steady and well staged; 2, 4, Marlin, good one, dense bib, fine cap, good colour throughout; 4th, grand colour, in tip-top form, pair of hot ones; 3, Livingstone, close up in colours, dense bib bird, fine size and quality; hc, Roddie; c, Cairns. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Marlin, leader Twite very nicely laced good ground colour, fine size, nice wing flights, very steady; 2nd, mealy Poll, fine size, very well marked; 3, Bald, Twite, nicely marked, in grand condition; 4, Whitelaw, mealy, good, taking specimen fine size, well laced, hc, Munro; c, Neilson. SISKIN 1, c, Marlin, wonderful size, good, solid colour throughout, large cap, very nice bib, well fed; 2, Bald, grand, rare dense cap and well defined bib, splendid wing bars and lacing, plenty size; 3, McFarlane, hot fed one, neat bib and cap; 4, White, again all there; hc, Malcolmson; c, McDiarmid. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Munro, good solid coloured Chaffie, fine size, grand wing bars, lovely cap, rare sheen, steady as a rock; 2, Henderson, good, large Bramble, finely laced, good colour throughout, rare bloom; 3, (no name), Chaffinch, fine, dense colour, grand size; 4, White, good all round Bramblefinch; hc, Malcolmson; c, McDiarmid YELLOWHAMMER (17): 1, Marlin, good coloured Bunting, grand head, fine size and markings, in grand bloom; 2, Lauson, nicely feathered, well laced on back; 3, Crearle and Son, gem for size, lovely lacing, rare breast colour, tip-top eye markings; 4, Lauson, good Bunting, fine feather, well put down; hc, Livingstone; c, Inglis. VAR. SMALL HARDBILLED (5): 1, Lauson, clinking Cirl, rare size, splendidly marked, fine colour bird, with a great future; 2, Alston, topping black-headed Bunting, dense head and bib, lovely bloom; 3, Smellie, another good black head, noted winner; 4, Calder, again a black head, rare size; hc, Martin. SMALL SOFTBILL (7): 1, 3, 4, Henderson, leader good-sized Shorelark, in grand bloom, well staged, very steady; 2, 3rd, Blackcap, nice size and colour, good cap; 4th, Wagtail in good order; 2, Easton, good all round Grey Wagtail, very nice size and colour; hc, Bonner. LARGE BRIT. (7): 1, Sinton, well-known Fieldfare, "perfection" in best form, grandly staged against a good background; 2, Livingstone, green Woodpecker, steady, well staged; 3, Fulton, nice all round Magpie, in good trim; 4, Shankly, good, well-dappled Song Thrush. FOR. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Hitherington, good, shapely Finch, large blaze, good checks and body, in very fine order; 2, Livingstone, topper, grand, dense blaze, fine nut brown chest, rare wing bars, very steady; 3, Martin, again well up in colours, rare order; 4, Smith, taking exhibit, good face, in fine trim; hc, Buchanan; c, Porteous. FOR.: No awards in catalogue; 1, nice white-fronted Amazon, in good feather; 2, grand Redhead Gouldian, in fine bloom; 3, nice Rosella, in good feather; 4, Amazon, in nice condition.

CRESSWELL.

Second annual show in connection with the Cresswell and Dis. C.B.S. took place on Dec. 14th. The "Rose and Crown" provided a very nice light room of very fair dimensions for the staging of the exhibits. This being a radius show (10 miles limit), the entry, which numbered 170 birds (exceeding last year's by far), must be considered very satisfactory, taking into account that only members of the society were allowed to compete. The quality one is bound to speak well about, as many well-known winners were on view. Norwich made a nice display, as also did the Yorkshires. Crests and Crestbreds, too, contained several very choice ones. British and Foreign helped to give tone to the exhibition. Pair classes of various descriptions were of an interesting character, and Mules provided several good crosses, which were greatly admired. The staging was carried out in neat style, those responsible deserving praise. The room was nicely warmed, and this was appreciated by all (both birds and visitors), as the day was extremely damp and chilly. Judging commenced early, and was over in good time. Cards were displayed quickly by those capable stewards, Messrs. J. and G. Freeman. President is Mr. A. Metcalfe. The show committee consists of a band of genuine fanciers, most of whom are well-known figures in the cage bird world, viz., Messrs. T. Pearson (chairman), W. Baxby (treasurer), F. Lee, T. Stinson, J. Leam, R. Knowles, W. Doxey, F. Till, A. Burrows, A. Hooton, G. Wilson, J. Freeman, J. Pearson, D. Johnson, T. Simpson, W. Pitt, A. Drabble, J. Siddall, F. Barker, and J. Hodgekiss. With such as these, no wonder everything went off smoothly and well. Mr. C. Pressley acts as secretary, and has the society's interests at heart. Courteous, he is the right man in the right place, and a better official the club could not wish for. His ambition is that Cresswell shall progress and rank still higher in the exhibition world. Medal for most entries went to Mr. T. Freeman, amongst his team being several grand specimens. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield), had the placing of the cards, and his awards were well received. NOR. YELL (4): 1, 3, Till, former marked wing, red hot, fine substance and shape, A1 quality, latter cl., very shapely, capital feather and colour, nice size; 2, vhc, Leam, cl., superior quality, good level colour, we liked. BUFF (5): 1, Till, cl., bouncer, grandly clothed, very chubby, fine substance, rare head, neck and chest, beauty; 2, 3, Leam, marked wing and neck, teeming with quality, rattling colour, covered with neat frosting, shapely, good carriage; 3rd, cl., typical, excellent feather and meal; vhc, Trueman; hc, Doxey. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Till, cl., cobby, nice size, feathered beautifully, best of wing carriage, well shown; 2, Leam, superior quality, nice colour, good size, good one; 3, vhc, Doxey, marked back, good typo and feather, nicely cut away. BUFF (7): 1, Leam, cl., smooth as wax, lovely quality, delightfully shaped body, very bonny; 2, Doxey, fine big var., rattling feather, grand shape; one of the best for stock purposes, close up; 3, hc, c, Till, nice trio, first marked right wing, best shape in class, good feather, colour and meal; vhc, Pressley, marked, good colour and quality. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, Doxey, cl. yell. and cl. buff respectively, both good colour and quality, former large, nice type, latter very cobby; 3, Leam, cl. buff, capital feather, colour and meal, shapely, not far away; vhc, hc, Trueman. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Knowles, winner grizzled neck, well up in position, lengthy, capital feather, good back and wing carriage; 2nd thigh tick., full of style, capital type, good length, well on leg, close up; 3, vhc, Trueman, cl., well feathered, A1 colour and position, true Yorkie; hc, Simpson; c, Knott. BUFF (10): 1, Simpson, cl., straight as a rush, smooth as a bottle, best of wings and tail, leggy, a beauty; 2, c, Knowles, marked wing, capital quality, good colour and meal, stands well, nice length, ran winner very close; 3, hc, Trueman, magnificent feather and colour, lengthy, capital wing carriage; vhc, Wilson. YELL. HEN (11): nice class; 1, 2, 3, Simpson, lovely team, winner cl., beautifully drawn, lengthy and slim, stands delightfully should do some winning; 2nd marked head, very little separates them; 3rd cl., fine length and position, A1 quality, grand one for breeding; vhc, Trueman; hc, Knowles; c, Wilson. BUFF (11): good lot; 1, 2, 3, Simpson, choice trio, 1st lovely quality cl., fine salmon-tinged colour, well up, good back and flights, sweet damael; 2nd marked neck, feathered like wax, excels in colour, capital position, nice length; 3rd marked cheek, full of style, good stand; vhc, Knowles; hc, Trueman; c, Knott. UNFLI. (6): 1, Knowles, cl. yell., very lengthy, rare quality, straight as a gun barrel, very promising; 2, Simpson, yell., ticked right eye, almost equal; 3, vhc, Trueman, var. yell., capital quality and colour, good length and position, well on leg; hc, Drabble; c, Wilson. CREST (5): 1, Simpson, buff var D.C., nice veiny feather, good substance, crest reund, nice droop and centre; 2, Doxey, buff marked wing D.C., very shapely, nice size, crest neatly formed, good droop, close up; 3, hc, Drakeford, buff, almost green, good quality, nice crest properties; vhc, Baxby. CRESTBRED (6): 1, 2, Simpson, both cl. buff, former possessing abundance of rich quality feather, fine substance and shape, rare width of skull, well lashed; 2nd, good shape and feather, nice head character; 3, Doxey, buff var., good quality, nice Nor. type, very neat, worth its place; vhc, c, Drakeford; hc, Pressley. UNFLI. (5): 1, Drakeford, buff green D.C., A1 quality, good shape and substance, crest neatly formed, good droop and centre; 2, 3, Doxey, buff, almost green D.C., capital feather, nice shape, crest of good droop, we liked; 3rd, cl. buff, grizzled crest, well up in substance, shapely, and of good feather, nice specimen; vhc, hc, Baxby. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Doxey, buff marked Nor., fine size, capital shape, grand quality, well cut away; 2, Trueman, nice yell. cinn., good shape and feather; 3, Fletcher, cl. buff Nor., capital quality, very shapely, good third; vhc, Pressley. YORKS. STOCK PAIRS (7): 1, Pressley, buff cock and yell. hen, both nice feather and position, lengthy, well on leg, well matched; 2, Drabble, yell. cock and buff hen, cock, very lengthy, good type, hen, graud feather and shape, close up; 3, vhc, Trueman, buff cock and var. yell. hen, cock lengthy, good stand, hen full of colour, nice type; hc, Simpson; c, Knott. NOR. (6): 1, Leam, var. yell., cock and cl. buff hen, cock monster, rattling shape and colour, hen all type, feathered like wax, lovely pair; 2, 3, Trueman, marked buff cock, large, capital shape and colour, and cl. yell hen, very typical, nice size, well cut, third cl. yell. cock, good substance and shape and cl. buff hen, all type, lovely quality, good third; vhc, Doxey; hc, Knott; c, Hodgkiss. CREST (5): 1, Doxey, buff var. C.B. and buff var. D.C. cock, very massive, magnificent skull and lash, hen, very shapely, good crest properties, likely pair; 2, 3, vhc, Hooton, good team, buff marked C.B. and buff, almost green D.C. hen, cock possessing nice substance and head character, hen good shape, crest of nice droop and centre, third buff D.C. cock and almost green C.B. hen, both neat throughout, look capable of throwing something worth looking at; hc, Baxby. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Leam, both yell. cinn., former by far larger, best colour, nicely burnished. CAN. AND FINCH (FOR HYB. BREEDING) (6): 1, 2, Pitt, Goldie and cinn. marked Nor. hen, second Goldie and cl. buff Yorkie hen; 3, Trueman, Goldie and Yorkie hen; vhc, Drabble. CAN. AND BRIT. FINCH (10): 1, 3, Pitt, good yell., Nor. cock and nice sized Bullie hen, good shape and feather, third Linnet, capital colour and markings, shapely buff Nor. hen; 2, Hodgkiss, Grecnie, good depth of colour, nice substance and quality, neat buff Nor. hen, full of colour and quality; vhc, Trueman; hc, Wilson; c, Simpson. TWO BRIT. FINCHES (1): 1, Pressley, cock Goldie, and sweet shaped Bullie hen. LIGHT MULE (4): 1, Leam, noted buff, 4-pointed Goldie-Can., looking as well as ever; 2, 3, Pitt, buff, bordering on 4-pointed Gold-Can., excellent quality, good shape, third large, lightly marked buff Gold.-Can., delightfully feathered, grand colour, well up size. DARK (7): 1, 2, 3, Leam, yell., Sis.-Can., lovely colour, size and shape, well marked, second yell. Lin-Can. fine depth of colour, grandly burnished, good size, well shown, third Gold-Can., well up in substance, shapely, capital face, in the pink; vhc, hc, Pitt; c, Trueman. GOLD. ETC. (4): 1, Simpson, Goldie, grand colour, size and shape, well cut blaze of rich colour; 2, Knowles, Bullie, fine shape, not a feather out of place, good cap and breast colour; 3, Wilson, Bullie, almost equal in all respects; vhc, Pitt. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Pitt, Sis. and Lin. respectively, former pretty as paint, delightful colour, grand size, shape and markings, good cap, third lovely colour, fine size, grandly pencilled; 2, Knowles, Linnet, well up in size, very shapely, grand colour, well polished, finely pencilled; vhc, Drabble; 4, Doxey. A.O.S. FINCH (6): 1, Pearson, Snow Bunting, in nice order; 2, vhc, Wilson, charming Brambie, capital colour and size; 3, hc, Pitt, Hawfinch, good colour and shape, nice bib; c, Hooton. SOFTBILL, ETC. (4): All belonging to Stinson, Shrike, Whitethroat and Pipit, respectively, all in nice feather. LARGE (1): 1, Stinson, good Thrush, nicely mooned, well shown. FOR. (6): 1, 2, hc, Trueman, Mannikin and Budgerigar in delightful bloom; 3, vhc, Pearson, Diamond Finch, in good condition; c, Drabble. LARGE (2): 1, 2, Ballington, Ringneck and African Grey, both in capital feather.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD.

The 15th annual exhibition of the Pendleton and Salford C.B.S. was held on Dec. 13th and 14th, in the Pendleton Town Hall. Entries came up wonderfully well, numbering about 550 and the quality right through the show was superb. Yorkshires made a grand display, every class containing some well known winners, the most notable being Mr. W. Bescoby's clear buff and Mr. A. Burton's buff hen, two gems of the first water and hard to find fault with. Other grand Yorks. were staged by Messrs. Galling, Wilson and Dooley. Greens, both Yorkshires and Norwich, were well to the front, both in numbers and quality. Messrs. Clayton, Deacon, Moss, Walker and Jenkins staged birds of exceptional merit. Norwich, as might be expected in the Manchester district, were a hot lot as regards quality, although not in numbers, well-known winners at all the leading shows this season were on view. The principal winners were Messrs. Hirst, Cook, Dent, Trengove, and Raynes. Some exquisite birds were put down by Messrs. Bayley, Smart and Drinkwater in the Border classes, but perhaps the most striking specimen was the wing ticked buff exhibited by Mr. J. Smart, this bird being an ideal Border. In the A.O.V. Canary, Mr. Hampshire won with a grand Silver Lizard. British and Mule classes brought together many well known faces, including Mr. J. Almond's Hawfinch and Mr. J. Walsh's Wryneck. Members' classes too contained some very good specimens especially in the Yorkshire classes. The special prizes for members were won by Messrs. Cassin, Stocker, Fish (2), Durnford, Jones, Savage, Aspinall, and Whalley. The room in which the show was held is an ideal one for a cage bird show; it is very spacious and ample room is provided for both exhibits and visitors. The Secretary, Mr. W. Jackson, assisted by such well known and respected fanciers' as Mr. O Stringer, Assistant Secretary, Mr. S. Cook, Treasurer, and Messrs. Turner, Hindley, Mills, Pollard, Fryer, J. Wilkinson, Jas. G. Wilkinson, Fish, Aspinall, McCann, Clayton, Boswell, Holland and Skelton, had complete control. Everything was in first-class order and all the exhibits were well cared for. The judges were Messrs. W. Booth (Hyde), and Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), and we heard no complaints.

Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Galling, nice head, wings and tail, well cut away, fine length, position, and quality; 2, Binns, good feather and style, nice carriage; 3, Schofield, grand shaped body, neat head and wings; 4, Burton, good feather, nice shape; vhc, Crossley; hc, Wilson; c, Hirst. BUFF (10): 1, Bescoby, nice shape, capital quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Wilson, good shape, fine feather, well braced wings, nice tail; 3, Nelson, full of quality, nice length, good carriage; 4, Hirst, lovely quality of feather, bit lame on one foot; vhc, Dooley; hc, Binns; c, Fitton. TICK., ETC. YELL. (15): 1, c, Wilson, neck and wing marked, fine shape, full of style, feather fine as silk; 2, Benns, well up on leg, full of style, grand carriage; 3, Bescoby, head marked, long, slim, typical bird, excellent carriage, close up; 4, Dooley, wing ticked, big, fine built bird; vhc, Clark; hc, Beard. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, cap marked, beautiful style and quality, fine carriage, grand all over; 2, vhc, Dooley, thigh ticked, fine carriage of wings and tail, nice shape; 3, Whittaker, wing ticked, neat head, grand carriage of wings and tail, bonnie, worth its place; 4, Burton, ticked back of neck, good type, carriage, neat wings and tail; hc, Binns; c, McNaulty. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Dooley, nice length, feather and style, good hen all round; 2, Burton, grand, good head, neck, wings and tail, fine carriage, soiled or might have won; 3, Crossley, nice condition and feather, good carriage; 4, Ogden Bros., fine size and quality; vhc, Galling; hc, Bishop; c, Clark. BUFF (8): 1, 3, vhc, Burton, first, all over nice hen, good style, feather, length and carriage, third capital shape; 2, Dooley, lovely head, neat feather and carriage; 4, c, Binns, nice shapely hen; hc, Stringer. GREEN YELL. (17): 1, c, Clayton, first one of the most typical Yorks. in show, tight and smooth in feather, grand shape and carriage, nice sound colour all through; 2, Fielden, fine colour, sound and bright; 3, Tempest, fine markings and colour, neat wings, good type and carriage; 4, Rowlands, neat feather, sound colour; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Hughes. BUFF (16): 1, Deacon, good, sound, rich colour for a buff, good shape, feather and position; 2, 3, Clayton, leader magnificent shape, fine carriage, third nice shape and feather colour, well carried through, close up; 4, Handley, fine shape, size and colour; vhc, c, Carswell; hc, Vernon. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, 4, Clayton, leader pied wings and tail, grand shape, feather and position, full of style, fourth fine shape and style; 2, Rowlands, foul wing and tail, grand in colour, nice feather and position; 3, Helliwell, pied tail, nice bright colour, grand feather and style; vhc, Pilling; hc, Jennings; c, Deacon. BUFF (9): 1, Deacon, grand, sound colour, good shape and feather, fine carriage, ticked over beak; 2, Vernon, pied wings, good length and shape, fine colour, nice style, close up; 3, Handley, pied tail, grand quality of feather, nice colour; 4, Helliwell, nice shape and carriage; vhc, Rowlands; hc, Tempest; c, Hughes. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Bayley, neat, tight feathered bird, nice type, jaunty carriage; 2, 4, Hopper Bros., close up, a good one; 3, Wilson, neat, typical, nice mover, close on heels of leaders: hc, c, Blacksbaw. BUFF (11): 1, Smart, wing ticked, neat shape, nice head, in fine condition; 2, 4, Hopper Bros., another smart as a new pin, neat wings, nice smart carriage; 3, Wilson, beautiful clear, fine carriage; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Parkinson; c, Bayley. GREEN, ETC. (5). 1, Drinkwater, self green, nice tight feathered, typical Border, sound, bright colour; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Blackshaw, a really nice team. A.O.V. (11): 1, 4, Hampshire, leader fine Silver Lizard, well spangled back, nice size, colour, and condition, fourth Gold, full of work, fine ground colour, good fourth; 2, Hales, Seots., fine drive, worth its place; 3, Fitton, Crest, marked wing; vhc, Proctor; hc, Turton; c, Bishop, W. C. Butterworth YORKS., SELL., 12/6 (23): 1, Taylor; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Hampshire; 4, Young; vhc, Brennan; hc, Smith; c, Binns. 20/- (12): 1, Law; 2, Trengove; 3, hc, c, Hindley; 4, Hampshire; vhc, Murgatroyd.

NOR. GREEN SELF YELL (9): 1, 3, spl, Moss, leader grand quality and size, sound colour, well pencilled, rare head and neck, good type, third grand substance and shape, sound colour, good quality; 2, Deacon, another rattling specimen, beautiful quality and type, nice grassy colour, little behind in substance; 4, Harrison, rare colour, and quality, splendid shape and carriage; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Walker; c, Davies. BUFF (7): 1, 2, spl, Walker, a couple of gems, leader grand size, extra quality, sound rich colour, good Nor. type, a clinker, second very similar, not far behind; 3, c, Ryno, very massive, splendid shape and colour; 4, Deacon, rare shape and quality, good colour; vhc, Davies; hc, Hawkes. GREEN FOUL YELL. (10): 1, spl, Jenkins, pied tail, grand size and shape, rare head, neck and chest, splendid quality and colour; 2, Harrison, nice thick set, cobby bird, splendid quality and colour; 3, Walker, grand quality and carriage, good colour; 4, Davies, grand quality, colour and size; vhc, c, Deacon; hc, Ryno. BUFF (16): 1, 4, spl, Deacon, first grand size and shape, good quality and carriage, and the correct type, fourth again grand shape and quality, beautiful colour and type; 2, Jenkins, magnificent quality and shape, nice size, good head, neck and chest; 3, vhc, Harrison, all there for type and quality; vhc, c, Ryno, two grand exhibits. CL. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Hirst, well known winner, red-hot colour, grand quality, and shape rare size, grand head, neck and chest, real good one; 2, Woodall, superior quality and colour, fine head and neck; 3, Coulson, rare colour and quality, good carriage and size; 4, Dent, grand quality and shape, good colour and carriage; vhc, Hitchison, rare good unfli.; hc, Butterworth. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Cook, red-hot colour, graad size, good quality, fine head, neck and chest, well known winner; 2, Ramsden's medal, Coulson, another gem for size and colour, splendid quality, and type good; 2, 3, Lord, magnificent quality and type, grand head, neck and chest; 4, Dent, very smart exhibit, good colour and quality, grand carriage and shape; vhc, Connor Bros., real good bird, only shown dirty; hc, Woods; c, Fletcher. TICK., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Dent, marked head, back and wings, grand size, rare colour and shape, splendid quality, good big one; 2, Trengove, marked head and wings, grand quality and colour, good head, neck and chest; 3, Barraclough, splendid shape and quality, red-hot colour, worth place; 4, Coulson, marked left wing, grand colour, size and quality; vhc, Raynes. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Trengove, marked eyes and wing, bouncer, wonderful substance and quality, rare shape, good head, real topper; 2, Dent, marked head, rare shape and quality, good substance, fine head, neck and chest, a good second; 3, Barraclough, eye, neck and wing marked, good shape and size, grand head and neck, splendid quality; 4, Hirst, cap and wings marked, good shape, colour and quality; vhc, Leeming Bros. YELL. HENS (12): 1, spl, Raynes, eye and wing marked, splendid type and quality, good size and colour, well known winner, bonnie hen; 2, Coulson, marked checks and wings, grand type, colour and quality; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, clear, grand shape and size, fine head, neck and chest; 4, Dent, wing marked, bonnie little hen, beautiful quality and type; vhc, Nelson; hc, Barraclough; c, Connor Bros. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Cook, old champion clear, Sheffield and Bolton winner; 2, Greenwood and Pickles, another clear, magnificent quality and type, nice colour and size, grand hen; 3, Hirst, clear, good head, neck and chest, nice shape and size; 4, Hitchison, clear nufli., beautiful quality and carriage; vhc, hc, Aitchison; c, Turner. UNFLI. (17): 1, c, spl, Trengove, marked head and wings, red-hot colour, nice size, rare shape and quality, well packed wings and tail; 2, Leeming Bros., buff ticked on head, good size, rare head, neck and chest; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, clear yell., rare colour and quality, good head; 4, Hindley, variegated, buff, extra short and cobby, grand size and quality, rare shape; vhc, Hyde's spl, Turner, clear yellow, real good one, grand quality and type; hc, Schofield, buff, grizzle on head, grand shape and quality. SELL. 12/6 (23). 1, spl, Taylor, buff, Yorks.; 2, Murgatroyd, wing marked, yell.; 3, Hampshire, Silver Lizard; 4, Young, yell. Nor.; hc, Brennan, buff Yorks.; hc, Smith, buff Nor.; c, Binns, buff Yorks. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, Hill, grand blaze, rich tau, nice wing bars and buttons, good size, nice condition; 2, Almond, grand type, good tan and blaze, very steady, well staged; 3, Beaty, grand colour, nice size and condition; 4 Joynson and Davies, another really smart Goldie, rare colour and type; vhc, Eugland, good blaze, bars and buttons; hc, Law; c, Crompton. LINNET (11): 1, 4, spl, Walsh, leader splendid quality and colour, good size, finely pencilled, rich in colour, a gem all over; fourth rare colour and pencilling, very steady; 2, Perry, excellent colour and quality, nice size; 3, Howarth, good colour, nice size, rare condition; vhc, Frankleton; hc, Howarth; c, Beaty. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, spl Whitney and Son, gem of a Redpoll, good size and quality, grand colour, lovely bib, well marked, sbewn in grand form; 2, Hill, Twite, good one, rare colour markings and condition; 3, Taylor, really beautiful Siskin, good cap and feather, grand colour; 4, Perry, Redpoll, nice size and colour, good bib; vhc, Spiers, grand Siskin; hc, Richardson. Redpoll; c, Hulme, Redpoll. HARDBILL A.O.S. (22): 1, spl, Almond, Bolton, Blackburn, etc., winning Hawfinch, needs no comment; 2, Walsh, Corn Bunting, grand colour and markings fine condition; 3, England, magnificent Bramblefinch, grand, rich colour, lovely shape, grandly spangeled head and back; 4, Beaty, splendid Bullfinch; vhc, Walsh, Yellowhammer; hc, Papayannis; c, Halliday. SOFTBILL (9): 1, 2, spl, Walsh, leader well known Wryneck, looking better than ever to-day, beautifully spangelled and polished, second Grey Wagtail, nice size and shape, beautiful condition; 3, Walker, Nightingale, shown in faultless condition; 4, Beaty, yell. Wagtail, grand colour and quality, very steady; vhc, Walker, Wagtail; hc, Law, Wagtail; c, Hill, Wagtail. MULE LIGHT, ETC. (6): 1, spl, Beaty, head and wings marked Goldfinch-Canary, good size, splendid quality and nice colour; 2, Fryer, another Gold-Can. marked head and wings, beautiful quality and condition; 3, Law, another head and wing marked Gold.-Can.; 4, vhc, Ridley, heavy variegated-Can. DARK (8): 1, spl, Ridley, a dark Gold finch-Canary, grand size and quality, good rich blaze, rattling good Mule; 2, Hart, Greenfinch-Canary, grand size, colour and quality; 3, Beaty, Goldfinch-Canary, good blaze; 4, Walsh, Siskin-Canary, nice exhibit; vhc, Fitton; hc, Taylor; c, Fuller. COTTAGE CLASS (8): 1, spl, Foley; 2, Mrs. Newton; 3, Bowden; 4, Preston; hc, Cheers. MEMBERS' CLASSES: The amateur Norwich classes only contained four birds, all belonging to Mr. W. Harding. Sorry to see he had no competition, as they were really good exhibits. NOVICE MEMBERS: NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Boswell, clear, rare size and colour, good head, neck and chest, nice quality; 2, vhc, Fryer, second clear, grand quality and type; 3, Whalley, clear; 4, Wilkinson. BUFF (5): 1, Fryer, clear, red-hot colour, good shape, size and quality; 2, 4, Whalley, 2 very nice exhibits, both good quality and type; 3, Sherwood, clear, nice size and quality; vhc, Boswell. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Boswell. BUFF (2): 1, Boswell, nice wing marked, good quality and type; 2, Wilkinson, good smart hen. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, Boswell, yellow and buff respectively, couple good birds; 3, vhc, Wilkinson, buff, grand shape colour and size; 4, Fryer, yell., red-hot colour, good quality. MEMBERS' BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, vhc, Whalley, grand Finch, good blaze and tan, nice bars and buttons; 2, Fish, good coloured Goldie; 3, c, Morgan, nice colour and size; 4, Hindley, good colour and blaze; hc, Millar. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Morgan, pair of nice Linnets, good size and colour; 3, Whalley, nice condition; 4, Hardman. HARDBILL A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, Whalley, Siskin and Greenfinch respectively, two nice exhibits; 3, Richardson, Bullfinch, grand colour and cap; 4, Jackson, nice Greenfinch: vhc, Morgan SOFTBILL (1): 1, Clayton. DARK MULE (1): Whalley. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Whalley; 2, Jackson; 3, Aspinall. MEMBERS' YORKSHIRE CL. YELL. (14): 1, Cassin; 2, Aspinall; 3, Durnford; 4, Ashton; vhc, c, Holland; hc, Wilkinson. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Stocker; 2, Aspinall; 3, vhc, Jackson; 4, Atkinson; c, Wilkinson. TICK., ETC. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Fish; 2, Durnford; 3, Aspinall; 4, Savage; hc, Atkinson. BUFF (13): 1, Durnford; 2, Morgan; 3, Aspinall; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, G. Wilkinson; hc, Clayton; c, Fish. HEN YELL. (9): 1, Ashton; 2, vhc, c, Aspinall; 3, Morgan; 4, Durnford; hc, Atkinson. BUFF (21): 1, vhc, Aspinall; 2, Durnford; 3, 4, Wilkinson; hc, c, Cassin.

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CHESTER.

Members' Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, Bracegirdle, good chest, head and neck; 2, hc, Jones and Chester, very good colour, nice head; 3, vhc, Lanceley, nice carriage and type BUFF (7): 1, hc, first fine type, good head and neck; 2, Red, good sound colour, nice feather; 3, c Bracegirdle, third good carriage and position; vhc, Lanceley. TICK. YELL. (2): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Lloyd. BUFF (5): 1, spl best Nor. and Hyde's, Wright, quality of feather A1, like silk, good sweep on front; 2, Red, good carriage and type; 3, Lanceley, variegated, splendid type, good wing and head; vhc, Woodcock; hc, West. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Wright, grand type, clean front; 2, Red, rare carriage and position, nicely cut off; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Lanceley; hc, Lloyd. BUFF (6): 1, Lanceley, nice little chubby hen, grand type; 2, West, fine feather, good wing carriage; 3, Bracegirdle, nice feather; vhc, Reed; hc, c, Jones and Chester. NOR. NON-FED (7): 1, Wright, fine feather; 2, Morris; 3, hc, Johnston; vbc, Nash; c, Gardner. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, Williams, grand position, nice head, good wings, clear cut; 2, 3, Jones and Chester, second close to winner, little to choose; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Red; c, Walley. BUFF (9): 1, Walley, good position, good wings and tail; 2, Wright, nicely braced, good legs; 3, hc, Jones and Chester, third good position; vhc, Lancelev; c, Dutton. TICK YELL. (9): 1, Dutton, nice feather, well cut off, good wings; 2, Williams, good head and neck; 3, Wright; vhc, hc, Jones and Chester; c, Walley. BUFF (10): 1, Wright, fine feather, well laced, clean thighs; 2, Jones and Chester, splendid position and feather; 3, Bailey, good back and wings; vhc, Walley; hc, Bracegirdle; c, Dutton. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Wright, fine feather, good back and wings; 2, Jones and Chester, nice carriage, good head; 3, Williams, splendid position and wings; vhc, Bracegirdle; hc, Walley; c, Dutton. CINN. TICK. CK. (3): 1, 3, Jones and Chester; 2, Walley. HEN: 1, Jones and Chester, good type and feather, well clothed on thighs; 2, Williams; 3, Bracegirdle. YORKS. YELL. NON-FED (15): 1, vhc, Morris, first grand feather and position; 2, Swindley, good length; 3, Morris; hc, Bailey; c, Walley. BUFF (4): 1, 3, spl, Walley, first splendid feather and carriage; 2, Gardner. HEN (10). 1, Walley, grand buff, splendid feather, good head and wing carriage; 2, Gardner, specially good position; 3, Morris; vhc, Morris; hc, Williams; c, Nash. CREST AND C.B. (4): 1, vhc, Jones and Chester; 2, 3, Gardner. PAIRS A.V.: 1, spl, Lloyd; 2, 3, vhc, Jones and Chester; hc, Wright; c, Gardner. A.O.V. (3): 1 Bailey; 2, Richardson; 3, Stovin. SELL., 15/- (8): 1, Dutton; 2, c, Walley; 3, West; vhc, Williams; hc, Woodcock. MULE, ETC. (13): 1, 2, spl, Goldfinch-Canary, respectively, good blaze and markings; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Whitlow; hc, c, Thomas. GOLDFINCH (10): 1, spl, Lloyd, splendid blaze, deep colour on back; 2, 3, hc, Angus and Crane, both well mooned, good bars and blaze; vhc, Bracegirdle; c, Jones and Chester. LINNET (6): 1, Lloyd, grand colour, well spangled; 2, Angus and Crane, well marked, nice colours; 3, Bracegirdle, good nut-brown back; vhc, Stovin; hc, Thomas; c, Ellis. A.O.S. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, 3, Lloyd, first Bramblefinch, rich colour on breast, second Greenfinch, good wings and face, third Chaffinch; vhc, c, Angus and Crane; hc, Jones. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 2, 3, Angus and Crane; vhc, Whitlow.

BANFF.

The Banff O. and F.A. held their annual show on December 11th in the St. Andrew's Hall. The entries numbered 220 all told, an increase on those of last year. Cage birds were nicely staged along the back of the room facing the light. The British made a grand display, as also did the Foreign. The hon. secretary, Mr. A. McKenzie, had everything in the best of order, and deserves every credit. He received every assistance from a very willing committee. Mr. John Lyon made the awards. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Hird, well up in size, good type and colour; 2, Craighead and Duguid, capital substance, fine bold head. BUFF HEN: 1, Craighead and Dugnid, rare type, cobby, well set up on legs, lovely quality. NAT. YELL. CK. (3). 1, Hird, var., nice size and shape, beautiful quality; 3, Holman, short, thick, chubby body, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Riddell. HEN: 1, Craighead and Dugnid, splendid shape, nice texture of feather. BUFF CK.: 1, Rev. Boyd, best of type, A1 quality, well put down, 2, Kiloh, nice finish. HEN: 1, Hird, typical, best of quality, nice wing carriage; 2, Kiloh, good shape; 3 Mrs. Sim, nice quality of feather. COCK A.V. (7): 1, Holman, Green Crest, good size, nice crest, fine droop and finish; 2, 3, 4, Hird, not at all a bad lot, staged to perfection; 5, Murdock. HEN: 1, Hird, very sweet exhibit; 2 Riddell, cl., beautifully carried feather; 3, J. Holman, Crestbred hen, rare size; 4, H. Holman; 5, Craighead and Dugnid. A.O.V.: 1, H. Holman, yell. cinn., good size and colour; 2, Simon, Yorks., feather like wax, grand shape and style. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Raffan, fine colour of blaze, well cut, A1 body colour, well-defined moonings, rare polish; 2, Kiloh, rich blaze; 3, Milne Bros. BULLIE (7): 1, 4, 5, 6, Watt, winner best of size and colour, rare cap and wing bars; 2, Milne Bros. rich colour, good cap and bars; 3, Kiloh, best of type. GREENFINCH: 1, Milne Bros., good size and colour, well polished; 2, Merson. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 4, Milne Bros., winner nice-coloured Twite, grand lacing, best of condition; 4, Linnet, damaged tail, which must have kept him back; 2, Kiloh, also a Twite, good size; 3, Merson; 5, Sleigh. GOLDIE FOR.: 1, 3, Whyte, two smart, well-coloured Goldies; 2, Raffin, nice house-moulted specimen, in fine bloom. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 2, 5, 6, Whyte, winner lovely Whydah, in the pink of health and condition; 2, Yell. Budgerigars, well staged; 3, McRae, Green Budgerigar, in lovely feather, nice and tame; 4, Miss Martin, Zebra Finch. MULE (5): 1, Watt, Linnet Canary, good size, best of colour; 2 Mrs. Sim, Goldie Mule, nice colour; 3, 4, Raffan; 5, Kiloh.

READING.

The plucky endeavour of the Reading C.B.S. to resuscitate an interest in the cultivation of exhibition Canaries and British and Foreign birds was attended with a considerable amount of success in the fixture at the Palmer Hall, on December 11th. The exhibits were drawn from a radius of 30 miles, and it is hoped that in the near future this limit will be done away with. Mr. Robson finished judging in good time. The local exhibits were not in some classes so good as we have seen in past years, and there is plenty of fanciers' work to be done yet. The success of this venture, however, must encourage every member to increased exertion. Great credit is due to the officials of the Society. The Chairman is Mr. J. Brooker, and Mr. C. J. Howlett is the Treasurer. The committee consist of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Clark, Fraser, Yates, Lawrence, Hopgood, North, Mead, and Packwood. Mr. G. A. Charles proved as usual an energetic and indefatigable Secretary, and had everything in apple-pie order. He deserves great praise for the able management of the show.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, points spl, 2, Yates, winner nice size and colour, grand feather; 3, Lees, good colour and quality; vhc, Cawston; hc, Lund; c, Davison. BUFF (1): 1, open spl, Dearlove, nice quality and carriage of feather; 2, members' spl, 3, c, Bates, leader teems with colour, and Nor. properties; vhc, Pearce; hc, Clarke. HEN (14): 1, spl, vhc, Yates, winner very shapely, ticked buff, lovely feather; 2, spl, Brooker, well up in size, colour and quality; 3, Clarke, ticked yell., nice type and feather; hc, Lawrence; c, Shetler. UNFLI. (13): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, Lewin, birds of nice size, shape and quality; 2, c, Lawrence, same first-class type. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, spl for members' best, Yates, nice stand and type; 2, 3, Oliver, nice quality and shape; vhc, Cawston; hc, c, Packwood. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, Philpot and Cross stood well forward for style and type; vhc, spl, Shetler; hc, Maisey; c, Cawston. HEN (6): 1, spl, vhc, Yates, winner choice bull, straight and slim; 2, Maisey, splendid quality; 3, hc, c, Cawston. UNFLI. (11): 1, spl, 3, c, Shetler, promising youngsters, nice quality; 2, vhc, Maisey, almost equal in type and feather; hc Oliver. CREST. (2): 2, spl, North, variegated, bird, nice drooping round crest; vhc, Davison. CRESTBRED (1): 2, North, nice self green. CINN. (12): 1, two spls, 3, spl, vhc, c, Yates, birds of splendid Nor. quality, deep, rich cinny, colour; 2, hc, Clarke, leader good colour and feather. A.O.V (4): 2, spl, North, self jonque green, nice size and quality; vhc, hc, Davison. MULES, ETC. (13): 1, 2 spls, 2, Lees, well-known, lightly variegated, yell. Goldfinch-Canary, leading, second to mottled Linuet-Canary; 3, vhc, North, promising young Linnet-Bullfinch, nicely variegated, mealy Goldfinch-Canary; hc, Cawston, Linnet-Bullfinch, in good trim; c, Fullbrook, Twite-Canary BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, Fulbrook, medium sized bird, lovely rich colour, deep blaze, nice tau breast; 2, Gough, in perfect plumage, steady; 3, Acton, well up in colour; vhc, Viner; hc, North; c, Cripps, an excellent class. BULLFINCH (8): 1, spl, 2, White, lovely birds, splendid colour, silky feather, docile; 3, Conibeer, nice bars and feather; vhc, Lund; hc, Viner; c, Fulbrook. LINNET (13): 1, spl, Cripps, nice size and colour; 2, Conibeer, sweet bird, steady, splendid white margin; 3, Cawston, another white-leg bird in good plumage; vhc, North; hc, Primmer; c, Fulbrook, several show birds cardless. A.O.S. FINCH (11): 1, spl, Keel, champion Hawfinch, in perfect feather; 2 spl, vhc, Pearce, Chaffinch, very steady, in good colour; 3, hc, Osborn, Greenie and Chaffinch, former in spring trim; c, Acton, Siskin. BRIT. LARGE (5): 1, Reeves, Jay, in good feather; 2, Fulbrook, Crosshill; 3, Lund, nice Blackbird; vhc, Galloway, Night-jar; hc, Neighbour. SMALL (6). 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Galloway, Longtailed Tit, Golden crested Wren, Treecreeper, Redstart, Whitethroat, all in well-known high condition and beauty of feather. FOR. (4): 1, spl, Wade, Bicated Jay; 3, Greenaway, Parrakeet; vhc, Lund. AMATEUR: MEMBERS' NOR YELL. (9): 1, points spl, 2, Lovegrove, nice type and feather; 3, c, Clark, good quality and style; vhc, hc, Fraser. BUFF (10): 1, medal for best amateurs, 3, Fraser, nice feather and meal; 2, vhc, hc, c, Lovegrove, useful birds. HEN (7): 1, Lovegrove, smart hen; vhc, Fraser; hc, c, Clark. YORKS.: no entries. A.O.V. (1): 1, Clark, cinn. green Nor. MULES (2): 1, 2, Marshall.

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CARMARTHEN.

This very old-established show was held as usual in conjunction with the local show on December 12th, under C.B.U. rules. Every year witnesses a very attractive and important event in the history of the ancient town of Carmarthen. The keenest of interest is taken in the cage bird section. The large, heated room, with its lino, clear, side windows, where the cage birds were staged, is admirably suited for the purpose. Elevated as it is, it being on the second floor, there is abundance of light. A good classification, particularly for British and Hybrids, was offered, and a substantial list of specials. The entries, on the whole, were a record, and would even have been greater had not two or three other societies in the district been holding their shows at just about the same time. There were some very good Norwich and Yorks. on view, and a few of the crack Swansea Borders turned up. The local Canary class was a strong one. Hybrids were very good, but few, and those sent came in for rather easy wins. Britishers were very good indeed, and as usual the two Goldfinch classes held the fort. The old birds numbered 24, all more or less of very superior merit. The Grey Pates (16 of them) were wonderfully promising youngsters, particularly the ticketed birds, and in each of these classes the committee allowed an extra 3rd to be awarded. Mr. S. Gwyther won Hyde's Special with a good dark Crest. Mr. Tedstone won special best in Crest and Pluinhead Nor. section with a rattling Yell. Nor. Mr. Tom Morris won special for best Yorks., and also special for best Canary in show, with a beautifully fine drawn typical clear Yellow, which will even yet improve to the increasing credit of its owner. The special for best local Canary went to Mr. R. Bevan, with a really good class var. Crestbred buff. Messrs. Williams and Morgan won special for best Goldfinch in show, whilst Mr. J. Griffiths won special for best local Goldie with a grand Grey Pate. Mr. Richard Jackson won special for best local Bullfinch, and Mr. Lohr special in gift class. Mr. Alf. Crabb once again acted as secretary and manager of the cage bird section, and a right royal efficient manager is he. He leaves nothing to chance, and deserves all the support fanciers can give. The cage bird stewards were Messrs. T. Evans, H. Lohr, J. Griffiths, Jackson, and A. Crabb. Mr. Jack Francis, the secretary for the whole show, is a fine fellow, and most finished in his methods of carrying out his huge task. Fanciers from far and near shared the spoil, and no one swept the deck—so to speak. For a one-day show, closing at four p.m., as it does, it is a show worth sending to, for the birds are away from home for a very little time. We learn that Mr. Manley's Waxwing, entered here, has died. No doubt the owner will miss such a good bird. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

Critique.

CREST, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Gwyther, buff, wing-marked D.C., good size crest, nicely rounded, well centred, full, robust, body well feathered, wins Hyde's spl, buff var., C.B., nice size body, plenty length feather, nice entrance and frontal, short beak; 3, vhc, hc, c, Bevan, first pair of large Grey Crests, 3rd best centre, better lined and nicer droop, latter big crest. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl., best Crest or P.H., 3, Tedstone, very bold-headed clear yell., good substance and body shape, rich colour, good carriage and condition; 2, Turner, var., dark head, very cobby, rich deep colour, good head, nice bloom, tight feather; vhc, Miss Thomas, var. wings, dark head, had been bathing in drink fountain, and spoiled its chance; hc, c, Harber. BUFF (13): 1, Portman, grand typical bird, dark head, lovely bloom and silky feather, nice size, in A1 form; 2, 3, Turner, pretty clear buff, grand level back, rare quality of feather, best of type, close up; 3rd, heavy-feathered bird, dark head, wings and tail, good sound feather, nice condition, fine size bird; vhc, hc, Harber, very good body, clear; c, Jones. YORKS, YELL. (10): 1, spl, best Yorks., and spl best Canary in show, 3, Tom Morris, fine, stylish, upstanding clear, beautiful feather and carriage, neat head, well filled, and clean through; 3rd, very tight condition; 2, Creber, exquisite quality of feather, close, well-fitting wings, neat tail; vhc, Walsh, Wm., grand bird when in tightest form; hc, Mabey; c, Wilcox. BUFF (14): 1, Creber, finely drawn, well rounded, well up on legs, neat head, wings and tail, full of nerve, tight condition; 2, Wm. Walsh, as like almost as two pins, and hard to separate from first; 3, Mabey, smart condition, very typical Yorks.; vhc, Mathews; hc, Hodgson; c, Lovell. UNFLI. (12): 1, Mabey, lovely, stylish, long drawn yell., grey saddle, tight as wax, fine on legs, erect, neat carriage right through; 2, Lovell, buff, grizzle on back, neatly drawn, full and round, upstanding, silky feather, good sound position and condition; 3, Creber, nicely drawn, very tight condition; well up, very clean feathered right down behind; vhc, Lohr, fine, well-rounded yellow; hc, Griffiths Bros., pretty buff, rare feather and finish; c, Wm. Walsh. A.O.V. VAR., ETC. (6): 1, Wm. Walsh, beautiful var., grand style and feather, stands up well, neat carriage and condition; 2, T. Morris, buff var., champion style, feather and position; 3, Griffiths, marked eyes, wings and cheeks; vhc, Creber; hc, Mabey; wc, Hodgson, nearly clear bird, should be in clear or tick class. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Jenkins, clear and marked eyes, head and wings respectively, former most typical and in better feather, latter good bird when tighter; 2, Prosser, fine green, grand type when at best; 3, Taylor, very smart conditioned clear; hc, Jones. BUFFS (5): 1, Taylor, clear typical gem, tight as wax in feather; 2, hc, Jones, var. buff, grand shape, nice size, lovely feather, tight condition; 3, vhc, Jenkins, clear, A1 shape, fit to win, but had tail feather growing, very tight in feather on body. SCOTS. A.V. (4): 1, Longden, foul yell. green, beautiful drive and reach, gets well under, deep sides, plenty substance through heart, full of nerve; 2, Jones, clear yell., plenty girth, answers quickly; 3, Longden, clear buff, good size; vhc, Davies, buff, weaker throughout. A.O.V. (5): 1, Tedstone, beautiful even mark Nor., very typical, in grand feather; 2, Creber, Belgian, good size, lengthy reach, fine shoulders, stands firm; 3, Williams, even marked Yorks., markings; vhc, Hodgson, good Belgian, a good-sized bird; hc, Davies, Belgian. LOCAL CAN. A.V. (14): 1, spl best local, hc, Bevan, var. Crestbred, fine shape body and length feather, cushion head, short beak, thick feather covering on skoll; 2, 3, Lohr, yell. Nor. and yell. Yorks., fine shape, rich colour, tight in feather; 3rd, tight in feather, bit soiled in feather, told against it; vhc, Miss Tessa Brockie, good buff Yorks. CLEAR., ETC., HYB. (3): 1, Portman, big six-pointed buff Gold Canary, fine shape, colour, and condition; 2, Williams, eyes, wings, and tail marked yellow, small, nice colour and condition; 3, Jones. DARK (9): 1, 2, R. W. Jones, grand-sized yell. Gold Canary and good-shaped yell. Greenfinch Canary, both in very rich colour and tight condition; 3, vhc, Jeffreys, very fine-shaped Siskin Canary, good colour, markings and feather; vhc, nice-shaped buff Linnet Canary, rare cone shape; hc, Lloyd, fine buff Gold Canary, good flush face; c, Bartlett, same stamp. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Pitchford, Linnet Bullfinch and Siskin Greenfinch, both in the best of feather and condition; 2, Jackson, very tight-feathered Gold Bull, good size, very rich colour and silky feather, very cheap at cata. price £3. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (24): smart lot all through; 1, spl best Goldie in show, Williams and Morgan, now well-known Flush, looking in magnificent colours and condition; 2, 3, Bower, very hard to separate from leader, former fine body brown, latter lovely face, both put down in the very best form; extra 3, Eynon, good moons and bars, and nice tan body and condition; vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; hc, Longden; c, Rowe; all the ticketed birds excel in first-class points, and could win at many shows. GREY PATES (16): What Grey Pates they secure in these parts to be sure! 1, Jack John, regular gem in size, colours, moons, bars, feather and condition; 2, Griffiths, takes special for best local Goldie, splendid expanse of blaze, fine cut, very bold moons and bars; 3, King Morgan, smaller face, fine body, rich in tan, moons, and bars, should make up fine; extra 3, Poulet, quite equal to former in all points, promising youngster, indeed; vhc, Evans; hc, Jones; c, Williams Bros. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Morgan, grand cobby bird, very steady, broad dense cap, lovely back colour, breast bright, tight in condition and steady; 2, 3, Jeffreys, very fine hen, deep-coloured cock bird, hen very smart size, shape, feather and condition, cock; vhc, Harries; hc, spl best local Bullfinch, Jackson, good bird when in best condition; c, Jenkins. GREENFINCH: 1, Bower, fine big tight-feathered bird, full of bloom and condition, steady; 2, Jeffreys, large and tight, almost equal; 3, Morgan, very fine nat. col. bird, grand size, lovely feather and condition; vhc, Bancroft, rare colour, grand condition; hc, Jackson, nice nat. col., fine size, good condition; c, Trehearne, also pretty nat. col. bird. LINNET, ETC. (2): 1, Lovell, real champion in all standard points, perfect to-day; 2, Jeffreys, very bold-headed bird, well set on, good cone body shape, fine markings; 3, Prosser, fine-sized mealy Redpoll, tight, and in fine feather, markings and condition; vhc, Bower, grand size, shape, colour and markings; hc, Trehearne; c, Gay. CHAFF., ETC. (5): 1, Gay, capital Chaffinch, beautiful head, rare body, good wing markings and condition; 2, Jones, fine big Snow Bunting, full of colour and markings; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, very tight-feathered Chaffinch; vhc, Miss Thomas; No. 1,029, Chick, absent. THRUSH, ETC. (9): 1, Price, Thrush, well shown, fine size, very pretty, even spotting, solid feather, good carriage and steady; 2, Ford, lengthy Blackbird, very dense in plumage, rich eye, cero and beak; 3, Lewis, fine size Thrush, good shape, rare colour; vhc, Elias; hc, Lohr; c, Miss Jessie Bona. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Ford, pretty little Swallow, very tame, in nice feather and good condition; 2, Hughes, grand conditioned Blackcap, tight as wax, very active in cage; 3, Bancroft, charming little Siskin, grand cap, bib, markings, colour, shape and condition; vhc, Crabb, very tight-conditioned Skylark; hc, Jeffreys, good Siskin, almost equal to 3rd; c, Rees. A.O.S.: 1, Ray, very nice Hawfinch, has a bare place at base of beak. Mr. Manley's and Mr. Chick's exhibits absent from this class. FOR. (9): 1, Jones, magnificent Red-headed Gouldian, in perfect feather and pens perfect; 2, Williams, beautiful-conditioned masked Parrakeet, well shown in good feather; 3, c, Davies, fine Redrump Parrakeet, and a smart Peach-faced Lovebird; vhc, Hamilton Roberts, Bluefront Amazon, not a feather wrong, very glossy; hc, Burgess, pretty Grey Parrot. SELL., 7/6 (10): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Lohr; 3, Prosser; c, Eynon. GIFT (6): 1, Lohr; 2, Isaac; 3, Williams; vhc, Price; two birds absent.

BUCKINGHAM.

The seventh annual show of the Buckingham and Dis. F.S. was held on Dec. 12th. Some excellent exhibits were staged and the cage bird section proved highly successful. Much of the credit for this is due to the Secretary, Mr. G. Simonds, who worked with a will. Mr. G. H. Billett judged and his awards gave satisfaction.

NORWICH: 1, spl, 2, Lewin, both good typical birds, very tight, highly red-fed; 3, 4, hc, Simonds, third good red-fed yell., rather smaller than first and second, but good, sound bird; fourth and hc good birds, but in natural colour. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, all exhibited by G. Simonds; first and spl good, long, slim, yell. Yorks., nat. col., second Yorks., not quite up to first, being evidently a first feather bird, third Crestbred, good type, fourth vhc, and hc, good crested Nor., second and hc Yorks. hens. MULES: 1, spl, 3, Lees, light Goldfinch-Canary Mules, second good birds, evidently winners in many shows; 2, 4, hc, Summers, second nice Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, fourth good Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrid, hc two dark Goldfinch-Canary Mules. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, ex. 4, vhc, Simonds; vhc, Master Cooper; in this class, Mr. Simonds sent down a grand team of Britishers, this evidently is his Fancy, first spl, and second, two grand Goldfinches, first also took special for best cage bird in show, third good Bramhlefinch, fourth a good coloured Chaffinch, vhc, nice Greenfinch; vhc, Master Cooper, good Goldfinch.

LOUGHBOROUGH C.B.S.

Third Members' Show was held at the Cross Keys Hotel, Loughborough, on Dec. 11th. The entries were not quite up to those of other shows in number, but were quite as good in quality. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. Norwich were in strong evidence, and Messrs. Hallam and Dufner showed some very fine specimens. There was also keen competition amongst the Britishers.

NOR. A.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Hallam, uneven marked yell., capital cobby bird, good condition, rare type, second clear yellow, not quite so good in feather; third wing marked yell.; hc, Dufner. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, Hallam, good shape and colour; 2, 3, Dufner, second, nice head, typical and neat, 3rd nice quality of feather; 1, 2, Dufner, first wing marked, good size and shape, second another nice bird; 3, Hallam, ticked. HEN: 1, spl, Dufner, grand hen, right stamp; 2, Hallam, variegated yellow, 3rd marked, wrong class. YORKS. CK.: 1, Fester, clean yellow, rare style, straight as a gun-barrel; 2, Jeffery, yell., nice drawn bird, well up on legs; 3, Smith. YELL. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Wortley, first fine broady bird, grand position, second another good bird; 3, Jeffery, nice colour and style. BUFF: 1, 2, Jeffery, first clear, good position and feather, second rare stamp, beautiful position; 3, Foster, good stand, bit frilly. HEN: 1, Jeffery, stylish lady, all there; 2, Foster, clear yell., good quality feather; 3, Boswell. BRIT.: 1, 2, Widdowson, first Bramble in fine condition, second good Bullie; 3, vhc, hc, Hubbard, nice Linnet, beautifully laced; c, Buswell. LARGE: 1, Widdowson, Thrush in nice condition. MEALY: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Blower, all light Goldfinch Mules, winner nicely marked, should improve, second saddle marked, very little between these; hc, Widdowson; c, Foster. FOR., LARGE: 1, 2, Blower, two good Parrots. SMALL: 1, Widdowson, good Zebras, staged in nice condition.

KILSYTH.

Kilsyth and Dis. F.A. held their annual open show on December 14th in the Drill Halls, Kilsyth. Pres., Mr. Alexr. Hardie; vice-pres., Mr. Wm. Irvine; Treas., Mr. Jas. Paterson; Hon. Sec., Mr. Andn. D. Duncan; Executive, Messrs. D. McLean, J. Barrie, A. Methven, A. Wilson, T. McAulay, W. McGrenchan, Jas. J. Little, Wm. Inglis, A. London, G. Shillinglaw, R. Reid, T. Inglis, Jas. Pollock, and Wm. Morton. The show was held in two separate halls this year, which was a distinct advantage, and Cage Birds were separated and occupied a well-lighted hall, free from draughts, and one which provided ample room for the exhibits. There was a very nice turn out, there being some well-known winners staged. Scotch Fcy. class were cancelled this year for lack of support, but Norwich Borders and British classes were in advance of former years both in point of entries and of quality. There was a large turn-out of visitors at both halls, and Sec. A. D. Duncan, assisted by an able committee, are to be congratulated on having the exhibits and the general comfort of the visitors, so well looked after and the arrangements so complete. Nothing was left undone to ensure success. Friend Duncan is an ideal secretary, and has the Association's welfare thoroughly at heart. The Judges were:—Nor., Mr. G. Campbell (Glasgow); Bord. Fcy., Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling); Brit. Birds, etc., Jas. Clark (Rothesay). There were 27 classes. The Border Fcy. Cup, for best young Bor. Fcy., bred by a member, was won by that well-known breeder, Mr. W. Irvine, with a gem of a cl. Buff Cock. The cup now becomes his own property, having won it three times; he is also winner of Mr. Hardie's Cup for most points in any one class, which carries with it a badge for winner. This was a popular win Bord. Fcy. Medal winner was Mr. A. McWatt with an even-marked cock of exceptional merit, in lovely order first time shown. In the Nor. Section the spl. for best crest cock (open and conf. spl.) was won by Mr. Geo. Shillinglaw's even-marked Crest Cock, a beauty, staged in A1 condition. The Judges' awards seemed to give general satisfaction—grumblers being conspicuous by their absence. CREST CK (8): 1, 2 spls, vhc, spl, Shillinglaw, 1, even mark Crest, grand size and droop, nice feather, very typical shape; 2, hc, Esson, very neat, Crest, nice size and droop. 3, McKay, var. DC, shapely, nice exhibit, C. Ritchie. HEN (4): 1, McKay, DC even radiation and size, nice leafy feather, good droop, nice size body; 2, vhc, Paterson, very neat, well-balanced crest, good sized body, nice feather; 3, Shillinglaw, var, DC, evenly radiated, excellent droop, nicely staged. CRESTBRED CK (6): 1, spl, McLay, nice clear, grand skull and head feather, well staged; 2, Esson, excellent feather; 3, Paterson, green, good size, nice headfeather, vhc, Shillinglaw; hc, Montgomery; c, Ure. HEN (4): 1, McLay, var., good large body, feather nice and leafy; 2, Esson, nice size, splendid skull, headfeather long and leafy; 3, Henderson, grizzle, nice broad skull, good type, vhc, Shillinglaw, var, nice skull, lovely cushion, headfeather of good length, not so large in body. NOR. CL. ETC. CK (5): 1, spl, Chalmers, nice shape, short thick-set body, even colour, feather close, and nice quality, grand condition; 2, 3, Martin, cl, nice brace, 2, good, short thick-set body, very rich colour, vhc, Donald, nice qual and shape, hc, Ritchie, c, Smart. HEN (7): 1, McLay, grand cl, rare shape and sub, good colour and condition; 2, Ure, cl, good shape, colour and qual; 3, vhc, Martin; 3, tick neck, lovely qual and shape, H. C. Ritchie, C. Donald. VAR. ETC. CK (5): 1, Bishop, var, yell, grand qual, lovely colour and type, nicely staged; 2, Chalmers, clear, nice head, neck and chest, good back and tail close on winner; 3, McLay, var, lovely type, grand qual, vbc, hc, Ritchie. HEN: 1, Martin, nice eye mark, rare chest, silky feather, easy first; 2, Bishop, var, in good condition; 3, vhc, Chalmers; 3, var, good qual and build. BORD. FCY. ETC. YELL. CK. (12): 1, spl, Wilson Bros., fine jaunty carriage, grand colour, wings nicely placed, in rare condition; 2, McWatt, cl. yell., grand bloom and wing carriage, feather smooth as wax; 3, c, Irvine, tick head and wing, mark, vhc, Welsh, hc, McAulay. HEN (10): 1, Wilson Bros., little gem, in perfect colour, rare condition, feather like wax; 2, Smart, presses hard on first, nice carriage, good wings; 3, McWatt, another grand type, real good merit, vhc, Irvine, typical Border, hc, McAulay, c, Miller. CL. ETC. BUFF CK. (10): 1, 2 spls., 3, c, Irvine, buff,' wins Bord Cup, best border yell. to member, also winner of Hardie Cup for most points, conf, gem; 2, McWatt, cl, in perfect condition and feather, fine carriage, nice model, vhc, Wilson, hc, McGreachan. HEN (6): 1, McWatt, cl, in lovely feather, grand carriage, sweet shape, perfect model; 2, spl, hc, Irvine, best Hen, conf, nice typical Hen, shown to perfection; 3, Russell, another nice Border, very shapely, in grand feather, vhc, McGreachan, nice shape and colour, c, Reid. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, 2 spls, McWatt, winner B.F.C.C. Medal, first outing, lovely markings, staged in the pink of condition, feather smooth as wax, a gem; 2, Wilson Bros., a little beauty, in rare form, very lively; 3, McAulay, in rare bloom, nice carriage and feather, wins place easy, vhc, Marshall. UNEVEN (9): 1, Welsh, var, a gem for type and colour, wins place; 2, Wilson Bros., var, another nice type, full of colour and quality, vhc; 3, A. McWatt, 3 eyo and wing marks, grand colour and carriage, vhc, very typical, hc, McAulay, c, Irvine. GREEN ETC. (5): 1, McWatt, green, easy first, in grand condition and feather, a gem; 2, 3, McAulay, 2 very typical, 3, nice exhibit, vhc, Montgomery, hc, Miller. COM. CAN. (4): 1 spl, Miller; 2, Hardie; 3, Martin; 4, Grant. SELL (15s.) (3): 1, Martin; 2, Chalmers; 3, Hardie. (7s. 6d.): 1, hc, c, Hardie; 2, Miller; 3, Reid; vhc, Welsh. BRIT. BULLFINCH (14): 1, Wilson Gow, nice cap and breast in full bloom, rare condition; 2, Livingstone, lovely breast and cap, colour; 3, Henderson, nice size and colour, vhc, Raine, nice cap and breast, hc, Bishop, c, Wilson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, spl, 3, Conkie, 1 nice and steady, beautifully-marked breast, clear cut blaze, good colour, 3 good body breast-markings; 2, Reid, another good one, vhc, Wilson Gow, nice wing markings, hc, Wilson, c, Smith. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Martin, gem for shape and colour, in lovely condition, very nice sheen; 2, Livingstone, good colour and condition; 3, Hislop, nice rich colour, vhc, Wilson Gow, good shape and colour, hc, Duncan, c, Connaccher. LINNET ETC. (10): 1, 3, Cooper, 1, Grey Linnet, nice rich colour, breast lacings nicely defined, nice size, 3, Twite, nicely marked, good size, colour; 2, Parker, Twite, nicely marked, good size, staged in rare condition; vhc, Greachan, hc, McKenzie, c Duncan. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, spl, Gilmour, Hawfinch, very nicely marked, in lovely feather and condition; 2, Henderson, Yellowhammer, lovely head markings, nice bright yell, beautifully-marked breast and body; 3, Montagno, Hawfinch, nicely marked, vhc, Gray, hc, Hislop, c, 2 spls, Duncan. MULE ETC. (9): 1, Ross, Cun-Bully, grand size, very nice colour, in the pink of condition; 2, vhc, hc, c, Duncan; 2, var, gold mule, in nice condition and colour, vhc, Linnet mules, nice colour, in splendid condition; 3, Paterson, Siskin mule. FOR. GOLDFINCH ETC. (6): 1, Marshall, Goldfinch, grand exhibit, nice rich square-cut blaze, nice body colour, bold bars and moons; 2, Wilson, Bullfinch, lovely type, nice cap and breast and body colour, steady; 3, Parker, Goldfinch, very nice finch, rich colour, nice bars and moons, vhc, Moreland, hc, Duncan, c, Greachen. A.O.S. FOR. (9): 1, spl, Moreland, King Parrot, grand colour, lovely plumage and condition; 2, McDiarmid, Macaw, in first class condition, pleasing exhibit; 3, Wilson, Swainson's Lorikett, beautiful plumage and feather, nice and regular, vhc, Montague, Tanager, rare exhibit, nicely staged, hc, Johnston, c, spl, D. Duncan.

CANTERBURY.

Canterbury F.S. held their annual show at the Lower Corn Exchange, on Dec. 11th and 12th. At the time of judging the sun was shining brightly for the time of year, and being a very light hall, it was a most appropriate room in which to hold a show. Mr. J. W. Sargeant, the hon. treasurer and secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and is deserving of much praise; his good working committee too are to be congratulated for having everything in readiness for judging at 9 o'clock. The judging was finished, and the cards were up ready for opening by 2 o'clock. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Canterbury, F. Bennett Goldney, Esq., who, in a very affable speech, expressed his great pleasure at being present. In the Norwich section, the principal winners were: Messrs. Gibbs Patterson and Taylor. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Gibbs, Reeve and Sales exhibited some fine specimens. In Border Fancy, Messrs. Lockett and Bowes were well to the front. Mules and Hybrids were exceptionally good, and Messrs. Taylor, Pilcher and Faux were the winners. In the British classes, Messrs. Wickham, Curd, Patterson and Brett carried off the prizes. Mr. F. J. Wickham, with a very fine Goldfinch, and Mr. Curd, with an exceptionally good Bullfinch, Mr. Patterson, with a beautiful Linuet, which was 1st and spl in the "any other variety of Finch" class, and in the "any other variety of British, not larger than a Thrush," Mr. Brett won with his Shrike, which was in splendid form. In foreign birds, Miss V. Conway Gordon won with her beautiful Pekin Nightingales. There were some good birds in the selling classes at very reasonable prices. In some classes, through insufficient entries, the prizes were withheld. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 2, spl, Taylor, very good type, colour and quality; 4, Patterson, nice bird; vhc, hc, Gibbs. BUFF (5): 2, 4, hc, Gibbs, good type and quality, fourth nice type; vhc, Attwood; c, Patterson. TICK., ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 2, 4, c, Gibbs, second and spl nice varie. bird, good size and quality, fourth another fine exhibit; vhc, Brown; hc, Taylor. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Taylor, first bird good quality, nice chest, wings and tail, 2, 4, Gibbs, second tick. on neck, very nice bird, well shown; 3, Piggin, good bird; vhc, Berry and Mitchell; c, Patterson. CL. HEN (4): 2, spl, Patterson, bird of nice size, colour and quality; 4, vhc, hc, Gibbs, fourth, good bird. TICK., ETC. HEN (5): 2, 4, Gibbs, second very nice varie. yell., fourth good wing marked buff; vhc, Berry and Mitchell; hc, Moore; c, Miss May Castle. UNFLI. CK. (8): 1, 2 spls, including Hyde's, hc, R. Patterson, first bird of excellent shape, rich even colour, buff of beautiful quality and feather; 2, 4, Gibbs, second yellow, of good quality, nice head, tail and wings, fourth good ticked buff; 3, Taylor, nice yellow, close up to second; vhc, Attwood; c, Berry and Mitchell; a very good class. HEN (8): 1, 3, Taylor, first a yell., of good substance, nice wings and tail, wins well, third very good buff; 2, 4, vhc, Gibbs, second buff, nicely mealed, good wings and carriage, fourth yellow, nice exhibit; hc, Russell; c, Cook; class one of the best in show. CREST., CRESTBRED, YORKS. CL. YELL. CK., BUFF, TICK. ETC., YELL. CK., BUFF CK., all cancelled. YORKS. HEN (5): 2, Reeve, buff, good colour and quality of feather; 3, Sales, another good buff; 4, vhc, Gibbs, fourth a nice bird. BRED 1907 (6): 1, spl, Gibbs, wing marked yell., good length, nice wings, well carriod, really good exhibit; 3, hc, Reeve, third buff, nice style and type; 4, Rev. C. Sales, another good buff; vhc, c, Edwards. BORD. FANCY (9): 1, spl, 4, vhc, Lockett, first good clear yell., very smart bird, type and quality A1, fourth very nice buff, good quality; 2, 3, hc, Dr. Bowes, second wing marked buff, shown in beautiful condition, third buff, excellent quality; c, Boncey, very fine class. A.O.V. (4): 2, Gibbs, evenly marked buff Nor., grand one, well shown; 4, Mrs. A. Bayley, very nice Gold Lizard; No. 811, Leaver, and No. 813, Taylor, absent. PAIRS (FOR BREEDING) (8): 1, Miss V. Conway Gordon, pair of good Crests, well shown; 2, 3, vhc, c, Gibbs, second, pair of Yorks., good style, length and quality third, pair of very nice Nor.; 4, Cris Scharph, pair of good Crests. ANY VAR. (EXCEPTING CREST OR C.B.) NON-COLOURED (8): 1, Miss Gwyn, nice yellow Nor.; 2, Taylor, buff excellent quality; 3, Miss May Castle, yellow; 4, Cook, buff; vhc, c, Gandy; hc, Patterson. RADIUS A.V. (9): 1, Greenfield, good yell.; 2, Gandy, var. Crest; 3, vhc, hc, c, Cook, third good buff; 4, Cornelius, another yell. PAIR (£1 5s.) (5): 2, Patterson, pair very good Nor.; 3, 4, Moore, third varie. cock and yell. hen, fourth buff cock and yell. hen; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Wraight, all very cheap. £1 (7): 1, Hogbin, nice neat Crest; 2, c, Gibbs, second buff Nor., good one; 4, Taylor, varie. buff; vhc, Moore; hc, Patterson. 15/- (16): 1, Mrs. A. Bayley, good buff Nor.; 2, Gibbs, nice yell. Nor.; 3, hc, Moore; 3, 4, Reeve; vhc, Stewart; c, Wraight. 10/- (15): 1, F. Chandler; 2, Gibbs; 3, Reeve; 4, Boncey; vhc, Taylor; hc, Wraight; c, Mrs. A. Bayley. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, vhc, Taylor, first very nice yell. Goldfinch-Canary Mule; 4, Pilcher and Faux, good buff Goldfinch-Canary, well shown, in good condition. DARK (10): 1, 3, Taylor, first good Siskin-Greenfinch, third fine Goldfinch, Greenfinch; 2, c, Pilcher and Faux; second yell. Goldfinch and Canary, well shown; 4, hc, Richards; 4, Linnet and Canary; vhc, Boncey. GOLDFINCH (4): 2, spl, Wickham, real gem of a bird, bright coloured blaze, good markings, nicely mooned on wings and tail; 4, Shaw, similar; vhc, hc, Richards. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Curd, one of the best seen out this season, good bright breast colour, well marked cap, beautiful glossy back, wings and tail, wins easily; 2, 3, Kew, second very nice bird, third good bird; 4, Young; vhc, Brett; hc, Shaw; c, Wickham. A.O.S. OF FINCH (8): 1, spl, Patterson, Linnet, of beautiful colour, size and markings, a meritorious win; 2, Brett, grand Hawfinch; 3, Young, very fine Greenfinch, good size and colour; 4, Wickham, Hawfinch, good colour; vhc, c, F. Wraight; hc, Maple. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL: 2, Brett, well known Shrike, looking much better than at Folkestone when judged, wins easily; 4, Heritage, Waxwing, in lovely condition; vhc, Miss Palmer; hc, Chandler. BRIT. 15/- (5): 2, Patterson, nice Goldfinch; 3, Wickham, good Siskin; 4, vhc, Brett, fourth good Chaffinch; hc, Mrs. Pilcher. FOR. SMALL (4): 2, 4, Miss V. Conway Gordon, second lovely pair of Pekin Nightingales, well shown, in good condition, fourth very nice exhibit, third well shown; vhc, Patterson. LARGE: Cancelled. GIFT CLASS (4): 2, 3, Patterson, second Thrush, third Hybrid; 4, Gibbs; vhc, Torry.

MELBOURNE.

The fourteenth annual open show of the Melbourne and Dis. F.A. was held in the Public Hall, on Dec. 14th. The management was in the hands of a very capable committee. Mr. J. Hicklin is Secretary, and right well did he carry out his duties. It is an office for which he is well fitted. The show was smoothly worked; the comfort of the visitors was well considered and everything was done to deserve the success which resulted. The Public Hall is a good one for the purpose, being lofty, well lighted on both sides, and nicely heated. The pleasant temperature maintained was conducive to the well being of exhibits and exhibitors. Sad to relate, the entries in the Norwich section were insufficient to secure the classes standing, and the committee were reluctantly compelled to cancel them. The competition in the remaining classes was very keen indeed, and more than one set of winners could have been placed. Mr. J. R. Rae adjudicated.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, spl, 2, Wall, leader nice reachy bird, good position, level colour, second similar, good length; 3, Andrews, very near first; 4, York, racy looking, comes quickly to attention; vhc, Wall, another good one, winners well placed. BUFF (6): 1, York, beauty, finely drawn, good quality, like boxwood; 2, vhc, Wall, second quick, nervy bird position grand, vhc, sweet clear, good bloom; 3, Spencer, nice exhibit; 4, Spencer, cup and wing marked, good length and stand; hc, Cratchley. UNFLI. (14): 1, 2, Spencer, both clear yell., good position, A1 feather and quality, combined with length, hard to separate; 3, York, capped and wing marked buff, good length, nicely drawn, deserved his place; 4, Wall, grizzle neck buff, all quality, stylish appearance; vhc, Meur, clear yell., close up; hc, Andrews, sweet buff heu; c, Cratchley, clear buff, very attractive, grand class of youngsters. BRIT., SMALL (11): 1, Poole, Blackcap, well-known exhibit, certainly top sawyer; 2, Hexter, Goldfinch, the Mansfield winner, looking very fit; 3, Dallman and Son, Bullie, in good form, tight as wax, not a feather awry; vhc, Barton, Twite, nice colour, and steady; hc, Dallman and Son, sweet Linnet, steady as a rock, wonderful quality of feather, lacked pencilling; c, Sale, hot-fed Goldie, stiff class; Greenfinch, winner Darley Dale, stood cardless.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES.

This Norwich, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club held their show at the Good Templer's Hall, Glasgow, on Dec. 7, and it proved a record for Scotland, close on 650 birds being staged. Some grand specimens of the various varieties were on view, notably a grand buff Plainhead cock, shown by A. McFarlane, which we thought unlucky to lose cup for best bird. Mr. Malcolmson's unfl. yell. hen was an ideal Nor., and Mr. W. Johnston won cup for best Mule and cup for best Bird, with a grand Greenie-Bullie, which should do well with another moult. Mr. D. Donaldson won cup for best Plainhead, Crest or Crestbred, with a nice Crest, Mr. D. Hamilton taking cup for Borders with a clear buff hen and also Border Fancy Club medal. The British Bird Cup was secured by a boy of 14 summers, Master Mat Kerins. The winner was a grand Missel Thrush. The show for management could hardly be excelled, every one working like Trojans, from the genial President, Mr Pettigrew, down to the humble committeeman; everything was well arranged. The officials consisted of the following well-known exhibitors:—President, Mr. Peter Pettigrew, Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Alex. McFarlane, Alex. Brownlie, and John Young. Committee: Messrs. D. McKeuzie, D. Johnstone, J. Roddie, J. Erskine, J. Roulstone, G. McAlpine, J. Herbert. Treasurer, Mr. A. Malcolmson. Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. Jack. The Secretary is Mr. J. H. Adam, who deserves every credit for his able management of affairs. Norwich made a grand show, but Borders did not come quite up to expectations. Mules and British were grand—34 Linnets, 25 Lesser Polls, Greenies, 22, and many other classes equally well filled. Messrs. T. Knight, J. Lappin and J. Taylor judged, and their awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

YOUNG BIRDS. CL., ETC. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Malcolmson, wing tick, grand size, fine, full chest, nicely rounded, splendid carriage; 2, McFarlane, cl. yell., grand body; 3, spl, Park, well moulded exhibit we heard, a new purchase, in grand order; 4, spl, Fernie, good stamp of a Plainhead; 5, Johnstone; 6, Edwards; 7, McKenna. BUFF (9): 1, Malcolmson, a gem all over; 2, John Roulstone, presses winner hard; 3, McFarlane, another nice exhibit, well put down; 4, Murrey, First Feather Show winner; 5, Malcolmson; 6, Robt. Wear; 7, spl, Fernie. VAR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, McFarlane, heavy var., grand size, good colour; 2, Roulstone, nice sweet exhibit, very chubby, correct stamp; 3, Koddie, another nice typical Nor.; 4, Malcolmson, Edwards; 6, Malcolmson; 7, Fernie. BUFF (11): 1, McFarlane, a good stamp; 2, Johnstone, good type; 3, Connelly, nice mould, well put down; 4, spl, Herbert, grand wing carriage; 5, Vallantine, another nice bird; 6, Roulstone and Fernie. CL., ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Hyde's spl, Malcolmson, grand hen, fine bouncing bird, short and chubby, simply perfection; 2, McFarlane, very typical; 3, Edwards, rare and chubby; 4, Roulstoue; 5, Wear; 6, Fernie; 7, J. Roulstone. BUFF (9): 1, McFarlane, correct stamp, nice clear, grand quality of feather, easy win; 2, Park, nice bird; 3, Fernie, nicely rounded good head; 4, J. Roulstone; 5, 7, spl, Malcolmson; 6, Connelly. VAR. YELL. HEN (7): 1, McFarlane, grand bird, shown in best of form; 2, J. Roulstone, very taking; 3, spl, Murrey, very good, rare head; 4, Sorely, very chubby, A1 colour; 5, vhc, Connelly; 6, Fernie. BUFF (11): 1, A. Roulstone, one of the best, simply grand gem, rare, full front, well rounded, shown to perfection; 2, J. Roulstone; 3, Connelly, very good stamp; 4, J. Roulstone; 5, 7, A. Roulstone; 6, Fernie. NON-FED CK.: 1, Herbert; 3, spl, 4, Herbert, trio of the best, well put down; 2, J. Roulstone; 5, Begg; 6, Herbert; 7, Connelly. HEN: 1, Herbert, grand clear, nicely built, correct stamp; 2, Begg; 3, Marlin; 4, A. Roulstone. CREST: 1, cup, Donaldson, dark marked Crest, nice leafy crest; 2, Donaldson, must have had trouble to separate; 3, Muir. CL. ETC. YELL. BORD. CK.: 1, Hamilton, gem, rare mould, feathered like wax; 2, spl, Dick, third Jack; 4, McKenna; 5, Park. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, well put down, nicely drawn; 2, Brannigan, rare head and wing carriage, very compact tail; 3, spl, Dick, very nice bird; 4, Renfrew; 5, Erskine. VAR. YELL. BORD. CK. (6): 1, D. Johnstone; 2, Brannigan; 3, Dick. BUFF: 1, Dick; 2, Johnstone; 3, Brannigan. CL., ETC., HEN YELL.: 1, Thompson, junr., nice jaunty style, finely tapered, wins; 2, Brannigan, very big, good wings and tail. BUFF: 1, cup, 2, spl, gem of the first water, perfect model, grandly drawn; 2, Brannigan, grand one, not much behind; 3, spl, Jack. VAR. YELL.: 1, Hamilton, shown in spotless trim; 2, Thompson, junr. BUFF: 1, Brannigan; 2, Thompson, junr. GREEN, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Hamilton. YORKS.: 1, Henderson cl. yell., grand colour, straight as a pencil, gem and no mistake; 2, Drysdale, shown in rattling order; 3, 4, 6, 7, Henderson; 5, Gorden. CINN: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Fernie, grand team, all grand Norwich type, credit to their owner. A.O.V.: 1, Park, Scots. Fancy, grand action, well shown; 2, Begg. LIGHT MULE ETC.: 1, spl, cup, Johnstone, rattling good Greenie-Bullie; also cup for best bird in hall, 2, 6, McFarlane, even marked yell., Goldie-Canary, gem of the Cross; Glasgow 2nd, 1st Perth, 1st Arbroath and other shows, must have been a job to decide; 3, Whiteford, good Goldie-Greenie, shows cross, very distinct; 4, McFarlane; 5, Johnstone; 7, Connelly. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. MULE: 1, Hynd, grand size and colour, well put down; 2, Doolan; 3, Lawson; 4, Brannigan; 5, Duncan; 6, Livingston. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, Whiteford; 2, McKenna; 3, Roddie; 4, Connelly. OLD BIRDS. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McFarlane, good clubby bird; 2, Roulstone; 3, J. Roulstone; 4, Connelly. BUFF: 1, spl, 6, McFarlane, bouncing style, chest like a pigeon; 2, Malcolmson, very close thing; 3, Shearer, grand bird; 4, Henderson; 5, spl, McNeal; 7, Edwards, grand class. VAR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McFarlane, rare substance for a yell., grand colour, shown in fine trim; 2, A. Roulstone, another good one; 3, spl, Peters, very good type; 4, Fernie; 5, A. Roulstone; 6, Sorley. BUFF (6): 1, McNeal, grand size, fine bouncing style very taking, credit to owenr; 2, McFarlane, put down in rare form; 3, Connelly; 4, Edwards; 5, Peters. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, McFarlane; 4, Renfrew; 5, Drysdale; 6, A. Roulstone. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Macfarlane, brace of good ones, hard to separate; 3, spl, 4, J. Roulstone, grand size; 5, spl, A. Roulstone; 6, Peters; 7, Sorley. VAR. YELL. HEN (5): 1, McFarlane; 2, 3, Edwards; 4, Sorley; 5, Malcolmson. BUFF (2): 1, spl, Edwards; 2, J. Roulstone. NON-FED CK. (24): 1, McFarlane, good size, fine front, proper Bullfinch type; 2, Shearer, buff, not much between; 3, spl, Weur, put down in rare trim; 4, 5, J. Roulstone, tick. yell.; 6, A. Roulstone; 7, Wear. HEN (22): 1, spl, Gorden, gem of the first water, rare front; 2, 3, Shearer, third var. yell., City of Glasgow, 2nd, unlucky to-day; 4, Herbert; 5, spl, 6, J. Roulstone; 7, Murrey. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Brannigan, sweet, true to model as possible; 2, Wilson, nice sprightly chap, good head, carries wing like a glove; 3, spl, J. Roulstone; 4, Johnstone; 5, spl, 6, Renfrew. BUFF: 1, spl, Dick; 2, Thompson. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1 McKenzie, quickly claimed 20 applicants after this bird, rare stamp, coat like silk; 2, Erskine, grand carriage, nicely drawn. BUFF: 1, J. Roulstone; 2, Brannigan. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, good team. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Roulstone; 2, Park; 3, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, Hamilton; 2, Brannigan; 3, spl, Roulstone; 4, Renfrew. VAR. YELL.: 1, Dick; 2, Roulstone. BUFF: 1, Wilson. CREST (9): 1, spl, Donaldson, nice leafy Crest, well groomed and radiated; 2, Park, green; 3, Gorden; 4, 5, 6, Stewart. CRESTBRED: 1, Gorden, grand size and substance, rare entrance, plenty length of feather; 2, Mair; 3, Park; 4, spl, Donaldson. YORKS.: 1, McKenzie, straight as a rush, good colour; 2, spl, 3, J. Roulstone. HEN: 1, spl, J. Roulstone; 2, Henderson; 3, Gorden; 4, 5, Roulstone. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Thompson, pair of grand Scotch Fancys; 3, Fernie, cinn. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (11): 1, 3, spl, McFarlane, first evenly marked bull; third yell., 4-pointed, good flush; 2, Mair, Linnet-Bullie, good size, rare colour; 4, Pettigrew, usual style; 5, Johnstone, yell. var., best of colour; 6, Henderson. DARK GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Thompson, buff Goldie; 2, Roddie, Linnet-Canary, good size; 3, 4, Doolan, grand pepper-fed Goldie-Canary; 5, Cassils; 6, Lawson; 7, Pettigrew. A.O.V. DARK (7): 1, Anderson, rare good Greenie-Mule, best of colour, staged to perfection; 2, Renfrew, Twite; 3, Roddie; 4, Donaldson; 5, Hynd. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (18): 1, Connelly, good Finch; 2, Whiteford; 3, Young; 4, Hynd; 5, Donaldson; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Craig, the City 2nd. LINNET (34): a grand class; 1, spl, Henderson, rare, upstanding bird, nice nutty brown, good substance, well staged; 2, McInnis, good colour, well pencilled; 3, Edwards; 4, spl, McInnis; 5, Young; 6, Begg; 7, Marlin. BULLFINCH BRIT.: 1, McIvin, good cap and bars, rare crimson breast, easy win; 2, Livingston; 3, Roddie; 4, Melvin; 5, spl, Roddie. SISKIN: 1, McFarlane, good cap, bright colour; 2, Vallantine; 3, Thompson, extra high colour; 4, Roddie; 5, Hamilton; 6, Whitelaw; 7, Whiteford. REDPOLL LESSER (25): 1, Livingston; 2, Marlin, city winner; 3, Young; 4, Roddie; 5, Brownlie; 6, Henderson; 7, Steveson. TWITE (16): 1, Henderson, good size, fine colour; 2, Marlin, rare good size, well laced, regular champion; 3, Young; 4, Whiteford; 5, spl, Marlin; 6, Lawson; 7, Connelly. GREENFINCH (22): 1, Brannigan; 2, Dick; 3, spl, Edwards; 4, spl, Peters; 5, Hynd; 6, Marlin; 7, spl, Cairns. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, McKenna; 2, Malcolmson; 3, Dick; 4, Brannigan; 5, Henderson; 6, Renfrew; 7, Pettigrew. BRAMBLE FINCH (9): 1, Henderson; 2, Duncan; 3, Cairns; 4, spl, Brownlie; 5, Smith; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Pettigrew. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, 2, 6, Lawson, two good ones; 3, Cassils, best marked bird in class; 4, Duncan, should improve with another moult; 5, Brannigan; 7, Malcolmson. BUNTINGS: 1, Lawson, Cirl Bunting; 2, Roddie, good black head Bunting; 3, Pettigrew, same cross. BULLFINCH HEN: 1, spl, Whiteford, Stonehouse winner; 2, Livingstone; 3, spl, Roddie; 4, Lawson; 5, Hamilton; 6, Malcolmson; 7, Renfrew. HEN (for HYBRID BREEDING) (11): 1, Cassils, Greenie; 2, Johnston; 3, Cairns; 4, spl, Duncan; 5, Renfrew; 6, Craig; 7, spl, Bald. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 3, 6, Henderson, Yellow Wagtail; 2, Lawson, Wheatear; 4, 5, 7, Cairns. LARGE: 1, spl, cup best Brit., grand Missel Thrush, shown to perfection; 2, Duncan, rare good Hawfinch; 3, Cairns, Fieldfare, lucky; 4, spl, Pettigrew; fifth Song Thrush, nicely spotted; 6, Marlin, Jay, shown in good order; 7, Malcolmson. MEALY REDPOLL: 1, Peters; 2, Connelly; 3, Whitelaw; 4, Dick; 5, Lawson. GOLDFINCH FOR. (24): 1, McKenna, City 2nd, looking well as ever, rare rose; 2, Young; 3, spl, Henderson; 4, Livingston, grand size, good face; 5, spl, Smith; 6, Hamilton; 7 spl McInnis. SMALL FOR.: 1, spl, 2, Lawson. LARGE: 1, A. Roulstone; 2, Edwards; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Edwards; 5, 6, Connelly. NOR. SELL.: 1, Edwards; 2, Connelly; 3, 7, Roulstone; 4, Roddie; 5, Fernie; 6, Vallentine. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Jack. MULE ETC.; 1, spl, Johnston; 2, 3, Connelly. GIFT: 1, Johnston; 2, McFarlane; 3, Henderson; 4, 5, Pettigrew; 6, Cairns; 7, Connelly. HYDE'S (14): Malcolmson. UNFLI. YELL. HEN: 1st, Kilmaurs, 1st Montrose, 2nd City of Glasgow.

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Held on December 14th, in the St. James's Hall, a very nice place for the purpose, though on this occasion it was too small for the number of exhibits staged. Twenty classes were scheduled and with only one class at half prize money and with a total entry of 314 the Society may be considered to have done well with an average of 16 per class. They did especially well when it is remembered that there were so many shows being held on the same day. Open Yorkshires, with five classes, had 73 entries, some of the best birds in the country being on view in this section. Cinnamon marked Yorkshires were only moderate, 18 in two classes. Novice Yorkshires, with four classes, received an entry of 77, averaging over 19 per class. Many grand birds were to be seen in this section, and it would be hard to define the line as regards type and quality, which is supposed to divide the novice from the old hands. Norwich, with only one class, had 29 entries, and we think the Society might cater on a more liberal scale for this popular variety. Mules were a capital lot, while the British were simply grand, both in quality and numbers. An entry of 61 in four classes is distinctly good, and competition in this section was very keen indeed. The quality in the two Foreign classes was well above the average; 20 exhibits were staged. The local firm, Messrs. Hollins and Son took the bulk of the prizes in the class for large, while Mr. Pickles won in the class for small. The arrangements within the limited room at the disposal of the committee were first-class. The President of the Society is Mr. H. Milling and the Vice-Presidents are Messrs. Mitchell, Muson, Schuntz, Thorpe, and Bailey. The Secretary, Mr. Geo. H. Barnwell, makes a very able official. The extreme care and attention which he bestowed on the details of the show are deserving of great praise. His assistant, Mr. Wm. Brown, too, worked hard and well. The light during judging was very bad, but improved afterwards. Taking all in all we think the show was a great success and everything passed off without a hitch. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and his awards were well received.

The Canary Classes.

YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, Edmondson, long raking bird, fine feather, extra good shape, well cut away behind, a wonder in respect of wing carriage position and type; 2, Ramsden's spl and c, Shackleton, head ticked, fine size and colour, good sound feather, grand head, wing and tail carriage, good second; 3, 4, spl, Barnwell, leader cheek marked, fine quality, pale colour, lovely wing carriage, well up ou leg, fourth mkd. cheeks and wings, good, long bird; vhc, Watts; hc, Brown, good class. BUFF (14): 1, 3, vbc, Shackleton, fine team, winner a gem, one of the best we have seen this season, smooth as a glass bottle, grand shape, position, head, neck, wings and tail, well on leg, a model, tbird again lovely quality and shape, well worth its place; 2, Brown, straight as a pencil, beautiful feather and carriage; 4, Loug, cap ticked, fine shape, quality and carriage; hc, Barnwell; c, Towers. YELL. HENS (14): 1, 2, 3, Shackleton, grand team, all good in shape, well up on legs, neat heads and wing carriage, third was a little soft when judged, a grand lot; 4, Long, nice shape, beautiful feather, neat wings and tail, good hen; vhc, Brown; hc, Gibbons; c, Dewbirst. BUFF (9): 1, Shackleton, stands clean away, fine size, shape position and carriage; 2, Barnwell, a nice all round hen; 3, Duncan, junr., lovely quality, nice head, neck, wings and tail; 4, Dewhirst, same remarks apply; vhc, Towers; bc, Haigh and Son; c, Spencer. UNFLI. (22): 1, 4, Long, leader wing ticked yell., slim, level built bird, good shape, quality and style, should make up well another year, clear buff, lovely quality, grand carriage, well up on legs, good fourth; 2, Gibbons, buff marked eyes and wings, nice feather, full of style, grand length, good second; 3, Simpson, mkd. over eyes, neck and wings, hot colour, nice shape and quality of feather; vbc, Mason; hc, Jeffrey; c, Duncan, junr. CINN. MKD. (11): 1, Spencer, yell. mkd. eyes, neck and wings, fine long, slim built bird, nice feather, shape, style and marks; 2, Brayshaw and Jowitt, buff, same markings as winner, similar build, grand colour and quality; 3, Hardaker and Sample, yell. marked head and wings, nice shape, grand quality, nice wing and tail carriage; 4, Dobson, buff marked eyes and wings, nice marking, good quality of feather; vhc, Barnwell; hc, c, Alderson. H. (7): 1, Shackleton, buff, lovely quality, lightly marked one wing, capital shape and stand, wins easy; 2, Brayshaw and Jowitt, buff marked cheeks and wings, good shape feather and condition, nice hen; 3, Dobson, yellow cap and wings, nice shape and feather; 4, hc, Duncan, junr., two nice hens. NOVICE YELL. YORKS. (28): 1, Sowdon, cap marked, long, slim, narrow bird, fine long flights and tail, put down in the style of an old hand, wins comfortably; 2, Wood, wing marked, good head, neat carriage of wings and tail; 3, Walker, fine shape, grand stamp of Yorks.; 4, Bennison, long straight bird, fine feather, good legs, nice bird; vhc, hc, T. Parkes; hc, Firth; c, Head. BUFF (20): 1, 4, Veitch, first fine shape, good stand, neat head, wings and tail carriage, fourth slim aud stylish; 2, Whittaker, close up; 3, hc, T. Parkes, grand quality of feather, nice wings and tail carriage; vhc, Simpson; hc, Jeffrey; c, Garside. YELL. HENS (16): 1, Whittaker, big, fine clear, fine head, good shaped body, nice quality, well staged; 2, Wood, clear, good shape and carriage; 3, Haigh, marked head, neck and wings, nice shaped hen, lovely quality and condition; 4, Bradwell, long slim, good colour for a hen, well up on leg, good wing and tail carriage; vhc, Bennison; hc, Ireland; c, Head. BUFF (13): 1, Walker, lovely clear, grand position, feather and colour, very neat wing and tail carriage; 2, Galling, lovely shape and feather; 3, c, Fergusson, cinn. marked, nice type, quality and markings; 4, Veitch, straight as a pencil, lovely feather; vhc, hc, T. Parkes, fine hen, fluffy at thighs or might have been higher; hc, Ireland. NOR. (29): 1, 2, Hesp, leader stout, chubby, well built bull, smooth as a glass bottle, short tail and flights, second yellow, grand front, good head and wings; 3, Axe, wing marked Crest, neat shape and centre; 4, Houghton, var. buff, nice shape, carriage and quality, wants a rest; vhc, Pillar; hc, Haigh and Son; c, Ascough. SELL., 15/- (22): 1, Hollins and Son; 2, Long; 3, Axe; 4, Head; vhc, Barrett; hc, Simpson; c, Hewson.

All Other Classes.

MULE, ETC. (14): 1, 2, Leigh, well known Greenie-Bullie, leading, in fine condition, close pressed by yellow marked Goldie-Canary, fine size, in grand condition; 3, Duncan, junr., Greenie-Goldie, buff, fine chubby shape, nice size, and should improve another year; 4, Marwood, five-pointed buff Goldie-Canary, well known, in best of condition, good fourth; vhc, Boyle; hc, Inman; c, Calam. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (21): 1, Duncan, junr., the York., Leeds, etc. winner, grand square blaze, good body colour, nice neat buttons, distinct wing bars, good all round Finch; 2, c, Simpson, Goldfinch, bright blaze, not far behind; 3, Axe, Bullfinch, fine colour, distinct wing bars, good dense cap, staged in fine condition, worth its place; 4, Wood, Goldfinch, nice face and buttons; vhc, Calam, big, fine Bullie hen; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, Boyle, Linnet, a grand one, nice cobby build, good head, capital markings, in fine trim, wins well; 2, Leigh, gem of a Siskin colour, fed and staged for all it is worth, grand lacing, nice exhibit, worth its place; 3, Atkinson, Linnet, similar shape to first, well marked; 4, Caunt, big, Mealy Redpoll, in fine feather, nice one; vhc, c, Duncan junr.; hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins. A.O.S. HARDBILL (11): 1, Edmondson, Bramble Finch, nicely laced, fine colour, size and condition; 2, Leigh, Greenfinch, fine build, and size, rattling colour, in the best of condition, close light; 3, Axe, well marked, good coloured Yellow Bunting, promising bird; 4, Duncan, junr., Hawfinch hen, nice condition; vhc, Inman; hc, Caunt; c, Beattie. SOFTBILL (13): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Waxwing, well known, in fine trim to-day; 2, c, Mason, Sandpiper, in nice form, good feather and steady; 3, hc, Milne, third pretty Whitethroat, in lovely condition; 4, Duncan, junr., Missel Thrush, in fine trim, very steady; vhc, Axe, well-known Thrush, completely spoiled, would not show, but would continually try to light. FOR., LARGE (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Hollins and Son, fine team, headed by a fine Cockatoo, in the pink of condition, grand lot, a credit to exhibitor; 2, Matsun, fine Amazon, well staged; c, Mrs. Snoddon. SMALL (10): 1, hc, Pickles, leader nice Tanager, in fine trim; 2, 3, Fowell, grand green Cardinal, leading, close pressed by a pair of Gouldians, in fine trim; 4, Caunt; vhc, c, Hollins and Son.

LEIGHTON.

The eighth annual show was held in the Corn Exchange on December 10th, but we were sorry to find that a number of the classes had to be cancelled through an insufficient number of entries We see no reason why Leighton should not have a capital show, providing the schedule is revised and the entry fee of 2s. (which is too much for cage birds) is reduced, and we are pleased to be able to state that the officers have promised to look into the matter before another season comes round. The secretaries, Messrs. A. and W. Page, and the committee, are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they carry out their duties, and we sincerely hope that another year they will be rewarded by seeing a very much larger entry. Mr. J. C. Wilmot made the awards. NOR., NAT. COLOUR (6): 1, Vaisey, capital all-round bird, good head and quality of feather, nicely rounded chest; 3, Gentle, excellent coloured bird for a natural; 4, Dr. Rose, sweetly pretty hen, in rare condition; vhc, Smith, smart bird, on the small side. YORKS. (6): 1, Young, well made bird, correct length, very straight, and free from frill; 3, hc, Mabbutt, nice length, stands well on perch, good colour; 4, vhc, Webb, a cinn. marked, good position; vhc, good yellow. FOR. (4): 2, Cooper, Blue-bonnet in excellent plumage; 3, Green, very tame Grey Cockatoo; 4, Smith Bros., similar bird; vhc, Wordsley. LOCAL CLASSES.—NOR., NAT. COL. (12): 1, vhc, Worker, green bird with nicely-formed crest; vhc capital Crestbred; 2, Powell, another Crest, marked on wings, looks like a hen, very nice stamp; 3, Short, another very fine Crestbred, plenty of feather; vhc, Sensicall, good-coloured Plainhead; hc, c, Yirrell; hc, Fletcher, Sensicall. YORKS. (8): 1, Collyer, very fine yellow, well drawn, correct length, nice colour and condition; 2, 3, vhc, Mabbutt, 2nd capital bird, stands well on perch; 3rd, smart yellow, good colour, nice pipe tail; 4, Heley, smart buff; hc (no name), good yellow.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE.

The Clackmannanshire and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual show in the Co-operative Hall, Alloa, on Dec. 7th. The entries came up very well indeed, in fact there was a record entry. The Scotch Fancy classes were somewhat short, but quality here was tip-top. Norwich were good, while the Border Fancy and British classes were all that could be desired. The Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Boocock, is deserving of the greatest credit for the able manner in which he managed the show. He knows his duties well and what is more knows how to fulfil them. Mr. Frank Love is the President, and Mr. Peter Harrower is the Vice-President. There was some keen competition for the Society's cup, which was won by Mr. Robt. Cousins. Ramsden's medal and Hyde's special were won by Messrs. C. Burnett and P. Harrower, respectively. There were many visitors throughout the day and the show proved in every way a success. Messrs. Condie (Clackmannan), and J. F. Dewar judged, the former taking the Scotch Fancies and the latter the rest.

SCOTCH FANCY OLD (5): 1, 2, 3, Strathearn; 4, 5, Harrower. YOUNG (3): 1, 2, 3, Strathearn. CREST (OLD) (5): 1, Cousins; 2, Harrower; 3, Angus; 4, Love. CRESTBRED CK. (OLD): 1, 5, Harrower; 2, Robinson; 3, Love; 4, Angus. HEN (5): 1, Cousins; 2, Harrower; 3, Love; 4, Angus; 5, Cox. CREST (YOUNG) (3): 1, 2, Harrower; 3, Cox. CRESTBRED (YOUNG) (5): 1, 5, Harrower; 2, 4, Love; 3, Cox. NOR. CK. (OLD) (6): 1, Burnett; 2, 3, 5, Love; 4, Robertson; 6, Boocock. HEN (6): 1, Harrower; 2, 3, Love; 4, Stewart; 5, 6, Boocock. CK. YOUNG (8): 1, 4, Burnett; 2, 6, Love; 3, Robertson; 5, Boocock. HEN (5): 1, 2, 5, Burnett; 3, Robertson; 4, Love. SELL. 12/6 (10): 1, Love; 2, Angus; 3, Burnett; 5, Cox; 6, Harrower. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 4, Arnot; 2, 5, Carmichael; 3, Cousins; 6, Mitchell. HEN (15): 1, Bremner; 2, 6, Cousins; 3, Wilson; 4, Mitchell; 5, Boocock. BUFF CK. (16): 1, Cousius; 2, Wilson; 3, Arnot; 4, Carmichael; 5, Bremner; 6, Cox. HEN (12): 1, cup, Cousins; 2, 3, Arnot; 4, Bremner; 5, Carmichael; 6, Boocock. PIED., ETC. CK. (11): 1, Cousins; 2, Campbell Bros.; 3, Carmichael; 4, Arnot; 5, Boocock; 6, Anderson. HEN (11): 1, 3, 4, Arnot; 2, Cousins; 5, Cox; 6, Mitchell. TICK. CK. (11): 1, 2, 5, Carmichael; 3, 4, Cousins; 6, Bremner. HEN (8): 1, Cox; 2, 5, Cousins; 3, 4, Arnot; 6, Carmichael. SELL. 7/6 (11): 1 2, 3, 5, Boocock; 4, Love; Nos. 5, 6, and 8 marked wrong class. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (11): 1, Angus; 2, Macaulcy; 3, Arnot; 4, 5, Robinson; 6, Harrower. BULLFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, Cousins; 2, Robinson; 3, Campbell Bros.; 4, Mitchell; 5, Harrower; 6, Carmichael. BRIT. SMALL (5): 1, Cousins; 2, Hoggan; 3, Robinson; 4, Macpherson. LINNET (13): 1, Cousins; 2, Love; 3, Arnot; 4, Harrower; 5, Campbell Bros.; 6, Mitchell. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 6, Crawford; 2, Cousins; 3, Mitchell; 4, Stewart; 5, Bremner. SISKIN (6): 1, 6, Mitchell; 2, Cousins; 3, Mitchell; 4, Angus; 5, Crawford. MULE, ETC. (9): 1, Angus; 2, Harrower; 3, Cochrane; 4, Cairns; 5, Mitchell; 6, Love. PAIRS (8): 1, 5, Love; 2, Arnot; 3, Crawford; 4, Cousins; 6, Boocock. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, 5, Macpherson; 4, Cochrane.

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

The Yorkshire Canary.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

A Lecture given by the Secretary of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club before the Jarrow and District C.B.F.S., on November 12.

The following lecture constitutes the first part of a series of lectures arranged between the Jarrow and Dis. C.B.F.S., writes Mr. J. T. Carrick, the sec., and Mr. T. C. Crawhall, secretary of the Northern Yorkshire C.C. It was entitled "Gleanings on the Yorkshire Canary—the Gentleman of the Canary Family." Mr. J. Campbell presided, and in a very pleasing speech introduced the lecturer for the evening. At the conclusion of the lecture, which was listened to with rapt attention, a good few questions were asked, Mr. Crawhall answering them to the satisfaction of all. The secretary, Mr. Carrick, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Crawhall, and in doing so said he hoped it would not be long before he came amongst them again. Mr. R. Wilkinson, vice-chairman, seconded in a very encouraging speech, and the vote, on being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation. Mr. Crawhall very suitably responded, stating his willingness to go down at any future time if he could be of any service to the Society and its members. The lecturer and myself then retired to a supper kindly provided by the host of the evening, Mr. R. Hutler, whose bird room was afterwards inspected. The very promising Yorkshires of this keen fancier were much admired.

Mr. Crawhall spoke as follows:—

I have called the Yorkshire the *gentleman* of Canaries, and surely he deserves that title, for to see a real good Yorkshire showing himself off, drawing himself up, bracing his wings, and moving his head from side to side, reminds us of those human beings who always dress to perfection, and are a pattern of neatness and trimness. Amongst all the members of the Canary family I know none that so takes the eye at first sight as the Yorkshire, unless it be the wee Border.

A Yorkshire Defined.

Before going on to consider how to breed a good Yorkshire, let us decide what a good Yorkshire is, and what is the standard by which it should be judged. It is generally admitted that the best Yorkshires at the present time are in the county of Yorkshire, and the exhibitors there are able to hold their own against all outsiders; but I hope, with the advent of the two new societies—the one in the South, and the other in the North—that before long there will be keen friendly rivalry as to who shall hold the palm for superiority. As you know there are in Yorkshire two societies who practically control the destinies of the Yorkshire Canary, viz., The Yorkshire Canary Club, and the Yorkshire Union. Under the protection of these two societies the Yorkshire has evolved from a large, ungainly bird, somewhat resembling a thin Lancashire, to the present standard, I will not say of perfection, but approaching to perfection.

These two societies have each adopted a standard by which Yorkshires should be judged. The standards and scales of points for judging are practically the same, the only difference I notice is in the question of length. The Union say that the length *shall not exceed* 6¾ in. The Yorkshire Canary Club merely state, length 6¾in. I here give you the scale of points for clear birds. Shape.—*Head*, small and round, skull narrow, 5. *Neck*, moderately long, straight, 5. *Shoulders*, narrow, rounded, well filled, 5. *Back*, long, straight, well filled; *wings*, long and evenly carried, 5. *Breast*, round and smooth, the body long and gradually tapering to a neat waist, 5. *Legs*, long, without being stilty; thighs well clothed, 5. *Tail*, long, straight, and closely folded, 5. Size.—*Length*, 6¾in., with corresponding symmetrical proportions, 10. Position.—Attitude erect, with fearless carriage; head, neck, back and tail in straight line, 20. Feather.—Close, short and tight, compact body feather, and close carriage of tail and wings, 20. Colour.—Pure body colour; back, legs, and feet clear, 5. Condition.—Health, cleanliness, and sound feather, 10. Total, 100.

The Importance of Shape.

By this you will notice that shape counts 35 points. This is divided into seven divisions of 5 points each—head, neck, shoulders, back and wings, breast and body, legs, tail. The next is 10 points for size, 6¾in. long, with corresponding symmetrical proportions. Not a great many points for size, yet some judges will go in almost entirely for size; but I will refer to this later on. The next division carries 20 points, namely, *position*. Attitude erect, with fearless carriage; head, neck, back and tail in straight line. Feather also carries 20 points. Thus you see attitude or position, and feather carry almost half of the total number of points, and five more than shape. Then, to make up the total, we have colour 5, condition 10.

You will see from this that the chief things to be aimed at when breeding Yorkshires for exhibition purposes are position, feather, and correct shape. The coloured plates which have been issued with the special numbers of Cage Birds will give a good idea of the shape that a Yorkshire should be.

The True Ideal.

During last show season I endeavoured to carry in my mind's eye the plate depicting the three champions of the previous season, and have compared the birds I have seen winning in this district with them, and I am bound to confess that, with a few exceptions, they are of a very different type to these three.

Very few of them have that fine, long-drawn wedge-shape about them. Most of them were longer, but we cannot be sure that the picture shows the actual length of the birds, for the artist had to get three birds into a certain space, and in order to get all three shown to advantage may, have reduced the actual size. You will notice how each of these birds is particularly neat in the head, with round, well-placed eye; the neck is well filled in, showing just the slightest sign of indentation; there is no prominent rounding of the breast; if we take a line from the shoulder to tip of tail, and from breast to tail tip, we have a gradual and even tapering of the body, thus forming a finely-shaped wedge. This is the side view; if we could see the birds from behind we should see the same wedge-shape running from each shoulder to tip of tail. Thus you might compare the bird's body to an elongated funnel.

Now we come to the legs. The thighs must show nicely, and be well covered with fine feather, the legs be of a good length, yet not too long to make the birds have a stilty look. The feet should grip the perch firmly, and the birds stand and look at you as much as to say "Aren't we beauties?" I think these coloured plates by Mr. Norman, which have been issued in Cage Birds from time to time, are most helpful to us who are so isolated from the leading breeders and exhibitors, as they show us the type of bird we want to aim for, and whether we are buying or pairing we want to keep our ideal before us.

The Vexed Question of Length.

To be successful it is necessary to have the true ideal before us. This is sometimes a difficult matter, especially when we see various judges choosing different types of birds. I suppose public opinion and judges' opinions are liable to variation at times. We cannot all have the same ideal, but I do think our judges should endeavour to come to some arrangement amongst themselves as to what is the correct type—the true ideal. Could they not have a conclave amongst themselves, and decide finally these vexed questions? At one show last season a very prominent firm of Yorkshire exhibitors got no higher than V.H.C.; yet when they go to the Palace they practically sweep the deck.

We have the authority of one judge—and that a very prominent one, too—that if he were judging where Union patronage was given he could not give a prize to a bird which exceeded 6¾ in. in length; but if judging at a show which was not held under Union rules, and all other things being equal, he would award that bird first, because length was the most difficult thing to obtain. It is quite possible that length may be the most difficult thing to obtain, but still, the Union controls the greater part of the breeders of Yorkshires, and they are not trying to breed for length but for type and quality; and by their standard, and also the Yorkshire Canary Club's, only 10 points out of 100 are given for length.

(To be continued.)

On Preparing for Hybrid Breeding.

By T. H. KINCH.

[A few hints on the preparation of birds for Hybrid breeding, and recommendations as to crosses to be employed, are given by the author, himself an "old hand" in this branch of our hobby.—Editor.]

The present is a good time to begin preparations for next season's Hybrid breeding. In the first place, all cages should be thoroughly overhauled, and well cleaned inside and out with turpentine, carbolic, or paraffin. They should be put out of doors for a few days, and then well scrubbed, and either enamelled or whitewashed inside and varnished outside.

After the cages have been got into order you can get your birds and place in them at once, in order that they may get used to each other and to the cages. A good plan also is to put a nest-box for them to get used to. Of course, this will want a good cleaning again before the birds start to nest. If they should be fresh caught birds, it will be some time before they settle down and get used to their new surroundings; but by the time the breeding season comes round, no doubt, if properly cared for, they will be quite steady.

Breeding Facilities.

All kinds of British Birds now-a-days can be got cheaply; they are within the reach of all. And a cheap cage can soon and easily be made from a box; this will answer the purpose just as well as a fancy or expensive breeding cage. I know of one budding fancier who two years ago made such a cage and got three young Hybrids at the first time of asking, from a cock Linnet and hen Bullie, both of which were caught after Christmas. As luck would have it, however, they proved to be all hens, and the next year he lost the Bullie through feeding it entirely on hemp, with no green food or buds, which caused it to be egg-bound. He then turned up the game in disgust. No doubt others have done the same, when things have failed to go quite right.

The Art of Crossing.

Both Mule and Hybrid breeding require a lot of patience before one can obtain the desired object, and breed show specimens. I was recently asked if success could not be reached in the Muling line by using a rare-feathered bird, or an Albino Finch. My friend, the querist, is quite "gone" on this theory; he thinks this will be the quickest way to get to the goal, but I much doubt it. Anyway, he is going to give it a good trial, and if he should prove successful, I shall be able to speak of his experience in Cage Birds. I always like to hear of anyone starting out in a new line; if it should end in failure there is still something to be learned from the experiment. Once he had great faith in the Cheveral Goldfinch; he tried for years, but could not breed as light a Mule as from the ordinary Finch. His hens were "sib-bred," and of his own breeding, and hens out of the same nest were used for both Finches.

The Redpoll-Bullie Cross.

I should strongly advise any new beginner to try the Redpoll-Bullie cross. Both these birds can be got very cheaply, and if the breeder is successful a beautiful Hybrid will be the result. I have heard of one being bred this season in an aviary amongst other birds. If any one has an out-door aviary, I should strongly advise him to place several cocks to a few hens, in fact, he might have double the number of cocks, so that if one does not take the hen, another may.

I believe that in the case in question there were three cocks to one hen. When she called to pair, the Linnet took no notice, but the Redpoll acted at once. Even in a roomy cage you might use two cocks to one hen, one would encourage the other, and you might then stand a better chance.

I intend to try this plan myself this coming season, but I feel quite sure anyone would stand a great deal better chance in an outdoor aviary. Those who intend to go in for Hybrid breeding, should now lay in a stock of various kinds of berries, also the beech mast, and give them to the birds daily.

The Bramble-Chaffinch Cross.

Another cross I should advise anyone to try is the Bramble-Chaffinch. Young from this cross have been got, but I believe only in an aviary; I don't think they have been produced as yet in a cage. But I am open to correction. Then one might try the opposite way—the Chaffinch-Bramble. I have had Bramblefinch hens go to nest and lay and sit well. If you get any eggs in an aviary I should certainly leave them alone and let the mother deal with them, provided, of course, the other inmates do not interfere.

I was very pleased to read of two good light Siskin Mules being bred in Scotland; I should certainly advise trying the Siskin in various ways; that is, with Canaries and British birds.

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THE BREEDING AND EXHIBITING OF BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

By James Bulfield.

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During the show season a little egg food once a week may be given. If a bird is out of sorts a dose of from 10 to 15 drops of whiskey in the drinking water will set it right, if given for a few days.

Preparation of Show Birds.

Having made up your mind to show your birds, enter at a certain show, obtain a schedule from the secretary, and go carefully through the rules, in order to avoid making mistakes. Note what classes are provided for your breed (in this case Borders). Having done this, ascertain which of your birds is most likely to win. Thenceforward you must keep your eye on those birds until they are safely sent off to the show.

Run the birds into their show cages whenever you have a few minutes to spare. The steadier you can get your birds the greater chance they will have of catching the judge's eye. To my own knowledge, steady birds have beaten better ones than themselves, but which lacked their steadiness. Three or four days before the show give the birds a good wash, using three bowls of lukewarm water, the first for getting the dirt out, the others for rinsing. Use a fine badger-hair shaving brush, and be sure you get all the dirt out of the neck, which is always the worst part. When finished roll the bird in a strip of flannel, and place in the drying cage before a good fire. Before doing so, however, use a soft handkerchief to get as much moisture out of the feathers as possible. In a quarter of an hour the bird may be taken out of the flannel and put back in the drying cage, after which he will soon be seen on the perches preening his feathers.

Every day before the show lightly spray the bird. On the night before the show pack your birds securely, making sure that the labels are on their proper cages, also that they are properly addressed to the secretary of the show you have entered. Having handed over the birds to the tender care (or otherwise) of the railway company, you must possess your soul in patience until your birds return (with the coveted first and special, as the case may be).

Do not enter at too many shows, or both you and your birds will most likely suffer. Let me impress upon you, in conclusion, that the maxim, "What's worth doing at all is worth doing well," holds good here. If you follow it you will be well repaid by the pleasure your birds will afford you; they will impart to you some of their cheerfulness, and will help to pay the seed bill by bringing you a few cards and cheques.

The foregoing is written by one who, though he has only been a few years in the Fancy, has been fairly successful, which, after all, is what we are all striving for. Take your losses with a good heart, remembering that your birds are only a hobby after all.

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The Rise and Progress of my Foreign Bird Contingent.

By W. R. SMELLIE, M.A.

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A Name Boiled.

When Mr. Cutthroat decides to favour everyone in general, and his mate in particular, with a song, the effort is killing. He straightens himself up, beak in the air, and swells out his throat with the air and style of a professional; but the air and the style are the most of it. If a Budgerigar happens to be arguing with a Waxbill, about a piece of grass, nothing of the song is heard; but if all is quiet then a low crooning melody, containing about three low notes, can be distinguished.

The vocalist himself, however, is by no means displeased with the effort, and shows off to his hen and expresses his self-approbation at the end by a few spasmodic jerks, not unlike jumps, only the feet never leave the perch. His singing not only captivates his own hen, but it also brings an admiring hen Spice Bird to him. Her own mate, however, takes good care that she gets driven away.

About a fortnight ago the Cutthroats began house hunting, and every available husk was thoroughly inspected. The favoured spot, however, was a little bark hut, made after the pattern of one shown in one of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates, entitled "Desirable Aliens." After building a nest of rough grass, the hen laid two eggs, but she did not sit them, and is now beginning the husk inspection again, so that I am saying to myself "Better luck next time."

Cutthroats are very fine birds for an aviary. In fact, the only birds I have that I am displeased with are Love-birds, and I have decided that they have to go. There is no better hobby than aviculture, and a mixture of British and Foreign seed-eaters is my ideal.

Amusing the Birds.

The rough sketch will show how the birds are housed far better than the most elaborate word picture, but roughly speaking, the outside flight is 8ft. by 6ft. by 6ft., partly open all round, partly boarded, and they have a little open hole in the wall through which they can retreat to a part completely indoor. I have 21 foreigners and 30 Britishers and Canaries. The foreigners mostly all sleep outside; some e.g., the Cutthroats, in husks, Budgerigars and others on perches, and others in transformed travelling cages, nest boxes, and little bowers of twigs. All sleep in the boarded-in part, and are in the pink of robust health. (See last week's sketch).

I keep all food in the indoor part, so that all have to come in, beside where I sit, for their food. This device keeps them tame and confiding. I have hoppers of Canary, white millet, rape, teazle and hemp seeds, but the foreigners live mainly on the Canary and white millet. Over and above this in the outside flight I give them various tit-bits with the double purpose of amusing them, and keeping them in health. Occasionally, I suspend a few millet sprays from the roof by a string about three or four feet long. The foreigners fly at this and cling on to it, the force they come at it making it oscillate and twist about in a delightful manner. Some hang head down and some head up, and as the spray turns round all are shown to the best advantage, while the blending of the colours of the under-part of their bodies is exquisite, and is seldom seen except when the birds cling to the spray in this fashion. This gives them a slight change of diet, amuses them and amuses me.

I also throw mealworms to them and find that all the small foreigners, except the Mannikins, are very fond of them. They have great sport stealing them from each other, and they eat them in a way of their own. A Chaffinch gives the mealworm a nip on the head, swallows it and is ready for another just while you cough, but these little foreigners will run for five minutes with one squeezing and sucking at it till nothing but the dry skin is left, and it is then discarded.

A piece of cuttle-fish bone is another necessary, and it generally has some beak or other grinding and scraping at it. Again, all foreigners are passionately fond of grass in flower, and from a railway embankment close at hand I procure an endless variety of grasses, the seeds of which vary in size from the delicate, microscopic ones to seeds almost the size of corn. All are appreciated, eaten with avidity and revelled in.

Foreigners also relish dandelion heads, hardheads, thistle heads, chicken weed, shepherd's purse, lettuce, etc. The Budgerigars also would sell their own grandmother to get an old stale crust to gnaw occasionally, and it does to keep their powerful mandibles out of mischief.

Regarding the price of these foreigners, I may say that, excluding the Budgerigars, they cost on a average about 2s. to 2s. 6d. per pair, and considering their beauty and the pleasure they give, they are dirt cheap. How they can be trapped, fed, imported and retailed at that price, so as to leave a margin of profit, is a mystery to me.

Thus, the main facts to keep sight of are:—The birds are beautiful, interesting and cheap to buy; they are easy to feed and easy to keep. What then, is the logical conclusion to these premises? It is obvious. Everyone who has a spark of love of Nature or love of the beautiful ought to keep at least some of these lovely mites, and thereby provide himself with an interesting hobby and an inexhaustible fountain of pleasure and knowledge.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*An Unfortunate Blackbird.

Last March I was walking down the garden when I saw a hen Blackbird with a broken wing. I caught it and put it with a cock Thrush. In about three weeks the hen built a nest of straw and mud. She laid five eggs, and sat for four days, then forsook the nest. She built again but died before she laid.—Sent by NELLIE SUTTON (age 11), 2, Pleasant Cottages, High Street, Great Wakering, Essex.

**Jacob, a Dog, and Two Cats.

Some time ago my big brother seeing a little Ring Dove at a sale, bought it for his little girl. When he went into the house he asked: "What shall we call it?" She at once said: "Jacob," so that is how she got her name. In two years time my brother went away, and gave me the Dove. She soon became very tame, and one day I let her out of the cage in our house. Jacob did not try to get out of the room, so I thought it would be quite safe to let it out in the open and see what it would do. I did so; she did not fly away, so after that we always let her keep out in the garden until night, when she went herself into her cage. Jacob comes in the house when she likes, and she will eat off the same plate with a dog and two cats. If our cat has a piece of food, and Jacob wants it, she will go and get it away from her. I have taught the cats not to touch her, and so they agree together and never fight. She will sit on my shoulder as long as I like, and if I make her go she will show her temper by flapping her wings and making a noise, saying "Cock-a-loo." A few days ago a tramp, seeing Jacob, caught her and put her in his pocket, but my father who was at work near, went after him and took her from him.—Sent by WALTER NORMAN (14), Manor Lodge, Gt. Paxton, St. Neots, Hunts.

Good-Bye for Ever.

We have a Magpie and keep it in a large cage, but he is free to roam all over the house. One day he was perched against the door when a cat ran at him. He flew screeching and pecked viciously at the cat, who ran out of the house and never came in again.—HARRY SHAW (age 12), 16, Glover Road, Sheffield.

*My Little Joie.

Once I had a little bird and I called it Joie. I could do just what I liked with it. I could put my finger through its cage wires and it would twitter and fight and try to pick my finger. When we washed the cage we would hang it out in the sun, and Joie would look at you as if to say, "How delighted I am to be out here in this beautiful sun."

He sang most lovely, the best of all the birds we had. He was a Goldfinch Mule. We had it twelve years and one day father went to feed it and he found it was not very well. After a while the little bird had a fit, and died soon afterwards. We were very sorry, and now we miss it very much.—Sent by DORA BOSLEY (age 12), 5a, Broadlands Road, Portswood, Southampton.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

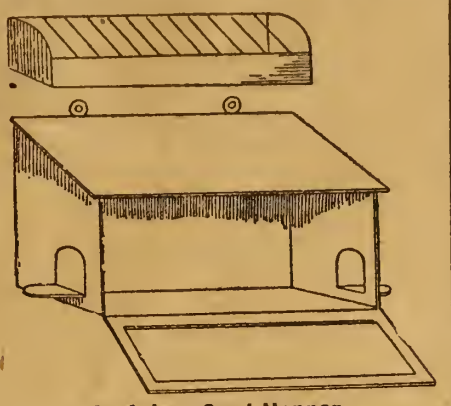
Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 163.

AN AVIARY SEED HOPPER.

Sent by W. Howard, 5, Elgin Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

I enclose a drawing of a seed-hopper, now in use in my aviary, which has been a great success so far. It holds a pound of seed, and it never allows the shells to be thrown out on the aviary floor, besides being the means



An Aviary Seed Hopper.

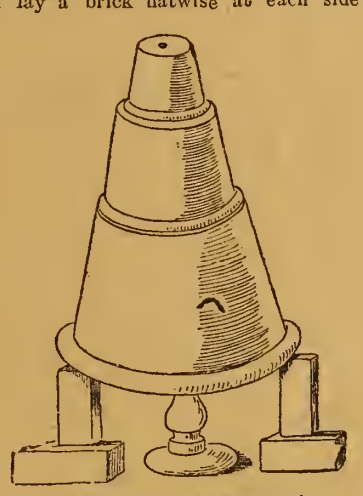
of stopping the birds from throwing the seed out, and so causing a lot of waste. The cost of the hopper to make is sixpence only: two penny boxes; glass for door, penny; one pair of hinges, two screw eyes, and two hooks, twopence halfpenny; one length of cage wire, halfpenny.—W. HOWARD.

No. 164.

A SIMPLE HEATING APPARATUS.

Sent by R. H. Harrison, 81, Trevor Terrace, North Shields.

I herewith send an idea to heat an outside birdhouse, and keep the frost out. Place on the floor of birdhouse a small oil lamp, and then lay a brick flatwise at each side and



Simple Heating Apparatus.

at the back. On top of these place two bricks edgewise; on these bricks place a 10in. flower pot, and then another on top of it a size smaller, and then another smaller on top again. Fill the top one with charcoal, to confine and purify the heat. Care must be taken to see the lamp does not smoke. In a short while the pot will get hot and fumes will be consumed by the charcoal.—R. keep the place at a good temperature. All H. HARRISON.

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WILD BIRD LIFE.

Moulting of the Mallard.

Some of the wild duck upon the pond have so far advanced in season that they are almost as gorgeous in colouring as they will be in the spring, and even now may frequently be seen mating. In the summer the Mallard loses all the beautiful sheen and brightness of plumage, and is hardly distinguishable from his sober-coloured wife; it is not an actual moult, for it is done without the loss of a feather. This change of dress takes place just prior to the moult, when he, like other water-fowl, casts the whole of the flight feathers at once, thus rendering him incapable of flight (which is the means of safety to most birds), but during the summer the food of the wild duck is plentiful, and he is able to live comfortably, and dabble about among the rushes and reeds while his flight feathers are growing. His mottle sober looking suit renders him almost unconspicuous, and he can do very well at this period without the power of flight, but later, when the wintry frost locks up the streams and ponds, where he has nested in safety, he will need those strong wings, for the Mallard wanders far in search of open waters and marshy mud-flats.

Where Birds Roost.

One sometimes wonders where the majority of our wild birds roost. It is well known the Sparrow will re-line an old nest to be used as a sleeping-place, and thus, it seems to me that the bird shows brain power considerably beyond many other species. But these cosy preparations for the winter are not made by all of them; country birds appear to be more careful in such matters than many town dwellers; possibly, overcrowding may have something to do with it. Many of our smaller birds would fail to pass the winter did they not take some precaution for warmth. A family of Blue Tits will crowd into an old nest or hole in a tree, or even in the centre of a thorn bush, which is also a favourite roosting site of the long-tailed Tit. The tiny Wren will occasionally chum with his fellows, and sleep snugly in a warm corner of a hayrick. The majority of birds no doubt roost out, the ivy round old trees in the woods giving shelter to many. One of the most interesting sights in wild bird life is to watch the feathered flocks settling down for the night. Choose the centre of a small wood an hour before sundown; if there are evergreens about watch them closely, for many birds will make use of them. The windy side of the copse is generally vacant, whilst the opposite side will be thickly tenanted upon rough nights.

Floating Birds.

It is generally thought that no birds but those that live along the sea coast are able to swim or even float upon the water, but instances have been recorded of such species as Crows and Herons floating for a short time, without any apparent inconvenience or fright. No doubt in cases of necessity other birds could do the same.

Roosting Wood Pigeons.

Wood Pigeons like to roost in company, like many other birds. A thick wood with tall trees appeals to them more than isolated places. Probably they are warmer, more sheltered from the wind, and generally safer than elsewhere. When retiring for the night they are exceedingly wary, they fly to the very topmost branches, where they sit for some time watching the surrounding country; they then flutter to the stouter branches, and settle down comfortably for the night.

Hawks and Pheasants.

It is contended by many Hawks only take the young, weakly Pheasants, thus preserving nature's method of the "survival of the fittest." One would like to think there were truth in this assertion, but it is doubtful if it should not be written the "survival of the quickest," for it is only the quick birds that get to cover first that are reared. Hawks differ considerably in the damage they do in the preserving fields. The place generally selected for the rearing of young Pheasants is a field facing the south or south-east, as plenty of sun is essential for their well-doing. This field is nearly always protected from rough winds by a wood or tall hedge, which unfortunately makes good cover for the enemies of the chicks. The bold Sparrow-hawk comes, without warning, drop over the hedge and pick up a chick before one is aware he is about. As a rule his visits are so regular that he generally falls a victim to his boldness. Occasionally a Kestrel departs from the straight path and becomes a stealer of game. When this is the case many birds will be lost before he is stopped, for he is much more cunning, and seldom comes from the same direction, nor at the same time.

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WANTED —continued.

WANTED Canaries, all kinds of birds, for cash, cheap; exchange Singer's medium sewing machine and cover; good working order; sell £1 10s.—Mrs. M. Kerins, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

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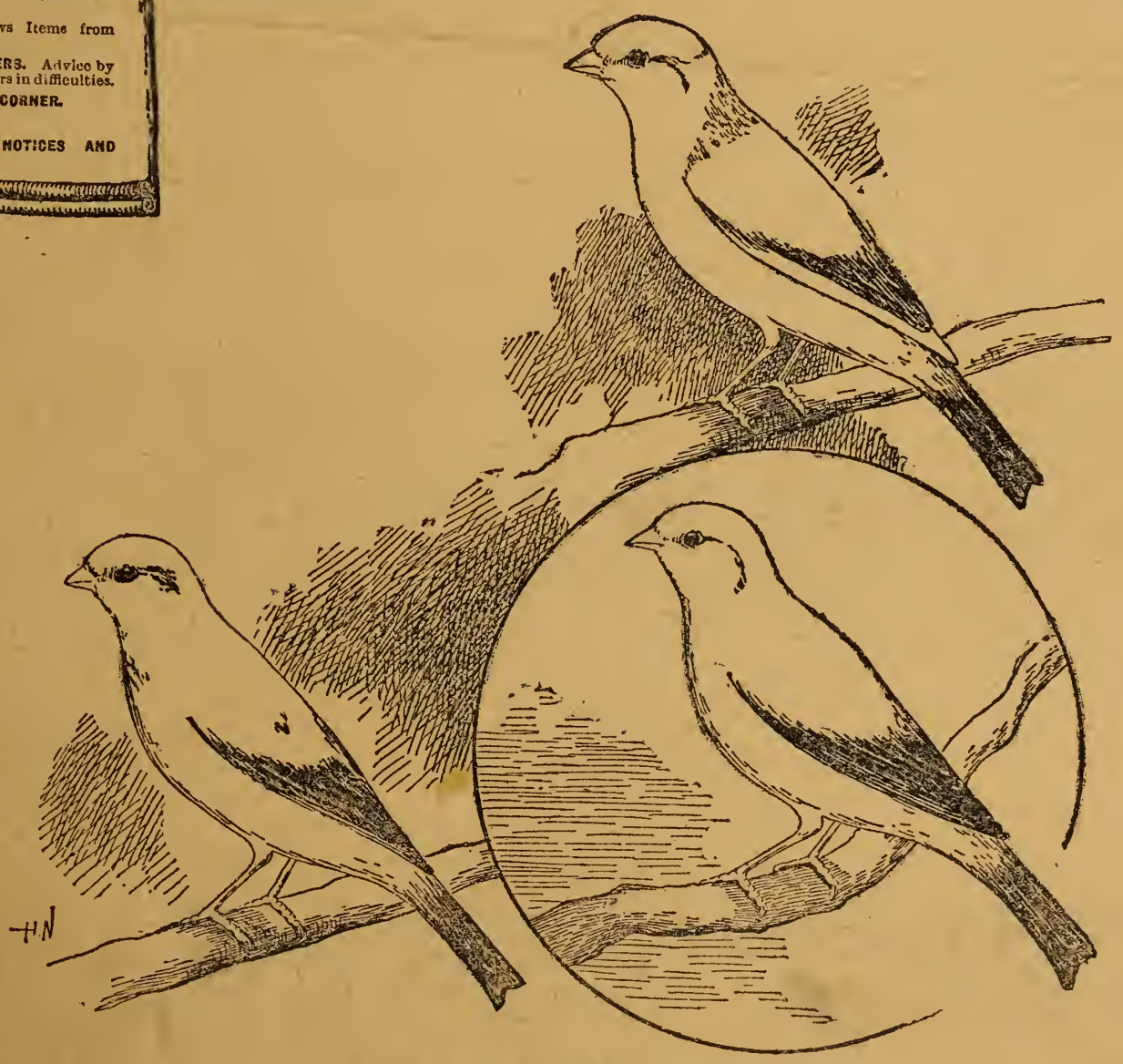
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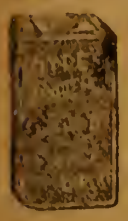
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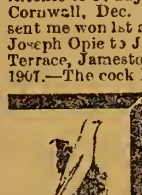
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WOLVERTON.

Several classes were provided for cage birds at the show held by the North Woolwich Fanciers' Society in the Three Crowns Music Hall on December 19th and 20th. Entries came up moderately, and, except in Norwich and British, the quality was nothing striking. Mr. A. E. Knight, the hon. sec., was most energetic and obliging, and he was well assisted by Messrs. Law, Bedwell, Howe, Wyatt, Battleday, Gill, Kelly, and Anderson. Mr. C. A. House judged. YORKS (4): 1, res, vhc, he, Anderson, nice show, non-fed yellow leading. NOR. (5): 2, spl, best bird in show, Kilby, very short, cobby, tight-feathered, grizzle-tailed yellow; 3, res, vhc, Marshall, stout, shapely yellow, a buff, and a yellow with broken tail, all birds of splendid quality and nice rich colour. BRITISH (8): 1, 2, 3, Marshall, very nicely-marked goldie, rich in colour, and in grand feather; 2nd, beautifully marked, rich-coloured Linnet; 3rd, large sound- [illegible] Greenfinch; res, David; vhc, Miss Bed- [illegible]; c: 2, 3, vhc, Marshall.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

The fourth annual show was held in the Town Band Club, Concert Room, on December 17th and 18th, with a total entry of 440. The Norwich classes were well patronised, and with Messrs. Bishop, Sandiford, Brookes, Cooper, Martin, Godley and several other noted exhibitors' birds on view, the quality was excellent. One of the principal features of the Wellingborough show was the number of Limit classes, and we noticed that in these particular classes, there were a good number of "Sold tickets" on the cages. The quality of the exhibits in the British bird classes was of a very high order, and this was what we quite expected, with the well-known brothers Howe on their native heath, with most of their champions on exhibition. The committee were ably led by the very capable and obliging Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Howe, and were well supported by his brothers, Mr. Martin, and other members of the Committee. Mr. W. Vardy awarded the prizes in the Canary and Mule classes, Mr. J. Goodall taking the British.

Mr. Vardy's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Bishop, 1st very warm member, good body, won Sandiford's cup for hottest bird in show; vhc, also good colour, rare size; 2, 3, Sandiford, teeming with quality, brilliant plumage; 4, Hodder, another smart bird; he, Coulson; c, Brooks. BUFF (9): 1, Bishop, perfect model, sound in colour, rare head and body properties; 2, Cook, typical body, winner of CAGE BIRDS 1st prize, very nice specimen, good colour and quality; 3, Sandiford, well made throughout, shows lovely meal, teeming with quality; 4, Coulson, one of the biggest in class, should make rare stock bird; vhc, Richardson; he, Mennard; c, Brooks. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Sandiford, ticked yellow, lovely bird, nice size, rare colour, full of quality; 2, and CAGE BIRDS 2nd prize, W. H. Howe, very smart yellow, of rare quality and feathered like wax; 3, and CAGE BIRDS 3rd prize, Brooks, marked buff, real model, of true Norwich properties; 4, Tyler, nice, lightly marked buff; vhc, Gilbert; he, Hodder; c, Coulson. HEN (14), a grand class: 1, Brooks, model buff, short in flights, typical body, good colour; 2, Sandiford, model yellow, short flights and tail, teeming with quality; 3, Coulson, yellow marked, of correct type; 4, Richardson, buff marked, of true Norwich properties; vhc, Hodder; he, Heighton; c, Hemming. UNFLIG. YELL. (14): 1, 2, Cooper, typical yellow, hard to find fault with, 2 rare colour, excellent head and body; 3, Hemming, smart, almost equal; 4, Lees, good one; vhc, Hodder; he, Belcher; c, Martin. BUFF (12): 1, Gilbert, rare quality, correct type throughout; 2, Bishop, very similar to 1st, must have been difficult to separate; 3, Richardson, rare colour, typical; 4, Mitchell, very nice bird; vhc, Lees; he, Harris; c, Hodder. TKD., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. (16): 1, Mitchell, varieg. bird, nice quality of feather; 2, Martin, grand ticked bird; 3, Leclair, good sized marked bird, of nice quality; 4, Bishop, grand head and body; vhc, Harris; he, Hodder; c, Hingley. BUFF (12): 1, Martin, grizzle headed bird, r stamp, excellent sweep of body; 2, Brown Bros., fine big marked bird, wonderful good short, thick neck, and broad shoulders; 3, Tyler, another marked, rare size and condition; 4, Davis, nicely made, good quality of feather; vhc, Cooper; he, Bishop; c, Lees. HEN UNFLIG. (15), a grand class, not a bad hen among them, several worthy of a first prize: 1, Sandiford, a picture, just the kind of yellow hen to breed a champion, short flights and tail, nice cobby body; 2, 3, Cook, model buff, and a very smart yellow, both typical birds; 4, Cooper, rare size for a yellow, excellent type; [illegible] Webb; he, Midgley; c, Hemming. NOR. YELL. (£3 limit) (16): 1, Keech, nice colour; excellent quality, should make good stock bird; 2, Priestley, nice colour, good head; 3, Bishop, excellent quality; 4, Packer, marked bird, good substance; vhc, Godley. BUFF (8): 1, Godley, rare stock bird, plenty of substance; 2, Webb, another fine big bird, right stamp for breeding purposes; 3, Packer, nicely moulded bird, good quality; 4, Leclair, similar to third; vhc, Draper; he, Keech; c, Billingham. CREST (11): 1, Cowperthwaite, clear body, nice oval D.C., of excellent formation; 2, Rose, clear body, grizzle crest, lovely quality; 3, King, marked bird, excellent veiny crest, good frontal and back, bit pinched on side; 4, Peters, green, very heavy crest of nice formation, abundance of body feather; vhc, Rose; he, Turner; c, Hall Bros. CREST-BRED (9): 1, King, green, with rare broad head, very heavily browed; 2, Hall Bros., good broad head, plenty of feather of right kind; 3, Rose, green, well browed; 4, Bloomfield, another excellent green, correct type of head; vhc, Fellows; he, Turner; c, Titanus. CINNAMON (12): 1, 3, 4, Godley, trio of good ones from this well-known firm, rich colour, good Norwich type; 2, Mrs. Howe, excellent colour, correct type, won Hyde's spl; vhc, e, Ingram; he, Brown. YORKS. CL (6): 1, 2, Harris, pair of real Yorks., 1st yellow, rare wings and tail, grand pair of legs, stands well, 2nd buff of equal merit; 3, he, Martin, smart, well drawn bird, nice quality; 4, Ingram, another smart bird, good quality; vhc, Oldcorn. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, Harris, 1st lovely ticked yellow, splendid position, good length, very straight and clean on breast, 2, buff, good position, excels in head, nicely drawn body; 3, 4, Martin, nice length, slim bird, good position; 4, similar, well filled in at neck; vhc, Oldcorn. NOR. CK. £3 (7): 1, Mitchell, excellent made buff, good head, short flights and tail; 2, vhc, Keech, rare big yellow of lovely colour and full of quality; 3, Gentle, well made buff, correct Norwich type; 4, Winstone, marked yell.; he, Howe; c, Watts. £1 (13): 1, Muddiman, cheap ticked buff, cracky claimed; 2, Mitchell, excellent yellow, also claimed; 3, Packer, another smart yellow; 4, Wilson; vhc, Ison; he, Keech; c, Charlesworth. HEN £1 (11): 1, Muddiman, well made buff, plenty of substance, claimed; 2, Hunt, very nice yellow, of good quality, also claimed; 3, Turner; 4, Gentle; vhc, Midgley; he, Packer; c, Godley. VAR. CLASS £3 (6): 1, Crooker, very nice green Crest, good shape and quality; 2, Hunt, four-pointed Goldfinch Mule, nice size and quality; 3, Leigh, very good Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid; 4, Godley; vhc, Howe; he, Cork. £1 10s. (13): 1, R. J. Howe, good coloured Greenfinch mule; 2, Cowperthwaite, very nice evenly marked Crest; 3, Godley, very good buff Cinn.; 4, Richardson; vhc, Peters; he, Proctor; c, Longden. 12/6 (22): 1, Godley, nice cheap Cinn.; 2, Belcher; 3, Garner; 4, Smith; vhc, Midgley; he, Smith; c, Hunt. SELL. 5/- (12): 1, c, R. J. Howe, Nuthatch; 2, Holmes, Norwich; 3, Belcher, Yorks.; 4, Midgley; vhc, Charlesworth; he, Howe. MULES, ETC. (10): 1, Leigh, very fine Greenfinch mule, rare colour and size, in prime form; 2, Coffey, fine coloured Goldfinch mule, extra good blaze and bars; 3, Jeffreys, pretty Siskin mule, well marked; 4, Hingley, Redpoll mule, very smart, nice colour; vhc, Cook; he, Godfrey; c, Andrews. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NORWICH (8): 1, Martin, clear buff, lovely quality; 2, c, W. H. Howe, excellent ticked buff, correct type; 3, Martin, marked yellow, rare stamp, excels in head and colour; 4, Charlesworth, big marked buff; vhc, he, Martin. 1907 (9): 1, 2, c, W. H. Howe, 1, very fine clear yell., excellent head and body, easy win, 2 marked buff; 3, 4, vhc, Martin, 3 very nice wing marked yellow, correct type, 4 good made buff; he, Belcher. HEN (9): 1, he, c, W. H. Howe, winner very nice smart typical bird; 2, Belcher, good big bird; 3, Smith, smart yellow; 4, vhc, Martin, a nice made buff. NON-FED (4): 1, 2, Martin, buff and yellow, nice shape; 3, 4, Olney, yellow and buff, both nice quality birds. VAR. CAN. (6): 1, 2, Martin, capital yellow Yorks., good position, correct length, 2 very nice Chin., good colour; 3, vhc, Freeman, nice buff Yorks.; 4, Charlesworth, another nice Yorks. NOVICE CLASS (3): 1, 2, Olney, couple very good Nor. MULE (6): 1, 3, 4, Martin, winner very nice six-pointed Goldfinch mule, 3, capital Greenfinch mule, good colour, 4 large buff, Siskin mule; 2, he, Howe, lovely Siskin-Canary, rich plumage; vhc, Olney.

Mr. Goodall's Classes.

GOLDFINCH, strong class of 16, several grand birds among them: 1, Paor, gem, full of bloom, lovely rich square blaze, very steady; 2, Hurst, another good Finch, rare size and body colour; 3, Andrews, very smart Finch, slimmer built, excellent blaze; 4, Swingler and Blackwell, another smart bird; vhc, he, Mays; c, Tyler, No. 6 Rollin and Alton among the best in class. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Nicholas, very fine, large bird, rich colour, well formed cap, some doubted its nationality; 2, Woods, excellent shape, rich colour, nice cap; 3, R. J. Howe, large, nice colour; 4, Jupe, good size and shape; vhc, Walsh; he, Mays; c, Hurst. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Hurst, rare size, fed bird, full of bloom; 3, Coffey, lovely colour, excellent wing bars; 3, R. J. Howe, large bird, teeming with quality; 4, Quantrell, smart bird of natural colour; vhc, Howe; he, Godfrey; c, Garrod. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, R. J. Howe, Chaffinch, brilliant plumage, rare size; 2, Prior very handsome Bramble, non-fed; 3, Withers, Chaffinch, rich colour; 4, Howe, another very fine Chaffinch, full of bloom; vhc, Mays; he, Walsh; c, Coffey. LINNET, strong class of 13, several champions here: 1, Walsh, rare size and colour, and grandly marked; 2, Prior, grand in colour and markings; 3, Jeffrys, yet another lovely rich nutty-brown bird, rare bloom; 4, Nicholas, another gem for colour and markings; vhc, Hurst; he, Howe; c, Hunt. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, Coffey, Lesser Redpoll, rare size, grand colour, nice bill and lacing; 2, Prior, nice Twite; 3, Jeffrys, fed Siskin of rich colour, with good cap; 4, Longden, rich coloured Twite; vhc, Heighton; he, Andrews; c, Walsh. VAR. FINCH, ETC. (8): Hurst, very fine Bawfinch, in grand fettle, rare jet bib, nicely shaped; 2, Nicholas, lovely Yellowhammer, excellent colour correct markings; 3, Swingler and Blackwell, good Hawfinch; 4, Hunt, excellently coloured Yellowhammer; vhc, Prior; he, Walsh; c, Carter. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (6): Here Mr. R. J. Howe made a clean sweep with his well-known champions: 1, jet black Blackbird, in prime condition, 2 equally good Thrush, 3, equally good Starling, shines like satin, and 4 another good Blackbird; vhc, Prole; he, Mays; SMALL BRIT. (8): 1, 2, 3, R. J. Howe, 1 one of the smartest Wagtails we have seen, 2 an equally good Nightingale, and 3, Treecreeper in excellent condition; 4, Shirley, excellent Tree Pipit; vhc, Withers; he, Ringley; c, Mays. LARGE (including Albinos) (8): 1, 2, R. J. Howe, 1 very rare Redshank, in grand fettle, 2 very good Great Grey Shrike; 3, Johnson, excellent Magpie; 4, Turner, good White Blackbird; vhc, c, R. J. Howe; he, Mrs. Howe. HEN BRIT. (13): 1, 3, Withers Bros., good Wagtail, and Bearded Tit, in excellent condition; 2, Castree, capital Ring Ousel; 4, Howe, Bullfinch; vhc, Hunt; he, Hingley, Philpott. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, F. Howe, winners lovely pair of yellow Budgerigars, Waxbills, Nutmeg Finches, and Scarlet Tanager, all in excellent condition. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—SMALL BRIT. (9): 1, R. J. Howe, excellent Treecreeper; 2, vhc, Summers, very nice Redstart; 3, W. Howe, good coloured Chaffinch; 4, vhc, Martin, Bearded Tit, in good feather; c, W. Howe. LARGE (3): 1, W. Howe, rare spotted Woodpecker; 2, Martin, nice Hawfinch; 3, Martin, nice Blackbird. FOR. (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, he, F. Howe, winner well-known King Parrot, in grand plumage; 2, excellent Diamond Finches; 3 c, Martin, Waxbills.

DIPTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second members' show was held on Dec. 7, at the Council Schools, Dipton. The biscuit bowl, presented by Mr. Brown for the best novice bird, went to Mr. E. Slater. Another special, from the same donor, and presented for the best bird in show, was won by Messrs. Stanger and Herdman. The numbers of the winning Canaries were, 284, 203, and 308. The secretary is Mr. Matt. Mason, who deserves every credit for the able management of the show. Mr. A. Brown judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Mosley; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Blyth; 4, Snaith; vhc, Fletcher. TICK., ETC. (9): 1, Smith; 2, Humphrey; 3, Snell; 4, Gladders; vhc, Stanger and Herdman. CL. BUFF (11): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Slater; 3, Westgarth; 4, Mason; vhc, Humphrey. TICK., ETC. (8): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Humphrey; 3, Mosley; 4, Smith; vhc, Atkinson Bros. HEN YELL. CL., ETC. (10): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Slater; 3, Mason; 4, Williams; vhc, Humphrey. BUFF CL., ETC. (17): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Slater; 3, Mosley; 4, Humphrey; vhc, Snell. NAT. COL. TICK., ETC., CK. (4): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Humphrey; 3, Mosley; vhc, Best. HEN (3): 1, Mosley; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Best. YORKS. TICK., ETC. (colour-fed) CK. (6): 1, 4, Fletcher; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Bell; vhc, Taylor. HEN (5): 1, 2, Bell; 3, 4, Fletcher. TICK., ETC., NAT. COL. CK. (2): 1, Blythe; 2, McGurk. HEN (2): Stanger and Herdman; 2, Blythe. CREST CK. (5): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Greener and Moore; 3, vhc, Hodgson; 4, Blythe. HEN (4): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, 4, Greener and Moore; 3, Smith. C B. CK. (4): 1, 2, Stanger and Herdman; 3, Greener and Moore; 4, Smith. HEN (3): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Greener and Moore; 3, Hodgson. LINNET (house-moulted) (7): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Westgarth; 3, Williams; 4, Taylor; vhc, Stobbs. DO. (not house-moulted) (7): 1, Fletcher; 2, Snell; 3, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Greener and Moore; vhc, Slater. BRIT. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Taylor; 2, Mason; 3, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Humphrey; 2, 4, Harker; 3, Mason; vhc, Bell. FOR. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, vhc, McGurk; 2, Slater; 3, Snell; 4, Humphrey. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, Humphrey; 2, 4, Mason; 3, Slater. MULE (10): 1, Snell; 2, Harker; 3, Mason; 4, Stanger and Herdman; vhc, Atkinson Bros. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Hodgson; 3, Mason. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, Smith; 2, Mason; 3, Thompson; 4, Slater; vhc, Lewins. SELL. CAN. 10/- (10): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Snell; 3, vhc, Hodgson; 4, Atkinson Bros.; BORD. YELL. TICK, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, 3, Snell; 4, Lewins; vhc, Mosley. BUFF (3): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Snell; 3, Lewins. HEN YELL. TICK., ETC. (6): 1, 3, Snell; 2, Stanger and Herdman; 4, Lewins; vhc, Mosley. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Snell. GIFT (3): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Smith; 3, Atkinson Bros.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

This young society held its first show on December 21st, in the Co-operative Hall, a room well adapted for the purpose, plenty of light and space. Entries came up fairly well, and a number of grand specimens were staged. Mr. Nicholson makes an admirable secretary and had things well in hand, the management being first-class. With such a secretary and willing, hard-working committee, we see no reason why this society should not have a highly successful career. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. CL. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, spl, Cuthbertson, good position, colour and style, neat head, smooth feather; 2, Wilson, nice length and shape, good wings and tail, fine in quality; 3, Wilkinson, good feather and colour, nice slim bird; vhc, he, Cooper; c, Ferguson. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Rhodes, good position, capital feather, grand wing carriage, wins; 2, Cuthbertson, grand shape and carriage, fine type, trifle loose at thighs, or would have won; 3, Wilkinson, neat head and wings, fine feather and length; vhc, he, Radley; c, Hewson. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, Barnwell, check ticked, fine length, capital feather, well carried wings, in fine condition; 2, 3, spl, Wilson, leader cap ticked buff, not big, but grand, a regular swell, nice head wings and tail, lovely feather, well staged third, wing and neck ticked yellow, fine shape and wing carriage; vhc, Cuthbertson; he, Radley; c, Rhodes. HEN (8): 1, spl, Rhodes, yellow ticked, nice shape, style, carries itself grandly, well up on leg, capital feather, grand hen; 2, Radley, another yellow, nice style and quality, well drawn; 3, Wilson, long, fine shape, full of quality; vhc, c, Cuthbertson; he, Barnwell. CL. YELL. NORWICH (8): 1, 2, spl, Godley, leader, fine shape, good head, chest and wing carriage, 2nd fine head, not so tight in feather, both well staged; 3, Harland, nice head capital colour and quality; vhc, Grey; he, Howe, stiff on one leg, or would have been in the money; c, Stead. BUFF (7): 1, spl, vhc, Godley, 1st lovely quality colour and meal, rich under-colour, grand type, well shown; 2, Harland, good head, fine chest quality and carriage; 3, Grey, stout built bird of good quality, bit soft, or might have gone up; he, c, Shenton. TKD., ETC. (11): 1, spl, vhc, Grey, leader yellow varieg., fine substance for a yellow, good head, neat wing carriage, fine quality; vhc, variegated buff of good size and quality; 2, Harland, cap marked buff, good type feather and carriage; 3, Howe, thigh ticked yellow, lovely quality and type, neat head and wings and tail, close up; he, c, Houghton. HEN (8): 1, Harland, fine shape and size, compact and well-built fine hen for a yellow; 2, Godley, grand all-round clear buff, lovely shape and feather, well over perch, capital wing carriage; 3, Fenwick, wing ticked, good type, fine chest, capital quality, close up; vhc, Grey; he, Stead; c, Howe. CREST (11): 1, he, Godley, leader well known wing marked dark crest, in fine order, well arranged, heavy feathered crest, neat centre, wins somewhat easy; 2, 3, spl, Armstrong, leader neat all-round crest, not so dense in feather as leader, still, a nice one, 3rd clear body, nice veiny crest, neat and well arranged, extra neat; vhc, Beswick; c, Hands. CREST-BRED (7): 1, Godley, well-known, nearly green, well lashed over eyes, grand dense head feather, fine massive body, heaps of feather, a good one; 2, Hutchinson, light marked, good cushioned head, fine head feather, dense; 3, Bewick, good, dome-shaped head, plenty of feather, good entrance; vhc, Hands; he, Armstrong; c, Almond. CINNAMON (8): 1, 2, and spl, Godley, leader big, massive yellow, sound colour, fine feather and shape, 2nd a buff, close on heels of 1st, grand size, colour feather and finish; 3, Riseborough, good-shaped buff, fine size, colour and shape; vhc, Fenwick; he, Bewick; c, Robinson and Dixon. BORD. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Rowell, typical, neat and natty wings, well braced, in fine trim; 2, he, Hopper Bros., nice shape and carriage, jaunty in carriage, close up; 3, Rowell, another lively little fellow, in capital condition, feathers as tight as wax; vhc, c, Hudgaith and Scarlsby. BUFF (9): 1, Rowell, lovely quality and carriage, takes perches grandly, wing well braced, neat head; 2, Nicholson, similar in most respects to 1st, shade stouter, perhaps, but still a grand one, takes Hyde's special; 3, Hawkins, neat type and swagger, just beaten in tightness of feather, worth its place; vhc, Smart; he, Hopper Bros.; c, Bowen. MKD. (13): 1, Rowell, ticked on cheek, a buff, smooth as glass, fine shape and condition, clever win; 2, Smart, lovely quality and carriage, close race; 3, vhc, Hopper Bros., lovely condition, typical; he, Hawkins; c, Toy. PAIRS (11): 1, Armstrong, good crest pair; 2, he, Godley, leaders grand pair of Cinnamons, latter nice Plainhead Norwich; 3, Cuthbertson, grand pair of Yorkshires; vhc, Hampshire; nice Lizards; c, Fenwick, Crests. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Riseborough, fine Lancashire Plainhead, grand size, good skull, 2nd good, well spangled Lizard; 3, vhc, Hampshire, nice Lizard, beaten size and tail. HYBRIDS (3): 1, 2, Maddison, yellow marked Goldfinch and Canary leading, nice markings, 2nd buff, light marked, nice condition; 3, Hutchinson, variegated Linnet and Canary, nice order; vhc, Nicholson. LINNET (7): 1, spl, best in mule and Brit classes, Magic, fine stout built bird, full of good markings, in the best of condition, easy win; 2, Toward and Aters, good in shape, grand markings and condition; 3, Neasham, nice nutty colour, district in markings, good third; vhc, Bowron and Kimmings; he, c, Dunn. A.O.V. FINCH (9): 1, he, Taylor, leader nice, smart Bramble, well laced and as hard as nails, very steady; 2, Fenwick, Hawfinch, good colours and size, fair condition; 3, Bowron and Kimmings, nice Goldfinch, neat bars and buttons, fair face, will improve; vhc, c, French. SELL. 20/- (14): 1, Toward and Aters; 2, Barnwell; 3, Godley; vhc, Mrs. Woodhouse; he, Lackey; c, Selwood. SELL. 10/- (9): 1, Godley; 2, Neasham; 3, Selwood; vhc, Tankard; he, Lackey; c, Riseborough. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Reed; 2, Toy; 3, Marwood; vhc, Hill. BUFF (7): 1, 3, vhc, Reed; 2, Toy; he, c, Marwood. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, vhc, c, French; 3, Dobson; he, Mitchinson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, vhc, French; 3, Mitchinson; he, c, Dobson. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Nicholson; vhc, Cockerill; he, Toy. BUFF (6): 1, 3, he, 2, Cockerill; vhc, c, Harrison. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1 2, vhc, Toy; 3, Hills. MULE (4): 1, French; 2, Hills; 3, Nicholson; vhc, Toy. LINNET (7): 1, he, Mitchinson; 2, Toy; 3, c, Chambers; vhc, Nicholson. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, 2, French; 3, he, Hills; vhc, Chambers; c, Reed.

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PORTH.

The first show of the Porth and Dist. C.B.S. was held on December 12th, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms—a building quite free from draughts, but, unfortunately, somewhat low ceilinged, with no top lights. We heard, however, that there is a probability of the room being reconstructed before another year's show. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were well cared for by a most ardent and thoroughly enthusiastic body of genuine fanciers, who seemed to vie with each other in the amount of work they could put in. The quality was first-class, but the entries in some classes were rather low, no doubt owing to the clashing of show dates in the Principality. Taken on the whole, the entry throughout for a first venture must be regarded as a satisfactory one. Mr. Nicholas put down a grand team of Britishers, and captured the bowl for most points. The members' classes were well filled, and contained many excellent specimens. Mr. Challenger fulfilled the onerous duties of Hon. Secretary, and, considering this was his initial venture, we think he did remarkably well, as he had everything well in hand, and withal was courteous and tactful. We think in the near future this fixture will be one of the leading ones in South Wales. Mr. J. H. Payne judged the Canaries, and Mr. J. B. Evans British, Foreign and Mules.

Mr. Payne's Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Tristem, beautiful colour, well extended down flights and tail, full of quality, good wing carriage, neat head; 2, Love, good shape, high colour and quality; 3, Eynon, nice head and neck, good feather and quality; 4, vhc, Hobbs, lovely feather and colour. BUFF (7): 1, spl, D. Jenkin, magnificent quality and colour, good shape, nice flights and tail, in fine form; 2, G. S. Jones, good shape, nice head and neck, level back; 3, Slocombe, unflig., grand feather and colour, neat; 4, Lewis and Dymond, nice shape, good under-colour, well mealed; vhc, Love; hc, c, Hobbs. YELL. TKD., ETC. (1): 2, spl, Houghton, head and eye marked, nice shape, colour and quality, good wings and tail, nice exhibit. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Houghton, marked head, neck and wings, grand colour, full of quality, nice shape, in grand order; 2, Eynon, grizzled head, shapely, short flights and tail, profusely mealed; 3, 4, J. Jenkins, neck ticked, nat. col., good shape and feather, good wide back, neat wings, 4 mkd. head, back and wings; vhc, Hobbs. UNFLIG. (9): 1, spl, Tristem, cl. yell., grand, rich, level colour, nice shape, rare head, good back, short flights; 2, Lewis and Dymond, cl. buff, grand shape, gets well across perch, short, well packed flights and tail; 3, Houghton, mkd. neck, right eye, and left wing, nice colour and quality, shapely; 4, G. S. Jones, cl. yell, good feather, shape and quality; vhc, Eynon; hc, Slocombe; c, J. Jenkins. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, spl, 2, Lewis and Dymond, crest of good frontal and droop, nicely radiated, 2 pied tail, crest-bred, nice skull, body and head; 3, 4, Roylance, Crest, nice veiny feather, good droop; 4, yell. crest-bred, nice shaped skull, good rise over beak; vhc, Mason. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Smith, slim built, good stand, grand quality of feather, nice back, wings and tail; 2, Tippins, good length and stand, nice position; 3, Rees, good stand; No. 4, wrong class, ticked on thigh. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Smith, straight as a rush, stands well, grand quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Gregory, fine stand, good feather, grand wings and tail, neat head; 3, Griffiths Bros., good length and position, lovely colour and quality of feather, grand back; 4, Harrington, nice feather and quality, neat tail, good stand; vhc, Cross; hc, D. Jones; c, Williams. YELL. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, spl, Keegan, head and neck mkd. yell., grand feather, colour and quality, straight as a pencil, full of style, well-known winner; 2 (No name), wing mkd., grand feather, slim built, good position; 3, D. Jones, wing ticked, good length and position. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Lovell, neck ticked, smooth as a glass bottle, grand position, wings and tail closely folded; 2, Smith, grizzled on head, slim and straight, nice feather and quality; 3, Baker, lengthy, good position, hot colour; 4 (No name), neck ticked, slim and good position; vhc, Harrington. UNFLIG. (13): 1, spl, Shearn and Owen, slashing yell., slim built, good length, nice colour and quality, well braced wings, nice pipe tail, Bristol bowl winner; 2, Baker, yell. good quality, well up on leg, straight as a rush, smooth on chest; 3, Lovell, ticked on back, grand feather and quality, stylish, nice, neat tail, buff; 4, D. Jones, buff, nice feather and quality, stands well, good wings and tail; vhc, Smith; hc, Cross; c, Gregory. SCOTS FCY., ETC. (5): 1, spl, 3, J. H. Jones, well-known buff Scots hen, looking well, often commented on, 3 buff piebald, nice shoulders, head and neck, very nervy; 2, Longden, yell., good top end, gets tail well under, nice head depression, very quick in position; 4, vhc, Andrews, buff, grand shoulders, good length of side. BORD. CL. (11): 1, spl, D. Jenkins, buff, lovely feather, shape and style, neat wings and tail, jaunty carriage, clean as a new pin, 2 yell., grand colour, shape and feather, good carriage, neat tail and wings; 3, Taylor, buff, grand shape and feather, nice carriage, short wings and tail; 4, Rees, yell., grand feather, nice wings and tail, neat head, good shape; vhc, hc, c, E. M. Evans. BORD. A.O.V. (9): 1, spl, D. Jenkins, buff mkd. head and wings, tight as boxwood, beautiful quality, nice shape and carriage, grandly shown; 2, 4, vhc, Hocking, jonque green, grand colour, nice shape, close feather, 4 four-pointed buff, good shape and feather; 3, hc, E. M. Evans, mkd. on head, nice colour, good feather and shape, neat wings and tail; c, Rees. A.O.V. (1): 3, spl, B. Davies, buff cinn., good size and shape. SELL. 2/6 (9): 1, spl, Longden, good, cheap pair Scots; 2, Wilkins, smart pair of Yorks.; 3, Eynon, Nor. of good colour; 4, Roylance; vhc, c, McIuish; hc, P. Jenkins and Son. 10/6 (13): 1, spl, Griffiths Bros., good, cheap, yell. Yorks.; 2, Longden, cheap yell. pied Scots; 3, Edwards; 4 (No name); vhc, Jenkins; hc, Thorne; c, Wilkins. LOCAL CLASSES:—NOR. COL. FED (9): 1, spl, R. Williams, eye ticked buff, grand quality and colour, nice size and shape, good wings and tail, nice exhibit; 2, Hobbs, good shaped clear yell.; 3, 4, hc, c, Llewellyn and Howells, grizzle cap, good shape, short flights and tail, 4 neck and wing mkd. yell., grand colour and shape; vhc, J. Davies. NON-FED (4): 1, spl, T. Evans, buff, grizzled on head, nice shape and well feathered, good wing and tail, honest colour; 2, Sheppard, good shape and feather, nice back, head and neck; 3, Legg. YORKS. COL. FED (9): 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, Challenger, nice team, winner slim built grand feather and position, good flights and tail, 2 yell., stands well up, nice length; 3, Jelley, buff, grand colour and feather, nice pipe tail, good quality; 4 (No name), good length, full of style, nice position. NON-FED (19): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Bishop, winner yell., mkd. cheeks and wings, slim built, straight as a rush, grand feather, 4 wing and eye mkd. yell, nice stand, good feather and quality; 2, J. Jones, thigh ticked buff, stands well, nice head, flights and tail; 3, c, Pratt, yell., good length, nice wings and tail, stands well. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, 2, Jelley, nice Silver Lizards, good colour; 3, McLucas.

Mr. Evans's Classes.

CAN. MULE CL., ETC. (7): 1, spl, Leigh, eye and wing ticked yell., good size, shape and colour, well shown; 2, Lewis and Dymond, mkd. head and wings, lovely feather and quality, in grand trim; 3, Cause, yell., heavily mkd., good shape and colour; 4, Rees, buff variegs., nicely feathered; vhc, Hocking; hc, Norton. DK. (12): 1, spl, 3, Leigh, jonque Greenfinch Canary, fine size, superb shape, colour and feather, put down in the pink; 2nd, yellow Siskin, good size feather, colour and markings; 2, c, Lewis and Dymond, jonque Goldfinch, good size, rich body colour, well burnished; 4, vhc, R. W. Jones, jonque Linnet, grand colour and feather, well pencilled; hc, Serine. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, spl, Leigh, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, grand one for size shape feather and markings, in good condition; 2, vhc, Nicholas, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice feather and colour; 3, hc, SmaBridge, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, good shape and feather, bars well defined, rich colour; 4, Shearn and Owen, Linnet-Bullie, nice feather and colour. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, spl, 2, hc, Lewis and Dymond, winner grand squareness and expanse of blaze, rich colour, good tanning on chest, well-known winner, 2 nice bars and buttons, good tanning, nice blaze; 3, vhc, Nicholas, grand tanning on chest, good back, bars and buttons, will improve; 4, Prosser, grand feather, nice tanning and bars; c, Norton. BULLFINCH (13): 1, spl, 4, Nicholas, magnificent breast colour, nice shape, well-cut, lustrous cap, clearly defined wing bars, Bristol winner, 4 good breast colour; 2, Russell, nice cap and wing bars, good shape; 3, vhc, Norton, grand cap, nice bars, and feather; hc, Bradburn; c G. S. Jones. GREENFINCH (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Nicholas, grand team, jonque, good size colour, feather, leading, second well-known buff "Silver King" looking well, 3 jonque, grand feather, nice colour; 4, Serine, feathered to perfection, nice wing bars; vhc, Shearn and Owen; hc, Norton; c, Arnold. LINNET (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Nicholas, good team, winner excels in depth and solidness of colour on sides and breast, grandly pencilled in good feather, 2 beautiful whites in wings, well pencilled, good shape, 3 nice back and colour; 4, Thomas, nicely feathered, pencilling good; vhc, Lewis and Dymond; hc, Taylor; c, Norton. SISKIN REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, spl, 4, Nicholas, Redpoll, real gem for feather, size, shape and bib, well mkd.; 2, Longden, well mkd., good coloured markings, in grand colour, 4 Redpoll, good size, nice Twite, in lovely condition; 3, Scribe, Siskin, good cap and colour, well mkd. at thighs; vhc, Russell; hc, Arnold; c, Llewellyn and Howells. HARDBIL (11): 1, spl, Nicholas, Yellowbunting, beautiful head and cheek markings, grand colour and feather, shown to perfection; 2, 3, Lewis and Dymond, Corn bunting, good colour, well mkd., 3 Hawfinch, good bib, nice feather; 4, Pearce, grand Snowbunting, beautifully feathered, well mkd.; vhc, Norton; hc, Arnold; c, W. Williams. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Rowlands, Blackbird, grand coloured body, good shape, nice bill and eye ecre; 2, Castrec, Ring Ousel, nice crescent, good feather and shape; 3, A. I. Jones, Starling, grandly spangled, nice feather; 4, Arnold, well spotted, good feathered Song Thrush; vhc, Johnson. A.O.S. (2): 1, spl, A. I. Jones, Cornish Chough, shines like satin, grand bill and legs, in best of form; 2, Nicholas, Bearded Tit, nice feather, a hen. FOR SMALL (6): 1, spl, 2, Thorne, grand coloured Scarlet Tanager, nice feather, good one; 3, Lovell, "Superb," nice colour and body feather. LARGE (2): 1, spl, H. S. Davies, well-known King Parrot, not looking quite so well; 2, J. J. Lewis, nice feathered Amazon Parrot. LOCAL CLASSES:—GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, Woodall, nice blaze good bars and buttons, well tanned chest; 2 Thomas, large blaze, good cheeks and tanning; 3, Arnold, good feather, nice bars and buttons; 4, Nash, close up; vhc, J. Jones; hc, Kent; c, Morgan. A.S. BRIT (9): 1, spl, hc, Sheppard, Greenfinch, capital bars, nice feather; 2, Arnold, Redstart, in good feather; 3, vhc, Gilbert, nicely pencilled Linnet; 4, McLucas, Bullfinch, nice colour, cap and bars; c, Legg. CAN. MULE: 1, spl, 4, Gilbert, lightly mkd. Goldfinch Canary, nice colour d wings; 2, J. Williams; 3, J. Davies; vhc, Woodall; hc, Metcalfe; c, Hobbs. CIFT: 1, spl, Jelley; 2, Challenger; 3, Price (Miss); 4, Bishop; vhc, Wilkins.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The annual members' show was held in the club rooms, off John-street, on December 14th. There was a splendid show of Canaries and Mules. A good number of fanciers attended during the afternoon and evening. Mr. John Naden (Rochdale) judged, and placed the birds as follows:—

CL. YELL. COPPY: 1, spl, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, West; 2, 3, spl, Butterworth. YELL. P.H.: 1, spl, Butterworth; 2, Entwistle. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Walton; 2, Whitehead; 4, Butterworth. TICK YELL. COPPY: 1, spl, Adams; 2, Butterworth; 3 Entwistle; 4, vhc, Whitehead. BUFF: 1, spl, Hordern; 2, Butterworth; 3, Turner. YELL. P.H.: 1, spl, Turner. BUFF: 1, spl, Adams; 2, West; 3, Entwistle; 4, Turner. CL. CAP GOLD LIZ.: 1, spl Turner; SILVER: 1, spl, Gaskill; BROKEN GOLD: 1, 2, spl, Turner; SILVER: 1, 2, spl, L. Butterworth YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Hordern; 2, Parker BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Wild; 2, Hordern. TICK. YELL.: 1 spl, Hordern; 2, 3, Parker; 4, Wild. BUFF: 1 spl, Hordern; 2, Gaskill; 3, Wild; 4, Parker NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Matthews; 2, Ratcliffe BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Matthews. TICK.: 1, spl, Ratcliffe. CREST: 1, 2, spl, Ratcliffe. CRESTBRED: 1 spl, Ratcliffe. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Gaskill. MULES: 1, hc, c, Gaskill; 2, 4, Butterworth; 3 Entwistle; vhc, Pratt.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The seventh annual show was held on December 7th at headquarters, the Bull Hotel, Scotland-road. The room in which the show was held is a splendid place for birds, being well lighted and free from draughts. Judging commenced soon after nine o'clock, and by the advertised time for opening (one o'clock), the judging was over and all the cards were up. Mr. J. Broadley (Shipley) judged, and his awards were favourably received. Mr. G. Hillary won the cup (presented by the society for the best bird in the show) with a grand yellow Yorkshire. Mr. J. Oates won the special presented by Mr. J. T. Burnett (for the best bird shown by a novice) with a ticked yellow Norwich. Points specials were won by Messrs. Hillary, Greenwood, Todd, Leonard, Mellor, and Holden. YORKS., YELL.: 1, spl, cup, Hillary; 2, Spencer; 3, Hawkins; hc, vhc, Leonard; c, King. BUFF: 1, Hillary; 2, Leonard; 3, Wilkinson; vhc, hc, Spencer. YELL. HEN: 1, Hillary; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Lees; vhc, c, Gregson; c, Pearson. BUFF: 1, 2, Leonard; 3, vhc, Spencer; hc, Pearson; c, Hawkins. CINN. YELL.: 1, Spencer; 2, Greenwood; 3, Pearson; vhc, hc, Hawkins; c, G. Roberts. BUFF: 1, 2, Greenwood; 3, Pearson; vhc, Lee; hc, c, Gregson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Todd; 2, Cates; 3, Roberts; vhc, hc, Bell; c, Mellor. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Leonard; 2, vhc, Pearson; 3, c, Todd. BUFF: 1, vhc, Leonard; 2, 3, Todd; hc, c, Oates. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, Mellor; 2, Leonard. BUFF: 1, 3, Leonard; 2, Roberts; vhc, c, Bell. VARIETY CLASS: 1, Bell; 2, Mellor; 3, Hawkins; vhc, Bell, SELL.: 1, Todd; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hillary; vhc, c, Leonard; hc, King. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Holden; vhc, Oates; hc, c, England. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, England; 3, vhc, Holden; c, Oates. FOR.: 1, 3, Holden; 2, vhc, hc, c, England.

MAINDEE.

Two classes were provided for cage birds at the Rumilo radius show held in connection with the Maindee Liberal Club and Institute on December 14th. A good entry of 27 birds was brought together, and these were judged by Mr. T. Heath. Mr. Hawkeley made an exceedingly able secretary, and the arrangements were all first class. Next year the committee would be well advised to extend their classification.

BRIT. (8): 1, Walkley, wins well with a good Goldie, nice size and shape, fine blaze; 2, King, another Goldie, shapely, good colour; 3, Lake, Bullfinch, nice shaped Fluch, good cap and colour; vhc, Lake; hc, Parr. CANARY A.V. (19): 1, spl, Mason, stylish, long, neatly drawn yellow Yorks.; 2, Davies, lengthy, good position, nice feather and colour, yellow Yorks.; 3, Bowden, unevenly marked Norwich, nice head, neck and chest, good size; vhc, Bailey; hc, Walkley; c, Wilcox.

NARBERTH.

The 20th annual show was held Dec. 11th, at the Victoria Hall—a very warm and commodious building. Numerous well known winners were staged in most of the classes. The judge had a difficult task in placing his awards. Mr. James Owens is a most courteous sec., and had everything in good working order; he was well supported by a body of willing helpers. The feature of the show was the British Goldfinch class, Mr. T. W. Richards staging no less than 12 gems, winning all the money prizes available. Mr. J. B. Evans judged and made a splendid job of it. The awards are as follows:—

NOR. CL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Love, trio of beauties, nice short chubby birds, with good quality, former yell., second cl. buff; vhc, Owens Bros., nicely staged exhibit, good type; hc, Matthews; c, James. TKD., ETC. (4): 2, Mrs. Thomas, nice size and type, feathered like silk; 3, James, well known, very typical, shown in fine style; vhc, Gwyther; hc, Williams and Webb. YORKS. CL. (4): 1, 3, Matthews, pair of straight 'uns, nice position, well feathered, shown in the best of style, yell. and buff respectively; vhc, Tucker; hc, Davies. TKD., ETC. (2): 2, Gwyther, fine length, nice wings and tail, well finished exhibit; vhc, Matthews. DK. MULE (5): 1, vhc, Miss Thomas, former lovely coloured Goldie-Bullie, good size, nice quality of feather; 2, Longden, well known Grecnie-Canary, wonderful level colour, beautifully shaped one, presses hard; 3, Richards, Goldie-Canary, good blaze and bars, very pretty; hc, Williams and Webb. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (20): A class fit to be seen at the Palace, not a bad one in it; 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, hc, Richards, most of these have been seen at the head of the poll at the big show, grand square cut faces (Mr. R. has a weakness for a good expansive square face and we don't blame him), nice tans and bars; hc, Pudsey Bros., very trim exhibit, nicely polished; c, W. Lewis. BRIT. (16): 1, Lowe, large, nat. col. Yellow Hammer, good ticking on head and breast, wins; 2, Richards, Bunting, nice feather and colour; 3, Mrs. Thomas, sweetly pretty exhibit, shown in fine style; 4, Johns and Richards; vhc, Richards, B. Prosser; hc, Johns. SELL. 7/6: 1, Longden; 2, B. and D. Prosser; 3, Tucker; vhc, Johns; hc, Williams; c, Owen Bros.; c, Phillips. CAN., LOCAL (8): 2, Owen Bros.; hc, Howen.

RUTHIN.

Owing to the fact that the Ruthin Shows Society is not this year holding its customary Christmas show, two bird fanciers—Mr. J. L. Roberts and Mr. John Williams—decided to promote a cage bird show, and this event, held on December 19th, was in every way a success. Fourteen classes were arranged—11 open, three local—and altogether there was a grand total of 180 exhibits, amongst which were some splendid specimens. The show was held in the new premises in Well-street, which afforded excellent light. It is to be hoped the show will become an annual one, and that next year the Town Hall will not be too spacious. The show was under the management of Mr. J. Jenkins, and the judge was Mr. John Williams (Liverpool). In addition to judging the exhibits (and his awards gave every satisfaction), Mr. Williams brought, for exhibition only, three of his champions, consisting of the noted Goldie-Bullie, Canary-Bullie, and a clear Goldie-Canary, and they were greatly admired. The two promoters deserve every commendation for carrying out the project with so much success. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Gwylym Roberts acted as stewards.

YORKS., TICKED, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Salisbury, a yellow and buff, 1st very slightly ticked, in splendid fettle, wins easy; 2nd, nice buff, in splendid feather, good position; 3, Davies, nice bird, natural colour; vhc, Wilkes; hc, Thomas; c, Roberts. CLEAR (19): 1, 2, Salisbury, nice head, wings, and tail, fine length, position, and quality; 2nd good feather and style, nice carriage; 3, Jones and Owen, good yell.; vhc, Wilkes; hc, Thomas; c, Roberts. A.O.V. (11): 1, Jones, a Crest, a good win, nice top; 2, Jones, buff Norwich Plainhead, well fed and very tight; 3, Hughes, another fine Crest; vhc, Jones; hc, Price; c, Roberts. DK. MULE (20): 1, Ford and Williams, Goldie Bullie, very nice exhibit, shows parentage well; 2, Salisbury, Greenie Canary, good stout bird, well fed; 3, Pierce Williams, yellow Goldie, well known, not looking his best to-day; vhc, Salisbury; hc, Jones; c, Forbes. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, Williams, an easy win, looking well; 2, Owens Bros., very dark, wrong class some thought; 3, Roberts, very nice exhibit, beaten only in size; vhc, Williams; hc, Roberts; c, Jones. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Roberts, Peathroat, good blaze and brown, nice buttons, shines like silk; 2, Finney, another gem; 3, Salisbury, good bold face, in nice form; vhc, Richards; hc, Forbes; c, Ford and Williams. GREYPATE (19): 1, Salisbury, very steady, well cut blaze, but void of sheen; 2, Jones, another good one, very steady, not so big as winner; 3, Finney, best blaze and tannings, but rather rough; vhc, Jones; hc, Williams. A.O.V. BRIT. (11): 1, Jones, fair-sized Bramblefinch, very steady; 2, Forbes, good Hawfinch; 3, Jones, Yellow Bunting, deserves his place; vhc, Jones; hc, Owens Bros. FOREIGN (4): 1, Foulkes, Indian Rock Parrot, stood close to the door and greeted everybody; 2, Richards, Zebra Finch, very pretty exhibit; 3, Jones, Siberian Goldie. SELL., 12/6 (15): 1, Powell, nice yellow Yorks., staged to perfection; 2, Jones; 3, Salisbury; vhc, Salisbury; hc, Richards; c, Roberts. GIFT (4): 1, Salisbury; 2, Salisbury, Greenie Can.; 3, Powell. LOCAL, BEST CAN. (13): 1, Williams; 2, Fox; 3, Hughes; vhc, Roberts; hc, Davies; c, Hughes. GOLDFINCH (18): 1, Edwards; 2, Williams; 3, Hughes; vhc, Thomas; hc, Rickman; c, Humphries. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Roberts; 3, Williams; hc, Williams; c, Roberts. Mr. Salisbury won the silver cup for most points in the show, and all prize winners who attended the show were paid same day.

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TWITTERINGS.

The schedule of the Lancaster Avicultural Society's Show is, we hear, shortly to be issued.

Report of Chester Show should state, Mules, any variety, 1st, 2nd, and special, Wright, writes Mr. T. Wright (Hoole, Chester).

We hear from the secretary of the Hertford Show, Mr. F. Looker, that the entries close date has been extended to January 1st.

The Cup winner at the recent Crook C.B.S. Show was Mr. R. Wilkinson, writes the sec., Mr. A. Bowes, and not Mr. Raine, as originally reported.

Kindly note my change of address to 56, Beulah Road, Tunbridge Wells, writes Mr. H. G. Whibley, hon. sec. of the Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.

I have removed from Leonard Road, Birches Hd., writes Mr. J. Simcock, hon. sec. of Potteries and Dist. C.B.A., to 12, Talbot Street, Hanley, where all communications should be sent.

Report of Gateshead Show, in consequence of an error in the catalogue, credits Mr. Corston with 4th prize in Unflighted Norwich Hens, whereas it was my bird that was so placed.—W. N. MIDGLEY (Winslow).

All prize money at the Edinburgh Ornithological Open Society's Show has now been paid, and the committee take this opportunity of returning thanks to all kind friends for the support accorded them, writes Mr. James Melrose, sec.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. hope that all fanciers will give them their best support for their first open show, as all our members are old fanciers and we hope to make it a successful show this year.—W. H. BRAY, sec., 12, Bery Street, Coventry.—Advt.

The secretary of the Reading and Dist. C.B.S. —Mr. G. A. Charles—sends us copies of several letters received from prominent fanciers, congratulating them on the promptitude with which they paid out the prize-money, and on the general excellence of the management of their recent show.

Regarding the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of the 6th December, signed "St. Mungo," I am put down by many Glasgow fanciers as being the writer of the same, writes Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Shawlands, Glasgow). Kindly allow me to contradict this and so oblige one of your oldest readers and admirers.

We hear that the Newcastle C.B.S. intend holding their annual social, at which there will be a concert, dancing and refreshments, on January 8th, in the Co-operative Hall, Darn Crook. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be had of the secretaries, Messrs. Currie and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, of any of the committee, or of Mr. T. C. Crawhall (secretary of the social), 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle.

The Christmas Number is a splendid piece of work, and I am very pleased with it.—J. KIDGER (Darnall, Sheffield).

I have done exceedingly well with my advert. in CAGE BIRDS, which speaks very highly in its favour.—F. BORRACLOUGH (Hyde).

At Spalding Show there will be no amalgamation, and full prize money will be paid within 14 days, write Messrs. Murrell and Elviss, the secs.

Buckingham Show report credits 2nd, 4th, and he in mule class to Mr. Summers, writes Mr. G. Simonds, secretary, whereas it should be Simonds.

Burton-on-Trent report says:—Unevenmarked: 1, Tyler; and Nat. Col.: 2, Walton and Noakes, which should read, Irone, writes Mr. T. Irons (Northampton).

Through my advert. in CAGE BIRDS the other week, writes Mr. W. Lawton (Glossop), I have had orders from all over the country, which speaks well for your valuable paper.

Owing to the small number of entries received (not yet 40), it has been decided to accept them till first post on Monday, the 30th, writes Mr. W. Pawley, sec., Plumstead Show.

I have been a reader of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Robertson (Edinburgh), and have to thank you for the valuable information it contains from week to week. It has enabled me to breed Canaries for this last 10 months, which is the time I started.

Kindly thank all those who answered my advertisement last week, writes Mr. A. S. Patieson (Gravesend), as I find it quite impossible to reply to all. I had 35 replies from all parts of the country. CAGE BIRDS is a first-rate medium for disposing of surplus stock.

The winners of the CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Competition in the recent Hartlepool Show, writes Mr. Ernest Woodhead, the sec., are as follows: 1st, Class 29, No. 1, T. Marwood; 2nd, Class 1, No. 5, Messrs. Ambler; 3rd, Class 30, No. 1, Dr. O'Neal; and "C.B." Special by E. Woodhead.

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I am sorry to say, writes W. H. Bamsey (Derby) that I do not get any better in health, and our late show has not tended to improve matters; in fact, the worry has been too much for me, and at our committee meeting last evening (December 21st) I gave notice of my resignation. A rest I must have.

OBITUARY.

MR. G. A. CLIFTON (St. Ives).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. Oldaker, of Camden Town, that I have to announce to your wide circle of readers the sudden death of Mr. George Alfred Clifton, of St. Ives, Hunts, on December 16th, at the age of 53, from heart failure. He was well known among the Fancy when he was in London. I am sure all friends will join me in sympathy with the widow and family

Many thanks for the valuable information I have received from CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Kidger (Darnall, Sheffield). Never having bred a Canary before, I thought I would have a try last season, and am pleased to say that I bred 11 young ones from one pair. All have made fine birds. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I must say that your two recent coloured plates of Mules, and Hybrids, are grand, and they will make two good additiones to my already framed plates of these varieties, which you gave away about the year 1903. There is great credit due to you and the artist in turning out such life-like specimens.—W. H. BAMSEY (Derby).

I have disposed of many of my Norwich Plainheads, as advertised through the columns of your popular and up-to-date paper, and I am astounded at the enquiries I am getting now, from Guernsey, Malta, Scotland and Wales, and all over the country. All I can say is that it is a testimonial in itself, sufficient to guarantee advertisers and fanciers using your paper to advertise their stock.—A. J. MARLEY (Leyton).

The Washing Competition, held by the members of the Bradford East O.S. on Dec. 17th, writes Mr. H. Hill, hon. sec., resulted in the 1st prize being carried off by Mr. F. Gelder, and 2nd and 3rd by Mr. W. Laycock. There was a good muster of members to witness the competition, which proved very interesting. The birds were put through the process very expeditiously, and all of them came out well. Mr. G. R. Rushworth officiated as judge.

We hear that Mr. P. Victor Williams, Hinstock Hall, Market Drayton, has purchased from Mrs. De Von her King Bird of Paradise, which won 1st and special at Cambridge, Luton, Sutton Coldfield, etc., the first bird of its kind to appear on a show bench. Mr. Williams has been a breeder of Canaries for several years, though this is the first season he has exhibited, and he has spared no expense in getting together his Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

We have received from Mr. J. W. Ramsden an advance proof of the classification of the Border Sections at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show, and note that over the eight classes offered no fewer than 33 valuable special prizes are given. This should result in a good response from exhibitors, especially seeing that Mr. Brownlie will personally supervise the packing and staging, and will have an expert staff to assist him. All exhibits will be got off promptly and early on the closing day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DIPPER IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR, Referring to the letter, and to Mr. S. A. Sandy's article, which appeared in last week's C.B., I should like to offer my congratulations to Miss K. D. Fitzmaurice for her successful efforts in keeping the Dipper in captivity. Every fancier, I am sure, will sympathise with Miss Fitzmaurice in being so unfortunate with regard to Dublin Show At the same time allow me to state hers would not have been the first Dippers exhibited recently. My friend, Mr. Mackwell, Keighley, exhibited one in October this year at North Shields, without success. At Troon Show, Mr. T. Cowan, of Troon, obtained a fourth with one I supplied him this year, and I also had a fourth with one at Kilmaurs last season. I am greatly surprised that more fanciers do not try their hand with such an interesting bird as the Dipper. It is evident they can live in captivity, if properly treated, as shown by Miss Fitzmaurice's letter. I have kept them myself for months together, and believe I could moult them, with care and attention; at least, I intend to try, and have reason to believe I shall be successful. CHAS. SHIRLEY.

SOMETHING LIKE A FOSTER PARENT!

SIR,—I wonder if it would interest my fellow readers to hear about the tameness of one of our canaries? During the last season one of our hens reared only one baby. When it was about eight days' old she left off feeding it, and began to build another nest on the top of the poor little mite. So we decided to hand-feed it. But the trouble was to keep it warm. Now, we have a very tame hen and cock. The hen had just laid four eggs, and was sitting on them; so we popped the youngster in beside her. She quite approved of the arrangement, and allowed us to take the baby out, many a time a day, without moving a feather. The little thing stayed with its foster mother until two days before her own eggs hatched out—which they all did. She is a very tame hen; when we clean out the cage, as soon as we put in our hand, she jumps on our arm, and trots up and down, pulling bits out of our sleeve. Needless to say, she will take anything from our fingers. The cock is just as tame. F. OVERTON.

WITHHOLDING AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY AT KENTISH SHOWS.

SIR,—Your correspondent writes about Kentish shows withholding prize money; why does he single out Dover? Why not all the societies, which, like Dover, looked after their finances, as well as the exhibitors? We all like full prize money, but must not be quite so selfish, and should have a little thought for the societies. It is a great pity that the letter was not signed "Petty Spite. I hear some have vowed they will never again be members in a very spiteful way, and to try and injure a society which has such a good name in Kent, and will maintain it, without any help from the writer, who, I suppose, is upset at something. E.H.

SIR,—It was not my intention to enter into this discussion, but as Mr. Horrex, "hon. sec. of the Dover F. and F. Society," has brought the Kent County C.B.A. into it, I feel it my duty, as one of its oldest members and promoters, to say a few words against the charges made by Mr. Horrex, who says that owing to a split in our ranks certain members of the K.C. boycotted their show. You are wrong, Mr. Horrex. The ill-feeling which undoubtedly exists between the Dover F. and F. Society and the K.C.C.B.A. dates back from the formation of the latter, nearly two years ago, and the first boycott was practised on us by the F. and F. Society at our first annual show held in January last. On that occasion, the members of the F. and F.S. who purchased tickets or visited our show could be easily counted on the fingers of one hand. This we might have looked over, and I feel sure should have done, but the same thing occurred again at our second show held in October. Therefore, after such treatment as this, is it to be wondered at that a few of us were non-supporters of the F. and F. Show? No, Mr. Horrex, the F. and F. Society have brought it on themselves. They would have strangled the K.C.C.B.A. long ago if it lay in their power, but we have come to stay, and the sooner the F. and F. Societies recognise this fact the better it will be for them. With regard to the split in our ranks that Mr. Horrex speaks of, I will endeavour to elucidate the matter so that a wrong impression may not be conveyed to those not conversant with the facts. Some weeks ago it was suggested by the local members of the K.C. that the annual show ought to be held in some town other than Dover, and, with this aim in view, committeemen "in one or two towns where it was thought possible for a show to be held," were communicated with and asked if they could run the show, but in each case they declined. All members were then asked to vote for or against a show being held in Dover, the result being 27 for and nine against. This result, however, did not meet the views of our chairman, who resigned in consequence, and with him (as was expected) three others. One of these four entered two birds at our show, the other three *nil*. But we did not collapse, as was expected by a few; everything went off splendid, and was a grand success. In conclusion, I would advise Mr. Horrex, before he condemns the actions of men who have grown old in the fancy, to become a fancier himself. AMANA.

SIR,—I have read with interest the letters that have appeared on the above, and fully endorse those of "Commune Bonum" and "Exhibitor." Like "Exhibitor," I cannot be classed as a disappointed one, being fortunate enough to win a good percentage of prizes I have competed for. It is all very well for the secretary to complain about "Commune Bonum" rushing into print, but he cannot dispute the fact that the Dover Society have treated the cage bird fanciers very badly indeed. Being a British Hard-bill exhibitor, I should like to know why the two soft-bill classes received special favour in being awarded first, second and third prizes in a class of only three entries, and first in a class of five entries respectively, yet in the remaining cage bird section first prize was withheld in classes of four and five entries, second prize being awarded, and that at half-prize money too. I cannot think a judge who is judging a cage bird section, and withholding first prize in classes of four and five, would give first, second and third prizes in a class of three, unless he was instructed to do so. To say the two first prize winners in the two soft-bill classes were of higher merit than any in the hard-bill section is ridiculous. Take my Goldfinch, which is a good bird of his specie, as the following prizes he has won this season will prove: Rochester, first and cup; Southend, first and special; Battersea, first and special; Kent C.B.A., 1st; Gillingham, first, cup and two specials; Margate, first and special; Dover, second (first withheld); Folkestone, second; Canterbury, second and special (first withheld)—amounting to six firsts, three seconds, two cups, and six special prizes. The Shrike is a good bird; but how many Shrikes have opposed it? Not one in any Kent show. It wins on rarity. It may be a good bird of its species, but how do we know whether it is or not?

F. WICKHAM.

VARIATIONS IN BIRDS.

SIR, — I was very interested in Mr. F. Finn's lecture on the changes in colour of the feathers of birds as published in CAGE BIRDS. It is a branch of the fancy which has always given pleasure to me. I expect I have seen alive and in the flesh more abnormally coloured birds than most persons. Mr. Finn states that in cases where the male and female appear alike in colour there must be some difference, or the sexes would not know their respective partners. I should say that the birds know each other's voices or call-note. Has not Mr. Finn noticed that in all birds, where the normal colour is green, the albinos are always yellow, and never white? The Chaffinch is the shortest removed from a green colour, but in the immature stage they have a greenish shade, and Chaffinch Albinos are always yellow, showing the pink eye. But I believe that if anyone takes sufficient pains in selection, and gives suitable food, white Canaries can be bred. He also says that no one yet has astonished the world with a black Canary. I have never seen one, but I have seen Goldfinch-Canary Mules of a jet black colour. He also comments on the red colour showing on some Albinos; Cinnamon Redpolls show the red on the crown. Again, the carmine red colour of the Pine Grossbeak, the Scarlet Bullfinch, and the Purplefinch does not moult into a brown colour, but more of a dirty yellow colour. Amongst the curious varieties will be found silver grey Starlings, Linnets, and Goldfinches. But it does appear very strange that no one has yet succeeded in breeding abnormal birds from abnormal parents. The late Mr. Swailes bred pied and cinnamon Redpolls together for four generations, but every one of the young came of the common colour. He used some of these with their pied parents, but with no result except common colour. He also bred from Goldfinches, both parents being Cheverals, but no young Cheverals appeared. Now I am writing about Mr. Swaile, it may be news to some of your readers to know that that gentleman bred Bearded Tits in his aviary. In CAGE BIRDS of Nov. 26, 1904, will be found an article from my pen on some of the variations in birds that I have seen. J, H. VERRALL.

BEGINNERS: READ "CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE "BEST BIRD" IN A SHOW.

SIR, In view of the controversy now running in your paper *re* the recent award (at Dulwich and Peckham Show) for the best bird, the point has repeatedly struck me—What constitutes a best bird? Before entering into the pros and cons, I should like to give two instances, one which took place at a show where I was present, and the other at two recent shows held near London. The first case, although relating to pigeons, gives one an excellent idea of the views under which judges labour. Two valuable trophies were given to the pigeon section of the show in question, one for the best Working Homer and the other for the best pigeon, for which, of course, the winning Homer was eligible to compete. The winning Homer turned out to be a bird that had won at the Dairy and most of the large shows throughout the country, proving, as the judge said, a champion of its variety. The fancy pigeon classes brought together a very poor entry and were judged by another judge. The best bird in this section proved to be a very ordinary Turbit (this being the opinion of most of those present) and which the judge himself said would have some difficulty in winning in a Turbit class; here it won in the A.O.V. class. In due course the special for best pigeon in show came to be awarded, the Homer judge advocating his bird, the fancy pigeon judge his, and from 12.30 till 5.30 p.m. the question was still being fought out, and formed one of the topics of the show, and not until the arrival of another judge was the matter settled, and he, to the surprise of many, gave his vote in favour of the Turbit. Now, I argue that in this case the Homer walked home. He had proved himself a champion of champions, and stood out as an ideal bird of its variety, whereas the only point the other bird had in its favour was that it possessed certain fancy properties, and these presumably not strong enough to carry it to the front in a class of its own variety; and moreover, the question was fought out in the open show, and I maintain that in all such cases, and especially in the Cage Bird Fancy, no such important specials should be adjudicated upon in open show, neither should they be postponed till the second day of judging. The birds to be judged should be taken to some private place and left with the judges themselves, and should they be unable to agree after a reasonable time the award should be declared off. Fancy allowing a jury on an important case out at large before giving their verdict! The issue as to specials is important to the exhibitor. In the second case, at the Barnet and Enfield Mixed Show, the special for best Cage Bird was given to a Golden Pheasant. By no stretch of the imagination could this bird be termed a Cage Bird. Needless to add, the judge was a fur man. In my humble opinion there is no such thing as a best bird. In the first place, in these days of specialist judging (and in the larger shows where such trophies are usually given specialist judges are engaged) are the judges thoroughly conversant with the merits and demerits of each variety. To illustrate my meaning: Say there are three judges engaged and, for the purposes of argument, one of the three is a man of strong personality and dominant will power. Probably he is an ardent crest breeder. He sees a good specimen of the breed, and perhaps his judging being soon over he keeps the bird in his mind and selects him for his candidate, the other judges selecting, say, a Norwich and Yorkshire respectively, both equally assured that their candidate is the one. The birds are put up and the controversy starts; the strong judge puts his back up and, surrounded by a gaping crowd, with the different owners well in the foreground, the fun commences. By-and-by one or two audible comments are heard. Fanciers impressed by the deadly earnestness of the strong-willed judge (part of the game, of course), are dropping comments such as the following:—"Why, he walks home!" "No doubt about it," etc., etc. The effect on a rather nervous judge, or one not used to the ordeal, can easily be imagined; he wavers, sighs, and gives way to his more dominant colleague. In this case the predominant judge was a crest-man judge pure and simple, and secondly, the predominating human factor won. This kind of thing takes place week in and week out. To give another true instance and I hope the judge, who I know will read this will not take offence. At a show a year or two back, two birds came up for the cup. Luckily they belonged to the same exhibitor. After scanning them closely for some time, the judge fetched a crony, who was judging the rabbits. On being remonstrated with by the steward, he said, "Ah! my mind's made up." One bird then broke into song; and like a flash the rabbit judge said, "Ah! to be sure, he's singing for it; give it him," and him it was. Then again, how many judges can judge one variety by the standard let alone any and every variety? I should like to see introduced at one or two specialist club shows the same that I am given to understand takes place at some of the specialist Poultry club shows, and that is, to each cage hang a card with the standard allotted out under the various heading, and make the judge place the number he allots to each on the space reserved, the highest number winning. How many judges could do it? Not one in a dozen. And then they throw Yorkshires out for being over length, how about the little 'uns? Not only would this system be conducive to more sport, but it would be of the greatest assistance to the novice who under a good judge could see where his birds failed. It would also be interesting to note if the same bird had half a dozen opinions accorded upon it how many of them would agree, and especially if the same bird came under the same judge twice. But to return to my argument, I maintain there is no such thing as a best bird, on the following grounds:—

(1) That the best sectional birds are of different varieties and the distinctions which govern which is the best cannot be drawn fine enough.
(2) Natural bias of the judge or judges to one given variety.
(3) The system of judging as now carried out.

Hoping to see other fanciers' views on this interesting question. R. P. BROOME.

AVADAVATS BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

Sir,—In your issue of September 21st, you recorded my experience with breeding of Avadavats in an out-door aviary. I now wish to supplement those notes by adding that on September 15th when these young Avadavats were about one month old I noticed two singing, one after the other while perching on a small spruce tree in the aviary. Their song was not so powerful as, and only bore a slight resemblance to that of the parents. A few white spots on the secondary and tertiary wing feathers were showing on all the birds by the 27th inst. These spots do not appear to have been the result of a moult but of a growth on the actual feathers. I should like to hear further on this matter. No red feathers appeared on the rump of any of these birds until about the first week in October and these feathers were to all appearances new feathers. They gradually increased until the moult was completed. The eyes changed colour about this time, but the beaks did not show any change in colour until October 20th, the reddish colour commencing from the root of beak. By November 10th the birds were in full moult; the side of their breasts was almost bare and the stub feathers showed plainly. On December 4th I observed that all the birds had completed their moult, all feathers except wing and tail feathers appearing to have been shed. I do not expect these to be shed until the next moult. The beaks gradually all changed colour as the moult advanced and the birds were all looking in fine condition, in spite of their roosting outside throughout this trying period when the nights were cold and wet and on several occasions quite frosty. Now the moult is completed their general appearance is: A little more yellow on the breast than that of the female parent also the lower part of the body and especially the sides which were more numerously spotted with faint white spots. In other respects, except that they are somewhat fresher looking, they are like the parent. From the above, it will be observed that Avadavats are about 15 weeks old by the time they complete their first moult. To these notes I must unfortunately add that on the morning of December 5th, I missed one young one and the female parent, both of which I am afraid had fallen victims to cats or mice; I have strong reasons to suspect the latter. I mentioned in my previous letter that the hen Avadavat had succumbed to the charms of an odd male. A nest was built about 15 inches from the ground in a thick privet bush, but no eggs were laid and the hen soon deserted him again. She evidently preferred the company of her old partner, who seemed pleased to receive her back. I should be glad to hear whether Mr. Wesley Page has heard anything further with reference to results obtained in the aviary devoted to Waxbills in Bedfordshire—an incident which he mentions in his letter to CAGE BIRDS of September 28th. I have seen recorded somewhere the successful breeding of Green Avadavats but not of Golden Breasted Waxbills or Cordon Bleus. Since writing the above I have unfortunately lost the male parent; I found him dead on the morning of December 11th, so that he did not survive his mate. I have now caged up the others, and intend to make war upon the mice.—E. SPRANKLING.

Do not overlook our XMAS COMPETITIONS during the Holidays.

ANTICIPATING THE SUMMER.

SIR,—I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since I commenced to keep birds, and look forward every Friday to my copy. I bought a stock of birds from a fellow workmate, very cheap. I have two self-coloured Yorkshire cocks, one buff Yorkshire cock, one German Roller cock, one clear Yorkshire hen, also one variegated hen, and the lot did not cost me 10s.; so you see I got a cheap stock. About six weeks ago the variegated hen commenced carrying a feather about in her mouth, also plucking the buff hen which was kept in the same breeding cage. I must mention that included in the price of my birds were two breeding cages and one hanging cage. I destroyed half-a-dozen nests that the hen built, but as fast as I destroyed them she would commence to build again. So I put her a nest basket in, and some building material; also I put the yellow cock in with her. I was undecided which cock to put in, as they are all on full song. Four days after being mated together she commenced to lay. I took the first three eggs out of the nest, and kept them out, to see if she would lay again. But after laying the fourth egg she turned on the cock and nearly killed him. But as I happened to be watching them I took the cock away, and put the eggs under her. She is now sitting on them, just coming off at intervals to have her food. I keep the birds hung upon the walls of our living room. The birds are fed on mixed seed and plenty of green stuff. I have mentioned this case to a few fanciers in Rochdale, but they have heard nothing like it before in Lancashire. They asked me to write to you, to see what readers think about it. A. WALLIS.

GAS AND CANARIES.

SIR,—I noticed an interesting correspondence recently in the "Daily News" under the above heading. A Mr. Canworth, of Tufnell Park, wrote as follows:—"As showing the highly deleterious qualities of gas, I may say a hobby of mine is the breeding of Canaries. In one room I kept 18 birds. This room was lighted by two incandescent burners, and in under a fortnight no less than 13 of them had died. There was quite an epidemic. While in another room lighted by one burner 7 died out of 16. At the time I was at a loss to understand the cause of this until someone sharper than myself suggested that it was the gas, and this notwithstanding that there was always fresh air entering by the window. I was so convinced of its death-dealing properties that I immediately became a convert to electricity, with the result that I have gained in many ways. My birds are such healthy specimens they are the talk of the place. I have kept the whitewashers out, which means a nice sum in my pocket, and we all of us seem brighter and better for the change." The letter brought this response from a Mr. S. Cross, of Abergavenny:—"I have a Canary ten years old, seven years of its life having been spent in a room at the Abergavenny Gas Works, where gas was consumed day and night continuously. The bird has always been noted for its beautiful singing, and even now is equal to many a younger one; therefore, with this experience, I think your correspondent in yesterday's issue must look for some other cause than coal gas to account for the death of so many of his birds. Added to the products of combustion from one and sometimes two gas burners, the fumes from the gas works would be no mean factor, but the dear old Canary has survived them all; in fact, considering his age, is hearty still." I wonder if readers of CAGE BIRDS can throw any light on which was right and which was wrong? F. CAMP.

THE PLAGUE OF WHEEZINESS.

SIR,—There seems to be almost a plague of this distressing malady at the close of the moult. Doubtless much of it is due to the change of season acting on a frame rendered unusually susceptible by the drain of the moult and the sparsely clothed body. Every case should be treated as early as possible, otherwise the affection may become chronic and incurable. Given an equable temperature—not necessarily a very high one—and perfect freedom from cold, draught, and damp, a few days' treatment with oxymel of squill, syrup of tolu, and lobelia, in the proportion of ten drops of the first to five drops each of the two last in each ounce of drinking water, is a very successful remedy. A small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar daily will also be found very useful, especially in the case of birds that are in a poor condition of body. In the latter case, a few drops of cod liver oil emulsion, dropped about the scalded bread, is very serviceable. In treating this complaint, dampness is to be guarded against above all else. If the disease has become chronic it may be necessary to remove the bird to a warm temperature, but when matters have been allowed to drift to this stage that bird is of little further use, and should not be bred from. When one has to deal with such cases as we have just described, it is as well to note carefully the effect bathing has upon the bird. Very often it will be found to aggravate the symptoms to a very considerable extent, and in many cases there can be no doubt whatever that an indiscriminate use of the cold bath when the birds are scantily clad is the first cause of wheeziness. Personally, I prefer to withhold the bath at such times, and give it only on mild, bright days in the early part of the day, to all birds, irrespective of any question of health, and I know lots of cases where wheeziness has been very materially reduced by using the bath with discrimination during the autumn and winter months. CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE DESTRUCTIVE BUT INTELLIGENT MACAW FAMILY.

SIR,—If the term were interpreted in a literal sense, the whole family of these birds would most certainly have to be struck off the list of cage birds, but, fortunately, we give the words a broader meaning, and aviculture—or perhaps it would be better to say in this connection, foreign bird keeping—profits thereby. As cage birds pure and simple, the Macaws are not to be thought of, and as aviary inmates they are, in a sense, a luxury only for the bird-lover, whose enthusiasm is second only to the depth of his pocket; for in the one case a cage is scarcely to be found which can long withstand the attacks of their formidable beaks, and, if it could, no cage affords even a tolerable dwelling for a Macaw to be seen as it is in; and in the second case an aviary that could really keep a pair of Macaws safely within its meshes permanently could only, I believe, be erected by a fancier with a good surplus on the right side of his banking account. How it could be constructed or of what material, I leave to future speculation. Pity 'tis, 'tis true. For the destructive habits of the birds, coupled with their vast powers, and the strength of their beaks, make it practically impossible to keep the birds in captivity save by the usual method of chaining them by the leg to a perch fixed on a stand. Truly an ignominious fate for a noble bird, and one which not infrequently lays the owner open to a charge of cruelty. Yet, notwithstanding appearances, the birds must be happy enough when properly treated, and the specimens at the Zoo are, I believe, kept in excellent health and condition by this means.

When kept singly and treated individually, they show quite a large share of the intelligence common to the Parrot race, and soon make most excellent pets. But whilst they can, and do, learn to limit their powers as their confidence in the owner's good intentions grows, their destructiveness when they have liberty is still very great. As an example, I have in mind a very charming bird who could be the very acme of gentleness, and which delighted in playing with his mistress's ears and fingers. At such times, I was assured, the touch of his beak was almost imperceptible. Yet, as he was often allowed the run of the house, he practically destroyed a small flight of stairs by whittling away at them time after time until they became unsafe and had to be renewed. Then came seasons when he thought—it might have been a "she," though I do not think it was, and certainly it never laid an egg in all its long life—he must build a nest and when he seized upon such trifles as a Paisley shawl or woollen wrap, he bit it up into small fragments for nesting material. Once he had successfully commandeered property for this purpose it was useless arguing the matter with him, for if one tried to recover it he put on such a ferocious fighting attitude that it was always considered the most discreet to yield the point in "Mac's" favour. He rarely showed temper with his mistress, who could do pretty much as she liked with him, but on one occasion she narrowly escaped a nasty bite. It happened that a stray waif of the Grimalkin genus was taken under her fostering care, and, mystery of mysteries, the Macaw at once showed an especial interest and fondness for the kitten, treating it just as it might have a baby Macaw. One day it chanced that Grimalkin's moral sense was not proof against the temptations of a juicy chop. It stole the chop, and, whisper it lowly, brought down upon its own head the vengeance of the legitimate owner of its spoil. Worse still, it yelled out at the approach of righteous punishment, and the Macaw, probably fearing his chum was in grave danger, flew blindly to the rescue, alighted on the back of his mistress as she was stooping over the kitten, and made a vicious grab at her head in his blind fury. Luckily for her, he caught hold of a beakful of her tresses, and her voice was able to quell his passion before he made a second grab, but the experience was enough to give birth to a wise resolution never to chastise "Mac's" pal again in "Mac's" presence or hearing. For the present I must leave these interesting Macaw reminiscences right here. A. R. A.

THE LENGTH OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY.

SIR,—With reference to the letters, etc., appearing in CAGE BIRDS *re* length of Yorkshires, if a standard length is fixed, and observed universally, for the "bird of the North," and it is made a rule that the judges shall give their awards accordingly (of course, including all other essential properties), then they would be quite justified in rejecting any over that length, whatever it might be; but it has occurred to me, whether there is a standard after all as regards length, for some go for a small bird, others a medium, and in many cases for an extra long one, although the majority of judges now seem to favour the latter. It means we really have no ideal upon which to work at present, for you will often hear the question asked, when a conversation turns upon show matters, "who is judging?" and one will answer, "Oh, so and so, and he goes for such and such a bird." The consequence is, with any view to success on the present-day show bench, you really have to breed two or three different kinds of birds (or stock them) as regards length, etc., of the one variety to suit certain judges. And where do we find ourselves? Led astray by the difference of opinion as to what a representative Yorkshire should be. Personally, I like the long birds, and my opinion is that in so much as it is more difficult to breed an extra long one possessing at the same time all the other qualifications that go to make up a representative Yorkshire, such as position, quality of feather, shape and general carriage, etc.—a breeder of such should take premier honours to one not so long, although it may be equally as good in other respects. There is no doubt about it; if you are fortunate in producing one of these long birds with symmetry of body and all other essential properties, they really do look beautiful, and are worthy of the highest admiration, because there are so many evils to contend with in breeding them, viz., flat head, weak neck and hollow back, cross wings, open tail, frilled breast, etc. Such a bird can be produced, I think, by dint of close application, careful study, and judicious breeding. I might mention here that I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Crisp's unflighted Yellow (1st in a class of nearly 40 birds) in Cardiff Show this year, and I venture to say this was over standard length, *i.e.*, taking 6¾ inches as the standard, but I must say it really was a beautiful bird, and had many admirers. If we are to have a standard in the length of the Yorkshire Canary, then I would suggest that a wider scope be given to the breeder, and not confine that standard to an exact size like 6¾ inches (although I can hardly think this is intended to be taken in the strict literal meaning that they must not be a fraction over or under this size, as it would be very difficult to give effect to it). But, say, the standard was fixed at from 6 to 7 or 6½ to 7½ inches; this should be the means of bringing about a recognised length to be observed by judges all over the country, and I think would give more satisfaction all round. Whatever the standard may be fixed at, it should apply equally to under as well as over-sized birds, otherwise the evil would again crop up by partiality in some cases to a very small bird, and by a margin of an inch it would not alter the present type or length of the birds to any great extent, as I think most fanciers seem to be aiming to produce something about 6½ to 7 inches long, and there have been some very good all-round birds shown of this length. After all, it means that if a standard is fixed, we are remaining stationery, and taking into consideration that we are living in an age of keen competition, and everybody tries to go one better each year, I would say, in conclusion, that if a little extra length, with all other points equal, would add to the beauty of the bird of "grace and beauty," then such a bird ought to take precedence over a smaller one. I think it very improbable that an honest judge will give a long bird (say, 7 inches), with coarse feathers and untidy body, the honours over a medium-size bird (6½ inches, say) possessing good qualities all round. It would be interesting to know how they get at the length of these birds. Do they measure them actually, or estimate the size, say, from top of head to base of neck, shoulders to root of tail, and from there to the tip? I hope this will draw forth some other opinions on the matter, as it is quite probable there is some important point I have omitted in giving mine, and that from the experience of one and the other we shall get at the best. H. S. NEGUS.

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* Missel Thrush v. Rat.

In June I was witness to a peculiar combat between a Missel Thrush and a rat. The Missel Thrush while sitting on four eggs was surprised and driven off by a rat. The Thrush, after hovering around for a time, attacked the rat with great fury, and by repeated pecking at its head so injured the rat that it fell from the tree, and I was able to approach and kill it quite easily. The plucky Missel Thrush then resumed its interrupted incubation.—Sent by C. E. FALKINGBRIDGE (age 15), 17, Grange Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks.

The Well-known Hedge-sparrow.

Nearly everybody knows the Hedge-Sparrow. Really it is not a Sparrow, but our only resident warbler. It comes to feed with the other birds in winter, and it is distinguished by its dull breast, red feet, and shuffling hop. Early in March it may be seen on the top of a hedge, singing splendidly. In some parts it is known as the "Blue Dunnock," because of its four or five beautiful blue eggs. The nest is placed in a low bramble or other bush, or in ivy, and is made of moss and roots, and lined with horse-hair and sheep's wool. I have seen an instance where the bird had covered her eggs up in order to hide them from enemies.—F. CROSSLEY (age 15), Madison Avenue, Cheadle-Hulme, Cheshire.

** No Believer in Starvation.

The Starling is a very pretty and interesting bird. With great patience he may be taught to talk and whistle tunes quite correctly if you get a young bird out of the nest and rear it. They are also very greedy birds. I found a nest of four young ones this spring in an old barn, so I took one home and reared it. I think they were about 14 days old. It turned out to be a cock bird, and a very nice one too. It used to fly out of the cage and follow us about, and perch on our heads, and it used to delight to bath under running water. I am sure he would not have died for want of food without letting us know, for he used to make the most awful noise when he was hungry.—Sent by W. COOPER (age 15), Wellington Street, Matlock Bank, Derbyshire.

* The Sleepy Boy.

One snowy morning,
The flowers were all dead,
A little brown dicky
Hopped out of bed.

He was very hungry,
And said I'll see
If that little boy
Has put crumbs for me.

But the boy had forgotten
To throw any out,
Though the poor little dickey
Looked all about.

He looked up at the window,
And called out "Sweet!
Please won't you give me
Something to eat?"

But the boy couldn't hear him,
And didn't know;
And poor little dickey
Died in the snow.

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The Song of Birds.

How Do They Learn It?

Some Interesting Observations by the Rev. Theodore Wood.

That well-known naturalist, the Rev. Theodore Wood, has recently been giving his views on this question. He says:—

Three replies to this question seem to be possible. The first is that their song comes to them simply by inheritance; the second, that it is taught to them by their parents; and the third, that it is impressed upon their receptive memories while they remain in the nest, and is reproduced in later life by a mere fact of recollection. None of these explanations, however, is sufficient to cover the whole of the ground.

Three Methods.

Number one is undoubtedly exemplified in the case of the Cuckoo. The mother Cuckoo lays her eggs in the nests of a great variety of other birds, and her young have manifold opportunities of hearing the song of their foster-parents, or of being taught to sing by them. Yet they invariably adhere—or at any rate the males do—to their own distinctive call, though they are unable to utter it till the period of courtship begins, nearly twelve months later. This is undoubtedly a question of inheritance.

And Mr. Hudson tells us, in his "Naturalist in La Plata," "that a young specimen of *Rhynchotus rufescens*, which was taken from the nest when just breaking the egg-shell and reared artificially, learned nevertheless to render its characteristic song before it was fledged. In this case it could only have heard the parental strains while it still remained in the egg; and there is a good deal of difficulty in believing that under such circumstances the undeveloped little creature could note and remember the song so perfectly as afterwards to reproduce it without a mistake.

But then, on the other hand, it is a well-known fact—the Hon. Daines Barrington, a correspondent of White, of Selborne, called attention to it more than a century ago—that Linnets, if brought up under the care of Skylarks, Woodlarks, and Titlarks, invariably learned the song of the foster-parent instead of their own. And all trainers of song birds know how indispensable it is that their feathered pupils should hear only the particular song which they are required to reproduce.

The Yellow Hammer's Lesson.

In these cases the young birds undoubtedly learn by imitation. And Mr. Hudson tells us again that the cock and hen of the South American Oven-Bird sing a curious kind of duet together, and that the young, while still in the nest, may frequently be heard practising it during the absence of the parents. This seems to point to explanation number three. But I have a very interesting record of a case in which two young Yellow Hammers were obviously receiving a singing lesson from an older bird, presumably the father.

"On a very hot August day," writes my correspondent, "I was stretched on a heatherclad slope on Hindhead, in the Surrey hills, enjoying the sunshine, the bees, and the pleasant rustle of nature. To the right, some twenty yards distant, there sloped a belt of young larch and fir, and to the left various-sized thorns and gorse bushes. From one of these last-mentioned low bushes a Yellow Hammer began to pipe forth his sad little song. This continued for ten minutes or more, the bird evidently not moving from his perch.

"Then, from the belt of firs at the other side of me, came forth the sweetest little trembling imitation of the first part of the older bird's song, the two end notes, and sometimes more, being left out, and the bit-of-bread-and-but——' and stopping there. After a little, a second youngster took it up, and in his turn began in quavering tone to imitate the adult bird, who sang and then paused, when one of the young pupils would again try the strain.

Warming to their Work.

The interest warmed, as by degrees the uncertain little notes grew steadier, and then at last, 'ter-please' was added by one. To the very end of the lesson, however, the other little scholar failed to get the 'ter' properly, generally leaving it out and skipping over to 'please.'

One very curious thing about the lesson was the extreme *politeness* amongst the birds. If any two of the three happened to commence together, one immediately stopped and allowed the other to continue. I could find no distinct code of precedence about it; it seemed to be a natural courtesy in each. Sometimes it was the adult bird that stopped, and at other times the younger; and only once did it occur that both stopped simultaneously. This continued for fully an hour, and at last I left the two young ones practising by themselves, one having entirely accomplished the full cadence, and the other still occasionally leaving out the last note but one of its sweet and still tremulous baby song.

All Views Correct.

So it would seem that all three replies to the question at the head of this article are correct. Young birds learn their songs in three distinct ways, some by inheritance, some by imitation, and some by direct instruction on the part of the parents.

Young birds first begin to sing, as a rule, in September. After the great August silence their voices are generally the first to be heard.

Perhaps some of my readers may be fortunate enough, during the autumn, to hear some youngsters practising, or receiving tuition from their parents. The subject is a little known as well as a very interesting one, and affords plenty of scope for original observation.

THE TRAINING OF TALKING PARROTS.

The task of teaching Parrots to talk is one of the most arduous that has ever been undertaken, and it says a great deal for the patience of women that the majority of language teachers are of that sex. A lady who has given some years to the work says:— I have tried the phonograph in teaching birds, but never found it satisfactory. Birds not only want the words repeated to them, but they want the attention and individuality of the teacher. Parrots that had already learned certain words would be moved to repeat them on hearing them ground out by the phonograph, but I never had one learn a new word or sentence from the machine. As to teaching them to sing, a couple of lines, or a short verse at the most is all that I have ever been able to accomplish.

I have heard people say that the African birds were brighter and more fluent talkers than the South American or the East Indian birds. I haven't found it so. I think it all rests with the individual bird. Some birds, like some people, are brighter than others. As a rule, I have found it easier to teach a Parrot to speak French than any other language. I have had four that I can now recall who were very good indeed with French and German, but couldn't or wouldn't learn a word of English.

Parrots frequently learn a whole string of words and sentences before they speak them. I have laboured, as I thought unsuccessfully, for as much as two weeks. Never a word would the bird say. Then suddenly something would move it, and there would be a long string of words, and in my voice. Oh, they are curious creatures. Some things they say make my flesh creep, they are so to the point.

A few weeks ago I had a large African Parrot as a pupil. He understood English, and his master wished him to learn German. One day my mother had a friend come in, and a few minutes after she had taken her seat the Parrot cocked his head on one side, and, looking at her, asked—'So John and Mary are fighting again?' He had heard my father say it to my mother the night before when they were talking about this woman's daughter and her husband. If that bird didn't think, what prompted him to make that particular remark to that particular woman?

Another pupil we had never saw my brother and a girl friend together without shrieking at the top of its lungs—'Behave yourself, Nick.' Then he'd make the sound of a kiss. 'Behave yourself, Nick.' The sound of a kiss again. Of course, there was no good in their denying the accusation.

The Yorkshire Canary.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

A Lecture given by the Secretary of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club before the Jarrow and District C.B.F.S., on November 12.

(*Continued from page 546.*)

The Question of Size.

I think judges ought not to magnify size, especially if at the expense of other good points. They should sink their own pet prejudices, and judge to the standard adopted by such specialist societies as these, else what is the use of having specialist societies?

I do not wish to be misunderstood on this point. Personally, I do not object to size; but we have the anomaly that one judge ignores it, whilst another places it almost before anything else. Perhaps you may think I should have left this point for the critics to decide, but I contend, gentlemen, that this is a point which is very important to a beginner, because he wants to get on the right track at the commencement, and not get disheartened and discouraged by failure. Nothing damps enthusiasm so much as to have a real good bird overlooked by a judge, and an inferior one placed above it. Last season I wrote to a prominent advertiser of Yorkshires for a good show bird. In his reply he asked me who was judging, so that he could send one likely to suit that judge, as the different judges had different types which they preferred. This opened my eyes, and I found it was so at the shows to which I went. But if we follow the standards of the two leading specialist clubs we cannot get far wrong. We may now and again be overlooked, on the whole, we will be the gainers.

On Pairing Up.

The points connected with pairing and breeding Yorkshires have been so thoroughly dealt with in the Fancy Press recently, that it would only be going over the same ground again if I were to go into it in detail. There is, however, one thing I am convinced of, and that is you do not want to believe all the fairy tales told that winners won't breed winners; if that were so, at the end of each season all the winners would be for sale; they would not be wanted for stock purposes. But as we read the advertisements, it is the stock birds that are for sale. You can easily see why breeders say that winners are not bred from winners; if they were to say that no one would want to buy stock pairs. My own plan is to put the birds I consider most perfect together, noting where each fails, and, if possible, counterbalancing its faults in its partner. From these I should expect most prefect youngsters.

Then again, I am a great believer in pedigree; we cannot always afford to buy exhibition specimens for stock purposes. The next best thing is to get their brothers and sisters. We have the authority of Mr. Crisp, president of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, and one of the most successful breeders of Yorkshires in the South of England, that show birds are invaluable for breeding purposes. If any of you who are thinking of going in for Yorkshires have the chance of a good exhibition specimen at a reasonable price, my advice is take it, get the best mate you can for it, and you will not be disappointed.

As good exhibition birds usually command big prices, it may not be within the reach of all to buy a bird which can win in open competition. Then we must go to a breeder of repute—not a dealer—and get from him the relatives of some birds he has bred and won with. This advice was given me by a very old breeder of another variety of Canary, and I have no doubt but that it is sound advice. From these you might get a show specimen, and if you did that in your first season, then you would be amply rewarded for your trouble, and your foundation as a breeder be firmly laid.

Another thing which is largely practised by Yorkshire breeders is in-breeding. Mr. Shackleton said in CAGE BIRDS that the birds represented on the coloured plate mentioned were bred from show birds, and, I think I am right in saying, from father and daughter. If this is not exact relationship, it is something very near, and I know that not only Mr. Shackleton, but many others practice in-breeding with their best birds with satisfactory results. I need hardly say that to in-breed with inferior or medium stock, or from two birds showing the same fault, is of no use whatever, as you only fix their inferior points, whereas the object of in-breeding is to fix the good points.

The Introduction of Belgian Blood.

There is no doubt but that most of the winning Yorkshires of to-day have a considerable amount of Belgian blood in their veins. All Canaries are more or less a mixture of different breeds. We are told that all the varieties at present known are descended from that small green singing Finch known as the Wild Canary, and that by selection we have arrived at our present different breeds. How much truth and how much fiction there is in the tale I am not able to tell you. But when we consider the more recent breeds, such as the Yorkshire, we have some data as well as rumour and speculation to go upon.

Quite recently I was considerably surprised to read that the Yorkshire itself had been used to improve the Lancashire by giving it more length of leg, and when we have that on the authority of Mr. John Robson we may be sure that there is some measure of truth in it. Had he said that the Lancashire had been used to improve the Yorkshire I should not have been so astonished, because some years ago a great deal of Lancashire blood was introduced into the Yorkshire to gain size; now it seems the tables are being turned, and the Yorkshire has to help the Lancashire.* The variety chiefly used of recent years to improve the Yorkshire seems to have been the Belgian.

What a useful bird the Belgian must be. A few years ago he was wanted in Scotland, and has been very instrumental in bringing the Scotch Fancy up to its present state of perfection. Even now a good Belgian, I am told, is in great requisition by the breeders of the bird of circle. The value of the Belgian to the Yorkshire breeders is in the breediness or style which it gives to the bird, and fanciers will tell you that it is no use unless you have plenty of "breed" in your strain. The father of the birds which stood first and second in the Buff Class at the last Wallsend Show, Mr. Armstrong's and my own, was one eighth Belgian.

I should not advise you to try the introduction into your own stock unless it were by way of experiment, because you can buy the breedy birds ready-made, and thus save two or three years' work. I advertised this year for a yellow Belgian hen, which I meant to try the experiment with, but I had no replies; therefore I shall have to wait another year, and look out earlier next season for a suitable hen. Many of my birds show the Belgian blood quite distinctly, but I wished to see for myself the results of the first and second crosses with birds I have which revert somewhat to the Lancashire type.

A friend tells me I should introduce the Belgian from the cock's side, but as it is a cock I have which is rather heavy built, and stands a bit across the perch, I wanted the Belgian hen for him. Further, I believe the leading Yorkshire breeders usually introduce the Belgian from the hen's side—at any rate, for the first cross.

(*To be continued.*)

*[It is only fair to Mr. Robson to say that in referring to his article he has subsequently said: "I have carefully looked over my article, and failed to find an instance where I said definitely that the Yorkshire cross had been used with a view to improving the Lancashire"—EDITOR.]

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The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

(*Continued from page* 447.)

The Green Singing Finch—*continued.*

In its native wilds the bird nests from September to January, hence the comparative failure to breed this *Serin* by the bulk of English aviculturists. The nest, usually found in a low bush, is a neat cup-shaped structure of grass, lined with finer and down. The clutch varies from three to five pale bluish eggs, sparingly spotted with ruddy-brown at the larger end. Incubation lasts 12 to 13 days.

Diet: Canary, white, and spray millet, with flowering grass, groundsel, grit, etc.; with a few ants' cocoons (eggs), and a little soft food. A few oats and a little Paddy rice (rice in the husk) makes a wholesome variation in the diet, which, with a daily bath, will suffice to keep them in a perfect state of health. Hybrids have been produced with the Canary and its grey-coated relative.

Habitat: According to Stark, it is resident in Eastern Cape Colony, Natal, and the Orange Free State, northwards through the Transvaal, Matabele, and Mashonaland, and up the East Coast to Mombassa. In West Africa from Damaraland to Senegambia.

The above treatment will practically suffice for the whole of the *Serins*; the larger species should be given oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds regularly in addition. All the *Serins* are good songsters, the Grey Singing Finch, however, surpasses them all for strength, sweetness, and variety.

The Grey Singing Finch (*Serinus leucopygius*).—This quietly and chastely clad bird is a native of North-Eastern and Equatorial Africa. It is a graceful and pretty inhabitant of the aviary, fluttering about somewhat like a butterfly. The power of song enjoyed by this energetic and pleasing little bird is really surprising; it is a melody both strong, sweet and varied, and almost continuously uttered. It is a fine breeder in captivity, and readily crosses with *S. icterus*.

Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is light ashy-brown, slightly striated with dusky-brown centres to the feathers; a blackish bar crosses the lower back, and the wings are white; wing coverts, quills and tail brown, edged with whitish-brown; sides of face and under surface, pale ashy-grey, lighter on the throat, with the breast, abdomen and flanks, white; beak, legs and feet, dusky-flesh colour. Total length, 4¼ inches; tail, 1⅝ inches.

Adult female: Similar, but most individuals are more thickly streaked on the flanks than the male. For the remainder of this charming genus, I shall have to confine myself to description and habitat.

The Cape Canary (*Serinus canicollis*).—Adult male: The upper surface is greenish-yellow, lightly striated with dusky-brown; rump and upper tail coverts, yellower and not striated; lesser, median, and greater wing coverts, greenish yellow, median and greater coverts edged with yellow, primary coverts and quills, black, edged with yellow; tail, dusky brown, with the outer edges yellow; crown, golden yellow; back and sides of neck, and ear coverts, grey; sides of face, cheeks, and under surface, bright golden yellow, more brilliant on the breast, and washed with green on the sides and flanks; lower abdomen and ventral region, whitish; beak, palo brown; legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 5¼ inches; tail, 2⅛ inches.

Adult female: Varies from the male in being browner above, slightly smaller crown, paler yellow and streaked with dusky; and the yellow of the under surface not so rich in hue. Total length, 4⅞ inches; tail, 2 inches.

The nest is cup-shaped, built in a low bush; the season is from September to November. Incubation lasts 13 days, the eggs being white, faintly tinged with blue and streaked and spotted with brown. Habitat: Resident in Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal. Introduced into Reunion (Stark).

The Sulphur Seed-eater (*Serinus sulphuratus*).—This bird is also known as the Large Yellow Seed-eater, and is a native of Cape Colony, Orange Free State, and Eastern Africa generally. One of the largest of the *Serins*, and in build resembles the English Greenfinch.

Adult Male: The upper surface is greenish-yellow, striated with blackish; rump and upper tail coverts; dull yellow; lesser wing coverts, greenish-yellow; other coverts, quills, and tail blackish, edged with yellow; crown and back of neck, bright greenish-yellow; eye region, ear coverts, and cheeks, greenish; eye streak and throat, bright golden-yellow; sides of neck, breast, sides, and flanks, greenish-yellow, brighter on the breast; remainder of under-surface, yellow; beak, pale yellow, the upper mandible washed with dusky; legs and feet, dusky. Total length, 6 inches; tail, 2½ inches.

Adult female: Slightly smaller, and the hues of her plumage are not so brilliant; the eye streak is small, and not so rich in colour as that of the male. Total length, 5¾ inches; tail, 2½ inches. The nest is cup-shaped, and placed low down; the eggs are white, very faintly tinged with blue and variably spotted with black; four is the usual clutch, and incubation lasts 14 days.

The St. Helena Seed-eater (*Serinus flaviventris*).—This bird is also known as the Yellow-bellied Seed-eater, and is abundant in Cape Colony, ranging into the Orange Free State and the Southern Transvaal (Stark). A fine and melodious songster.

Adult Male: Upper surface, yellowish-green, narrowly striated with black; rump, bright yellow; lesser wing coverts, greenish-yellow; remainder of wing coverts, quills, and tail, blackish, edged with yellow; upper tail coverts, dull yellow, with black centres; forehead, eye streak, and eye region, and under surface, golden-yellow; crown and ear coverts, greenish-yellow; sides of face and cheeks, yellow; beak, horn colour, lower mandible much paler than upper; legs and feet, dusky. Total length, 5⅜ inches; tail, 2⅛ inches.

Adult female: Differs from the male, being lighter, greener, and more heavily striated on the upper surface; eye streak, ashy grey; under surface, dull white, washed with yellowish green; sides and flanks, grey, streaked with dusky. The yellow areas of the upper surface of the male are replaced with greyish-green in the female. Total length, 5 inches; tail, 2¼ inches. Breeding: The nest is cup-shaped, constructed of twigs and husks, and lined with cottony down. The eggs are pale blue-green, and spotted with dark and light ruddy-brown. Incubation lasts 13 or 14 days.

Von Der Decken's Seed-eater (*Serinus imberbis*).—Adult male: Upper surface, greenish-yellow, faintly streaked with dusky on the back and mantle; rump, plain greenish-yellow; upper tail coverts, yellow; lesser wing coverts, greenish-yellow; other coverts and quills, black, with outer edges yellow; tail, dusky, with yellow edges; crown, yellow, tinged with green and narrowly streaked with dusky; eye streak and cheeks, yellow; ear coverts, yellowish-green; under surface, bright yellow, washed on the sides and flanks with green; beak, legs, and feet, brown. Total length, 5 inches; tail, 1⅞ inches. Habitat: According to Stark, they range through Great Namaqua, Damara Land, Transvaal, Nyasaland, and German East Africa to Zanzibar and Central Africa.

Rendall's Seed-eater (*Serinus rendalli*).—Adult male: Forehead, lores, head and neck, yellow, the latter narrowly striated with brown; back and rump, dark brown, most of the feathers with yellow margins; wings and tail, dusky, edged with yellow; under surface, bright golden yellow; beak, black; legs and feet, dull brown. Total length, 5 inches; tail, 1¾ inches.

Adult female: Upper surface, dusky brown, with white margins; lores and eye region, palo dusky-white; under surface, pale yellow, sparsely streaked with dusky.

White-throated Seed-eater (*Serinus albigularis*).—A large (length 6¼ inches) and plainly-clad species, local to Cape Colony. Locally known as Thick-beak and Mountain Seedeater. Its song is superior to that of the Cape Canary. Nest: An open cup-shaped structure, loosely constructed with twigs and grass, and lined with downy blossoms. Eggs: Pale bluish-white, sparsely spotted and streaked at the large end with purplish-black. Clutch, 3 to 4. Stark states they are very courageous in defence of their nest; "he saw a pair on one occasion attack a large snake with great courage and success.

Adult male: Upper surface, ashy-brown, striated with dark brown; rump and upper tail coverts, yellowish-green; wing coverts, brown, edged with whitish-brown; quills, dusky brown, with hoary edges; tail, dark yellowish brown, with whitish edges; forecheeks and eyebrow, white; head, cheeks, sides of neck, ear coverts, and under surface, ashy-brown, with the throat, abdomen, and under tail coverts, white; beak, brown colour; legs and feet, brown.

Adult female: Similar, but slightly smaller; her plumage more dusky in hue.

The White-winged Seed-eater (*Serinus leucopterus*).—Very rare. Adult male: Upper surface, pale brown, lightly tinged with yellowish-olive; wing coverts and quills, dark brown, edged with olive; median and greater coverts, tipped with white, forming a double wing bar; upper tail coverts, brown, with whitish tips; tail, dark brown, with yellowish-olive edges; crown, ashy-brown, with blackish centres to most of the feathers, forehead yellowish; sides of face, ear coverts and cheeks, dusky brown, a streak of pale dusky crosses the ear coverts; throat, white, mottled with black; remainder of under surface, pale ashy-brown, lightly washed with yellowish; thighs, dark brown; ventral region and under tail coverts, whitish. Habitat, South Africa.

The Damara Yellow-rumped Seed-eater (*Serinus crocopygius*).—Anderson, in his "Birds of Damara Land," states that he met with it sparingly in Damara and Great Namaqua Land, mostly about rocks in the vicinity of water, and that its food consists of seeds and berries.

(*To be continued.*)

Quail Keeping in an Aviary.

By ALEXANDER BOYLE.

Any species of these Quails may be profitably kept in captivity, being most interesting as cage birds, extremely hardy and graceful. When thoroughly tamed and accustomed to the aviary, they well repay the bird fancier or naturalist, who desires to study their habits. The Quail, of which I give a brief account, was purchased for a moderate sum at a humble bird stall.

Reconciled to Captivity.

On caging this new acquisition, he was found to be somewhat wild and as a consequence soon became bald through flying upwards and striking his cranium against the wire at the top of the cage. To prevent such a contingency, a piece of cloth or canvas should be temporarily fixed inside the top of the cage; this will effectually prevent the Quail from such injury.

Groats, or whole wheat, hempseed (in cold weather) sprays of millet, etc., will soon reconcile the bird to captivity, and he will eventually become so tame that he will come at call to the front of the cage or aviary and take common house flies from the hand and devour them with avidity. If these are not readily procurable, feed on dried flies or ants' eggs in addition to the seeds and cereals mentioned above.

The Song of the Quail.

The song, or, more properly the call, is very sweet. It sounds, Englished, something like the syllables—*pee-vor-oie, pee-vor-oie*—plaintively repeated by the bird, with half closed eyes. The old German song has it:—

"Hark to the Quail, how she pipes at morn . . .
Look at her stealing thro' yonder green field,
Telling of sweets that the harvest will yield.
Singing the while as she joyfully glides.

So that it is very probable the Quail when in its natural haunts pipes to his comrades. This can hardly be equal, however, to the piping of the trained Bullfinch, whose cost, when efficient, may be anything from three pounds to thirty guineas, or more.

His Pugnacious Spirit.

The adult male Quails, perhaps more especially the Chinese species, are almost as pugnacious as an old-fashioned English game cock and will fight with an opponent to the death. This truculent spirit and characteristic was frequently taken advantage of by foreigners with sporting instincts, who trained their respective pets to such an extent that they were able to challenge all comers; they staked substantial sums upon a Quail fight.

Many old engravings and pictures from foreign parts show pincipals and eager spectators all grouped around a table or in an arena where the Quails are set to contend for the cup or the shield.

Quails are brought in large numbers to the principal markets of the world and are sold as delicacies for the table. As is universally known, Quail on toast appeals to the gourmand and epicurean, and he would much rather eat him than stay to listen to his pipings. Not so the true lover of bird life, who is on another track altogether.

To provide his birds with the very best treatment while in captivity; to approach as nearly as may be the bird's natural provision is his study continually.

Quails as Breeders.

It has been proved possible for Quails to breed in captivity, providing the aviary is fitted up with dwarf evergreen bushes and growing corn, to some extent resembling its native haunts.

Make the cage impervious to mice and other enemies to bird life. Strew the floor with river sand and grit and provide clean receptacles for water. Also make some nooks for nesting places, because the Quail is of a very shy and retiring nature under all circumstances. Those who have space and opportunity for the experiment, may meet with great success.

Should the hens lay, their eggs, if deserted, may be hatched, if fertile, by means of a broody Bantam hen or doubtless even by incubator. The hens lay from ten to twenty eggs in a clutch, and if properly acclimatised, it is very likely they would greatly add to this number when thoroughly domesticated. This has, indeed, been found to be the case with many other varieties of birds in captivity.

The nest of the Quail is simply a hollow in the ground and is shaped by the bird after the manner in which the Pheasant forms her nest—continually turning the earth until it is formed into the desired shape. It is concealed in the corn or other grain field from the prying eyes of egg collectors.

Though largely a grain-eating bird, yet it would appear that most of these fancy Quails, Californian, Chinese, Australian and others, are always more healthy if supplied with insect food in moderation.

Some of these birds are rare and not easily to be procured, but as a rule the Chinese and American species can be had from 15/- to 21/- per pair from bird dealers of reputation.

Some Concluding Observations.

When removing the birds be careful to hold them in the hand firmly because the texture of their plumage is so smooth that they easily escape from one's grasp, unless properly secured. All the Quail species differ more or less in characteristic markings, but they are all exceedingly handsome, more especially the cock birds.

The young birds can be separated from the adult Quails when about three months old, but it is advisable to give crushed hemp and groats, with suitable grit to aid digestion until they are well on millet seed and ordinary whole wheat.

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On account of the holiday, the next meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C. will be held at Headquarters, The Napier, High Holborn, on Thursday, January 2nd, at 8 o'clock, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the secs.

We beg to thank all exhibitors who sent their birds to Ruthin Show, our first attempt, which was a great success, writes Messrs. Williams and Roberts, joint hon. secs. We intend to forward now prize cards later, if expenses will permit. Our advt. in CAGE BIRDS did the trick for us.

My advertisement in CAGE BIRDS on December 14 for Exhibition Redstart and cage, writes Mr. Urban Callear (Dawley), brought so many applicants that I am quite unable to reply to all. Your Christmas Number and Plate of "Triumphs of Hybrid Breeding," I consider magnificent.

Please accept my best thanks for prominence given to my two ticked Norwich in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS. These two noted winners generally stand 1st in their respective classes. Kindly allow me to offer my sincere congratulations on the Christmas Number; it was absolutely superb. On looking at the plate of the two Norwich a friend asked me what I thought about them. I told him I was not a greedy man, but I should like to have a dozen in my room like them. Can friend Norman put me on the track of the real ones like them? May the dawn of the new year bring with it continued prosperity to bonnie CAGE BIRDS, and may readers of the same have the best breeding season they have ever known. E. BAKER (Cowes).

Robin Fancies the Coal Shed.

A Robin has made friends with a Scarborough family, we hear, and is renewing its visits for the third winter. It is so fearless that it will hop on to the doorstep to be fed from the backdoor. As a place of refugo from foul weather it is partial to a coal shed.

Rejoicings in Fleet Street.

There was rejoicing at CAGE BIRDS office the other morning. It coincided with the arrival of a box of real Scotch Shortbread, kindly forwarded for our delectation by that well-known Edinburgh Fancier, Mr. D. Kinlayside. As portions of the delicious cake made the round of the office, even the damp and gloom of this new-fashioned Christmas ceased to depress us, and the sub-editor was observed lost in cogitation as to the desirability of visiting Bonnie Scotland for a "wee bit mair," instead of spending the festive season at Monte Carlo. Eh! mon, but it's fetching.

Better Late than Never.

I have only just discovered your splendid little paper, CAGE BIRDS; had I known of it I should have had it from the start. It is a complete fanciers' treasure-house on cage birds. I had mistaken——for one and the same paper, but when my newsagent gave me CAGE BIRDS in mistake (lucky mistake for me!) I have taken it ever since, as it is a long way the best. If you have any specimen copies that I can circulate for you, I will put every single copy in the hands of those who will be as pleased with it as I am.—W. TAFFS (Leytonstone).

Another Noted Bird Stolen.

Mr. E. Baker, the well-known Isle-of-Wight breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, asks us to draw attention to the advertisement on the opposite page offering £10 reward for the recovery of his noted unflighted Buff, or information leading to the discovery and prosecution of the person who stole the bird from its place on the benches at the recent Horticultural Hall (London) Show. He further says: "I thought of asking through CAGE BIRDS if this 'gentleman' would send me his address, when I might be able to fit him up with a good yellow hen for breeding."

Readers will remember that during last year's exhibition at the Horticultural Hall, one of Mr. Tyson's birds mysteriously vanished from the showroom, but was returned the day afterwards by a District Messenger boy, from someone, of course, unknown. We trust Mr. Baker may be equally fortunate in getting back his own stolen bird, notwithstanding the interval of time that has now elapsed since it was spirited away.

Readers are reminded that two of our XMAS COMPETITIONS close on Monday next, Dec. 30th, viz: the Coloured Frontispiece and "Where do they Differ?" Post your entries in time.

THE TREATMENT OF FRESH-CAUGHT BRITISH BIRDS.

By AVIC.

At various times there has been quite a number of suggestions made as to the cause of deaths among fresh-caught British birds, and it may be helpful to add a note on this topic. The old, and still the most popular theory is that these deaths are due in a great measure to digestive troubles, set up by the sudden and complete change from a diet of seeds and various moist substances to one of dry, hard seeds alone, in the case of hard-billed birds; and, still worse, in the case of soft-bills, from a diet consisting almost exclusively of some form of insect life to one in which there is rarely more, and often less, than a fourth part of the bulk made up of insect or animal substances. From this, theories have gone on developing, until "shop fever" has been suggested. If one takes the cases all round with the pros and cons brought to bear upon them, one might easily conclude that any or all of these causes were the correct solution. But the supposed evidence in favour of these suggestions is ot to be always taken too literally.

THE CARE OF SOFTBILLS.—

As regards this class of bird, it is quite easy to understand how the very radical change of diet may have disastrous effects on the health of the bird before it has become accustomed to the change. Very often it is sought to make the drastic change practically at one stroke, so to speak, by giving the bird the usual softbill's mixture as soon as it commences to feed in a cage. Such a course is fore-doomed to failure. A radical change of diet such as this cannot be brought about too gradually, and during the transitionary stage economy in such substitutes for insect food as we usually have at command is not to be tolerated. The "meating-off" process of soft-bills, as it is termed, is not by any means the cheapest department in the cage-bird Fancy. Really good ants' eggs, mealworms, and wasp grub, or gentle, are by no means cheap, when they have to form the bulk of the diet of a number of birds. Nevertheless, it is the wisest economy to be liberal with them during this stage of bird-keeping. Then there will be found a marked decrease in the death rate.

AND OF SEED EATERS.

To write of seed-eaters, pure and simple, is, in a sense, misleading. The term is a misnomer, for there is probably no recognised species of cage bird that is exclusively seed-eating in its habit. In propounding the theory of "shop-fever," as the probable cause of so many deaths among this class of birds, it was pointed out that considerably fewer deaths occurred among birds caught by oneself. This, however, scarcely agrees with my opinion, for I have known amateur catchers of life-long experience who caught only to supply the local, or village demand, whose losses could not be less in proportion than one would find among the ordinary stock of a dealer. But once, a bird got well on a diet of seeds in apparently good condition, it would be considered safe, and consequently saleable. The chief difficulty to overcome was what one may term individuality, or temperament. Nervousness, sulkiness, temper, or call it what you will, all combined to determine the feathered "passive resister" to depart hence rather than submit to a captive existence. Apart from Greypates, brancher Linnets, and such like, that were obviously caught too young, and never did get a fair chance, the provision of a supply of various wild seeds and berries generally culled in the same place where the birds were caught whilst watching the nets or other catching appliances, few birds would look behind them once they commenced to feed in the cage.

ENVIRONMENT.

But in all species one must not overlook the vast differences in the natural environment of the birds out in the open air and when they come to be caged. Even if kept in the very best appointed and airiest and lightest of rooms the difference is still tremendous, whilst in the majority of cases the birds rarely make their debut in captivity under such ideal conditions. What, then, is more likely than that the weight of these influences on the health and condition of every living thing is of far more account than every other consideration in determining the number of losses in newly-caught birds?

"CAGE BIRDS" GRAND XMAS LITERARY COMPETITION.

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At the time we held our Foreign Bird Essay Competition, some few months ago, many requests reached us to extend that competition to the other sections of the cage bird hobby. We could not conveniently do so then, but we have now decided to hold a Christmas Competition to meet the wishes of readers, and the **Editor** offers **four One Guinea Cash Prizes** under the following conditions:—

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **Canaries.** Competitors may deal with any one variety (such as the Norwich), or more than one variety (such as the Norwich and the Crest), and questions relating thereto, or may take the general management, breeding, etc., of Canaries from either the domestic or exhibition side.

One Guinea Cash for the best original essay on any topic relating to **British Birds.** The habits, appearance, and management, etc., of any one particular species may be discussed, or they may be dealt with collectively, or in groups, as may suit the knowledge of the essayist.

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Cash in Exchange for your Experiences.

There must be thousands among the readers of CAGE BIRDS with much knowledge stored away in their heads upon the above subjects. Utilise the Christmas holidays to put that knowledge on paper for the benefit of your fellow bird-keepers, and in exchange for your experiences there may be a cash prize waiting that will help to buy some bird or other acceptable thing you are a-wanting. Turn your spare moments to account.

The Closing Date, remember, is January 20th next.

RULES.

Each essay must be clearly written (or typed), on one side of paper only.

The length is left to competitors, but essays should not contain less than 1,000 words wherever possible.

Faults of spelling and grammar will not be counted against any essay, practical utility, interest, and simplicity being the chief essentials.

No name or address must be put on any essay, but each must be signed with a nom-de-plume, the sender's name and address being attached on a separate sheet of paper.

The Editor's decision will be final. Competent assistance will be called in to aid him in arriving at his decision.

All essays sent in (and any accompanying sketches or photographs) become the property of CAGE BIRDS, but all which are published (over and above the winning essay) will be duly paid for according to their worth to us.

All entries must reach CAGE BIRDS office, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C., on or before Monday, January 20th next. Write "Essay Competition," on top left-hand corner of envelope or package.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H.J.L.)
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Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 1, Duchess of Devonshire, Lavender road, 8.30; annual general meeting.—F. Easterling.

Bradford East O.S.—Dec. 31, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Grand Smoking Concert, to which all fanciers are heartily invited; also arrangements for Annual Tea and Concert, on Jan. 7.—H. Hill.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 2, Nag's Head, 7.30 prompt. Annual General meeting; very important this year, and every member should make special effort to be present.—J. C. Heaton.

Derby C.B.C.—Summoned meeting, Jan. 4, Victoria-street Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Next monthly meeting adjourned to above date. Giving away specials, etc. Summoned meeting, Jan. 25, settling up accounts; resignation of secretary, election of officers for 1908, etc.—W. H. Bamsey.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Dec. 27, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30.—J. Simon.

M. and N. C.O.S.—Dec. 30, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Entries for January Show, and other important business.—E. Jones.

Newcastle, C.B.S.—Jan 2, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street, 7.30. Annual General Meeting, balance sheet, election of office bearers, etc.—Curry and Hutchinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Dec. 30, Headquarters, 8. Schedules for January Show.—Davey.

Rochdale O.C.—Dec. 30, Club Rooms, 7.30. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

CLUB REPORTS.

CROOK ORIGINAL C.B.R. AND P.S.

At a meeting held December 18th the chief business was the presentation of the cups to the winners at the recent show. F. Feltham, Esq., made the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks, and Mr. R. Wilkinson, who received the cup for the cage bird section, suitably responded. After this an enjoyable evening was spent. The committee wish it known that all prize-money due at our recent show has been paid.—A. BOWES, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The announcement that Mr. J. S. Clarke would judge the Crest and Crestbred competition, and afterwards speak upon that variety, drew an unusual number of both members and friends on December 9th at the Church Institute, 60, Pardington-street. After the election of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, P. Taviner, W. Coles, and R. H. Jacobson, Dr. W. A. Rowntree (Hampstead) and Mr F. Eaton (Stonebridge Park) were nominated for membership. A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. J. Ashby, A. W. Hart, and A. W. Curtis for the handsome present of 76 class cards and stands made of solid mahogany, being a valuable asset of £3 16s. to the association. The secretary announced that the gift class birds had realised 17s. 6d. A round of applause greeted the announcement of a special prize for the pair show (January 24th), given by Mr. A. E. Rouse. Twenty-three members took part in the judging competition, which consisted of two classes, 20 Crests and 19 Crestbreds, the result being that Messrs. J. Pooley (champion) with 28 points, A. C. Burn (amateur) with 23 points, and E. C. Offord (novice) with 29 points were the winners of silver medals in cases. The sealed packet, presented anonymously for the member making the most entries, resulted in a tie between Mr. J. Pooley and W. Shepherd (10 each), which was finally won by Mr. J. Pooley. The winning birds having been brought out, Mr. Clarke demonstrated upon their respective merits and demerits, which was followed with close attention, and resulted in several important questions being asked by Messrs. R. L. Crisp, J. Pooley, W. Prance, and E. C. Offord. By special request Mr. Clarke was asked to say a few words upon the breeding of Crests, and graciously consented, imparting his undoubted knowledge upon that variety acquired by long years of experience. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clarke with great enthusiasm.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

An interesting meeting was held in the Grand National Halls, Glasgow, on December 18th, Mr. Wright, of Greenock, presiding. Minutes read and confirmed, and the accounts for year 1907 were submitted and approved. The balances on hand for the ordinary revenue, and the cup fund, were considered satisfactory. The following office-bearers were appointed for year 1908:—Hon. President, Hart, Esq. (Paisley); President, R. Wright (Greenock); Vice-President, County Councillor Hogg (Oakley); Secretary and Treasurer, T. Smith; Auditors, Messrs. Bullions and Porter; Committee, Messrs. G. G. Aitkenhead, J. Begg, Bell, E. B. Bullions, H. R. Caldwell, R. Carmyle, H. Crawford, J. Donnelly, D. D. Elder, T. Ferguson, J. Fleming, G. Fulton, W. Gibb, W. Gray, T. J. Hall, J. Hannay, J. Hart, W. D. Hogg, D. Holden, W. Hutchison, R. Johnstone, W. Lees, A. M'Caig, W. McClure, P. M'Dougall, A. Martin, J. D. Maxwell, A. Miller, J. Y. Miller, W. Mitchell, J. Muir, W. Niven, J. Park, A. Porteous, J. Price, T. Pringle, J. Rennie, J. Smith, T. Smith, R. Thoms, W. Thornton, J. Trail, W. Urquhart, W. Webster, J. Winchester, and E. G. Wright. The next show was fixed for September 19th, 1908, and the election of judges will take place at the general meeting on June 8th next. The rules were also carefully considered. It was decided to continue the printed catalogue at 2d. per copy, to have the names and addresses of all the members, the idea being to afford facilities for interchange of communications between intending purchasers and sellers of stock. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a harmonious meeting to a close. Copies of rules and all particulars of membership can be had on application to the secretary.—R. WRIGHT (President), J. HOGG (Vice-President), THOS. SMITH (Secretary), 446, Victoria-road, Glasgow.

SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual Linnet contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, when 29 of the best birds in Yorkshire song for four good prizes. Very good singing was heard to the enjoyment of a crowded house of spectators. 1st prize, C. Biss; 2nd, W. Fisher; 3rd, T. Summers; 4th, T. Chadwick. Judges, T. Crane and J. Clarke. Timekeeper, C. Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds," 154,** *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Post cards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Norwich Plainheads.—**J. H. Payne.** Yorkshires.—**H. W. Battye.** Crests & Crestbreds—**W. E. Greeves.** Cinnamons—**J. North.** Miscell.—**Claude St. John.** Border Fancies—**J. Patterson.** Scotch Fancies—**R. Wright.** Lizards **Barker Clegg.** Lancashires—**S. R. Compston.** Greens—**S. Madwin.** Belgians—**W. B. Cobb.** Rollers—**"Schoolmaster."** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Parkand Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

CANARIES.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

Answered by J. H. PAYNE.

Some Birdroom Matters.

Troubled Novice.—If your room is damp, you will have had the paper peel off the walls, or, at least, you will have had discoloured patches. See that the outside wall is dry, and that there is no leaking water pipe to saturate them. (2) There is a certain amount of risk in removing birds from a cold room to a living-room, and the risk of having them drop into a soft moult has to be run. When you remove any, select a mild day, when you have not much artificial heat on, and do it first thing in the morning. Hang them well below the level of the gas burner; in fact, hang them as low down as you can safely do.

Loss of Feathers.

A.M.—If you have another room, you can remove your hens into that. I should advise you to do so, as this may at once check them. Continue feeding as you are doing, and in addition, let each bird have, twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, over which put five drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Are you in the habit of burning tho gas in your bird-room during the night? If so, then this is probably the cause of your birds dropping into moult.

ROLLERS.

Answered by "SCHOOLMASTER."

Foods and Feeding.

—1: It is all nonsense about niger (or niga) being "poison." How any sane person, or , could possibly say so passes my comprehension. It is a stimulating seed, especially to anaries, and should only be very occasionally given, except at certain seasons of the year (beginning of the breeding season, for instance), and should never be part of a daily stock mixture. 2: The mixed packet seed you name is no doubt as good as any on the market, though there are many good ones. 3: I should think that I have told how to feed Rollers (or German Canaries) in every issue for the past two months. Kindly look up your back numbers ("Cis" and "Cambrian" last week). Daily food, this mixture: Canary, best Spanish three parts, summer rape two parts, by measure. Occasionally a little egg-bread, suitable green food, ripe apple, pinch of maw seed, and a feed of packet mixture once a week.

Off Song.

H.J.C.—Give the bird a gentle purgative for two days—as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Then well stir one part of best glycerine into three parts of best honey (by measure), and well mix a small teaspoonful of this, fresh daily, into the above quantity of drinking water. Keep a cube of fresh, sweet suet between the cage wires for the bird to peck at if he chooses. The dark mark on the beak is nothing—that is, no sign of anything wrong.

Off Song and Weak.

F. Dawson.—No doubt your bird wants rather richer food. See replies to "Cis" and "Cambrian" last week, and follow them strictly. Give egg bread and chemical food every day. Keep him in a warm, equable temperature, covering his cage at night. Use in the drinking water the honey and glycerine as advised "H.J.C." this week. I fancy in a fortnight's time your bird will then show a vast improvement.

MISCELLANEOUS CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sample of Sand.

J.J.R.—The sample of sand sent is totally deficient in gritty particles, and is therefore quite useless to assist the work of the gizzard in digestion. It is clean, and may be very useful to spread on the cage bottoms, but you must either supply grit in a tin, or scatter a little on the top of this fine sand every time you clean the cages out. It appears to bind together when wet; therefore, if you use it as suggested, you must take notice as to whether it clogs the bird's feet, and if it does, mix a third part of its bulk of sawdust with it.

Multum in Parvo.

Jacob Richards.—You would do well to procure one of CAGE BIRDS practical handbooks. No. 1: As you are just beginning and wish to avoid colour feeding, you could hardly do better than take up Border Fancies for a few years. No. 2: I have little doubt about the sex of this bird; it is probably a hen. If it is quite clear, mate it with a ticked or lightly variegated buff, but if it is a ticked or variegated bird, mate with a clear buff cock. Of course, you must not think of mating yet. No. 3: The age at which young birds commence to sing varies with individuals. Many of them begin to warble almost as soon as they leave the nest, and most early-hatched birds will sing nicely before the moult commences. If your bird is a cock, when it trys to sing you should see a very distinct swelling, or inflation, of the throat, accompanied by a palpable throbbing. No. 4: The sample of seed mixture sent is not suitable for a staple diet for Canaries, and the canary seed it contains is rather poor stuff. From now until spring feed on a staple of good, sound canary seed only, with a little summer rape, dry, once a week, a teaspoonful of soaked rape per bird once a week, and once a week a little bread and milk or egg food. Give these on different days, and fill up the intervals with a spray of green food each day. Give the hens a few grains of niger once a week. No. 5: As to whether the singing of a Linnet will spoil a Canary, that is quite a matter of taste. Personally, excepting highly-trained Rollers, I should not consider the average Canary likely to suffer from what he might pick up from the Linnet. Always pleased to help.

Many answers to Queries have had to be HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK owing to the early date this issue necessarily had to go to press.—EDITOR.

Trouble with Aviary.

New Starter.—The moisture you speak of is probably due to condensation of moisture from the surrounding air. A rough sketch of the roof would have been useful. Look to the top ventilation, and see there is an egress for heated air at the top. A double roof, with a little air space between them would be the best remedy, or you might try the effect of a covering of felt laid on, and then given three or four coats of tar. If you determine to employ a stove, remember you shoulder a dangerous risk, and the ventilation will still have to be attended to to compensate for the demands of combustion.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Goldfinch Ailing.

A. S. Robinson.—I am afraid you have left matters too long—it is hopeless to expect to pull a Goldfinch round after he has commenced to sit all day with his head under his wing. The latter is a very unfavourable sign. To leave the commencement of treatment until a bird is already three parts dead is, I am afraid, a common error of bird-keepers. If you had treated your bird to a few doses of mild saline medicine as soon as he commenced to sit drowsily about the cage, with his plumage looking slack and puffed out in the region of the abdomen, you might have pulled him round successfully. Sulphate of soda is the best thing to use; dose, as much as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Three doses are usually sufficient, and it is generally best to allow a day's interval on plain water between each, or between the second and third doses. Give the bird plenty of niger and maw seeds to eat. I am sure I cannot understand your ill-luck with Goldfinches. Hemp seed has nothing to do with it, providing, of course, it is good hemp seed. My own birds eat sacks of it.

Feathery Thighs.

E.J.—I do not know of any treatment that will make loose feathers at the thighs of a bird keep tight up. In many Bullfinches it is the result of the bird being nervous; when Bullies become tame, the slackness round the thigh is no longer noticeable. But I have both had and seen Bullfinches with "trousers," or with loose "vests," that were natural, and that never looked other than loose and untidy, and this, of course, it is quite impossible to remedy. Maybe you have yourself got hold of one of these undesirable customers. Should, however, the bird really be unsteady, then you can hope to see him neater and tighter in plumage when he has become tame.

Utilising Hen Greenies.

Greenfinch.—I should certainly think your two hen Greenfinches which were reared under Canaries will be valuable birds for Mule or Hybrid breeding. If you want to stick to Canaries, then I should provide a stout-built, pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, a clear (bred from clears, too, if possible), as the other partner. You might get a cinnamon-coloured Mule amongst the progeny, and would stand an excellent chance of getting a valuable lightly-marked one. Or with one of tho two hens you could run a good, big, bright-coloured, steady cock Bullfinch. Both pairs I should run together from now onwards in as big a breeding cage (box pattern), as you can allow—not less than 30 ins. by 15 by 10 ins. A cage 18 ins. long is of little good as a breeding cage. You want to let the couples stay together, without undue interference on your own part, right through the next season, supplying a nest-box and nesting material when we have had a few weeks of warm spring weather. Interference often spells failure; let them go their own way (within reason), and at their own pace.

Sexing Greenfinches.

G. J. Shirebrook.—It is a very easy matter to sex adult Greenfinches; cock and hen differ considerably. Broadly put, the cock is a rich grass-green colour all over, and carries a lot of yellow, more or less bright, in the wings and tail (the outer feathers). The hen Greenfinch, on the contrary, is a very dingy green colour—so dingy, in fact, that she might almost be described as mouse colour with green shadings—and she has very little of the yellow edging to the wing flights and the outer tail feathers; none worth speaking of, in fact, by comparison with a good male bird. Maybe you have two hens.

Identity of Bird.

Puzzled.—I am equally puzzled with yourself. I know of no British seed-eater to answer the description you give. The "tail one inch long" is curious, assuming that useful appendage is full grown. I should think it is some escaped Foreign bird you have captured. I have known many puzzled by this sort of thing. Your bird is certainly not the Lapland Bunting, nor is it the Meadow (the latter having black head and cheek marks on a blue-grey ground). To hazard a guess, I fancy you have a Weaver bird out of colour; the species, of course, I cannot name.

About a Skylark.

A. Wilson.—Mix a bit of suet, or beef or mutton fat, with a little of the biscuit food, and put this on a feeding board at front of the cage. You could stir into the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) a small teaspoonful of best quality honey. Or you could try about half a teaspoonful of Owbridge's Lung Tonic, which a well-known fancier was telling me he had used with great success. The basis of this medicine is honey, and I have myself used honey (and honey mixed with glycerine) with excellent results in cases of cold and loss of voice. Many bird-keepers, however, are inclined to look with scorn on such simple remedies, preferring something with a longer and more or less "crack-jaw" name. You certainly should not hand-wash a bird for show. Spray him lightly with cold water, and, when still wet, sprinkle (throw) over him a handful of gritty sand. Do this at least three days before the show, and on the next day (the day before the show), either blow a little water over him with your mouth, or just turn the spray on him for a moment. The Lark will do the rest. Keep him in a quite clean cage, of course, and out of all draughts.

Thrush Ailing.

Josh-o-Brum.—If you mean that you removed your bird downstairs into a warmed room, I can say that you certainly took the right course. Also you did well to give the whiskey. It would be better, however, to mix whiskey and glycerine in equal parts, and give a small teaspoonful of this in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. This, I think, will soon put him all right, especially with the warmer atmosphere of the downstair room.

About a Jay.

Mrs. A. Sinkins.—I don't think the loss of feathers is due to any disease, but that it is the result of the wildness of the bird. An unsteady Jay can soon smash and damage its plumage when confined in a cage, and just over the beak is one of the first spots to evidence this. Sometimes birds (Softhills, especially) resent a change of food (even though for their good), and this should always be gradually accomplished. Mealworms and ants' eggs would never harm a Jay; though the latter are somewhat unnecessary with so large a bird. Pity you do not say fully how you are feeding. If he seems "down in the mouth" a little, give a raw egg or two (or a hard-boiled one, mixed with its other food), also plenty of cockroaches ("black beetles"). The only way to teach a Jay to talk and whistle is to repeatedly say short, catchy phrases over to him, and whistle short, catchy things. But I am afraid your bird is not likely to prove easy to learn; a very tame hand-reared Jay is what one really wants to become a quick and proficient mimic.

Bullfinch Bare on Head.

Mrs. S.—Get an ounce of sulphate of soda from a chemist, and give three doses, with a day on plain water in between them. For each dose, dissolve as much as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Anoint the bare place twice daily (morning and evening) with a little sulphur ointment, applying it gently with the tip of a finger. Let the bird have a little sweet ripe apple (or other suitable fruit) every day.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Gaping Parrot.

E Tutts.—I cannot give you definite advice re your Parrot till you inform me how you are feeding it. Please supply this information and I will reply per return. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water and let it have only this to drink for one day, after a two day's interval repeat the dose. On hearing from you, shall be pleased to help you further.

Diet for Grey Parrot.

Carolus.—Till you can get it on to a more wholesome diet you must perforce continue your present dietary, which is not so bad as some which are indulged in. As you are acquainted with the diet, regularly advised in this column, there is no need for me to repeat it here. Persevere with your efforts to induce it to eat same and you will ultimately be successful though probably at much trouble. Keep a tin of the seed mixture in its cage and put a thin layer of the boiled maize over same, but you must note that the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and watch that it does not get mixed with the seed mixture, as the boiled maize when sour would soon set up diarrhoea. Tempt bird with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, shelled walnuts, and a leaf of fresh and tender lettuce, raw carrot, or little (dry) boiled potato. Do not leave the water in its cage at present, but you can let it satisfy its thirst 3 or 4 times a day. Do not give table scraps, slops or animal food of any kind.

Birds for Box Cage.

H.V.J.—I cannot recommend you to keep others with the Blackthroated Cardinals in a cage 2½ by 1½ by 1½ ft. high. In a large aviary they do no harm to other species, even those much smaller than themselves, but in a cage it is different. Some of the larger Weavers might agree with them, at any rate such would be only equal terms with them, but I expect occasionally feathers would fly. Grenadier or Oryx Weavers are very handsome, as also is the Orange Bishop and either would meet your purpose. However I do not consider your cage unduly large for the Cardinals to get proper exercise and display their beauty in. After birds are once acclimatised, the major portion of the losses with birds kept in cages, arise from high living and lack of exercise, and bird lovers should always house their pets in as roomy a cage as possible and not unduly mix sizes and species.

Paradise Whydah.

J W. Green.—I do not remember all the details of my previous reply—however, if the bird will eat it, give it a dry mixture of crushed "Osborne" biscuits, ants' eggs and dried flies, and also with a little milk sop, but you must keep a close watch that stray bits of the latter don't get left about or it will cause mischief. Otherwise you can only keep up the regular dietary of Canary, millet and Spray Millet. Greenfood (leaf of lettuce at this season). If it is in a large aviary catch it up for a few hours, and see that it gets a good drink of water that has been made saline with Epsom salts. It is both surprising, disappointing and vexatious, what a number of birds die suddenly when apparently in perfect health. A post mortem usually reveals some long standing disease of which there had been no visible symptoms previous to death; usually of such a nature as to render treatment of no avail. However, with strict attention of cleanliness, good clean seed and other items of diet, room for exercise and protection from draught, such cases should not be unduly numerous.

Some Foreign Finches.

F.Y.—(1). Here are half a dozen pair that would be sure to please as well as being of a very handsome appearance, and if not being songsters in the real sense of the word, would yet keep up a soft, sweet, and almost continuous melody. Common and Green Avadavats, Orange-cheeked, Orange-breasted, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills. Here is another half-dozen, males only, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed and Nutmeg-tailed Greenfinches and a Diamond Finch. None of these are plain birds with the exception of the Grey Singing Finch and he has a very sweet and sustained song. (2). For the first-named lot, Canary, millet and spray millet, with a little greenfood, piece of cuttlefish bone, and water for drinking and bather will meet all requirements—for the second series, oats, "paddy" rice (rice in the husk) and occasionally a little grass or lettuce seed would be required. While all the above will thrive on the diet here given, a spray from a rose bush, or a few leaves from any non-poisonous plant that are covered with green or black fly, will be found very wholesome and certainly help to keep them in condition. It is very few who cannot provide these simple delicacies for their pets in the summer time.

A Grey Parrot Indisposed.

A.K.C.—I should wean this bird as quickly as possible from the boiled maize; as to method of doing so, see reply to "Carolus" in this issue. The apple will do the bird no harm, that is, a moderate-sized piece daily; my Hawk-head is very fond of the core. Do not overdo the Epsom Salts, keep bird's bowels gently moving, but not watery loose. The chemical food you can continue for an indefinite period, letting it have clear water once a week. It would be better to give Sulphate of Soda (five grains in a tablespoonful of water) twice a week, at about equal intervals, omitting the chemical food for the occasion, and, of course, cease giving the Epsom Salts. Unless it is actual sickness, do not attach too much importance to what you term "choking." Nearly all species of Parrots bring up, often with much exertion, the half-digested food from the crop, re-swallow same; with some species it is of regular occurrence. If there is no improvement a fortnight hence, repeat query with fullest possible details.

What Bird?

Pete.—I regret I quite fail to identify your bird from the descriptions given, however, I have written a friend in the South of France re same. As soon as reply comes to hand, I will insert same in this column, possibly in next issue. Whenever possible, kindly send a rough sketch (a very rough drawing answers the purpose) with such queries.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Photograph (G. Swift).—Thanks for your kindness in sending the photograph. We are very much afraid, however, it is not sharp (clear) enough to reproduce satisfactorily.

Distributing Specimens (W. Taff).—We send you a bundle of specimen copies of CAGE BIRDS for distribution with the greatest pleasure, and thank you cordially for the help you promise us.

Article (Down South).—Your article, written as suggested, will receive equal consideration with the others by the judges. Thanks for good offices on our behalf.

Report (A. Onion).—Accept our thanks for your kindness.

Care of Birds (Palace).—At every bird show worthy of the name, all exhibits are looked after by expert bird-keepers. The length of the Crystal Palace show need cause you no misgivings; every morning the wants of every bird are attended to by skilled fanciers, and those needing it fed several times during the day.

Book (A. Robertson).—It is our intention to publish the articles you mention in book form in the near future.

Coupon Prizes (Heginbottom and Riley). We have not been officially notified as to the winners at this show, but will certainly look into the matter.

Club Notice (T. Duffield).—Your notice only reached us by Thursday's post, too late to deal with. Note the heading to the "Club Notice" column.

Coupon Competition (R. Hall).—The rules of this competition state clearly that the best first prize bird shall be taken, then the best second, and so on; and that if there should be no first or second, etc., birds available, then those below shall step up.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Walthamstow.—Jan. 9th and 10th.—Public Hall.—Judge, Messrs. C. A. House and H. Norman. 26 open classes. Yorks. 5, Nor. 4, Crest 4, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 2, Mules 3, Brit. 10, For. 1, Novice Yorks. 3, and Nor. 3. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and specials. Fee, 1s 6d. Entries close Jan. 1 to C. W. Mead, 16, Claremont road, Higham Hill, Walthamstow.

Cardigan—Jan. 15th.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 16 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 7, For 1, Sell. 1, Pairs 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 8th to J. Evans, Oaklands, Cardigan.

South and District (C.B.U., W.C.B.C.).—Jan. 9th, General Market. Judge, Mr. T. H. Mellnish. 17 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 2, Scot. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 6, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a fine array of cups and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 2nd to W. R. B. Richardson, Aikton, Penywern, Neath.

Leslie—Jan. 1st, Drill Hall.—Judges, Messrs. A. Leslie and G. Arnot. 32 classes: Scot. 8, Sell. 2, Crest 4, Nor. 4, Sell. 1, Bord. 4, Common 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Dec. 26th to Jas. Allan, 32, High-street (W.), Leslie.

King's Heath, Moseley (C.B.U.).—Jan. 8th and 9th. Olde Red Lion.—Judge Mr. G. E. Russell. 13 open classes: Nor. 3, Cinn. 1, Yorks. 4, Novice 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Dec. 31st to J. H. Forsyth, High street, King's Heath, Birmingham.

Reigate (C.B.U.).—Jan. 22nd and 23rd, Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 23 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, Lancs. 2, A.O.V. 1, Members' Cin. 1, Sell. 1, Brit. 6, Mule 2, For. 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan 13th to W. R. Eames, Market-place, Reigate.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Dec. 30—Ruggiescote—T. Haywood, North St.
„ 30 **Plumstead**—W Pawley, 13, Olven Rd.
Jan. 1—Hertford—E. Looker.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Dec. 28—Guisbrough—W T. Simpson.
„ 31—**King's Heath** (B'gham)—F H. Forsyth.
Jan. 1—Walthamstow—C W. Mead, 18, Claremont Rd., Higham Hill.
„ 2—**Wimbledon**—W H. Colman, 40, Broadway
„ 2—**Neath**—W. R. B. Richardson, Aikton, Penywern, Neath.
„ 2—**Pwllgwaun**—Eborn and Stedman, Pontypridd.
„ 4—**Bathgate**—R Bald, North Bridge St.
„ 4—**Coventry Godiva**—W. H. Bray, 12, Bery St.

Bird Sanctuaries.

The bird sanctuary of Waterton the naturalist, at Walton Hall, was to a certain extent artificial. The birds were fed during the winter months, and enticed in every way to remain and breed in the park, where many well-thought-out arrangements were made for their seclusion and security. The sanctuary at Holkham, on the Norfolk coast, is totally different. The park is extensive, with a large sheet of water of over 30 acres, and during the summer months various water fowl can be seen swimming about or sunning themselves upon the sunny banks. Many breed along the marshes by the sea shore; in fact, the whole district is practically under protection. Anyone visiting Holkham would be surprised at the wild life to be seen in the park—birds of all kinds, including the beautiful Kingfisher, Herons, which breed there, Woodpeckers, Pigeons in quantity, and all species of water loving birds. In hard weather flocks of Wild Fowl fly in from the shore, and some rare species may be seen. It is in this district that the graceful Terns breed, and there is no more interesting sight than to watch them beating along the margin of the sea, or up the tidal river.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(See also pages 557 and 558.)

NEW SOCIETY FOR WATERLOO AND DISTRICT (Liverpool).

Sir,—The fanciers of Waterloo and District (Liverpool) have decided to start a Cage Bird Society. Will fanciers who wish to become members please send name and address to J. Hunt, 18, Albert Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, and a meeting can then be called? J. Hunt.

BRITISH BIRDS AT KIDDERMINSTER SHOW.

Sir,—I note in "Twitterings" that Messrs. Potter and Bracey state they won first and second in British Birds at Kidderminster. I beg leave to say that I was with the judge when he judged the classes, and took my notes and the awards from his slips, also sent the slips in to the secretary, and I am quite certain that Mr. Kingley was first with the Wryneck, and second with the Waxwing, Messrs. Potter and Bracey being reserve. If the judge re-judged the classes after I left, well and good, but I am under the impression when once awards are made they cannot be altered.—Your Reporter.

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

Sir,—Being a young admirer of the Norwich Plainhead and reading the correspondence going on in your best of all cage bird papers (of which I have been a reader since the first number), after seeing the questions asked by "St. Mungo," and others, and the letter by Mr. Young this week, I thought I should like to ask the latter gentleman a few questions. First, what is the cause of this topsy-turvy work that is going on with judges at the present time in Scotland in the judging of the Norwich Plainhead? I was at Glasgow Show, and saw the McLean Cup winner, and it was a grand one, and no mistake — to hear that he was cardless at Dysart was a knock-out to me. But it is not only this bird that gets in one day and out the next; all round it is one in to-day and out to-morrow. What is the cause of it all? Question Two, Mr. Young says (which he thinks is good advice to "St. Mungo": "If you are getting your stock together, do not get it in Scotland, as they have not got it." This is a hard hit, and no mistake! Do you mean to tell me that all the prominent exhibitors are buying their winners from English breeders, and breeding nothing but wasters off them? Surely if they can buy winners from England they can breed winners out of them. But perhaps Mr. Young will let us know. Question Three: Last year we tried to buy matched pairs and were prepared to pay good money for good birds from both English and Scottish breeders. They were to be non-fed, and we could not get them. It would seem that every Plainhead is stuck full of liver-eating pepper. We could have got these sort, but we refused, as we were not going to pay for colour feed. Can Mr. Young explain why this is so? I hope, Mr. Editor, you will oblige by inserting these few questions to relieve the mind of a working man, an ardent admirer of the Norwich Plainhead, especially the natural coloured ones, which have nothing about them to blind the Novice.—T. R. Wallace.

Sir,—Since "St. Mungo's" letter appeared in your columns a few weeks ago under the above heading, quite a number of examples have occurred to illustrate how a bird can win highest honours under a judge and a few days later under another to be out of tickets altogether. This has been the case not only with Plainheads, but with other varieties, which usually win more consistently. At the Scottish Crest Club Show, held at Kilmarnock, three out of the four medal winners had not previously won a 1st prize in open competition this season, although they had all been shown at some of the principal shows. At the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, Mr. Cairns's Crested cock was commended—Mr. Reid's Crestbred hen was cardless. At the City of Glasgow Show, Mr. McLay's young Crestbred hen did not get a ticket. Yet all three were considered good enough to win at Kilmarnock. Well may "St. Mungo" ask: "What kind of Norwich are we to breed?" After making due allowance for judges favouring different types, there is still a wide margin left, which cannot be very well accounted for. During the past month or so I have noticed various instances of judges giving a decided preference to birds belonging to personal friends, so that I am compelled to admit some of them are not above suspicion.—Top-Knot.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD AWARD AT DULWICH SHOW.

Sir,—With reference to the above, I beg to enclose show rule No. 4. Evidently Mr. Morris has failed to read our Society's rules:

4.—Should any of the appointed judges, through illness or any other cause, be unable to fulfil their duties, the Committee reserve the right to appoint others to act in their stead, or to appoint extra judges if necessary.

This should settle the question.—G. F. Woolhouse, Show Manager.

ARE THEY RECORD LATE EGGS?

Sir,—Seeing that there is a correspondence in your valuable paper about late eggs, I wish to let you know of a case that has come under my notice. It is that of a Crested hen, brought by a sailor relative from the Canary Islands some two or three years ago. It has never been bred. On going to clean the cage two eggs were found on the sand tray in the second week of December. The only thing that we can account for in this freak is that a cock was brought into the house about that time and put on the opposite side of the window. I hope this will interest the readers of Cage Birds.—A. Robertson.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds, I see that a correspondent had a Canary that laid eggs in October, also that a correspondent had them in November, and another one on the 8th of December. But I have one that has laid three eggs, the first being laid on the 16th of December. So I think that is the record as yet.—Gwilym Lewis.

SOME BIRDIE MATTERS.

Sir,—I have kept birds as a hobby for a matter of eighteen months, my first bird being a hen Goldie Mule, which I have still. I have since added considerably to the numbers, Canaries being in the majority. All my birds are out of doors in a large three-compartment flight cage. During the last winter, which was extra severe, I had five birds outside, three of which were Canaries. They were all in far better health and plumage than a Canary indoors. I attribute my success in this respect to the fact that all my birds have been put out of doors during the summer months, and have thus gradually become acclimatised to the colder atmosphere. Of course, I always cover them up well at night, and do not leave them open to the chilly night air. During the last summer the hen Goldie sang beautifully, and, in fact, we could not agree that it was a hen, until one morning we found a broken egg in the sand-tray of her cage. Last season I paired up a clear Yorkshire cock with an uneven hen and obtained two very good specimens, a cock and a hen, from the first nest, but I lost all three of the second, owing to the hen developing a cancer. I intend, all being well, to breed from three pairs during the coming season, all out of doors. I have now some Canaries, a Chaffinch, which is too unsteady for show, and a Bramblefinch, which has won sixteen prizes—of which fifteen were firsts. I feed on a plain mixture of Canary, rape and hemp, and use egg-food.—C. T. Draper.

Sir,—The Canary-Bullfinch promises to be a popular exhibit. Time was when it was regarded a rarity, but it has been shown by experience that the cross can be easily obtained. The defect here is the type of Canary used. A massive grassy-green should be chosen; a clear or a piebald is apt to produce light feathers, which should be avoided. Dark all over, with rare depth of colour is what is required for the show bench.

Let us turn to a few pairs which are to be seen by fanciers "moving about." A small, tight-feathered Piebald is up with an active British Bullfinch. They seem to have been selected because they were at hand, the owner admitting that he did not think of studying size, colour, and other considerations. They were observed feeding each other, and that was regarded by him as a marvellous achievement. The hen is building, and if successful the young should be worth rearing. The second would-be Canary-Bullfinch breeder secured a big high-coloured Green cock, and wintered it with a likely Bullfinch hen. In the month of May the hen manifested a bitter aversion to the Canary, which for safety had to be removed. A Greenfinch was tried, and paired right away. In the first clutch two eggs were sacrificed in the laying; the other two were tested and one was found fertile, but it was ultimately addled. Again, a large Buff Piebald cock (apparently a cross between a Scotch Fancy and a Norwich Canary) has entered upon domestic duties with a caught wild Bullfinch hen. He is all right for size, shape, and vigour, but there is a danger of clear feathers.

The writer understands special efforts are being directed in England to breeding Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids. Several ladies have taken to this hobby. Famed for patience, and having the advantage of being at home, they have high chances of succeeding. The rearing of a "twenty pounder" would be a decided help in a household. If I were a lady (and I am not) I would make a bold bid to rear a few. Hybrids are very little bother. Once got, there is not half the trouble with them as there is with a common Canary. The fair sex seem to be ousting the stronger sex in all directions—well, they have a splendid field in midsummer in producing valuable Hybrids. Those who have not the power of appreciating the worth of Hybrids, try to spread discouragement by saying: "Everybody is breeding Hybrids; they will be as common as Sparrows, and become a drug in the market, of no value." That condition of things has not yet come to pass, and is not likely for many, many years. Meanwhile, the most should be made of available material.

It is impossble for a single individual to gather all the results. Interesting knowledge would be diffused were successful breeders to send a short note for Cage Birds' correspondence columns giving particulars of their success.—(A Breeder.)

C.B.U. DISTRICT.

Sir,—I have to inform you that the Committee of the above district at their meetings of Dec. 7th and 17th, had under consideration the delegate's report and letter of complaint bearing upon the recent Dulwich and Peckham Open Show, and having regard to the report and to the answers and statement made by the Show Manager, Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, the committee are of the opinion that the said show was not managed efficiently or satisfactory throughout, and they caution the Society as to the manner they conduct future open shows.—F. J. Martin, Dis. Secretary.

THE SAFETY OF BIRDS IN TRANSIT.

Sir,—With regard to securing the safety of birds in transit, it has often occurred to me that some means could be adopted whereby exhibitors who are sending their valuable specimens to the different shows, by rail, would feel more comfortable were their birds so secured in the travelling case as to prevent the inquisitive railway employees, and perhaps the would-be thief, from having such easy access to the birds as under the present system, viz., straps, screws, swivels, and many other simple fastenings. Why not have a "padlock" that might be known as the Cage Bird Union lock, which every member could purchase? All secretaries of societies affiliated to the Union could be supplied with a master key. Should be glad to have the opinions of more able fanciers on the subject? Wish your valuable paper still further success.—R. N. Williams.

THE CHAMPION LINNET.

Sir,—I would like to inform all readers that Mr. Allen has not got the champion Linnet of the world, nor has he got the champion of Leeds. The Linnet fanciers of the "King's Head" will give two pounds to any charitable institution that he would like to name if his bird can sing as he represents it to sing in Cage Birds. I have given up contest singing myself, but if Mr. Allen will bring his champion bird to the "King's Head" and defeat one of my birds twice in succession, I will present him with the same gold medal that he presented to me when I defeated what he calls his champion. I sold him the bird that beat his champion for one pound a few months ago.—James Clark.

P.S.—The winner of the All-England con[test] at the above inn was Mr. Hineson with [a] that was sold to him by me, and the [win]ner of the All England contest at the "K[ing's] Head" was Mr. Booth, proprietor.

THE YORKSHIRE BOWL WINN[ING] AT BRISTOL.

Sir,—Seeing that the above cup was won by Messrs. Shearn and Owen, and the rules state that the birds must be bred by exhibitor, the following may interest breeders in the same class. The birds were bred by Mr. Owen, and sold to Mr. Shearn, who won first Swansea, second Merthyr with same. At Cardiff and Bristol the birds are shown under the joint names of Messrs. Shearn and Owen, though the latter is alleged to have no interest in same.

A Yorkshire Fancier.

If the above statements are accurate it opens, we think, an interesting question, and without casting any reflection on the exhibitors.—Ed,

I have been a subscriber to Cage Birds for some time past, and wish to add my not of thanks and appreciation for the many useful hints gleaned from its pages, to the many you must have already received. Every good wish for the continued and well-deserved success of your paper.—D. Bird (Hoylake).

I beg to offer you my sincerest thanks for being so good as to reproduce the sketch of my prize "Cornish Chough" in last week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. A. Idris Jones (Mountain Ash). I have taken your publication since the first number and I have no hesitation in saying that it has proved of the greatest assistance to me; it is invaluable to every bird-keeper. I have always strongly recommended your periodical, and especially to young beginners.

Gilbert White and the Nightjars.

All bird lovers should read Gilbert White's "Natural History of Selborne." The quaint diction is delightful, in which connection note the following:—On this day (July 14th, 1789) a woman brought me two eggs of a Fern Owl, or Evejar, which she found on the verge of the Hanger, to the left of the Hermitage, under a beechen shrub. This person, who lives just at the foot of the Hanger, seems well acquainted with these nocturnal Swallows, and says she has often found the eggs near that place, and that they lay only two at a time on the bare ground. The eggs were oblong, dusky, and streaked somewhat in the manner of the plumage of the parent bird, and were equal in size at each end."

The Wary Curlew.

A dead Curlew, even when hanging in the game dealer's store, is always an object of interest; the long beak, mottled plumage and strange appearance of the bird are sure to attract attention. With some of us the sight of him conjures up thoughts of reedy wastes, and wild stretches of marsh lands, far away by the margin of the sea, or of bleak heaths and rough pastures, for it is in places like these that we must look for the wary Curlew. Like most of our waders, the Curlew is partially migratory, and changes its haunts according to the seasons. Northern birds during the winter consort freely with the other Wild Fowl along the coast. They are watchful and wary, and very difficult to approach; in fact, they act almost as sentinels, and at the least sign of danger, take wing with a loud, ringing "curlee-curlee," which gives the signal to all wild life within hearing. When the tide is in, they may be seen with the Plovers upon the meadows and marshes, but at low water they make for the extensive mud flats, where food is generally plentiful. When living near marshes I often hear their wild, mournful cry in the dead of night; coming with the breeze it, at times, sounds low and shrill, then faint and musical. To a stranger it has a most uncanny sound, almost alarming, and for this reason some people dislike the birds. The summer haunts of the Curlew are the upland waste and moors, where the Ring Ouzel and the quaint Twite sing their melody to the wilderness, for here human beings are scarce. The watchful Curlews are not to be caught asleep. They probably detect the intruder long before he arrives. They rise in the air, flying anxiously about, and calling repeatedly. The nest is placed among the rough vegetation of the moor, upon a tuft of coarse grass, or under the shelter of a heather bush. The eggs are large for the size of the bird; this is the case, however, with all waders, but exceptionally so with this bird. They are four in number, yellowish-green in ground colour, and blotched with yellowish brown—colours which make them barely distinguishable from their natural surroundings. There is something about the wail of the Curlew, when heard at dusk upon the moors, or the desolate marshes, that [illegible] feelings of delight to the listener.

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LURGAN.

Annual show on December 13th and 14th in the Town Hall, which is a grand room for the purpose, being well lighted, capacious, and free from draughts. The secretary, Mr. S. McCollum, is the right man in the right place, and had the arrangements well in hand. He was ably assisted by Mr. W. R. Ross, who worked like a Trojan, and was always ready and obliging. The committee are: Messrs. D. Peillow, W. Connelly, J. Lavery, J. H. O'Neile, W. R. Best, R. Duke, J. Wells, R. Irwin, J. Hamilton, P. Prendergleith, T. Upriehard, C. McCann, and A. Best. Judges: Belgians and Scotch Fancies, Mr. R. Wright, of Greenock; all other varieties, Mr. A. Black, Accrington. The competition in British was very strong. The Goldfinches were a grand class of 24, from which another set of winners could be easily picked out. The Linnets also brought out some grand birds. The A.O.S. Seedeaters was headed by a grand Yellowhammer, shown by Mr. Tate; it is one of the best we have seen for years. The Norwich section was not so numerous, but contained some really grand exhibits. The Yorks. classes were under the patronage of the Y.C.C. of Ireland. The classification was good, and brought out a grand collection of the straight 'uns.

Canary Classes.

BELGIANS (7): 1, 3, 5, Neill; 2, 6, Lavery; 4, Tedford; 7, Trimble. SCOT. FCY.—YELL. CK. (8): 1, Hamilton; 2, McCann; 3, 6, Lavery; 4, 7, Ronaldson; 5, Neill. BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, Hamilton; 2, Ronaldson; 5, M'Parland. YELL. PIED CK. (6): 1, 3, Lavery; 2, Hamilton; 4, Ronaldson; 5, Caulfield. BUFF (3): 1, Hamilton; 2, Lavery; 3, Cloughley; 4, M'Cann; 5, Neill; 6, Mills. GREEN CK. (5): 1, 2, 3, Lavery; 4, Trimble; 5, Neill. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Ronaldson; 3, Lavery. BUFF (7): 1, 6, Neill; 2, 5, 7, Lavery; 3, Hamilton; 4, Thompson. YELL. PIED (2): 1, Cloughley; 2, Loughridge. BUFF (5): 1, Lavery; 2, 3, Trimble; 4, Connolly; 5, Hamilton. GREEN (3): 2, Caulfield; 3, Lavery; 4, Neill. SELL CK., 25/- (5): 1, Wells; 2, M'Parland; 3, 4, Wright; 5, Caulfield. CREST CK. (2): 1, Tate, almost green, grand size, radiation and droop, wins cup for best Norwich in show; 2, M'Coo, wing marked, good-sized Crest. HEN (2): 1, John M'Coo, heavily varieg., nice body, beautifully shaped crest, nice formation and droop; 2, Tate, another varieg., well-formed dense crest, nice droop. CRESTBRED CK. (1): 1, Tate, green, good size, bold skull, nice dense feather, good length. NOR. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Stewart, ticked neck, grand type and feather; 2, Connell, hot colour, nice bold head, full neck, deep chest; 3, 4, Barclay, 3rd clear, nice type and feather, well up in size; 4th, unfit., good colour, nice head and neck; 5, Connell; 6, Stewart; 7, O'Reilly. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st good bold head and neck, neat wings, tail well carried, deep chest, grand quality, wins spl for best Plainhead cock; 2, unfit., nice head, grand quality; 3rd, Mulligan, good feather, nice shaped body; 4, Barclay, rare size, good shape; 5, Carson; 6, Connell; 7, O'Reilly. TICK. BUFF (6): 1, Stewart, ticked neck and wing, good shape, close feather, lovely quality, rich colour; 2, Loughridge, ticked head, rare size, good shape and colour; 3, 4, Barclay, ticked neck, good shape; 4th, ticked back, similar size; 5, Mulligan; 6, Lavery. VARIEG. COCK: 1, Connell, buff marked head and wings, teeming with quality, good shape; 2, Teascy, yellow, nice type and feather; 3, spl for best 3rd cock, Gray, varieg. buff, good feather and type; 4, and spl for best 4th, Stewart, yell., marked neck, grand head, lovely feather and colour; 5, Stewart; 6, Thompson; 7, Roe. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, spl for best Nor. hen, Gray, chubby, good round head, full neck, deep chest; 2, Gray, good hen, shade longer; 3, Barclay, bold head, nice feather and type, close up; 4, Thompson, well up in size, grand feather; 5, Connell; 6, Mulligan; 7, Loughridge. BUFF (11): 1, Carson, plenty of substance, good head and neck, nice carriage; 2, Thompson, grand feather and good shape, close up; 3, Stewart, short and chubby, nice wings and tail; 4, O'Reilly, big hen, nice feather; 5, Thompson; 6, Lavery; 7, O'Reilly. TICK BUFF (4): 1, Mulligan, very typical and neat, good carriage; 2, Mulligan, short and chubby, nice feather; 3, Carson, thick-set, good hen; 4, Teasey, nice hen, close up. VAR. (5): 1, Barclay, nice feather and colour, good shape; 2, Teasey, very similar hen; 3, Mrs. O'Neile, buff, massive, good shape; 4, Tate, plenty of colour, nice feather; 5, Gray. SELL. CK. (15/-) (10): 1, Stewart, big, bouncing yell; 2, Gray, nice cobby buff; 3, Thompson; 4, Carson; 5, Gray; 6, Teasey; 7, Ross. HEN (1): 1, Carson. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Cloke, good feather and position, well up in size; 2, South, well-drawn out, good back, wings and tail; 3, O'Reilly, stylish, nice feather, straight as a dart; 4, Jas. Huggard, nice position and feather; 5, Sheridan and Fry; 6, 7, O'Reilly. HEN (8): 1, 8, 9, O'Reilly, excellent feather, straight, well up on legs, stands well; 2, 5, T. F. O'Reilly, stylish, good feathered hen, wins spl. for best 2nd hen; 3, Tighe, grand quality, full of style, bonny hen; 4, Sheridan and Fry, good position, well drawn out, wins spl. for best 4th hen; 6, South; No. 6 w.c. TICK, ETC., (7): 1, spl. for best Yorks. cock, M'Quade, buff, marked eyes and wings, nice feather and rare length, well up on legs, teeming with quality; 2, Sheridan and Fry, ticked head, stylish, good feather, well braced wings and tail; 3, C. A. O'Reilly, buff, ticked neck, close up; 4, 5, T. F. O'Reilly, buff, cinn. marked, wins spl. for best 4th cock; 6, 7, Cloke. CL. BUFF CK. (10): 1, C. A. O'Reilly, grand colour, nice back and tail, well drawn out; 2, Tighe, grand quality, well up on legs, full of style, pressed hard, wins spl. for best 2nd cock; 3, 4, Sheridan and Fry, finely drawn, good quality; 4th, long, raking bird, nice feather, rather strong; 5, T. F. O'Reilly; 6, Cloke. HENS (9): 1, spl. for best hen, C. A. O'Reilly, grand position, well feathered, nice wings and tail, clever legs; 2, Sheridan and Fry, beautiful feather, nice filled back; 3, Cloke, wins spl. for best 3rd hen, nice colour and quality; 4, South, stylish and nice feather; 5, T. F. O'Reilly; 6, Mulligan. TICK, ETC. HEN (8): 1, South, cinn. marked yell, stylish, well up on legs, good feather; 2, Mulligan, green marked, capital feather; 3, 4, 6, T. F. O'Reilly, slim, stylish, good feather; 4, Cloke, eye and wing ticked; 5, C. A. O'Reilly; 6, Sheridan and Fry. NON-FED CK: 1, spl, M'Quade, nice shape, good length, close feather; 2, Sheridan and Fry, typical, grand feather and quality; 3, Sholedice, typical, nice quality and finish; 4, 6, T. F. O'Reilly; 5, Sholedice. HEN (8): 1, 5, Sholedice, buff, long and slim, fine feather, a lovely hen; 2, Sheridan and Fry, yellow, good head and neck, well up on perch, nice feather; 3, M'Quade, good length, nice head and neck; 4, Huggard, very smart and stylish; 6, T. F. O'Reilly. NOVICE CLASSES, CL. CK. (9): 1, J. Devitt, very nice buff, good length; 2, McIlveen, nice, slim yell, in fine feather; 3, Gillen, nice length and stand, good quality; 4, Devitt, grand length and position; 5, Huggard; 6, McIlveen. HEN (5): 1, Huggard, nice feather, good head; 2, 3, Devitt, pair of nice hens, capital feather and quality; 4, Fleming, fine and slim, nice feather, all buff; 5, Devitt. TICK. ETC. CK: 1, Huggard, ticked eye, feathered like marble, real gem; 2, 3, 4, Devitt, stylish and good feathered, well drawn out. HEN: 1, 3, 5, Devitt, winner yellow ticked head, lengthy, fine feather; 2, Fleming, wing and eye marked yellow, nice hen, full of quality; 4, McIlveen; 6, Gillen. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, M'Collum, leader good Lanc. coppy; 2nd, very smart Border Fancy; 3, 4, Irwin, Silver Lizard, and a buff cinn; 5, Matthews.

Other Classes.

CAN. MULES, CL. ETC. (6): 1, 4, Tate, leader grand, four-pointed yell, in lovely condition; 4, var.; 3, Mulligan, buff, var., grand feather and condition; 3, Mulcahy, six-pointed, good markings and size; 5, 6, Wall. DARK (5): 1, Tate, dark Goldfinch Mule, grand blaze, full of colour, shines like satin; 2, Carson, yellow Goldfinch Mule, plenty of size and colour; 3, Wright, yellow Greenfinch Mule, in grand colour and condition; 4, McCaldin, good buff Linnet Mule; 5, Mcolellum; 6, Connolly; 7, Irwin. HYBRID (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lavery, grand team, leader good Greenfinch-Bullfinch and three grand Goldfinch-Bullies. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (23): 1, Mulligan, grand Goldie, rich, clean cut blaze, shines like satin; 2, 3, Lavery, nice blaze, rich tanning, pressed hard; 4, 6, Lavery, another grand specimen; 5, Tate; 6, Hamilton; 7, Ross; 8, Tighe; grand class, many good birds being left cardless. GRAY LINNETS (14): 1, Ross, grand colour and markings, in rare condition; 2, 4, Mulligan, pair of gems, in full bloom, beautiful pencilling; 3, Mulcahy, good size, nice markings; 5, McCaldin; 6, Hamilton; 7, McCann. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (13): 1, Tate, Yellow Bunting, good size and colour, nice head markings, a gem; 2, Irwin, Hawfinch, nice condition, grand bib, good colour; 3, Mulcahy, grand little Siskin; 4, Coughridge, good Hawfinch; 5, Ross, grand Greenfinch; 6, Tighe, Bullie; 7, Duke. SISKIN (6): 1, 3, Mulcahy, 1st, Thrush, very steady, grand condition and nice even markings; 3rd, Starling, grand lustre, nice spangle; 2, Wells, nice Thrush, not far behind; 4, Irwin, fine Thrush, wants steadying; 5, Duke; 6, Jones. LARKS (4): 1, McIlwaine, large, well-marked, very steady; 2, McShane, grand feather, condition and markings; 3, Duke, in nice condition, close up; 4, Irwin, another good one. FOR. (7): 1, Raddy, Lemon-crested White Cockatoo, grand feather, in spotless condition; 2, Johnston, grand Parrakeet; 3, 6, Irwin, pair of yellow Budgerigars; 4, Podlow, grand green Singing Finch; 5, McCaldin.

FRASERBURGH.

The annual show was held in the Templar Hall, Cross-street, on December 17th and 18th. The cage bird section was the best yet seen in the district. Close on 200 birds were nicely arranged up and down the centre of the hall, which is beautifully lighted from the roof. Some splendid specimens of Norwich, Cinnamons, and British birds faced the judge. The management of the show was one of the best, and a word of praise is due to the President, Mr. Wm. Grant, and Vice-President, Mr. James Yeats, who did all in their power to make things run smoothly. The duties of Secretary and Treasurer were in the hands of those able officials, Messrs. Alex. Grant and Geo. Gordon, who both worked with a will, and carried the show through without the slightest hitch. Mr. C. Watson (London) made the awards.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Grant, a grand bird, well got up, good colour, followed closely by 2, Strachan, grand substance, rattling good colour and quality; 3, Will, teeming with quality, nice level colour; 4, Steel, lovely shape; 5, 6, Scott, 5, good one, grand type. HEN (13): 1, Strachan, cl., rare type, well up in size, rich colour, full of quality; 2, Wilson, also cl., typical, nice wing carriage; 3, Will, red-hot colour, A1 quality; 4, Whyte; 5, Gordon; 6, McPhail. BUFF CK. (9): 1, 2, Strachan, winner var., green tail, lovely texture of feather, nice level colour throughout, teeming with quality, 2, cl., chubby, built; 3, Yeats, good colour; 4, Grant, grand substance and head, nicely mealed, good one; 3, 5, Will; 6, Trail. HEN (10): 1, 3, Strachan, two exhibits of grand type and quality, nicely staged; 2, Hay, var., good head and chest, nest of under colour, lovely carried wings and tail; 4, Will; 5, Steele; 6, Elrick. NAT. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Scott, nice tone of colour, teeming with quality; 2, Hay, good quality, grand shape, well rounded head; 3, Lyon, var., good type; 4, Cameron; 5, Smith; 6, Bain. HEN (8): 1, Cameron, rattling good hen, beauty, grand fronted bird, great substance throughout, lovely wing carriage; 2, Grant, another good one, nice bloom; 3, 4, Bain, both cl., in rare order; 5, Elrick; 6, Whyte. BUFF CK. (17): 1, Gordon, marked wing rare size, lovely quality, well put down; 2, Smith, very sweet feather, nice, compact wings and tail; 3, Whyte, good type and quality; 4, Elrick; 5, Grant; 6, Strachan. HEN (11): 1, Cameron, nice one, grand shape, beautiful back, tight as wax; 2, 4, Grant; 2, excels in quality and finish, well put down; 3, Steel, marked cap and wings; 5, Wilson; 6, Strachan. GREEN (5): 1, Strachan, perfect little gem, all there for type and quality, tip-top condition, wins; 2, Yeats, very typical, nice colour; 3, Trail, grand quality of feather; 4, Mowat; 5, Grant; 6, Gordon. CREST (3): 1, Noble, green, small, neat crest; 2, Stephen, cl. body, dark crest, grand substance, very nice skull; 3, Trail, nice head feather. C.B. (7): 1, Scott, heavily marked, rare good skull, fine length of feather; 2, 3, Noble, well up in size; 4, Thomson; 5, Gavin; 6, Barclay. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Strachan, three rattling good birds, tremendous size and colour, much admired; 3, Ewen and Anderson, also well up in size, not a bad one. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Strachan, again well to the front in size and colour; 4, Ewan and Anderson; 5, Noble; 6, Smith. YORKS. (8): 1, 5, Shewan, 1, long, stylish bird, beautiful colour and A1 feather, grand head, back and wings; 2, 3, Gavin, both very shapely, exquisite feather, capital colour and style; 4, Grant. BRIT. SMALL (17) rattling good class, difficult to judge: 1, 4, 5, 6, Gavin, winner beautiful Brit Goldie, full of colour and feathered like glass, very dich in blaze, nice bars and buttons; 2, Langlands, Linnet, nice nut-brown colour, good size and pencilling; 3, Fraser, Bullie, lovely colour and condition; extra 4, Gordon, nicely staged Lark, singing beautifully. MULE (6): 1, 4, Grant, both Goldie-Canary; 2, 3, 6, Gavin, 2 Linnet-Canary, in lovely feather and condition. PARROTS: 1, 2, 4, 5, Gavin, good team, all chatting and making plenty of noise: 3, Grant, Ringneck, in A1 feather and condition. SELL., 10/-: 1, Strachan; 2, Elrick; 3, Grant; 4, Yeats; 5, Noble; 6, Bain. SELL. 7/6: 1, Strachan; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Trail; 4, Noble; 5, 6, Grant.

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ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (Notts).

The annual Christmas show was held on Dec. 21, at the "Admiral Duncan," Coalpit-lane, and was very successful. This is one of the oldest societies in Nottingham, and, as a rule, some very good birds are shown, especially in Crests, and this year was no exception. The entries in some of the classes might have been more numerous, but what was short in quantity was more than made up in quality. Mr. Joe Goode, the landlord, and Mr. W. Healey, the secretary, are workers of the right sort, courteous, affable and obliging. Mr. W. Vardy placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. NORWICH CL. YELL.: 1, G. Hill; 2, J. Birch. BUFF: 1, Birch; 2, Hill. YELL. TICK: 1, Birch; 2, F. Paling; 3, Hill. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Birch. UNFLI.: 1, Paling; 2, 3, Hill; vhc, Birch. HENS: 1, Hill; 2, Paling; 3, Birch. CREST YELL. DK.: 1, Alex. Onion; 2, J. Bowers; 3, J. Wood. BUFF DK.: 1, 3, Bowers; 2, J. Goode. LIGHT: 1, Onion; 2, vhc, J. Wood; 3, Bowers. HENS: 1, Wood. C.B. CK. YELL.: 1, Goode; 2, Bowers. BUFF: 1, Bowers; 2, Wood; 3, Onion; vhc, Beardall. HENS: 1, Goode; 2, Wood; 3, Onion; vhc, Bowers. UNFLI. CREST: 1, Goode; 2, 3, vhc, Bowers; vhc, Onion. UNFLI. C.B.: 1, Onion; 2, Bowers. MULE: 1, Hill. PAIRS NORWICH: 1, Hill; 2, Birch; 3, Paling. PAIRS CREST: 1, R. Holmes. SELL. CREST 20/-: 1, 3, Holmes; 2, vhc, Wood; hc, Bowers. SELL. C.B.: 15/-: 1, J. Onion; 2, Bowers. SELL. NOR. 10/-: 1, 3, Hill; 2, Birch. A.V.: 10/6: 1, 2, Beardall; 3, Onion; vhc, Healey; hc, Bowers. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, vhc, Beardall; 3, Caunt; hc, Handley; c, Holmes. SOFTBILL: 1, J. Harrison. FOREIGN: 1, Caunt; 2, Walmsley; 3, Healey; vhc, hc, Caunt.

KEITH.

The annual exhibition was held December 18th, in the Longmoro Hall. The morning broke rather stormy and wet, but towards mid-day it cleared up, and many visitors came to view the grand display of exhibits, many of which were of the best order. The highest credit is reflected on Mr. David Milne, secretary, whose able management brought together many of the crack exhibitors of the North. Amongst the outstanding specimens which took our eye were Mr. T. Mackie's variegs. Crest, which secured the medal for best bird in the hall, and the charming Tree Creeper shown by Milne Bros., which was awarded the very handsome silver cup for the best British bird, presented by J. Dunbar, Esq. Mr. T. Fraser, (Forres), made the awards, and although it was his first engagement, no one would have thought it, from the masterly manner in which he handled the exhibits. Judging being over in good time, the cards were quickly up, and all the appointments throughout the show were soon made.

Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Russell, topper, grand substance, splendid quality and colour, perfect wing carriage and tail; 2, Wink, another gem, magnificent colour, good second; 3, Dunn, another good one, close up; 4, Garden; 4, 6, Thompson. HEN: 1, Thompson, a tick, champion head and neck, rare quality and colour; 2, Maclean and Russell, another fine bird, wonderful colour, splendid type, put down in rare bloom; 3, Wing, close up, sweet head, nice wing carriage; 4, Wiseman. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, Mackie, clear, win, champion type, nicely mealed, feathered like wax; 2, Dunn, another good one; 3, Duncan, ticked on head, slimmer, all there for quality; 4, Thompson; 5, Maclean and Russell; 6, Garden. HEN: 1, Thompson, large typical bird, nice quality, well put down; 2, Wink, presses hard, regular Bullie type, neat head, shining like glass; 3, Duncan, nice colour; 4, Watt. YELL. VARIEG.: 1, Thompson, good size and type, lovely back and wings; 2, Maclean and Russell, nicely rounded body, wing marked; 3, Dunn, heavily marked yell., short and thick-set; 4, Steven; 5, Campbell. BUFF: 1, Garden, easy win, grand chubby hen, fine head and neck, neat wings and tail, staged a treat; 2, MacTavish, heavily marked yell., grand substance, best of shape; 3, Thompson, close up on second; 4, Wiseman. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, and medal for best in hall, Mackie, var. dark Crest, large, shapely Crest, plenty feather, clinker; 2, Mitchell, clear body, D.C., another good one, bags of feather; 3, Petrie, large feathery C.B., blue, lashing, could do something in a crest-bred class. BORD. FCY.: 1, Connochie's well-known four-pointed yell., a genuine dandy; 2, 3, clear buff, another eye catcher, rare carriage, feathered like wax; 3, cinn-marked, another neat exhibit. A.O.V.: 1, Duncan, large buff, Scotch Fancy, good shoulder, fine action. MULE, ETC.: 1, McKenzie, nice Linnet mule. BULLFINCH, ETC. (BRIT.) (9): 1, Watt, nice Bullie, good condition; 2, Ross, stormer, rare size cap and bars, marvellous colour; 3, Milne Bros., another topper, little between second, some of the best we have seen this season; 4, Mitchell; 5, Whyte; 6, Milne Bros. BRIT. HEN: 1, Milne Bros., lady Thrush, rare colour, nicely spotted, shining like silk; 2, Ross, grand Bullie hen, nice size cap and bars; 3, Milne Bros., another good Bullie. REDPOLL ETC. (6): 1, Campbell, Linnet, grand size, fine even colour, nicely marked, splendid whites, wins easy; 2, Milne Bros., Twite, nice size, good bib and colour. SISKIN: 1, Langlands, real toff, perfect cap and bib, nicely marked wings and tail, easy win; 2, Ross, good Siskin, good colour; 3, Smith, another very decent Siskin, similar to second; 4, Macleod Bros.; 5, Thompson; 6, McKenzie. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Milne Bros., large yell, greenie grand feather well put down; 2, Mitchell, Goldfinch, a real topper, good square crimson blaze, nice bars and moonings; 3, Duncan, another fine Greenie, nicely staged; 4, Langlands; 5, McKenzie; 6, Whyte. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Milne Bros., charming Tree-creeper, very tame, staged to perfection; 2, Crumble, good spangle; 3, Rose, Yell Bunting, rare colour, nicely marked head, shining like boxwood; 4, 5, Milne Bros. LARGE: Blackbirds and Starlings, Fieldfares, etc., were well pitted against each other here: 1, Milne Bros., grand Blackie, shown in lovely bloom; 2, Ross, Fieldfare, marvellous colour, shining in condition, staged a treat; 3, Thompson, grand Starling, famous colour and spangling, shining like steel; 4, Milne Bros., Magpie; 5, Ross, Jay. FOR.: 1, Whyte, Whydah, grand exhibit, splendid colour and tail, warbled sweetly while we took notes, 2, grand yell. Budgerigars, 3, Zebra Finches, nice pair; 4, Bishops; 5, Mrs. Donald, absent.

The Rev. Cecil H. Fardell, of Llandenny Parsonage, Usk, Monmouthshire, writes to the Press that some years ago, finding that a caged Bullfinch, which he placed out of doors every morning, was visited daily by the wild birds outside, he prepared a second vacant cage, which was promptly occupied by a splendid wild cock Bullfinch. He was frightened one day by a dog, and, the cage door being open, flew away. Four months later a gentle tap at the window was heard. The bird had returned to captivity. He again occupied his old cage.

BRADFORD WEST.

The annual open show of the Bradford West O.S. took place on Dec. 20th and 21st, in the Whetley Lanes. Schools, Girlington. The venue is easy of access by tram from every part of Bradford and by rail from any part of the country, and the room is a good one, very lofty and well lighted, but not by any means too large for a show of the dimensions usually attained by this fixture. The very best methods of staging were adopted, the Yorkies. being arranged round the room in three tiers, thus leaving the centre tables for those varieties that are staged in box cages. In all 48 classes were provided, the exhibitors responding to this liberal classification by sending in a grand entry of 620, composed of the following:—Open Yorkshires 213, Yorks. Greens 77, Norwich Greens 47, Norwich 45 British 83, A.O.V. Can. or Hybrid 15, Selling 52, Novice 131, Gift 8. Mr. W. H. Shackleton gained the special for most points throughout the show, Messrs. Deacon, Wilcock, Ogden Bros., and Ambler coming for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the order named. Most points in British, etc. fell to Mr. J. Walsh, and that for the selling classes to Mr. W. A. Cowgill. Mr. A. Ambler captured the members' cup, and also the spl for the best Yorkshire in the show, the latter falling to his noted clear yellow, a really grand bird and one of the very best out this season. The whining yellow Green Norwich, the property of Mr. V. H. Deacon, was adjudged to be best green in the show, and is indeed a gem, grand size and substance, rich colour and a splendid head. The spl for best Norwich was awarded to Mr. Hirst's winner in the unflighted class, a lovely youngster, and that for best novice bird to Mr. Chippendale's clear yellow Yorks., a bird of grand length, slim and neat drawn, with lovely quality, and rich colour, which looks like keeping its owner well in hand in the race for novice medals. The gift class is practically a new innovation for Bradford and district shows, and the class contained eight birds which were put up for sale by the hon. auctioneer, Mr. H. W. Rodgers, who by dint of his persuasive eloquence, realised £1 13s. 9d. for the Society. The Yorkshire classes contained the cream of the fancy, and were a feast for the eyes to behold. The Greens also were a show in themselves, a big lot of birds coming from that hot-bed of the variety, Liverpool. The A.O.V. class contained a splendid lot, and here the Hybrids in particular came in for close scrutiny, and were greatly admired by the fanciers present. British were a nice lot, the Hawfinch placed first being also greatly admired, as was the 2nd, a Bramble, a regular beauty, probably the best ever seen in Bradford. With the management no fault could possibly be found. Messrs. T. and H. Clegg, the excellent secretaries, had everything well in hand, particularly good arrangements being made for the carriage of the exhibits to and from the station, and in all their labours they were ably assisted by a strong band of fanciers, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, the President; 3, Wallbank, Turner, Cooper, Clark, Lister, and Greaves. Mr. M. Broadley, of Windhill, placed the cards in the Yorkshires, Greens and novice classes, Mr. W. Mundell taking the remainder and the awards of both gentlemen were well received.

Mr. Broadley's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL (9): 1, spl for best in show, Ambler, grand slim bird, lovely shape, colour and style, extra position, neat wings and tail, a gem; 2, hc, spl, Shackleton, trifle paler in colour, very slim, neat drawn bird, grand quality and style, not far behind; 3, Wilcock, stronger, grand shape, colour and quality, well up on legs; 4, Ogden Bros., typical, nice quality and good position; vhc, Wilson; c, Bailey and Swanger. CL. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, spl, Shackleton, grand shape, stands well, quality fine as silk, lovely wings and tail; 2, Drake, typical, lovely quality, all there for position, neat wing carriage; 3, Stebbings, grand slim bird, good shape and feathered to perfection; 4, Milburn, neat, very fine drawn, rich quality, and good type; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Wilcock. TICK YELL. (14): 1, 3, spl, Cruise, a brace of gems, first ticked cheek, grand length, very fine drawn, type and quality A1, good head and wings, third lovey type and feather, slim, very neat pipe tail; 2, 4, Shackleton, lengthy, grand shape and style, hardly as neat in head as winner, fourth ticked head, plenty of length, rich o'oar and quality, nice shape; vhc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; hc, Walsh; c, Clark. TICK BUFF (11): 1, 4, spl, Shackleton, winner exquisite shape and quality, beautifully mealed, grand position, fourth grand colour and quality, shapely and nice position; 2, Bailey and Swanger, ticked wing, grand shape, feathered to perfection, very clean made, fine position; 3, Radley, extra smart position, lovely quality and shape, neat wings and tail; vhc, Halliday; hc, Drake; c, Wilcock. UNEVEN MKD. (11): 1, spl, Murgatroyd and Son, yellow, lovely type and quality, brimful of colour, straight as a rush and stands well up; 2, F. Armstrong, buff, exceptional quality, not a feather out of place, shapely, well up on legs, rich colour, close up; 3, Stebbings, grand, long drawn yellow, nice quality and correct type; 4, Walton, yellow, straight as a pencil, neat shape and quality, fine position vhc, Wood; hc, Wilcock; c, Cowgill. YELL. HEN (23): 1, vhc, spl, Shackleton, grand length, shapely, straight as a rush, fine quality, neat wings, tail and head; 2, Drake, not quite so long, grand shape, lovely quality, nice style 3, 4, Cruise, lengthy, stands well, nice shape and quality, lovely head, neat wing carriage, fourth grand quality and type, plenty of style; hc, Walsh; c, Long. BUFF HEN (20): 1, spl, Drake, nice quality and shape, fine position, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Halliday, longer, grand type, lovely feather, stylish, close up; 3, c, Bailey and Swanger, grand neat drawn hen, lovely quality, clean as a new pin, extra position; 4, Ambler, tick wing, fine positioned hen of lovely quality and type; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Walsh. CINN. TICK., ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Cooper, slim, neat shape, nice quality and stands on a good pair of legs; 2, Wilcock, grand shape and colour, good quality, extra position, well braced wings and pipe tail; 3, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., red-hot colour, typical and grand quality, good, sound cinnamon markings; 4, Wood, grand quality, beautifully mooned, nice position, well drawn out; hc, e, Hirst. BUFF (14): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., first, grand shape, feathered to perfection, lovely position, stands well, fourth neat quality, shapely and good colour; 2, Ambler, splendid shape, rich quality, stylish and plenty of leg; 3, Hirst, grand type, lovely quality and colour, good position; vhc, Towers; hc, Wilcock; c, Smith. CINN. YELL. HEN (13): 1, Ambler, grand shape, quality and style, well up in position, well shown; 2, Murgatroyd and Son, slim, neat shape and quality, fine position, hardly as well filled in neck; 3, vhc, spl, Wilcock, well drawn out, type and quality good, nice style; 4, hc, Towers, nice length, good position and shape, neat feather; c, Priestley. BUFF HEN (16): 1, spl, Armstrong, grand shape and quality, plenty of leg, fine position, neat wings and tail; 2, Shackleton, ticked wing, lovely quality and shapely, grand position; 3, Ogden Bros., grand type and stylish, neat quality, well up in position; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, good quality, shape and style, lengthy; vhc, Hartley; hc, c, Wilcock. HEAVY MKD. (10): 1, spl, Armstrong, grand buff, of lovely type and quality, feathered to perfection, full of colour, nice position; 2, Ogden Bros., yellow of great length, well drawn out, correct shape, good wings and tail; 3, Ramsden, yellow, grand shape, lengthy and stylish, neat quality; 4, Priestley, another yell, of nice type and quality; vhc, Dewhurst; hc, Milburn; c, Rowlands. UNFLI. YELL. (23): 1, spl, Radley, lengthy, splendid type and quality, good position; 2, Walsh, grand colour, typical, and good quality, excellent position; 3, Spencer, slim and lovely shape, full of quality, good wing carriage and neat tail; 4, Edmondson, grand length, type and quality, hardly as good in wing carriage; vhc, Peel; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Wilcock. UNFLI. BUFF (14): 1, Cooper ticked neck, grand type and quality, stands well, neat; 2, 3, spl, Long, second excellent quality, true Yorkie, type and stylish, third ticked head, grand straight bird, shapely and neat quality; 4, hc, Wilcock, extra good shape and style, good quality, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Spencer; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland.

The Green Classes.

YKS. SELF OR FOUL YELL. (15): 1, spl, Clayton, grand slim, neat drawn bird, true Yorkshire type, lovely quality and position, very fair colour; 2, Vernon, stronger built, plenty of length, fine position, shapely and rich colour; 3, Folden, another good, big one, extra position, nice quality and colour; 4, Sykes, a foul, good type and quality, stands well, rich colour; vhc, c, Rowlands; hc, Drinkwater. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Drinkwater, good shape, grand quality and colour, fine position; 2, Tempest, slimmer than winner, extra nice position, fine quality, good green colour; 3, Deacon, not quite so long, grand quality and colour, well up on legs; 4, Rowlands, foul tail, very slim, good colour, shapely and stylish; vhc, Clayton; hc, Greaves; c, Heginbottom and Riley. YELLOW HEN (25): 1, spl, Ambler grand length, A1 position, lovely colour and quality; 2, Metcalfe, slim, neat shape and style, good wings and tail, nice quality; 3, Stowall, not quite so long, neat shape and style, nice quality, good wing carriage; 4, Helliwell, grand type, well up on legs, fine quality; vhc, Handley; hc, Greaves; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. BUFF HEN (17): 1, Deacon, nice size, shape and position, well carried wings and tail, grand quality, good colour; 2, 4, spl, Carswell, slim, neat shape, stylish, good quality and colour, fourth stronger built, grand quality and colour, fair shape; 3, Metcalfe, good position, shape and quality, nice colour; vhc, Moss; hc, Handley; c, Stowall. NORWICH SELF OR FOUL YELL. (11): 1, 3, spl, and spl for best green, Deacon, plenty of size and substance, true Norwich type, grand head, rich grassy green colour, third foul, good size, type, and colour, rather horned, which spoils the shape of head somewhat; 2, Harrison, hardly substance of winner, nice type, quality and colour; 4, hc, Moss, on small side, grand grassy colour, fine quality; vhc, Davies; c, Ryno. BUFF (32): 1, 2, spl, Walker, grand shape, good colour and quality, nice head, second similar type, but hardly as clean behind, rich colour and nice feather; 3, 4, Deacon, typical, nice substance and quality, fourth extra substance, neat quality; vhc, Harrison; hc, Ryno; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 4, c, spl, spl, Deacon, first massive substance, grand quality and colour, good head, fourth typical, nice quality and colour 2, Walker, fair substance, lovely quality and grassy colour; 3, Davies, not so big, all there for type, quality and colour; vhc, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; hc, Ryno. BUFF HEN (13): 1, Ryno, plenty of substance, short and chubby, rich colour and quality; 2, c, Deacon, extra substance, nice quality, fair colour, good head; 3, Cowgill, good shape and substance, nice quality and colour; 4, S. Wilcock, nice cobby bird, short wings and tail, fine quality and colour; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Moss.

Novice Classes.

CL. YELL. YKS. (12): 1, spl, spl for best bird in novice classes, Chippendale, grand length, beautifully drawn, grand quality, colour and nice position; 2, Dobson, long, good shape and position, rich colour and quality; 3, Wilson, lengthy, nice quality, good back, wings and tail; 4, Drake and Son, good position, shapely and nice quality; vhc, Townley; hc, Elsgood; c, Robertshaw. CL. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Robertshaw, grand shape, position and style, nice quality, good head; 2, Leach, shapely, rich colour and quality, plenty of style, well on leg; 3, c, Coates, grand shape, quality and colour; 4, Frankland, nice shape, well up in position, good quality; vhc, Snowden; hc, Turner. TICK. ETC. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Frankland, ticked wings, slim, nice shape and quality, well up in position; 2, Armstrong, ticked head, grand colour, shapely and stylish, fair quality 3, Snowden, extra fine and stylish, neat type and quality; 4, Drake and Son, slim, good shape and position, neat wings and tail; vhc, Moon; hc, Leach; c, Townsend. BUFF (19): 1, Ackroyd, grand position, typical, lovely quality; 2, Armstrong, uneven mkd., grand quality and colour, well positioned, nice bird; 3, Allen and Swaine, neat type, grand quality, nice round back, fine position; 4, Show Bros., uneven mkd., stands well, lovely type and quality, vhc, c, Frankland hc, Chippendale. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, Shaw, Bros., tick cheeks, slim, grand shape, lovely quality, neat wings and tail and stands well; 2, Lodge, good leggy hen, fair shape, fine quality, good wing carriage; 3, Shepperd, very clean made, nice round back, grand quality; 4, Suggett, nice size, fine quality, and shapely; vhc, Townsend hc, Sykes; c, Drake and Son. BUFF HEN (22): 1, Allen and Swaine, ticked wings, grand type, quality and style, very neat; 2, Frankland, lengthy, extra quality, nice wings, straight; 3, 4, spl, Myers, both ticked birds, of excellent position, plenty of leg, third rather better in quality; vhc, Leach; hc, Lodge; c, Ackroyd. NORWICH CK. (17): 1, 3, spl, Clifford, first a yellow, neat, chubby bird of nice substance, rich quality and colour, third buff, rich colour, excellent quality; 2, Mattram, buff, red-hot colour, good quality and shape, moving well; 4, vhc, hc, Holmes, plenty of size, nice colour and quality; c, Hammond. HEN (16): 1, Holmes, yellow, grand substance, cobby shape, grand quality and colour, very neat; 2, Lloyd, buff, good shape and substance, nice quality and colour; 3, hc, Clifford, buff, grand substance, good quality and colour, grizzled tail; 4, Hammond, buff, nice substance, good chest and quality; vhc, Greenwood; c, Mottram.

Mr. Mundell's Classes.

NOR. YELL. F.H. (8): 1, Woodhall; 2, Hirst; 3, Bailey and Wilkinson; 4, S. Wilcock; vhc, Bailey; hc, Waters; c, J. Wilcock. BUFF (9): 1, Bailey; 2, Bailey and Wilkinson; 3, Waters; 4, J. Wilcock; vhc, Townsend; hc, S. Wilcock; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. UNFLIG. (15): 1, Hirst; 2, vhc, Waters; 3, Booth; 4, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Halliday; c, Scargill. HEN (13): 1, Bailey; 2, Thackray; 3, 4, Greenwood and Pickles; vhc, Hirst; hc, Booth; c, Cowgill. A.O.V. (16): 1, 2, Lee; 3, vhc, Ward; 4, Radley; hc, Cowgill; c, Axe. SELL. £1 (14): 1, Cowgill; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Axe; 4, Edmondson; vhc, Slater; hc, Crossland; c, Rev. Miller. 15/- (22): 1, Padgett; 2, Lister; 3, Cowgill; 4, Clark; vhc, Slater; hc, Axe; c, Lane. 12/6 (16): 1, Pollitt; 2, Holmes; 3, vhc, Buckle; 4, Axe; hc, Thackray; c, Bennett. LINNET (11): 1, 4, Walsh; 2, Hirst; 3, Duncan; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Atkinson; c, Wallbank. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, 2, Chick; 3, vhc, Walsh; 4, Duncan; hc, Axe; c, Hirst. SOFTBILL (6): 1, vhc, hc, Mason; 2, 3, Walsh; 4, Axe. GIFT CLASS (8): 1, Cowgill; 2, Cooper; 3, Lister; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Turner; hc, Clegg; c, Ambler.

Detailed criticism of Mr. Mundell's classes seems to have miscarried in the post.—Ed.

TIDESWELL.

The cage bird show was held in Bagshaw Hall on December 7th, held under the rules of the C.B.U. The show was, as a first venture, very satisfactory from an exhibition point of view; the attendance, however, was not as numerous as it might have been. The catalogue contained twenty sections, 14 open and half-a-dozen local, and they were all well-filled. Competition was keen, too, in a majority of cases. This year's president is Mr. S. Bramwell, J.P., C.C. Mr. W. Millward is the treasurer; Messrs. Bagshaw and Swarbrick, hon. secretaries, are deserving of great praise for the able management of the show. The following is the committee:—Messrs W. S. Flint (chairman), D. Brightmore (vice-chairman), G. Robinson, T. A. Lomas, A. Flint, sen., F. E. Gilbert, J. Longston, A. Bradbury, F. Hill, A. Flint, jun., W. Barton, Joseph Walker, H Drabble, H. Flint, C. Barton, G. Oven, and C. Flint. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) was the judge, and his awards were received with satisfaction, though in two or three instances merit was so equal that it was no easy task to "place" them.

OPEN CLASSES, NOR. CL. ETC., YELL: 1, Wilson and Fox; 2, Harris; 3, Nutt; vhc, Rathbone; hc, Turner; c, Gentle Bros. BUFF: 1, hc, Wilson and Fox; 2, Harris; 3, c, Rathbone; vhc, Turner. HEN: 1, 3, second CAGE BIRDS competition, Nutt; 2, Harris; vhc, third CAGE BIRDS competition, Williams; hc, Gray; c, Rathbone. YORKS, ETC., YELL: 1, Gray; 2, vhc, Wall; 3, hc, c, Harris. BUFF: 1, first CAGE BIRDS competition, Gray; 2, Harris; 3, vhc, Gray; hc, Wall; c, Wall. HEN: 1, 2, Gray; 3, vhc, Harris; hc, c, Riley. A.O.V. CAN: 1, Oldham; 2, Hall Bros; 3, Oldham; vhc, Cliff; hc, Walker; c, Turner. BRIT. SMALL: 1, spl, Gentle Bros; 2, Oven; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Gray; hc, Gilbert; c, Howe. SELL (12/6): 1, Flint; 2, Robinson; 3, Flint; vhc, Wilson and Fox; hc, Randford; c, Hall Bros. GIFT: 1, Longstone; 2, Millward; 3, Robinson; vhc, Flint; hc, Flint; c, Flint. LOCAL CLASSES (five miles radius), NOR. CL. YELL: 1, spl, Longstone; 2, vhc, c, Millward; 3, Walker; hc, Flint. BUFF: 1, spl, W. S. Flint; 2, vhc, Millward; 3, Walker; c, Brightmore. HEN: 1, vhc, Longstone; 2, Millward; 3, Walker; hc, Flint; c, Brightmore. YORKS CL., ETC. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Lomas; 3, Flint; vhc, Lomas; hc, c, Flint. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Flint; 3, vhc, Lomas; hc, Robinson; c, Bradbury. HEN: 1, spl, 3, c, Lomas; 2, vbc, A. Flint; hc, Swarbrick.

LEIGH.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual show in the Co-operative Hall, Bradshawgate, Leigh, on December 20th and 21st. This being the first venture of the society, we were sorry to see that entries did not come up better, but we hope they will be more successful another year, as the Secretaries, Messrs. Parks and Davies, left no stone unturned to make the show a success. Their arrangements were admirable. They were assisted by the committee:—Messrs. Marsh, Lycett, Cavanagh, Clare, Banks, Green, Hart, Gaskell, Lomas, Slater, Shuttle, Wilkinson, Whittaker and Ordish, who did everything that could be done for the welfare of the specimens. The room is an excellent one for a cage bird show, being well lighted and free from draughts. The exhibits, although lacking in numbers, were excellent in quality, many noted winners being staged by Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins, Gaskell, Cook, Wright Knowles, Brooks, Dalzell, Simpson, Hallewell, Crompton, Walsh, and Lord. Mr. A. G. Davies (Manchester), judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins, variegated yellow and clear yellow, respectively; 3, Dent, head and saddle marked, grand substance and quality; vhc, Dent; hc, Gaskell; c, Lanceley. BUFF (6): 1, Lord, clear, splendid quality and type, nice size and colour; 2, vhc, Dent, marked head, grand size and shape, rare head, neck and chest, lovely quality; 3, Clare, wing marked, nice size, colour and quality; hc, Cook; c, Rhead. YELL. HENS (7): 1, Gaskell, variegated, nice size and colour, grand quality and carriage; 2, vhc, Cook, clear unflig., beautiful shape and quality, nice size and colour, close up; 3, Dyer, clear, grand colour and quality, good shape; hc, Parkinson; c, Lord. BUFF (8): 1, Cook, dark-tailed, unflig., grand size and shape, all front, real good one; 2, 3, Dyer, 2nd clear unflig., grand colour, good shape and quality, 3rd another clear, nice substance, good quality and carriage; vhc, Parkinson; hc, Lanceley; c, Houghton. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Wright, buff, ticked over beak, nice size and colour, good quality and shape; 2, Dyer, clear buff, grand colour and quality, good shape and carriage; 3, c, Southworth, clear yellow, grand size and shape, good carriage and quality; vhc, J. and J. Hopkins; hc, J. Simpson. YORKS: YELL. (6): 1, Knowles, well-known Cinn. marked grand bird, shown in magnificent trim; 2, Dalzell, clear, nice length, good position, good quality and shape; 3, Mitchell, clear, rare length, fine back, wings and tail; vhc, hc, Slater; c, Lycett. HENS (7): 1, 2, Brooks, two magnificent clears, both full of quality, grand type and position; 3, Dalzell, clear, unflig., nice length, colour and style; vhc, Kirkham; hc, Wright. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Dalzell, head and wing marked yellow, nice length, rare position, splendid quality and shape; 2, Whittaker, clear buff, exquisite quality and shape, grand length, nice back, wings and tail, close up; 3, Cavanagh, raking yellow, red-hot colour, nice quality and shape; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Smith; c, Williams. CREST (6): 1, Simpson, even wings, marked, dark crest, beautiful radiation and droop, good leafy feather, nice centre; 2, hc, Brotherton, lightly variegated, good size and droop, nice radiation; 3, Hart, grand young green, neat crest, good broad leafy feather, fine bird another year; vhc, Simpson; c, Green. A.O.V. (5): 1, Hallewell, even marked yellow Yorks., beautiful type, quality and markings; 2, Hales, well-known Scotch Fancy; 3, vhc, Green, 3rd buff Cinn., good colour and quality; hc, Banks. SELL. 20/- (11): 1, Proctor, pair Cinnamons; 2, Davies, pair Norwich, 3, Brooks, pair Yorks.; vhc, Marsh; hc, Simpson; c, Bennet. 12/6 (15): 1, Cavanagh, Yorks.; 2, Smith, yellow Yorks.; 3, Davies, yellow Norwich; vhc, Proctor; hc, Hopkins; c, Rhead. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, Crompton, Goldfinch, nice blaze, good tan, well shown; 2, vhc, Walsh, 2nd fine Yellowhammer, good colour and markings; 3, c, Miller, 3rd grand coloured Chaffinch; hc, Woodcock. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Walsh, well-known Wryneck, Pendleton, etc., winner, looking well; 2, Kirkham, another Wryneck, good colour and condition, nice feather and markings; 3, vhc, Mort, two Thrushes, both well spangled and steady; hc, c, Crompton. EXTRA STOCK (27): 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, vhc, Marsh; hc, Cavanagh; c, Davies. LINNET (17): 1, 3, Forshaw; 2, vhc, Jones; hc, Rowlands; c, B. Jones.

ANNAN.

This annual exhibition and competition of cage birds was held in the Albert Hall on December 21st, when there was a large turn out of exhibitors. Over 1,100 entries were made in all sections. The secretary, Mr. Irving, had all things well in hand for the comfort of both exhibits and exhibitors, and he and his committee deserve great praise. Mr. James Smillie judged.

BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. CK. (13): 1, Bennet, neat little yell, shown to advantage; 2, Calderwood, presses winner hard, good type; 3, Hastings, good type; 4, Clues; vhc, McCredie; hc, Watt; c, Walker. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, good bodied bird, grand colour; 2, Calderwood, some preferred, Carlisle winner of the B.F.C. Medal, a beauty all over; 3, Bennet; 4, McCredie; vhc, Walker; hc, Hastings; c, Robinson. CL. BUFF CK. (15): 1, McKenzie, shown in grand order, good in feather; 2, Walker, nice colour, good; 3, Haddow, a good bird; 4, McCredie, very neat little bird, in good condition; vhc, Burnie, shown in nice condition, good type; hc, Hastings; c, Kirkhope. HEN (11): 1, Bennet, neat little hen, splendid type and quality, wins easily; 2, McCredie, another good bird; 3, Robinson, very fine bird; 4, Simpson and Nixon; vhc, Nixon; hc, McEwan; c, Watt. EVENLY MKD. (7): 1, McKenzie, good buff, splendid markings in best condition, winner of the B.F.C. Medal; 2, Calderwood, another good buff, little to choose between these, res. for B.F.C. Medal; 3, Haddow; 4, Robson; vhc, Studholm; hc, Thomas; c, Thomas. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Calderwood, nice model, marked wing and head; 2, Watt, another good one; 3, Clues. BUFF (8): 1, McKenzie, beauty, of the true Border type; 2, McCredie, neat little cinn. marked hen; 3, Calderwood, very neat bird, good type and quality; 4, Simpson and Nixon, nice quality; vhc, Burnie, neat hen; hc, Laidlaw; c, Sloan. FOUL (13): 1, Bennet, yellow foul, rich in colour; 2, 4, McCredie, 2nd, good buff tick, splendid type and quality; 3, Calderwood, another yellow foul, good colour and close in feather; vhc, Simpson and Nixon; hc, Colley and Rutherford; c, Nixon. GREEN, ETC (6): 1, Bennet, a nice specimen; 2, McVittie; 3, Studholm; 4, Johnston; vhc, hc, Chalmers. SELL. (10/-): 1, Laidlaw; 2, Robinson; 3, Murray; 4, Chalmers; vhc, Atkinson. NOR. (9): 1, 2, McQueen, the right sort to keep, an easy win; 3, hc, c, Atkinson; 4, Cranston; c, Lawson. UNFLI. (7): 1, McQueen, right stamp; 2, 3, 4, Lawson; vhc, hc, c, Atkinson. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, McVittie, grand even-marked Crest, splendid quality of feather, easy win; 2, hc, Bell, another nice Crest; 3, Kay, might have gone up one; 4, McVittie. A.O.V. (2): 1, Sloan, good buff Scotch Fancy, one that could hold its own in a Scotch Fancy Section; 2, Bennet; 3, Lockhart, another of the same; 4, Dalziel; vbc, Edgar; hc, (no name); c, Johnstone. A.V. (except Border Fancy) (10/-): 1, Atkinson; 2, McVittie; 3, 4, Davidson; vhc, Lockhart; hc, Lawson; c, Murray. LIGHT MULE, ETC: 1, 2, vbc, Cunningham, first, nice even-marked Goldie and Canary; second, Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid; 3, Hill, nice clear one; 4, Crosbie, even-marked, of good quality; hc, Guthrie; c, Elliot; a good class of seven. DARK (9): 1, McQuiston, good dark; 2, 4, Johnston; 3, Crosbie; vhc, Gardiner; hc, McVittie; c, Kay. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (11): 1, McQuiston, really good one, very steady; 2, Cunningham; 3, Watt, little to choose between these t[wo]; 4, McQueen; vhc, Kay; hc, Adamson; c, M[cVittie]. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, McQuiston, very st[eady], moulted, nice colour, it has also won [the] West of Scotland and 1st Dundee; 2, [Mc]Ewart; both newly-caught specimens, in [fine] dition; 4, hc, Thomson; hc, Lockhart; c, [Johnstone]. LINNET (2): 1, McQuiston; 2, Mc[Vittie]. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, McQuiston; 2, Robson; McWilliam; 4, Sinton; vhc, McCrerick; hc, [Mc]Vittie; c, Lockhart; all these birds were of [ex]ceptional quality. FOR. (6): 1, McWilliam; [2], Donald; 3, McQuiston; 4, Gardiner; vhc, Holmes; hc, Pollock. GIFT: 1, Studholm; 2, Dalziel.

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My Experiences with Birds in India.

By WILLIAM WALLACE.

It was on the third of March that I landed in Bombay, India, and the military station we were bound for was 800 miles inland. I therefore had a good chance of observing the various species of birds in the country, with their magnificent plumage. The first I noticed was a slim, little, green bird, with a long tail. I saw him perched on the telegraph wires by the railway side.

It was about the size of a swallow, not quite so stout perhaps. I never once saw this bird staged, neither did I see the species congregated in flocks; only odd ones.

The Swift and Greedy Kite Hawk.

The next bird I saw is what is known as the Kite Hawk. This bird is a dark, grey-coloured one, of about the size of a large Crow, but as sharp as our own British Hawk. Dozens of them could be seen sweeping around the camp or barracks.

I have seen a native carrying a dish of [illegible] out of a tent, when, before he has [illegible] yards away, he has had the whole [illegible] snatched up by these birds. [illegible] swoop down and carry off [illegible] want in their powerful claws; [illegible] the native nearly always carries [illegible]gs on his head, he does not see [illegible]ief. As a rule, however, the native [illegible]r carries meat on his head without [illegible] carrying a large stick, which he keeps [illegible]inging over his head with the hand [illegible] which is disengaged.

I have seen a piece of meat tied to a long string with a newspaper tied to the other end; scarcely has it touched the ground before it has been snatched up by a Kite-Hawk, and as many as four or five of them, in less time than it takes me to write this, made dust fly from the ground where the meat lay.

A Bird that Changes Colour.

Now I come to bird number 3. I was walking one day through a certain bazaar, when I noticed, standing on a bench or table, a large cage, which contained about a dozen small birds. They were flying and chattering about in a very lively manner.

They were about the size of a Redpoll, had a little red bill, and, as near as I can describe them, were brown with red speckles all over the body. One man I knew bought half-a-dozen of them from a native. He told me that they changed their colour every month, although I never saw them of any other colour than I have described. The natives used to keep them in big, dirty cages, made of bamboo (small) cane, or sugar cane, and they used to cart them round to sell.

Some Species of Parrots.

About March I saw some Rock or Hill Parrots, and some Plains Parrots. One could buy a Parrot, full-feathered, but only a month or so old, for fourpence. These Parrots were very wild, and would scream and screech for hours together when one went near to them.

A friend of mine asked a native to bring him a Plains Parrot. (This species is a smaller bird than the Rock or Hill Parrot.) The native brought it, a pen-feathered one. It was the most tiny bird I had ever seen. He took great pains with it, teaching it every night to talk. Before it was three months old it was able to talk, but only two words: "What's up?" I bought the bird from my friend, and before I had had it twelve months, it could say ten different sentences. It would sit on my shoulder and put its red bill in my mouth and give me a kiss. I am sorry, however, to have to say that I lost it before I got it home to England.

These Parrots get a reddish-blue ring round their neck when about two years old, and this was discernible in the one I had by the light feathers round its neck. I have seen native bird dealers with all kinds of birds in large, round Parrot cages.

One gorgeously plumaged bird was what they called the Nepaul Parrot. It was a green bird, with a blue head and dark blue wings—a nice little bird to look at. But I never saw one which could talk. They were about the size of a Thrush.

The Indian Jay.

Then there was the Indian Jay. When seen flying, this bird looked very nice. It had a brown head and body, and blue wings. It was for size about as big as a Pigeon. When caged the bird looked positively ugly as compared with its appearance when flying.

Another bird which those native dealers used to sell was the Indian Mina. I never cared much for this bird as a talker. It was jet black in body, and had a yellow beak and yellow legs. I once heard one talking, but all it could say was "Mamma." It is a native of the Himalayan Mountains, where it breeds profusely.

Indian Woodpeckers and Squirrels.

My next bird is the Indian Woodpecker. This bird is seen in large numbers on the plains, but hardly ever in the hilly districts. It is about the size of a Blackbird and is spotted with white and brown like a Skylark. It goes along the ground from tree to tree, and every time it stops, up goes its head-crest like a fan of about the size of a half-crown piece. It is very graceful when on the wing, and it breeds on the plains in hollow trees, and I have seen them among the squirrels running on the ground, the squirrels and the birds, of course, being of nearly the same colour.

I will now describe some of the hill birds. It was in the year 1894-5, when we went to Quetta—a 1,600 mile ride from the plains. The climate was, of course, milder, and sometimes very cold. We were surrounded by mountains, the highest of which is covered with snow all the year round.

A Flock of Goldfinches.

One day in October, I was walking towards the hills when I startled a flock of Goldfinches. I have never seen a more beautiful sight. There were a hundred or more; they all flew low and not very far away. They settled down again on some thistles that were growing near by and this allowed me to get to within ten paces of them.

The next day I made some bird lime and went where I had seen them the previous day. They were there, just where I had seen them. I set all my bird lime sticks and walked a short distance away.

I soon saw a few which were held fast; I caught half-a-dozen of them. Let me describe those Goldfinches. Some of them were as big as a Lark. The wings were of a nice jet black, with a large, bright spot of yellow. Where the half-moons on the British Goldfinch are to be seen, on the Himalayan Finch was all yellow.

I had one with which I used to catch others. It used to sing from daylight till dark, and it was as tame as could possibly be. I have put my finger in its cage many a time, when the bird would just sit and calmly pick at it. I think such Finches are a cross between the Himalayan and Siberian Goldfinches. Only an odd one was to be seen in the summer, but in winter they used to flock down in their thousands from the cold Afghanistan mountains to feed round Quetta.

I have never seen a Goldfinch imported into England like the above; the nearest in appearance is the Siberian Goldfinch, but that is not half so gorgeous in plumage. I used to catch them on small branches of trees; I cut the branches off, stick them in the ground and put my bird lime sticks on them. Or else I caught them on the thistle heads where they fed.

I noticed that the natives kept one or two, and they wanted 5s. each for them. These, and in fact all natives, do not care to see anyone catching birds, as they worship them. A native policemen on the cross-roads at a place where I went, used to grumble all the time I was catching them.

A Bird with a Mysterious Name.

Another nice bird I used to catch at Quetta and keep in cages was one of about the size of a large Linnet. Both sexes had a black bill like a Linnet and were seed-eaters. They were of a brown colour, except the wing, which had in the middle a blood-red patch about the size of a shilling.

I well remember the first two I caught, they were always seen by me near a stream. There was only one small tree of about three feet high, and these birds often settled on it. So I set my bird-lime sticks on the tree, and I think that in less than ten minutes, I caught them both. They were a pair. It was easy to distinguish the sexes, the cock having a black blaze, the same as the Goldfinch, from his bill to a point behind his eye. The hen had only a little black, and that half-way up to the eye. I could have caught dozens of them in the same way, but I only kept two.

They were good, loud singing birds, and would sing all day. The name of these birds is a mystery. None of the natives had any name for them, except Bulbul. No matter what bird you showed them it was always a Bulbul. Again I have never seen this bird imported to this country.

My next bird is known as the Indian Frontier Skylark. It was rather larger than a Lark on the plains. It had a top-crest, and there is very little difference between this and our own British Lark; they are darker, however.

A Queer Sight.

Another bird was the Vulture. The first time I saw this was on my way towards the mountains at dusk one evening. I had walked a mile or more by some small banks, when I heard such a ripping noise, that I turned, but saw nothing owing to there being a hill across my path. So I crept round the hill, hearing the noise all the time. It got plainer as I got nearer, and creeping round a rock I beheld a queer sight. There lay a dead mule in a hollow and round its body were half-a-dozen or more Great Vultures. They were tearing the flesh away from the bones.

These birds are fully three feet high. As it was nearly dark I could not see of what colour they were; I think they were brown. But their long bills and legs I remember very well. I threw a large stone at them and left them. I had only gone a few paces away when I heard them tugging away again at their supper.

The Piercing-Eyed Falcon.

The next bird I will refer to is the Golded-headed Eagle. I was never near enough to get a good view of this bird, as all that I saw were flying a long way above me. I think they would be about the size of a small Goose.

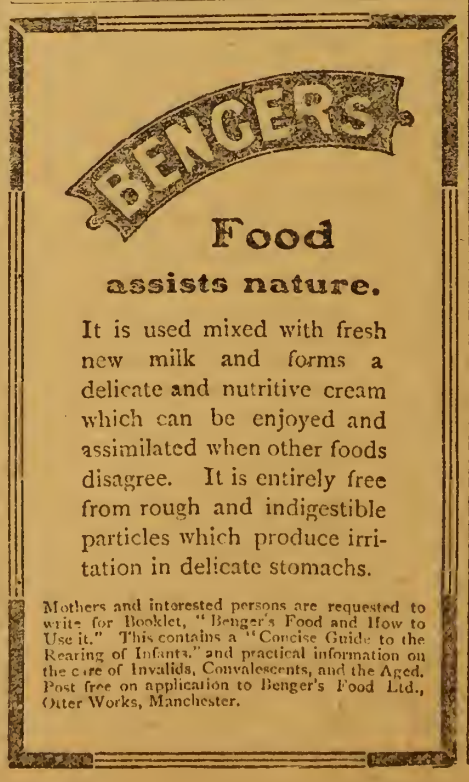
Another bird worth description is the Falcon. I never noticed any of these flying about; the one I saw was on the hand of a native. It had a kind of a cap over its head and eyes. The native took this off at my request, when I saw that the bird had yellow, piercing eyes and was about as big as a Thrush.

Its plumage was of a dark blue, and its bill yellow. I once saw a native go under a tree, having in his hand a Falcon with the cap over its head. As soon as he removed the cap, the bird flew up into the tree like a flash and came down again with one of the many small birds which a moment before were calmly resting in the branches. The Falcon seizes its prey and carries it off in its claws.

Through a Port-hole.

I think I have now described all the hill birds in and around Quetta. I was there three years. I then went to Bareilly on the plain—again a journey of 1,600 miles. I did not stay there more than 18 months, and I returned home to England in 1900, having been abroad eight years.

There is one little incident I should like to record; it happened on the voyage home, while we were at Gibraltar. A Robin Redbreast flew in at a port-hole of the ship just where I was sitting. We could not help looking at it, while it flew about the ship, as it was the first Robin we had seen for years. It stayed about an hour on board, when it flew off again. These notes, I may mention, are strictly true, and I only hope they have interested all who have read them.



CANARY NOTES IN BRIEF.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

FEATHERED SUFFRAGISTS.

The new woman is not the only biped who in these days vociferously claims equality with what Josh Billings might have termed her "wasser arf" in unfeminine walks of life. We have the "singing hen" always with us at this time of year, and as the present is also a busy time in the sale of singing Canaries, it is not infrequently that a raw recruit buys a bird and is sold." However much the power of song may be valued in the weaker sex of some bipeds it is not the special province of those of the feathered race, and when they do make a fair effort to shine as vocalists they are apt to mislead many inexperienced hearers. To the inexperienced fancier there are very few hens whose vocal abilities would pass muster for those of a cock. In all save very exceptional cases the fraud is apparent almost immediately. In the singing hen though there may be a continuous merry twitter, and more or less sustained outbursts of warbling, there is an absence of "go," and power and volume, and a lack of that vigorous working of the throat which characterises the male. It is, so to speak, the difference between a society chatterbox and an inflamed orator. The new hand, when buying a cock, would be well advised to avoid such entertaining chatterers and look for the vigour or masterful "fighting tone" in the performance.

REVIVAL OF THE LONDON FANCY.

Once again there is some rumour of special efforts being made to revive this ancient and dying breed. Let us hope it is not really dying after all, and that many breeders will give it a corner in their rooms and help to bring it to the front once more. There is no necessity to hope it may find a corner in their hearts, for, strange to say, in view of the trifling support the bird meets with, it is there already. For the beauty and attractiveness of the London Fancy are universally acknowledged by all. Although it has been so long, practically, on the verge of extinction, there are a few faithful adherents who have kept it alive, and with what little pure material there is to work upon and judicious crossings with the Lizard, it should not take a very long time to revive the breed and get it established on a sound footing. There is a fine opening in the breed for a beginner in the Fancy, or a number of beginners, to make a name and fame for themselves in the future.

BLINDNESS IN CRESTS.

We have heard little of this trouble since the flutter which took place a couple of years or so ago. In view of the many suggestions which were made, and the correspondence which took place at the time mentioned, would it not be well for breeders to carefully go into the matter and try to ascertain whether or to what extent the suggestions which were acted upon have been instrumental in reducing the susceptibility of the breed to blindness? I know of more than one good breeder who generously sacrificed mere gain and destroyed every bird that became blind in order to effectually prevent it reproducing its kind, and stamp out the hereditary taint. Now would it not be of the greatest interest to learn whether the proportion of birds going blind had been materially reduced; if the Crest or other typical qualities had been affected, and to what degree; and the nature of the preventive measures carried out? By taking a backward view of the matter in this way, facts of the utmost value to the Crest Fancy may come to light. Who will set the example?

CARE OF LIGHT MULING HENS.

A point which the novice does not always set sufficient importance upon is the jealous preservation of the hens that have thrown even a few light feathers consistently in breeding Mules. At this time of rush of shows the gems of first water in specific breeds are apt to eclipse the modest appearance of these Muling hens, although when the breeding season arrives the latter are likely to be at the highest premium. What is meant by consistently throwing a few light feathers is the hen that throws one or more birds in every brood with more or less light feathers, in contradistinction to the hen that throws, perhaps, one such bird in half a dozen broods. In the latter case the element of chance probably plays a certain part; whereas, in the former, heredity is more likely to be the main factor, and even though the vast majority of the young produced in the latter case may be nothing more than dark birds, the presence of the few light feathers betrays a good sound material in the hen for working up by inbreeding with a thoroughly reliable light Muling strain.

PURCHASE OF NEW BLOOD.

This is a question which is frequently met with at this season. The novice, full of enthusiasm, but all too often with little experience, is just a trifle too apt to jump at any "bargains," which are usually plentiful enough at this season. But it is difficult to advise one as to the "best time to buy"; so much must of necessity depend upon ruling circumstances. Providing one can procure the help and advice of a reliable and experienced friend in making a selection, it may be quite possible to secure good birds more cheaply now than in the spring, and their keep over the winter months may be saved many times over, with just a fair chance thrown in of showing the birds at a few suitable shows, and thus, if judgment in buying has been well used, of recovering some portion of the outlay in prize-money.

There are, however, one or two points which the purchaser should bear in mind, if he wishes to procure his stock at this end of the season. First, he must not expect the owner of a bird "fit to win in the keenest competition" to be particularly anxious to dispose of it now, except at a "bloated price"; second, he should remember that at the end of the show season these fine specimens that were to carry all before them will have found their true level in the prize lists; and lastly, in buying now it is well to remember that one is facing, not only the cost of several months' extra keep, but also the natural risks of life during the same period.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

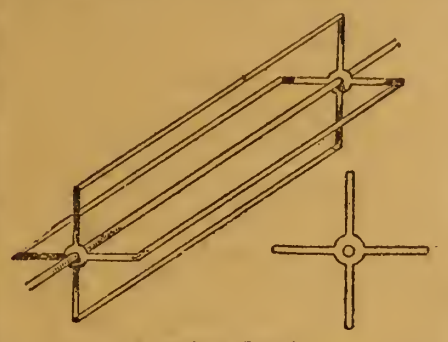
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No. 165.

A NOVEL PERCH FOR AVIARIES.

Sent by F. Vincent, 63, Copeland Road, Peckham.

Take four pieces of wood, each 2ft. long or longer, by one inch wide by half-an-inch thick. Nail together in the shape of a cross, and bore a hole through centre as shown in Fig. 1. Now take four perches



An Aviary Perch.

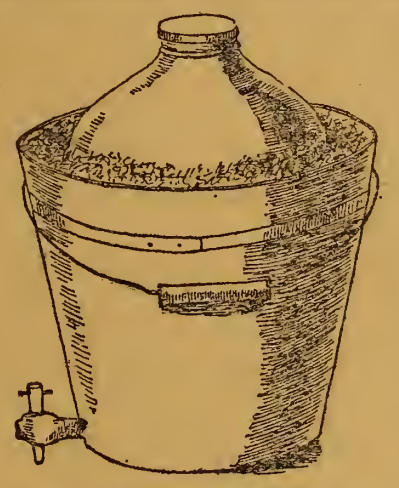
that will reach to within a few inches from front to back of avairy, and nail to the ends of crosses as shown in Fig. 2. Run a rod through same from front to back of aviary for perch to revolve on, and you will have a perch which I have found the birds greatly appreciate.—P. VINCENT.

No. 166.

A DEVICE FOR WARMING OUT-DOOR BIRD ROOMS.

Sent by H. D. Potter, 35, Onley Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.

I am sending you my method of warming an outdoor bird-room. Procure a wood lard-pail, costs 3d., and an earthenware gallon bottle. Fill the bottle with



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boiling water, and stand same in centre of pail. Fill up all round and cover top with sawdust, and it will be found to be warm in 24 hours' time. Two of my friends have used it during the sharp weather we have just had, and are very pleased with the results. Have fitted mine with tap in bottom to run cold water off.—H. D. POTTER.

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Hawk versus the Rook.

There is something about the doings of a Hawk which always rivets one's attention. Whenever the strong-winged bird crosses one's vision, it is always followed until out of sight; the manner of its flight, together with the expectancy of a swoop, retains the attention. The Hawk and the Rook are a well-matched pair, and one will seldom interfere with the other. The other day I witnessed a sparring match between these two. They were high in the air, each trying to get above the other. The Hawk occasionally succeeded. He dropped as though about to strike, but the Rook was always ready, and in turn managed to get the upper hand. The arrival of some of the black's companions put an end to the affair, and the dangerous Hawk made off to the woods.

Winter in the Country.

With Christmas so close at hand, we naturally look for what we are pleased to term "seasonable weather," that is, an inch or two of snow upon the ground, or some sharp frost; hard enough for skating or getting about the country. Christmas is the season of goodwill, and with the wished-for seasonable weather, let us remember our feathered friends. Those of us who spend the holiday in the country where we can gather our own mistletoe and holly, will have ample opportunity of watching and feeding the Robins, Tits, Blackbirds and Thrushes, which will soon crowd round the house for scraps from the table or to snatch up a few scattered tit-bits, left by the poultry. In many country districts it is the custom of some of the younger inhabitants to pass the holidays roaming round the hedgerows or prowling round the farm buildings, with gun in hand ready to slay some unlucky Thrush or Blackbird; and so peculiar is human nature that the same youth who seeks to destroy the half-starved bird in winter will later on, when the sun shines, and the dainty spring flowers speckle the woodlands, listen entranced at the beautiful melody of the Golden-bill, or he of the Spotted-breast. These deeds of destruction are mostly committed in thoughtless moments, and a word or two from bird-loving elders will, if spoken in time, save many a songster. During severe weather our wild birds have great difficulty to sustain life. Through weakness they become an easy prey to their natural enemies, and bird lovers should take advantage of Nature's severity to study their habits and plumage; and to do this comfortably, a few handfulls of breadcrumbs, seeds, or meal, scattered upon the lawn will give ample subjects to watch and plenty to interest one. This surely is better than destroying some helpless, half-starved Thrush, or frightening all the feathered creatures away from the district. Ruskin once wrote a beautiful little passage which must appeal to all bird-lovers, "I will even risk incurring your ridicule by confessing one of my fondest dreams, that I may succeed in making some of you English youths like better to look at a bird than to shoot it, and even to make wild creatures tame, instead of tame creatures wild."

Bird Tragedies.

During the winter months bird tragedies are probably more numerous than at any other period, or if they are not, they somehow appeal to us more than they do in the spring and summer. Those who have the time and opportunity to roam the fields and woodlands, are sure to find occasionally some wild bird injured by gun, contact with overhead wires, bird of prey, or other means. Many of these subjects can, with a little attention, be nursed back to health and vigour, and it is astonishing how quickly wild birds recover from what appears to be almost certain death. In wild country districts semi-starved birds are fairly common, and these with a little care quickly get strong again. A list of the various species which have from time to time been treated with board and lodging, including simple surgical attention, would be rather formidable, as they range from Hawks to tiny Softbills. Some stayed for months, returning again the following season; some have been more than friendly, while others have been shy but trustful. Even now we have one on our list, it is a young cock Blackbird, blind in one eye. He is able to enter the bird house over the top of the wire door, and to find soft food and water, which he does almost daily. It is no trouble to catch him, but this free, injured bird is quite as interesting as the caged beauty of the same species. One hopes that during the winter months our readers will not forget the wild ones. Let those who have never tried the plan, give a morning feed to the inmates of the garden, and they will soon become so interested in their doings that they will wonder why they did not encourage their feathered visitors before.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Starlings and Thatched Roofs.

In years gone by, when every other house was thatched, the Starlings were a great pest. They would pull out the straw to make nesting holes, in many cases, causing the roof to have quite an unsightly appearance. Wire netting is often used now to protect thatched barns and out-houses.

A Forsaken District.

It is said that the bird life of Lincolnshire, and Cambridge has altered more in the last century than has been the case in any other district. Drainage has been mostly responsible for it, together with the enclosure of waste land. Many species have been entirely destroyed and more have been driven away. The number of birds generally have fallen off considerably, except the very commonest species.

Seeking a Partner.

One of the most remarkable things, in ornithology, is the seeming ease with which a comparatively rare bird will quickly find a mate. A pair of Ravens built in a certain spot. One of the birds was wantonly destroyed, when, to the surprise of the person upon whose land they were, the survivor returned with a fresh mate, after a two days' absence. If we look beyond the surface, there is certainly something extraordinary in this occurrence. First, the bird had to find another of the same species which, considering their rarity, could not have been an easy matter. And when found, how did it induce the stranger to follow to a fresh country? We may presume that the new bird would have to be an unattached one, as it was in the breeding season, when one of the pair was killed. Other like examples in the cases of various birds have occurred from time to time, showing that they must have in some way a knowledge of the whereabouts of their own species, even although they be many miles away.

On Lonely St. Kilda.

The inhabitants of St. Kilda live chiefly upon the eggs and young of the multitudes of sea birds that frequent the rocks to breed. Among these are the Gannets, Guillemots, Razorbills, Puffins, and Petrels. The two first-mentioned lay their single eggs upon the bare ledges of the rocks or tall cliffs overlooking the sea, while the Puffins and Petrels burrow into the soft, peaty soil upon the rocks, or nest in convenient crevices between them. The number of birds frequenting these rocky homes is almost incredible. Here are a few lines written by a bird lover during a visit to these famous islands:—"The grand home of the Fulmar becomes more impressive when viewed from the sea below. The scene when the birds are frightened from the cliffs beggars all description. The myriads of birds are past all belief—the air is sensibly darkened by their enormous numbers; still the cliffs are white with sitting birds. The Fulmars make the air one vast living snowstorm—the hordes of Puffins look like dense clouds of winnowed chaff. Tens of thousands of birds sweep round the boat; and the face of the cliff seems crumbling away, as the birds in big white masses sweep from the towering heights towards the water." Such a graphic description makes one long to witness a scene like it, but St. Kilda is a long way from the south, and we cannot all spare the time to make the journey and stay long enough to enjoy the scenes of bird life so common upon these wonderful birdy islands. There are books about these sea birds making enjoyable reading.

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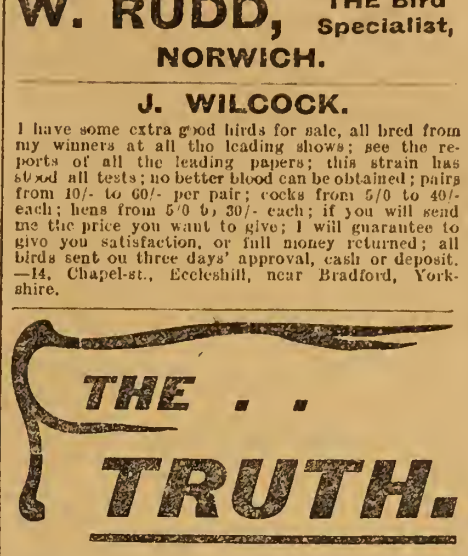
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WANTED, Toy Yorkshire Terrier; exchange good Norwich; 12 small box cages, 5/-, or exchange.—Davies, 12, Kingsley-rd., Greenbank, Bristol.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also Canaries; state your price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE hens, unlighted, one Buff, two Yellows; exchange Yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock, 15/-; self colour.—Davies, Ironmonger, Cardigan.

WANTED, Siberian or English cock Goldfinches; exchange high-class Fantails; sell 10/- to 15/-; pair Reed's strain.—Reynolds, Boot Maker, Grange-over-Sands.

WANTED, good young Yorkshire hens, 6¾ inch; exchange two handsome ivory-mounted flutes, or will sell for 18/- each.—P. H. Watson, Market Rasen.

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TO catchers. Wanted cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, about three dozen weekly, for cash; state lowest price.—G. Clarke, 112, Liverpool-rd., Salford.

WANTED, Yorkshires or Cinnamons; exchange good Norwich, or would give good exchange for cock Goldfinch or Siskin.—Holker, Marsden-st., Westhoughton.

WANTED, 1906 tame Thrush and cage, on full loud song, otherwise useless; exchange 21/- Kodak, as new; postcards ignored.—Occupier, 23, Alfred-st., Shrewsbury.

WANTED, a good Goldfinch in exchange of either of Goldfinch mule, grey Linnet, and 6 by 3 net and wire aviary; stamp reply.—Morris, 3, St. John-place, Treeynon, Aberdare.

WANTED, Canaries for cash; or will exchange loose wire fronts, any size, or Yorkshire show cages, or any other class of cages.—F. R. Barlow, 105, City-rd., Hulme,-Manchester.

WANTED offers in Canaries and Goldfinches for muff-legged Tumblers, about 16 pairs, mostly blue bars and saddles, in pairs, or the lot, or sell.—Beech, 18, South-parade, Grantham.

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OFFERS for 12 large selected Norwich cocks, in full song, yellows and buffs, to make room for breeding, no reasonable offer refused; satisfaction guaranteed.—G. Cowles, 29, Dock Cottages, Poplar, E.

WANTED, offers for large cage-moulted Yellow cock Greenfinch, with extra large Yorkshire Buff hen Canary (Taylor's strain), or sell 6/-; cash or deposit; seven days' approval.—G. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

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WANTED, pair stuffed Goldfinches, in case, high-class work only required.—P. Harris, 34, Bedford-sq., W.C.

SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Mainly British
To be Sold or Exchanged.

COCK Goldfinch mule (singing), 7/6; exchange Britishers.—Martlew, 25, Millholme-terrace, Carlisle.

GOLDFINCH, Chaffinch, two Greenfinches, 4/6; exchange exhibition Siskin.—Pinnell, Bright-st., Swindon.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for German cock Canary.—Leedham, Spon-lane, West Bromwich.

Grand spangled Starlings, and show cage, sell 7/6, or exchange two Lark cages.—Bilkey, 13, The Moor, Falmouth.

EXCHANGE exhibition Skin Mule for exhibition Goldfinch, or sell 10/; approval.—D. Mitchell, 4, Ashley-rd., Alton.

GREY WAGTAIL, winner, perfect condition, 7/6; exchange steady British seed-eater.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

WOMEN'S stout boots, 5's and 6's, wide; youth's, 6/-; exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries.—17, Strode-rd., Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Linnet, father of mules, for good yellow Norwich hen.—Walter Clark, Albany-cottage, Park-rd., Bluby.

GRAND Goldfinch mule, 10/6; also buff Yorkshire cock, 10/6; exchange blankets, or anything useful.—Vanssen, Crowle, near, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE two pair Bullfinches for Siberian cock Goldfinch or Yorkshire cock.—H. Challis, 9, East Parade, Skelton-in-Cleveland, Yorks.

TWO large cock Yellowhammers, well coloured, aviary-moulted; exchange large cock Goldfinches.—F. Simonds, 85, High-st., North, Dunstable.

GRAND muling exhibition Linnet, 7/6; exchange good Yellow Yorkshire hen, 1907 wanted; approval.—C. Osborne, Chase-rd., Hopewell-hill, Kingswood, Bristol.

SIX English cock Goldfinches, fit for muling, or show, will exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich cock Canaries; or what offers? C. A. Wood, 61, Spencer-st., Stantonbury, Bucks.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, nicely tamed, rich blaze, good bars and buttons; 10s., or exchange for Can.-Goldfinch Mule, to value; Finch note preferred.—64, Jenner Road, Stoke Newington.

EXHIBITORS and mule-breeders, I will exchange any kind of British for showing or muling, etc.; all good selected birds, for any variety of Canaries, cocks or hens, on approval, willingly.—Matthews, Birdcatcher, 44, George-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

THREE fierce Linnets, in full song, caged three months, 2/- each, lot 5/6; house-moulted Linnet, 5/-; pair Avadavats, 2/6; pair champion mile racing pigeons, 7/6; exchange for cock Goldfinches or Canaries.—Barber, 4, Hem Heath, Chesterton, Staffordshire.

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THE following house-moulted British cocks for sale: three Goldfinches, 4/- each; Greenfinch, 2/-; Chaffinch, 1/6; Siskin, 4/-; three Redpolls, 1/- each; Canary-reared Linnet, 3/6; also two pairs 1907 Borders, 6/6 the pair; three Siberian cock Goldfinches, 5/6 each; cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; approval, deposit.—David Hopkins, 88, East Main-st., Darvel, Ayrshire.

Mainly Canaries.
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GIVE pair Yorkshires for good Buff 1907 Norwich cock; approval.—Gammon, 108, Cotswold-rd., Bristol.

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EXCHANGE ½-plate Lancaster's Instantograph, lens, double slide; wanted Canaries.—Durham, Postman, Harrogate.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, 1907, for Yellow Border cock, or sell 7/6, or offer.—John Rogers, Afonwen, Flintshire.

EXCHANGE four magnificent singing Canaries for phonograph, Standard preferred.—Cooper, 196, Ball's Pond-rd., London, N.

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EXCHANGE pair high-class Yorkshires, breeding cage, anything useful.—Allen, 3, Orchard Terrace, Nursery-rd., Southgate.

MONSTER 1907 Buff Crestbred cock, 15/-; exchange Goldfinches, common Canaries.—17, Blakey-st., Longsight, Manchester.

EXCHANGE one cock, two hens, Norwich stock birds, for good pair Yorkshire or Crest; sell 12/6.—J. Hillyar, Emsworth, Hants.

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, two buff hens, 30/-; exchange ditto Norwich or Crests; offers; approval.—Lees, Mornington-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE good pair Yorkshire Canaries for pair yellow Budgerigars, or two pairs greens.—Hartles, 3, Alice-avenue, Seacombe, Cheshire.

VARIEGATED Norwich cock, 1907, shade small, 7/6; or exchange new breeding cages, or useful offers.—Jones, 14, Moat-rd., Walsall.

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TWO cock Canaries, full soug, 5/- each; two cock Linnets, 3/-, steady; two cock Chaffinches, 2/-, steady birds.—Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

EXCHANGE, green crest-bred hen (Barnett's), value 10/6, for good yellow Yorkshires or Norwich hen; price.—Hafod, Trefnant, Denbighshire.

EXCHANGE a pure Seifert young cock, untrained, for a young Norwich hen, clear Yellow, a large one.—Chandler, Nail Manufacturer, Silsden.

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EXCHANGE five York cocks and two hens, 1907 cold-room, from winners, for clock to value, or sell £2.—Crick, 2, South-hill, Hemel Hampstead.

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ONE cock and two Plainhead hens; exchange for Lizards; clear Crest cock, 9/-; prize bred Plymouth Rock cockerel, 7/6.—T. Burgess, 12, St. Edward-st., Leek.

FOUL Buff Green Yorkshire cock, Foul Yellow hen; exchange for large typical variegated Buff Norwich cock; approval.—A. McMillan, 77, Kilshaw-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE splendid pair Yorkshires, Buff cock seven inches long, clear Yellow hen, for two Norwich hens, Yellow and Buff.—Morrison, 46, Charnley-rd., Blackpool.

ONE pair unflighted Norwich, both winners, 2nd and 3rd; also one Redpoll and one Norwich hen, for good buff Norwich cock, or sell £1 1s.—A. Mason, Park-row, Knaresborough.

EXCHANGE red cock Barb Pigeon, winner first Middlewich, first, special Winsford, cards sent, for Norwich Canaries, offers, or sell £2.—Brooks, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

A FEW 8lb. cock Canaries, bred from hens that have thrown clear and ticked Mules, warranted, 10/- each; or exchange house-moulted Goldfinches.—George Potter, Broseley, Salop.

GRAND buff Yorkshire cock, worth 35/-, win anywhere; good yellow £1; exchange both and little cash, for gramophone, or phonograph and records, or blankets.—11, Lloyd-st., Wednesbury

TWELVE large Green Crest and Crestbred—seven hens, five cocks; the lot £3, cheap; also a Buff Norwich cock, 8/-; a few cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—T. Flton, 96, Bamford-st., Chadderton, Oldham.

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Mainly Foreign.
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EXCHANGE grey Parrot and cage, red breast, can say "please Polly, kiss Polly," etc.; comes out of cage, will kiss you, walks about house, great pet; what offers in crests, or Siberian Goldfinches; those bred mules preferred; no rubbish offered or wanted.—E., 11, Leinster Avenue, Dublin.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

PENTONVILLE.

During the week there have been Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps at the "Bee Hive," Pentonville-road, when good scores were made and some keen competition took place. Doctor Newman, Messrs. Tuggy, Pony, and Smith were the winners. For free handicap see advert. in CAGE BIRDS, January, 1908. We are also open to make race for Chaffinch.—F. WESTMORE, Timekeeper.

YORK.

The first annual contest held Boxing Day, at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 24 birds hung up in pairs to sing for eight good prizes, and seven good specials. Some of the very best quality singing was heard by a crowded house. The visitors and fanciers were well satisfied with the way in which the birds sang. Judge, Mr. Perry. Result: 1, T. Lambert, spl, by A Friend; 2, J. Stothard, spl, by Mr. Wriggleworth; 3, T. Massheder, spl, by Mr. T. Lambert; 4, J. Mason, spl, by Mr. Robinson; 5, J. Firth, spl, by Messrs. Lund and Son; 6, G. Horwell, spl, by Mr. Pike; 7, S. Booth, spl, by Mr. Carlss. After the close of the contest the rest of the day was spent "in harmony."

The usual weekly contest was held on December 28th, at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 22 birds were hung up in pairs to sing for five good prizes given by Mr. J. Smith. Some good quality singing was heard before a crowded house. Result: 1, J. Mason; 2, Moore; 3, Firth; 4, Massheder; 5, Lambert. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, J. Mason; both giving every satisfaction.

Usual contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, when 20 birds sang for five good prizes given by Mr. James Smith. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. The following are the principal prize winners:—1, Wilson; 2, Stothard; 3rd, Booth; 4th, Oldroyd; 5th, Watson. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Secretary.

LEWISHAM.

A big assembly gathered at the Coach and Horses, High Street, Lewisham, on Christmas Eve. Eight pairs of birds were put on the nail with the following results:—1st prize, E. Robinson (big goose and Christmas pudding); 2nd, a railway porter (13 lb. piece of prime English beef); 3rd, Larney (large leg of English mutton); 4th, Lob (nice shoulder of English mutton). The runners up were Jimmy Cartwright, Barber and Rippet. All the birds were in good form and made some good scores.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Linnet Singing Association held their week-end singing contest Dec. 21st at the club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There were 15 birds, which competed for three prizes given by Mr. J. Harrison. Winners: 1, J. Harrison; 2, P. Blackshaw; 3, G. Rostron. Judge, J. Dobson. Timekeeper, W. Wrenck.—R. HAYHURST, Sec.

The Blackburn Linnet Singing Association Club (headquarters, Old Red Lion), held week-end singing contest, Dec. 28th. Ten birds competed for three prizes. Winners, 1, G. Jeannes; 2, G. Rostron; 3, W. H. Topping. Summoned meeting, Jan. 11. Members requested to attend.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, held at Don Inn, Carbrook, Sheffield. The entry was rather poor, only eight birds singing for three prizes. But some champion singing was heard. 1, F. Watson, 127; 2, 3, F. Booker, 2, 100, and 3, 57. Time four minutes.—J. G. SCOTNEY.

LEEDS.

On Christmas Day, 28 of the best birds in Yorkshire competed for three good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson, King's Head, Shanuon Street. Some very good singing was heard and was worth going a long way to hear. 1st and 2nd prize shared between T. Summers and F. Galley; 3rd prize, J. Nicholls. Judges, S. Hardcastle, T. Crane. Also a contest on Boxing Day, when 26 of the same birds sung for four good prizes. 1st, W. Tillottson; 2nd, T. Summers; 3, C. Biss; 4, W. Fisher. Judges, J. Clarke, T. Crane. Timekeeper, C. Cooper. Also on December 29, when 20 picked birds sung for three good prizes: 1, T. Johnson; 2, W. Fisher; 3, T. Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle and T. Crane.—T. SUMMERS, Hon Sec.

BRISTOL.

A Linnet singing contest was held at Sheppard's New Inn, St. Philips, Bristol, when five pairs of birds were entered. 15 minutes singing result:—1, spl, Fred Walker, 102 songs; 2, Fred Hicks, 84; 3, Tom Taylor, 68. Judges, Messrs. K. Griffiths (St. Phillps), and J. Parsons (St. Judges). Timekeeper, Mr. George Sheppard. The next contest will be held Jan. 4th, at Mr. Haskins, Greyhound, Midland-road, St. Philips. All entries to be made by Friday night. —W. SHEPPARD.

BARNSLEY.

A Skylark singing contest was held at the Cherry Tree Inn, Barnsley, on Boxing Day. Each bird hung five minutes, facing a crowded house of spectators. There was some very good time singing. Out of the entries, six birds sang. First prize, Mr. Herod Audin, 4 min. 32 sec; 2nd, George Allot, 4 min. 27 sec; 3rd, J. T. Boyles, 4 min. 24 sec. Messrs. W. Jones and A. H. Amos, timekeepers. JAMES STOTT, sec.

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THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

The schedule of the Crystal Palace Show, that eagerly anticipated grand finale to every show season, once again comes to hand. The dates for the great carnival this year are February 7 to 11, inclusive. The London and Provincial O.S., under whose auspices the fixture is held, have again issued a schedule liberal alike in its classification, prize money, and specials, and we anticipate a great response from the bird-loving fraternity, and an enjoyable wind-up of the fast-waning season in the great Glass House at Sydenham.

This year the Patronage has been obtained of the C.B.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C., S.F.C., U.K.B.C.A., S.N.P.C., Crest C.C., Cinn. C.C., L. and L. F.A., L.C.A., B.F.C., E. and W.B.F.C., B.R.C.C., N.B.B. and M.C., and F.B.C. The grand final of CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Scheme Competition, with £10 cash prizes, will also be held here by special permission of the Crystal Palace authorities, and for the four money prizes (£5, £2 10s., £1 10s., and £1) a keen struggle is anticipated.

There are 138 classes in all, and these are distributed as follows under the various judges:—Mr. J. H. Payne's classes: Nor. 8, Nor. Greens 4; Mr. T. Heath's classes: Crest 4, C.B. 3, Yorks. 6, Yorks. Greens 2; Mr. W. Mundell's classes: Yorks. 6, Yorks. Greens 2, Nov. Yorks. 7; Mr. J. Dobson's classes: Cinn. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Nov. Cinn. 2, Nov. A.O.V. 1, Employee's Can. 1, Extra Stock 1; Mr. S. R. Compston's classes: Lancs. 4, Lizards 4; Mr. J. Robson's classes: Bord. 8, Belg. 4; Mr. T. Brown's classes: Scot. 4; Mr. J. H. Roe's classes: Nov. Nor 6, Nov. Crest 2, Limit 7; Mr. A. Rettich's classes: Roller Singing 3; Mr. J. F. Dowar's classes: Mules 11; Mr. G. E. Weston's classes: Brit. 4; Mr. S. Cook's classes: Brit. 9; Mr. J. F. Hill's classes: Brit. 8; Mr. H. T. Camp's classes: For. 3; Mr. Russell Humphrey's classes: For. 6; Mr. W. Swayland's classes: For. 1, Cages 3.

The prize money is 15s., 10s., 5s., 2s., or gold, silver, or bronze medals of full value, at the winner's option. The entrance fee is 2s. There is a magnificent list of 296 specials. Entries close on Saturday, January 25, certain, and the management draw special attention to the fact that there will be no extension, and that no "whip-up" cards will be sent out.

During the show seed-eating birds will be fed upon seeds supplied by Messrs. James Carter and Co., High Holborn, London ("Good Old Carter!") and insectivorous birds upon yolk of egg and insectivorous food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian-road, King's Cross, N. The Crystal Palace Company have promised that the Show shall be held under separate cover in the Crystal Palace, and kept at a suitable temperature. The L. and P.O.S. will provide policemen, attendants, and night watchmen for the protection of the exhibits. No classes will be amalgamated, and no prizes will be withheld in any of the standing classes. All fanciers, it should be noted, whether affiliated members of the Cage Bird Union or not, are equally eligible to exhibit at this show. And as a final word it may be said that there will be no extra charge for admission to this show (only the ordinary charge to enter the Palace).

Coming to the show management, all entries are to be sent to MR. H. LAMBERT BROWN, 64, Manor Park, Lee, S.E., who will despatch tickets, labels, etc.; also pay prize and sale monies. The show at the Palace will be under the sole management of MR. J. W. RAMSDEN, 10, Heron Road, Herne Hill, S.E., who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements, and who will despatch all birds at close of Show.

Accept my best thanks for the Christmas Supplement, writes Miss E. Saywell (Bromsgrove); it was perfect, and affords much interesting reading. Although I do not approve of the experiment, I have allowed a pair of Norwich Canaries to build a Christmas nest, and the hen is now sitting on two eggs.

Our recent open show was a success, writes Mr. J. M. Nicholson, hon. sec. Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.A., although we might have had a better gate. The visitors, together with exhibitors, were quite surprised at the quality of the birds we had staged, and all were quite satisfied with the judging. All birds were away in good time, and prize money and specials paid on the Monday night. I feel quite pleased at the complimentary letters I've had sent me from successful exhibitors. I thank them most heartily, and I am sure I feel amply repaid for what I've done. I hope to get a good entry next year, when I expect we shall have a more suitable date.

Help Wanted at Hartlepool.

The committee of the Hartlepools C.B.S. are asking the co-operation of fellow-fanciers in their endeavour to clear off the accounts standing against their society by means of a prize-drawing. Mr. E. Woodhead, of 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool, the hon. sec., writes: "The unsettled state of trade at the time of holding our last two shows has resulted in a severe loss (one shipyard being entirely closed, and 1,000 men laid off work at the rolling mills), rendering the sale of tickets previous to the show an impossibility. We have, however, discharged all our liabilities to outside exhibitors (through the kindness of one of our members), and we hope, by fanciers' generous aid, to place our Society in a position that will enable the Committee to carry on the work in which we are all so much interested. Members will not participate in the drawing, and all the prizes have been supplied by them.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the Rules of the C.B. Union.

*Jan. 8 and 9.—**Wimbledon C.B.S.** (J.R.,H.K.)
*Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H.J.,R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.E.H.
*Feb. 7, 8, 10 & 11 } **Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**
Oct. 20, 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
Nov. 14 and 16.—**Kottingham.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Dec. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand in Hand.**

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 4—(accept 1st post Monday)—**St. Helens.**—T. Vose, 120, Morley Street.
" **6—Lingfield.**—J. Stone, Talbot Road.
" **7—Eccleshill.**—W. Ashworth, 31, Briggate.
" **8—Cardigan.**—J. Evans.
" **8—Luton.**—H. L. Sell, Kempton Villa.
" **9—Dundalk**—J. P. McEneaney, Town Hall.
" **9—Llanelly**—J. Simon, 12, Tyrfran, Llanelly.
" **10—Halesowen**—Fox and Yates, Oakfields, Halesowen.
" **11—Staveley**—Griffiths and Farmer, Staveley Town, near Chesterfield.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 4—(last post)—**Walthamstow.**—C. W. Mead, 16, Claremont Road, Higham Hill.
" **6—Coventry Godiva.**—W. H. Bray, 12, Bery Street.
" **6**—(1st post) **Wimbledon.**—W. H. Colman, 40, Broadway.
" **6**—(1st post) **Neath.**—W. R. B. Richardson, Aikton, Pennywern, Neath.
" **7—Bathgate.**—R. Bald, North Bridge Street.

The Birds and the Berries.

The severe weather of last week will result in an onslaught by the birds on the stores of berries yet unexhausted on the hedgerows and trees, and the appended quaint lines, from an old Christmas-time song, may not be without interest at this season. They speak, it will be observed, of the preference shown by certain birds for certain berries. The Wood-culver, it may be added, is the Wood-Pigeon.:

Holly beareth berries,
Berries red enow,
Tho Thrisselcock, the Popinjay,
Dance in every bough;
Well, away, sorry ivy,
What fowls hast thou,
But for the sorry Howlet,
That singeth, "How, how"?

Ivy beareth berries,
As black as any sloe;
There cometh the Wood-Culver
And feedeth her of tho';
She lifteth up her tail,
And she cakkes ere she go;
She would not for a hundred pounds
Serve Holly so.

An Educated Lovebird.

A Lovebird has taught itself to speak as fluently and as distinctly as the best of talking Parrots at the village of Ambleside, near Stourbridge, Worcestershire, according to a daily contemporary. The bird belongs to Mr. J. Skidmore, of Stamford House, Ambleside, a well-known resident in the district. It was given to Mr. Skidmore about six months ago by his son-in-law, who had had it for eighteen months without its showing any powers of conversation. During the last few months of its life in Worcestershire, however, it has acquired a remarkable aptitude for repeating all that is said to it, though it has received no special training. To a correspondent who "interviewed" it last night the bird suddenly remarked, "Kiss me quick," giving an anticipatory smack. It politely remarked, "How do you do?" and flatteringly added, "You're a little beauty, aren't you?" all in a soft tone that was quite distinct from the raucous accents of the average Parrot. It melodiously whistled a couple of bars of the National Anthem, and proceeded to give some very realistic imitations of the calls of Thrushes, Sparrows and Linnets. "Hanschen," as the bird is named, weighs barely an ounce, and is believed to be the smallest bird of his kind capable of imitating human speech. His chief companion is a large stuffed green Parrot, without which he is never happy, and whose plumage he has so pecked away with kisses that the entire head and neck are now bald. The Lovebird, whenever taking a meal of seed, places a little within the motionless beak of the stuffed Parrot, though when in a conversational mood, he frequently indulges in furious attacks on his silent companion.

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THE SHOWS.

SANDY LANE AND DISTRICT.

At our members' show on Boxing Day, we had a very fair turn up of birds. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington) was the judge and he gave every satisfaction. The awards were as follows:

CL. YELL.: 1, Bailey and Swanger; 2, Buckle; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, Coates. TICK.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Bailey and Swanger. UNEVENLY MARKED: 1, Bailey and Swanger; 2, Coates. CINN. MKD.: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Coates. CINN. HEN: 1, Drake and Son; 2, Coates. YELLOW HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Bailey and Swanger; 3, Drako and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. Wilson.—B. BUCKLE, Sec.

WILLINGTON QUAY AND DIST.

This Fanciers' Association held their first show on Boxing Day, December 26th. Mr. Winter, the hon. sec., and his committee looked well after the exhibits entrusted to them and deserved better support, as they are all fanciers good and true, and ran the show to get little insight into things with the idea of holding a show of greater magnitude next year. However, they are not disheartened through being a little on the wrong side, and still intend to have another try. Mr. A. C. Allaway judged the cage birds and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NORWICH CK. (5): 2, 3, 3 spls, Chapman; 4, vhc, Conchman; res., Ellerby. MULE (2): 3, Bell; res., Bainbridge. LINNET (3): 1, 2, Dunn; 3, King; 4, Chapman; res., vhc, Laws; he, Robson; c, Smith. LARKS (10): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, vhc, McVay; 3, Bage; 4, Laws; res., he, King; c, Playford. BRIT. LARGE (4): 2, vhc, Smith; 4, Laws; res., McVay. MEMBERS: NOR. CK. (5): 1, 2, Chapman; 3, Poolton; 4, Hallard and Hoffman; res., Ellerby. HEN (5): 1, 3, res., Chapman; 2, 4, Bainbridge. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Bainbridge. LINNET (8): 1, spl, Chapman; 2, res., vhc, Poolton; 3, 4, he, c, Hindmarch. MULE (2): 1, spl, Bainbridge; 2, Poolton. BRIT.: 1, Robson.

SUFFOLK C.B.S.

Fifteenth annual show was held on December 26th, in the large club room, Globe Inn, Hyde Park Corner. There was a slight falling off as regards the number of birds staged, but the quality was well up to the standard. A Silver Cup was presented by the Society for the best Canary in show, and was won by Mr. T. Clarke, with a grand yellow Cinnamon cock. The birds were judged by Mr. C. Simpson, who gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL: 1, 2, vhc, Schofield; 3, Barham. BUFF: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, Fenn; vhc, Clarke. TKD. YELL: 1, Schofield; 2, Barham; 3, Fenn; vhc, Clarke. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, Schofield; 3, Cook; vhc, Ellis. YELL. HEN: 1, Clarke; 2, Barham; 3, Cook; vhc, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Cook; 2, Barham; 3, Clarke; vhc, Ellis. NON-FED YELL: 1, Ellis; 2, Schofield; 3, vhc, Bevan. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, J. Bevan; 3, Schofield. NON-FLI: 1, Clarke; 2, vhc, Schofield; 3, Ellis. CINN. P.H.: 1, Clarke; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Schofield. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, W. Ellis; 3, vhc, Schofield. NOVICE A.V. YELL: 1, Benham; 2, 3, Baker. BUFF: 1, 2, Benham; 3, Baker; he, Elliott. LIGHT MULE: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Clarke. DARK: 1, 3, Cook; 2, Schofield. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, W. Cook; 3, Clarke; vhc, Fenn. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, W. Cook; vhc, Bevan. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, W. Cook; vhc, Mouser. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Mouser; vhc, Elliott. SOFTBILL: 1, Cook; 2, Harriss; 3, Benham.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Show held in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall, Dec. 27 and 28, when some excellent quality was on view.

MEMBERS' CLASSES: UNFLI. BIRDS, CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield. TICK: 1, 2, 3, 4, Greenfield. CL. BUFF: 1, 4, E. Durban; 2, 3, Greenfield. TICK: 1, 2, vhc, Greenfield; 3, 4, he, Durban. TICK YELL NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, M. Gregory. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Durban; 3, 4, Gregory. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregory. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Gregory; 3, Durban. TICK. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, vhc, he, Gregory; 3, Durban. UNEVENLY MKD: 1, 2, 4, Gregory; 3, Durban. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Gregory. BRIT. LINNET: 1, 3, Walsh; 2, 4, he, Johnson; vhc, Bettinson. GREENFINCH: 1, Greenfield; 2, Brothwell; 3, Johnson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, vhc, Walsh; 2, Johnson; 3, c, Gregory; 4, Greenfield; he, Justice. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Walsh; vhc, he, Durban. NOVICE MEMBERS' CLASSES, CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, 3, Bettinson; 2, 4, Empson. TICK: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bettinson; vhc, he, Empson. CL. BUFF: 1, Brothwell; 2, 4, Havenhand; 3, vhc, Empson. UNEVENLY MARK, FOUL: 1, Brothwell; 2, Empson; 3, 4, Havenhand. CL. BUFF NOR: 1, 2, Highly; 3, Grainger 4, Bettinson. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, Bettinson; 2, 3, 4, Grainger, CL. YELL: 1, 2, Highly; 3, 4, Grainger; vhc, Empson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, he, Havenhand; 4, vhc, Highly. CANARY (not colour fed): 1, 2, 3, Richinson; 4, vhc, Fisher; he, c, Johnson. MULE: 1, 3, 4, Draycott; 2, vhc, Wadsworth; he, Johnson. SPECIALS: (10/6), medal for best bird in show, also Ramsden's medal for best fed bird in show. Greenfield; spl for best bird in Novice Norwich, Highly; spl. for best in Novice Yorkshires, Bettinson.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

The fourth members' show was held on the 26th of Dec. in the Victoria Baud Room, Cleckheaton, when 139 birds were staged. Mr. R. Garnett (Windhill) judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Cawthra and Son; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, vhc, Liley and Rothery; he, Lewis; c, Wright and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, G. Grayshon; 3, Cawthra and Son; 4, Hirst and Cawthra; vhc, Fielding; he, Liley and Rothery; c, Greig and Pearson. TICK., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Thornton; 2, Wood; 3, Hirst and Cawthra; 4, Cawthra and Son; vhc, Mellor; he, Greig and Pearson; c, S. Grayshon. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Fielding; 3, Bennett; 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Whitworth; he, Wright and Son; c, Thornton. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Wharton; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Thornton; 4, Whitworth. BUFF: 1, Hirst and Cawthra; 2, Liley and Rothery; 3, Bennett; 4, Wood; vhc, S. Grayshon; he, Clegg; c, Smith. YORKS. YELL. HEN: 1, Wharton; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, Oddy; 4, Bennett; vhc, G. Grayshon; he, S. Grayshon; c, Thornton. BUFF: 1, Lewis; 2, Hirst and Cawthra; 3, Liley and Rothery; 4, Greig and Pearson; vhc, Fielding; he, G. Grayshon; c, Sheard and Brayshaw. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Bennett; 2, Greig and Pearson; 3, G. Grayshon; 4, Thornton; vhc, Wharton; he, Wood; c, Ogbey. BUFF: 1, Whitworth; 2, 4, S. Grayshon; 3, Fielding; vhc, Lewis; he, Greig and Pearson; c, Jessop. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Jessop; 2, 3, Bennett; 4, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Lewis; 2, Clegg; 4, Wharton. SOFTBILL: 1, Greig and Pearson; 2, Hartley. SELL.: 1, vhc, Wharton; 2, Fielding; 3, Clegg; 4, Gill; he, Hirst and Cawthra; c, Smith.—R. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL:

A Magnificent New Year Show Across the Border.

That great institution of the "land of the thistle," the Scottish National C.B.S., held a magnificent show on Jan. 1 and 2, in their usual hall, the Corn Exchange, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, admittedly an exceedingly fine and suitable venue. A wonderful entry was recorded the executive, which shows how their liberality and progressive policy, as regards the classification, prize-money, and specials, are appreciated by the Fancy. Every section was really well filled, as the following figures will serve to show: Norwich 372, Crests 143, Scotch Fancy 143, Belgians 18, Border Fancy 284, Cinnamons 20, Yorkshires 56, Greens 83, Lizards 26, Mules 105, British 447, Foreign 133, extra stock 10, Hyde's 22; total 1870.

The Weather and the Workers.

Edinburgh was not under snow when we arrived, in fact, it appeared considerably milder here than down south. The railway arrangements were consequently normal, which was a blessing to both birds and visitors, especially compared with last year's experience. The size of the Corn Exchange Hall allows for special facilities in the way of staging, and this is well taken advantage of by those in charge, n green cloth some eight feet high running round the outside tiers, showing off the birds to perfection. Exhibitors responded well to the splendid classification. The entries totalled nearly 1,900, being an increase of about three hundred and fifty above last year. This was very satisfactory, especially as it was brought about by a general rise in all the classes.

The enormous entry was handled with consummate skill and ease by the excellent fanciers who make up the Society, nothing whatever going unthought-of that could make the comfort of both birds and their owners as nearly ideal as possible. Foremost among the workers must be mentioned the secretary and treasurer, Mr. James Winter, as ardent a worker in the cause as can be found anywhere, with a cool head on his shoulders and a way of carrying things through smoothly and well that earns him the respect and admiration of both his fellow club-mates and every faucier with whom he comes in contact. He is backed up by a splendid president in Mr. A. C. Dandie, and vice-presidents, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and L. J. Arrighi, a trio of courteous and able gentlemen, with high ideals on the subject of running a cage-bird exhibition—ideals they try their utmost to realise. The success of to-day, need it be said, pleased them greatly. The committee is filled by the following names, well known in birdie circles, and workers to a man: Messrs. T. Todd, R. Craig, A. Cochrane, S. Buglass, G. Brown, E. G. Wright, R. S. Spence, J Gourlay, A. W. Watson, P. West, A. Gorrie, J. Kny, D. Kinlayside, T. H. Buchan, J. Smeaton, W B. Smart, W. R. Dunn, W. Mather, and W. Finnie. They had everything spick and span quite early in the day, and the cards up in record time after the judges' slips came to hand. The catalogue, with marginal awards, also came along from the printers in a remarkably short space of time. The list of judges is: Messrs. W. Vardy (Notts) and J. Ferguson (Glasgow), Norwich Plainheads; J. M'Lay (Kirkintilloch), Crests; T. Hogg (Oakley), A. Melrose (Galashiels), A. Patterson (Edinburgh), W. Rodger (Slateford), Scots and Belgians; Thos. M'Creadie (Dumfries), J. Watson (Selkirk), P. M'Kenzie (Kelso), Borders; H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), remainder of Canaries; and A. R. Langlands (Montrose), P. M.'Quiston (Ayr), Thomas Stewart (Edinburgh), the Hybrids. Brit. and For. It is our pleasing duty to record that their awards seemed to give satisfaction all round, and they are to be congratulated on getting through their onerous duties in so successful a manner.

Some Observations on the Sections.

The Norwich Plainheads, as usual, headed the list, and a right good muster they made, no less than 387 facing the judges. When we notice such world-renowned names as Trengove, Cleminson, Sandiford, Dent, Hirst, Dr. Herd, Bailey and Wilkinson, Seed, and many others from the English side, and Cameron, Chalmers, Winter, Howie, Scaife, Davidson, Holmes, etc., from the Scottish, we may be sure that the cream of the Plainheads were in friendly rivalry. Some of the winners were perfect marvels for beauty, and many a hard-fought battle waged in "Auld Reekie" on New Year's Day. The entry in the classes averaged well over 20, and some had even 40, so it will give one an idea what the judges, who were Messrs. Vardy and Ferguson, had to face. But right well did they get through this work, and both seemed to ho imhued with one single idea, namely, to do their very best. Their awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

Crests, with their nine classes, brought out the largest entry even seen at a Scottish National Show, over 160 birds facing that well-known judge, Mr. John McLay, and right well did he get through his classes. The quality in some of the classes was an eye-opener to all. We have been accustomed to see one or two good ones, and the rest nowhere, but in this instance the real good ones were in the majority, and caused the judge many a minute's hard thinking before he could decide on his winners. The well-known winners of Messrs. Roberts, Taylor, Colledge, Currnh, Godley, Dohson and Son, etc., were opposed hy the Scottish cracks, belonging to such well-known names as Messrs. Cairns, Noble, Adamson, Chalmers, Rohh, Mackie, etc., and some tough fights were seen. The awards seemed to give every satisfaction here also.

The Border Fancy classes made a grand display, birds turning up in strong force, the entries in this section numbering close on 300. Mr. H. Bennet had a grand team forward and scored a popular success with his yellow hen, and gaining special for best clear. This hen would have captured the B.F.C. Medal had her owner been eligible for it, but it fell to Messrs. Duncan and Logan's well-known yellow even mark to gain the club medal. This bird was runner-up to Mr. Bennet's clear yellow cock at the last Scottish National Show, so deserved to win in its turn. It is a real good one, without a douht. Mr. T. M'Creadie (Dumfries), judged clear classes, Mr. P. M'Kenzie (Kelso), uneven marks and fouls, and Mr. J. Watson (Selkirk) greens, and their awards were on the whole satisfactory.

The Green Canaries, of both types, did not muster very strongly, which rather surprised us, as these birds certainly seem to be becoming more popular. The Scotch Fancies were not exceptionally strong, but a few champions among them made up in quality for the deficiency in numbers. The smart little Border Fancies were very strong, especially the greens. As was to be expected, the Hybrid section was well filled, and among the birds we noted many exceptionally good specimens. The British were a hot lot in point of numbers, the Linnets and Non-lcd Greenfinches heading the poll with 42 grand birds in each class, and a double set of winners could have easily been selected.

Incidents and Happenings.

We understand a complaint was lodged against the Bullfinch exhibited by Mr. S. J. Nicholas as being a foreigner, and the protest was upheld hy the Committee.

The much coveted Dewar Shield was won by Mr. L. J. Arrighi with an excellent team mainly British. The Gibson Cup was secured by Mr. John McLellan and the Bennet Cup for best young hird in horder section by Mr. T. D. Smith, of Edinboro'.

The attendance during the dny was excellent and at times the holding cnpacity of the large hall was heavily taxed, it was a somewhat noisy but good-humoured holiday crowd, with plenty of enthusiasm, and the closest attention was given to the exhihits and the awnrds.

Mr. W. Cairn's well-known crest "Satiety," twice first at the Palace, fell dead during the show, it is supposed through excitement.

The Foreign section was well filled, the class for small seed eaters having no less than 35 cntries. The fine classification for these hirds would no doubt help cntries still further. The splendid Foreign Bird Trophy fell to Mr. L. J. Arrighi, with a grand team.

The Cup for Best Young Scotch Fancy was won by Mr. John Arnott, of Sauchie, while Hyde's specials went to Messrs. C. Roherts and J. Winter.

The Norwich Plainheads.

YELL. CK. (24): 1, two spls, Chalmers, nice level colour, good shape, nice head and well carried wings; 2, Bailey and Wilkinson, close in feather, a good exhibit; 3, 6, Sandiford, 3rd right good type, a good tubhing might make a great diffcrence; 4, Trengove, very good typical bird, nice feather; 5, Davies; 7, Wilcock; 8, Hirst. BUFF (17): 1, Roherts, large hird, rare good stamp, nicely mealed, shown in A1 condition; 2, Watson, another nice one, preferred by some for premier honours; 3, Davies, nice colour, fine quality of feather, grand style; 4, Sandiford, another rattling good one; 5, Davidson; 6, Soutar; 7, Howie; 8, Cameron. VARGTD. YELL. CK. (17): 1, spl, 8, Davies, nice feather, very level in colour, A1 shape, well carried wings; 2, Chalmers, well built, lovely colour, nice feather; 3, Dent, good bird all round, well shown; 4, Hopkius, very neat and chubby, carries a nice hloom; 5, Howie; 6, Hector; 7, Vart. BUFF (19): 1, Trengove, right good stamp, rare feather, well shaped hody; 2, Winter, very good type and feather, nicely fed; 3, Davidson, lovely type, clenn got up in rare hloom; 4, M'Mally, another nice one; 6, Howie; 7, Cameron; 8, Sandiford. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (18): 1, Sandiford, right good model, rare feather, lovely level colour, wins well; 2, Smeaton, nicely got up, grand level one; 3, Cameron, chuhby, nice exhihit; 4, Herd, very short, chubby shape, fine feather, nicely finished; 5, Bailey and Wilkinson, very good stamp and feather; 6, Davies; 7, Watson; 8, Winter. BUFF (28): 1, Herd, very good model, nicely mealed all over, good type and rare shape; 2, Davies, nice shaped head, short in wing, close in feather, good one; 3, 7, Cleminson, large hird, very good in type and feather; 4, Chalmers, very neat and compact, good type and feather; 5, Bailey and Wilkinson; 6, Soutar; 8, Holmes. VARGTD. YELL. HEN (16): 1, mednl, Scaife, gem of a yellow, very fine, silky feather, shapely and very level all through, all over a winner; 2, Davidson, nice type and feather; 3, Watson, large bird, nicely exhihited; 4, Davidson, large handsome exhibit, in rare bloom; 5, Seed; 6, Bishop; 7, Cameron; 8, Martin. BUFF (21): 1, 8, Cleminson, grand type, rare quality, very taking style, beautifully staged; 2, Cook, very fino feather, nice level colour; 3, Howie, grand type, nice close feather, well staged; 4, 6, Trengove, nice feather; 5, Aitchison; 7, Chalmers. UNFLI. YELL. (34): 1, Davies, very good type, nice feather, some hroken feathers in tail, which detracts from its appearance; 2, Holmes, all there for quality and finish; 3, Forrest, right good type of a hen, lovely feather; 4, Cleminson, grnnd condition, sweet and typical; 5, Howie, good, smart bird, of great excellence; 6, Halliday; 7, Davidson; 8, Dent. BUFF (40): 1, Issott, buff capped bird of rare quality and style, best of feather and shape; 2, Dobinson, nice type, real good one; 3, Holmes, very neat, really grand when matured; 4, Vart, very good feather, nice wings; 5, Davies; 6, Eastou; 7, Hirst; 8, Dyer. NON-FED CK. (19): 1, Chalmers, very neat and cohby shaped, good feather and style; 2, Howie, buff, large, good feather; 3, Sloan, yellow, very neat, good type and feather; 4, 8, Hopkins, yellow varieg.; 5, Smeaton; 6, Buglass; 7, Trengove. HENS (18): 1, 3, 4, Winter, nice two, all in fine form and hard to separate; 2, Hector, buff, good type; 5, Davidson; 6, Minns; 7, Smcaton; 8, Sinclair. BREEDING PAIRS (15): 1, 2, Herd, two rattling pairs, rare size and bloom; 3, Bailey and Wilkinson, another right good pair, must have pressed hard; 4, Chalmers, good type, nice exhibit; 5, Winter; 6, Martin; 7, Godley; 8, Howie. LIMIT, 30/-, CK.: 1, Howie; 2, Wilcock; 3, Alcorn; 4, Holmes; 5, Cameron; 6, Buist; 7, Axe; 8, Moreland. HEN, 30/- (7): 1, Axe; 2, Wylie; 3, 7, Holmes; 6, Steele; 4, Winter; 5, Aitchison. COCK, 15/- (38): 1, Mackie; 2, Finnie; 3, M'Adam; 4, Wylie; 5, Wilcock; 6, Alcorn; 7, Cuhby; 8, Logan. HEN, 15/- (18): 1, Berry; 2, Miller; 3, Cleminson; 4, 5, Holmes; 6, Jaffrey; 7, Soutar; 8, M'Adam.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST CK. (11): 1, spl., Roherts, well known champion (King of the North), great length of feather, nicely radiated, well shaped body, wins easy; 2, Cairns, renowned "Satiety," lovely radiated crest, great density, fine leafy quality of feather; 3, Davies, another lovely exhibit, teeming with quality, almost a green, beautifully groomed; 4, Godley, very massive, a grand one; 5, 6, Colledge, two rare good ones; 7, Edwards; 8, Mackie. HEN (10): 1, Adamson, rare good drooping crest, splendid quality, rare finish, feathers covering heak, and nicely rounded, small body and large crest; 2, Colledge, nicely staged very broad feather, beautifully centred; 3, Green, very fine top-knot, of good size, nicely groomed and centred; 4, McNaughton, grand size; 5, Mackie, nice formation; 6, Young; 7, Forbes; 8, Brown. CRESTBRED COCK (12): 1, Roberts, "Blackpool Wonder," well it may he called a wonder, the most marvellous head-piece ever seen in a show cage, very broad and massive beyond description, wins hands down, nearly all green; 2, Cairns, grand old man, looking well, notwithstanding his years, he has won as many prizes for his owner as any breathing; 3, Godley, very good broad massive top, very broad feather, good body; 4, Young, another fine headed bird, great size; 5, Taylor; 6, 8, Colledge. HENS: 1, 5, Cairns, 1st Palace winner, looking well, great width of skull, nicely cushioned, great wealth of feather; 2, Taylor, good head and feather, very broad and leafy, splendid body, good size. 3, Young, good heavy brows, nicely cushioned; 4, Mackie, good head and hody feather; 6, Cairns; 6, Robb; 7, Miller; 8, Alcorn. YOUNG CRESTED (9): 1, 4, Dobson and Son, very good crests, nicely groomed; 2, 3, Robb, hard to separate, both grand crests, nicely shaped; 5, Colledge; 6, Taylor; 7, Green. C.B. (14): 1, Noble, good hroad head, wealth of feather; 2, Cairns, largo clear buff, nice shape; 3, Adamson; 4, Roberts, grand head properties; good size; 5, Dobson and Son; 6, Taylor; 7, Currah. LIMIT (£3 3s.) CREST: 1, Chalmers; 2, Adamson; 3, Bruce; 4, Green; 5, Jenkins; 6, Paterson; 7, Dobson and Son. CRESTBRED (£2 2s.): 1, Taylor; 2, Chalmers; 3 no name), 4, Roberts; 5, Green; 6, Shillinglaw; 7, Spence.

Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK. (7): 1, King; 2, Thornton; 3, 4, Arnott; 5, Pringle; 6, Currie; 7, Bowman. BUFF (9): 1, 3, M'Lennan; 2, Dalgleish; 4, King; 5, Thornton; 6, Arnott; 7, Johnstone. FOUL, ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, M'Lennan; 2, Hunter; 3, Hendry; 4, Whitefield; 5, Pringle; 6, Kerr. BUFF (7): 1, Melrose; 2, Thomson; 3, M'Millan; 4, Craig; 5, 6, Park; 7, Hendry; 8, Pringle. PIED YELL. CK. (1): 1, Cook; 2, Farrell; 3, Thoms; w.c., Blake. BUFF (14): 1, Dalgleish; 2, Smart; 3, M'Millan; 4, M'Lennan; 5, Pringle; 6, King; 7, Arnott; 8, Bowman. CL. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Arnott; 2, Pringle; 3, M'Millan; 4, Kerr; 5, M'Vie; 6, Craig; 7, Hunter; 8, Bowman. BUFF (10): 1, M'Lennan; 2, Smart; 3, Melrose; 4, Johnston; 5, Hunter; 6, Miller, 7, Pringle; 8, Farrell. FOUL, ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, M'Lennan; 2, 4, Thornton; 3, Whitefield; 5, Craig. BUFF (6): 1, Arnott; 2, Pringle; 3, Craig; 4, Mack; 5, Stokes; 6, Blake. PIED YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, M'Lennan; 3, Chalmers; 4, 8, Whitefield; 5, Briggs; 6, Yule; 7, Kerr. BUFF (9): 1, M'Lennan; 2, Dalgleish; 3, Beveridge; 4, Park; 5, Thoms; 6, Arnott; 7, Kerr; 8, Pringle. LIMIT CK., 20/- (32): 1, Douglass; 2, Thomson; 3, Muirhead; 4, 7, Ramsay; 5, Dougall; 6, Pringle; 8, Melrose. HEN, 20/- (16): 1, Ballantyne; 2, Thomson; 3, Ramsay; 4, Muirhead; 5, Miller; 6, Pringle; 7, Thaw; 8, Carson. BELG. COCK (12): 1, 8, Fairley; 2, 3, Neill; 4, M'Lennan; 5, Arnott; 6, Hardie; 7, M'Dougall. HEN (6): 1, 3, Fairley; 2, Greig; 4, Cook; 5, M'Millan; 6, Neill.

The Borders.

BORDER CL. YELL. CK. (27): 1, Thomson, lovely feather, good hack and head; 2, Hamilton, hetter in head, good wing and carriage, bit soiled; 3, Hislop, many preferred for 1st, grand condition, lovely feather, fine turned front; 4, Allan, finer drawn, good condition, very tight; 5, Wilson Bros., thicker body, well tapered front; 6, Smith, fine feather and condition; 7, spl, Smillie; 8, spl, Lumsden. HEN (13): 1, spl, Bennet, one of tho best out this season, this heing her sixth 1st, lovely feather; 2, Calderwood, paler colour, good feather and shape, nice one; 3, Tait, good type, A1 head, nice front; 4, Patterson, good level colour, fine type; 5, Brockie, neat head and well drawn front; 6, Thomson; 7, Johnston and Young; 8, Brown, neat hody. CL. BUFF CK. (25): 1, Lumsden, good type, well drawn hody, travels nicely; 2, Gilchrist, flatter forehead, good, sound colour, typical, stylish; 3, Richardson, A1 position, well drawn hody, nice back; 4, Bennet, sound colour, hest of head, well-filled back, rather unsteady; 5, spl, Bickerstaffe, good type; 6, Leach, larger body, sound colour; 7, Poole; 8, Miller, real good hody, neat head, could have gone up a few points. HEN (18): 1, spl, cup for best bird in show and bred by member, Smith, lovely feather and type, grand wings, nice body, really good; 2, Smillie, very neat body and head, level colour; 3, Gilchrist, shorter cut body, well laid on wings; 4, Bennet, A1 head and wings, well rounded front, bit unsteady; 5, Duncan and Logan, lovely tapered body, neat head; 6, Brockie, good condition; 7, M'Adam, good type; 8, M'Watt. EVEN MARK. YELL. (6): 1, B.F.C. medal, Duncan and Logan, well-halanced eyes and wings, good quality feather, very smart exhibit; 2, Thomson, Cinn. mark, good eyes and wings, nice silky feather, shnpely; 3, Connochie, shorter body, very neat markings, little rubbed in flights; 4, 5, spl, Nelson, nice in type; 6, Wilson. EVEN MARK. BUFF (8): 1, Gilchrist, grand eyes and wings, well balanced, wins to-day; 2, Calderwood, good type and markings, fails only in left eye; 3, Aitken, nice feather and markings; 4, Patterson, hest of markings, nice front, finely drawn; 5, Simpson, good eyes; 6, M'Watt; 7, Airlie; 8, Blaikie. VAR., ETC., YELL. CK (19): 1, Smillie, wings and one eye tick, neat type, well drawn body; 2, Bennet, 3-pointer eyes and wing, well-filled-up body, good head; 3, Watt, very jaunty carriage, good wings and sound level colour, pressed close; 4, Wilson Bros., level colour, neat, grand head; 5, Johnston and Young, nice body and feather; 6, Patterson; 7, Duncan and Logan. HEN (12): 1, spl, Bennet, 3-pointed, A1 type and clean-cut front, wins well; 2, Alexander, 5-pointer, good body, fine condition, travels well; 3, Patterson, very fine Cinn., uneven, well filled body, typical and neat; 4, Miller, very jaunty, neat head and wiugs; 5, Watson; 6, Hamilton; 7, Poole; 8, Miller. VAR. ETC. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Patterson, var., good type, lovely back and close pipe tail, wins nicely; 2, Pearson,, 5-pointer, fine body, hardly so good in wings, yet not much behind leader; 3, Aitken, very neat type and finish, bit dirty, which told against it; 4, Thomson, almost 4-pointed, grand feather and finish; 5, Simpson, good feathered, five-mark, very level colour, close up; 6, Nelson; 7, Alexander; 8, Boag. HEN (19), one of the best classes in the section: 1, Bennet, 3-pointer, A1 feather, very stylish, best of shape; 2, Patterson, Cinn., 3-pointer, grand body, very good all over; 3, Duncan and Logan, good feathered, 5-marked, excellent body, full of style; 4, Patterson, neat 3-mark Cinn., good type, beautiful condition; 5, Poole, almost even marked, well balanced, good feather; 6, Airlie; 7, Pearson; 8, Boag. TICK. YELL. (1 or 2 marked) (16): 1, spl, Bennet, the Hamilton and Annan winner, in grand feather and bloom, best of colour and type; 2, Paterson, another tick. head, fine body, well modelled all over, grand feather; 3, spl, Benuet, good body, very neat head, slight mark on wing; 4, Smillie, grizzle-wing mark, real good Border; 5, Paterson, Cupar winner, good body and feather, grand bird, hardly so sprightly as we have seen it; 6, Gilchrist; 7, Calderwood; 8, Smart. BUFF (17): 1, Johnston and Young, tick. wings, grand carriage and finish, very smart one; 2, Patterson, marked on eyes, well rounded hody, fine wings and head, neatly staged; 3, Smillie, very stylish, good body and finish; 4, spl, Duncan and Logan, one of the best for type and feather, well filled back, grand mover; 5, Bennet, well-known grizzle back, lovely feather and style, shade heavier than winners; 6, Brown, 7, Hislop, 8, Wilson Bros. GREEN, ETC., YELL. CK. (self or foul) (19): 1, M'Millan, very level, grass-green colour, neat type, fine style; 2, Johnston and Young, good Cinn. self, well pencilled, best of type, neat as a new pin; 3, spl, Thomson, good type and pencillings, very smart; 4, Bennet, well-known winner, lovely type and sheen, well pencilled; 5, Blaikie, sound grassy ground colour, well pencilled; 6, Dickson; 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 8, Buglass. HEN (21): 1, spl, Patterson, good pencilled back, fine feather, grand front; 2, Buglass, Cinn. self, good sound colour, rather large, but shapely; 3, M'Millan, very neat green, good colour and type; 4, Thomson, larger body, nice colour; 5, spl, Richardson, grassy colour, well pencilled; No. 16: Bennet, Gateshead winner, best of feather and type, sound colour all over, many thought might have given winner a tussle for it. BUFF (13): 1, Amos, sound colour and markings, neat head; 2, Buglass, similar colour, nice head and front; 3, Hadwin, paler colour, bold, typical bird; 4, Richardson, well pencilled, good type; 5, Tinline; 6, Smart; 7, Arnot and Jamieson; 8, Leach. BUFF HEN (15): 1, Hislop, good typical Cinn., neat pencillings, grand condition; 2, Richardson, greenie, good markings and type, fine trim; 3, Arnot and Jamieson, broader pencillings, good ground colour and type; 4, Patterson, best of type and quality, very neat all over, pressed hard; 5, Dandie, very nice self Cinn.; 6, Buglass; 7, Thomson; 8, M'Watt. LIMIT (10/- cocks, 8/- hens) (28): 1, Wilson Bros., good clear yellow; 2, M'Adam, nice buff; 3, Hamilton, yell.; 4, Bennet, even mark.; 5, Duncan and Logan, yell. foul.; 6, Arnot and Jamieson; 7, Talt; 8, Irvine.

The Yorkshires.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Bailey and Swanger, leader nice long slim one, well up on leg, good quality of feather, grand condition; 2, 3, Shackleton, 2nd splendid length, nice style and feather, takes good position, rare quality; 3rd, good quality and colour, well outlined, nice carriage and condition; 4, Barton, teeming with quality, grand level colour and carriage; 5, Schofield, long and slim, nice taper; 6, Michie. BUFF: 1, 3, Shackleton, 1st grandly drawn, fine length and position, well up on leg, stylish, well feathered; 3rd, lovely type, well up on leg, very stylish; 2, Bescobie, takes grand position on perch, full of nerve, grand quality and condition; 4, Bailey and Swanger, nice stylish bird, extra good quality, nice shape; 5, Fitton, nice slim exhibit, good level colour; 6, Fortune; 7, Proctor. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Shackleton, 1st foul on vent, capital stand, full of nerve, A1 quality, stylish carriage, smooth as wax; 4th, head mkd., splendidly drawn, good style and feather; 2, Bailey and Swanger, finely drawn, grand style and shape, well up on leg, sweet head, good wing carriage; 3, Fitton, grizzle on head and check, grand length, good stylo and feather, sound, level colour and condition; 5, 8, Hirst, 5th wing mkd., nice length; 6, Bescobie; 7, Fortune. BUFF: 1, 7, Wilcock, 1st grizzled head, grand style and feather, well up on leg, full of life, clever win; 2, 6, Shacketon, 2nd mkd. on neck, beautifully drawn, rare style and shape, teeming with quality; 3, Burton, grizzle on head, very stylish and lengthy, nice shape and feather, good third; 4, Bailey and Swauger, wing mkd., splendidly drawn, good carriage and style, nice feather; 5, Halliday, nicely feathered Yorkie, raro style; 8, Irwin. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Shackleton, stylish lady, grand length and position, finely feathered, lovely carriage and condition; 2nd, nice texture of feather, well up on leg, neat waisted hen, beautifully finished; 3, Wilcock, fine type, very stylish and lengthy, shown in best of trim; 4, Burton, grizzle on head, fine length and position, grand quality; 5, Bailey and Swanger, long slim body, well up on leg; 6, Howarth; 7, Samuel; 8, Smith. BUFF: 1, Bailey and Swanger, one of the best we have seen, grand style and shape, teeming with quality and condition, well stnged; 2, Shackleton, good length and position, full of nerve, stylish lady, nice silky feather; 3, Halliday, slashing quality and position, grand hody and wiug carriage, well placed; 4, 5, Burton, 4th clear, long slim lady, rare style and shape, nice position, good texture of feather; 5th, good length and position, nice quality and condition; 6, Smith; 7, Wilcock; 8, Fortune.

Greens and Cinnamons.

YORKS, GREENS (10): 1, 4, Clayton, 1 rare size, good position and feather, nice rich even colour, 4, bonny bird, perfect wing carriage; 2, Vernon, fine slim bird, shows himself to perfection, colour evenly distributed, grand wing carriage; 3, c, Fielden, big lengthy bird, grand style, very rich colour, beautifully marked; 5, Handley, smart bird, capital colour; hc, Benson; c, Carswell. BUFF: 1, Clayton, wonderful bird for style and position, grand wing carriage, excellent colour; 2, Deacon, another good one, excellent type, rare colour and markings for a buff; 3, Benson, another stylish specimen, good sound colour, capital wings; 4, Drinkwater, grand in colour and markings; vhc, Vernon; hc, Metcalfe; c, Carswell. YELL. HENS (10): 1, Fielden, very stylish, slim-bodied hen, showing plenty of daylight, good sound rich colour; 2, Carswell, another smart bird, grand in colour and markings, excellent wing carriage; 3, Benson, smart bird, good position, beautifully moulded, nice even colour; 4, Deacou, good lengthy bird, showing plenty of thigh, splendid colour; 5, Carswell, grand quality and colour, beautifully pencilled; vhc, Halliwell; hc, Martin; c, Drinkwater. BUFF (13): 1, Fielden, big upstanding bird, grand type, showing rare quality of feather and colour, good hen; 2, Handley, another beauty, beautifully moulded, nice colour, good all round; 3, vhc, Carswell, wee bit on the stout side, grand position, rare colour and quality; 4, hc, Benson, another good upstanding bird, excellent colour and markings; 5, Deacon, smart bird, very racy; c, Jennings. NORWICH GREENS YELL. (9): 1, 2, 4, Deacon, 1 bonny bird, rare type, good sound colour throughout, 2 nice substance, splendid shape and style, nice even colour, 4 smart taking bird, nice even colour, looks young, so will improve; 3, Harrison, bonny bird, rare substance, grand colour and markings; 5, c, Moss, bird of good substance and colouring; vhc, Davidsou; he, Walker. BUFF (11): 1, 5, hc, Deacon, big bouncing bird, rare substance, good sound ground colour, beautifully pencilled; 2, Ryno, another big one, excellent type, good bold head, grand colour; 3, 4, Walker, big, chesty bird, hard on second, grand colour and feather, 4 another shapely one, good full head, excellent colour and feather; vhc, Harrison; c, Moss. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 4, Deacon, 1 grand hen, splendid type and feather, good sound colour throughout, 4 good stamp of bird, nice substance; 2, Walker, big bold bird, we liked, plenty of substance, rare colour and condition; 3, Winter, bonuy foul tailed bird, grand type, nicely pencilled; 5, Ryno; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Moss. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Deacon, fine big bird, grand type, sound colour throughout, beautifully pencilled, 3 another big bird, rare shape, good full head, excellent wing carriage, sound colour; 4, Ryno, lovely type, well proportioned bird, excellent colour, well pencilled;

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5, Moss, big one, nice chest, good sound colour, grandly marked; vhc, Walker; hc, Kilner; c, Hudwin. CINN. YELL (9): 1, 2, 3, 4, Godley, 1 big bold bird, rare substance, excellent type, marvellous colour, 2 another bonny bird, very little to choose between them, excellent colour, 3 hardly the substance of winner, but grand colour and marvellous quality, 4 shade longer, good colour right through; 5, Davies, another good bird, sound colour, splendid feather; vhc, Rukin; hc, Henderson; c, Baird. BUFFS (11): 1, 2, 3, 5, Godley, 4 fine big bird, rare type, plenty of substance, good sound colour, distinct win, 2 another bold bird, not far behind, rare depth of colour, 3 good bird, very sound colour, 5 good bird, distinctly a sound Cinn; 4, Davies, good type, rare finish in feathering, excellent colour; vhc, Bulst; hc, c, Phillip.

LIZARDS, GOLD (10): a good class; 1, 4, Hampshire, 1st good clear capped bird, nice even spangling, good ground colour, and a broken capped bird of good colour; 2, c, Whipp, very shapely, rich-coloured clear capped bird, very regular in spangling, good dense wings; 3, vhc, Rukin, lovely bird, light as wax, very even in spangling; 5, Danche, an icregular, capped bird, good ground colour, full of work; hc, Davies. SILVER (8): 1, 2, 3, Hampshire, 1st shapely bird, rare quality, very rich in work, and another beauty, splendid ground colour, very little between them; another grand bird, made up the good team; 4, vhc, Whipp, good big bird, full of work on back and body, in good feather; 5, Riseborough, good clear capped specimen, lovely ground colour; hc, Davies; c, Rukin. EXTRA STOCK (10): 1, 3, Thomson; 2, 6, Welsh; 4, West; 5, Duncan; 7, 8, Durie. SELL. 15/- (8): 1, Godley; 2, 7, Irwin; 3, Riseborough; 4, Dundie; 5, Proctor; 6, Brown; 8, Fortune.

Mules and Hybrids.

MULES, CL., ETC. (5): 1, Arrighi, clear, excepting lor almost perfect eye marks, tight as wax, lovely shape and colour, good flrst; 2, Duncan and Logan, clear bird, lovely colour, just a touch of blaze, and splash on wings, grand conditinn; 3, Cunningham, four-pointed, smart, perky bird, splendid colour and condition; 4, M'Vittie, good Mule, marked wing and eye, lovely shape, capital size; vhc, Gavin. VARGTD. (23): 1, Leigh, grand var. yell., wonderful size, very even in colour, nice carriage, very shapely; 2, 3, Cunningham, 2nd very smart, nice depth of colour; 3rd, lightly marked Linnet, wonderful size and shape, rare feather, very taking exhibit; 4, Paton, good Siskin, cap and neck marked, good size, very shapely, splendid feather; 5, Duncan and Logan, big upstanding var. gold., grand shape, feathers, like box; vhc, hc, Arrighi; c, Lindsey. GOLD, DARK (21): 1, Coffey, wonderful bird, rare depth of colour, extending from beak right away to root of tail, splendid size and shape; 2, Duncan and Logan, very rich blaze, splendid wings, lovely feather; 3, Marlin, fine bold bird, grand shape and carriage, rare colour; 4, Bald, big bouncing buff, very shapely, good blaze, grand bars and body colour; 5, Cunningham, unother yell., brimful of colour; vhc, hc, Arrighi; hc, Crockett. LINNET, DARK (12): 1, Buchanan, a fine bold shapely bird, nice full head and neck, good carriage, beautifully mottled; 2, Hamilton, very tight feathered bird, excellent quality, rare sheen of feather, close up; 3, Dick, big bold bird, very shapely, grand colour, good wings and markings; 4, Fitton, another good one; 5, Duncan and Logan, biggest in class, rare colour and markings; vhc, Coffey; hc, Arrighi; c, King. A.O.V. (26): 1, Leigh, wonderfully fine, rich-coloured dark Greenie, splendid position, rare shape and size, good winner; 2, Arrighi, real good dark Siskin, rare shape and position, beautifully pencilled; 3, Bishop, good buff greenie, rare quality of feather, shapely; 4, Fraser, another bonny bird, excellent shape and colour; 5, Johnston, good yell. greenie, nicely proportioned; vhc, Pendrigh; hc, Galloway; c, Carson. HYBRID (19): 1, Duncan and Logan, Canary-Bullie, good size, brimful of colour, showing rare depth of contrast between breast and back, wonderful bird; 2, Arrighi, Goldie-Bullie, extraordinary for colour and markings, shape and position, a giant in stature; 3, Ward, Redpoll-Bullie, splendid specimen of this cross, grand flush of colour on cheeks, throat and poll; 4, Duncan and Logan, Greenie-Bullie, rare colour and feather, shapely, dense in markings; 5, Arrighi, Linnet-Bullie, capital size, rare flush of colour extending right away to root of tail; vhc, c, Arrighi; hc, Mathers.

The British Birds.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (24): 1, Duncan, grand finch, good blaze, wonderful depth of colour, rare wings and buttons, beautifully tanned; 2, Williams and Morgan, extraordinary blaze, right past eye both top and bottom, very square cut and clean, buttoned to perfection; very close up; 3, Hurst, very richly tanned, splendid shape and feather; 4, Reid, another beauty, good on points, ragged flight possibly told against him; 5, Anderson, good finch, rich blaze and wings; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Finnie; c, Fiulayson. BULLFINCH (28): 1, Nicholas, big bird, rare colour and shape, some were asking: Was he hatched in Britain? 2, Paton, very shapely bird, rich deep colour, wonderful polish on cap and wings, good Bullie; 3, Laidlaw, very shapely good bullio neck, full of colour and quality; 4, Cullen, very smart Bullie-shaped bird, even breast colour, wonderful polish; 5, Watt, house-moulted, but as good in shape as any; vhc, Laidlaw; hc, Howe; c, Nisbet. LINNET (42): A wonderful class; 1, Arrighi, very large, beautifully proportioned, fine colour, pencilled to perfection; 2, Colbron, another bonny one, splendid shape, in rare condition; 3, Brown, bold chested bird, spangled to tips of wings; 4, Nicholas, fine shapely bird, wealth of pencilling, rich nutty brown colour, we liked him mensely; 5, Davidson; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Paterson; c, Crockatt. LINNET (non-moulted) (17): 1, Jeffreys, bonny bird, nicely proportioned, rare colour, and markings, good win; 2, Aitken, fine bold bird, very chesty, full in head, good colour and markings; 3, Barclay, very shapely, rare colour and quality; 4, Hislop, bird of excellent quality, very shapely, perfect in markings; 5, Marlin, another bonny bird, rare nutty colour, well marked; vhc, Bishop; hc, Davidson and Boyd; c, Brown. BRAMBLE (21): 1, Longden, fine big bird, shapely, perfect in spangling, very expansive chest colour, wonderful polish; 2, Arrighi, well spangled, good wing carriage, rich dark colour; 3, Turner, big bird, stands well, very shapely, will want some beating; 4, Craig, fine bird, brim full of colour and quality; 5, Mason, good bird, nice spangling; vhc, Brown; hc, Coffey; c, Taylor. CHAFFINCH (34): 1, Howe, very shapely, rare bold carriage, splendid wings, nice cap, fine exhibit; 2, McVay, very clean in wings, splendid carriage, very shapely taking bird; 3, Hurst, another good finch, splendid cap and wings, shapely; 4, Howe, grand exhibit, rare fronted, deep coloured bird; 5, Coffey, bold rich coloured bird, splendid cap and wings, vhc, Reid; hc, Adams; c, Livingstone. GREEN FINCH (23): 1, Hurst, lightly fed bird, marvellous shape and position, "perfection" describes him; 2, Goodfellow, hot shapely bird, good wings and carriage, grand exhibit; 3, Aitken, rare feathered spec., grand shape, deserves his place; 4, Coffey, another good bird, very shapely, capital wings; 5, Hurst, lightly fed bird, big bold fellow, looking just a wee bit roft; vhc, Cunninghum; hc, Johnston; c, Bald. GREEN (Non-Fed) (42): 1, Howe, grand, bold bird, rare colour, spread well over body, beautiful wings, good carriage, topper; 2, Nicholas, very shapely, wonderful feather and colour; 3, Goodfellow, another good one, grand wings, shapely, excellent condition; 4, Nicholas, fine big bird, good shape, splendid body colour; 5, Coffey, another bonny fellow, wonderful variation of colour, best of wings, and shape; vhc, Buchanan; hc, M'Gavin; c, Brown. SISKIN (12): 1, Craig, little gem, rare cap and bib, nice clean cut wings, on good coloured body; 2, Barclay, very smart bird, grand cap and bib, sound body colour, good wings; 3, Hurst, excellent specimen, wonderful body lacing; 4, Bald, another good one, hardly a fault, put down in grand feather; 5, Crockatt, very smart bird, good in markings; vhc, Arrighi; hc, Dickie und Smith; c, Haw. SISKIN (Non-Fed) (24): 1, Pendrigh, little gem for colour, cap and bib, markings all there, perfect little specimen, colour feed would spoil him; 2, Reid, another little beauty, nearly as good; 3, Ferrier, very shapely tight feathered bird, rare cap and bib, striped to the root of tail; 4, Cullen, another beauty, a really good bird, well shown; 5, Arrighi, bold shapely bird; very rich in colour; vhc, Paterson; hc, M'Gavin; c, Cullen. TWITE, ETC. (26): 1, Dickie and Smith, grand Twite leading, wonderful tone of colour, beautifully pencilled throughout; 2, Arrighi, another Twite, very shapely, grandly marked, well shown; 3, Dickie and Smith, fine bold mealy Redpoll, good colour, perfect in marking, real good one; 4, Pendrigh, another good Twite, grand colour; 5, hc, Hurst, yet another good one all round; vhc, Goodfellow; c, Munro. LESSER REDPOLL (25): 1, Nicholas, wonderful bird for size and shape, very heavily pencilled throughout, best we have seen for some time; 2, Coffey, another good one, equal in size and markings; 3, Allan, bold bird, good colour and shape, nicely marked; 4, Walsh, full of quality and colour, pencilled to perfection; 5, Cairns, bold shapely bird, had just indulged in a bath which rather disarranged plumage; vhc, Pendrigh; hc, Penrice; c, Arrighi. YELLOW BUNTING (20): 1, Laidlaw, wonderful bird, grand depth of colour, beautifully spangled, perfect head markings; 2, Craig, another beauty, very shapely, excellent condition; 3, Hurst, fine, bold, richly-spangled bird, rare colour and quality; 4, Mather, shapely, good size, very clean in yellow; 5, Nicholas, bold big bird, beautifully spangled, a good one; vhc, Bell; hc, Hurst; c, Walsh. A.O.S. (16): 1, Millar, very bold Corn Bunting leading, shapely, rich colour, good wings and back; 3, Ross, lovely Cirl Bunting, rare size and shape, beautifully marked, tight as wax; 2, Crockatt, big, bold bird, splendid wings, very dense rich markings; 4, Alston, grand Reed Bunting, black, clean cut, head and bib, beautifully spangled; vhc, M'Vittie; hc, Kirkwood; c, Kilners. SOFTBILL (19): 1, Walsh, splendid Wryneck, looking very fit, beautifully marked throughout; 2, Pendrigh, very richly-coloured Redstart, dense in black, evenly marked, lovely feather; 3, Howe, beautiful blue-headed Wagtail, in lovely feather, very shapely; 4, Arrighi, another Wryneck, fine bold bird, richly marked; 5, Pendrigh, perfect Bearded Tit, wonderful colour; vhc, Howe; hc, c, Nicholas:. LARK, ETC. (14): 1, Pendrigh, fine bold Skylark leading, rare shapely, full-headed bird, beautifully marked; 2, Laidlaw, splendid Titlark, perfect in colour and markings, beauty; 3, M'Vay, another fine Skylark, big bold bird; 4, Walsh, very shapely Pipit, splendidly marked on a ground colour not too dark; 5, Paton, another good Skylark; vhc, Withers; hc, Barclay; c, Cook. A.O.V. LARGE (17): 1, Crockatt, fine Chough, in perfect condition; 2, Brown, rare big Missel, wonderful depth of colour, perfect in markings; 3, Brown, lovely Fieldfare, handsome as a bird can possibly be, a gem; 4, Crockatt, fine Waxwing, very tight in feather, shapely; 5, Brown, bonny Blackbird, rare depth of colour, good beak and eere; vhc, Pollock; hc, Howe; c, Millar and Eadie. HAWFINCH (17): 1, Gilmour, fine bird, good colour, nice clean bib, wonderfully tight in feather, good size and shape; 2, Chick, another good one, very close up, wonderful colour throughout, good bib and wings, splendid condition; 3, Pendrigh, big bold bird, a good finch all over; 4, Crockatt, very shapely, good colour, clean in bib and eye; 5 (no uame), fine bold bird, good colour, bib and wings; hc, Simpson; c, Arrighi. HEN BULLIE (21): 1, Buchanan, very bold bird, good Bullie shape, rare neck; 2, Pendrigh, good coloured one, splendid clean cut cap, nice shade of colour; 3, Muir, very shapely, good colour, stands well; 4, Chick, another gond one, splendid wing bars, stands well; 5, Jeffreys, shapely bird, good cap and wings; vhc, Cargill; hc, Pendrigh; c, Mather. A.O.S. HEN (19): 1, Prosser, fino Bramble, good size, very shapely, excellent colour; 2, Arrighi, big Chaffie, very clean in markings, shapely bird; 3, Bald, very bold Greenie, good depth of nat. col., splendid wings for the sex; 4, M'Dougall, fine yell. Buntings, spangled to perfection; 5, Millar, shapely, c[illegible] Reed Bunting, splendidly marked, in [illegible]ather; vhc, Duncan; hc, Dunn; c, Howe.

Foreign.

GOLDIE (84): 1, Goodfellow, extraordinary bird for colour, blaze big and expansive, deep rich tanning, grand wings, a gem; 2, Arrighi, another nearly as good, nice depth of blaze; 3, Millar, bold bird, splendid wings, richly tanned; 4, Mather, wonderfully light bird, almost a pied, grand blaze and wings; 5, Pendrigh, big bird, rare blaze, good colour, splendidly barred; vhc, Davidson and Boyd; hc, Laidlaw; c, Clilek; No. 5, Arrighi, an extraordinary bird for shape and density of blaze, splendid wings and body colour, unnoticed. BULLIE: 1, Noxon, giant leading, splendid cap and wings, rare depth of colour, very evenly distributed, good shape, stands well; 2, Pendrigh, another stormer, extraordinary colour, rare polish of feather, grand one; 3, M'Donald, very good one, very tight, taking bird; 4, M'Gill, another good one, grand shape and colour, nice clean cap; 5, Pendrigh, bright coloured bird, good quality, very chesty and thick; vhc, Arrighi; hc, Fulton; c, Axe. HEN (7): 1, Whitefoid, full bold bird, nice tone of colour, very shapely; 2, Dunn, big bird, very shapely, good cap and wings; 3, Foster, very bold bird, lovely soft colour, good wing bars; 4, Davidson, another good one, nice shape, splendid cap; 5, Ross, shapely bird, good wings; vhc, hc, Arrighi. PARROTS, ETC. (18): 1, Miss Waddell, perfect pair of Pennant Parrakeets, shown in A1 condition; 2, Nisbet, splendid crimson wing, grand for colour and condition; 3, Alston, perfect pair of Parrakeets, fine shape and condition; 4, Cook, splendid Black-crowned Lory, the Westminster winner, looking well; vhc, Miss Waddell; hc, M'Diarmid; c, Newton. LARGE SEED, ETC. (14): 1, Howe, lovely pair of yell. Budgerigars, in perfect feather, rare size; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Arrigul, 2nd, pair of green Budgerigars, beautifully marked, in lovely feather; 3rd, pair of very clear yellow Budgerigars, splendid shape and size; 4, beautiful Red-faced Parrakeet, very rich colour, beautiful specimen; 5, Miss Waddell, charming rosy lace, lovely soft colouring; hc, Whyte; c, Lawson. SMALL (35): 1, Whyte, fine Whydah, in nice feather; 2, Howe, charming pair Diamond Finches, very clean cut marking; 3, Alston, rich-coloured Parrot Finches, very sleek and tight in feather; 4, Alston, lovely pair of Rufus Rumps, in beautiful condition; 5, Mason, perfect pair Gouldian Finches in tip-top colour and condition, should have been higher; vhc, hc, c, Arrighi. INSECTIV., ETC. (15): 1, 2, vhc, Harrison, splendid pair Silver-eared Mesias, Palace winners, lovely feather and colour, and a grand Ground Thrush, a very interesting exhibit; 2, Mason, splendid Superb Tanager, colour and feather perfection; 4, 5, Miss Waddell, grand Shama, very fine specimen, and a big richly-coloured pair of Pekins; hc, Watson; c, Howe.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held on Dec. 11th at headquarters, Hare and Pheasant Hotel, High Street. Forty-three birds were staged. Mr. W. Stevens judged the Canaries and Mules, Mr. E. B. Hunt the British, and their awards gave general satisfaction. NOR. BUFF (except unflighted) OPEN (10): 1, vhc, hc, Tyler; 2, 3, Edwards and Smith; c, Heighton. NOVICE (6): 1, Seal; 2, Dent; 3, Harrison; vhc, c, Lemon; hc, Spence. A.O.V. OPEN (4): 1, West; 2, Freer; 3, Lemon; vhc, Tyler. MULE (9): 1, Hunt; 2, Edwards and Smith; 3, Archer; vhc, Lemon; hc, c, West. FIELD-MOULTED BRIT. (14): 1, Archer; 2, hc, Tyler; 3, vhc, Collins; c, Seal.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

On Dec. 28th, the half day members' show was held, when there was a very fine muster of birds. Mr. Jesse Calam (Hull), judged and seemed to please everybody by his awards.

NORWICH YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, c, Stubbs; 3, H. Emerson; vbc, Moore, senr.; hc, Townsend. BUFF: 1, Townsend; 2, Moore, senr.; 3, Stubbs; vhc, Townsend; hc, Clews. UNFLI.: 1, Moore, senr.; 2, Stubbs; 3, Clews; vbc, c, Robinson; hc, H. Emerson. HEN: 1, Clews; 2, Stubbs; 3, H. Emerson; vbc, Stubbs; hc, Robinson; c, Moore, senr. CINNAMON: 1, 2, 3, Clapham. NOVICE NOR. YELL.: 1, Harding. BUFF: 1, Moore, jur.; 2, 3, Cartwright. UNFLI.: 1, 2, Moore, junr.; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, F. Emerson; hc, Good; c, Harding. HEN: 1, Harding; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Moore, junr.; vhc, F. Emerson; hc, c, Cartwright. BRITISH: 1, Stubbs; 2, Moore, jun.; 3, Townsend; vhc, Harding; hc, Rawcliffe. Specials were won by Messrs. Stubbs (2), Moore, junr. (2), Clapham, Harding (2).

SAXMUNDHAM.

For the first time in the history of Saxmundham, an exhibition of Canaries and other birds was held on Dec. 27, in the Lodge Room of the Queen's Head Hotel. This enterprise is due to the energetic efforts of Mr. E. Gostling, formerly of Norwich, and an ardent Canary fancier. He has been supported by Mr. E. Underwood, and the result of this first trial has been most encouraging. A good number of people attended the exhibition during the day. The object of the exhibition was to form an association of Canary fanciers residing within a 12-mile radius of Saxmundham. The birds were, on the whole, well up to the standard, and in some sections were exceptionally good. Mr. George Vale (Leiston) undertook the office of judge.

NOR. COCK: 1, Bird; 2, Lockwood; 3, Page. VARIEG.: 1, Gostling; 2, Page. HEN: 1, Gostling; 2, Bird; 3, Barker. CREST: 1, Boland; 2, Botwright; 3, Clarke. CRESTBRED: 1, Boland; 2, Botwright; 3, Cadd. BRIT.: 1, 2, Crumpton. EXTRA STOCK: 1, Bird; 2, Lockwood; 3, Cooper. Mr. H. Boland won the prize for best bird and Mr. E. Gostling for best aggregate of points.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

The last competition show for year 1907 was held on Boxing Day at the club-room, Barley Mow, Wakefield-road, Bradford, and the entry was a very good one, 110 birds being staged. Some of the best of quality and position were present. The medal winners in open section for the most points are:—Messrs. A. Varley, W. Bleazon, G. Thompson; in the Novice classes, Messrs. J. Warburton, Woolmer, C. Johnson. Other prize winners are: Messrs. Bottomley, Firth, Hudson, Casey, Cowell, Gledhill, Clark, Palframan. Mr. W. A. Cowgill officiated as judge and placed the awards as follows:—

CL. YELL.: 1, Thompson; 2, Bleazard; 3, vhc, Trowther; hc, Firth. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Firth. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, hc, spl, Varley; 3, Casey; 4, Thompson; vhc, Pounal, Hudson. BUFF: 1, hc, Cowell; 2, Varley; 3, c, Casey, Hudson; vhc, Bleazard. YELL. HENS: 1, hc, Varley; 2, 3, Thompson, Casey; vhc, Cowell; c, Firth. BUFF: 1, 4, Varley; 2, Thompson, Bleazard; vhc, Hudson; hc, c, Cowell. SELL. 15/-: 1, 4, Casey; 2, Bleazard; 3, Thompson; vhc, hc, Varley; c, Firth. 12/6: 1, Casey; 2, Crowther. NOVICE CLASSES YELL: 1, spl, hc, Clark; 2, Woolmer; 3, Warburton; 4, Johnson; hc, Palframan; c, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, vhc, Warburton; 2, 4, Clark; 3, hc, Woolmer; c, Palframan. YELL. HENS: 1, 2, Clark; 3, Warburton; 4, hc, Gledhill; vhc, c, Johnson. BUFF: 1, 4, Clark; 2, c, Johnson; 3, Gledhill; vhc, hc, Warburton. 15/- SELL.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Johnson; 3, Woolmer; 4, vhc, hc, Warburton.

PAISLEY.

A Grand Entry and a Decided Success.

The annual exhibition of cage birds was held in the new Drill Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 1st and 2nd, and proved a decided success. The entries numbered 780, an increase of 50 over last year, and the quality was of the highest order, the cream in the various sections taking part in the competition. The Scotch Fancy Canaries were extra strong in merit, the entire lot being of great excellence. They were much in demand, but there was no buying, the owners preferring to retain them. The Scotch Fancy Canary has been seldom shown in 1907, and should be invaluable for breeding; that is a reason given for their being so much sought after. The cage birds were nicely staged at the far end of the hall, and were very cosy and comfortable. The members and visitors on the opening day watched the judging with intense interest, and they had an excellent view. The weather was on its good behaviour, and everybody, in Scotch fashion, wished each other all sorts of good things for the New Year. A glance at the list of winners at once discloses the fact that the exhibitors came from all parts, and many new winners distinguished themselves. It is encouraging alike to executives and the general fanciers to have fresh recruits coming forward. Competition was exceptionally keen, and standing in the hall, one could well fancy we were coming back to the times when the chief attraction centred in the "bird of circle." It is almost a pity the exhibition season is over. By this time next year, Mr. Secretary Baird's wish may be realised, he aiming at nothing short of a 1,000 cage birds at the show. The Belgians were a mixed lot. We heard it said more than once that when a bird is rather stiff to win as a Scotch Fancy, it is put into a cage with one perch, and it passes as a Belgian. Several very nice birds were on exhibition. The Mules were strong in quality, though they might have been stronger in numbers. The Canary-Bullfinch was a very nice bird. The Goldfinches were excellent, both in home and foreign products, rich in plumage, and well put down. The Bullfinches were a good average lot. The bold Greenfinch was well represented, and Yellowhammers, Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, Twites and others were really of excellent quality, and present in goodly array. Only six foreign birds were on view, but they were all that could be desired, and were greatly admired by visitors.

The Norwich were a splendid class, the quality being excellent. Borders were a treat in themselves; although a shade down in numbers this year, they made up for it in quality, being in grand feather and condition. Crests were also strongly represented, and a grand lot they were. Crest-breds were also good. Yorkshires turned out well. The management did wisely in making two classes for this excellent bird. This is the first time Paisley has done the Yorkshires the honour of a class, but it is hoped it is not the last time. In the different sections some champions of the year were staged. All over the entries for the show were 50 in advance of last year. Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso) judged the Nor. and Yorks sections, and Mr. J. Mossie (Annbank) the Bor. Fey. sections. Both are gentlemen of proved ability, and their awards gave the utmost satisfaction The Bord. Fey. medal was won by Mr. T. McKean, with a lovely Clear Hen, in tip-top order, a popular win.

The Scotch Fey. cup, presented by T. Love, Esq., for best young bird bred and owned by a member residing in Paisley, was won by Mr. Urquhart, with a buff cock, of real merit. A handsome medal for the best young bird bred and owned by a member was won by Mr. William McClure, with a buff foul cock, another "good 'un." This same breeder also won eight firsts, one second, and a fourth, in all ten wins, not a bad record.

The success of the event is due to the indefatigable labours of the executive. Mr. Robin, the President, had divided interests, but he kept an eye on the cage birds. The cage bird secretary, Mr. A. M. Baird, is a strong man for the position. Every item of work was up-to-date, and he laboured with a will. Of a genial temperament, he kept cool and collected, and the business of the society under his care was conducted in the best possible manner. He was assisted by an able band of enthusiasts, ready and willing, and each a master of his work.

The judges spared no pains, and were most careful in their selections. For the Scotch Fancy the gentlemen who officiated were Messrs. J. Watson, J. A. Stewart, and G. Fulton (Glasgow), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), J. McLennan (Edinburgh), and D. Holden (Muirkirk), and for the Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, Mr. Craig (Tollcross). Their awards seemed to give great satisfaction. The show was a great success, and will be long remembered by those who had the pleasure of visiting it.

Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

YELL. CK. (11): 1, McClure, easy win, erect, neat head, long neck, grand shoulder, body and wing, ideal droop; 2, Calder, grand size, long body, erect fine drive, nice neck and shoulders; 3, Urquhart, neat tidy bird, good style, quick in movement; 4, 10, Muir, fine size, erect, neat head, good neck, plenty of top, fine body and wing; 5, Gray, fine style, good size, wins here; 6, Smith, good all over; nice size and action; 7, Ralston; 8, Webster; 9, Moore. HEN (15): 1, McClure, really fine type, erect, decided reach, nice head and neck, round prominent shoulders, good body, wing and tail; 2, Moore, erect, fine reach, neat head, free neck, plenty of shoulder, fine body; 3, Wishart, good all-round model, lots of substance; 4, McAdam, perfect model, very erect, decided reach, good shoulder, body, wing and tail; 5, Gray, another good type, modern model; 6, Smith, very good size and substance; 7, Powell; 8, Hainey; 9, Muir; 10, Baird. YELL. PIED CK. (15): 1, Renfrew, neat, typical bird, erect, decided drive, good head and neck, prominent shoulder, fine body and action; 2, Ward, erect head, neat and well forward, good shoulder and body; 3, Wyllie, sweet, tidy exhibit, very fine style; 4, Urquhart, erect, neat head, good neck, shoulder and body; 5, Graham, fine size and style, plenty of substance; 6, Muir, nice all-round bird, good typo and action; 7, Kennedy; 8, Phillips; 9, Hamilton; 10, Mitchell. HEN (15): 1, Ward, neat, typical, close in feather, steady, good movement; 2, Black, sweet, close feathered, exhibit, fine style and quality; 3, O'Donnell, fine quality and style, good action; 4, Powell, sweet model, full of action; 5, Christie, neat and good quality; 6, Frew, another of good quality; 7, Baird, 8, Donnelly; 9, Smith; 10, Tait. YELL. FOUL CK. (8): 1, Price, erect, grand reach and droop, well knit together, fine stamp all through; 2, Smith, erect head, neat in proper direction, prominent shoulder, good body, wing and tail; 3, McAdam, grand type, erect, decided drive, good shoulder, wing and body; 4, Muir, good size and substance; 5, Anderson, nice type and size; 6, Park, neat,

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sweet model; 7, Baird; 8, McClure. HEN (14): 1, Ward, erect, good reach, head and neck, fine shoulders, body, wing and tail; 2, Muir, grand size, well up, fine free reach, good shoulders, nice body and wing; 3, Carlaw, erect, decided reach, fine head and neck, good shoulders, body and wing; 4, McAdam, grand type, quite a model, full of action; 5, Edgar, very neat, typical hen; 6, 7, O'Donnell, good size and quality; 8, Black, 9, Fernie; 10, Smith. YELL. GREEN CK. (8): 1, Forsyth, erect, decided drive, rare droop, good shoulders, fine body, wing and tail; 2, Strathearn, well known winner, often described, seldom so far back; 3, Jardine, erect, fine drive, good shoulders, body, wing and tail; 4, Niven, well known winner, good quality; 5, Livingstone, nice size and quality; 6, 8, Maxwell; 7, M'Donald. HEN (9): 1, Hannay, erect, very decided reach, well knit, fine shoulder and crouch, model; 2, Anderson, lovely size, very good substance; 3, Jardine, erect, fine reach, good shoulder, body and wing; 4, Urquhart, erect, fine reach, good shoulder, long body and wing; 5, Maxwell, good size and quality; 6, Renfrew, neat and typical, good quality; 7, Kirk; 8, Donnelly; 9, Jenkins. BUFF CK. (13): 1, McClure, easy win, erect decided drive, neat head and neck, prominent shoulder, excellent body, fine wing and tail; 2, Edgar, erect, finely positioned, good drive, prominent shoulder, fine body, wing and tail; 3, Black, really good all over, model; 4, Urquhart, another fine model, good size, wins Scotch Fancy Cup for best young bird bred by resident member; 5, Maxwell, well known winner, in good form; 6, Ward, neat and typical; 7, Fulton; 8, M'Adam; 9, Barrow; 10, M'Donald. HEN (10): 1, Martin, champion, erect, very fine reach, good shoulder, body and wing; 2, Ward, very neat compact proportionate exhibit, full of quality; 3, Black, another meritorious hen; 4, 8, Graham, fine couple, plenty of size and quality, fourth good all over; 5, Strathearn, very sweet hen, nice style; 6, McAdam, neat model, worthy of place; 7, Kennedy; 9, Carlaw; 10, Lang. BUFF PIED CK. (21): 1, Strathearn, erect, decided drive, neat head and neck, good prominent shoulder, fine body, wing and tail; 2, Reid, erect, fine drive, shoulder, good body, wing and tail; 3, 7, Muir, 3rd, extra good quality fine body and reach; 4, Ward, nice sweet type; 5, Price, grand quality, fine action; 6, 9, Nairn, nice size and substance; 8, Hannay; 10, Black. HEN (18): 1, McClure, rare size, erect, fine shoulders, nice reach rare body, wing and tail; 2, Hay, erect, fine reach, free neck, good shoulders, body and wing; 3, Fleming, erect, very fine reach, sweet head, good shoulders, body and wing; 4, Mitchell, good substance and quality; 5, Kennedy, fine size and quality; 6, 7, Muir, nice type; 8, Strathearn; 9, Anderson; 10, Smith. BUFF FOUL CK. (7): 1, 2, McClure, well known, 1st, grand massive frame, splendid shoulders, decided reach, fine body, wing and tail; wins Assoc. medal for best members' young bird; 2, well known cup winner, erect, very decided reach, good shoulder, rare style, all through; 3, Reed, well up, fine reach, good body and action; 4, Baird, fine type, good substance; 5, Beckett, nice type; 6, 7, Lang, good average quality. HEN (9): 1, 4, McClure, 1st rare size and substance, erect, decided reach, rare body, good shoulders; 4th, really good all over bird; 2, Fernie, erect, decided drive, good quality; 3, Hannay, neat typical exhibit; 5, McDonald, nice size and type; 6, Webster, neat bird, fine type; 7, McDonald; 8, McGeachie; 9, Wishart. BUFF GREEN CK. (13): 1, Kennedy, erect, fine droop, grand body, smart and steady, easy win; 2, Niven, erect, fine head and neck, grand shoulder, body and wing, nice action; 4, McIvey, fine style and action; 5, Nairn, fine size and substance; 6, Neill, good size and quality; 7, Main; 8, Gray; 9, Paterson; 10, Muir. HEN (12): 1, Strathearn, erect, and fine head and neck, rare droop, good shoulder, body, wing and tail, rare action; 2, 6, Muir, 2nd, erect, fine reach, good shoulder, body and wing; 3, Smith, well known winner; 4, Ward, nice type and quality; 5, Frew, well built hen, rare stock quality; 7, Fulton; 8, Anderson; 9, Ward; 10, Wyllie. PAIRS. YELL. AND BUFF (16): 1, McClure, grand pair, well matched, both good size and quality; 2, Gray, good size and quality, could scarcely be better matched; 3, Smith, fine size and style, good type on both sides; 4, Stewart, carefully mated, quality and style in both; 5, Carland, nice pair, worthy opposition; 6, Kennedy, pair to be proud of; 7, Urquhart; 8, Baird; 9, Spence. SELL., CK., 21/- (25): 1, 7, Hainey, neat, well built exhibit; 2, Beckett, good quality for class; 3, Neil, modern type, very ready and steady; 4, Longhray; 5, Bennett; 6, Forsyth; 8, Reid; 9, McGeachie; 10, Mitchell. HENS, 21/- (15): 1, Park, really fine hen, full of style; 2, Webster, fine model, good quality and size; 3, Kennedy, good size and quality; 4, Allerdice; 5, Spence; 6, 8, Muirhead; 9, Hannay; 10, Longhray. CK., 10/6 (17): 1, Hainey, nice size, good type; 2, Smith, very good for the money; 3, Livingstone, nice model; 4, Park; 5, Beckett; 6, Laidlaw; 7, Orr; 8, Allerdice; 9, Kennedy; 10, Jenkins. HEN, 10/6 (10): 1, Reid, easy win, neat and stylish; 2, Ritchie, nice type, fine action; 3, Spence, good all over stamp; 4, Neil; 5, Hainey; 6, 7, Moore; 8, McDougall; 9, McKendrick; 10, Hannay. BELGIAN CK. (13): 1, 3, Fairley, well-known winners, looking well; 2, Maxwell, good type of Belgian, nice exhibit; 4, Graham, nice quality; 5, Neil, very typical; 6, Fleming, good size and quality; 7, Livingstone; 8, Muirhead; 9, Hannay. HEN (11): 1, McClure, well-known winner, good quality, wins easily here; 2, Loughray, cross type, nice exhibit; 3, Jardine, good hen, well shown; 4, 10, Fairley, cross type, well up; 5, Urquhart, good quality; 6, Stewart, neat and typical; 7, Neil; 8, Baird.

Remainder of Canary Section.

CREST CK. (8): 1, spl., McLay, very fine bird, good crest, nicely radiated and droop, beautifully staged; 2, Duncan, var., grand size, large crest, good radiation and droop; 3, Thornton, another grand sized bird, equally good and nicely radiated crest and droop; 4, Mantach, nicely balanced crest; spl., vhc, Veitch; hc, Cringles. HEN (4): 1, Chalmers, a nice shapely bird, good size, with a nicely radiated, dense, drooping crest; 2, Benar, var., good size, nice droop, but barely so neat as winner; 3, Mantach, neat radiated crest, nice droop, good size, neat crest, beaten in frontal. CRESTBRED CK. (8): 1, McLay, var., excellent size, nice stout body, large broad skull, splendid head feather and lash; 2, Mantach, another var., large, massive, thick-set, grand lash, head feather long and dense; 3, McKay, var., rare body and good skull, head feather long and dense, skull shade narrow; 4, e, Cringles, large, well developed; vhc, Elliott; hc, Skonce. HEN (4): 1, Thornton, var., grand size, splendid skull, head feather nice and leafy, long and dense, grand type; 2, Veitch, var., shade smaller, good in head, dense in head feather; 3, Frew, var., grand size, good in skull and head feather; 4, Laidlaw, fine stamp. NOR. CK., YELL. CL., ETC. (17): 1, Miller and Eadie, tick, excellent shape, grand colour and teeming with quality, in clinking condition; 2, 4, spl., Martin, mkd., nice size and body, good in head and feather, 4th nice shape; 3, Shirrington, clear, nice shape, rich in colour; vhc, spl., Ferguson; hc, McAulay; c, Dowell. HEN (10): 1, Malcolmson, splendid size, shape, and quality, grand type; 2, Merchant, clear, nice colour and quality, nice wing and tail carriage; 3, Ferguson, clear, good exhibit, fine colour; 4, Roberts, clear, nice shape, falls in bloom; vhc, McLay; hc, Erskin; c, Tannock. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Roberts, clear, grand size, shape, colour, and of excellent quality, wing and tail perfect; 2, R. A. Martin, clear, grand colour and quality, good size and nicely built; 3, Skinner, grand type, rich colour; 4, McNeill, good shape and quality; vhc, spl., McLay; hc, Malcolmson; c, Sherrington. HEN (12): 1, J. Park, clear, a grand hen, rare size, grand colour, shape, and quality; 2, Sinclair, nice shape and quality, nice colour and head neat; 3, Sherrington, typical; 4, c, Erskin, nice and shapely; vhc, Roberts. VAR. OR GREEN (17): 1, Erskin, head and wing marked, nice shape, colour, and quality, grand wing and tail carriage; 2, Campbell, var., excellent colour and quality, nice size and substance; 3, vhc, Paterson, var., nice type and quality; 4, Frazer, nice colour and quality; hc, Gow; c, Tannock; 8, spl., McLay; 9, Hunter. HEN (19): 1, Merchant, var., nice well-moulded hen, very typical all over, rare colour and quality; 2, 3, Frazer, a var., good shape, size, and colour, but barely so chubby as winner; 3rd bold in head, well placed; 4, Gowans, nice shape, good colour and quality; vhc, hc, Crawford; c, McAulay. NONFED CK. (15): 1, spl., 8, Roberts, grand shape, slightly mkd., yell., in excellent condition; 2, vhc, Herbert, clear buff, excellent shape and quality, nice condition; 3, Kilpatrick, clear, nice size and quality, good feather; 4, Frame, nice shape, fair type; hc, Wilson; c, McKellar. HEN (20): 1, 4, Herbert, leader clear yell., of good size and shape, very typical and nicely staged, in splendid condition; 2, Martin, var., the best of quality and colour, neat in head; 3, Roberts, clear, better size than second, but not quite so well cut, fine quality; vhc, McLay; hc, Merchant; c, Hutchinson. SELL (20): 1, 4, Bennet; 2, Martin; 3, Anderson; vhc, Crawford; he, Wilson; c, Easton; 8, Miller; 9, Sanderson. YORK CK. (19): 1, Fortune, a lovely clear in grand feather, like wax, nice upright position, perfect wing carriage; 2, McDougall, very close on winner, perhaps a shade deeper through chest, fine stamp and style; 3, Douglas, clear, good length and shoulders, fine type; 4, Carter, clear, neat head and shoulders; vhc, c, Eastman; hc, Mitchell. HEN (11): 1, McDougall, clear yell., grand upright position, feather compact, soft and silky, smart exhibit; 2, vhc, hc, Fortune, clear, close run on 1st, nice crest, position, in fine feather; 3, Douglas, clear, feather like wax, lovely position, neat; 4, Samuel, nice type and feather; c, Irwin. BORDER CK., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Hardie and Brownlie, clear, neat head, well shaped all through, lovely wings, carried to perfection, a gem; 2, Duncan and Logan, shade stouter in body, lovely carriage, little between 1st and 2nd; 3, spl., Robertson, clear, grand colour, neat wing carriage, fine type; 4, Smillie, neat head, nicely shaped, grand colour; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Brownlie; c, McKean. BUFF (17): 1, Duncan and Logan, true model of a Border, and feathered like wax; 2, Walker, clear, excellent shape, rich in colour, good in feather, nice finish; 3, Shearer, clear, grand shape and colour, nice carriage; 4, Graham, smart and in fair condition, feather like wax; vhc, Haddon; hc, Buchanan; c, Forrest; 8, Hardie and Brownlie. HEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Walker, clear, nice shape, colour, and quality, neat wing carriage, nice jaunty air, good type; 2, Findlay, clear, very jaunty, feathered like wax, neat carriage, fine exhibit; 3, Easton, quite as good in shape, full of quality, not so steady; 4, J. and R. McGhee, very fair type, restless; vhc, Auld; hc, Buchanan; c, Hutchinson. HEN. BUFF (13): 1, Border Medal, McKean, clear, neat shapely head, grand colour, nice jaunty carriage, well set, good bird; 2, Robertson, clear, nicely moulded, very jaunty carriage, grand one, not quite so steady as 1st; 3, Henderson, clear, sweet model, in lovely feather, very close up indeed; 4, Walker, neat, very fair bird all over; vhc, Shearer; hc, Smillie; c, Jones. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Smillie, var., fine stamp, nicely moulded, and shown in pink of condition; 2, Haddon, nice var., another good exhibit, full of merit, nicely moulded, jaunty carriage; 3, Findlay, eye and head mkd., very neat head and wing carriage, nice pose, close up; 4, 6, Simpson, typical; vhc, Hardie; c, Eastman. VAR, ETC., BUFF (14): 1, c, Haddon, nice feather and quality, smooth as wax, lovely condition; 2, Walker, smart all-round bird, excellent quality and carriage, very close on winner; 3, Shearer, nice shape and quality, shade lighter in build; 4, Duncan and Logan, very neat and typical, in grand feather; vhc, Findlay; hc, Brownlie. GREEN OR CINN. (6): 1, Hardie and Brownlie, a Green of lovely quality, feather laid on like wax, sweet model; 2, Todd, Green, another nice model, sweet size, very jaunty, feather of lovely quality; 3, Scobbie, Green, very jaunty carriage, neat wing and feather, close up; 4, Laurie, Cinn., good type, in lovely condition. SELL (10 6) (15): 1, Millar; 2, Henderson; 3, Chalmers; 4, Duncan and Logan; vhc, hc, Haddon; c, Bennet; 8, Kelly.

Mules and Hybrids.

LIGHT, ETC., MULE (5): 1, 2, 3, Jackson and Bond, 1st nice clear light buff Mule; 2nd, sweet, lightly-marked yellow, tail ont of order; 3rd, nice clear buff Mule; 4, Cunningham, another clear of excellent quality; 5, Douglas, nice variegated. VARIEG., ETC. (16): 1, 2, Jackson and Bond, 1st Canary-Bullfinch, well staged, good colour, and shows parentage; 2nd, Goldfinch and Canary, good type; 3, McQuiston, dark yellow Goldfinch and Canary, fine colour and blaze, nice size; 4, Menzies, really fine Greenfinch and Canary Mule; 5, Skinner, good quality, shown well; 6, Mills, another good one, wins here; 7, Douglas; 8, Lawrie; 9, Montgomery. HYBRID (13): 1, 4, Jackson and Bond, 1st Greenfinch Bullfinch, nice colour, good size, in best of condition; 4th, grand Linnet Bullfinch, well shown; 2, 3, 8, Cunningham, 2nd Goldfinch-Bullfinch, good size; 3rd, nice Goldfinch-Greenfinch; 5, Falconer, another of good stamp; 6, McMillan; 7, Douglas; 9, Connelly.

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British and Foreign.

GOLDFINCH BRIT (25): 1, Johnstone, fine blaze, well-tanned, beautifully marked and finely moonied, put down to perfection; 2, McQuiston, well-known winner, good blaze, nicely tanned and marked, in good company; 3, Ward, nice quality, good colouration; 4, Wilson, nice sweet Finch, good quality; 5, Raine, very fine Finch, well marked; 6, Calder, sweet bird all round; 7, Stuart; 8, Hannas; 9, Brown. GOLDFINCH FOR. (15): 1, McQuiston, rare blaze and markings, moons excellent, finely tanned, A1 condition; 2, McLeod, really well balanced Finch, A1 blaze colour and moonings; 3, Hare, good type, fine colour throughout; 4, Cowan, in A1 condition, good blaze and colour; 5, Livingstone, very fine quality; 6, Duncan, a neat Finch; 7, How; 8, Hunter; 9, Royson. BULLFINCH BRIT. (19): 1, Jackson, lovely condition, good size, nice cap, well coloured, and in splendid condition; 2, McQuiston, well-known winner, good colour; 3, Jackson, nice Finch, god colour; 4, Halliday, good stamp; 5, Boyd, good Finch, well shown; 6, 7, Wilson; 8, Henderson; 9, Calder. BULLFINCH FOR. (3): 1, Jackson, good cap, nice bars, fine size and feather, like silk; 2, Wilson, good cap, smooth in feather; 3, Skinner, nice quality, shown well. GREENFINCH (19): 1, Calder, fine bronzy-green, in lovely condition, wins with ease; 2, McQuiston, well-known winner, good colour, in splendid condition; 3, Brannigan, neat, has plenty of colour and style; 4, Kerr, nice Finch, lovely feather; 5, Ward, another nice Finch, well shown; 6, Henderson; 7, Skinner; 8, Cram; 9, Paterson. YELLOWHAMMER (7): 1, Gray, lovely markings, rich in plumage, shown to perfection; 2, Martin, good plumage, nicely marked, well shown; 3, Henderson, good markings and plumage, a nice bird all round; 4, Miller and Eadie, another good bird; 5, Eliott; 6, Cowan; 7, Hendry. LINNET (21): 1, Henderson, lovely marked Linnet, finely pencilled, nicely browned, in rare condition; 2, 4, McQuistou, both well-known, good quality; 3, Cowper, nicely pencilled, and full of vigour; 5, Ramsay, a lovely Linnet; 6, Pickles; 7, Calder; 8, Cunningham; 9, Ward. SISKIN (7): 1, Cunningham, an ideal Siskin, in lovely feather, nice cap and well marked; 2, Skinner, another nice engaging Siskin; 3, Alexander, beauty, and in fine feather; 4, Conolly, nice type, well put down; 5, McPherson, neat, fine quality; 6, Mills. REDPOLL, ETC. (19): 1, McQuiston, lovely Twite, nicely marked, and full of quality; 2, Peters, favourite Mealy Redpoll, fine size and quality; 3, Skinner, really fine Twite; 4, Carter, an engaging Lesser Redpoll, extra quality; 5, Ward, another nice Twite; 6, Connolly, another mealy Redpoll, good quality; 7, Stuart; 8, Cowan; 9, Calder. BRIT. (LARGE) (15): 1, McQuiston, charming Fieldfare, staged to perfection, much admired; 2, Sinton, lovely exhibit, staged nicely; 3, Ward, another good exhibit, full of quality; 4, Livingstone, a charming green Woodpecker; 5, Richardson, lovely Blackbird, in the best of plumage; 6, McWilliams, very nice Thrush; 7, Anderson; 8, Clark. (SMALL) (8): 1, McQuiston, well-known exhibit in fine condition; 2, 8, Anderson, 2nd in lovely condition and wins; 3, Raine, full of quality, well staged; 4, Morrison, a nice Nuthatch; 5, Wilson, beautiful Blackcap; 6, Caldwell, grey Wagtail; 7, Ferguson. NOR. (6): 1, Howe, lovely King Parrakeet, rich in plumage; 2, 6, 2nd yellow Budgerigar; 6, Swanson's Lorrikeet, both excellent quality; 3, Morland, nice King Parrot; 4, G. McWilliams, Forstens Lorrikeet; 5, Cumming, King Parrakeet.

BELGRAVE AND DIS. F. AND F.S.

A very successful second members' show was held at headquarters, New Inn, Loughborough-road, on Dec. 26th. There were 31 entries in the four classes for cage birds. Mr. W. Hurst won the cage bird cup with a clinking good 1907 Norwich. Mr. W. Shepherd judged and the followiug are his awards:

CANARIES, OLD: 1, spl, vhc, Hurst; 2, hc, Howgill; 3, Heare; c, Costello, Ludlam. 1907 BRED: 1, cup, Hurst; 2, Heare; 3, Young; vhc, hc, Costello; c, Howgill. BRIT.: 1, spl, Hurst; 2, Riley; 3, Ludlam; vhc Heare; hc, Coddington; c, Martin. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, vhc, Coddington; 3, hc, Young.

WETHERBY AND DISTRICT F.S.

The thirteenth annual show of the Wetherby and Dis. F.S. was held on December 19th. BRIT. SONG BIRDS (6): 1, Stott, Goldfinch, shown in good condition, a fine specimen, fit for keen competition, a beauty; 2, Toyzard, another Goldfinch, good quality; 3, Bell, yet another Goldfinch, last year's winner. FOR. (6): 1, Mrs. J. Bristow, Parrot, shown in good plumage, knock-out, in the pink of condition; 2, Miss M. Anderson, Indian Nun, a smart bird, well worth its place; 3, Miss Gunter, Wetherby, Yellow Budgerigar, good bird, in keen competition would win in class for Budgerigars. CAN. CK. (10): 1, Hewsou, shown in the pink of condition, would be hard to beat in good shows, grand feather and type, a gem; 2, Bell, Yorks., good bird, well up on leg; 3, Hewson, good one, a credit to owner. HEN: 1, Swales, smart ticked bird, good feather and condition; 2, 3, Hewson, 2nd smart hen, runs winner close.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Annual Members' Show, held on Dec. 26. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Self; 2, Mann; 3, Jennings; 4, Waterworth. BUFF: 1, Waterworth; 2, 3, 4, Jenuings. TICK. YELL.: 1, Jennings; 2, Mann; 3, Waterworth; 4, Midgley. TICK., ETC., BUFF HEN: 1, Midgley; 2, Waterworth; 3, Self. CINN. TICK. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Self; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Lister. SELL. YELL. (£1): 1, Dean; 2, Lanc; 3, Lister; 4, Line. BUFF (15/-): 1, Watts; 2, Midgeley; 3, Lane; 4, Line. HEN (12/6): 1, 3, Hunter; 2, Watts; 4, Ormonroyd. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 3, 4, Dean; 2, Gibson. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Lines. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Whittaker; 2, Musson Bros.; 3, Gudgeon; 4, Myers. BUFF: 1, Morley; 2, Whittaker; 3, Gudgeon; 4, Whiteley. YELL. HEN: 1, Gudgeon; 2, Whittaker; 3, Oliver; 4, Whiteley. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Musson Bros.; 3, Hunter; 4, Myers; 93 birds were staged in all.—S. Dean, sec.

BINGLEY AND DIS. O.S.

Members' show was held in the Assembly rooms, on Boxing Day. The entry was good—73 birds in six classes. Messrs. Smith and Son were the cup winners, having made 62 points. S. Denby second with 60 points; A. Wilkinson third with 56 points. Mr. Jno. Broadley (Windhill) placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. Appended is a full list of awards:—

CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 2, Wilkinson; 3, Denby; 4, Barker; vhc, Walton; he, Wade; c, Pratt. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Townley; 2, 4, Hartley; vhc, Webb; he, Wilkinson; c, R. Wade. TICK., ETC. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Livesey; 2, 4, vhc, Denby; 3, Smith and Son; hc, Oddy; c, Pratt. BUFF (7): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Smith and Son; 3, c, Barker; 4, Hardacre; vhc, Hartley; hc, Towuley. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Walton; 2, Livesey; 3, Denby; 4, Webb; vhc, Townley; hc, Oddy; c, Dean. CL. ETC. BUFF HEN (20): 1, Oddy; 2, Denby; 3, hc, Townley; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, Livesey; c, Webb.—A. Livesey, Hon. Sec.

BOSTON F.A.

The Boston Fanciers held a very successful members' show on Dec. 26th. Entries came up well and some birds of good quality were staged. The cards were placed by Mr. T. Atkin, with every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. COCK: 1, spl for best in show, 2, 4, Wing; 3, Sykes and Son; vhc, Parker and Son; hc, Craven. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, c, Wing; 2, Sykes and Son; 3, hc, Parker and Son. HEN: 1, 4, vhc, hc, c, Wing; 2, 3, Parker and Son. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Parker and Son; 2, Wing; 3, 4, Perkins; vhc, Sykes and Son. YORKS. BUFF: 1, Wing; 2, 3, Perkins; 4, Sykes and Son. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Perkins; 3, hc, Blow; 4, vhc, Parker and Son; c, Wing. BRIT. HARDBILL SMALL: 1, Clark; 2, hc, c, Perkins; 3, Parker and Son; 4, Wing; vhc, Blow. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Wing; 2, 4, Parker and Son; vhc, Perkins. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Wing; 2, Parker and Son.

NORTHAMPTON.

The Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. held its 22nd annual show at the Fanciers' Club on December 27th. The number of exhibits was somewhat smaller than last year, but the quality of the birds was as high as ever. There were 267 birds on show. Mr. W. H. Butlin, Vice-Consul for Spain, and president of the society for the coming year, declared the show open. Mr. J. Nason, secretary, presided, and a vote of thanks accorded Mr. Butlin was proposed by Mr. J. Whitbread, and seconded by Mr. J. Martin. The judge was Mr. J. Robson.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, c, Bretinfield; 2, vhc, Jeffs; 3, Towers; 4, Irons; hc, Felce. BUFF: 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, 3, Towers; 4, Irons; vhc, Jeffs; hc, Ette; c, Bretinfield. UNEVENLY MKD. COCK: 1, Irons; 2, 4, hc, Felce; 3, Towers; vhc, c, Swingler and Blackwell. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLI. COCK: 1, Nason; 2, Dickins; 3, c, Bretinfield; 4, Jeffs; vhc, Towers; hc, Ette. BUFF: 1, Irons; 2, Towers; 3, Jeffs; 4, hc, Bretinfield; vhc, Dickens; c, French. UNEVENLY MKD. UNFLI. COCK: 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, Irons; 3, Martin; 4, Bretinfield. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Dickins; 2, Irons; 3, Jeffs; 4, Felce; vhc, Ette; hc, c, Bretinfield. BUFF; 1, Towers; 2, Felce; 3, Ette; 4, Bretinfield; vhc, Irons; hc, Felce. 1, 2, Irons; 3, Bretinfield; 4, Martin; vhc, Lane; hc, Jeyes; c, Isom. CREST.: 1, 2, Mills. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Mills. CINN. SELF COCK: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Brown Bros.; hc, Nason; c, Swingler and Blackwell. HEN: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Brown Bros.; 2, Nason. A.O.V.: 1, Brown Bros.; 2, Ette; 3, Mills; 4, French; vhc, Nason; hc, Towers; c, Swingler and Blackwell. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, 2, Sketchley; 3, Swingler and Blackwell; 4, Brown Bros. A.O.V.: 1, Swingler and Blackwell. SELL., COCKS: 1, Towers; 2, Swingler and Blackwell; 3, French; 4, Brown Bros.; vhc, Payne; hc, Dickins; c, Rush. SELL., HENS: 1, Martin; 2, Bretinfield; 3, Towers; 4, Swingler and Blackwell; vhc, Brown. NOVICE CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. COCK: 1, Irons; 2, Keenes; 3, C. Payne; 4, E. W. Isom; vhc, W. Jeyes; hc, Stockwin; c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Payne; 2, Reeves; 3, Rush; 4, hc, Isom; vhc, Payne; c, Smith. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Irons; 3, Stockwin; 4, Rush; vhc, Smith; hc, Wakelin; c, Keenes. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, Munday; 2, Wakelin; 3, Smith; 4, Rush; vhc, Isom; hc, Sketchley; c, Payne. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, 3, 4, hc, Barwell; vhc, Nason; c, Brown. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, hc, Barwell; 2, 4, Munday; 3, Swingler and Blackwell; vhc, Brown; c, Cooper. A.O.S.: 1, vhc, Swingler and Blackwell; 2, 3, Barwell; 4, Tabor; hc, Cooper; c, Sketchley.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF CAGE-BIRD SOCIETIES.

A meeting of the Council was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Girlington, on December 21st. In the absence of the president and vice-president, the chair was occupied by Mr. J. Townend. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Clark, Townend, Clarkson, Gledhill, Armstrong and the secretary, was appointed to deal with the matter of railway charges on birds in transit to and from shows in charge of the owners.

Messrs. Cook and Son were suspended from showing at Union shows until March 31st next, for having knowingly exhibited a cock in hen class.

A charge of borrowing birds and exhibiting same was brought against W. T. Hall, Dewsbury, N. Rayner, of the same place, being cited as the lender. Under a smart cross-examination by Mr. J. E. Clark and others, the defence set up entirely collapsed and the Council unanimously agreed that the charge was proven, and suspended the two persons named for twelve months from date of meeting.

Re assistant judges for Bradford (West) and Huddersfield Show it was decided that the latter, having worked according to the instructions from the Union Secretary, be exonerated from all blame in having appointed a person not in the Union list, but that a letter of censure be sent to the Bradford (West) Society for having appointed one who had already officiated at one of the Union shows, thus violating Rule 11.

The resolution passed at Sandy Lane was then rescinded, and societies were granted permission to select their own assistant judges, when such are required, providing that no person officiates at more than one union winter show during the same season. In this connection the application of Manningham to appoint Mr. W. A. Cowgill was negatived, that gentleman being already the appointee for Brighouse.

Keighley were granted permission to alter the date of their show from February 8th to February 1st, in order to avoid clashing with the Palace Show.

The Bradford (East) Society was admitted to membership of the Union as from April 1st next.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Townend for the admirable manner in which he had conduoted the business of the meetng, and his reply, brought the sitting to a close.

Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

W. O. BARLOW, The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. P. BARNES, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life practical experience. Breeder, Exhibitor and Reporter. 12, Launder Terrace Grantham.

J. BERTIE, The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

A. G. DAVIS, Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

J. DOBSON, 14, East Road, London, E. Judge of Canaries and all kinds Cage Birds.

J. W. DRIVER, (Adnitt & Driver), Gladstone Street, South Normanton, Alfreton. Judge of Cage Birds.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. NORTH, 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucestor. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, Bodmin. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds. Seventeen years successful Breeder and Exhibitor.

R. B. TOPE, Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience.

J. WILCOCK, 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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Kindly note Entries close **8th January, 1908.**

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Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, &c. **Jan. 15th.** Fanciers please note entries close on **Jan. 8th. J. Evans, Sec.**

CALOW

(Chesterfield, 12 mile radius), 7th Annual Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, and Rabbits, in the Market Hall, Chesterfield, on **Jan. 18th.** Judges: Messrs. Furness, Gladwin & Vardy. 10 Silver Cups. Special every class. **Parker & Rhodes, Secs., Calow.**

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(Affiliated C.B.U.)

To be held in Queen's Hall, Queens Rd., Wimbledon, adjoining Town Hall and Station. Under patronage of Y.C.C., S.Y.C.C. and C.C.C. Grand Classification. Champion and Novice open classes. 12 Yorkshire, 12 Norwich, 4 Crested, 5 British, 3 Hybrids, 1 A.O.V., 2 Foreign. Judges: J. Robson and H. Knight, of Bayswater. **00 Splendid Specials** including Trophies, Cups, Medals and good prize money which will be **paid sooond day of show.** No amalgamation. In large, well lighted and spacious, hall. Heated by hot water pipes all round. Birds will be under the sole management of experienced fanciers. Entries extended to first post Monday **Jan. 6th. W. H. Colman, Hon. Sec., 40, Broadway, Wimbledon.**

St. HELENS and District Ornithological Society

Will hold their Annual Open Show of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds, on **January 10 & 11, 1908,** under C.B.U. Rules. Grand Classification. Champion and Novice Open Classes. Special in each class. 9 Norwich, 4 Yorkshire, 4 York Green, 4 Norwich Green, 4 Norwich Crest, 2 Lancashires, 7 Borders, 2 Cinnamons, 3 Selling, 1 Stock, 3 Mule, 1 Hybrid, 7 British H.B., 8 British Soft B., 4 Foreign, 5 Novice Classes, 1 Gift Class. To be held in a large and well-lighted and spacious Hall. well heated and only 2 minutes walk from the Railway Stations. All birds will be under the sole management of experienced fanciers. **Entries close Saturday, January 4th.** First post Monday accepted. Judges: J. Robson, Esq., and C. Houlton, Esq. **T. VOSE, Secretary.**

BATHGATE SHOW. Jan. 11, 1908.

Under the patronage of the B.F.C., G. & W.C., S.B.B & M.C. Clubs, also 2 Cups and over 100 Open Specials for 49 classes. Prize Money, **10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-,** for 1/6 entry money. Judges: Norwich, Allan Chalmers, Kirkintilloch. Borders, W. C. Duncan, Coldstream. British, Mules and Foreign, J. D. Leigh, Warrington and Wm. Laidlaw, Langholm. Entries extended to January 7th. Sec. R. Bald, North Bridge Street.

LLANELLY CAGE BIRD SOCIETY SHOW.

The Grand International Show of Wales,
Tuesday, January 14th, 1908
(Affiliated to C.B. Union).

Under the patronage of the Green C. Association, English and Welsh B.F.C. Club, Border F.C. Club, Southern Yorkshire C. Club, Welsh C.B. Club, British R.C. Club. Grand classification. Open Novice Classes. Schedule of classes: 10 Norwich, 1 Crest or Crest-bred, 16 Yorkshires, 1 Scotch Fancy, 7 Borders, 2 Cinnamons, 1 Variety, 3 Selling, 3 Mules, 17 British, 2 Foreign, 3 Rollers, 10 Local. 63 Specials, including 4 Handsome Cups. To be held in one of the finest Halls in Wales. Judges: J. H. Payne, Esq., Canaries; E. Hawthorn, Esq., Rollers; J. B. Evans, Esq., British. **Entries positively close, January 9th, 1908.** Schedules now ready. **J. SIMON, Hon. Sec.,** 12 Tyrfran, Llanelly.

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Jan. 15th & 16th. Canaries 30 classes, British 13 classes, Foreign 6 classes, Pigeons, Working Homers 9 classes, 5 Cups; Numerous Specials. Judges, J. Robson, Esq., W. T. Stevens, Esq. Schedules from;

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All England Open Show.

Of Canaries, Mules, British & Foreign Birds. (under C. B. U. Rules)

ON JAN. 18th, 1908.

In the Park Hotel, Assembly Rooms, Lancaster. We are up to date. Enter from this. Entrance fee 1/3 each cage. First prize 10/-, 2nd 5/-, 3rd 2/6.

Class 1, Nor. Plain. Yell. Cock, a. v. 2, ditto, Buff, ditto. 3, ditto (Hen) Yell. or Buff, ditto. 4 (Novice), ditto, Cock or Hen.; ditto. 5, Yorkshire ditto, Yell. Cock, ditto, 6, ditto, Buff, ditto, 7, ditto, (Hen) Yell. or Buff, ditto. 8, Border Fancy; Yell, Cock, ditto. 9, ditto, Buff, ditto. 10, ditto (Hen) Yell. or Buff, ditto .11, Any other variety of Canary not previously mentioned. 12, British Hard., a v. 13, Brit. Soft., ditto. 14, Mule or Hybrid. 15 Foreign Birds, single or pairs, ditto. 16, Selling Class (Bird & Cage) ditto. 17, Gift Class (Bird only)—no entry fee. Full prize money paid in Classes containing eight or more entries. Specials for most points in each Class (counted lowest award one, and so on). Exhibits must be at the rooms, the day before where possible or before 9am. day of Show. A Novice is one who has never won a first prize in open competion. Judge: W. J. Ferguson, Esq. Entries close, **January 14th. H. J. Brown, Hon. Sec., 14, Newsham Road, Bowerham, Lancaster.**

REIGATE Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Show.

Open to Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hants. Grand Cage Bird Classification. **January 22nd. & 23rd. 1908.** Entries close **Jan. 13th.** Judges: Messrs. Broomhead, Jupe, Honeybone, Dominy, and J. Robson. Schedules, &c., from **W. R. EAMES, Secretary, Reigate.**

DUNDALK SHOW. Cage Birds and Pigeons. JAN. 22 and 23.

Entries close Jan. 9.

Schedules from **John P. McEnaney, Town Hall, Dundalk.**

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Open Show of Cage Birds, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cavies, **Jan. 22nd & 23rd, 1908.** Specialist Judges. Many Classes. Silver Cups, Medals, and numerous valuable Specials. Entries positively close **Jan. 14th.** Send for Schedule to **SAMUEL GRIFFITHS, Hon. Sec., Malvern Link.**

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TO SHOW SECRETARIES:

Owing to the heavy pressure of Work in this office in the early part of the week, receipts for monies paid will not be dispatched until Friday.

TWITTERINGS.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Messages of greeting and goodwill continue to reach us, and we have once again to record our heartiest thanks to the kindly senders.

I am well pleased with your LIVE BIRD LABELS, writes Mr. John Burdekin (Halifax).

I am much pleased with the Christmas Number.—HARRY CARTER (Congleton).

In the report of Lurgan Show my wins in the Yorkshire classes have been credited to Devitt, writes Mr. James Devins (Sligo).

My address for the present, writes Mr. Joseph Jones, will be until further notice, "Custodian," Municipal Buildings, Dudley.

Kindly ask fanciers to hurry up and give this Society a good entry, writes Mr. T. Vose, sec. St. Helen's C.B.S. Special given in each class.

I have removed from Harrington Street, New Cleethorpes, to 181, Grant Thorold, Park Crescent, Great Grimsby, writes Mr. T. Peplow.

The judge of the cage-birds at the Northern Ramsey I.O.M. Society's Show on January 9th next will, we hear, be Mr. H. Tams, of Longton.

I have only taken CAGE BIRDS in a short time, writes Mr. T. Liggitt (Belfast), and find it a splendid paper for a beginner. I wish it all success.

Hysou Green Show report gives the judge as Mr. Wm. Irvine, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham). This should have been Mr. Wm. Twine.

Please mention, writes Mr. J. McEwan, secretary of Larkhall Show, that Class 102, Soft-billed, should not be "members'"; this is a printers' mistake.

All open prize money has been paid for Barrow Show, writes Mr. Willison, the sec., and members will receive theirs on the next meeting night.

We hear from Mr. W. H. Bray, secretary of the Godiva Coventry Show, that the date of entries closing has been extended to first post Monday, January 6th.

Porth Show report credits Mr. Nicholas with 2nd in the Hybrid Class, writes Mr. James Shearn (Cardiff); it should read Shearn and Owens with Goldie-Bully.

Narberth Show report credits us with he in Goldfinch Class, write Messrs. Pudner Bros. (Kidwelly), but this is wrong, as our Finch was absent from the above show.

Owing to our open show being held on Jan. 4th, writes Mr. E. Kemp, sec. of the Manningham C.B.A., the monthly meeting will be postponed to Jan. 11th, at 7.30.

In our correspondence column last week "C.B.U. District 12," should have been the heading to Mr. F. J. Martin's letter; our printers managed to leave out the numerals.

Several letters thanking him for prompt despatch of prize money, and for the good management, have been sent for our perusal by Mr. A. Parks, the secretary of Leigh Show.

The balance sheet of the last Thirsk Show which reaches us from the hon. secs., Messrs. Bell and Long, is eminently satisfactory, the balance in hand being increased from £10 to well over £15.

We have fixed the same date as last year, viz., the first Saturday and Monday in November, the 7th and 9th, for our All England Show, writes Mr. C. Draper, the sec. of Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

I am a regular reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Snell (W. Stanley), and have been ever since I began to keep Canaries, and I find it is the best paper I can read concerning birds.

Will members of the Stoke Newington F.A. note, writes Mr. Geo. Dowden, sec., that there will be no meeting on the 7th inst. The date of annual general meeting will be sent by post to each member.

I have had so many replies to my advertisement for Crest-bred hen and Norwich hen, writes Mr. J. Ovenstone (Grangemouth), that I am unable to reply to every one individually. I thank you for the same.

We have selected October 20th and 21st, 1908, for our next annual show, writes Mr. T. Pope, hon. sec. Western Counties O.S., and shall be glad if you will put same in your "Show Dates Fixed" columns.

On the evening on the first day of the Wimbledon Show, on January 8th, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. W. H. Colman, sec., the whole of Mr. J. Wheeler's (of Kingston)) exhibits will be sold by auction without reserve.—ADVT.

I am very pleased, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, sec. Coventry Godiva C.B.S., that we have had plenty of applications for schedules through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and we hope the entries will come up well at the close.

We have closed with a total entry of 315 birds, which we consider very good, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. sec. Plumstead and Woolwich Show. I should like to thank through your columns all who have enabled us to do this.

Through Mr. Irons omitting to put his name and address on entry form, writes Mr. A. Emery, hon. sec. of Burton-on-Trent Show, his name did not appear in catalogue, therefore he was not credited with any wins in the report of our show last week. They were: Nor. unevenly mkd, 1st; hen, 4th; nat. col. 2nd.

In future, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the meetings of the London and Counties A.C.B. will be held on the first and third Mondays in the month. The annual show of pairs matched for breeding will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, when Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.

Kindly state that I have sold my winning Goldfinch—1st Castle Douglas, and medal 1st Kilmarnock, 1st Hamilton and special under different judges—writes Mr. A. Porteous (Glasgow), to Mr. Gunnell, Railway Tavern, Woodside. In my travels I am always getting new buyers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

We expected a bigger entry, writes the secretary of the Baildon Show, Mr. W. T. Dobson, but no doubt the Christmas holidays affected it. All prize money and specials were sent out on the day of the show. The principal special winners were: Best bird, A. Ambler; second best, J. D. Leigh; best unflighted, W. Spencer; most points, J. Wilson; second most, A. Ambler.

We hear from Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Bradford (East) O.S., that the Society's first annual tea and concert will be held on January 7, in the Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, when an excellent programme of music will be gone through. The chair will be taken at 6.30 o'clock by the vice-president, Mr. W. Cruise, and the presentation of prizes will afford a happy interlude. Friends will be welcomed.

Perhaps you are interested in the graceful Yorkshire Canary? If so, you will want to learn the secrets of its breeding, of its preparation for the show-bench, and the hundred and one other little "tips" that can fall only from the lips of a fancier who is right in the front rank. Send one shilling and twopence to CAGE BIRDS' office for the standard book on the Yorkshire, by Mr. H. W. Battye, president of the Yorkshire Union, and you will come into possession of a mine of information on every point appertaining to every variety of the bird you love.

The members of the Grimsby and District C.B.S., on December 11th, were treated to a very interesting washing exhibition by Mr. W. Clews, writes Mr. W. H. Moore, the assistant sec. Three birds underwent the process and came through looking grand. A great many questions were asked, and a great deal of useful information was derived from the exhibition, which was executed in a masterly style. A very enjoyable and instructive evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clews.

I was very pleased with the result of my last advertisement, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Up to the time of writing I have only received two entries in the cage-bird section, writes Mr. C. W. Mead, sec. Walthamstow Show, and hope fanciers will rally round. I will accept entries up to the last post Saturday, January 4.

On looking over report of the Annan Show, writes Mrs. E. Jackson (Hamilton), I observe it stated that Mr. McQuiston's First Prize British Cock Bullfinch also gained first at Dundee, which is not correct, as the Dundee winning Bullfinch belonged to me.

Wimbledon Show, January 8th and 9th. Entries are very short indeed, and much against my wishes I have been obliged to extend entries till first post Monday, January 6th. Fanciers kindly help us in our trouble.—W. H. Colman, 40, Broadway, Wimbledon.—(Advt.)

We must make a genuine appeal for help, writes Mr. W. R. B. Richardson, the secretary of Neath Show, as despite the good schedule and plenty of specials, we do not at present muster one entry per class. Will fanciers please support us by posting entries at once?

A mistake has occurred in schedule of Wimbledon Show under Crested Canary Club specials, writes Mr. W. H. Colman, secretary. It should be 5s. each for best Crest-bred, not the owner of the previous winner of Crested in both Champion and Novice sections, instead of 2s. 6d.

In last week's twitterings, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas (Whitehaven), Mr. W. Irwen (Harrington) claims having won most points by a member at Whitehaven Show. I tied with him, having the same number of points, and had selling class points counted I had five points more than he.

OBITUARY.

Mr. G. H. Cordery, (Dulwich).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Cordery, junior, that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. G. H. Cordery, at 11 a.m., Saturday morning, December 28, after a lingering illnes from cancer for the past twelve months. My father was a well-known fancier and was a member of many clubs, and I should feel glad if you could give them this intimation through your paper, which he had taken in from its first issue.

Mr. A. D. Sprules, and Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., also write recording their regret at the death of Mr. Cordery. Mr. Hodson adds: As an exhibitor he was always to the front, a good sportsman, sparing nothing to have the best. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of our local society from its inception, a kind and loyal friend, always ready to help. Members of the society and fanciers generally, will, I am sure, unite in tendering to Mrs. Cordery and family their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Bolton and District Ornithological and Roller Canary Society Open Roller Contest to be held at Joiners Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, January 10th and 11th, 1908, Schedules now ready. J. Stringer, sec., 27, James Street, Bolton.—(Advt.)

Kindly mention my change of address in your widely circulated paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. J. H. Mills. It will save me a lot of trouble. I have taken the paper from commencement, and wish it every success. My address will be Old Manor House, Great Houghton, Northants.

The Glasgow and Western Counties Show report, writes Mr. A. Parks (Glasgow), gives my name as third with a clear Yellow Cock; the report states: "A New Purchase." Kindly contradict this, as I did not show any young which were not bred and moulted by myself, according to the rules of club.

From that old and respected Scottish Fancier, Mr. Jas. F. Dewar, of Edinburgh, an exceedingly pretty card of greeting reaches us, containing a charming photograph of his baby daughter, concerning whom Mr. Dewar writes: She is one of your youngest, well I can't say readers, but one who admires your lovely coloured plates—which are the admiration of all who know what a really good plate is.

At Hamilton Cadzow Oak Show we sent away in a mistake a Buff Green Border Cock, Class 26, No. 5, belonging to Mr. B. Smart (Loanhead), writes Mr. Richard Gadsden, the secretary, and are left in possession of the 3rd prize winning bird in same class, which I can't get an owner for. Some one does not know his own bird it seems! Anyone having the missing bird will oblige by letting me know.

I see that in "Twitterings" last week Mr. Midgley claims the credit of winning 4th prize in Class 9 at Gateshead Show, writes Mr. C. Corston, of Gateshead. If that is so, the Gateshead Society must be very liberal, for I have received 4th prize money, and I enclose for your inspection the prize-card that my hen had on her cage, also the cage-label (No. 3, in Class 9), and, further, the letter from the secretary that came with the prize-money. I do not see where the catalogue was in error, as my name appears opposite this number, and there is only one No. 3 in the Class in my catalogue. I wish your splendid paper, Cage Birds, a prosperous New Year.

The RESULT of our CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS for best colored frontispiece, and for deciding where the two Norwich Canaries differed, will be ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

Great National Cage-bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1908. R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird-cages, aviaries, and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visitors is respectfully invited. All goods can be taken from stall at time of purchase. Everything best quality; no fancy prices. Gentlemen wishing to exhibit their specialities on the stall during the show should write early. Terms on receipt of particulars. All communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—Advt.

Our members, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. City and Suburban A.C.B., in their desire to enjoy the Christmas season, did not forget their poorer and older fellow men, but generously subscribed a guinea to be sent to the Old Folks' Christmas Dinner Fund, through Mr. G. Gardner. The sum of 14s. 6d. had been collected, and to commemorate the death of his devoted brother (a fancier) Mr. Jellico (Chief Engineer in Bombay, India, who is on holiday in England) made up the remainder to a guinea. A member who does not wish his name disclosed has presented us with a lovely silver-plated cup for competition at our pair show.

Canary breeding is a paying hobby to take up. Yes; that is true enough. But hundreds of beginners waste heaps of money every year by not knowing exactly the appliances to commence with, how to select their birds to the best advantage, and how to manage them on sound economical lines. This might easily be avoided. Every "new chum" can save himself the loss of money and valuable time by sending sevenpence to Cage Birds' office for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which will give him a start on the right track. There are hints in it, too, worth money to all seasoned breeders, that will help him to "set his house in order."

The N.P.C. Challenge Cup Won Outright.

Kindly state, writes Mr. J. Raynes, the hon. sec., that the Norwich Plainhead Club's Challenge Cup has been finally won by Mr. J. Trengove, of Rishton. He has won it three times, so that it now becomes his own property, and the same will be handed over to him at the Manchester Members' Show on Saturday, January 4th.

The Sad Side of Xmas.

A number of correspondents appear to have overlooked our notice last week that letters must reach this office by Friday morning's post, owing to the holidays compelling us to go to press very early, and in consequence a large number of communications had to be left out of our last issue—many of these communications indeed arrived after Cage Birds was actually printed and on sale, the vagaries of the Christmas post no doubt being responsible for this. Several secretaries suffered with their club notices, unfortunately.

Scotsmen make Merry.

The Edinburgh Western O.S. held their annual smoking concert in the Union Hotel, on 21st December, writes Mr. John Thompson, when there was a large turn-out of fanciers from all the surrounding districts. Songs and recitations were the order of the evening, and never before was there such a grand display of talent brought before the Western O.S. Great praise is due to the members for the support they gave. The president, Mr. Ballantine, as chairman, helped greatly to make everything a success, and a very pleasant evening was spent among the fanciers of Edinburgh. Let us hope that similar gatherings may take place for many years to come.

The Novice Defined.

The Federation of London Cage-bird Societies has adopted definition No. 15 in the following amended form, as that which shall decide who is and who is not a novice exhibitor at its shows:—

A.—A novice is one who has not won a first prize at three separate shows in Novice Members' Classes.

B.—An amateur is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in Novice Member's classes and ceases to be such when he has won a first prize at three separate shows in Amateur Members' classes.

C.—A champion is one who has won a first prize at three separate shows in Amateur classes, or three first prizes in Open Novice classes, or one first in Open Competition.

All pairs and young bird shows excluded. Limit classes of over £3 shall be considered Open classes. There should be not less than three competitors for a win to count.

A Regrettable Illness.

It is with extreme regret we hear that Mr. J. Patterson, the well-known Chirnside Border Fancy Canary enthusiast, is confined to his room once again. Right through 1907 ill-health has had him more or less in its grip, and now scarlet fever has laid him low. We feel sure his many friends will join in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery. Mrs. Patterson writes: An epidemic of scarlet fever has broken out in our village, and our house was thoroughly disinfected, and we never dreamt it would be that, as it was only among the children. However, there is no doubt about it this morning. Will you mention this in next week's Cage Birds? I shall answer all his correspondence that I can, but your paper will reach more than I am able. He is as well as can be looked for yet, but it will just have to run its course, and I hope for a good recovery. It may be the means of curing him, for he has had but poor health all 1907, a year of trial I shall never forget.

NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

"Cage Birds" Annual for 1908

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Saturday, February 8th, next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers.

Secretaries of Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society, the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the only directory to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members should make a point of seeing their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our list of judges by sending us particulars on a post card. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials, therefore, no judge can afford to be unrepresented on it.

The Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as his specialities, which is an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader, but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

All Breeders and Exhibitors

should register their names and addresses in our "Directory of Prominent Breeders and Exhibitors," the charge for which is the nominal one of threepence only.

For Breeders' Cards, and other displayed Advertisements, business bringers from all over the world, see the low terms quoted on the back page.

Write us for any particulars you may require, and send us any suggestions you can make.

F. CARL,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

The secretary of Frome Fanciers' Show, Mr. C. I. Young, writes: The cage-bird fixture my society had intended holding in the present month (January) has been postponed until later in the season, and will probably be held next November in conjunction with the usual poultry, etc., exhibition. We find that a cage-bird show cannot possibly pay here.

A handy and tasteful little pocket diary, remarkable value for the small sum asked for it (sevenpence only), reaches us from Messrs. S. James and Co., of Church Lane, Hornsey, London, N. We anticipate a heavy demand for it by fanciers, as it has cash columns, besides space to record engagements and shows; also a liberal insurance coupon, entitling the holder, among other things, to £3 per week during sickness.

Show Officials Note.

The advantages attaching to deciding early the date of an annual show, and giving due publicity to same, are recognised by all wide-awake show officials. The important fixtures for the next (1908-9) show season are already making their appearance in our "Show Dates Fixed" column. Be wise, take time by the fore-lock, and let us include *your* show at once; it will probably save you endless worry and trouble later on.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Headquarters, 8 prompt. Open Novice Washing Competition; good prizes to be given; cage bird fanciers cordially invited.—D. Harwood.

Baildon Original C.B.F.A.—Bull Head Hotel, 8, Jan. 4. General meeting, pay night, election of officers, and the staging of six birds for copper kettle for most points; given by a gentleman of the town. L. Hailhwaite.

Belgrave and Dist. F.F.S.—Jan. 7, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. Payment of prize money for Members' Show and general business.—W. H. Riley.

Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Co-op. Hall, 7.30 p.m. Balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—D. A. Ogilvie.

Bolton and Dist. O. and R.C.S.—Jan. 6, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8 prompt. Balance sheet and election of officers for ensuing year; members and fanciers requested to attend.—J. Stringer.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 6.30. First Annual Tea and Concert in connection with Prize Distribution. Concert at 7.30; gent's tickets for both, 1/-; ladies', 9d.; children, 6d. Tickets from members.—Members and friends invited.—H. Hill.

Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Round House Inn, 7.30. Table Show and other business. — F. Mitchell.

Chester and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers and committee; distribution prize money, etc. A. J. Red.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 4, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers; good attendance will oblige.—P. Stansfield.

Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 6, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, 8 p.m. sharp. Balance sheet, revision of rules, and election of officers.—S. H. W. Baker.

Crook and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Love's Hotel, 7, Arrangements, prize money, good attendance requested.—W. Rutherford.

Crook Original C.B., etc., S.—Jan. 8, usual place, at 7. To arrange Table Show and other important show business.—A. Bowes, sec.

Darlington C. and C.B.F.A.—Jan. 4, George Hotel, staged at 2 p.m. Members' Table Show, Open and Novice Classes, Nor., Yorks, Brit. Hardbill, Softbill, Can., A.O.V. Judge, T. Wright (York).—R. S. Black.

Darlington C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Half Moon, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers and revising of rules, etc.—E. Brunskill.

Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.—Jan 7, Bull's Head Inn, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—F. W. Tomsett.

Dewsbury and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Royal Hotel, 7.30 p.m.—B. Cook.

Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Paper by Secretary on Cage Making, Painting, Staining and Varnishing with recipes for making same.—J. J. Mullett.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Jan. 4, Barley Mow, 8 Election of officers, also Jan. 11, presentation of medals.—J. E. Hudson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 4, Fountain Inn, 7.30. Open Show, Jan. 10, 11. Members' subscriptions are now due.—W. Ashworth.

Ct. Horton O.S.—Jan. 4, Butchers' Arms, 6.30. Pie Supper and Social Evening. Distribution of prizes for members' shows; fanciers and friends invited.—S. Dean.

Grimsby and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting. Business important; balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—W. H. Moore.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Business very important.—J. F. Thackray.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Jan. 4, Royal Hotel, 6 prompt. Balance sheet of show and election of office bearers for ensuing season.—R. Gadsden.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street; large attendance requested. — E. Woodhead.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 7, Royal Oak Hotel, 8. Adoption of show and society's balance sheets, election of officers.—J. Pownall.

Larkhall C.B.C.—Jan. 4, Miner's Hall. 7. Business important.—G. Kirk.

Leeds C.B.S.—Jan. 4, St. Luke's Schoolroom, North Street. Members' Show. Admission 3d.; members free. Judge, H. E. Wilkinson, Esq. (Bramley).—Wilkins and Tose.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 8. Hare and Pheasant Hotel, 8. Table Show, Nor. yell (except unfl.), Open ditto Novice Canary (except Nor.), pairs matched for breeding open ditto Novice. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes. —J. Heighton.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Election of officers. Schedule for members' show. Table show, Nor. Yell., any variety, open, ditto, novice.—Chas. Draper.

Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, The Roebuck Hotel, High Street, Lewisham, 7. Table Show, judge, J. Robson; fanciers and friends welcome; judge will comment on exhibits.—H. T. Lucas.

Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Balance sheet.—A. Parks.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 4, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30 p.m. Show business.—J. Simon.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Jan. 6, Judging Competition of Yorkshires, confined to novices. Mr. Armstrong will judge; good attendance requested; friends welcomed.—R. J. Pretty.

M and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Secretary's Report and nomination of officers for coming year.—E. Jones.

North London C.B.A.—Annual general meeting postponed until Jan. 15, at Library Hall, Stoke Newington. Annual balance, alteration of rules and other important business.—R. P. Harper.

Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition.—T. H. Tiffen.

Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.—Jan. 11, Danix Temperance Bar, Hannah Street, 7.30. Report of audit, election of officers, election of new members, etc.—J. Challenger.

Potteries and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 4, Red Lion, Stoke, 8. Business important.—J. Simcock.

Preston O.S.—Jan. 7, Express Cafe, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers.—J. W. Cleminson.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 8, Temperance Club, 8. Report and balance-sheet, election of officers for 1908, and other important business.—S. M. Clayton.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 7, Victoria Hotel. Members' Show, at 2 p.m., and meeting at 8 p.m., final show for cup and special.—H. Dobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 6, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Members please note change of Clubhouse.—R. Bennett.

Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 9, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of officers for ensuing year.—J. W. Jones.

CLUB NOTICES, continued.

Stratford and E. London F.S.—January 9, Headquarters, 8. Tickets not sold to be returned. Prizes, cups, etc., won at Annual Show will be distributed at Headquarters, Jan. 23, at 8.—S. L. Sheldrick.

Swansea Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business important.—A. Hitchings.

S.W. London C.B.S.—Jan. 9, 8.30, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction. To elect officers for ensuing year.—Lilley.

Walkley and Dist. Amateur C.B.S.—Jan. 9, White Horse Inn, Creswick Street, 8. First Monthly Meeting; fanciers welcome.—C. W. Marshall.

Warrington and Dist.—Jan. 9, Blue Bell, 8. February Show.—J. Emmett.

Wath and Dist. C.B.A.—Jan. 12, Cross Keys Hotel, 7. Election of officers, etc.—H. H. Bramham.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 7, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. To receive the balance sheet for the past year.—T. Duffield.

Weston-super-Mare F.A.—Jan. 7, Star Coffee House, 8. Annual General Meeting, election of officers, etc.—G. W. Read.

Winehill, Shipley and Dist. C.S.—Jan. 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for 1907 and election of officers for 1908.—E. Broadley.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *15, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**C. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c. Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

The Time to Mate.

H. Blanchard.—Three months hence, in a general sense. The middle of March is early enough in all save quite exceptional cases. Unless your room is very favourably situated to receive heat indirectly from some external source, or the birds are liberally treated with "extras" to the usual diet, I should say it was nothing more than healthy activity that affects the hens you think are in forward breeding condition. Do not dream of mating them yet. Give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water for two days. This and the climatic conditions that appear to be looming will doubtless soon bring these hens to a more sensible frame of mind.

On Going Wheezy.

A Young Beginner.—Get a chemist to make you a few pennyworths of a mixture of two parts each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one part each of tincture of lobelia and hyoscyamus. Give the bird twelve drops of the mixture in its drinking water every alternate day for a fortnight. Keep the bird in a room where the temperature is equable and not very low—say, not lower than forty-five degrees—and give a teaspoonful of scalded rape twice a week, and a small piece of bread dipped in hot milk, and pressed nearly dry once a week, in addition to its usual seed.

A Bird Not Singing.

Hartz Mountain Roller.—I am inclined to think that all your bird's troubles are due to being infested with red mite. Go on treating the cage, and the place where it hangs, with the fluid you mention for a little time. Feed on a staple diet of two parts Canary and one part summer rape, and give a teaspoonful of egg food once a week, and give ten drops of Parish's Chemical Food in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight. The fright you mention might stop it singing for a time. You will doubtless find it will begin again at the approach of spring. If not, a new singing cock would probably prompt it to "open out."

The Cause and Cure of Asthma

Canary.—No. 1. The medicine prescribed for "A Young Beginner," which see, will suit your bird's case, but it may not be necessary to continue it longer than one week. Try it for a week, and if the bird does not seem quite well at the end of that time continue it for another week. No. 2. It is more than probable that keeping the bird in a room where a fire is only kept on alternate days is chiefly responsible for the bird's condition. It would be better not to have a fire at all if it cannot be kept going every day. Fluctuations of this kind are very harmful. No. 3. A room with a temperature of about fifty degrees should be quite warm enough, and suit your bird well. Bear in mind that an even, low temperature is much better than a high one that is not even.

Is it Crest-bred?

"Silliw."—Yes, it is quite possible that the hen you have may be a genuine Crest-bred. All birds are not equal in the possession of prominent typical points, and your hen, being a Yellow, would naturally not appear so heavily browed as a Buff. Turn the feathers on top of the head backwards with a large pin, and see if the tips reach the tip of the beak, or go beyond it. If they do, I should certainly advise you to try her before discarding her. The cock you describe is evidently a Crest-bred of fair quality.

A Belated Moulting.

F.O.L.—You omit to say whether the bird moulted or not last autumn. If it did not, this is simply a belated moult, and from your description I think the bird will get through it all right. As the bird is active and healthy, leave well alone, but give a little egg food twice a week, and see it is protected from cold draughts. Do not overheat the room with the stove by day if it cannot be kept going at night.

A Broken Leg.

"Pet."—You seem to have put on the splints very fairly; therefore, if the bandage has kept on, and looks secure, do not touch it. Let it remain on for a month if it does not incommode the bird. Cut it a couple of perches about three-quarters of an inch wide in the cage, and place them low down, about three inches from the floor. You may put its usual perches in in a fortnight, but keep one low down until you see the bird uses its leg freely. Yes, if the job is well done, the leg will be almost as good as ever again. You may remove the splints a few days after you notice the bird can well grip the perch with the claws on that leg.

Questions of Mating.

Nil Desperandum.—Certainly you will do well to dip into Green blood. I do not think the Greens are more apt to the faulty tails you mention than other varieties of the same breed, and you should be able to get stock birds with good close-fitting tails. The price you name is none too high, and will not be likely to command birds good in all points. Why not use a rather heavily-marked bird bred off Greens? This should give you some nice ticked birds with better colour. I see no reason why the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire should not do well in your room, especially if you took the precaution of procuring your stock from some one breeder who goes in for normal temperature—there are such. For the bird you mention, which is weak in head points, I would advise you to procure one exceptionally strong in these points from the same strain. You should be able to make a great improvement in this respect in the course of two or three seasons.

YORKSHIRES.

Answered by H. W. BATTYE.

An Unsound Purchase.

Walter Williams.—You seem to have got hold of a hen that is unsound, and as you say you have tried several remedies (which you name) I don't think the bird will be of much use as a breeder. If she were mine, I should get rid of her. I don't know of an India-rubber syringe for injecting olive oil when a hen is egg-bound. And there is no necessity for one, as if you catch the hen and get a warm knitting-needle, or something similar, and dip it in the oil, and let about two drops fall on to the bird's vent from the end of the needle, it will quickly be absorbed. A Greenfinch is not difficult to keep, and as to feeding, write our British bird specialist, and he will advise you.

The Deadly Asthma.

G. Dear.—Your bird is evidently suffering from asthma, for which there is not much chance of a cure; at least, if not caught in its early stage. I don't think you can alter the treatment for the better. Keep warm and cover up at night until the warmer weather comes, when perhaps it may improve.

BORDERS

Answered by J. PATTERSON.

Various Matters.

T. W. Burger.—The temperature of your bird room is very low—too low, in fact, to keep your stock free from colds, etc. You must try further remedies by putting paper over any likely place where the draught or cold wind enters. You might try and separate your birds into smaller cages—say, three or four to one cage; cover over with cloth. When there are so many together, the aggressive ones get all the dainties, which are not good for them, and the others are left to starve. By separating them you will be able to regulate their feeding. Feed on best Spanish Canary seed as a staple diet; every other day a third German rape added. On the alternate day half a teaspoonful egg food with a pinch of maw seed; to the egg add 10 drops Chemical Food. Give in water for three days 10 drops tincture of quinine; then replace by a mixture of equal parts, whiskey, paregoric and glycerine. Mix well and give 15 drops to an ordinary drinker. Put a piece of mutton suet between the wires. (2) You helped to hasten his demise by giving the glycerine direct into beak. (3) I had told you how to pair your clears and marks. Regarding the Greens, which are, as I thought, light below, you must procure somewhere a bird that is dark and well pencilled down to the thighs to pair with. You can give the seed mixture in a separate dish twice a week.

On Pairing Up.

Drummossie.—I should be inclined to pair No. 1 cock to No. 2 hen, seeing that the one pair is small and the other large. You would then have a better chance of getting birds of the proper size and build. However, if No. 2 pair are the size of small Norwich, you should sell them out. The extreme length of the Border must not exceed 5½ inches. I rather prefer them under this for stock birds. There was a proposal before the general meeting of the B.F.C.C. last year to publish a cheap book for beginners such as you, and you may expect it shortly if the selected members keep well. The drawings will also appear after the show season. (3) Your shed will do now, only you might improve it with a good coat of tar or paint outside to keep out the weather and damp.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by C. E. WESTON.

Concerning Canary Bullies.

Lucky.—1.: It is really most unwise to keep Mules or Hybrids together in the same cage. Some time or other a fight is inevitable. You were fortunate, I think, in escaping with a few lost flight feathers. These would not be pulled out by the aggressor (as apparently you think), but be knocked out in the wild dashes made to get away from him. I should think the cock Canary-Bullie was at the bottom of the mischief. The bird can be shown immediately the new flight feathers are plainly to be seen: they would handicap the bird slightly until fully grown again, but this would only take effect in keen competition. 2. You could try the hen Canary-Bullie at hatching eggs and rearing young. It would be an interesting experiment; have never personally been fortunate enough to have a hen C.B. to experiment with. Run a cock bird of some kind with her once or twice when she seems ripe for breeding. 3: I do not see any object in pulling out the other flight feathers of the hen Bullie. It would be, in any case, attended with danger when tried by an inexperienced person—a broken wing is easily accomplished. 4: Mealworms and soft-food occasionally only now. 5: I would rather be excused from attempting to value your bird.—so much depends on who is the buyer.

On a Muling Strain.

Anxious.—I do not advise you to purchase the almost Green cock, which is said to be the father of the Bull hen that bred you the almost clear Mule. I doubt whether you could get a clear, pink-eyed Norwich, or cinnamon-ticked either (I am speaking of a large, really typical specimen, of course), although you might at a longish price. If your own birds with cinnamon blood in them are clear-bred (or from very lightly marked), and of good size and substance, then a cock from amongst them might make her a good and suitable mate. If the hen belonged to me, however, I should get a clear Yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, from a good, known strain, with some timber about him, to pair up with her. It would pay you to take two nests of eggs from the hen before running her with the Finch. She need not rear the young, or even sit the eggs for that matter. By the way, you say the young Mule is "clear Yellow," except for eye marks, and mark on back. It is curious that it should be a Jonque, seeing the mother of it was, as you say, a Mealy. Are you sure it is a Yellow?

Blackbird out of Doors.

Novice.—1: Personally, I never think it right to advise anyone to keep any bird—Blackbird or otherwise—out of doors all the year round, no matter what weather, in an ordinary cage. During very severe frost and keen winds the bird could hardly help but suffer, and you would have the utmost difficulty in keeping up an unfrozen supply of water. You ought certainly to remove the Blackie to a cold room indoors during unfavourable weather. Nine inches from front to back is smaller than I like for the stock cage of birds of this kind. 2: During very cold weather a little finely-scraped or minced suet, or cooked fat of beef or mutton, mixed amongst the stock food, is an excellent thing for softbills kept in cold rooms. 3: Have heard Linnets give a kind of "squeak" when nervous at the presence of human beings. Is this what you mean? There cannot be anything the matter with the bird if it is singing freely, and you will be well advised if you let its stomach alone. It may be a little fat, but that is much better than to have it thin—one soon knows to it unpleasantly then.

A Dunlin in an Aviary.

River.—You would have little difficulty in keeping a Dunlin in a suitable outdoor aviary, and I believe you could show such a bird with some hope of getting among the prizes—anyway, a Redshank has recently been seen in the prize list, and Sandpipers and other small Waders are not unknown on the show bench. It will certainly be well to have a good-sized shallow pan (or pool) of water in the aviary. With a little care and thought you could doubtless easily arrange a sandy, shingly "beach" round the sides; a grass-plot, or run, is also a very desirable acquisition where it can be compassed. A second-hand sink, for one thing, makes an admirable miniature "lake" for an outdoor aviary, and it is usually but a small expense to run a pipe from it, underground, to the outside, for flushing and cleansing purposes. The stock food would have to be a good game-meal (without grit), or a dog-food containing meat-meal (such as Melox, and the like), made into a crumbly mass with a little hot water. You could mix in suitable finely-minced table scraps now and again. I have lately heard of a few Waders which thrive admirably on the morning mash given by their owner to his poultry. You would probably have to get the bird on to this food by mixing with it small garden worms, red worms, marsh worms, etc., while gentles, straw worms, snails of sorts, and any such small life found around streams should be given in season. You would soon get to know what was appreciated.

Linnet not Moulting.

J. McC.—The possibility is you have made the bird ill by your persistent attempts to get it to moult. I don't think you need have worried over its failure to cast its feathers so long as it kept well and on song. No one can fathom why it is some birds moult all right and others fail to moult at all, although kept under precisely the same conditions; the philosophic (perhaps I might say sensible) fancier accepts it as one of the "hard lines" incidental to the hobby, and hopes for better luck next time. To force a moult, the way I favour most is to wait until a spell of real cold weather has set in, and to then remove the bird to a warm room, judiciously covering up its cage. It is very seldom this fails. There is always some risk attached to throwing birds into moult, however—a risk of losing them in its course.

Food for Siskins and Russian Goldfinches.

W.H.A.—A good stock mixture for Siskins would be: Canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape and charlock half a pint each, linseed a quarter pint. This should be varied with feeds (in a finger drawer, say) of hemp, maw, niger and wild seed mixture, while many become fond of a few cracked sunflower seeds. A good stock mixture for a Russian (or Siberian) Goldfinch, when newly imported, would be: Hemp, niger and teazle one pint each, Canary half a pint, linseed a quarter pint; with just a light sprinkle of summer rape, if you like. A feed of cracked sunflower seed should be offered daily, and as the bird gets on to it, the niger in the stock mixture should be gradually lessened. Maw seed is also relished, and very good for a tit-bit. Russian Goldies relish the same wild foods as our English Finch, viz., thistle, teazle and hard heads, dandelion, groundsel, etc. Many also get very fond of an occasional mealworm, once they have been induced to taste of them.

Loss of a Siberian Goldie.

Avis.—What a very clear account of the trouble you give—would all querists were such models in this respect. You did not feed your bird properly in the first place (see reply to "W.H.A." this week) and in the second place you made a fatal mistake in making his poor diet poorer still as soon as he showed signs of being out of sorts. Fancy feeding a sick Goldie, one "going light," on Canary and rape seeds—enough to make him drop off the perch without further ado! This will answer question 1. No. 2. For three days you should have dissolved as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Also have given niger and maw seeds ad libitum, have cracked his hemp if necessary, and have also given cracked sunflower. 3. No difference, except to feed him generously, and provide plenty of thistle and hard heads, seeding groundsel, etc. Keep in a good large cage when moulting. 4. If you use a double breeding cage (the most useful and practical type) the feeding difficulty becomes at once non-existent. When breeding, stimulating seeds have no harmful effect on hen Canaries.

Too Many Questions.

H. Clark.—It would take a column to answer your six questions fully; two or three at a time are supposed to be the limit. 1. Old Blackbirds' nests are a boon to the Hybrid breeder. Go out and get a few when the first "round" of young Blackies have flown, and tear them to pieces for the use of your Bullfinch, etc. hens. Old Greenfinch and Linnet nests are equally useful (many other kinds, too), but are not, of course, to be had so nice and early in the year. A bag of prepared nesting material (supplied by all bird and seed dealers) should also be given the birds. Many hen Britishers when kept in confinement like to line up and lay their eggs in a Thrush or Blackbirds old nest. 2. Egg-food, or a high-grade insectivorous mixture (to offer both is the best) with the usual seeds, and an unlimited supply of fresh seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel and the like. 3. See another reply this week. 4. Bullfinches are largely bud and fruit eaters in a state of nature, and should be given buds off fruit trees and bushes, hawthorn hedges, etc., also berries (black, privet,, etc.) in season. A good stock seed mixture would be: Canary and teazle two pints each, summer rape, charlock and linseed, half a pint each. Vary with cracked sunflower, hemp, maw, niger, etc.; shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, etc. thistle and hardheads in season. 5. Get the bird used to eating a little soft food, and then mix the colour food with this, and give during the moult. 6. Blue Tits are not good livers in captivity; they have a nasty habit of "going light" and dying, no matter how well fed. The usual soft food mixture used for small insectivorous birds must be given them, together with a plentiful supply of mealworms, well-scoured gentles and other live food as in season.

Larks and an Aviary.

A Sawer.—Your converted rabbit hutch aviary (I hope you have thoroughly disinfected and distempered it out) would hold 12 to 18 small birds in the ordinary course of things. For breeding, three hen Canaries and three hen Bullies, with two each cock Goldfinches, Linnets and Redpolls, and one Greenfinch would be almost more than enough. If you really feed your Larks on the same seed mixture as you give your Bullies, Redpolls, etc., there is not the slightest cause for wonder in the fact that they do not sing. You are rather lucky they live. In last week's issue I told a querist how to feed Larks, and if you follow the advice given him, I fancy you will soon have a different story to tell as to the birds' vocal efforts. It seems an extraordinary thing to give Finches "Chick Food" (small grain mixture)—even more so than to give it to Larks. If you want the Editor to write the advertiser you mention, you should comply with rule 8 at the head of these query pages.

Some Muling Crosses.

J.W.—By far the best cross you could try for would be the Siskin-Bullfinch, mating your cock Siskin with a cobby Bullie hen of suitable size, and good in colour. Other crosses you could try would be with either a hen Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Redpoll or Twite. Your Norwich Cinnamons, seeing they are so good in colour and size, should be real good mating hens. To get cinnamon Mules, however, you should mate a cock cinnamon Canary with the hen British bird. Big, good-coloured jonque cinnamon hens are grand birds for breeding any kind of dark Mules from, but dark Linnet Mules in particular. Please to hear you find CAGE BIRDS so helpful, and I hope you have good luck in your attempts at Mule breeding.

Treatment of Linnets.

J.W.—A good seed mixture for Linnets is: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock and linseed one pint each. A feed of hemp, maw, niger and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little greenfood, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding, shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. When newly caught, cracked hemp (fresh made each day) and maw seed should be freely given, with some niger as well; likewise a pan of soaked rape (dabbed as dry as possible in a cloth) should also be provided. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture.

Brevities.

Seed from Thrashing Machine (Northumbrian).—The sample of wild seed you send is a good one in its way, but lacks variety, being mostly composed of "bird-rapes," therefore most suitable for Linnets, Greenfinches, Twites, and Redpolls. I question whether it would be worth while selling retail, but some wholesale (or large) seller of bird seeds might make you an offer for a quantity.

Capacity of Aviary (J. F. R. Eales White).—I am continually having to tell my correspondents that it is useless to send the heighth and length of an aviary, and ask how many birds it will hold. It is from the length (frontage) and depth from front to back that the holding capacity is gauged—the height has very little to do with it. A rough guide is one small bird (size of Chaffinch) to each square foot of floor space. If you take the Finch and Bunting groups and get a true pair of each species, you will have a collection at once varied, interesting and beautiful, and one that would winter out-doors in safety.

Mule Chaffinch (Payn).—From the detailed particulars you supply it seems evident some constitutional trouble is at the root of the sad feather condition of the bird. If the Chaffinch belonged to me, I should at once put it out of its misery; I can't see any object in letting it linger on. If you want to try a "remedy" then get an ounce of citrate of iron and quinine crystals from a chemist, and for a fortnight dissolve fresh daily as much as will lie on a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give some cracked sunflower seed to eat. If any improvement, continue treatment, of course.

Linnet "Reeling" (J.R.).—You mean, I presume, that the bird is a "twirler," as fanciers term it. But this, I think, is due to the uncleanliness of your bird. In short, you have got hold of an "unkind" bird (its mad biting at the wires shows this) and until you get him steady the habit will continue. As you have had the Linnet since last Whitsuntide, you have a tough job on hand. You bought the bird too late in the year. My candid advice is to let it go, and buy another.

Linnets Going Wrong (New Reader).—Your feeding has not been correct; see another reply this week. Give a course of gentle saline medicine (sulphate of soda) as soon as you observe one looking dull and "thick," with plenty of maw seed, also.

Mixed Pickles (A Wetonian).—A Greenfinch-Hawfinch Hybrid has never been seen yet, but as your two birds seem so chummy, you may be destined to achieve fame by producing one for us. Good luck attend the attempt, say I, if you make it. The cock Chaffinch has (roughly speaking) a red breast, blue head, green rump, and a mixture of bright colours in the wings; the hen is ashy-grey (mouse colour) all over. So the sexing is very easy. The sexing of Greenfinches was dealt with in last week's answers.

Jay Losing Feathers (A. G. H.).—As you say he has not yet moulted, I should say he is just starting a late moult. You need not be alarmed, for doubtless he will go through without any ill-effect. The fault that he keeps so lively, and talks, is most promising. Every second day, stir a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into his drinking water. Don't expose to severe weather, of course, and keep out of all cold draughts. The latter is important. Let him have a raw egg occasionally.

Cage for Goldfinch (W.L.).—Write to any of the cage-makers advertising in our columns for a proper Finch stock cage—box pattern, with inside food trough and two perches on a level with same, and doors at front and side. They will know the pattern; it is about 14 to 16 inches long, by 10 by 8. For feeding, see another reply this week. The nervousness is due to the all-wire cage, a most unsuitable pattern.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

The Treatment of a Grey Parrot.

"**Carolus.**"—You must not let the bird of course starve or suffer from want of food, but try removing the seed hoppers overnight and then the first thing in the morning only put the mixture in which I advised in my previous reply, an hour later, supplying it with some maize. Quite apart from this, keep two seed hoppers in its cage, one for the mixture and one for the maize, and when you find it eating freely of both, which it ultimately will do, let the maize form one part of the seed mixture. Re the water, as soon as you find the bird does not drink to excess, the water can be left in cage, two or three weeks should accustom the bird to it, and it will then take it only as nature demands. The danger with water is, that a bird which has been deprived of it for a time, takes it to excess at first if it has continuous access to same.

The Taming of a Grey Parrot.

A.P.—The only method is gentleness and kindness; as a rule, they soon learn to know the one that ministers to their needs. Be as quiet and steady as possible for a time while attending to it, and avoid (either yourself or members of your household) rushing hastily by its cage; the growling and screaming you speak of is mostly caused by fear, which you must combat as suggested above. If you make a cover to fit its cage, but there must be an opening left in top of same for ventilation, and put this over whenever it is very noisy, I think you will soon find a more satisfactory state of affairs. However, I must warn you, the cover must be quietly and gently put over the cage; to do this hastily, you would find the "remedy worse than the disease." On the other, quietly and gently carried out, the bird soon learns its meaning, and it is usually very effective.

The Pretty Grey Singing Finch.

"**Bevanel.**"—(1). The Grey Singing Finch makes an ideal cage bird; it is only plainly clad, mostly in brown and grey-browns of various shades, but nevertheless a very pretty and neat little bird. Whatever it lacks as to showy plumage, is made up for by its beautiful song. You will not find it at all a nervous bird, but all new purchases have to get used to their new quarters and owners. Once this is over, you will find him an engaging and merry little fellow; in the meantime be quiet and steady in your movements when attending to it or passing in the proximity of its cage. Ordinary quiet passing by its cage would not cause it any alarm, and even if there are children running quickly past, though this at first might scare it, it would soon become accustomed to same. (2). Yes, a cage which would keep a Canary in, would answer also for this, but you must not keep it, where the wind can blow through it, or the little fellow be in a draught, or he will soon "shuffle off." A sleeping box is not necessary. There would be a good prospect of its breeding in a roomy box cage, either with its own mate, a Green Singing Finch, or a Canary.

Treating a Grey Parrot.

W.P.C.—Diet your bird as under, do not stint the ripe fruit, and let it have as much cuttlefish as it will eat; you can also let it have plain biscuit, raw carrot, boiled potato and nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Its staple diet must be a dry seed mixture of Canary oats, wheat, dari, small maize and sunflower seeds. Do not give any slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food. Note, you must stop the tea at once, and do not leave its water in the cage, but let it have a drink two or three times a day; you must not withhold water altogether. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water, letting it have only this to drink for that day; follow this by well colouring the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food for the next month or longer. Also slightly moisten a piece of plain biscuit and dust it with prepared chalk (from a chemists), two or three applications should suffice. If the looseness, etc. does not yield to this treatment in a week or ten days, you had better write again, as it may possibly be the precursor of some serious malady.

An Indisposed Blue-fronted Amazon.

Johnstone.—You are, I conclude, taking special precautions against draught. Spray the bird's nostrils or dab them with a camel hair brush, with diluted glyco-thymoline; if you use a brush, it must be well cleansed after each occasion and a fresh portion of the solution used each time—twice daily would not be too often to treat it—it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Get the following mixture from your chemist: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts, one teaspoonful of the mixture in the bird's drinking water daily, for the week or ten day's should give relief. Follow this by a course of Parrish's chemical food, and provide against, as far as possible, sudden changes of temperature.

Some Parrakeets for an Aviary

Grimston.—(1). In addition to those you have at present, you would find many colours, Whitecared Conures, Blue-crowned Barnard's, Stanley and Meally Ito illa Parrakeets; the three latter species are more uncommon and costly than the others. It must be noted that there is a great deal of individualism in Parrakeets, and the mixture should not be too varied unless they have ample space in which to disport themselves; also a strict watch should be kept on each species when breeding time comes round, as many species become absolutely vicious during this period. (2). A good supply of old mortar rubbish, crushed egg shells, and cuttlefish are about the best preventatives of egg binding that I know and the precaution not to let a bird breed unless it is at "high water mark" as to health and condition. I do not think the Cockatiels and Budgerigars, though playing about the nest boxes and husks, will commence at present. If they do remove all husks and nest boxes till April. (3). The only means I can suggest is to keep a look out and write to the various second-hand booksellers. The cost of the book new is £2.

A Nameless Bird.

"**Pete.**"—The following reply has come to hand from my friend in France:—"I regret I am unable to identify the bird described on the paper. I have asked a local bird-dealer here and he cannot assist. Three kinds of 'Chaffinches' are known in France—the ordinary, le Pinson, the Bramble, le Pinson des Ardennes, and the Snow, le Pinson Nivorolle. The last is found in quantities in the Southern Alpes, consequently within easy reach of Marseilles dealers. This may be the bird in question, and would explain the 'hundreds' which are on sale in that town. Did the man who sold it give its name, if only local? It is evidently a European bird and not rare, if to be had in such quantities. As to its song being equal to the Nightingale's, this is probably doubtful, and the statement must be swallowed with the proverbial grain of salt." To settle the matter definitely; did the dealer suggest or give any local name? If not, I should suggest dropping him a line and putting the definite question to him, though it appears pretty conclusive that you have one of the three species given above, most probably the last. There appears no doubt but that it is a European bird as I suspected at first.

Eupatorian Parrakeets and Mynahs.

E.F.G.—(1). Eupatorian Parrakeets are very similar to the Common Ring-necks, require much the same treatment, and once over the hardships of importation are fairly hardy and enduring. Like the Ring-necks they are rather noisy, but when properly tamed not objectionably so. (2). Mynahs make good pets, the only objection to keeping them indoors is that being large birds, their cages require to be roomy. A lot of attention is also necessary to keep them sweet. Many individuals make most excellent talkers and mimics; again others do little but whistle, but if pains be taken with them the Hill Mynahs, the large bird of a glossy black colour, with deep, yellow bill, legs and feet, have the best capacity for speech.

The Breeding of Budgerigars.

J. Brooks.—It is a very simple matter breeding these beautiful if common birds, providing you do not keep them in too confined quarters. As regards crossing the two varieties, this is simple enough; get say 2 green hens, and 2 yellow cocks, and turn them into your aviary together to make up as they choose. Or if you want some pure birds get a pair of greens or yellows as the case may be, and also odd birds of each colour and leave them to choose their own partners. Note, however you cross these birds, the major part of their progeny will throw back to the original stock and be to all intents and purposes pure greens. Canary, millet, oats, green-food, cuttlefish and grit, will suffice to keep them in health and condition. Supply at least double the number of husks as you have pairs of birds.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Crestbred Hen (T. B. Grey).—Chronic softening of liver, ending with rupture of blood-vessel of that organ—apoplexy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

What Kind of Norwich? (A Member of the S.P.C.).—We have had to delete part of your letter. The name of the exhibitor in question was brought into the matter by another, and it seems somewhat hard that he should be taken to task because of this.

A Mule Breeding (P. Rorke).—We thank you for your kindness in sending this item, but the only Mules we think our readers interested in are feathered ones, and not the four-footed kind. Still, it is well to know that Mules of the equine persuasion have been known to breed in their turn.

An Approval Transaction (Goldfinch).—On the facts you put before us, it is clear you are entitled to the return of your money. There was no fault on your side; on the contrary, you kindly exceeded your obligations.

Memos (M. P. B.).—We do not quote price per dozen; this would be impracticable. We supply printed memos, worded as desired, and with a block of any variety of Canary, etc., at 2s. for 250, 2s. 6d. for 500. See page 562 last week's issue.

Ailing Birds (Edward Wheeler).—We are in complete sympathy with all you have to say, yet we think you must have overlooked Rule 7, under heading "Questions and Answers," which deals expressly with the case of ailing birds. Queries have to be sent along to our Specialists, and they, of course, require some small return for the time, etc., involved in replying. No fee in connection with questions answered is charged by, or goes into the coffers of this paper. We trust this answers your letter, though we are not exactly clear what it is you are driving at.

Singing Contest (John Mason).—Your letter unfortunately came to hand too late to be dealt with in our issue of last week.

Report (T. Duncan).—We are just as mystified as yourself about this report, but will make enquiries. It only reached this office late last week. We have to express our regret that such delay should have taken place.

An Address (T. Smith).—You would probably get what you require from Messrs. Crockett and Son, 7a, Princes-st., Cavendish-square, London, W.

CLUB REPORTS.

CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

The annual meeting was held on 23rd December. The balance sheet and auditors' report were read and approved. The Secretary reported that all prize money had been paid. The date of next open show was fixed for 21st November, 1908, and the Club show for October 24th, 1908. The office bearers were then elected as follows:—President, Mr. David Brown; vice-president, Mr. Jas. Dougall; Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Borrie; auditors, Messrs. Forrest and Bolt; Secretary, Mr. James Kerr, 5, St. Catherine's Road. One new member was proposed. The next meeting was fixed for February 3rd.—JAMES KERR, Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES N. AND C.C.

The competition for the club's special prizes was drawn to a close for the season at the Gateshead Show, and the following is a list of the winners for the season:—1, O. Grey, 151 points; R. Rowell, 110; A. Brown, 95; A. G. Cameron, 53; A. Hodgson, 36; H. Seeley, 32; Stanger and Herdman, 30; Lackey, 13; T. Floyd, 12; R. S. Bewick, 10; Dr. O. Neal, 7; A. Hay, 5; W. Miller, 2. Thus Grey, Rowell, and Brown take the medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, most points. Grey also takes the bowl with 76 points, A. Brown running up with 69. Grey lost several points in bowl contest by not nominating his birds at Shields Show. Grey also takes Sandiford's Cup with 140 points, Rowell running up with 110. Hodgson takes the novice gold medal, while Dr. O. Neal takes the medal presented by Mr. A. Brown to the novice taking 2nd most points. It is disappointing to see so few novices competing for these two medals. If no objections be made to above winners within a fortnight, prizes will be forwarded to the winners.—ANTHONY HAY, Secretary.

CREWE O.S.

A very successful tea and smoking concert took place at the headquarters, Nag's Head, on December 30th. A splendid repast was provided by the worthy hostess, Mrs. J. Phillips, and after full justice had been done to the spread, a most enjoyable evening was spent, Mr. J. W. Lawton presiding. During an interval the host, Mr. J. Phillips, kindly made the presentation of medals to the successful members in the competition for the same. Mr. Phillips spoke a few words of encouragement to each, and hoped they would be successful on future occasions. The following gentlemen were the winners of medals:—Messrs. J. Crimes, gold medal and gold centre medal; S. Potts, gold centre medal and novice medal; T. Hancock, gold medal and novice medal; W. Bowker, silver medal; J. C. Heaton, silver medal; Bert. Bettley, silver medal. Mr. J. C. Heaton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our host and hostess for the splendid tea they had provided, and this was responded to with musical honours. The chairman, Mr. J. W. Lawton, in a few words, said he was pleased to say the society would start the New Year with a balance on the right side. The following gentlemen contributed to the evening's enjoyment with songs, duets, etc.: Messrs. Glover, Mullock, Challinor, Chesworth, Lawton, Bettley, and others.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, on Dec. 23rd. Dr. W. A. Rowntree and F. Eaton were elected members and Mr. A. Head was nominated. Last year's schedule of pair show was adopted for this year's show taking place on January 25th (not 24th as has erroneously stated), and Messrs. Robson and J. S. Clarke were elected to be submitted to vote as judges. Notices of alteration of rules were as follows:—By Mr. A. W. Curtis: "That judges for the annual show shall be nominated at the annual general meeting." By Mr. J. Pooley: Add to Rule 13, "No judge shall be allowed to judge the annual show two years in succession; further, if a person judges the pair show, he cannot judge the young bird show." By Mr. V. Wynn: Add to show, Rule 9, at the end: "Points to count as follows: 1st 7; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 4; vhc, 3; hc, 2; c, 1; purchased, selling, and gift classes excluded." Also the new definition of a novice as passed by the delegates representing the London Societies. All the existing officials were returned unopposed for 1908, with the exception of the members of the Council, the candidates being as follows: Messrs. Curtis, H. Davis, Easterling, Hart, Lazarus, H. Offord, Pooley, Rennie, Prance, W. Shepherd, Vickery, Elgar, Morrison, Burton, Rouse, Sanders, Kelly, Wyse, Curry, P. G. Cooper, Pullinger, and Page. Subject to confirmation at the general meeting, Miss Rose Shepherd and E. C. Offord were elected scrutineers. For defraying the cost of filling in the diplomas, won at the recent annual show, Mr. H. W. Dickinson was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, after which the Chairman presented them to the winning members.—VICTOR WYNN, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

The half-yearly general meeting was held in Glasgow on December 21st, Mr. John Young in the chair. In submitting the balance-sheet for adoption, he commented on the most satisfactory results it showed, and expressed the opinion that we were the only society in Scotland that could show such a large balance on the right side. He invited the meeting to criticise the various items in the report, but only one question was asked, and the balance-sheet was passed unanimously. In calling for the election of office-bearers, he said, in regard to the position of president, he held that the honours should go round, and he asked the meeting to propose another gentleman for the position. After the surprise of Mr. Young's decision was got over, the names of Mr. Andrew Jardine and Mr. T. Thomson were proposed, but Mr. Thomson declined to stand, as he had held the honour before, and Mr. Jardine had not. Mr. Jardine was then unanimously appointed president. Mr. D. Black was appointed vice-president. The election of secretaries was next gone into, and the meeting assumed at once to elect the present secretaries. Their remuneration was discussed, and a vote was taken on a suggestion of an increase of £2 and £4 each, and it was carried by a small majority that the advance be £2 each. The secretaries are Mr. Alex. Macdonald and Mr. Andrew Muir. The election of auditors and committee then took place. Mr. Young then referred to the case of the exhibitor who had his bird stolen at our recent show, and thought something should be done to mark our sympathy with him in his loss. After a good deal of discussion as to the course to be taken, it was decided to grant an honorarium of £3, while not admitting liability in any sense. On the question of altering the date of our show somewhat later, it was decided to let it remain as it is. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a most harmonious meeting to close.

L. AND L.F.A.

The following is a list of the three highest for cup competition. LANCASHIRES: J. Garner, 64 points; J. Oldham, 58 point; J. Vickers, 40 points. LIZARDS: J. Dearnaley, 82 points; Wm. Lawton, 81 points; J. Hampshire, 74 points. Next show, Crystal Palace. Mr. S. R. Compston judge. Members are requested to send as many entries as possible.—H. OLIVER, Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

St. Helen's (C.B.U., C.C., G.C.C., F.W.B.C, and F.B.C.).—Jan. 10th and 11th, Town Hall.—Judges, Messrs. Robson and Houlton. 64 open classes. Nor. 9, Yorks. 4, Yorks. Greens 4, Nor. Greens 4, Crest 4, Lancs. 2, Bord. 7, Clun. 2, Sell. 3, Stock 1, Gift 1, Mule 4, Brit. 10, For. 4, Novice 5, and 15 members' classes. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and a good list of specials. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 4th to T. VOSE, 129, Morley-street, St. Helen's.

Bathgate.—Jan. 11th, Corn Exchange.—Judges, Messrs. A. Chalmers, W. C. Duncan, J. D. Leigh, and W. Laidlaw. 40 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 9, Clun. 1, Bord. 6, Mule 4, Brit. 15, For. 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s., and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 4th to R. BALD, North Bridge-st., Bathgate.

Lingfield.—Jan. 15th, Victoria Memorial Institue.—Judge, Mr. M. Cruet. 4 open classes: Crest 1, Nor. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 6th to J. STONE, Talbot-road, Lingfield, Surrey.

Luton (C.B.U.).—Jan. 15th, Plait Hall.—Judges, Messrs. G. Gardner and R. J. Watts. 22 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 3, Crest 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 2, For. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 8th to H. L. SELL, Kempton Villa.

Staveley.—Jan. 15th, Markham Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 4 open classes: Yorks., Nor., A.O.V., and Brit. 1 each. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 11th to GRIFFITHS and FARMER, Staveley Town, nr. Chesterfield.

Halesowen.—Jan. 16th and 17th, Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 10 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 7s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 3d. Entries close Jan. 10th to FOX and YATES, Oakfields, Halesowen.

Calow.—Jan. 18th, Market Hall, Chesterfield.—Judge, Mr. W. Vaidy. 11 local classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s., and specials. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 13th to PARKER and RHODES, Calow, Chesterfield.

Spalding (C.B.U.).—Jan. 23rd.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 18 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 3, A.O.V. 1, Unfl. Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 2, Sell 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 14th to MURRELL and ELOISS, 23, Station-street, Spalding.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—Many have no doubt observed that at last, after many reverses, I have succeeded in rearing a male bird of this much talked of rare cross. Never before, I should say has so much been in print regarding this bird, and never before have so many endeavoured to produce it. Yet not many have seen the light of day. Only two have been heard of on the show bench this season. It is said in one issue that it is considered by some almost impossible, and a later issue calls it the most beautiful of all Hybrids and the two specimens reared by Mr. Dixon appeared on front cover of CAGE BIRDS,and again on the grand coloured plate recently, showing the male and female. Yet the grand bird I have exhibited many times, and now in grand form, is placed behind the commoner crosses—birds we see at the shows every year, such as Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, etc. The report reads, "wants another moult," but if we must moult them another year with so many difficulties to surmount, where is the encouragement to persevere for such uncertainties? As is well-known, this department of the Fancy requires a lot of time, great patience and perseverance; yet at many shows we have to contend with poor classification, incompetent judges, and very often the merits of the exhibitor are judged instead of the merits of the exhibit.

CHAS. J. WARD.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB MATTERS.

SIR,—You were good enough to publish a letter I sent in answer to Mr. Aitchison's charge against me. In his answer in last week's CAGE BIRDS, he admits he has made a mistake, and makes what he calls an apology. But at the same time he says he is correct in what he states in face of the fact that Mr. Hector says no such conditions were attached to the contest. I wish to remind Mr. A. that Mr. Hector, more than any Scotsman arranged matters about contest. Had it not been for him, we would never have had the pleasure of seeing the contest. In face of the fact published in CAGE BIRDS, that such a proposed rule was brought forward at Manchester on October 26th, and confirmed at Preston in December 1906, no amount of contradiction on his part can alter those facts. All honour is due to Mr. Mackie and the officials of Scottish Plainhead Club for arranging the two previous contests, which both took place at Scottish National. What is more, had there been less letter writing to members by several members of the Scottish National, I can say, without fear of contradiction, the contest would have taken place at Scottish National last year. I wish to warn Mr. A., and all whom it may concern, that the backbone of the members of the Scottish Plainhead Club will not be dictated to as to how they should vote. As a lover of freedom, I, for one, decline to be bullied into anything against my will. Those who voted as they did in 1906, did so to show that they had a mind of their own. I wish also to say, I did not vote for Kelso. As to the assertions about minutes, Mr. A. states that no minutes are entered in a minute book from 1905 to 1906, which is equal to saying that no minutes were taken. It does not show much intelligence on the part of the Committee or the members who attended the annual general meeting, which includes Mr. A. Just fancy members attending committee meetings and getting no minutes read; the thing is so ridiculous that it requires no contradiction from me. I could retaliate with cheap sneers, the same as he has done, but two blacks won't make a white. I never professed to be anything but a humble working man. When I took the office of secretaryship, I made no pretensions to being a "Writer to the Signet." Those who were associated with me were genuine fanciers and of sterling quality, and whom you could depend upon, and with no ambition but to bring success; we were rewarded as soon as our position was gained; what was the result? Some, who knew as much about shows as the Wellington statue, came in and knew better than any other people. He now wishes to have the control of the Scottish Plainhead Club. I hold enough letters from members of the S.P.C., even from some of Mr. A.'s supposed friends to know that I have the full confidence of the members, and I can challenge him to prove anything unworthy against me in the law courts. The Press is no place to wash dirty linen in, and, if he has any more to wash, I decline to assist him. He has made serious charges against me and against the Scottish Plainhead Club, and I would have taken action against him before this had I not been prompted by a strong desire to have the truth told to readers of CAGE BIRDS. There is such a sense of fair play amongst the exhibiting fanciers, that I have every confidence of getting justice. Mr. A. is quite right; the show was past before he penned a line, at least before it appeared in CAGE BIRDS, but the circular was in his hand previous to the show, which makes all the difference. As to his name not appearing on the list of members, he knows the reason why. He was not a member, and he had no right to be there. Did he send any subscription in 1906? He did not. The members of the Plainhead Club are quite able to manage their own affairs, and will soon get rid of me when they wish. We hold an annual general meeting, which is open to Mr. A., where he can have his say; everything I have done has been open and above board. I have nothing to be ashamed of. There is one thing certain, Mr. A. will not get his own way without the consent of the members. He will be somewhat disappointed to know that all the old members rejoined with the exception of two members who were a double membership; those two gentlemen will be very pleased to tell him why they did not become members this year. Now about Mr. A.'s sneer re what he terms fleeting sort of members. He can appoint (with the consent of the committee) any two members he wishes to examine the voting papers, and it will surprise him to know that out of the 15 votes the Scottish National received, six of them were "fleeting members." I am very pleased he has referred to the Bills at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, as it gives me an opportunity to explode another of the supposed actions against the Scottish National. Mr. A. is very hard up for grievances. For his information, I wish to say that the sole right of advertising inside of Hall, belonged to me. I paid rent for it. I was not aware that any bills for any show were put up in the hall, until the Saturday morning when, having a look round I saw that several bills belonging to S.N. had been put up. I also made it my business to find out if permission had been asked from the President, secretary or treasurer, to put up the same. I at once took them down, and informed Mr. Cochrane and several members of the show what I had done, as I did not wish any misunderstanding. I wish to say this; had Mr. Winter asked permission from the President of the Society, I should not have minded had they put them in every part of the hall. I acted on the principle of "if a privilege is not worth asking, it is not worth having." The bills were doing no harm, but people can't just do as they like. I wish, in conclusion, to say I shall not rest content until I get at the bottom of this attack on my name and character. If Mr. A. has not one to protect, poor as I may be, I am going to fight for mine. I shall not sell my independence to him or to any other man. Any more, including the former letters which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS, will be dealt with by my solicitors. I could easily have answered Mr. A.'s letter before this.

D. SMITH, Secretary.

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS AND THE SHOWS.

SIR,—Considering Judge Weston and the Gateshead Committee grossly exceeded their duty in disqualifying my hen Greenfinch, I crave sufficient space in your valuable paper to insert this letter, so as to bring, if possible, to a satisfactory and definite settlement, one of the most important questions that the Fancy has had to deal with for some time, viz: Should rare-feathered birds be debarred from competition at shows, not having a special class for them? As a fancier with a life-long experience, as a breeder, exhibitor and judge of cage birds, I hold, according to the wording of Gateshead schedule, I was quite justified in entering my Greenfinch, which is only a little lighter in colour than the usual, and carries not one feather which goes to mark an Albino. And up to the present no specialist judge has moved me from the opinion I hold, that Albinos or rare-feathered birds are eligible for competition. That these birds are rare and valuable, and afford counter attraction at any show is an admitted fact, but it is hard lines for the owners of them to have them disqualified at some shows, while at others, under different judges and Committees, the same birds are allowed to compete, and win prizes, although the schedules for both shows may read the same. This bird of mine has been shown only in four classes, as follows: A.O.V. British Small, 1st prize, A.O.V. British Bird, 1st, A.O.V. British Small, 4th prize, and at Gateshead, disqualified; which I maintain is an unjust action towards the handsomest British bird that entered the show door. To think that these handsome birds are excluded from over 95 per cent. of the shows, that is, if Gateshead judging is correct, is, I say, unreasonable, and makes the birds absolutely of no value. And, as many owners of these birds are afraid to send their birds out, lest they should meet with the same treatment as myself, I do suggest for the benefit and guidance of all fanciers, that, as the Novice, ticked, etc. questions have had their amount of thrashing out in CAGE BIRDS, recently, the Press should take this matter up, and let us arrive at some satisfactory verdict. I should say that all judges' names that appear in last CAGE BIRDS' Annual, and 50 of the most prominent British bird exhibitors should be asked to put their "yes, or no" answer to a post card, worded, "Are you in favour of rare-feathered British birds being allowed to compete at shows not providing a special class for them?" A special adjudicator should be set apart to count the votes, the number of which should be inserted in CAGE BIRDS, with the names of the voters, so that fanciers will see how these people are inclined towards these rare birds. There is no necessity for any secret about their voting. Gateshead was under the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C., what do they say about it? Also the C.B. Union, in whose hands the case is now. Below I put a few questions to Mr. Weston, in a courteous and friendly manner, which I hope he will see his way clear to answer in the next issue of your valuable paper:—

1. What clause or paragraph in Gateshead's schedule leads you to believe that a Greenfinch should be disqualified?

2. If in wrong class, what was its right one?

3. Do you consider it reasonable in a class scheduled Greenfinch, to award a prize to a bird artificially coloured (i.e., colour-fed), and disqualify one a little lighter or paler in colour than usual, although staged as nature produced it?

4. Have you always held the opinion that such birds should be debarred from competition at such shows?

5. If all the birds in class had been coloured the same as mine, what would you have done with the lot?

6. If, in judging a class of Blackbirds, one bird had the smallest of neck feathers "just visible" pure white, another had one pure, white feather in tail, and another a pure white tail, what would you do with these three birds if they were perfect in all other ways?

I hope you will give this letter full publicity.

ANTHONY HAY.

REPORTED LATE ARRIVAL OF EXHIBITS AT WESTMINSTER SHOW.

SIR,—At the above show I made two entries in Bullfinch Hybrid class, which, according to report of show, arrived too late for judging. This I cannot understand, as they left here, Uttoxeter, the day previous to the show at 2.46, due St. Pancras 7.40 p.m. same night. My birds duly arrived back the following Monday about 2.30, leaving St. Pancras 10 a.m. I did not have a catalogue, but was surprised on unpacking them to find both minus prize card, and not even a card notifying too late for classification, if such was the case. All I got was a card written on: Ward, two birds, basket. I wrote to Mr. Tyson, enclosing stamp addressed envelope for reply, and received a post-card saying he had written to the steward who checked them in, and Mr. Houlton's steward, and would advise immediately he heard from him. This is dated December 12th, and although I have repeated my inquiry,I have had no reply. I am, however, communicating with the Midland Railway Company, at London, and intend claiming on Railway Company, or, if duly delivered before class was judged on show officials. The judge informs me that had they not been missing at time of judging, both would have been in the first three. CHAS. J. WARD.

(The above quartette of letters had unavoidably to be held over last week, owing to the early hour we had to go to press.—EDITOR.)

BRITISH BIRDS AT KIDDERMINSTER SHOW.

SIR,—In answer to your reporter's letter, we should like to ask him if he noticed ten entries in the Hardbill class and four Softbills competing with them? If he had done his duty he would have pointed it out to the secretary, or at least have put it in his report. Perhaps he did not see No. I rule in schedule, which reads: "The committee reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry, or to amalgamate or reduce prize-money in any classes where the entries are less than eight in number." Is it fair to us Hardbill exhibitors to have to stand down and be hedged out of our prize-money for the sake of four Softbills? I called the secretary's attention to it, and he said it was due to late entries, and told the judge to judge the Hardbills by themselves, which he did, awarding us first and second, with Hawfinch and Bullfinch respectively. Your reporter is well-known to us, and, being a British bird exhibitor himself, and a member of the Cage Bird Union, he should have reported these facts. According to Rule 9 of schedule, no one is allowed in hall during judging, let alone to receive slips from judge. Where were the stewards at the time?

MESSRS. POTTER & BRACEY.

WAXBILLS AND AVADAVATS BREEDING IN CONFINEMENT.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Sprankling's letter in your last issue, I beg to say that broods of Green Avadavats, Orange-breasted or Zebra Waxbills and Cordon Bleus were successfully reared in the Bedfordshire aviary. I am not in a position to supply details at present, but may do so in a later communication. I beg to thank him for publishing the details of his interesting success, and only wish more would give publicity to similar occurrences which take place in their aviaries. I should be pleased to correspond with Mr. Sprankling if he would kindly forward me his address.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

THE RECENT LAMP DISASTERS.

SIR,—I was very sorry to read of Mr. A. C. Brotherhood's and Mrs. B. J. Monger's terrible losses, but fail to see why artificial heat is required, as I have an outdoor aviary 9ft. by 4ft. by 7ft. high containing Goldies, Linnets and Canaries, and they are hardy enough, and have had to break the ice before they could drink. The front is match-boarded 3ft. 6in. up in front, and the remainder is ½in. netting. In severe weather I put up glass shutters (as at time of writing). I should never think of putting a lamp in my aviary, in fact, I could not sleep if I went to bed knowing I had left a lamp alight. It is what the birds are used to, and artificial heat is quite needless.

C. MARTIN.

GAS AND CANARIES.

SIR,—In reference to the letters which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, signed F. Camp, re Gas and Canaries, I beg to forward you the following particulars. I have kept Canaries in our living-room, the kitchen, for about six years. The gas is fixed in the centre of the mantelpiece, and is burning full every night. My birds are hanging about eight inches from the ceiling all round the room, and one bird in particular is only about four feet from the gas. Yet, notwithstanding the conditions referred to, they are in the best of health, and in fact in breeding condition. I have bred successfully with my birds, and last season I left the gas burning through the night to enable the birds to feed, and one hen reared three nests of Mules. I think Mr. Canworth will have to look elsewhere for the true facts of his birds dying, as in my candid opinion, gas is not that death dealing fiend which it is thought to be by a great many bird fanciers. I know a number of fanciers who breed high-class Canaries under the same conditions as I, yet they make no complaints. I trust, Mr. Editor, some other fanciers will give us their opinions of that deadly but very useful article, Gas.

R. ROBINSON.

A MOST ENGAGING AND PRETTY LITTLE PET.

SIR,—I have been most interested in the article in last week's CAGE BIRDS entitled "My experiences with birds in India," and especially in reference to the Himalayan Goldfinch. A friend of mine brought one with her from India five years ago. It was a most beautiful bird, about the size of a Russian Finch, but instead of the tan colour of our British bird, it was mostly of a very light grey and only a small amount of black on the head. It was not known whether it was a cock or hen until last summer; my friend having put it into a cage with a hen Canary, it paired up at once. In time three Mules were hatched, two in the first nest and one in the second. Unfortunately this bird has just died, its last moult being too much for it. He was a most beautiful bird, very tame and always in the pink of condition. I often asked his owner why she did not put him on the show bench, but she did not seem to care to. Some years ago I had given me a pair of Green Singing-finches, the cock was the most handsome bird of its specie I have ever seen. In fact, they had won a 1st prize before I had them. I put them into a Canary-breeding cage and early in the spring the hen built a nest exactly like a Canary with cotton wool and moss. The hen laid several eggs, which were quite white, without any spots on them and very pointed at the ends. These she did not sit on long, but laid several more clutches. As she would not sit I put several of the eggs under a Canary, but they were turned out instantly every time. So I put an end to all nesting operations for that season. Next spring she again nested, but after laying one or two eggs the little hen died through egg-binding. She would only nest early in the year (February) at no other time, and being so cold this was the cause of her death. I procured another for her little mate, but she, soon dying, I did not get another. The little cock lived for some years alone and sang most sweetly. I think a cock Singing-Finch one of the most engaging and pretty little pets one can keep, and very hardy, too, but inclined to be quarrelsome with other birds.

CONSTANCE TOWNEND.

REMARKABLE BEHAVIOUR OF GOLDFINCHES.

SIR,—About four years ago Mr. H. Bargess, Cruockenoch (a beautiful quiet spot up in the Drumfriesshire hills, near Gatehouse of Fleet) obtained a couple of Goldfinches, which in a remarkably short time became very tame. The cage door and room window were left open, and every facility for their freedom permitted, which the birds took full advantage of by going out and always returning. This year the pair took a fancy for housekeeping on their account and nested outside and were known to have brought out one bird. In course of time, the family returned, frequently visiting the house of adoption, but the young bird could never be induced to enter. One day the trio mysteriously disappeared, and no more visits were made. However, after an absence of three months the male bird lately returned, but alone. He came into the house as formerly, and entered the cage, which had been left open, and he now again occupies his original home in solitary state, but evidently quite contented with his old quarters. T. LOVE.

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—I hope for the good of the Norwich Fancy, no one will look to Mr. Young for much enlightenment. By his letter, he requires much tuition himself. I cannot say whether Mr. Ferguson knows Norwich or not, but I hope he has always the same courage to put out what he considers a wrong one. Regarding his offer to Mr. McFarlane for his buff cock, he was told it was a good one, hence the reason he went to buy him; but, alas! Mr. McFarlane knew too much for him. Regarding the yellow cock at Palace of Scotland show; it was really a Palace show and a Palace of Justice. I cannot say anything of this bird's winnings, but I can vouch for his card that day, as he stood head and shoulders above all in his class, and gave great credit to his young breeder. The next part of the letter I will pass over, as the writer simply blows about himself and proves at the same time that he does not know a bird when he sees one. Dear "St. Mungo" and "Keutite," I hope, are not so soft as to take Mr. Young's advice as to where they should buy, as the best birds ever possessed by him were purchased and bred in Scotland. He has proven to his many friends that he knows them best after they have been placed by any of our Norwich judges. I sincerely hope Mr. Ferguson is not worried about this. I would advise him not to be, as he will soon be up at Mount Florida drinking tea, giving good counsel and pouring balm on Robert's head, he is not a bad Chappie after all. "TRUE TYPE."

SIR,—Having followed the correspondence in CAGE-BIRDS, I am amused at the Birdie men's remarks. I think "Top Knot" in your issue of the 28th, although not clearing up the case as far as the birds are concerned, has come to a very fair conclusion in the matter. I am a novice in the Fancy, as birdie men term us; but at the same time, I, along with other novices, claim to be the backbone of the Fancy—the men to whom the professionals look for their fancy prices. Although a novice where birds are concerned, I have been sharp enough to observe the show tactics. I may be wrong, and would be sorry to think it was so, but it looks as if the personal friends of the judges are about the only ones that get tickets at the shows, irrespective of the quality of exhibits, and I would suggest that no Scotch judge be allowed to judge any open Scotch show, or exclude all his followers exhibiting birds bred or sold by him. I think if this were done, there would be less disappointment and jealousy in the Fancy. D.M.

SIR,—I was much amused at reading Mr. Young's letter re the above. I would like to ask him a question. How does he manage to christen Mr. McFarlane's Buff cock a champion? Where has he met and defeated anything to style him as such?

A MEMBER OF THE S.P.C.

SIR,—Since writing my last letter to CAGE BIRDS concerning "What kind of Norwich have we to breed," I have given up keeping birds altogether, and since I have no interest in them now, there is no use in carrying on the correspondence. I wish Mr. Wallace a Happy New Year, and I trust if he is going to keep non-feds he will prosper in the way CAGE BIRDS has done. I hope CAGE BIRDS will be as prosperous in the future as in the past. ROBERT YOUNG.

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SOME NEW SOCIETIES.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A very successful meeting was held in connection with the above at the Brewers' Hotel, on Dec. 18th. Some very enthusiastic fanciers attended. Mr. A. Moir took the chair, and some good work was got through very quickly. We enrolled fourteen members, but surely there are more fanciers in the district than this. It is hoped that a good number will turn up at next meeting; fanciers and friends are kindly invited.

R. F. RENNISON, Hon. Sec.
3, Pottergate Place, Alnwick.

WEST STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—At a recent gathering of fanciers, numbering about twenty, it was decided that a Members' Society be formed at West Stanley. Further, it was resolved that a meeting be called on January 11th, at the Royal Hotel, in a room kindly lent by Mr. Messenger, the landlord. The meeting is to commence at 7 p.m. All fanciers are invited to attend. J. SNELL, sec. pro tem.

NEWPORT, MON.

SIR,—I write to inform you of a new society for Newport (Mon.) District, as Fanciers here have decided to start a Cage Bird Society. Will Fanciers who wish to become members please send name and address to to N. Barnes, 3, Redland Street, Newport, Mon.? I hope you will help us by finding a little corner in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I most heartily appreciate. N. BARNES.

THE CHAMPION LINNET.

SIR,—Re Mr. Allen's statement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, as to his having the best Linnet in the World, I beg to contradict him, as we sent to the Prince Albert, in Newtown, a bird that Mr. Allen called a penny bird. He simply walked away with the match before his own judges. Notwithstanding, Mr. Allen had five birds at the match himself, he had to be content with 2nd and 3rd. I have known Mr. Allen to have seven out of a possible nine birds, and the other two did not sing, so there is no wonder at his getting more prizes than any three men as he hangs more birds than any. It is not often that the man hangs more than one bird, and it is something extraordinary if they hang two at our bird house. I could mention five or six birds that would like to sing with this so-called Champion of Mr. Allen's, but not with these judges. We will freely give £2 to any charitable Institution he wishes if his bird can do what he represents it to do. T. SUMMERS, hon. sec., King's Head, Shannon Street Bird Club.

SIR,—I see in last week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Clark is trying to impress upon the minds of readers that I have not got a Champion Linnet. Well, I will leave that to all readers of this paper. No true Fancier could call a bird of his description as Mr. Clark is trying to do. I have informed all Fanciers that I have retired him from all singing contests. For proof of his qualities readers should please look up last year's CAGE BIRDS, and they will see him 1st prize week after week. Mr. Clark wishes me to sing in the King's Head; well, that would be the last thing to enter my mind. No one hears me call a fellow Fanciers' birds because he his winning.

HARRY ALLEN.

(*This matter may now well close*).—EDITOR.

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE "BEST BIRD" IN THE SHOW?

SIR,—It was with great pleasure I read Mr. Broome's letter relating to the best bird in a show, especially referring to the Golden Pheasant at Barnet in the Cage Bird section. I never saw such a piece of judging in my life, for the Pheasant was so wild it dashed about its cage (I beg pardon, "pen," for a Duck pen was put up for its reception) until it made its head and face bleed and knocked all the feathers off round its beak trying to get out. I took the judge to task about it after the judging was over, and asked him if in the whole course of his life (and I guess he is twice as old as I) he had even seen one in a fancier's bird-room or a lady's drawing room in a cage. He had to admit that it was not really a cage bird; none the less for that it was awarded the special for the best cage bird in the show. Still, it did not get it, as our specials go to members only, and the exhibitor of the Pheasant was not a member. But it had 1st prize all the same. I think it would have done the judge good to have been about in the evening when the boys left work and came round to see what their pets had won! I believe we have one or two here that know what a Canary is, although we are only a young society, as some members have been sending out to open shows for years. I think it is quite time that something was done as regards a man's sanity and capability to judge, and I should very much like to see some of the Fur judges that take our cage birds filling up the slips that Mr. Broome refers to, as regards the points the birds gain in their respective classes. I am wondering how many points the Golden Pheasant would have gained for steadiness and perfect feather? I hope the cage bird Fancy will take the matter up and oust these so-called "cage bird judges." Could not the Cage Bird Union take the matter up, and issue a list of the judges they know are somewhere near the mark?

H. HILLIER.

WILD BIRDS BREEDING IN AVIARIES.

SIR,—It would be interesting if your correspondent, Mr. J. H. Verrall, would give us particulars of the breeding of the Bearded Tit by Mr. Swailes, as mentioned in your issue of Dec. 28. Many aviarists have been partially successful with the species, but I have always understood that no one had ever reared the young to maturity, though Mr. St. Quintin saw one young bird leave the nest in his Yorkshire aviary. With regard to Mr. Sprankling's enquiry: The Cordon Bleu has been frequently bred. In 1906 I had two nests of young reared from a single pair. The Golden-breasted Waxbill was first bred, I believe, by Lady Dunleath in 1903, in Ireland. I bred two young of this species in 1905 which are still flourishing, and in the same year three young Green Avadavats. The common Avadavat, with which Mr. Sprankling has been successful, has of course often been bred. In 1904 two hen Avadavats in my aviary built a nest on the co-operation principle. Both incubated the eggs and both fed the young—two in number—which both attained maturity. W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space to thank all those who have so kindly responded to my appeal made on December 21 on behalf of Mr. Benj. Spiers, in his sad affliction. I took him that which I received to date on Christmas Eve. What a glad surprise it was for them. If subscribers could only have seen him and his wife as I read the kind letters of sympathy received with the donations, or could have felt the grip of his hand after I had handed him the money! He said: "Thank them for me, Ted; if I do again get my sight"—but he could get no further, for tears of joy began to fall. Being Christmas time (and you all know what a railwayman's life is then, bed and work), I could not complete my task of acknowledgement before. I have received the following sums: E. Baker (Cowes), £1 1s.; R. P. Harpur (Stoke Newington), 5s.; Cornishman, 5s.; W. Marsh (Keston, Kent), 2s. 6d.; G. W. Saunders (Sutton, Surrey), 2s. 6d.; W. Portman (Cardigan), 2s. 6d.; J. A. Stergant, 2s. 6d.; Breeder of Crests (Nottingham), 2s.; L. Hewitt (Southreps), 2s.; R. Ratcliffe (Lancashire), 1s. 6d.; Fellow Fancier (Southport), 1s. 4d.; A. E. Gardner (Potter's Bar), 1s.; R. Ward (Bolton), 1s.; C. E. Pregrum (Enfield Wash), 1s.; W. P. Turton (Elton, Bury), 1s.; Fancier N. (Hastings), 1s.; Miss Walmrow (Kentish Town), 1s.; R. Southworth (Blackburn), 6d.; W. Reynolds (Upper Holloway), 1s.; R. Green (Somers Town), 6d.; R. Alexander (Walthamstow), 6d.; R. Pearce (Kentish Town), 6d. Total £2 16s. 10d.

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CAN THE YORKSHIRE IMPROVE THE LANCASHIRE?

SIR,—While perusing your columns I read in Mr. T. C. Crawhall's lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, a paragraph where he states "he was considerably surprised to read that the Yorks itself had been used to improve the Lancashire by giving it more length of leg, and when we have that on the authority of Mr. John Robson we may be sure that there is some measure of truth in it." Allow me to point out that it is simply ridiculous to think that such a thing has ever been done to improve leg qualities in the Lancashires. There is not, in my opinion, a Lancashire breeder that would ever dream of doing such a thing, and I am sure Mr. J. R. would say the same. I believe Mr. R. mentioned it some time ago some way or other, but I really forget the exact words he used. But Mr. T. C. Crawhall may depend that neither Mr. Robson or any other Lancashire Fancier would ever advocate using Yorkshire blood in any way with the intention of improving the Lancashire variety.

JAMES LAW.

ALLEGED NEGLECT OF AN EXHIBIT.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a letter in CAGE BIRDS of Dec. 7th, written by an exhibitor at our late show. In justice to our Committee, I beg to be allowed space to reply. We admit our system of staging and penning was not perfect, and that the Committee are not infallible. The Cage Bird section was under the charge of Mr. George Capewell, a lover of birds with thirty years' experience. The fountain of exhibit No. 342, Greenfinch, was not noticed when being staged, but the bird was, and it was fed and watered from Messrs. Hall and Capewell's fountains both days by members of the Committee. I deny incivility as inferred by Mr. Latham, and on being approached by him gave the permission and asked a Committeeman present to attend to Mr. Latham, being exceptionally busy myself. The death of the exhibit is unfortunate, and to be regretted especially seeing that Mr. Latham admits it was his first attempt at showing. Yet, in the hall he says the bird won 1st at Bromsgrove. The insulting show rule he infers applies to us, and his sneer re secretaries and management showing and winning themselves, we treat with the contempt it deserves. In concluding, I would remind him that the rule of our show (not printed but practised), is to deal fair and square with exhibitors and exhibits, irrespective of position or value, and judging from the letters received, and the reports in local papers as well as CAGE BIRDS, we succeeded in our first attempt obtaining a record local entry and gate. We have no axe to grind, yet unfortunately, four of our local show Committees have lost over £30 this year, in attempting, as fanciers, to please successful and disappointed exhibitors. I conclude with best wishes for the New Year to CAGE BIRDS and its readers. H. GRAINGER, hon. sec. of Cradley Heath Show.

ARE THEY RECORD LATE EGGS?

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I am writing to say I think this will be a record. I have a cock Greenie and hen Canary with three eggs, now sitting, and also Canary cock and hen. Each nest has three eggs, first of each were laid Dec. 23rd, 24th, and 25th, so I'm hoping for early birds in 1908. If I'm fortunate enough to get them hatched and brought up, this will be A1 I think. They are here for anyone to see who wishes to. JOSEPH W. PARKIN, Eldon Lane, Bishop Auckland.

SIR,—Having noticed in CAGE BIRDS for a few weeks different records in egg-laying on the part of Canaries, I think my experience will beat all previous records. I have a Crestbred Norwich Canary hen; on going to the cage on Saturday morning I found she had dropped an egg in the bottom of the cage. She laid again on Sunday morning, and was on the nest again at the time of writing. Is there any reader who can beat this? G. GREATBATCH.

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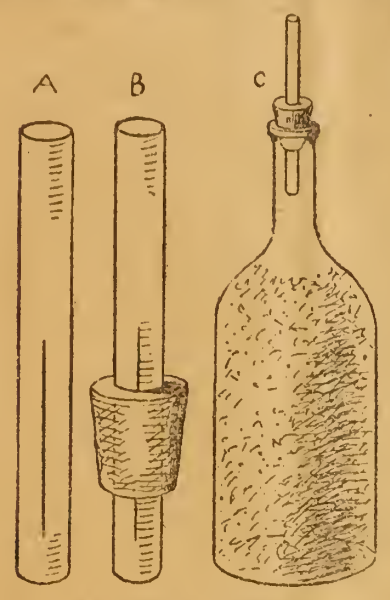
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No. 167.

KEEPING SEED FREE FROM DUST.

Sent by W. Higgins, 54, North Road, Brighton.

Enclosed is a sketch of an idea of mine which keeps the seed free from dust, and out of the reach of mice. It also prevents waste when filling the seed boxes. Take a piece of half-inch compo gas piping, about 6 inches



A: Tube with Slots cut.
B: Tube with Cork Fitted.
C: Bottle Completed.

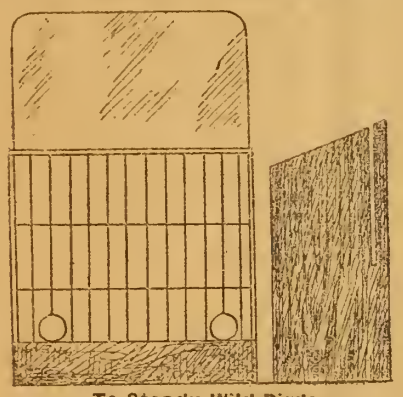
long, and cut two slots with a pocket knife about 2 inches long in one end of it. Then get a cork and bore a hole in it large enough to let the pipe go through. Put the pipe through the cork and push it into a quart bottle. The seed will flow down the pipe when the bottle is inverted. Sketches show the pipe with the slots cut in it, and the pipe in the cork, in the bottle ready for use.

No. 168.

METHOD OF TAMING BRITISH BIRDS.

Sent by Williams Bros., Mason's Cottage St. Clears, Carmarthenshire.

The following idea we find very useful for taming British or other birds. Get a Norwich show cage, with fixed perches from the back to within half-an-inch of the wire front. Cut a piece of plain glass one inch longer than wire front, and the same width as wire front.



To Steady Wild Birds.

Cut a hole in the glass for the bird to get at the water tin through. Cut two thin strips of wood the same width as inside of cage, and fix one at each end of the cage to hold the glass up in its place. Afterwards put the wire front back. The glass can also be taken down to the cross-bar only (as shown in the sketch), in which case a slot can be cut in the cage sides, and this is useful for Canaries. It costs but 3d., and we have found it very handy to keep birds from the wires, having tamed two Greypates in less than a week fit for show.

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How I Breed my Yorkshire Canaries.

PLAIN HINTS ON EVERY-DAY PROCEDURE.

By F. ALLEN.

First to be considered is the room. I prefer one with the window or windows facing south-east or south; then you get both plenty of sun and plenty of light. To be without sun and light means death and disease.

Next we come to cages, which should be at least 18in. by 18in. by 11in deep, with a door in the centre. I like loose wire fronts, as the cages are easily got into, harbour much less filth, and look a deal smarter. Perches should be 11-16th in. broad, and 3-16th in. thick.

The Selection of Stock Birds.

We then select the stock birds, which above all else should be sound and healthy. The cock birds should possess plenty of length, should be well up on leg, vigorous and should have a nice round head. If I am breeding for marked specimens, I prefer the markings to be on the cock side, although I have bred good marked birds off marked hens and clear cocks.

The hens should be typical, slim and lady-like, with plenty of life in them. They should show no hollowness in neck, or else probably the progeny will have the same blemish or fault.

The feather in hens is of importance, more so than in cocks. Of course, if both cock and hen are good, smart feathered birds, all the better. The tails should be well folded and compactly made, and should not hang or drop under the perch. I like hens of medium size; as a rule, if they get so big, they generally get lazy and refuse to feed their young.

The feeding should always be good sound Spanish Canary seed in hoppers twice a week; equal parts of egg and biscuit mixed together should be given, and also a little mixed seed, as follows:—Hemp, Summer or German rape, Inga, Maw and Linseed—a good spoonful per pair of birds on the opposite days to those on which you give egg food. During winter months a little ripe apple or boiled carrot should be given as a change from egg food. Always have the cage bottom covered with good sea sand and grit and a piece of cuttle fish bone between the wires.

When to Pair Young Stock.

The best time for pairing is the last week in March or the beginning of April. Always pair yellow to buff or buff to yellow; there is then plenty of time to have three nests before the moulting season commences. At this time a few dandelion leaves may be given; it will bring them on sooner and will also prevent egg-binding. A piece of old lime thrown in bottom of cage is also very good at this period.

When the birds have been put up three days a nest box or pan should be placed in the cage, with a little moss, cowhair, dried grass, etc. It should be placed at one end of cage, with edge or rim of nest level with the perch. Then the parents can feed their young off the perch. It should also be in the quietest part of the cage, at the opposite end, from the direct rays of the sun or light; then the hen keeps moving and turning the eggs over, which is essential to ensure success.

The Eggs and the Young.

After your birds have been paired up from ten to twelve days you may expect eggs. These should be taken out each morning as laid and placed in bran or Canary seed, point downwards. Then the eggs should be returned to the nest on the evening of the day the third egg is laid. The nest should be well dusted with insect powder.

The young birds may be expected on the 14th day, although some hatch earlier. On entering the room you will soon know whether there are any young or not by the "cheep," "cheep," if all is right.

Then a supply of egg food should be given the parents with which to feed their progeny. When the young ones are ten or twelve days old you may put them in a clean nest, and you can give the parents a little green food. I like dandelion as it acts as a tonic; young lettuce may also be given as a change, but I think it makes the old birds drowsy and sleepy, although some feed freely on it. I also give plenty of crushed hemp seed and soaked Canary seed. The oftener you give the egg-food, etc., the better, as it induces the hens to come out of the nests.

The Second Nest.

When the young are from 17 to 20 days old a fresh nest should be provided and put in the same place as the old one, and the nest with the young should be placed on the opposite side. As a rule, hens want to nest again when their young are about that age.

Give the hen some nesting material and a little cotton wool. I may say that since I used cotton wool not even a young one has been plucked, and some hens like their first brood's feathers to build their second nest with.

If the hen has laid when the young ones are about 23 days old, and they are hopping about, I take them out, put them in a clean cage, give them some egg-food damped, place the cock in with them, and if he won't feed them or begins to pluck them (as some cocks do), I take him out. Then I mix some egg-food very soft and place it on a small stick with a flat end on; I keep teasing the young with it by touching them under the beak till they peck at it. Once they taste they will always follow it. When they have pecked at the soft food on the stick a few times, gradually bring it nearer to the egg-pan until they peck out of it. As a rule no further trouble will occur, as once they know where the food is they never forget.

Always keep the young on soft food till they leave it themselves, and that is not long after they taste Canary seed; always keep the hopper full so that the young birds can see it. When about 5½ weeks old they will be able to crack seed for themselves, then their egg-food should only be given twice a week.

At the age of eight weeks some begin looking lumpy and sleepy; it is like a distemper they have; should one start, as a rule all in the same cage have it. The best remedy I have found is to give them a good dose of treacle in the drinking water. The next day, as a rule, they don't look like the same birds.

In breeding and rearing Canaries care should be taken to keep everything as clean as possible, and trouble the birds as little as possible. If the birds won't feed, to keep molesting them will not make them do so. Avoid all sour foods and musky seeds; give plenty of clean, fresh water and use the bath freely.

Bird Notes from Ramsay.

On October 16th, from 1.30 to 3 p.m., the sky became very dark. A storm passed over without any rain from the east, until 2.30, when a slight rain came. The clouds were very high and were travelling at a great rate. About 20 Swallows or, I should say, Martins, came with this storm, and when over the town they circled about, flying very high up in the clouds. I could not at first say whether they were Swallows or Martins, but after watching them for over an hour, they came down lower, and at last, when they had just passed over the house-tops, rain began to fall. I then could see they were Martins. These were probably young birds and had not gone with the majority to more congenial climes. I have been a very close observer of these birds for years, always booking the time they arrive and their departure, but never before have I seen any so late as the 16th of October, although I have seen a few odd ones during the first week in October. But still, this Autumn has been an exceptionally mild one, and that may account for their lateness. Whether the birds are weather prophets I will leave, for at the time I first saw these a large flock of Plovers went over from the East to the South, also about 20 wild ducks. I do not know that as a rule the migratory birds generally go with a storm or strong wind. Perhaps some of your numerous readers may have noticed this instance, and can verify my statement. I pointed them out to several, but as they do not study Nature, they merely remarked "What of that?" This year their arrival was later by a week than usual, but this year the Spring was very cold, which no doubt delayed them. After 3.30 not a Martin was to be seen anywhere. The rain continued most of the afternoon, and the weather turned very cold. No Swallows or Martins have been seen since the 16th. Some Redwings were seen here on the 17th, but only three or four. This is early for them. A few Bramblefinches have been seen feeding with the Linnets in the field. There are generally plenty of these birds about here until Christmas, when they go.—T. H. KINCH.

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BERMONDSEY AND DIS. F.A.

The fourteenth annual members' show was held on Dec. 20th and 21st in the Pillar Hall, Tower Bridge Hotel. There was an excellent entry, and the show was on the whole a great success. The secretary is Mr. A. Lopton, who had the arrangements well in hand, which reflected great credit on him. Mr. J. Dobson judged.

NOR. CL., YELL (4): 1, Thomas; 2, 3, vhc, Daly. BUFF (3): 1, Lupton and Jordan; 2, Moore; 3, Thomas. TICK, ETC., YELL. (3) 1, Lupton and Jordan; 2, Thomas; vhc, Jessup. BUFF (3): 1, Daly; 2, Thomas; 3, Moore. HEN (5): 1, spl, for best old tan, in show, Lupton and Jordan; 2, vhc, hc, Daly; 3, spl, for best 3rd in show, Thomas. YELL. TICK., ETC. (1907) (5): 1, 3, Lupton and Jordan; 2, hc, Moore; vhc, Thomas. BUFF (4): 1, Thomas; 2, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Moore; vhc, Daly. CL., YELL. (1907) (4): 1, Thomas; 2, 3, vhc, Moore. BUFF (4): 1, Lupton and Jordan; 2, 3, Moore; vhc, Thomas. NOR. A.C. (1907) (3): 1, challenge cup and silver medal for best young Canary in show, Thomas; 2, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Daly. BULLIE, ETC. (3): 1, 2 spls. for best C.B. and Brit. in show; 2, Lupton and Jordan; 3, Bocknuster. LINNET (4): 1, spl. for best Linnet, Lupton and Jordan; 2, vhc, Jones; 3, Holloway. REDPOLL (5): 1, Lupton and Jordan; 2, 3, ones. SELL. (1): 1, Thomas.

RUTHERGLEN.

The Rutherglen and Dis. O.A. held their first annual show in the Reehabites Hall, East King Street, 21st Dec. Office bearers: Pres., Wm. Moffat, M.A., Vice-Pres., J. J. Manson, L.D.S., F.F.S.G. (President of the West of Scotland Association). The Sec. and Treas. is Mr. F. Wilson. This is a new society, and this being their first public appearance, the turn out of birds was very creditable, there being close on 200 entries. For a start they have a large membership, some well known breeders of Borders and Norwich, etc., being included. There were 37 classes. The principal prize winners were:—Silver medal for most points, all over show, Lappin; silver tea pot, for most points, Bord. Fcy., Brownlie, also for best young bird, jelly spoons. Some very handsome donations in prizes were presented to the Society. Silver inkstand (by G. S. Munn, Esq.), was won by T. Lindsay. A clock and a silver mounted hair-brush (by Mr. Lappin) and numerous other valuable prizes were offered, including a very handsome silver teapot, the gift of "a friend." There was a large turn out of visitors, including many ladies. The staging of the birds, and the general management of the show reflects the greatest credit on the Sec. and Treas., Mr. Wilson and his assistants. One pleasing incident of the show was the presentation by the members of a valuable gift to Mr. Wilson, in recognition of his services, and the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow members. The representative of CAGE BIRDS was asked to make the presentation, which he did, in a few appropriate remarks, which were well received. Mr. Wilson, who appeared both pleased and surprised, acknowledged the kindness of his friends in a few racy remarks, thanking them heartily for their kindness. The judges were:—Canaries, Mr. Campbell, Glasgow; Brit. and For., Mr. Pettigrew. The judge's awards gave general satisfaction. The For. section was a fine turn out, Mrs. Manson with a lovely collection, being the principal winner, a well known fancier. The awards here seemed to cause a difference of opinion, but we did not see much room for complaint.

Young Birds.

CREST CK. (2): 1, 2 spl, Joel, pair of promising youngsters, in fine feather. HEN (2): 1, Lappin, D.C., in lovely condition; 2, Livingstone, var. D.C. CRESTBRED CK. (3): 1, 3, spl, Joel, very nice pair, shown in rare condition; 2, McAulay, var., nice feather, good style, and type. HEN: 1, 3, Joel, 1 nice typical bird; 2, 5, McAulay, nice size, in fine condition. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, McAulay, nice pair, put down in fine condition; 3, Bowman, grand shape and quality, also in fine condition; vhc, 4, Gray. BUFF (8): 1, 3, spl, Hutchison, cl. of grand shape, nice wing carriage, very neat, 3 another cl., nice feather; 2, Brownlie, eye tick., very neat, grand carriage, lovely feather; 4, spl, vhc, Manson, nice type; hc, Wilson; c, Lapp. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Brownlie, winner a real model, sweetly moulded, beautiful carriage, 2 very similar in shape and carriage to winner; 3, Manson, nice shape, rich colour; 4, Lappin. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, spl, Brownlie, first nice model, lovely feather and bloom, 2nd nice carriage, sweetly moulded, close on first; 3, 4, Manson, nice shape and colour; vhc, Lappin; hc, Wilson; c, Boyd. BUFF GREEN (8): 1, Lappin, nice model, lovely wing carriage, shown in grand condition, good bird; 2, hc, spl, Manson, very shapely, nice and jaunty, looking well; 3, Hutchison, nicely moulded, sweet carriage, grand type; 4, vhc, Brownlie; c, Wilson. YELL. (6): 1, Hutchison, lovely shape, nice colour and close feather; 2, Wilson, very shapely, grand colour, nice wing carriage, very close on winner; 3, 4, spl, Brownlie, nice shape, colour and quality; hc, vhc, Manson. MULES (2): 1, spl, 2, Lindsay, Siskin-Mule, nice colour, lovely condition.

Old Birds.

CREST (4): 1, 3, Lappin, wing marked, nice D.C., dense, evenly radiated, good droop, in grand condition, third nice type; 2, spl, Joel, var., crest, nice size and droop; 4, Livingstone, large body, rare substance. CRESTBRED (6): 1, spl, McAulay, clear, good size, lovely skull, nice head, feather, of leafy texture, wins easy; 2, 3, Joel, grizzle, nice skull, and head; 4, vhc, hc, Lappin, cl., nice broad skull, good size. P.H. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Merchant, winner cl., nice shape, short thick set body, even colour, feather close, 2, a grizzle cap, very similar; 3, spl, Gray, cl., nice shape and body, good colour; 4, vhc, spl, McAulay. BUFF (4): 1, Merchant, cl., good carriage, nice colour and finish, neat model; 2, 3, Livingstone, cl., both nice colour, and quality, 3 very similar; 4, McAulay. VAR. YELL. (1): 1, Merchant, excellent shape, good colour and quality. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 2, spl, Merchant, both rare shape and substance, first grand, all round, second very close, nice pair; 3, Gray, grand shape and quality; 4, McAulay, shapely, good colour; vhc, Bowman. BORD. CL. ETC. BUFF (8): 1, c, Lappin, grand build, colour and quality, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Manson, good shape and quality; 3, Boyd, nice shape, very jaunty action; 4, Brownlie, nicely moulded; hc, vhc, Hutchison. YELL. (6): 1, spl, Brownlie, nice model, shown in lovely condition, an easy first; 2, vhc, Hutchison, well moulded, beautiful finish; 3, 4, Boyd, sweetly moulded pair. VAR. YELL.: 1, Manson, very neat, nicely feathered, grand wings, and tail like wax; 2, 3, 4, spl, Lappin, all three very typical birds, in grand condition. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Lappin, sweetly moulded pair, in lovely feather, quality of equal merit. GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, 5, vhc, Brownlie, cinn., real model, sweetly moulded, beautiful carriage; 4, 3, Manson, 2 very similar in shape and carriage to winner, shade small; 3, Hutchison, nice shape, rich colour; hc, Lappin. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, c, Lappin, 1 buff Scotch Fancy, 1st out West of Scotland, a typical bird all over; 3, Wilson, Roller, good type, very musical during the show. BRIT. BELLFINCH (2): 1, Lindsay, good cap and colour, nice breast, in grand condition; 2, Brownlie, nice cap and body colour. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Brownlie, good face, lovely tanning, nice bars and moons; 2, Lindsay, nice face and condition, neat bars and moons; 3, Lappin, nice face, neat bars and buttons; 4, Wilson, good face and body colour. LINNET (3) 1, Lindsay, fine size and markings and nutty colour, very steady; 2, Brownlie, nice shape and colour; 3, Livingstone. SISKIN ETC. (5): 1, Lappin, very smart Siskin, very neat markings; 3, 2, Lindsay, 2 Redpoll, nice size, grand colour and markings, very steady, 3 Siskin, in lovely feather; 4, vhc, Brownlie, Redpoll, noted winner, looking well. SMALL BRIT: 1, Brownlie, Yellowhammer, grand size and colour, splendid body markings and condition, well chosen; 2, Livingstone, Greenfinch, splendid colour, grand size and shape, beautiful wings; 3, Lindsay, Greenfinch, nice colour and size, lovely colour. SMALL FOR. (12): 1, 2, spl, 3, spl, vhc, hc, Manson, 1, pair Zebra Finches, in lovely condition, beautiful feather, 2, pair Blue Breasted Waxbills, rare exhibit, in lovely feather, 3 spl, pair Red Avadavats in full colour, and perfect feather; 4, spl, Wilson, pair of Tri-Col. Mannikins in the pink of condition, nicely staged; vhc, c, Wilson. LARGE (5): 1, spl, 2, 4, Manson, 1 Blue Mountain Lorry, in lovely feather and condition, 2, Wheateared Conures, a rare and pleasing exhibit, 4, pair Cockatiels, in grand feather and condition; 3, spl, Watson, Blue fronted Amazons, in rare condition. SELL. 10/-: 1, McAulay; 2, spl, Joel; 3, Livingston.

BUCKIE.

Annual show held in the Fishermens' Hall, on Dec. 25th, in ideal weather. The hall is all that could be desired for such an exhibition, beautifully lighted from both sides, very high in the roof, and free from draughts. The entry was a good one, though showing a slight decrease on last year's figures. The Canarics were staged rather too high above the other pens to enable visitors to view them with ease and comfort, and the committee would do well to find a more suitable spot in this nice hall to stage them. The entries numbered almost 200 cage birds. The committee of management are all trusted and well-known fanciers in the North, and a "crew" of harder workers would be difficult to find, consisting of ex-Provost Simpson (convener), Councillor W. Clark, Messrs. Robertson, Cuthbert, senr., Knowles, J. S. Simpson, Symon, McIntosh, Mitchell, McKenzie, Smith, Elrick, Scott, Chalmers, Philip, Booth and Son, Wright, Geddes, Esson, Fraser, Smith, Merson, S. J. Simpson and W. Stewart. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. Geo. Stewart, deserves all credit for the able manner in which he handled such an exhibition. The attendance was a large one, and we trust the show may turn out a financial success. Mr. John Lyon (Aberdeen) judged.

SCOTCH FANCY (3): 1, Shand, A1 quality, fine, stylish bird, good substance, and full of action; 2, 3, Whyte, 2nd, very shapely, rare top end, deep throughout, full in back, very free and good style; 3rd, we missed. NORWICH YELL. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Scott, typical, teeming with quality, well rounded chest, beautifully put down; 2, Hay, deep colour, good quality, nicely carried wings and tail; 3, Herd, best of quality; 4, Banks; 5, McTavish; 6, Wiseman. HEN (5): 1, Junner, thick-set hen, well rounded chest, good quality feather; 2, Cuthbert, another typical bird, grand substance and quality; 3, Wiseman, good Norwich properties; 4, Hay; 5, Banks. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Scott, in front of anything in class, runner up for Cup, very short and chubby, well rounded, very sweet quality of feather; 2, Herd, well up in size; 3, Raffaw, good head and neck; 4, Cuthbert; 5, Duncan. HEN: 1, Herd, good type and quality, closely followed by 2, Duncan, real good one for type and quality. Mr. Chalmers showed a very good green, and it would pay the fanciers in that district to go in for a few greens to put through their stock, as they are losing colour. CREST (4): 1, Cuthbert, var, wonderful size, crest of splendid shape, good droop and centre; 2, Edwards, marked wings, again a bird of wonderful size, good quality of feather, crest of neat radiation, grand droop and centre; 3, Merson, good green; 4, Murray. C.B.: 1, Scott, heavy var, nice substance, good length of feather. VAR. CK. 5): 1, Herd, yell. var, very sweet in quality and typical, good head and neck, nicely placed wings and tail; 2, McTavish buff, well up in size; 3, Glass, marked eyes and wings; 4, Wiseman; 5, Cuthbert. HEN (8): 1, Campbell, marked on saddle, grand substance, rare head and neck, good front and back, well turned out; 2, Scott, a good one, looks a youngster, will yet improve, lovely short wings and tail; 3, Glass, marked both eyes; 4, Junner; 5, Herd; 6, Hay. COL.-FED CK. (6): 1, Cup for best in show, Strachan, a buff var, of grand type and teeming with quality, fine under-colour, and meal perfectly coloured wings and tail; 2, 3, Thomson, two very sweet exhibits; 4, Herd; 5, Boyd; 6, Merson. HEN (5): 1, Strachan, yell, A1 type, best of colour, grand chest, very neat wing carriage; 2, 5, Thomson; 2nd, typical buff var, good stamp; 3, Hay, A1 quality, good type; 4, Rennie. CINN: 1, Merson, nice exhibit. HARTZ CAN: 1, Herd; 2, Rennie. A.O.V.: 1, Merson, good Yorks. cl., wonderful length and shape, finely drawn, in rare bloom. PAIR (4): 1, Cuthbert, buff var. cock and cl. yell. hen, nice balanced pair; 2, Merson, both typical, in good condition; 3, Herd, both fine buffs; 4, Chalmers. SISKIN, ETC: 1, Gifford, very pretty Siskin, in lovely bloom, and rare colour; 2, J. Merson, nice Redpoll, staged to perfection. BULLFINCHES (5): 1, 2, Watt, two outstanding exhibits, first excels in size, colour and markings; 3, Raffan, good wing bars, nice cap; 4, Kyloch; 5, Glass. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Campbell, large Siberian, huge blaze, square cut, forward in colour, richly tanned body, A1 buttoned; 3, Todd, nice square-cut blaze, good polish and steady; 5, Raffan, lovely Britisher. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Campbell, Linnet, rare size and markings, turned out in nice bloom, closely followed by 2, Plenderleith, charming Twite, grand polish, nicely marked; 3, 4, Mersou; 5, Kiloh; 6, Grass. VAR. BRIT.: 1, Merson, Bramblefinch, well spangled, marked in splendid condition; 2, Raffan, also a Bramble. FOR. (6): 1, 4, Whyte, 1st, Whydah, in best of order, grand tail, staged to perfection; 2, Merson, yell. Budgerigars, in prime condition, rich colour and spangling; 3, Coull, Parrot; 5, Hector; 6, Raffan. SELL. (3): 1, Merson, yell. Yorks. cl, nice shape and style, all quality; 2, Watt, clinking Bullie rare crest colour; 3, Cuthbert nice crest. GIFT: 1, Watt, 2, Chalmers. MULES: 1, Watt, Linnet-Canary, well up in size and colour; 2, Raffan, Goldie-Canary, nice size and blaze; 3, Merson; 4, Rennie. MEMBERS' (3): 1, Merson, yell. var, good size and colour, best of quality; 2, Grant; 3, Cuthbert.

WHITBURN.

The annual show took place in the Town Hall, Close upon 400 exhibits faced the judges, who were: Mr. J. F. Dewar (Norwich and Borders), and Messrs J. Kean and A. Mackay the remainder; their awards seemed to give general satisfaction. Mr. Shields won the prize for best bird in hall with a grand dark Crest of great quality. The Norwich classes, although small, contained some of the first water. Border Fancies were the outstanding feature of the show. Classes were well filled, many noted winners making their appearance. The A.O.V. class was the best of all, Mr. McWatt again scoring first with his Falkirk Cup winner. In the British section (Linnets, non-fed Greenfinches), and in the Foreign Goldfinch section quality was of the best. All over the show was a great success. The secretary, Mr. Thos. Duncan, managed everything in a businesslike manner, and is to be heartily congratulated. Mr. R. Calder (president) and Councillor Lambie, two well known fanciers, did yeoman service, as did also the following, who composed the committee:—Messrs. Wm. Duncan, Thos. Hamilton, Wm. Johnstone, C. Anderson, R. Edmonston, J. Anthony, W. Lambie, W. Livingston, P. Easton.

CREST (8): 1, spl, Shields, best bird in hall, massive green, great abundance of feather; 2, Lambie, clear body D.C.; 3, Easton, also a dark one. CRESTBRED (6): 1, Shields, var. buff, plenty of size and feather, nice brows, a good win; 2, Paul, even buff, good size; 3, Roy, var., nice quality of feather, close up; 4, Easton; 5, Anderson; 6, Lambie. NOR. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Bolton, lovely typical clear, in rare condition; 2, Miller and Eadie, tk., good colour; 3, Bell, nice feather. HEN (4): 1, Simpson and Buglass, grand wing marked, best of stamp, good win; 2, Miller and Eadie, a right good clear, all there; 3, Easton, clear, nice body; 4, Blackley. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Simpson and Buglass, typical clear, in rare order; 2, Moreland, fine stamp; 3, Miller and Eadie, good body and colour; 4 spl, Blackley, best of colour; 5, Bell. HEN (4): 1, Simpson and Buglass, clear, correct type, nice condition; 2, McLaughlan, also good stamp, presses hard; 3, Fergusen, grand size, nice tick. A.O.V. (6): 1, spl, Sharp, lovely var. yell., grand head, teeming with colour; 2, Ferguson, nice type, good condition; 3, Moreland, var. yell., all there, close up; 4, King, tick, buff, also good stamp. NON-FED (14): 1, Davidson, nice var. buff, good carriage, fine fettle; 2, Perry, cl. yell., good one; 3, Turner, var. buff, grand stamp, wo liked; 4, Fergusen, quite a nice cl. yell, lovely order; 5, Gentleman, nice cl. buff; 6, spl, McLaughlin; many good ones cardless. GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Robb, brace of right good ones, teeming with colour, fine stamp; 3, Dunlop, nat. fed. SELLING (cocks 12/6, hens 10/6) (6): 1, Moreland; 2, 4, spl, Buchan; 3, spl, Paul; 5, Ferguson; 6, Duncan. BORD. YELL. CK. (14): 1, McWatt, tight as wax, grand carriage, good first; 2, Boag, good type, nice sweet head and condition; 3, Anderson, good moulded body; 4, Shields, lovely condition, nice tapered body; 5, Smith; 6, Lambie and Sons. HEN (10): 1, Peel, correct stamp, close fitting wings, fine tail, in faultless condition; 2, Dunsmore, also a good one, tight, and good colour; 3, Alexander, best of order, nice type, must have pressed; 4, Brownlie, good stamp; 5, McWatt; 6, spl, Shields. BUFF CK. (13): 1, Peel, rattling good one, tight as a drum, nice condition; 2, Turnbull, good quality, best of feather, close up; 3, Alexander, very typical, good carriage, fine order; 4, spl, McWatt, nice tapered bird, good wings; 5, Shields; 6, Wilson. HEN (17): a clinking class; 1, spl, Brown, lovely little lady, nice jaunty appearance, good win; 2, McWatt, nicely tapered, good wings and breast; 3, Peel, good stamp; 4, spl, Boag, nice stamp, must have pressed; 5, Hook; 6, Stanners. EVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Peel, beautifully marked, stamp and condition, all there; 2, Dunsmore, good second, fine wings, nice condition; 3, spl, 5, Lambie and Sons, right good one, correct type, good wings and carriage; 4, Murray, nice jaunty bird. A.O.V. (22): One of the best classes we have seen for a time; 1, McWatt, lovely var., tight as wax, a gem, Falkirk Cup winner; 2, Alexander, right good one, nice type; 3, Hook, much the same, all there as regards type; 4, Brownlie, shows well; 5, Dickson; 6, Kerr, both typical. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, Dickson, right good green, best of order, tight as wax; 2, Shields, also a green of good quality; 3, Simpson and Buglass, another of the same, close up; 4, spl, McWatt, cinn., of good quality; 5, Anderson; 6, Lambie. SELL. CK., 7/6 (15): 1, Rae; 2, Dunsmore; 3, Brown; 4, Shields; 5, Boag; 6, Gentleman. HEN, 5/6 (11): 1, Smith; 2, McWatt; 3, Miller and Eadie; 4, Boag; 5, Dunsmore; 6, Lambie. MULE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Sharp, Greenie Bullie, an easy win, grand colour and condition, often described; 2, Goodfellow, Jonque Goldie Canary, deep rich blaze, nice size, rare fettle; 3, Bald, good buff Goldie Canary, plenty of size and colour, well shown; 4, Fulton. SELL., 7/6 (2): 1, King, light Goldie; 2, Bell, Siskin. BULLFINCH (11): 1, Mackie, grand feather and sheen, good broad cap; 2, Wilson; 3, Nisbet, lovely condition, good colour; 4, Calder, right good colour, many fancied; 5, Livingston, also rare condition; 6, Johnston. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Calder, nice clean cut blaze, deep colour, nicely tanned, good win; 2, Wilson, grand body; 3, Smith, nice face, grand order; 4, Thomson, same remarks apply; 5, Harp; 6, Storrie. BULLFINCH HEN (6): 1, Black, nice broad head, good colour; 2, Livingstone, sweet little hen, in rattling form; 3 (no name), good one; 4, 5, Hamilton, two nice ones; 6, R. Calder, we liked. SISKIN (6): 1, Bald, best of colour, nice cap and bib; 2, Livingston, also good one; 3, Calder, rare bloom; 4, Russell, must have pressed; 5, Miller and Eadie. LINNET (12): 1, 4, Marlin, right good one for size and colour, rather restless; 4th graud all-round bird, shows well; 2, Calder, good sound colour, nicely pencilled; 3, Morris, nice and steady; 5, Wilson; 6, Hay. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Bald, noted winner, often described, wins well; 2, Goodfellow, grand wings and feather; 3, Aitken, also a good one; 4, Calder, best of colour, nice head, we liked; 5, Showler, not yet in form. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (11): 1, Bald, rattling good Twite, full of colour, well marked and staged; 2, Muir, another Twite, nice colour; 3, Goodfellow, still another Twite, teeming with colour and quality, many fancied; 4, Livingstone, Redpoll, nicely marked; 5, Neilson, nice Twite; 6, Calder, good Redpoll. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, 4, Marlin, 1st the City winner, looking in grand trim, an easy win; 2, Livingstone, nice bib, finely laced, lacks tan to winners; 3 (no name), much the same as 2nd; 5, Elder; 6 (no name), a right good class. YELLOWHAMMER (6): 1, Marlin, an outstanding exhibit, grand head and cheeks, best of colour; 2, Lawson, well marked, should improve; 3, Miller and Eadie, good colour; 4, Hamilton, presses; 5, Calder; 6, Laing. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Sharp, Bramble, full of colour, dense black head, deep chest colour; 2, Connachan, lovely Chaffie, good head, nice wing bars, rare colour and condition; 3, Authony. Bramble, grand shoulders; 4, Calder, also a Bramble, close up; 5, Miller and Eadie; 6, Livingstone, good Chaffie, but broken tail. BUNTING A.O.S. (9): 1, Brown, Cirl, lovely condition and colour, easy win; 2, Calder, very sweet Reed, jet-black head grand collar; 3, Lawson, another Cirl; 4, Elder, Corn Bunting, nice specimen. SMALL SOFTBILL (2): 1, Moreland, 2, Easton. GREENFINCH NON FED (23): A clinking class, many good ones had to go as they came, viz., cardiece; 1, Reid, right good one for stamp; 2, Thompson, another good; 3, Neilson, nice wings, shows well, must have pressed; 4, spl, Marlin, one of the best in class, soft when judged; 5 (no name); 6, Goodfellow, both good ones. WILD LINNET (9): 1, Brown, teeming with colour, grand shape, steady, and well staged; 2, Elder, wild as the heather, would not show itself, good colour; 3, McDougall, said to be the City winner, nice colour, level all over, well pencilled, steady as a rock; 4, Calder, another noted winner, both might have gone up a step; 5, Connachan, all there for colour and markings; 6 (no name). HEN BRIT. (19): 1, Bald, Greenfinch, best of type and condition, shown in its usual grand form; 2, Chalmers, Shorelark, fine specimen; 3, Reid, Chaffie, good wing bars, grand condition; 4, spl, Fairley, sweet little Siskin, in best of fettle; 5, Moreland, one of the finest hen Yellowhammer we have seen, City winner, best of condition, hard lines to stand down. LARGE BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Livingstone, Magpie, noted winner, looking as well as ever; 2, Muir, nice mains, well spangled, best of feather; 3, Felton, Missel Thrush, finely spotted, quite a good one; 4, spl, Barris, another Magpie, a nice young one; 5, Miller and Eadie, spotted Woodpecker, hard lines; 6, Sneddon; No. 4, Easton, lovely Hawfinch, arrived late. SELL., 5/6 (9): 1, Morris, nice Linnet; 2, Bald, Goldie; 3, Gentleman, Bullie; 4, spl, Calder, Chaffinch; 5, Storrie; 6, Miller and Eadie. FOR. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Sharp, lovely condition, well shown, grand face and markings, wins well; 2, Goodfellow, good second; 3, Marlin, also a good one, must have pressed, many preferred; 4, spl, Drake, deep blaze, fine body, should make a good one with another moult; 5, Duncan; 6, Sharp, nice class all through. FOR. (3): 1, Moreland, King Parrakeet, teeming with colour, lovely wings, well shown; 2, Mark, Green Cardinal, also in rare form, tight as wax; 3, Irvine, Green Parrakeet.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members' show held on Boxing Day at head quarters, Mowbray Arms. This was the third of a series of member's shows for silver challenge cup, gold and silver medals. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members, over 150 birds being staged. The exhibits, taking them all round, were of good quality. Special for best bird in show went to Messrs. Holroyds Bros. Mr. M. Broadley (Windhill), judged and he placed the birds as follows:—

CL. YELL. (15): 1, vhc, Holroyds Bros.; 2, T. Smith; 3, hc, E. Hersey; 4, Halliday and Armstrong; c, Storey. BUFF (13): 1, H. Grange; 2, Kemp and Son; 3, Holroyds Bros.; 4, F. Grange; vhc, A. Brown; hc, M. H. Robinson; c, Coates. TICK. YELL. (12): 1, Wellock; 2, vhc, Varley; 3, c, Ross; 4, Suggitt; hc, Kemp and Son. TICK. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, T. Smith; 2, Kemp and Son; 3, Western; hc, Hawkes; c, F. Grange. CINN. TKD. (10): 1, 4, c, A. Grange; 2, F. Grange; 3, Holroyds Bros.; vhc, H. Grange; hc, Newton. HEN (7): 1, 3, hc, A. Grange; 2, C. Ross; 4, Newton; vhc, Varley; c, F. Grange. CL., ETC. HEN (21): 1, c, Suggitt; 2, Wellock; 3, H. Grange; 4, vhc, C. Ross; hc, F. Grange. BUFF (23): 1, F. Grange; 2, Kemp and Son; 3, Halliday and Armstrong; 4, Varley; vhc, Brunett; hc, A. Grange; c, Suggitt. UNEVEN MKD. CK. (10): 1, A. Grange; 2, Holroyds Bros.; 3, A. Bruuett; 4, C. Ross; vhc, H. Grange; hc, Suggitt; c, Normington. NOR. CK. (5): 1, M. H. Robinson; 2, Normington; 3, Dennison; 4, Ross; vhc, Sleaford. HEN (4): 1, Ross; 2, Sleaford; 3, Normington; 4, Dennison. UNFLI. YORKS. (16): 1, Ross; 2, 4, Kemp and Son; 3, H. Grauge; vhc, Halliday and Armstrong; vhc, F. Grange; c, Sleaford.

SWANSEA AND DIST. C.B.A.

A 12-miles radius show was held on Boxing Day. The entries came up very strong, over 200 birds facing the judges, who seemed to handle them with the greatest care. The exhibition, under the able care of Messrs. Jenkins, Robbins, Taylor, Steins, Heal, Hammacott, Phil Jenkins, Recs. Evans, Hocking, and the energetic and indefatigable secretary, Alf. Hitching, was a distinct success, both financially and for quality. Mr. Harding Williams judged Canaries, and Mr. John Blackey the British Mules and Hybrids. The awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL: 1, Rees; 2, Jenkins; 3, P. Jenkins; vhc, Kirby; hc, Beor; c, Chelery. BUFF: 1, Kirby; 2, Jeremy; 3, Penstone; vhc, Hitchings; hc, Jenkins; c, Mabbett. UNFLI: 1, Rees; 2, Jenkins; 3, vhc, Kirby; hc, Thomas; c, Hitchings. NON-FED: 1, Rees; 2, Vanstone; 3, Evans; vhc, Gooding; hc, Richards; c, Mabbett. YORKS: 1, Wilcocks. UNFLI: 1, Taylor. NON-FED: 1, Evans; 2, Black. BORD. YELL: 1, 3, W. J. Jenkins; 2, Hammacott; vhc, Steins; hc, E. M. Evans; c, East. BUFF: 1, A. E. Evans; 2, 3, W. J. Jenkins; vhc, Steins; hc, Hammacott; c, P. Jenkins. GREEN: 1, A. E. Evans; 2, vhc, hc, c, Hockings. EVENLY MKD, ETC: 1, 2, 3, Hockings. NOVICE: 1, A. E. Taylor; 2, Gordon; 3, Wilcocks; vhc, Williams; hc, A. E. Taylor; c, W. Hammacott. SELL. (25/-): 1, Kirby; 2, A. E. Taylor. (10/-): 1, Hitchings; 2, A. Taylor; 3, Kirby. MULES, LIGHT: 1, Hocking; 2, Heal. DARK: 1, Roach; 2, Hocking; 3, Mabbett; vhc, Gordon. GOLDFINCH: 1, D. and J. Prosser; 2, Thomas; 3, Gooding; vhc, Kirby; hc, Richards; c, E. M. Evans. BULLFINCH: 1, D. and J. Prosser; 2, Richards; 3, Chelery. GREENFINCH: 1, Williams; 2, P. Jenkins; 3, Bancroft; vhc, Richards. LINNET: 1, P. Jenkins; 2, Thomas; 3, Roach; vhc, Richards; hc, Bancroft; c, Hammacott. SISKIN, ETC: 1, Bancroft; 2, D. and J. Prosser; 3, Robbins; vhc, P. Jenkins. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, P. Jenkins; 2, D. and J. Prosser; 3, Bancroft; vhc, Mabbett; hc, Richards; c, E. M. Evans. CHAFFINCH, ETC: 1, P. Jenkins; 2, Richards. BRIT. HEN: 1, D. and J. Prosser; 2, P. Jenkins; vhc, Heal. SELL. (10/-): 1, 3, J. Evans; 2, Bancroft, junr.

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TRURO.

This old-established fixture was held in the Market House on December 26th. Competition was confined to the county of Cornwall, yet some very handsome exhibits were staged, showing an appreciable increase on last year, numbers were also good, and the show generally may be voted a success. Norwich had five classes and came up remarkably well, totalling sixty-five, whilst the quality was quite in keeping with the numbers, there being a complete absence of coarseness amongst the exhibits. Cornish fanciers evidently believe in compact, silky feathered Norwich, as opposed to what some style the good big 'uns. Crests and Crestbreds made good average classes, whilst Cinnamons well maintained Cornwall's reputation for colour and quality of feather in the breed which has long been a favourite in the county. Yorkshires made quite the best display we have seen at a Cornish show, all the winners being most typical. The charmer which captivated Mr. House in the hen class was so overjoyed at winning first that "she" burst into song, and suffered the penalty of being disqualified for posing as a suffragette. Mules, although few, were very high-class. Finches are usually strong at Cornish shows, and once more came up well. Competition in all these classes was very keen. In the Variety British were staged two Owls and a Water Rail, but in the opinion of the judge, they were not cage birds and were passed. The birds were nicely staged and their wants well attended to by the committee, which was composed of Messrs. J. Pollard (chairman), W. R. Lobb (vice-chairman), A. Allen, J. Bray, T. Bennetts, A. Bluett, W. T. Eastlake, W. T. Hall, R. J. Hawken, J. Hicks, J. T. Jacob, F. Lowry, J. Moss, W. H. Murton, G. Murton, W. T. Michael, A. Nicholas, G. Sandall, C. H. Toy, E. Webb, and E. A. Woolcock. Mr. J. Tippitt, the hon. sec., was most courteous and obliging to all, and everything went as merrily as wedding bells.

Critique.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, hc, spl, Clemence, very chubby in head and body, close and compact in his feathering, beautiful rich, level colour, and very nicely staged; 2, res, Coad, not quite so much colour, but a gem for shape and silkiness of feather; 3, Trevena, beautifully level in colour, compact and short in feather, nice chest and back; vhc, White; c, Gaved. BUFF (11): 1, res, vhc, Coad, very short and compact in body, rich quality of feather, sound deep colour, and beautifully marked; res, grand bodied bird of lovely colour, but a trifle horned in the drying; 2, Clemence, most lovely, rare shape and colour, grand quality and sheen, not so chubby in head; 3, White, splendid colour and quality of feather, hardly so deep and wide in chest; hc, Trevena; c, Gaved. TICKED YELL. (10): 1, White, very neat cap and neck marked, not a large one, but brimming over with colour and quality; 2, res, vhc, Gaved, grizzled tail, very sweet and neat, rare feather and colour, shown in the pink of condition; res, wing-marked, grand shape and colour, not so tight in feather; 3, Trevena, eye and neck ticked, capital colour and feather, hardly so short; hc, Kemp; c, Ferrell. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, spl, Rickard, eye and wing ticked, very neat and compact in shape, close in feather, rich colour, and well frosted; 2, Clemence, wing marked of grand colour and quality, not quite so short; 3, Ferrell, grizzled cap, capital shape, colour and feather, not so handy with his wings; res, Lawry, variegated, rare stamp of bird for breeding; hc, White; c, Gaved. HEN (20): 1, c. spl, Clemence, grand little buff, very short and chubby in body, neat, tight fitting jacket, nice even colour, and well mealed; 2, Menadue, sweet little yellow, lovely colour and quality of feather, neat and smart in body, and nicely shown; 3, hc, Coad, grizzled tail, grand little bird, but not put down in the same form as her owner's clear buff; res, Trevena, variegated yellow, just the hen to put colour and quality into a strain; vhc, White. CREST (8): 1, vhc, spl, Symons, well-known even-marked, noted winner, capital centre, neat droop and even radiation, dense feather of nice quality; 2, Davies, very heavy front, nice droop, not so much of it; 3, Rahey Bros., nice shaped Crest, good centre, not quite so densely feathered; res, hc, Bellman, big spreading crest, needs a bit more droop; c, Lee. CRESTBRED (9): 1, 3, Menadue, green and a variegated, two grand shaped birds, with hoods well covered with long, dense feather, plenty of body feather if nice quality, the latter looked like a hen, if so, she is a gem; 2, vhc, Symons, cap and wing marked, very heavily feathered, not quite so much substance of skull; res, Lee, nicely feathered green, not so wide in entrance; hc, c, Davies. CINNAMON (8): 1, vhc, c, spl, Medlin, grand, even, sound coloured yellow, splendid head, good back and thighs, full of quality, a Cinnamon all over; 2, 3, Burton, another beautiful yellow, rare quality and colour, nice body shape, but lacks the grand head of the winner; 3, fine, big buff, of splendid colour, needs tightening up; res, hc, Trerise. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Thomas, grand shape, close, tight-fitting jacket stands like a soldier, a typical Yorkie; 2, Pincombe, more colour, grand quality, and fit of feather, stands well, but does not use tail quite so nicely; 3, Webb, very warm in colour, grand feather, not quite so nicely tapered; res, Symons; c, Wills. BUFF (13): 1, res, c, spl, Thomas, splendid shape and carriage, very tight and silky in feather, full of nerve; 2, Wills, greater depth of colour, beautiful silky feather, not quite so finely drawn; 3, Symons, good head, shoulders and back, capital feather and style, trifle thick in waist; vhc, Opie; hc, Richards. TICKED, ETC. (10): 1, Pincombe, eye and wing Cinnamon-ticked, a real gem, his clothes fit him like a suit of silk tights, he is full of colour, and has all the swagger and style of a guardsman, a really good Yorkie, and quite the best bird in the section; 2, vhc, hc, spl, Thomas, head, neck and wing ticked buff, beautiful shape and quality, nice style, but like all the birds from this stud, not over-done with colour, still colour is a minor point in a Yorkie; 3, Boak, heavily-marked yellow, grand, racy bird of capital shape, quality and style; res, Lobb; c, Webb. HEN (9): 1, vhc, hc, Thomas, slim, smart yellow, deceitful young thing, deceived her owner and the judge, but an exhibitor had had his eye on her, caught her vocalising, gave information to the authorities, and she lost her character, consequently the rest move up a peg; 2, Wills, cheek-ticked buff, grand shape and style, but needed a wash; 3, Webb, nicely modelled buff, good feather, very pale in colour, and needs handling; res, Menadue; c, Lobb. SCOTS (5): 1, 2, 3, res, spl, Biddick, hot yellow; 2nd, foul-cheeked buff, two grand birds, which bring their heads well down, and griping the perch hard, bring their tails well under, plenty of top-end, and full of nerve; 3rd, yellow, nice nerve and length of side, but like many others carries its head a bit too high; vhc, Richards. PAIRS (10): 1, spl, Lee, green Crest, and clear Crestbred, well matched, useful pair of birds; 2, White, very shapely, high quality Norwich; 3, Coad, again good useful Norwich; res, Thomas; vhc, Climas; hc, Biddich; c, Pincombe. MULES, LIGHT (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Collins, noted team, oft described, put down in a condition reflecting the highest credit on their enthusiastic owner; res, Gaved; hc, Lowry. DARK (6): 1, 2, res, hc, spl, Collins, hot Greenfinch-Bullfinch, rare shape and feather, capital colour; 2nd, Gold-Greenfinch, grand shape, colour and quality; res, Linnet-Bullfinch, beautifully marked, grand colour and feather, a really fine team, and put down in good form; 3, Gaved, very nicely marked Siskin-Greenfinch, shows his parentage well, capital feather and colour; vhc, Furneaux, very high quality, nice shape, rich coloured Jonque Greenfinch-Canary. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Miss Giles, very rich, deep coloured square-cut blaze, nice bright body colour, good buttons, capital bars, very steady; 2, Chinn, blaze if anything rather larger but not quite so clean and evenly cut, grand body, beautiful bars, and very steady; 3, Webb, smaller in blaze, but a real beauty for general colour, smartness and quality; res, Burton, splendid head, nice buttons, beautiful chest, rather pale in bars; hc, Veale and Pond; c, Gaved. BULLFINCH (17): 1, vhc, Jordan, not the richest in breast colouring, but very clean and bright in both cap and breast, lovely back and bars, in perfect feather; 2, Oatey, beautiful, rich coloured breast, nice glossy cap, but not so deeply cut, capital back and good wings; 3, Anstiss, very deep, dark coloured breast, nice glossy cap, good tight feather, not so delicate in his mauve; res, White, grand colour and shape, not quite so steady; hc, Tippitt; c, Burton. A.O.V. FINCH, ETC (16): 1, vhc, Jordan, very large and beautifully marked Chaffinch, splendid crest, very steady, not up in breast colour yet, but in perfect feather condition; 2, res, spl, Collins, very rich, lustrous coloured Bramblefinch, grandly spangled, nice shape, and in rare feather; res, nicely marked yellow Bunting, good, natural colour, splendid back and rump colour, good tail; 3, Webb, sweet little Linnet, grandly marked, nice rich colour, very steady and in good feather; hc, Langdon; c, Neale and Pond; wrong class 190, Miss Giles, a Goldfinch. A.O.V. SMALL (8): 1, 2, res, spl, Thompson, the leaders a very handsome Wryneck and a charming Blackcap, both very nicely marked, and in good feather; 3, Pellew, large, well marked, sound coloured Skylark, in nice feather; vhc, Climas; hc, Harris; c, Painter. LARGE (11): 1, Thompson, very handsome Chough, rich, deep, brilliant colour, capital beak, good eye; 2, 3, Veale and Pond, rich, lustrous coloured Magpie, very clean-cut in his marking, and a very nicely marked Jay of good size and feather; res, Mitchell; hc, Pellew; c, Anstiss. SELL (20/-) (13): 1, vhc, Thomas; 2, Carbis; 3, Johnson; res, White; vhc, Ferrell, Symons, Lee; hc, Coad. (10/-): 1, Roberts; 2, Ferrell; 3, Collins; res, Robey Bros; vhc, Thomas, Biddick; hc, Coad, Lobb.

GRANTHAM.

The annual radius show in connection with the Grantham and Dis. F.A. took place on December 14th, when some very good specimens were staged in the cage bird section. Norwich and British were excellent in quality. The committee worked hard and well, and the arrangements under their direction were admirable; great credit is reflected on them.

NOR. (6): 1, Dale; 2, vhc, Jackson; 3, Mackinder; 4, Mrs. Wilkinson; hc, Smith. YORKS. (2): 1, Hedworth; 2, Musson. NAT. COL. (7): 1, 4, hc, Ratcliff; 2, Hedworth; 3, Musson; vhc, Smith; c, Kirkham. NAT. COL. (6): 1, 2, Ratcliff; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Kirkham. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Hedworth; 2, Millhouse; 3, Mackinder; 4, Dale. A.O.V. (3): 1, Hedworth; 2, 3, Mackinder. SELL. (4): 1, Hedworth; 2, Ratcliff; 3, 4, Sneath. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Hedworth; 2, 3, Dale.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

A nice little show, promoted by the High Wycombe Fanciers' Association, and confined to a radius of twenty miles, was held in the Oakley Memorial Drill Hall on December 27th. The birds were staged on top of the pigeons, and their wants well attended to by the committee. Mr. S. C Pearce again acted as hon. secretary, and his urbanity, coupled with his great experience, led to the arrangements being carried out in a most effective manner. The special for the best Canary fell to a very nice buff Norwich shown by Mr. Ineb, of Aylesbury, who was making his debut as an exhibitor. The British were a very smart lot indeed, Goldfinches and Greenfinches being particularly nice. The special for the best British fell to a grand coloured Blackbird shown by Mr. Stone. A good number of visitors attended the show, and there was every indication of its being a success. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (5): 1, Spring, very slim racy yellow, wing ticked, stands well, and is nicely feathered; 2, 4, vhc, King, neatly feathered buff, of nice shape and carriage; 3, Miss Stevens, a longer yellow of good carriage, but a trifle slack in feather. NOR. (8): 1, hc, spl, Inch, nice shaped buff, beautifully frosted on a rich ground colour, very tight in feather; 2, 3, Wood, very nice bodied yellow, rich colour and good quality, and a grizzle-shouldered buff of grand quality and nice shape; 4, vhc, Spring, very neat bodied, close feathered buff; c, Austin. MULES (5): 1, spl, Fullbrook, nice shapely variegated buff, beautiful quality, rich colour, in rare form; 2, Wood, nice tight-feathered dark Goldie, good shape and size; 3, Smith, another nice close-feathered variegated; 4, vhc, Spring. BRIT. GOLD. (7): 1, 3, Smith, 1st very bright and rich in his colour, all through, large well-cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 3rd, splendid colour, not so large in blaze; 2, vhc, Fullbrook, large, deep cut blaze of rare colour, good feather and size; 4, Pearce; hc, Wood. BULL. (4): 1, Fullbrook, rich bright breast, nice glossy cap, rare shape and feather; 2, 3, Wood, nice shape and size, neat caps and good breasts; 4, Smith. GREEN (5): 1, Fullbrook, very rich body colour, splendid wings and tail, very steady, and in rare condition; 2, Smith, grand colour, shape and feather, hardly so much of him; 3, Wood, magnificent colour, nice shape and style, but needs steadying; 4, Pearce; vhc, Manders. LINNET (5): 1, Fullbrook, capital shape, very steady, beautifully marked, nice colour and feather; 2, Pearson, nicely marked, good colour, shape and feather, rather wild; 3, Moody, shapely and well feathered, nice markings; 4, Manders; vhc, Smith. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, best British, Stone, large, tight-feathered, grand-shaped Blackbird, capital colour and good beak; 2, Fullbrook, the Reading winning Crossbill, in good order; 3, Beeson, nicely marked, good-coloured Siskin of compact feather; 4, vhc, Bailey. SELL. 5/6 (4): 1, Miss Stevens; 2, Pearce; 3, W. Spring; 4, H. Spring. GIFT (4): 1, spl, W. Spring; 2, Abbott; 3, Pearce; 4, H. Spring.

BAILDON (Yorks).

The annual open show was held on December 28th, in the Mechanics' Institute. The birds were nicely staged down the centre of the room, and with plenty of light. Judging was over in good time, and the secretary, Mr. Dobson, who is to be congratulated on his successful management of the show, had the cards up immediately after the slips went in. The stewarding was in the able hands of Messrs. J. Pickard, W. Anverton and F. Jagger. Entries came fairly well, considering it was Christmas week, and averaged nearly 16 per class. A good number of visitors too, attended, and we think the show may be considered a success in every respect. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl. for best in show, Ambler, well-known in grand order, neat head, wing and tail carriage, fine shape and length; 2, Cooper, fine shape, another long, shapely York, good wings, well on leg; vhc, Priestley; hc, Ross and Robertshaw; c, Walsh. BUFF (11): 1, Long, neat head, wings well braced, nice tail, smooth as a glass bottle, good colour, takes special for 2nd best shown by a member; 2, Hodgson, slim, smart, stylish bird, nice feather; 3, Mountain, nice style and shape; vhc, Ambler; hc, Rhodes; c, Drake. TICKED, ETC., YELL (8): 1, Murgatroyd and Son, marked eyes and one wing, lovely colour and quality, nice shape, colour and position, easy win; 2, 3, Wilson, cheek and wing ticked, nicely drawn, fine length and carriage; 3rd, good in feather, nice wing carriage; vhc, Cooper, nice shape and feather; hc, Drake; c, W. Walsh. BUFF (11): 1, Ambler, grizzled shoulder, good build all through, neat wing and tail carriage, in fine condition; 2, Wilson, ticked head, very slim, grand carriage and feather; 3, Ickeringhill, fine size, feather, colour and length, marked head and wings; vhc, Murgatroyd and Son; hc, Chew and Stoke; c, Drake. HEN YELL. (15): 1, vhc, Wilson, long, well shaped hen, nice head, wing and tail carriage, good in feather and style; 2, Hodgson, cheek ticked, nice, slim, compact hen, fine quality and style; 3, Rhodes, ticked back of head, nicely drawn, neat feather and carriage, close up; hc, Ross and Robertshaw; c, Long. BUFF (16): 1, Wilson, feathered, smooth as glass, beautiful shape and carriage, grand head, back, wings and tail, wins; 2, Bentley, neat shape, pale in colour, capital style and feather; 3, Smith and Sharpe, long, straight, well-built hen, fine quality and shape; vhc, Drake; hc, Cooper; c, Stewart. UNFLI. YELL. (16): 1, spl, for best unfli in show, Spencer, long, narrow bird, wonderfully shaped, grand head, neck well filled, wings well braced, nice pipe tail, feather and colour A1; 2, spl, best members' bird, long wing ticked, Harrogate winner, well built all through, grand youngster; 3, Murgatroyd and Son, nice shape, good feather, neat wings and tail, should make a good one next time; vhc, Ambler; hc, Wilson; c, Broadley. BUFF (17): 1, c, Long, head tick, nice, slim, typical bird, neat feather, good style wings; 2, Cooper, fine shape and feather; 3, Ross and Robertshaw, wing ticked, well on leg, nice wing carriage, good in feather, close up; vhc, W. Walsh; hc, Ambler. A.O.V. (11): 1, vhc, spl. for 2nd best bird in show, Leigh, leader Greenic-Bullie, fine shape, colour and condition, latter well-known, yellow-marked Goldfinch and Canary fine size and colour; 2, 3, Ward, leader Redpoll-Bullfinch, nice condition, fine colour showing both parents well, fine exhibit; 3rd, grand Linnet and Bullfinch, fine size, colour and condition; all three fine specimens of their respective crosses; hc, Hodgson; c, Alderson. SELL. (15/-) (18): 1, M. Alderson; 2, Smith and Sharpe; 3, W. Alderson; vhc, W. Walsh; hc, Ickeringhill; c, Ambler. HENS (12/6) (13): 1, Ickeringhill; 2, Smith and Sharpe; 3, Ambler; vhc, hc, W. Alderson; c, Hodgson. NOVICE YELL. (22): 1, c, M. Alderson, long, fine drawn bird, grand legs, nice head and wing carriage, staged in first-class style; 2, Sowden, cap ticked, nice, narrow-built bird, grand length and shape; 3, hc, Gill, long, fine shaped bird; vhc Mitchell. BUFF (19): 1, Jeffrey, clear, medium-size, grand head, fine shape, capital feather and wing carriage; 2, Wood, grand head, back, wiugs and tail, fine position; 3, Leach, grand length and feather; vhc, Hudson and Dawson; hc, Mitchell; c, Drake. HEN (16): J. Oliver, cap and neck-ticked yellow, nice, racy hen, of good feather and carriage; 2, Walker, grand feather and shape, full of quality, good type; 3, W. Alderson, yellow, nice shape and feather; vhc, Halliday and Armstrong; hc, Chippindale; c, Crossland.

NOTTINGHAM PERMANENT O.S.

The Nottingham Permanent O.S., an old-established society, held its annual show on Dec. 26th. It was a great success and the officers of the society are to be congratulated. The President is Mr. F. Cooke, the Vice-President, Mr. C. Wayte. The committee consists of the following:—Messrs. G. Hill, J. Wood, J. Birch, E. Houseley, J. Pick, J. Bowers, T. Whyler, and H. Davis. The entries were hardly up to the average, but some beautiful birds were staged, both in Norwich Plainheads and Crests. Some of the latter are exceptionally good exhibits, and not a bad bird was staged. There were also some very cheap birds in the selling classes and some of them were quickly claimed. Mr. George Clay is a courteous and obliging secretary, and one of the right sort. Mr. J. H. Scothern placed the cards and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hill, 1, young bird, beautiful type, carriage and colour, 2 similar bird; 3, Birch, really good bird. BUFF: 1, 2, Birch, 1 very good typical Nor., wins easy, 2 young hird; 3, Hill, big, bold bird, very good for stock. TICK., ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Paling, 1, mkd. one eye, and one wing, red hot colour, good one, 2 mkd. neck and wing, good head and colour; 3, vhc, Hill, 3 mkd. wing and neck, young bird; hc, Birch. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Birch, 1 mkd. head and wing, very good colour, real Nor., wins well; 2, 3, Hill, 2 ticked eye, good stamp Nor., full of quality, 3 mkd. head and wings, similar to 2. UNFLI., BRED 1907: 1, Paling, marked neck and wings, good bold youngster; 2, vhc, Hill, 2 clear yellow, good colour, bold, young bird; 3, hc, Birch, 3 yellow marked, eye and wings, good Nor. type. NOR. HENS A.V.: 1, 3, Hill, 1 clear, yellow, grand type and quality, well known winner, 3, unfli. buff, grand hen; 2, Paling, buff, good quality and carriage, very fine hen; vhc, hc, Birch. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, Hill, 1 buff marked cock and yellow hen, the right type, 2 clear yellow cock and buff green hen, two real good Nor.; 3, hc, Birch, 3, buff mkd. cock, clear yell. hen, very good pair of birds; vhc, Paling. CRESTS, DARK YELL.: 1, vhc, Oniou, 1 heavy variegd. hen, beautiful large radiated crest, well known winner; 2, Bent, similar colour to winner; 3, Bowers, heavy variegd. hen, nice quality and droop. BUFF CK.: 1, Good, wing mkd. dark Crest, large, well known winner; 2, 3, Bowers, 2, green, large, good crest and droop, 3, wing marked, beautiful crest and quality; vhc, Richardson. LIGHT: 1, Wood, large hen, grand feather and quality; 2, Pick, grand neat crest, grand feather and quality; 3, Onion, large, beautiful quality and droop, a real good one. CREST HENS: 1, Wood, green, grand crest and droop, easy win; 2, 3, Davis, 2, another green, grand quality, feather and crest, beautiful hen, 3 clear body, D.C., nice hen; vhc, Greensmith. YELL. CRESTBRED CK.: 1, Bowers, heavy variegd., massive good type and quality, wins well; 2, Goode, marked on back and wings, large grand Crestbred. BUFF: 1, 2, Davis, 1 heavy variegd., large, good feather, real topper, 2 all clear, large good cock; 3, Goode, heavy variegd., another grand specimen; vhc, Bowers; hc, Wood. C.B. HENS: 1, Goode, green, grand Nor. type, carries an enormous quantity of feather; 2, Davis, another green, grand hen, not a deal to choose between two; 3, Wood, all clear, very large, good feather and quality, nice exhibit; vhc, Greensmith. STOCK PAIRS (for crest breeding): 1, Goode, heavy varieg., yellow cock and green Crest hen, nice pair of birds, well matched; 2, Richardson, lightly marked Crestbred buff cock, and similar marked D.C. hen, also very nice pair; 3, Onion, all clear buff, C.B. cock and heavy varieg., D.C. crest hen, grand pair of birds. UNFLI. CREST (bred 1907): 1, Goode, heavy varieg., D.C., grand type and quality; 2, Davis, clear body, D.C., grand Norwich type and quality; 3, Bowers, heavy variegd. D.C., nice feather and quality, beautiful hen; vhc, Bent. UNFLI. C.B. (bred 1907): 1, Coode, green, nice type and feather, fine young bird; 2, Bowers, another green, large, good feather; 3, Bent, heavy varieg., good size and feather; vhc, Davis; hc, Richardson; c, Pick. SELL. CREST 20/-: 1, Goode, green D.C., nice quality, cheap bird; 2, Wayte, heavy varieg. D.C., another cheap bird; 3, Wood, wing marked D.C., nice size and crest; vhc, Pick; hc, Birch. CRESTBRED 15/-: 1, Richardson; 2, Bowers; 3, J. Onion; vhc, A. Onion; hc, Goode; c, Pick. A.V. CAN., 10/6: 1, A. Onion; 2, 3, Wood; vhc, Bowers; hc, Onion; c, Pick. NOR., 10/-: 1, Birch; 2, Hill; vhc, c, Hill; c, Wayte. BRIT., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Goode, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Siskin, and Linnet.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Second Annual Members' Show was held in the Friendly Societies' Hall on December 26th, when 101 birds were staged. Many very fine exhibits were on view, especially in the Novice classes. The winning buff cock and buff hen, the property of Mr. J. H. Walker, were, a pair of real gems, staged to perfection, and should win on many occasions in good company. Mr. W. Mundell judged, and gave every satisfaction. His awards were as follows:—

YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL: 1, 3, vhc, Barnwell; 2, Brown; 4, Hewson. BUFF: 1, 3, Hewson; 2, Brown; 4, vhc, Barnwell. HENS: 1, 2, Duncan, junr.; 3, vhc, Brown; 4, c, Barnwell; hc, Hewson. UNFLI: 1, Hewson; 2, c, Duncan, junr.; 3, Head; 4, Brown; vhc, Veitch; hc, Moveley. CINN. MKD. CK: 1, Fergusson; 2, Brown; 3, Pullar; 4, Moveley; vhc, Barnwell. HENS: 1, Robinson; 2, vhc, Fergusson; 3, c, Duncan, junr.; 4, Moveley; hc, Barnwell. NOVICE A.V. YELL: 1, Robinson; 2, hc, Bennison; 3, Veitch; 4, Walker; vhc, Head; c, Pullan. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Robinson; 3, Veitch; 4, Head; vhc, hc, Pullan; c, Bennison. HENS: 1, Walker; 2, Fergusson; 3, Veitch; 4, hc, Bennison; vhc, Head; c, Pullan. NOR: 1, c, Barnwell; 2, Ascough; 3, Lamb; 4, hc, Gregg; vhc Carline. SELL. (12/6): 1, hc, Gill; 2, Duncan, junr.; 3, Hewson; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Head; c, Barnwell. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 4, vhc, Duncan, junr.; 2, 3, Lamb. BRIT: 1, 2, hc, Duncan, junr.; 3, 4, Lealman; vhc, Gregg; c, Barnwell.

BRADFORD WEST.

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Mr. Mundell's Classes.

YORKS., STOCK BIRDS, LIMIT (£6) (15): 1, Ingham, yellow, slim, well on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, position, etc.; 2, Reed, buff, rich colour, silky feather, long flights and tail, good head, nice position; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, yellow, long flights and tail, good head, stands well; 4, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, buff, full of quality, grand position, good wings and tail; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Wood; c, Drake. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Woodhall, blaze of colour, good head, clean on breast, grand wing carriage, full of quality; 2, Hirst, rich colour, correct type, good wings and tail, well filled in neck, nice quality; 3, Bailey and Wilkinson, rare bird for Norwich type, full of quality, nicely fed; 4, S. Wilcock, short and chubby, full of quality; vhc, Bailey; hc, Waters; c, J. Wilcock. BUFF (9): 1, Bailey, rich colour, full of quality, correct type, good head and chest, grand wings and tail; 2, Bailey and Wilkinson, wing marked, blaze of colour, good head and chest, nice quality; 3, Waters, good large bird, full of quality, rich colour, bit horny; 4, J. Wilcock, good head and neck; vhc, Townend; hc, S. Wilcock; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. UNFLI. (15): 1, spl for best Norwich, Hirst, full of quality, good head, wings and tail, correct type, rich-coloured buff; 2, vhc, Waters, 2nd yellow, short chubby bird, full of quality, nicely fed; 3, Booth, buff, very mealy, nice type, short wings and tail; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, yellow, full of quality, blaze of colour; hc, Halliday; c, Scargill. HENS (13): 1, Bailey, buff, rich colour, full of quality, neat head, clean on chest, short wings and tail; 2, Thackray, wing ticked buff, grand type, good head and chest, showing plenty of quality; 3, 4, Greenwood and Pickles, 3rd yell.; 4th buff, very typical, and full of quality; vhc, Hirst; hc, Booth; c, Cowgill. A.O.V. CAN., ETC. (15): 1, 2, Leigh, 1st Greenie Bullie, a gem, grand colour, very steady, shown in the pink of condition; 2nd, Goldfinch Canary, yellow, good size and quality; 3, vhc, Ward, 3rd Linnet Bullie, grand bird, in the pink of condition; vhc, Redpoll and Bullfinch, little gem; 4, Radley, good crested Nor.; hc, Cowgill; c, Axe, one of the best classes we have seen, several birds left cardless which can win in own class. SELL, 20/- (14): 1, Cowgill, yell. uneven marked Yorks., well on leg, quickly claimed; 2, Wilcock, cinn. mark. Yorks.; 3, Axe; 4, Edmondson; vhc, Slater; hc, Crossland; c, Rev. T. W. Millar. 12/6 HENS (16): 1, Pollitt; 2, Holmes; 3, vhc, Buckle; 4, Axe; hc, Thackray; c, Bennett. 15/- (22): 1, Padgett; 2, Lister; 3, Cowgill; 4, Clark; vhc, Slater; hc, Axe; c, Lane. LINNETS (11): 1, 4, Walsh, 1st nice Nor. type, rich nut-brown, nicely pencilled, in the pink of condition, very steady, a gem; 4th very stylish; 2, Hirst, nice colour and pencilling, very steady, well shown; 3, Duncan, fine bird, good chest, nicely marked, rich colour; vhc, Cowgill; hc, Atkinson; c, Wallbank. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, 2, Chick, 1st Hawfluch, a gem, rich colour, marked to perfection; 2, Bramble, grand size, beautifully marked, very steady, in the pink of condition; 3, Walsh, Yellow Bunting, rich colour, grand markings, very steady, shown well; 4, Duncan, Goldie, grand blaze and buttons; vhc, Walsh; hc, Axe; c, Hirst. SOFT-BILLS (6): 1, vhc, hc, Mason, 1st Grey Wagtail, real gem, wins; 2, 3, Walsh, Wryneck and Wagtail, two grand exhibits, shown well; 4, Axe, Song Thrush. GIFT CLASS (8): 1, Cowgill; 2, Cooper; 3, Lister; 4, Wallbank; vhc, Tuner; hc, Clegg; c, Ambler.

HUDDERSFIELD.

The annual open show of the Huddersfield O.S. was held in the Primitive Methodist School Room, on Dec. 28th. The room is a good one for a show, and is quite central, being only one minute from the station. Only the meagre entry of 317 put in an appearance in the 25 classes provided, giving an average of short of 13 per class, due probably to the Christmas holiday. But cheer up! fanciers of Huddersfield, you will come up to a good date next year. The management is all that could be desired, the secretary, Mr. S. Lodge, knowing what is required, and he has an excellent under-study in Mr. W. L. Biler. These two worthies, to whom very great credit is due, were well backed up in their endeavours by Mr. W. Gledhill (President), Mr. G. Cartwright (vice-president), and Messrs. Lawford, Haigh and Morris, as stewards. The placing of the cards was in the hands of Mr. J. Dawson (Gt. Horton), for the Yorkshire section, and Mr. Geo. Levell (Huddersfield) for the Norwich section.

Open Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, spl, Ogden Bros, grand type and quality, stylish; 2, Bailey and Swanger, long, slim, well drawn bird, nice shape and quality; 3, Radley, good length, shape and quality, well up on legs; 4, Armstrong, grand shape, style and quality; vhc, Waring; hc, Towers; c, Haigh. BUFF (10): 1, 3, spl, Shackleton, winner nice type and position, good quality; 3, long, grand shape and style, rich quality and colour, many thought should have won; 2, Moorhouse, strong, grand position and style; 4, vhc, Bailey rich colour; hc, Towers; c, Dyson. TICKED, ETC, YELL. (14): 1, Walsh, unfit, lengthy, good shape and position, plenty of colour and nice quality; 2, 3, spl, Shackleton, grand length, shapely, nice quality and colour, well up in position; 3rd, nice shape and style; 4, Peel, neat shape and style, good quality; vhc, Bray and Charlesworth; hc, Longbottom; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (13): 1, Bailey and Swanger, noted ticked wing bird, grand shape, quality, style and colour, oft described; 2, 3, spl, Shackleton, well drawn ont, grand shape and position; 3rd extra good position shapely nice quality and colour; 4, Radley, another good positioned bird, grand shape, style and quality; vhc, hc, Bray and Charlesworth; c, Haigh. YELL. HEN (12): 1, vhc, spl, Shackleton, long, raking hen, grand position; 2, Peel, grand shape, quality and position, very compact; 3, Radley, tick wing, grand quality, true Yorkie type, well drawn out; 4, Helliwell, grand type, quality and style; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Walsh. BUFF (15): 1, vhc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, good shape, nice position, feathered like wax, grand head and back; 2, Walsh, rich colour, shapely, good style, nice quality; 3, Radley, typical, grand quality, neat wing carriage; 4, Peel, good shape, style and quality; hc, Haigh; c, Bray and Charlesworth. CINN. TICK, ETC., YELL (13): 1, vhc, Hirst, lengthy, good position, plenty of leg, looks over-shown; 2, 3, spl, Cooper, slim, good shape, leggy, neat quality; 3rd, stylish; 4, spl. for best 4th, Ogden Bros, hot colour, grand position, shapely, nice quality; hc, Bray and Charlesworth; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (7): 1, 2, c, spl, Ogden Bros, plenty of size, grand shape) and quality, well up in position; 2nd, all there for position, nice quality; 3, Lawford and Son, lovely position and quality; 4, Towers, nice shape, good back and wings; vhc, Waring; hc, Hirst. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 2, spl, Wilcock, grand type and position, lovely quality, looks well; 2nd, extra quality and style; 3, Cooper, grand shape, good position; 4, hc, Mallinson and Son, well up in position; vhc, c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Armstrong, grand length, good position, excellent quality; 2, Longbottom, fine position; 3, Cook, typical, good position, nice quality; 4, spl. for best 4th in hen classes, Ogden Bros, good position, nice quality, grand back, wings and tail; vhc, Mallinson and Son; hc, Cooper; c, Blakey. NOR. CL. ETC., YELL. (14): 1, 2, 4, spl, Mallinson and Son, grand trio, winner fine size and substance, nice type, quality and colour; 4th, grand substance; 3, Eyre, good size and substance, nice colour and quality; vhc, Morris; hc, Wilcock; c, Lawford and Son. BUFF (11): 1, 2, spl, Mallinson and Son, extra size and substance, correct shape, all there for quality and colour; 2nd, nice shape, colour and quality; 3, Foxall, grand size and chesty; 4, Dearden, nice colour and quality; vhc, Eyre; hc, Woodhouse Bros; c, Moorhouse. YELL. HEN (8): 1, hc, spl, Mitchell, grizzled tail, grand size and shape, rich colour and quality; 2, Hirst, good, short, chubby bird, nice size and substance, neat quality; 3, Woodhouse Bros. grand quality, fine shape and substance; 4, c, Mallinson and Son, good chest, shapely, nice quality; vhc, Wilcock. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Hirst, good size and substance, rich quality and colour, very cobbily built; 2, Thackray, extra good substance and size, grand quality and colour, close up; 3, Mitchell, nice quality and colour; 4, Woodhouse Bros, correct shape, good quality and colour; vbc, Moss and Son; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Morris. UNFLI. (16): 1, spl, Foxall, buff, grand size, plenty of substance, chubby, lovely quality and colour; 2, Moorhouse, yellow, nice substance and quality, grand head; 3, Lawford and Son, buff, good size, neat quality, fine colour; 4, Eyre, good thick-set buff; vhc, Woodhouse Bros; hc, Morris; c, Radley. SELL. (15/6) (24): 1, spl, Mallinson and Son; 2, Eyre; 3, Mann; 4, Womersley; vhc, Miller; hc, Morris; c, Helliwell. HEN (12/6) (11): 1, spl, Woodhouse Bros; 2, Simpson; 3, Bray and Charlesworth; 4, Radley; vhc, Foxall; hc, Allen and Swaine; c, Brier.

Novice Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Ackroyd, grand length, extra shape, nice quality and style; 2, 4, spl, Chippindale, slim, well drawn bird, nice shape, quality and style, neat wing carriage, Bradford West winner; 4th, grand type and style, neat quality; 3 Wilson, grand colour and shapely; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Robertshaw; c, Stephenson. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Coates, grand type and position, stylish, extra colour and quality; 2, Frankland, good position, shape and quality, very clean at front; 3, Garside, good shape and position, nice quality and colour; 4, Robertshaw, neat shape, well drawn out, nice quality; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, A. Radley; c, M. Radley. TICK, ETC. (15): 1, Coates, yell, ticked, grand shape and style, lovely quality and colour, a gem; 2, 3, spl, Frankland, buff leading, lovely shape, quality and stand; 3rd, yellow, extra position, good shape and quality; 4, Mann, unevenly marked, good, long drawn bird, nice shape, quality and style; vhc, Lodge; hc, Drake and Son; c, Shaw Bros. CINN. TICK, ETC. (7): 1, Lodge, green marked buff, by some thought to be wrong class; 2, Ackroyd, nice shape, quality and style; 3, Townsend, grand shape and position; 4, Myers, plenty of size, good shape and quality; vhc, Frankland; hc, Shaw Bros; c, Miller. YELL. HEN (10): 1, spl, Townsend, neat type, grand position, good quality and colour, beautifully

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mooned; 2, Fitchell, lengthy, good shape and quality; 3, Miller, nice shape and quality, stylish; 4, Shaw Bros., ticked cheeks, grand shape and position, lovely quality; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Wilson; c, Shepherd. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Frankland, slim, correct type, stylish, extra quality; 2, Myers, very lengthy, grand shape and position, nice quality; 3, Drake and Son, shape and position good, fine quality; 4, Ackroyd, good size, neat shape, nice quality and colour; vhc, Allen and Swaine; hc, Townsend; c, Shepherd. NOR. CK. (17): 1, spl, Holmos, buff, nice size and substance, chubby, grand quality and colour; 2, Mottram, good size and substance for yellow, nice quality and colour; 3, c, Clifford, buff, size and substance good, nice quality, beautifully frosted, rich colour; 4, Lockwood, uneven marked yellow, nice, chubby bird, good colour and quality; vhc, Quarmby; hc, Miller. HEN (15): 1, Mottram, grand shaped yellow, of lovely quality and colour; 2, Lloyd, buff, grand substance, typical, nicely mealed; 3, vhc, spl, Hammond, grand chest, very typical, lovely quality; 4, Lockwood; hc, c, Holmes.

CROOK.

Annual show in connection with the Crook and Dis. C.B.S., was held on Dec. 28th in Mechanics' Hall, Crook. The entries came up fairly well considering the time of the year. The Norwich and Yorkshires did not come up as well as was expected, but the quality was uever better. Mr. Harland won special for best in show, with a grand Norwich. Mr. H. Wilson took Sandiford's for hottest moulted. The British classes were excellent, and many well known faces had to take a step down for the new ones. Messrs. Rutherford and Bright won gold centre silver medal for best members' British, and silver medal for most points throughout show. The bad weather spoiled the gate a lot; it was snowing nearly all the afternoon. There is a good working committee, who had the hall cleared and all the exhibits on rail by 7 p.m. Mr. Brunskill judged, and a hard task he had to separate some of the birds, especially in the A.O.V. classes, but he got through his work well, and we heard no grumbling. Mr. W. Rutherford makes a capital secretary, being both efficient and courteous.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Sandiford's medal, Wilson; 2, 4, Wake and Carr; 3, Harland; vhc, Pickering and Wright; hc, Rutherford's medal, Clough; c, Gregor. BUFF (7): 1, spl best in show, Harland; 2, Toward and Aters; 3, Carter; 4, vhc, Wake and Carr; hc, Slack; c, Rutherford and Bright. BRED 1907 (7): 1, 4, Wake and Carr; 2, Pickering and Wright; 3, c, H. Wilson; vhc, Siddle and Dawson; hc, Crossling. NAT. COL. (6): 1, 3, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Clough; 4, Crosier Bros; vbc, Oyston Bros. YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 4, Cuthbertson; 2, 3, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Wilkinson. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Carter; 4, Wilkinson; vhc Rutherford and Bright; hc, Elliott. BRED 1907 (10): 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Ellwood; 4, Carter; vhc, Elliott; hc, Wilkinson; c, Rutherford and Bright. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD (15): 1, Todd and Son; 2, Toward and Aters; 3, Gardner; 4, Ollver; vhc, hc, Rutherford and Bright; c, Siddle and Dawson. GIFT (1): 1, Clough. SELL. (15/-) (10): 1, Siddle and Dawson; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, Ellwood; 4, Wilson; vhc, Nelson; hc, Gardner; c, Harland. (10/-): 1, 3, Wilson; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 4, Slack; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Ellwood. BRIT. GOLDIE (8): 1, Simpson; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Coffey; vhc, Harris; bc, Dobinson; c, Bainbridge. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Coffey; 2, Wake and Carr; 3, Dobinson; 4, Purvis; vhc, Robinson; hc, Lister; c, Wailes. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, Coffey; 2, Mogic; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 4, J. Rutherford; hc, Wake and Carr; c, Toward and Aters. GREENFINCH, ETC. (18): 1, Carter; 2, Reeks; 3, Foster; 4, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Dobinson; hc, Carson; c, Brown. SISKIN, ETC (9): 1, Todd and Son; 2, Coffey; 3, Foster; 4, Reeks; vhc, Robinson; hc, Clough; c, Dobinson. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Nightingale; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 4, vhc, Foster; hc, Robinson and Dixon. MEMBERS' CLASSES CAN. A.V. (12): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Aters; c, Hemmingway. BRIT A.S. (8): 1, medal for best Brit; 2, medal for most points; 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, J. Rutherford; vhc, Carson; hc, c, Clough. NOVICE CAN. A.V. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Clough; 2, c, Hemmingway; 4, Musgrave; hc, J. Rutherford.

DENHOLME AND THORNTON.

This society held a members' show on Dec. 28. This show was the last of the season, and great interest was taken in it, as it was the show that had to decide who should hold the members' cup for the next twelve months. The champion classes were not well patronised, and the novices agreed to let them enter their birds in their classes, and the interest was all the keener. The coveted trophy was carried off by Mr. Arthur Ingham, a novice who has just taken up the Fancy, gaining 32 points for three shows, the highest three winners counting for cup. Mr. Ingham also took special for most points in show. Mr. T. Murgatroyd made an excellent judge and placed the cards as follows:—

YORKS. ETC. YELL.: 1, Butterfield; 2, Burdin; 3, Moorhouse; 4, Ingham. BUFF: 1, Holdroyd; 2, 3, Burdin; 4, Clayton. ANY VAR.: 1, Holdroyd; 2, Kirk; 3, Ingham; 4, Moorhouse. A.V. YELL. HEN: 1, Ingham; 2, Holdroyd; 3, Ingham; 4, Butterfield. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Ingham; 4, Holdroyd.—F. W. TOMSETT, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

The above society held a grand members' show at the King's Head Hotel, on Dec. 26. 135 birds were staged and the specials were won by the following members: Messrs. Morris and Shackleton for best York. in show; Smith and Sharp for opposite sex; L. Booth for best Norwich; B. Waller for best bird in Novice classes; Smith and Sharp for most points in show; Middleton Bros. 2nd most points; M. Shackleton 3rd most points; T. Wilkinson and Son 4th most points. Mr. R. Halliday judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Wilkinson and Son; 2, Shackleton; 3, Judson. BUFF (10): 1, Wright; 2, White; 3, Wilkinson and Son. TKD., ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Morris and Shackleton; 2, Slater; 3, Middleton Bros. BUFF (14): 1, Booth; 2, Slater; 3, Heaton and Nicholson. YELL. HEN (22): 1, Shackleton; 2, Judson; 3, Booth. BUFF (19): 1, 3, Smith and Sharp; 2, Middleton Bros. FOUL MARK (6): 1, Wright; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Parkin. NOR. P.U. YELL. (1): 1, Booth. BUFF (2): 1, Booth; 2, Wilkinson and Son. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Booth. BUFF (2): 1, Booth; 2, Morris and Shackleton. GREEN YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wright. A.O.V. (5): 1, White; 2, Wilkinson and Son; 3, Bancroft and Dean. 12/6 SELL. (14): 1, Middleton Bros.; 2, Smith and Sharp; 3, Ferguson. YORKS. NOVICE (6): 1, Waller; 2, Procter; 3, Pickles. HEN (5): 1, Waller; 2, 3, Pickles.—WM. WRIGHT, Sec.

PWLLHELI.

Pwllhell and District held their annual open show (confined to Wales) on Dec. 26th, in the Town Hall. This hall is very central and beautifully lit from sides and top, is free from draughts and is well adapted for the purpose. There was a good entry in the cage bird section, about 200 in 15 classes. The Norwich Crest and Yorkshire classes brought out some very good specimens The Borders were a treat, some real beautics being shown. In the British section some real gems were to be seen, especially in the Goldfinch class with an entry of 27, almost every bird fit to show in the keenest company. Mr. W. H. Davies, the Secretary, assisted by a very willing hand of stewards, had everything well in hand and deserves great praise for his able management. The judging was over and the cards were up in good time. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged.

NOR. (11): 1, vhc, Jones and Owen, good head and chest, well filled back and neck, cobby, of good quality; 2, 4, E. J. Jones, both good specimens; 3, E. R. Roberts, good quality and feather, sound colour; hc, W. H. Williams; c, R. R. Jones. CREST OR C.B. (11): 1, c, W. H. Jones, leader, green, nice centre, and droop; 2, 3, E J. Jones, 2, Crestbred, nice substance, head well clothed, 3 another nice Crest; 4, vhc, Cowell, Crest. YORKS. BUFF (17): 1, W. and R. Jones, good length, and colour, nice quality, well drawn; 2, W. H. Jones, similar to winner; 3, c, Evans, nice shape and feather; 4, L. Hughes, very nice buff green, grand quality and colour; vhc, W. H. Williams; hc, E. R. Owen; Nos. 239 and 243 absent. YELL. (21): 1, c, W. H. Williams, 1 long, shapely rare colour and quality, good one; 2, Alf. Lewis, very smart yellow green, good colour and quality, feathered like wax; 3, Dorkins, good quality, well drawn; 4, hc, W. H. Jones, nice length and position; hc, Jones and Owen. BORD. FCY. BUFF (10): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, E R. Roberts, real good team, beautiful quality and type, staged to perfection; 2, c, L. Hughes, 2 good type and quality. YELL. (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, E. R. Roberts, another grand team, staged to perfection; 2, L. Hughes, real good one, grand quality, jaunty, very stylish, looks like a hen. MULE, ETC. (18): 1, Jackson, Linnet-Canary, good size and colour; 2, Thomas, Goldfinch-Canary, nice colour; 3, W. G. Jones, very similar; 4, Ford and Williams, close up; vhc, J. Williams; hc, Relf; c, J. Owen; No. 300 absent. BRIT. GOLD (27): A marvellous class; 1, Owen Roberts, grand blaze and moonings, rich colour, steady; 2, J. Williams, very difficult to separate from winner; 3, Jackson, nice blaze; 4, Owen Brothers, a good one; vhc, Forbes; hc, Relf; c, E. R. Owen. GREY PATE: 1, 2, Forbes, pair of real good ones, would have taken some beating in another class, steady as a rock; 3, Owen Jones, nice blaze; 4, vhc, hc, John Hughes; c, T. Owen. HARDBILL A.O.S. (11): 1, R. C. Forbes, Hawfinch, a real topper, in grand condition, takes special for best Brit.; 2, Nolan, Bullfinch, good feather and colour, steady; 3, Lloyd, Greenfinch, lovely colour and size, well shewn; 4, E. J. Jones, Bullfinch, in grand feather; vhc, Owens Brothers; hc, R. T. Williams; c, Alf. Owen. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, 4, T. Hughes, 1, Blackbird, in grand condition, 2 Thrush, also staged beautifully, 4 another Thrush, 3, Lark, very smart, nicely staged; vhc, Davies; hc, E. R. Owen. FOR. (5). 1, Mrs. Griffiths, very nice Goldfinch, in good condition; 2, Roberts and Williams. Amazon Parrot, nice feather and condition, quite at home; 3, T. Frams, another good Parrot; 4, E. R. Owen, similar; 2, hc, W. Williams. CAN (Confined) (13): 1, spl, for best C.B., and spl for best Canary in the show: 1, R. Forbes, Norwich cinn., grand colour, type and quality, staged to perfection: 2, 4, vhc, Cowell, a team of nice Crests; 3, Dorkins, Yorks., nicely drawn, good position and colour; hc, Thomas; c, Miss S. J. Davies. SELL. (10/6) (9): 1, 2, E. J. Jones, good Norwich; 3, W. H. Jones, nice Yorks.; 4, R. W. Roberts; 2, hc, Dorkins; hc, Lewis; c, Owen Jones. GREENFINCH (7): 1, R. Lloyd, good colour, nice wings, well staged; 2, R. P. Williams, nice condition and steady; 3, Master W. Evans, good condition, well staged; 4, vhc, Alf. Owen, brace of very nice specimens; hc, Master Tom Cowell; No. 400, absent.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

The last of the season's members' shows was held on Boxing Day, at the Red House Inn. The successful competitors for the eight prizes at six shows were: F. Ludbrook, 95 points; S. Lingley, 79; P. Stansfield, 68; Wharton Bros., 53. Novice section: T. Fortnam, 55; F. W. Pollitt, 73; J. Horsfield, 43; W. Helliwell, 38. The prizes are of the value of 21/, 20/-, 10/-, 5/-, in each section, the guinea prize in each being the gift of Mr. A. Gill. Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster) placed the cards, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. TKD. ETC.: 1, vhc, Ludbrook; 2, Lingley; 3, 4, hc, c, Stansfield. CINN.: 1, 4, vhc, Lingley; 2, 3 Stansfield. STOCK: 1, 4, Lingley; 2, Ludbrook; 3, Stansfield. NOVICE CLASSES: TKD., ETC. YORKS: 1, vhc, Fortnam; 2, Hellewell; 3, Gill; 4, Bateman; hc, Rhodes; c, Plowright. CINN: 1, 2, 3, hc, Slater; 4, Rhodes; vhc, c, Pollitt. STOCK: 1, Hellewell; 2, Fortnam; 3, Rhodes; 4, hc, Plowright; vhc T. Brown; c, Horsfield. NOR. PL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, J. W. Holman; c, Fortnam. EXTRA CLASSES: CL.: 1, T. Brown; 2, Horsfield; 3, Fortnam; 4, Westcott. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Gill; 2, Lingley; 3, hc, Hellewell; 4, Pollitt; vhc, Holmes; c, F. Brown. BUFF: 1, Lingley; 2, F. Brown; 3, Pollitt; 4, T. Brown; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Edmondson; c, Holmes. SELL. (15/-): 1, F. Brown; 2, Gill; 3, Pollitt; 4, Lingley; vhc, hc, Holmes.—P. STANSFIELD, Secretary.

WEST BROMWICH.

The first annual open show in connection with the above newly formed society was held on Dec. 27, at the Dartmouth Hotel, and must rank as one of the best shows ever held in the district. No doubt its being held under C.B.U. Rules helped to swell the entries, which came up well in all sections. It also brought a lot of fanciers from the surrounding districts, amongst whom I noticed Messrs. Tonks, Howes and Osborne, Jones, Raybould, Machin, and Paddock, who all spoke well of the management. The exhibits were of exceptional merit. The Norwich and Yorkshires were aa very fine lot indeed, and Mules and British made a grand display. The foreign were also a very fine lot and the winner in this class was the now noted "King Bird of Paradise" shown by Mr. Williams; it ran a very tight race for best bird in show, being just beaten by a very fine Crest shown by Mr. Wilkins. The special for best British was won by Mr. Hingley with a grand Wryneck. Mr. Lees captured first in both the classes for Mules and Hybrids, with two very good birds, both well-known winners. In Mr. Duffield the society have a very hard working secretary, and one who does all he can for the success of the show, being backed up by a capable lot of stewards in Messrs. Viles, Palmer, Stevenson Smith, Lea, Carter and Plant. All worked like Trojans and cards were very quickly up. There were no less than 93 names which did not appear in catalogues, and which caused a lot of trouble to visitors and CAGE BIRDS reporter. No doubt they will remedy this another year. Mr. Russell judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, hc, Broadhurst, good varg., hot colour, nice chubby, good head and wing carriage, perfect; 2, Symond and Son, very fine clear, almost equal, grand pair; 3, Gwilliams, nice head and neck; vhc, Hall. BUFF (13): Another very hot class; 1, Gwilliam, ticked right wing, rare size and shape, lovely quality of feather, well put down; 2, 3, Symonds and Son, another grand pair, either might have been first, 2 grand clear, nearly perfect, 3 even marked, good colour, nice head, well filled in neck; vhc, hc, Broadhurst; c, Russell. SELL. 21/-: 1, Dipple; 2, Weaver; 3, Wells; vhc, Capewell. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, also spl best bird in show, Wilkins, var., dark crest leading good size and shape, dense feather, comes well over beak, nice centre, grand exhibit, 2 good buff Crestbred, grand skull, plenty head feather, both well put down; 3, Ingram, very nice even mark wings, dark crest; vhc, Wigginton; hc, Symonds and Son. YORKS. YELL. (16): 1, Burke, grand clear, rare length, nice style, good quality, tight as wax, wins; 2, Brotherton, another very fine clear, close on winner in good feather, takes perch well; 3, Wells, still another good clear, all three very fit; vhc, Paddock; hc, Millicamp; c, Jones. BUFF (16): 1, (no name), clear, good shape, nice quality, full of style; 2, Wells, another nice clear, good size and length; 3, Brotherton, nice size and shape, good head; vhc, Burke; hc, Jones; c, Burke. SELL. 21/- (13): 1, Burke; 2, 3, Howes; vhc, Sturgess; c, (no name). 10/6 (25): 1, Wells; 2, Whitaker; 3, Ingram; vhc, Wigginton; hc, Shade, Andrews; c, Key, Jones, Weaver, some good cheap birds in this class. A.O.V.: 1, Hellwell, very decent Belgium, nice action; 2, 3, Cowley, two very conditioned cinnamons, both good colour and quality, nicely shown, plenty of polish; vhc, Weaver; hc, Williams. MULES (13): Very fine class indeed; 1, 2, Lees, lovely wing marked yell., leading, grand colour and quality of feather, wins well, 2 very fine 4-pointed buff, shown in grand plumage, well worth its place; 3, Calbar, varg. buff, good condition, nice exhibit; vhc, Wells, nice Linnet, Mule, well known; hc, Tonks; c, Williams. HYBRIDS (7): 1, Lee, grand Linnet-Bullie, shows both parents well, good feather, nice body colour, wins; 2, Tonks, nice Goldie-Bullie, fine face; 3, Miss Thomas, very nice Goldie-Bullie; vhc, Tonks, good Goldie-Greenie, rare size, deserved its place; hc (no name). GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, Harris, grand Goldfinch, very wide, expansive blaze, good wing bars, nice buttons, well tanned, wins with plenty to spare; 2, 3, Osborne, Goldfinch, leading, nice size; 3, Bullfinch, good cap, nice bars; vhc, Tonks; c, Hingley. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, best British in show, Hingley, with very fine Wryneck, good size and markings, very steady, well shown; 2, 3, Williams, very fine Chough leading, in grand plumage, shone like satin, hard to separate; 3, Nightingale. HARDBILL (7): 1, Burrows, good Hawfinch, nice bib, good body colour; 2, Tonks, Yellowhammer, nice colour and markings, nicely shown; 3, vhc, Osborne, clinking Bramblefinch leading, followed by a very nice Chaffinch; hc, Garret; c, Tonks. FOR.: 1, and runner up for best bird in show, Williams, now noted "King Bird of Paradise," grand exhibit, tail just coming in; 2, 3, Jones, nice pair of Pekin Robins, leading, followed by a good Scarlet Tanager, in prime condition; vhc, Hingley, pair Gouldian Finches; hc, Miss Thomas; c, Miss Thomas. There was a nice collection of birds in the members' classes, which were well filled. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Viles, BUFF: 1, 3, Viles; 2, Russell. UNFLI.: 1, Carter; 2, 3, Russell. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, hc, Cooper; 2, vhc, c, Jennings. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Viles; vhc, Sturgess; hc, Stevenson. YORKS., YELL.: 1, vhc, Beck; 2, 3, c, Bayliss. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Sturgess; vhc, hc, c, Key. UNFLI.: 1, 3, 4, Palmer; 2, Bayliss. NOVICE A.V.P.H.: 1, 2, 3, (no name); vhc, hc, c, Jennings. MULES: 1, Tonks; 2 (no name); 3, Sturgess; vhc (no name); hc (no name); c, Palmer. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Carter; 2, Capewell; 3, Tonks. SOFTBILL: 1, Key; 2, Plant; 3 (no name). ROLLER SINGING: 1, Plant; 2, 3, vhc (no name).

OVER, WINSFORD (Cheshire.)

The Over, Winsford (Cheshire) and Dis. held their ninth annual open show on Boxing Day at the Black Bear Hotel Assembly Rooms. A strong committee, made up of genuine, good fanciers, carried out all the arrangements in the best possible style, and the unanimity of spirit prevailing allowed everything to pass in perfect harmony. It is good that with a somewhat small classification, and it being Boxing Day too, there was a fine display of real, good class exhibits. Christmas is a bad time to attempt to travel birds. Still, some very choice birds were sent from Longton, Hale, Newport (Salop), Crewe, Northwich, Middlewich, Nantwich, etc., whilst quite a number of Winsford and District fanciers patronised the show with a good entry. The British birds take pride of place here, and many very large shows would gloat over such classes as were to be seen here. Goldfinches were a real treat, and to such good class birds are not seen in one class every day. Each bird was very smart indeed, which means a lot. The Bullfinches were very good, and equal to those of an average show. Linnets, too, were excellent, and it was a treat to find 23 first class birds doing duty here. Merit ran very high and close, and it took a long time to divide them, for here it should be said that the judging had to be done between incandescent and day-light, such as could creep in at the side windows. The A.O.S. British saw some capital birds out, and the noted Newport Waxwing seemed first after a tough struggle with Mr. Weedall's excellent Redwing, whilst a splendid Greenfinch ran third. The Yorks. were not numerous, but some beauties were in the classes in fine form. The Norwich were very good, but they, too, did not care to travel in abundance at this season. The Canary Hybrid class contained a very mixed lot of both light and dark Hybrids, Messrs. J. D. Leigh, H. Tams, J. W. Weedall, H. Grime, J. W. Bower, and G. Robinson, all putting on view good specimens. Mr. F. Wigley, the hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Baker, the hon. secretary, handled the reins in a quiet, unostentatious manner, and got through their work with ease and satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged.

YORKS., CK. (6): Rule II applied here, hence 1st not awarded; 2, J. and E. Perry, most stylish yell., very tight feather right through, well up on legs, small neat head, full of nerve; 3, vhc, Boote, 3rd ticked nape and thigh, buff, very round body, nicely drawn out, neat head, good carriage, well up on legs, grand quality of feather; vhc, lovely shaped var. yell., good legs and stand; res, Brotherhood, very fine, thin, slim, typical, long drawn out bird, good erect stand, neat wings and tail carriage, and fine neat head, in sound condition; hc, E. Weedall, very long slim specimen; c, Tomkinson. HENS (5): Rule II again in force; 2, 3, Boote, yell and buff respectively, former most stylish lady, showing all essentials of a top sawyer, stand, shape, carriage and condition, fine as a wax model to-day, latter big buff hen, well up; r., E. Weedall, smart yellow, good contour; vhc, J. and E. Perry, very fine racy yellow, plenty leg, well up in body, nice on top; hc, Bennett, very high shoulders, straight up on perch. NOR. COCK (7): 1, 3, Crimes, 1st var. yell., very cobby shape, fine size, neat and full in feather all through, good clean head, compact wings; 3rd, ticked on left wing, a most compact type, clean as a cone through from head to tail, shown in grand feather and condition; 2, Grime, rare cobby big clear yellow, massive head, good shoulders and back, rich colour, smart in condition; r., J. and E. Perry, very neat in type; vhc, Perry, long bird; hc, c (no names). HENS (7): 1, Brotherhood, very prim, bouncing yellow hen, excellent shape, colour and feather, bold head, neatly carried wings and tail feathers; 2, vhc, T. Crimes, fine cobby buff, ticked on left ear or cheek, nice size, full of bloom and condition, very good above from head to tail; 3, Grime, long, big-headed yellow, nicely feathered, rich in colour, good body and condition tight; hc (no name); Mr. W. Spilsbury's birds were absent. CAN. HYB. (11): 1, 2, Leigh, lightly ticked yellow Gold-Canary, and dark yellow Greenfinch-Canary, both looking very well, in full colours, feather and condition; 3, Tams and Son, eye ticked, almost clear pale buff, very tight feather and condition, good as it is big; r., J. W. Weedall, bonny dark yell. Gold-Canary, rich colour, good shape, well put down in clean condition; vhc, Grime, very large dark Siskin Canary, bully shape, nice markings; hc, Bower, rather on the soft side to-day, yellow Goldie and Can.; c, Robinson, eye, wing and head marked, buff Gold-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): a smart lot, all in fighting fettle; 1, Bower, a very tight showy Finch, big, rich-coloured blaze, neat body, brown, nicely spread down chest and sides, good even moons and bars, silky feather; 2, E. Weedall, almost equal to 1st, and a real good conditioned bird, moons bars brown, neat; 3, Lawton, splendid body shape, Java-like feather, deep, well-defined blaze, nice moonings and bars, very little behind in richness of chestnut body colour; r, Bennett, very big face, fine body, looks like a hard nut to crack when in perfect dry condition; vhc, Tams and Son, fine drawn, rich in all colours, clean cut blaze, good moons and bars; hc, Kennerley, like and almost equal to vhc; c, Wigley. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Wigley, proper cobby body of good standard size, lovely shade of level blue colour on back, nice full breast, nice neat deep cap; 2, Davies, very massive head and cap, bold big shoulders and chest, bright clean colours right through, best of feather and condition; 3, J. W. Weedall, bonny bird, fine cap, wings and tail, good back colour, bread; vhc, Bradburn, fine shape, bit nervous; hc, Rogerson, very good sort of hen; c, Siddall, rare fine head and shoulders and chest. LINNET (23): great class for holiday time, and probably three sets of good-class birds; 1, Bower, real beauty to-day for size, colour and markings, very glossy in feather, tight in feather and condition, stands up bold and fearless, shows for all he is worth; 2, 3, Tams and Son, grand pair, hard to separate, former carried brighter and better colour and markings, both in tip-top condition; vhc, J. Taylor, very large, well-marked bird, in best of condition; hc, Crimes, facsimile of former; c, Clark, well put down, in condition, fine size, steady, nice shape, good markings. A.O.S. BRIT. (12): 1, Brotherhood, Waxwing, in beautiful form, feather and condition, very steady, well shown. Some were saying this gem was the lucky one to recently escape death from the owner's recent lamp accident in his bird room; 2, Weedall, magnificent, rich, bright-coloured Redwing, in perfect condition, runs right on heels of former for first place, real good one, takes spl for best members' C.B., and spl for best members' Brit. in show; 3, Bower, very grand-conditioned Greenfinch, nice shape and size, quite silky, and level as a die in feather and condition; r, Oliver and Blackburn, one of the clearest marked and prettiest feathered Reed Buntings one could wish to see; vhc, Grime, good-sized Bramblefinch, nice spanging; hc, Siddall, really smart Lesser Redpoll, in beautiful feather, colours and markings; c, Schofield, another good Greenfinch.

BROXBURN.

Broxburn and Dis. C.B.S. held their annual exhibition and competition on December 21st. The show, which was held in the Public Hall, was very attractive, as it included a grand entry of the various breeds provided for. Entries totalled about 300, which was considered very satisfactory. This is a fresh start for this society, it having been in abeyance for a few years. However, with the aid of some fresh blood in the shape of some keen and willing fanciers, we hope to see this society keeping well to the front rank as one of the best shows outside "Auld Reekie." The Norwich section was fairly well represented in numbers, while quality was very much in evidence, some well known winners being staged. Crossbreds were a grand lot, and the winner, belonging to Mr. G. Davis, is a bird of grand substance and feather, with a good head well cushioned. Piebaldheads were a fine lot, and Mr. A. Chalmers' clear yellow cock was a bird greatly admired. The hen classes had a few really good birds in them, very level throughout, and of fine quality and finish. The Border Fancy section came out in strong force, and here a run could be seen a deal of type and quality. Messrs. Duncan and Logan led off with a very fine Yellow cock. The Yellow hen class first was again captured by Mr. J. Patterson with his neat Yellow Pearl, who also scored several firsts, besides other honours, he having a splendid team here to compete for the points cup. Buff cocks were a very select lot, and the winner turned up in a grand specimen shown by Mr. J. S. Wilson, which also secured the B.F.C.C. medal, for which it was closely pressed by Messrs. Duncan and Logan's Yellow cock. Mules and Hybrids had some very valuable specimens in their classes, Mr. L. J. Arrighi, of British and Mule fame, securing 1st in light Mule or Hybrid class with a very fine uneven Goldie Canary. The Dark Mule or Hybrid class was a good one, Mr. J. Ross here scoring with his well-known Can. Bullie, shown in lovely feather and good colour. British were strong in numbers, and many of this season's winners were here. Goldfinch classes were the select ones of this lot; it must have taxed the judges not a little to separate some of them. Greenfinches also were a treat to see. The vice-president is Mr. P. Hutchison; treasurer, Mr. J. Workman; committee, Messrs. G. Wotherspoon, T. Aitken, W. McLearn, D. Anthony, J. Coulter, H. Kinnear, A. Baillie. The above fanciers gave the painstaking and efficient secretary, Mr. W. Neilson, who worked like a Trojan, every help, and we must congratulate them on their venture, trusting that outside fanciers will continue their support and send in a bumping entry on the next occasion. Mr. J. McLay judged Norwich, Mr. H. Bennet the Border classes and Messrs. J. Brown and J. Livingstone the British and Mule classes. Their awards gave general satisfaction.

CREST (4): 1, Chalmers, massive body, long feather, neatly rounded crest; 2, vhc, Thompson, former very dense crest, good radiation, well groomed; 3, Sharp, grizzle crest, plenty feather. CRESTBRED (7): 1, Davis, buff green, massive body, good head and feather; 2, Chalmers, green, also large body, very dense head feather, well browed; 3, hc, spl, Martin Bros., good body feather, full, round head, well cushioned; vhc, spl, Paul, nearly even mark., large body, long feather. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Chalmers, A1 type, very level colour, fine silky feather; 2, Sloan, hot colour; 3, Bolton, neat body; vhc, spl, Agnew; hc, spl, Hutchison. HEN (8): 1, Hutchison, neat, chubby make, full round head, level colour; 2, Smart, very hot colour, good quality feather; 3, Bolton, nice colour; vhc, spl, Sharp; hc, Pearson; c, Aitken. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Chalmers, very chubby body, neat round head, finely frosted mealings, good exhibit; 2, Skinner, full round front, neat wing carriage; 3, Smart, good feather; vhc, spl, Bolton, level colour, good head. HEN (9): 1, Sloan, neat, chubby make, good round head, well finished feather; 2, Blackie, good in head, sound colour; 3, Hutchison, nnt. col. one, massive frame, good quality; vhc, Brown and Wilson; hc, spl, McLaughlin; c, Bennet. A.O.V. (11): 1, Sloan, var. buff, hot col., good head and back, well laid on wings; 2, Chalmers, yell. var., lovely colour and feather, good head, close up with winner; 3, Merelaud, good substance, neat head and style; vhc, spl, Sharp; hc, pl, Gardiner; c, Robb. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Chalmers, clear buff, finely rounded head, chubby body, neat wings; 2, Sloan, yell., good type; 3, Davidson, buff var.; vhc, Flood; hc, McLaren; c, Pearce. SELL. (9): 1, Fergusson; 2, Patterson; 3, (no name); vhc, Sharp; hc, Fennie. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (17): 1, Duncan and Logan, stylish and well drawn body, level colour; 2, vhc, Patterson, former grand body, neat, round head, best of wings; 3, Wilson, Selkirk winner, looking bit dull; vhc, spl, Patterson; hc, spl, Tait; c, Wilson. HEN (13): 1, hc, Patterson, leading with very fine grizzle front hen, neat head, splendid wing carriage, well tapered to end of tail; 2, Tait, clear, very sweetly moulded, not much between these two; 3, Wilson, clear, good type; vhc, Duncan and Logan; c, Dunsmore. BUFF CK. (17): 1, medal B.F.C.C., Wilson, lovely carriage, neat head, well modelled body, very good in colour; 2, Duncan and Logan, similar type, A1 style, grand bloom, presses winner close; 3, vhc, spl, Patterson, former lovely type, very neat head and neck, well placed wings, should make a good one; hc, Hislop; c, Peel. HEN (14): 1, Wilson, again leading with a grand moulded clear, best of head, finely drawn front, very steady; 2, vhc, Patterson, former very finely tapered clear, fine mealy feather; hc, Brown and Wilson; c, Haddow, No. 1 Aberdeen, good hen, but badly swelled on side, seems to have had a chill. EVEN MARK. (7): 1, 2, Patterson, leading with well known buff, best of eye marks, grand quality feather, 2, new face, very typical yellow, nicely balanced markings; 3, Wilson, neat eye marks, good type; vhc, spl, Haddow, typical; hc, Heard; c, Murray. A.O.V. BORD. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Patterson, leading with his St. Boswell's cinn. uneven, 3, good type and quality, 5-pointer; 2, Duncan and Logan, 5-pointed, A1 feather, good level colour, close up; vhc, Welsh; hc, Peel; c, Hunter. BUFF (14): 1, Haddow, Cupar winner, leading, lovely bloom, very neat in type, eyes and one wing mark; 2, 3, Patterson, another 5-pointer cinn. mark, chubby type, A1 feather, 3, in grand bloom, good in head, well drawn body; vhc, Thomson; hc, Tait; c, Wilson. GREEN, ETC. (14): 1, c, Patterson, former splendid grass green, very good in type and markings, beats second to-day, well filled out in front; 2, 3, Thomson, two well-known winners, 2, splendid grassy shade, 3, heavier in markings, good type; vhc, Hislop, very fine cinn. buff, grand type and pencillings; hc, Crack, very neat, buff green, good sound colour, grand class all through. SELL. (14): 1, Haddow, neat yell. uneven; 2, 3, Patterson, clear buff and yell. cocks; vhc, Tait; hc, Bennet; c, Barrie. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Arrighi, leading with a grand Goldie-Can., eyes and one wing mark, well up in size, finely tapered body, 3, Goldie Bullie, very fine colour; 2, Mather, Goldie Bullie; vhc, c, Sharp, good Greenie Bullie, large body, good colour; hc, Skinner, good var. Goldie-Can. DARK (12): 1, Ross, well-known Can.-Bullie, grand coloured back and cap; 2, Leigh, very large Greenie-Can., well up in colour, good wing markings; 3, Marlin, Goldie-Can., big one, hot col., good blaze; vhc, Patterson, Siskin-Can.; hc, Doolan; c, Buchanan. BULLFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, Calder, neat shape, well cut cap, well defined wing bars, sound breast colour, wins well; 2 (no name), good cap and back; 3, Flood, large body, good colour, rough below; vhc, spl, Aitken, one of the best in class, sound colour, good cap; hc, Mackie; c, Thompson. GOLDIE BRIT. (10): 1, Raine, splendid shaped head, well cut blaze, best of wing bars, very neat body; 2, Thomson, good blaze, well marked body and buttons, not much behind winner; 3, (no name), well cut blaze, pure colour; vhc, Calder; hc, spl, Calder; c, Brown. BULLIE-HEN (8): 1, spl, Buchanan, lovely shape, tight as a Javn in feather, well defined cap; 2, Mather, good shape; 3, Sharp, neat cut cap; vhc, Hamilton; hc, (no name); c, Workman. LINNET (11): 1, Arrighi, well shaped one, good sound markings; 2, Brown, very neat make, fine colour and pencillings; 3, c, Marlin; vhc, Cooper; hc, spl, Morris. GREENFINCH (9): 1, 3, hc, Aitken, well known winners, staged to the best advantage, winner of one of the best seen for a long time, marvellous type and quality feather, steady; 2, Leigh, very large body, good colour; vhc, Bald; c, Barclay. SISKIN, ETC. (19): 1, Cooper, good coloured Twite, nicely marked; 2, Babl, Siskin, good size, well defined markings; 3, McGillivray, Redpoll, neat shape, good clear markings; vhc (no name); hc, Skinner; c, Munro. BRAMBLE, ETC. (11): 1, Bowie, splendid Bramble, very good in colour, clear body markings, grand head, wins well; 2, Arrighi, Bramble, well spangled body, nice sheen; 3, Gibb, good sized Chaffinch, well marked wings, head and breast, very steady; vhc, spl, Sharp, Bramble; hc, Morris; c, Munro. BUNTING (4): 1, Mather, well known Yellowhammer, as sound and fit as any, beautiful colour and markings; 2, Raine, Cirl Bunting, in good plumage; 3, Marlin, Yellowhammer; 4, Elder, Corn Bunting. GREENFINCH, NON-FED (14): 1, Sharp, A1 colour, clearly defined wing bars; 2, McLearn, similar stamp, close feather; 3, c, Bald, good deep colour; vhc, Thompson; hc, Nicol. WILD LINNET (17): 1, Aitken, rich nat colour, well defined pencillings; 2, Wotherspoon, similar type, good colour; 3, Hislop, very neat, lovely feather and colour; vhc, spl, Gray; hc, spl, Elder; c, Calder. HEN BRIT. (11). 1, vhc, Bald, both Greenies, fine shape and colour; 2, McDougall, Yellowhammer, nicely spangled, good head marks; 3, Miller and Eadie, Shore Lark; hc, Arrighi; c, Merceland. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Livingston, Hawfinch, in good feather, well cut hood and bib, rich colour. SELL. 5/6 (11): 1, Miller and Eadie, good Bramble; 2 (no name), Yellowhammer; 3, Bald, Goldie; vhc, spl, Sharp; hc, spl, Nicol; c, Calder. FOR. GOLD., ETC.: 1, Arrighi, very smart Goldie, bold in blaze, good colour, clear marked, wing bars; 2, Marlin, Goldie, good blaze, well up in size; 3 (no name), Goldie; vhc, spl, (no name), Bullie; hc, spl, Sharp; c, Fennie. A.O.S. (3): 1, Moreland, leading with his well known King Parrot, grand size and colour; 2, Paul; 3, Thompson.

GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT O.S.

The last of a series of members' shows was held in the Church Schools, December 21st, when prizes to the value of 25s. were won as follows:—1st, A. Holden, value 10s., with 74 points; 2nd, A. Firth, value 7s. 6d., with 68 points; 3rd, H. Schofield, value 5s., with 48 points; whilst A. Atkin and G. Newell tied for 4th, value 2s. 6d., with 37 points each. Mr. Fred. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave general satisfaction. CL. YELL.: 1, Schofield; 2, Firth; 3, Atkin. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, Newell. TICK., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Firth; 3, Holden. BUFF: 1, 2, Firth; 3, Atkin; 4, Ketteringham. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Firth; 3, Holden; 4, Newell. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, 4, Holden; 3, Atkin. CINN. MARKED: 1, Holden; 2, Schofield. HEAVILY MKD. GREEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Atkin; 2, Schofield. The society is not one of the largest in numbers, but financially it is in a sound condition. Friends are welcome at the meetings held at the church schools last Saturday in each month. —A. Holden, secretary.

BRADFORD (EAST) O.S.

The Society held the 5th and last show of the year on Boxing Day, at Park Chapel Schools, to determine who should be winners of the extensive list of the special prizes that have been put up for competition. The entry was a splendid one, no less than 135 exhibits facing the judge—Mr. J. Wilman (Shipley). Competition was again very keen throughout both sections, and in many classes it was a hard task to select the coveted winners. The quality of the birds was of a very high order, many noted winners being staged to do battle for their owners in the race for points. The winners of the Specials in the Champion section, were Messrs. W. Cruise, with 103 points, J. Farrar, 76, C. Cowgill, 43, G. R. Rushworth, 31, H. Hill, 29, F. Gelder, 13, W. Mann, 11; and in the Novice section, Messrs. W. Stables, with 70 points, G. White, 50, J. Northrop, 45, O. Priestley, 34, W. Laycock, 31, H. Peacock, 30, Chapman and Bateman, 21, Wilkinson Bros, 18. Four extra Novice classes were added for this show for those who had not previously won a money prize, and the winners were Messrs. R. Lowes, with 24 points, J. Stobart, 18, C. Walker, 12. There was a good turn up of visitors to the show during the afternoon, and several expressed their approval of the efforts that this Society has made for its members. The prizes that have been won at these shows throughout the year, and which included four Gold Medals and £3 in money, equally divided between the Champion and Novice sections, will be presented by our worthy President's wife, Mrs. E. Suddards, at the tea and concert on January 7th, at Park Chapel Schools. The following is a full list of the judges' awards, which gave satisfaction to all.

YORKS, YELL. (10): 1, 2, Cruise; 3, Farrar; vhc, Cowgill; hc, White; c, Hill. BUFF (14): 1, White; 2, vhc, Rushworth; 3, Gelder; hc, Mann; c, Farrar. YELL. HEN (12): 1, White; 2, Farrar; 3, Cruise; vhc, Gelder; hc, Cowgill; c, Hill. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Farrar; 2, vhc, White; hc, Rushworth; c, Cowgill. YORKS. YELL. (17): 1, Stables; 2, Peacock; 3, c, Priestley; vhc Wilkinson Bros; hc, Northrop. BUFF (11): 1, Laycock; 2, hc, Stables; 3, vhc, Northrop; c, Peacock. YELL. HEN (19): 1, Peacock; 2, Laycock; 3, vhc, c, Stables; hc, Northrop. BUFF (13): 1, Riley; 2, 3, vhc, Northrop; hc, c, Laycock. EXTRA NOVICE, YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Lowes; 2, T. Hill; 3, Lightowler; vhc, Stobart; hc, Walker; c, Metcalf. BUFF (6): 1, Stobart; 2, Lowes; 3, T. Hill; vhc, c, Walker; hc, Rhes. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Stobart; 2, hc, Metcalf; 3, vhc, Lowes. BUFF (3): 1, hc, Lowes; 2, c, Walker; 3, Stobart; vhc, Rhes. SELL. YORKS. (10/6): (3): 1, Rushworth; 2, Gelder; 3, Mann. HEN (10/6) (2): 1 White; 2, Rushworth. H. Hill, Sec.

COVENTRY F. & F. S.

The Coventry and Dis. F. and F.S. held their 16th annual open show on Dec. 27, at the Sydenham Palace, Fort Street—the same room as that used by the C.O.S. It is an admirable room for our section. There were not quite so many entries as on previous occasions owing to the executive having to cut down the classes; but the quality was quite up to the usual standard. The show was opened by Mr. Councillor Armishaw, supported by Messrs. Councillors Batchelor and Manner. There was a good attendance of exhibitors and visitors at the opening ceremony. The committee is a hard working one and consists of the following:—Messrs. A. H. Ashley (chairman), W. Hyde (Vice-Chairman), E. Bell, W. F. Holland, E. White, M. Shakespeare, C. Jones, J. Harris, A. E. Stringer, F. Parker, A Baker, A. Booton, and C. Kilby. The Treasurer is Mr. Conn. W. H. Batchelor, and the Hon. Secs. are Messrs. Sheffield and Gilbert. To those latter much of the success of the show is due. They worked admirably and they are to be congratulated on having had the arrangements so well in hand. Mr. E. Noakes (Leicester) judged, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

NOR. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Symonds and Son, clear yell., good type and quality; 2, vhc, Herbert, eye and wing marked buff, good quality; 3, Gwilliam, clear yell., nice type, good colour, fine wings and tail; hc, Wright; c, A. N. Other. CL., ETC. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF: Cancelled. CL. ETC. YELL. UNFL. (6): 1, Symonds and Son, good type and quality, nice even carriage; 2, 3, Cooper, two hot "uns," very typical, 2 good type, nice wing carriage, lovely quality, 3 good head properties; vhc, Harris; hc, Other. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Gilbert, Northampton and Birmingham winner, grand type, good colour, lovely quality, often described one of the best; 2, Cooper, good colour and quality, nice head and neck; 3, hc, Neale, good quality, nice wings and tail; vhc, Gwilliam; c, Harris. HEN (6): 1, Gwilliam, good type, nice head and neck, good wing carriage, nice even colour; 2, Adkins, grand colour and quality, good wing carriage; 3, Gilbert, varie. yell., good type and colour; vhc, Cooper; hc, Other. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, Gilbert, even marked buff Nor., lovely colour, splendid quality, well balanced markings and cinn., good large bird, nice quality of feather, well fed; 2, Peters, green crest, large bird; vhc, Longdon; hc, Crookes; c, Rawlins. MULE (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Lawrence, Can-Bullfinch, leading in fine condition, followed by Bullfinch-Greenfinch, grand colour; 3, Hoyle, Linnet-Bullie, good quality; c, Waring. BRIT. SMALL (7): 1, Lucas, Goldfinch, good face, and seemed a nice bird all round, but not steady enough yet for showing to the best advantage; 2, green, Bullfinch, good breast colour; 3, Mrs. Waring, very steady Linnet; vhc, (no name); hc, Thompson; c, Wright. LARGE: 1, Gilbert, Blackbird, good size, nice polish, shown in splendid condition; 2, Booton, good coloured Thrush, well spotted; 3, Collear, well fed Hawfinch, in good condition; vhc, Garratt; hc, c, (no name). SELL. £2 2s.: 1, Growridge and Son; 2, Gilbert; 3, Longden. 21/-: 1, Butler; 2, Spann; 3, Gilbert. 12/6: 1, Neal; 2, Longden; 3, Symonds. AMATEUR CLASSES: CLEAR, ETC. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (11): 1, Adams, good size and type, nice even colour; 2, A. N. Other, typical, close up, grand quality, good head and neck; 3, Barratt, eye and wing marked, grand quality; vhc, Harris; hc, Roberts; c, Adkins. UNFLI. (11): 1, Adams, good type, head and neck, nice even colour; 2, Waring, yellow, dark tail, nice colour and quality, carries wings well; 3, Adcock, good, large bird; vhc, Barratt; hc, Lucas; c, Edwards. HEN (13): 1, Lucas, yellow ticked wing, good type, head and neck, nice even colour; 2, Waring, buff, dark tail, splendid quality, nice short wings and tail; 2, vhc, Adams, buff, dark tail; 3, Bickerton, unflighted yell., good head and neck, close up.

MALTON.

Malton and Dis. held their twelfth annual show on Boxing Day in the Corn Exchange. Entries in cage bird section came up well, averaging over 16 a class. Quality was also well in evidence all through. The management, under the able direction of Mr. Horsley, was all that could be desired. Judging was concluded by 1.30, and cards were up as each class was judged. The show-room was crowded during the afternoon, and all things point to this being as successful a show as any held previously. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

YORKS, YELL. (11): 1, spl, Watmough, real good one, fine length, grand type, neat head wings and tail, finished off with best of feather, splendidly staged; 2, c, Roobottom, good colour, grand head and wings, neat feather, nice type; 3, Watts, stylish, well up on leg, in good condition; 4, Booth Bros, fine length and shape; vhc, hc, Cooper. BUFF (15): 1, Blanchard, head ticked, very stylish, neat wings and tail, slim, well on leg, fine feather, very racy; 2, Roobottom, good style, fine carriage and feather; 3, c, Hurrell, grand length; 4, Burr, fine long well-built bird; vhc, Wilson; hc, Davison. LOCAL CLASS (15): 1, 4, hc, Blanchard, leader nice long slim yellow marked Yorks., nicely staged; 2, c, Middleton, neck ticked Norwich, good head, nice chest; 3, Burr, buff ticked Yorks., good length. NOR. YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (11): 1, Porritt, good stout built bird, fine head and chest, good colour and quality; 2, 4, Hesp, leader grand feather and shape; 4th nice type; 3, vhc, Hunter, well marked, lovely quality; hc, Smith; c, Lee. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, 4, Axe, 1st fine expansive blaze, good body colour, neat buttons and bars, fine size, shape and condition; 4th, nice tan, good wing bars; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, lovely bright-coloured blaze, neat buttons, grand body colour, close up to winner; 3, vhc, Raper, good blaze and tan, good Finch; hc, c, Brown and Kimmings. BULLFINCH (15): 1, 3, Woods, leader stout built, splendid condition, not a feather out of place, good coloured breast, fine glossy dense cap and neat bars; 3rd another good one; 2, Calam, fine hen, good size, house-moulted, grand head, splendid condition; 4, Axe, beauty for colour; vhc, Wright; hc, Stamp; c, Harper and Nicholson. LINNET (13): 1, Axe, nice markings on breast, good head, shines like silk, in fine order; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, large, well marked; 3, vhc, hc, Stamp, nice team in fine trim; 4, Simpson, in fine condition, nice colour; c, Leefe, jun. MULE OR HYB. (16): 1, spl, Marwood, well known five-pointed Goldfinch and Canary, in its usual splendid condition, well staged and wins; 2, Raper, Goldfinch Bullfinch, nice colour, good feather; 3, Wilton, Greenie-Goldie, nice size, good condition; 4, Moukman, dark Linnet and Canary, nice size and colour, very wild; vhc, Calnan; hc, Bladon; c, Houghton. A.O.S. BRIT. (18): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good specimen of the Hoopoe, in very nice plumage; 2, Mrs. Cooper, rattling good Starling, grandly spangled, steady, in fine trim; 3, Middleton, Thrush, nicely spotted, in grand order; 4, Axe, Hawfinch, nice colour and condition; vhc, Houghton; hc, Charles; c, Wilton. SELL. (20): 1, Booth Bros.; 2, hc, Calam; 3, Sample; 4, Herrell, vhc, Wilton; c, Axe.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD West Show, held on Dec. 21st, is considered one of the crack events of the season, and again this year proved a great attraction, fanciers visiting the exhibition from all parts of the country. It was well worth a long journey to see the grand display. The Yorkshires were a hot lot, the pick of the county of broad acres being assembled to do battle for their owners. The Greens turned up well, a big majority, of course, coming from Liverpool. Norwich were not strong in numbers, but some fine specimens were on view, the British and A.O.V. were a very interesting lot, some examples being shown that Bradford fanciers do not often have the pleasure to see.

THAT young and energetic Society, Bradford East O.S., have been accepted as members of the Yorkshire Union, and this, I think and hope, is a step in the right direction. They have now over 50 members, and, no doubt, will try to get over the 60 mark, so that they will have full representation on the council of the Union. It is hoped that several other societies will not be long in following the lead of these pushful fanciers, so hurry up Harrogate, Otley, Baildon, East Bowling, etc., and do not let your juniors leave you in the lurch.

THE Council of the Yorkshire Union held a meeting at the Bradford West headquarters on Dec. 21st, and in consequence of the enforced absence of both President, Mr. H. W. Battye, and vice-president, Mr. J. Greaves, the council had to elect a chairman for the meeting. Mr. J. Townend was elected unanimously to that position, and I hear that he very creditably filled the office. The case of Messrs. Cook and Son came up before the meeting, and the council decided to suspend them to the same date as the C.M.Y.C.C., viz., March 31st, 1908. A case of borrowing birds for exhibition was gone into, the parties implicated being Messrs. Hall and Raynor, Mr. Hall for borrowing, and Mr. Raynor for lending. The parties being proved guilty to the satisfaction of the council, they were each snspended for twelve months from the date of meeting. The complaint in this case was laid by Messrs. Cook and Son.

ON Tuesday, Dec. 16th, Mr. L. Wilkinson gave a washing exhibition before the members and friends of the Keighley O.S.; 6 birds were washed, and all present were very pleased with the method. Mr. W. prefers a good sponge for washing, and uses three basins of water, one for the soap and two for rinsing purposes. Particular care was taken to get the water just to the proper heat, which should feel warm to the back of the hand. After washing, the birds were wrapped in cloth and placed before the fire to dry, this taking about twenty minutes. He then placed birds in show cages to finish off. Messrs. Shackleton and Morris proposed a vote of thanks which was carried with acclamation, bringing a thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close.

MOST of the societies in Bradford and district held members' shows on Boxing Day. Every one of them seems to have been very well patronised, and a better way to spend a holiday could not be devised, as it brings a lot of Fanciers together and as a rule results in a very pleasant time. Another good point about these members' shows is that they are the making of exhibitors. Times without number does a novice show a bird or two, and if he should beat one or two birds that have been counting at open shows, he is not long before he also puts down in the open and blossoms out a full-blown exhibitor.

HUDDERSFIELD and Baildon were each holding shows on Saturday, Dec. 28th. The first named society obtained only a poor entry, due in some degree to the holidays. This is about the fourth show this enthusiastic society has lost money at, but no doubt the members will come up smiling next year. Baildon had just a nice entry and should be about able to make ends meet.

MALTON and District Open Show was also held on Boxing Day, and the Cage Bird Section was very well supported. Ten classes were provided and one of these was cancelled, but the remaining nine contained 146 birds, or thereabouts. "Well done, Malton," you are to be congratulated on the success of your venture.

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The Yellowhammer.

How to Select and Keep it.

By F. TURNBER.

A Paper read before the Members of the City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders.

Your secretary, Mr. Wynn, has asked me to give you a few details of my methods of treating and keeping the Yellowhammer. I am not going to weary you with a long paper, but will endeavour to put before you, in as few words as possible, my experiences with this bird.

The species, I am sure, is too well known to you all to need a very minute description from me, but I would like to point out that what might be a very good bird for making up a collection in an aviary would probably be quite useless for an exhibition bird.

Points of a Show Specimen.

In picking out a specimen for a show bird, take the largest and richest in body-colour you can get, and one showing a large amount of yellow on the head, cheeks, throat and under parts. The cheek marks should be as black as possible, and the head-markings should run from the bill to the back of the head in the shape of a V. The crown between the black lines should be clear, if possible; this, to my way of thinking, is the most difficult point to get, and when a specimen showing it is met with on the show bench, it ought to be pretty high up in the tickets.

In the spring it is not such a difficult matter to get such a bird as I have described, but after the moult, well, the ideal specimen will probably have a pretty dark head and be not worth twopence as a show-bird.

Many birds have quite clear heads in the spring, like a Norwich plain-head Canary, but personally I am not much struck with one of this sort, as they do not moult out at all satisfactory show birds, or anything like what they were before the moult.

On Colour-Feeding.

For exhibition, a Yellowhammer should always be slightly colour-fed; if moulted out naturally, the yellow looks very washed-out and the bird is not "in it" at all, if compared with a well colour-fed specimen.

They are not difficult to get on to colour-feed; I mix the colour-feed with the Canary seed at the start, sometimes chopping up a few meal-worms with the colour-feed to get them to eat it, and after that they get used to it.

Of course, you want to start before the moult, the same as you would in feeding Canaries, and gradually bring up the strength of the feed. They do not want feeding on hot pepper; the tasteless sort seems to suit them best. When possible to get it, I mix about half of yellow feed to the same quantity of red pepper, and keep it up some time after the moult, also giving plenty of meal-worms.

The Finished Article.

The bath should be freely used, and this is the finest thing to put on the polish, or, as it is called, condition. If it is not convenient to give a bath, the spray should be freely used every day, and, when available, there is nothing to beat rain-water, which must be quite clean.

I myself always filter it. To do that you can get from any photographer's what are called filter papers; they are four a penny. Put one or two inside a large funnel. Stand the funnel in a large bottle and fill up to the top of the filter paper, and it will gradually drip into the bottle; then fill up again and so on, and the rain-water will be as clear as crystal and fit for use.

These birds vary very much in temper, and you should never try to start on an old bird, as they are very difficult to steady. But if a bird of the year is taken in the winter, it usually gets tame quickly.

The one I was so successful at the shows with was a caught specimen and took to captivity well, and won three first and special prizes before the moult and never broke a feather in the process; and in the hands of its present owner, I fully expected it would be first at the Palace last time.

On the Treatment of New-Caught Birds.

I might say, when I get fresh-caught specimens I usually put them in a long flight cage with one or two others, and get them on to seed; and after a few weeks cage them up in a box-cage, such as is usually described in the fancy papers, for a few more weeks or so, and then give them a fly in a flight-cage again, as it freshens them up, and so on till they get steady that way. Some never do get steady, of course; the best thing to do is to let that sort fly, as they are no use as show birds unless steady.

I was successful, as most of you here know, with a Yellowhammer at our show a year or two ago—a fresh-caught specimen—and that also moulted out successfully and got a card at the Palace; and, as you all know, I got second this year with a Yellowhammer, which I have sold, and it has also won with its new owner.

Do you Spell it with an H?

The Yellowhammer may be called a bird of many names; its proper name is, of course, the Yellow Bunting. It is called in Shropshire Yellow Amber or Yellow Omber; in the north the popular names are Yellow Yowle, Yeldren, Yeording and Yite.

Of course, everyone who has taken a stroll along a country lane has no doubt seen the bird under discussion flitting along the hedges and perching on the top-most branches, where it utters its plaintive little song, which is commonly rendered as "a little bit of bread and no cheese," and these words seem to fit the notes of the song as well as any phrase I know.

I may say that in Gloucestershire they call it "pretty-pretty creature." If anyone chances to see one of these birds sitting on the top of a furze bush singing, let them repeat one of the above sentences after the bird has uttered his quiet, plaintive notes, and they cannot fail to be struck with the resemblance of either of them to the song.

There seems to be some doubt among some writers on bird topics as to the correct way to spell the common name of the bird, and in many articles and books it is referred to as the Yellowhammer. Perhaps the initial "h" makes it more euphonious and supplies something that, at first glance, seems to be missing in the form of "Yellowammer."

Some of His Relatives.

There are a great many relatives of our bird, either residents or seasonal visitors, in this country, such as the Cirl Bunting, Lapland Bunting, Snow Bunting and Reed Bunting. The Bunting family are easily distinguished by their angular gape and apparently toothed bill, or horny excrescence on the upper mandible.

The most distinguishing feature of the family lies in the remarkable markings of their eggs, known to nearly every schoolboy in country districts. Though the ground colour of the eggs varies in different species, they are all marked with irregular lines, varying in thickness, as if someone had tried to scribble on them with a pen.

When I was staying in Scotland I was told the children seem to treat this bird with contempt. It certainly seems the bird is evilly regarded by the country-folk, and it suffers in consequence. The nest is seldom spared, and the young are tortured in some places.

Fortunately, with the growth of education and greater interest taken nowadays in nature study, these unreasonable and strange antipathies to certain birds and animals are fast disappearing, and the consequent barbarities perpetrated by the village children are becoming things of the past also.

I forgot to mention show cages. Of course some have a fancy for one colour and some for another. I myself like to show them against a light green; some prefer a dark blue enamel for the background.

Many Questions.

Many questions were asked Mr. Turnber as to if there was any trouble with scaly legs. The answer was that the Bunting family were great sufferers from this complaint, which could be avoided by scaling the legs by soaking well in warm water and using the finger-nails to remove the scales, and after the operation Zam-Buk was very useful to prevent soreness. Some remarks as to the difficulty of getting the Yellow Bunting to eat colour-feed were made. The answer was, Mr. T. found no diffienlty in doing so. There were also questions asked as to the age when Yellowhammers are in their prime for show. Answer: About three years; it was generally understood the majority of British birds were in their prime then, especially the Finch tribe. Mr. Wynn asked if there were any suggestion to be made as to the best way to steady Corn-Buntings, as he possessed a very wild specimen. Answer: A steady, fresh Corn-Bunting is rarely met with. They invariably take about two cage moults to get them fit for show. Of course, some settle down to cage life better than others. Mr. Curtis told a tale that he had heard of a man making the remark of the Yellow Bunting being used to get size in Crests, which of course is easily understood. The Yellow Bunting cross with Canary was unknown yet. Mr. T. said he thought the only possible cross with the Yellow Bunting which was likely might be with a Reed Bunting, if tried for in a huge aviary.

A very enjoyable evening was spent and was greatly appreciated by one and all, as, though this club was at one time only Canary men, it is now getting very strong in British bird exhibitors. A vote of thanks was passed and finished the evening.

FOR LOVERS OF OUR WILD BIRDS.

Bird lovers who feed the wild birds in the garden should take the trouble to make a proper bird table. To do so, procure a piece of board, say about four feet long (but any length will do) and fasten at each corner an upright piece to form legs, allowing them to project about six inches above the top of the table; a piece of



Feeding Table for the Wild Birds.

thin wire should be stretched from each of these, which will prevent the impudent sparrows from taking the lion's share of the good things spread out. Any scraps from the table will do; to these can be added, barley meal, mixed crumbly, moist bread, hemp seed and sunflowers. A lump of fat or suet suspended to the branches of a tree will quickly attract the active and intertesting Tits.

I would like to say that I have taken CAGE BIRDS since I started to keep Canaries, writes Mr. W. Dutton, of Somerville, Seacombe (one of the novice prize winners in our late Breeding Competition), and I find it very useful in helping me to get good results. I hope this coming year to have more than one pair, and to enter your competitions if you have any. I recommend your paper to all my birdie friends, as I would not be without it myself.

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SOUP

If a thick soup is preferred, make in a saucepan, adding Pea Flour, Corn Flour, Flour or Vegetables.



A Good Plate for a Id.

An Ideal Wagtail Aviary.

By LICHEN GREY.

The Wagtails are a most delightful family to keep in confinement, sprightly in all their ways and beautifully coloured, and they have, moreover, the further recommendation in the eyes of many people, that it is only seldom that we see them turned out in really good condition. In order to ensure satisfactory results, plenty of room in a Wagtails' aviary is a *sine qua non*, and the ideal place in which to keep such birds is, without doubt, a kind of modified greenhouse.

For many small birds glass is infinitely superior to wire as an enclosing medium. It does not damage plumage in the same way that wire does, and affords, besides, a welcome protection against draughts and inclement weather. A glass-house, too, can be heated in winter to any desired extent. Such a house is an addition to any garden, no matter how small its dimensions. It can be used as either aviary or greenhouse, or simultaneously as both, and with very little care will give excellent results.

A Desirable Stream of Water.

Ventilation is, of course, an important consideration, but this is easily arranged for by windows in the ordinary way. The best form of opening and closing is, perhaps, to have the sashes made to slide up and down rather than to fold, door-fashion; they are then more easily protected with wire when open.

For Wagtails, and most of their near allies, plenty of water is a necessity, and if this can be provided in the form of a natural stream, as in the instance described below, so much the better; quite sufficient can be done, however, with a very limited supply from ordinary pipes. The chief drawback to the use of such water is its purity. All water exposed to the atmosphere for a considerable time, abounds in lower forms of life, which constitute a large proportion of the natural food of such birds as Wagtails, and if a supply from some ditch or pond can conveniently be introduced into the aviary, it will be constantly bringing in food such as the birds love, and than which nothing else will conduce more to their health and general welfare.

If "tap" water has to be made use of, such food must be introduced artificially; and when this has to be resorted to, the most economical plan will be found to have as large a pool as possible, either in the house or outside, in which insects may be induced to deposit their eggs.

A Garden Inclosed.

Such birds as Wagtails are so dainty in all their movements that they do scarcely any perceptible injury to even the most delicate flowers; but the beginner, who would start an aviary somewhat on the lines sketched out below, would be well advised to limit his ambitions to some of the freer-growing plants. Even confining himself to these, his choice of subjects is a very wide one. If he does not care to go to the expense of purchasing from a nursery, there are hosts of pretty flowers which can be had for the gathering from the banks of almost every stream. Forget-me-nots, cresses, and marsh-marigolds, only to mention some of the most common, are all admirable for the purpose, and though these may be regarded as "flowers out of place," certainly they are not open to that description, when grown in the aviary.

For him with greater ambitions in the way of horticulture, there is open an almost unlimited field from which he may select. It is only a question of taste or fancy; the beauty of any flower garden is heightened by the presence of a few birds moving amongst the beds, and in the aviary the birds will always do best, if they are not too numerous, and have for their surroundings as much of plant life as possible.

The house which to my mind has always appeared the beau ideal of all that a Wagtails' aviary should be, was on rather an extensive scale. It was an old greenhouse which the ingenuity and personal labour of its owner had rendered almost perfect for its dual purpose. It stood against a high wall, and in the grounds beyond there was a lily pond from which it was easy to lead a supply of water, through a common drain-pipe.

A Garden of Eden.

The water entered the house by gravitation, some four feet above the floor, and in a succession of little falls and pools was carried over and through a large central bed of rock-work, which was thickly covered with saxifrages, primulas, gentians, dwarf azaleas, and ferns. These, and many other plants, flourished in the pockets amongst the stones as well as if they had been upon their native mountains, while in the pools which surrounded the bed, and abutted upon the pathway, trailed all sorts of water plants. These pools were all upon a foundation of concrete, but so skilfully designed as to disguise their artificiality; in some of them there was sufficient depth to afford protection from their feathered foes to the fresh-water shrimps and other creatures which inhabited them, while they all shelved out to a shallow margin when they touched the path, affording beautiful wading and fishing ground for the birds.

The wall at the north end of the house was covered with roses and some other climbing plants, which extended over nearly half of the roof, and round each side ran narrow borders all filled with flowers. The paths were of concrete, as were also the "stopping-stones" which cropped up here and there above the water, in order to give a ready means of access to all parts of the central bed. There was always a steady flow of water which prevented any of the pools from becoming foul, and coming as it did from the lily pond outside, it was constantly bringing with it fresh supplies of insects and their larvæ as food for the birds.

An Insectile Feeding Plan.

To supplement these, shrimps, water beetles, caddis flies and any other kind of gnats that could be obtained were constantly being added to the pools, while the moisture and vegetation always attracted a certain number of insects on fine days. Wagtails are especially fond of "blue-bottles," and common house flies—most of us have doubtless observed them skilfully running about our roofs in pursuit of these—and many devices were taken to beguile these to enter the house. Honeycomb and other sweet-smelling things were occasionally laid about and always attracted flies.

In addition to natural food of that kind the birds did well upon the stock mixtures for soft-billed birds, with occasionally finely shredded meat, gentles and meal-worms whenever procurable. Small water-beetles, Wagtails seem to be particularly fond of, and they are so lively in their movements in the water as to afford the birds considerable diversion before they are captured. Earwigs, wood-lice (the "slators" of schoolboy parlance), centipedes, and in fact almost all "creepy" things are much appreciated.

Wagtails also eat small worms rapidly, especially in winter when other animal food is scarce, and they will then too, take an occasional small slug. Shell-snails they will eat at all times, when small enough to be swallowed whole, or not too hard to be broken. While Pipits will dash a snail, Thrush-fashion, against a stone, in order to fracture its shell, Wagtails do not seem to have acquired the necessary knowledge to do so; at any rate, I have never seen them attempt it.

An Aviary Conservatory.

The door of the house described was made to open outwards, so that it did not interfere with any of the inside arrangements, and inside was a wire-covered rustic porch, clothed with creepers, and having an inner door of wire netting to guard against the escape of the birds when entering the house, and also enabling the door to be left open when desired.

A number of plants in pots could be placed upon the pathways when occasion required, and in this way the aviary was made to do good service as a conservatory. There was no better way of treating a plant that had become attacked by green fly, elsewhere, than by leaving it to the birds for a day or two. A Wren, which occupied the aviary along with the Wagtails, was the chief instrument in this connection.

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How I Manage My Canaries.

By TOM ELSEGOOD.

The Canary year is supposed to commence in October. Choose from the year's breeding what you want to breed with next season and you will then know what you have for sale. Now we have nothing but the stock birds to consider during the winter months. A little niger seed (a ¼ teaspoonful) twice a week in the coldest weather will keep the hens from being egg-bound when breeding time comes round; but be sure that it is good.

It should be black and bright, not a grey and dull. Do not get the penny packets as sold on market stalls, but buy all your seed at a shop where they sell large quantities; it will be much fresher and more reliable.

Be very particular about the cages; keep them clean, and fresh sand on the bottom every week; seed and water fresh every day, and when you fill up the seed hoppers blow out the chaff first and wipe out the water glasses with a clean cloth before you fill them again, or they very soon become slimy and bad. Start to give the cocks a little egg-food about twice a week, say in the middle of February, and the hens a month later.

When to Pair Up.

The middle of April is quite soon enough to commence breeding, and gives ample time to get three nests from each hen—unless the breeder has kept birds a year or two, as he is able to tell better if there is anything wrong with the birds; of this there is a great risk when breeding early.

Be sure you do not pair up before your birds are ready. The cocks will all be on full song and should be kept in separate cages until you pair. The hens do not matter; let them fly together in large, roomy cages, and this treatment will bring you success later on.

Make a list of your hens when you put them into their breeding cages; number them so that you will know them all through the season, as you are bound to change them into different cages. Thoroughly clean the cage you had a nest in or you will be troubled with red-mite.

I never saw a nest of young brought up in July without there being some in the nest, but you can keep them down if you clean the cages after each nest. The cocks will help to bring the hens on with their song.

When they are ready they will flap their wings as if they were going to fly to the top of the cage, and will put their heads out over the water glass and call to the cocks. But sometimes a week or two of fine bright weather in February will be followed by frost and cold easterly winds later; this is injurious to them, resulting in egg-binding and the starvation of the young.

When you do pair up put a little treacle in the drinking water for the hens, and give egg-food (½ teaspoonful) per day to each pair. Do not give too much or you will get them too fat and they will be unable to breed. Give them a bath every other day, also twice a week when the hen is set. If the hen does not lay in 14 days after pairing stop your egg-food, and if she lay, stop it after the first egg. Do not put any treacle in the water after she has finished laying.

Concerning the Nest.

Hang the nest on a screw inside the cage the day after they are paired. Do not give too much nesting material or some hens will make a large nest, and that is sure to sweat the young.

Get a few pot eggs, and when the eggs are laid substitute a dummy until the evening of the third day. Place the real eggs in a box containing some bran with a number on the box corresponding with the one on the cage; you will then know which they belong to. When the third egg is laid replace them and mark the date. The fertile ones will all hatch out 14 days later.

Take out the cock when you replace the eggs. Give egg-food three times a day when feeding young, and lettuce and groundsell when three days old. Be sure that it is perfectly fresh, and on no account let it be frosted or it will kill both the hen and the young.

Remove all old green food every night so that they will have nothing but fresh to start with in the morning. There is a difference in hens; some will feed and some will not. That is impossible to tell until the first round. If you have a hen that will not feed, next time let the cock stay with her; he will generally feed, but I do not like it unless the hen will not feed, as the cock feeds the hen as well as the young, which causes her to stay on the nest too much, which sweats the young.

The Young Ones Hatched.

The down on the young should be dry and should resemble a ball of wool. If they are sweated it sticks to the body and looks wet, and they are almost sure to die.

When the young are about 14 days old and the nest is getting dirty outside get another one ready. Make it yourself with not much material in it. Take out the old one, transfer the young to the new nest and hang in the same place. Take the old nest out of the room and clean and disinfect at once, in order to get rid of the red-mite which will be in the nest.

When the young leave the nest stop all green food. Put a vessel with crushed hemp and another with water on the cage bottom between the perches, so that the dirt from the birds does not drop in. Continue with the egg-food, and in about another ten days they should be pecking hemp. Then spread a little maw seed on, or among the egg-food, and in a few days more they will be ready for taking away. But continue to give the egg-food once a day, adding more biscuit to it, together with ordinary white seed with the hemp. Of course, you must have white seed and water outside the cage in order to teach them to put their heads through the holes.

If you have a garden grow some Nasturtiums and let the young have plenty of the flowers; they are a splendid thing.

Before you pair again go through the cages and thoroughly clean them. I will not dwell on the subject of moulting, except to say that if a bird needs any special care at any time it is, in my opinion, when they are moulting. Keep them free from draughts and let them have free use of the bath. This keeps them much tighter in feather.

If you are going in for colour feeding make a point of getting a good reliable brand of colour-feed, as this goes a long way towards perfecting a show bird.

Egg-Food.

Boil an egg 15 minutes; just crack the shell and drop it into cold water until quite cold. Then take off the shell, cut the white in two and take out the yolk. If there is any dark substance covering it be sure and wipe it off with a cloth. Then I use a small tin sieve; the bottom is perforated with small round holes, and the sieve is sold at the penny stalls in markets. Put the yolk in this and press through with your thumbs into a basin.

Get some common tea biscuits (four to one egg) and put them through a mill. Mix well together or the birds will pick out the egg and leave the biscuit. Keep your food in a cellar where it is cool, and do not use it if it is at all sour, or you will regret the consequences.

It only remains to be said that the mouth of a pipe bringing water into an aviary, as here described, ought to be securely guarded by close netting, or gauze, to keep out undesirable intruders. It is safer that this should be done both at the point of entrance and exit; and, when circumstances permit of a choice being made, it will be found that if the rose of the pipe in the pond is kept in shallow water, more insect life, etc., will enter it than if it had been situated in deeper water.

Wagtails were the birds for which the aviary was originally constructed, but it is easy to call up many other species for which such a house would be equally well suited. Most of the small Warblers, Pipits, Chats, and Flycatchers would be harmless, and at home, in such surroundings, and even some of the smaller Sandpipers would be a welcome addition. The great temptation is to overcrowd an aviary with inmates, and few things, as many bird-lovers know to their cost, are more fatal to real success. *Verbum sat sapienti.*

A Chat on a Few Fascinating Foreign Birds.

By R. J. WATTS.

One of the most fascinating and instructive hobbies of the present time is Aviculture, and one branch of this in particular, viz., The Study of Foreign Birds. Owing to the large importation of foreign birds to this country during the last few years many people are now able to keep small collections in aviaries and cages.

It is a great mistake to think, as many do, that because some of these little creatures are natives of warm countries, they cannot live out of doors in our climate; but of this I will write later.

The Construction of an Aviary.

I will take it for granted that the reader is about to start an aviary for foreign birds; a few hints about the construction of same will be the first thing to mention. A nice warm corner or wall is necessary, well sheltered from north-east winds.

But how many birds and what species are you going to keep? I can imagine someone saying: "Oh, I want a mixed collection." Well, you may keep them, but it will not do to turn in any birds you chance to buy, or there will soon be trouble, owing to the quarrelsome nature of some birds.

If you have sufficient room divide your aviary into two parts, and this will enable you to keep a larger variety than if you had only one place.

A shed must be built for shelter from wet, and an extension should be erected for the birds to fly about in. A framework of deal can be made and then covered with wire-netting of half-inch mesh.

Some aviaries are double-wired as a means of protection from cats, but it is not necessary. My aviaries are only single-wired, and although cats abound in the neighbourhood, I have not lost one bird through them.

A word about the door. Do not make it the whole height of your building, but just sufficient to walk through when standing upright, so that when you enter, a bird does not attempt to fly out above your head.

Some Further Aviary Matters.

We will now suppose that the aviary has been built with the wire division down the centre making two parts which we will call A and B; these will want fitting up to suit their tenants. For instance, in the A division keep small Parrakeets, Love-birds, etc., as these birds do not require any cover for nesting purposes. A good number of strong twigs and sticks should be nailed about, preferably with the bark on, as all the Parrot family are extremely fond of something to nibble at and it is always good policy to keep them well employed.

Water and seed should be given in pans. The best for the purpose are the ordinary flower-pot saucers of about eight or nine inches diameter and about two inches deep. These are suitable for both A and B. divisions.

A word of warning here with regard to the water pans; keep them well scrubbed every few days or they will soon get very green, and this is not good for the health of the birds.

In the B division some small Finch-like birds should be kept; the names and treatment of suitable inmates I will mention later on. As the majority of them build large nests of dried grass a considerable amount of clover will be necessary.

The Shrub Difficulty.

After trying many shrubs, etc., which unless continually renewed soon get pulled to pieces, I found that large bunches of furze (gorse) or broom to be most suitable, as it lasts a long time and does not cost much to renew. In spite of its prickly nature small foreign birds readily build in it. If possible a piece of turf or grass should be allowed to grow, but unless the aviary is a large one, it is best to do without it and keep the floor covered with sand. I use the red building sand and have a cartload at a time, this only costs a few shillings and lasts nearly a year.

One of the secrets of the successful keeping of birds is cleanliness. Keep your aviaries and cages clean and you will be amply repaid by seeing your birds in perfect health and condition.

The Popular Budgerigar.

I will now describe a few birds suitable for the A division. The Budgerigar: This small parrakeet is one of the most popular and well known of foreign birds. To those who are not acquainted with it by this name, it is the little green and yellow bird so often seen at the street corner waiting to tell you your fortune for a penny.

There are two varieties of this bird, the green and the yellow, the green being the commoner of the two. A good pair can be purchased for six or seven shillings. The yellows fetch almost double the price. Their treatment is very simple, the staple diet being Canary seed and white millet, with a little green food such as a piece of apple or a few heads of grass (with seed on).

These birds do not bathe, but in a wild state run in the wet grass. Another name for them is the Warbling Grass Parrakeet. They are most prolific breeders, often rearing 15 to 20 young in the season. No nest is built, but their eggs are deposited in the hole of a tree. The best substitute for this is a cocoanut husk, which can be bought (already wired for the purpose) for a few pence.

A little soaked bread and a few groats should be given when young birds are about. It is quite easy to determine the sex of these birds, the cere of the male being a bright blue and that of the female white or nut-brown during the breeding time.

Some Pretty Love-Birds.

The Madagascar Love-Bird, or, as it is better known, the Grey-Headed Love-Bird, is another pretty but decidedly nervous bird. At times these birds are so plentiful on the market that they can be bought for 2s. 6d. a pair. The male bird's plumage is as follows:—Head and shoulders Lavender grey, wings dark green, breast pale green, tail dark green with black bars. The female is all green. They require much the same treatment as the Budgerigar, with the exception that they line their nests with bark. A pair in my possession have nested twice this year. Although so common it is a nice bird for the aviary.

The Red-Faced Love-Bird is a decidedly handsome bird, the colour being very deep. But the bird is not quite so hardy as the preceding species.

When well acclimatised these are of very little trouble. White and spray millet is the best food for them, and it is difficult to make them eat any other. The plumage of the male bird is rich velvety green, with a deep red square on the front of the head. The female is very similar, usually a little pale red. But the most reliable way to tell the sex is by the shoulder or butt of the wing; this is dark blue on the male and yellow on the female.

The Blue Wing Love-Bird is another nice little bird, smaller than any of the others mentioned but requiring about the same treatment. It is rather delicate on its arrival here.

The Peach-Faced Love-Bird is not likely to be met with, as of late years few specimens have reached this country. But should the reader be fortunate enough to secure a pair, I advise him to keep them in a cage, as they are very quarrelsome in the aviary. In fact, all the Love-Birds are very nervous and will sometimes turn on their companions without any known reason.

Many other birds can be kept, but it depends on the size and accommodation of the aviary; a few of the larger parakeets that can be easily kept are Cockatiels, Red-rumps, Rosellas and Blossom Heads, but all these require a considerable amount of space, and unless this can be provided, it is best to keep them out. Above all, do not overcrowd, or you will have a chapter of accidents.

We will now see what tenants will be required for the B division. As the varieties to choose from are so large it will be best to mention a few of the most desirable and least expensive.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

A Showy Little Chap.

The Zebra Finch is a little bird and is a native of Australia. The male, a showy little chap, is full of pride. His plumage is very pretty, wings brownish grey, beak red, breast has black and white stripes across. The under parts are white, the sides are chestnut with white spots, the tail black with white bars. There is also a bright chestnut patch on each side of the head.

The hen bird is nearly all grey, with white markings on head and tail. The male bird has a peculiar little call which he is very fond of rehearsing.

These birds are extremely good breeders in a small aviary, building a large nest of hay. They lay four or five pure white eggs (nearly all the small foreign finches lay white eggs) which are hatched in about a fortnight. The young birds on leaving the nest are like the hen and do not assume full plumage until the first moult. The food consists of Canary seed, white and Indian millet.

The Waxbill Family.

This includes many birds, the majority of which are very small, and I must say they are most beautiful and interesting. The following are most frequently met with:—The Grey Waxbill, St. Helena Waxbill, Orango Cheek Waxbill, Zebra or Golden Breast Waxbill (do not confuse this with Zebra Finch) Cordon Bleu, Lavender Finch and Avadavats (two species green and red).

The Zebra, or Golden-Breasted Waxbill, is one of the smallest foreign birds, being only two or three inches from tip of beak to tail. The Cordon Bleu is also a very handsome little bird. Many of these will build nests and lay eggs, but very seldom rear young. Sometimes one is fortunate. Last year I successfully reared in my aviary a nest of the red Avadavats and they have again this year built a nest.

The food is chiefly millet, both white and Indian; also a little Canary seed. Some live insect food should be given such as small meal-worms, and this is greatly appreciated.

(To be continued.)

THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given after next week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Brave Cockatoo.

The following story is told of Charles Durand, who owned a Cockatoo. He was asleep in his tent, his Cockatoo with him, when he was aroused by the bird saying "Time to rise," before his usual time. He looked about and found a deadly snake coiled against his bed which reared up and prepared to spring at the defenceless man. The brave bird sprang from his perch and seized the reptile's neck. The snake was then killed. —Sent by ARTHUR RICHARDSON (age 13), Pollington, Snaith, S.O.

*A Hawk and its Prey.

A friend of mine lives in the country, and being a lover of birds, purchased two brown Linnets from a shop in our town. He hung them in the daytime on the wall outside his house, the house being in a quiet place surrounded by a large garden. He was standing outside listening to the birds singing and fluttering about, when he was a little surprised on turning round to see a Hawk sailing round about watching the two little birds in the cage. He was fearless, coming nearer and nearer. My friend did not want to go into the house to frighten the Hawk away, so he called to his wife to fetch him his gun and two cartridges. The Hawk only being about twenty-five yards away, he got a fair shot at it and brought it down to the ground in pieces like fluff and feathers.—MAY BEADNALL (age 13), 7, Albany Street, Middlesboro.'

**The Misfortunes of a Hot Day.

When walking one day through a rookery near Repton, I saw sitting on a tree about five feet from the ground a young Rook, looking very weather-beaten; his parents had evidently deserted him. I caught him, took him home, and kept him in a large box cage for about a fortnight. I fed him on bread and milk. Then I got tired of him and let him go, doing my best to frighten him away, but he would not go. So I continued to feed him, and he fed himself on strawberries, cherries, etc. I then brought him to my home in Derbyshire, and he lived in the garden for about eight weeks. One day I went to feed him. He was nowhere to be found. It was a hot summer's day. In trying to get a drink from a tub, the water was too low and he overbalanced; being in the dead moult he couldn't fly out, and so was drowned.—F. C. NODDER (aged 15), Ashover Rectory, near Chesterfield.

WILD BIRD LIFE.

Wintry Weather.

The cold north-east wind has been blowing for the past week, and there is now every sign of incoming bad weather. Such a complete change from the damp mild conditions prevailing since the early autumn cannot but affect the wild life of the countryside. Somehow, under the present cold snap birds appear more numerous than usual. Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Finches crowd the hedgerows and sheltered places. The grassland is dotted with groups of Redwings, Fieldfares, and Starlings, while the bigger Rooks are plentiful everywhere. Evidently the wild birds have deserted the outlying fields and woods, and are drawing nearer the houses and open gardens. I can easily count a dozen or so of Thrushes busy upon the grass round the house; big bold fellows they are, with prominent spotted breasts and quick alert ways, for they are now full of health and condition. They have fared sumptuously, and many of them have been in song. If the frost continues they will need a big reserve of flesh to help them through a wintry spell. When crossing the Downs yesterday we picked up a dead Redwing. The bird had apparently been wounded by gunshot, and fallen in a cart rut, and evidently died quickly. When examined he was found to be loaded with fat, so much so, that the breast-bone could hardly be felt by pressure. One wonders how many of his companions lost their lives in the same way. The Redwing is a full, plump, broad-shouldered bird, quite differently shaped to the other Thrushes, but he is every bit as handsome, the bright eye stripe and rich splash of red by the side of the body and under the wing making identification an easy task to the most ignorant in birdy matters. Although the Redwing is a native of more northern climes, he is not by any means an exceptionally hardy bird. While food is plentiful, he is able to keep himself in excellent health and condition, and to do so he will be continually upon the move, invariably getting further south away from the frost and snow. When a general frost prevails all over the country he is as badly off as any of the Thrushes, and it is doubtful if under such conditions our resident birds are not better able to withstand the hard times. These latter will forage round the houses, gardens, and farm buildings, but it is very seldom the Redwings and Fieldfares leave the shelter of the hedgerows and the security of the open fields.

Variable Colour of Eggs.

I have seen it somewhere suggested that the cause of some species of birds producing eggs varying so much in colour and markings is explained by the food they eat. No doubt some birds vary their food considerably. Whitethroats inhabiting a certain district may feed upon an insect greatly infesting the underwood, others may feed upon something quite different. Possibly the greatest variation in the colour of birds' eggs is found in a colony of Guillemots. Now these birds feed exclusively upon fish, and as far as one is able to judge there is no apparent difference in the fish they catch, and yet in the same colony one is able to find an extraordinary variation in the egg colour and markings. The ground colours are white, cream, pale blue, yellowish green, reddish brown, dark green, with almost every other shade between these that can be imagined. The markings vary almost as much, ranging from brown to pink. With all this variation in colour and markings, the eggs are invariably pear-shaped.

When Birds Mate.

No doubt many wild birds pair during the autumn and winter months, for we are constantly having evidence of this brought home to us while roaming the fields and hedgerows during the short days. Sometimes it is a small flock of Linnets we disturb from the stubble, or a gathering of Missel Thrushes from the meadow land. In each case we notice how they invariably fly off in pairs. During the last few days the Robins have been having some curious pranks; it certainly is early for courting, as we are a long way from the time of wild primroses and sweet violets, but one can give no other name to the cut-cries of these Redbreasted tyrants. Master Robin evidently knows that his red waistcoat is a big asset in his courtship business, for he pushes it to the front, throwing back his head until it almost touches the root of his tail, twittering sweetly the while to his lady. No doubt, if we were able to watch other wild birds as closely, we should find this early pairing much more common than we suppose.

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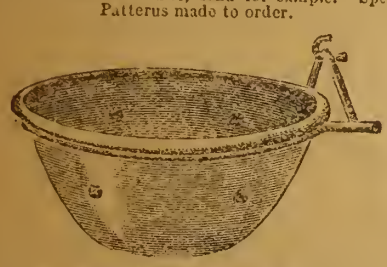
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FOR best Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, and Linnets, see my illustrated copyright prize list, free on application; also Siberian Goldfinches and Bullfinches, see testimonials on page 606.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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LARGE, selected cock Song Thrushes 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Blackbirds 1/-, 1/6 each. Travelling cages, 3d. each; approval.—Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.
I HAVE an extraordinary cock Skylark, can win on any show bench in strong class, also a splendid songster, 2/6; with cage, 4/6.—Mrs. Dutton, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.
"FOUR Favourite Softbills."—Mr. Norman's beautiful coloured plate of Larks will be forwarded post free to any address on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.
COCK Throstles, just coming on song, 1/- each, picked birds, or 4/6 the half-dozen; cock Redwings, Missiethrushes, or well spangled Starlings, 1/- each.—Write, Bulliver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.
SPECIAL select singing cock Skylark, can be heard 200 yards, I will match him to sing any Skylark in England, 2/-; also one just started singing, 1/-; approval; secret of feeding free.—George Holt, Dunstable.
EXTRAORDINARY large upstanding cock Skylark, like a Thrush, certain winner on any show bench, beautifully pencilled, singing splendidly, 1/6, measuring 14 inches; been caged months.—Gale, 117, West-st., Dunstable.
ON receipt of 1/6 will send securely packed the largest and londest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush. No cock Skylark can resist singing by using my feeding secret, which I send free.—Woods, Cross-st., Dunstable.
NOW is the time to buy Skylarks with the pluck in them; I have some champions now just coming on song; complete with cage, and fountains, 2/- each; note, these are genuine—not half hens.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham
"A FAMILIAR Contrast," lovely coloured plate of Blackbird and Robin, admired by all, post free, carefully packed, on receipt of 6d. postal order. Send at once, as we have but a few in stock.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Miscellaneous.

RED BREASTED cock Linnets, 5/- doz.; warranted cock Larks, 3/- doz. Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.
TWO hen Cirl Buntings, 1/- each; house-moulted Yellowhammer, 2/-; hen Goldfinch, 1/- each, cock Bullfinch, 2/-.—Philp, Marazion, Cornwall.
LINNETS, 5/-; Larks, 2/6, warranted cocks, or money returned; Greenfinches, mixed birds, 1/3 dozen.—Roughton, Bird Stores, Chatteris.
AVIARY MOULTED cocks, Bramblefinch, 2/6; Yellowhammer, 2/6; 1907 cock Canaries, 5/-, clear or variegated.—Welch, North-st., Smethwick.
DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/0 each; hens, 9/- dozen; Bullfinches, 2/- pair; cocks, 10/- dozen.—William Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.
BULLFINCHES, Goldfinches, 3/-; Linnets, Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, 1/-; Greenfinches, 10d.; Thrushes, 1/6; Larks, 9d.—L. Trewhitt, Shotley Bridge.
LINNETS, 4/6; Twites, 3/-; Larks, 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; Blackbirds, Thrushes, 9d. each; guaranteed good, strong, healthy cocks.—Papworth, Dealer, Chatteris, Cambs.
LARKS. Large upstanding, clean, warranted cock Larks, 3/- dozen; warranted cock Linnets, 5/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/0; hen Linnets, 1/-.—E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.
GOLDFINCH Mule, good singer, 7/6; big variegated Norwich cock, 6/6; house-moulted cock Linnet, 3/6; two cock Goldfinches, caged September, 3/6 each; approval, deposit.—J. Hill, 12, Victoria-st., Oldham.
SELECTED pairs Bluetits, Reedbuntings, Yellowbuntings, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, 1/- pair; Blackbirds, Songthrushes, coming on song, 1/-; each; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; mixed seed birds, 1/- doz.; exchange.—George Fenn, near Pit, Isleham, Cambs.
"RARE Feathered British Birds."—A special large size plate, 17 inches by 13 inches, of Albinos sent post paid and carefully packed on receipt of three penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS' Office, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.
SELECTED specimens, perfect in size, shape, colour and marking, certain to moult out winners; Hawfinch, 15/-; Crested Tit, 15/-; Grey Wagtail, 10/-; Twite, 3/6; Siskin, 3/6; Yellowbunting, 3/6; Reedbunting, 3/6; Redpoll, 2/6; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.
EXHIBITORS, house-moulted specimens, including winners, ready for immediate exhibition, Yellowhammers, Greenfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Wryneck, Meadow Pipit, Tree Pipit, Grey Wagtail, Crested Tit, Crossbill and Cornbunting; prices reasonable; state wants; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.
JACKDAW, hand-reared, grand talker, 3/-; cock Goldfinches, full song, 2/6, 3/-; hens, 1/-; handsome Bullfinches, cocks, 1/6, 2/-; hens, 1/-; cock Larks, Linnets, Chaffinches, in song, 1/-; 1907 hand-reared Thrush, full song, 5/-; 1907 hand-reared Magpie, finger-tame, pet, commencing talking, 7/6; bargain.—Compton, Chessell-st., Bedminster.
BULLFINCH cock, fit to show, 2/6; yellow Greenfinch 1/-; hen 3d.; Chaffinch (hen 2/-), moult out winner 1/-; Lesser Mealy Redpoll, beauty, 1/-; large Redpoll, sure muler, 2/6; Goldfinch, white legs, bred Mules, 7/6; Linnet, certain breeder, 5/6; fierce singing Linnet, 5/6; Woodlark 5/-; Skylark, singing, 2/6; Blackbird, singing, 5/-; Goldfinch Mule, 6/6; Linnet Mule 6/6; Linnet, picked 1/-; St. Andreasburg rollers, Norwich, Yorkshire, 2/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 2/-, 3/6; approval; Linnet, 3rd Winsford last week, only time out; see report; dozen mixed British, 2/6.—Enoch Tams, Church-street, Longton, Staffs.
COCK birds, Hawfinch, 7/6; Crossbill, 5/-; Crested Tit, 10/-; Nuthatch, 10/; Lesser Whitethroat, 10/-; Grey Wagtail, 10/-; Wheatear, 5/-; Meadow Pipit, 2/6; Greater Whitethroat, 5/-; Yellowhammer, 1/-; Reedbunting, 1/-; Greenfinch, 1/-; Twite, 1/-; Siberian Goldfinch, 6/6; Siberian Bullfinch, 6/6; Woodlark, 3/-; Skylark, 1/-; Linnet, 1/-; Redpoll, 1/-; yellow Budgerigars, 14/-; pair green Budgerigars, 7/-; pair Rufus Tails, 15/-; pair Java Sparrows, 3/-; pair green or red Avadavats, 4/0; pair Silverbills, 4/6; pair crimson Bishops, 10/-; pair Madagascar Weaver cock, 5/-; cock Siskins, 2/-; hen mules, 1/6 each, 12/- dozen; all birds are sold subject to your approval; travelling cages, 6d. each.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.
NOTICE, Fanciers, birds I send out are at my own risk, and if not giving fullest satisfaction, you return them, and have your money back, as I do not wish you to keep them; warranted English cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; extra selected for show, hench, and light muling, grand square blaze, and well huttoned, big bold birds, 3/-, three 8/-; warranted cock Brown Linnets, three 1/6, six 2/6, 5/- dozen; cock Woodlarks, king songsters, 3/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, sings pure Goldfinch song, 5/-, 7/6; Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song, 5/-; 1907 hand-reared cock Brook Thrush, 3/6, 4/6, in song; talking Parrot, 20/-, 30/-, 60/-, 100/-, comes out his cage on your shoulder, speaks 100 words.—Baker, Herbert-st., Bedminster.

BEAR IN MIND!
Everything I sell is on approval, entirely at my risk, if not perfectly satisfied, send them back, I am quite willing to replace them or refund money in full, that is straight forward business. Warranted English Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, 2/- each, three 5/-; selected large cocks for singing, showing or muling, in splendid song, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; Linnets, there is no man in England who can supply you with better Linnets than I can, all my Linnets I guarantee to have nut-brown wings and back, rose-red breast, warranted cock Linnets, 9d., three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/- dozen, selected large cocks for showing an muling in splendid song 1/6, three 4/-; warranted cock Larks, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; few in song, 1/-, 1/6 each; cock Chaffinches, three 1/6, six 2/6, 4/- dozen; hen Linnets, Chaffinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 4d., 2/- dozen; birds with new cage, full size, 6d. and 9d.; extra Linnet or Goldfinch cages, 6d., 9d. each, 4/0, 5/-, 6/- dozen; Lark cages, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6 dozen; single trap cages, 6d., 9d. each; double, 10d., 1/-; fancy hanging Canary cages, 2/-, 2/6 each.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE.
Advertisements for the "BIRTHDAY NUMBER" must reach us Tuesday, January 14th.

GOLDFINCH, Norwich hen, double bred dung cage, 10/-; also pair Norwich Canaries, good type, 1907 birds, coloured, with double breeding cage complete, 12/-; nice cock Blackbird, singing, hand-reared, 4/-, with roomy cage, 7/6; four new Norwich show cages, 4/-; pair buff Bantams, prize-bred, 7/6; approval with pleasure if deposit.—Holmes, 41, Falkrd., Wellingborough.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

SEVERAL grand young birds for sale, pairs or single; approval.—Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.
BELGIANS, from my strain, winners many firsts, gold, silver medals; approval.—Baker, Rolle Quay, Barnstaple.
GRAND lot Belgians, high shoulders, long necks, winning strains; approval.—George Baker, 24, Reform-st., Barnstaple.
BELGIAN Canaries. Fine cocks, full song, 12/6; hens, 3/3; sent on receipt postal order.—Eudic, 2, Beauchamp-st., Brooke-st., Holborn.
HIGH-CLASS Belgian Canaries for sale, from my winners, Antwerp, Ghent, moderate price.—Address, Jas. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp 2½d.
YELLOW 1907 three-quarter high-shouldered Belgian cock, 12/6; Buff, 10/6; hen ditto, 10/-; approval, deposit.—Comben, 94, Fortuneswell, Portland.

Border Fancy.

WANTED even-marked Cinnamons, Borders, for cash; approval.—McVittie, John-st., Laugholm.
SEVERAL good clear and foul buff cocks 7/6, 10/-; buff hens 5/-; pink of condition.—Clark, Causeway, Moffat.
A FEW real good Borders; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/- upwards; on approval.—Wm. Poole, 37, Frostons-rd., Workington.
SPLENDID Clear, Yellow and Buff cocks, 5/- each; strong, healthy birds.—Johnstone, Buccleuch-terrace, Langholm.
TYPICAL Border hens, 10/-; cock, 10/-, full song; both 1907, hen worth double; approval, deposit.—Lunn, Spalding, Linc.
PRIZE strain Borders, Buff and Yellow variegated cocks, 5/- each to clear; approval.—Hamilton, 12, Ruthven-st., Glasgow.
BORDERS, all colours, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; evenly marked strain, cold-room bred.—Walker and Stirling, 21, Bridge-st., Brechin.
BORDERS, stock from prize strain, cold-room bred, all colours, single or pairs; approval.—Cowan, Millar-st., Innerleithen, Scotland.
FEW really good Borders, Greens, Clears, and Marks, singles, pairs well matched; approval, stamp.—Hadwin, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.
FEW good typical stock birds, clears and variegated, even marked bred, cold room; prices moderate; stamp reply.—Young, Reston, Berwickshire.
BORDERS, bred outdoor rooms, strong, healthy, all colours, show or stock birds, from 12/6 pair.—Thomas Hanoocks, Border Fancy Aviaries, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.
FINE selection of exhibition Borders, in perfect condition, also carefully selected pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; state wants; approval.—Tulloch C. Bennet, 63, Roxburgh-st., Kelso, N.B.
SIX pair of Borders for sale, 8/6 pair; five cocks and six hens, suit a dealer, highest cash offer; exchange any for large Yellow Norwich hens; any variety.—J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.
PRIZE and prize-bred Borders, cold-room bred, even marked strain cocks, 7/6; hens from 4/6; matched pairs from 12/6; approval, cash or deposit.—S. Marchant, 37, Wallace-st., Dumfries.
I HAVE a few good Borders for sale, same strain as my winners at Dulwich, West of Scotland, Dumfries, Carlisle, Annan, Scottish National, etc., including two B.F.C.C. medals; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/-; approval, deposit.—Calderwood, 46, Irish-st., Dumfries.

Cinnamons.

NORWICH Cinnamons, 30 grand birds cheap; approval.—Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.
SEVERAL pairs Norwich Cinnamons, extra Yellow cocks; approval; exchange.—Davis, Ironmonger, Cardigan.
FEW prize-bred Cinnamon Canaries, Dormer's strain; prices very reasonable.—H. Fry, Alwinton, Godstone-rd., Purley.
NORWICH cinnamon marked, green marked, also green cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-.—Eastol, 183, Thorold Road, Ilford.
SIXTY cocks and hens, red fed, mostly unflighted (with a strain of Crest), 12/6, 15/6, 20/6, 30/6 each upwards, to clear quickly.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.
GRAND Cinnamon hens, yellows and buffs, 10/- and 15/-; yellow cock, 10/-; buff cock, 10/-; approval.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax. See Norwich.
TWENTY healthy high-class bred Cinnamons for sale, all unflighted Norwich type, Dormer's strain; cocks from 10/- to 20/-; hens from 7/6 to 15/-.—Walsh, 5, Glebe-st., Great Harwood, Lancs.
CINNAMON Canary cock, extra deep colour, really faultless, won two 1sts, hold its own anywhere, 10/-; valued at treble by expert; fortnight's approval.—Hamdon House, Stoke-sub-Hamdon.
A FEW champion young self Cinnamon cocks, from noted breeders' rooms, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; a few good hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; approval.—Pimm, Icknield Port, Birmingham.

Crests and Crestbreds.

TWO pairs high-class Crests, 11/- pair; approval; bargains.—Moore, Bampton, Devon.
LARGE Crested cock, prize bred, only 8/6; approval.—W. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.
VERY good Crest and Crestbred of prize strain; stamp reply.—James Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.
LARGE hen Canaries, 2/6; nice crested hen, 3/-; Crestbred cocks, full song, 5/-.—McNaughton, Alne, Yorks.
HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, few to dispose of on approval.—Alex. Onion, 28, Foxhall Road, Nottingham.
FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 10/-.—Evius Brothers, High-st., Exeter.
BREEDING stock, have about forty good stock birds for sale; best blood only.—Slade, 57, Cranmer-rd., Brixton.
CRESTS and crestbreds, a few good stock birds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/-. Price, 177, Neate-st., Camberwell.
CREST and Crestbred Yellow and Buff for sale, from 10/- upwards; approval.—Routledge, Hamsterly Colliery, Lanchester.
FOUR 1907 Crest and Crestbreds; 3 Greenfinch Mules; 1, Norwich cock, cheap; approval.—Ruby Bros., 81, Looe, Cornwall.
CHAMPION Crests and crest-breds, can spare few good stock pairs, from 60/-; approval, stamp.—R. B. Tope, Hoe-st., Plymouth.
YELLOW, with green crest, 1907 cock, 10/6; yellow crested hen 5/-; Crestbred hen 3/6; approval.—Comben, Outfitter, Portland.
LARGE Crests, Crestbreds, Yellows, and Buffs, from 21/-; approval.—David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
NORWICH Crests and Crestbreds; Joyce and Sharp's strain; clear out.—Nicholson, 85, Evelne-st., 2 up of Dunchaten-st., Glasgow.
CRESTS, Crest-breds, for disposal, pairs from 20/-; single birds from 10/-; well-bred, healthy.—T. Alcond, 6, Myrtle-grove, Low Fell, Gateshead.
CHAMPION Crest and crest-breds to dispose of at half price to clear, from 12/- pair upwards; must clear at once.—Wood, 32, Linden-rd., Gloucester.
DARK crest cock, in show cage, 1st large selling class, Kirby Moorside, 12/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.
G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has a few Crested hens and cocks; price reasonable; have won this month ten first prizes; a few cheap ones; approval.
GREENWOOD AND BURSON, winners at all the leading shows; 30 Crest and Crestbreds for sale; approval; stamp for list.—28, Haydon-st., Swindon, Wilts.
CREST and Crest-breds, same blood as my winners, Dunfermline, 10/6 to 20/-; stamp particulars; few feeding hens, 2/6 each.—Wm. Campbell, Leishman-square, Alva.
TO breed winners.—Get the right strain, late Derby and Bristol shows, nine specials, ten firsts, six seconds and five thirds; pairs from 30/-.—Colledge, 295, Kilburn, Derby.
EXCHANGE good Crestbred cock, with good type Green Daisy Crested hen, from good strains; wanted heavy Crested cock.—Trewin, Madeline Villa, Middle-rd., Bournemouth.
HAVING selected my breeding stock, have about 30 crests and crestbreds for sale from 20/- per pair upwards. Barnett's strain, approval.—Inspt. Storey, Police Station, St. Ives, Hunts.
HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crestbreds, and strong and healthy; bred from or related to my winners from 20/-; approval.—H. Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-road, Blackheath, S.E.
OWING to removal, I am obliged to sell my stock of Crests, 30 to 40 in all; matched pairs from 30/-; single birds from 10/6; also cages; state wants.—Treasure, Grove Villa, Tivoli, Cheltenham.
WINNING strain; some very fine Crest Crestbred cocks, also Crestbred hens, cold bred, 1907, cheap to clear; inspection invited any time; approval.—John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.
WINNERS. Variegated Crestbred cock (first), clear body dark Crest hen (two seconds), £4; Green Crested hen, same blood, 15/-; approval.—Porter, Cabinet Maker, Porter Glen, Hanginwater, Sheffield.
FOR sale, good 1907 Crest and Crestbreds, 10/6 and upwards; related to my winners; send stamp for particulars; birds sent on approval; deposit system willingly.—White's Aviaries, Desborough, Harborough.
CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, cocks only, related to my £70 pair strain; pedigree and quality unequalled, from 20/-; approval; state wants; stamp.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.
G. PENNINGTON has high-class Crests and Crestbreds for sale; no little rubbish; all strong, healthy, young birds of the best blood; pairs, 25/- to 60/-; exchange entertained; approval, deposit.—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.
CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood in the world, winnings well known, challenge bowls Barnstaple, Bristol, Plymouth, etc., single cocks, and properly matched pairs from 60/-; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.
A few good Crests Barnett's and Joyce's strain hens from 7/-; cocks 10/-; 4 pairs Yorkshire hens from 5/-; cocks from 7/-; these are all bred from winners; approval; money returned if not satisfied.—Green, 9, West-street, Wisbech.
CHAMPION bred Crests, 25/- pair; Cinnamon crested hen, 6/-; clear yellow hen, 10/6 hand-reared Goldie, lovely colour, 7/-; hen Bullies, hybrid breeders, 2/-; wanted, large square Parrot's cage, good condition.—I. Young, Frome.
OWING to removal I am obliged to sell my small but selected stock of Cinnamon Crests, 12 birds in all, mostly unflighted; I warrant all Cinnamon blood; will produce winners; cheap taking lot to clear.—Compton, 36, Belgrave-mews, London, S.W.
HEAVILY-FEATHERED, high-class Crests and Crest-breds, of the right quality, and at reasonable prices. Please state requirements. Properly matched pairs 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; all cold room bred; approval anywhere.—H. Amiss, 69, Ashby-st., Norwich.
BREEDERS of our well-known champion Crest and Crestbreds, winners of thousands of prizes and all kinds of specials; pairs from 30/- upward, or single birds; the best can be got for the price you are prepared to give.—J. and J. Symons, 2, Melbourne-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall.
MUST sell a grand Buff Crestbred hen, 1907, nearly clear body, dark cap, large bird, dirt cheap, 15/-; also Buff variegated Crestbred cock, beautiful large bird, grand feather, good skull and browing, 1907, 12/6, cheap; approval anywhere; deposit.—Newson, Bridge-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.
GREATEST bargains ever offered; 1907 high-class, grandly-matched pairs, winning strain, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- per pair, worth double; single birds from 5/-; cold-room, healthy; few winners cheap; week's approval, cash or deposit; exchange; easy payments; stamp reply.—Sills, Sharow, Ripon, Yorks.
MONSTER even marked dark crest cock, 10/6; massive variegated ditto, grand crest, 10/6; massive variegated dark crest hen, 9/6; wing marked ditto, gem, 5/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, 10/6; yellow variegated ditto, 8/6; massive variegated crestbred hen, grand head, 9/6; splendid value, all grand stock birds, Barnett's strain; approval willingly.—Stanhope, Windmill, Belper.
SPECIAL notice.—W. Neame, 13, Durnford-street, Stonehouse, Plymouth, the cheapest house in the West. Fanciers' should see my birds before applying elsewhere, and save 25 per cent. Monster clear buff Crestbred cock, a bargain, 30/-; variegated crested hen, good frontal, and Crestbred cock, 30/- pair; clear body, clear crested cock and green Crestbred hen, 32/6 pair; clear body, dark crested hen and green Crestbred cock, 27/- pair.

DO YOU WANT A Crest or Crested-bred?

Have some of the following on approval. They are just about twice as good as you can get elsewhere at the price. Travelling Cages 3d. extra. **Crested Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-** upwards; **Crested Hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/-** upwards; **Crested-bred Cocks,** Ticked or Variegated, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-30/-; Crested-bred Hens,** Ticked or Variegated, **3/6, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-** upwards; Pairs matched for Crest Breeding, one Crested and one Crested Bred, **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-** per pair.

See my advertisement on page 606.

W. RUDD, *THE* **Bird Specialist, NORWICH.**

GRAND pair of Crested hen, double Crest breed, £2 5s.; large Crested cock, £1; pair of prize Lancashires, £2 5s.; splendid Yellow Plainhead Lancashire cock, 25/-; two pair Norwich Plainheads, prize birds, 20/- pair; two pairs, 12/6 pair; two Buff cocks, 15/-, two genuine; £9 lot, bargain.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton, Essex.

I CAN spare two Green Crestbred hens, 1907, 25/-, 30/- each; two Green Crestbred cocks, 1907, 25/-, 20/-; three Green Crested hens, 1907, 40/-, 30/-, 25/-; Buff dark Crest cock, 1907, 25/-; two Green Crested cocks, 1907, 15/- each; all are bred from my winners, and are cold-room bred; prices fixed low to clear room for breeding pairs.—Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, Birmingham.

SENSATION of Gateshead show, 14th December, was C. Robert's Crests and Crestbreds winning two firsts with two birds and several specials again on January 1st and 2nd at the great Scottish National show. I won 4 firsts with special for best Crest in the show; also special for best Crestbred and gold medal for best in the section, see reports, which say undoubtedly the best ever seen on a show bench, wins hands down, beating the great Crest Saticty, which won first at the Crystal Palace two years in succession. Hurry up fanciers if you want the blood that breeds winners; few to clear, cheap, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- the pairs; single birds from 15/6.—67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class crests, crestbreds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster wing-marked dark crest cock, 16/-; monster green crest cock, 15/6; massive heavy feathered even marked ditto, 13/6; monster clear crest hen, grand crest, 13/6; massive heavy feathered green crest hen, 11/6; massive heavy feathered variegated ditto, 10/6; monster clear cresthred cock, 15/6; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 12/6; monster variegated crestbred cock, 15/-; monster variegated crestbred hen, 13/6; massive heavy feathered ticked ditto, 13/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NOTICE TO READERS.

Have some of the best stock pairs of Crest and Crestbreds in the fancy, at moderate prices; this strain needs no bounce; pairs from 17/6 to 50/-; single pairs from 12/0 to 30/6; no value like it; approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

MRS. E. L. A. CROW, LOWESTOFT, has for disposal two 1906 variegated crested hens, 15/- each, 1907 variegated crested cock, 10/-, 1907; almost clear body, dark crested cock, 20/-; heavily variegated C.B. cock, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; head and wing marked, ditto, 25/-; variegated, ditto, 10/-; green C.B. hen, 15/-; all 1907; low prices to clear quickly; all closely related to winners, Palace, Nottingham, Norwich, Cambridge, Diss, Lowestoft; approval.

WM. BOWYER.

Buy from the man that breeds his own winners. I can spare good useful stock pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 10/-; show birds, amongst them several winners, from 30/- to 50/-; no better blood obtainable; pay what you will; approval with pleasure.—Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs.

WICKS BROS., NORWICH.

offers grand Crested and Crestbred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- upwards; ditto hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/- upwards; selected pairs, matched for Crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- upwards; approval; simply state wants; correspondence a pleasure; send for current price list and catalogue of all appliances, post free. Postal and telegraphic address, Wicks Bros., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS CRESTS.

I have some good crests and crest-breds for sale. Many that can win at our very best shows, and some grand stock birds; I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Best blood in the fancy; many winners sold by me; 30 years breeder; approval, and before payment, to any fancier I know.—T. Billington, 166, Colwick-rd., Nottingham.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH and French Frills, including very long, leggy birds, imported by me direct, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- each; send for illustrated detailed list and see my advertisement on page 606.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

NORWICH, specially bred for producing Greens, cocks and hens from 10/- each.—Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

GREEN Norwich cocks from 7/-; marked hens from 3/-; cash or deposit.—Baker, 47, Upper Grove-st., Smethwick.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshire Greens, also Crests; hargains; cash or deposit.—Willetts, 116, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

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NORWICH buff green cock, 4th Manchester, 20/-; foul yellow green, c, Manchester, 20/-; approval.—Allen, 196, Blackburn-road, Bolton

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a word of what I say about my Rollers unless you like, but the letters given below say more for them than I could ever say myself. It must be admitted that there is something special about my "Leipzig Rollers," otherwise the sale of them would not go on year after year like it does. I claim to be the largest retailer of Rollers in United Kingdom. The public know when they hear a good bird, therefore my sales keep increasing by leaps and bounds. I have a grand stock of St. Andreasberg Hollow Rollers, all direct from Leipzig. All guaranteed in full song day and gaslight, with long, hollow, double rolls, sweet silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft roulades, piccolo trills, nightingale jug-jug, bell harp, and du-du pipes, etc., etc., and guaranteed entirely free from linnet, lark or any other harsh notes, price 7/6 and 5/6 each. Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass rolls, 10/- each. Also a few special Seifert strain, contest masters, price 15/- each. 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DARK buff Goldfinch Mule, winner, rich blaze, 17/6.—McVittie, John-st, Langholm.

SIBS, my old Palace light Linnet, muling strain, 5/-.—Sims, Signalman, Warminster.

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GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mules, show specimens, 10/6 each (two only).—Mallinson, 8, Princes-st., Harrogate.

TWO cock Linnet Mules, one hen, parents of above, 16/-; offers; approval.—Fosbury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

THREE Linnet Mules, cocks singing, 4/6 each; exchange muling hens.—R. Stewart, 33, Lancaster-rd., Morecambe.

SIX dark Goldfinch-Canary mules, three cocks and three hens, £1 lot, or separate; approval.—Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, champion songsters, Goldfinch notes, 7/6, 10/- each; approval.—Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd, Ipswich.

CHOICE Sib. bred cock Canaries, from proved light muling hens, 10/- each; approval.—Geo. Dale, Wenden, Saffron Walden.

THREE breeding Goldfinches, 7/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; two hen Mules, 2/-; Canaries, 2/- each.—Philp, Marazion, Cornwall.

GRAND Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, father of above, 5/-; exchange.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincs.

LINNET-BULLFINCH Hybrid cock, young bird, in perfect health, £2 10/-; approval.—David Hopkins, 88, East Main-st, Darvel.

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SIX large Sib. hens, 5/-; 6 extra big, 7/6 each, clears and marked buffs, for light muling; approval; deposit.—Mares, Eign-st., Hereford.

SPLENDID Goldfinch-Mule, brilliant songster, 6/-; cock Goldfinch, and sib hen, 7/6; approval.—Thos. Crossley, Mealbank, Kendal, Westmorland.

GOLDFINCH Mules, winner 2nd prize North London, full song, 8/6; others, full song, 7/6.—Reynolds, 62, Langdon-rd., Upper Holloway, N.

HANDSOME variegated cock Goldfinch-Mule, pure Finch song, 10/6; dark Goldfinch-Mule, 7/6; approval; deposit.—J. Evans, 19, Gloucester-rd., Croydon.

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TWO light cock Goldfinch Mules, winners, light cock Linnet Mule, cheap, wanted Siskin and Siberian Goldfinch, proved mulers.—J. Maddison, 67, Tullock-st, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TWO cock Goldfinch mules, 6/- each one hen, 1/-; 12/- lot; 2 cock Canaries, 3/6 each; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens; approval.—Tomkinson, Gravel, Winsford, Cheshire.

COCK Greenfinch Canary Mule, also Goldfinch Canary, both in grand song, 5/- each; muling hen Canaries, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, according to size.—Broadhents, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

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LARGE Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, in full song, 7/6, 10/6 each, send seven days' approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited any time.—Mr. Marsh, Freemason Aviaries, Mercerons-st, Brady-st, Whitechapel-rd.

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WANTED, King Parrakeet, price, etc., Jones, 46, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

PIPING Bullfinches, several tunes, 10/6 each, worth 20/-.—Varney, Angel-lane, Stratford.

YOUNG, healthy out-door Budgerigars, true pairs, 5/6.—Fred Laycock, Sutton Mill, Keighley.

GRAND Amazon Parrot, genuine talker, 30/-, with cage.—Pearson, 55, New-st, Quarry Bank.

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Yours the prettiest.

9, Hyde Park-st, London, W., Jan. 3rd, 1908.—Mrs. Kelly begs to thank Mr. Rudd for the two lovely looking birds just arrived, none the worse for their journey, and they were beautifully packed. I have put with my other birds, but yours are the prettiest.

No chopping.

80, The Cottages, Harold's Cross, Dublin, Jan. 5th, 1908.—Pleased to tell you the Norwich songster I had from you has turned out a real good one, in full lond song, with a variety of changes, and no chopping.—T. Cash to W. Rudd. 7, Cooper Place, Glasgow, Jan. 4th, 1908.—Birds arrived all safe, and am very pleased with them.—M. Newlands to W. Rudd.

Sings well.

Arborea, Rathgar-rd, Dublin, Jan. 5th, 1908.—Your bird arrived safe, I am much pleased with it; it sings well.—H. Slattery to W. Rudd.

Three times the amount offered for it.

Apsley House, Loughton, Jan. 4th, 1908.—Just a line to tell you the bird sings beautifully; three times the amount has been offered for it, that I paid you, but I will not sell it at all. I shall give you further orders.—W. Williams to W. Rudd.

Not the first, and won't be the last.

7, Hoollands-st, Swinton, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—I am very pleased to inform you that the Norwich hen arrived in excellent health. I thank you for the straightforward manner in which you have served me. This is not the first time I have had birds from you, and it will not be the last. I could not have been better satisfied had I picked the bird out myself.—J. Chapman to W. Rudd.

Camperdown House, Old Humstanton, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—I am pleased with the Yorkshire Canary you sent me.—E. Orders to W. Rudd. 41, Townhead Mansions, Main-st, Uddingston, Jan. 1st, 1908.—I received the bird all right; I am highly pleased with it. It started to sing after it was unpacked, and it has done so ever since.—A. Connell to W. Rudd. 96, Middleton-st, Ibrox, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—Yorkshire carrying case arrived safely, and is much better value than I expected.—R. B. Gift to W. Rudd. Barrow-in-Furness.—Jan. 2nd, 1908.—Received bird cage with thanks; well packed, and was quickly despatched.—G. H. Baker to W. Rudd. Barry, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—The Goldfinch arrived safe, and I am very pleased with it.—T. Hughes to W. Rudd.

17, Glanyrafom, Pontardulais, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Will you kindly send——, I must thank you for sending such a splendid songster. It was rattling all day when I had it.—R. Griffiths to W. Rudd.

99, College-st, Chilvers Coton, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Birds arrived safe to-day, in good condition. Am well satisfied with them.—W. H. Dickin to W. Rudd. Alloa, Scotland, Jan. 1st, 1908.—I received the bird all right, and I am very pleased with it.—R. McAra to W. Rudd. Market Harboro', Jan. 1st, 1908.—Bird to hand safe, and am pleased with same.—C. P. Webb to W. Rudd. Liverpool, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Bird arrived safe this morning, am well pleased with same.—S. Cutton to W. Rudd. 25, Bogie-st, Huntley, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Bird arrived all safe, and in good condition. I am pleased with it. Thanks for the attention you have given.—W.C. to W. Rudd.

O.K.—Very pleased.

Pulloxhill, Ampthill, Jan. 3rd, 1908.—The birds arrived O.K., am very pleased with them.—F. Birim to W. Rudd. 12, Bay-st, Port Glasgow, Jan. 3rd, 1908.—I received the bird all right, It is doing fine.—J. Campbell to W. Rudd.

Very pleased with it.

Rosebank, Woodbridge, Jan. 3rd, 1908.—The bird arrived quite safe last evening. It has been singing during the day, and seems none the worse for its journey. Am very pleased with it.—G.W.G. to W. Rudd. Barngarth, Curtmel, Jan. 1st, 1908.—I received the birds, etc., and am very pleased with them.—F. Burton to W. Rudd.

Corby-rd, Weldon, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Received the Canary quite safe, and it gives every satisfaction. He soon began to whistle.—Sam Glithero to W. Rudd. 90, West-st, Sittinghourne, Jan. 1st, 1908.—Birds to hand in splendid condition; many thanks.—J. Cook to W. Rudd. 17, Back Clayton-st, Bedlington, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—Just a few lines to let you know I received the bird all right, and was very pleased to see that you insist on getting the bird safely landed. I thank you for sending bird in the right manner; am sure that it will satisfy me.—J. Raillton to W. Rudd.

Well satisfied.

13, Lena Gardens, West Kensington Park, London, Jan. 5th, 1908.—Birds arrived safely and am well satisfied.—H. Legge to W. Rudd.

Grand condition etc.

14, Graig Fryn Terrace, Nantymoel, Glam., Jan. 4th, 1908.—The bird arrived in grand condition, I am highly pleased with it. Hoping to give you another order shortly.—Evan Lloyd to W. Rudd. 107, Invicta-rd, Sheerness, Jan. 3rd, 1908.—I am pleased to inform you that the young Norwich Canary I had from you has turned out an excellent bird and a fine singer.—A. J. Franklin to W. Rudd. Rose City, Worth, Jan. 2nd, 1908.—Thanks very much for bird received safely, I am very pleased with it.—M. Baker to W. Rudd.

29, Queenborough Terrace, London, W., Jan. 4th, 1908.—Miss Greeven received the Canary this morning in good condition, and thanks Mr. Rudd for his trouble.

Very satisfactory.

18, Chorley-st, Swanton, Jan. 4th, 1908.—As promised, I now beg to inform you that the bird which you sent has turned out very satisfactory. Thanking you for the consideration you have taken in the matter.—W. Beswick to W. Rudd.

More than satisfied.

4, Priory-st, York, Jan. 4th, 1908.—I received birds this morning in good condition, and am more than satisfied with them. Thank you for your prompt attention.—R. Gray to W. Rudd.

Without any doubt whatever.

54, Derwent Street, Hanley, Staffffs. Jan. 4, 1908. The Roller you sent is a fine bird, both in health and song, and I am well satisfied; I could recommend you to anyone without any doubt whatever.—J. Vernon to W. Rudd.

Inspection to anyone on the Curragh.

21, Hut J. Lines, Curragh Camp, co. Kildare. Jan. 4, 1908.—I received the Yorkshire cock at 12.30, and before 2 p.m. he was singing strong. Thanks very much for your promptness; the bird has given me every satisfaction. He is a beauty, and is open for inspection to anyone on the Curragh that would like to hear him.—J. Haley to W. Rudd.

4th Btn., Roy. Fus., Mullingaw. Jan. 4, 1908.—The birds arrived quite safe, and I a mperfectly satisfied, and no doubt you will get a few orders through them, as they are greatly admired by a lot of my chums.—Pvt. R. Gray to W. Rudd.

Motherwell. Jan. 4, 1908.—Birds to hand. They arrived alright and in good condition, and I am pleased with them.—W. Holmes to W. Rudd.

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EXCHANGE splendid pair field-glasses for pair Canaries.—Smith, Orchardleigh, Highworth, Wilts.

EXCHANGE large 1907 Yorkshire cock for magic lantern or sell 7/6.—Gilman, Church Institute, Buxton.

VERY good large double breeding cage, pair Yorkshire Canaries, £1; exchange.—Letall, Whittlesea.

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, two hens, winners exchange for common hens.—G. Smith, 70, Charles-st., Kettering.

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TWO cocks, six hens, Borders, 18/-; part exchange in show cage and case; offers.—Lawrie, Roslin, Midlothian.

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SINGING CONTESTS.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillottson: 1st prize, C. Bibs; 2nd, T. Johnson; 3rd, W. Fisher. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Cooper.—T. SUMMERS, hon. sec.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn L.S.A. held their week-end singing contest on 4th, at headquarters, when 11 birds competed for three prizes given by J. Harrison. Prize winners: 1, Topping; 2, Blackshaw; 3, Bayhurst.—R. BAYHURST, Sec.

YORK.

Usual weekly contest took place at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 22 birds competed for five good prizes. Some very good quality singing was heard. The following were the principal prize winners: 1, 3, Massheder; 2, Milner; 4, Stothard; 5, Moore. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, J. Mason.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

PENTONVILLE.

Linnet and Chaffinch handicaps took place during the week. Both classes of birds made very poor singing, but owing to notice in CAGE BIRDS, January 4th, a match has been arranged between Mr. Edwards and Mr. Frank Rab, Chaffinch against Chaffinch. 1st race takes place Simmond's "Blue Anchor," Shoreditch, January 12th, at 8.30. 2nd race, January 14th, 8.30, at the "Bee Hive," Cynthia-street, Pentonville. Harry Hacks represents "Bee Hive," Dick Eastopp ("Natty") "Blue Anchor." It is expected a close contest will be the result. For other races see CAGE BIRDS.—F. WESTMORE, Timekeeper.

WARRINGTON.

A Linnet singing contest for time singing was held at the Alexandra Inn on January 4th, when a large number of entries were posted and some capital singing was heard, especially considering the time of year. It was almost cold enough for snow. It gave Warrington fanciers great pleasure to see so many turn up from Wigan and Bedford Leigh, some of them taking prizes back with them. The results are as follows:—1st, Tarmitage; 2nd, 4th, G. Trynor; 3rd, 5th, J. Jones. Judges, Messrs. J. Ball and T. Crawford. Timekeeper, Mr. H. Stanway.—J. W. MATHER, Secretary.

Warrington.—All England Contest for time singing, Alexandra Inn, Warrington, on Saturday, the 10th Jan., when the landlord, Mr. R. Thompson, will add 6d. per bird to an entrance fee of 1/- per bird towards prizes. Hoping to get a bumper from our North country friends again.—J. W. Mather, sec.—(Advt.)

YORK.

The 30th annual Linnet singing contest was held at the Bricklayer's Arms, Hungate, York., on Boxing Day, when there was a record entry. It was the largest contest ever held in York; upwards of 60 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction. The singing was very good for the time of the year. Mr. Wm. Empson arranged a prize for every competitor, the following being the principal prize-winners: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Massheder; 3, J. Paver; 4, J. Moore; 5, Highflier; 6, T. Lightfoot; 7, Bill; 8, Jackson; 9, Farmer; 10, Squib; 11, O. Garra; 12, White Knight, and 46 minor prizes. A very successful contest was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the prize donors. Mr. J. Paver judged. Mr. T. Limbert officiated as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly contest also held, when 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. Wm. Empson. Six prizes were up for competition. The singing was fairly good considering the severe wintry weather at present. The awards gave every satisfaction:—1st, T. Limbert; 2nd, H. Allan; 3rd, T. Limbert; 4th, Laverick; 5th, Watson; 6th, Paver. Judge, T. Payer. Timekeeper, J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Malvern (C.B.U.).—Jan. 22nd and 23rd.—Assembly Rooms.—Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 11 open classes: York. 4, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 14th to SAMUEL GRIFFITHS, Link End Cottage, Malvern Link.

Larkhall.—Jan. 18th. Public Hall.—Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay. 13 open classes: Brit. 7, Bord. 2, Common 1, For. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close Jan. 14th to JAMES M'EWAN, 59, M'Neill-street, Larkhall.

Corebridge (B.F.C.U.).—Jan. 25th. Newbyres Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. M'Kenzie. 15 open classes: Bord. 8, Sell. 1, Scot. 2, Nor. 2, Brit 1, Mule 1. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan. 18th to W. BRYSON, Sec.

Cheshunt.—Jan. 16th, Boys' Brigade Drill Hall.—Judge, Mr. Clem Watson. 11 open classes: Crest 1, Yorks. 2, Nor 2, Mule 2, Brit 2, Sell. 2, Valuable prizes. Fee, 1s. Entries close Jan 11th to F. E. CLARK, Gothic Villa, Waltham Cross N.

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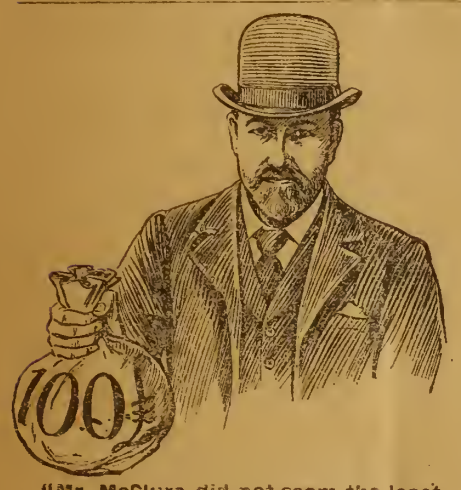
SENSATIONAL HAPPENING AT PAISLEY SHOW.

Two Winning Scotch Fancy Canaries Claimed off the Bench for £50 Each.

At Paisley Show, held on New Year's Day, a most sensational incident occurred, one which set the fanciers present agog with excitement, and brought about such an outpouring of broad Scotch comment as is seldom heard in these staid times. It was no less than the claiming at catalogue price, £50 each, of two Scotch Fancy Canaries. This is the tallest figure ever paid, we believe, for specimens of this particular breed. Our account below, written by a special representative of CAGE BIRDS, gives full details of this history-making deal, and we are able to give a portrait of the breeder of the two birds, Mr. W. McClure, and some details of his career.

From our own Special Representative.

Our Representative writes:—On the first day of the show I was there early, and early in the afternoon I learned "quietly" that an offer of £60 had been made and refused for two Scotch Fancies, but that their owner, Mr. McClure had no desire to sell, even for this tempting offer. On the second day of the show, late in the afternoon, I learned that an amended offer had been made of £70, which, however, had met with the same success as the £60 one. Mr. McClure would not part! The would-be purchaser, seeing his offers were no use, at once went to the Secretary, and claimed the two birds at the catalogue price, £50 each, and got his receipt for the money, £100. He then went at once to Mr. McClure,



"Mr. McClure did not seem the least pleased."

and told him he had bought the birds at catalogue price, in spite of him. I saw Mr. McClure immediately after, and I can assure you he did not seem the least pleased. I said: Mr. McClure, this is a record transaction; *is it true and straight?* He replied: "Yes; perfectly true"; and added: "If I had known, I would have bought them in myself, as the birds were worth more to me than his £100. But it is too late now, and I am very sorry. Mr. A. Allerdice, of Overtown, has bought them, but not for himself, I feel pretty sure of that,—but for some one in Carlisle, so I hear it rumoured."

I also saw Mr. Allerdice and got his story. He told me the birds were for himself, that it was a pure speculation, and he was quite prepared to put up with the result, whatever it might be.

The receipt was made out in Mr. Allerdice's name, so to all intents and purposes, he is the purchaser. If he has bought for someone else, then we have nothing to do with it, and can only look to him as being the owner, seeing the receipt was in his name. Still, this record sale did take place, and is genuine throughout; that is the main point.

The Man with the Money.

The subject of our sketch, Mr. Wm. McClure, of Somerville Drive, Mount Florida, Glasgow, is one of the best known breeders and most successful exhibitors in the West of the Scotch Fancy Canary. He has been a breeder of the Fancy for over 25 years, and throughout, he says, his sole aim and motto has been to breed specimens, good in body, wing and tail, for the show bench—good back, fine drive and wave go together, he says. The crowning point of his efforts in the above direction (the breeding of show specimens) was reached on Thursday, January 2nd, 1908, the day of Paisley show—a date which will long be remembered in the ornithological world. Mr. McClure, being a member, has for many years associated himself with the Paisley Association, and has also been an exhibitor for some years, and has been (as elsewhere) very successful in carrying off some of the principal prizes, including Cups and Gold Badges, etc. each year. He is the winner and owner of five Silver Cups, 33 Gold Badges, and many medals, including 10 out of 12 Glasgow Derby wins. This is his first year as a member of the National Derby, where his buff Foul cock won the Cup and Gold Badge. This bird is the winner of many firsts this season, being designated the Champion young buff Foul Cock of the year. The Buff Pied Hen was bred by that well-known breeder, Mr. McLennan, of Edinburgh, being the best young hen of the year, and also a notable winner of many firsts. The hen was the runner up for the Derby Cup. The crowning point of our subject's career was reached, as previously intimated, at Paisley show, when two of his gems were claimed at catalogue price, viz. £50 each, £100 in all, a record price for one pair. Those who had the good fortune to be present will remember the sensation caused when the sale became known. Mr. McClure, indeed, was the only man who seemed to keep cool. He declared he would rather have had the birds than the £100, and those who know our friend's quiet way believe these to be true words. The purchaser, Mr. A. Allerdice, of Overtown, near Wishaw, is to be congratulated on his pluck, and we wish him every success. The buff Foul cock was bred from Mr. McClure's old champion yellow cock, a bird with a splendid record of wins, and a buff hen belonging to Mr. McLennan, Edinburgh, another noted winner. The cock and hen are both the best young birds of the year, and, as will be seen, spring from the best of stock. In conclusion, I may state that Mr. McClure told me he believes the birds are for Allerdice himself, and for no other. Anyway, he got the £100, less commission on sale, and his sole aim now will be to breed something to beat the two just sold, if he can.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

Our artist, Mr. Norman, who journeyed to this famous Edinburgh Show, jots down a few impressions for readers of CAGE BIRDS.

The Committee can heartily congratulate themselves upon the splendid success of this show. They deserved this success, for no body of fanciers could have done more. The exhibits were not left to the chance attention of a passing steward, but each man had a section under his care and was answerable for its welfare. Any ailing birds were at once taken to the cosy office and there looked after in a manner that suggests itself to only genuine fanciers.

The Secretary, Mr. James Winter, was in attendance throughout the show and was always ready and willing to give advice or information. Messrs. L. J. Arrighi and J. F. Dewar were here, there and everywhere—ready to lend a hand wherever wanted. The veteran staging expert, Mr. D. Kinlayside, was busy, as usual, with saw and hammer, and the generally fine appearance of the show owed much to his skill.

Among a host of other workers we especially noticed Miss Waddell in close attendance with the Foreign Section; she was at her post both days, and the healthy, cheerful condition of the birds was sufficient evidence of her skill.

Every Scotchman appears to be a born fancier of British birds, consequently at the National Show one is able to see such a collection as is seldom on view. As a class we consider the Goldfinches superior to the Bullies, although there were one or two good birds among the latter. Colour appeared to be the chief attraction, and they lacked something in shape and that bull-necked chubby appearance one so loves to see in a good specimen.

Linnets were a marvellous collection—42 all told. Shape and colour appeared to find more favour with the judge than markings; not that markings were entirely neglected, but all-round qualities were taken into consideration, which is as it should be. No one point should win in such company.

One of the surprises of the show was the excellent class of Siskins. Caps, bibs, and lacings were to be found in almost all the exhibits, and sorting them out was no easy task. There was an object-lesson in the vexed question of "to feed or not to feed?" The fed Siskins numbered 12, the non-fed 24. The fed Greenies numbered 23, the non-feds 42.

Seeing the classes side by side as we did, it was impossible to say the fed birds scored; the soft, delicate colouring of the Greenies and the effective contrasts shown by the non-fed Siskins, should make an inveterate feeder give many thoughtful moments between this and next autumn to this question. As a matter of fact, the winning Greenie in the fed class was only lightly fed; so little so, that many almost doubted if he were fed at all—a clear proof that a quantity of artificial colour is not required to enable a bird to win, even in a big class with keen competition.

The A.O.S. class was composed solely of Hawfinches, and a capital collection it was. The winner was a gem, one of those good all-round birds so difficult to obtain. In markings and colour he was excellent; the latter good throughout—as perfect round the mandibles and bib as elsewhere. He was just in front of Mr. H. J. Chick's champion, and deservedly obtained the special for the best Britisher in the show.

Another good class was that for large Soft bills. In this class were two gems—viz., Mr. John Brown's Mistle Thrush "The Stormer," and the same owner's Fieldfare. Both those birds are the best of their species we ever remember seeing on the bench. The latter took our fancy immensely, and we sincerely hope to see him again somewhere else.

It is very seldom we see a good class of Foreign Goldies in the south; even the Palace fails to attract many birds. But here was a class of 34, all toppers. Among them we noticed a singularly good specimen—good in size and shape and exceptionally brilliant in colour—a most perfect bird, exhibited by Mr. L. J. Arrighi. It failed to obtain a card. It is so full of life it soon knocks itself about in a show cage.

We hear that a good hen-Bullie is to be its partner next spring. If success follows this procedure we can foresee many specials going Edinburgh way.

It was interesting to note the various fancies of the big holiday crowd. Never once during the show (after the public were admitted) was one able to examine the Hybrids quietly; there was always a group of keen enthusiasts discussing their points. The Canary-Bullie exhibited by those keen fanciers, Messrs. Duncan and Logan, is a gem of the first water. If this cross were as easily bred as Goldie-Canaries one cannot conceive how a more perfect bird could be produced. His breast colour is sound and rich, the back a beautiful pure grey splendidly marked, and the poll and wings almost as intense as those of a good Bullie.

The lovely Redpoll-Bullie shown by Mr. C. J. Ward, commanded a great deal of attention, as was to be expected. In shape and size it is perfect, and shows a lovely flush of colour.

The dark Mule classes were well filled, which seldom happens in the south. The size of some of these birds is wonderful. Breeding them from Foreign Goldies is not answerable for all of it, because the Linnet Mules are equally as good. The colour of some of the Goldie crosses is marvellous and far exceeds that of their wild parents. It is as though the blaze was put on hot, and consequently run down the chest and away back over head and cheeks. One cannot but admire these beauties, and yet all breeders try hard to breed clears—lovely birds certainly, and of course more difficult to obtain; but for rich colouring and delightful contrast a good Dark must always catch the eye.

Among the Canaries the greatest crowds were to be found around the Scotch Fancies and Borders, and we would suggest to the officials that it would add to the comfort of all concerned if these sections were placed at opposite sides of the hall to relieve the pressure. One cannot handle carefully such highly-strung birds as Scotch Fancies without a little elbow room.

One had only to touch the cages of some of these beauties for them to at once get into position. Since our last visit north there appears to be an improvement in this section. At that time one could hardly see the shape of the bird for the rough untidy feathers; now the eye can easily follow the contour, noting the graceful curves so pronounced in this variety. The tails appear to have lost some of their stiffness, and taking them collectively the birds appear more graceful and even.

The Borders were a charming collection. These wee gems of the Fancy are certainly pushing ahead. In a few more years they will be as plentiful south as north, for they are making many friends. One enthusiast (W. Wolley Seiranac) journeyed all the way from London to see the show and to study and make notes of his favourite Fancy. We only require a few more like him, and then the north must look to its laurels.

The clear birds were of course charming models of grace and beauty. Better feather and condition it is impossible to imagine. Why don't we see it in the Norwich? Surely colour feeding isn't answerable for this? There are good feathered Norwich, we know; but taken as a class, they cannot show the delightful feathering of the Borders.

The evenmarked are always attractive, for one cannot turn them out like green peas. To breed a perfect specimen requires time and patience. The winner in the Yellow class (Messrs. Duncan and Logan's) was a real beauty. We also particularly noticed a lovely Evenmarked Cinnamon. The beautiful soft delicate colouring of this bird was charming, no vivid contrast (some would say not enough), but it was a perfect bird, with exquisite feathering. To breed such a bird should make a man a Fancier to the end of his days.

When we left the hall the officials were busily packing the exhibits, and one could see at a glance that they had a perfect method of doing so. One need not wonder that the Scottish National of 1908 made an advance of nearly four hundred entries. Such care and attention deserves success. May 1909 still further increase their reputation!

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TWITTERINGS.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. W. Pritchard, to 6A, South Street, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

All prize money won at the Pendleton and Salford Show, writes Mr. W. Jackson, the sec., was paid two days after the show.

Scottish National report on Gold Lizard Class should read: 2nd and vhc, Rukin, not Whipp, writes Mr John Rukin (Rawtenstall).

Having received so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. C. Heaton (Crewe), I find it impossible to reply to all.

In Lancaster Show advertisement last week, writes the secretary, Mr. Brown, the price limit, viz., 15s., was omitted from the selling class (Class 16).

West Bromwich Show report of Hybrids credits Mr. Lees with 1st Linnet-Bullfinch, writes Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent). This should read 1st J. Pitchford.

Although we had only a moderate gate, writes Mr. W. H. Davies. sec. of the Pwllheli Show, I am pleased to say we have a nice balance of £10 to go on with.

A lengthy letter on Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club matters has reached us from Mr. W. Aitchison, but it came to hand too late for us to deal with it in this issue.

We Fanciers of Bandon, writes Mr. E. C. Dawson, sec. of Bandon Bird Club, think CAGE BIRDS the paper of all papers for sound information and reports, not to mention plates.

Kindly notify my change of address, writes Mr. J. W. Bancroft, late of 123, Kestor Street, Haulgh, Bolton, Lanes.; it is now 12, Princes Drive, Marsland Road, Sale-Moor, Cheshire.

The Scottish National report credits John Robb with 2nd and 3rd in the 1907 Crested Cock or Hen Class, instead of John Noble, writes Mr. John Noble. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS!

I am a reader of your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. E. H. Williams (Llanelly), and have been since the first number. I have learnt a great deal from it, and wish it every success for the future.

Kindly inform those who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I had so many answers I could not reply to them all personally. This speaks well for your grand paper.—J. HOLKER (West Houghton).

In the Border Fancy section of the Paisley Show, writes Mr. W. Buchanan (Helensburgh), I secured the following: vhc for Yellow Cock, vhc for Buff Cock, vhc for Yellow Hen, and 5th and spl for Yellow Green Cock.

Thank you very much for your front page illustration of my Shorelark, writes Mr. H. H. Cooper (Luton). It does your artist great credit. It is most life-like. I wish CAGE BIRDS a very prosperous New Year.

The Wolverhampton and Dist. C.B.S. have moved their headquarters to the Prince Albert Hotel, at the top of the Station Drive, writes Mr. F. Howes, sec. Mr. C. B. Filkin, the proprietor, is the well-known Game Bantam Breeder.

West Bromwich Show report credits me with 1st in Any Variety Class with Belgian, writes Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax). This should read Whittaker 1st, with Belgian; Helliwell 2nd, even-marked Yellow Yorkshire and spl Best Bird in Classes 4 and 9.

I cannot allow CAGE BIRDS' Coupon Scheme to pass without congratulating you on same, writes Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham). This is not the first prize I have to thank you for, and I think the scheme will be still more progressive in the future.

I am in receipt of your Coupon Prize 10s., writes Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead), won at Jarrow Show, and thank you for same. I won the prize with my young crest "King Edward." He has been shown eight times, and has won on each occasion, Gateshead being his last time out for the season. He was hatched on May 21st, and was a single bird in a first nest, the other eggs being damaged. Rather lucky, wasn't it?

Kindly inform those that have written me for my Goldfinch and Canary, that I am unable to reply to all. Your interesting paper must have a large circulation. I had letters the morning after my advert. first appeared. Rather quick work.—A. PARKE (Lowestoft).

Kindly state in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham), that I have received two orders this week from Canada (Montreal and Toronto) for Norwich Cinnamons, and one pair of Crests—16 birds in all; also a very good testimonial from a well-known fancier there.

In sending us the balance sheet of the annual members' show of the City and Suburban A.C.B., which shows a balance on the right side for, we understand, the first time, the secretary, Mr. Wynn, writes: It has just worked out at a profit, but it has been a big struggle.

I am pleased to say, writes Mr. Cooper (West Ham), that I have sold my birds through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and might add that I had letters from all parts of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This speaks well for the circulation of CAGE BIRDS which I wish every success.

I am sorry to hear, writes "Yorkshire Fancier" (Carnarvon), that Mr. R. E. Griffiths is leaving North Wales for Rhondda, South Wales. He has proved one of our best fanciers, and we are sorry to lose him, and wish him the best of luck in his new home, and success with his Yorkshires and British.

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Vast numbers of Wood Pigeons find their way to this country from across the sea each year. The males are always in excess of the number of females among the early arrivals. The homing instinct of these birds is very strong, for it has been noticed that most of them return to the same trees to roost.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Gilbert Gray (Glasgow).

Mr. Smith (Glasgow) writes:—Mr. Gilbert Gray Pollockstridds, Glasgow, the most genial fancier in Scotland, passed away on 2nd January, and will be much missed by his only son, relations, and a wide circle of friends. In his business capacity he was very highly respected, and he was also respected by every fancier. Of a retiring disposition, the only office he could be induced to take was the presidentship of the Southern Albert O.A. Under his leadership the society rose to the premiership of confined associations. He was wise in counsel, and most considerate in every relation of life. An instance of this has just flashed into my memory. Meeting a gentleman who resided in an adjoining house, he said, "I hope the singing of the birds does not disturb you." He quickly responded, "No, sir; I like to hear their song, it reminds me of the country and my earlier days." It was a marked feature of his character to be kind, agreeable and gentle. I can confidently say every fancier joins in sympathising with his son, Mr. James Gray, and his relatives in the sad bereavement.

Mr. E. Kinson (Burslem.)

Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent) writes:—I much regret to inform you of the death of one of our local fanciers, Mr. Edwin Kinson, of Burslem, which took place at his residence on December 29th, at the age of 66, after a long illness. The deceased gentleman was a successful breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads, and as he had been confined to his house for several years, his birds helped to brighten what must have been otherwise a very weary time. Much sympathy is felt for the family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. James Brown (Bethnal Green).

The death occurred on the 28th ult, after four days' illness, of Mr. James Brown, the well-known bird-dealer, for nearly thirty years of 69 and 71, Selater Street, Bethnal Green. Deceased, who was only 48 years of age, and was the eldest son of the late Mr. James Brown (a bird dealer of Bethnal Green for over half a century), was well known and highly respected throughout the trade and by a host of friends, who much lament his death. The funeral took place at Manor Park Cemetery, and was largely attended, the trade being well represented. There were a large number of choice floral tributes.

Judging by the 1907 balance sheet which reaches us, duly audited, from the secretary, Mr. Duke the progressive South Shields, North Shields and District C.B.S. has experienced a most successful season. After meeting all liabilities, a nice sum is left in hand, a considerable increase over that which they had at the end of 1906.

I have again to acquaint you that I had a very quick sale for my birds advertised, writes Mr. A. J. Marley (Leyton). My Greenfinch Mule was claimed by telegram (which I enclose), only a few hours after your paper was on sale. My experiences stand out as showing the value of CAGE BIRDS as an advertising and purchasing medium.

The annual general meeting of the Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F.S. was held on Jan. 2, at the Mission Hall, Church Street, Hanwell, writes the sec., Mr. W. Bird. The balance sheet shows the society to have had a good year. The debt at the commencement of the year was £27 0s. 3d.; this has now been reduced to £2 5s. 11d. Twenty-nine new members have been enrolled. It has been decided to purchase four silver cups, including one for the cage-bird section.

Am pleased to say through advertising in CAGE BIRDS I have sold all four of my prize Bullies, and could have sold them many times over, as I had such a lot of enquiries after them.—W. G. FELLOWS (Southampton).

I received the lovely plate of Chats, etc., in good order, and I am extremely obliged to you. I have it framed with several more of your beautiful pictures. The last plate you issued was a real good one.—J. G. HUTCHINSON (Heaton).

As anything printed in CAGE BIRDS travels as quickly as one could telephone a message, writes Mr. R. Southworth (Blackburn), allow me to congratulate the officials of the Leigh Show on the care and attention bestowed on my birds, and also upon the prompt payment of prize money.

On Sunday the 19th inst, the grand exhibition of the Cercle, "Les Amateurs d'oiseaux," will be held at Verviers, Belgium, at which we notice that widely-renowned enthusiast Monsieur Emile Ruhl, is to adjudicate. Mons. Ruhl is well known to many frequenters of the Crystal Palace Show, at which he is a regular visitor.

The 1907 balance sheet of the Sheffield C.B.S., duly audited, reaches us from the secretary, Mr. T. Bishop, and is a thoroughly satisfactory one in every sense. A tea and concert, with two grand shows (nest-feather and annual) were held, and the cash balance has increased from £6 to well over £18. This is good business.

Palace Show: Exhibitors of Belgian Canaries please note that Mr. J. Robson will judge the 4 classes of Belgians. In the Cinnamon section Mr. E. Godley is giving 10s. most points, 6s. second most points, 4s. third most points; the highest bird of each exhibitor in each of the four classes to count for points, Mr. Godley and Mr. Dormer not competing.—(ADVT.)

Kindly state through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. George Francis, sec. of the Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S., that I have moved to 39, Cleveland Road, Lowestoft, and that all correspondence to the society should be addressed there. If I have neglected to answer any letters recently I hope my "moving job" will explain it satisfactorily.

The special for best Norwich in the recent Huddersfield Show, writes Mr. S. Lodge, sec., was won by Mr. W. Foxall; special for best bird shown by a member, by Messrs. Mallinson and Son, who also secured special for most points gained by a member; and special for most points gained by a novice member, by Mr. W. Miller. Sandiford's cup went to Mr. J. Morris.

I have removed to much larger premises at 48, Annerley Road, writes Mr. E. E. Pass, the well-known cage-maker and fanciers' provider, of Hucknall Torkard, Notts, where I shall be pleased to show any fancier over my stock. All my success has been due to my advertising in CAGE BIRDS, as I have never spent a penny anywhere else, and am more than satisfied with the results. My showroom will contain both cages, seeds, appliances and birds.

A Missing Show.

I went over to Dewsbury on Friday, Jan. 3, writes our representative, to report the show which has been advertised, but it had been postponed for two weeks, so I was informed.

Railway Companies pay up.

I am pleased to inform you, writes Mr. H. W. Sheldon, of Llandudno, that I have been successful in my claim against the railway company for late delivery of birds at the recent Swansea and Dist. Show. I wish to publicly thank Mr. Lythgoe and the C.B.U. solicitor, for their advice and assistance in the matter.

Tatcho!

A friend bought a young Blackbird from some boys for a few pence, writes Miss A. Reeve (Burnley). It had no feathers on its head and no tail, though it has grown a tail now. My friend's daughter bought some hair restorer, and her father, for a lark, put some of it on the Blackbird's head. In two days you could see some feathers growing, and now it is getting quite black with feathers.

An Unfortunate Shrike.

Quite recently in a Cardiff Docks office the fire was lit in the morning, and almost immediately a bird fell down the chimney into the fire-place. It was snatched up quickly, and by dint of a little care it recovered, and was taken to a local ornithologist, who declared it a Butcher Bird or Great Grey Shrike. There was a strong westerly gale on the day in question, and the theory is that the bird had reached Penarth on its way south, when it was blown across to the Cardiff Docks and had alighted on the nearest chimney, the fumes from which had rendered it insensible, with the result that it fell down into the fire-place.

In Canada.

The recent fifth annual show of the Montreal Cage Bird Society was a thorough success, both financially and otherwise, a correspondent from over the water informs us. The birds of all varieties were the finest ever exhibited in Montreal. Two fine specimens of Macaws and a Paradise Wydah were, on account of their beautiful plumage, a special attraction to the ladies and children. The three silver cups for the best exhibits were won by D. Bruce, Scotch Fancies; F. Weicholt, Norwich; R. Cowan, Yorkshires. The following members won specials: J. Blyth, J. Ainslie, F. Weicholt, J. Moore, A. Lindsay, J. Glendinning, J. F. Sonne, R. Cowan, R. Spillman, and H. Mackenzie. The judges, A. Lindsay, J. F. Sonne, J. H. Bernier and J. McGregor, gave every satisfaction.

BE IN TIME with your Advertisements and all other communications next week.

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GREAT EVENT

IN THE

Bird Keepers' Calendar.

"CAGE BIRDS"

Splendid Annual Birthday Number

WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

In accordance with our usual custom we shall celebrate our natal day next week by placing before our readers one of those record-breaking productions for which this Journal has in past years been well and widely celebrated. Our artists, we are pleased to be able to inform our patrons, have this year excelled themselves, with the consequence that we are in a position to promise purchasers of next week's number such a treat in the way of Coloured Plates as we have never before been able to give. The exquisite beauty of past "Cage Birds" Birthday Numbers promises to be eclipsed effectively and completely, and for genuine novelty, allied with attractiveness, the present number will be unsurpassable.

There are one or two very sensational features in our Birthday Number for 1908, several most interesting and amusing prize competitions, three absolutely unbeatable coloured plates, and an illustrated supplement de luxe, the whole involving a tremendous outlay.

There is certain to be a sensational run upon this issue as soon as it makes its appearance, so we advise all our friends to speedily rush to the newsagents, giving their orders forthwith, so as to make certain of securing this wonderful record-breaking number of "Cage Birds."

Advertisements will close finally on the Tuesday, January 14th, and as a unique opportunity for appealing to the widest possible collection of purchasers, our Birthday Number holds the field.

It is needless for us to add that no matter what the response from private advertisers, the expense of producing such a mammoth number will only be covered by the personal recommendations of present readers, so as to ensure for us a still wider sale, which we are anxious to bring about. May we earnestly beg of our friends, therefore, not only to make certain of securing this number for themselves, but to tell all their bird-loving friends about it, and advise them to secure a copy also.

Finally, remember all communications must reach us at the very latest first post Tuesday morning next, Jan. 14th, and as the bulk of copy to be got through will entail a very heavy strain upon all departments, including our printers, we shall appreciate the early receipt of advertisements, &c., intended for this special Birthday Issue.

We have received from the secretary of the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A., the 1907 balance sheet, which shows a net credit for the past season of £4 9s. 6d., making the cash balance £6 0s. 10d. The secretary writes: The society has adopted the rule recommended by the majority of London societies re the definition of "Novice," etc. Also that the show dates have been fixed as follows: Matched Pairs, Feb. 15th; Young Birds, June 27th; and Annual Show, Nov. 13th and 14th.

The result of our monthly competition for members' cup is as follows, writes Mr. S. Lodge, sec. of the Huddersfield O.S.:—Cup and spl., S. Lawford and Son, 68 points; 2nd, G. Whitehead, 57; 3rd, A. Moss and Son, 55; W. Gledhill, 39; W. Miller, 33; J. Dobson, 31; W. H. Waring, 20; J. Cordingley, 15; G. Cartwright, 13; R. Rhodes and W. H. Platt, 5 each; Fountain Bros. and E. Chadwick, 4 each; L. Hepworth and Woodhouse Bros., 3 each; and A. Haigh, P. Gothard, and J. H. Cliffe, 1 each.

Great National Cage-bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1908. R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of birdcages, aviaries, and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visitors is respectfully invited. All goods can be taken from stall at time of purchase. Everything best quality; no fancy prices. Gentlemen wishing to exhibit their specialities on the stall during the show should write early. Terms on receipt of particulars. All communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—ADVT.

The premium list—called on this side the ocean the "schedule"—of the New Year Show of the Toronto (Canada) C.B.S. has been sent us, and it is a very comprehensive one, 73 classes in all being provided. No fewer than 17 are for Cinnamon-feathered birds of various types. This schedule makes a departure by illustrating seventeen birds (Canaries, Mules and British) and giving a lot of standards of the various breeds. These illustrations and standards, by-the-bye, have all been copied from CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (with one possible exception), yet our Canadian friends seemingly do not think it necessary to make any acknowledgement whatever of this fact.

Among the latest additions to the Zoological Gardens are three specimens of the wingless Kiwi. Only four captive specimens are supposed to exist, and that one at the Zoo is known as the Apteryx Australis—a native of the Southern Island. It is a bird of nocturnal habits and feeds chiefly on earthworms, which it seeks in the earth without waiting for them to emerge.

On New Year's Night, upwards of 100 aged poor of the Kentish Town district were entertained in Grafton Terrace Hall to a substantial repast of hot roast beef and mutton, Christmas pudding, mince pies, etc., crowned by a concert of vocal and instrumental music contributed by ladies and gentlemen of high talent. Mr. George Gardner and Mrs. Gardner were the entertainers, through the generosity of many Fancier friends from far and near, and also local donors. Hearty cheers were given by the guests for the kind donors of the feast.

Items from Edinburgh.

From our representative at the Scottish National Show we learn that the sales amounted to upwards of £100. The young Scotch Fancy that won the Patterson Cup for Mr. J. Arnott was purchased by Mr. S. Brown, of Glasgow, at £20, the catalogue price. The medal-winning Norwich Yell. Var. Hen was claimed by Mr. J. Smeaton, of Preston-Pans, at £5 12s. 6d. The Yellow Bunting which took 2nd prize was appealed against and disqualified for alleged trimming. The show was crowded on both days, and catalogues completely sold out. The Gate takings amounted to no less than £55 16s. 2d. Among the visitors were to be seen Messrs. Duncan, of Dunean and Logan (Coldstream), Gilchrist and Cameron (Kelso), Dr. Galloway and J. Hector (Aberdeen), Watson (Kilmarnock), Seiranac (London), Colton (Sheffield), Clinch, Hadwin, Deacon, Thompson, Hampshire, Benson and Harrison (Liverpool), T. Taylor and A. Brown (Gateshead), Robertson (Harrington), Roberts (Blackpool), Rukin (Rawtenstall), besides several keen Yorkshire Fanciers, and a host of other well-known enthusiasts.

Owing to an unexpected pressure of matter at the last moment, we are reluctantly compelled to hold over the announcement of the result of our XMAS COMPETITIONS until next week.

NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

"Cage Birds" Annual for 1908

is now in course of preparation, and will be published early in February, as usual, and be on sale at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show and in the hands of all subscribers, we hope, by Saturday, February 8th, next. To enable us to keep our word we ask the generous co-operation of readers.

Secretaries of Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society, the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the only directory to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members should make a point of seeing their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

Judges of Cage Birds

who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our list of judges by sending us particulars on a post card. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials, therefore, no judge can afford to be unrepresented on it.

The Bird Trade.

Our directory to the bird trade is a feature that no dealer in birds, or foods, or medicines, or appliances of any kind whatsoever, can neglect. It is a permanent record of his address, as well as his specialities, which is an invaluable guide to the fanciers in his own town as well as all over the world. No charge is made for the inclusion of any bona-fide trader, but the name can be thrown up in heavy black type on payment of 1s. (one shilling).

All Breeders and Exhibitors

should register their names and addresses in our "Directory of Prominent Breeders and Exhibitors," the charge for which is the nominal one of threepence only.

For Breeders' Cards, and other displayed Advertisements, business bringers from all over the world, see the low terms quoted on the back page.

Write us for any particulars you may require, and send us any suggestions you can make.

F. CARL,
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

All prize money, etc., won at Paisley Show on the 1st and 2nd inst., has been paid, writes the sec., Mr. A. M. Baird. Should anyone be omitted they might write me at once. Allow me to thank all who in any way contributed to the success of our show. We had splendid sales, no less than forty birds changing owners, there being a big number claimed at catalogue price. But I think a record was made when about two hours before the close of the show a gentleman claimed the 2nd prize Buff Foul Scotch Fancy Cock, and the 1st prize Buff Pied Hen, both at £50, being £100 for the pair. Both birds belonged to Mr. W. McClure, and so far as I know this is a record price for a Scotch Fancy Canary. I must thank you for the grand report of our show. It was a very smart bit of work, for our show only closed on the Thursday, and I had the pleasure of reading a splendid report the next day (Friday), which was indeed smart.

Alleged Extraordinary State of Affairs at Hugglescote Show.

The sixth annual cage-bird, poultry, pigeon, etc., show, in connection with the Hugglescote Association, was held in the National School-rooms, on Jan. 1, writes our local representative. Cage-birds turned up a little better than in previous years, no doubt owing to the fact that this section was held under Cage Bird Union rules. In Mr. Haywood, Hugglescote possess a hard-working and courteous sec., but he, unfortunately, did not seem to be backed up by a committee of his own stamp; the work seemed to be left to those who would do it. Therefore things did not pass off so smoothly as would have been the case had each one of the committee taken an example from the secretary and one committee man, whose name we do not know. The cage-birds did not come to be judged until about 3 p.m., and after the judge had done one class it was found that several cases of birds had not been unpacked. The room full of visitors, unpacking, sorting and shouting whilst judging was on, made a scene to be remembered. With the help of one or two visitors things were got into something like order, but it was only to find that the judge, amid the bustle had gone, taking with him the award slips. So no awards could be put up. The room was lighted with three paraffin lamps, and it was quite impossible to make any critique on the exhibits. In fact it was really an event beyond all description.

CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcard may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries who [illegible] use them.

Admiral Duncan O.S. . . ttingham—January 11, 8 o'clock. Nomination of officers, if sufficient members attend.—Wm. Heaney.

Bingley and Dist. O.S.—January 14, Co-op. Rooms, Chapel Lane, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, and other important business.—A. Livesey.

Bradford (East) O.S.—Jan. 14, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, balance sheet and election of officers.—H. Hill.

Bradford (West) C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Election of officers and balance sheet of show.—T. Clegg.

British Roller C.C.—Jan. 14, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C. Important business.—J. W. Norris.

Bury and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30. Important business, including the election officers for 1908.—F. E. Holden.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Maskell's, 8.—W. Sampson.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Annual general meeting, alteration of rules and presentation of Annual Balance Sheet.—V. Wynn.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 14, Coffee Tavern, 8. Election of officers.—Netherwood and Keeley.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 15, 8.30, at headquarters, Sydenham Palace, business important.—G. Turrell.

Crewe and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 14, Nag's Head, 7.30 prompt. General meeting (adjourned); election of officials, rules, etc.—J. C. Heaton.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—January 15, 7.30 prompt, George Hotel. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of officers, revision of rules. Intending members please attend.—R. S. Black.

East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.—Jan. 11, Barley Mow, 7. Social and presentation of medals to winners of competitions; an invitation extended to all fanciers and friends.—J. E. Hudson.

Garston B.B.A.—Jan. 15, Wellington Hotel, 8 prompt. Annual general meeting.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—T. Taylor.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—Jan. 14, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Annual general meeting, reports, election of office bearers, rules, and any other competent business.—R. A. Browne

Gt. Horton O.S.—Jan. 11, Butcher's Arms, 8. Open show, nominations, shows, etc.—S. Dean.

Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 11, White Lion Hotel, annual general meeting, 7.30. Report of auditors, election of officers and new members.—H. Fenwick.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 13, White Hart Hotel, 8. To receive balance sheet, election of officers, presentation of members' cup and other important business.—Sam. Lodge.

Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 13, St. George's School, 8. Monthly meeting.—T. Allsop.

Lancashire Canary Ass.—Jan. 18, 6.30, Temperance Club, headquarters of Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. Annual meeting, secretary's report.—J. Law.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Jan. 11, Lockhart's, 55, Buggate (corner of Commercial Street), 7.30. Annual general meeting, balance sheet, election of officers.—C. Towes.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 11, Liberal Club Hall, Hope Street, 7.30.—G. Brown.

Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Bird-in-Hand, 7.30. Last meeting before show.—J. Simon.

Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Fox and Hounds, 8. Election of officers; arrange for club show, etc.—G. Francis.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 11, Mowbray Arms, 730. Balance sheet, election of officers.—E. Kemp.

M. and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 13, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table Show of Yorks., 4 classes, Yellows, Buff, Hens, Unfit.; 6d. entrance; 5d. sliding scale.—E. H. Jones.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—A. Wake.

Northern British B.M. and F.B.C.—Jan. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. Business important.—J. R. Slack.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Headquarters, 8. Receive entries for January Show.—J. Davey.

Oldham and Dist.—Jan. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw-rd., 8. Balance sheet and election of officers.—A. Ackroyd.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 13, Chapel Street, Mission Hall, 8. Balance sheet and report, election of officers; new members can be proposed at this meeting.—W. Jackson.

Queen's Park and Dist C.B.A.—Jan. 16, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Arrange schedule of Matched Pair Show and competitions for points specials; very important.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan 13, Club Rooms, 8, Annual meeting. Election of officers—J Butterworth.

Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.C.A.—Jan. 11, Station Hotel, 7. Fix show date, and night for annual supper.—J. M. Nicholson.

Shields C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Payment of prize-money for combined show, etc.—W. Duke and J. T. Carrick.

Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 11, The Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Monthly Members' Show, "Buff Cocks." Mr. Herbert Walsh, judge.—A. E. Morton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 14, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Business very important.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 18, Cafe Smoke Room, 8. Lecture on "My Show Experiences during 18 years." By the Chairman, Mr. John Farrer; fanciers invited. Members note new address of—F. Gordon, 17, Kayll Road, Sunderland.

Swindon and District C.B.A.—Jan. 11, 7.30 sharp, in Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institute. To discuss shall we have an Annual Open Show.—E. Allsopp.

Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.—Jan. 15, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8.30. Annual General Meeting, election of officers and committee; alteration of rules and reduction of subscription.—H. G. Whibley.

West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 14, The Dartmouth Hotel, 8. General discussion.—T. Duffield.

Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 11, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. 1st Members' Show for 1908. Judge, Mr. W. Blakey.—E. W. Johnson.

Widnes and Dist. O.S.—Jan. 16, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Table Show, Mr. A. Wellings, judge. Lecture—Election of officers, etc. Members and fanciers requested to attend.—S. Andrews.

Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Prince Albert Hotel, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, arrangements, Members' Show.—F. Howes.

York C.B.S.—Jan. 13, All Saints' School Room, 8. To elect new officers.—T. Boyle.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaint written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence to pay postage expenses, &c., otherwise their letters will not receive attention.*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

NOTE.—Readers are requested to carefully study past numbers and current issue before submitting questions. By doing so they may save trouble and unnecessary repetition.

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., a.B.N.H.S., &c, Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

"A Squeaky Yorkshire."

W.M.—Your question is not very clear. Is it "squeaky" only when it sings, or does it wheeze when not singing? Better write again and give more details. Six drops of glycerine, and the same of mucilage of gum arabic, would do no harm in any case, and might help to clear the voice. Are you sure it is a cock?

A Variety of Questions.

"Yorkshire Novice."—You should get a copy of CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, and study the article on "Fanciers' Terminology," which will answer fully your first three queries, and scores of others besides. 1: In-breeding is breeding from birds which are related by blood. 2: An unflighted bird has not had its flights withdrawn at its first moult; a flighted one has. The terms only apply to yearling birds. 3: A "clear" bird is one without any dark plumage. They occur in both Yellows and Buffs. A Buff is distinguished by having the tip of the web of its feathers white, giving a moally or frosted appearance. 4: Yes, Yorkshires are colour-fed for exhibition. 5: Again yes. Yellows and Buffs are easily distinguished as soon as they leave the nest. Experience enables one to tell the colours almost as soon as they are hatched. 6: Write the secretary of the club you wish to join (the addresses of practically all cage bird club secretaries will be found in the ANNUAL mentioned above), and ask him to propose you as a member. He will doubtless invite you to attend the meeting; or get any member you may be acquainted with to propose you for membership, and introduce you to the meeting. 7: Sorry we cannot reply to this question, as it is purely a business matter. Write the gentleman you name, and ask the question direct as a matter of business. That is the best course to pursue.

Diarrhœa and Seed Samples.

Broadway.—Have you been giving green food as soon as it is gathered this wet, foggy weather? I suspect this is at the root of your trouble. Stop green food altogether until birds are better. Give first as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water for one day, and afterwards half a teaspoonful of brandy and as much ordinary chalk mixture. 2: The seed sample was missing. The reply re diarrhœa applies also in the case of the Norwich Canaries.

A Case of Wheeziness.

Phyllis Yaldwyn.—Try five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and tincture of lobelia in the drinking water every second day for a fortnight, and give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed on the intervening days. If not well by that time, write again and mention this reply.

Rolier Not Singing.

Frame.—I do not think there is much wrong with your bird which does not sing very much. It may only be waiting for the genial days of spring, when it will doubtless "tune its merry throat, etc." Your feeding is good, but you might give it a small piece of bread dipped in hot milk and sprinkled with soft sugar about twice a week. See that its cage is free from draughts. Examine the cage well for red mite, as these may be troubling the bird, which is very often the case when cages are covered over at night.

Heating an Aviary.

"J.A."—As your birds have been moulted in the aviary, they are therefore quite acclimatised, and, moreover, being well sheltered and facing south, there should be no necessity for heating it. The greatest thing to guard against is dampness. You do not say whether the birds are kept in cages or flying loose. The latter would be best if it could be managed.

Not Moulted: Yet Bare.

Paver.—There is the probability of its having moulted very gradually. But I am inclined to think its condition is due to attacks of red mite. Examine the cage carefully for these, probing any joint or crack with a pin. If mites are found, eradicate these, and the bird will soon be right. Twelve drops of chemical food in the drinking water every second day for a short time would help it. 2: A course of chemical food, as advised for the other bird, will do this one good, too. The variable weather is probably the cause. Keep in a cosy place and protect from draughts. Also look carefully to see if troubled with red mite, and treat accordingly. Ten drops glycerine and five tincture of tolu in drinking water for a day or two will relieve the breathing.

Breeding for Profit.

"Inquirer."—The scheme you outline looks all right on paper, but to make it succeed in practice will require a fair share of luck, comparative freedom from such trouble as non-feeding hens, and constant attention, coupled with good management on your part. Given these qualifications it should succeed. The hens would agree very well flying loose, and all birds should be quite strong and healthy under the conditions. You must cover the concrete floor with an inch in depth of gravelly sand, and a shallow box full of old mortar smashed up finely in one corner would be a very useful adjunct. If the cocks are young, healthy, and vigorous, four would be sufficient for twelve hens. As regards your determination to sell out all the stock in the autumn, and start with fresh birds every year, you will not be able to assume any real control of the type or markings of the birds you breed. In any case, if you found yourself in possession of a stock of really good feeding hens, you would be wise not to dispose of them too lightly. Get one of CAGE BIRDS' handbooks on Canary breeding, and study it before making a start.

No Song.

"Stroud Green."—As you are sure the birds are cocks, I think your supposition that they are too fat may be the correct one, especially as your dietary is conducive to this effect. Discontinue the boiled carrot, and give apple twice a week instead, and a spray of green food four or five days a week, but be careful the latter is not frosted or wet when given. Drop the special mixture you have been giving since Christmas also, and let the Canary seed, green food, with rape once a week be the sole diet for the next two months. The buckthorn should do them good. Give it as you have commenced to do every alternate week whilst on the above treatment, and report progress in a month.

Eye Trouble.

"Blind."—I fear I cannot help you without knowing something more definite. You say the right eye in two birds from the same nest is closing, and appears to be going blind, yet you can detect no injury. Is not the space around the eye, or between the eye and beak swollen at all? What are the cages painted with inside, and where and in what position do the birds roost? Are they caged together or separately? The answers to these questions might make matters more clear. Write again, and also say how the birds are fed and managed. In the meantime the best thing you can do is to dissolve a small teaspoonful of boric acid in a pint of hot water, and bathe the eyes with this (use warm) once or twice daily.

Norwich Cock Hoarse.

"Constant Reader."—The bird has had a chill either from cold or by being in a draught. You must see that either or both of these causes are quite removed, and keep the bird comfortably warm (but not overheated) for the present. Get a pennyworth of chlorate of potash from a chemist and well mix as much as will lie on a sixpence into a small teaspoonful of honey, add sufficient hard boiled yolk of egg to make a stiffish paste, and give a piece the size of a large pea each day stuck between the wires. Should it appear to cause undue looseness, add a little dry powdered biscuit to its food.

Yorkshire Cock Unwell.

"E.E.S."—The bird doubtlessly got a chill at the very time when he went off song again, and has not yet regained his voice. Your feeding, however, is not calculated to help matters. A teaspoonful of bread and milk with maw seed daily, in addition to his usual diet of Canary seed and rape is likely to overload the bird with fat. Keep him in the warm room to which you have removed him, and feed on plain Canary seed only, a little soaked rape twice a week, bread and milk once a week, and a piece of sweet apple or green food three or four times a week, giving one or other of these extras daily so as to spread them over the whole week. Give it the bath tepid, and see that it is not subjected to any cold draughts at any time. Add five drops of oxymel of squills, and three each of tincture of lobelia and tolu to its drinking water every alternate day for a fortnight.

A Roller's Lagging Moult.

"New Reader."—The varying warmth of your kitchen is partly to blame, but the diet is also at fault. It would not do to remove the birds to the cold unheated room now, as that would only make matters worse. Such a removal should not take place until the weather is settled in spring. For the present keep them in that part of the kitchen where the temperature is likely to show the least variation, but see that it is also free from draughts. Feed on Canary seed only as a staple, and two days in each week give a little scalded rape seed, on two other days a little bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with maw seed, and give a little green food or ripe apple on the remaining days. In the drinking water give as much ammoniated citrate of iron as will cover a threepenny-piece every other day for a fortnight. If you have any handy, a mealworm per bird each day would do more good than the beef suet.

Everything Gone Wrong.

W.S.P.—You give no particulars as to how or where the birds are kept. Are they in a warm or cold room? I am strongly inclined to think it is a draughty one, anyway, and that the old cock's peculiar behaviour is when he is trying to sing, but cannot make any noise, having lost his voice. See that the room is quite free from draughts, or place the birds where they will not be exposed to either draughts or damp, make it comfortable, and feed the birds as advised to "New Reader" in this issue. Stir thirty drops of whiskey and five each of tincture of lobelia and sweet nitre in each drinking vessel two days in every three for a fortnight. If not well in that time, write again and give more particulars. Mention this reply.

A Method for Preserving Health.

L. T. Davies.—You mention "sulphite" and "sulphate" of soda as though they were one and the same thing. They are not. It is the sulphate of soda you would give to birds. As regards its use for giving to healthy birds occasionally with the object of preventing disease, I do not suppose it would do any harm if not used in excess—say, a piece about the size of a split pea in the drinking vessels, and it might help to keep the digestive organ in good working order. You would, however, obtain your object just as well by giving an occasional dose of Epsom salts and a few drops of lemon juice in the drinking water. This is the method I should prefer.

Stuck in Moult.

C.S. (Leeds).—Do you mean that the bird is still losing feathers? You do not make this clear, and bringing it from a cold room into a warm one should not have stopped the moult, unless the present room varies in temperature a good deal. You must keep it fairly warm now until the moult is finished. In addition to its staple diet of Canary seed, give on alternate days a teaspoonful of scalded rape seed, and a little egg food with five or six drops of cod liver oil well mixed in it, and give a spray of watercress daily. Stir fifteen drops of chemical food in its drinking water four days a week, and give plain water on the other days.

A Luxurious Norwich Canary.

Another New Reader.—Feeding "not wisely, but too well" appears to be the chief cause of your bird's trouble, which is "always feeding," is dull and mopy, breathes heavily, and has been continually moulting during the last four months. He is evidently one of those who love the pleasures of life only too well, and is simply overloaded with fat. Drop the mixed seed and give only plain Canary seed, with a spray of green food every day. Be careful not to give the latter with frost upon it, or immediately after gathering it in wet or frosty weather. Keep it in a fair-sized cage, where it can get exercise, and limit its supply of seed to a teaspoonful each day for a time. Give as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence in the drinking water every second day for a week, and then every third day for another fortnight.

Some Seed Samples.

"Rex."—No. 1 Spanish Canary is a very nice sample—clean, bright, plump, and quite sweet. It is not the largest to be had, but if this is free from dust in the bulk you need not worry about getting better. No. 2 Gorman summer rape is just a fair sample. It seems nice and clean, and is of good flavour, but is of very unequal size, and a certain proportion of the grains are rather too large for summer rape, in my opinion.

A Roller in Bad Plumage.

"Rex."—You do not say whether he commenced moulting after moving him into the living room, or whilst in the cold one. It is quite possible that he may have gradually completed his moult without your noticing it, but if it is still incomplete he will start again as soon as the weather gets mild in spring, and will finish. Many birds do this, especially those kept in small cages for singing. I am inclined to think, however, that the rough plumage is due to red mite attacks. Examine the cage well for these, and eradicate them if found. Supply a bath (tepid) regularly, and stir into it a few drops of essence of quassia, and see that the bird is not subject to any cold draughts. Add to its food twice a week a little piece of bread dipped in milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and give a spray of green food or sweet apple on other days. If he is properly treated during the next few months he will, of course, moult properly at the proper time, next autumn. Whether he will be fit to breed with or not next spring depends entirely upon the state of his health at that time. If he begin to moult in spring you must not think of mating him until he has quite finished. Yes; if you return him to the cold room at the beginning of the summer he will, provided he is otherwise healthy, be quite hardy enough to be left there permanently.

A Bird Still Moulting.

"Ayrshire Laddie."—Are you satisfied the bird is not troubled with mites? The constant picking at the wires is suggestive of it. Look well over the cage for that white powdery deposit about the joints or cracks which is an infallible sign of the presence of mites. Anoint the bare head very sparingly with sulphur ointment, but do not smear the feathers. Give a small piece of bread and milk two days a week, green food on the other four days, and three times a week add twenty drops of chemical food to its drinking water. Offer a tepid bath daily, but see the bird is not exposed to cold after it.

Particulars Wanted.

T.C.—You give no information by which I can judge of the case, nor do you indicate the reply you got before. You should send full particulars every time. Better write again and supply the omission. Do not interfere with the gland at the root of the tail, unless it appears red and swollen, when you might anoint it sparingly with boracic ointment whilst awaiting further reply. Any chemist will supply you with a pennyworth of the ointment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sex of Goldfinches.

Rex.—It did not need a second glance to decide the sex of the two dead Goldfinches you forwarded. Both were pulpably hens. The greyness (ash-color) of the wing-butts and the band at back of head, with the very small blaze, plainly told this. In a cock Goldfinch, the band which goes over the back of the skull, and the shoulders (butts) of the wings, are invariably a dense jet glossy black, often with a distinct green metallic sheen. The blaze, too, in a decent specimen extends back (across the cheeks) to the far edge of the eye, and often beyond this. In a hen it seldom gets even to the middle of the eye, and that part beneath the lower mandible often stops short before the eye is reached. Don't, on any account, be tempted to part with your money by the offer of "cocks" at a low price. You can only hope to find yourself "done," as a genuine cock Goldfinch is always worth a certain figure. I know many dealers who would gladly give more for real cocks than the figure at which some people seem anxious to sell them.

Sex of Linnet.

W.J.S.—Of course, I can't say for certain without seeing it, but you can take it as a moral certainty that a Linnet bought in August last, and which has been in excellent health and condition since, yet has uttered never a note, is a member of the gentler sex. At any rate, you need think no further about mating it with a Norwich hen until you hear it in full song. It should certainly be singing freely now.

A Loss.

Sillia.—I am afraid the loss resulted chiefly through you not noticing earlier that the Goldie was queer. It must have shown signs of ill-health, I fancy, before the period you mention, but your inexperience with birds would probably account for these being overlooked, or perhaps I ought to say recognised. But don't be downhearted; try another, and your luck may prove quite the reverse. Millet seed is of practically no use whatever for British birds, and rape is quite useless for Goldfinches. I dealt with the feeding of Goldies last week; see reply to "W.H.A." and follow advice therein. It seems highly probable from what you say that the bird was badly bound (constipated) and a timely dose of sulphate of soda, as much as will lie on a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, would doubtless have put him right.

An Outdoor Aviary.

New Beginner.—You say your aviary is well sheltered from the wind, but don't state which way it faces. Judging from the sketch, however, I should say it will answer to keep British birds in, and it will not be too cold unless it faces north, north-east, or east, three unfavourable aspects. By this I mean that the design is a good one; unfortunately, however, you do not state the width (front to back) and this is a very important point. It should be at least 3 feet, and 4 or 5 feet would be much better still. I recommend you to have both ends boarded up, and the roof entirely boarded over, and afterwards felted and tarred. You will never regret it, but very much the reverse, in fact. The roof should have a good fall (slope) as this affords the inmates acceptable shelter. The boarded ends could be made removable—or one of them—if you like; that is, be hoarded up on top of wire. Then the covering could be taken down during the dry, hot summer days, and be replaced at a sign of unfavourable weather.

About Greenfinches.

H.T.H.—I cannot understand your queries. Why not have sent a letter and explained fairly what it is you desire to know? It is against the rules (which kindly read) to use post-cards, and picture post-cards with lovely country views on them, always make me feel cross, for only houses and chimney pots overlook my own little backyard. A good moult (commenced early and quickly got over) and a free use of the bath are all that are necessary to ensure a Greenfinch having a tight-fitting sleek jacket. For food, the most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden) full of seed, thistle and hard-heads,' seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherds purse should be freely given as in season. On such a menu, nicely varied, any Greenfinch should flourish like the proverbial fighting cock.

Breeding in an Aviary.

E. Taylor.—Your Goldie hen would make an excellent partner for a good coloured cock Siskin or Redpoll. Seeing that she has laid eggs, I should think you would be very likely to get Hybrids from her. You could, if you choose, put a pink-eyed cock Canary with her; there would be a possibility of a cinnamon-feathered Goldie Mule turning up (something of a novelty) or even a very light one. The size of aviary you give is not over spacious (6ft. by 6ft. by 5ft.), but the proportions are admirable, and if you well screen it, and arrange plenty of nesting sites around, there is no reason why you should not breed therein. If you have two places, I strongly recommend you to confine one to Canary hens, and the other to hen Britishers. Even in the latter you would do well to stick solely to hen Bullies. You could comfortably accommodate 8, 10, or even 12 hens, either Canary or Bullfinch, stepping in with the usual remedy (removal) if you noticed any inveterate quarrelsome, interfering individuals amongst them. I don't quite see how you could shut off the cock birds, if you have them all flying loose, and I see no reason why you should not follow the latter plan. With the hen Canaries you might try three each cock Goldies and Linnets, and one each cock Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll and Twite. With the hen Bullies you could run two each of all the above cock birds, excepting only the cock Bullies, though it would be interesting to add a cock Canary and a smallish cock Hawfinch, though the latter should be a very steady, well domesticated specimen. Two such collections ought to provide you with some amusement, and it is quite on the cards that you may produce a few valuable Hybrids. If the birds seem overcrowded, however, thin them out, and don't hesitate in the case of any continuously quarrelsome brute—one generally runs up against such.

"Puffed Out" Birds and Sexing Redpolls.

Nib.—The sexing of house-moulted Redpolls is a very difficult matter. With fresh-caught adult birds, however, it is quite easy, as the males have the breast more-or-less tinged with red. In short, if you buy a Redpoll showing any trace of red amongst the feathers on the breast, you can be sure it is a cock. The statement that the birds are "puffed out" does not convey much information, but assuming that it is some stomach derangement they are suffering from, the most likely medicine you can give is a dose of a mild saline, say as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give for two days, and repeat for one day, if it seems necessary, after a day's interval on plain water. See they have plenty of maw and teazle seeds to eat.

A Weed and Other Things.

H. S. Thomas.—1. Before I can answer this question, I must know whereabouts the white speck is on the Goldfinch's head—in the blaze, or in the

black band which passes over the back and its exact size. Send a rough sketch. 2. You will not find the majority of British birds eat Canary seed with any freedom. Personally I use very little of it with my Britishers, for it is expensive when good—too dear to have wasted. What kind of hoppers, and what mixtures, are you using? I don't mind any very considerable waste, personally, with my seed mixtures given to birds in cages: I use the drawers to run in from front to back of cage. 3. The name of this weed is not known to me. It is not one I ever remember gathering for my own birds.

Cutting a Bird's Nails.

Lex.—The necessity for sometimes cutting the nails of a bird is not one, I am afraid, that can be avoided, as you express a desire to do. It is quite a simple operation, and need alarm no one who has ever handled a bird, or who has an average amount of nerve. Simply hold your Blackbird and Redwing firmly yet gently, and with a pair of sharp, strong scissors (or nail clippers) cut off the superfluous growth. It causes not the slightest pain to a bird, providing you do not cut too close up to the toes, and this you should have no difficulty in determining, in fact you only need remove the curved-in portion that is inconveniencing the birds. You can, of course, get someone to hold the two birds; the chief point is to keep them from having free play with their wings (hold same close to the body) or they can struggle, and this is likely to lead to a broken (snapped) wing.

Two Linnet Mules.

Novice.—I am very much afraid the two Linnet-Mules you have bred are hens. There is no other explanation of their lack of song, seeing they are in good condition. Young cock Linnet-Mules start to whistle plainly at a very early age—at least, all those I have bred have done so. And they are not long after they have thrown off the effects of the moult before they open out freely, and give one unmistakable evidence of sex. Hens can be lively enough when anyone speaks to them, and chirp away freely; often, too, a hen will utter a continuous twitter one might dub a sort of song. The fact of your birds raising their "crest" (head-feathers) so freely when spoken to confirms me in my opinion that they are two hens.

A Question of Identity.

G.E.D.N.—I am unable, from the description you give, to really satisfy myself as to the identity of the bird. It is rather puzzling. If you care to arrange to send it up to me in London, I will give you an opinion with pleasure. A Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid has never been seen yet, so far as my knowledge goes; I should say the cross is an unlikely one, and especially so to be produced in a state of nature. It seems certain, however, that Finch Hybrids do sometimes get bred out in the fields. Not a fortnight ago, I saw for myself a cock Greenfinch-Linnet Hybrid which had just been found in a store-cage in a dealer's shop. It had been sent up from the country by his catcher, with a lot of Linnets, having apparently been netted with them. It appeared to be a bird of last season's breeding, was a good specimen, and carried not the slightest trace of ever having been in captivity. Of course, there is the possibility of it being aviary bred, and an escape. Still there it was. To hazard an opinion in your own case, I should say you have got hold of a hen Bramblefinch, which answers fairly well to the description you give; and this species varies very considerably in plumage, according to age and season, etc. Still, Brambles do not call "pink," "pink," by any means. Their call is more like "Ja-a-ck," "Ja-a-ck."

Brevities.

Linnets "Going Wrong" (Kellie).—Canary and hemp seed do not make up a good diet for a Linnet. No doubt you would notice reply given "J.W." in last week's issue; follow it to the letter. If any seem at all inclined to go "puffy," give sulphate of soda at once, and plenty of mawseed to eat (note other answers this week).

Aberdevine (H. Robinson).—Aberdevine is an old-time name of the Siskin, very seldom used now-a-days. Both terms are "proper" (that is, may be used when speaking of this species) though the latter is the "correct" one. Further, to speak of the Aberdevine is to run the risk of many bird-lovers not knowing what bird it is one is referring to.

Linnet Puffing Feathers Out (W.M.).—I cannot quite make out the trouble—indeed, as you say the bird is singing, I do not quite see how there can be any trouble. An ailing bird will not sing, that is a certainty. Probably the "puffing out" is a little mannerism, or habit, the bird has acquired. Your feeding is not good; see reply to "J.W." last week.

Thrush Ailing (C.H.R.).—Just a slight touch of "indigestion," I expect, for Softbills unquestionably are prone to develop from time to time what might be described as an "internal (not 'infernal,' Mr. Printer) stodginess," and which a timely dose of saline medicine generally puts to rights at once. Follow the instructions given "Nib" this week, regarding sulphate of soda. Pity you don't say how you are feeding—I hope on a diet of adequate nutritive value.

A Birdie Puzzle (Limerick).—Your supposition is quite correct; the bird you have, and which up to the present has been unknown to you, is a Bramblefinch. It is a male.

Treatment of Redpoll (Novice).—A Redpoll requires precisely the same treatment as a Linnet, and if you follow out the advice given in the reply to "J.W." last week, your bird will lack nothing in the way of feeding.

A Disaster (Camberwell).—I don't see that you can do anything to the Linnet to counteract the effect of the partial choking with smoke. It is a pity the accident happened, of course, but you can only put up with the consequences. If the bird was in good condition prior to the disaster, its recuperative powers may be such that it will eventually recover. Feed it well with a little maw, hemp, and niger daily. You could also add a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food to its drinking water (two tablespoonfuls daily). But I fear it is not a case in which medicine can afford much assistance.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

A Grey Parrot which has Fits.

"Barnett."—Give the bird as much ripe fruit as it will eat, many individuals are very fond of ripe apple, especially the core. Keep the bird's bowels rather loose for a time, but do not by any means scour it. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, this to constitute its only drinkables for the day—give 8 or 9 doses, with a two days' interval between each dose. Between the doses of magnesia well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Madeira and sponge cake will do no harm as an occasional tit-bit. Keep it in a cool portion of the room, yet out of draught. A good seed mixture for the next two months would be: 4 parts Canary seed, and one part each, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a continuous supply in its cage. A few nuts will be appreciated, shelled walnuts are best.

Some Parrot Queries.

"Kitty."—A Parrot often ruffles its feathers as the outcome of various emotions, and also as part of its toilet. It would also do so under the conditions you name, cold, anger or fright. For a Parrot to sit continuously with its feather ruffled up, or as it is usually spoken of "puffy," denotes at least a poor condition of health, if not something more serious. I do not think the illuminated room till late at night will harm the bird. I keep a rare Hawk-head under similar conditions, it is in the best of health, and it is not covered up till it retires to its usual sleeping corner. Of course the bird must be kept below the level of the gas. And again, any dealer would undertake the teaching of your bird, but this is a matter that cannot be forced; you can do it just as well yourself, by keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation and also by constantly repeating to it stray words and sentences—there is nothing else to be done, save exercising patience and perseverance.

The Breeding of Cutthroats.

C. F. Hayman.—(1). Yes, but to make success more probable the breeding cage should be as large as possible, as a minimum I should advise the box type known as a "double breeding cage," and take out the partition. (2). Yes, these do well out of doors providing they have space to fly about; and if you leave them at large in your shed, they should do well. Note: They are late breeders and may not show signs of nesting till July or later, and then rear a couple of broods. (3). Yes, providing the space is not too confined, if crowded together there might be squabbles, and then the Canaries would come off second best. (4). Canary, millet, oats, greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, and when they are feeding young a few ants' cocoons and a little soft food. (5). See reply under (2). At the same time, put a nest box or husk at each end of cage in the spring and leave them to themselves. (6). The cock has a crimson band across the throat which the female lacks; as to the other portion of their plumage, they are practically alike, though the hen's plumage is a little paler in hue.

Parrakeets for an Outdoor Aviary.

S. T. Parker.—You would find blood-rumps (more commonly called Red-rumps), Red and Mealy Rosellas and Cockatiels make a nice selection in your aviary, and if you secure adult birds they should soon settle down to breeding. You must put up at least double the number of nest boxes or husks of suitable size, that you have pairs of birds, or instead of nesting you may find them fighting for a particular box. If you use boxes—they must have concave bottoms, such being essential for all Parrakeets. You would find three or four pair ample for your aviary for breeding purposes, though without overcrowding you could have a couple of pairs of Yellow Budgerigars in with them; these would have a pretty effect and the sale of their progeny would help to pay the seed bill. I cannot advise you to keep the Lorrikeets with the others, Lorries need some milk sop and this would be unwholesome for those named above. You could part off about 8ft. of your aviary and keep the Lorries by themselves. Supply them with a nest box or log and they should ultimately breed; they are hardy and enduring and should have a fine effect in the enclosure suggested. Of course you would not put either Lorries or Parrakeets out of doors at this season, unless you definitely know they have been so kept through the winter.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Old Prize Cards (R.F.).—Pleased to print your interesting suggestion, but it hardly comes within the scope of our "Illustrated Idea" column.

Border Awards (W. Murray).—We cannot print criticism of reports; it is against our rules.

Medicine (Two Year Reader).—We will endeavour to carry out your wish in the near future.

Concerning Parrots (Sergt. D. H.).—Your letters are much too good and interesting to feed the waste-paper basket with. We shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and very pleased indeed to publish an account of how the Parrots, etc., were tamed and taught to talk out in India.

Building an Aviary, etc. (H. J. L. Williams).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion. You will be interested to learn that in a few days' time we hope to put before fanciers an up-to-date fully illustrated book on the building of aviaries and bird-rooms.

A Goldfinch Class (Old Fancier).—We thoroughly sympathise with you, taking the facts as stated, yet we cannot see that any good could accrue from publishing your letter. You say the fourth prize Goldfinch was easily the best; well, the judge would say otherwise, and nobody would be any forrarder, so to speak. If you consider the judge proved himself incompetent, you can only avoid him in the future.

A Gifted Lovebird (E. Jones).—Much obliged to you for sending us an account of this bird, which, however, we published on page 578 last week.

Coupon Scheme at the Palace (C.R.).—Our grand final of the coupon competition at the Crystal Palace is confined to those birds that have won our coupon prizes at other shows during the present season.

A Book and the Cold (J. J. Brain).—You will find House's "Canary Manual" contains all the particulars you desire; price 1/2 post free from this office. You would also do well to get Claude St. John's book on Canary breeding, which treats of all the routine work very thoroughly and clearly; 7d., post free. We know many breeders of long experience who vow that no birdroom containing Canaries should experience a lower temperature than 40 degrees, and we are disposed to agree with them on the point. A fall to freezing point and below, must try any caged Canaries very hardly.

Lid and Door Fastener (P. Atkinson).—We advise you to communicate direct with the secretary of the C.B.U., Mr. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

A Warning (P. Wilcock).—We thank you for drawing our attention to this matter, but the law of libel will not permit of the publication of your letter.

Coloured Frontispiece (E.E.C.).—We had the winning specimens on view at the Crystal Palace Show last year, and hope to have the winners of the present competition there also, for our readers to inspect.

Not as Described (P. Button).—Buyers should always use the deposit system when dealing with unknown persons; this is a truth we are ever impressing upon readers. If you will conform to Rule 8, under "Questions and Answers," we will see what we can do in the matter.

A Question of a Rule (A. Parke).—We may say that the set of rules appears to us to be inadequate. Still, it is certain that no member or official, whether secretary or otherwise, can alter same, or substitute others, at his own personal pleasure; that idea is too funny for anything. We are of opinion that the rules of a society would govern its members at shows confined to members, or in the members' classes at an annual open show held by the society. In the open classes, the ordinary rules and regulations of the exhibition would apply. The majority of societies have a special set of rules to govern the competitions of its members.

A Prize Drawing (T.S.).—You should communicate direct with the promoter of the prize-drawing scheme. We, of course, cannot publish the winning numbers until they are sent along to us, and no communication has come to hand up to the present.

About Foreign Birds (Raft).—Your first question will be answered by our Mr. W. T. Page. In reply to No. 2, you should communicate direct with Messrs. Cassell, publishers, La Pelle Sauvage Yard, London. If you want the whole section (bound), we should be pleased to get it for you.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Canary (F. H. Ellis).—Chronic softening of liver, malnutrition. Rupture of blood-vessel of liver and acute pneumonia.

CLUB REPORTS.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Jan. 1st. There was a very fair attendance; Mr. J. Brooker in the chair. The secretary read the financial account of show, and reported that after every expense had been met, there was still a balance of £2 3s. in the bank. This was considered highly satisfactory, considering the society was passing through a resuscitative stage. All prize money and every account was paid three days after the close of show. The secretary was requested to communicate with certain gentlemen to act as judges for this year's show. It was decided that the February 5th meeting should be the annual general meeting of the society, for the election of officers for the year, and the fixing of date and judge for 1908 show. Three new members were elected:—Mr. W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove, Reading; Mr. G. W. Davison, York Villa, Thatcham; Mr. Harry King, 90, Coley-terrace, Reading. A gratuity of 5s. was voted to the hall caretaker for assistance on day of show.—G. A. CHARLES, Sec.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

A general meeting was held on January 4th, to present Mr. Trengove with the challenge cup. The Secretary stated that Mr. Trengove had won the cup three times and it was now his own property (81 points), the runner-up for this year being Mr. J. Evans (Burnley), 47 points, with Mr. S. Cook, Newton Heath, 34 points. Mr. J. Evans won the gold medal for best bird in the champion section. Mr. J. E. Davies securing a similar one for the amateur section, and Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale), the silver medal given by the Toronto Cage Bird Society for best opposite colour to Mr. Davies' bird. The following also won prizes: Burnley, Messrs. Trengove, Hopkins and Evans (tie). Blackburn, Messrs. Todd, Hayhurst and Cook (tie). Newcastle, Messrs. Coventry, Hopkins, and Brown. Sheffield, Messrs. Dent, Wrigley, Lees and Bishop (tie). Barrow, Messrs. Coventry, Lees, Cherry. Nottingham champions, Messrs. Evans, Bishop, Trengove, Fox, Shore, Evans. Amateurs, Messrs. Davies (5), Massey. Specials for most points gained by amateurs during the year, Messrs. Davies, 45 points; Lees, 39; Coventry, 22. Mrs. Raynes, in presenting the cup to Mr. Trengove, said it was a pleasure to her to hand it over to a gentleman who had worked so hard for it. She wished it was going to stand on her sideboard, it was such a beauty; but hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Trengove would live to enjoy and look upon it for many years to come. Mr. Trengove, in accepting the cup, said he had tried hard and long for it and his efforts were rewarded at last, and now that he had reached the object of his desire he would stand down and give some one else a chance. He thought there should be something given to the runner-up, as an inducement to fight it out to the end; he would be glad to see the membership of the club increased. This would enable the committee to extend its patronage. Mr. Booth said he thought no one had tried harder and stuck to it better than Mr. Trengove, and he felt sure it was a well deserved and popular win. Mr. Cook also congratulated Mr. Trengove on his victory, although at one time he had hoped to win it himself. He had tried and lost, but it was better than not to have tried at all. Mr. Davies also spoke. Mr. Trengove thanked all for the good things said of him, and Mrs. Raynes for her kindness in presenting the cup.—J. RAYNES.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Annual meeting was held on January 4th, at Barley Mow, for the election of officers for the present year, as follows:—President, Mr. L. C. Casey; Chairman, Mr. G. Thompson; vice-chairman, Mr. H. H. Clark; secretary, Mr. J. E. Hudson; assist.-sec., Mr. C. Atkinson; treasurer, Mr. L. Booth; all re-elected; auditors, Messrs. J. Firth and J. Warburton, elected. J. E. HUDSON, Sec.

BATTERSEA OPEN C.B.A.

At the general meeting it was proposed to alter the name of the society, at the request of several fanciers' residing outside London who wish to join us. It was also proposed to hold an open young bird show and an annual open show early in October, dates of which will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed. The secretary will be glad to give any information to anyone wishing to join this go-a-head society. The balance sheet was presented and adopted. The election of officers for the year took place, when Mr. Honeysett was elected chairman; Mr. Wade vice; Mr. Goymer, treasurer, and twelve committee, all good workers. The secretary was re-elected. The date of pair show is Feb. 5th.—F. EASTERLING, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

This society held a supper and social evening, for the distribution of the prizes won at their monthly shows during last year, on January 4th, at headquarters. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, provided a substantial pie supper, to which those present did full justice. After supper a very pleasant evening was spent, the following gentlemen taking part in the entertainment: Messrs. W. R. Myers (Sec. Brit. Bird Club), Hiley, Hargreaves, Ormondroyd, and Bowker, along with Mr. Wilson, who officiated at the piano, and who also obliged with a few songs. During the interval Mr. Holroyd, the President, presented the prizes to the respective winners as follows: Open, 1, Brayshaw and Jowett, and here in consequence of the illness of Mr. Jowett, the prize was in cash, viz., 15/6; 2, F. Self, gold pendant, 10/6; 3, W. Blakey, gold-mounted walking stick; 4, A. Lister, pair of bronzes; novice, 1, W. Gudgeon, pair of bronze horses, value 15/6; 2, F. Gelder, teapot, value 10/6; 3, W. Oliver, teapot, value 7/6, presented by Mr F. Gelder; 4, J. Kay, brooch and purse: consolation prizes, 5 cwts. of coal, each presented by Mrs Hartley, were won by Messrs. Waterworth and Pullan, respectively.—S. DEAN, Sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

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*Jan. 10 and 11.—**St. Helens O.S.** (C.H.J.R.)
*Jan. 14.—**Llanelly C.B.S.** (J.H.P., J.B.E.E.H.
*Feb. 7, 8, 10 & 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**
Oct. 20, 21.—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**
Oct. 30 and 31.—**Manchester.**
Nov. 14 and 16.—**Nottingham.**
Nov. 21.—**Perth.**
Dec. 7 and 9.—**Leicester Hand in Hand.**

A Redshank Fight.

An incident in the life of those little drab birds with long thin bills and long red legs—the Redshanks—is worth recording. Two of these birds were seen sometimes walking or running, sometimes flying together, just as if on the best of terms. All of a sudden, and apparently without the slightest provocation, war broke out between them. The battle raged fierce and long, and both of them proved to be warriors of the sternest type. Grappling and rolling over together, it seemed as if it was to be a fight to the death. The "dramatic" end, however, was averted, for a third Redshank who had witnessed the fray from the commencement, but had taken no apparent notice, all at once ran up and flying between the combatants separated them. One of them flew away leaving the other the victor; this one showed its pleasure by flapping its wings in triumph and uttering a thin piping cry.

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A WOOD PRESERVATIVE WANTED.

SIR,—Can any reader tell me of any mixture I can put on the woodwork of aviaries to prevent birds biting the wood? I have tried aloes, but this gets dashed off by heavy rain. My birds have plenty of natural branches to bite, but some seem to like doors and windows. E. J. B.

APPEAL FOR A FANCIER IN DISTRESS.

SIR,—Again I ask for a small space in CAGE BIRDS, as since sending my last letter to you I have received the following, for which I tender my best thanks: J. Welsh and friend, Edinburgh, 2s. each; R. Wilson, Edinburgh, A Fancier, St. Pancras, 2s. 6d. each; A Sister Fancier, Newburn, 1s.; total to date, £3 6s. 4d.

GEORGE HENRY NEAL.
163, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, N.

A CERTAIN REMEDY FOR RED MITE.

SIR,—I have kept Canaries for a number of years, and I have now in my possession over 30 (such as they are, half-bred Norwich and Yorks), and I can safely say that I have conquered the pests of red mite. This past season I have bred over 50 birds. I invariably clean the cage after a nest of birds and put the hens back into a cage that has been washed with blue copperas and re-coloured with distemper colouring, hanging in a bag to the cage about 1oz. of sulphur which keeps the birds in good health and also keeps down red mite. I may state that I have been infested with them to such an extent that I have had to part with every bird and cage and start afresh in another room, until a gentleman friend of mine gave me this certain remedy. Twopennyworth of blue copperas to one gallon of boiling water, applied with a brush. The cage as soon as dry can be coloured out, painted or enamelled, according to fancy, only don't put them back alongside of infested cages. The red mite will soon leave the birds. I also use a little quassia in the bath. D. H.

THE CHAMPION LINNET.

SIR,—I should like you to allow me a little space in your valuable paper re Mr. Summers' letter of last week. Mr. Summers says they sent a bird down to our club house which simply walked away with the contest, beating my champion. A bigger falsehood was never uttered. There was nothing much to choose between their champion and the bird I secured second prize with; as for beating my champion, it would never have been in the race. My champion has never taken part in any contest for this last four weeks, and on that occasion he won first prize, when I decided to retire him from all contests, as I thought he had done quite enough, over 100 prizes being printed to his credit in CAGE BIRDS. The birds I am at present singing are birds my champion is teaching. I have put the matter in my solicitor's hands, which Mr. Summers will know by now. I trust you will find room for this letter before closing this correspondence. HARRY ALLEN.

(We think it but fair to allow Mr. Allen this rejoinder, and now the matter must close so far as our columns are concerned.—EDITOR.)

WHAT KIND OF NORWICH HAVE WE TO BREED?

SIR,—If the anonymous writer "True Type," in your last issue had omitted the first word it might have passed as humorous fiction of a sort—an examination of the "facts" recounted, somewhat discounts their truth. To begin with, I will give the party £5 who told me Mr. McFarlane's Buff Cock was a good one, for I was the first to see him, and pronounce him a champion. It seems somewhat strange when I know so little about birds that I can breed so many winners. The last time the "Palace of Justice" man judged Hamilton, I bred the first and second Yellow Cocks, first and fourth Buff Cocks, first Yellow Variegated Cock, and one of the winning Yellow hens, my old champion Yellow hen standing first in the non-fed class, bred by Fraser and Robinson out of an English pair of birds, which they paid £7 for. This hen was christened "Pride of the West," by me, and proved herself worthy of the name. I should like "True Type" to come up to "Mount Florida." It is coffee I would give him to drink instead of tea, with one of my "Premier Oat Cakes" made of sawdust. Lastly, referring to Mr. Ferguson's Balm, "True Type" should get his head rubbed with it as his hair was a bit scarce the last time I saw him; but keep it off your moustache as it is big enough—unless you want it to hide your face after this reply. Now for the S.P.C. man. I should advise him to give honour to whom honour is due. He reminds me of a fox terrier running after an express train—he is barking because he cannot keep up with it. ROBERT YOUNG.

NEW SOCIETY FOR SAXMUNDHAM AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that the object of the show held on December 27th has been attained, viz., the formation of a New Society for Saxmundham and District within a 12 mile radius. Will any fancier desirous of becoming a member please send name and address to me? Up to the time of writing I have had two 10s. 6d. donations promised, and S. A. Flick, Esq., has kindly consented to officiate as hon. auctioneer.

E. GOSLING.
South Entrance, Saxmundham.

WELSH CAGE BIRD CLUB.

SIR,—I would esteem it a favour if you would publish this letter in your valuable paper, for it appears that my letter of three weeks ago has been overlooked, judging by the questions that I have received respecting new membership. I stated in that letter that if any fancier joined the club before the third week in January they would be eligible to compete at the club show on January 28th, or if they joined the second week in the same month they could compete for the club's specials at Llanelly on the 12th. This offer still holds good; in fact if they will send on their subscription, which is 2s. 6d., at once, they can compete at Llanelly. If at all possible, annual general meeting will be held in conjunction with the club show at Mountain Ash, when I hope to be able to have the cups and medals presented to the season's winners. Any member wishing to place a motion on the agenda must send same to me at once, as no matter will be dealt with otherwise. It should be forwarded to me not later than Saturday, January 18th. Mr. Danger, that well known breeder and judge, will place the cards; it was desirous to get a judge outside the Society, and also one who has not officiated as judge in Wales during the season. All that is wanted is that every member, new or old, shall do his best. If this is done we shall have a successful show for our first venture. I wish to thank you for the above space, also for the kindly way in which you have treated all my correspondence. I wish CAGE BIRDS a successful and prosperous New Year. D. H TEDSTONE (Hon. Sec.).
4, George Street, Brecon.

RARE-FEATHERED BIRDS IN THE SHOWS.

SIR,—I have no objection to giving Mr. Anthony Hay a reply to his letter which appeared under the above heading in your last week's issue. Mr. Hay, I presume, will grant me the right to hold and exercise opinions of my own. Well, it is my opinion that rare-feathered birds cannot satisfactorily be brought into competition with normal-coloured birds. Mr. Hay evidently thinks otherwise. And I agree that he is entitled to hold *his* own opinion. With his desire to arrive at "some satisfactory verdict," as to whether rare-feathered birds should "be allowed to compete at shows not providing a special class for them," I am in personal sympathy, as this is not the first time I have been pilloried in the pages of CAGE BIRDS for wrong-classing such exhibits! If a responsible body like the N.B.B. and M.C. decides this is to be the case, then, as one of themselves, I must necessarily accept their decision, although against my own convictions. Mr. Hay would seem to think that I stand alone in the attitude I take up, but this, I fancy, is far from being the case. It is wrong to say the Gateshead Committee "grossly exceeded their duty in disqualifying my hen Greenfinch." In the first place, the committee took no part whatever in the matter; in the second place, the bird was not "disqualified." In conclusion, if Mr. Hay at any time shows his rare-feathered bird under me in a rare feathered class I shall be pleased to consider it on its merits.

G. E. WESTON.

SIR,—It would indeed be interesting to hear from Mr. Hay how he makes out that the Gateshead Committee "grossly exceeded their duty." Does he imagine that the committee marked his exhibit wrong class? If this is the case, the sooner he is enlightened upon the subject the better, but surely the wide experience he gives out he possesses will have taught him to know different. His exhibit was marked wrong class by the judge, Mr. Weston, who no doubt will be able to give his reasons for doing so, and not by the committee, and for Mr. Hay to make a charge as he has done against the committee of grossly exceeding their duty, points only to two things, either that he is quite ignorant as to how Gateshead (or any other show for that matter) is managed, or he is making a charge against them without any foundation whatever. Committees don't judge the birds; they pay other qualified people to do this. As to the other part of his letter, it is nothing more than arrant nonsense, and I am surprised that one who would have us believe he is a life-long breeder, exhibitor and a *judge* would pen such. It would also be interesting to know where this exhibit in question has won the prizes he alleges, and also who were the judges that led him to think he had got hold of a champion that ought not to be beaten? Gateshead Committee know their business, as they have proved in the past, but they don't consider it part of their duty to either mark birds "wrong class," or in any way interfere with them beyond attending to their requirements. They appoint the best judges they can secure, and people who are not disposed to accept these gentlemen's decisions without making a song about it ought not to exhibit. By the way, the bird was not disqualified; it was entered in its wrong class, according to the judge, which is a very different thing. G. BUCK.

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. Hay is "off the line" in accusing both Mr. Weston and the Gateshead Committee of disqualifying his birds. In the first place, the bird was not disqualified, but simply marked "wrong" class" (there is a wide difference between disqualifying and wrong classing). The show committee were never asked to pass their opinion, and did not know that the bird had been wrong classed till the catalogues were in print. Mr. Weston did ask one of the stewards that was attending him what course was usually taken and the reply was that it was entirely left in his (Mr. Weston's) hands. This is covered by rule in schedule which distinctly says that the judge's decision is final and only subject to appeal in case of subsequently discovered fraud. It is no fault of the Gateshead Committee that Mr. Hay entered a rare-feathered Greenfinch in a normal-coloured Greenfinch class. The exhibitor is entirely responsible for his entries, and if he enters a bird in a wrong class he is entirely the loser, as the schedule says that with birds entered in wrong class entry money will not be refunded but will go to the funds of the Society (Mr. Hay is claiming by letter both his entrance fee and railway fare). Seeing that Mr. Hay has placed the case in the hands of the C.B.U. (of which I have not yet had intimation), I think it would have been better to have allowed that body to give their decision before rushing into print and getting opinion passed which might prove prejudicial to their arriving at a decision. Mr. Hay's correspondence will be laid before the members on January 14, the next meeting night, and as he is a member of the Society, we shall be pleased to have him attend and to hear his grievance. T. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

A NEW SOCIETY FOR LIVERPOOL.

SIR,—A very representative and well-attended meeting of local fanciers was held at the Alexandra Hall, Islington Square, Liverpool, on Dec. 30, to discuss the desirability of forming a new society, having as its object the cultivation and study of bird life in all its varieties. The proceedings throughout were of a very harmonious and enthusiastic character and culminated in the birth of a new society entitled, "The Liverpool Ornithological Society." The annual subscription was fixed at the sum of half a guinea. It is the intention of the promoters that the society shall embrace and cater for all branches of the Fancy, including Canary, British and Foreign bird keeping and exhibiting, and aviculture generally. It will also encourage the study of birds in their wild state. One of the most prominent features in the programme will be the running of an annual all-England show that shall be worthy of being identified with so important a city. Another feature will be a monthly lecture or exhibition by a competent authority in one of the many branches of the Fancy. A further meeting was arranged for a fortnight later to draw up a set of rules upon the adoption of which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Fanciers interested and desiring further particulars are invited for the present to communicate with Mr. R. IRWIN, 12, Moscow Drive, Liverpool. —GEO. B. DANIELS, Chairman, pro tem.

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CRESTS AT ST. ALBANS.

SIR,—While judging the Crests at St. Albans Show on January 1st I had reason to question the condition of a Crested bird, No. 22, Class 142. I expressed my suspicion to the officials. Subsequent careful examination of the Crest in question convinced me that the bird was honestly exhibited, and I gave it the first prize. I am convinced that Mrs. Pearse was justly entitled to the same, and that any suspicion of the bird having been improperly dealt with was groundless. I would not have made public this statement had it not come to my knowledge that it has been asserted that my final decision was influenced by the fact that the identity of the owner of the bird had been made known to me. GEO. GARDNER.

SIR,—At St. Albans Show on New Year's Day I was subjected to a most unpleasant experience. My dark crested cock, first at Watford (December 10th, 1907) was disqualified by the judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner, for, as he very openly alleged, having had feathers removed from the front of the crest. Mr. Gardner treated me in an exceedingly rude manner, and was, I believe, the cause of my being requested to leave the show, and he told me that the least I said about the bird would be the best for me in the end. I was much distressed and hurt at the occurrence, and after discussing the matter with my husband, journeyed to London and saw Mr. Tyson, the hon. secretary of the Crested Canary Club, requesting him to accompany me to St. Albans to see the bird. Whilst I was at that gentleman's house a telegram arrived from my husband worded, "Everything satisfactory." On my return to the show you may imagine my astonishment to find that the disqualified bird had been awarded first and special during my absence. I have declined to accept any prize or prize-money until the matter is cleared up. The bird I have placed unreservedly in Mr. Tyson's keeping, to be detained as long as he pleases. I am well-known in the St. Albans district, and as the matter has been so freely bruited about, the situation created is simply intolerable. AMY A. PEARSE.

MODEL PRIZE CARDS IN SCOTLAND.

SIR,—I was an exhibitor and visitor at the very excellent show of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society held on 1st and 2nd inst. While the Society is to be congratulated on the result of its endeavours, I trust I may be allowed to suggest an improvement in one direction, although to some it will doubtless seem a matter of minor importance. I refer to the model prize cards in the Norwich Plainhead section (for I am interested specially in that section), I feel sure that few would recognise the bird depicted on the card as a Norwich, or would argue that it in the least resembles that charming and popular bird. While exhibitors are no doubt grateful to the above society for charging only sixpence each for prize cards, instead of one shilling, as is usual, still I think that if these cards are to be of any value at all to exhibitors, the drawing should resemble, as nearly as possible, the perfect specimen. One requires to exhibit very good birds at Edinburgh to win these cards, and I do not think exhibitors would grudge to pay a trifle more for the cards (if, indeed, that is necessary) if so by doing they would get a true model. I may say that the other day I proudly showed to a friend a card I won at the recent show. My friend has no knowledge of Canaries or their fancy points, and I was asked, doubtless quite innocently: "Is your bird like that"? I must say I felt rather inclined to answer: "I trust not"! I hope, therefore, that by another year the Scottish National Society will remedy the defect I have mentioned. I may say that I like very much the style of card, which I think is more suitable than the larger square-shaped cards given at some other shows. Owing to the discussion now going on in the columns of your valuable paper on the question of what kind of Norwich have we to breed, the present seems the opportune time to raise the point referred to in this letter. It would certainly not be advisable to take our model from the Scottish National prize cards. PHŒNIX.

RIBBON FINCHES WITH YOUNG IN WINTER.

SIR,—I have seen lately much correspondence re late Canary laying, and so thought the following might be of interest. In my outdoor aviary, with only a protection of glass windows against the Arctic-like weather of late, I had three eggs out of four hatched on Boxing Day from a pair of Cutthroats. The chicks are so far thriving, and are being well fed by their parents. This pair of birds I bought last March, and they have been nesting off and on ever since, but so far have only reared three. One lot of six youngsters they threw out of the nest when two or three days old. I fancy young birds just now rather a novelty. ALF. G. BEESTON.

LIFTING THE BIRDS AT BROXBURN SHOW.

SIR,—Is it fair that any fancier sending 22 birds to a show, and winning the cup for most points, also 4 firsts, 5 seconds, 4 thirds, 2 vhc's, 2 hc's, and 2 specials, should lift his birds about 2½ hours after they have been judged? Yet this is what happened at the recent Broxburn Show. The leading men in the Fancy are supposed to be a help to young fanciers and young societies. I think this was a gross injustice to any society and to young fanciers. If that is the way to help them on, I have a different opinion. After hurrying up with my business, and getting away to see the show, and to have a look at the best birds, I found them all away. Surely if the birds were worthy of their place they were worthy of being seen and criticised. Being a novice in the Fancy, I had no chance of comparing the birds, to see what was needed for the show bench. I think it was a very unfair action to be played on a new society after having to work so hard to get up a show, after being down for a few seasons. I hope that some of the other fanciers will take up their pens and give vent to their opinion.

WM. MURRAY.

THE BORDER SECTION AT BROXBURN SHOW.

SIR,—Being a breeder of Border Fancy Canaries, I paid a visit to Broxburn Show, held December 23rd last, to try and learn a wee bit about what was wanted for this type of Canary. But, alas! I found that I was rather late in coming to the show, for most of the prize-winners in this section, belonging to Mr. Patterson, of Border Fancy fame, were being packed for home at 3.30 in the afternoon of show. Now, for visitors and exhibitors alike, I think it rather sharp practice for so many winners to be taken away so early in the afternoon of a one-day show. What was the meaning of same? Was the owner afraid of being questioned too much anent the merits of the winners? Anyhow, I am certain Mr. Patterson found a soft mark in one of the [illegible] management, whoever gave him permission to do this. If exhibitors cannot allow their birds to stand the allotted time at a show, I consider they should keep their exhibits at home.

EVEN MARK.

PRIZE MONEY GONE ASTRAY AT STANNINGLEY.

SIR,—We exhibited a bird at Stanningley Show and gained a third prize. After five weeks had gone by, we wrote the secretary, Mr. Boult, asking if he had overlooked our prize-money. He wrote us to say he had sent it along with 45 other letters, and advised us to inquire at the local post office and see if they knew anything about same, which we did. The local postmaster then told us to write the secretary of the show and ask him to send us the counterfoils or the numbers of same. We wrote him again some weeks ago, but have never received either a reply, the numbers, or the prize-money. When one comes to consider the up keep of birds, the entry fees and the railway charges, we think it is going a little too far to expect exhibitors to lose their prize-money through having letters insufficiently addressed. We wonder if any other exhibitor has been treated in the same manner. We wish your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

DICKINSON & DUCKWORTH.

RARE BRITISH BIRDS ON THE SHOW BENCH.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper in respect of rare birds at the shows. The reason is this: At Truro Show on December 26 last, Mr. House was judge there of all birds on the bench. There was shown a very rare British bird—a Water-rail—in the pink of condition. My son was there, and finding this bird had no card, he asked Mr. House what he thought of the Water-rail. He said he did not consider it was a cage bird. Now why should not this rare bird be a cage bird as well as a Chough, Magpie, Jay or Waxwing. It is a British bird. No one can say any other, and why should it be debarred from the show bench? I should think any British bird that any fancier took the trouble to get, and beng tame and fit on show bench, should have the same privilege to win, and not be passed because it is a bird the judge does not fancy. Rare birds at shows are a great attraction, as our Owl was at Truro, where it was not looked at by the judge, but at Exeter it was third and St. Columb won second.

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THE RARE REDPOLL-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR, Like Mr Ward, having read about the rarity and beauty of the Redpoll Bullfie Hybrid, I tried for it, and was rather fortunate to breed a cock the first time of asking. I thought one only had to be exhibited to win hands down, but what a surprise I got when I showed mine for the first time—in a class of seven he got last. The second time out he got fourth, each time a Goldie Greenie being amongst the leaders. I may say that mine is not colour-fed, but if it was that, or if he was taken for a small Linnet-Bullie (which is very probable), I cannot say. My opinion is this, that unless anyone was expecting it, or had never seen a Redpoll-Bullie it could easily be taken for a Linnet-Bullie; they both being similar in colour and general appearance. The difference I will try and explain. In the wings, head, and back, there is a slight difference, the Redpoll-Bullie showing two bars in each wing, the Linnet-Bullie one. On the head the Redpoll-Bullie shows a much larger expanse of red, and a trifle paler. The back is slightly darker with more distinct pencilling, also the beak is smaller and darker than the Linnet-Bullie. Of course I am comparing my own birds (having bred both), and not having had the pleasure of seeing any other, do not know if mine is a good or an inferior specimen. I expected to see him show the bib of the Redpoll, but in that I was mistaken. With another moult, and a little more experience, being a novice at exhibiting, I hope to do a bit of good with him.

W. SMALLDRIDGE.

SIR,—With all due respect and honour to Mr. C. J. Ward for the breeding and rearing of that rare Hybrid, the Redpoll-Bullfinch, I would like to point out that, in my opinion, simply because of its rarity it should not take precedence over birds of the commoner cross that, as exhibition specimens, are better birds. If schedules were to read "the rarest Hybrid between British birds," then Mr. Ward's bird would rightly go to the top; but what would be the use of other exhibitors sending their birds when the coveted first prize was already won. It would simply resolve into a question as to which show Mr. Ward's bird was to be sent; the rest would have to send to the other shows. I have read the reports of most shows that the Redpoll-Bullie has been at, and have taken notice, at the time, what has been ahead of him (and, in my opinion, rightly so). I would go further, and say that in one case at least, he has been ahead of some where he should not have been. I need only mention one bird as an instance. He beat his own stable companion at one show (I forget which), and even Mr. Ward must admit that, apart from rarity, his own Linnet-Bullfinch, "Unique," which has been reported as probably the best of its kind on the show bench, and which I have had the pleasure of seeing, is far ahead of it from an exhibition point of view. The Linnet-Bullie certainly is a beauty. Does Mr. Ward think for a moment that supposing, say, the Redpoll-Bullie was to meet Mr. William's champion Goldie-Bullie, the Redpoll-Bullie should win simply because it is a rarer cross? I should say decidedly not. I don't remember for a moment all the birds that have beaten it, but I had the good fortune to see one of them eighteen months ago. He was a beauty then, and he will be much improved since. I refer to Mr. Leigh's Greenfinch-Bullfinch, and I have no doubt the judge was justified in awarding a bird that is probably the best Greenie-Bullie on the bench premier honours, over even Mr. Ward's rare Redpoll-Bullie. The reporters are quite right when they say "wants another moult"; he is only a baby, and wants time to mature before he will make a champion. Mr. Ward must know that Hybrids improve with every moult, as long as they keep in perfect health. Then why should he go and expect a youngster to go and beat old champions simply on account of its rarity? I write this without in the least wishing to detract from the honour that is due to Mr. Ward for rearing the Redpoll-Bullie, and must admit that it is an interesting Hybrid from an exhibitor's point of view, but I think Mr. Ward might remember that there are other grand Hybrids, now in their prime, although, maybe, not so rare. I am with Mr. Ward with regard to the poor classification and incompetent judges, but don't go so far as to say that the exhibitor is judged instead of the exhibit. I am afraid Mr. Ward has let his disappointment get the better of his judgment a little. With regard to poor classification (I refer to societies that pool the classes—i.e., "Any Other Variety Canary or Mule"), perhaps the best plan would be for all Hybrid and Mule breeders to boycot such shows, then perhaps they would provide at least one class for Mules or Hybrids. But as regards incompetent judges, I would point out that, excepting at large shows, the Canary judge has to do the lot, and a good many of them don't know what they have in front of them when they come to the Mule and British classes. But as the Canary men are in the majority, we can hardly expect them to accept a Hybrid judge for the lot, if the show can't afford two. Even Mr. Ward must admit that.

T. JOHNSON.

THE NORWICH HEN CLASS AT GATESHEAD SHOW.

SIR, Respecting Mr. Midgley and Mr. Corston's letters in "Twitterings," Mr. Midgley's hen was the bird that won 4th prize, but owing to a mistake in entering Mr. Midgley's name appeared in Class 8 instead of 9. Of course, the entry in Class 8 was marked absent, but there were two No. 3's in Class 9. The prize card was put on Mr. Midgley's bird, but afterwards some one without authority removed it to Mr. Corston's bird. Seeing that Mr. Corston was credited with the win in the catalogue, I followed our usual custom and paid both Mr. Midgley and Mr. Corston the 4th prize money, although Mr. Midgley was really the winner. Mr. Corston being a member, I am quite willing to refund the money to the society out of my own pocket, as I made the mistake of which Mr. Corston was well aware.

T. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I notice in this week's "Twitterings," Mr. Corston's comment on my claim to have won 4th prize in the Unflighted Hen Class at Gateshead Show. Merely to convince your numerous readers to whom I am personally unknown that I was not seeking to claim anything beyond what I was legitimately entitled to, I enclose my cage label, prize card and letter accompanying prize-money, from which you will see that my bird (a Yellow) was also No. 3 in Class 9, that it was awarded 4th prize, and that, like Mr. Corston, I have received the prize-money. Obviously two 4th prizes have been awarded, of which I was unaware, and it is evident that the catalogue was so stated by me in error. It is one of those little slips that are perhaps bound to occur in shows of this magnitude. Although I entered and was awarded the prize I have mentioned in Class 9, my name does not appear in the catalogue under that class at all! Mr. Corston and I can apparently shake hands with each other on an equal footing, and I simply trouble you with this further communication as proof of my bona fides in the matter.

W. N. MIDGLEY.

A RIFT IN THE LUTE AT PECKHAM.

SIR,—Enclosed please find report of the annual meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Birds Society. I also take this opportunity of thanking you for the many excellent reports of our meetings, and the support you have given us in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, during the past year. You will no doubt notice by the report that the society is commencing a new life in a new home, and that the new committee are determined to reorganise the working, and hope by the help and co-operation of our members to restore the good name we held in the Fancy previous to our late show. The annual general meeting duly convened, took place on January 2nd, at the Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E. The president, Mr. J. Peacock, took the chair. Twenty-two members were present, and the meeting was of a lively description throughout. Several very important resolutions were down for discussion. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and the correspondence had been dealt with, the balance sheet could not be presented in a complete form as the show manager had not got his books ready for audit. The chairman here called upon Mr. F. Cole, the mover of resolution No. 1, to read same to meeting. The resolution in question being of the utmost importance to the society it was listened to with the keenest interest by those present. In a very fair, courteous and able manner. Mr. F. Cole then moved the following: "That the present headquarters do not contribute to the best management or welfare of the society, and this meeting directs the committee to find more suitable accommodation, and empowers them to amend Rule 2 accordingly." Mr. H. E. Tringham seconded the resolution. Messrs. Woolhouse, Goodwin, and Rogers spoke at some length in favour of the headquarters remaining at the Herne Tavern, Mr. H. E. Tringham and E. S. Lugg speaking in favour of more central and convenient headquarters being found. Mr. Rogers frequently interrupting these gentlemen, had several times to be called to order by the chairman. Mr. Rogers eventually moved that the resolution be now put. Mr. J. S. Matthes moved an amendment that a ballot of the whole of the members be taken, ballot papers to be sent to each one. Mr. Rogers moved a further amendment that the resolution be put to the present meeting. This last was carried. It was decided, the president giving his casting vote, that the vote on the resolution be taken by ballot, papers being handed to all present. Upon the same being handed in and counted by the chairman, it was found that 13 had voted for the resolution and 9 against. The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution carried. Upon proceeding to the next resolutions Mr. Woolhouse, as mover of all three, withdrew the whole of them, without any discussion. The election of Committee and Officers was next proceeded with. Ballot papers for the election of Committee having been counted, the result was as follows: Messrs Woolhouse, Hodson Cranfield, Lugg, Brownlie, H. E. Tringham, Wall, Kent, and Rogers. Messrs. Woolhouse, Rogers, Wall, and Kent, in view of the resolution to remove headquarters having been passed, refused to act on Committee. Their positions were filled by those coming next in position of votes. The President, Mr. J. Peacock, and the Treasurer, Mr. W. Goodwin, also declined to again act as officers of the society in a new home. Upon hearing this, several gentlemen of the minority became somewhat excited, behaving somewhat hysterically, and as it seemed impossible to carry the meeting any further, the chairman thought it best to bring it to a close. Mr. H. E. Tringham proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Peacock for the very fair and able manner in which he had conducted the meeting, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Peacock briefly responded, and the meeting closed. The new Committee are meeting early this week when the new headquarters will be decided upon, and also the date of the first meeting. The committee also assures members and fanciers generally, that every effort will be made to thoroughly reorganise the society, and that with the hearty co-operation of all the members they will be able to restore the society to the proud position held in the Fancy previous to our late disastrous show. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, S.E.

SIR,—At the general meeting of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., held at Headquarters on January 2 (only 23 members being present out of 150) the resolution moved by Mr. F. Cole that the Headquarters of the Society be removed, etc., was carried by a majority of 4. Those who were against the proposition were unanimously agreed that it was not the general wish of the Society that the club should be moved from the house of its inception, where they had watched its progress from infancy to one of the strongest clubs in the kingdom. They therefore, after the above meeting, met to consider the circumstance. Mr. Kent having been elected to the chair, the following resolution was passed:—"That in the event of the Society refusing to rescind the motion aforementioned at a special general meeting to be called, they would form a new society at the present headquarters." Messrs. Rogers and Woolhouse were appointed hon. secs. pro tem, and were instructed to call a meeting for January 21 at 8 p.m., at The Herne, Peckham Rye, S.E. The following gentlemen promised support:—The President, Mr. J. Peacock; the treasurer, Mr. W. Goodwin; the vice-president, Mr. F. G. Bussey; and Messrs. Woolhouse, Rogers, Wall and Kent, of the old committee who were re-elected again for 1908 at the general meeting, and also Messrs. Mazzone, Gain ("News of the World"), Garlick (trustee), Rees, Pierson, Lovesy, Muncey, May and C. Mabey. The latter also promised on behalf of his father, Mr. D. Mabey. Since the above meeting the following have given their names for membership for the society held at The Herne:—Messrs. Jenner, Pierson, Rippon, Lovesy, Muncey, Kates, Smith. We feel sure that when this is known we may rely upon the bulk of the members to support the above.

WOOLHOUSE & ROGERS, Hon. Secs.

ARE THEY RECORD LATE EGGS?

SIR,—Seeing in last week's CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Greatbatch claims to have the record of Canaries' late egg-laying, I should like to say that a friend of mine, a Mr Carter, has a hen which laid on January 1st. Do you not think his is the record?

——— G. HARTSHORN.

SIR,—Seeing a deal of correspondence in CAGE BIRDS about late egg laying, I wished to let you know about a bird of mine. It laid its first egg at 10 o'clock in the morning of Dec. 28th, and another in the afternoon, one on the 29th and another on the 31st. But I am sorry to say it was too much for the poor bird and it died after laying the last egg. How is that for a record?—ED. HOUGHTON.

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and noticing the records of late eggs, permit me to state that I have a German hen that went to nest on the 11th of December and laid her last egg on the 16th, which was five eggs in all, and brought me five young ones on the 28th. All are doing well up to the time of writing, and can be seen at any time by anyone, as they have been seen by many fanciers of Cheshire. So I think that is a record.

G. GLOVER.

Several Letters held over.

THE SHOWS.

MOUNTSORREL AND DIS. F.S.

The annual show was held at the Drill Hall on December 26th, when there was a considerable improvement on the attendance of the previous year. Cage birds were well represented, and some fine birds were on show. Mr. G. H. Smith, the secretary, had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged.

NORWICH: 1, spl, Orme; 2, Hallam; 3, Hewitt; 4, Ball and Sons. BRIT.: 1, spl, Freer; 2 (no name); 3, Kinch; 4, Stockwell. MEMBERS' CAGE BIRD. 1, 2, 3, 4, Miss Baker, winning Class 43 outright.

DONCASTER O. AND F.S.

The fifth members' show was held on Dec. 26, in the Volunteer Drill Hall—a very suitable place, especially for the cage bird exhibits. The show was an unqualified success. Mr. W. F. Fowler is the secretary, and to him great credit is due. Mr. W. B. Cobb (Leeds), judged. YORK. YELL., CL., ETC.: 1, vhc, Green and Son; 2, Beseoby, 3, hc, Bayley. BUFF: 1, 3, Green and Son; 2, Beseoby, A.O.V., MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, hc, Harrison; 2, c, Green and Son; vhc, Ashwood NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Duckett; 3, Beseoby; c, Mrs. Dalton. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Beseoby; 2, Mullins; vhc, Harrison; hc, Duckett, junr.; c, Cutter. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Saxton; 2, hc, c, Green; 3, Mullins; vhc, Duckett, junr. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Beseoby; 2, Mullins; 3, Saxton; vhc, Green and Son; c, Duckett. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, hc, c, Green and Son; 3, vhc, Beseoby. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Faher; 2, Stocks; 3, Miss Cuttriss. SELL. 10/-: 1, vhc, Duckett, junr.; 2, Beseoby; 3, Harrison; vhc, Green.

FALKLAND.

This show was held on Jan. 2, when there was a good turn-up of exhibits. 137 birds in all were staged, among them being some really excellent specimens. The secretary, Mr. George Steedman, had the arrangements well in hand, and everything was in readiness for judging when the judge, Mr. Geo. Martin (Hamilton) was ready to begin. There was also a very hardworking committee, who had everything in apple-pie order. The following placings of the awards appeared to give entire satisfaction:—

SCOTCH FANCY.—YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, R. Wallace; 2, 4, Reekie; 5, Harrie; 6, Angus. HEN (2): 1, Barrie; 2, Angus. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Honeyman. HEN (5): 1, Hutton; 2, 5, Angus; 3, A. Wallace; 4, R. Wallace. YELL. PIED CK. (4): 1, 3, Honeyman; 2, Reekie; 4, Angus. BUFF PIED (7): 1, 2, Beattie; 3, Spence; 4, Honeyman; 5, Duncan; 6, Angus. HEN (2): 1, Spence. GREEN, ETC., CK. (3): 1, Beattie; 2, Honeyman; 3, Angus. A.O.V. (5): 1, Beattie; 2, Hutton; 3, Duncan; 4, 5, Angus. NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, M'Farlane; 2, Lawrie and Welsh, 3, 4, Fisher. HEN (7): 1, M'Farlane; 2, Dickson; 3, 4, Fisher; 5, Lawrie and Welsh; 6, Spence. BUFF CK. (4): 1, M'Farlane; 2, Dickson; 3, Fisher. HEN (2): 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, M'Farlane. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Watson; 2, Lawrie; 4, Wardrope; 5, Fisher. CREST CK. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Reid, senr. HEN (7): 1, 5, Reid, senr.; 2, 3, 4, Reid; 6, Campbell. CREST-BRED CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Reid, senr. HEN (4): 1, 2, Reid, sen; 3, 4, Lester Bros. BORDER FANCY CK. (5): 1, Shearer; 2, 3, Baird; 4, 5, Peters. HEN (5): 1, 5, Peters; 2, Shearer; 3, 4, Baird. SELL. £1 (4): 1, 2, 3, Reid, senr.; 4, Fisher. 10/- (7): 1, Barclay; 2, 4, Reid, senr; 3, Lawrie and Welsh. LINNET (5): 1, Wardrope; 2, 3, Campbell; 4, Spence; 5, Lester Bros. BULLFINCH (8): 1, 5, M'Donald; 2, Mackie; 3, Purves; 4, Cowan. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Campbell; 2, Spence. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Duncan; 2, Mitchell and Hutt. SISKIN, ETC. (1): 1, 2, M'Farlane; 3, M'Donald; 4, Lester Bros. A.O.S. BRIT. (1): 1, Mitchell and Hutt. MULE OR HYB (4): 1, 3, M'Farlane; 2, Beattie; 4, Duncan. FOR. (4): 1, Purves; 2, Wallace; 3, Cowan. SELL. 10/-: 1, Campbell.

HERTFORD.

A very nice little show of cage birds was held in connection with the annual event of the Hertford Fanciers' Association, in the local Corn Exchange, on January 8th and 9th. A very limited classification was provided, and entries came up fairly well, throughout in the 9 classes. The quality, too, was quite up to the average of the past shows held by the association. Staged in a room by themselves the birds were very cosy and comfortable, and were arranged by the stewards that they could be seen by visitors with ease and pleasure. All the arrangements were most ably carried out, as was only to be expected with such experts in show management as Messrs. P. R. Harrower and F. Looker, as chairman and secretary respectively. These gentlemen are a host in themselves, but backed up, as they were, by a most excellent committee, everything went smoothly and well. Mr. G. H. Billett judged. CREST, ETC.: Cancelled. NORWICH (8): 1, res, spl, best bird in show, Yates, shapely, rich-coloured, well feathered bull, ticked; 2, 3, Brookes, eye and wing marked buff, and a clear buff, splendid colour and quality of feather, nice shape and size; vhc, Clayden (2), Miss Thomas; hc, Maies. YORKS. (8): 1, spl., Yates, tick-headed yellow, very nice shape, capital colour and feather, stands well; 2, res., vhc, hc, Philpot and Cross, leader nice clear buff, very shapely, good style and feather; 3, Hudspeth, nicely feathered, shapely four-pointed buff, capital colour; vhc, Males; c, Harris. BRITISH (13): 1, spl, Watson, rich-coloured, nicely feathered, well marked Hawfinch; 2, res, Poole, beautifully marked, nicely feathered, rich-coloured Titlark; res., well marked, nice little Blackcap of good colour; 3, Williams, nice bright-faced Goldfinch, rich body colour, nice buttons and bars; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Fullbrook (2), Titmuss, Gardner, Dickins. MULES (14): 1, 3, vhc, Lees, the well-known team of lights in grand fettle; 2, Miss Thomas, nice coloured, well marked Goldfinch-Bullfinch, very nice shape and feather; 3, Poole, rich-coloured, high quality, nice-shaped Greenfinch-Canary; vhc, hc, Titmuss, Brace; vhc, Gardner, Lees, Cooper, Fullbrook. FOREIGN (12): 1, spl., Howe, well known King Parrakeet, in grand form, romps home; 2, spl., Harrower, very fine blue-fronted Amazon; 3, Cooper, charming example of Bourke's Parrakeet; res., Poole, very pretty pair of Ruficauds; vhc, Watson, Ball, Miss Thomas, Miss Day. MEMBERS' NOR. (4): 1, spl., Braund, neat wing marked yellow of nice colour; 2, Hudspeth, rich coloured, close feathered buff; 3, Miss Croft, shapely, nice quality buff, not so hot in colour. YORKS. (9): 1, two spls., 2, 3, res., vhc, hc, (3), Hudspeth, the leaders three nicely stylish yellows of fine feather qualities, winner best in shape and carriage; 3rd, perhaps the tightest in feather; hc, Dickins. A.O.V. (3): 1, spl, Looker, rich coloured, high quality Cinnamon of nice shape and size; 2, Smith, another very nicely feathered, good coloured Cinnamon.

WIMBLEDON.

A splendid success marked the holding of the 3rd Annual Show of the Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S. This success was enhanced in a great measure by the suitability of the beautiful Queen's Hall, in which the show was held, and by the forethought and taste of those upon whom the arrangement of the show and the staging devolved. The display of a little taste is an excellent adjunct to a cage bird show; and the use of floral and evergreen decorations lent a charm and effect to the whole. The entry was a splendid one, being an increase of about 60 on last year's total. We have never seen a show better arranged or one productive of a prettier effect. The society, too, is to be congratulated on the splendid increase in their entry, and upon the care with which the exhibits were tended. One and all agreed that it was the best show ever held in Wimbledon. Mr. W. H. Colman, the excellent and practical secretary, received many deserved congratulations. The show committee, one and all worked with zeal and persistency. They were: —Messrs. W. H. Stoakley (chairman), R. P. Broome, Dell, Carson, Smith, P. Rorke, Dyke, F. Piper, F. Day, G. Griffiths, and G. J. Warley. Mr. Whittome also lent valuable aid. Judging was over by 3 o'clock, and catalogues (under the superintendence of Mr. Stoakley) were issued about an hour afterwards. In the open section, the Yorks. classes were well contested. They were under the patronage of the Y.C.C. for members outside Yorkshire; and some lovely quality faced the judge, giving him no little trouble to separate the birds in many cases. The open novice section in Yorks. was under the patronage of the Y.C.C., and here, too, competition was keen and sustained, and the entry large. The Crested C.C. bestowed their patronage, but did not succeed in attracting a large entry. The British were well patronised, and some fine exhibits were on show. Mr. J. Robson judged all but Yorks., which were judged by Mr. H. Knight.

Critique.

YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (12): 1, c, Cuthbertson, full of quality, level colour, rare fine back, well up on leg; 2, 3, Wheeler, 2nd very stylish, nice quality, stands up well; 3, nice position, well up; vhc, Parrott, silky feathered bird, grand position, well fided in; hc, Broughton. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Elsmore, fine big taking bird, grand quality of feather, long sided, well up on the leg, good at rump and tail well folded; 2, 3, Wheeler, 2nd, nice length, lovely soft bloomy feather, rich under-colour, fine head and neck; 3, even more nervy, racy; vhc, Broughton, another sweet bird; hc, c, Cuthbertson. MK., ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Pattrick, marked bird; 2, Broughton, variegated, lovely contour —full of fire, sweet head, beautifully drawn, stands like a guardsman, teeming with quality; 3, hc, Wheeler, cinn. varieg., the best of feather texture; c, Elsmore. UNFLI. (12): 1, hc, Cuthbertson, buff, very stylish, full of quality, neat head, nice neck; 2, Broughton, yell, full of quality, very silky, level in colour, neat head, well up on leg; 3, Pattrick, a buff, grand style, a good one—three beauties, these; vhc, Parrott, stylish buff, good quality and style; c, Wheeler. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Cuthbertson, sweetly pretty bird, carries lovely quality jacket, grand back, nice head and neck, full of Yorkie properties; 2, 3, hc, Wheeler; 2, yet another gem, good back, and wing carriage, neat head; 3, very stylish again, very sweet bird; vhc, Pattrick; c, Bennett. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Broughton, 1st we took to be a clear, full of nerve and vivacity, nicely drawn, well up on leg, rare feather; 2, marked eyes, and one wing, very sweet, stylish, clean cut; 3, Wheeler, good quality, nice style; vhc, hc, Cuthberston; c, Pattrick. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL (5): 1, spl., and CAGE BIRDS spl., Rennie, lovely level deep and rich colour, neat head, good chest and back, close wing covering; 2, Miles, nice quality and type; 3, Spinner, well modelled, beautiful quality of feather, nice colour; vhc, Miles, grand quality; hc, Barber. BUFF (7): 1, Curtis, rich under-colour, nicely frosted, typical body; 2, vhc, Miles, fine feathered bird, very bold head, nice back and wing covering, richly frosted; 3, Rennie, good quality of feather, rich under-colour, very nice; hc, Day; c, Spinner. MKD. ETC. (5): 1, Curtis, pretty varieg., yell., deep level colour, silky feather of right texture; 2, Spinner, another varieg. yell., rare quality, rich colour; 3, Day, heavily varieg. buff, soft rich feather, good one for quality; vhc, Rennie. UNFLI. (6): 1, Rennie, beautiful bird, rich and level colour, very silky in feather, nice head and neck, rare shape; 2, Spinner, buff, typical deep rich under-colour, nice frosting; 3, spl., Day, yell., full of quality, a promising bird; vhc, Miles; hc, Swingler and Blackwell; c, Nichols. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Miles, very shapely, good quality, nice feather; 2, Spinner, fine quality, rare type, grand one; 3, Rennie, nice quality, good body, rich colour; vhc, Nichols. BUFF (3): 1, spl., Miles, deep chest, fine feather, good under-colour, nicely mealed; 2, Rennie, rich colour, good type, clean cut, nice hen; 3, Wootton, good type, fine feather. CRESTS (6): 1, 3, Pooley, 1st, nearly green, good frontal, nice droop, veiny feather; 3, also nearly green, neat crest, a good one; 2, Horton, wing marked, nice vein and centre, fine bird; vhc, hc, Hale; c, Grant. CRESTBREDS (6): 1, Horton, varieg., nice head, entrance and cushion, turns back, long and dense; 2, vhc, Grant, nearly green, nice length of turn back; 3, Pooley, another nearly green, nice entrance and length; hc, c, Hale. OPEN NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKS., CL. ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Challenger, stylish, full of nerve, grand quality, clean at thighs, nice back, well-folded tail; 2, Adams, deep colour, nicely modelled, good position and quality; 3, Rorke, very pretty, full of life, compact, well cleaned out; vhc, Stevens; hc, Wall; c, Hawes. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Rorke, lovely model, feather like wax, we liked much; 2, Withers, rich quality of feather, grizzled on wing, rare style; 3, Adams, another smart bird, well packed, very rich quality; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hawes; c, Brooks. MKD. ETC. CK. (11): 1, Hawes, cinn. mkd., very full of fire graud show of leg, clean at thighs; 2, Stevens, cinn. varieg., very typical Yorkie, beautifully modelled; 3, Neal, grand colour, very stylish, well built, rare quality, stands well; vhc, Withers; hc, Adams; c, Brooks. UNFLI. (16): 1, c, Carson, very sweet, fine drawn, beautiful quality; 2, Adams, another smart bird, well packed, grand quality of feather; 3, Edwards, good colour and quality; vhc, Brooks; hc, Warley. YELL. HEN (19): 1, spl, Withers, lovely cinn. varieg., very sweet and stylish, tight as wax, rich colour, beautifully cut, gem of the first water; 2, Wall, very pretty bird, lovely feather; 3, Stevens, very similar, well finished; vhc, c, Rorke; hc, Warley. BUFF (17): 1, Withers, stands well, nicely packed, grand head, back, and neck; 2, Stevens, also very typical, well finished, similar to first in many ways; 3, Rorke, long, nice quality, very good; vhc, Challenger; hc, Silverthorn; c, Franks. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Harper, 1st bird of good quality, nice shape and colour; 2nd, chubby, good quality, smaller; 3, Lovegrove, grand quality, nice colour; hc, c, Rorke. BUFF (4): 1, Brailford, bird of good quality, rare type; 2, Lack, chubby, nice chest, neck and head, good under-colour; 3, Hart, good quality; vhc, Burn. MKD., ETC. (1): 1, Burn, silky feather, good type. UNFLI. (5): 1, spl, 3, Lovegrove, nice shape and colour, good quality; 3rd, nice quality varieg.; 2, Burn, shapely, wants boxing up, good quality; vhc, Lack; hc, Billington. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, Lack, typical, fine quality, good one; 2, Burns, varieg., very typical, just the sort to breed and reproduce from; 3, Hart, well across, rare quality bird; vhc, Rorke. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Brailford, good shape and quality; 2, Lovegrove, very typical, rich, under-colour; 3, Harper, very bloomy and typical; vhc, Lack; hc, Rorke; c, Hart. CRESTS (5): 1, Mrs. Griffiths, very neat varieg.; 2, Mrs. Griffiths, neat again; 3, Slade, grizzle crest; vhc, Slade; hc, Mrs. Griffiths. C.BRED (1): 1, Slade, varieg., good head, nice turn back. A.O.V. (3): 1, Curtis, grand self Green Norwich, full of colour, rare shape; 2, Fisher, good Lizard; 3, Curtis, nearly green Norwich, very typical, one light feather in the tail. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (22): 1, spl, Wickham, "Pride of Kent," well known, needs no comment; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, nice polish, full free, beautifully cut, good bars, buttons, and whites; 3, CAGE BIRDS 3rd spl, Cunnell, very rich blaze, well burnished, lovely Chestnut, clean cut; vhc, Sandy, Harris, Herbert; hc, Taviner, Francis; c, Yeoman. LINNETS (9): 1, Taviner, nicely marked, nutty colour, well finished; 2, Gunnell, very nice; 3, Francis, steady, well marked; vhc, Tutty; hc, Taviner; c, spl, Cripps. GREENFINCH, FC. (11): 1, Francis, rich coloured Twite; 2, Rouse, ditto; 3, Wickham, very pretty Siskin; vhc, Taviner; hc, Malleson; c, Manning. A.O.S. HARDBILLS (10): 1, Francis, very fine Hawfinch; 2, Rouse, rich-coloured, fine polled Bullfinch; 3, Francis, very nicely shown Cirl Bunting; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Francis; c, Swingler and Blackwell. SOFTBILLS (5): 1, Francis, topping Nightingale; 2, Francis, well spotted lustrous Starling; 3, Francis, Woodpecker, bit wild; vhc, Dyke; hc, Watson Lyle. LIGHT CAN. MULE (4): 1, Lamb, six-pointed Goldfinch Canary, well shown; 2, Parsons; 3, Rouse; vhc, Day. DARK (10): 1, Mrs. Askham, grand-feathered Canary-Bullie; 2, Best, lovely dark Goldie-Canary; 3, Wyse, a topping Siskin-Canary, in fine feather; vhc (2), Lamb; hc, Best; c, Tutty. A.O.V. HYBRID (9): 1, spl, 2, Lamb, Redpoll Goldie and Redpoll Greenfinch, both in fine trim; 3, Miss Reeves, Challinch-Bramblefinch, a little slack in feather; vhc, Gunnell; hc, Parsons; c, Lamb. LIMIT CLASS, OPEN, £2 (17)): 1, 3, Crooke, very nice Crest and Crestbred respectively; 2, Parrott, pair of cheap Yorkies; vhc, Grant, Elsmore; hc, c, Grant.

Members' Classes.

These contained some really tip-top quality, much of which would have done well in open. Classes were not heavily filled, but the competition was very keen in the three sections. Mr. J. Wheeler, of Kingston, staged large and grand teams, the whole of his splendid stud being for sale, owing to family illness and consequent inability on the part of our old and respected friend to give that attention to the birds necessary to keep up the reputation of the stud. Norwich were good, typical, and well posted. Yorkies also made a fine show. CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Lupton and Jordan; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Wheeler. BUFF CK. (5): 1, spl, Day; 2, 3, hc, Wheeler; vhc, Lupton and Jordan. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Wheeler; hc, Smith. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Lupton and Jordan; 2, 3, hc, Wheeler; vhc, Smith; c, Day. UNFLI. (4): 1, spl, Wheeler; 2, Day; 3, Smith. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Mabey; 2, vhc; hc, Wheeler; 3, c, Smith. BUFF (5): 1, spl, hc, Smith; 2, vhc, Wheeler; 3, Mabey. YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Mabey; 2, hc, c, Wheeler; 3, Smith; vhc, Mabey. BUFF (6): 1, Mabey; 2, 3, vhc, Wheeler; hc, c, Smith. UNFLI. (9): 1, spl, Mabey; 2, 3, hc, Smith; vhc, spl, c, Wheeler. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Smith. AMATEUR SECTION.—NOR. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Walker; 3, Colman. BUFF (4): 1, spl, vhc, Porter; 2, CAGE BIRDS' 2nd spl, 3, Colman. HEN (5): 1, spl, Walker; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Colman. UNFLI.: 1, spl, 2, Colman. YORKS., YELL. (8): 1, spl, Walker; 2, vhc, Whittome; 3, McLaughlin; c, Dell. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Dell; 2, Walker; 3, Silverthorn; vhc, Porter; hc, Whittome; c, McLaughlin; YELL HEN (4): 1, sp, Whittome; 2, vhc, Dell, 3, Walker. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Dell; 3, Whittome; vhc, Colman. UNFLI. (7): 1, spl., Whittome; 2, Walker; 3, hc, Dell; vhc, Silverthorn; c, McLaughlin. NOVICE SECTION.—NOR. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Tutty; 3, vhc, Mrs. Piper. HEN (2): 1, 2, Tutty. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Reed. SELL., 15/- and 20/- (3): 1, Day; 2, Mrs. Walker; 3, Smith. CHILDREN'S CLASS (Open to Wimbledon; A.V. cage bird) (4): 1, spl, Percy G. Mossop; 2, spl, G. W. Baker; 3, spl, Willis-Fleming. GIFT CL (7): 1, spl, Colman; 2, Smith; 3, Carson; vhc, Dell; hc, Francis; c, Miss Price. The points' special was won by Mr. H. Smith, Mr. Colman being 2nd in order of merit.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The above society held their last members' show for the season on Boxing Day. Mr. L. Bolton placed the cards, which he did to the satisfaction of all exhibitors. The list of the prize winners for the season is as follows:—1st, gold medal, 132 points, Chapman and Bateman; 2nd, 123 points, Taylor Bros.; 3rd gold centre, 118 points, C. Bastow; gold centre medal for best 4th bird shown on Boxing Day, Taylor Bros.; Sandiford's for hottest fed bird, Bairstow and Chapman; 4th prize, C. Hardaker; 5th, D. Thornton; 6th, S. Shaw; 7th, J. Crowther; 8th, G. Ackroyd; 9th, E. W. Johnson; 10th, H. Norton; 11th, Bairstow and Chapman; 12th, W. Benn; 13th, F. Pickles; 14th, W. W. Ellerton; 15th, G. H. Woodrow; 16th, A. Hunter; 17th, J. Hinchliffe; 18th, D. Wilman; 19th, S. Wilkinson. Every member who has shown a bird has received a special of the value of at least 2/-. 85 birds in all were staged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Chapman and Bateman; 2, Thornton; 4, Crowther; vhc, G. Ackroyd; hc, Johnson; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Hardaker; 3, c, Bastow; 4, vhc, Chapman and Bateman; hc, Norton. TICKED, ETC. YELL.: 1, 2, Chapman and Bateman; 3, Johnson; 4, c, Shaw; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, Wilman; 2, Bastow; 3, Thornton; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Hinchliffe; c, Pickles. CINN. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Chapman and Bateman. CLEAR, ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Taylor Bros.; 2, Hardaker; 3, Shaw; vhc, Crowther; hc, Thornton; c, Hinchliffe. BUFF: 1, c, Bastow; 2, 3, Taylor, Bros.; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Thornton. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Norton; 2, Shaw; vhc, hc, Bastow. YORKS. STOCK BIRD (over 6¾ ins.): 1, Bastow; 2, Crowther; 3, Hardaker; 4, vhc, Thornton; hc, Johnson; c, Norton. CK. SELL. 15/6: 1, 4, Taylor Bros.; 2, vhc, Bastow; 3, Thornton; hc, Pickles; c, Aekroyd. HEN (13/6): 1, 2, Taylor Bros.; 3, Hardaker; 4, Aekroyd; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Pickles; c, Norton.

E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

ELGIN.

The twenty-second annual show was held Jan. 1st, in the Corn Market Hall. Entries came up fairly well, and the quality all through was quite up to former standards. Norwich were a grand lot, some of them quite reaching high-water mark. Britishers had a drop in numbers, but the quality was quite as good as formerly. The cup for best bird in the hall was captured by Mr. Mackie, the cup for best Norwich (local) by Mr. Macdonald, and the cup for best in the strongest class in the show, Mr. R. Garden. We were very pleased to see the worthy President, Mr. Sandy Mennie, looking "as fresh as paint"; long may he be spared to grace the annual new year's event. On our taking leave of him, we met Mr. Peter Garden, and his worthy nephew, Mr. R. Garden, also Messrs. Lumsden, Cross, Junner and others, all working like Trojans, making this show a complete success. The gate, we believe, was a record one, the hall being thronged with visitors throughout the whole day. The awards were made by that very popular judge, Mr. P. Pettigrew, and grumbling was conspicuous by its absence. Judging was over in good time, the cards were soon up and everything went off like clock work. The visitors derived some amusement from an escaped Budgerigar, which flew merrily through the hall, the juveniles no doubt thinking that it was for their especial benefit. It eventually returned to its cage and passed in beside its mate. The Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. A. D. M'Caskie; he is one of the right stamp, knows his duties well and is courteous to all. Much credit is due to him for the able management of the show.

Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY: 1, Hyde's spl, Junner, grand yell., rare size, action and head. NOR. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 3, Garden, 1 grand size, perfect type and quality, wins easy, 3 another clinker, splendid type raro colour, neat wings and tail; 2, Gordon, nice quality; 4, 7, Macdonald, good type, nice head; 5, Smith; 6, Junner. BUFF (10): 1, Petrie, topper of the real type, nice head, splendid wings, carriage; 2, Macdonald, another good one, close up; 3, A. Macdonald, good body, nice quality; 4, Garden, good type, feathered like wax; 5, Raffan; 6, Junner; 7, Whyte. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Cameron, grand size, fine even colour, good quality, wins; 2, Macdonald, nice type, good all-round; 3, Maelean and Russell, sweet head, nice short wings and tail, shown in rare bloom; 4, A. Macdonald, nice size and type; 5, Mennie; 6, Junner; 7, Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Mennie, splendid type and quality, nicely mealed, grand condition, wins easy; 2, Paterson, wonderful size and quality; 3, Wattie, nice bird, rather soft when we saw it; 4, Cameron, grand body; 5, Douglas; 6, Barber; 7, Garden. VAR. YELL. CK.: 1, Paterson, topper, plenty size, good colour, lightly marked, correct type; 2, Smith, wing marked, nice type and quality; 3, Daff, head and wing marked, nice carriage; 4, Maclean and Russell, heavily var., good type, rare condition. BUFF: 1, A. Macdonald, grand exhibit, well placed; 2, Mackay, good body, nice wings; 3, Maetavish, splendid type and quality; 4, Garden, lightly marked, nicely rounded body, neat head and wings, well put down; 5, Murray. YELL. HEN: 1, Paterson, big bouncing hen, marked head and wings, wonderful colour, staged a treat; 2, Whyte, another gem; 3, Duff, splendid quality; 4, Junner, fine chubby lady, feathered like a Java; 5, Chessor; 6, Lumsden; 7, Melvin. BUFF: 1, Miller, chubby looking hen; 2, Mennie, nice stamp, shining like satin; 3, 5, Garden, lightly marked on head, grand type and quality, close up; 4, Chessor, heavy var., good colour; 6, Wattie. CREST: 1, Mackie, var., often described a clinker; 2, Ross, nice Crest. CRESTBRED: 1, Mackie, clinker, plenty of feather and breadth of skull outstanding; 2, Ross, lightly var.; 3, 5, Petrie, another good one, plenty feather, well lashed; 4, Reid; 6, Shand; 7, Cross. BORDERS: 1, 3, 4, 6, Cross, yell., wins easy, good head, compact wings and tail, rare jaunty carriage in spotless trim, 3 another sweet exhibit; 2, Connachie, well known green looking well; 7, Clark. PARUS NOR., BRED 1907: 1, spl, silver medal, Lumsden, champion pair clear yell. and head marked buff, miles ahead; 2, Barbour, another very decent pair; 3, Duff, still another pair of toppers. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 4, Fortune, 1 long typical, yell. Yorks. in fine bloom, 4 another wing marked York., shown for all it is worth; 2, Garden, champion yell. green Nor. hen, grand type and quality; 3, George, another fine upstanding Yorkie; 5, Lumsden; 6, Symon. NOR. YELL. CK. (K.N. fed): 1, Russell, a blaze of colour, in rare trim; 2, Ross, tick, good colour; 3, Lumsden, good size and type, neat head and wings, rare colour; 4, George, good colour; 5, Cooney. BUFF CL. ETC.: 1, Thompson, splendid body, wings and tail, nicely mealed, well fed; 2, Lumsden, another topper, close up; 3, Ross, rare size, wonderful shape, well mealed; 4, Junner, another nice bird, nicely fed; 5, Shand. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, Maclean and Russell, gem for type and quality, red-hot; 2, Thompson, another topper, shining like silk; 3, 5, Lumsden, good stamp, well put down; 4, Junner. BUFF: 1, Paterson, large typical bird, rare quality, well packed wings; 2, Russell, very neat head, wonderful quality; 3, Maclean and Russell, nice chubby hen; 4, Smith, good one; 5, Garden; 6, Thompson. VAR. YELL.: 1, Garden, light var., rare head and neck, regular Bullie type, teeming with quality, wins easy; 2, Maclean and Russell, good colour; 3, Thompson, good shape, in fine condition; 4, Paterson, heavy var.; 5, Junner. BUFF: 1, Paterson, lightly marked on head and back, a topper, rare substance; 2, Petrie, close up; 3, Maclean and Russell, rare size, fed to perfection; 4, George, good condition; 5, Garden; 6, Melvin; 7, Hay. GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Raffan, nice Finch, good deep blaze, nicely tanned; 2, Whyte, grand colour all over, well put down; 3, Mackenzie, good body colour; 4, Ross, very decent Finch; 5, Plenderleith. BULLFINCH: 1, 5, Ross, clinker, rare size, wonderful colour, staged a treat; 2, Raffan, another real good one; 3, Milne Bros., another topper; 4, Moir, house-moulted, good condition; 6, Young. SISKIN: 1, Gifford, rare size, good cap and bib; 2, Angus, splendid size and colour; 3, Macbeam. MULE: 1, Mennie, well known Lintie Bullie, looking better than ever, nice light var. Goldie; 3, Lumsden, large, dark Lintie Mule, good colour; 4, Ross, large yell., Greenie-Mule, a clinker. LARK, ETC.: 1, 2, Ross, Fieldfare and well known Jay, both looking very well. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Ross, grand Yellow Bunting, marvellous colour and condition, wins easy; 2, 3, 4, Milne Bros., leader large yell. greenie, well put down, also fine Bramblefinch and Twite, both excelling in size and colour, shining like satin; 5, Law; 6, Penderleith. PARROTS: 1, Cooney, blue Rock Parrot, good condition, very tame. SMALL FOR.: 1, Raffan, Goldie, splendid size, wonderful deep, square blaze, rare tunning, a beauty; 2, Ross, good pair Javas, nice condition. SELL. (10/): 1, Murray; 2, Maclean and Russell; 3, Smith; 4, Lumsden; 5, Junner; 6, Douglas, all nice stock. A.O.V.: 1, Ross, Budgerigars; 2, Mennie, nice Lintie Bullie hen; 3, Cooney, Mule; 4, Young.

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KILMARNOCK.

That old-established fixture held annually by the Kilmarnock Ornithological Association was held in the Agricultural Hall, on January 1st and 2nd. Breaking away from tradition the executive on this occasion guaranteed full prize money, and no deduction for prize cards. In the British section the result was satisfactory, but in the Canary section the entries were not such as to encourage the committee to pursue their liberal minded policy. The birds were nicely staged at the end of the hall, and well attended to by a capital staff of stewards under the direction of Mr. J. Murdoch. Mr. J. Blane once again held the post of secretary and kept a watchful eye over the general arrangement, whilst by his energy of management and courtesy to all who sought his aid he did much to further the success of the venture. The judges were Messrs. J. Higgins, Scots and British; Mr. A. Roberts the remainder.

SCOTS (7): 1, 2, 4, Paton, hot foul headed buff, rare head and neck, nice length of side, gets head well down, and uses tail well, 2, very nervy, quick handling piebald, 4, yellow, nice shape and action, not so neat in feather; 3, Kerr, grand shaped buff, moves well, nice feather, does not get head down so well as the leaders; vhc, he, Lyon. HEN (7): 1, 3, Paton, green and clear buff, two very nervy, quick actioned birds, with nice shoulders, good wings and tails, leader the neatest in feather; 2, Bowie, very neat, smart buff, not quite so long in side, but very clever; 4, Kerr, not so sharp in action, and carries head higher, good back and tail; vhc, Lyon. NOR. CLEAR, ETC. (4): 1, 2, McFarlane, big bouncing buff, plenty of colour, nice carriage, well feathered, and a very neat stylish, high coloured yellow of beautiful quality and type, which we liked much; 3, Jones, good bodied, high coloured yellow, nice silky feather, trifle heavy in brow; 4, Gorven, shapely buff of nice colour, hardly so fine in feather. HEN (6): 1, 2, McFarlane, two rare shaped buffs, nice chubby bodies, short tails and wings, plenty of colour and close, and silky in feather; 3, Gorven, very pretty yellow, capital shape, nice colour, and good quality of feather; 4, Willison, nice stylish, well feathered, good coloured buff. VARIEG. (3): 1, 2, McFarlane, buff and a yellow, plenty of colour, well distributed, tight and silky in feather and good shape; 3, Aitken, rare quality, five-pointed buff, beautiful colour, nice shape and carriage, a bird we liked very much indeed. HEN (5): 1, 2, McFarlane, variegd. yellow, and a grizzle tailed yellow, nice shape and plenty of colour, former hardly so good in quality as 2; 3, Alston, stout, chubby, variegd. yellow, nice even colour, capital shape and feather. NON-FED (6): 1, 2, McFarlane, variegd. buff and a yellow, two nice shapely birds, very close and silky in feather; 3, Scott, short, compact, nice feathered buff; 4, Jones, nice typical variegd. yellow, very tight in feather; vhc, Willison; he, Cooper. NOR. SELL. 12/6 (8): 1, Scott; 2, Alston; 3, Davidsun; 4, he, Wyllie; vhc, Bowie. BOR. YELL. (8): 1, Clark, neat, typical bird, nice head, capital wings and tail, very close in feather, rare carriage; 2, Thomson, rather stouter, nicely feathered, stands well; 3, he, McKenzie, grand shaped body, rare quality of feather, neat wings and tail; 4, McGhee, very typical, nice quality of feather; vhc, Murdoch, very neat and smart; c, Willison. HEN (11): 1, Duncan, nice shape, stands well, good quality of feather; 2, vhc, McKenzie, two charming birds, full of quality, splendid carriage, the neatest of wings and tail, we liked latter as well as any in class; 3, Whitehouse, a little beauty, full of quality, stands beautifully, nicely braced wings and tail; 4, Jamieson, nice shapely stylish bird, had the soap left in; he, c, Murdoch, former we liked very much, capital type, very tight in feather, and splendid position. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Clark, very tight in feather, nice carriage, good bead, wings and tail, but a shade on the strong side; 2, 3, McKenzie, a brace of gems, full of quality, feathered to perfection, rare shape and style; 4, Laidlow, smart little bird, not so well staged; vhc, Willison; he, Murdoch; c, Whitehouse. HEN (12): 1, 2, Clark, two shapely, well feathered birds of nice style, former best shape, latter best quality; 3, Thomson, charming little lady, grand type, fine silky feather, stands well, and moves with ease and grace; 4, McKenzie, lovely saddle-marked bird, as tight as wax, nice type, and very stylish; vhc, Hogg; he, Mair; c, Frame and Elliott. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Clark, slim, variegd., nice style and carriage; 2, Willison, chubby, variegd., of good feather and style; 3, Strathearn, very pretty, smart, stylish green; 4, McGhee, variegd., nice shape, feather and carriage; vhc, he, McKenzie; c, Hogg. HEN (11): 1, Mossie, nice shape and style, very tight feather, good wings and tail; 2, Clark, another shapely variegd., stands well, not quite so fine in feather; 3, McKenzie, very handsome, three-pointed, full of quality, beautifully shown and rare style; 4, Mair, very nice four-pointed, stands well, nicely feathered; vbc, Duncan; he, Murdoch; c, Frame and Elliott; No. 2, McKenzie, unnoticed, a most charming four-pointed, we liked as well as anything in class. SELL. (10): 1, Thomson; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Montgomery; vhc, McGhee; he, Duncan; c, Murdoch. MULES DARK (14): 1, Gordon, very high coloured jonque Goldie, wonderful sheen, very tight and silky feather, fine head; 2, Thomson, well marked buff, nice shape and size, capital colour and feather; 3, he, c, Doolan, jonque Goldie, of nice shape, plenty of colour, good face, not so fine in feather; 4, Ovenstone, Bullfinch-Canary, nice shape, well marked, capital colour and quality; vhc, Alston. BRITISH GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Brown, grand rich coloured, well cut blaze, capital back and chest, neat buttons, good bars, capital condition; 2, McFarlane, splendid face and bars, nice buttons, not so rich in body colour, beautiful feather, very steady; 3, Conkie, a real beauty, very rich coloured, well cut blaze, nice cheeks and collar, capital rich chestnut breast, very neat buttons, rich clear bars, in grand feather, we liked much; 4, Fisher, grand colour and marking, very nice shape and steady, not so tight in feather; vhc, McQuiston; he, McInnes. FOREIGN GOLDFINCH (14): 1, Guthrie, very deep coloured blaze, nice clear cheeks, bright collar, good back and chest, nice bars and buttons, very well staged; 2, McFarlane, brighter colour in face, nice shape and size of blaze, beautifully marked, nice chest and good bars; 3, Morton, a real beauty, large deep, well cut bright coloured blaze, splendid cheeks and collar, neat buttons, splendid feather, and plenty of size; 4, Thomson, smaller in blaze, but grand colour, shape, and feather; vhc, Menzies; he, Doolan; c, McQuiston. BRITISH BULLFINCH (11): 1, spl, McFarlane, very large and shapely, grand cut, glossy cap, splendid feather and very steady; 2, vhc, Guthrie, richer and brighter in colour on breast, splendid back and bars, large glossy cap, very steady, nice feather; 3, McQuiston, very neat in shape, not so large, grand colour and feather; 4, Laidlaw, beautiful colour and feather, very steady, not so chubby in shape; he, Jones; c, Martin. LINNET (9): 1, McFarlane, beautiful colour and markings, grand shape, splendid feather, and very steady; 2, McQuiston, not quite so chubby in shape, very neatly marked, capital colour, rare sheen and shows well; 3, McInnes, very nice shape and size, neatly marked, good feather and stands well; 4, Gordon, capital colour and shape, in grand fettle, not quite so distinctly marked; vhc, Conkie; he, Wulkinshaw; c, Dick. LINNET, WILD (10): 1, McFarlane, very large and well marked, grand colour, beautiful feather, and as steady as a house-moulted bird; 2, McQuiston, beautifully marked, rich colour, not so large, shows well; 3, Alston, large, well marked bird, not so rich in colour; 4, Doolan, capital shape and size, nicely marked, paler in colour; vhc, Fisher; he, c, Robertson. GREENFINCH (10): 1, McFarlane, large, good colour, capital wings and tail; 2, Alston, wonderful wings and tail, grand shape, size and feather; 3, McQuiston, very nice colour, feather and shape, not so steady; 4, Ross, well-marked wings and tail, grand feather, not so large; vhc, Rorke; he, Frew; c, Gow. REDPOLL (10): 1, McFarlane, rare size and shape, grand colour and marking; 2, McCulloch, very large, well marked, not so much colour; 3, McGavin, beautiful colour and marking, nice feather and steady; 4, Alston, another little beauty, grand colour and nicely marked; vhc, Gow; he, Gordon; c, Stewart.

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The Scotch Fancies and Belgians.

SCOTS. CLEAR YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, King, grand top and plenty neck, great depth of rib, takes good position on perch; 2, Thornton, lung rib and body, well up on perch; 3, 4, Arnott, very erect on perch, gets head well forward, close run with 2; 4, similar, very nervy; 5, Pringle, good heavy topped bird; 6, Currie; 7, Bowman. BUFF (9): 1, 3, McLennan, both well known exhibits, grand size and substance, massive top; 2, Dalgleish, very similar type, broad, well filled shoulders; 4, King, finely turned back, good long body, only just fails in neck reach; 5, Thornton, reachy top-end, good back; 6, Arnott; 7, Johnstone; 8, Harnie. FOUL, ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, McLennan, foul, prominent, square shoulders, good droop of head, sweet model; 2, Hunter, green foul, very fair, all-round exhibit, good action; 3, Hendry, grand length of rib and tail, nice top-end; 4, Whitefield, foul, long, ribs and tail, fairly massive in body; 5, Pringle; 6, Kerr. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Park, very massive body, grand top and drive, plenty feather here, 2 foul, heavy body, fair top; 3, Pringle, foul, well balanced throughout, neat action; 4, Melrose, heavy body, good reach and circle; 5, McMillan, green, nice size and substance; 6, Hendry, green, well turned back, nice top drive; 7, Craig; 8, Thomson. PIED YELL. CK. (4): 1, Cook, finely turned shoulder and rib, good reach; 2, Farrell, good action; 3, Thoms, plenty size, nice bird. BUFF (14): 1, Dalgleish, immense size, grand top, good reach, a clear win; 2, spl, Smart, very large also in body, well filled shoulders; 3, McMillan, good in size and style, plainer in top end; 4, McLennan, looking grand, fine top, free head and neck, good nerve; 5, Pringle; 6, King; 7, Arnott; 8, Bowman. CL. YELL HEN (8): 1, Arnott, splendid head and neck, massive square, well filled shoulders, finely formed rib and tail, grand exhibit; 2, Pringle, good one, also similar in type; 3, spl, McMillan, finely turned back and rib, good reach; 4, Kerr, well placed, fine, square top and reach, nicely turned body; 5, McVie; 6, Craig; 7, Huuter; 8, Bowman. BUFF (10): 1, spl, McLennan, another well known champion, massive top, finely turned rib, grand thickness throughout; 2, Smart, very large body; 3, Melrose, good substance all through, close on 2; 4, Johnstone, finely turned wings, best of action; 5, Hunter, nice size, best of nerve; 6, Miller; 7, Pringle; 8, Farrell. FOUL, ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, McLennan, foul, nicely rounded top, good neck and head, well placed; 2, 4, Thornton, 2 green, well rounded rib, good top, fine nerve, 4 nice bird, nervy; 3, Whitefield, green, best of back and reach, nice rib and tail; 5, Craig. BUFF (6): 1, Arnott, green, splendid make, well filled back, fine free neck and head; 2, Pringle, foul, good massive body, deep rib; 3, Craig, nice green; 4, Mack, good substance; 5, Stokes, A1 top; 6, Blake. PIED YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, McLennan, pair uf real gems, grand length of reach, body and tail, fine action; 3, Chalmers, massive body, good top; 4, 8, nice one all round; 5, Briggs, all there for style, nice make; 6, Yule; 7, Kerr. BUFF (9): 1, spl, McLennan, one of the best hens on the show bench this season, very massive shoulders, grand back and deep rib; 2, Dalgleish, solid body, good depth; 3, Beveridge, well set up body, finely rounded back and rib; 4, Park, very erect body, good top, well rounded rib; 5, Thoms, also very massive top, good back; 6, Arnott; 7, Kerr; 8, Pringle. LIMIT CLASS CK. (20/-) (32): 1, Douglas; 2, Thomson; 3, Muirhead; 4, 7, Ramsay; 5, Dougall; 6, Pringle; 8, Melrose. DO. HEN (20/) (16): 1, Ballantyne; 2, Thomson; 3, Ramsay; 4, Muirhead; 5, Miller; 6, Pringle; 7, Shaw; 8, Carson. BELGIAN CK. (12): 1, spl, 8, Fairley, good size and thickness, fine small head, good droop; 2, 3, Neill, large body, good shoulder; 4, McLennan, grand thick body, straight rib and tail; 5, Arnott; 6, Hardie; 7, McDougall. HEN (6): 1, 3, Fairley, former fine yellow, very free in neck, well placed legs; 2, Greig, buff, nice size, good square shoulders; 4, Cook, very neat, well placed head and shoulders good size; 5, McMillan, very good one, takes A1 position, well placed on legs; 6, Neil.

Some Winners of Specials.

The winners of most points in the various sections were:—Norwich, J. Winter (Edinburgh); Crest, W. Cairns (Edinburgh); Scotch Fancy, J. McLennan (Edinburgh); Belgian, J. Fairley (Coatbridge); Border Fancy, J. Patterson (Chirnside); Cinnamon, E. Godley (Rishtou); Yorkshire, W. H. Shackleton (Bradford); Green Canary, V. H. Deacon (Liscard); Lizard Canary, J. Hampshire (Oldham); Mules, Duncan and Logan (Coldstream); British, J. Pendrigh (Edinburgh); Foreign, L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh). Mr. Deacon also wins special for most points over the Cinnamon, Yorkshire, Green, and Lizard sections. The Norwich specials were won as follows:—Champion cock, J. E. Davies (Stockport); hen, G. Scaife (Fauldhouse), the same bird winning the S.P.C. medal. Most points in Yellow cocks, J. E. Davies (Stockport); Buff, J. Winter (Edinburgh); Yellow hens, G. Davidson (Aberdeen); Buff, J. W. Cleminson (Preston), who also took Sandiford's cup. Ramsden's goblet went to J. Trengove (Rishton) in the Canary section, and in the Mule or British to G. Marlin (Hamilton). The Border Fancy C.C. medal was won by Duncan and Logan (Coldstream), and the novice medal by J. Lumsden (Musselburgh), the Bennet cup by T. D. Smith (Edinburgh), and Hyde's specials by C. Roberts (Blackpool) and J. Winter (Edinburgh). Bound volumes of CAGE BIRDS were won by H. Bennet (Kelso) and W. H. Shackleton (Bradford). —JAS. WINTER, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM.

This fixture was held in the Drummond Road Board Schools, on January 4th, but was not so successful as some of the Yorkshire Union events which have preceded it. This arose in some measure doubtless from the event coming just after the holiday season, that it was not at all well advertised, the extremely cold weather which prevailed, and the fact that several of the most prominent Yorkshire exhibitors had big teams at the Scottish National show; under the circumstances the executive may congratulate themselves upon receiving an entry of 302. Taking the classes generally, the quality was remarkably good, although not a few of the birds were showing signs of the season's wear and tear. The room in which the show was held is one of the best in Yorkshire for the purpose, and although the morning was dull and foggy the light was good, enabling the birds to be judged with ease and comfort. They were staged at a nice height, and their wants were well attended to by the stewards. The room was kept at a nice temperature by the means of hot water pipes, and though it was bitterly cold outside, the birds were as comfortable as if they had been at home. Messrs. Wellock, Coates, Dennison, Robinson, Varley and Armstrong rendered most efficient service as stewards, whilst the secretaries, Messrs. Kemp and Western, were unflagging in their efforts to make things work smoothly and successfully; in them the Manningham C.B.A. have a brace of good hard-working, courteous officials. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. YELL. (15): 1, W. Walsh, very smart and typical, neat head, beautifully feathered, rare colour and style; 2, Wilcock, hotter in colour, splendid shape and quality of feather, not quite so much bloom, holds himself like a soldier; 3, Chapman and Bateman, rare shape, plenty of style, very high quality, grand head and back, not quite so smooth in front; 4, Wilson, rather heavier in build, but rare quality and carriage; vhc, Towers; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Armstrong. BUFF (9): 1, Crabtree, very slim and smart, full of nerve, neat head, good shoulders, tapering well away to vent, grand wings and tail, just a trifle soiled; 2, Bailey and Swanger, paler in colour, and a trifle stonter, lovely head, grand back, full of nerve, and handles well; 3, Ogden Bros., grand colour, shape and quality of feather, nice head and wiugs, bit wide in tail; 4, Coates, rare quality and style, not so much colour, and a trifle stouter; vhc, Robinson; he, Towers; c, Wilcock. TICKED YELL. (10): 1, 2, Bailey and Swanger, two lovely thigh ticks, as tight as wax, rare shape, plenty of nerve, wings and tails, tightly braced and well carried; 3, Wilson, neck ticked, rather longer, grand shape, splendid carriage, hardly so tight in front; 4, Mrs. Sunderland, neck ticked of beautiful shape, nice colour, handles well, but a trifle slack in feather; vhc, Wood; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Wellock. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Bailey and Swanger, wing ticked, as tight as wax, neat head and shoulders, rare wings and tail, stands beautifully, a trifle soiled, but wins well, 3, cheek marked of grand shape and feather, not so much colour, and hardly so slim; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett, thigh ticked, uot so level in colour, but a little gem for shape, quality and style; 4, H. W. Walsh, thigh ticked, grand body shape, nice carriage of wings and tail, good feather, trifle flat in head; vhc, Wilson; he, c, Wilcock. UNEVENLY MKD. (12): 1, Armstrong, marked eye, wing, and vent, a lovely bird, full of quality, long, slim, well tapered body, plenty of nerve; 2, Wilcock, eye and wing marked yellow, long, slim, well moulded bird beautiful feather and style; 3, 4, Murgatroyd and Son, eye and wing buff, and eye and wing yellow, two rare shaped and stylish birds of most excellent quality and colour, former a triflo short on leg, latter a bit slack in feather, inclined to be puffy; vhc, Wood; he, Dewhirst; c, Bailey and Swanger. HEN YELL. (12): 1, 3, Wilson, two beautifully modelled clears, grand birds, neat shoulders, well braced wings and tails, winner the most stylish; 2, H. W. Walsh, neck ticked, rare shape and length, fine head and shoulders, capital wings and tail, not so tight in front; 4, Drake, grand shape, clear, splendid head and back, not so neat in front; vhc, Priestley; he, Long; c, Wellock. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, splendid clear, rare shape and position, beautiful feather; 2, Drake, rare shaped clear, plenty of length, grand wings and tail; 3, 4, Bailey and Swanger, two beautiful rich ticks, lovely shape and quality of feather, splendid carriage, 3, a trifle short on leg, 4 as good as any in class, but soiled; vhc, Farrar; he, Walsh; c, Ogden Bros. CINNAMON MKD.: Cancelled. HEN (9): 1, Wilcock, eye, neck, and wing marked, lovely colour, shape, and quality, full of nerve and style; 2, Towers, head and wing marked yellow, very neat, shapely bird of rare quality, needs a bit more length; 3, Brayshaw and Jowett, eye, cheek, and wing buff, lovely shape, feather and style, but somewhat soiled; 4, Cooper, very neat head and wing marked, rare style, not so much length; vhc, Crabtree; he, Hartley; c, Murgatroyd and Son. UNFLI. YELL. (8): 1, Wilcock, a regular little swell, full of colour, quality and style, wins easily; 2, H. W. Walsh, splendid shape and carriage, more colour than winner, not so fine in feather; 3, Bray and Charlesworth, neck ticked, of lovely quality, rare shape and carriage, bit open in tail; 4, Chapman and Bateman, neck ticked, nice colour, shape, and style, hardly so tight in feather; vhc, Dewhirst; he, Mrs. Sunderland; c, Halliday and Armstrong. BUFF (13): 1, Long, magnificent clear, grand head, neck and shoulders, rare wings and tail, full of quality and style; 2, W. Walsh, lovely shape, full of nerve, as tight as wax, grand position, a trifle shorter; 3, Bray and Charlesworth, very finely drawn clear, full of quality and nerve, hut not in the best of bloom; 4, vhc, Wilcock, two very smart birds of grand shape and feather, hardly so steady; he, Cooper; c, Bailey and Swanger. NOR. (5): 1, Wootton, very shapely head, ticked buff, grand colour and feather; 2, Woodhouse Bros., neck and wing marked buff, grand shape, feather and colour, not so clear with wings; 3, Normington, variegd. buff of nice shape, pale in colour; 4, Robinson, nice feathered clear of good colour, not so chubby. NOR. HEN and A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRITISH SEEDEATER (7): 1, 2, Axe, very handsome, well marked, grandly feathered yellow Bunting and Hawfinch; 3, Duncan, rich coloured, nicely feathered, steady Goldfinch; 4, Wilkinson, nicely marked Snow Bunting, in good feather; vhc, Archer; he, Storey; c, Mason. SOFT-BILL (10): 1, 4, he, Mason, very handsome Grey Wagtail and Nuthatch, in beautiful feather, both well marked and very steady; 2, vhc, Green, handsome, well marked Thrush, rare shape, colour, and marking; 3, Wilkinson, lustrous, well spangled, steady, Starling; c, Ross. SELL 15/- (12): 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Brayshaw and Jowett; 3, Slater; 4, Knight; vhc, Halliday and Armstrong; he, Mann; c, Greenwood. SELL 12/6 (8): 1, Slater; 2, vhc, Grange; 3, Smith and Sharp; 4, Greenwood; he, Allan and Swaine; c, Kirk. SELL 12/6 (7): 1, Murgatroyd and Son; 2, Grange; 3, Drake and Son; 4, Smith and Sharp; vhc, Greenwood, he, Kirk; c, Halliday and Armstrong. NOVICE YORKS. YELL. (30): 1, 2, Chippendale, two beauties, capital length and carriage, very tight in feather, winner the neatest in waist; 3, Greig and Pearson, very slim racy bird of grand quality, a shade flat in head; 4, Greenwood, very hot colour, grand shape and style, not quite so silky in feather; vhc, Shaw Bros.; he, Grange; c, Drake and Son. BUFF (23): 1, he, Coates, very hot in colour, grand shape and style, nice quality of feather, handles well; 2, Frankland, tapers away better than winner, but is not quite so neat in wing carriage, pale colour, very tight and smart in feather; 3, Chippendale, not so much length, but grand feather and carriage, capital shape; 4, vhc, Leach, two beautiful birds, the latter especially quite the best in the class, but not at all well staged and had to stand down; c, Pollitt. UNEVEN YELL. (11): 1, Greenwood, wing and cheek marked, long, slim tapering bird of grand quality and style; 2, Greig and Pearson, heavy marked, as tight as wax and very smart in carriage, and wings, grand body shape, rare feather and not so much length; 3, Leach, marked head, eyes, wings, grand body shape, rare feather and style, shade flat in head; 4, Frankland, wing marked, capital shape and style, looked as though the laundryman had not been an expert; vhc, Grange; he, Lodge; c, Townsend. BUFF (11): 1, Townsend, head, cheek, and wing marked, a gem, full of quality, nice neat shape, very stylish, and nervy; 2, Lodge, eye and wing capital shape, grand style, if well staged could have won; 3, Holroyd Bros., cheek and wing marked, grand shape, style and feather, shade short on leg; 4, Ackroyd, eye and wing marked, splendid shape and carriage, not quite so silky in feather; vhc, he, Graham; c, Shaw Bros. HEN YELL. (24): 1, Shepherd, long, racy clear, grand shape and carriage, beautifully feathered, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Townsend, very hot colour, grand shape, nice legs and plenty of style, eye and neck ticked; 3, Wilson, long, slim clear, a beautiful bird, but not well staged; 4, Livesey, grand style and feather, a shade stouter; vhc, Shaw Bros.; he, Jewitt; c, Drake and Son. After judging, the second prize bird commenced to sing and was disqualified, whilst the others were moved up one, and No. 2, Townsend, received the commended card. BUFF (20): 1, Ackroyd, a gem for shape, style, and quality, plenty of nerve; 2, Lodge, not quite so tight in front, grand head and back, rare carriage of wings and tail; 3, Townsend, rare shape and feather, nice carriage, a trifle soiled; 4, Grange, hardly so long, but very smart and neaty vhc, Myers; he, c, Allan and Swaine. NOR. (11): 1, he, Holmes, very chubby buff, compact and neat in feather, grand colour; 2, 3, Bufford, clear yellow and grizzled tailed buff, two grand birds for colour and feather, not quite so short and chubby; 4, Hammond, very high quality, warm coloured yellow, needs a bit more substance; vhc, Mottram; c, Roe. HEN (12): 1, 3, Holmes, very chubby, clear yellow and a ticked buff of nice shape and feather, but somewhat soiled; 2, Clifford, fine big, chubby buff, grand colour, nice feather; 4, he, Mottram, shapely, good coloured, nice feathered yellow, loses in throat; vhc, he, Hammond.

DUNOON N.B.

The Cowal O.S. held their annual show of cage birds in the Castle Gardens Pavilion, Dunoon, on 1st January. The pavilion is one of the best places we have seen for some considerable time in which to hold such an event, being spacious, well lighted, and free from draughts, just an ideal spot for a bird show. This society have a grand list of patrons and they don't forget to do things well. The office bearers are as follows: President, Mr. J. W. Campbell; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. G. Gossling, Richard Mills, J.P., and Marshall; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John McFarlane. There is also a grand working committee. The Secretary, Mr. McFarlaue, is the right man in the right place, and thoroughly understands the game. He is also courteous and obliging. The judge was Mr. Robert Wright (Greenock).

SCOTCH FANCY CK. (9): 1, Arthur, clean yell., good top-end and drive, rare substance, grand circle, wins; 2, spl, cup, Currie, clean yell., hard up, nice drive, good thickness through, well set on pins; 3, Wilson, another clinking exhibit, rare long-sided bird, presses hard; 4, he, Currie, buff, another good all-round bird. HEN (7): 1, Lister, grand exhibit, rare top-end and drive, free worker, grand substance, a popular win; 2, spl, McFarlane, yellow, nice drive and top, good length of side, well placed; 3, Stenhouse, yellow, nice position, put down in rare order; 4, he, Currie, a brace of nice exhibits. PIED FOUL ETC. COCK (9): 1, 3 spls and best in show 3 Stenhouse, 1 buff pied, great size, grand top-end and drive, fine length of side and wing great thickness though a rattling good exhibit; 3, yell. green, grand size for a yell., very typical; 2, Currie, foul buff, grand stamp of a Scotch Fancy, rare model; 4, Stenhouse, grand drive and top, good substance, rare size, well placed; he, Glover, yell. pied. FOUL, ETC., HEN (6): 1, Glover, buff pied, good top and drive, very creditable exhibit; 2, he, Stenhouse, foul buff, very typical, grand circle, presses hard; 3, Currie, buff pied, good top, put down in good order; 4, Arthur, buff pied, well placed wing carriage; 2, 4, Clark, nice clear buff; 4, nat. col. yell., good substance; 3, Ritchie, clear yell., good type and quality, rare colour. HEN: 1, spl, Minnis, clear buff, very decent exhibit, in nice order; 2, Macpherson, yell., good stamp, rare colour; 3, Ritchie, clear yell., A1 type and quality, best of colour; 4, Moodie, another nice clear yell. MKD: 1, 3, Ritchie, 1 var. yell., grand substance and colour, best of wing and tail carriage, sweet head; 3, wing marked buff, nice type in good condition; 2, Moodie, broken green, good exhibit; 4, Miss Munn, var. yell., in grand fettle. BOR. FANCY CK: 1, 2 spls, Ritchie, clear yell., nicely drawn, well tapered, tight as wax in the nink of condition; 2, Shearer, eyes and wing marked buff, grand exhibit, put down in excellent order; 3, Clark, clear buff; 4, Macfarlane, buff green, nice exhibit. HEN: 1, Ritchie, eye and wing marked yell., rare type, full of quality, in rare bloom; 2, Clark, eye marked yell., nice wing carriage; 3, Shearer, var. yell., sweet exhibit, in grand order, some preferred for 2nd place. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Ritchie, green Crest of nice formation, in lovely order, wins; 3, good buff Yorks; 2, Macfarlane, Linuet unule in nice order; 4, Brownlie, grand stamp of a Linnet, something wrong here surely. SELL. (10/-): 1, Clark; 2, Moodie. BRIT.: 1, Derby, Bullfinch, grand cap and bars, nice colour, put down in excellent trim; 2, Clark, Hawfinch, nice large exhibit, in good order; 3, Mrs. Robertson, Bullfinch, nice colour and condition; 4, Henderson, a gem of a Brit. Goldfinch, nicely tanned, well buttoned, shown in A1 form.

BEGINNERS: READ
"CAGE BIRDS" ANNUAL.

DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermline held their annual show on the 1st and 2nd January, and taken on the whole the exhibition was well up to that of former years. Scotch Fancies were at the head of the programme and brought together a very nice selection. We have seen this variety stronger, but to-day the class of bird on view was a decided improvement, some really high-class birds keenly contesting the various classes. Norwich Plain and Crestbreds were a nice collection. Many noted winners were on view. The judge in this section had the pleasure of handling a very choice lot. Crests and Crestbreds are always strong here, and to-day they upheld their reputation. Some real gems were staged, particularly the winning Crestbred, which was a stunner and no mistake. Borders were allotted two classes and brought together a very choice and difficult lot to decide upon. It would probably pay the society to open this classification up another year, as the little gentlemen is on the increase in Fifeshire. Mules were good and again brought some real, class specimens fit to win at any show. The palm of the show, however, went to the British section, the classes being heavy and containing the right material. Bullfinches were an exceptional lot, and the judge unfortunately had to pass some as of doubtful nationality. Goldfinches were a nice level lot and very difficult to separate, while the Greenfinch, Linnet and Siskin classes all contained representatives of high description. The foreigners too were a good all round collection. The cage bird exhibits were comfortably staged at the end of the hall, free from all draughts and were under the care of an enthusiastic and obliging committee, headed by the worthy secretary, Mr. Bowie, to whom very great credit is due for the excellent arrangements made and for the success achieved. He was ably assisted by his colleague, Mr. Rankin. Mr. Cochrane (Edinburgh) judged Scotch Fancies, Borders, Mules and British, and Mr. Campbell (Stirling) the Nor. Plainhead, Crest and Crestbreds. Their awards were received with general satisfaction.

Critique.

SCOTCH FANCY YELL. CL., ETC. (4): 1, spl, Blair, wins, fine substance throughout, prominent top-end, grand drive, plenty depth across, fine order; 2, Inglis, good stylish bird, fine type; 3, Cook, nice top-ended bird, nice drive and side; 4, Somerville, foul, grand trim, very stylish. HEN (5): 1, spl, Henderson, plenty of substance, rare depth across for a lady, fine length of side, prominent drive; 2, Gillies Bros., good depth across, finely rounded on top-end, very well placed; 3, Bullions, good all round exhibit, good substance; 4, McQuillan, nice top-end and substance. BUFF HEN CL. ETC. (1): 1, Cook, good all round exhibit, showy, fine depth across, nice reach, fine top-end, very pronounced in action; 2, Gillies Bros., plenty depth across, grand length of side, nice reach; 3, Hamilton, nicely got up, all there for style and quality; 4, spl, McQuillan, grand all round bird, rare depth. YELL. PIED, ETC., CK. (4): 1, 2, Hamiltou, very little to choose between them, leader the better in substance, fine length of side, good top-end, very free in action, nicely staged; 2, good shapely bird, very free, grand in action; 3, Blair, nice shapely bird, good top-end, nice length of side, full of go; 4, Bullions, fine action, nice top-end. BUFF (5): 1, Cook, good one, fine substance, well rounded on top-end, good drive, full of style, well staged; 2, Stewart, grand substance, good shoulder, well up in side and drive; 3, Kilgour, another well moulded Scotch, good style, very free to position; 4, spl, Harrower, fine all round exhibit, good action, fine order; vhc, Bullions. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Laing, nice exhibit all round, very stylish, good compact build, well up in shoulder, nice reach, fine length of side, good quality throughout; 2, Cant, close up, good top-end and drive, fine sided bird; 3, Balfour, neat one, very free, well filled up in back; 4, vhc, Hamilton, nice all round bird; hc, Somerville; c, Laing. SELL., CK. (4): 1, Kilgour; 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Dobbie. HEN (5): 1, spl, 4, Stewart; 2, Inglis; 3, Hamilton; vhc, Henderson. NOR. CK. (5): 1, McLay, ticked yell., good quality throughout, fine full front, grandly cut underneath, rare balanced wings, well put down, excels in all points; 2, Brown, strongly made up buff, good front, nicely tapered, fine wing carriage, good tone of colour; 3, Sharp, yellow, good all round, grand colour; 4, Bowman, good shapely, natural colour buff, grand Nor. properties throughout, nicely staged; 5, Hynd. CREST CK. (10): 1, Shillinglaw, good one, grand length of feather, comes nicely down on side, well groomed, fine quality throughout; 2, Young, another grand headed bird, very round in formation, good dense feathering, fine length on side and front, in rare bloom; 3, Buchanan, well groomed gentleman, not a feather out of place, fine length; 4, Esson, nice all-round bird, good head-piece; vhc, Sharp; hc, c, Watt. HEN (9): 1, 3, Watt, leader very large Crest of grand length of feather, good body and substance, 3 grandly laid on, fine frontal and length of side; 2, McLay, green, fine head, nicely centred, carried well down, good side and front, groomed to perfection, well staged; 4, Buchanan, large one, fine top-piece, nicely groomed, plenty of substance and feather; vhc, Young; hc, Campbell; c, Shields. CRESTBRED CK. (18): 1, McLay, marvel for size, more like a Thrush than a Canary, grand head, fine wide entrance, lashed to perfection, put down in lovely order, gem of the first water; 2, Young, very shapely, nicely lashed bird, good body and quality; 3, Shillinglaw, grand stamp, lovely cushion head, broad at top, well lashed; 4, Campbell, large clear, plenty substance; vhc, Watt; hc, Shields; c, Sharp. HEN (9): 1, McLay, good one, fine length of lash, grand entrance, rare substance, put down in masterly fashion; 2, Watt, well lashed bird, carried well back, good body and feather; 3, c, Young, grandly groomed, rare length of feather, well carried down, fine head, must have pressed; 4, Buchanan, nice all-round exhibit, well up in body; vhc, hc, Esson. CREST SELL. £1 (9): 1, 4, Campbell; 3, McLay; 2, Buchanan; vhc, Sharp; hc, Angus; c, Allan. CRESTBRED 15/- (14): 1, vhc, Campbell; 2, McFarlane; 3, 4, Harrower; hc, c, Kemp. NOR. VAR. 15/- (12): 1, Irvine; 3, vhc, hc, Love; 2, Robinson; 4, Harrower; c, Henderson. BORDER FANCY CK. (16): 1, spl, 4, Dunsmore junr., leader yellow even-marked, nice stamp, good eyes and wing marked, fine weight, well rounded, stylish; 4, good one, clear yellow, fine front, nice rounded head, well drawn; 2, vhc, Bennett, foul buff, nice size, cleanly cut, in good feather, well placed; 3, Lambie and Son, nice jonque green, good depth of colour, well pencilled, fine type, well staged; vhc, Arnot; c, Campbell Bros. HEN (14): 1, 4, Dunsmore junr., leader clear yellow, well moulded, in grand bloom; 4, nice foul buff, good front, finely drawn, again in A1 bloom, a good pair; 2, Arnot, clinking uneven buff, tight as wax, grand back, finely rounded on front, well placed; 3, spl, Bennett, nice buff, especially for quality; hc, Lambie and Son; c, Kilpatrick. MULE ETC. (6): 1, spl, Sharp, greenie-Bullie Hyb., grand size, well up in colour, wins comfortably; 2, spl, vhc, Bowie, jun., 2 heavy var. Linnet, nice size, good quality of feather, will improve yet; 3, Jamieson, Bowie, junr., 2 heavy var. Linnet, nice size, good soiled in plumage; 4, Kilgour, var. Goldie, nice exhibit; vhc, hc, Denholm; c, Sharp. DARK MULE (13): 1, Davidson, good coloured one, fine size, rare shape, nice face, grand wing bars, in tip-top bloom, jonque; 2, Parker, a bull, good deep face, well cut, fine bars, solid colour throughout, grand quality of feather; 3, Russell, another hot one for a face deep blaze, plenty of size, again all there for body colour, three hot ones to separate; 4, spl, McGorum, Linnet, well up in markings; vhc, Angus; hc, Murray; c, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Angus, nice shapely Finch, fine dense cut blaze, good size, neat cheeks, dense wing flights, grandly buttoned, teeming with quality, cheap; 2, Smith, another good one for face properties, well up in blaze, nicely tanned, good size; 3, Gow, larger, good cheeks, well buttoned; 4, Watson, shapely bird, well forward in colour, a grand class; vhc, hc, Arnot; c, Brisbane. BRIT. BULLFINCH (18): 1, spl, 4, Watson, leader beauty for breast colour, nice deep breast, well cut cap, fine wing bars, in grand trim, 4 good coloured Finch; 2, Brisbane, another good Finch, fine broad cap, well cut and carried underneath, rare tone of colour and back, fine wing bars, in tip-top bloom; 3, Ewart, gem for colour, splendid polish throughout; vhc, spl, Gow; hc, Howie; c, Bowie, junr. LINNET (20): 1, Pickles, wins, grand finished bird, rare polish all over, nice size, lovely tone of colour, well pencilled, distinct, fine markings, lovely back; 2, McGorum, good pencilling on front, also well up in size and colour, well placed; 3, Hynd, grand size, well marked, good all over; 4, Brisbane, shapely Linnet, nice markings and tone of colour; vhc, Morris; hc, Marlin; c, Watson. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Gow, nice sized Greenfinch, very shapely, very level in colour, hot-fed one, but in A1 order; 2, Aitken, grand tone of colour throughout, good exhibit; 3, McDiarmid, grand Finch, plenty of size, fine wing bars, well up in colour, again in lovely bloom; 4, Sharp, natural colour, good one, fine depth throughout, and all there for size; vhc, Pickles; hc, Simpson; c, Watt. REDPOLL, ETC. (12): 1, 2, Marlin, leader hot-fed Siskin, all there for size, nice cap and bib, good body colour, 2 grand Twite, for size and tone of colour, teeming with quality, well staged; 3, Richardson, Siskin, nice shapely exhibit, good colour and markings, well cut cap; 4, Malcolm, nice Mealy Redpoll, well laced on size, good ground colour; vhc, Brisbane; hc, Russell; c, Gow, good class throughout. BRIT. SMALL (12): 1, spl, 2, 3, Bowie, good trio, leader nice Bramblefinch, well marked on head, good breast, well carried down, nice size, in very good order, 2 Yellowhammer, nice size, well marked on back, all there, 3 very neat yellow Wagtail, well up in colour, in fine order; 4, Mason, Nuthatch, in very good order, well marked, beautifully staged; vhc, Malcolm; hc, Richardson. FOR. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Davidson, good one all round, grand size, very steady, fine dense face, well cut checks, good tannings, well buttoned, in lovely order; 2, Marlin, another hot one, close up on winner, deep tone of colour, rare finish on body; 3, Bowie, junr., good coloured Finch, in fine order; 4, Sharp, dense faced bird, fine size, rare shape; vhc, Wright; hc, Simpson; c, Arnot, a grand class throughout. FOR. (7): 1, Colville and Son, good Paradise Whydah, in tip-top feather, well staged in fine condition; 2, Kelt, good Amazon Parrot, in lovely bloom, as good a one as we have seen for some time; 3, 4, McDiarmid, 3 Scarlet Tanager, in good colour, 4 pair of nice Green Budgerigars; vhc, Duff. COMMON CAN. (19): 1, Cargill; 2, Arnot; 3, 4, Messrs. Morris; vhc, Watt; hc, Kemp; c, Davidson. GIFT CLASS (10): 1, Boyle; 2, Robinson; 3, Sharp; 4, Colville and Son; vhc, Murray; hc, Anderson; c, Bowie, junr.

MILLOM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The fourth annual local show was held on New Year's Day in the Central Hall, when the entry was a good one. The management of the show was all that could be desired, being in the hands of Mr. F. W. Bradley, the capable and energetic secretary. The committee consists of the following: Messrs. Wm. Park (chairman), S. Withington (treasurer), J. Davis, T. Crellin, F. Coulson, P. Davis, R. Chapple, G. Harris, T. Evans, W. J. Park, J. B. Davis, J. J. Davis, jun., W. J. Thomas, Alfred Wood, and J. W. Hewitson. Mr. Parker Robinson judged all but the children's class, of which the Rev Ivor G. Farrar, M.A., was the judge. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, P. Davis. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, P. Davis; vhc, H. Park; hc, Hewitson; c, Chapple. CL., ETC., HEN (8): 1, spl, 2, vhc, hc, P. Davis; 3, c, Hewitson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Coulsou; 2, c, Bradley; hc, J. Park. BUFF (10): 1, spl, hc, J. Park; 2, Coulson; 3, Wood; vhc, Bradley; c, P. Davis. CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, spl, 3, J. Park; 2, vhc, Bradley; hc, Coulson; c, P. Davis. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl, 2, Withington; 3, P. Davis; vhc, c, W. Park; hc, W. J. Park. BUFF (9): 1, spl, 2, hc, P. Davis; 3, W. Park; vhc, Withington; c, W. J. Park. CL., ETC., HEN (10): 1, W. Park; 2, hc, P. Davis; 3, spl, vhc, c, Withington. A.V. NAT. COL. (8): 1, spl, c, J. Davis; 2, Rev. Farrar; 3, vhc, P. Davis; hc, Coulson. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, P. Davis; hc, Allonby. BRIT. GOLDFINCH ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, Atkinson; 3, P. Davis; vhc, hc, Baines; c, Bradley. BRIT. LINNET (7): 1, F. Bradley; 2, Withington; 3, spl, vhc, P. Davis; hc, W. J. Park; c, Glaister. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, Evans; hc, Chapple. SOFTBILL (5): 1, spl, vhc, hc, F. W. Bradley; 2, A. Bradley; 3, Crellin. PAIRS (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, P. Davis; vhc, J. Davis; hc, Rev. Farrar; c, Coulson. SELL, 20/- (9): 1, spl, J. Davis; 2, W. J. Park; 3, Coulson; vhc, Crellin; hc, W. Park; c, P. Davis. FOR. (9): 1, spl, Northmore; 2, Gendle; 3, Coward; vhc, Sim; hc, Ashburner; c, Withington. GIFT (3): 1, spl, Coulson; 2, P. Davis; 3, F. Bradley. CHILDREN'S A.V. (18): 1, F. Bradley; 2, A. Withington; 3, W. J. Park; vhc, G. Stone; hc, J. B. Wood; c, T. J. Chapple.

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FORFAR.

Forfar held their annual show on January 1st and 2nd, and it proved to be up to their usual high standard. Norwich all round were a good show, the quality throughout being of a very high order. Many noted winners were staged here, and this variety was judged by Mr. Thomson (Aberdeen). Borders, British, and Foreigners were a good show, some rare specimens being on view. Mules in this section were up to those of former years, and the quality was even in advance in many cases. These varieties were judged by Mr. J. W. Bruce. The awards of both judges were well received. The success of the show is in large part due to the efforts of the able and unexcitable secretary, Mr. John McKinnon, who makes an ideal official. He evidently knows how to conduct a show, and is to be congratulated. Other office-bearers were:—President, Mr. E. Grant; vice-presidents, Messrs. Wm. Coutts, jun., and J. M. Fenton; committee, Messrs. J. Cable, D. Falconer, D. Duncan, G. Robertson, J. Liddle, D. Kennedy, F. A. Birrell, A. Murdoch, A. Low, Wm. Gerrard, A. Smith, G. Bruce, J. Bowman, P. Taylor, and they are a very enthusiastic and capable body.

Critique.

NOR., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Forrest, good one, grand shape, rare front and wing carriage, full of bloom; 2, 3, Mitchell, good one, rare body and front, nicely balanced wings; 3rd, gem for colour, a well-finished bird; 4, Harris, nice body and substance; 5, Boath; 6, Grewar; 7, Clubb. BUFF (7). 1, Boath, good one, fine quality of feather, grand body, well filled on neck; 2, Jaffrey, topper, grand style and finish, very nicely rounded, well tapered; 3, Clubb, good body, well finished; 4, Bowman, good quality of feather, neat finish; 5, Turnbull; 6, Ritchie; 7, Skinner. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor, nicely rounded on body, grand depth throughout; 2, Harris, good front bird, rare finish; 3, Grewar, grand feather and finish, well-carried wings; 4, Ritchie, nice all-round exhibit; 5, Clubb, 6, Forrest; 7, Brown. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Grewar, 1st, gem all over, rare substance, lovely quality of feather, exceptionally well rounded, fine head and wing carriage, well staged; 3rd, grand coloured; 2, Aitkenhead, another grand fronted bird, neat head; 4, Ritchie, again well up in feather; 5, Brown; 6, Skinner; 7, Forrest. VARGTD. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Clubb, good front, well rounded, grand colour, very fine feather for a yellow, in A1 order, 2, Hampton, another topper, a blaze of colour, good substance; 3, Mitchell, nice all-round shapely bird; 4, Jaffrey, heavy var., good body, fine quality, 5, Bowman. BUFF (6): 1, Pirie, grand all over, rare rounded bird, fine front, well filled on neck, neatly finished; 2, Grewar, good body and stamp, fine feather and quality; 3, Clubb, nice quality, good substance, very shapely, one well staged; 4, Harris, large one, good substance; 5, Skinner. YELL. HEN (4): 1, spl, Grewar, good one, plenty of her, grand feather, neat shape, put down in marvellous bloom, a gem; 2, Bowman, nice shape and quality, inclined to be soft when taking notes, 3, Ritchie, nice quality of feather, well tapered off; 4, Turnbull, good all-round exhibit. BUFF (7): 1, two spls, Boath, good heavy var., grand front, well filled up on neck, neat head, good wing carriage, tight as a drum; 2, Bowman, good size, very shapely, fine quality; 3, Mitchell, nice body, well built; 4, Jaffrey, good one, fine tone of colour, rare feather and finish; 5, Clubb; 6, Hampton; 7, Turnbull; a grand lot. NON-FED. CK. (8): 1, Forrest, slashing clear, grand quality of feather, beauty for shape, well rounded, put down in fine form; 2, Bowman, yellow var., nice quality, fine substance throughout; 3, Mitchell, another yellow var., good tapered bird, fine carriage; 4, Warden, good all-round clear, fine size, very nice feather; 5, Porter; 6, 7, Prior. HEN (6): 1, Harris, var. yell., nice shape, well up in size, teeming with quality, well staged; 2, Mitchell, also a var. yell., full, free-fronted bird and nice carriage, close up; 3, Jaffrey, grand, nice tone of colour, well built, fine quality throughout; 4, 7, Grewar, var. yell., lovely shape and feather; 5, 6, Warden. SELL. CKS. (12): 1, Jaffrey; 2, Warden; 3, Boath; 4, 5, Bowman; 6, Taylor; 7, Ritchie. HENS (12): 1, Pixie; 2, Bowman; 2, Soutar; 4, Jaffrey; 5, Mitchell; 6, Hampton; 7, Clark. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, B.F.C. medal, Wilson Bros., gem all over, rare front, grandly tapered, fine free style, well cleaned out, staged to perfection, not a feather out of place; 2, 5, Craig, well drawn, good front and wing carriage, nice exhibit; 3, Smart, another hot one, grand body; 4, Lawson, good type, nice front and taper; 6, Voy; 7, Walker and Stirling; a grand lot. HEN (9): 1, Easson, nice one, fine shape, grand rounded front, nicely drawn, rare size and fine colour; 2, Wilson Bros., in marvellous bloom, very jaunty, rarely drawn exhibit; 3, Gilchrist, nice body, beautiful position, nice neck; 4, Craig, good body and quality of feather; 5, Walker and Stirling; 6, Aitkenhead; 7, Stevenson. CL., ETC., BUFF (10): 1, Mossie, good one, rare position, grandly drawn, well filled in back, tip-top wing carriage, in rare bloom; 2, Gilchrist, another hot one for condition, well rounded, 3, Auld, well got up, finely rounded, good front and taper, rare shape; 4, 7, Craig, high-coloured one, fine wing carriage, good exhibit; 5, Easson; 6, Christison. HEN (9): 1, spl, Gilchrist, topper, slightly ticked on head, grand position, the best of style, nice front, finely rounded, well tapered, of correct weight; 2, 3, Craig, 2nd well-rounded hen, leader fine head, grand style and feather, both close up, well put down; 4, Easson, good all-round hen, fine quality of feather; 5, Mossie; 6, 7, Stevenson. UNEVENLY MARK., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Craig, hot buff, grand shape, in finest possible condition, lovely head and wing carriage, good front, well drawn, neat; 2, Gilchrist, noted uneven yell., grand-bodied bird, fine feather and style; 3, Stirling, uneven buff, good rounded bird, fine style, grand feather; 4, Sunderman, very taking yellow, round as possible; 5, Smart; 6, Walker and Stirling; 9, Auld. HEN (11): 1, Walker and Stirling, old warrior, looking very fit, tight as wax in feather, grand head, well rounded; 2, Voy, nice taking exhibit, good shape and quality, grand feather and front; 3, 5, Craig, good shape, in grand bloom, well drawn; 4, Wilson Bros., good feather and position; 5, 6, Mossie; 7, Christison. SELL CK. (17): 1, Logie; 2, Gilchrist; 3, Taylor; 4, Craig; 5, Rae; 6, Christison; 9, Walker and Stirling. HENS (13): 1, Christison; 2, Craig; 3, Shields; 4, Rae; 5, Sanderman; 6, Walker and Stirling; 7, Smith. VAR. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, Grewar, large buff Goldie, good deep blaze, fine wing bars, well fed, in grand feather; 2, Watson, nice Jonque, good size and quality of feather; 3, Nicoll, nice buff, well up in colour; 4, Laird, good little exhibit. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Grewar, good showy bird, fine face, very clean on cheeks, nice tannings and rare buttons; 2, Soutar, topper for size, good blaze, nice cheeks; 3, Creighton and Towns, good little Britisher, grand face, well cut on cheeks in fine order; 4, Nicoll, well up in colours; 5, 6, Long-mair; 7, Ormond. BULLFINCH BRIT. (13): 1, Livingstone, grand size, good dense cap, finely cut underneath, nice breast colour, well cut wing bars, nicely staged; 2, 7, Ford, rare-shaped Bullie, good cap, in fine order, well staged; 3, Strachan, another good one, fine dense cap and grand colour throughout, rare bloom; 4, Watson, plenty of colour; 5, Watson; 6, Myles; 7, Ford. LINNET: 1, Watson, grand size, fine tone of colour, well pencilled on breast, coming well down, good wing flights; 2, Farquhar, another nice Linnet, good tone of colour and markings; 3, 5, Smith, good wing flights, nice exhibit; 4, Ford, nice colour, well marked. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Grant, leader nice all-round Siskin, fine size, good quality of feather, natural colour; 2, neat Mealy Redpoll, well laced, in good feather; 3, Jamieson, nice Lesser Redpoll, in fine bloom, well staged. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Watson, hot-fed one, nice tone of colour, fine size, well staged; 2, Mitchell, large buff, again fed, in very good form, nice tone throughout; 3, Livingstone, nice fed Jonque, again in good feather; 4, 6, Grant, nice natural-coloured one; 5, Robertson. BRIT. (9): 1, Ford, well-feathered Bearded Tit, very nicely marked, well staged; 2, Montague, Grey Wagtail, in good colour, nicely staged; 3, 4, Soutar, Bramblennch and a Chaffinch, two good all-round specimens, fine size, well up in colour, both well staged; 5, Lockhart; 6, Grant; 7, Taylor. FOR. (6): 1, spl, 2, 5, Grant, leader grand Superb Tanager, in tip-top bloom, very steady; 2nd, pair of good Red-headed Cardinals; 3, Colville and Son, pair of charming Yellow Budgerigars; 4, Crelghton and Towns, pair of very neat Grass Finches; 5, 6, 7, Dakers.

ST. ALBANS.

The third annual show of St. Albans and Dis. F.S. was held in the Drill Hall, on New Year's Day, and was a success. The hall is a spacious building; the light too is good. The management of the show was in capable hands. The hon. secretaries, Messrs. Odell and Hester, have a full knowledge of show arrangements, and their courtesy and kindliness won the regard of all. Councillor Horace Slade is the President, the list of patrons is a long and influential one, while the committee consists of the following practical fanciers: Messrs. J. King (chairman), Williams, Brennan, A. Pinnock, Jagger, Hockett, Carmen, Wilde, Botsford, Harrison, Goodchild, Wiggins, Godden, Stone, H. Pinnock, S. Harrison, Hale, Lumbis, Tuckett, Clitheroe, Crawley, Sheppard, Mayle. The entries generally were good, the quality of an excellent standard, and the competition keen. Mules, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches were particularly strong classes, and the quality of the highest order. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

NOR. (amalgamated) (14): 1, Lees, beautiful quality yellow, grizzled on back, good feather and type, level rich colour; 2, vhc, c, Kilby, 2 grizzle-tailed yell., very sweet, nice soft feather, beautiful texture, level colour, pretty; 3, Gentle, ticked buff, bonnie type, good head, well across; res., Webb, yellow, level colour, good size; hc, Willmott. CREST C.B. (11): 1, 2, spl, 3, res., c, Mrs. Pearse, the leader drooping Crest of nice feather, good body; 2, var. C.B., bold head, well cushioned, dense and long in turn back; 3, another var. Crest; res., another good C.B., well lashed, good entrance; vhc, hc, Rose. YORKS. YELL.: 1 withheld; 2, Griffis, smart position all through; 3, Collyer, very good position; res., Fisher, very nervy; vhc, Young; hc, Mabbutt; c, Hellier. BUFF (3): 1, 2, withheld; 3, Buckingham, nice var.; res., Young, stylish, very neat; vhc, Mabbutt. MULES, ETC. (17): 1, 3, Lees, leader very sweet, good coloured yellow Goldie-Can., marked wings, good size, will be a cracker; 3, lightly var. Linnet-Can. In nice feather, well shown; 2, Cooper, hen Goldie-Bullie, rare bonnie shape, real good colour for a hen; res., vhc, Mrs. Pearse, var., Goldie-Can., good face, size and colour; hc, Heath; c, Goodall. GOLDFINCH (17): A grand lot that needed some sorting: 1, Jupe, rare wide, lustrous face, very clean cut whites, good bars and buttons; 2, Willmott, very lustrous all through, two rattling finches that ran a close race; 3, Harris, another clean cut Finch, grand one; res., Williams, would win at many shows; these four were very hot vhc, Mouse; hc, Bennett; c, Griffis. BULLFINCH (15): 1, 3, Jupe, winner like boxwood, in closeness of feather, rich and sparkling in poll, beautiful breast colour, 3, very similar to first; 2, Vincent, steady, chubby, clean cut, nice poll, rich colour; res., Anderson, again rich colour; vhc, Rouse; hc, Anderson; c, Cooper; spl, Fisher. LINNET (7): 1, withheld; 2, Carter, grand nutty colour, well marked, beautifully polished; 3, Conibeer, rare shape; res., Smith; vhc, Dr. Rowntree; hc, Moore; c, Harvey. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Smith, Twite, good colour and markings; 3, Quantrell, very pretty Siskin, nice colour and markings; res., vhc, Goodall, former bonnie Redpoll; hc, Griffis; c, Dr. Rowntree. A.S. NATIV (9): 1, Dr. Rowntree, well staged Wagtail; 3, Smeeton, pretty Lesser Whitethroat; res., Cooper, nice Shorelark; vhc, Withers Bros.; hc, Dr. Rowntree; c, Smith. FOR. (5): 3, res., Cooper, former very smart Blue Bonnet; vhc, Arnold, Smeeton; hc, Smeeton. LIMIT CLASSES (20/) 0 NOR. NAT. COL. (4): 3, Gentle, buff, nice quality and type; res, Willmott; vhc, Moore; hc, Heath. YORKS. (4): 3, spl, Young, very smart buff, good style and quality; res., Hellier; vhc, Fisher; hc, Harvey. MULE (7): 2, Bennett, var. Goldfinch-Canary; res., Goodall; vhc, Lack; hc, Hill; c, Lavis. A.O.V. (5): 2, Larker, very good cinn.; res. Eaglebott, neat Bor. Fcy.; vhc, Smith; hc, Bennett; c, Pickering. BRIT. (16): 1, 2, spls, hc, Mrs. Pearse, leader very well staged, tame, good feathered, well coloured exhibit; 2, Goodall, grand Greenfinch; 3, Withers Bros., equally good Bramblefinch; res., Griffis; vhc, Willmott; hc, Carter. SELL. (7/6) (9): 1, Gardener; 3, Gentle; res., Cooper; vhc, Flintoff; hc, Smith; c, Willmott. CHILDREN'S PETS (7): 2, Miss Darbin; 3, res., hc, Mrs. C. G. Pearse; vhc, c, Miss Darbin.

WINDHILL AND DISTRICT O.S.

A Members' Show was held on December 26th, when Mr. A. Ambler placed the cards as follows:—YORKS. CL. YELL: 1, Broadley and Son; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Chippendale; vhc, Armstead; hc, Towers; c, Garnett. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Walton; 3, vhc, hc, c, Denton. TICKED YELL.: 1, Walton; 2, vhc, Drake; hc, c, Garnett. BUFF: 1, 3, Drake; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Towers; hc, Broadley and Son; c, Exley. FOUL MKD.: 1, Alderson; 2, Armstead. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Alderson; 2, Chippendale; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; vhc, Garnett; hc, Towers. BUFF: 1, Chippendale; 2, Brogden. NOR. TICKED: 1, Exley; 2, Garnett. SELL. YELL. (12/6): 1, Chippendale; 2, Alderson. BUFF (12/6): 1, Chippendale; 2, Garnett; 3, Walton; hc, Exley; hc, Broadley and Son; c, Drake. HEN (10/6): 1, Denton; 2, Brogden; 3, Chippendale; vhc, Walton; hc, Exley; c, Smith. YELL. HENS: 1 Exley; 2, Chippendale; 3, hc, Walton; vhc, Broadley and Son; c, Smith. BUFF: 1, hc, Denton; 2, vhc, Chippendale. 3, Drake. CINN. MKD: 1, Towers; 2, Sutcliffe and Son; 3, Smith; vhc, Brogden; hc, Garnett. E. BROADLEY, Sec.

HEXHAM.

The first annual show took place in the Temperance Hall on New Years Day, and, judging by the attendance of the public, it proved a great success. There were only three classes given for cage birds, but no doubt if the local fanciers of this intriesting branch will rally round the committee, they will extend the classification another year. The secretary, Mr. Gillespy, is a good worker, and is deserving of much credit. The treasurer is Mr. Pickering, who also worked hard and well. Let the local cage bird men give them their utmost support another year, and no doubt a good show will be the result. Mr. T. H. Welch judged our section with every satisfaction.

CAN. A.V. (13): 1, spl, Crozier, variegated Norwich buff, good chest and back, nice short wings, well carried; 2, 4, vhc, Bates, 2nd a clear buff, sweet head, nice body, substance and wings; 3, Makepeace, buff variegated Norwich, good head and neck; he, Newman; c, Green. BRIT. (10): 1, spl, Hilton, Song Thrush, nice size, in lovely condition, sound back colour, good bold eye; 2, vhc, he, c, Porteous, well-known Starling, not in such hard condition as we have seen him, worth 11s place; 3, Dickens, sweet Goldie, good blaze and buttons, nice wings and condition. FOR. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Porteous, with his well-known team, 1st Superb Tanager, in grand form, quite the attraction of the show; 2, King Parrot, another gem; 3rd, pair of Parrot Finches, in better form than ever; pity the shows are nearly finished, as they are now in full fighting form; 4, Purvis, pair of very pretty Waxbills, outclassed; vhc, Whitfield.

BON-ACCORD C.B.S. (Aberdeen).

The annual show was held in the Unitarian Hall, Skene Street, on Jan. 1st and 2nd. Entries did not come quite up to expectations, although they numbered 300. But the quality made up for the deficiency in number; especially was this the case in the Norwich section, which would have compared with many of the open shows held in this district. Two valuable Silver Cups were keenly fought for, one for best Norwich, and the other for best British. The former was won by Mr. L. Will, with a nice young yellow cock, the runner up being Mr. John Strachan, with a buff var. cock. The British bird Cup was won by Messrs. Ewen and Anderson, with a very sweet Waxwing. We trust the show will prove a financial success. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the able secretary, Mr. Wm. Jamieson, to whom much of the credit for the success of the show is due; he was well backed up by the President, Mr. Wm. Rae, and vice-presidents, Messrs. W. A. Duncan and Mr. John Still. Mr. Hampton (Brechin) judged Norwich, and Mr. Hugh Allan (Aberdeen) British and Foreign.

NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, Dunn, good shape and quality; 2, Rae, well up in size, nice colour and quality; 3, Lawrie, much the same type as winner, best of colour, teeming with quality; 4, Jamieson, not a bad one, excellent colour; 5, Thomson; 6, Fyfe; 7, Will. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Dunn, both good quality; 2, Thomson, tick on neck, good second, nice level colour throughout; 4, Strachan. YELL. VAR. CK. (5): 1, Dunn, wins, hot colour and typical; 2, Scott, good shape and quality; 3, Gow, tip-top colour, shapely; 4, Rae; 5, Baker. BUFF (6): 1, Strachan, lovely type, teeming with quality, feathered like a Java; 2, 6, Dunn; 2nd, nice type; 3, Rae, good specimen, well shown; 4, Ledingham; 5, Thomson. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Will, good shape body, A1 quality and colour; 2, 3, Duffus, both very typical, not much to choose; 4, Strachan; 5, McDonald. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Thomson, two lovely hens, deep in chest, full of quality, grand colour; 3, Ewen and Anderson, fine stock bird; 4, Strachan. YELL. VAR. HEN (9): 1, McPherson, mkd. eyes and wings, very good stamp; 2, Duffus, cap and wings good substance, grand head and neck, nice level colour and quality; 3, Strachan, good Nor. type, lovely condition; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 5, 6, Thomson; 7, Will. BUFF (10): 1, Gow, good leader; 2, Rae, good in type; 3, 6, Duffus, 3rd, best of feather, lovely turned out; 4, W. Thomson; 5, Hay; 7, A. Thomson. UNFLI. YELL. CK. (11): 1, 2, Will, both grand colour, fine texture of feather; 3, Strachan, in rare bloom and similar type; 4, Dunn; 5, Duffus; 6, Lawrie; 7, Jamieson. HEN (9): 1, Strachan, heavily var. bouncer and no mistake, well worth its place; 2, Rae, short, thick-set hen, very shapely, closely followed by 3, Thomson, rare chest, lovely back best of colour; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 5, Duffus; 6, McPherson; 7, Whyte. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Strachan, var., good substance, grand head and neck, make good stock bird; 2, Rae, typical bird, rare good quality and colour; 3, Duffus, nice shape and size; 4, W. Rae; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Will; 7, Hay. HEN (12): 1, Rae, beauty for shape and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, Thomson, another very sweet exhibit, must have pressed; 3, 4, Will; 5, Strachan; 6, Ewen and Anderson; 7, McPherson. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 7, Dunn, 1st, best of type and teeming with quality; 2, Gow, similar in type; 3, Scott, another good one; 4, Mackie; 5, Hay; 6, Still. BUFF (9): 1, McPherson, rare good stamp and size; 2, Scott, some preferred, very chubby, grand soft feather, short wings and tail, nicely balanced; 3, Fyfe, nice, bold bird, well shown; 4, Lawrie; 5, Rae; 6, Reid; 7, T. Lyon. VAR. CK. (7): 1, Reid, well up in size; 2, Rae, good type and quality; 3, Wood, worth its place; 4, T. Lyon; 5, Fyfe; 6, Hay; 7, Barrow. BUFF (7): 1, Jamieson, gem, well up in size, real Nor. type and A1 quality; 2, 7, Barrow; 2nd, shapely, well up in quality; 3, Mackie, sweet exhibit; 4, Ledingham; 5, Lyon; 6, Still. YELL. HEN (9): 1, Strachan, lovely quality, good shaped body, deep chest, stands well over perch; 2, Rae, a good one; 3, Ewen and Anderson, right type, well put down; 4, Thomson; 5, Duffus; 6, Barrow; 7, Hay. BUFF (12): 1, Beaton, good size and shape, fine quality; 2, Thomson, another grand hen, beautifully feathered, well rounded chest, some preferred to 1; 3, 7, Mackie, both in perfect condition; 4, Lyon; 5, Duffus; 6, Fyfe. VAR. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Scott, full of quality, good head and chest; 2, Will, nice wing carriage; 3, 5, Strachan; 4, 6, Still; 7, W. Thomson. BUFF (14): 1, Duffus, plenty of substance, very typical, nicely carried wings and tail; 2, Strachan, another good hen, very chubby, grand quality of feather; 3, Thomson, splendid type, best of feather, in nice bloom; 4, Riddle; 5, Barrow; 6, Beaton; 7, Scott. GREEN (8): 1, Silver, best of type, rich in colour, pressed by 2, Rae, yell.-green, good model, and A1 quality; 3, Duffus, very stylish, rare one for colour; 4, Rae; 5, Ewen and Anderson; 6, 7, Barrow. BUFF (9): 1, Ewen and Anderson, plenty substance, nice level colour and quality; 2, A. Duffus, also well up in size and quality; 3, 4, Thomson; 5, Silver; 6, Beaton; 7, McDonald. YELL. CINN. (7): 1, 2, Rae, both good size and colour; 3, 5, 7, Strachan, 3rd, some preferred, grand type and colour; 4, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Gow. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 5, Rae, rightly placed; 3, 4, Ewen and Anderson; 6, Strachan. HEN (6): 1, 2, 5, 7, Ewen and Anderson, almost a clean sweep, all of rare, good shape and colour, shown in perfect condition; 3, Strachan, another good one for size and colour; 4, Rae. SELL. (10): 1, 2, Thomson; 3, W. Thomson; 4, Stewart; 5, Silver, 6, Duffus. CREST (5): 1, Holman, beautifully feathered, well rounded Crest of fine length; 2, 3, 4, 5, Jamieson. C.B. (5): 1, Holman, fine entrance, good size and plenty feather; 2, Scott, good head, 3, 4, Jamieson. NOVICE CK. (7): 1, 4, 5, Findlay, winner excels in type and quality; 2, Reid, nicely staged, a credit to its owner; 3, Silver; 7, Riddell. HEN (7): 1, 2, 5, Findlay, grand hen, excellent type and quality, good colour; 2nd, a little open in feather, otherwise all there; 3, Davidson, good colour and quality; 4, Silver; 6, Beaton; 7, Riddell. HYBRID (6): 1, Rae, Siskin-Canary, nice size, good cap, best of colour; 2, Ewen and Anderson, Linnet-Canary of rare size and colour; 3, 4, Stewart; 3rd, Greenie-Canary, nice size and colour; 5, Fyfe; 6, Riddle. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Stewart, good size, colour and markings; 2, Ewen and Anderson; 3, Ledingham, grand colour. SISKIN (4): 1, Wm. Rae, well up in size, dense cap, A1 colour; 2, 3, A. Rae, two good ones, beautifully staged and in grand feather; 4, Stewart. BULLIE 1, Milne Bros. HEN: 1, Johnstone; 2, Ewen and Anderson. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Ewen and Anderson, good size, rich in colour; 2, Rae, lovely feather, nice level colour; 3, Johnstone. BRIT. (5): 1, Ewen and Anderson, Waxwing, in lovely feather, well staged; 2, Milne Bros., nice Blackbird, put down in faultless condition, good colour throughout, very steady; 3, 4, 5, A. Rae; 3, Starling, in nice trim, beautifully spangled, grand shape. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, Ewen and Anderson, 1st, Yellowhammer, in lovely plumage, nice colour and markings; 2nd, yellow Wagtail, looking very fit, a gem of his species, good markings and colour; 3, Milne Bros., sweet little Tree Creeper, much admired. GIFT: 1, Dunn; 2, Thomson; 3, Ledingham. SELL COCK: 1, 5, Fyfe; 2, 6, McDonald; 3, Beaton; 4, Davidson. HEN (11): 1, 6, McDonald; 2, 3, 4, Will; 5, Fyfe.

PLYMOUTH.

The Western F.S. held their first annual show in the Market, January 1st. The cage bird section was well catered for, but the entries did not come quite up to expectation. The committee adopted every precaution for the comfort of the exhibits, which were staged in a snug corner of the hall, free from draughts. Mr. W. Watson had charge of the secretarial department, and deserves credit for the tactful and courteous way in which he carried out his duties. We hope another year he will be rewarded by a good entry. He was admirably assisted by a hard-working committee. The quality of the exhibits staged was on the whole very good. The judge was Mr. T. Deeble (Plymouth), and his awards were generally well-received.

YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (Amalgamated) (9): 1, Pincombe, close and fine in feather, good style, lovely position; 2, Staples, close up, pressed winner hard, well up on leg, close in feather, beautifully moulded; 3, Tremlett, we took to be a buff, which should have been wrongly classed; vhc, Harris; hc, Woodley. BUFF (Amalgamated) (10): 1, Tremlett, a yellow, another oversight; 2, Staples, lovely quality, full of style, grand length and position, beautifully moulded; 3, Lovell, grizzled, nice wing carriage; 4, Woodley, finely drawn, good head, beautiful quality, very stylish exhibit, very close up; vhc, Keegan, wrong class, a yellow cinn. marks. NOR., YELL., CL. (8): 1, 2, 3, Pethick, beautiful cobby shape, rich even colour, magnificent quality, good wing and tail carriage, real good one; 2nd, good quality, but lacks the depth of colour, lovely wing and tail carriage. LIGHT CAN. MULE (9): 1, 3, Browning, 1st four-point yellow Goldfinch Canary, good eye and wing markings; 3rd, four-point buff, splendid plumage, well marked; 2, Hodge, six-point buff, good size and colour, nice markings; 4, Elson, marked Goldie, good size and shape; vhc, Clark; hc, Crowell; c, Watson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, Wall, good size Goldie, nice square cut blaze, rich colour, fine bars and buttons; 2, Russell, grand large Bullie, good cap, rich breast colour, in splendid condition; 3, Clarke, fine Goldie, nice blaze, good bars and buttons, well-marked body; 4, Gerry and Davis, large Goldie, rich, well cut blaze, nicely tanned body, very smart; vhc, White, pressed 4th hard; hc, Adams; c, Wills. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Lovell, splendid pencilling, grand colour, very shapely and steady, in lovely condition; 2, Russell, Siskin, nicely laced, good colour; 3, Pridham, Linnet, fine shapely body, a good one; 4, Staples, Linnet, shapely, well marked; vhc, Williams; hc, Staples; c, Pascoe. FOR. (Amalgamated): 1, Tremlett, King Parrot, magnificent rich breast colour, shown in splendid condition, very steady; 2, 3, 4, Cooper, beautiful, rich-coloured Scarlet Tanager, 3rd lovely Green Tanager, in perfect condition; 4th well plumaged Lory; vhc, Meredith; hc, Elson; c, Whitley. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—NOR., BUFF: 1, Tremlett; 2, Adams; 3, Watson. MULE: 1, Tremlett; 2, Elson; 3, Watson. BRIT. S.E.: 1, 3, Watson; 2, Tremlett.

PATELY BRIDGE.

The above society held their first show of Canaries on Jan. 4th, in the Oddfellows' Hall. It was open to a 10-mile radius and members, we think that, had the radius been 20 miles, a still better entry would have been the result. 32 birds were staged in six classes. The hall is a nice room, but somewhat cold, many of the birds feeling the cold more than others. Mr. Lawson makes a very good, hard-working Secretary. There was a good attendance of visitors. Mr. G. H. Barnwell judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Pullen, nice shape, good wing carriage, steady, fine position; 2, Shuttleworth, nice bird all round; 3, Barfe, would not show itself, very soft; 5, w.c., good shape, best bird in this class, hard lines. BUFF (5): 1, spl, best bird in show, Weatherhead, nice typical bird, well up on leg, fine shape and condition; 2, Pullan, long and nice position; 3, Shuttleworth, nice bird; 4, Barfe, another nice bird. TICK. ETC. (7): 1, 2, Barfe, nice slim pair, good condition, well shewn; 3, Richmond, eyes and wing marked, nice position and feather; 4, Brown, wing tick, another nice bird. HEN (8): 1, Brown, nice typical yellow, grizzle at shoulder, grand shape, good position, nice quality, runs close for spl for best bird; 2, 3, Shuttleworth, 2 fine buff, lame on right foot, good wing carriage, 3 nice yellow, good shape; 4, Richmond, nice typical buff, feeling the effects of the cold. NOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Richmond, cinn., Crest and Crestbred in the order named, all very good. SELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Richmond, nice team, would have stood a chance in the open classes; 4, Shuttleworth.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

DOUGLAS (I.O.M.).

Held in Derby Castle on January 1st. The entries were rather poor, owing somewhat, perhaps, to the action of the committee in raising the entry fee from one shilling to one and three pence. The British were very good, especially the Linnets, for which there were two classes fresh-caught and house-moulted. Mr A. Wellings judged.

CRESTED (1): 1, Mrs Crellin, Crestbred, nice combre. NOR CL. YELL. (1): 1, Gale, good type. TICK. YELL. (2): 1, Gale, nice carriage and position; 2, Waterson, good frontal, nice wing carriage. BUFF (2): 1, Crellin; No. 2 absent. YELL. HENS (1): 1, Mrs Crellin, good feather and type. BUFF (4): Miss Bridson, nice carriage, good chest and wing carriage; 2, vhc, Gale, 2nd, good feather; 3, (no name). YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, S. and H. Cubbon, nice position, good legs and wing carriage; 2, Cannell, nicely drawn, good head and colour; 3, Cashin, not staged quite as well as might have been. BUFF (5): 1, W. Bridson, good silky feather, fine position and wings; 2, Kelly, splendid type and colour, clean cut; 3, A. E. Bridson, nice feather and colour, bit heavy in chest; vhc, Cowin; hc, Cashin. TICK YELL. (4): 1, Unsworth, nice position, good sides and colour; 2, Cannell, good position, legs and colour; 3, Cowell; vhc, Brooks. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Cowin, 1st, rare position and feather, nice head; 2nd, good colour and feather; 3, Cowell, not in best of condition; vhc, W. Bridson. YELL. HENS (4): 1, W. Bridson, splendid feather and colour, good wing carriage; 2, 3, Cowin, 2nd, fine position, good heads; vhc, Crebbin. BUFF (4): 1, Cowin, tight in feather, well up on legs; 2, 3, Unsworth, two good birds; vbc, Mrs. Kewley. CINN. TICK. YELL. (2): 1, S. and H. Cubbon, good quality of feather, well up on legs; 2, Miss M. Cowin, nice exhibit. BUFF (3): 1, S. and H. Cubbon, splendid type, well cut off clean thighs, nice tail; 2, Mrs. V. Cowin, soft feather, good carriage and colour; 3, Cannell, nice position. BUFF CINN; 1, Gill. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Unsworth, good Green, well up in colour and markings; 2, Teare, fine position; 3, Miss E. D. Daly. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, E. Gale, 1st, good face, rich colour on crest markings, well mooned; 2nd, good blaze; 3, Kelly, grand face and colour, colour, well mooned; hc, Gale; c, Cubbon. FOR. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Gill, good bright blaze, clear in cheeks, well mooned; 2, E. Gale, distinct in colour; 3, Hellis, good colour. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. MULE, DARK (4): 1, Gill, good, bright face, well marked on wings; 2, Clucas, good body colour; 3, Brew, nice colour; vhc, Cubbon. LINNET (house-moulted) (15): 1, E. Gale, fine colour, well pencilled, tight in feather; 2, Kelly, splendid colour, distinct in markings; 3, Miss A. Forster, nice colour, well pencilled; vhc, Forster; hc, Black; c, Kinnish. LINNET (not house-moulted) (14): 1, 3, E. Gale, 1st, very bright in colour, well marked; 3rd, grand colour and marks; 2, Kelly, little to choose between for second place; vhc, Corlet; c, F Kelly. LINNET MULE DARK (5): 1, 3, W. H. Gill, 1st, good deep colour, tight in feather; 2, Clucas, good type and wing carriage. A.O.V. HYBRID: 1, 3, W. H. Gill, 1st, good even-mark, nice feather and condition; 2, vhc, E. Gale, 2nd, even wings, marked on head. A.O.S. (3): 1, Gale, Waxwing, nice condition; 2, Mulhern, Lark; 3, Crennell. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, W. H. Gill, Nightingale, not just now in the best of condition; 2, vhc, hc, Kelly; 3, Gale; c, Cottier. FOR.: 1, 3, and Cup, Mrs. K. Cowley, splendid Grey, very bright in colour; 3rd, blue-faced Amazon; 2, Kay, blue-faced Amazon, good colour and size; vhc, Mrs. Jopson; hc, G. Bailey; c, Miss E. E. Quirk. DOVES (6): 1, Miss Brew, good deep colours on body and legs; 2, Cooper, good ring and body colour; 3, Corkill, nice colour; vhc, Mybrea; hc, Crennell. SELL. (4): 1, Miss Cowley; 2, Miss Teare; 3, S. and H. Cubbon.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

An excellent entry for a first effort was the result of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. initial effort, held in the Trinity Schools, Woolwich, on January 2nd and 3rd. The President is the Rev. G. J. Bayley. Mr. J. Hazell is chairman of committee, Mr. A. Best vice-chairman, and Mr. E. Meades treasurer. Messrs. Pawley and Newnham are the hon. secretaries, to whom nothing but praise is due for their efficient, kindly and courteous treatment of all concerned. Their care for the exhibits too was pronounced, and the whole of the arrangements of the executive were carried out with smoothness and method, and without a hitch. The staging was erected upon an excellent plan for viewing, and the tiers were prettily decorated with pot plants and ferns, utility and decorative effect went hand in hand. The Society is only six months old, and yet the show was patronised, and the arrangements carried out with as much effect and result as the majority of shows. The room was well lighted, the judging over, cards up, and catalogues out, in excellent time. Quality was conspicuous throughout, and the competition well sustained. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. ETC., YELL (7): 1, Rennie, level colour, good silky feather, well posted; 2, Spinner, soft, silky feather, fine shape, good one; 3, vhc, Gibbs, chubby, good feather and colour; hc, Evenden; c, Godfrey. BUFF (8): 1, Gibbs, thick-set, grand undercolour and meal, fine quality; 2, Richardson, good quality and type, well finished; 3, Rennie, lovely quality, beautiful type; vhc, Cooper; hc, Godfrey; c, Roberts. MKD., ETC. (10): 1, Gibbs, well-known var. yell, looking well; 2, Spinner, yellow, marked one wing, grand quality, chubby; 3, vhc, Cooper, ticked buff, good quality, rich in undercolour; res, Godfrey; hc, Taylor; c, Barber. HENS (18): 1, Gibbs, buff, grand shape and quality, good one; 2, Spinner, almost equally good yellow, lovely shape and quality; 3, Ellis, bonny lady, lovely quality; ex 3, Cooper, another grand hen; four first-class hens; res, Richardson; vhc, Taylor; hc, Godfrey; c, Pittes. UNFLI. YELL. (14): 1, Rennie, good all through; 2, Lugg, grand bird, lovely feather; 3, Spinner, fine quality again; res, Richardson; vhc, Ellis; hc, Cooper; c, Gibbs. BUFF (5): 1, Spinner, good type and carriage, fine feather, good head, nice undercolour and meal; 2, Richardson, good shape, fine quality; 3, Ellis, grand quality; res, Godfrey; vhc, Rennie. NAT. COL. (2): 1, spl, 2, Meades, buff and yell. respectively, good quality, nice shape. YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Gibbs, well-known; 2, Pavist, very fine style; 3, Easterling, slashing bird, fine quality; vhc, Males; hc, Fisher. BUFF (6): 1, Pavist, fine drawn, soft and silky feather, full of life, good one; 2, Easterling, lovely ticked bird, stylish pose, close on winner; 3, Forse, beautiful quality, nice style; vhc, Nunn; hc, Taylor; c, Skillen and Bassett. MKD. ETC. (4): 1, Taylor, mkd. buff, stands well, grand feather; 2, Gibbs, buff, well-known; 3, Easterling, grand shaped var. yell, just a little soiled at tail; vhc, Nunn. HEN (4): 1, Pavist, very sweet style, beautiful quality; 2, Gibbs, Cinn mkd yell, beautiful feather, nice style; 3, Easterling, grand length and style, vhc, Males. YELL. UNFLI. (8): 1, Gibbs, ticked gem for quality, fine pose; 2, Fassel, grand bird with slightly open tail; 3, Easterling, grand length and shape; res, Pittes; vhc, Skillen; hc, Forse. BUFF (2): 1, Putner; 2, Easterling, two grand birds, little to choose. CREST (5): 1, Horton, well-known var., wins well; 2, 3, Johnson, both good ones, former nearly green with rare headpiece. C BRED (3): 1, Horton, var., grand head and turn back; 2, 3, Johnson, both nice. CREST NOVICE (4): 1, 2, 3, Brown, really good team; vhc, Lockyer. C.B. NOVICE (1): 1, Brown, nearly green, grand head, fine cushion and lashing, dense head feather. BORD. FCY. (7): 1, spl, res, hc, Brownbe, winner very sweet, feather like glass, perky and jaunty, little swell; 2, 3, vhc, Honeysett, good team; res, hc, Brownbe. A.O.V (5): 1, 3, Fisher, Lizards, nice ground colour and spangling; 2, Cooper, bonny buff cinn; res, vhc, Lowe; hc, Maclellan; c, Johnson. MULE, ETC (13): 1, spl, Gunnell, lovely feathered Redpoll Greenfinch; 2, Marshall, well-known dark Jonque Goldfinch-Canary; 3, Taylor, Siskin Greenfinch, nice colour and size; res, Taylor; vhc, Marshall, Smith; hc, Wyse; c, Evenden. GOLD, ETC. (22): 1, Wickham, noted Goldfinch; 2, White, fine coloured, richly lustred Bullfinch; 3, Prior, another topping Goldfinch; ex 3, Harris, still another of the same species; 4, Allison, Goldfinch, nice form; res, Harrod; vhc, Worth, Botting, Wyse; hc, Gunnell; c, Gardner. LINNET (13): 1, Botting, rich colour, lustrous, nice marking; 2, 3, Prior, fine pair, close on heels of winner; res, Evenden; vhc, Wickham; hc, Pankhurst; c, Roberts. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, Prior, grandly marked, rich coloured Twite; 2, Smith, pretty little Siskin; 3, Barber, Redpoll in nice trim; vhc, Acland; hc, Wyse; c, Gunnell. A.O.S. SEED EATING (13): 1, Prior, topping Bramblefinch; 2, Fawell, Snow Bunting, well marked, pure colour; 3, Prior, rattling Yellow Bunting; res, Wickham, noted Hawfinch "Monarch"; vhc, Conway-Gordon; hc, Carter; c, Gunnell. INSECTIV. (7): 1, spl, Gardner, Lesser Whitethroat; 2, Carter, Tree Pipit, well shown; 3, Lugg, Starling, lustrous, well spotted; res, Scott; vhc, Baker. FOR. SMALL (5): 1, spl, Lowe, Superb Tanager; 2, Conway-Gordon, Pekin Nightingales, all good. LARGE (3): 1, 2, Conway-Gordon, former lovely Barraband Parrakeet, latter Blue Bonnet; 3, (no name). SELL. (30/-) (8): 1, Richardson; 2, Marshall; 3, Brown; vhc, Putner; hc, Lowe; c, Johnson. (15/-) (10): 1, vhc, Hollands; 2, Hazell; 3, Marshall; hc, Skillen and Bassett; c, Marshall. EXTRA STOCK: 1, Putner. MEMBERS' CLASSES: This section, both Champion and Novice was well sustained. CHAMPION SECTION. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Meades. BUFF (5): 1, Richardson; 2, Marshall; 3, Hazell; vhc, Meades; hc, Jordan. MKD. ETC., YELL: 1, Meades. BUFF (3): 1, Richardson; 2, Meades; 3, Daniell. HEN (9): 1, Hazell; 2, Meades; 3, Marshall; res, Daniell; vhc, Meades; hc, Richardson; c, Marshall. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, Meades; 3, Marshall; res, Daniell; BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hazell; 3, Jordan; vhc, hc, Meades; c, Richardson. NON-FED (4): all the entries and prizes to Mr. Horsfield. YORKS. CL. ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Putner. MKD. ETC., YELL: 1, Putner. HEN: 1, Putner. NOVICE CLASSES, NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Russell; 2, Wood; 3, Pawley. BUFF (3): 1, Russell; 2, Allison; 3, Wood. HEN (4): 1, Pawley; 2, Allison; 3, Wood; vhc, Pawley. NON-FED (2): 1, Russell; 2, Simants. YORKS. YELL. (2): 1, Putner. BUFF (2): 1, Scott; 3, Newnham. HEN (4): 1, 2, vhc, Scott; 3, Putner. NON-FED (1): 1, Newnham. CREST OR C.B. CK.: 1, Mrs. Smith. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, Ms, Smith; vhc, Mrs. Carden. BORD. FCY. CK. (4): 1, 2, Weaver; 3, vhc, Wood. HEN (3): 1, 2, Weaver; 3, Wood. A.O.V.: 1, Newnham. SHOWN by exhibitor who has never shown before (5): 1, Wood; 2, Carden; 3, Callow; vhc, Borlase; hc, Hawkes. MULE, ETC (2): 1, Marshall; 2, Pawley. GOLD, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Jordan; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Allison; hc, Wood. LINNET (3): 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Simants. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Marshall. GREENFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Callow; 2, Meades; 3, Newnham.

SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

A Combined Show.

A combined show between South Shields and Jarrow Clubs, was held on January 2nd at South Shields. We had a very good turn out of exhibits. Mr. Shepherd (Newcastle) placed the cards and gave general satisfaction. A special (a tobacco pouch) for most entries, given by Mr. Jos. Richardson, was won by Mr. W. Duke, who also won the silver cruet given by Mr. J. S. Carrick for most points. A special for the best Border Fancy cock, and one for the best Border Fancy hen were won by Messrs. W. Duke and R. Thompson, respectively. Special for best bird in show was won by Mr. Thompson's clear yellow Yorks cock, and was given by a Jarrow member. Another special given by Mr. R. Murrell for the best Norwich hen, was won by Mr. Jos. Richardson. We had 136 entries from Shield's members and 35 entries from Jarrow members. The show was poorly attended, making the takings at the door small. We will, however, be able to pay 3/10 per class, which is good considering we had 50 classes.

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Canary Notes in Brief.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

We all know what the term clogged feet means, and have doubtless at one time or other all found the necessity for catching a bird for no other purpose than to clean its feet of a load of foul, hard-dried filth, and wash them.

The Clogged-Feet Difficulty.

I referred to the subject in these notes not long ago, when a friend who had doubted the generally expressed cause was inclined to believe it was more often an accompaniment of some physical disease. However it may be in some special cases there can be no doubt whatever that in a very great number of cases—probably one may safely venture to say in the vast majority of them—the cause is nothing more or less than dirt. Sometimes it is neglected cages, or it may be that it is what one may term a dirty, untidy bird, which is frequently hopping about the floor of the cage, getting its feet soiled with moist filth, and allowing it to dry on them.

Some birds will be at pains to pick from their feet any clinging dirt at once; others won't. And again there are lots that will hop about the cage floor any length of time and never get the feet soiled at all. Whether they consciously avoid the filth or not, I am not going to speculate now. When cases arise, it is easy enough to deal with them by washing clean in warm water, and, if necessary, to avoid a repetition, add a covering of sawdust to the cage floor, which is a very effectual remedy.

Enamel or Whitewash?

This question is the natural outcome of the last note. When the friend already mentioned queried the cause of dirty feet I suggested enamelled cages as a contributing cause.

Now, here is a case in point. A singing Canary, kept as a pet and caged singly in a fair sized cage covered with sanitary distemper, was never once troubled with clogged feet. Recently its cage was renovated and the inside done up nice and smart with two coats of hard drying enamel. Now that same bird kept under precisely similar conditions, and in just its usual health, is frequently troubled with clogged feet. Of course, this is only one instance, but scores of others of a similar nature could be given.

It requires but little thought to see what makes all the difference. Distemper, which may be classed in the same category as whitewash, is of an absorbent nature, and any moisture coming into contact with it is soon absorbed, whereas enamels are just the reverse, and any wet or moisture must lie upon its surface until it is evaporated, or in a manner of speaking, absorbed by the air of the room.

The absorption by distemper or whitewash takes place in a matter of some seconds of time, by the air, as when it has to evaporate off an enamelled surface, the time may extend to hours, and will never be less than a few minutes. Thus it is, in a nutshell, a case of giving a bird one or two chances of hopping into moist filth, or scores, or even hundreds of chances. When all points are coolly considered, there can be little doubt but that for general use the absorbent material has the balance in its favour.

The Renovation of Breeding Cages.

Although the exhibition world will still be making a great demand upon one's time and attention, it will be advisable to begin overhauling the breeding cages and appurtenances at an early date. With the opening of a new year the prospects of the approaching great event of the season in the show line, and the necessary selections and preparations for it will keep the exhibitor busily employed in body and mind until it is numbered among the events that have passed. After that it is but a little time before the room will be demanding urgent attention to get it into shape for breeding to commence.

Whenever possible, it is an excellent plan to thoroughly wash out the cages with a fairly strong solution of some disinfectant two or three times before re-whitening or distempering them, allowing an interval of a week to elapse between each, and using a small stiffish brush to work the fluid well into the corners and any cracks about the cages. And when doing the cages, do not forget that it is most important to deal with the staging if any is used and also the walls of the room at the same time. To do one part and not another is practically throwing good work away. You will never reduce the red mite trouble to a minimum by such fitful methods.

A Spell of Winter.

At the time of writing we appear to be on the verge of a spell of bitter cold, wintry weather. The temptation to get up heat will be great, but to everyone who succumbs to it let the old adage that a good servant may be a bad master be well taken to heart. Never a year passes but we hear of disasters with heating apparatus, and it is not always careless owners that suffer. In fact the most skilled aviculturists as well as the most methodical workers suffer as great losses as the most negligent.

If that convenient and portable nuisance, an oil-stove, is the source of heat it should, as it were, always be held in charge on suspicion. Never pin your faith to its reliability, be its name and fame ever so good. This will look much like obstinate and hard pessimism, but remember there are times when it is necessary to be hard or cruel in order to be kind. You cannot keep an oil-stove under too close observation, and you cannot clean it too much or too often. Even under the most favourable conditions the stove should be extinguished and the top of the burners and wick cleaned twice a day.

Do not cut the wicks after they are once trimmed into proper shape and give a nice steady even flame. It is much better to just wipe off the charred top with a bit of rag or soft paper and finally blow away with a smart puff or two any tiny fragments of charred wick that may have dropped about the top of the oil tank. Never turn up the flame quite to the full extent as soon as lit; when the burners get warm the draught is rather brisker and this causes the flame to run up voluntarily a little higher. Never allow the flame to expire from want of oil, and do not fill the tank brimful.

It is a great help to cleanliness to use non-combustible wick, and finally only the best and purest oil should be used. The quality of the oil makes a vast difference to the safety and deleteriousness of oil-stoves. A cheap, low flash oil is not only noisome to burn, but is an ever present source of dangers and disasters cropping up when least expected.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB CUP.

A very pleasing incident took place at Manchester Show last Saturday, January 4th, writes a correspondent, the presentation to Mr. John Trengove, of Rishton, of the Norwich Plainhead Club Challenge Cup, he having won the same outright. Mr. Raynes, the secretary, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks dealing briefly with the advantages to be gained by Norwich breeders joining the N.P.C., and reviewing the work of the club for the past year. Mr. Raynes also remarked on the good feeling which at present existed amongst the members, and said that he was very glad that Mr. Trengove had won the cup, and had no doubt every other member was also pleased, as Mr. Trengove was most popular and respected, and had tried hard for the coveted prize. All present were delighted to find Mrs. Raynes called upon to make the presentation, which she did in a very graceful manner. Mr. Trengove in reply, after thanking Mrs. Raynes for making the presentation, and for her kind remarks, endorsed what Mr. Raynes had said as to the advantages to be gained by joining the club, and said that he should like to see a substantial prize given in future for the runner-up for this cup, so that there would be more competition and more interest taken in the last of the Cup Shows. He also said that it had been a great struggle to win the cup, but he considered now that he was well repaid. The friendly spirit which had existed between the cup fighters during the last few years had been a source of pleasure to him. Mr. W. Booth and Mr. S. Cook also made short witty speeches congratulating Mr. Trengove on his victory. We understand that Mr. Trengove is standing down now, to give someone else a chance with the next cup.

UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MANNINGHAM Show held on Saturday last received only a moderate entry—viz., 302, for a schedule comprising 27 classes, giving an average of slightly over 11 per class. Two Norwich Plainhead classes were provided, one of which only contained five entries, and the other was cancelled. The fanciers of this variety will have to give better support to the shows that provide classes for them, or they will find themselves left out in the cold altogether.

THE Novice Classes again came up well and some nice exhibits were staged, but one or two unfortunate occurrences somewhat marred the even tenor of the show. The first of these concerned the second prize-winner in the novice Yellow hens, this lady being noticed to sing, and on this account "she" was disqualified. The exhibitor stated that he had never heard it even attempt to sing, and as it is an unflighted bird, every allowance must necessarily be made. In fairness to the exhibitor, who has several times scored well up in Yellow hens, it must be stated that this is not the bird he has been showing previously.

THE other case seems to be practically one of carelessness. A novice exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads had entered four birds, two in the cock class and two in the hen class, and these, by some miscreance, were either ticketed wrongly or put into wrong cages, with the result that the two cocks appeared in the hen class and vice versa. On the Friday night another fancier heard a Yellow singing lustily in the Norwich hen class and communicated with the secretary asking him to look at that exhibitor's birds in the daylight next morning, and, if a mistake had been made, to rectify the same. This was done, thus putting two out of the four birds in their proper classes. The other two, unfortunately, were not noticed to be wrong, with the result that a Buff Norwich cock was awarded second prize in the class for hens, and a Yellow hen 3rd in the class for cocks. It behoves fanciers generally to take particular care in such matters as these, as they are a source of great trouble to the show officials, and often cause grave discontent amongst the fanciers themselves.

ONE of the visitors to the show was "Pa" Mundell, and he was engaged in spotting good birds at long range, pointing out his fancy from the opposite side of the room. Mr. Chittenden (of British bird fame) likened him unto the tailor who, on a mother inquiring when he could come and measure her son for a suit of clothes, told her he would be passing through their station on a certain train and that she must be there on the platform and point out the boy to him as he went by. This she did, shouting to the tailor as the train rattled through: "This is him." "Reight," the sartorial artist yelled back again; "I've got his measure." The clothes arrived in due course, and were an exact fit!

SECRETARIES of Yorkshire Union Societies will do well to study rules three and 44 in their books, so as not to miss their society's nominations for the Yorkshire Union for the coming year, also any suggestions for alterations of rules, etc., which must be in the hands of the Y.U. Secretary not later than February 1st in each year. In respect of these nominations one thing I am sorry to hear, and that is, that the present secretary of the Union, Mr. F. Hammond, has intimated to all the Union Societies that he wishes to resign his positon at the end of the year, his reason for this being that for some time he has not enjoyed the best of health, and that in future he must reserve his energies for his daily labours and have a little more time in which to recuperate. The whole of the Yorkshire Union will hear this with regret, as during his term of office he has made many friends, who will all wish him a speedy return to health and strength. Mr. Hammond has served the Union well, no work, no matter how troublesome, being too great for him to undertake for the welfare of his association. His tact and perseverance indeed, combined with his ability in serving the 1,100 members comprising the Union, are too well known to need mention by

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HARMLESS TO OTHER ANIMALS.

The Raven in Captivity.

The largest of the British Crow family, and its many mannerisms in captivity, are dealt with in this Article.

On the subject of the Raven in Captivity, Mr. J. Walpole-Bond says in a contemporary that of all our indigenous birds, none perhaps makes such a fascinating pet: his antics, his mimicry, in short, his whole personality, will gratify one. It is not given to everyone to take a young Raven from the nest, built as it is in some stupendous rock-face; but everyone may for two or three pounds (and the bird is well worth this) obtain one from the best dealers, or from Leadenhall Market.

On Catching your Hare.

If you are lucky enough to know a haunt, and bold enough to storm the eyrie, put off taking your pet that is to be until his pen feathers are well developed; in fact, if you will risk it, leave him in his cradle till nearly fledged. Remember that the parents' care at this stage of his existence is priceless, and if you can get him a day or two before he would of his own accord leave the nest, so much the better for him and you later on.

It is not always easy work to bag your captive, even after reaching the eyrie, for young Ravens are remarkably powerful, and by straining backwards, and otherwise resenting being touched, will hinder you all they can; and be it recollected that when dangling at the end of a rope, or perhaps clinging to the crags after an arduous climb without tackle, you will probably have only one hand to spare.

However, we will suppose that you have safely gripped the finest bird. Place him in a basket or wallet slung over your back (a fishing creel is an excellent receptacle), and make your way home. Arrived there, get a hamper with some straw in it, and having put your Raven in it keep him in a dry shed or outhouse.

Where and How to Keep Him.

For the first week or so he will want careful attention. Feed him often, but in small quantities, with small pieces of meat, rabbit, or any sort of flesh, but take care that the pieces are really small. Do not, to save yourself trouble and time, push huge lumps of meat down his red throat, for at first you may even have to open his great beak whilst administering to his wants.

But after he can feed himself, I do not advise that he should be kept in an enclosed space, unless it be very roomy or you have a special aviary for the purpose. I always let mine have the run of the garden after clipping one of the wings. Of course, you must expect a certain amount of damage, such as plants dug up, trees barked, and so forth, for the Raven is a mischevous fellow; but to my mind this is of small moment. Either keep a Raven and sacrifice a few plants, or do not keep him at all. Do not hold him in durance vile in a cage.

Meal-Time Manners.

Long after your pet can feed himself he will, from sheer laziness, flutter his wings spasmodically and open his beak as you approach, plainly asking you by sundry croaks to give him a morsel. He will now eat practically anything—porridge, scraps of bread, meat, potatoes, fish, and what not; he esteems the eyes of animals as a great dainty, and a mouse, mole, or rat affords him intense delight.

One cat I knew was wont to bring the mice it caught to the Raven; the two were fast friends, but to a strange cat or dog he was ferocity personified. There was a poodle, on whose back he would jump and tear off the gaudy bow encircling its black neck.

Do not be surprised if you see your Raven burying meaty bones; he makes a regular business of this, leaving them interred perhaps a fortnight or more, when unerringly he returns to the spot and makes a gruesome repast. He will also bury anything bright and shining; forks, spoons, bracelets, and brooches are eagerly snapped up by the sable villain, to be tenderly deposited amongst the roots of your favourite rose tree.

"Quoth" the Raven

Your Raven will make himself a linguist: there is no need to give him lessons. Mine would say, amongst other things, "Good morning," "Come along," "Get away, you old fool!" and "How do do?" in decidedly nasal tones. He would imitate a dog barking to such perfection that I never knew the difference; but naturally he will pick up those expressions which he hears most frequently.

As I say, if you can, give him the run of your garden or paddock, and, further, if you have a real country place, do not pinion him or clip the glory of his wing; but when sufficiently tame liberate him entirely. You need have no fear; he will not desert so good a master, but will hang about your homestead or park perpetually, even if taking occasional flights into the surrounding country. He will get to know your voice full well, and an early-adopted cry or whistle will fetch him to you. He may either roost in a tree, or, if accustomed to it from his youth up, in some shed that you have thoughtfully built for or apportioned to him.

Rough and Tumble Fun.

Ravens are very hardy and long-lived birds. Seldom are they ill or ailing, save from the bite of some big dog with which they have taken too great a liberty, or from a hoe-prod by an irate gardener who has had his plants destroyed or his brawny calf nipped (and the Raven's nip is no mean one).

In the winter, when snow was on the ground, I have repeatedly watched mine rolling on their backs in it: whilst balancing some small object, such as a piece of wood or stick, on their feet, they would adroitly jerk the same into the air, endeavouring to catch it again. Though I have made a special study of Ravens in their native fastness, I have never yet had the good fortune to witness this with a real wild one; but doubtless it does occur.

See that your Raven has plenty of water especially if he is pinioned in the garden or in a big aviary; you will find him a thirsty creature.

A Word of Warning.

And now a word of warning. If you have a Raven on the premises, keep your chickens and ducklings safe, and see that your rabbit-hutches fasten securely. Some of mine came to an untimely end in this way, for a Raven I had—cunning rogue that he was—would accompany the gardener when he went to feed the rabbits, and, from repeated watching, learnt the trick of the catch securing the doors. When the coast was clear this vile murderer jumped on top of the hutches, and, opening them adroitly with his bill, entered and destroyed all the inmates. But observe precaution and you will find no more endearing pet than the dusky Raven.

The Fatal Dinner.

The Rev. Francis Irwin, has also recently had something to say about the Raven, in one of the monthly magazines. Speaking concerning aviaries for public schools and their influence for good, he writes: No doubt, the birds might sometimes wish for a less noisy ring of admirers than schoolboys, and a diet more carefully selected than occasionally falls to their lot. Who but boys, for example, would think of feeding tame Ravens on lucifer matches and red rubber football bladders cut into strips to resemble worms. Our last pair of Ravens had been with us seven years, exercising their powerful gizzards on many strange substances, before this fatal meal carried them off in their prime. Cage life had perverted their discrimination.

Of course such dangers might have been averted by giving these particular birds their liberty. We tried it once, but with disastrous results. At first, all promised well, and it was an interesting spectacle to watch these magnificent birds wheeling in wide circles round the towers as they cawed to the blast, now stooping at the Jackdaws on the roof, or sailing gently down to share a meal or a romp with their numerous boy friends in the playgrounds.

Imps of Darkness.

We were soon to learn, however, that Ravens can be amiable and yet "have in their hearts millions of mischief." That aviary keeper would indeed require to be swathed in triple brass who could listen undismayed to the formidable deputation that came to present their indictments against our pets. What defence could we offer to a venerable astronomer, speechless with the effort to suppress unclerical expletives, as he led us to the Observatory and pointed first to the crunched fragments of a thermometer, and next produced some shreds of well-masticated blue cardboard that had once been a sun-record? Hard on the heels of the astronomer came an angry gamekeeper brandishing two handfuls of headless pheasant chicks. There was nothing for it but reincarceration.

The miscreants took their life-sentence cheerfully enough. Beyond an occasional chance of ragging any unfortunate tame Jackdaw or Magpie who came to call on them at meal-times, they were now out of harm's way, and their playfulness continued to afford amusement to any visitor who did not mind having his finger bitten. They had "done time" for seven years, when the end came, as above described.

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I am only a little girl, but my father has given me a pair of Lizards. He looks after them for me, and I watch him and help a little, and he explains to me about them. It is most interesting to watch them as nestlings and through their moult, when their beautiful plumage comes. When they attain that, the markings and spangling seem to repay one for the attention that must be given them. If you allow them to pluck or lose one feather it becomes white on the ends. A good specimen ought to have a clear cap with no dark feathers. But my father pointed out to me that the dark birds in the nest would be the best. They were not all clear caps, some being broken, but I am pleased to say I had a few very nice birds.—Sent by ETHEL M. JELLEY (age 11), 37, Penmaesglas Terrace, Penygraig, Rhondda.

*Among Wild Birds.

The other day my father and I went for a walk in the country. We saw plenty of House Sparrows which, owing to their destructiveness, have been described as feathered rats; Robins were singing merrily, while near each farmstead were one or two Hedge Sparrows or Dunnocks. As is usual at this time of the year, several species of birds had formed themselves into flocks; for instance we observed a large flock of Starlings in one field, numerous larks in another, many Rooks cawing, and a few Jackdaws accompanying them. As we walked along a country lane we saw a group of Greenfinches feeding among the stubble; some of the male birds were lovely specimens. We also came across Song Thrushes, Missel Thrushes, Redwings, Fieldfares, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, and Meadow Pipits. And, lastly, we saw the largest flock of Lapwings that I have ever seen.—LUCIE BEATRICE FEW (aged 12 years).—Claraville, Buckley Street, Wigan.

*A Friendly Sparrow.

One cold winter's morning as I was watching some birds enjoying their breakfast of crumbs, I noticed that a large Blackbird seemed too shy to secure even a little bit. Three times I saw him hop quite close to the snow table around which his small feathered friends had fearlessly gathered, but each time when within reach of a crumb he flew away nervously, without having picked it up. Having summoned fresh courage he returned a fourth time, and boldly halting in front of a little sparrow who was enjoying a tempting morsel, he seemed determined to secure an equally dainty portion which laid before him; but unfortunately as he bent his black head towards it he was startled by the loud banging of a door. He again hurried away without his breakfast. He flew to a bank and there sat to recover from his fright. And now the little Sparrow showed his friendliness. He picked up the untasted morsel and carried it in his beak and placed it quite close to the feet of his timid friend. Dear little Sparrow! —Sent by EDITH SHEPHERD (age 11), 108, Grouse Street, Rochdale.

A CHAT ON A FEW FASCINATING FOREIGN BIRDS.

By R[illegible]SMITH.

(Concluded from page 595)

Some Interesting Species.

The Green Singing Finch is one of the few foreign birds that sing, and a good male bird is quite deserving of a place in the collection. I say a male, as I have found a pair become a nuisance owing to their spiteful ways during the nesting period; in fact, I had to remove one pair from my aviary they became so quarrelsome. Food: Canary and millet seed.

The Silverbill is another very desirable inmate, rather soberly clad but a decidedly interesting little bird. They have a quiet warbling song, and if treated like the Waxbills, they will thrive well and will occasionally rear young.

Mannikins: Although some of these birds are very pretty, I do not care for them in the aviary. Usually they are very stupid as well as very weak in flight. The Bronze Mannikin, the Black and White Head Nuns and the Bengalee are the most common species.

The Weavers are very frequently kept on account of their cleverness in weaving nests, but where the aviary is only small not more than one or two should be kept. The Black-faced Weaver is most frequently imported. The Madagascar Weaver and the Orango Bishop are very handsome when in full summer plumage of brilliant red, but are inclined to be quarrelsome with smaller birds.

The Graceful Whydahs.

There are several species of these graceful birds. The Paradise and the Pintail are most frequently seen, and I think every foreign bird keeper should have one of the Paradise Whydahs. When in colour with its beautiful long black tail, often fifteen inches and more in length, it is quite a picture; it is also a very quiet and gentle bird, and I recommend every beginner to try one. They are quite hardy when acclimatised, and food consists of Canary seed and millet, a little insect food, and a few mealworms as a treat sometimes.

With reference to the Pintail, I advise you to keep him out of the aviary. The male bird is very pugnacious and will worry anything.

Last year a friend asked me to see his Pintail Whydah; so I visited him on several occasions to see this bird. It had killed its own mate and would fight anything; it even attacked a large Australian Crested Dove which was in the aviary.

Some Hints on Management.

I do not wish anyone to think this is a full guide for the keeping of Foreign birds, but just a few suggestions for the help and assistance of beginners. I will now give a few remarks on the general management of the birds.

When you first obtain your birds do not turn them out into your aviary at once, but put them into a large cage and feed carefully for a few weeks, so that they may regain their strength (unless, of course, you have bought birds from another aviary. When you do turn them out, choose a time when not only the days are warm, but the nights as well.

It is never advisable to put them out at the latter end of the summer; about June or July is the best; they will then be quite fit to stand the winter when it comes, provided the aviary is kept dry. Cold will not hurt them, but a wet place as well as cold soon causes death.

During the summer I give all my birds as many bunches of wild grass and seeds that I can gather. Always keep several pieces of cuttlefish bone about the aviary, and a very important item is to buy good seed, the best in the end is the cheapest.

Just one more word of warning; with regard to the Indian millet, many corn and seed dealers do not stock this, but will try to sell the common red or brown millet in place of it. Now, this is absolutely useless, as the birds will not touch it. So always buy the very best.

It is impossible in an essay to go into all the small details in the treatment of Foreign birds in captivity, but the thing is to make a start and one soon gets practical experience, which is worth all the books that have ever been printed. I hope that if any beginner reads this paper it will prove of some assistance.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR,

CHAPTER II.—THE MAKING OF AN AVIARY.

Opinions are like vegetables, worth just what they will fetch. Advice is a drug in the market, the supply always exceeds the demand; still I venture to give mine in the hope that it may be of some slight use to those who are lower down the ladder of experience. The higher up we get the more we are isolated; the rooster on the top of the church steeple is of more importance, although he is tin, than the rooster in a barn yard. Since I am supposed to have had more experience and fortune than some in birdy matters, I venture to give my advice. Whether my readers like it or not is another thing.

A Doubtful Frame of Mind.

In this article I propose to treat of the making of aviaries much on the principle of the celebrated Mrs. Glass: "First catch your hare and then skin him." Now, we sometimes hit a thing right the first blow, but most always a sucksess is the result of many failures; at least, so said poor Artemus Ward, and I at anyrate have found his saying a true one.

I have tried all sorts of ways of keeping birds, and now I hesitate to say which is the best—it depends on so many things—the weather, your particular object, the birds themselves. The ideal aviary is, to the unthinking and inexperienced fancier, a big garden affair, with trees, bushes, flower beds, winding gravel paths and possibly a trout stream or a small lake—sober matter of fact. The aviaries must, I regret to say (in this detestable climate, at anyrate) be something less ideal. Aristotle kept a druggist's shop in Athens, Plato sold oil at a profit in Egypt. If I owned a good oil, I, too, could be an idealist; as it is, I have to go by sober and often very painful and costly experience. Not of goodwill, I allow, for like others, I prefer them made in corpore alieno, even as Artemus Ward, when prevented from taking part in the war himself, by other engagements, freely offered the services of all his relations!

Now, as the bright warm days of spring return once more, many and many a bird lover will allow his thoughts to turn lovingly to the making of aviaries; he has heard and read so much about them, what more delightful than one of his own? But how to set about it, that is the difficulty What most people want is a lead. I like somebody else, said a member of the Bramham Moor Hunt, to smash through the hedges and leave big gaps, and then I can follow comfortably. That, I believe, is my role in the following chapters. Others are to take warning by my spills. It is told of a certain priest, whose graveyard was sadly overcrowded, except the north side of the church, which being very damp and drear, was not much used for sepulture, went to a woman who was very old and ill, and having explained that distaste to the shady side was a mere fancy, asked her as a favour to leave instructions for her interment in that portion of the ground. The old lady took a few moments to consider, and then made answer. Well, sir, as you say one part's as good as another, and its of no consequence whatever where we're put, p'raps you'll give us a lead. There was no more clearly to be said. It was, as we say up here—a capper.

We hope not.

Now one great advantage about aviaries is that they save so much trouble No, I am not an idle man; but only those who have tried it, know what it means to clean out, feed, and water birds in a number of separate cages. It is all very well to tend your own pet Canary, but, by the way, do you always do that? Has the wife never had to see that poor "Dicky" never went short? I remember so well laughing years ago over a little sketch by the amusing author of "Under the Punkah," where he tells about his wife's bird-keeping experiences. She told him confidingly how she would love to have a dear little bird of her own, and how she would love to tend it. Here was his dry comment, doubtless based on past experience: My dear, God help that poor little bird! Might not the same remark apply to some of my present readers of either sex?

Aviaries do undoubtedly save a lot of trouble, and for a busy man this is a great consideration.

The birds, again, never look so well as in an aviary, and with comparatively few exceptions they are quite able to stand the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune provided for them by our detestable climate.

The Wet Blanket.

With regard to breeding operations, I am again all in favour of the garden aviary, if you can insure a fine summer—but what an "if" that is! How many a bitter disappointment I have experienced by reason of one of those "little showers" of which poor Charles Lamb spoke so feelingly; but I am never discouraged for long. I remember my old Horace still, *rebus adversis fortis et animosus*—so I go on till my next fall, for, as some of my readers know by now, I am as wilful as a stalk of ling. I have often felt over a "drowned nest" like the lad whose mother had just had an increase. It's come, he said, as he met me. It's a girl. Then with a burst of righteous indignation:—Fancy all that trouble for nothing!

As I am going to give you the result of my study of the habits of my feathered friends by what old Culpepper calls the constant help of Dr. Reason and Dr. Observation, I fear that pretty though an outdoor aviary doubtless is in Madeira or the Canary Isles, it is not quite suitable for Yorkshire, if you want long and continuous success in breeding. That, remember, has been my great hobby, to breed something which nobody else has bred or could breed. I always want to be first.

"Man wants but little—"

I hope I am not quite abnormal; but I do like to see the first Swallow, to hear the first Cuckoo, to eat the first strawberry, before anyone else each year, and if you want to be first in breeding a rare species, you have to get up very early now-a-days and take no risks. A heavy downpour of five minutes may, and often has, ruined my chance of a medal.

The form of an outdoor avairy is merely a matter of individual taste and skill. It is not a case of money, as wood and wire are both very cheap.

The size must depend upon your room space, but the larger the better. Use rough poles with the bark on for the uprights, and tie beams; nothing looks better than apple boughs covered over with lichen, if you are lucky enough to get them; failing these, try fir poles, but avoid using joiners' laths, they never look pretty or artistic. The wire employed should be ordinary half-inch aviary netting, about 25s. a roll of 50 yards. It will last for years and stretches nice and tight.

For my outdoor aviaries, I have a big house into which the birds can return at will, divided into different compartments, so that suitable birds can be housed together, because, although Dr. Watts said so, birds in their little nests do *not* agree, or out of them either, for that matter. One house that I got made at Hull, was a very big affair, some 30ft. long by 11ft. high and 10ft. wide, divided into four compartments by wire with suitable doors.

All along the front I had glass with windows that could open and shut at my will, made to slide in grooves backwards and forwards.

In this aviary I kept all sorts and conditions of birds, and they were hardly ever—I won't say, never—sick or sorry. I never use any artificial heat, partly because I don't care for going out at 10.30 on a winter's night to "stoke up," and partly because, with all the care in the world, the beastly things will sometimes go out at 5 a.m. in the morning, and then some of the birds go out with them. The windows and all glass work must be guarded from *within* by wire netting, as otherwise, birds, and especially young ones, leaving the nest for the first time, fly bang against the glass and knock their necks out. I have had this happen many a time, so take warning. A bit of netting in time saves many a valuable life. The Avicultural Society is most difficult to convince, and even if you sent them a rare youngster with a dislocated neck, and told them he was hatched sound, I fear they would find cause to withhold a medal!

In the indoor compartments I put up plenty of rustic boughs, nice and high up, because they are out of the way of my tall head, and to run your eye into a sharp apple bough causes language that you might afterwards regret in a calm moment, and also because most birds like to get well up on the roof. I will treat of nesting sites and contrivances at a later period.

On the floor of each indoor compartment have as little lumber as possible—because of the mice. These, like the poor, you will always have with you, do what you please. Exterminate them you cannot; keep them down you may.

To keep them down, all seed must be kept out of their reach. The best plan I have found is to make small trays, about 18 inches square, and fix them on a long iron or wood rod from the centre. The support should be 18ins. high, and if put in the centre of the bottom of the tray, a mouse cannot climb up. These "seed trays" want planting in the very centre of the floor space, well away from all side walls. I put the seed into little potted meat jars. The water I place in open pans on the floor.

The Last Bath.

In order to keep the stray mice down, I always have set one of the German mouse traps you can buy at any ironmonger's for about 2s. 3d. The mouse mounts a sort of funnel, steps on a balanced flap of tin, and drops neatly into a tin of water. We draw a veil over his feelings on landing. I have found them so tightly packed that I have wondered how they managed to drown comfortably. One precaution only is needed, put the trap with the entrance hole in a corner of the aviary, with a bit of board in front of it. Mice are very curious, they will be bound to go behind to investigate, but a bird won't. If left about the floor, these traps may catch some valuable bird, I have more than once so caught baby Quails, to my great sorrow.

In my next paper I propose to tell of the fitting up of nest boxes, sleeping arrangements, etc., and also the best construction of outdoor flights.

If I have said anything in this article that seems to run counter to what you find in books on birds, then I would beg you to do as old Dean Gaisford once did when enumerating the various passages in which he conceived the Biblical writers were confirmed by Greek and Roman authors, he appealed to his hearers to give such passages of the Bible as had not that advantage, their favourable consideration. I would ask my readers to do the like for me when I seem to clash with the "Auld Leights."

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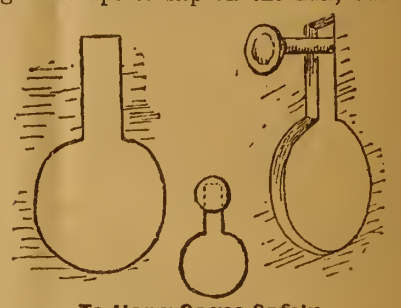
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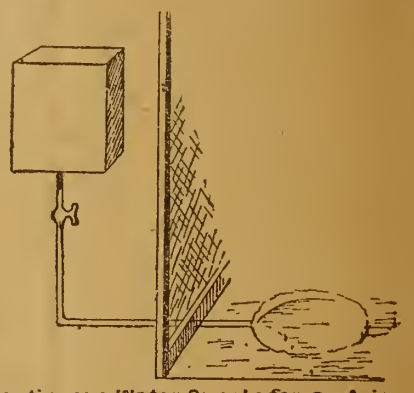
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Continuous Water Supply for an Aviary.

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The Damara Yellow-rumped Seed-eater (*Serinus crocopygius*).—Anderson, in his "Birds of Damara Land," states that he met with it sparingly in Damara and Great Namaqua Land, mostly about rocks in the vicinity of water, and that its food consists of seeds and berries.

Adult male: Upper surface, including the whole of the head, light brown, streaked with darker; lower back, rump, and upper tail coverts, yellow; eyebrow, line below eye and across cheeks, spot at base of lower mandible and throat, white; breast, sides, and flanks, light brown; remainder of arm surface, white; under wing coverts, yellowish brown; beak, horn colour; leg and feet, bluish-grey. Total length, 6 inches; tail, 2¼ inches.

Adult female: Similar, but slightly smaller, and her under wing coverts white. This species, in spite of the similarity of their vulgar names, ought not to be confused with *S. angolensis*, from which it is readily distinguishable by its larger size, *angolensis* being but 4½ inches in length.

The Black-faced Serin (*Serinus Capistratus*).—This most decidedly is one of the very handsomest of this genus, a male in adult plumage being a fine fellow indeed. A good male was exhibited at a recent (1907) London show in very finest condition, and it certainly was one of the most taking of the Finches exhibited. Either for cage or aviary, this species is unsurpassed among the Serins.

Adult male: Frontal band, sides of face and chin, black; the black forehead is succeeded by a broad band of canary-yellow, margining the front and sides of the crown; remainder of upper surface rich yellowish-green, with black shaft lines to most of the feathers, and black centres to wing coverts, flights, and tail feathers; rump, strongly suffused with yellow; the under-surface is canary-yellow, washed with yellow-green on the sides and flanks; beak, light horn colour with blackish tip; legs and feet, light brown. Total length, 4 3-8th inches, tail 1 5-8th inches.

Adult female: Greener than male, also lacks the black frontal band and cheeks of the male; under-surface yellow, streaked with dusky on the throat and breast; sides and flanks much greener than the male.

Habitat: Western Africa and the Congo region.

Sundevall's Canary or Serin (*Serinus Scotops*).—I am not aware of this species having yet been imported alive to this country, unless it has come among a mixed lot of Singing Finches and so passed unrecognised.

Adult male: Upper surface, greenish-yellow with black centres and shaft lines, rump and upper tail coverts yellowish; wing coverts and flights, blackish-brown with yellow and olive-green outer edges; tail similar, but with margins more yellow in hue; sides of face, greyish-olive; eye streak pale yellow; lores and high region, dusky blackish; chin very dark olive; breast and under-tail coverts, canary-yellow; remainder of under-surface greenish yellow, strongly streaked with blackish on the sides and flanks; beak, dusky; legs and feet, palo dusky brown. Total length, 5 inches, tail 2¼ inches.

The adult female differs from the male in having the lores and eye region ashy, lacks the dark olive chin, and the yellows of her undersurface are neither so rich or pure in hue as those of the male.

Habitat: South Africa.

Blandford's Canary or Serin (*Serinus Flavivertex*).—Another very rare species, having more or less the appearance of the Green Singing Finch.

Adult male: Top half of head bright Canary-yellow, merging into olive on the nape; upper surface olive green variegated with blackish; lower back and broad margins to upper tail coverts, yellow; tail, pointed and forked, brown with yellowish outer edges; wing, brownish black, with golden and olive-yellow outer margins to the coverts and flights; sides of head, mostly olive, with a black patch in front of eye; under-surface, rich Canary-yellow, whitish in centre of abdomen, and brownish-white on thighs and flanks, which are also streaked with blackish; beak, dark horn-colour, with base of lower mandible whitish; legs and feet, dark brown. Total length, 5 1-8th inches, tail 2¼ inches.

Adult female: Similar, but the hues of her plumage neither so rich nor pure in colour; her under-surface more streaked, and the yellow on sides of face and edges of wing coverts much duller than that of the male.

Habitat: N.E. and E. Africa.

Burton's Canary or Serin (*Serinus Burtoni*). — Extremely rare, only about four specimens yet recorded.

Adult: Upper surface dark brown, lightly scaled with paler edges to the feathers; forehead white, or mottled with white; some of the wing coverts have white tips, and the quills and tail feathers are narrowly edged with olive-yellow; chin cheeks, sides of face, lores and cheeks, dark brown lightly mottled with black; under-surface, light buff with dark brown shaft streaks on the sides of the body; beak, legs and feet, brown. Total length, 6¼ inches, tail 2 5-8th inches. Sexes very similar in plumage.

Habitat: Cameroons.

The Streaky-Brown Serin (*Serinus Striolatus*).—This plainly-clad but pretty species is very common in Masailand, and ranges pretty generally in Eastern Africa. Capt. Shelley, in "Birds of Africa," records the finding of a nest by Mr. Jackson in a bush 3 ft. from the ground, but no description is given.

Adult male: Upper surface brown, thickly streaked with blackish-brown, with the feathers of the mantle and back edged with light brown; the rump is lighter brown than the back; the wing coverts, secondaries and quills have the outer edges partially olive-yellow, some of the coverts have broad terminal edges of whitish-brown; crown of head, dark brown, streaked with black and white; lores and eye region, blackish; below eye there is a crescentic white streak, and also a whitish band across ear coverts; forecheeks, whitish, remainder of head dark brown; throat and under-surface, dull white, with the breast, sides of body and flanks broadly streaked with blackish; beak dusky; legs and feet, dull rufous. Total length, 5¼in., tail 2 3-8th in.

The Common Serin or Serin Finch (*Serinus Serinus*). — This species has a very wide range, viz., Central and Southern Europe, Asia Minor, Palestine, Egypt, Northern Germany, while stray specimens are occasionally taken in Great Britain.

Adult male: The general colour of the upper surface is pale brown, broadly streaked with black; there is a yellowish wash over the whole, and the lower back and rump are bright yellow; lesser wing coverts, greenish yellow; median and greater coverts black, with yellow edges and whitish tips, forming a double wing bar; remainder of coverts and flights blackish, with pale yellow edges; top of head, yellowish-brown streaked with black; forehead and nape, yellow; eye region, yellow; ear coverts, greyish-yellow; cheeks, ashy; throat and breast yellow, with an ashy band across lower throat; abdomen, white; sides of body and flanks brownish-yellow, broadly streaked with black; under tail coverts white, washed with yellow and streaked with black. Total length, 4½in., tail 2in.

Adult female: Similar, but greyer, and the yellow wash on her plumage not so bright as that of the male.

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Birds and Severe Weather.

During the past week the wild birds have fared badly. The hoar frost at times has covered the grass, hedgerows, and trees, with a coating of glistening silver; beautiful to look upon, and creating many a charming picture, but had for the wild life of the fields. The Thrushes and Blackbirds have shuffled along the footpath before us or hustled through the bottom of the hedge, looking almost twice their natural size, for the severe weather locks fast the doors of natures granaries and food stores, the wild seeds are difficult to obtain, and the army of small creeping things is snugly packed away out of danger, until a change takes place. Meanwhile the Thrush and the Blackbird, the Finch and the gay Tits, must exist as best they can. They cannot all find their way to the bird tables of the kindly disposed, nor to the sheltered gardens of the village; some must stay in the wind swept fields, and face the bitter cold.

The Only Means of Existence.

Bird life is so plentiful and crowded, that dispersion is the only means of existence. So severe has the weather been in our exposed position, that the birds of the gardens have looked half dead with cold. The bird table had been liberally supplied, and Thrushes, Finches and Tits have taken advantage of free rations, some of them even coming to the door when the food was cleared up. We could see many birds dotted here and there over the grass-land, that were either too timid or unobservant to take advantage of the free kitchen. These must have had a bad time of it; we watched them listlessly hopping about upon the frost clad grass, searching for the worm, they never found. It is undoubtedly lack of food, which causes wild birds to so quickly succumb to cold. The Rooks did not appear to suffer much; they are big strong birds and are able to dig and forage as few can, and almost anything that is in any way eatable will be taken by them. No doubt many of the smaller birds which die during a severe time, are found and eaten by these rascals. This is why we do not find so many bodies as we sometimes think we should. In addition to these, there are the rats, weasels and stouts of the fields. These hunt chiefly by scent, and would no doubt make short work of a bird, even though he may be a mere starved skeleton.

Susceptible to Weather Changes.

When one considers the active habits of wild birds, and the enormous appetites they have, one is not surprised that they feel so quickly any change in the weather that deprives them of the necessary amount of food required to keep them going. Many people are under the impression that such small things as birds do not require much in the way of sustenance to keep them in health. This is quite an error. For their size these birds probably consume more food than any living creature. Their active ways and energetic actions require large quantities of fuel in the way of food to keep the little birdy engines going; in addition to which the bodily heat is considerably higher than our own. If we take, by way of example, the familiar Robin, we find he has a wonderful appetite for his size; in fact, he will consume during the day about two and a half times his own weight in solid food, and he is not by any means an exceptionally big eater in birdland. Other species can pack away quite as much in proportion. This big consumption of food explains the reason why wild birds are so continually upon the move.

Solway Shore Deserted.

The bird whose disappearance is most noticeable is the Scaup. It is six or [illegible] years since they frequented the estu[illegible] any numbers, though before that the[illegible] very plentiful. It is a rare occurrence to see even a couple of these birds, [illegible] when odd ones do appear, it is invariably during wild, stormy weather. But in the Firth they are still plentiful, and the writer has seen flocks more than a mile long off Southerness. The noise a flock of this size makes when it takes the wing is incredible, and heard on a still, frosty night, it reminds one of a huge waterfall. The disappearance of the Knot was not such a gradual affair as that of the Scaup, which became noticeably scarce for several seasons before they finally disappeared. Outside the estuary they are as plentiful as ever. The Goodwits disappeared the same year, and have not returned. Barnicle Geese have not frequented the marshes on either bank of the Arr for over fifteen years. The birds which do not show any alarming decrease in numbers are Oystercatchers, Curlews, Mallard, Wigeon, Gulls Cormorants, Herons, Sheldrakes, and Peewits.

(*concluding note is sent by Mr. T. Love*).

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Pied Wagtail.

For quite a month now I have seen nothing of the graceful Pied Wagtails. These could invariably be found upon the meadow land close to us. I have no doubt they have gone south, or possibly crossed the channel. Their return is easily noted, as they travel in small parties and are quickly observed by their conspicuous plumage.

Some Pugnacious Gulls.

Quite recently, and not the first time in St. James's Park (London), two presumably innocent Dabchicks were seen to have become the sport of some Black-headed Gulls which, fast as the former emerged from the water, their place of shelter, swooped down upon them with the persistency and mercilessness of a Hawk. One of the Gulls was seen actually preying upon a Waterhen; this, however took flight and eluded its tormentor.

The Cormorant as a Fisher.

It is a little surprising to know how and to what extent a Cormorant can and does exercise its fishing instincts. It affords a guide to fishermen as to the whereabouts of fish. A flock of Cormorants may often be seen paddling in one of the "grounds" of a Cornish bay, every now and again making successful dives after sandeels, etc.; and the fishermen know that when these birds are busily engaged catching the smaller kinds of fish they may always expect to find the larger kind there too. On the rivers the appetites of these birds are thought to be so great as to seriously affect the future supply of salmon and trout. Some Comorants are used to catch fish, but are debarred from swallowing them by collars and cords that have been previously fastened round their necks by their owners; they show their natural dislike to this by digging their owners in the eyes when an opportunity affords itself.

Starlings and Daddy-longlegs.

Writing in reference to the unprecedented number of "daddy-longlegs" which infested the southern counties in the summer of 1907, a writer in a daily contemporary draws attention to the fact that a larger number of Starlings than usual collected themselves together during the previous November. Digging his beak into the soft soil, a Starling invariably extracts something extremely tasty, and this it is thought by some is the "leather jacket," or larvæ of the "daddy-longlegs." This is however, extremely improbable in view of the fact that the crops of a large number of Starlings had been found to contain evidence that these "tasty" things were what are known as "wire-worms." And these are the larvæ not of "daddy-longlegs," but of the "click-beetle"—a singularly destructive insect which draws its sustenance from the tender roots of plants and herbs.

On Railway Embankments.

Why is it that so much wild bird life is to be found along the railway embankments? It does not matter if it is summer or winter, one can always find plenty to interest and watch, if it is possible to follow the line for a short distance. Near town the Thrushes, Robins, Blackbirds and Hedge Sparrows are the species chiefly to be noted. A little way out we may add to these the Rook, Skylark, Meadow Pipit, and several Finches. In wild districts I have seen the Whinchat, Stonechat, Plover and Redshank; while many a Skylark's, Meadow Pipit's, and Wagtail's nest has been found upon these familiar banks. Near the sea coast the Gulls and Wader can be frequently noted, and occasionally a roving Hawk will perch upon the top of one of the telegraph posts. When the opportunity offers, the bird lover should never miss a stroll along a railway embankment.

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